

Falcon House, 2 Stortford Road, Standon, Herts.

HN1200

Report No. 943

Site name and address:	Falcon House, 2 Stortford Road, Standon, SG11 1LT		
County:	Hertfordshire	District:	East Hertfordshire
Village/town:	Standon	Parish:	Standon
Planning reference:	3/14/2224/FP	NGR:	TL 39670 22500
Client name and address:	Mr and Mrs M Koyce, Falcon House, 2 Stortford Road, Standon, SG11 1LT		
Nature of work:	Extension	Present land use:	Private Residence
Site Status:	AAS No. 96	Reason for investigation:	Direction of local planning authority (NPPF)
Position in planning process:	Post-determination (as a condition)	Project brief originator:	Chris Turner
Size of affected area:	c.7m ²	Size of area investigated:	c.7m ²
Site Code:	HN1200	HER reference:	17/15
Organisation:	Heritage Network	Site Director:	David Hillelson
Project type, methods etc.	Observation and Recording	Archive Recipient:	Hertford Museum
Start of work	18/5/2015	Finish of work	18/5/2015
Related HER Nos:	None	Periods represented:	Modern
Oasis UID:	heritage1-209496	Significant finds:	None
Monument types:	None		
Physical archive:	None		
Previous summaries/reports:	n/a		

Narrative:

This report has been prepared at the request of Martin Koyce Esq., to complete a scheme of archaeological work carried out as part of a programme of development at Falcon House, 2 Stortford Road, Standon, Herts. SG11 1LT.

Planning permission for the building of a conservatory and open porch to the main house, and extension to an outbuilding (ref: 3/14/2224/FP), was granted by East Hertfordshire District Council (EHDC) subject to an archaeological condition issued in line with the Department of Communities and Local Government's National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

The site is situated on the eastern side of the junction of Stortford Road and the High Street, near the centre of Standon and centred on NGR TL 39670 22500 (Figure 1). The site lies within Area of Archaeological Significance no.96, which includes the medieval settlement of Standon (a medieval borough), the parish church of St Mary (Historic Environment Record no.4366), and numerous later medieval and early post-medieval buildings.

The study area comprises a Grade II listed building, the former Falcon public house, its outbuildings and grounds. The Falcon is first documented in a will from 1686 and its location in the historic core of Standon would suggest that it is occupying a site that has been used since at least the medieval period.

The clients have decided not to build the proposed conservatory at the present time, and the proposed porch required no groundworks. Accordingly, the groundworks consisted of a single U-shaped trench (Figure 2) excavated using a 0.8 tonne tracked 360-degree excavator. The trench was 0.6m wide, between 1.1m and 1.5m deep and had a total length of 11.55m. No archaeological features were seen in the trench. A late 19th century or early 20th century red brick service chamber was encountered in the south-eastern arm of the trench along with a 20th drain and concrete building footings.

The stratigraphy observed in the trench consisted of a very dark grey (10YR 3/1) silty sand topsoil, up to 0.2m in thickness. This overlay a deposit of made ground, a brown (10YR 5/3) silty sand, up to 0.9m in thickness. The natural, where seen, was a mixed deposit of white chalk (10YR 8/1) and strong brown (10YR 4/6) sandy

clay. Cut into the topsoil along most of the length of the trench were modern block pavers bedded on layers of sand and crushed stone.

Discussion:

Although the present site lies within Area of Archaeological Significance no.96, no archaeological features or deposits were identified, and no significant artefacts observed or collected in the course of the present works.

The site of the new extension has clearly been disturbed previously, as demonstrated by the made ground, and the excavated footings have had no impact upon any archaeological remains. Should they be present, any such remains would be preserved in situ.

Construction of the proposed conservatory has been put on hold indefinitely, but further archaeological monitoring would be required if it should go ahead in the future.

Illustrations:

Figure 1 Site Location
Figure 2 Site Layout
Figure 3 Sections

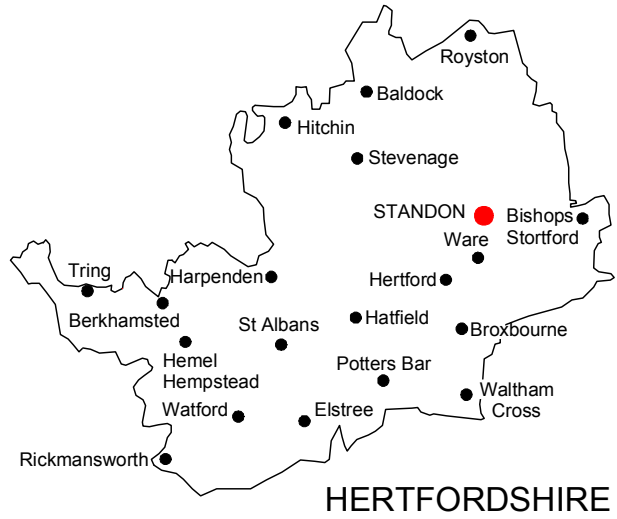
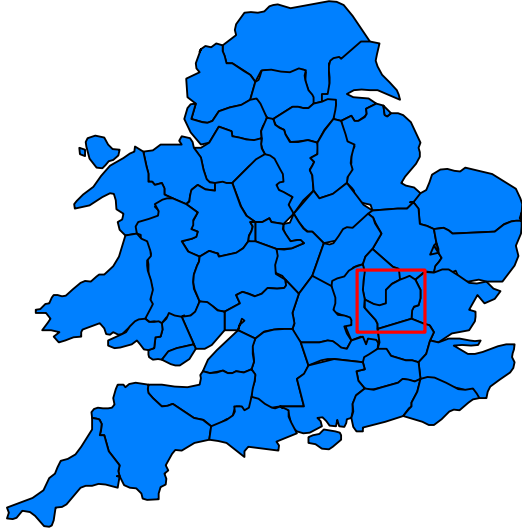
Plate 1 View of site, looking north-west
Plate 2 View of trench, looking north-west
Plate 3 Section 1, looking east
Plate 4 Section 2, looking north

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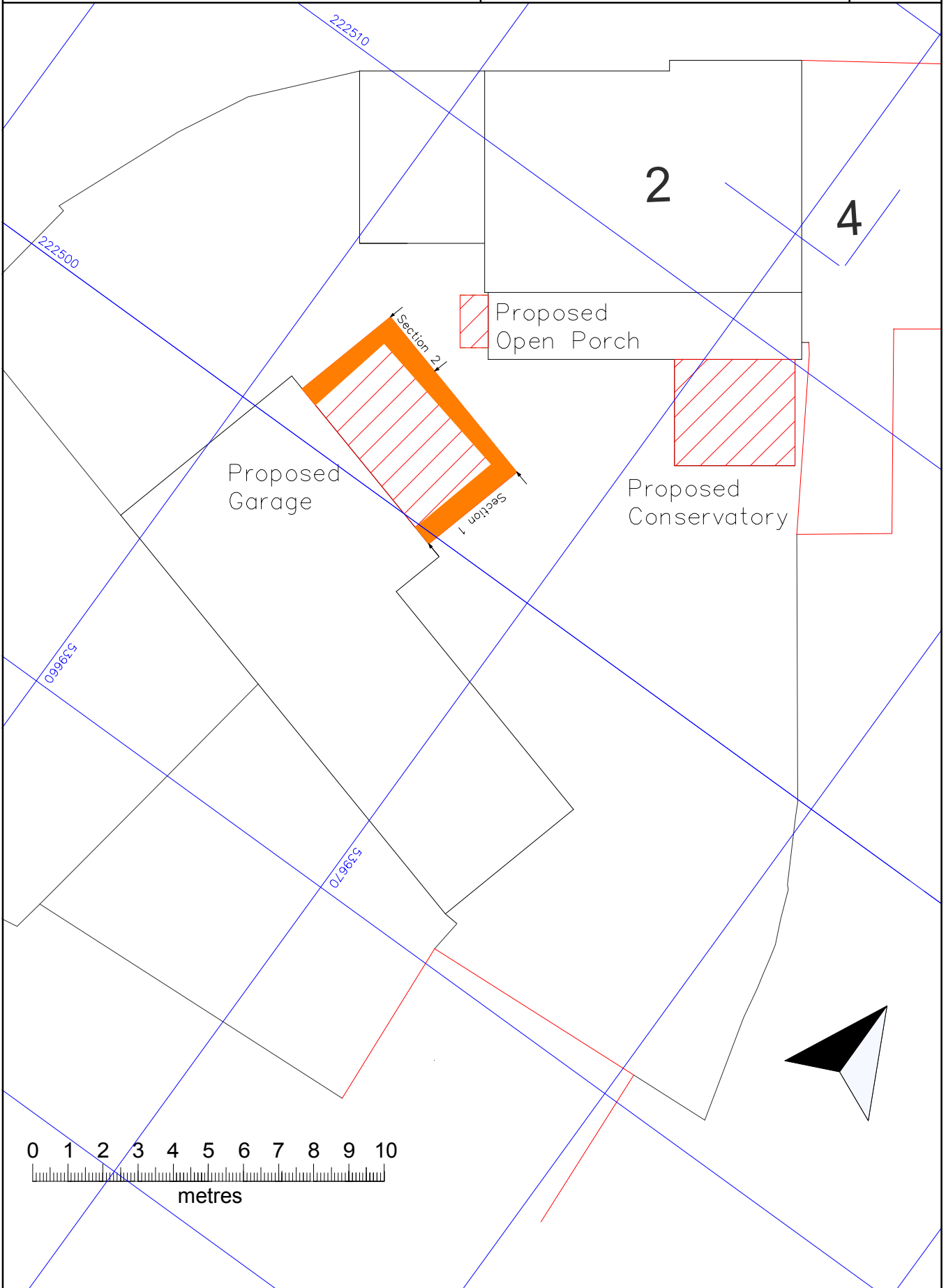


Site Location

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Figure 1



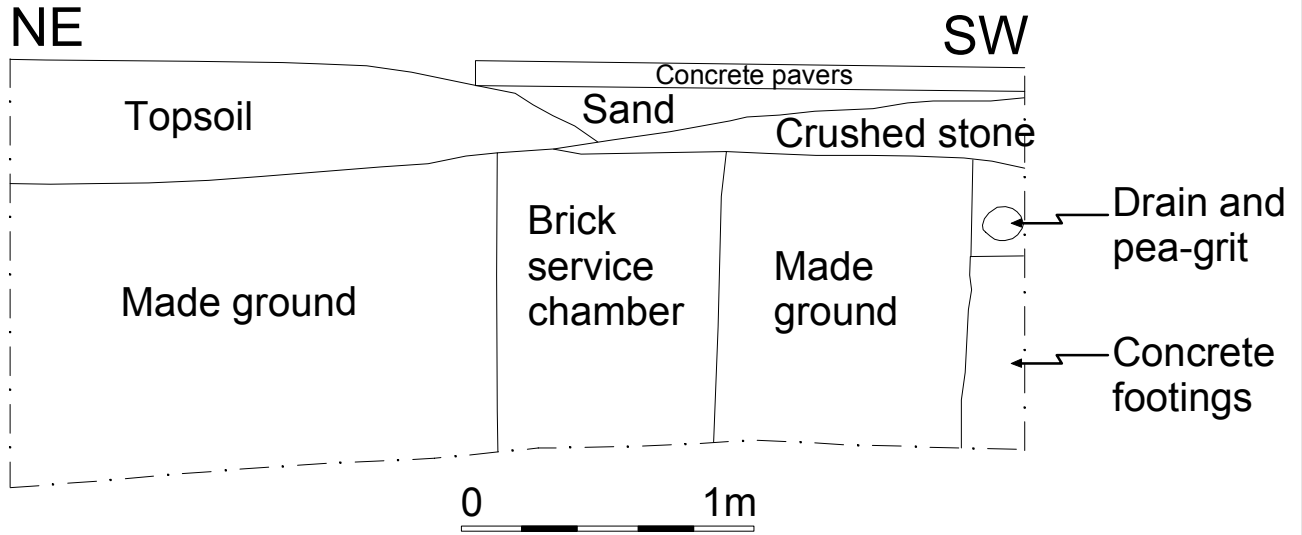
Site layout

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Figure 2

Section 1



Section 2

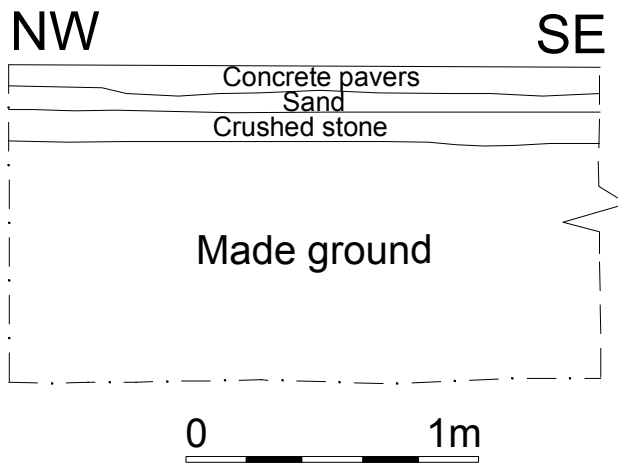




Plate 1: View of site, looking north west



Plate 2: View of trench, looking north west



Plate 3: Section 1, looking east



Plate 4: Section 2, looking north

Site Name:	FALCON HOUSE, STANFORD, HERTS	HN ref:	HN/200.
		Site Code:	

1.0hr Return-travel

Recorder(s):	R.G. Jensen (RGJ)	Arrive time:	9.48	Return travel:	1.0hr
Date:	18/5/2015	Depart time:	4.07	Total hours:	6.35 hrs

6h 20m ~~6.35 hrs~~ 7h 20m

Reported to:	MARK GODLEY, ME GODLEY LTD	Position:	PRINCIPAL
Purpose of visit:	WB		

Photograph film no	COLOUR DIGITAL.
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Staff on site:	RGJ.
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Observations:	
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RGJ left home 9.31am, ~~Office~~, RGJ arrived at site at 9.48
 (having been told to arrive at 10.00).
 RGJ left site 4.07pm 0 miles. Office 4.37; 16.4 miles

Lyndon Brett, Brett Service, 07889 018153
 GROUNDWORKS FOR EMAN

Main contractor - Mark Godley, ME Godley Ltd
 07710 500 360.

RGJ also saw Martin Kouce

Mark Godley explained porch would be free standing -
 hanging from 2 galleys brackets in groundworks.

no more groundworks - service will pick up an external one
 (rain water).

ALL FIELDWORK DONE

	Sheet	1	of	1
	Additional records:			
	Text sheet(s)			
	Sketch sheet(s)			2
	Context form(s)			
	A4 Scale dwng(s)			
	A3 Scale dwng(s)			
Weather:	RAIN & OVERCAST	Photographs		✓

SITE CODE HN/200	Site Name FALCON HSE, STAND ON		Sub-division GARAGE	Map/Plan	PLOT No GARAGE
	Length 5.85m	Width 3.45m	Depth UP TO 1.5m		
	Machine Type 0.8 TON 3600 TRACKED		Bucket Size 0.45m		

Present land use	Visibility (circle)	Poor	Moderate	Good				
Topsoil/ Overburden								
Colour 10YR 3/1 VERY DARK GRAY	Composition SILTY SAND		Depth UP TO THICKNESS 0.2m					
Subsoil								
Colour 10YR 5/3 BROWN	Composition DUMPED FILL SILTY SAND WITH FRED. SUB-ANGULAR FLINT TO 10cms. RARE TILES & BRICK		Depth THICKNESS 0.9m					
Natural								
Colour 10YR 8/1 WHITE & 10YR 4/6 STRONG BROWN	Composition CHALK & SANDY CLAY STERILE		Depth THICKNESS > 0.05m					
Observations (circle)	Archaeology	Root activity	Structure	Contamination	Unstable	Mod truncation	Other:
	Bur'd horizon	A-Burrows	Services	Flooding	Blank	Plough mark	Land drain

Sketch Plan and Section (include all dimensions, north arrow and levels; remember to annotate)

See sketch toward sheet 1: 50 plan & 2 section drawings C-D & G-N.

"POST-MED INTO NATURAL, BLANK"

- PORCH TO BE SUSPENDED FROM EXISTING HOUSE
- 1 SERVICE TO PICK UP EXPOSED RUN ALONG SOUTH SIDE OF NEW GARAGE - RAIN WATER
- ALL DONE ON SITE

Discussion and interpretation

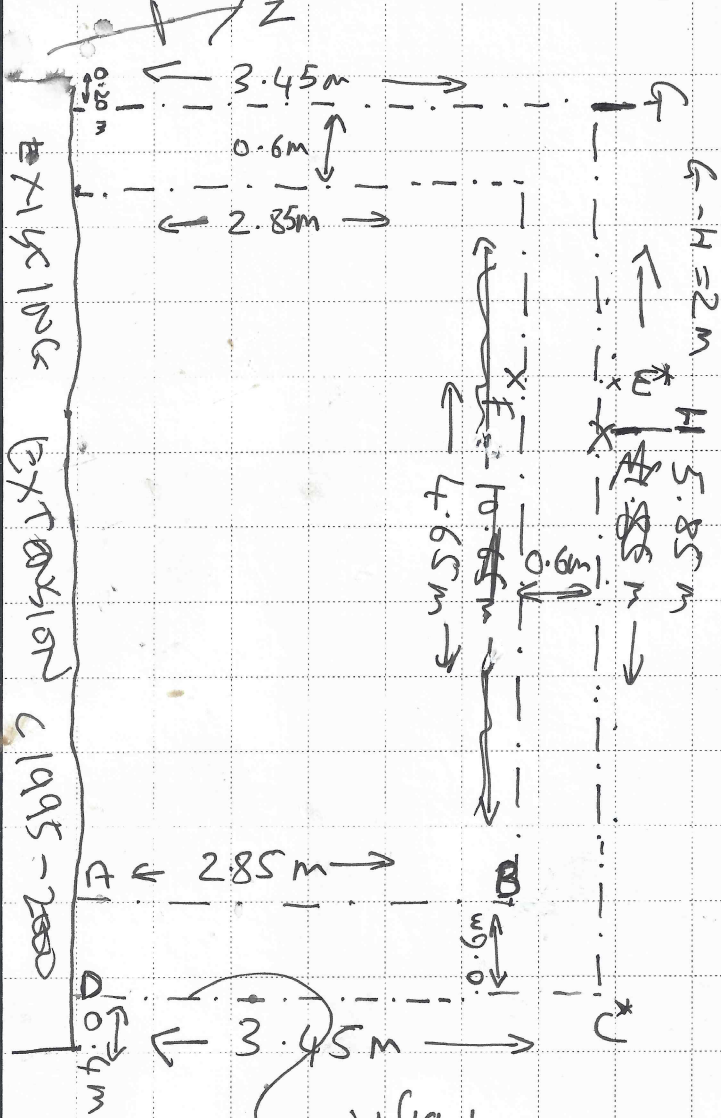
~~TOPSOIL~~ ~~MAKED OVER~~ MAKE-UP FOR (REMOVED) BRICK PAVERS (20, FROGGED) OVER LATE (19 OR 20) RED BRICK BUILT CORNER OF A ~~POST~~ STRUCTURE THAT WAS A SINGLE BRICK WIDE & WHICH WAS BUILT OF CEMENT MORTARED BRICKS & THAT WAS ~~CONCRETE~~ CEMENT FACED INTERNALLY. BRICK STRUCTURE CUT INTO FILL THAT HAD RARE TILE & POST-MED BRICK FRAGS & 1x STAMPED LETTERED CHAR BOTTLE FRAG (19+) - NONE KEPT.

* NO BRICKS REMOVED SO PRESERVED & CAN'T SAY IF FROGGED OR NOT.

Contexts	=			Signature	R. J. [unclear]
Finds	=			Date	15/5/11
Plan no.	SKETCH		Photo (b/w)	X	
Section no.	2x SKETCH		Photo (colour)	✓	
Levelled	X	Located	✓	Samples	X
Weather conditions	RAIN THEN OVERCAST			Checked	✓
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SITE CODE HN 1200	Site Name FALCON HOUSE, SOMPTON	Sub-division GARAGE	CONTEXT PLAN
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Sketch Plan and Section (include all dimensions, north arrow and levels; remember to annotate)



C-C* USED TO LOCATE SOME COLOUR DIGITAL PHOTOS.

DRAWN SECTIONS (ON SKETCH SHEETS)

C-D & G-H

mid lg + cement mortared
8 lined unexcavated
Red brick manhole
structure clipped by
trench - bricks not
broken so don't know
y projected. Prog(20)

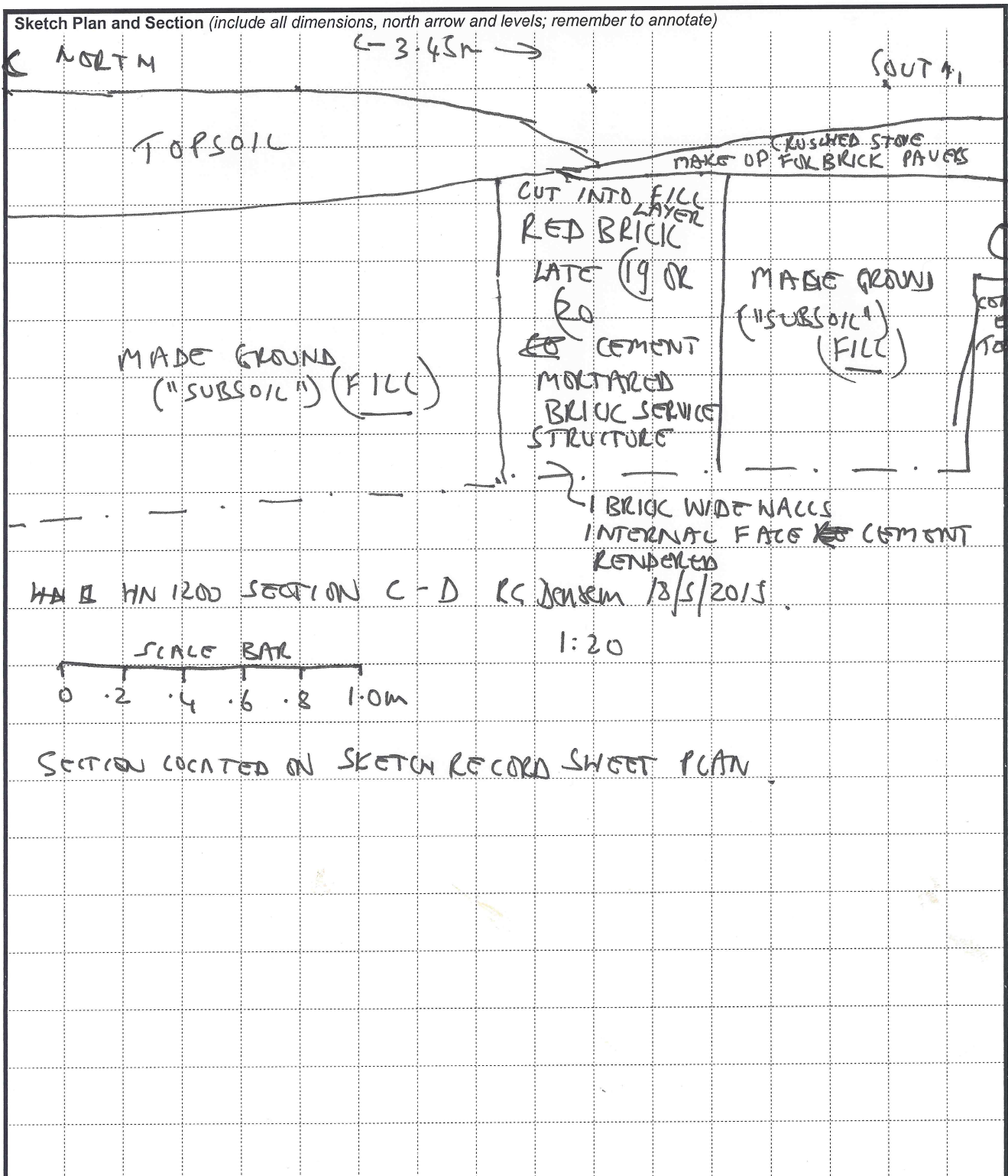
Discussion and interpretation

Footings plan

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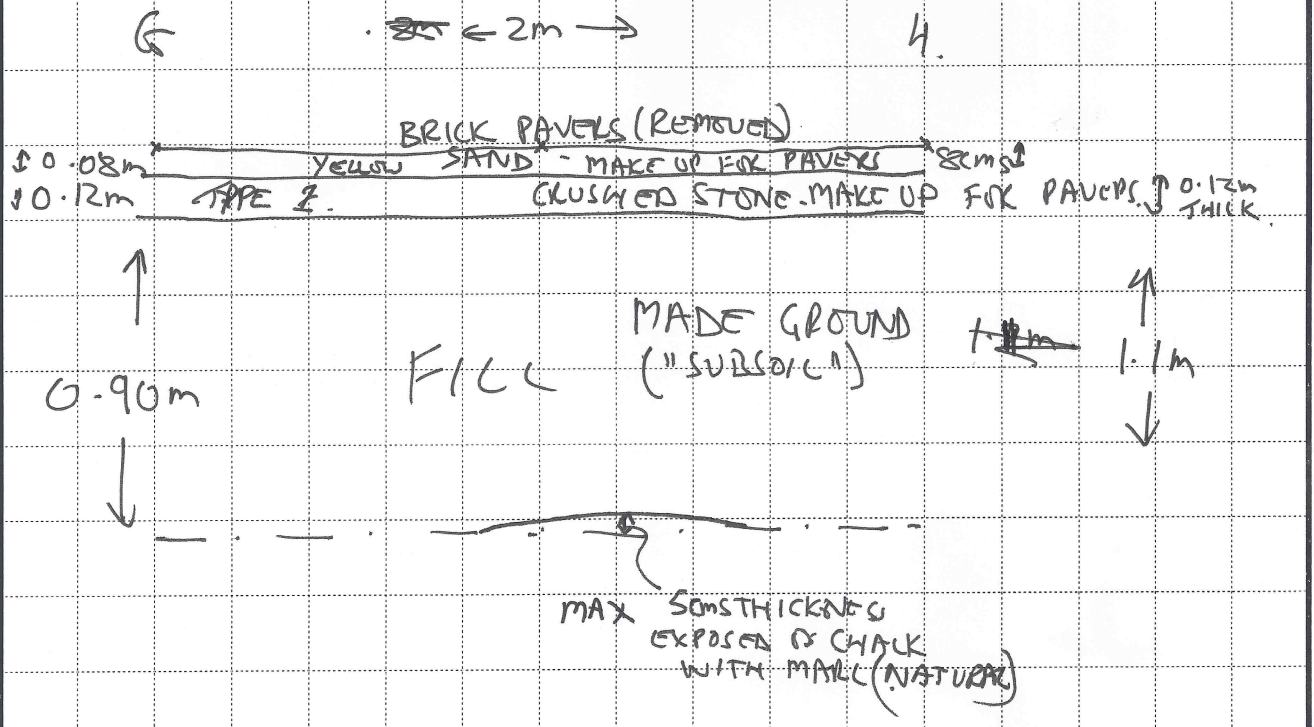
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SITE CODE HN 1200	Site Name FALCON WSE, STANBOR	Sub-division	CONTEXT SECTION G-H
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SECTION G-H, LOCATED ON SKETCH RECORD PLAN

1:20 RGD Jensen 18/5/2015

1m SCALE BAR



Discussion and interpretation

Section 2

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Site Name / Code						
FALCON HSE, STANDON / HN 1200						
Site	Shot Number	Details	View	Date	Time	Initials
HN1200	1	general view, ? overcast L.E	L.E	18/5/15	10:50	KSD
	2					
	3					
	4	L.W	L.W			
	5					
	6	SECTION A - B note A-B etc	L.W		12:45	
	7	located on				
	8	plan on				
	9	sketch level				
	10	general view located sect A-B	L.W			
	11	section C-D			1:00	
	12					
	13					
	14					
	15		L.N		1:30	
	16	SECTION E-C				
	17		L.NC			
	18					
	19		L.N		1:45	
	20	SECTION B-F	L.S		1:45	
	21		L.S			
	22		L.SW			
	23		L.SW			
	24		L.SE			
	25		L.SB			
	26	SECTION G-H, SHOWING	L.N		3:20	
	27	NATURAL				
	28					
	29					
	30					
	31	FINAL STOT OF OVERALL	L.E		3:55	
	32	↓				
	33	SERVICE STRUCTURE	0/41		4:00	
	34	OVERHEAD VIE (date 19 for 20)	1		1	