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SURFACE WATER SEWER UPGRADE, CUCKOO LANE, HATFIELD

Negative Watching Brief Report

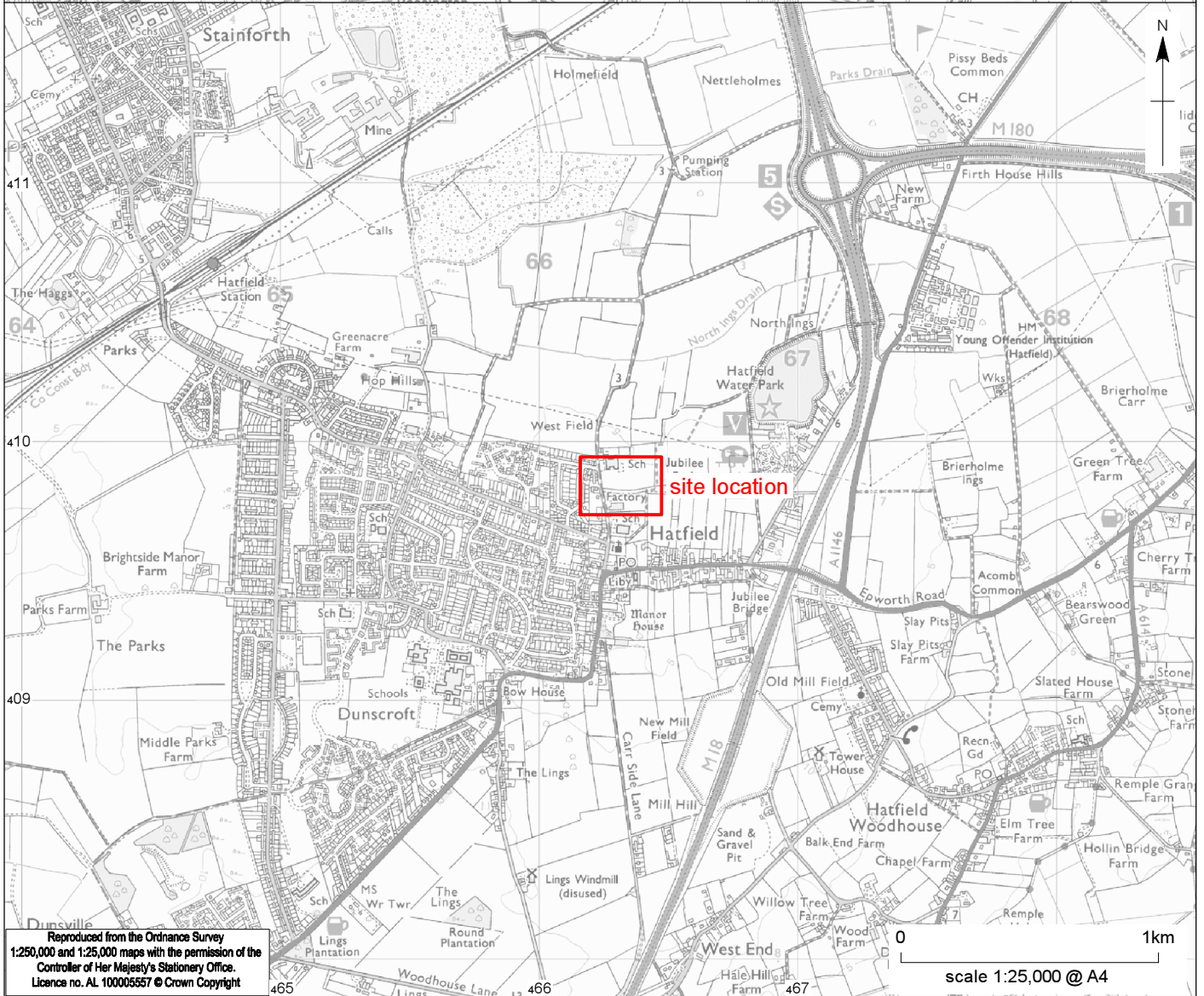
Site name: Cuckoo Lane, Hatfield **Grid reference:** SE 6624 4098
Parish: Hatfield **Borough:** Doncaster
County: South Yorkshire **Development:** Surface water sewer upgrade
Client: Yorkshire Water Services Ltd **Contractor:** J N Bentley Ltd
Monitoring Archaeologist: Chris Pole **Project Manager:** Oliver Cooper
Dates: 18/03/2014, 07/04/2014 **NAA project number:** 1189

Reasons for watching brief: The scheme comprised the construction of an off-line storage pipeline for surface water, and associated pumping station, rising main, valves and manholes. Archaeological monitoring was recommended following the results of a rapid appraisal of the scheme, undertaken by South Yorkshire Archaeology Service, which showed that the site was located at the edge of Hatfield Moor, an area of international importance due to the previous discovery of prehistoric remains including a wooden trackway and settlement activity.

Results: Topsoil stripping was monitored during the creation of a site compound and haul road and along the route of the proposed pipelines (Figure 2). Soilstripping exposed the natural subsoil at a depth of between 0.2m and 0.35m, although this increased to approximately 0.6m towards the southern site boundary. The subsoil consisted of light reddish-brown sand (Plate 1) containing occasional rounded gravel, and with the exception of modern plough scarring, there were no features. Two test pits measuring approximately 0.5m in depth were excavated on the line of the pipe trench; these revealed only further gravelly sand (Plate 2).

The topsoil, consisting of a humic silty sand, produced two sherds of medieval pottery in an orange sandy fabric, one of which was part of a jug handle which bore traces of a green glaze. The pottery was not retained.

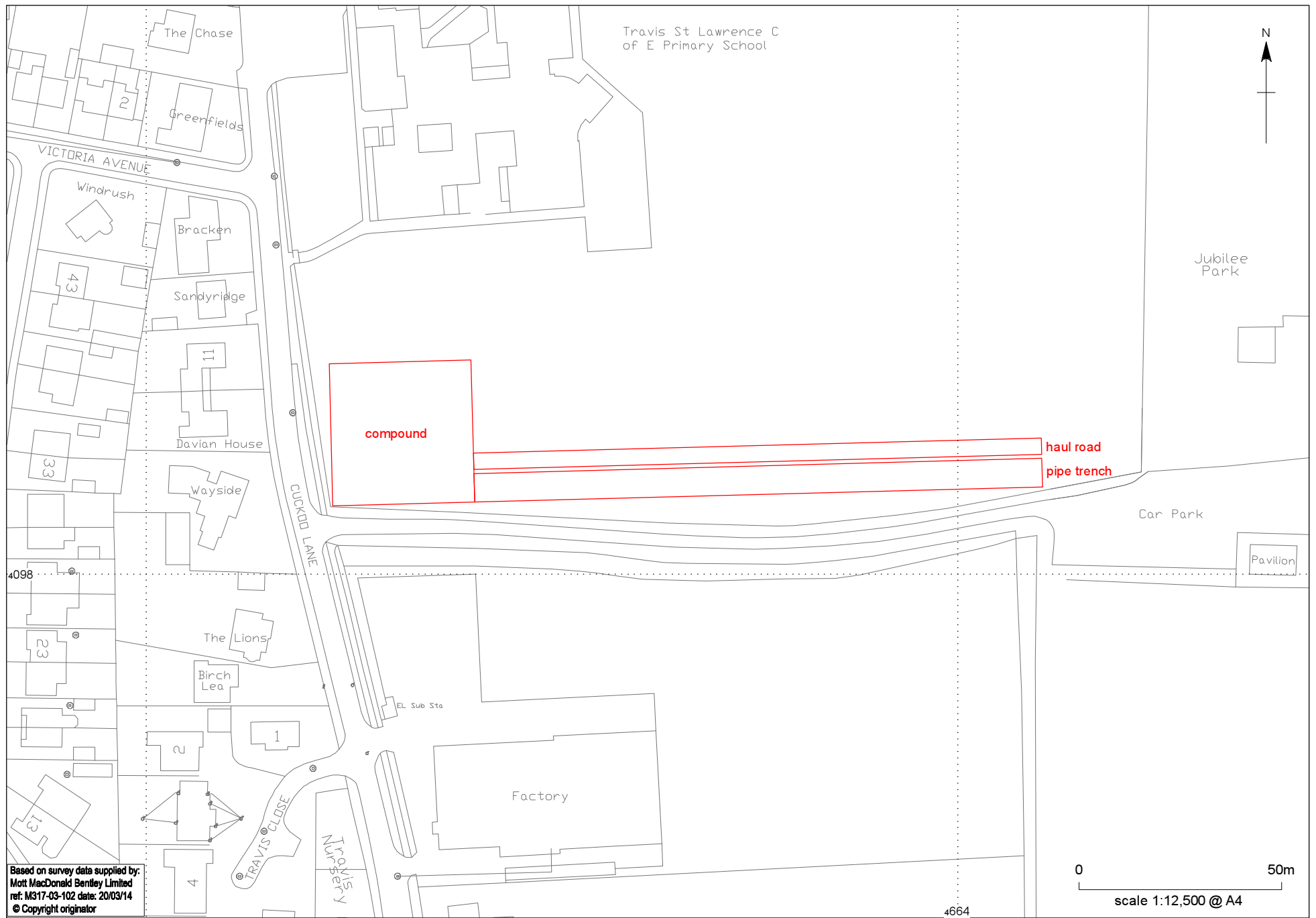
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Cuckoo Lane, Hatfield: site location

Figure 1



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Cuckoo Lane, Hatfield: watching brief area

Figure 2



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Cuckoo Lane, Hatfield: overview of pipe trench

Plate 1



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Cuckoo Lane, Hatfield: test pit into subsoil

Plate 2