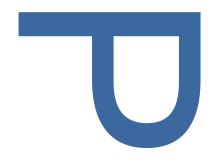
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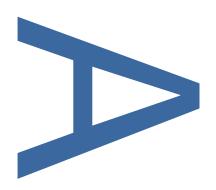


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ABSTRACT

The following report describes the results of archaeological watching brief and evaluation carried out by Pre-Construct Archaeology under the overall management of Archaeology Collective at the site adjacent to 34 Puffin Road, Herne Bay, Kent, CT6 6HQ (NGR TL20384 67906) on 1st May and between 10th and 14th June 2019. The aim of the work was to characterise the archaeological potential of the site prior to its redevelopment.

The watching brief did not reveal any archaeological remains.

The evaluation identified a single undated ditch, on a northwest-southeast alignment, in Trench 9, as well as two natural features within Trench 6. Despite the lack of dating the ditch was on a different alignment to the current field boundaries, suggesting that it may have predated the post-medieval period. The general lack of recovered finds evidence suggest that the site is located away from any settlement core.

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 A programme of archaeological watching brief and evaluation (trial trenching) was undertaken by Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) under the overall management of Archaeology Collective, on land adjacent to 34 Puffin Road, Herne Bay, Kent, CT6 6HQ (Figure 1). The site is centred on Ordnance Survey National Grid Reference (NGR) TL 20384 67906 and the work was carried out on 1st May and from the 10th to 14th June 2019.
- 1.2 The archaeological work was commissioned by Archaeological Collective on behalf of Kitewood Estates Ltd in response to an archaeological condition attached to the planning consent for the redevelopment of the land (Canterbury City Council Planning Reference: CA/14/01244/OUT). This was due to the archaeological significance of the proposed development area (PDA). The work was undertaken in line with National Planning Policy Framework 2019, Section 16 'Conserving and enhancing the historic environment'.
- 1.3 The watching brief and evaluation were carried out in accordance with Written Scheme of Investigations (WSIs) prepared by Archaeological Collective (AC 2019a and 2019b) and agreed by Kent County Council.
- 1.4 The aim of the investigation was to determine the location, date, extent, character, condition and quality of any archaeological remains on the site, to assess the significance of any such remains in a local, regional, or national context, as appropriate, and to assess the potential impact of the development proposals on the site's archaeology.
- 1.5 An area of c. 100m2 near the site entrance was subject to archaeological watching brief. Thirteen evaluation trenches, totalling 390m, were excavated (Figure 2).
- 1.6 This report describes the results of the watching brief and evaluation and aims to inform the design of an appropriate archaeological mitigation strategy. The site archive will be deposited at the Canterbury Museum Archive.

2 GEOLOGY AND TOPOGRAPHY

2.1 Geology

2.2 The bedrock geology of the Site is made up of London Clay Formation – Clay and Silt. No superficial deposits are recorded for the Site itself, but it is surrounded to the east and west by superficial deposits of Head – Gravel, Sand, Silt and Clay (British geology survey (BGS); Website 1).

2.3 Topography

- 2.4 The site lies on the southern edge of the existing settlement of Hillborough, on the eastern edge of Herne Bay; it is bordered to the east by the residential developments of Puffin Road, to the north by the residential developments of Richmond Drive, Rowland Crescent and Rosebery Avenue, to the west by the residential development of Coventry Gardens and to the south by a line of trees and open land.
- 2.5 The western part of the Site is classified as Grade 3a agricultural land, and the land immediately to the south of the Site is classified as Grade 3b agricultural land. The Site is not located in a Flood Zone. The Site is roughly level at c.34m aOD (above Ordnance Datum).
- 2.6 The site is currently used for arable purposes.

3 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

3.1 For the preparation of the WSIs for the project, data was obtained from the Kent Historic Environment Record (HER) for the purpose of informing the archaeological contractor ahead of the fieldwork being carried out. This was to guide the research objectives and to assist in designing appropriate resources to complete the works described in this WSIs. Data was collected for a 1km radius of the site. In summary:

Prehistoric

- 3.1.1 Palaeolithic features were identified at a findspot MKE97542 in Reculver Road to the north-east of the development area. Ditches and a stake hole were recorded.
- 3.1.2 Mesolithic picks were recorded at findspot MKE6503, to the north-west of the site. Neolithic features in the form of pits, ditches and postholes (MKE78312) were also recorded south of the Site.

Bronze Age

- 3.1.3 A middle Bronze Age palstave (MKE5461) was recorded to the west of the development area. An Iron Age settlement (MKE78311) was recorded south of the Site, with an Iron Age coin (MKE57722) recorded west of the evaluation site.
- 3.1.4 An archaeological evaluation immediately to the east of the development area (EKE14745) in 2000 (An Archaeological Evaluation at Hillborough Caravan Park, Reculver Road, Kent) had recorded worked flint and dated linear features to the Bronze Age. Finds from the late Iron Age were also recovered.

Roman

3.1.5 Roman ditches and postholes (MKE78345) were recorded to the south of the development area.

4 METHODOLOGY

4.1 General

- 4.1.1 Ahead of the evaluation, the preliminary works on the site by the contractor, namely a topsoil strip near the access point to the site in the north-eastern end of the site, were monitored. The strip was shallow (c. 0.20m) and did not reveal any archaeological remains being completely within the topsoil; therefore, no further description of that area is included in this report.
- 4.1.2 Thirteen 30m long x 1.8m wide archaeological evaluation trenches were excavated using a mechanical excavator equipped with a flat bladed, toothless ditching bucket, under archaeological direction. The trial trenches are positioned to provide a generally even distribution across the application site, (Figure 2). The trial trenches total 390 linear metres (702m squared).

4.2 Excavation methodology (evaluation)

- 4.2.1 Mechanical excavation was extended down to the surface of natural undisturbed ground. This was monitored by a qualified field archaeologist appointed by Archaeology Collective on behalf of Kitewood Estates Ltd.
- 4.2.2 Spoil was stored on-site adjacent to the area of excavation (topsoil and subsoil was be stored separately).

4.3 Recording and Finds Recovery

- 4.3.1 The limits of excavations, heights above Ordnance Datum (mOD) and the locations of archaeological features and interventions were recorded using a GeoMax Zenith 15/25 Pro Series.
- 4.3.2 Deposits or the removal of deposits judged by the excavating archaeologist to constitute individual events were each assigned a unique record number (often referred to within British archaeology as 'context numbers') and recorded on individual pre-printed forms (Taylor and Brown 2009). Archaeological processes recognised by the deposition of material are signified in this report by round brackets (thus), while events constituting the removal of deposits are referred to here as 'cuts' and signified by square brackets [thus]. The record numbers assigned to cuts and deposits are

entirely arbitrary and in no way reflect the chronological order in which events took place. All features and deposits excavated during the evaluation and excavation are listed in Appendix 2. Artefacts recovered during excavation were assigned to the record number of the deposit from which they were retrieved.

4.3.3 High-resolution digital photographs were taken of all relevant features and deposits which were used to keep a record of the excavation process.

4.4 Sampling Strategy

4.4.1 Linear features were investigated by means of slots across their lengths and these were recorded as part of the GPS survey and noted on the relevant context sheets.

4.5 Environmental Sampling

4.5.1 There were no features suitable for environmental sampling.

5 QUANTIFICATION OF ARCHIVE

5.1 Paper Archive

Context register sheets	1
Context sheets	9
Plan registers	0
Plans at 1:50	0
Plans at 1:20	0
Plans at 1:10	0
Plans at 1:5	0
Section register sheets	1
Sections at 1:10 & 1:20	6
Trench record sheets	13
Photo register sheets	2
Small finds register sheets	0
Environmental register sheets	0

5.2 Digital Archive

Digital photos	50
GPS survey files	1
Digital plans	1
GIS project	0
Access database	1

5.3 Physical Archive

Pottery	4 sherds
Ceramic building material (CBM)	0
Animal bone	0
Metalwork	0
Glass	0
Environmental bulk samples	0

6 ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESULTS

6.1 Introduction

- 6.1.1 The trenches are described below in numerical order, with trench information and technical data tabulated in Appendix 3. Features are described from north to south or west to east, depending on the alignment of the trench.
- 6.1.2 The principal result of the fieldwork was the identification of a single ditch on a northwest-southeast alignment, along with a few natural features.

6.2 Trench 1 (Figure 1)

6.2.1 Trench 1 (Plate 1) contained no archaeologically significant features or deposits.

6.3 Trench 2 (Figure 1)

6.3.1 Trench 2 (Plate 2) contained no archaeologically significant features or deposits.

6.4 Trench 3 (Figure 1)

6.4.1 Trench 3 (Plate 3) contained no archaeologically significant features or deposits.

6.5 Trench 4 (Figure 1)

6.5.1 Trench 4 (Plate 4) contained no archaeologically significant features or deposits.

6.6 Trench 5 (Figure 1)

6.6.1 Trench 5 (Plate 5) contained no archaeologically significant features or deposits.

6.7 Trench 6 (Figure 1)

6.7.1 Trench 6 (Plate 6) contained two natural silting features with no archaeological significance.

Field Drain [04] (Plate 7) was linear in plan, with moderate sides and a concave base. It measured 1.8m+ in length, 0.35m in width and 0.20m in depth. It contained a single fill (03) of mottled brownish orange and grey clay. No finds were recovered from this feature.

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Natural Feature [06] (Plate 8) was linear in plan, with moderate sides and a flattish base. It measured 2.90m in length, 0.40m in width and 0.15m in depth. It contained a single fill (104) of pale greyish brown silty sand. No finds were recovered from this feature.

6.8 Trench 7 (Figure 3)

6.8.1 Trench 7 (Plate 9) contained no archaeologically significant features or deposits.

6.9 Trench 8 (Figure 1)

6.9.1 Trench 8 (Plate 10) contained no archaeologically significant features or deposits.

6.10 Trench 9 (Figure 1)

6.10.1 Trench 9 (Plate 11) contained an undated ditch feature.

Ditch [08] (Plate 12, Section 1) was linear in plan, with moderate sides and a concave base. It measured 1.8m+ in length, 0.86m in width and 0.16m in depth. It contained a single fill (07) of mid brownish grey silty clay. No finds were recovered from this feature.

6.11 Trench 10 (Figure 1)

6.11.1 Trench 10 (Plate 13) contained no archaeologically significant features or deposits. Four small, non-diagnostic body sherds of flint tempered pottery of probable later Bronze Age date (Brudenell and Morgan Shelbourne pers. com.; Plate 17) were recovered from the base of the plough soil at the mid point of Trench 10. No archaeological features or deposits were associated with the finds.

6.12 Trench 11 (Figure 1)

6.12.1 Trench 11 (Plate 14) contained no archaeologically significant features or deposits.

6.13 Trench 12 (Figure 1)

6.13.1 Trench 12 (Plate 15) contained no archaeologically significant features or deposits.

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6.14 Trench 13 (Figure 1)

6.14.1 Trench 13 (Plate 16) contained no archaeologically significant features or deposits.

7 DISCUSSION

7.1 General

7.1.1 The evaluation identified one archaeological feature in the form of Ditch [08] of an unknown date. The majority of finds were recovered from the Subsoil (09) or the Topsoil (01) which were predominantly post-medieval or modern in date.

7.2 Undated Ditch

7.2.1 The only archaeological feature on site was Ditch [08] in Trench 9 (Plate 14). The fact that it was on a different alignment to the current field boundaries suggests it was part of an earlier phase of activity on site. It may be associated with the Late Bronze Age pottery recovered from Trench 10 although this is only speculative. The pottery and ditch could very likely be unrelated, and the pottery may have merely been residually deposited via ploughing or through manuring of the site. No further features suggesting any form of settlement on the site have been found.

7.3 Residual Prehistoric Activity

7.3.1 The pottery recovered from the site is of Late Bronze Age in date. Found in the lower part of the Subsoil (09) in Trench 10, it could be linked with the Bronze Age activity to the west of site where a palstave was unearthed. The four sherds are undiagnostic but are of two distinctively different vessels. All sherds are flint tempered - one with burnt flint - in keeping with other pottery of Late Bronze Age date (Plate 17).

7.4 Conclusions

7.4.1 The results of the archaeological investigation do not suggest any form of occupation of the site apart of agricultural modern use of the site. The undated ditch, possibly but inconclusively of the prehistoric date, was located in the eastern part of the site and it may be a part of a field system extending to the east. Beyond the proposed development.

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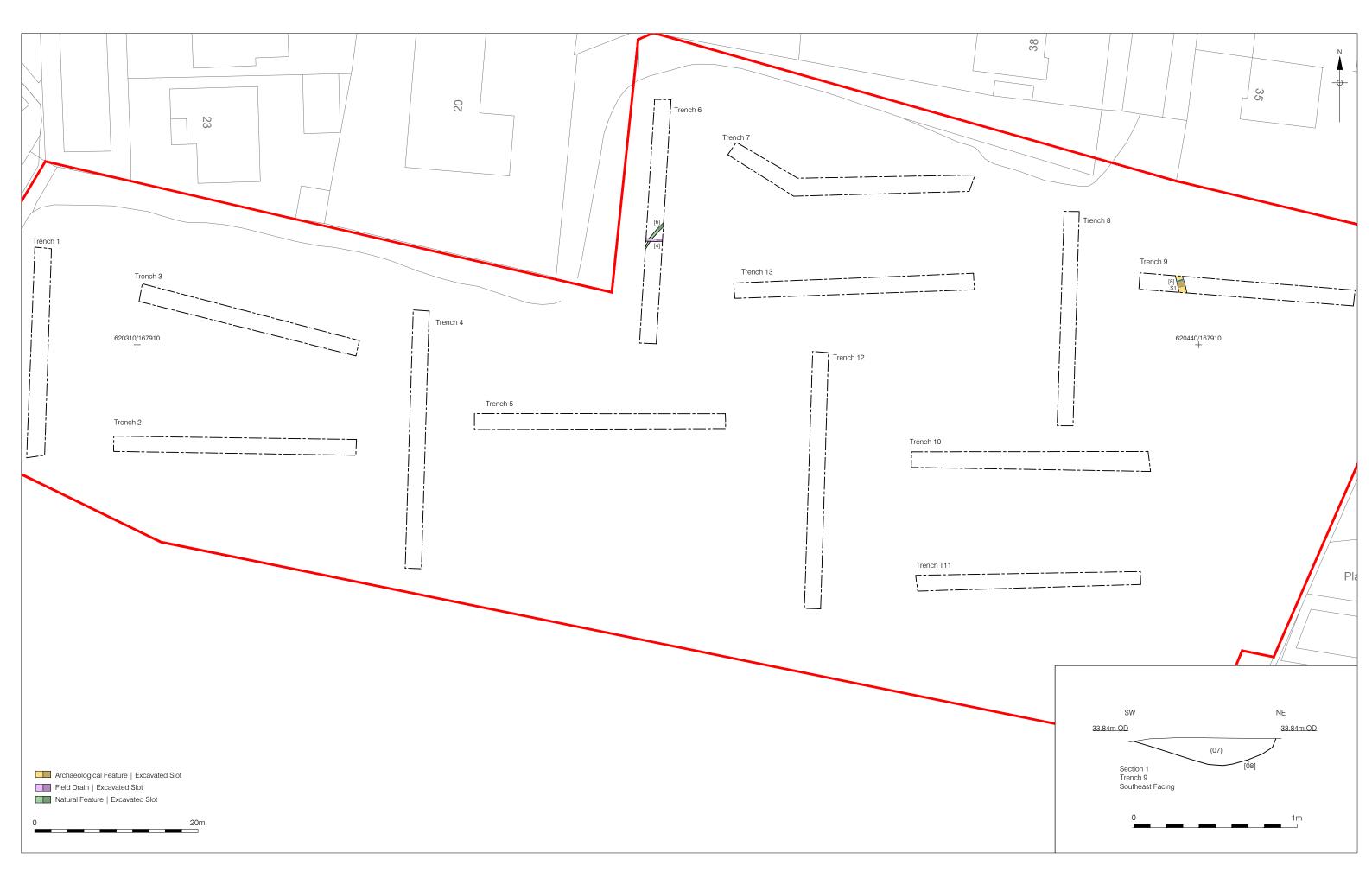
9.1 Online Resources

1) British Geological Survey (Date Viewed 21/06/2019) www.bgs.ac.uk

9.2 References

- 1) Archaeology Collective, 2019a, Written Scheme of Investigation: Monitoring/Watching Brief. Land adjacent to 34 Puffin Road, Herne Bay, CT6 6HQ
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10 APPENDIX 1: PLATES



Plate 1: Trench 1, view north.



Plate 2: Trench 2, view west



Plate 3: Trench 3, view west



Plate 4: Trench 4, view north



Plate 5: Trench 5, view east



Plate 6: Trench 6, view north



Plate 7: Field Drain [04], view east



Plate 8: Natural Feature [06], view north-east



Plate 9: Trench 7: view west



Plate 10: Trench 8 view south



Plate 11: Trench 9, view east



Plate 12: Ditch [08], view north-west



Plate 13: Trench 10, view east



Plate 14: Trench 11, view west



Plate 15: Trench 12, view south



Plate 16: Trench 13, view west



Plate 17: Bronze Age Finds from Trench 10



Plate 18: Flooding on Site, view north-west

11 APPENDIX 2: CONTEXT INDEX

Context	Cut	Trench	Туре	Category
01		1-13	Layer	Topsoil
02		1-13	Layer	Natural
03	04	6	Fill	Natural
04	04	6	Cut	Natural
05	06	6	Fill	Natural
06	06	6	Cut	Natural
07	08	9	Fill	Ditch
08	08	9	Cut	Ditch
		1,3,4,5,7,8,9,		
09		10,12 and 13	Layer	Subsoil

12 APPENDIX 3: TRENCH TABLES

TRENCH 1	Figures 1			Plate 1	
Trench Alignment: N-S	Length: 30 Level of I		Natural (m OD): 35.089		
Deposit		Conte	ontext No. Maximum Depth (m)		epth (m)
				N End	S End
Topsoil		(01)		0.22m	0.24m
Subsoil		(09)		0.13m	0.14m
Natural		(02)			

Summary

Trench 1 was located in the western part of the site.

No archaeologically significant features or deposits were identified in the trench.

TRENCH 2	Figure 1		Plate 2		
Trench Alignment: E-W	Length: 30m Level of		Level of	Natural (m OD): 34.695	
Deposit		Context No.		Maximum Depth (m)	
				E End	W End
Topsoil		(01)		0.32m	0.28m
Natural		(02)			

Summary

Trench 2 was located in the south-western part of the site.

No archaeologically significant features or deposits were identified in the trench.

TRENCH 3	Figure 1		Plate 3		
Trench Alignment: E-W	Length: 30m Level		Level of	f Natural (m OD): 34.664	
Deposit	t		ext No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
				E End	W End
Topsoil		(01)		0.20m	0.22m
Subsoil		(09)		0.16m	0.11m
Natural		(02)			

Summary

Trench 3 was located in the north-western part of the site.

No archaeologically significant features or deposits were identified in the trench.

TRENCH 4	Figure 1			Plate 4	
Trench Alignment: N-S	Length: 30m Level		Level of N	Natural (m OD): 34.332m	
Deposit		Context No.		Maximum Depth (m)	
				N End	S End
Topsoil		(01)		0.19m	0.22m
Subsoil		(09)		0.10m	0.09m
Natural		(02)			

Summary

Trench 4 was located in the western-central part of the site.

No archaeologically significant features or deposits were identified in the trench.

TRENCH 5	Figure 1		Plate 5				
Trench Alignment: E-W	Length: 30m Level of		Level of N	Natural (m OD): 34.103m			
Deposit	Cont		Context No.		text No.	Maximum D	epth (m)
				E End	W End		
Topsoil		(01)		0.18m	0.17m		
Subsoil		(09)		0.05m	0.07m		
Natural		(02))				

Summary

Trench 5 was located in the centre of the site.

No archaeologically significant features or deposits were identified in the trench.

TRENCH 6	Figure 1			Plate 6, 7 and 8			
Trench Alignment: N-S	Length: 30m Level of Na		latural (m OD): 34.075m				
Deposit	Conte		Context No.		text No.	Maximum D	epth (m)
				N End	S End		
Topsoil	Topsoil		1	0.30m	0.30m		
Natural		(02)					

Summary

Trench 6 was located in the north-north-western part of the site.

Two natural features, [04] and [06], were identified within the trench.

TRENCH 7	Figure 1		Plate 9			
Trench Alignment: NW-SE	Length: 30m		Level of N	vel of Natural (m OD): 33.993m		
/SW-NE	10m/20m					
Deposit	Deposit		text No.	Maximum Depth (m)		
				NW End	NE End	
Topsoil	Topsoil			0.24m	0.32m	
Subsoil		(09)		0.16m	n/a	
Natural		(02)				

Summary

Trench 7 was located in the northern part of the site.

The trench was cut at two angles due to fenceline constraints 10m at NW-SE alignment and 20m at SW-NE alignment.

No archaeologically significant features or deposits were identified in the trench.

TRENCH 8	Figure 1			Plate 10		
Trench Alignment: N-S	Length: 30m Level of		Level of N	Natural (m OD): 33.884m		
Deposit	(Context No.		Maximum Depth (m)	
				N End	S End	
Topsoil		(01)		0.36m	0.29m	
Subsoil		(09)		0.07m	0.08m	
Natural		(02)				

Summary

Trench 8 was located in the north-north-eastern part of the site.

No archaeologically significant features or deposits were identified in the trench.

TRENCH 9	Figure 1			Plate 11 and 12		
Trench Alignment: E-W	Length: 30m Level of N		latural (m OD): 33.920m			
Deposit	Cor		Context No. Maximur		Depth (m)	
				E End	W End	
Topsoil		(01)		0.28m	0.29m	
Subsoil		(09)		n/a	0.15m	
Natural		(02)				

Summary

Trench 2 was located in the north-eastern part of the site.

Ditch feature [08] of unknown date was located in the trench.

TRENCH 10	Figure 1			Plate 13		
Trench Alignment: E-W	Length: 30m Level of		Level of N	Natural (m OD): 33.591m		
Deposit	Conte		text No.	Maximum Depth (m)		
				E End	W End	
Topsoil		(01)		0.23m	0.29m	
Subsoil		(09)		0.11m	0.15m	
Natural		(02)				

Summary

Trench 10 was located in the central-eastern part of the site.

No archaeologically significant features or deposits were identified in the trench.

TRENCH 11	Figure 1		Plate 14 and 17				
Trench Alignment: E-W	Length: 30m Level of Na		latural (m OD): 33.594m				
Deposit	Cor		osit Context No.		text No.	Maximum D	Depth (m)
				E End	W End		
Topsoil		(01)		0.41m	0.34m		
Natural		(02)					

Summary

Trench 11 was located in the south-eastern part of the site.

No archaeologically significant features or deposits were identified in the trench.

TRENCH 12	Figure 1			Plate 15	
Trench Alignment: N-S	Length: 30m Level of N		latural (m OD): 33.860m		
Deposit	Coi		itext No.	Maximum Depth (n	
				N End	S End
Topsoil		(01)		0.30m	0.26m
Subsoil		(09)		0.05m	0.07m
Natural		(02)			

Summary

Trench 12 was located in the central-southern part of the site.

No archaeologically significant features or deposits were identified in the trench.

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TRENCH 13	Figure 1			Plate 16		
Trench Alignment: E-W	Length: 30m Level of		Level of N	Natural (m OD): 33.999m		
Deposit	(Context No.		Maximum Depth (m)	
				E End	W End	
Topsoil		(01)		0.28m	0.22m	
Subsoil		(09)		0.10m	0.13m	
Natural		(02)				

Summary

Trench 13 was located in the central-northern part of the site.

No archaeologically significant features or deposits were identified in the trench.

13 APPENDIX 4: OASIS REPORT

OASIS ID: preconst1-357366

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