

### **Summary**

*An instrument survey was carried out at a site off Habberley Road in Wribbenhall, near Bewdley, Worcestershire. The survey was undertaken in order to plot the location of potential earthworks referred to in the archaeological brief prepared by Worcestershire County Council, and in advance of development proposals by David Wilson Homes.*

### **Method**

A Nikon C-100 Total Station and FM700 Data Logger were used to plot the earthworks. The results were subsequently downloaded into Penmap software, where they were edited before being imported into Autocad and merged with the Autocad survey of the land, provided by David Wilson Homes.

Survey Stations relating to the National Grid and originally put in by the surveyors for David Wilson Homes were used to carry out the survey, as well as stations put in by BUFAU.

### **Measured Features**

#### ***Mound***

A possible mound lying just south of the garden enclosure was plotted in. This was surrounded by six trees and was located in the area of the fenced-off enclosure shown on the Ordnance Survey maps between about 1903 and 1966, as described in the desk-based assessment.

The outer slope of the mound comprised a very gradual slope with a height difference between top and bottom of approximately 0.20m to 0.60m in the south-east. There was a slightly more pronounced slope in the centre of the mound which rose another 0.20-0.30m from the top of the outer slope. The mound was oval in shape, although its eastern edge was difficult to define accurately. Its diameter from north to south was just over 10m and from east to west approximately 15m. The ground to the east also looked as if it may have been slightly raised from the surrounding ground but it was perhaps more likely that this was natural slope, and that the rough ground and nettle growth under the trees produced the effect of a slight mound.

#### ***Linear Bank***

South of the driveway to the house, a linear dip in the ground was surveyed. The extent of this feature that could be seen well enough to be plotted ran roughly northwest-southeast for about 30m then curved very slightly westwards for about 20m. From the top of the feature to the bottom the difference in height ranged from about 0.20-0.40m along the west side and about 0.20-0.30m on the east side. This dip in the ground probably corresponds to a field boundary noted on the 1924 Ordnance Survey map, and also seen on the aerial photograph of the land.

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### **The Garden**

On the site, the land slopes generally down to the south and east and the house and garden are built on the highest point in the north-west corner of the site. Due to the slope in ground level, the garden has been terraced off in order to create a flat lawn. The edges of this lawn slope down to the edge of the garden, which is fenced off and partly surrounded by trees. This slope was surveyed.

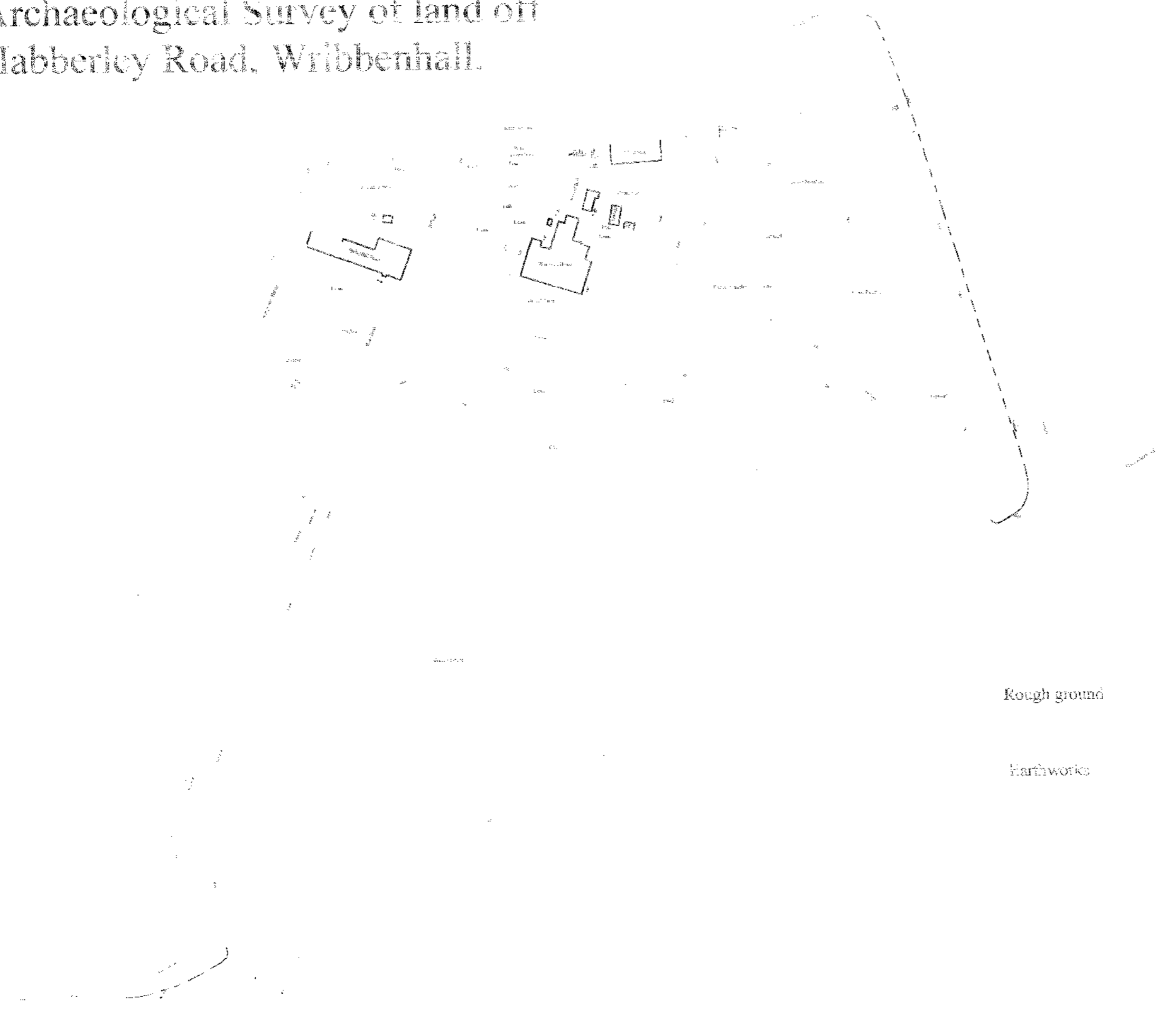
### **South-East Edge of Site**

Here, the ground is sloped down towards the road. The difference in height was found to be about 0.40m to 1.5m at its highest point. Another linear bank was surveyed in the southernmost corner of the site. This was about 30m in length and ran approximately east-west. The difference in height from top to bottom was about 1.0m. This probably corresponds to a possible enclosure line noted on the 1903 Ordnance Survey map.

### **Results**

The results were downloaded and processed in Pennap software and then Autocad, where they were merged with the general topographical survey of the site already produced by David Wilson Homes. This plan was then altered to remove some of the unnecessary graphics layers.

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Rough ground

Earthworks