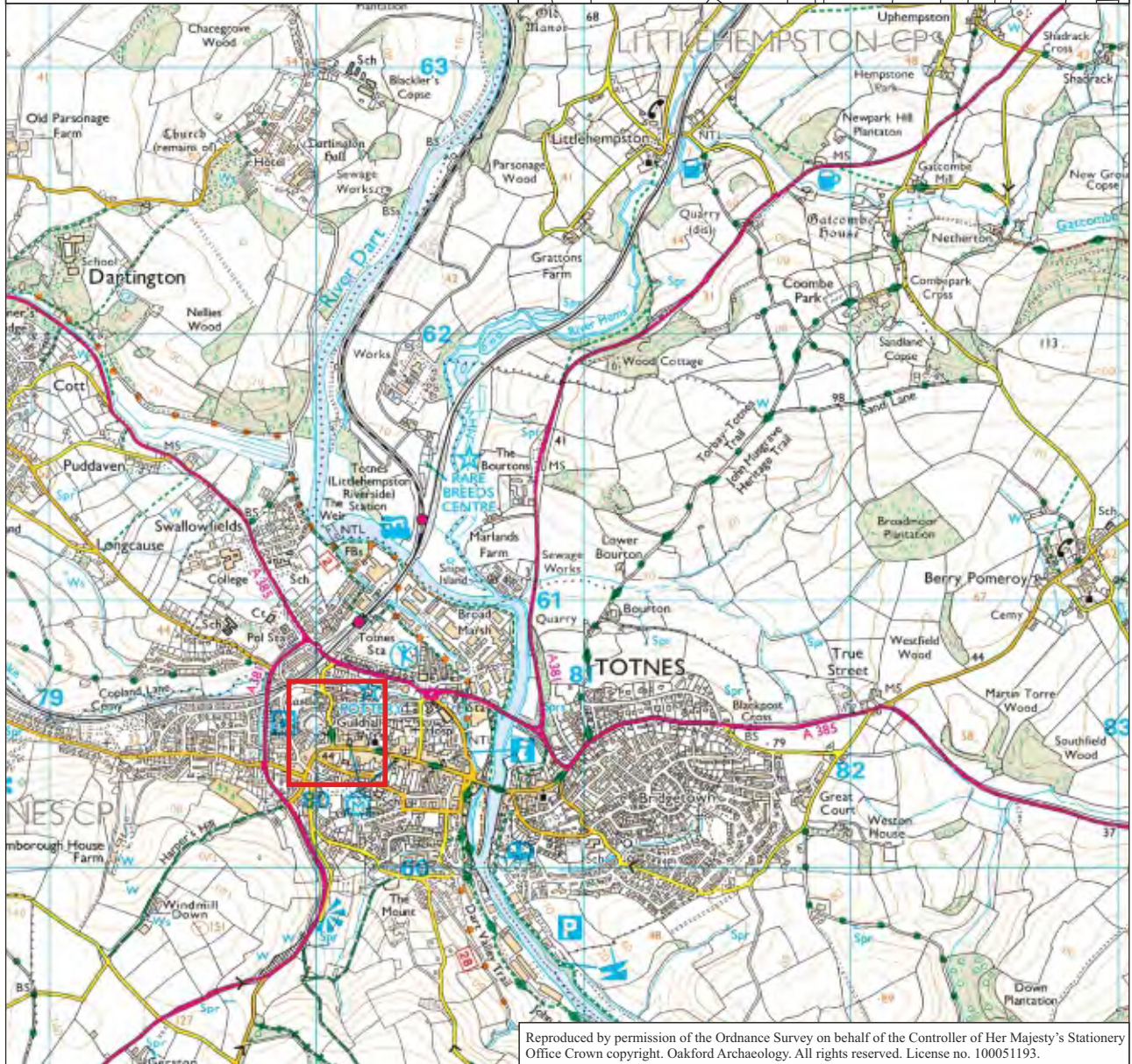
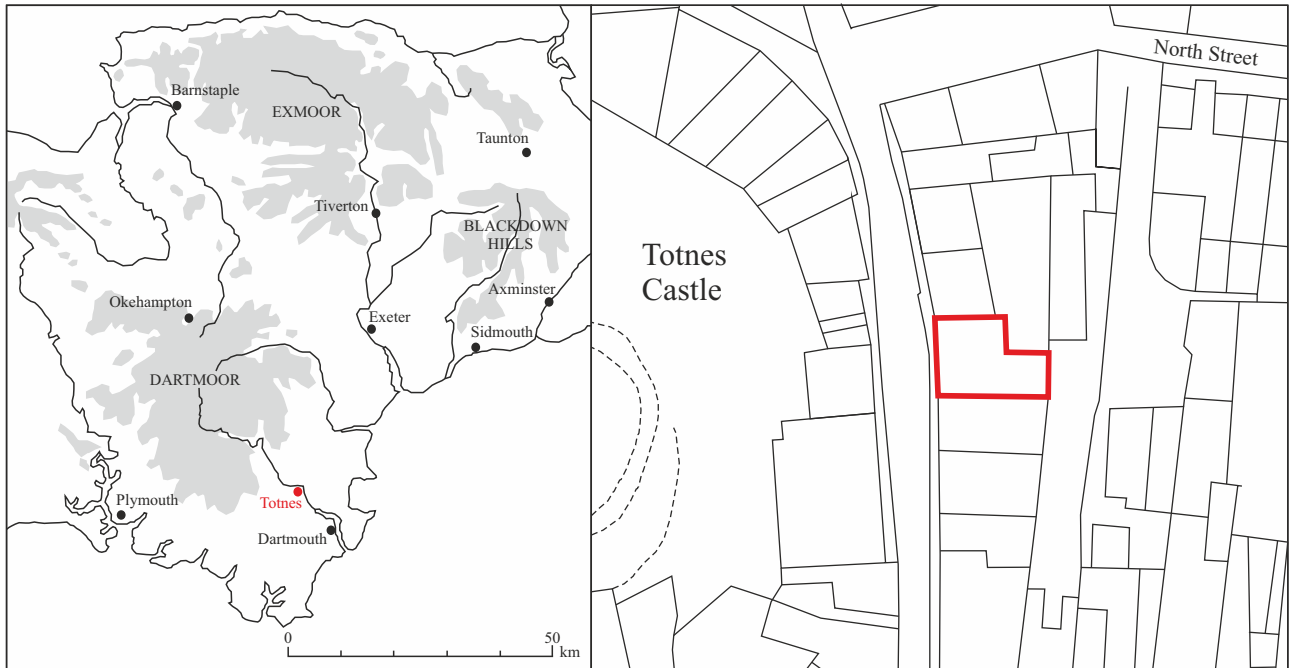


Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Totnes, South Hams	National Grid Reference: SX 8007 6049	Number:
Subject: Archaeological monitoring and recording at No. 2 Castle Street, Totnes, Devon.		Photo attached: Y
Planning Application no: 56/1319/15/F and 56/1320/15/LB	Recipient museum: n/a	
OASIS ID: oakforda1-246934	Museum Reference no: n/a	
Contractor's reference number/code: OA1293	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 15/03 and 23/03/2016	
<p>Description of works: An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Oakford Archaeology in March 2016 on works associated with the extension of the existing dwelling at 2 Castle Street, Devon (SX 8007 6049). The work was required by South Hams District Council (SHDC) as advised by the Devon County Historic Environment Team (DCHET).</p> <p>The site (Fig. 1) lies in the core of the historic town of Totnes, immediately to the east of the Castle. Totnes was founded in the 10th century as one of four Late Saxon fortified towns or <i>burhs</i> in Devon. Situated on a sloping ridge on the west side of the River Dart, it occupies a defensible site overlooking an important river crossing. Initially the defences comprised an earthen bank which was probably furnished with a timber front revetment and surmounted by a walkway. The rampart was later provided with a substantial stone front revetment wall, possibly in the 11th century. The line of the defences can be traced in the present street plan, which largely reflects the original late Saxon layout. The defences defined an oval enclosure sub-divided internally to form large burgage plots fronting on the High Street and stretching back to the rear of the rampart on each side to the north and south. These have been internally subdivided in later periods to accommodate an increasing density of buildings.</p> <p>Results: A watching brief was maintained during the removal of existing concrete flooring (Fig. 2) covering an area approximately 11m long, 5.5m wide and extending to a depth of 0.15-0.3m. Inspection of the exposed area showed no evidence of archaeological activity, revealing instead the terraced shale bedrock.</p> <p>Conclusion: No features, deposits or dating evidence were found to indicate archaeological activity within the area of the development.</p> <p>OASIS entry Due to the limited nature of the findings a project archive will not be produced. A summary of the investigations has been submitted to the on-line archaeological database OASIS (Online Access to the Index of archaeological InterventionS).</p>		
Recorder: MFR Steinmetzer (Oakford Archaeology)		Date sent to HER:



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Fig. 1 Location of site.

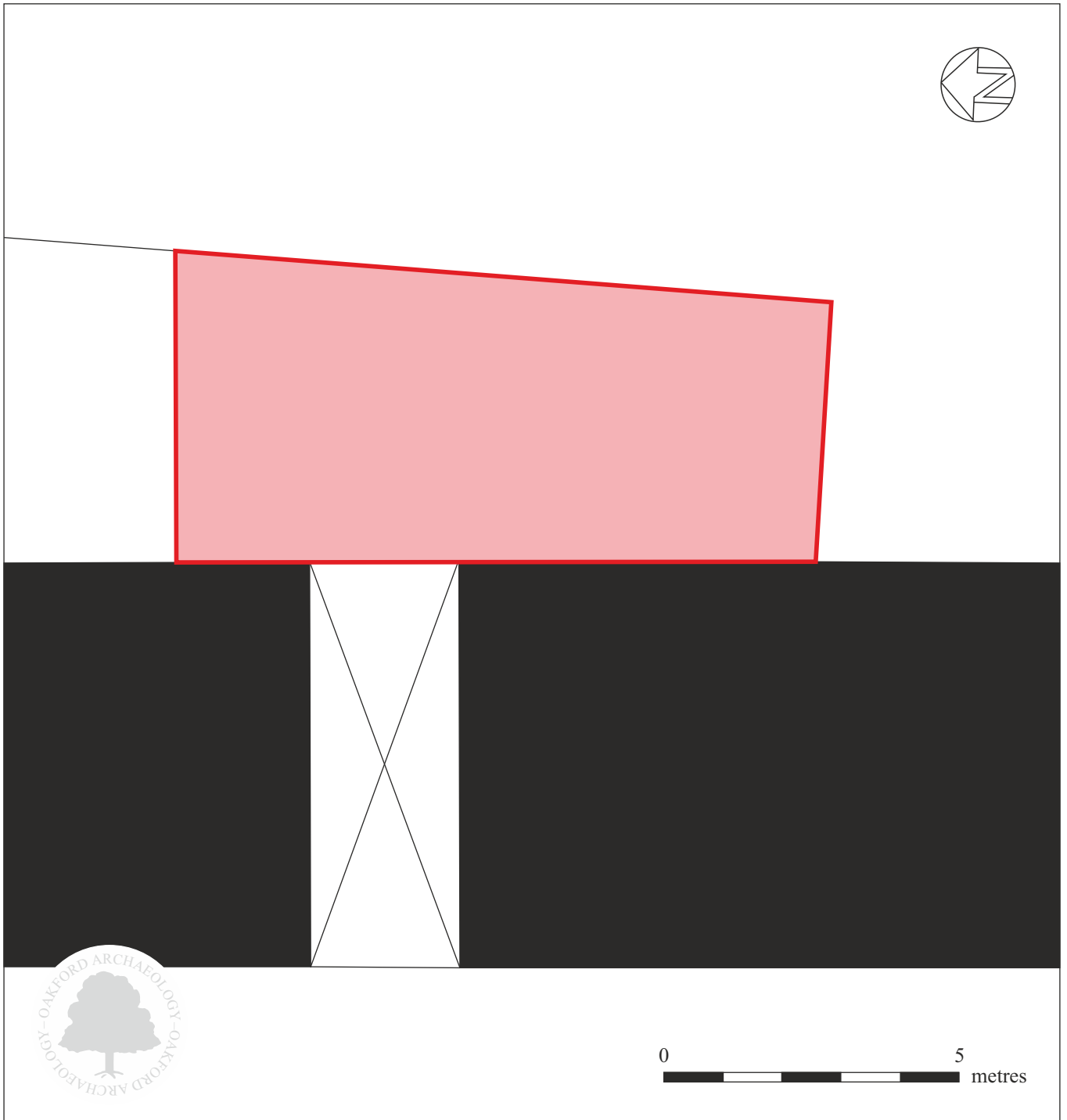


Fig. 2 Plan showing location of observations.