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**AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING  
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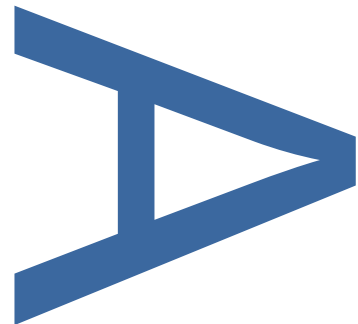
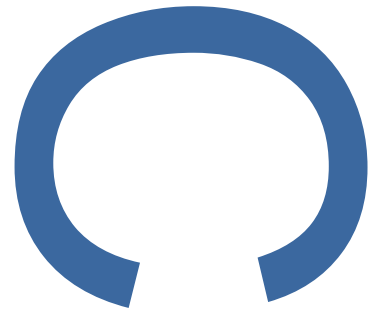
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## **1 ABSTRACT**

Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by Hampshire County Council's Property, Business and Regulatory Services (the Client) to undertake an archaeological watching brief at Attwood's Drove Farm, Compton, Winchester, Hampshire. The watching brief comprised a number of site visits between 28<sup>th</sup> January and 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and involved the monitoring of groundworks as according to the agreed Written Scheme of Investigation.

The majority of the areas monitored during the watching brief did not reveal any archaeological features, with the exception of the possible late prehistoric ditch in the south west of the site. However, the site lies within an area of known and significant archaeological sites and monuments, including evidence of two Bronze Age Round Barrows immediately north of the Site, and there is potential for other, possibly related, archaeological evidence to survive within the Site.

## **2 INTRODUCTION**

### **2.1 Project Background**

2.1.1 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by Hampshire County Council's Property, Business and Regulatory Services (the Client) to undertake an archaeological watching brief at Attwoods Drove Farm, Compton, Winchester, Hampshire, (NGR 446771 126517), hereafter 'the Site' (**Figure 1 & 2**).

2.1.2 Planning consent for the development (described as the 'Erection of 3 new buildings and 2 extensions to existing buildings to enable the Farm to be operated more productively, 2 existing buildings are to be demolished') was granted by Hampshire County Council in March 2018 (Planning Ref: **18/00178/HCS**). Condition 13 of planning consent concerned the Site's archaeological potential. The condition was based on the advice of the Council's archaeological advisor and reflected the potential of the Site to contain archaeological remains that may have been put at risk by the development. The condition states:

*'Prior to commencement of development a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) shall be submitted that sets out the methodology for the archaeological monitoring of all ground works associated with the construction of the pipe trench to ensure that any archaeological remains encountered are recognised, characterised and recorded. Provision should also be made for the public dissemination of any results and the WSI should satisfy the Local Planning Authority that the scheme is sustainable under the terms of NPPF.*

*Reason: In the interests of the archaeology of the site and in accordance with Policy CP20 (Heritage and landscape character) of the Winchester City Council Local Plan Joint Core Strategy 2013. This is a pre-commencement requirement to ensure that there is no damage caused by any archaeological interest.'*

2.1.3 This document provides the results of the watching brief which comprised of visits made to the Site between 28<sup>th</sup> January and 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

2.1.4 This document has been prepared in accordance with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists standard and guidance for archaeological watching briefs (CIfA 2014) and Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (Historic England 2015). PCA is a Registered Archaeological Organisation with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists.

### **2.2 Location, Topography and Geology**

2.2.1 The Site is located on farmland north of Compton village and west of Otterbourne Road and comprises the farm buildings of Attwood Drove Farm.

2.2.2 At 70m above OD, the Site lies on rising Downland forming the west side of the River Itchen Valley, some 40m above the river and valley floor, and below Yew Hill.

2.2.3 The Site's underlying bedrock geology is Chalk.

## **2.3 Archaeological and Historical Background**

2.3.1 The Site lies in an area of known and significant archaeological remains. These include later prehistoric funerary monuments distributed across the immediate Downland landscape to the south of Winchester. Evidence Two of these, a pair of round barrows of probable Bronze Age date (2400-800 BC), lie immediately north of the proposed development and together are a Scheduled Monument (List entry Number 1014388). The Historic England record description of the Scheduled Monument is as follows:

*The monument includes two bowl barrows set on the crest of a steep north-facing slope at the east end of Compton Down. The barrows, which survive as low earthworks, are orientated north-south and are separated by a distance of c.10m. The northern barrow mound survives in permanent grassland to a maximum diameter of 20m and is 0.8m high. When previously under cultivation, the mound appeared as a chalky spread with a quantity of loose flints towards the centre. The southern mound survives in an area of scrub. It is 22m in diameter and c.0.7m high. Both mounds are surrounded by ditches c.3m wide and surviving as buried features and both have central hollows suggesting part excavation in the last century.*

### **3 AIM**

#### **3.1 Watching Brief**

- 3.1.1 The aim of the archaeological watching brief was to monitor ground work for the presence of archaeological remains and investigate and record the remains within the extent of the ground work and determine, as may be possible, their character, including their date, nature and extent, taking account of palaeoenvironmental and biological remains.
- 3.1.2 The watching brief aimed, in particular to investigate and record any archaeological evidence related to the two round barrows immediately north of the Site having regard to primary evidence for the barrows and any evidence for their re-use as funerary monuments or other purpose.
- 3.1.3 This report on the results of the watching brief aims to provide an assessment of any significant archaeological remains that are recorded, in the context of local and regional research frameworks and be sufficient to provide information pursuant to the relevant planning requirements.



## **4 RESULTS**

### **4.1 Introduction**

4.1.1 The following presents a summary of the observations made during the watching brief and is based on the Site archive, which comprises a Site diary, trench recording sheets, drawings and digital photographs. A summary of recorded contexts is provided in a Context Index in **Appendix 1** and photographs of the Site are provided in **Appendix 2**. The archive is held at PCA's Winchester office under the site code **AY673** and will in due course be deposited with the Hampshire Cultural Trust.

### **4.2 Methodology**

4.2.1 The watching brief was carried out, in accordance with the Method Statement prepared in advance of works (PCA 2017), during visits between 28<sup>th</sup> January and 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Visits coincided with the excavation of the trenches down to the required level for works (**Plates 1 – 3**).

4.2.2 All groundworks including site clearance, excavations to reduce and remodel the Site and excavations of service trenches were monitored during the watching brief.

### **4.3 Deposition Sequence**

4.3.1 The deposition sequence was consistent across the Site with natural chalk geology lying immediately below a light to mid reddish brown silty clay topsoil which had an average thickness of 0.25m. To the centre of the Site, near the existing farm buildings the topsoil was overlain by a layer of modern tarmac.

### **4.4 Archaeological Features**

4.4.1 To the south west of the site a single ditch [101] (**Figure 4, Plate 4**) was observed running east-west, measuring 1m wide by 0.20m in depth with gentle sloping sides and a rounded concave base. This feature contained single fill (102) which was a dark reddish-brown clayey silt material, which contained large amounts of flint and burnt flint and a small quantity of charcoal. The burnt flint in ditch fill (102) is suggestive of a prehistoric date, however lack of any datable finds material prevents more refined dating.

### **4.5 Conclusion**

4.5.1 The majority of the areas monitored during the watching brief did not reveal any archaeological features, with the exception of the possible late prehistoric ditch [101] in the south west of the site. However, the site lies within an area of known and significant archaeological sites and monuments, including evidence of two Bronze Age Round Barrows immediately north of the Site, and there is potential for other, possibly related, archaeological evidence to survive within the Site.

## **5 ARCHIVE PREPARATION, DEPOSITION AND COPYRIGHT**

### **5.1 The Site Archive**

5.1.1 The Site archive, to include all project records and cultural material produced by the project, is to be prepared in accordance with Guidelines for the Preparation of Excavation Archives for Long-term Storage (UKIC 1990). On completion of the project PCA will arrange for the archive to be deposited with the Hampshire Cultural Trust on behalf of Winchester City Council

### **5.2 Copyright**

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. Winchester 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.

## **6 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

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The Watching Brief was undertaken by Katherine Marshall, Dominic McAtominey and Bartolomiej Grden, the report was compiled by Katherine Marshall and Dominic McAtominey with illustrations prepared by Diana Valk. The project was managed for PCA by Paul McCulloch.

## **7 REFERENCES**

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## APPENDIX 1: CONTEXT INDEX

<b>Context Number</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Interpretation</b>	<b>Date</b>
100	Layer	Light yellowish white chalk	Natural Geology	Natural
101	Cut	Cut of linear with gentle sloping sides and a rounded concave base	Small ditch, uncertain purpose	Prehistoric
102	Fill	Dark reddish brown clayey silt with flint inclusions	Silting of ditch	Prehistoric

## APPENDIX 2: PHOTOGRAPHS (PLATES 1 - 4)



**Plate 1. Proposed Storage Building Area, View North/North west**



**Plate 2. Milking Parlour Building Footings, View North**



**Plate 3. Soak-away Trench, View North**



**Plate 4. Section of Ditch [101], View East, Scale 0.5m**

## APPENDIX 3: OASIS RECORD

### 8 OASIS ID: preconst1-358243

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#### Project details

Project name	Attwoods Drove Farm, Compton, Near Winchester
Short description of the project	Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by Hampshire County Council's Property, Business and Regulatory Services (the Client) to undertake an archaeological watching brief at Attwood's Drove Farm, Compton, Winchester, Hampshire. A small prehistoric ditch to the south of the site was the only archaeological feature observed during the watching brief and is not considered to be of high significance.
Project dates	Start: 28-01-2019 End: 26-03-2019
Previous/future work	No / No
Any associated project reference codes	AY673 - Sitecode
Type of project	Recording project
Site status	None
Current Land use	Cultivated Land 1 - Minimal cultivation
Monument type	DITCH Uncertain
Investigation type	"Watching Brief"
Prompt	National Planning Policy Framework - NPPF

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#### Project location

Country	England
Site location	HAMPSHIRE WINCHESTER COMPTON AND SHAWFORD Attwoods Drove Farm
Postcode	SO21 2AY
Study area	0 Square metres
Site coordinates	SU 46771 26517 51.03557021023 -1.332880481519 51 02 08 N 001 19 58 W Point

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#### Project creators

Name of Organisation	Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd.
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Project design originator	PCA Winchester
Project director/manager	Paul McCulloch
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### Project archives

Physical Archive Exists?	No
Digital Archive recipient	Hampshire Cultural Trust
Digital Media available	"Images raster / digital photography","Spreadsheets","Text"
Paper Archive recipient	Hampshire Cultural Trust
Paper Media available	"Context sheet","Drawing","Plan","Report","Section"

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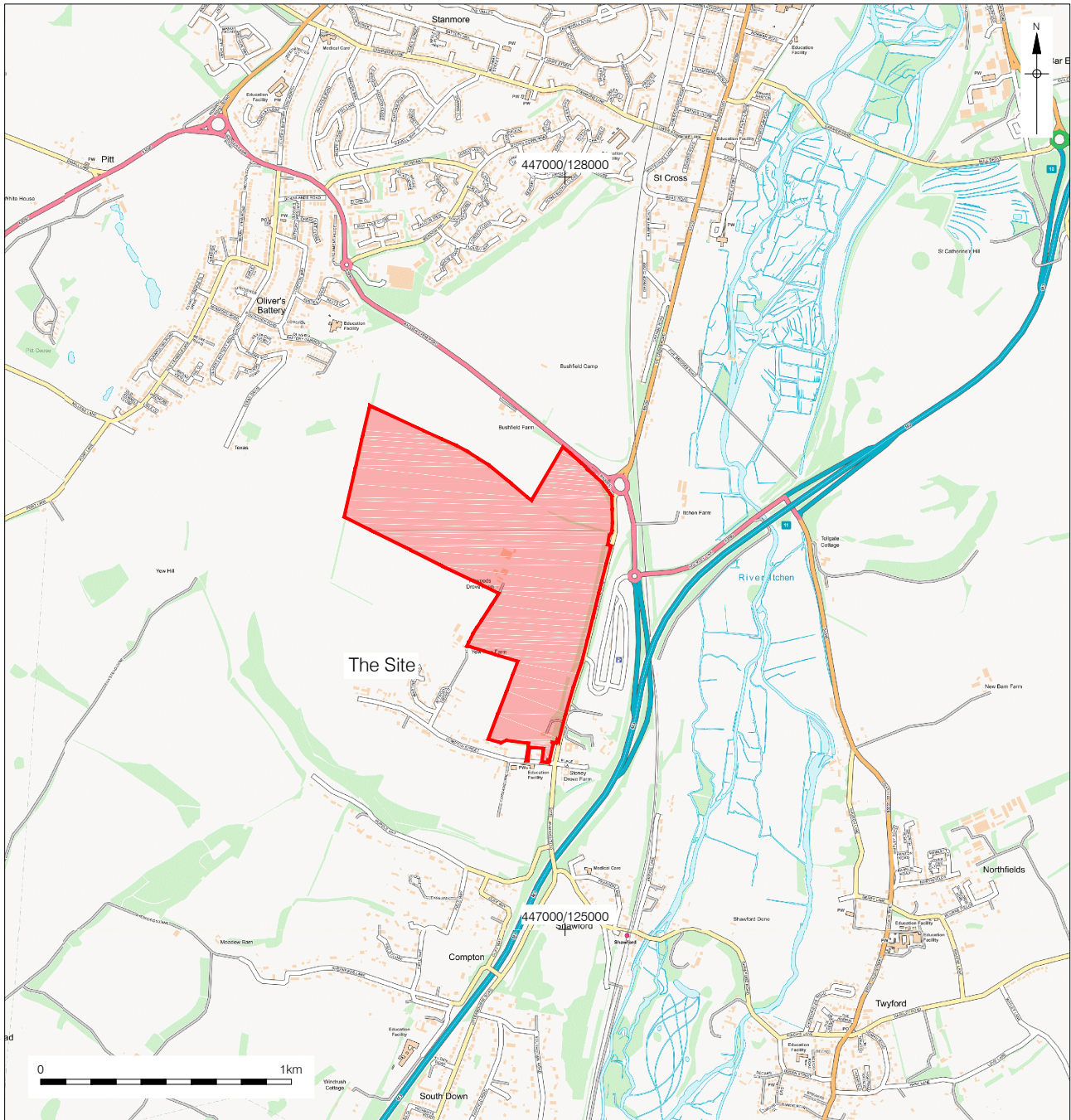
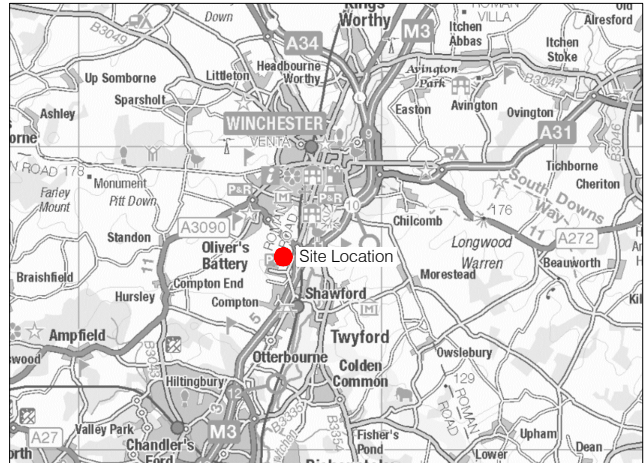
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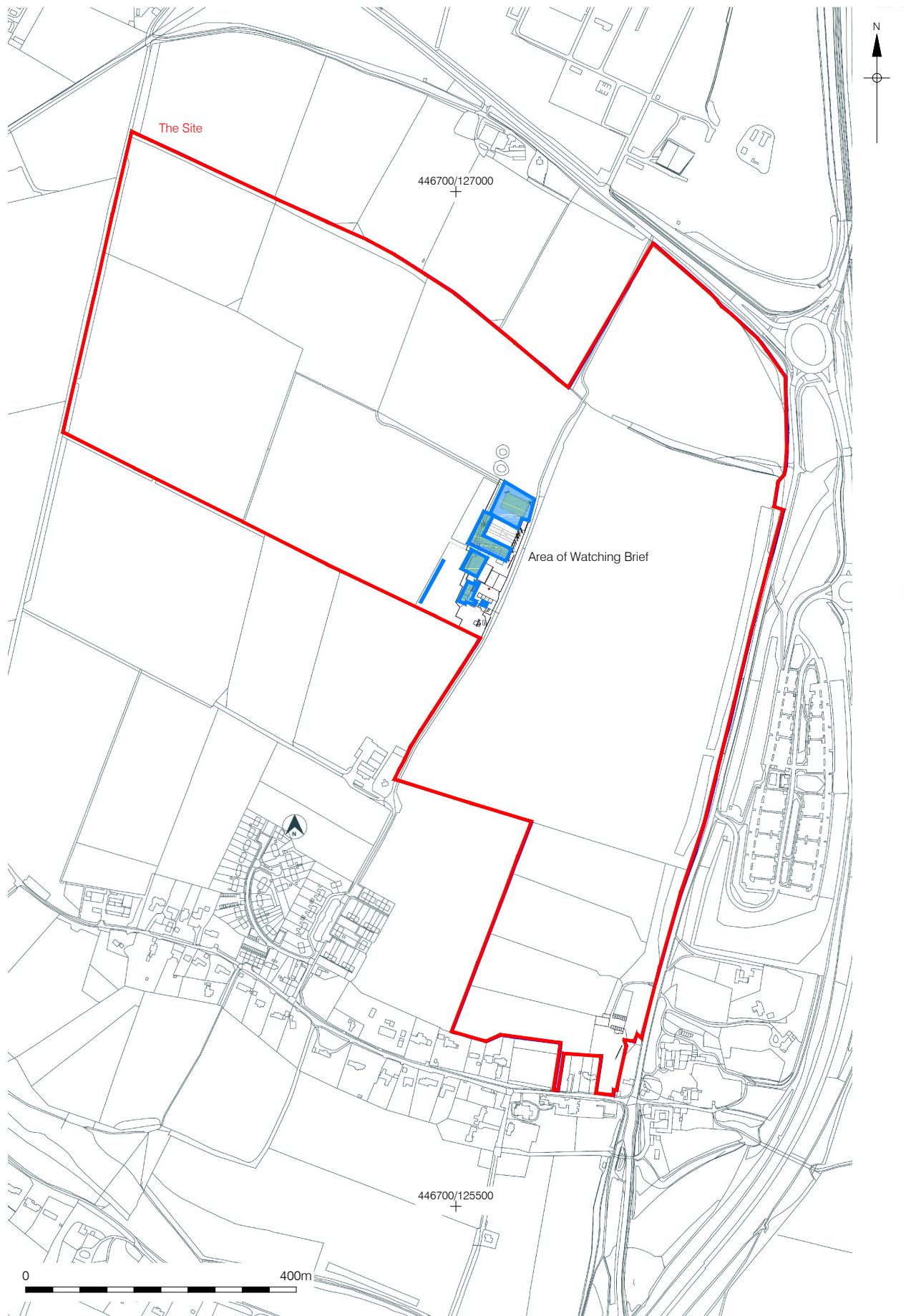
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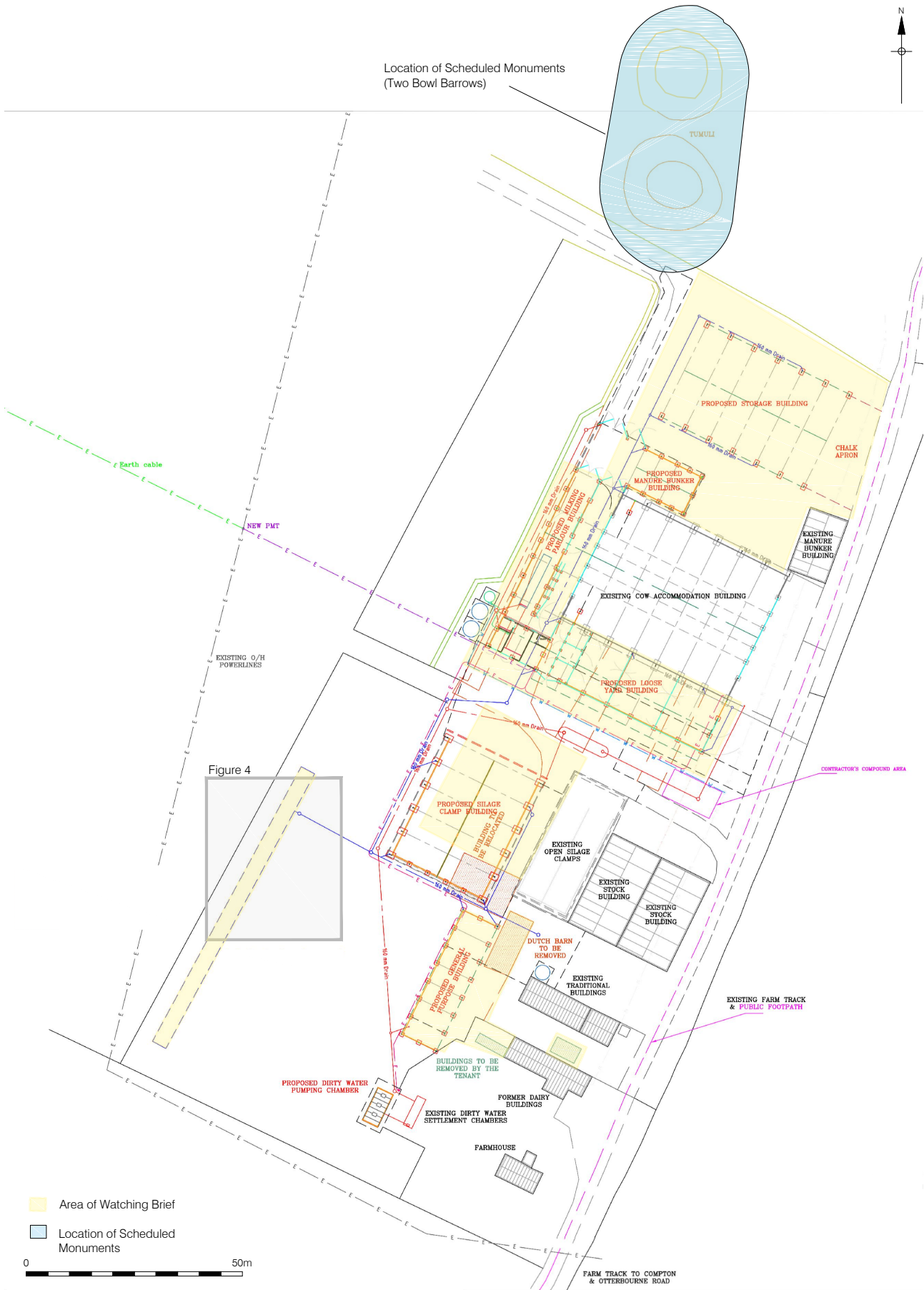


Figure 3  
 Proposed Development Plan Showing Watching Brief  
 Areas and Location of Scheduled Monuments  
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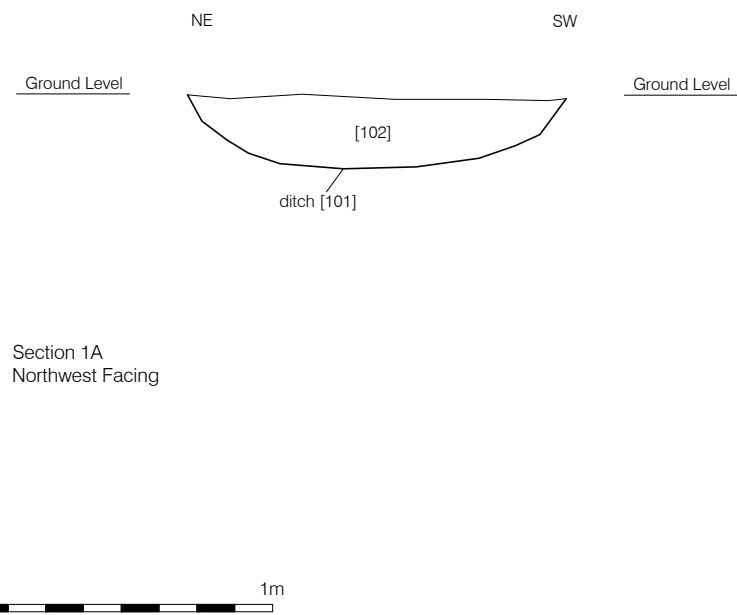
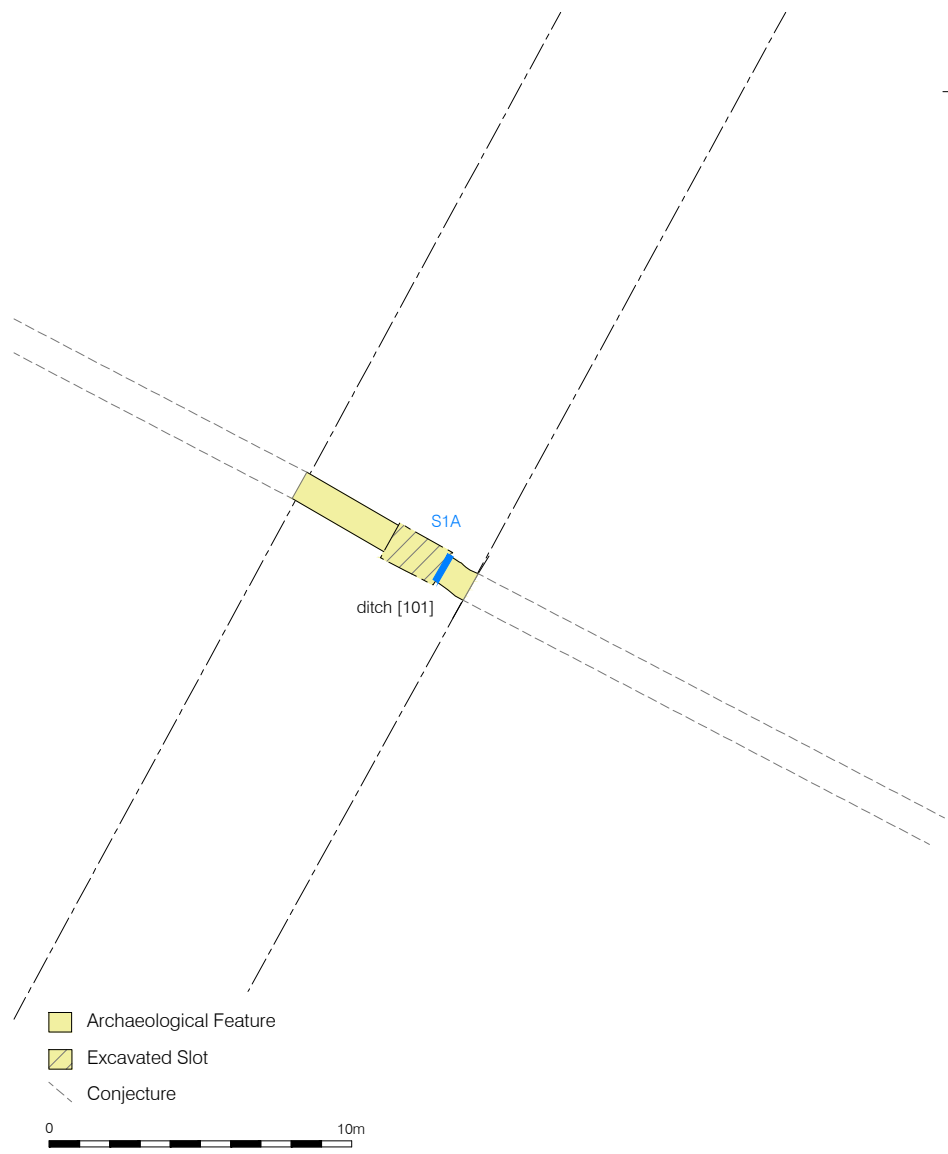


Figure 4  
Plan of Ditch [101] and Section 1A  
Plan at 1:250 and Section at 1:20 at A4

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