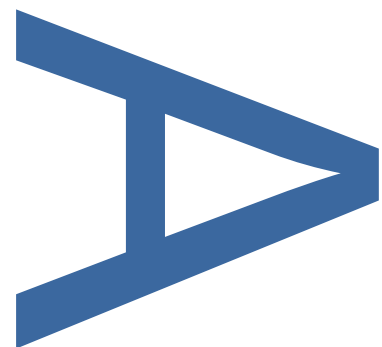
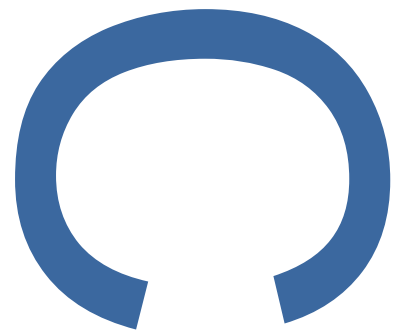


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1 NON – TECHNICAL SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report details the results and methods of an archaeological evaluation carried out by Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd on behalf of RPS Group on land at Hill Place Farm, Turners Hill Road, East Grinstead, West Sussex. The Site is the subject of a housing development proposal.
- 1.2 The evaluation comprised the excavation of 31 of a proposed 36no 50m X 2m trenches and 2 test pits, carried out in keeping with the approved Written Scheme of Investigation (Mayo, 2019), in June 2019.
- 1.3 The evaluation trenches revealed no archaeological features, deposits or artefacts. Modern dumping material was observed to a significant depth to the north of the site, indicative of modern intrusion beyond natural horizons. Trenches 2 and 12 revealed only made ground, and evidence of land filling activities were identified in trenches 1, 3, 7 and 8. All trenches other than 2 and 12 exposed natural geology.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Project Background

2.1.1 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd was commissioned by RPS Group to undertake an archaeological evaluation on land at Hill Place Farm, Turners Hill Road, East Grinstead, West Sussex.

2.1.2 An outline planning application was made in 2015 to develop the site (reference DM/15/0429) but refused. The application has since been granted consent under appeal (reference AP/16/0009). The consent included an archaeological planning condition which, in the first instance, was addressed by a trial-trench evaluation.

2.1.3 This document provides a report on the evaluation, which comprised the excavation and recording of 31 of the proposed 36 50 X 2m trenches and 2 test pits. The evaluation was undertaken in June 2019.

2.1.4 This document has been prepared in accordance with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists standard and guidance for archaeological field evaluation (CIfA 2014) and *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment* (English Heritage, 2015).

2.2 Location, Topography and Geology

2.2.1 The site occupies a plot of land measuring approximately 66,400m² which is bordered to the north by Garden Wood Road, to the east by Turners Hill Road, and to the west by the railway line which serves the Bluebell Railway (**Figure 1**). The southern boundary of the development area skirts a private residence fronting to Turners Hill along with a neighbouring light-industrial complex occupied by Southern Sheeting Supplies. The site is located at central National Grid Reference TQ 38324 37589

2.2.2 The site comprises rolling upland with contours rising from around 104m OD in the north to 129m OD in the south. The site is predominantly arable although a large gravel pit is contained in the western part of this site.

2.2.3 The desk-based assessment (CgMs Consulting 2014) records that the site is underlain by an “interleaved mix of the Wadhurst Clay Formation (Mudstone) and Ashdown Formation (Sandstone and Siltstone)”, capped by Head Deposits of clay, silt, sand and gravel with discreet areas of alluvium.

2.3 Archaeological and Historical Background

2.3.1 The archaeological and historical background to the Site was set out in detail in a Desk Based Assessment (CgMs Consulting 2014), prepared in respect of the Site's proposed development, and is not repeated here in detail. The Desk Based Assessment found that:

- No prehistoric, Roman or early medieval archaeology or finds are known within the area of the site, and thus a low potential was expected. During these historic periods it is considered that the site lay within marginal lands or woodland.
- The Historic Environment Record (in 2014) contained 2 medieval references, to ridge and furrow and the site being in an area of parkland, supporting the suggestion that the site lay as undeveloped land.
- Post-medieval evidence in the area comprised demolished farmsteads, parkscapes, quarries and later, recognisable features such as the East Grinstead to Lewes branch (constructed 1882) line upon which the Bluebell Railway now runs.
- Cartographically the site is depicted as being agricultural land through the 19th and 20th centuries.
- A low potential was concluded for the medieval and post-medieval periods.

3 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

3.1 Archaeological Evaluation

- 3.1.1 The archaeological evaluation was designed to determine the presence or absence of surviving archaeological remains at the site and, if present, to assist in formulating an appropriate archaeological mitigation strategy to be designed and implemented subsequently.
- 3.1.2 This report on the results of the evaluation aims to provide sufficient information so that the future treatment of any archaeological remains within the Site, in respect of the proposed development, may be determined.

4 RESULTS

4.1 Introduction

4.1.1 The following presents a summary of the evaluation results based upon the Site archive, which comprises a Site diary, trench/context recording sheets, registers, drawings and digital photographs. A summary of recorded contexts is provided in a Trench Index in **Appendix 1** and photographs of the trenches are provided in **Appendix 2**. The archive is held at PCA's Winchester office under the site code **WTHR19** and will in due course be deposited with East Grinstead Museum.

4.2 Methodology

4.2.1 The archaeological evaluation was undertaken following the methodology that was detailed in the Written Scheme of Investigation (Mayo 2019), which was approved by the Archaeological Advisor to the Local Planning Authority.

4.2.2 The evaluation comprised the excavation of 31 trenches of the proposed 36 trenches, each measuring 50m x 2m and 2 machine excavated test pits (**Figure 2**). The array of trenches was intended to provide a reasonable sample of the Site in order to establish its archaeological potential. All trenches were opened in their proposed locations.

4.2.3 Trenches 27, 28, 29 and 36 were not excavated owing to on-site conditions. These trenches were proposed for an area in use for sheep grazing and as such could not be safely excavated.

4.2.4 Trench 2 was abandoned as this location would have prevented access into the field. Therefore two test pits, 2a and 2b, were excavated near the proposed location of trench 2, to determine the depth of modern made ground.

4.3 Deposition Sequence

4.3.1 The deposition sequence was relatively consistent across the Site (**Plates 1 - 4**). All trenches other than trench 2 and 12 revealed a natural geology of clay and sandstone, which was seen at depths between 0.21m and 0.9m Below Ground Level (BGL) sealed by localized subsoils and topsoil in sequence (**Figure 3**).

4.3.2 Trenches 12, 18 and 24 which occupied lower lying ground in the centre of the Site demonstrated the presence of a colluvial (hill wash) layer of 0.20 – 0.30m thickness.

4.3.3 Considerable modern tipping deposits were observed in the north east of the Site, trenches 1, 3, 4, 7 and 8 demonstrated this material exists over a significant area. Test pits 2a (**Plate 5**) and 2b demonstrated this material exists to at least 3.70m BGL.

4.3.4 No archaeological features, deposits or artefacts were found in any of the excavated trenches.

4.4 Conclusion

4.4.1 The archaeological evaluation suggests that the Site retains no archaeological potential.

5 ARCHIVE PREPARATION AND DEPOSITION

5.1 The Site Archive

5.1.1 The Site archive, to include all project records and cultural material produced by the project, will be prepared in accordance with 'Guidelines for the Preparation of Excavation Archives for Long-term Storage' (UKIC 1990) and the Institute for Archaeologists 'Standard and Guidance for the creation, compilation, transfer and deposition of archaeological archives' (ClfA 2014). On completion of the project PCA will arrange for the archive to be deposited with the East Grinstead Museum.

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5.2.1 The full copyright of the written/illustrative archive relating to the site will be retained by Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd under the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 with all rights reserved. Mid Sussex District Council, however, will be granted an exclusive licence for the use of the archive for educational purposes, including academic research, providing that such use shall be non-profitmaking, and conforms to the Copyright and Related Rights regulations 2003. Further distribution and uses of the report either in its entirety or part thereof in paper or electronic form is prohibited without the prior consent of Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd.

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5.2.3 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd has made every effort to ensure the accuracy of the content of this report. However, Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd cannot accept any liability in respect of, or resulting from, errors, inaccuracies or omissions this report contains.

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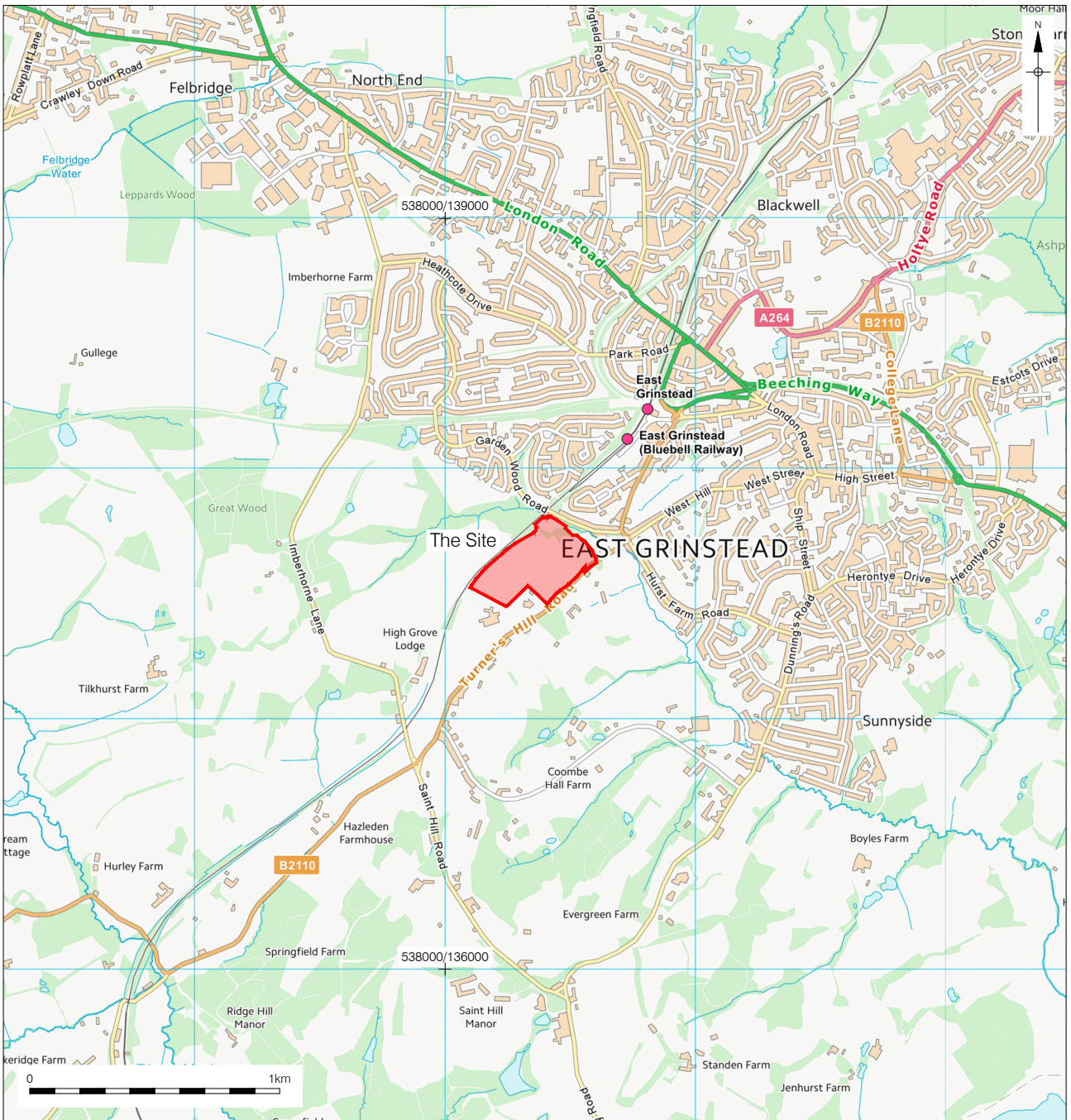
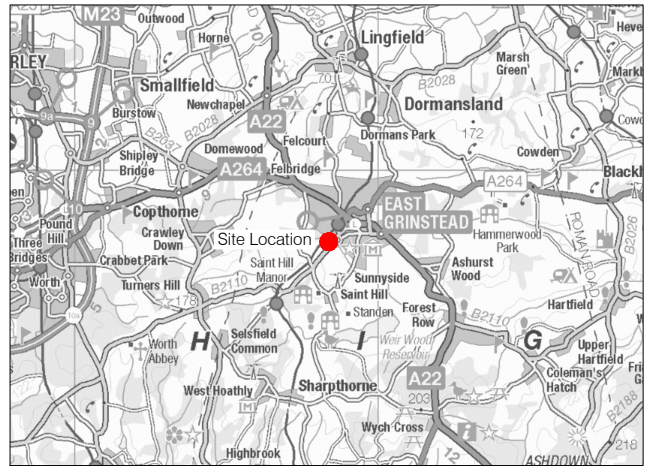
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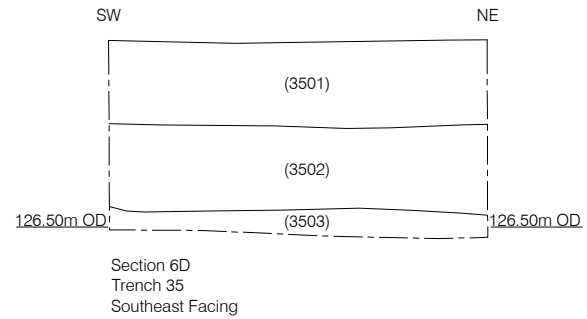
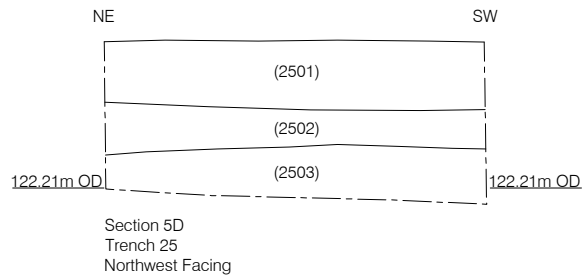
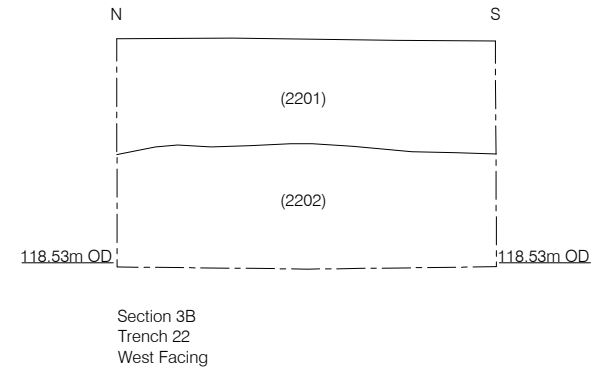
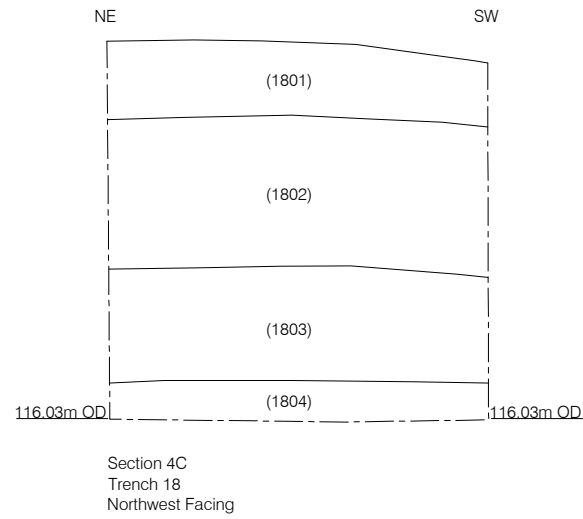
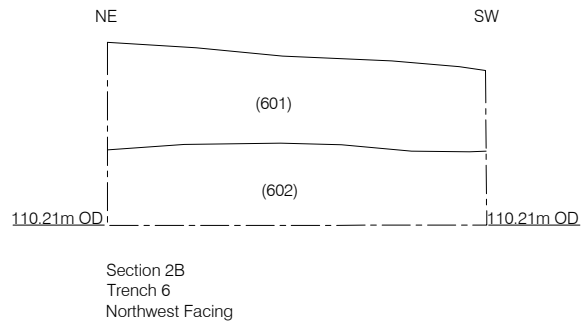


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1	101	LAYER	topsoil	0 - 0.44m
1	102	LAYER	natural geology	0.44m +
1	103	LAYER	Modern Tipped Materials	/
3	301	LAYER	topsoil	0 - 0.29m
3	302	LAYER	Modern Tipped Materials	0.29m +
4	401	LAYER	topsoil	0 - 0.25m
4	402	LAYER	natural geology	0.25m +
4	403	LAYER	Modern Tipped Materials	/
5	501	LAYER	topsoil	0 - 0.3m
5	502	LAYER	natural geology	0.3m +
6	601	LAYER	topsoil	0 - 0.3m
6	602	LAYER	natural geology	0.3m +
7	701	LAYER	topsoil	0 - 0.19m
7	702	LAYER	subsoil	0.19m - 0.21m
7	703	LAYER	natural geology	0.21m +
7	704	LAYER	Modern Tipped Materials	/
8	801	LAYER	topsoil	0 - 0.3m
8	802	LAYER	natural geology	0.3m +
8	803	LAYER	Modern Tipped Materials	/
9	901	LAYER	topsoil	0 - 0.25m
9	902	LAYER	natural geology	0.25m +
10	1001	LAYER	topsoil	0 - 0.24m
10	1002	LAYER	natural geology	0.24m +
11	1101	LAYER	topsoil	0 - 0.3m
11	1102	LAYER	natural geology	0.3m +
13	1301	LAYER	topsoil	0 - 0.24m
13	1302	LAYER	natural geology	0.24m +
14	1401	LAYER	topsoil	0 - 0.2m
14	1402	LAYER	subsoil	0.2m - 0.54m
14	1403	LAYER	colluvium deposit	0.54m - 0.62m
14	1404	LAYER	natural geology	0.62m +
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15	1502	LAYER	subsoil	0.26m - 0.55m
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18	1802	LAYER	subsoil	0.2m - 0.4m

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24	2402	LAYER	subsoil	0.28m - 0.45m
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25	2501	LAYER	topsoil	0 - 0.18m
25	2502	LAYER	subsoil	0.18m - 0.3m
25	2503	LAYER	natural geology	0.3m +
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26	2602	LAYER	natural geology	0.25m +
30	3001	LAYER	topsoil	0 - 0.27m
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32	3202	LAYER	natural geology	0.3m +
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33	3302	LAYER	subsoil	0.20m - 0.35m
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34	3402	LAYER	natural geology	0.22m +
35	3501	LAYER	topsoil	0 - 0.22m
35	3502	LAYER	subsoil	0.22m - 0.44m
35	3503	LAYER	natural geology	0.44m +

APPENDIX 2: PHOTOGRAPHS (PLATES 1 – 5)



Plate 1. Trench 1, view south east, scale 1m



Plate 2. Trench 6, view south west, scale 1m



Plate 3. Trench 14, view north west, scale 1m



Plate 4. Trench 33, view east, scale 1m



Plate 5. Test pit 2a, view north west, scale 2m

Appendix 3: Oasis Form

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Project details

Project name	Hill Place Farm, Turners Hill Road, East Grinstead
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Project dates	Start: 03-06-2019 End: 01-07-2019
Previous/future work	No / No
Any associated project reference codes	WTHR19 - Sitecode
Type of project	Field evaluation
Site status	None
Current Land use	Vacant Land 2 - Vacant land not previously developed
Methods & techniques	"Sample Trenches"
Development type	Housing estate
Prompt	National Planning Policy Framework - NPPF
Position in the planning process	After full determination (eg. As a condition)

Project location

Country	England
Site location	WEST SUSSEX MID SUSSEX EAST GRINSTEAD Hill Place farm, Turners Road
Postcode	RH9 1SJ
Study area	66400 Square metres
Site coordinates	TQ 538324 137589 50.902204590606 0.188018657489 50 54 07 N 000 11 16 E Point

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