

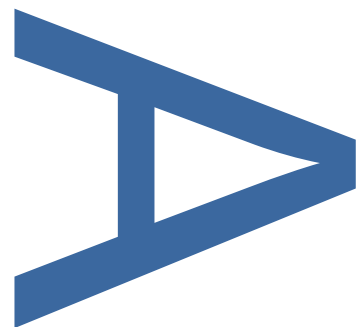
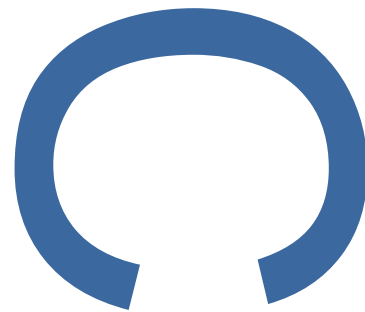
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1 ABSTRACT

Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd was appointed by CFW Architects on behalf of the client Mr Gordon-James to carry out an archaeological evaluation at 15 Peninsula Square, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 8GJ. The Site is the subject of a proposed development comprising an extension to the eastern elevation of the existing house.

The proposed development lies within a Scheduled Monument (SM No. HA 1, HA 1001959), Winchester Castle. The evaluation was carried out with Scheduled Monument Consent under Class 7 of the Ancient Monuments (Class Consent) Order 1994 and in accordance with the advice of Historic England. The evaluation aimed to provide information on the possible impact of the proposed development on the Scheduled Monument. This report provides the result of the evaluation, which comprised a test pit within the footprint of the proposed extension.

The evaluation comprised the excavation of a 1.5m X 1.5m and 0.7m deep test pit was carried out on the 9th and 10th of December 2020. The test pit was formed as proposed and revealed modern deposits throughout. The modern deposits and the depth at which they were recorded is consistent with the location of the site, and the proposed extension, south of the line of the Castle Wall and above the sloped face of the Castle mound earthwork.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Project Background

- 2.1.1 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by CFW Architects on behalf of the client Mr Gordon-James to carry out an archaeological evaluation at 15 Peninsula Square, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 8GJ, hereafter 'the Site', (**Figure 1**). The Site is the subject of a proposed development comprising an extension to the eastern elevation of the existing house.
- 2.1.2 The proposed development lies within a Scheduled Monument (SM No. HA 1, HA 1001959), Winchester Castle, as defined under the *Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979 (as amended)*. Acting on behalf of the Secretary of State, Historic England have granted consent to a Scheduled Monument Consent application made by the client for the archaeological evaluation to be carried out under Class 7 of the *Ancient Monuments (Class Consent) Order 1994* and in accordance with their advice. The evaluation aimed to provide information on the possible impact of the proposed development on the Scheduled Monument.
- 2.1.3 This report provides the result of the evaluation, which comprised a test pit within the footprint of the proposed extension. The evaluation was carried out on the 9th and 10th of December 2020.
- 2.1.4 This report has been prepared in accordance with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists standard and guidance for an archaeological evaluation (CIfA 2014, updated June 2020) and Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (Historic England, 2015). PCA is a CIfA Registered Archaeological Organisation and is bound by its code of conduct.

2.2 Location, Topography and Geology

- 2.2.1 The Site (**Figure 2**), in the south wester quarter of the historic core of the City of Winchester, is currently a small courtyard on the east side of a four-storey house. The house forms the eastern property of a terrace of four-storey town houses erected at the southern end of the former Peninsula (Upper) Barracks in the 1990's, replacing a 1960's sergeants' mess. South of the terrace the land falls away sharply, following the slope of the historic defences of Winchester and Winchester Castle earthworks, toward St James Lane.
- 2.2.2 The Site occupies a position that dominates the southern part of the City and the courtyard lies at a height of 63.70m above Ordnance Datum (aOD)
- 2.2.3 The bedrock geology beneath the Site is mapped as Seaford Chalk Formation, which is likely to occur at a considerable depth beneath the Site and beneath made ground comprising the Castle earthworks.

2.3 Archaeological and Historical Background

- 2.3.1 The Site lies in an area of known and significant archaeological remains considered to be of national importance, which is recognised by their protection as a Scheduled Monument. The remains comprise the elements of the southern defences of medieval Winchester Castle and the earlier defences of the Roman town *Venta Belgarum*. Additionally, the remains include important evidence for the Late Saxon *burh*, associated with the re-emergence of Winchester prior to the establishment of the Castle in the early Norman period.
- 2.3.2 Archaeological investigations of the area immediately north of Site were carried out in the 1990's following demolition of the 1960's sergeants mess and prior to the construction of the existing house and terrace of which it forms the eastern property. These investigations characterised the general sequence of the archaeological remains that survive beneath the Site, which mainly comprised evidence of the defensive earthworks of the Roman town and medieval Castle, and included, immediately north-east of the Site, well-preserved remains of a 13th century stone-built tower, one of a number built into the circuit of the Castle walls. Following the investigations, the remains were covered over, and the present terrace block erected on piled foundations partially to the south of the former sergeants' mess.
- 2.3.3 The investigations established that the highest archaeological remains occurred fairly evenly at approximately 63m aOD, shallowly buried beneath the former Peninsula (Upper) Barracks parade ground and the former Sergeants mess immediately north of the Site.
- 2.3.4 The Site, to the south of the investigations (**Figure 2**), is currently paved and the paving slabs lie at c. 63.70m a OD, some 700mm higher than archaeological remains investigated to the north. The height at which archaeological remains occur beneath the Site of the proposed extension is not known, but is likely to be lower than the height at which archaeological remains were recorded in the previous investigations to the north, i.e. lower than 63m aOD; this may be accounted for by the steep fall south of the Site and over which the Site was constructed in the 1990's. The fall represents the outer slope of the medieval Castle mound and rampart.

3 AIM

3.1 Archaeological Evaluation

- 3.1.1 The aim of the archaeological evaluation was to determine the presence or absence of archaeological remains beneath the proposal Site at and below the level at which the proposed extension will be founded. This report on the results of the evaluation aims to provide sufficient information so a decision concerning any further archaeological implications of the proposed extension may be made.

4 RESULT

4.1 Introduction

4.1.1 The following presents a summary of the evaluation results and is based upon the Site archive, which comprises a Site diary, trench recording sheets, drawings and digital photographs and survey data. A summary of recorded contexts is provided in a Trench Index in **Appendix 1** and photographs of the trenches in **Appendix 2**. An OASIS report is provided in **Appendix 3**. The archive is held at PCA's Winchester office under the site code AY722 and will in due course be deposited with Hampshire Cultural Trust.

4.2 Methodology

4.2.1 The archaeological evaluation was undertaken following the methodology that was detailed in the Written Scheme of Investigation (PCA 2020), which was approved by Historic England on behalf of the Secretary of State in keeping with Scheduled Monument Consent. The evaluation comprised the excavation of a test pit (**Figure 2 & Plates 1 & 2 – Appendix 2**) opened and investigated on the 9th and 10th of December 2020. Following the lifting of the existing paving slabs (63.71m aOD) the 1.5m X 1.5m test pit was hand dug to a depth below ground level of c. 0.7m, or c. 63m aOD.

4.2.2 The test pit was recorded using PCA's standard pro-forma based recording system augmented by GPS survey. The test pit was backfilled on completion of recording.

4.3 Deposit Sequence

4.3.1 Natural solid or drift geology was not revealed.

4.3.2 The west side of the test pit was formed against the east wall of the existing house and revealed the wall's concrete ground beam foundation (106) at 63.21m aOD, a depth of 0.5m below ground level (**Figure 3**). All observed deposits and features (101) to (108) post dated the foundation, the lowest of which, layer (107) comprised grey soil and gravel containing modern building materials including fragments of polystyrene shuttering and other modern material.

4.3.3 No significant pre-modern archaeological features, deposits or finds were identified during the evaluation.

4.4 Conclusion

4.4.1 The test pit was formed as proposed and revealed modern deposits throughout. The modern deposits and the depth at which they were recorded is consistent with the location of the house, and the proposed extension, south of the line of the Castle Wall and above the sloped face of the Castle mound earthwork.

5 ARCHIVE PREPARATION & 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 Chartered Institute for Archaeologists 'Standard and Guidance for the creation, compilation, transfer and deposition of archaeological archives' (CIfA 2009), taking account of recommended approaches to archive selection strategies and data management plans: <https://www.archaeologists.net/selection-toolkit?amp%3Bqid=814643>. The requirements of the Hampshire Cultural Trust for digital archives to be prepared in accordance with standards defined by the Archaeology Data Service will also be followed, as will the Trust's recommendation for digital archives to be deposited with the Archaeology Data Service. The designated receiving museum for the non-digital archive is Hampshire Cultural Trust. The Curator of Archaeology will be contacted in advance of the fieldwork for a Site code. Any alternative arrangements will be agreed with Historic England and the HETA and the Local Planning Authority.

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7 REFERENCES

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APPENDIX 1: CONTEXT INDEX

Context No.	Type	Description	Date	Depth below ground level
101	Layer	Mortar/Concrete	Modern	0.05-0.09m
102	Fill	Backfill	Modern	-
103	Fill	Backfill	Modern	-
104	Cut	Pit	Modern	-
105	Layer	Made ground	Modern	0.09-0.51m
106	Layer	Made ground	Modern	0.51-0.59m
107	Layer	Made ground	Modern	0.59m-0.7m+
108	Structure	Foundations	Modern	-

APPENDIX 2: PLATES



Plate 1: Test pit location, view to north.



Plate 2: South facing section of test pit, view to north. Scale 1m.

APPENDIX 3: OASIS RECORD

OASIS ID: preconst1-414550

Project details

Project name 15 Peninsula Sq., Winchester, Hampshire

Short description of the project Archaeological evaluation comprising a 1.5m X 1.5m by 0.7m deep test pit against the east elevation of the property revealed its foundation at 0.5m and otherwise modern deposits abutting dating from the construction of the house in the 1990's. The test pit demonstrated the absence of archaeology at the depth required for the foundations of a proposed small extension to the house, which lies within the Scheduled Monument Winchester Castle.

Project dates Start: 09-12-2020 End: 10-12-2020

Previous/future work Yes / Yes

Any associated project reference codes HA 1001959 - SM No.

Any associated project reference codes 17/02070/HOU - Planning Application No.

Type of project Field evaluation

Site status Scheduled Monument (SM)

Current Land use Residential 1 - General Residential

Monument type NONE None

Significant Finds NONE None

Methods & techniques "Test Pits"

Development type Urban residential (e.g. flats, houses, etc.)

Prompt Scheduled Monument Consent

Position in the planning process After full determination (eg. As a condition)

Project location

Country England

Site location HAMPSHIRE WINCHESTER WINCHESTER 15 Peninsula Square

Postcode SO23 8GJ

Study area 3 Square metres

Site coordinates SU 449206 129397 50.913620594561 -1.360949907107 50 54 49 N 001 21
39 W Point

Project creators

Name of Organisation PCA Winchester

Project brief originator Historic England

Project design originator Paul McCulloch
Project director/manager Paul McCulloch
Project supervisor Bartłomiej Grden
Type of sponsor/funding body Client
Name of sponsor/funding body Mr T Gordon-James

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Digital Media available "Database","Images raster / digital photography","Spreadsheets","Survey","Text"
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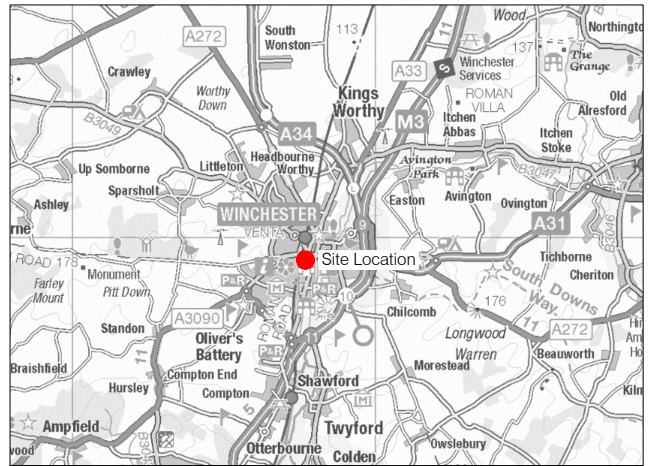
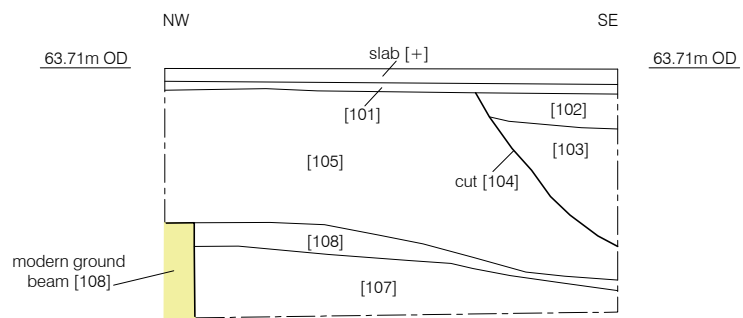




Figure 2
Detailed Trench Location
1:200 at A4



Section 1
 Southwest Facing
 Test Pit 1



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