



Houghton E1L5 Pole Replacement Project Near Danebury Hillfort Nether Wallop, Hampshire

Archaeological Watching Brief
Summary Statement

Accession Number: A2018.74
Document Ref.: 205060.02
January 2019



© Wessex Archaeology Ltd 2019, all rights reserved

Portway House
Old Sarum Park
Salisbury
SP4 6EB

www.wessexarch.co.uk

Wessex Archaeology Ltd is a company limited by guarantee registered in England, company number 1712772. It is also a Charity registered in England and Wales number 287786, and in Scotland, Scottish Charity number SC042630. Our registered office is at Portway House, Old Sarum Park, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP4 6EB

Disclaimer

The material contained in this report was designed as an integral part of a report to an individual client and was prepared solely for the benefit of that client. The material contained in this report does not necessarily stand on its own and is not intended to nor should it be relied upon by any third party. To the fullest extent permitted by law Wessex Archaeology will not be liable by reason of breach of contract negligence or otherwise for any loss or damage (whether direct indirect or consequential) occasioned to any person acting or omitting to act or refraining from acting in reliance upon the material contained in this report arising from or connected with any error or omission in the material contained in the report. Loss or damage as referred to above shall be deemed to include, but is not limited to, any loss of profits or anticipated profits damage to reputation or goodwill loss of business or anticipated business damages costs expenses incurred or payable to any third party (in all cases whether direct indirect or consequential) or any other direct indirect or consequential loss or damage

Document Information

Document title Houghton E1L5 Pole Replacement Project, Near Danebury Hillfort, Nether Wallop, Hampshire
Document subtitle Archaeological Watching Brief Summary Statement
Document reference 205060.02

Client name Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks
Address PO Box 38
Totton
Southampton
Hampshire
SO43 7PJ

Site location Land north-west of Danebury Hill,
Nether Wallop,
Stockbridge
SO20 6HZ

County Hampshire

National grid reference 432172 138129

Museum name Hampshire Cultural Trust

Museum accession code A2018.74

Date of fieldwork 13/11/18

Fieldwork directed by Dave Murdie

Project management by Damian De Rosa

Document compiled by Lee Newton

Quality Assurance

Issue and date	Status	Author	Approved by
1 12/12/18	Internal Draft	LN	DDR
2 02/01/19	External Draft	LN	DDR
3 07/01/19	Final	LN/DDR	Neil Adam HCC



Houghton E1L5 Pole Replacement Project Near Danebury Hillfort, Nether Wallop, Hampshire

Archaeological Watching Brief Summary Statement

1 PROJECT BACKGROUND

- 1.1.1 Wessex Archaeology was commissioned by Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks ('the Client') to conduct an archaeological watching brief during the Houghton E1L5 Pole Replacement Project. The work was monitored over approximately 780 m centred on NGR 432172 138129, at land north-west of Danebury Hill, Nether Wallop, Stockbridge SO20 6HZ (Fig. 1).
- 1.1.2 The scheme comprised the removal and replacement of six wooden utility poles which traverse an irregular parcel of land of approximately 38 ha. The site was under arable cultivation at the time of the scheme. The wooden poles are aligned north-east to south-west and are used to support overhead powerlines.
- 1.1.3 The poles were located adjacent to and in the immediate vicinity of four Scheduled Monuments. Approximately 300 m to the south-east of the cable route, lies the Iron Age Hillfort, Danebury Hill Camp, (Listing Entry No. 1001949). Immediately to the north west of the cable route are situated two Neolithic Long Barrows, 450 m south-west of Down Farm (Listing Entry No. 1013129) and 350m south-west of Down Farm (Listing Entry No. 1013131); and to the north lies a further long barrow located 50m north-east of Down Farm (Listing Entry No. 1012511). The route of the works also lies within the vicinity of a Bronze Age barrow (Tumulus) and the remnants of a prehistoric field system which is associated with Danebury Hillfort.
- 1.1.4 A written scheme of investigation (WSI) (Wessex Archaeology 2018) was prepared prior to the commencement of any fieldwork and set out the aims of the watching brief, and the methods and standards that were employed. In format and content, it conformed to current best practice, as well as to the guidance in *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment* (MoRPHE, Historic England 2015) and the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists' (CIfA) *Standard and guidance for an archaeological watching brief* (CIfA 2014a).
- 1.1.5 The WSI was submitted to and approved by Neil Adam, senior archaeologist at Hampshire County Council prior to the start of the watching brief.

2 LOCATION, TOPOGRAPHY AND GEOLOGY

- 2.1.1 The watching brief was located within an agricultural landscape characterised by dispersed settlement and enclosed fields. The cable route is located 2.3 km to the east-north-east of the village of Nether Wallop and 4.6 km to the north-west of the small town of Stockbridge, approximately 500 m to the north-west lies the Middle Wallop Airfield.

- 2.1.2 The site is located within a relatively flat area of land which gently rises from the north-east at a height of c. 83 m above Ordnance Datum (aOD) to c. 88 m aOD to the south west.
- 2.1.3 The underlying geology is mapped as Newhaven Chalk Formation, no superficial deposits are recorded (British Geological Survey online viewer).



Plate 1: Installation of P28

3 FIELDWORK METHODS

- 3.1.1 The works consisted of the removal of the existing post, following its disconnection. The original post holes were then augured to a depth of 1.8m (deeper than previously) before the new posts were put in place and re-connected.

4 RESULTS

- 4.1.1 The results of the watching brief were negative mainly given the very limited nature of the groundworks. No archaeological features, artefactual or ecofactual evidence was observed or recovered.



Plate 2: Re-augured hole for P27. Scale is 0.2m

5 ARCHIVE STORAGE AND CURATION

- 5.1.1 The project archive resulting from the watching brief will be deposited with Hampshire Cultural Trust. The museum was notified of the project, prior to fieldwork commencing, and an accession number was obtained; A2018.74.
- 5.1.2 The complete archive, including paper records and digital data, has been prepared following the standard conditions for the acceptance of excavated archaeological material by Hampshire Cultural Trust, and in general following nationally recommended guidelines (SMA 1995; ClfA 2014c; Brown 2011; ADS 2013). The archive will be deposited within one year of the completion of the project, with the agreement of the client.
- 5.1.3 In line with current best practice (eg, 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.



6 COPYRIGHT

- 6.1.1 The full copyright of the written/digital archive relating to the project will be retained by Wessex Archaeology under the *Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988* with all rights reserved. The client will be licenced to use each report for the purposes that it was produced in relation to the project as described in the specification. The museum, however, will be granted an exclusive licence for the use of the archive for educational purposes, including academic research, providing that such use conforms to the *Copyright and Related Rights Regulations 2003*. In some instances, certain regional museums may require absolute transfer of copyright, rather than a licence; this should be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.
- 6.1.2 This document and the project archive may contain material that is non-Wessex Archaeology copyright (eg, Ordnance Survey, British Geological Survey, Crown Copyright), or the intellectual property of third parties, which Wessex Archaeology are able to provide for limited reproduction under the terms of our own copyright licences, but for which copyright itself is non-transferable by Wessex Archaeology. Users remain bound by the conditions of the *Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988* with regard to multiple copying and electronic dissemination of such material.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Wessex Archaeology 2018 Houghton E1L5 Pole Replacement Project, Near Danebury Hillfort, Nether Wallop, Hampshire. Written Scheme of Investigation for Archaeological Watching Brief. WA Ref.: 205060.01



Oasis Form

OASIS ID: wessexar1-352447

Project details

Project name	Houghton E1L5 Pole Replacement Project Near Danebury Hillfort Nether Wallop, Hampshire
Short description of the project	Wessex Archaeology undertook an archaeological watching brief to monitor groundworks for the removal and replacement of six wooden utility poles, which comprised of the removal of the existing post, following which the original post holes were then augured to a depth of 1.8m before the new posts were put in place. The results of the watching brief were negative mainly given the very limited nature of the groundworks. No archaeological features, artefactual or ecofactual evidence was observed or recovered.
Project dates	Start: 13-11-2018 End: 13-11-2018
Previous/future work	No / No
Any associated project reference codes	205060 - Contracting Unit No.
Any associated project reference codes	A2018.74 - Museum accession ID
Type of project	Recording project
Current Land use	Cultivated Land 3 - Operations to a depth more than 0.25m
Investigation type	"Watching Brief"

Project location

Country	England
Site location	HAMPSHIRE TEST VALLEY HOUGHTON Houghton E1L5 Pole Replacement Project Near Danebury Hillfort Nether Wallop, Hampshire
Study area	0 Hectares
Site coordinates	432172 138129 432172 00 00 N 138129 00 00 E Point

Project creators

Name of Organisation	Wessex Archaeology
Project brief originator	Hampshire County Council
Project design originator	Wessex Archaeology
Project director/manager	Damian De Rosa
Project supervisor	Dave Murdie
Type of sponsor/funding body	Energy company

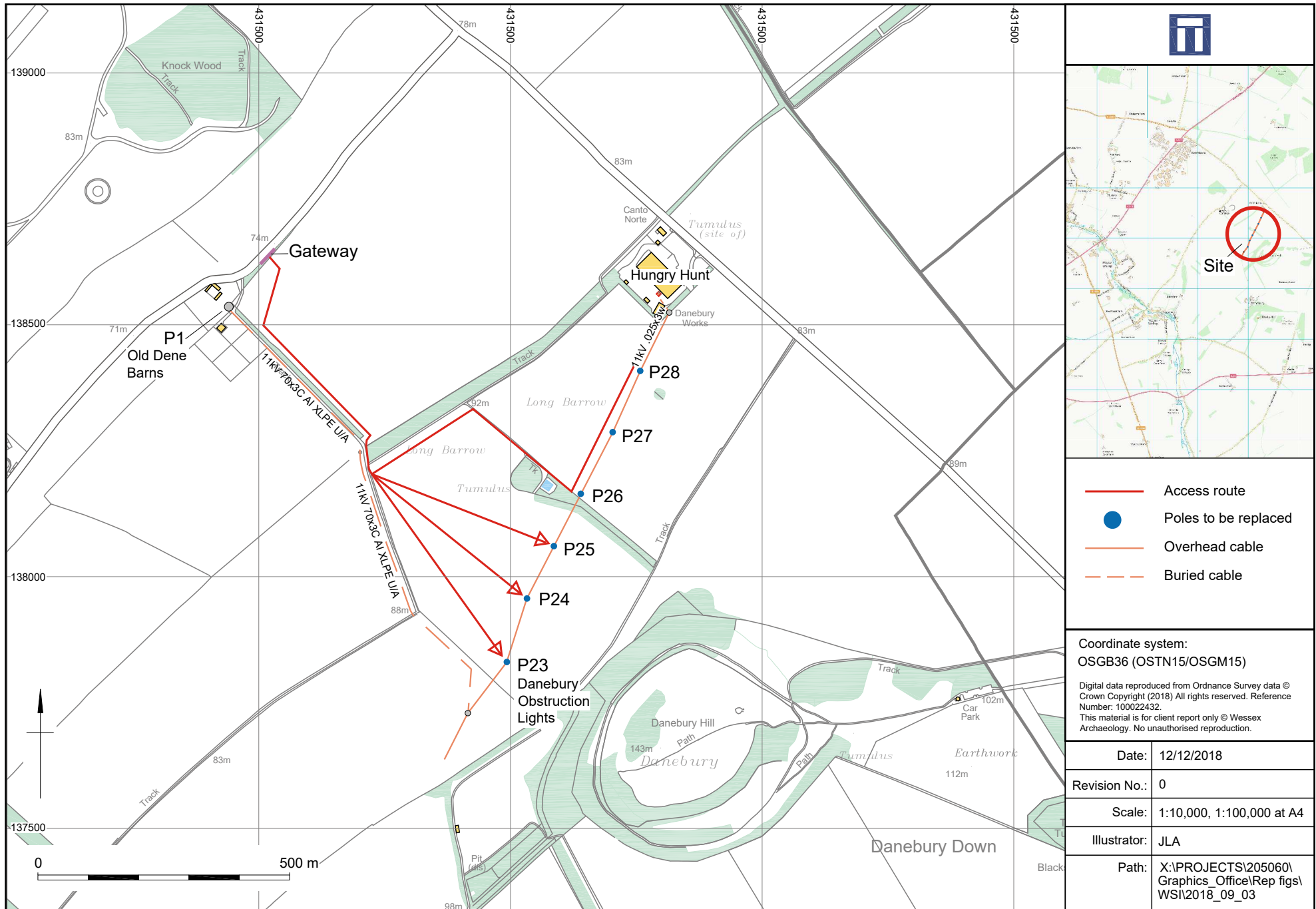


Project archives

Physical Archive Exists?	No
Digital Archive recipient	Hampshire Cultural Trust
Digital Media available	"Images raster / digital photography","Text"
Paper Archive recipient	Hampshire Cultural Trust
Paper Media available	"Context sheet","Report"

Project bibliography 1

Publication type	Grey literature (unpublished document/manuscript)
Title	Houghton E1L5 Pole Replacement Project, Near Danebury Hillfort, Nether Wallop, Hampshire
Author(s)/Editor(s)	Newton, L.
Other bibliographic details	205060.02
Other bibliographic details	A2018.74
Date	2019
Issuer or publisher	Wessex Archaeology
Place of issue or publication	Salisbury
Description	Short summary statement in A4 text format with 2 plates integrated in to text and a single figure drawing showing site location and monitored works



Route of works (client data)

Figure 1



Wessex Archaeology Ltd registered office Portway House, Old Sarum Park, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP4 6EB
Tel: 01722 326867 Fax: 01722 337562 info@wessexarch.co.uk www.wessexarch.co.uk

