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#### **Summary**

Wessex Archaeology was commissioned by CgMs Consulting to carry out an archaeological evaluation on land south of Dalefield Way, Gravesend, Kent.

The archaeological works comprised the excavation of forty-four trenches measuring 30m in length and 1.8m wide and approximately 0.5m deep. These were positioned across the development footprint in order to determine the presence, extent, date and nature of the buried archaeological remains. Four of these trenches were not excavated due to the presence of deep made ground, one was not excavated due to the proximity of modern surfaces and access issues and one was split into two due to an obstruction.

Of the all the trenches excavated only one contained finds and a feature of archaeological interest.

The results of the evaluation showed a single Romano-British ditch present halfway up the western edge of the Site, along with residual finds dating from the Late Bronze Age, Iron Age and medieval to modern periods retrieved from topsoil, alluvial and colluvial deposits. The Romano-British ditch is substantial in size and suggests the possibility of a significant level of activity within the local area.

The evaluation showed geological variance across the Site with an area of made ground to the north west, alluvial deposits to the north east and a mixture of natural flinty chalk and colluvial deposits to the south. Although some of the trenches did not expose natural geology, the extent of alluvial and colluvial deposits, has been plotted and an impact assessment provided.



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#### 1 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Project background

- 1.1.1 Wessex Archaeology (WA) was commissioned by CgMs Consulting Limited ('the Client'), to undertake a trial trench evaluation on land at land south of Dalefield Way, Gravesend, Kent (hereafter 'the Site'), centred on National Grid Reference (NGR) 567084 173369 (**Figure 1**).
- 1.1.2 An application for planning permission (ref: 20110197) has been submitted to Gravesham Borough Council for the construction of 144 dwellings including allotments, open space, infrastructure, landscaping and associated works. Following the advice of the Kent County Council Heritage & Conservation (KCCHC), who provide an archaeological advisory service to Local Planning Authorities (LPA) within Kent, a condition was imposed on any consent granted to ensure a programme of archaeological work was undertaken prior to any development.
- 1.1.3 A Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) for the evaluation was prepared by CgMs (2015) and submitted to, and approved by, KCCHC, prior to the start of fieldwork. The evaluation was undertaken in accordance with the Institute for Archaeologist's Standard Guidance for Archaeological Evaluation (CIFA 2014) and KCCHC's generic Specification for Strip, Map and Sample Excavation.
- 1.1.4 The fieldwork for the evaluation was undertaken from the 8<sup>th</sup> August 2016 to the 26<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

#### 1.2 The Site

- 1.2.1 The Site is located in Kent, within the administrative bounds of Gravesham Borough Council. The Site lies on the eastern edge of Gravesend, approximately 2.9km north west of the village of Shrone and 0.8km south of the River Thames.
- 1.2.2 The Site comprises an irregular parcel of land comprising two small fields to the south and part of a much larger field to the north, separated by an extant drain, approximately 4.8ha in size. The Site is delineated to the south and west by the modern development of Gravesend, to the east by a hedgerow between fields and to the north by an arbitrary boundary across the existing large field.
- 1.2.3 The underlying geology of the northern 2/3rds of the Site is mapped as Chalk of the Seaford Chalk Formation and Newhaven Chalk Formation, a sedimentary bedrock dating from the Cretaceous Period. The southern third of the Site is mapped as Sand of the Thanet Formation, a sedimentary bedrock dating from the Palaeogene. There are no recorded superficial deposits within the Site.

#### 2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND AND POTENTIAL

#### Prehistoric (970,000 BC - AD 43) and Romano-British (AD 43 - 410)

- 2.1.1 A Palaeolithic hand axe and a fragment of flint debitage (TQ 67 E 279) are reported within the Proposed Development Area (PDA). While the exact location of these finds is problematic (vaguely assigned to TQ 67 73), the general context of the PDA in relation to the ancient River Thames and some of the most important Lower and Middle Palaeolithic findspots in the county, perhaps adds some significance to the find.
- 2.1.2 Gravels associated with the ancient course of the river are identified by the British Geological Survey (BGS) in the vicinity of the PDA, assigned to the Taplow Gravel Formation. This material has been known to produce Middle Palaeolithic artefacts (Wenban-Smith: 2007). The alluvium that



characterises most of the superficial geology of the PDA along with the high water table of the marshy area of the site is of potential archaeological significance. Such context can make for better preservation of organic artefacts as well as ecofacts that could be associated with any Holocene archaeological deposits or features that might be present.

- 2.1.3 A Mesolithic tranchet axe and several worked flints of Mesolithic or Neolithic date (TQ 67 E 41) were recovered during archaeological investigations at the Gravesend Gas works to the north-west of the Site. Test-pitting to the west of the SSSI also produced evidence of Neolithic/Early Bronze Age occupation including worked flint, fragments of burnt unworked flint, animal bones, waterlogged plant remains, charcoal and pottery sherds of prehistoric date.
- 2.1.4 Late Iron Age occupation features (TQ 67 SE 238; TQ 67 SE 239) with continuity of settlement in the Roman period (c AD1-300) have been excavated approximately 130 m to the west of the proposed residential development area. This included a large pit containing fragments of Late Iron Age pot, daub and animal bone (TQ 67 SE 238) and a system of ditched represent a 1st century AD field system. Roman pottery had also been found to south of the PDA in the chalk area (TQ 67 SE 42).

#### Anglo-Saxon (AD 410 – 1066) & Medieval (1067 – 1499)

- 2.1.5 While central Gravesend end certainly dates from the Anglo-Saxon period (Kent Historic Towns Survey: Gravesend <a href="http://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/archiveDS/archiveDownload?t=arch-459-1/dissemination/pdf/Gravesend.pdf">http://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/archiveDS/archiveDownload?t=arch-459-1/dissemination/pdf/Gravesend.pdf</a> . Accessed 08/09/2016) the locale of the PDA appears to have remained as hinterland, with the current landscape broadly testifying to medieval control of the marshland through field drainage for pasture.
- 2.1.6 Medieval occupation in the form of a 'Manor House' (TQ 67 SE 241; TQ 67 SE 242) and a Hall House (TQ 67 SE 114) that continued to be used into post-medieval period are located on slightly higher ground to the west and east of the proposed development area respectively, these perhaps associated with early ownership of the Westcourt and Eastcourt marshes. The landscape mapped on the 19<sup>th</sup> century Tithe survey and to some extent OS mapping has not changed considerably. Parts of the system are still extent, such as the distinctive curving section of the ditch at the south-eastern boundary of the proposed industrial area, which may represent a medieval 'wick'. While more recent use of the PDA has already had an impact on this earlier topography, the extinct field boundaries are still visible via satellite imagery.

## Post-medieval (AD 1500 – 1800), 19th Century (AD 1800 – 1900) & Modern (AD 1900 – present day)

- 2.1.7 By the beginning of the post-medieval period a sizable town had grown up by the river, centred on High Street, West Street, East Street and the riverside where quays and wharves had developed. As the number of seagoing vessels increased the town became a focus of the embarkation and disembarkation of seamen, merchants and passengers. However, Gravesend had been ravaged by fire seven times in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century, the most serious being the Great Fire of 24<sup>th</sup> August 1727 which destroyed much of the post-medieval settlement. As a result, only a few building of the post-medieval settlement survive.
- 2.1.8 An alternative later post-medieval use of the marshes is evidenced by a possible decoy pond (TQ 67 SE 222) for use in duck-hunting approximately 500 m to the east of the PDA.
- 2.1.9 During an archaeological evaluation at 77-78 High Street to the west of PDA Archaeology South-East located the remains of an eighteenth or nineteenth century cellar (TQ 67 SW 227). 20 m to the east of this point a survey by CAT revealed the remains of seventeenth century brickwork in the basement of 67 High Street (TQ 67 SW 229).
- 2.1.10 At around the same time the Tithe map was being produced the marshland setting of the PDA was inspiration for Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations*; the Old Forge, at that time in a marginal location, apparently also informed the setting of the novel and appears as a listed building in the HER (TQ 67 SE 1076), as does the cottage at No 1 Chalk Road, were Dickens and Kate Hogarth



spend their honeymoon in 1836 (TQ 67 SE 1102). New development in the area already had an impact on the landscape by the time Dickens completed his masterpiece, however, with the construction of the Thames and Medway Canal between 1809 and 1824 (TQ 67 SE 20; TQ 67 SE 49) which appears on the Tithe map, and marks the northern boundary of the PDA, and the adjacent North Kent Railway (TQ 57 SE 277). Probable 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century field drains are visible on a recent satellite image.

- 2.1.11 The 20<sup>th</sup> century also had an impact of the landscape context of the area, with the imposition of a war time infrastructure in the Thames Estuary, extant and non-extant elements of which surround the PDA (TQ 67 SW 190; TQ 67 SE 224; TQ 67 SE 1045; TQ 67 SE 1158; TQ SE 1196; TQ SE 1220; TQ 67 SE 1229).
- 2.1.12 A brick 'tank' (TQ 67 SE 278), possibly associated with sheep farming, was noted during a walkover of the proposed residential area in 2003, and appears on the OS map of 1932.

#### 3 AIMS AND METHODS

#### 3.1 Evaluation Specific Aims

- 3.1.1 The principal aim of the evaluation was to record the location, extent, date, nature, character and significance of archaeological remains as may exist on the Site; to report on the results of the evaluation so that an informed decision on their subsequent treatment can be made, in light of the impact of the proposed development.
- 3.1.2 The objectives of the evaluation were therefore to:
  - provide further information concerning the presence/absence, date, nature and extent of any buried archaeological remains and to investigate and record all archaeological features;
  - establish a broad phased plan of the archaeology revealed;
  - investigate the function of any structural remains and the activities taking place within and close to the Site;
  - to inform and provide information for any future mitigation for the Site in order to inform any future planning application.

#### 3.2 Fieldwork methodology

- 3.2.1 The evaluation was conducted according to the agreed WSI (CgMs 2015) and comprised the excavation of forty four evaluation trenches measuring 30m x 1.8m (**Figure 1**).
- 3.2.2 Prior to machining, the trench locations were scanned using a cable tracing device. The excavation areas were excavated under constant archaeological supervision using a tracked 360° excavator employing a toothless ditching bucket. The turf, topsoil and subsoil were stored separately to facilitate appropriate backfilling and consolidation of each trench following the completion of recording.
- 3.2.3 All potential features and deposits of possible archaeological origin were partially excavated to ascertain their nature and function, and were fully recorded using WA's *pro forma* record sheets.
- 3.2.4 A digital photographic record was kept. Particular attention was taken to record all access routes and trench locations to provide a full record of both the original and final condition of the fieldwork locations. Special attention was placed on the recording of the mechanical excavation, spoil handling and storage prior to, during and following the completion of the trial trench evaluation.
- 3.2.5 A full graphic record was kept. The site drawings were drawn at an appropriate scale, typically 1:10 for sections and 1:20 for plans.



3.2.6 Site survey was carried out using a Leica Viva series GNSS unit using the OS National GPS Network through an RTK network with a 3D accuracy of 30mm or below. All survey data was recorded using the OSGB36 British National Grid coordinate system.

#### 4 ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESULTS

#### 4.1 Introduction

- 4.1.1 The following section provides a summary description of the results of the archaeological evaluation. Details of individually excavated contexts and features are retained in the Site archive and a detailed tabulated version of these and the trenches is provided in **Appendix 1** of this report.
- 4.1.2 **Figure 1** presents the overall location of the excavated trenches, **Figure 2** shows the archaeological results of the evaluation and **Figure 3** provides an approximated geological plan of the Site.
- 4.1.3 The following section should be read in conjunction with the trench tables presented at **Appendix** 1.
- 4.1.4 In order to remain sympathetic to future foundation designs a maximum excavation of 0.5m was requested by the Client.

#### 4.2 Stratigraphic Sequence

- 4.2.1 Four distinct stratigraphic sequences were recorded during then evaluation. In the northwest corner of the Site there was a large area of made ground recorded in **Trenches 1**, **3** and **5** (**Plates 1-3**). Due to the compact nature of this made ground, and clear evidence it continued below the excavation depth, **Trenches 2**, **4**, **6** and **7** were not excavated. Trench 20 was not excavated due to the proximity of several existing services and access concerns, however the geology in the surrounding trenches indicates that either made ground or alluvial deposits would be present.
- 4.2.2 In the north east corner of the Site the stratigraphic sequence consisted of topsoil directly overlying alluvial deposits to a depth of between 0.11m and 0.46m below ground level (bgl) (**Plates 4-6**), with the exception of **Trenches 9**, **14**, **16** which also contained made ground deposits beneath the topsoil (**Plates 7 & 8**).
- 4.2.3 To the south of the extant drain there were two distinct sequences. **Trenches 21-44** all contained topsoil overlying a layer of subsoil. However approximately half of the area had colluvial deposits beneath the subsoil, while in the other half underlying geology (chalk and flinty clays) were reached (**Figure 3**, **Plates 9-16**). This dual geology is visible in **Trenches 23**, **27**, **29**, **33**, **35**, **37-40**, **43** and **44** (**Plates 11**, **12**, **15** & **16**). In **Trench 31** the underlying geology can be seen starting to come through at the northern end, indicating that colluvium may cease just beyond the extent of the trench.
- 4.2.4 The projected extent of geological, alluvial and colluvial deposits has been plotted and presented as **Figure 3** and, when compared with a recent geoarchaeological deposit model report provides, a complete sequence of made ground overlying alluvium and colluvium, which in turn seals lower lying peats and gravels forming the edge of the Thames Basin (Quest 2016).

#### 4.3 Results

Trench 23

- 4.3.1 Trench 23 (**Plate 14**) was located approximately halfway down the western side of the Site and contained the only archaeological feature recorded during the evaluation. The stratigraphic sequence within the trench consisted of 0.21m of topsoil **2301** overlying 0.46m of subsoil **2302**. Towards the northern end of the trench the subsoil overlaid colluvial deposits **2303** while in the southern ¾ of the trench it overlaid natural chalk deposits **2304**.
- 4.3.2 Approximately halfway down the trench a substantial linear ditch was recorded (**Figure 2**). The ditch measured 2.49m wide and 1.15m deep. The ditch contained a single primary fill **2308** and two



secondary fills (SF) **2306** & **2307**, which each contained frequent rounded and sub-rounded chalk. SF**2306** contained pottery, fired clay, slag and struck flint with the pottery being dated to the Romano-British period.

#### 5 ARTEFACTUAL EVIDENCE

- A small collection of finds was recovered from the natural geology across the site. Late Bronze Age and Iron Age pottery was recovered from **Trench 43** and **Trench 36** respectively. Further Romano-British evidence, in addition to ditch **2305**, was recovered from **Trenches 26**, **27** and **31**, in the form of CBM and pottery. Medieval/Post medieval CBM and pottery was recovered from **Trenches 29**, **35** and **42**, with pieces of post-medieval clay pipe recovered from **Trench 23**. Further clay pipe dating from between 1850-1910 was recovered from **Trench 11**, **17** and **18** in the alluvial area to the north of the Site and modern pottery was recorded in **Trenches 31**, **35** and **42**.
- 5.1.2 With the exception of **2306**, which relates to finds from the Romano-British ditch **2305**, all of the other finds are residual, found loose in the topsoil, alluvial and colluvial deposits during the excavation of the evaluation trenches.

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Context	Find Type	Period
1101	clay pipe	1850-1910
1702	clay pipe	1850-1910
1802	clay pipe	1850-1910
2102	pottery	undiagnostic
2303	clay pipe	post-medieval
2306	pottery	Roman
2403	pottery	undiagnostic
2602	CBM	Roman
2702	CBM & pottery	Roman
2902	pottery	post-medieval
3102	CBM	Roman
	pottery	Modern
3502	CBM	Medieval
	pottery	Modern
3602	pottery	Iron Age
4202	CBM	Medieval/post-medieval
	pottery	Modern
4302	pottery	Late Bronze Age

#### 6 DISCUSSION

#### 6.1 Overview

- 6.1.1 The evaluation at the site identified a ditch containing Romano British pottery, along with residual evidence for Late Bronze Age, Iron Age, medieval, post-medieval and modern activity within the surrounding landscape.
- 6.1.2 The extents of natural geological deposits, alluvium, colluvium and made ground have been presented on Figure 3. From this is can be suggested that the higher chalk present within the southern extent of the Site drops down into the Thames Basin to the north where alluvial sequences are present. As part of the formation of soil sequences colluvium, appears to have been deposited from the higher ground to the south of the Site infilling the upper undulated chalk until it encroaches into the areas of wetland in the northern area of the Site (Quest 2016).
- 6.1.3 The colluvium contained residual finds dating to the Late Bronze Age, Iron Age, Roman and medieval periods suggesting settlement within the surrounding area.



#### 6.2 Impact Assessment

- 6.2.1 The archaeological evaluation has identified natural geological deposits, colluvial and alluvial layers within 0.5m below the existing ground level across all areas of the Site apart from the northwest corner. Within this corner the ground has been artificially raised using layers of compacted chalk and hardcore increasing the ground level by between approximately 1.5m and 2m.
- 6.2.2 The current development proposals include raising the northern areas of the site by 1.5-2m in order to surcharge underlying alluvium and the insertion of vertical band drains. With that in mind the upper alluvial sequences within the northern area of the Site will only be subjected to impacts from pile foundations.
- 6.2.3 Within the southern area of the Site strip and pile foundations have been proposed along with land raising, although to a lesser extent than in the north. The strip foundation will be excavated to a depth of at least 1m until solid bedrock (i.e. chalk) is located and filled with concrete. In discussion on site between KCCH&C and representatives from Bellway Homes and Wessex Archaeology it was suggested that strip foundations would be used along the western extent of the Site where the chalk is shallowest and that archaeological monitoring during this operation would enable further archaeological deposits, should they be present, to be recorded.

#### 6.3 Conclusions

- 6.3.1 The evaluation has been successful in fulfilling the primary aims and objectives of the WSI (CgMs 2015). Natural geological horizons have been shown to survive intact at a depth of approximately 0.5m below the existing ground level. Archaeological remains dating from the Romano-British period were recorded, along with residual evidence for the Late Bronze Age, Iron Age and medieval to modern periods.
- 6.3.2 This evaluation has therefore assessed the archaeological potential of land proposed for development. The results from this work will be used to aid and inform the Archaeological Officer (KCCHC) of any further archaeological mitigation measures that may be necessary in connection with the development proposals.

#### 7 STORAGE AND CURATION

#### 7.1 Museum

7.1.1 Deposition of any finds with the Museum will only be carried out with the full agreement of the landowner.

#### 7.2 The archive

- 7.2.1 The complete Site archive, which will include paper records, photographic records, graphics, artefacts, ecofacts and digital data, will be prepared following nationally recommended guidelines (SMA 1995; IfA 2009; Brown 2011; ADS 2013).
- 7.2.2 All archive elements will be marked with the site/accession code, and a full index will be prepared. The physical archive comprises the following:
  - 1 airtight plastic box of artefacts, ordered by material type
  - 1 file/document case of paper records & A3/A4 graphics

#### 7.3 Discard policy

7.3.1 Wessex Archaeology follows the guidelines set out in *Selection, Retention and Dispersal* (Society of Museum Archaeologists 1993), which allows for the discard of selected artefact and ecofact categories which are not considered to warrant any future analysis. In this instance, burnt (unworked) flint and stone, unworked shale, and modern glass have been discarded. All discard of artefacts will be fully documented in the project archive.



7.3.2 The discard of environmental remains and samples follows nationally recommended guidelines (SMA 1993; 1995; English Heritage 2002).

#### 7.4 Security copy

7.4.1 In line with current best practice (e.g. Brown 2011) on completion of the project a security copy of the written records will be prepared, in the form of a digital PDF/A file. PDF/A is an ISO-standardised version of the Portable Document Format (PDF) designed for the digital preservation of electronic documents through omission of features ill-suited to long-term archiving.

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### 9 APPENDIX 1 – TRENCH TABLES

Trench No	1	Length 30m	Width 1.80m	Depth 0.	54m
Easting		Northing	MaOD		
Context Number	Fill Of/Filled	d Interpretative Category	Description		Depth BGL
101		Topsoil	Mid grey brown, silty clay. Some rubble as coarse components, moderate rooting.		0.00-0.01
102		Made ground	Light grey (near white), backfilled with general building waste such as rebar, CBM and rubbish.		0.01-0.43
103		Made ground	Light blueish grey, backfill of building rubbish, possibly limestone. Filled with gene building rubbish such as Cliplastic and rotted wood.	ral	0.43-0.54+

Trench No 3		Length 30m	Width 1.80m	Depth (	).48m
Easting		Northing		MaOD	
Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	I Interpretative Category	Description		Depth BGL
301		Topsoil	Mid greyish brown silty clay. Very thin layer, moderate rooting with light rubble inclusions.		0.00.0.03
302		Made ground	Light grey white back debris. Filled with rul plastic.	•	0.03-0.21
303		Made ground	Mid greyish brown, be modern building rubbe plastic wiring, CBM a	oish such as	0.21-0.48+

Trench No	5	Length 30m	Width 1.80m	Depth 0	.50m
Easting		Northing	N	MaOD	
Context	Fill Of/Filled	Interpretative	Description		Depth BGL
Number	With	Category			
501		Topsoil	Light grey silty clay, h rooting, loose, very sh	, ,	0.00-0.03
502		Made ground	Light white grey silty of chalk, very common stones / pebbles, very	clay, abundant small rounded	0.03-0.25
503		Made ground	Black layer of tarmac probably building rubl approximately 5cm th	bish,	0.25-0.30
504		Made ground	Dark greyish brown si abundant demolition s stones, metal and pla Very compact and so	stuff (bricks, astic rubbish.	0.30+



Trench No	8	Length 30m	Width 1.80m	Depth	0.56m
Easting		Northing		MaOD	
Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description		Depth BGL
801		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown silty clay. Moderate chalk inclusions, rare small sub-angular flint and rounded pebbles - well sorted, occasional charcoal flecks, heavily rooted, slightly compacted.		0.00-0.24
802		Alluvium	Dark grey clay (silve brown mottling, very	• ,	0.24+
Due to the	site circumsta	nces (bank) this trend	ch has been moved to	wards the East	approx 5m.

Trench No 9 L		ength 30m	Width 1.80m	Depth 0	).60m
Easting	·	Northing		MaOD	
Context	Fill Of/Filled	Interpretative	Description		Depth BGL
Number	With	Category			
901		Topsoil	Dark greyish browr moderate chalk inc small sub-angular f pebbles plus mode Heavily rooted.	lusions, sparse flint and rounded	0.00-0.13
902		Made ground	Mid greyish brown abundant chalk, mi brick debris, contai rubbish (glass, met pretty loose. Identif the trench.	d sized stone, ns modern tal, plastic),	0.13-0.52
903		Alluvium	Dark grey clay with mottling, grease, m inclusions, occasio rare small sub-ang compacted.	noderate chalk nal charcoal,	0.52+

Trench No	10	Length 30m	Width 1.80m		Depth 0	.53m
Easting		Northing		MaOD		
Context	Fill Of/Filled	Interpretative	Description			Depth BGL
Number	With	Category				
1001		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown very common chall throughout, sparse angular flints, occa flecks, heavily root	c inclusio small su sional ch	ns b- arcoal	0.00-0.45
1002		Alluvium	Dark grey clay with mottling, grease, o charcoal, undulatin	ccasiona g.	I	0.45+
* some pate	ches of remain	ning topsoil as maxim	um depth of excavati	on is 0.5	0m	



Trench No	Trench No 11 Length 30n		Width 1.80m	Depth 0.	.53m
Easting		Northing	N	MaOD	
Context	Fill Of/Filled	I Interpretative	Description		Depth BGL
Number	With	Category			
1101		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown s moderate chalk inclus small sub-angular flin pebbles, heavily roote compacted.	sions, rare nt and rounded	0.00-0.11
1102		Alluvium	Dark grey clay with rumottling, very grease	•	0.11+

Trench No	12	Length 30m	Width 1.80m	Depth 0	0.54m	
Easting		Northing		/IaOD		
Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description		Depth BGL	
1201		Topsoil	inclusions of small su gravel and small to la	Mid brownish grey. Infrequent inclusions of small sub rounded gravel and small to large fragments of angular chalk. Silty clay (40:60).		
1202		Alluvium	Light to mid greyish b infrequent inclusions angular chalk. Silty cl Hard compaction.	of small	0.23+	

Excavation of Rrench 12 to a depth of 0.50m was only sufficient enough to excavate 0.29m of alluvium until the point of L.O.E.

Trench No	13	Length	30m		Width 1.80m		Depth 0	.66m
Easting			Northing			MaOD		
Context	Fill Of/Filled	Inte	rpretative	D	escription			Depth BGL
Number	With	Cat	egory					
1301		Тор	soil	in flii Co	Dark greyish brown silty clay, common very small chalk inclusions, rare small sub-angular flint, heavily rooted, loose. Containing modern pottery plus rubbish.			0.00-0.46
1302		Allu	vium	m in fle m	ark grey clay with ottling, grease, ra clusions, modera ecks, rooting. At le ixed with topsoil. trieved.	are small te charco evel 0.5n	chalk bal n bgl still	0.46+



Trench No	14	Length	30m	Width 1.80m		Depth 0	.50m
Easting			Northing		MaOD		
Context	Fill Of/Filled	Inte	rpretative	Description			Depth BGL
Number	With	Cate	egory				
1401		Тор	soil	Dark greyish brown silty clay. Very thin layer at the East end, thicker alongside the rest of the trench, loose, heavily rooted.			0.00-0.42
1402		Mad	le ground	Light grey almost white with abundant large sub-angular flint plus chalk inclusions, compacted. Identified at the East end of the trench only.			0.10+
1403		Allu	vium	Dark grey clay with sparse small chalk gritty brown mottlin small rounded pebl compact. At this level topsoil.	inclusior g, occasi bles. Gre	ns plus ional ase and	0.42+

Trench No	15	Length 30m	Width 1.80m	1	Depth 0	.56m
Easting		Northing		MaOD		
Context	Fill Of/Filled	I Interpretative	Description			Depth BGL
Number	With	Category				
1501		Topsoil	sparse chalk ind mid sized sub-a rounded pebble	Dark greyish brown silty clay with sparse chalk inclusions, rare large - mid sized sub-angular flint and rounded pebbles, heavily rooted, compacted. With modern rubbish.		
1502		Alluvium	Dark grey clay brown mottling, flecks, compact Topsoil remain	occasional ted, very gre	charcoal ase.	0.36+



Trench No	16	Length	30m		Width 1.80m		Depth 0.	.50m
Easting			Northing			MaOD		
Context	Fill Of/Filled	I Inte	pretative	D	escription			Depth BGL
Number	With	Cate	egory					
1601		Тор	soil	М	id brownish grey.	Silty cla	у.	0.00-0.19
				C	ontains frequent i	nclusions	s of	
				sr	nall sub rounded	gravel a	nd	
				fre	frequent small angular fragments of			
				ch	chalk. Firm compaction.			
1602		Mac	le ground	Da	ark brownish grey	ay	0.19+	
				(2	0:80). Large and	frequent	angular	
				fra	agments of chalk	and sma	ıll to	
				la	rge fragments of	sub roun	ded	
				gr	avel. Hard compa	action. Si	ituated	
				in	the Southeast co	rner of th	he	
				tre	ench. Hard compa	action.		
1603		Allu	vium	Li	ght to mid greyish	n brown o	clay.	0.19+
				C	ontains no discer	nible incl	usions.	
				Ha	ard compaction.			

Eval. trench 16 was excavated to a depth of 0.50m as specified in the methods statement. No features of archaeological importance were found.

Trench No	Trench No 17		Length 30m		Width 1.80m		Depth 0.63m	
Easting			Northing			MaOD		
Context	Fill Of/Filled	Inte	rpretative	D	escription			Depth BGL
Number	With	Cat	egory		·			
1701		Тор	soil	(4 rc	Mid greyish brown. Silty clay (40:60). Small infrequent sub rounded gravel. Containing modern rubbish. Heavily rooted.			0.00-0.24
1702		Allu	vium	la S	lid greyish brown rge angular fragm ome modern potte ontaminated by to	nents of o		0.24+

Trench 17 was only excavated to alluvium layer (1702) due to methodological restrictions as specified in the methods statement.

Large modern disturbance could be topsoil remain. Very dirty trench.



Trench No	18	B Length 26m Width 1.80m Depth (		Depth 0	.62m			
Easting			Northing MaOD					
Context	Fill Of/Filled	l Inte	rpretative	D	escription			Depth BGL
Number	With	Cate	egory					
1801		Тор	soil	D	ark greyish browr	n silty cla	у.	0.00-0.32
				S	parse small chalk	inclusion	ns,	
				00	occasional small rounded pebbles			
				aı	nd mid sized sub-	angular f	flints	
				pl	lus charcoal fleck	s. Heavil	y	
				rc	oted, compacted	•		
1802		Allu	vium	M	lid grey clay with	gritty bro	wn	0.32+
				m	ottling, occasiona	ıl chalk		
				in	clusions. Grease	compac	ted,	
				sl	ightly rooted.			

This trench has been moved approx 7m towards the East and shorten about couple of metre due to the site circumstances (bank). At the West end the trench is about 0.60m deep in the North side and 0.40m deep in the South as a digger drives was unable to dig it flat because he was staying at the bank.

Trench No	No 19 Length 30m		Width 1.80m Depth		.50m	
Easting		Northing	N	/laOD		
Context	Fill Of/Filled	Interpretative	Description		Depth BGL	
Number	With	Category				
1901		Topsoil	Heavily rooted and loo Containing some mod (metal, plastic), very containing	Dark greyish brown silty clay. Heavily rooted and loose. Containing some modern rubbish (metal, plastic), very occasional small charcoal flecks and rounded pebbles (*)		
1902		Alluvium	Mid greyish brown cla brown mottling. Some angular flints. Slightly	e large sub-	0.33+	

Trench partially located on the bank slope so SW side is approx 0.70m deep as NE side goes to depth of 0.50m.

<sup>(\*)</sup> Topsoil at the NE side of the trench is very mixed with alluvium, mainly at the West end.



Trench No	21	Length	30m		Width 1.80m		Depth 0.	.54m
Easting			Northing			MaOD		
Context	Fill Of/Filled	I Inte	rpretative	De	escription			Depth BGL
Number	With	Cate	egory					
2101		Тор	soil	Sp mi oc	ark greyish browr parse small round id sized sub-angu casional chalk in oted, compacted	ded pebb ular flints clusions.	les, rare	0.00-0.17
2102		Sub	soil	sm	d greyish brown nall rounded pebloose and smooth.	bles, rare	•	0.17-0.27
2103		Coll	uvium	cla thr siz	ossible) Mid grey ay. Abundant cha roughout, commo zed sub-angular f nall CBM. Compa	alk inclusi on mid - I flints. Co	ions arge	0.27+

Trench No	22	Length 30m	Width 1.80m	Depth 0	.54m	
Easting	•	Northing		MaOD		
Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description		Depth BGL	
2201		Topsoil	Sparse small round small sub-angular	Dark greyish brown silty clay. Sparse small rounded pebbles, rare small sub-angular flints, occasional chalk inclusions. Heavily rooted, compacted.		
2202		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown Occasional chalk in sized sub-angular flints, occasional C smooth.	nclusions, rare and angular	0.24-0.31	
2203		Natural	Yellowish white chidentified to the NV trench, very thin, n where representatiocated.	V side of the on recorded	0.31-0.40	
2204		Colluvium	Mid greyish brown common chalk incl throughout, common angular and angular occasional shells, Compacted.	usions on mid sized sub- ar flints,	0.31+	



Trench No	23	Length 30m	Width 1.80m		Depth 0	.56m
Easting		Northing		MaOD		
Context	Fill Of/Filled	'	Description			Depth BGL
Number	With	Category				
2301		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown. Silty clay. Sparse small rounded pebbles and sub-angular flints. Heavily rooted, comp.			0.00-0.21
2302		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown. small rounded peb Loose and smooth	bles and	•	0.21-0.46
2303		Colluvium	Mid greyish brown. Abundant chalk inc throughout and ver sub-angular flints, compacted. Identifi side of the trench	clusions ry commo rare CBM	on large 1,	0.46+
2304		Natural	Yellowish white challenge sub-angular for some light brown publication. Identified townside of the trench.	lints, loos atches o	se. With f silty	0.46+

Trench No	24	Length 30m	Width 1.80m	De	pth 0.56m		
Easting		Northing		MaOD			
Context	Fill Of/Filled	Interpretative	Description		Depth BGL		
Number	With	Category					
2401		Topsoil	Common small rou and sub-angular flir inclusions. Heavily	Dark greyish brown. Silty clay. Common small rounded pebbles and sub-angular flints, sparse chalk inclusions. Heavily rooted, compacted. Shallower towards the West.			
2402		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown. small rounded pebl chalk inclusions. Lo smooth.	oles, occasio			
2403		Colluvium	(possible) Mid grey clay. Abundant cha throughout, very co large sized sub-and occasional CBM. C	lk inclusions mmon mid - gular flints,	lty 0.40+		



Trench No	25	Length	Length 30m		Width 1.80m		Depth 0	.56m
Easting			Northing		MaOD			
Context	Fill Of/Filled	Inte	rpretative	D	escription			Depth BGL
Number	With	Cate	egory					
2501		Тор	soil	ro ar	ark greyish browr unded pebbles al ngular flints. Heav ightly compacted.	nd small rily rooted	sub-	0.00-0.23
2502		Sub	soil	sr	Mid greyish brown. Silty clay. Rare small rounded pebbles, loose and smooth.			0.23-0.38
2503		Coll	uvium	Al th	id greyish brown. bundant chalk inc roughout and ver ub-angular flints. (	lusions y commo	on large	0.38+

Trench No	26	Length 30m			Width 1.80m		Depth 0.50m	
Easting	Easting		Northing	MaO		MaOD		
Context	Fill Of/Filled		rpretative	D	Description			Depth BGL
Number	With	Cat	egory					
2601		Тор	Topsoil		Dark greyish brown silty clay.  Moderate rooting, occasional small sub-angular flints poorly sorted.  Heavily ploughed.			0.00-0.30
2602		Sub	soil	fle to	Mid brown silty clay. Common chalk flecks throughout. Occasional small to medium sub-angular flints poorly sorted. Possible colluvium?			0.30-0.50+

Trench No	27	Length 30m	Width 1.80m	Depth 0	.50m	
Easting		Northing		MaOD		
Context	Fill Of/Filled	!	Description		Depth BGL	
Number	With	Category				
2701		Topsoil	Occasional small we sub-angular flints po	Dark greyish brown silty clay. Occasional small well rounded and sub-angular flints poorly sorted. Moderately rooted and heavily ploughed.		
2702	Subsoil		Mid greyish brown s Occasional flecks of throughout. Occasio medium sub-angula sorted. Medium to la angular flints at sout trench Possible coll	f chalk onal small and r flints poorly arge sub- thern end of	0.30-0.50	
2703		Natural	Brownish white chal natural. Only in SE	0.50+		



Trench No	28	Length	30m		Width 1.80m		Depth 0	.60m	
Easting			Northing	MaOD					
Context	Fill Of/Filled	l Inter	pretative	De	escription			Depth BGL	
Number	With	Cate	gory						
2801	Topsoil		soil	Mo we	ark greyish browr oderate rooting. ( ell rounded and s orly sorted. Heav	Occasion ub-angu	al small lar flints	0.00-0.30	
2802	Subsoil		Od	Dark greyish brown silty clay. Occasional small and medium subangular flints poorly sorted.			0.30-0.40		
2803	O3 Colluvium			d reddish brown ccasional, small s its.	,	ılar	0.40-0.60		
2804	804 Natural				ght brownish whit mpact.,	te chalk.	Fairly	0.60+	
Machined t	Machined to 0.60m inadvertently due to soft ground and rain resulting in machine digging in.								

Trench No	29	Length 30m	Width 1.80m	Depth 0	.50m
Easting	Easting			MaOD	
Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description		Depth BGL
2901		Topsoil	Mid greyish brown si Heavily rooted. Occa and medium well rou angular flints.	asional small	0.00-0.30
2902		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown si Occasional small and angular flints poorly s Possible colluvium?	d medium sub-	0.30-0.50+

Trench No	30	Length 30m	Width 1.80m		Depth 0.	.56m
Easting		Northing		MaOD		
Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description			Depth BGL
3001	VVIIII	Topsoil	Dark greyish brown Sparse mid sized s and small rounded rooted, compacted	0.00-0.26		
3002		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown. Silty clay. Common chalk inclusions, rare small sub-angular flints, and CBM. Very loose and smooth, slightly rooted.			0.26-0.50
3003		Colluvium	Mid greyish brown. Abundant chalk incommon mid - large and angular flints, of Clayish and compa	clusions v e sub-an occasion	vith very gular	0.50+



Trench No	Trench No 31		Length 30m		Width 1.80m		Depth 0	.60m
Easting			Northing		MaOD			
Context	Fill Of/Filled	Inte	rpretative	D	escription			Depth BGL
Number	With	Cate	egory					
3101		Тор	soil	М	id greyish brown	silty clay		0-0.30
				0	Occasional rooting and sparse			
				cł	chalk flecks throughout.			
3102		Sub	soil	Li	Light brown silty clay. Occasional			0.30+
				ch	chalk flecks and common small to		mall to	
				m	medium sub-angular flints poorly		oorly	
				so	orted throughout.	Maybe c	olluvium	
				bı	ut unsure. One sh	erd post	med	
				po	ot recovered.			

Trench No	32	Length	Length 28m		Width 1.80m		Depth 0	.50m
Easting			Northing			MaOD		
Context	Fill Of/Filled	l Inte	rpretative	D	escription			Depth BGL
Number	With	Cat	egory					
3201	Topsoil		soil	M w	Mid greyish brown silty clay.  Moderate rooting. Occasional small well rounded poorly sorted throughout.			0.00-0.28
3202	Subsoil		0	Light greyish brown silty clay. Occasional chalk flecks well sorted throughout.			0.28-0.40	
3303	NSTURAL		C m	robable white nate ompact. Patches edium sub-angula orted throughout. cross the trench	of small ar flints p	to oorly	0.40+	

Slightly deeper to 600mm at NW end.

Trench shortened to 28m as NW end is next to garden fence.



Trench No	33	Length	Length 20m		Width 1.80m		Depth 0	.50m
Easting	Easting Northin		Northing		MaOD			
Context	Fill Of/Filled	l Inte	rpretative	De	escription			Depth BGL
Number	With	Cate	egory					
3301		Top	soil	Mi	id greyish brown	silty clay		0.00-0.26
				M	oderate rooting, s	sparse ch	nalk	
				fle	flecks and small sub-angular flints			
				рс	orly sorted.			
3302		Sub	soil	Mid brown with slight grey hue, silty				0.26-0.50
				clay. Occasional chalk flecks and				
				sn	nall sub-angular f	lints poo	rly	
				so	orted. Contains m	odern bri	ick	
				fra	ags.			
3303		NST	URAL	W	hite chalk layer. F	Possible	natural?	0.50+
				Only visible at Northern end of				
				tre	ench			

Trench moved approx. 7m East due to spoil heap mound.

CAT radio signal at southern end of trench therefore trench shortened.

Trench No	Trench No 34		Length 30m		Width 1.80m		Depth 0.50m	
Easting	Easting		Northing		MaOD			
Context	Context Fill Of/Filled Interpret		rpretative	D	Description			Depth BGL
Number	With	Cate	egory	gory				
3401		Тор	Topsoil		id greyish brown mall sub-angular f ecks. Moderate ro	lints and	•	0.00-0.30
3402		Subsoil			Mid brownish silty clay. Common chalk flecks throughout.			0.30+

Trench No	Trench No 35		Length 30m		Width 1.80m De		Depth 0	.50m
Easting			Northing		MaOD			
Context	Fill Of/Filled	l Inte	rpretative	D	escription			Depth BGL
Number	With	Cate	egory					
3501		Тор	soil		id greyish brown			0.00-0.30
					Moderate rooting. Rare small subangular flints poorly sorted.			
3502		Sub	soil	cl no di ao	id yellowish brow ay. Rare rooting. oticeably more flir steibuted.Maybe djacent spoil heap djacent housing d	Patches nts rando associato mound	of mly ed with and / or	0.30-0.50+



Trench No	36	Length 30m	Width 1.80m	Depth 0.50m
Easting	Easting Northing		MaOl	D
Context	Fill Of/Filled	Interpretative	Description	Depth BGL
Number	With	Category		
3601		Topsoil	Mid greyish brown silty cla Moderate rooting. Sparse sub-angular flints poorly s	small
3602		Subsoil	Mid brow silty clay. Occas small sub-angular flints po sorted. Moderate rooting.	

Central portion of the trench unexcavated due to positive response from CAT scanner on radio mode. 3m exclusion zone marked out and line of service surveyed.

Trench No	37	Length	28m		Width 1.80m		Depth 0	.50m
Easting			Northing			MaOD		
Context	Fill Of/Filled	d Inte	rpretative	D	escription			Depth BGL
Number	With	Category						
3701	Topsoil		M w	Dark greyish brown silty clay.  Moderate rooting, occasional small well rounded and sub-angular flints poorly sorted. Fairly loose.			0.00-0.30	
3702		Sub	osoil	ch we po	Mid brown silty clay. Occasional chalk flecks and small to medium well rounded and sub-angular flints poorly sorted. Fairly firm and compact.			0.3-0.50
3703		Nat	Natural		Mid brownish white chalk.  Presumed natural. Very patchy in East part of trench.  0.50			0.50+
Trench sho	ortened by 2m	due to	detected serv	ice v	vith CAT.			

Trench No	38	Length 28m		Width 1.80m		Depth 0	.50m
Easting		Northing			MaOD		
Context	Fill Of/Filled	Interpretative	D	Description			Depth BGL
Number	With	Category					
3801		Topsoil	M	Mid greyish brown silty clay.			0.00-0.20
			0	Occasional rooting. Sparse small			
			SI	ub-angular flint. po	oorly sor	ted	
3802		Subsoil	Li	Light brown silty clay. Occasional		sional	0.20+
			SI	small to medium sub-angular flints.		ar flints.	
			P	ossible colluvium'	?		
Trench sho	Trench shortened by 2m due to service at least end						



Trench No	39	Length 30m	Width 1.80m	Depth	0.50m
Easting		Northing		MaOD	
Context Number			Description		Depth BGL
3901	Topsoil		Mid greyish brown silty clay.  Common small sub-angular flints poorly sorted. Occasional rooting. Heavily ploughed.		
3902	Subsoil		Mid Brown silty clay. Sparse small to medium sub-angular flints. Occasional chalk flecks towards the north. Possible colluvium? Medium to large sub-angular flints towards the north.		0.30-0.50
3903		Natural	Light brownish whit Possible natural? P undulates and rises of trench.	ossibly	0.50+

Trench No	rench No 40 Length 30m			Width 1.80m Depth 0		Depth 0	.50m	
Easting			Northing		MaOD			
Context	ntext Fill Of/Filled Interpretative		D	escription			Depth BGL	
Number	With	Cat	egory					
4001	Topsoil			Mid greyish brown silty clay.  Moderately rooted. Occasional			0.00-0.26	
					mall well rounded			
4002		Sub	soil	to ch th sr	Id brown silty clay wards the east of halk flecks poorly roughout. Occasi hall to medium flippecks of CBM, pro	trench. I sorted onal sub nts. Very	Rare -angular rare	0.26+

Trench No	41	Length 30m	Width 1.80m	Depth (	).50m
Easting		Northing	MaOD		
Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description		Depth BGL
4101		Topsoil	Mid greyish brown Moderate rooting of small well rounded flints.	0.00-0.20	
4102		Subsoil	Mid brown silty sar Common chalk fled sub-angular flints. (4102) below	cks and small	0.20-0.30
4103		Natural	White compact cha be the natural. Occ angular small to m	casional sub-	0.30+
Central 10m of trench at 0.40m bgl due to presence of chalk layer (4103)					



Trench No	42	Length	30m		Width 1.80m Depth		Depth 0	0.50m	
Easting			Northing			MaOD	•		
Context	Fill Of/Filled	Inte	Interpretative		escription			Depth BGL	
Number	With	Cate	Category						
4201		Тор	Topsoil		Dark greyish brown silty clay. Heavily mixed / composted with horse manure and straw. Occasional small sub-angular and well rounded flints poorly sorted. Sparse frags of modern CBM. Diffuses slightly into 4202		with ar and orted.	0.00-0.25	
4202		Sub		sr fli	id brown silty clay mall and medium nts. Moderate roc	sub-angı oting.	ular	0.25+	

South end of trench fenced off as adjacent to gate to horse field. Topsoil mixed/composted with horse manure and straw.

Trench No	43	Length 30m	Width 1.80m	Depth	0.60m
Easting		Northing		MaOD	
Context Number	Fill Of/Filled Interpretative With Category		Description		Depth BGL
4301	Topsoil		Dark greyish brown silty clay. 0.00-0.40 Heavily rooted. Occasional small sub-angular flints poorly sorted.		
4302	Subsoil		Mid brown silty clay chalk flecks and sm sub-angular flints. F colluvium? One pot fragment recovered	0.40-0.55	
4303	Natural		Light brownish White chalk and silt . Fairly compact. Occasional medium sub-angular flints poorly sorted. Presumed to be natural and subsoil interface? At Western end of trench.		

Trench No	Trench No 44 Length 30m			Width 1.80m Depth 0		.50m		
Easting Northing				MaOD				
Context	Fill Of/Filled	Inte	Interpretative		escription			Depth BGL
Number	With	Cate	Category					
4202		Sub	Subsoil		id yellow brown w ay. Possible collu erile.		•	0.30+
4401		Тор	Topsoil		Dark grey brown silty clay. Heavily ploughed. Common rooting.		0.00-0.30	



#### 10 APPENDIX 2 – KENT COUNTY COUNCIL HER SUMMARY FORM

Site Name: Land South of Dalefield Way

Site Address: Land South of Dalefield Way, Gravesend, Kent

**Summary of discoveries:** A single large Romano-British Ditch in a single trench and Prehistoric, Romano-British, medieval-modern residual finds scattered across the remainder of the Site.

**District/Unitary:** Gravesend **Parish:** Milton and Denton

Period(s): Romano-British

NGR (centre of site to nearest 1m):

(NB if large or linear site give multiple NGRs)

Type of archaeological work (delete)

Evaluation

Date of fieldwork (dd/mm/yy) From: 8th August 2016 To: 26th August 2016

Unit/contractor undertaking recording: Wessex Archaeology

**Geology:** Seaford Chalk Formation and Newhaven Chalk Formation (chalk) to the north and Thanet Formation (sand) to the south, with no superficial deposits (BGS online viewer)

Title and author of accompanying report:

Title: Land South of Dalefield Way, Gravesend, Kent

Authors: Andrew Souter

Summary of fieldwork results (begin with earliest period first, add NGRs where appropriate)

The archaeological works comprised the excavation of forty-four trenches measuring 30m in length and 1.8m wide and approximately 0.5m deep. These were positioned across the development footprint in order to determine the presence, extent, date and nature of the buried archaeological remains. Four of these trenches were not excavated due to the presence of deep made ground, one was not excavated due to the proximity of modern surfaces and access issues and one was split into two due to an obstruction.

Of the all the trenches excavated one contained finds and a feature of archaeological significance.

The results of the evaluation showed a single Romano-British ditch present halfway up the western edge of the Site, along with residual finds dating from the Late Bronze Age, Iron Age and medieval to modern periods retrieved from topsoil, alluvial and colluvial deposits. The Romano-British ditch is substantial in size and suggests the possibility of a significant level of activity within the local area.

The evaluation showed geological variance across the Site with an area of made ground to the north west, alluvial deposits to the north east and a mixture of natural flinty chalk and colluvial deposits to the south. Although some of the trenches did not expose natural geology, the extent of alluvial and colluvial deposits, has been plotted and an impact assessment provided.

Location of archive/finds: Wessex Archaeology Maidstone Office

Contact at Unit: David Britchfield Date: 21.09.2016



#### APPENDIX 3 - OASIS FORM 11

#### OASIS ID: wessexar1-262030

#### **Project details**

Project name Land South of Dalefield Way

Short description of

the project

Wessex Archaeology was commissioned by CgMs Consulting to conduct an archaeological evaluation on land at south of Dalefield Way, Denton, Gravesend, centered on National Grid Reference 567084, 173369. The redevelopment of the Site involves the construction of a new residential housing estate comprising in total of 144 dwellings. The archaeological work comprised the excavation of fourty four evaulation trenches measuring 30 m x 1.8 m. Only a single linear ditch was

identified in Trench 23.

Project dates Start: 08-08-2016 End: 26-08-2016

Previous/future

work

Yes / No

Any associated project reference

codes

14/00757/AS - Sitecode

Any associated project reference

codes

20110197 - Planning Reference

Type of project Field evaluation

Site status Site of Special Scientific Importance (SSSI)

Grassland Heathland 1 - Heathland Current Land use

**DITCH Uncertain** Monument type

Significant Finds **POTTERY Roman** "Sample Trenches" Methods &

techniques

Development type Rural residential Prompt Planning condition

Position in the planning process After full determination (eg. As a condition)

#### **Project location**

Country England

Site location KENT GRAVESHAM GRAVESEND Land south of Dalefield Way, Gravesend,

Kent

**DA12 2LT** Postcode Study area 4.8 Hectares

Site coordinates TQ 6660 7356 51.435997 0.3971009 51 26 09 N 000 23 49 E Point

Lat/Long Datum WGS 84 Datum

Height OD / Depth Min: 4.9m Max: 4.9m



**Project creators** 

Name of Organisation Wessex Archaeology

Project brief originator

Wessex Archaeology

Project design originator

Wessex Archaeology

Project director/manager Dave Britchfield

Project supervisor

Emelia Seredynska

Type of

sponsor/funding

CgMs Consulting Ltd.

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**Project archives** 

Physical Archive

recipient

Wessex Archaeology

Physical Archive ID 112740

**Physical Contents** "Ceramics"

Digital Archive

recipient

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"none"

Digital Media available

"Database", "Images raster / digital photography", "Spreadsheets", "Survey"

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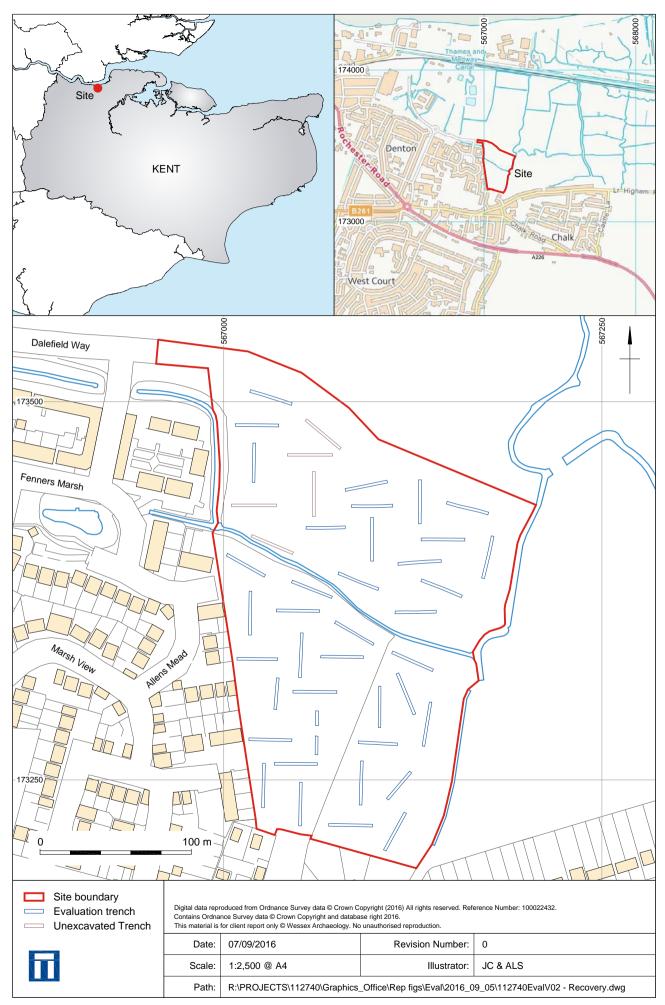
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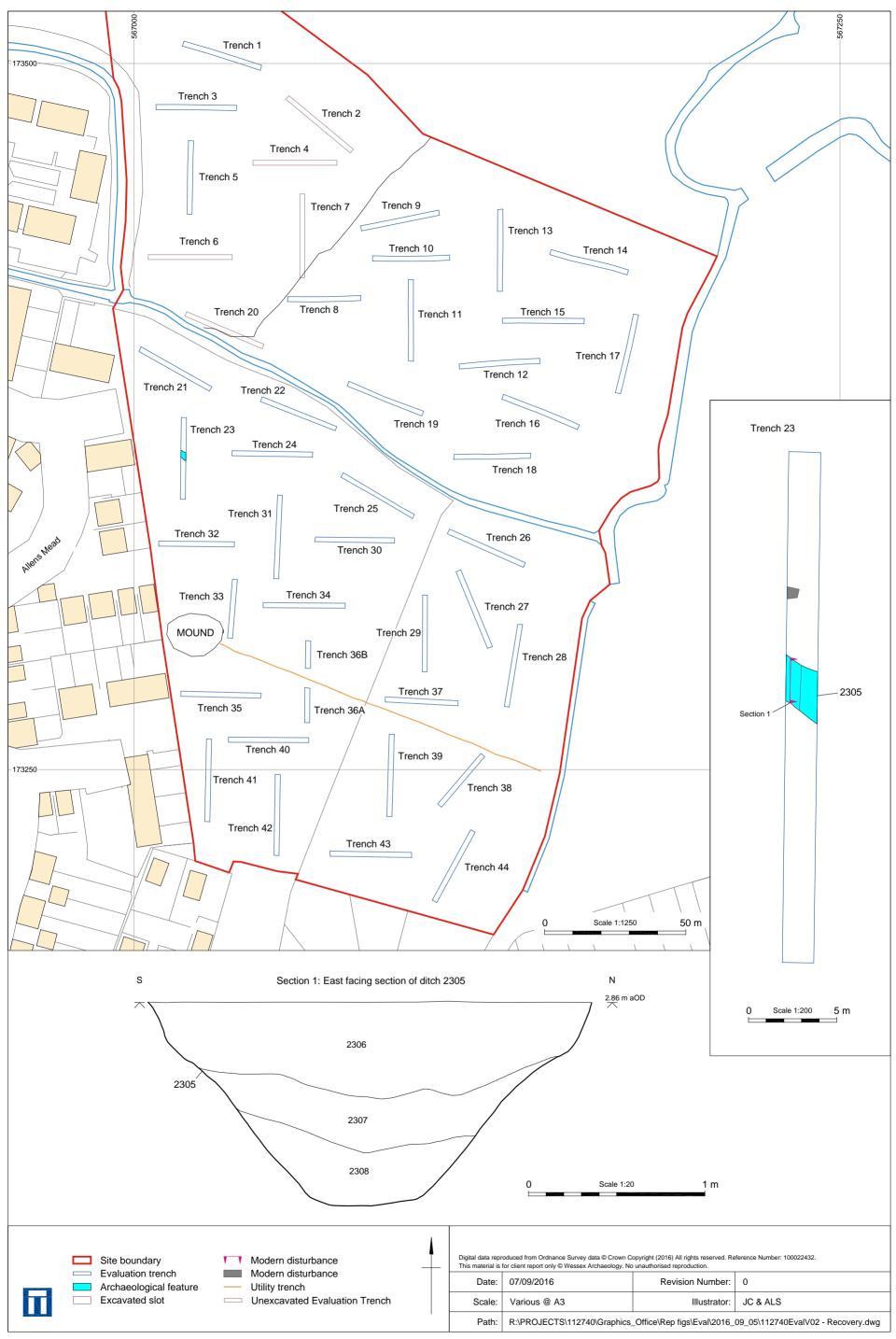
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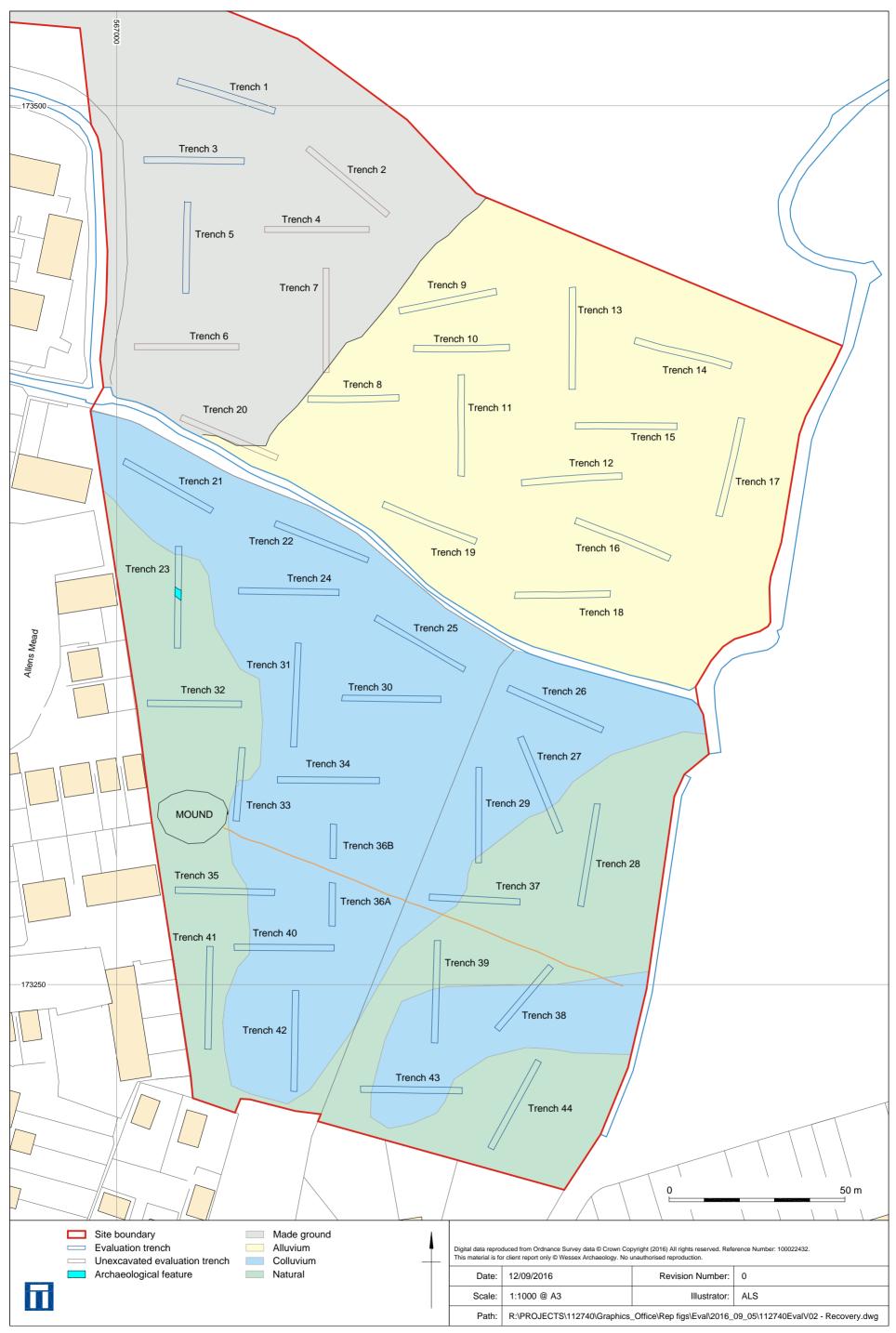






Plate 1: Trench 3, viewed from the east



Plate 2: Trench 5, viewed from the north

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Plate 3: Representative Section of Trench 5, viewed from the west



Plate 4: Trench 8, viewed from the east

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Plate 5: Representative Section of Trench 8, viewed from the north



Plate 6: Trench 12, viewed from the east

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Plate 7: Trench 16, viewed from the southeast



Plate 8: Representative Section of Trench 16, viewed from the southwest

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Plate 9: Trench 31, viewed from the northeast



Plate 10: Trench 41, viewed from the north

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Plate 11: Trench 27, viewed from the southeast



Plate 12: Representative Section of Trench 27, viewed from the southwest

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Plate 13: Trench 28, viewed from the southwest



Plate 14: Representative Section of Trench 28, viewed from the southeast

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Plate 15: Trench 43, viewed from the east



Plate 16: Trench 23, viewed from the south

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