

**NORTHERN ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATES LTD.
LOANSDEAN, MORPETH
NEGATIVE WATCHING BRIEF REPORT**

Site name: Loansdean, Morpeth

Grid reference: NZ 1982 8415 (Fig. 1)

Parish: Morpeth

District: Morpeth

County: Northumberland

Administrative authority: Northumberland County Council

Development: Housing

Client: Bellway Homes Limited (North East)

Contractor: Fred Mence (Construction) Ltd

Planning application reference: 11/02454/FUL (NC Ref.: CM 16/20:13244)

Site supervisor: Alan Teasdale

Project manager: Matthew Town

Date(s): July 2015 – June 2019

NAA project number: 1268

Site code: LDM16

Reasons for watching brief:

The topsoil stripping for proposed new roads and housing plots was located in the western part of the development area (Fig. 2), where a geophysical survey had identified a number of anomalies, some of which might have been archaeological in origin (Archaeological Services Durham University 2011a). A subsequent programme of archaeological evaluation had identified a small number of undated cut linear features (Archaeological Services Durham University 2011b).

Results:

The monitoring produced no evidence of archaeologically significant features. Former ridge and furrow cultivation was evinced by remains of furrows aligned north to south and spaced approximately 7m apart centre to centre. A stone culvert (Plate 1), which post-dated a system of ceramic 'horseshoe' land drains, was noted on an east to west alignment in the central part of the site. Monitoring of topsoil stripping for some of the proposed roads in the eastern part of

the site, which had previously been conducted by The Brigantia Archaeological Practice during June 2015 (Fig. 2), also produced no evidence of archaeologically significant features.

REFERENCES

The Brigantia Archaeological Practice (2011), *Archaeological Assessment of Land at Loansdean, Morpeth, Northumberland* unpublished report

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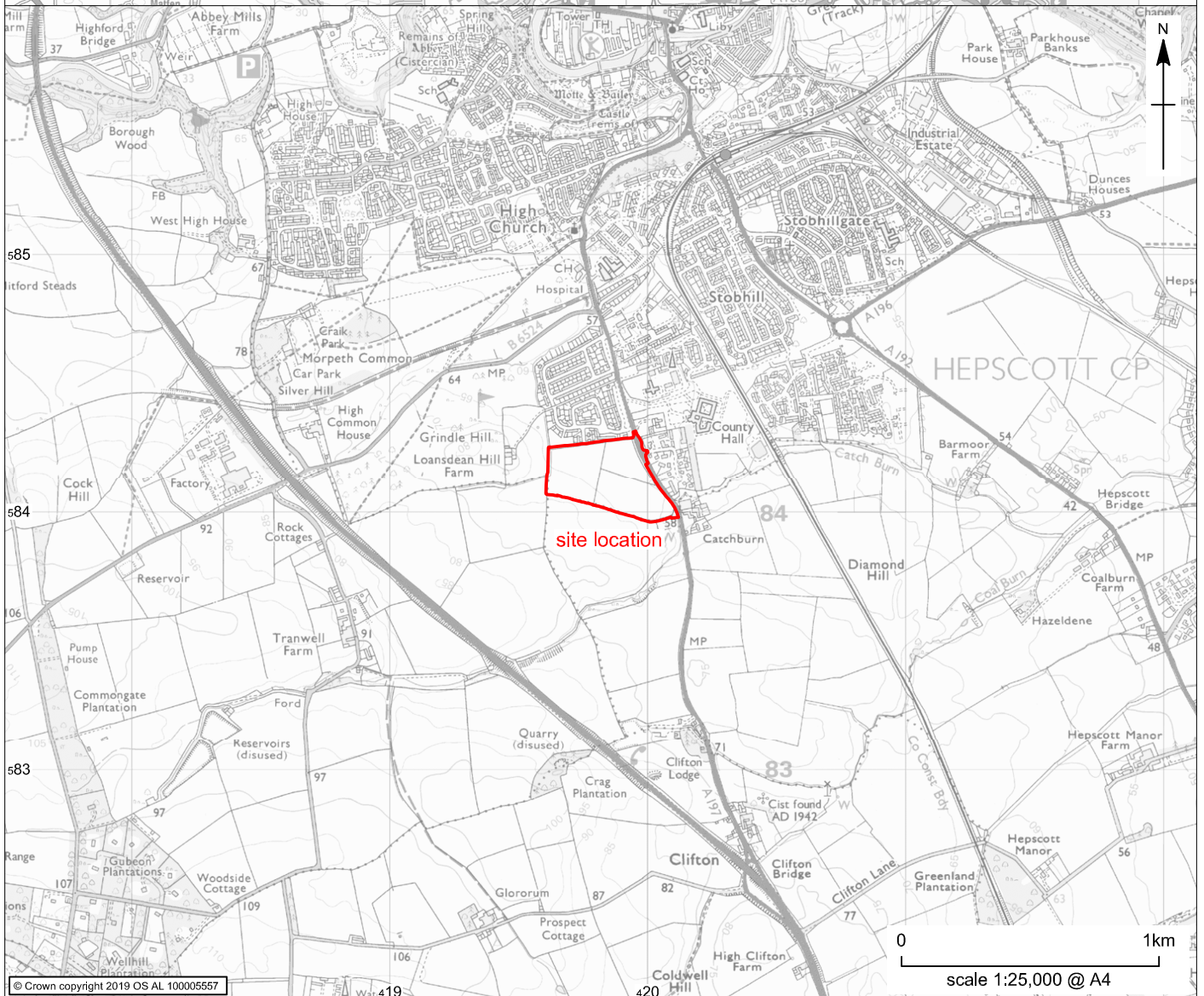
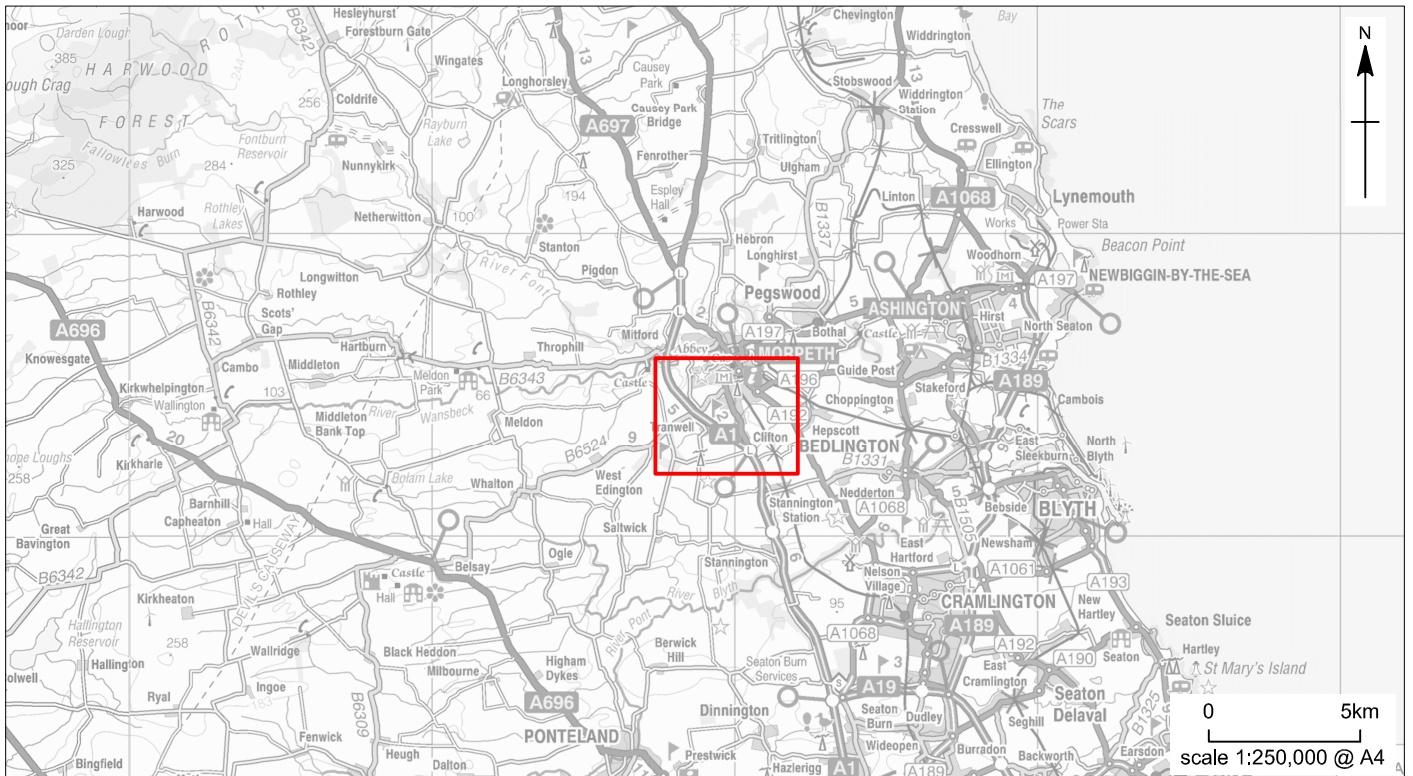
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Plate 1: stone culvert uncovered in 2017

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Loansdean, Morpeth: site location

Figure 1

