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## **Archaeological Evaluation Report**

### **Summary**

Wessex Archaeology was commissioned by Persimmon Homes Wessex to undertake an archaeological evaluation on the former MoD Playing Fields, Old Sarum, Wiltshire, which is proposed for development for residential housing and an associated playing area.

The evaluation consisted of two phases of evaluation, totalling eighteen trenches, each approximately 30m by 1.6m, which were located in a regular array across the site.

The evaluation found no evidence for any archaeological features, deposits or artefacts within the evaluation area.



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## Archaeological Evaluation Report

### 1 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Project background

1.1.1 Wessex Archaeology was commissioned by Persimmon Homes Wessex ('the Client'), to carry out an archaeological trial trench evaluation on land located on the former Ministry of Defence (MoD) Playing Fields, Old Sarum, Wiltshire, centred on National Grid Reference (NGR) 415000, 133800 (hereafter 'the Site') (**Figure 1**).

1.1.2 The Site was included within the original outline planning consent (S/2005/0619) for the proposed residential development at Old Sarum. However, due to access issues, the Site was not included in the initial assessment fieldwork (trial trenching) which was carried out in 2003-5 (Wessex Archaeology 2003, 2004 and 2006). This programme of assessment fieldwork had demonstrated the survival of significant prehistoric remains within the wider Old Sarum development area, which has been the subject of an on-going programme of archaeological mitigation, in the form of targeted excavation and watching brief (Wessex Archaeology 2007).

1.1.3 In 2012, a Reserved Matters Application (S/2012/1679/REM) was approved for the residential development for 44 houses at the Site. The approval came with an attached archaeological condition requiring archaeological evaluation and subsequent mitigation, if appropriate.

1.1.4 A Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) was prepared by Wessex Archaeology (2013) and approved by Wiltshire County Archaeological Service (WCAS) in advancement of the evaluation. This document laid out the methods and standards to be employed throughout the work and in accordance with the *Standards and Guidance for an Archaeological Evaluation* (IfA 2008).

#### 1.2 The Site

1.2.1 The Site occupies an area approximately 3ha in size and lies immediately to the west of the Salisbury City Football ground at the center of the new housing development at Old Sarum. The Site is bounded to the north, south, and west by housing and to the east by the car park associated with Salisbury City Football ground.

1.2.2 The Site comprises a slightly sloping parcel of land currently used as playing fields, at a height of 72.56m above Ordnance Datum (aOD) at the northern edge of the area, rising to 74.28m aOD at the southern edge. The underlying geology of the Site is comprised of Upper Chalk Formation (Geological Survey of England and Wales 1976).





## 2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

### 2.1 Archaeological Background

- 2.1.1 The results of the previous fieldwork, carried out between 2003 and the present day, has been presented in an interim assessment report (Wessex Archaeology 2007). In summary, a small number of isolated groups of important prehistoric remains have been found. These remains largely comprise round barrows dating to the Early and Middle Bronze Age.
- 2.1.2 One important element which was the subject of targeted excavation lay less than 150m to the south-west of the Site and comprised a group of three Early Bronze Age (2400-1500 BC) barrows and a track way constructed in the Middle/Late Bronze Age (1500-700BC) (**Figure 1**).

## 3 METHODOLOGY

### 3.1 Aims and objectives

- 3.1.1 The aims of the archaeological evaluation were to:
- Clarify the presence/absence and extent of any buried archaeological remains within the Site that may be impacted by development;
  - Identify, within the constraints of the evaluation, the date, character and condition of any surviving remains within the Site; and
  - Inform any discussion as to the scope and nature of any subsequent archaeological mitigation which may be required.

### 3.2 Fieldwork methodology

- 3.2.1 All works were undertaken in accordance with the methodology set out within the WSI (Wessex Archaeology 2013). All fieldwork was conducted in accordance with the guidance and standards outlined in the Institute for Archaeologists' *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Field Evaluation* (IfA 2008).
- 3.2.2 The trenches were laid out using GPS in general accordance with the pattern given (**Figure 1**). Minor adjustments to the layout were not required to take account of any on site constraints such as power lines or trees. The trench locations were tied in to the Ordnance Survey.
- 3.2.3 The number of trenches for the southern phase of evaluation was reduced from sixteen to six after consultation with WCAS (see *section 4.1*).
- 3.2.4 Trenches completed to the satisfaction of the Assistant County Archaeologist were backfilled using the excavated material in the approximate order in which they were excavated by Wessex Archaeology and left level on completion. No other reinstatement or surface treatment was undertaken.

### 3.3 Monitoring

- 3.3.1 The trial trench excavation was carried out under constant archaeological supervision using 360° tracked excavator fitted with a toothless grading bucket (1.6m). The mechanical excavation proceeded in spits to the top of the uppermost archaeological horizon or solid geological deposits (Upper Chalk), whichever was encountered first. The



machine excavated arisings were stored at the side of the trench and were scanned for artefacts at regular intervals.

### 3.4 Recording

- 3.4.1 All exposed archaeological deposits were recorded using Wessex Archaeology's *pro forma* recording system.
- 3.4.2 A complete drawn record of archaeological features and deposits was compiled. This included both plans and sections, drawn to appropriate scales (generally 1:20 for plans, 1:10 for sections), and with reference to a site grid tied to the Ordnance Survey National Grid. The Ordnance Datum (OD) height of all principal features and levels were calculated and plans/sections annotated with OD heights.
- 3.4.3 A photographic record was maintained during the evaluation using digital cameras equipped with an image sensor of not less than 10 megapixels. Digital images were subject to managed quality control and curation processes which embedded appropriate metadata within the image and ensure long term accessibility of the image set.

## 4 ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESULTS

### 4.1 Introduction

- 4.1.1 The following summary details the results of the two phases of trial trench evaluation of the Site which was carried out on from the 29<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> of July (**Trenches 1-12**, northern section) and from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> of August 2013 (**Trenches 13-18**, southern section), and comprised the excavation of one 40m by 1.6m and seventeen 30m by 1.6m trenches.
- 4.1.2 Initially, the proposed evaluation has to comprise the excavation of 24 trenches (each 30m by 1.6m). However, consultation was undertaken with WCAS after the initial negative results from the northern section and the identification of service constraints within the southern section. It was subsequently agreed that the number of trenches within the southern section should be reduced to five trenches, each 30m by 1.6m and one trench, 40m by 1.6m trench, which was targeted on a topographic anomaly.

### 4.2 Natural deposits and soil sequences

- 4.2.1 **Trenches 1 – 18** were situated on playing fields with an underlying geology of degraded Upper Chalk with varying degrees of peri-glacial scarring present in all trenches. Variations of geology were visible within **Trenches 14, 16, and 18** which were identified as Clay-with-flints deposits infilling hollows within the top of the chalk (**Plate 1 and 2**).
- 4.2.2 The geology was covered by a turf/topsoil and subsoil varying in thickness from 0.17m to 0.36m, and which was present across the whole site (**Plate 3**).

### 4.3 Summary of evaluation results

- **Northern Phase (Trenches 1 – 12)**

- 4.3.1 **Trenches 1 – 12** contained no archaeological features. Modern ceramic building material (CBM) and slate fragments were identified in the topsoil and subsoil but these were not retained for analysis. A number of tree throws were also identified within the trenches and were investigated to confirm their natural origin.



- **Southern Phase (Trenches 13 – 18)**

4.3.2 **Trenches 13 – 18** contained no archaeological features (**Plate 4**). As with **Phase 1**, modern CBM and other building material fragments were identified but not retained. The topographic anomaly which **Trench 15** was targeted on was identified as an increase in subsoil depth, possibly the result of landscaping for the cricket pitch. A thin band of re-deposited chalk of approximately 4m in length was identified within **Trench 18 (Plate 5)** and has been defined as a deposit of chalk which was a result of previous landscaping.

## **5 ARTEFACTUAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL EVIDENCE**

### **5.1 Artefactual Evidence**

5.1.1 No archaeological finds were recovered during the course of the fieldwork.

### **5.2 Environmental Evidence**

5.2.1 No material suitable for environmental sampling was present within the monitored areas and accordingly no samples were taken.

## **6 DISCUSSION**

### **6.1 Summary**

6.1.1 The evaluation identified no archaeological features, deposits or artefacts. The presence of modern building material within the topsoil and subsoil suggests this area appears to have been landscaped to its present topographic profile, possibly during the construction of the playing fields.

6.1.2 It is possible that any shallow archaeological features may have been truncated and removed during the modern landscaping. However it should be noted that the majority of the archaeological features identified previously within the Old Sarum development area have comprised isolated clusters of deep ring ditches and track way ditches, which would be expected to have survived any landscaping. Accordingly, it would appear more likely that there were, originally, no archaeological features within the Site.

## **7 STORAGE AND CURATION**

### **7.1 Museum**

7.1.1 The archive is currently held at Wessex Archaeology's Salisbury office under the site code **61685**. In due course it will be deposited with Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum.

### **7.2 Archive**

7.2.1 On completion of the report, a cross-referenced and internally consistent archive will be produced. The primary archive, including copies of all photographs, would normally be deposited with the local museum no later than six months after completion of the work.

7.2.2 The completed project archive will be prepared in accordance with the guidelines outlined in MoRPHE (English Heritage 2006) and in accordance with the *Guidelines for the preparation of excavation archives for long term storage* (UKIC 1990).

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## APPENDIX 1: TRENCH DESCRIPTIONS

TRENCH 1		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 23.40m x 1.60m		Max. depth: 0.34m	Ground level: 72.44 – 72.87m aOD
Co-ordinates: E 414887.50 N 133820.45 and E 414905.61 N 133804.61			
Context	Description		Depth (m)
101	Layer	Turf/topsoil – Mid grey silty clay containing moderate root disturbance and sparse sub-rounded to sub-angular flint inclusions (<0.03m).	0 – 0.13m
102	Layer	Subsoil – Mid greyish brown silty clay containing abundant sub-rounded to sub-angular flint and chalk inclusions (<0.05m).	0.13 – 0.23m
103	Layer	Natural – Degraded Upper Chalk bedrock with minor peri-glacial scarring.	0.23m+

TRENCH 2		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 29.30m x 1.60m		Max. depth: 0.35m	Ground level: 72.77 – 72.80m aOD
Co-ordinates: E 414931.29 N 133848.90 and E 414909.78 N 133828.77			
Context	Description		Depth (m)
201	Layer	Turf/topsoil – Mid grey silty clay containing moderate root disturbance and sparse sub-rounded to sub-angular flint inclusions (<0.04m).	0 – 0.10m
202	Layer	Subsoil – Mid greyish brown silty clay containing abundant sub-rounded to sub-angular flint and chalk inclusions (<0.06m).	0.10 – 0.19m
203	Layer	Natural – Degraded Upper Chalk bedrock with abundant peri-glacial scarring.	0.19m+

TRENCH 3		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 29.70m x 1.60m		Max. depth: 0.32m	Ground level: 72.51 – 72.94m aOD
Co-ordinates: E 413171.10 N 133462.82 and E 413176.50 N 133454.73			
Context	Description		Depth (m)
301	Layer	Turf/topsoil – Mid grey silty clay containing moderate root disturbance and sparse sub-rounded to sub-angular flint inclusions (<0.05m).	0 – 0.16m
302	Layer	Subsoil – Mid greyish brown silty clay containing abundant sub-rounded to sub-angular flint and chalk inclusions (<0.04m).	0.16 – 0.23m
303	Layer	Natural – Degraded Upper Chalk bedrock with abundant to common peri-glacial scarring.	0.23m+



<b>TRENCH 4</b>		<b>Type: Evaluation</b>	<b>Machine excavated</b>
<b>Dimensions: 29.00m x 1.60m</b>		<b>Max. depth: 0.44m</b>	<b>Ground level: 71.94 – 72.75m aOD</b>
<b>Co-ordinates: E 413171.10 N 133462.82 and E 413176.50 N 133454.73</b>			
<b>Context</b>	<b>Description</b>		<b>Depth (m)</b>
401	Layer	Turf/topsoil – Mid grey silty clay containing moderate root disturbance and sparse sub-rounded to sub-angular flint inclusions (<0.03m).	0 – 0.10m
402	Layer	Subsoil – Mid greyish brown silty clay containing abundant sub-rounded to sub-angular flint and chalk inclusions (<0.05m).	0.10 – 0.36m
403	Layer	Natural – Degraded Upper Chalk bedrock with common periglacial scarring.	0.36m+

<b>TRENCH 5</b>		<b>Type: Evaluation</b>	<b>Machine excavated</b>
<b>Dimensions: 30.60m x 1.60m</b>		<b>Max. depth: 0.44m</b>	<b>Ground level: 72.77 – 73.30m aOD</b>
<b>Co-ordinates: E 414985.02 N 133862.85 and E 415006.37 N 133840.14</b>			
<b>Context</b>	<b>Description</b>		<b>Depth (m)</b>
501	Layer	Turf/topsoil – Mid grey silty clay containing moderate root disturbance and sparse sub-rounded to sub-angular flint inclusions (<0.03m).	0 – 0.20m
502	Layer	Subsoil – Mid greyish brown silty clay containing abundant sub-rounded to sub-angular flint and chalk inclusions (<0.04m).	0.20 – 0.33m
503	Layer	Natural – Degraded Upper Chalk bedrock with abundant periglacial scarring.	0.33m+

<b>TRENCH 6</b>		<b>Type: Evaluation</b>	<b>Machine excavated</b>
<b>Dimensions: 29.90m x 1.60m</b>		<b>Max. depth: 0.43m</b>	<b>Ground level: 73.10 – 73.50m aOD</b>
<b>Co-ordinates: E 415002.77 N 133840.25 and E 415003.71 N 133819.31</b>			
<b>Context</b>	<b>Description</b>		<b>Depth (m)</b>
601	Layer	Turf/topsoil – Mid grey silty clay containing moderate root disturbance and sparse sub-rounded to sub-angular flint inclusions (<0.04m).	0 – 0.10m
602	Layer	Subsoil – Mid greyish brown silty clay containing abundant sub-rounded to sub-angular flint and chalk inclusions (<0.04m).	0.10 – 0.30m
603	Layer	Natural – Degraded Upper Chalk bedrock with moderate periglacial scarring.	0.30m+



<b>TRENCH 7</b>		<b>Type: Evaluation</b>	<b>Machine excavated</b>
<b>Dimensions: 30.10m x 1.60m</b>		<b>Max. depth: 0.42m</b>	
		<b>Ground level: 73.42 – 73.62m aOD</b>	
<b>Co-ordinates: E 413171.10 N 133462.82 and E 413176.50 N 133454.73</b>			
<b>Context</b>	<b>Description</b>		<b>Depth (m)</b>
701	Layer	Turf/topsoil – Mid grey silty clay containing moderate root disturbance and sparse sub-rounded to sub-angular flint inclusions (<0.03m).	0 – 0.10m
702	Layer	Subsoil – Mid greyish brown silty clay containing abundant sub-rounded to sub-angular flint and chalk inclusions (<0.05m).	0.10 – 0.30m
703	Layer	Natural – Degraded Upper Chalk bedrock with minor periglacial scarring.	0.30m+

<b>TRENCH 8</b>		<b>Type: Evaluation</b>	<b>Machine excavated</b>
<b>Dimensions: 30.00m x 1.60m</b>		<b>Max. depth: 0.43m</b>	
		<b>Ground level: 73.01 – 73.28m aOD</b>	
<b>Co-ordinates: E 414977.13 N 133847.39 and E 414954.88 N 133826.45</b>			
<b>Context</b>	<b>Description</b>		<b>Depth (m)</b>
801	Layer	Turf/topsoil – Mid grey silty clay containing moderate root disturbance and sparse sub-rounded to sub-angular flint inclusions (<0.03m).	0 – 0.10m
802	Layer	Subsoil – Mid greyish brown silty clay containing abundant sub-rounded to sub-angular flint and chalk inclusions (<0.05m).	0.10 – 0.33m
803	Layer	Natural – Degraded Upper Chalk bedrock with abundant periglacial scarring.	0.33m+

<b>TRENCH 9</b>		<b>Type: Evaluation</b>	<b>Machine excavated</b>
<b>Dimensions: 30.20m x 1.60m</b>		<b>Max. depth: 0.29m</b>	
		<b>Ground level: 72.99 – 73.47m aOD</b>	
<b>Co-ordinates: E 414933.68 N 133825.81 and E 414954.50 N 133803.44</b>			
<b>Context</b>	<b>Description</b>		<b>Depth (m)</b>
901	Layer	Turf/topsoil – Mid grey silty clay containing moderate root disturbance and sparse sub-rounded to sub-angular flint inclusions (<0.4m).	0 – 0.10m
902	Layer	Subsoil – Mid greyish brown silty clay containing abundant sub-rounded to sub-angular flint and chalk inclusions (<0.07m).	0.10 – 0.17m
903	Layer	Natural – Degraded Upper Chalk bedrock with moderate periglacial scarring.	0.17m+



<b>TRENCH 10</b>			<b>Type: Evaluation</b>	<b>Machine excavated</b>
<b>Dimensions: 29.60m x 1.60m</b>		<b>Max. depth: 0.32m</b>	<b>Ground level: 73.59 – 73.64m aOD</b>	
<b>Co-ordinates: E 414977.49 N 133805.56 and E 414955.33 N 133784.83</b>				
<b>Context</b>	<b>Description</b>			<b>Depth (m)</b>
1001	Layer	Turf/topsoil – Mid grey silty clay containing moderate root disturbance and rare sub-rounded to sub-angular flint inclusions (<0.04m).		0 – 0.10m
1002	Layer	Subsoil – Mid greyish brown silty clay containing occasional sub-rounded to sub-angular flint and chalk inclusions (<0.06m).		0.10 – 0.20m
1003	Layer	Natural – Degraded Upper Chalk bedrock with minor peri-glacial scarring.		0.20m+

<b>TRENCH 11</b>			<b>Type: Evaluation</b>	<b>Machine excavated</b>
<b>Dimensions: 29.40m x 1.60m</b>		<b>Max. depth: 0.30m</b>	<b>Ground level: 73.24 – 73.75m aOD</b>	
<b>Co-ordinates: E 414925.40 N 133786.23 and E 414945.84 N 133764.49</b>				
<b>Context</b>	<b>Description</b>			<b>Depth (m)</b>
1101	Layer	Turf/topsoil – Mid grey silty clay containing moderate root disturbance and sparse sub-rounded to sub-angular flint inclusions (<0.03m).		0 – 0.10m
1102	Layer	Subsoil – Mid greyish brown silty clay containing abundant sub-rounded to sub-angular flint and chalk inclusions (<0.04m).		0.10 – 0.18m
1103	Layer	Natural – Degraded Upper Chalk bedrock with minor peri-glacial scarring.		0.18m+

<b>TRENCH 12</b>			<b>Type: Evaluation</b>	<b>Machine excavated</b>
<b>Dimensions: 30.20m x 1.60m</b>		<b>Max. depth: 0.42m</b>	<b>Ground level: 73.02m aOD</b>	
<b>Co-ordinates: E 414930.66 N 133807.60 and E 414908.68 N 133786.26</b>				
<b>Context</b>	<b>Description</b>			<b>Depth (m)</b>
1201	Layer	Turf/topsoil – Mid grey silty clay containing moderate root disturbance and sparse sub-rounded to sub-angular flint inclusions (<0.04m).		0 – 0.10m
1202	Layer	Subsoil – Mid greyish brown silty clay containing abundant sub-rounded to sub-angular flint and chalk inclusions (<0.05m).		0.10 – 0.25m
1203	Layer	Natural – Degraded Upper Chalk bedrock with occasional peri-glacial scarring.		0.25m+





<b>TRENCH 13</b>		<b>Type: Evaluation</b>	<b>Machine excavated</b>
<b>Dimensions: 29.10m x 1.50m</b>		<b>Max. depth: 0.40m</b>	<b>Ground level: 74.00 – 74.19m aOD</b>
<b>Co-ordinates: E 414987.81 N 133759.93 and E 414966.12 N 133739.78</b>			
<b>Context</b>	<b>Description</b>		<b>Depth (m)</b>
1301	Layer	Turf/topsoil – Mid grey silty clay containing moderate root disturbance and sparse sub-rounded to sub-angular flint inclusions (<0.04m).	0 – 0.12m
1302	Layer	Subsoil – Mid greyish brown silty clay containing occasional to moderate sub-rounded to sub-angular flint and chalk inclusions (<0.04m).	0.12 – 0.28m
1303	Layer	Natural – Degraded Upper Chalk bedrock with minor periglacial scarring.	0.28m+

<b>TRENCH 14</b>		<b>Type: Evaluation</b>	<b>Machine excavated</b>
<b>Dimensions: 29.60m x 1.50m</b>		<b>Max. depth: 0.55m</b>	<b>Ground level: 74.46 – 74.95m aOD</b>
<b>Co-ordinates: E 414990.70 N 133732.97 and E 415010.81 N 133710.51</b>			
<b>Context</b>	<b>Description</b>		<b>Depth (m)</b>
1401	Layer	Turf/topsoil – Mid grey silty clay containing moderate root disturbance and sparse to rare sub-rounded to sub-angular flint inclusions (<0.03m).	0 – 0.15m
1402	Layer	Subsoil – Mid greyish brown silty clay containing abundant sub-rounded to sub-angular flint and chalk inclusions (<0.03m).	0.15 – 0.34m
1403	Layer	Natural – Mixed; Degraded Upper Chalk with peri-glacial scarring at either end of the trench, and Clay-with-flints in the centre.	0.34m+

<b>TRENCH 15</b>		<b>Type: Evaluation</b>	<b>Machine excavated</b>
<b>Dimensions: 39.60m x 1.50m</b>		<b>Max. depth: 0.46m</b>	<b>Ground level: 73.84 – 74.46m aOD</b>
<b>Co-ordinates: E 415006.83 N 133786.47 and E 415034.03 N 133757.23</b>			
<b>Context</b>	<b>Description</b>		<b>Depth (m)</b>
1501	Layer	Turf/topsoil – Mid grey silty clay containing moderate root disturbance and sparse sub-rounded to sub-angular flint inclusions (<0.04m).	0 – 0.13m
1502	Layer	Subsoil – Mid greyish brown silty clay containing occasional to moderate sub-rounded to sub-angular flint and chalk inclusions (<0.04m).	0.13 – 0.36m
1503	Layer	Natural – Degraded Upper Chalk bedrock with moderate periglacial scarring.	0.36m+



<b>TRENCH 16</b>			<b>Type: Evaluation</b>	<b>Machine excavated</b>
<b>Dimensions: 29.80m x 1.50m</b>		<b>Max. depth: 0.34m</b>	<b>Ground level: 74.28 – 74.66m aOD</b>	
<b>Co-ordinates: E 415056.19 N 133758.91 and E 415033.75 N 133738.72</b>				
<b>Context</b>	<b>Description</b>			<b>Depth (m)</b>
1601	Layer	Turf/topsoil – Mid grey silty clay containing moderate root disturbance and sparse sub-rounded to sub-angular flint inclusions (<0.03m).		0 – 0.09m
1602	Layer	Subsoil – Mid greyish brown silty clay containing abundant sub-rounded to sub-angular flint and chalk inclusions (<0.04m).		0.09 – 0.24m
1603	Layer	Natural – Degraded Upper Chalk bedrock with minor periglacial scarring and patches of Clay-with-flints.		0.24m+

<b>TRENCH 17</b>			<b>Type: Evaluation</b>	<b>Machine excavated</b>
<b>Dimensions: 29.60m x 1.50m</b>		<b>Max. depth: 0.46m</b>	<b>Ground level: 73.36 – 73.64m aOD</b>	
<b>Co-ordinates: E 415055.20 N 133823.72 and E 415033.24 N 133803.55</b>				
<b>Context</b>	<b>Description</b>			<b>Depth (m)</b>
1701	Layer	Turf/topsoil – Mid grey silty clay containing moderate root disturbance and sparse sub-rounded to sub-angular flint inclusions (<0.04m).		0 – 0.15m
1702	Layer	Subsoil – Mid greyish brown silty clay containing occasional sub-rounded to sub-angular flint and chalk inclusions (<0.05m).		0.15 – 0.35m
1703	Layer	Natural – Degraded Upper Chalk bedrock with moderate periglacial scarring.		0.35m+

<b>TRENCH 18</b>			<b>Type: Evaluation</b>	<b>Machine excavated</b>
<b>Dimensions: 29.50m x 1.50m</b>		<b>Max. depth: 0.36m</b>	<b>Ground level: 73.69 – 73.70m aOD</b>	
<b>Co-ordinates: E 415053.64 N 133800.50 and E 415073.87 N 133778.60</b>				
<b>Context</b>	<b>Description</b>			<b>Depth (m)</b>
1801	Layer	Turf/topsoil – Mid grey silty clay containing moderate root disturbance and sparse sub-rounded to sub-angular flint inclusions (<0.03m).		0 – 0.11m
1802	Layer	Made ground – Thin band of re-deposited chalk only visible between 19.00 and 23.00m from the north-west end of the trench.		0.11 – 0.14m
1803	Layer	Subsoil – Mid greyish brown silty clay containing occasional sub-rounded to sub-angular flint and chalk inclusions (<0.03m).		0.14 – 0.31m
1804	Layer	Natural – Degraded Upper Chalk bedrock with minor periglacial scarring and patches of Clay-with-flints.		0.31m+



## APPENDIX 2: OASIS FORM

### OASIS ID: wessexar1-157020

#### Project details

Project name	MoD Playing Fields, Old Sarum, Wiltshire
Short description of the project	Wessex Archaeology was commissioned by Pegasus Group and Persimmon Homes Wessex to undertake an archaeological evaluation on the former MoD Playing Fields, Old Sarum, Wiltshire, centred on NGR 415000, 133800, prior to development. The evaluation consisted of two phases of excavation totalling eighteen trenches located across the site. These were 1.6m wide and approximately 30m in length. The work aimed to identify the date, extent, character, and preservation of any surviving archaeological remains and inform decisions with regard to any potential further archaeological works. The evaluation encountered no archaeological features.
Project dates	Start: 29-07-2013 End: 13-08-2013
Previous/future work	No / No
Any associated project reference codes	61685 - Contracting Unit No.
Type of project	Field evaluation
Site status	None
Site status	None
Current Land use	Other 14 - Recreational usage
Current Land use	Other 14 - Recreational usage
Monument type	NONE None
Significant Finds	NONE None
Methods & techniques	""""Targeted Trenches""""
Development type	Housing estate
Prompt	Direction from Local Planning Authority - PPS
Position in the planning process	After full determination (eg. As a condition)

#### Project location

Country	England
Site location	WILTSHIRE SALISBURY WINTERBOURNE MoD Playing Fields
Postcode	SP4 6FH
Study area	3.00 Hectares
Site coordinates	SU 149 338 51 -1 51 06 10 N 001 47 13 W Point
Height OD / Depth	Min: 72.00m Max: 73.00m

#### Project creators

Name of Organisation	Wessex Archaeology
Project brief originator	Local Authority Archaeologist and/or Planning Authority/advisory body



Project design originator	Wessex Archaeology
Project director/manager	A Manning
Project supervisor	PA Harding
Project supervisor	Bob Davis
Project supervisor	Matt Kendall
Type of sponsor/funding body	Developer
Name of sponsor/funding body	Persimmon Homes Wessex

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### Project archives

Physical Archive recipient	Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum
Digital Archive recipient	Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum
Digital Media available	"Text"
Paper Archive recipient	Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum
Paper Media available	"Context sheet", "Drawing", "Map", "Miscellaneous Material", "Notebook - Excavation", " Research", " General Notes", "Report", "Section", "Unpublished Text"

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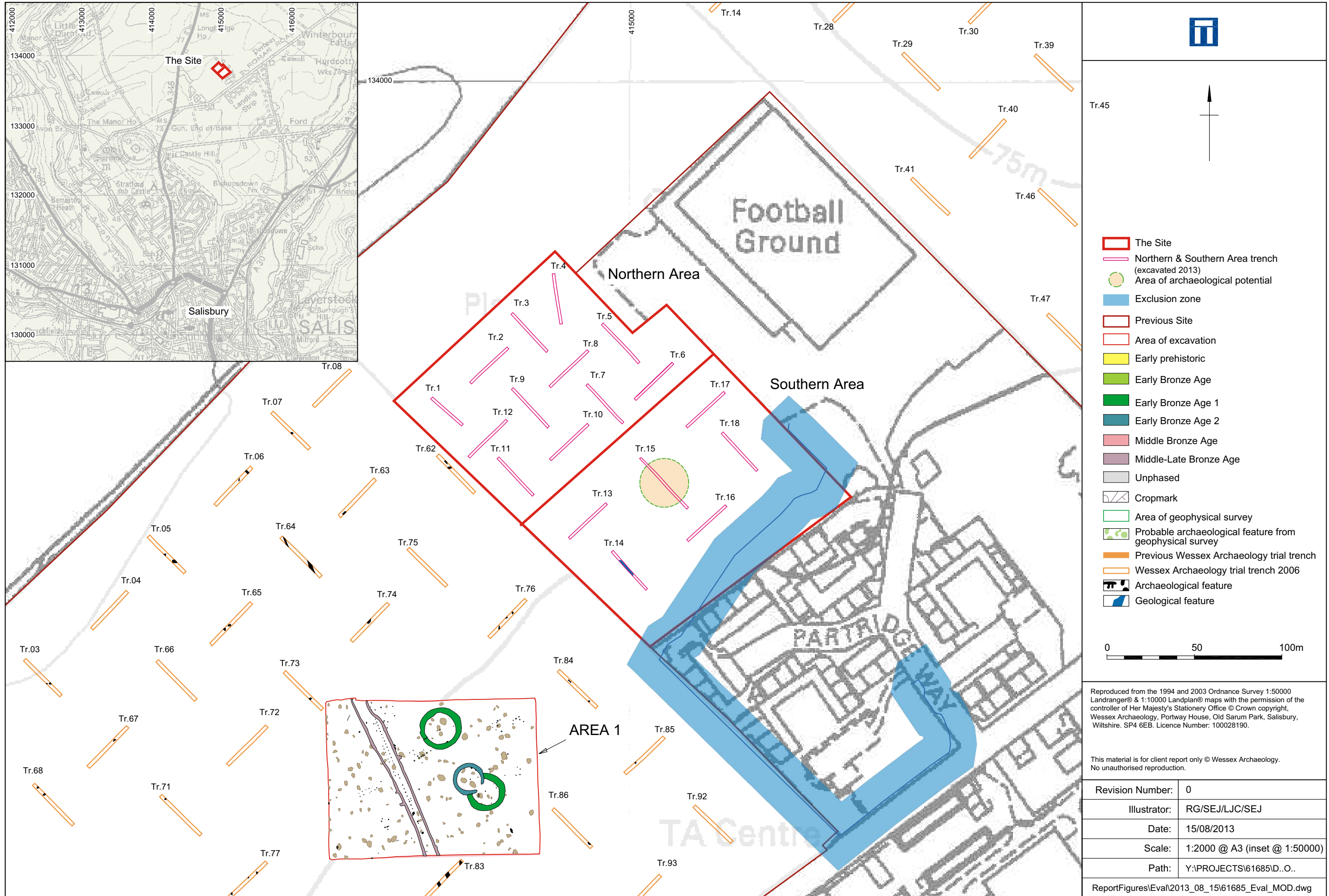
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Site and trench location plan

Figure 1



Plate 1: Trench 14, viewed from the south-west.



Plate 2: Trench 3, viewed from the south-east


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Plate 3: Trench 6, representative section, viewed from the north-west



Plate 4: Trench 13, viewed from the north-east



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Plate 5: Trench 18, representative section, viewed from the north-east.

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