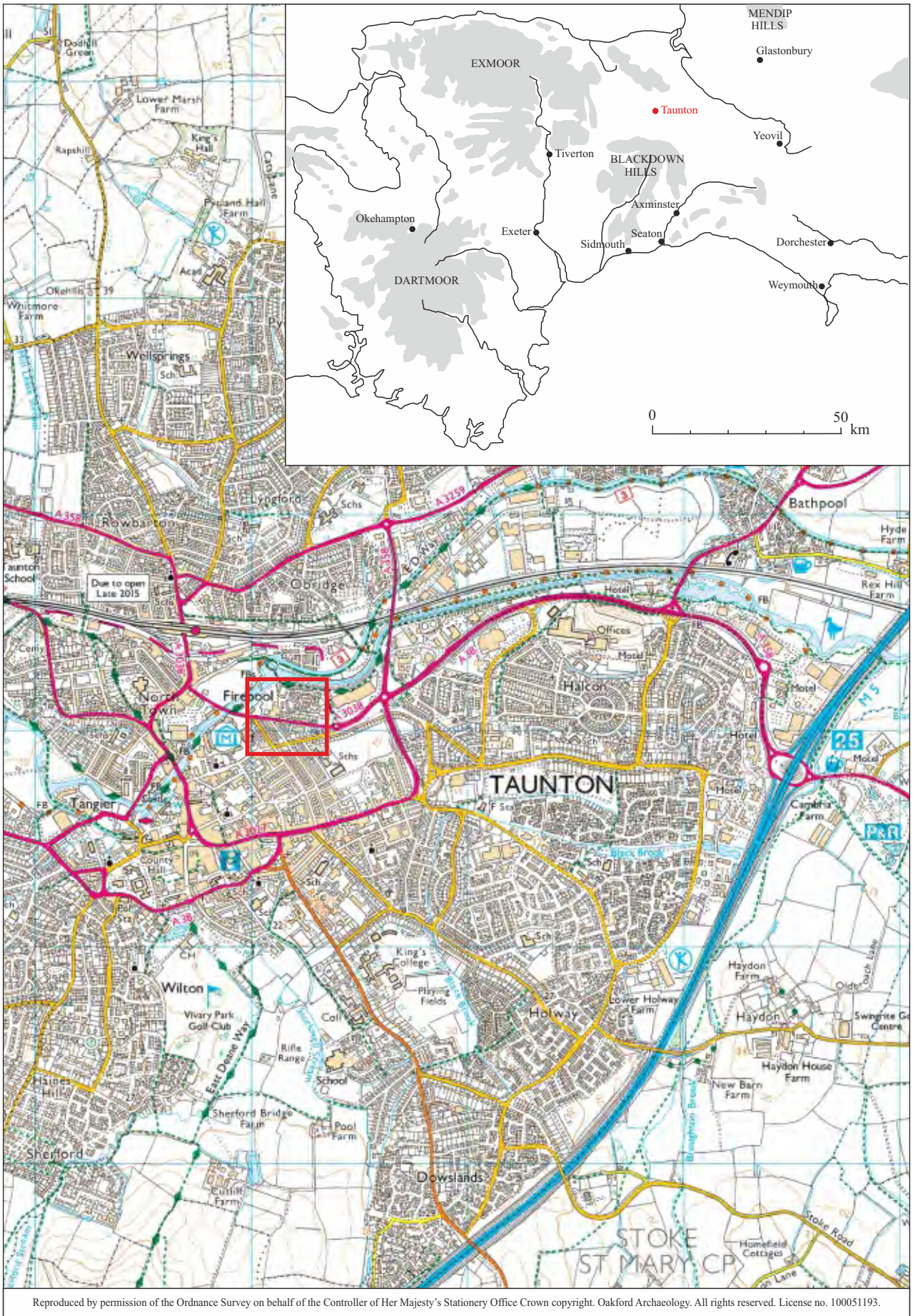


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| Civil Parish & District: Taunton, Taunton Deane | National Grid Reference: ST 2312 2507 | Number: |
| Subject: Archaeological monitoring and recording on land behind 78-80 Priory Bridge Road, Taunton, Somerset. | | Photo attached: N |
| Planning Application no: 38/14/0348 | Recipient museum: n/a | |
| OASIS ID: oakforda1-268410 | Museum Reference no: n/a | |
| Contractor's reference number/code: OA1316 | Dates fieldwork undertaken: 17/08/2016 | |
| <p>Background</p> <p>An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Oakford Archaeology for Harold Tottle and Sons in August 2016 on works associated with the construction of 4 dwellings and associated works on land behind 78 Priory Bridge Road, Taunton, Somerset (ST 2312 2507). 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 excavation of the new foundations. Due to potential flooding issues the new development was constructed at a raised level on piled foundations. The foundation trenches for the ground beams were relatively shallow, 0.5m in width and 0.6m in depth, and partially contained within modern made ground. The base of the foundations revealed the top of alluvial deposits identified in 2009 at the ROAB Club (Steinmetzer 2009) and in 2016 on land behind 66-68 Priory Bridge Road (Steinmetzer 2016).</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 Unpublished Exeter Archaeology Report No: EA 6722.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>Steinmetzer, M. 2016 <i>Archaeological monitoring and recording on land behind 66-68 Priory Bridge Road, Taunton, Somerset</i>. Unpublished Oakford Archaeology Report No: OA 1306.</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

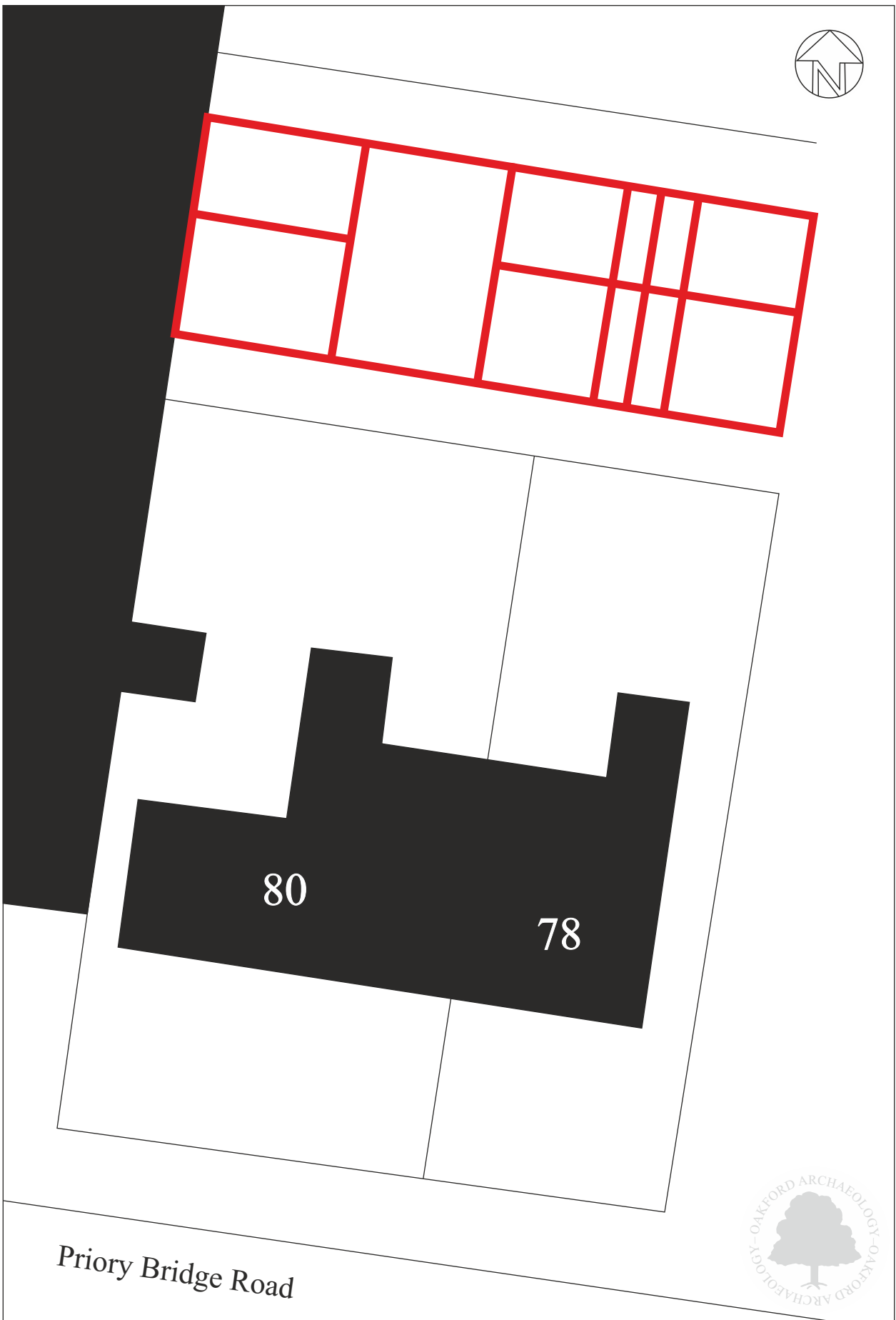


Fig. 2 Plan showing location of observations.