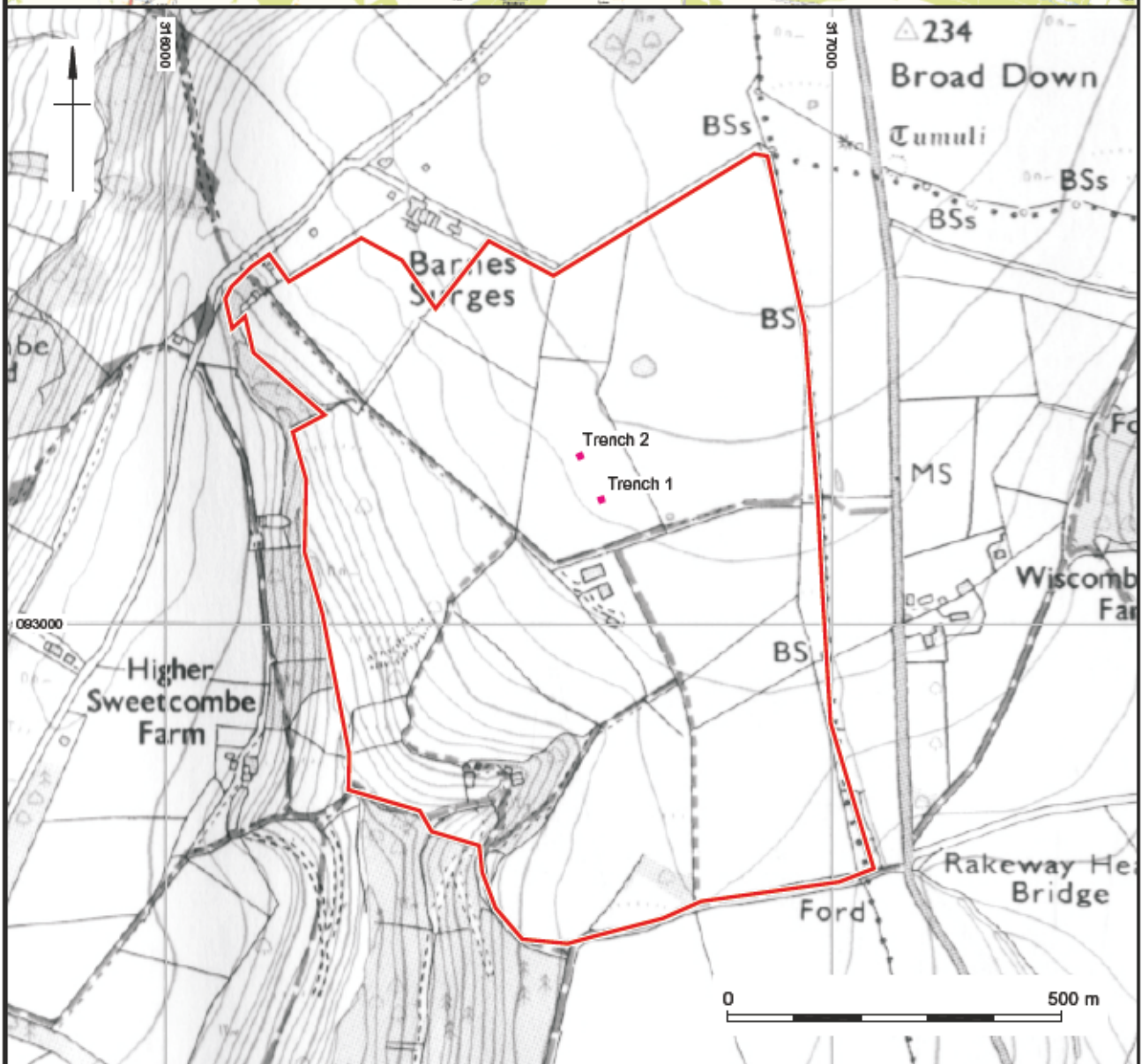


Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Sidmouth C.P	National Grid Reference SY 1661 9330	Number: (Leave blank for HES to fill in)
Subject: Archaeological monitoring of two 5m by 5m foundation bases for two Gaia wind turbines on land at Mincombe Post Farm, Near Sidbury, Sidmouth, Devon		Photo attached? No
Planning Application no: 10/2237/FUL	Recipient museum: Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter	
OASIS ID: wessexarc1-117589	Museum Accession no: Pending	
Contractor's reference number/code: 83910	Dates fieldwork undertaken: Monday 16 January 2012	
<p>Description of works.</p> <p>Wessex Archaeology was commissioned by Greenthinking Renewables, on behalf of their client West Country Renewables to monitor the excavation of two 5m by 5m square foundations (recorded as Trenches 1 and 2) for the bases of two Gaia wind turbines on a site to the north of Mincombe Post Farm. The archaeological monitoring was undertaken as a condition of the planning permission for the turbine installation. The site comprises a single field currently under pasture.</p> <p>Prior to the field work, historic map regression of the site was undertaken. Analysis of the 1845 Tithe Map of the District of Chilston in the Parish of Salcombe Regis held at Devon Records Office Exeter (ref DRO3/3R) identified that the Site was previously three individual enclosures recorded as fields 26, 32 and 33 in the Apportionments. The three fields are described as East Three Acres, Northern Three Acres and Southern Three Acres respectively and under arable cultivation. Analysis of the Ordnance Survey (OS) mapping showed the three fields were present on the 1st edition OS (1890-1891) 1:10,560 map and were still recorded on the OS 1988 1:10,000 map. The current OS map indicates a single field (Figure 1).</p> <p>Trench 1 was centred on NGR 316653, 93187 with a ground-surface height of 222.24m aOD. Trench 1 revealed c. 0.30m of plough soil (101) (mid to dark grey brown silty clay with occasional small sub angular flints <0.05m) sealing the natural geological material (102) (mid yellow clay with grey patches). The geological material was revealed at c. 221.86m aOD. A single NNW-SSE aligned modern land/field drain was identified in Trench 1.</p> <p>Trench 2 was located some 72m to the NNW and centred on NGR 316621, 93252, with a ground surface height of 222.01m aOD and revealed 0.29m of plough soil (201) sealing the natural geology (202). The geology was identified at c. 221.72m aOD. A single NNE-SSW aligned ditch (203) was identified cutting (202). (203) was recorded as 1m wide and 0.20m deep with concave sides and a flattish base and was in-filled with (204); a very dark brown organic silt loam.</p> <p>It was clear that ditch (203) was the NNE-SSW aligned field boundary which separated fields 26 and 32 on the 1845 Tithe map and could be traced from the 1st edition OS map until 1988 (Figure 2). It is possible the boundary is medieval however the ditch and associated hedgerow were removed sometime in the later 20th century.</p> <p>No artefacts were recovered during the archaeological monitoring work.</p>		
<p>A plan as well as any other relevant drawings must be attached showing the location and extent of site, areas investigated and features exposed.</p>		
Recorder: Steve Thompson, Wessex Archaeology		Date sent to HER: 20/03/2012

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- Site
- Trench location

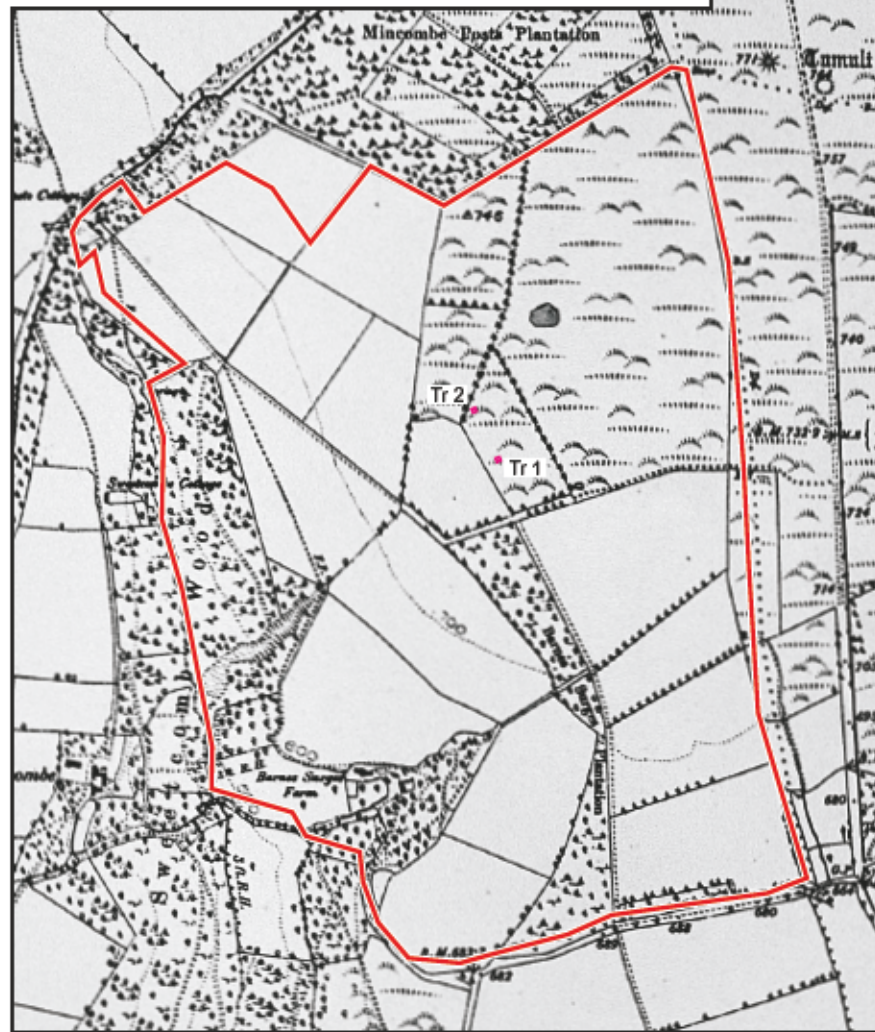
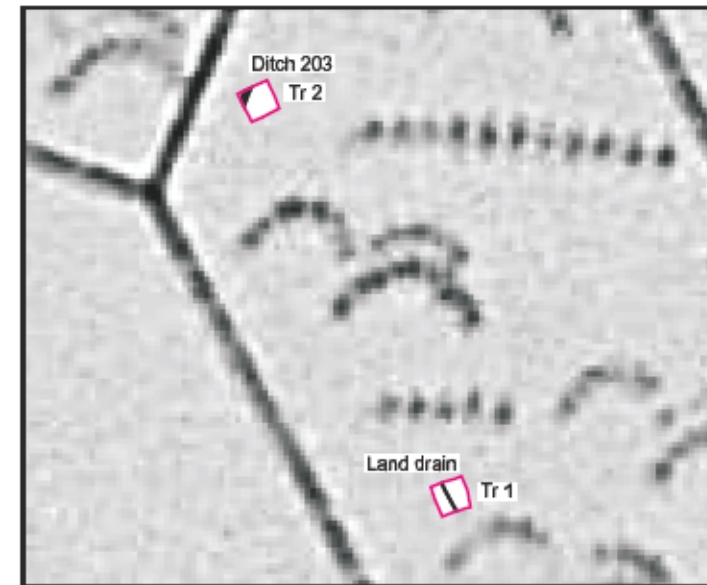
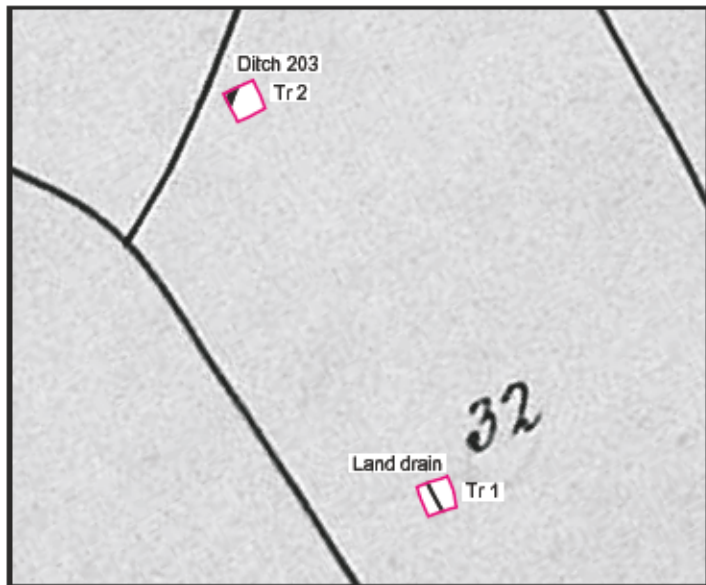


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Site and trench location plan

Figure 1



A. 1845 Tithe Map of District of Chilston in Parish of Salcombe Regis

B. 1890-1891 1st edition OS Map 1:10,560 (sheet LXXXIII NE)

C. 1906 2nd edition OS Map 1:10,560 (sheet LXXXII NE)



- Site
- Trench location
- Archaeological feature

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