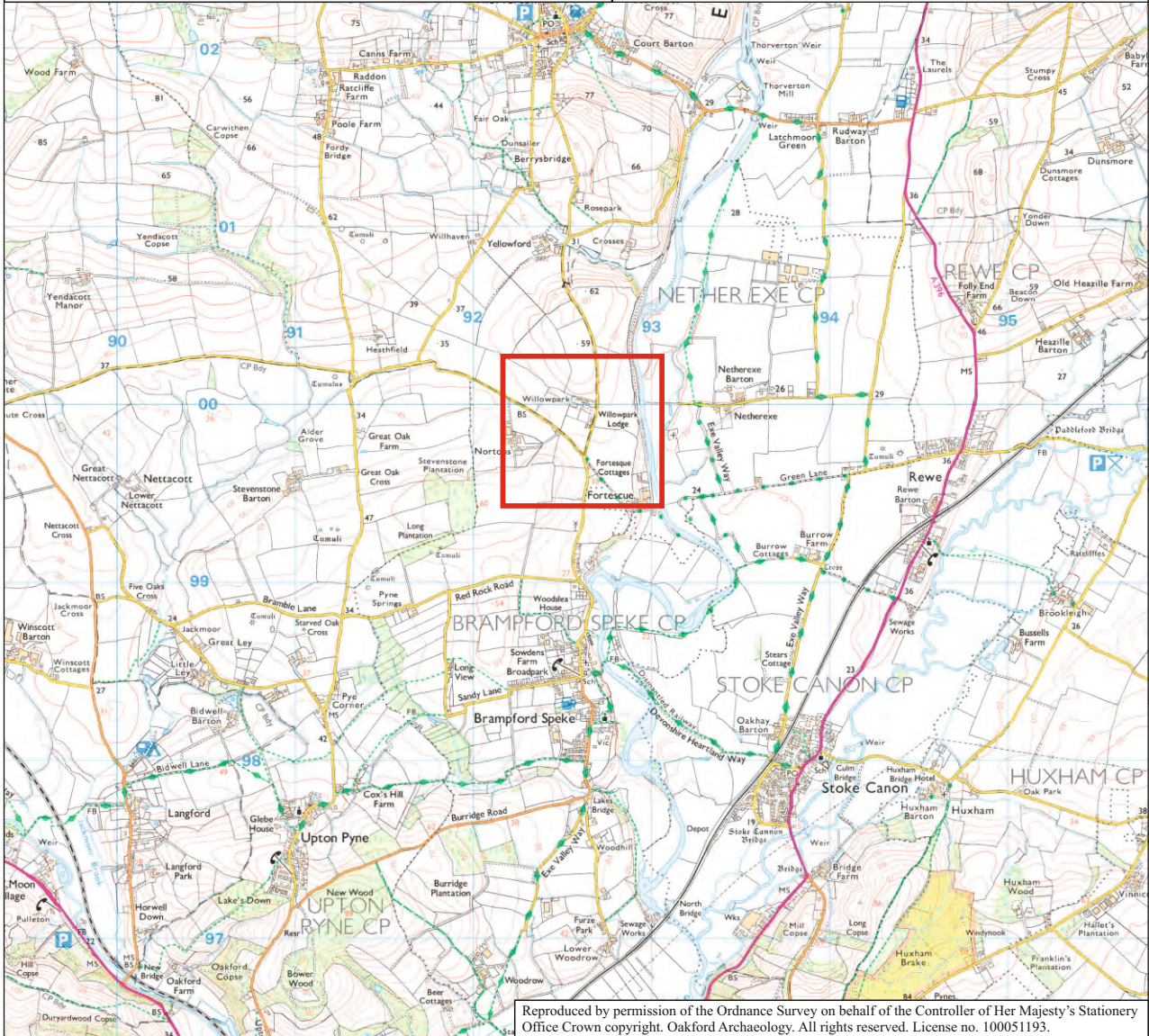
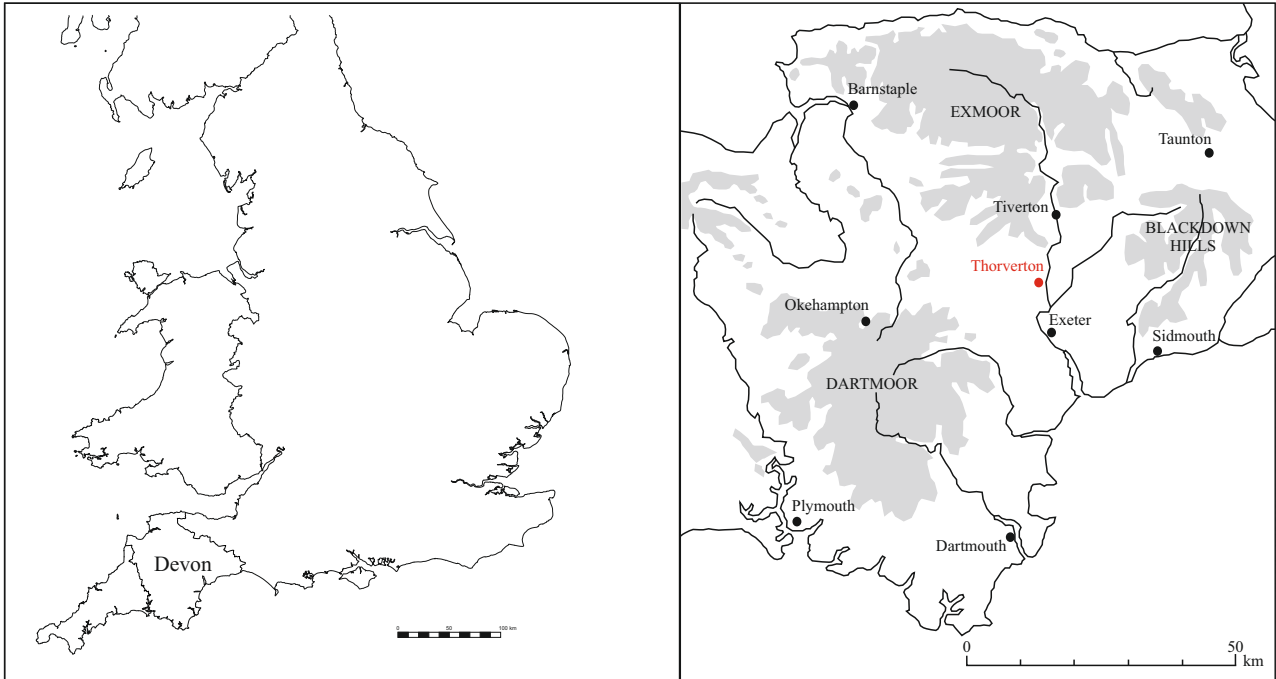


Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Thorverton, Mid Devon	National Grid Reference: SX 9263 9985	Number:
Subject: Archaeological monitoring on land at Lodge Farm, Thorverton, Devon.		Photo attached: Y
Planning Application no: 20/02072/FULL	Recipient museum: n/a	
OASIS ID: oakforda1-417626	Museum Accession no: n/a	
Contractor's reference number/code: OA1766	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 03-05/11/2021	
<p>Description of works: An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Oakford Archaeology in November 2021 on land at Lodge Farm, Thorverton, Devon (SX 9263 9985). The site (Fig. 1) in an area of high archaeological potential, with prehistoric and/or Romano-British settlement activity identified in the form of cropmarks through aerial photography. The work was therefore required by Mid Devon District Council (MDDC), as advised by the Devon County Historic Environment Team (DCHET).</p> <p>Results: A watching brief was maintained during initial ground reductions and the subsequent excavation of the foundations for the new buildings, totalling approximately 205m in length, 0.75m wide and up to 1.2m deep.</p> <p>The work exposed a mid red clayey sand (100), interpreted as a natural subsoil, at a depth of 0.4m below ground level. This was overlain by a mid reddish brown sandy clay (100) topsoil. A very small collection of archaeological material, consisting of a single sherd of South Somerset coarseware (18th-19th century) and eight sherds of industrial whiteware including blue and white transfer ware (post-1780) and possibly the result of manuring, was recovered from the topsoil.</p> <p>Conclusion: No deposits, features or dating evidence indicative of archaeological activity was found. The lack of pottery and other artefacts 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 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.

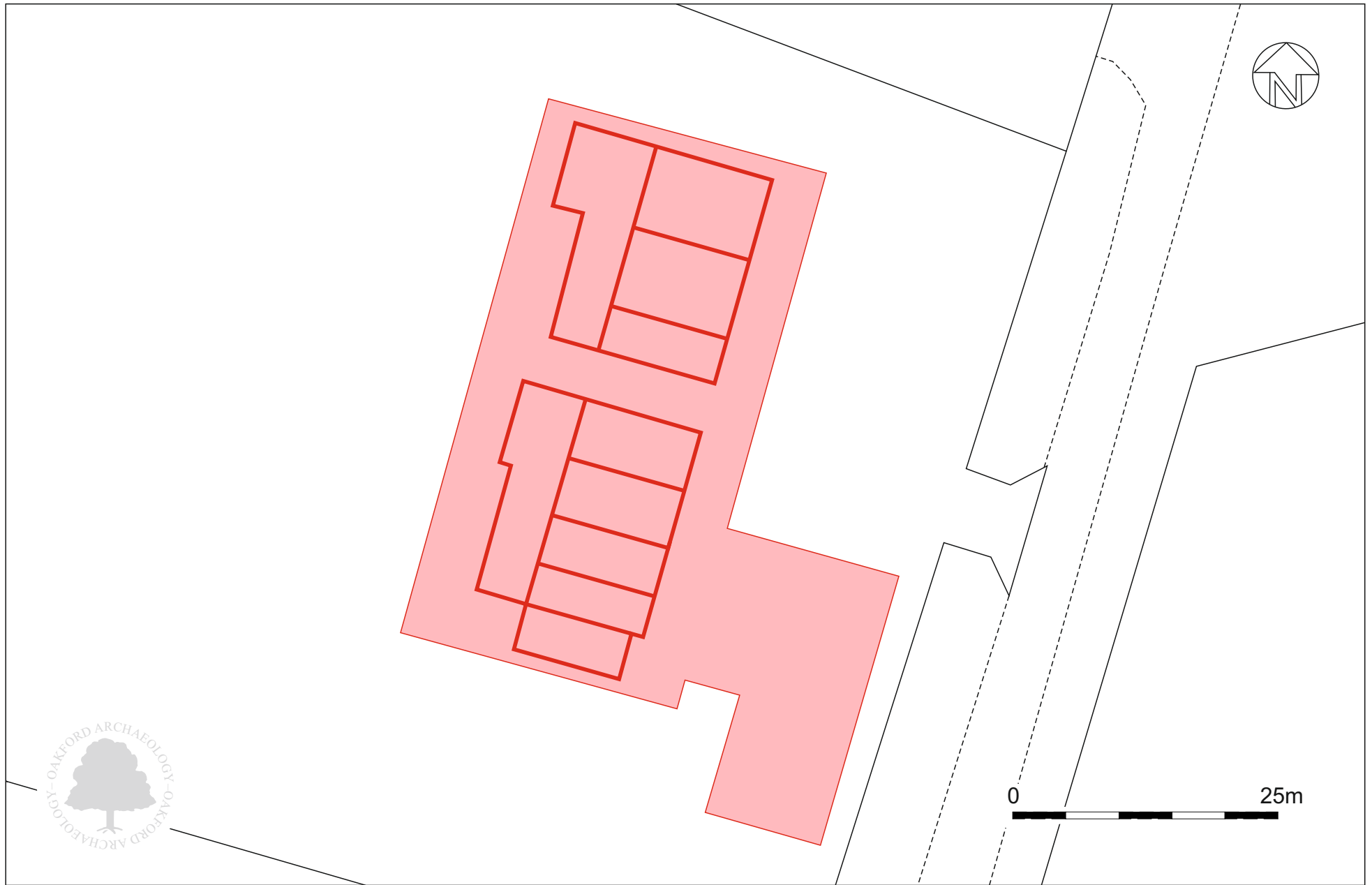


Fig. 2 Plan showing location of observations.



Pl. 1 General view of the two sets of foundations. Looking north.



Pl. 2 Sample section showing deposit sequence of topsoil (100) above natural subsoil (101). Looking west.



Pl. 3 General view of the soil strip for the access road and southern garage. Looking south.