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# Interim Statement on Archaeological Evaluation on land immediately to the east of the Manor Lodge, Manor Lane, Sheffield, South Yorkshire



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# Archaeological evaluation on land immediately to the east of the Scheduled Ancient Monument of Manor Lodge, Manor Lane, Sheffield, South Yorkshire

## Interim Statement

ARCUS were commissioned by Green Estate Ltd to carry out an archaeological evaluation on land immediately to the east of the Scheduled Ancient Monument (SAM) of Manor Lodge, Manor Lane, Sheffield, South Yorkshire (**Illustration 1**). South Yorkshire Archaeology Service (SYAS), advisors to the local planning authority, had recommended the need for a programme of exploratory trial trenching to be conducted prior to the determination of planning permission regarding the proposed construction of a visitor centre. A watching brief has also been undertaken during geotechnical test pitting and limited exploratory works on earthworks located north and east of the SAM. These latter works will be reported with the evaluation in a more detailed forthcoming assessment report.

This document is an interim statement briefly summarising the results from five evaluation trenches located along the proposed route of a new access road, car park, and footprint of the visitor centre. The attached plans (**Illustrations 2-4**) show the location of the evaluation trenches overlaid on the 1893, 1923 and 1954 OS maps of the area.

### Trench 1

In Trench 1 (**Plates 1 and 2**) structures relating to cottages located north of the Grade II-listed cruck barn were uncovered immediately beneath the modern ground level. These included sandstone wall foundations and floor surfaces, as well as red brick internal dividing walls and later external additions, related to a sequence of buildings shown on the 1893, 1923 and 1954 OS maps. Slots dug within the footprint of the cottages revealed the presence of a buried soil layer predating the earliest phase of cottage construction.

East of the cottage footprint, a substantial north to south sandstone revetment and boundary wall [1053] was uncovered immediately beneath the modern ground level. Trench 1 was extended north along the line of the wall to determine its extent as part of the watching brief. This wall is shown on the 1893, 1923 and 1954 OS maps.

### Trench 2

Structures relating to the colliery and later works on the site were uncovered at varying depths within Trench 2 (**Plates 3 and 4**). These included red brick and cobblestone surfaces built directly on sandstone bedrock and buried under up to 3.00m of demolition material (north end of trench). The corner of a sandstone boundary wall forming the northwest corner of the area bounded by the revetment and boundary wall [1053] in trench 1 was also uncovered. This boundary wall is shown on the 1893, 1923 and 1954 OS maps.

### Trench 3

Deposits of industrial dumping and made ground comprised the majority of Trench 3 (**Plates 5 and 6**). A buried subsoil layer was preserved beneath the industrial dumping throughout the majority of the trench. The only structure in trench 3, uncovered immediately beneath the modern ground level, was the corner of a sandstone surface which corresponds with a building feature appearing on the 1954 OS map.

#### **Trench 4**

In the north of Trench 4, two linear structures were encountered (**Plate 7**), an east to west sandstone boundary wall built on subsoil and an east to west sandstone drain cut into the sandstone bedrock. The boundary wall is shown on the 1893, 1923 and 1954 OS maps. Demolition material was encountered from immediately below the modern ground level down to the sandstone bedrock. Along the eastern edge this demolition layer lay between the modern topsoil and the remnants of a buried soil and subsoil layer (**Plate 8**).

#### **Trench 5**

Structures relating to the nineteenth- to twentieth-century cottages fronting Manor Lane were uncovered immediately beneath the modern ground level (**Plate 9**). These included sandstone wall foundations, red brick walls, sandstone floor surfaces, concrete surfaces, red brick yard surfaces and a sandstone sett surface. All the structures encountered correspond with features on the 1893, 1923 and 1954 OS maps. Slots dug through these features revealed a buried subsoil layer surviving beneath both the building and yard surfaces (**Plate 10**).

## Illustrations

## Plates



Plate 1 - Trench 1: Viewed facing west (1m scale)



Plate 2 - Trench 1: East face of wall 1003 (1m scale)



Plate 3 - Trench 2: Cobblestone road surface (1m scale)



Plate 4 - Trench 2: Boundary wall corner and later brick surfaces (2m scale)

## Plates



Plate 5 - Trench 3: Viewed facing west (1m scale)



Plate 6 - Trench 3: south facing section (1m scale)



Plate 7 - Trench 4: Viewed facing south (1m scale)



Plate 8 - Trench 4: west facing section (1m scale)

## Plates



Plate 9 - Trench 5: Viewed facing south (1m scale)



Plate 10 - Trench 5: Slot 2 south facing section (1m scale)