

Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Northlew, West Devon	National Grid Reference: SX 4780 9570	Number:
Subject: Archaeological monitoring and recording at Moorside Farm, Broadbury, Devon.		Photo attached: Y
Planning Application no: 00785/2013	Recipient museum: n/a	
OASIS ID: oakforda1-168801	Museum Accession no: n/a	
Contractor's reference number/code: OA1144	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 13/01 and 15/01/2014	
<p>Description of works:</p> <p>An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Oakford Archaeology in January 2014 during work at Moorside Farm, Broadbury, Devon (SX 4780 9570). The site (Fig. 1) lies in an area of high archaeological potential close to two Scheduled Bronze Age round barrows (NLE 1017970). Broadbury Castle (NLE 1017969), a possible Roman fortlet or late prehistoric/Romano-British settlement site, is also located within 500 metres of the proposed development. It was therefore considered possible that associated remains or deposits of prehistoric or Roman date may survive within the footprint of the development.</p> <p>A watching brief was maintained during works associated with the construction of a wind turbine and associated access and cabling works (Fig. 2). The base of the wind turbine was approximately 4m long and 4m wide, extending to a depth of 1.6m. The work associated with the cable trench was on average 0.5m wide and between 0.6-1m deep. These revealed a simple deposit sequence extending across the entire site:</p> <p>0 -0.2m mid brown silty clay (topsoil - 100) 0.2m+ mid yellowish orange clay and shillet (natural subsoil - 101)</p> <p>Conclusion:</p> <p>No deposits, features or dating evidence indicative of archaeological activity was found. The lack of pottery and lithics from the site, despite examination of spoil heaps, further indicates that the site is archaeologically sterile. This is the only report on these works.</p> <p>Project archive and OASIS entry</p> <p>A project archive will not be produced (as agreed with Bill Horner, Archaeologist, DCHET, 16th January 2014). A summary of the archaeological investigations has been submitted to the on-line archaeological database OASIS (Online AccesS to the Index of archaeological InterventionS).</p>		
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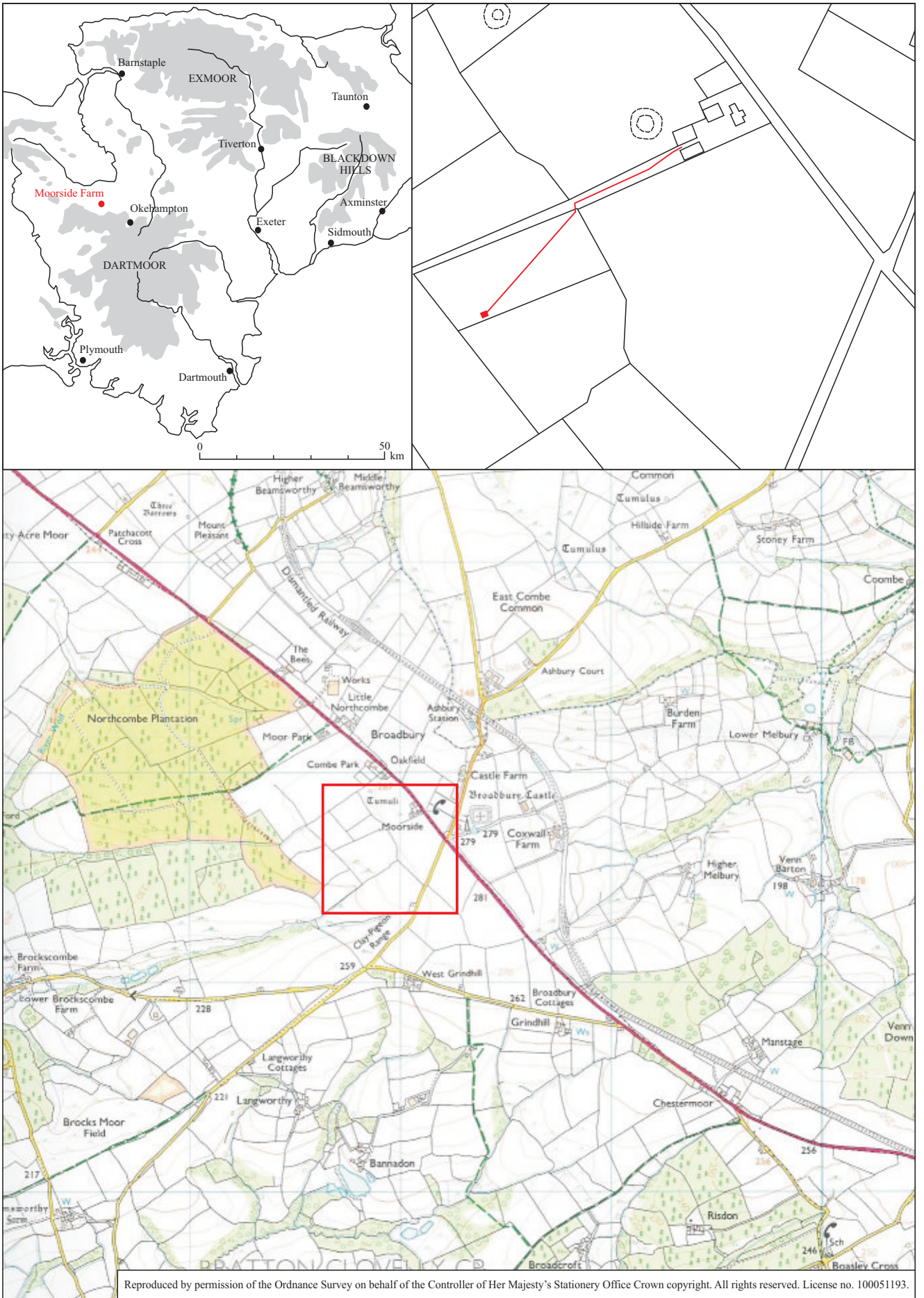


Fig. 1 Location of site.

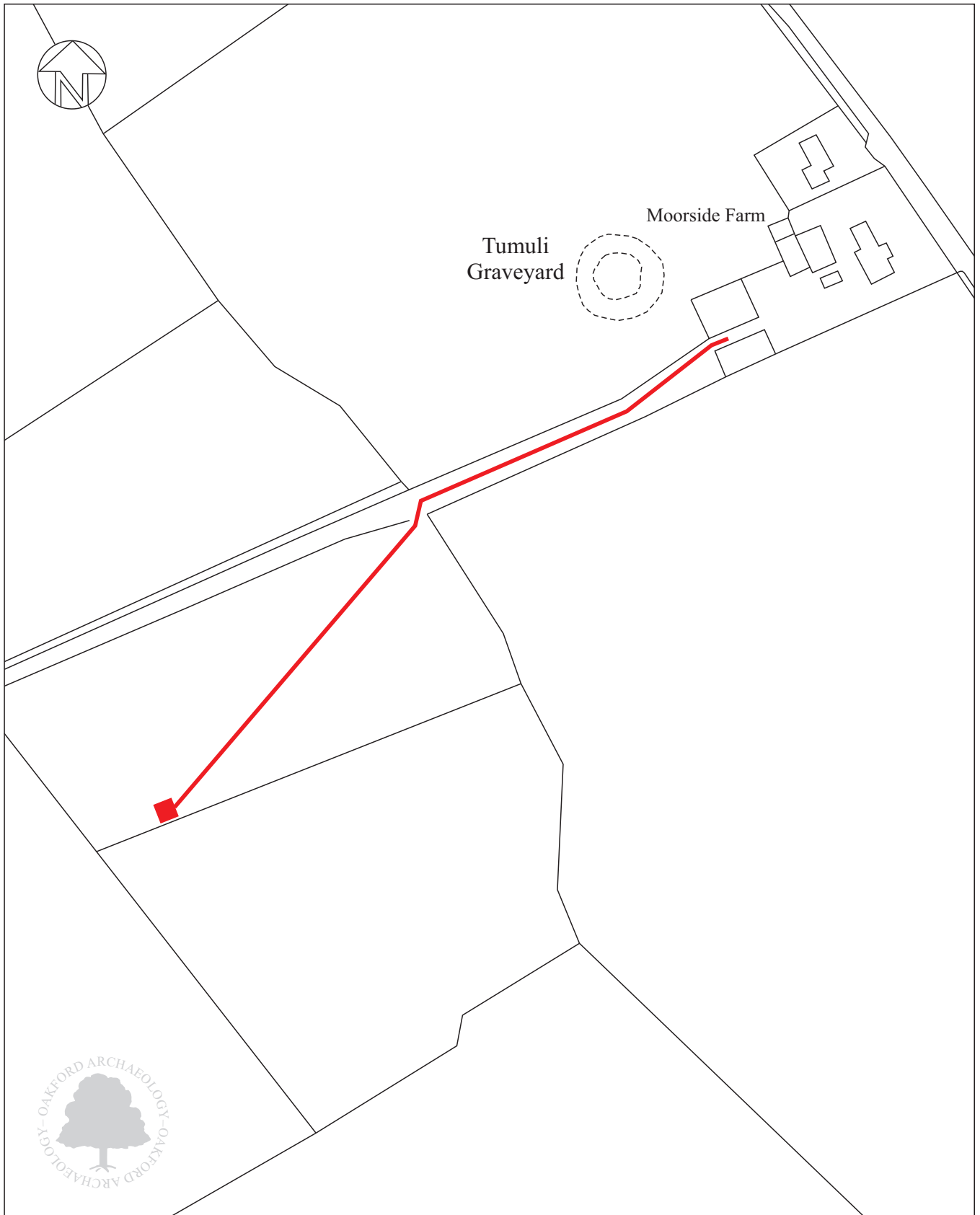


Fig. 2 Location of observations.



Pl. 1 General view of wind turbine foundation showing depth of topsoil (100) and underlying natural subsoil (101). Looking northeast.



Pl. 2 General view of cable trench from farmyard showing modern made ground in foreground. Looking southwest.