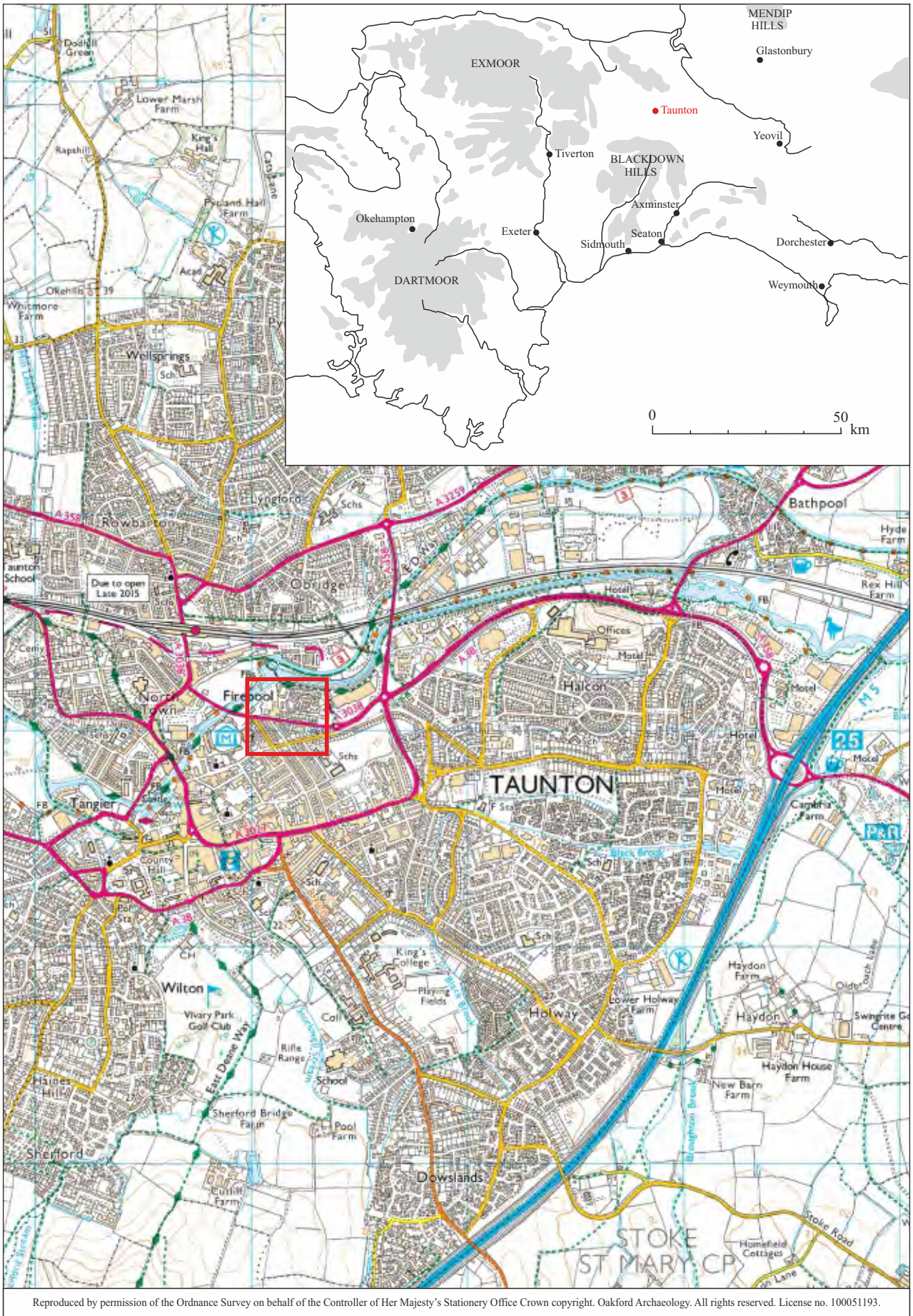


Somerset County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Taunton, Taunton Deane	National Grid Reference: ST 2317 2506	Number:
Subject: Archaeological monitoring and recording on land behind 66-68 Priory Bridge Road, Taunton, Somerset.		Photo attached: N
Planning Application no: 38/14/0209	Recipient museum: n/a	
OASIS ID: oakforda1-255361	Museum Reference no: n/a	
Contractor's reference number/code: OA1307	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 13/04 and 25/05/2016	
<p>Background</p> <p>An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Oakford Archaeology for RGB Spiller between April and May 2016 on works associated with the construction of 9 flats and associated works on land behind 66-68 Priory Bridge Road, Taunton, Somerset (ST 2317 2506). The work was required by Taunton Deane Borough Council (TDBC), as advised by the Somerset County Historic Environment Team (SCHET).</p> <p>The site lies on the edge of the historic core of Taunton, within the precinct of the Augustinian Priory of St Peter and St Paul, and was undeveloped until the beginning of the 20th century. Although it was anticipated that the foundations of the proposed building would be relatively shallow, it was considered possible that archaeological features and/or deposits relating to the medieval Augustinian Priory of St Peter and St Paul might survive within the footprint of the development</p> <p>Description of the works</p> <p>A watching brief was maintained during the removal of the existing concrete beam foundations and excavation of the new foundations. The former were relatively shallow and had been built within a layer of modern made ground. The excavation of foundation trenches, 0.85m in width and 0.5m in depth, was mainly contained within the existing modern made ground. The base of the foundations revealed the top of alluvial deposits identified in 2009 on the adjacent site (Steinmetzer 2009). The new development was constructed at a raised level due to potential flooding issues and the new car parking at the rear of the site was made up to a height of approximately 1m.</p> <p>Conclusion:</p> <p>No features, deposits or dating evidence were found to indicate archaeological activity within the area of the development.</p> <p>Bibliography</p> <p>Steinmetzer, M. 2009 <i>Archaeological monitoring at the ROAB Club, Priory Bridge Road, Taunton, Somerset</i>. Unpublished Exeter Archaeology report No: EA 6722.</p> <p>OASIS entry</p> <p>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>		
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Fig. 1 Location of site

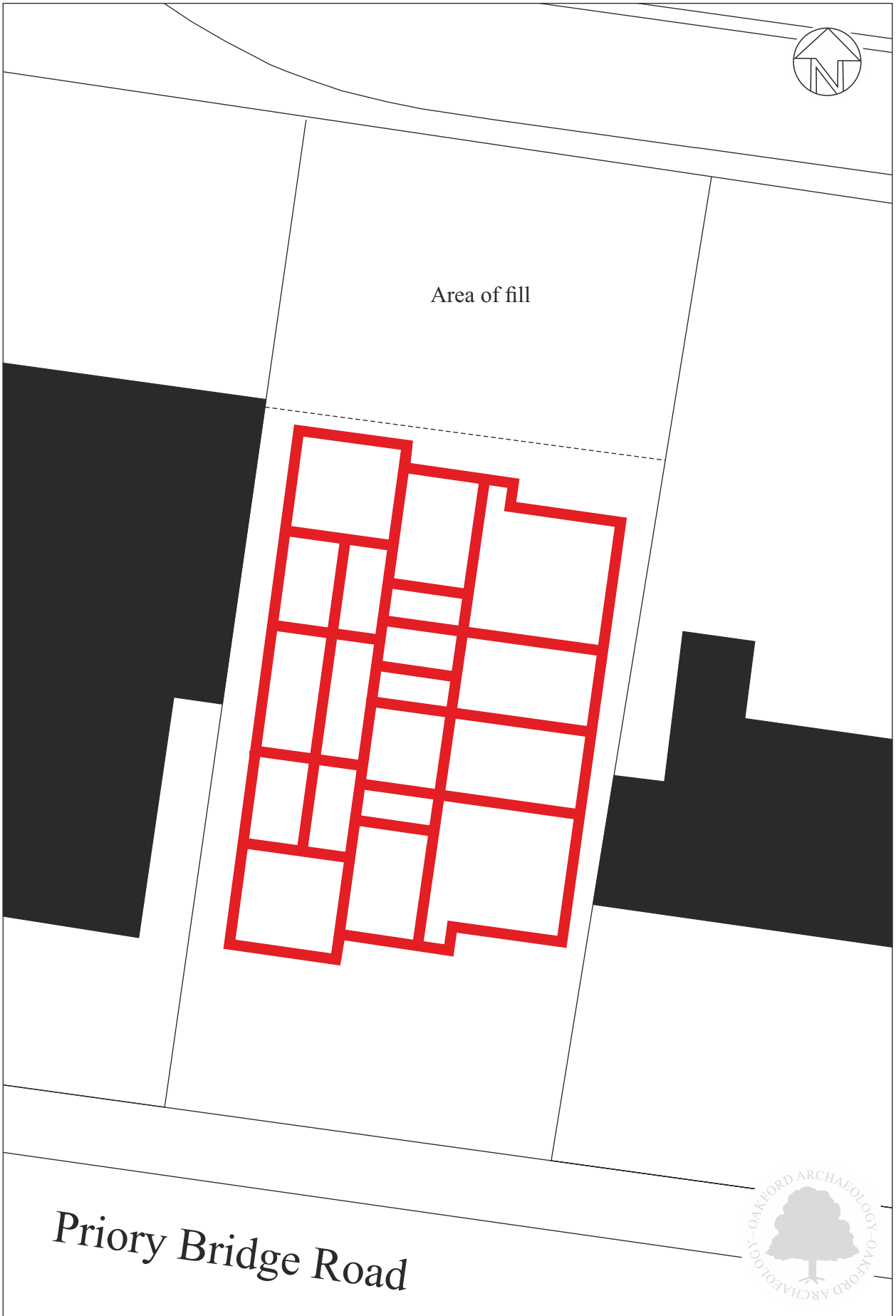


Fig. 2 Plan showing location of observations.