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*The cover illustration shows the site looking NE*

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## Summary

<b>Site name and address:</b>	52a – 56 High Street, Watford, Hertfordshire, WD17 2BS.		
<b>County:</b>	Hertfordshire	<b>District:</b>	Watford
<b>Village/town:</b>	Watford	<b>Parish:</b>	Watford
<b>Planning reference:</b>	06/01335/FULM & 10/00121/EXT	<b>NGR:</b>	TQ 10957 96457
<b>Client name and address:</b>	J M Rowe (Investments) Ltd, 29, Museum Street, Bloomsbury, London, WC1A 1LH		
<b>Nature of work:</b>	Residential development	<b>Current land use:</b>	Urban yard
<b>Site Status:</b>	Character Zone 1	<b>Reason for investigation:</b>	Direction of local planning authority (PPS5)
<b>Position in planning process:</b>	After full determination (as a condition)	<b>Project brief originator:</b>	Local Authority
<b>Size of affected area:</b>	c. 1215m <sup>2</sup>	<b>Size of area investigated:</b>	c.45m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Site code:</b>	HN1025	<b>HER ref.:</b>	224/12
<b>Organisation:</b>	Heritage Network	<b>Site Director:</b>	David Hillelson
<b>Project type, methods etc.:</b>	Trial trenching	<b>Archive Recipient:</b>	Watford Museum/OASIS/ADS
<b>Start of work:</b>	30/09/2014	<b>Finish of work:</b>	02/10/2014
<b>Related HER nos:</b>	n/a	<b>Periods represented</b>	Post-medieval
<b>OASIS UID:</b>	heritage1-136351	<b>Significant finds:</b>	Tile, pottery, clay pipe
<b>Monument types:</b>	Pit; ditch		
<b>Physical archive:</b>	Tile, pottery, clay pipe, brick, animal bone		
<b>Previous summaries/reports:</b>			

### Synopsis:

In order to investigate the archaeological potential of a proposed new residential development located at 52a – 56 High Street, Watford, Hertfordshire, the Heritage Network was commissioned by the owners to undertake a programme of targeted trial trenching.

Three trial trenches were excavated within the area of the proposed new building. Five shallow parallel ditches of likely post-medieval date were investigated in Trench 3, in the southern corner of the site, all running north-east – south-west. An assortment of finds was recovered from each of these features, which included two sherds

of early medieval calcite-gritted ware of 10th – 12th century date and two sherds of medieval pottery of 12th – 14th century date, which are likely to be residual. A small pit, cut into the subsoil, was also investigated in Trench 3. Its fill contained post-medieval material.

No features or deposits of archaeological significance were recorded in either of the other two trenches.

On the basis of the results of the evaluation, the risks that groundworks for the proposed new-build development might disturb archaeological remains of any significance, may be considered to be Low for all periods except the post-medieval and modern where the risk may be considered to be High. Post-medieval and modern features are considered to be of minor or negligible significance only.

# 1 Introduction

**1.1** This Report has been prepared at the request of W.Griffiths, Architects, acting on behalf of J M Rowe (Investments) Ltd, as part of a programme of archaeological work undertaken as part of the proposed redevelopment of 52a – 56 High Street, Watford, Hertfordshire (Figure 1).

**1.2** The initial planning consent for the development (ref. 06/01335/FULM) was granted by Watford Borough Council (WBC) in 2006 and was subject to a standard archaeological condition issued in accordance with the provisions set out in the Department of Environment's *Planning Policy Guidance 16* (PPG16). An extension to the planning consent (ref. 10/00121/EXT) was granted by WBC in 2010 and was also subject to a standard archaeological condition, this time governed by the Department of Communities and Local Government's *Planning Policy Statement 5* (PPS5). PPS5 has now been superseded by the Department of Communities and Local Government's *National Planning Policy Framework* (NPPF). A full specification for the evaluation was contained in the Heritage Network's approved *Project Design*, dated November 2012 (Ashworth 2012).

**1.3** The study area comprises three properties along the High Street frontage with extensions, outbuildings and yards to the rear, centred on TQ 10957 96457. It is located on the south-western side of High Street, within Character Zone 1, which covers the historic core of the town and includes surviving medieval property boundaries and buildings ([www.watford.gov.uk/ccm/cms-service/download/asset/?asset\\_id](http://www.watford.gov.uk/ccm/cms-service/download/asset/?asset_id)).

**1.4** The development proposes the conversion of the upper floors of the existing buildings to residential use, the demolition of outbuildings to the rear of the existing buildings and their replacement with a new block of flats.

## 2 Fieldwork

### TOPOGRAPHY AND GEOLOGY

**2.1** The site lies on the south-western side of the High Street, in the centre of Watford. To the rear of the buildings on the frontage, the site forms an open yard with a number of single-storey extensions to the main building. It is bounded to the north-east by the High Street, to the south-east by nos. 58 and 60 High Street, to the north-west by no. 52 High Street, and to the southwest by Wellstones (Figure 1). The site lies on level ground, at around 72.5m AOD.

**2.2** The solid geology is recorded as chalk of the Seaford Chalk Formation and Newhaven Chalk Formation, overlain by superficial deposits of sand and gravel (BGS). Local soils, where they survive, belong to the Soilscape 6 classification, described as 'Freely draining slightly acid loamy soils' (Cranfield University).

### METHODOLOGY

**2.3** All fieldwork was carried out in accordance with the approved Project Design, current health and safety legislation, and the appropriate IfA and ALGAO guidance documents.

**2.4** Three trial trenches were located across the site, by triangulation from known points using fibreglass tape measures (Figure 2).

**2.5** Within the trenches, surfacing and overburden were removed using a 3-tonne tracked excavator fitted with a breaker and toothed bucket. The trench was subsequently machined to the first significant archaeological horizon, where practicable, using a toothless ditching bucket. Spoil from the machining was inspected for archaeological artefacts and a metal detector was used to scan the spoil for metallic finds.

**2.6** The open trenches were cleaned by hand, and inspected for any potential archaeological features and deposits. Where the natural or archaeological horizon could not be reached by machine a sondage was excavated to examine these layers.

**2.7** The stratigraphy within the trenches was photographed and recorded using the appropriate pro-forma. Plans of potential features and deposits were drawn on drafting film at a scale of 1:20, and sections at a scale of 1:10.

### RESULTS

#### Trench 1

**2.8** Trench 1 was located at the northern extent of the yard and was orientated north-east to south-west (Plate 1). The trench measured 10m in length by 0.45m in width, and was machine excavated to a maximum depth of c.1.5m. The trench was moved from the alignment proposed in the Project Design to avoid undermining existing walls and was reduced in width to avoid existing services and foundations.

**Trench data:**

<b>Length (m):</b>	10	<b>Width (m):</b>	0.45	<b>Maximum Depth (m):</b>	1.5	<b>Orientation</b>	NE-SW
<b>Level at NE End of Trench (mOD)</b>		<b>Top</b>	72.91	<b>Level at SW End of Trench (mOD)</b>		<b>Top</b>	73.05
		<b>Base</b>	71.58			<b>Base</b>	71.90
<b>Context</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dimensions (m)</b>				
			<b>Length</b>	<b>Width</b>	<b>Depth</b>		
-	Overburden	Dark grey (10YR 4/1) tarmac	>10	>0.45	0.2		
-	Overburden	Dark brown (10YR 3/3) loose heavily mixed sandy silty clay with moderate brick rubble	>10	>0.45	1.0		
-	Natural	Yellowish brown (10YR 5/8) sticky silty clay	>10	>0.45	>0.3		

**2.9** The stratigraphy in Trench 1 (Plate 2) comprised a layer of dark grey (10YR 4/1) tarmac, 0.2m thick, above made ground formed of dark brown (10YR 3/3) loose heavily mixed sandy silty clay, 1.0m thick, which contained moderate brick rubble. This overlay the natural substrate of yellowish brown (10YR 5/8) sticky silty clay.

**2.10** The trench was only be excavated to a width of 0.45m due to a modern brick and concrete wall foundation running the entire length of the trench. The trench was bordered by the site's curtain wall on its north-western side and a drain on its south-eastern side. It demonstrated heavily disturbed ground.

**2.11** No archaeological cut features, deposits or finds were revealed in Trench 1.

**Trench 2**

**2.12** Trench 2 was located to the south of Trench 1, towards the western extent of the site and was orientated north-south (Plate 3). It measured 9.8m long by 2.2m in width and was excavated by machine down to a depth of c.1.0m.

**Trench 2 data:**

<b>Length (m):</b>	9.8	<b>Width (m):</b>	2.2	<b>Maximum Depth (m):</b>	1.0	<b>Orientation</b>	N-S
<b>Level at N End of Trench (mOD)</b>		<b>Top</b>	73.11	<b>Level at S End of Trench (mOD)</b>		<b>Top</b>	73.06
		<b>Base</b>	72.81			<b>Base</b>	72.22
<b>Context</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dimensions (m)</b>				
			<b>Length</b>	<b>Width</b>	<b>Depth</b>		
-	Overburden	Dark grey (10YR 4/1) tarmac	>9.8	>1.0	0.05		
-	Overburden	Light grey (10YR 7/1) concrete	>9.8	>1.0	0.25		
-	Overburden	Very dark brown (10YR 2/2) sticky silty clay with occasional charcoal and brick rubble	>9.8	>1.0	0.25		
-	Layer	Yellowish brown (10YR 5/4) sticky sandy silty clay with occasional small sub-angular flint	>5.0	>1.0	0.45		
-	Natural	Yellowish brown (10YR 5/8) sticky silty clay with frequent gravel	>5.0	>1.0	>0.01		

**2.13** The stratigraphy in Trench 2 (Plate 4) comprised a layer of dark grey (10YR 4/1) tarmac, 0.05m thick, above a layer of light grey (10YR 7/1) concrete, 0.25m thick. This overlay made ground formed of very dark brown (10YR 2/2) sticky silty clay, 0.45m thick, which contained occasional charcoal and brick rubble. This in turn overlay a subsoil of yellowish brown (10YR 5/4) sticky sandy silty clay with occasional small sub-angular flint,



and the natural substrate of yellowish brown (10YR 5/8) sticky silty clay with frequent gravel, >0.01m thick.

**2.14** The trench demonstrated heavily disturbed ground and contained three concrete wall foundations running across the trench.

**2.15** Three metal service cables were revealed running within the trench. Their function was not identified.

**2.16** No archaeological cut features, deposits or finds were revealed in Trench 2.

### Trench 3

**2.17** Trench 3 (Figure 3, Plate 5) was located to the south-east of Trench 2, towards the southern extent of the site and was orientated north-east to south-west. It measured 9.5m in length by 2.0m wide and was excavated by machine to a depth of 0.95m. The trench was moved from the alignment proposed in the Project Design to avoid known services.

#### Trench 3 data:

Length (m):	9.5	Width (m):	2.0	Maximum Depth (m):	0.95	Orientation	NE-SW
Level at NE End of Trench (mOD)		Top	72.96	Level at SW End of Trench (mOD)		Top	72.91
		Base	72.31			Base	72.25
Context	Type	Description	Dimensions (m)				
			Length	Width	Depth		
-	Overburden	Dark grey (10YR 4/1) tarmac	>9.5	>2.0	0.05		
-	Overburden	Brown (10YR 4/3) loose sandy silty clay with frequent small sub-angular flint and brick rubble	>9.5	>2.0	0.25		
-	Overburden	Very dark brown (10YR 2/2) sticky silty clay with occasional charcoal and brick rubble	>9.5	>2.0	0.3		
301	Cut	Small rounded pit, in centre of trench, Concave sides and a rounded base. Contains (302).	0.4	0.4	0.15		
302	Fill	Very dark greyish brown (10YR 3/2) sticky clayey silt, with rare sub-angular flint. Fill of (301)	0.4	0.4	0.15		
-	Layer	Yellowish brown (10YR 5/4) sticky sandy silty clay with occasional small sub-angular flint	>9.5	>2.0	0.3		
303	Cut	Cut of shallow linear ditch, aligned NW-SE, with gently curved sides & a flat base. Contains (304)	>1.8	0.75	0.1		
304	Fill	Dark brown (10YR 3/3) loose silty clay with rare small sub-rounded flint. Fill of [303]	>1.8	0.75	0.1		
305	Cut	Cut of linear ditch, aligned NW-SE, with steep sides & a flat base. Contains (306)	>1.8	0.6	0.25		
306	Fill	Dark brown (10YR 3/3) loose silty clay with rare small sub-rounded flint and occasional charcoal flecks. Fill of [305]	>1.8	0.6	0.25		
307	Cut	Cut of linear ditch, aligned NW-SE, with steep sides & a flat base. Contains (308)	>1.8	0.9	0.22		
308	Fill	Dark brown (10YR 3/3) loose silty clay with occasional sub-rounded flint and rare charcoal flecks. Fill of [307]	>1.8	0.9	0.22		
309	Cut	Cut of linear ditch, aligned NW-SE, with steep sides & a flat base. Contains (310)	>1.8	0.95	0.2		
310	Fill	Dark brown (10YR 3/3) loose silty clay with rare sub-rounded flint. Fill of [309]	>1.8	0.95	0.2		

<b>Length (m):</b>	9.5	<b>Width (m):</b>	2.0	<b>Maximum Depth (m):</b>	0.95	<b>Orientation</b>	NE-SW
<b>Level at NE End of Trench (mOD)</b>		<b>Top</b>	72.96	<b>Level at SW End of Trench (mOD)</b>		<b>Top</b>	72.91
		<b>Base</b>	72.31			<b>Base</b>	72.25
<b>Context</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Description</b>			<b>Dimensions (m)</b>		
					<b>Length</b>	<b>Width</b>	<b>Depth</b>
311	Cut	Cut of linear ditch, aligned NW-SE, with steep sides & a flat base. Contains (312)			>1.8	0.66	0.28
312	Fill	Dark brown (10YR 3/3) loose silty clay with occasional sub-rounded flint. Fill of [311]			>1.8	0.66	0.28
-	Natural	Yellowish brown (10YR 5/8) sticky silty clay			>2.0	>2.0	>0.05

**2.18** The stratigraphy in Trench 3 (Plate 6) comprised a layer of dark grey (10YR 4/1) tarmac, 0.05m thick, above a layer of brown (10YR 4/3) loose sandy silty clay made-ground with frequent small sub-angular flint and brick rubble, 0.25m thick. This in turn overlay a second layer of made ground of very dark brown (10YR 2/2) sticky silty clay, 0.3m thick, which contained occasional charcoal and brick rubble and the natural substrate of yellowish brown (10YR 5/8) sticky silty clay with frequent gravel, >0.05m thick.

**2.19** Cut into the subsoil in the middle of the trench was a small rounded and shallow pit [301]. It measured 0.4m in diameter, 0.15m deep and had a concave profile (Figure 4, Plate 7). The feature contained a single fill (302), which was comprised of very dark greyish brown sticky clayey silt. The fill contained clay pipe, tile and animal bone.

**2.20** In the north-eastern half of the trench, 5 parallel linear ditches, aligned north-west to south-east were revealed (Figures 3 & 4, Plate 8).

- Ditch [303], was a shallow feature measuring 1.8m in length from baulk to baulk, 0.75m wide and 0.1m deep (Plate 9). It had a gently curved profile with a flattish base. It contained a single fill (304), which was comprised of dark brown silty clay. The fill contained pottery and tile.
- Ditch [305] measured 1.8m in length from baulk to baulk, 0.6m wide and 0.25m deep (Plate 10). It had a steeply curved profile with a flattish base. It contained a single fill (306), which was comprised of dark brown silty clay. The fill contained pottery, brick, tile, animal bone, and clay pipe.
- Ditch [307] measured 1.8m in length from baulk to baulk, 0.9m wide and 0.22m deep (Plate 11). It had a vertical profile with a flat base. It contained a single fill (308), which was comprised of dark brown silty clay. The fill contained pottery and tile.
- Ditch [309] measured 1.8m in length from baulk to baulk, 0.95m wide and 0.22m deep (Plate 12). It had a gently curved profile with a flat base. It contained a single fill (310), which was comprised of dark brown silty clay. The fill contained pottery, tile, animal bone and clay pipe.
- Ditch [311] measured 1.8m in length from baulk to baulk, 0.66m wide and 0.28m deep (Plate 13). It had a steeply curved profile with a flattish base. It contained a single fill (312), which was comprised of dark brown silty clay. The fill contained pottery, brick, tile and animal bone.

**2.21** A water main was revealed running across the trench.

## FINDS ASSESSMENT

### Finds Concordance

Context	Pottery		Brick		Tile		Animal Bone		Clay pipe	
	No	Weight (g)	No	Weight (g)	No	Weight (g)	No	Weight (g)	No	Weight (g)
302					4	30	2	5	2	5
304	3	10			2	10				
306	1	15	2	125	11	355	3	50	1	3
308	4	10			7	140				
310	7	50			4	95	1	10	4	10
312	1	20	1	85	11	240	2	4		
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>18</b>

### POTTERY

**2.22** A total of 24 sherds, weighing 105g, was recovered from 5 stratified contexts. The bulk of the assemblage comprised abraded and undiagnostic sherds.

**2.23** The earliest material was collected from context (304), the fill of ditch [303]. This contained three much abraded sherds of early medieval calcite-gritted ware of 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> century date. However, the context also contained 2 pieces of late post-medieval peg tile, suggesting that the pottery is residual in this context.

**2.24** Two other sherds of medieval pottery were recovered from contexts (308) and (310). The sherd from (310) is a small everted rim fragment, in an unsourced sandy ware of probable 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> century date, possibly from a bowl or dish. That from (308) is a bodysherd with an applied strip decoration in Hertfordshire Grey Ware, of 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> century date. These were both recovered from contexts containing late post-medieval pottery and ceramic building material, indicating that they are residual within their contexts.

**2.25** The remainder of the assemblage comprised late post-medieval earthenwares, or modern glazed sherds

### Recommendations

**2.26** The pottery from the present site is commonly found on urban sites in Hertfordshire. It is all abraded, suggesting that it is not in its primary place of deposition. The medieval sherds indicate activity of this period in the vicinity, but they are all likely to be residual within later contexts. On this basis no further work is recommended on this assemblage and it is proposed that it should be discarded.

### Ceramic Building Material

**2.27** Three brick fragments, weighing 210g, and 39 peg tile fragments, weighing 870g, were recovered from 6 stratified contexts.

**2.28** The material comprises abraded fragments of late post-medieval date, with no complete examples recovered.

*Recommendations*

**2.29** This type of material is commonly found on urban sites in Hertfordshire and is of low archaeological significance. On this basis no further work is recommended on this assemblage and it is proposed that it should be discarded.

*Clay Pipe*

**2.30** A total of 7 fragments of clay pipe stem, weighing 18g, were recovered from 3 stratified contexts.

**2.31** The bulk of the material represents 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> century pieces, with wide stems and large holes. However, one early example, with narrow stem and small central hole, of probable late 16<sup>th</sup> or early 17<sup>th</sup> century date, was recovered from context (302). A late post-medieval fragment was also recovered from this context, indicating that the early example is residual in this feature.

*Recommendations*

**2.32** This type of material is commonly found on urban sites in Hertfordshire and is of low archaeological significance. On this basis no further work is recommended on this assemblage and it is proposed that it should be discarded.

*Animal Bone*

**2.33** A total of 8 fragments of animal bone, weighing 69g, were recovered from 4 stratified contexts.

The sample comprises a young pig femur and tibia (310), a sheep scapula (306), a sheep's tooth and rib (312) and 2 heavily abraded and undiagnostic fragments (302).

*Recommendations*

**2.34** This type of material is commonly found on urban sites in Hertfordshire and is of low archaeological significance. On this basis no further work is recommended on this assemblage and it is proposed that it should be discarded.

## 3 Discussion

### *Archaeological Background*

**3.1** The present site lies on the south-western side of High Street, within the historic core of the town. It is located to the north-west of the parish church of St Mary, at the northern end of the medieval market place

**3.2** The county Historic Environment Record (HER) was consulted for a list of all heritage assets within a 250m radius of the site (consultation ref. 224/12). The list comprised 30 records, with sites and finds dating from the medieval period to the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and has been used to create an overview of the archaeological and historical context of the proposed development site.

**3.3** Little evidence for Roman occupation has been recorded from the town, although the modern High Street is thought to follow the line of a Roman road which branched off Watling Street to the south of St Albans, and ran on a south-east to north-west alignment to Aylesbury and the Midlands.

**3.4** Excavations in 1986-7 in the grounds of St Mary's vicarage (HER 144), to the south of St Mary's church, recovered a number of unstratified roof and wall tile fragments from the southern and western sides of the site (Rawlins 1988; Zeepvat 2005, 138). Sherds of stratified Roman pottery and tile fragments were also collected from the lowest levels of the excavated area, close to the High Street. The evidence suggests some occupation along the Roman road in the vicinity of the study area.

**3.5** No evidence for early medieval occupation has been recorded from Watford. The name probably comes from the Old English *Waedford* (place for wading) or *Wadford* (ford used by hunters) (Hunns 2000, 3). It has been suggested that this may indicate a settlement located at the point where Lower High Street crosses the Colne, approximately 1km to the south-east, though no evidence for this has yet been discovered (ibid).

**3.6** Little documentary evidence has been recorded to indicate the presence of an early medieval settlement. The earliest known mention is in a will, dated c.1053, in which Eadwine of Caddington gave land at Watford to the abbey of St Albans (Hunns 2000, 3). There is no reference to a settlement at Watford.

**3.7** The documentary evidence suggests that the town of Watford originated as a planned 'new town' in the 12<sup>th</sup> century, probably as a commercial rather than a defensive centre (Hunns 2000, 3). A mid-12<sup>th</sup> century document refers to the parish of Watford and it is likely that a market charter was granted to the town by Henry I in the early 12<sup>th</sup> century (ibid). By 1290 the settlement was being taxed as a borough, suggesting that by this period Watford was a thriving town.

**3.8** The parish church of St Mary (HER 4385), approximately 200m to the south-east, is built of flint and stone and is a Grade I listed building. The earliest parts of the church are the chancel and the south arcade of the nave, which date from the early 13<sup>th</sup> century, with other parts dating to the 15<sup>th</sup> century. Cartographic evidence suggests that the church lay at the southern end of the market place. The line of High Street becomes wider from the church to a point to the north-west of Market Street.

**3.9** Archaeological investigations in the immediate vicinity of High Street have revealed evidence of medieval occupation. Fieldwork at 58 High Street (HER 10632), immediately to the south of the present site, revealed occupation debris of 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> century date, together with a possible boundary ditch.

**3.10** Excavations on the site of the Stonemasons Yard in George Street (HER 2058), approximately 250m to the south-east, exposed the remains of dwellings of 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> century date. A number of rubbish pits, gullies and a ditch were also revealed and quantities of medieval pottery sherds and other finds recovered.

**3.11** Medieval rubbish pits, containing pottery of 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> century date, and a possible garderobe were excavated on the opposite side of the street at 29-35 High Street (HER 10939), approximately 60m to the north-west. The features had been truncated by later activity. The presence of a garderobe suggests a reasonably high status dwelling along the street frontage. A possible medieval well (HER 17758) was discovered on New Street, on the northern edge of the churchyard, in 1999. The well lies close to the site of a row of timber-framed cottages (HER 10651) demolished in 1893.

**3.12** The centre of the medieval town was located along High Street. The archaeological evidence demonstrates that the line of High Street, which formed part of the line of an important route which ran between London and the Midlands via Aylesbury, was established by the late 12<sup>th</sup> / early 13<sup>th</sup> century (Hunns 2000, 7). It has been estimated that the medieval town extended for approximately 1.5km along the road, from the river north-west to the present Town Hall, with narrow burgage plots running back from the properties fronting the road (ibid, Figures 2 & 3).

**3.13** Little expansion to the town took place in the early post-medieval period, buildings being erected on existing plots within the core of the medieval town (Hunns 2000, 7). A number of yards developed off the High Street, which later became slums. Several buildings of early 16<sup>th</sup> century date are still standing along High Street, including a timber-framed house of c.1500 at 14-16 The Parade (HER 10523), approximately 120m to the north-west.

**3.14** Watford remained as a linear settlement into the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century. Daniel Defoe described the town as a “genteel market town... very long, having but one street” in his *Tour* of 1778 (Hunns 2000, 11). Until the second half of the 18<sup>th</sup> century the town developed as a market centre from its situation on the route from London to Aylesbury and Tring. A large number of inns were established along High Street to cater for travellers, including the Rose and Crown (HER 11716), the George Inn (HER 11717) and the Essex Arms (HER 11718), all within 250m to the south-east of the present site.

**3.15** The General Board of Health report of 1849 described the town as consisting of a principal street, one and a half miles long, with numerous yards, courts and alleys leading off (Hunns 2000, 13). Most of the inhabitants lived in tenements in these yards, including Dysons Yard (HER 10657), approximately 150m to the south-east. The population at this time was approximately 6,500, rising to 12,000 by 1871 (Page 1908, 446). The significant increase was a result of the coming of the railway and the promotion of Watford as a desirable residence for commuters to London (Hunns 2000, 13). Most of the new development was located to the north of the historic centre.

**3.16** In the 20<sup>th</sup> century a number of changes occurred in the vicinity of the study area. Several of the older buildings were either demolished, or under threat of demolition, to make way for new shops, car parks and businesses along High Street. Demolished buildings include the Almondwick Barns (HER 10655 & 10656) on St Mary’s Road, approximately 200m to the south. Buildings under threat included the Bedford Almshouses on Church Street (HER 10527), approximately 200m to the south-east. These were originally built in 1580 by Bridget Russell, dowager Countess of Bedford, to house eight poor women from Watford, Chenies and Langley, and were almost demolished in 1931 to make way for a car park.

### Research aims

3.17 The aims of the present investigation have been to:

- to establish the likely presence or absence of archaeological remains on the site, and characterise them in terms of location, depth, extent, date, character and condition should they be present;
- to consider the local and regional archaeological and historical context of such remains, and their significance and quality, in relation to the current published regional research agenda (Brown and Glazebrook 2000, Medlycott and Brown 2008, Medlycott 2011);
- to develop and implement an appropriate strategy for the mitigation of damage or destruction of such remains by the development.

3.18 It is considered that the site has the potential to provide evidence that will contribute to an understanding of:

- the development of Roman roadside settlement;
- the development of the medieval and post-medieval town at Watford.

### Collected Data

3.19 Five shallow parallel ditches of probable post-medieval date were investigated in Trench 3, in the southern corner of the site, all running north-east – south-west. An assortment of finds were recovered from each of these features, which included two sherds of early medieval calcite-gritted ware of 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> century date and two sherds of medieval pottery of 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> century date, which are likely to be residual.

3.20 A small pit, cut into the subsoil was also investigated in Trench 3. Its fill contained post-medieval material.

### Conclusions

3.21 Although the five parallel ditches revealed fragments of medieval pottery, these were all heavily abraded and mixed with a large quantity of post-medieval material, suggesting that they are residual.

3.22 Even though the site lies in an area of high archaeological potential and within Character Zone 1, no evidence of Roman or medieval activity was revealed during the investigation.

3.23 On the basis of the results of the evaluation, the risks that groundworks for the proposed new-build development might disturb archaeological remains of any significance, may be considered to be *Low* for all periods except the post-medieval and modern where the risk may be considered to be *High*. Post-medieval and modern features are considered to be of minor or negligible significance only.

### Confidence Rating

3.24 The trial trenching demonstrated that the site had been heavily disturbed by modern activity, including services and building foundations, which represented constraints on the evaluation works. Nevertheless, in the course of the trial trenching programme, the weather, ground and light conditions were acceptable for the identification of potential features and deposits, and for their investigation. On this basis, the confidence rating for the investigation may be considered to be *Moderate* to *High*.

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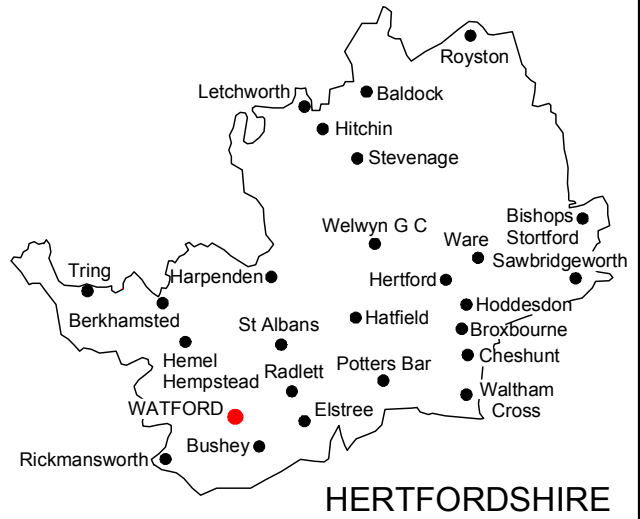
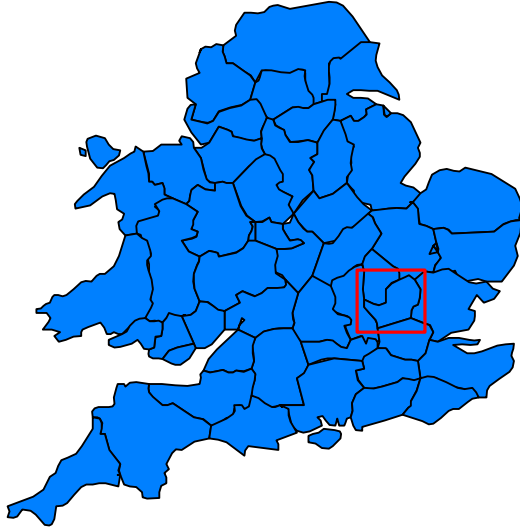
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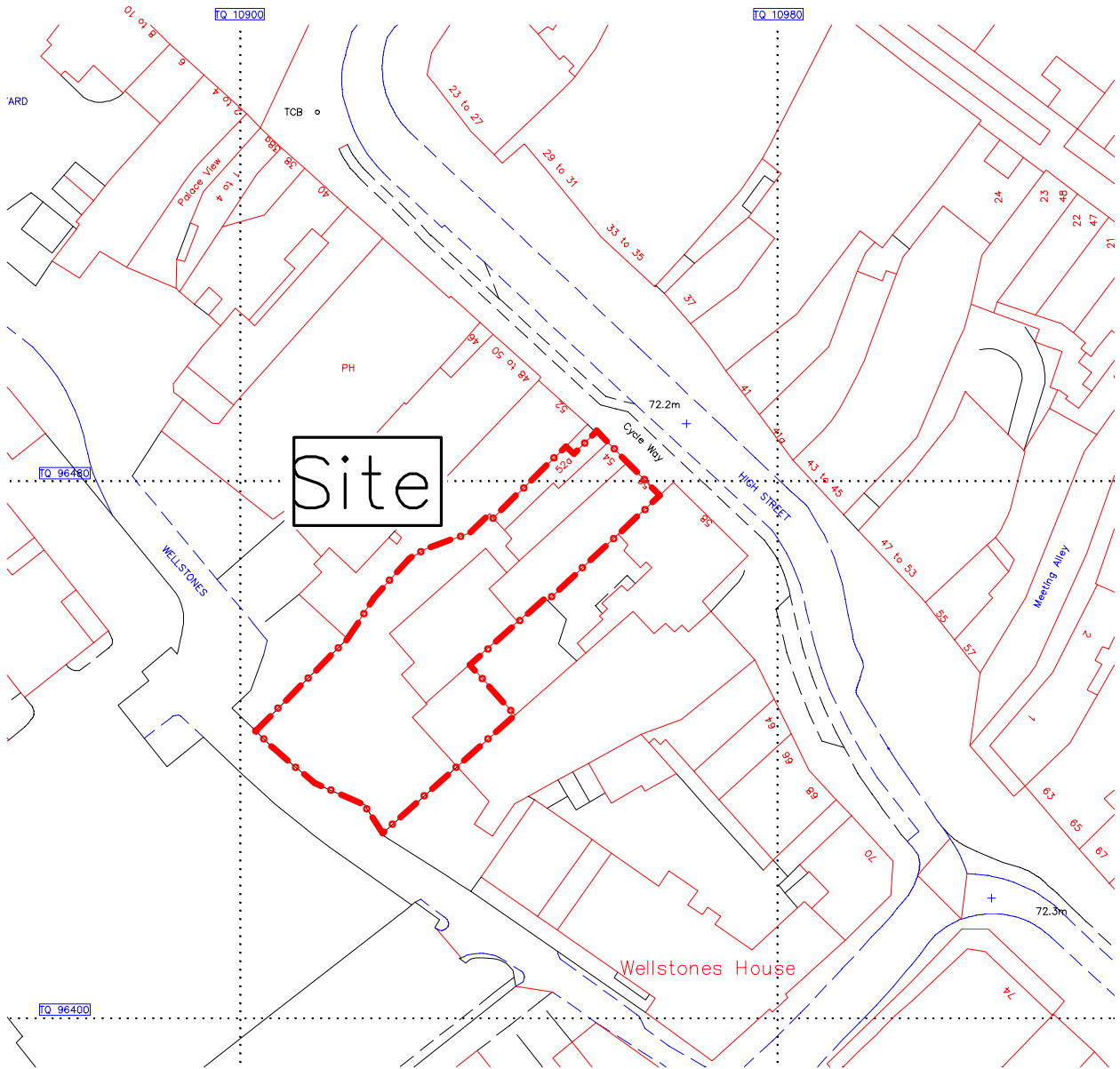
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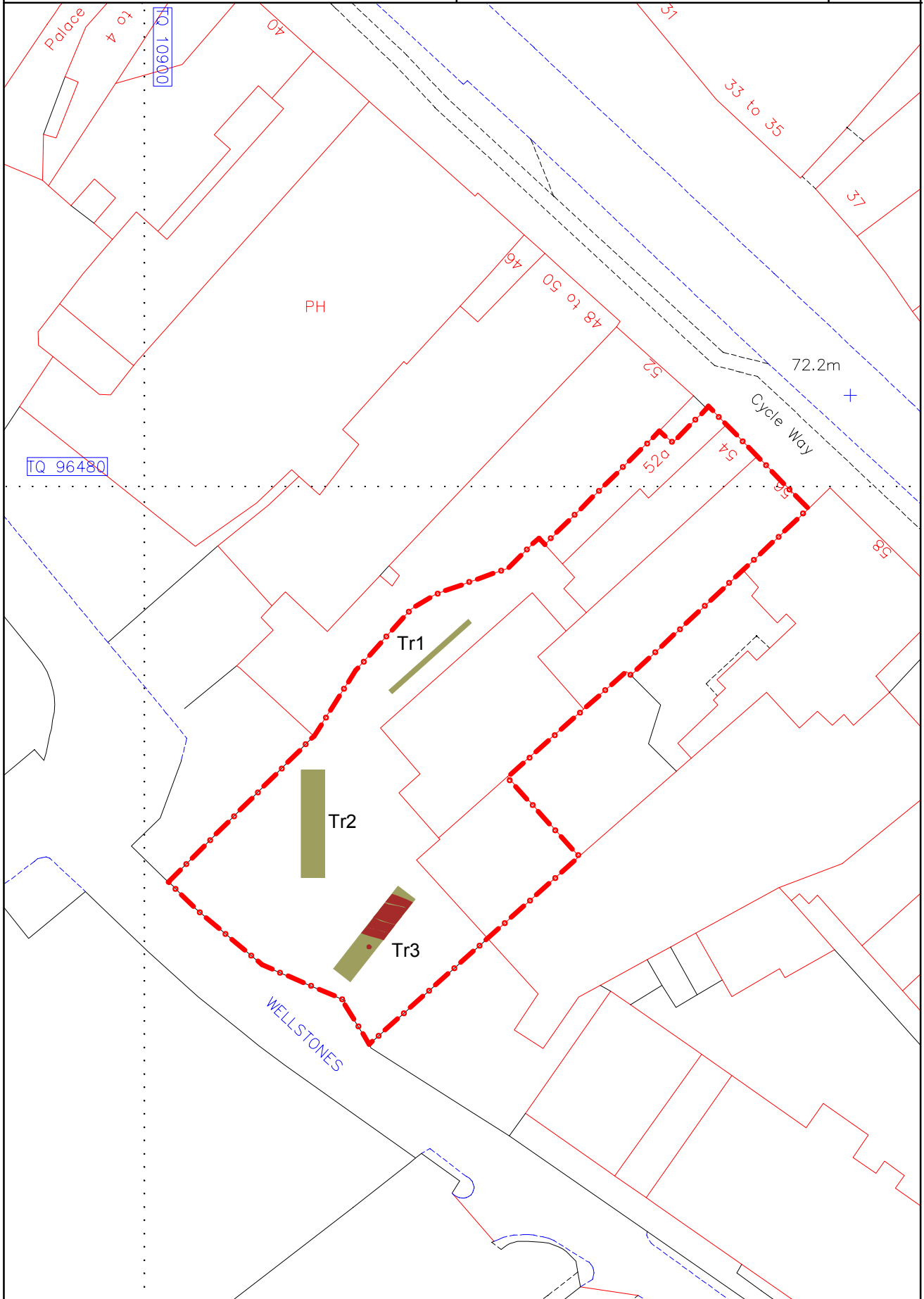


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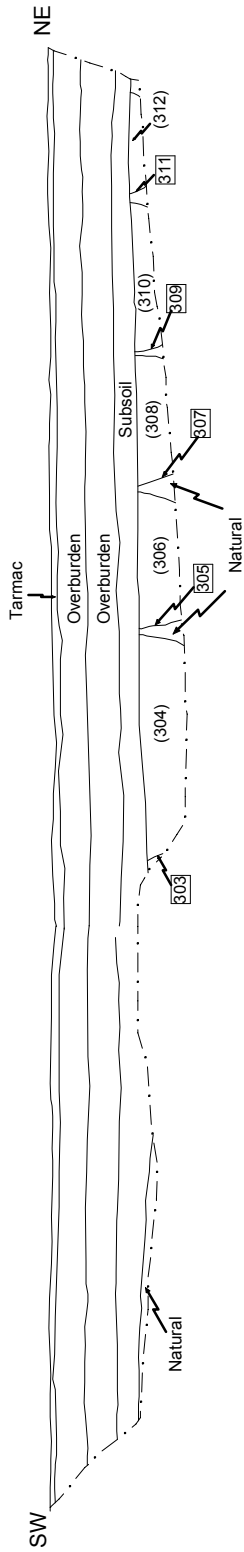
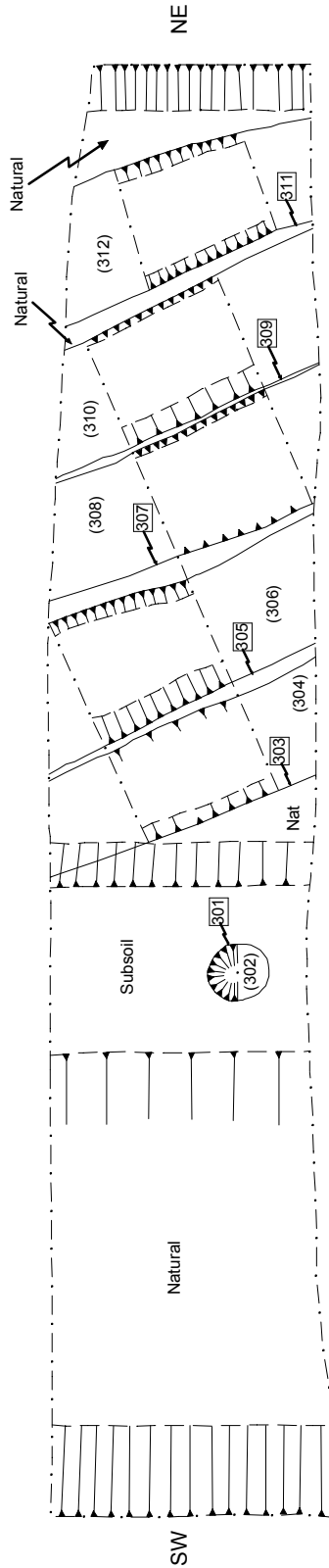
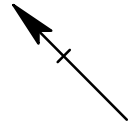


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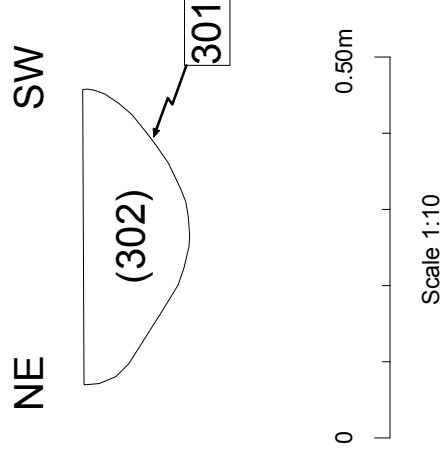
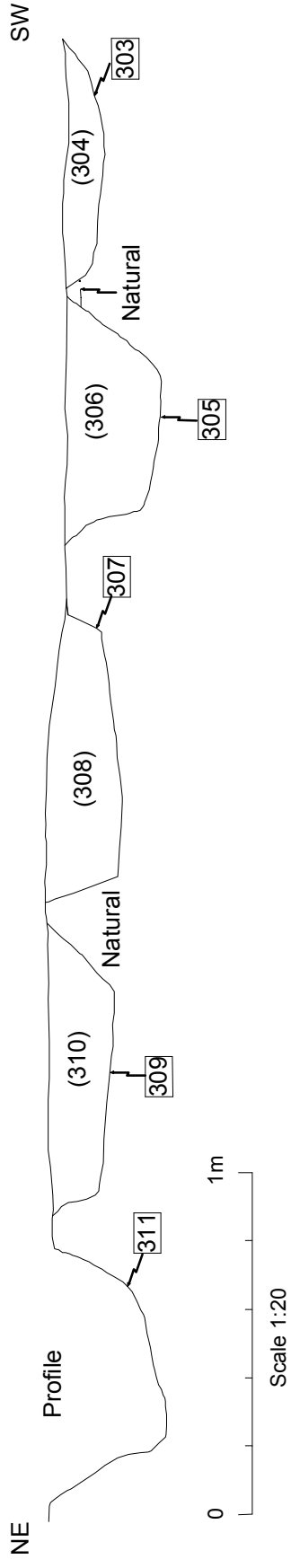
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Figure 2



Trench 3: Plan and Section



Trench 3: Feature sections



Plate 1: Trench 1, looking west.



Plate 2: Trench 1, indicative section, showing overburden, looking south.



Plate 3: Trench 2, showing modern walls across trench, looking south.



Plate 4: Trench 2, indicative section showing overburden, looking east.



Plate 5: Trench 3, looking southwest.



Plate 6: Trench 3, indicative section, showing overburden, looking northwest.





Plate 7: Pit [301], looking southeast.



Plate 8: Trench 3 linears, pre-excavation, looking northwest.



Plate 9: Ditch [303], looking southeast.



Plate 10: Ditch [305], looking southeast.



Plate 11: Ditch [307], looking southeast.



Plate 12: Ditch [309], looking east.



Plate 13: Ditch [311], looking southeast.

**HN1025 52a – 56 High Street, Watford**

**Finds Concordance JCH: 23/04/18**

Context	Pottery		Brick		Tile		Animal Bone		Clay pipe		Comments
	No	Weight (g)	No	Weight (g)	No	Weight (g)	No	Weight (g)	No	Weight (g)	
302					4	30	2	5	2	5	Discarded
304	3	10			2	10					Discarded
306	1	15	2	125	11	355	3	50	1	3	Discarded
308	4	10			7	140					Discarded
310	7	50			4	95	1	10	4	10	Discarded
312	1	20	1	85	11	240	2	4			Discarded
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>18</b>	

All finds were recommended for discard (see report) and have been discarded.

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### Project details

Project name Watford, 52a-56 High Street

Short description of the project In order to investigate the archaeological potential of a proposed new residential development located at 52a - 56 High Street, Watford, Hertfordshire, the Heritage Network was commissioned by the owners to undertake a programme of targeted trial trenching. Three trial trenches were excavated within the area of the proposed new building. Five shallow parallel ditches of likely post-medieval date were investigated in Trench 3, in the southern corner of the site, all running north-east - south-west. An assortment of finds was recovered from each of these features, which included two sherds of early medieval calcite-gritted ware of 10th - 12th century date and two sherds of medieval pottery of 12th - 14th century date, which are likely to be residual. A small pit, cut into the subsoil, was also investigated in Trench 3. Its fill contained post-medieval material. No features or deposits of archaeological significance were recorded in either of the other two trenches. On the basis of the results of the evaluation, the risks that groundworks for the proposed new-build development might disturb archaeological remains of any significance, may be considered to be Low for all periods except the post-medieval and modern where the risk may be considered to be High. Post-medieval and modern features are considered to be of minor or negligible significance only.

Project dates Start: 30-09-2014 End: 02-10-2014

Previous/future work No / Not known

Any associated project reference codes HN1025 - Contracting Unit No.

Type of project Field evaluation

Site status Conservation Area

Current Land use Other 15 - Other

Monument type DITCH Post Medieval

Monument type PIT Post Medieval

Significant Finds CLAY PIPE Post Medieval

Significant Finds POTTERY Early Medieval

Significant Finds ANIMAL BONE Uncertain

Significant Finds TILE Post Medieval

Significant Finds BRICK Post Medieval  
 Significant Finds POTTERY Post Medieval  
 Methods & techniques """"Targeted Trenches""""  
 Development type Urban residential (e.g. flats, houses, etc.)  
 Prompt National Planning Policy Framework - NPPF  
 Position in the planning process After full determination (eg. As a condition)

**Project location**

Country England  
 Site location HERTFORDSHIRE WATFORD WATFORD 52a-56 High Street  
 Postcode WD17 2EF  
 Study area 1215 Square metres  
 Site coordinates TQ 10957 96457 51.655462415614 -0.395823647836 51 39 19 N 000 23 44 W  
 Point  
 Height OD / Depth Min: 71.58m Max: 72.81m

**Project creators**

Name of Organisation Heritage Network  
 Project brief originator Local Planning Authority (with/without advice from County/District Archaeologist)  
 Project design originator Helen Ashworth  
 Project director/manager David Hillelson  
 Project supervisor Daniel Phillips  
 Type of sponsor/funding body Landowner

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		Site Code:	

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Date:	1/10/14	Depart time:	16.30	Total hours:	

Reported to:	DAVA SULL	Position:	SITE MANAGER
Purpose of visit:	EVAL		

Photograph film no																																	
Staff on site:	DRP, SC																																
Observations:	<p>ARRIVED SITE 08.00. DRP + SC BEGAN WORK ON EXCAVATING FEATURES IN TRENCH 3. - ONLY (EAST TRENCH)</p> <p>IT REVEALED A PROBABLE POST-MED - PIT CUT INTO SUBSOIL. ALSO 5 PARALLEL, AND CONTEMPORARY LINEAR DITCHES RUNNING ACROSS THE TRENCH AT ITS NE END. THESE DID NOT FOLLOW THE ALIGNMENT OF THE MEDIEVAL "BURCHAGE" PLOTS. THEIR FILL SUGGESTS A POSSIBLE ROMAN DATE?</p> <p>THERE IS A QUESTION MARK OVER WHETHER THESE <del>SMALL</del> LINEAR DITCHES CONTINUE WITH TRENCH 2, PICKED UP AT ITS SOUTHERN END. DITCHES [309] + [311] APPEAR TO LINE UP WITH POSSIBLE DITCHES IN TRENCH 2. HOWEVER TRENCH 2 HAD SUCH A DEGREE OF DISTURBANCE FROM MODERN BUILDING THAT EVEN WITH INVESTIGATION IT IS DIFFICULT TO CONFIRM. THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE DITCHES CONTINUE ACROSS SITE?</p> <p>DRP + SC FINISHED EXCAVATING ALL FEATURES IN TRENCH 3. PLAN FOR EACH IS LEVELD + TRENCH PLAN + CONTEXT SHEET ETC.</p>																																
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Date:	30/09/14	Depart time:	16.00	Total hours:	

Reported to:	DPO SULL	Position:	SITE MANAGER
Purpose of visit:	EVAL		

Photograph film no	
Staff on site:	DRP SC
Observations:	
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Weather:	DRY. Photographs ✓



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2. Matrix composition	3. SLOPPING			2. Dimensions/depth
3. Matrix compaction	4. CONCAVE			3. Sides
4. Inclusions (frequency & size)	5. N/A			4. Base
5. Dimensions	6. LOOKS LIKE POST-MEDIEVAL PIT.			5. Orientation
6. Other comments				6. Other comments
Structure				Group
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2. Bonding				2. Contexts
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	Fill of	Same as	

Discussion and interpretation

POSSIBLE MODERN / POST-MEDIEVAL PIT CUT INTO THE SUBSOIL FILLED BY 302.

Checked interpretation \_\_\_\_\_ Provisional date POST-MEDIEVAL??

Finds (circle):

None Pottery Metal Glass Tile Brick A.Bone Shell Burnt mats. ....

Registered Finds

Find No	Type	Coords & level:
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Samples (circle):

Mollusc Flotation Wet-sieve Dry sieve C14 Other: .....

Sample No. \_\_\_\_\_

Buckets/Litres \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for sample FINDER

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Section no. SHEET 1 / # 1	Photo (colour) DIGITAL	Date 1/10/14
Weather conditions OVERCAST.	Risk of contamination Low.	Checked DRP.
Excavation methods HAND. TROWEL.		Cont.

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1. Matrix colour	2. CLAYEY SILT.			1. Shape in plan
2. Matrix composition	3. STICKY.			2. Dimensions/depth
3. Matrix compaction	4. RARE SUB-ANGULAR FLINT. 2-5CM.			3. Sides
4. Inclusions (frequency & size)	5. 40 CM DIAM.   15 CM DEEP			4. Base
5. Dimensions	6. FILL OF PIT (CUT 301)			5. Orientation
6. Other comments				6. Other comments
Structure				Group
1. Material				1. Type
2. Bonding				2. Contexts
3. Dimensions				
4. Orientation				

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	Butted by	Butts	Part of Group
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Discussion and interpretation

FILL OF CUT 301 - POSSIBLE MODERN | POST-MEDIEVAL PIT DUG INTO THE SUBSOIL.

Checked interpretation Provisional date POST-MEDIEVAL?

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Sample No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Reason for sample \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Matrix composition	3. <b>GENTLY CURVED. SLOPE = 10m.</b>			2. Dimensions/depth
3. Matrix compaction	4. <b>FLATISH.</b>			3. Sides
4. Inclusions (frequency & size)	5. <b>NW-SE.</b>			4. Base
5. Dimensions	6. <b>SHALLOW DITCH.</b>			5. Orientation
6. Other comments				6. Other comments
Structure				Group
1. Material				1. Type
2. Bonding				2. Contexts
3. Dimensions				
4. Orientation				

Stratigraphic Relationships	Cut by	Cuts	Cut contains
	Below	Above	<b>304</b>
	Butted by	Butts	Part of Group
	Fill of	Same as	

Discussion and interpretation

**CUT OF SHALLOW LINEAR DITCH [303] THE DITCH IS ONE OF A SERIES OF DITCHES RUNNING PARALLEL ACROSS THE EWTZ TRINITY (T.3) (5 DITCHES).**

Checked interpretation Provisional date **ROMAN.**

Finds (circle):

None Pottery Metal Glass Tile Brick A.Bone Shell Burnt mats. Other:

Registered Finds

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Find No	Type	Coords & level:
Find No	Type	Coords & level:

Samples (circle):

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Sample No. Buckets/Litres

Reason for sample

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Weather conditions <b>DRY</b>	Risk of contamination <b>Low</b>	Checked
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SITE CODE <b>HN1025</b>	Sub-division <b>T.3</b>	Co-ordinate	Context Type <b>FILL</b>	CONTEXT No <b>304</b>
Description				
Fill/Layer	<b>1. 157R 3/3 Ditch Blown</b>			Cut
1. Matrix colour	<b>2. loose, silty clay</b>			1. Shape in plan
2. Matrix composition	<b>3. loose</b>			2. Dimensions/depth
3. Matrix compaction	<b>4. Rare small sub-<del>angular</del> flints</b>			3. Sides
4. Inclusions (frequency & size)	<b>5. <math>v = 0.75m</math>, <math>D = 0.1m</math></b>			4. Base
5. Dimensions	<b>6. Ditch fill</b>			5. Orientation
6. Other comments				6. Other comments
Structure				Group
1. Material				1. Type
2. Bonding				2. Contexts
3. Dimensions				
4. Orientation				

Stratigraphic Relationships	Cut by	Cuts	Cut contains
	Below	Above	
	Butted by	Butts	Part of Group
	Fill of <b>(303)</b>	Same as	

Discussion and interpretation

**FILL OF DITCH [303] FILL CONTAINED A SINGLE PIECE OF POTTERY + ALSO CBM + A CLAY PIPE STEM**

Checked interpretation \_\_\_\_\_ Provisional date \_\_\_\_\_

Finds (circle):

None Pottery Metal Glass Tile Brick A.Bone Shell Burnt mats. CBM Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Finds

Find No	Type	Coords & level:
Find No	Type	Coords & level:
Find No	Type	Coords & level:

Samples (circle):

Mollusc Flotation Wet-sieve Dry sieve C14 Other: Brick

Sample No. 1

Buckets/Litres 40L

Reason for sample Flint

Plan no. <b>SHEET 1 / # 4 HZ</b>	Photo (b/w) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Signature <b>DRP</b>
Section no. <b>SHEET 1 / # 2</b>	Photo (colour) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Date <b>1/10/14</b>
Weather conditions <b>DRY</b>	Risk of contamination <b>Low</b>	Checked
Excavation methods <b>HAND</b>		Cont.



SITE CODE <b>HN1025</b>	Sub-division <b>T.3</b>	Co-ordinate	Context Type <b>cut</b>	CONTEXT No <b>305</b>
Description				
Fill/Layer	<b>1. LINEAR</b>			Cut
1. Matrix colour	<b>2. W = 0.6m, D = 0.25m, L = 1.8m slot 20m</b>			1. Shape in plan
2. Matrix composition				2. Dimensions/depth
3. Matrix compaction				3. Sides
4. Inclusions (frequency & size)				4. Base
5. Dimensions				5. Orientation
6. Other comments				6. Other comments
Structure	<b>3. STEEPLY CURVED</b>			Group
1. Material	<b>4. RAMP</b>			1. Type
2. Bonding	<b>5. NW-SE</b>			2. Contexts
3. Dimensions	<b>6. DITCH</b>			
4. Orientation				

Stratigraphic Relationships	Cut by	Cuts <b>NATURAL</b>	Cut contains <b>306</b>
	Below	Above	
	Butted by	Butts	Part of Group
	Fill of	Same as	

Discussion and interpretation

**CUT OF LINEAR DITCH [305] THE DITCH IS ONE OF A SERIES OF DITCHES RUNNING PARALLEL WITHIN DITCH TRENCH 3.**

Checked interpretation \_\_\_\_\_ Provisional date **RAMP**

Finds (circle):

None Pottery Metal Glass Tile Brick ~~A Bone~~ Shell Burnt mats. ....

Registered Finds

Find No	Type	Coords & level:
Find No	Type	Coords & level:
Find No	Type	Coords & level:

Samples (circle):

Mollusc Flotation Wet-sieve Dry sieve C14 Other: .....

Sample No. \_\_\_\_\_

Buckets/Litres \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for sample \_\_\_\_\_

Plan no. <b># SHEET 1 / # 1</b>	Photo (b/w) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Signature <b>DRP</b>
Section no. <b>SHEET 1 / # 2</b>	Photo (colour) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Date <b>1/10/14</b>
Weather conditions <b>DRY</b>	Risk of contamination <b>Low</b>	Checked
Excavation methods <b>HAND</b>		Cont.

SITE CODE <b>HN1025</b>	Sub-division <b>T.3</b>	Co-ordinate	Context Type <b>Fill</b>	CONTEXT No <b>306</b>
Description				
Fill/Layer	<b>1. 10YR 3/3 DARK BROWN</b>			Cut
1. Matrix colour	<b>2. SILTY CLAY</b>			1. Shape in plan
2. Matrix composition	<b>3. LOOSE</b>			2. Dimensions/depth
3. Matrix compaction	<b>4. Occ small sub-rounded pebbles</b>			3. Sides
4. Inclusions (frequency & size)	<b>Occ charcoal flecks</b>			4. Base
5. Dimensions				5. Orientation
6. Other comments				6. Other comments
Structure				Group
1. Material	<b>5. W = 0.6m, D = 0.25m</b>			1. Type
2. Bonding	<b>6. Ditch fill</b>			2. Contexts
3. Dimensions				
4. Orientation				

Stratigraphic Relationships	Cut by	Cuts	Cut contains
	Below	Above	
	Butted by	Butts	Part of Group
	Fill of <b>(305)</b>	Same as	

Discussion and interpretation

**Fill of ditch (305). Fill contained CBM + A. Bone**

Checked interpretation

Provisional date **ROMAN**

Finds (circle):

None Pottery Metal Glass Tile Brick A. Bone Shell Burnt mats. CBM

Registered Finds

Find No	Type	Coords & level
Find No	Type	Coords & level
Find No	Type	Coords & level

Samples (circle):

Mollusc Flotation Wet-sieve Dry sieve C14 Other: .....

Sample No.

Buckets/Litres

Reason for sample

Plan no.	<b># 1</b>	Photo (b/w)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Signature	<b>DP</b>
Section no.	<b>SHEET 1 / # 2</b>	Photo (colour)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Date	<b>1/10/14</b>
Weather conditions	<b>DRY</b>	Risk of contamination	<b>Low</b>	Checked	
Excavation methods	<b>HAND</b>			Cont.	

SITE CODE	Sub-division TRENCH 3	Co-ordinate	Context Type CWT	CONTEXT No 307
Fill/Layer	Description			Cut
1. Matrix colour	1. LINEAR			1. Shape in plan
2. Matrix composition	2. 0.90 x 0.90 x 0.22 M DEEP			2. Dimensions/depth
3. Matrix compaction	3. VERTICAL			3. Sides
4. Inclusions (frequency & size)	4. FLAT			4. Base
5. Dimensions	5. NW-SE			5. Orientation
6. Other comments	6. DITCH			6. Other comments
Structure				Group
1. Material				1. Type
2. Bonding				2. Contexts
3. Dimensions				
4. Orientation				

Stratigraphic Relationships	Cut by	Cuts NATURAL	Cut contains 308
	Below	Above	
	Butted by	Butts	Part of Group
	Fill of	Same as	

Discussion and interpretation

CUTOFF LINEAR DITCH (307). IT'S ONE IN A SERIES OF DITCHES THAT RUN PARALLEL WITHIN TRENCH 3.

Checked interpretation \_\_\_\_\_ Provisional date UNKNOWN

Finds (circle):

None Pottery Metal Glass Tile Brick A.Bone Shell Burnt mats. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Finds

Find No	Type	Coords & level:
Find No	Type	Coords & level:
Find No	Type	Coords & level:

Samples (circle):

Mollusc Flotation Wet-sieve Dry sieve C14 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Sample No. \_\_\_\_\_

Buckets/Litres \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for sample \_\_\_\_\_

Plan no. SHEET #1   PLAN #4	Photo (b/w)	Signature SC
Section no. SHEET #1   DR #3	Photo (colour)	Date 11/10/14
Weather conditions OVERCAST   SUNNY	Risk of contamination LOW	Checked [Signature]
Excavation methods WAND, TROWEL   MATTOCK   SHOVEL   HOE		Cont. [Signature]

SITE CODE HN1025	Sub-division TRENCH 3	Co-ordinate	Context Type Fill	CONTEXT No 308
Description				
Fill/Layer	1. 10YR 3/3 DARK BROWN			Cut
1. Matrix colour	2. SILTY CLAY.			1. Shape in plan
2. Matrix composition	3. STICKY / LOOSE.			2. Dimensions/depth
3. Matrix compaction	4. OCCASIONAL SUB-ROUNDED FLINT. 2-4 CM.			3. Sides
4. Inclusions (frequency & size)	RARE CHARCOAL FLECKS.			4. Base
5. Dimensions	5. 90 x 0.90 M.			5. Orientation
6. Other comments	6. DITCH FILL.			6. Other comments
Structure				Group
1. Material				1. Type
2. Bonding				2. Contexts
3. Dimensions				
4. Orientation				

Stratigraphic Relationships	Cut by	Cuts	Cut contains
	Below	Above	
	Butted by	Butts	Part of Group
	Fill of 307	Same as	

Discussion and interpretation

Fill of ditch 307.

Checked interpretation

Provisional date UNKNOWN

Finds (circle):

None Pottery Metal Glass Tile Brick A.Bone Shell Burnt mats. Other:

Registered Finds

Find No	Type	Coords & level:
Find No	Type	Coords & level:
Find No	Type	Coords & level:

Samples (circle):

Mollusc Flotation Wet-sieve Dry sieve C14 Other: .....

Sample No.

Buckets/Litres

Reason for sample

Plan no. SHEET #1 / PLAN #4	Photo (b/w)	Signature SC
Section no. SHEET #1 / DR. #3	Photo (colour)	Date 9/10/17
Weather conditions OVERCAST / SUNNY	Risk of contamination LOW	Checked [initials]
Excavation methods HAND. TROWEL / MATTOCK / SHOVEL / HOE		Cont.

SITE CODE HN1025	Sub-division T.3.	Co-ordinate	Context Type CUT	CONTEXT No 309
Description				
Fill/Layer	1. LINEAR			Cut
1. Matrix colour	2. 0.95 M WIDE x 0.20 M DEEP. 0.90 M TOTAL			1. Shape in plan
2. Matrix composition	3. SLOPPING GENTLY. SLOT LENGTH			2. Dimensions/depth
3. Matrix compaction	4. FLAT.			3. Sides
4. Inclusions (frequency & size)	5. NW-SE			4. Base
5. Dimensions	6. SHALLOW DITCH.			5. Orientation
6. Other comments				6. Other comments
Structure				Group
1. Material				1. Type
2. Bonding				2. Contexts
3. Dimensions				
4. Orientation				

Stratigraphic Relationships	Cut by	Cuts NATURAL	Cut contains (310)
	Below	Above	Part of Group
	Butted by	Butts	
	Fill of	Same as	

Discussion and interpretation

CUT OF SHALLOW LINEAR DITCH (309). IT IS ONE IN A SERIES OF DITCHES THAT RUN PARALLEL ACROSS TRENCH 3.

Checked interpretation \_\_\_\_\_ Provisional date ROMAN??

Finds (circle):

None Pottery Metal Glass Tile Brick A.Bone Shell Burnt mats. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Finds

Find No	Type	Coords & level:
Find No	Type	Coords & level:
Find No	Type	Coords & level:

Samples (circle):

Mollusc Flotation Wet-sieve Dry sieve C14 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Sample No. \_\_\_\_\_

Buckets/Litres \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for sample \_\_\_\_\_

Plan no. SHEET #1   PLAN #4	Photo (b/w) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Signature SC
Section no. SHEET #1   DR #3	Photo (colour) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Date 1/10/14
Weather conditions OVERCAST / SUNNY	Risk of contamination LOW	Checked <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Excavation methods HAND. TROWEL   MATTOCK   SHOVEL   HOE		Cont. _____

SITE CODE HN1025	Sub-division T.3.	Co-ordinate	Context Type Fill	CONTEXT No 310
Fill/Layer	Description 1. 10YR 3/3 DARK BROWN			Cut 1. Shape in plan 2. Dimensions/depth 3. Sides 4. Base 5. Orientation 6. Other comments Group 1. Type 2. Contexts
1. Matrix colour	2. SILTY CLAY			
2. Matrix composition	3. LOOSE / STICKY			
3. Matrix compaction	4. RARE SUB-ROUNDED FLINT. 2-5 CM.			
4. Inclusions (frequency & size)	5. 0.95 WIDE x 0.2 DEEP x 0.90 M SLOT TOTAL LENGTH			
5. Dimensions	6. FILL OF DITCH			
6. Other comments				
Structure				
1. Material				
2. Bonding				
3. Dimensions				
4. Orientation				

Stratigraphic Relationships	Cut by	Cuts	Cut contains
	Below	Above	
	Butted by	Butts	Part of Group
	Fill of 3091	Same as	

Discussion and interpretation  
 FILL OF DITCH [3091]

Checked interpretation \_\_\_\_\_ Provisional date ROMAN?

Finds (circle):  
 None Pottery Metal Glass Tile Brick A.Bone Shell Burnt mats. CLAY... PIPE... Other:

Registered Finds

Find No	Type	Coords & level:
Find No	Type	Coords & level:
Find No	Type	Coords & level:

Samples (circle):  
 Mollusc Flotation Wet-sieve Dry sieve C14 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Sample No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Buckets/Litres \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for sample \_\_\_\_\_

Plan no. SHEET #1   PLAN #4	Photo (b/w)	Signature SC
Section no. SHEET #1   DR.#3	Photo (colour)	Date 1/10/14
Weather conditions OVERCAST   SUNNY	Risk of contamination Low	Checked BRP
Excavation methods HAND. TROWEL   MATTOCK   HOE   SHOVEL.		Cont.

SITE CODE <b>HN1025</b>	Sub-division <b>T.3.</b>	Co-ordinate	Context Type <b>cut</b>	CONTEXT No <b>311</b>
Fill/Layer	Description			Cut
1. Matrix colour	1. <b>LINEAR.</b>			1. Shape in plan
2. Matrix composition	2. <b>0.66M WIDE X 0.98M LONG X 0.28M DEEP</b>			2. Dimensions/depth
3. Matrix compaction	3. <b>VERTICAL.</b>			3. Sides
4. Inclusions (frequency & size)	4. <b>FLAT.</b>			4. Base
5. Dimensions	5. <b>NW-SE.</b>			5. Orientation
6. Other comments	6. <b>DITCH.</b>			6. Other comments
Structure				Group
1. Material				1. Type
2. Bonding				2. Contexts
3. Dimensions				
4. Orientation				

Stratigraphic Relationships	Cut by	Cuts <b>NATURAL</b>	Cut contains <b>312</b>
	Below	Above	
	Butted by	Butts	Part of Group
	Fill of	Same as	

Discussion and interpretation

**CUT OF LINEAR DITCH. DITCH IS ONE OF 5 PARALLEL DITCHES THAT RUN ACROSS THE TRENCH.**

Checked interpretation \_\_\_\_\_ Provisional date **Remm**

Finds (circle):

None Pottery Metal Glass **Tile** Brick A.Bone Shell Burnt mats. **CBM**

Registered Finds

Find No	Type	Coords & level:
Find No	Type	Coords & level:
Find No	Type	Coords & level:

Samples (circle):

Mollusc Flotation Wet-sieve Dry sieve **C14** Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Sample No. \_\_\_\_\_

Buckets/Litres \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for sample \_\_\_\_\_

Plan no. <b>SHEET #1   PLAN #4</b>	Photo (b/w) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Signature <b>DRP</b>
Section no. <b>SHEET #1   DR. #3</b>	Photo (colour) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Date <b>1/10/14</b>
Weather conditions <b>DRY</b>	Risk of contamination <b>Low</b>	Checked <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Excavation methods <b>HAND</b>		Cont. _____

SITE CODE <b>HN1025</b>	Sub-division <b>T.3</b>	Co-ordinate	Context Type <b>FILL</b>	CONTEXT No <b>312.</b>
Description				
Fill/Layer	<b>1. 10 YR 3/3 DARK BROWN</b>			Cut
1. Matrix colour	<b>2. SILTY CLAY.</b>			1. Shape in plan
2. Matrix composition	<b>3. LOOSE.</b>			2. Dimensions/depth
3. Matrix compaction	<b>4. OCCASIONAL SUB-ROUNDED PEBBLES 2-5 CM</b>			3. Sides
4. Inclusions (frequency & size)	<b>5. 0.66M WIDE x 0.98 M LONG x 0.28 M DEEP</b>			4. Base
5. Dimensions	<b>6. DITCH FILL.</b>			5. Orientation
6. Other comments				6. Other comments
Structure				Group
1. Material				1. Type
2. Bonding				2. Contexts
3. Dimensions				
4. Orientation				

Stratigraphic Relationships	Cut by	Cuts	Cut contains
	Below	Above	
	Butted by	Butts	Part of Group
	Fill of <b>311</b>	Same as	

Discussion and interpretation

**Fill of DITCH 311. FILL CONTAINS CBM.**

Checked interpretation \_\_\_\_\_ Provisional date **Review**

Finds (circle):

None Pottery Metal Glass **Tile** Brick A.Bone Shell Burnt mats. **CBM**

Registered Finds

Find No	Type	Coords & level:
Find No	Type	Coords & level:
Find No	Type	Coords & level:

Samples (circle):

Mollusc Flotation Wet-sieve Dry sieve **14** Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Sample No. \_\_\_\_\_

Buckets/Litres \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for sample \_\_\_\_\_

Plan no. <b>SHEET # 1   PLAN # 4</b>	Photo (b/w) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Signature <b>PPP</b>
Section no. <b>SHEET # 1   DR # 3</b>	Photo (colour) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Date <b>1/10/14</b>
Weather conditions <b>DRY</b>	Risk of contamination <b>Low</b>	Checked
Excavation methods <b>HAND</b>		Cont.





Site Name / Code <u>S2A-56 HUGH ST, LUFFORD. MN102J</u>					Page 1	
Date	Details	TBM value	Backsight	Collimation	Foresight	Reduced level
2/10/14	LOCATING TBM.	72.83	1.70	74.53		
	T1. <del>NE TOP</del>					
	1. NE TOP				1.62	72.91
	2. NE BASE				2.95	71.58
	3. WALL				2.12	72.41
	4. WALL TOP				1.62	72.91
	5. CONCRETE FORMER TOP				2.17	72.36
	6. WALL TOP				1.53	73.00
	7. SW BASE				2.63	71.90
	8. SW TOP.				1.48	73.05
	T. 2.					
	9. S TP.				1.47	73.06
	10. S O/B.				1.73	72.80
	11. WALL.				1.73	72.80
	12. S BASE.				2.31	72.22
	13. WALL				1.56	72.97
	14. BASE				2.33	72.20
	15. WALL				1.46	73.07
	16. O/B.				1.72	72.81
	17. N TOP.				1.42	73.11
	T3.					
	18. SW TOP				1.62	72.91
	19. SW BASE				2.28	72.25
	20. SW BASE				2.30	72.23
	21. SURFACE				2.19	72.34
	22. P.F. (301) TOP				2.22	72.31
	23. P.F. (301) BASE				2.35	72.18
	24. NATURAL MIDDLE				2.43	72.10
	25. (304) TOP				2.43	72.10
	26. (304) BASE.				2.53	72.00
	27. (305) TOP				2.45	72.08
	28. (305) BASE.				2.72	71.81
	29. (307) TOP				2.40	72.13
	30. (307) BASE				2.53	72.00
	31. (309) TOP				2.35	72.18



Site Name / Code		52A - 56 HIGH ST, WATERLOO		HN1025		
Site	Shot Number	Details	View	Date	Time	Initials
HN1025	1	SITE - GENERAL	L.N.	30/9/14	—	DPP
HN1025	2	↓	L.N.	↓		↓
HN1025	3	↓	L.N.	↓		↓
HN1025	4	↓	L.W.	↓		↓
HN1025	5	↓	L.W.	↓		↓
HN1025	6	↓	L.NE.	↓		↓
HN1025	7	↓	L.E.	↓		↓
HN1025	8	↓	L.NW	↓		↓
HN1025	9	↓	L.N.	↓		↓
HN1025	10	TRENCH 3 GENERAL	L.NE	30/9/14		DPP
↓	11	↓	L.NE	↓		↓
↓	12	↓	L.W	↓		↓
↓	13	↓	L.W	↓		↓
HN1025	14	TRENCH 3 SECTION	L.N	↓		SC
↓	15	↓	↓	↓		SC
↓	16	TRENCH 2 GENERAL 1/2	L.SW	↓		↓
↓	17	↓	L.SW	↓		↓
↓	18	TRENCH 2 SECTION	L.E	↓		↓
↓	19	↓	L.E	↓		↓
HN1025	20	TRENCH 2 GENERAL COMPLETE!	L.S	30/9/14		SC
↓	21	↓	L.S	↓		↓
↓	22	↓	L.N	↓		↓
↓	23	↓	L.N	↓		↓
HN1025	24	TRENCH 1 GENERAL	L.NE	30/9/14		SC
↓	25	↓	L.NE	↓		↓
↓	26	↓	L.SW	↓		↓
↓	27	↓	L.SW	↓		↓
HN1025	28	TRENCH 1 SECTION	L.W	↓		↓
HN1025	29	↓	L.W	30/9/14		SC
↓	30	TRENCH 3 LINEAR (PRE-EX)	L.N	1/10/14		DPP
↓	31	↓	L.NW	↓		DPP
HN1025	32	TRENCH 3 [301]	L.NW	1/10/14		SC
↓	33	TRENCH 3 [301]	L.NW	↓		↓
↓	34	" " SECTION	L.SE	↓		↓
↓	35	" " SECTION	L.SE	↓		↓
↓	36	LINEAR [303]	L.SW	↓		DPP
↓	37	LINEAR [305]	L.SW	↓		DPP
HN1025	38	LINEAR [309]	L.W	↓		SC



**BONE, POTTERY ETC SHOULD NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE SAMPLE BEFORE PLACING IN THE BUCKET!**

Site Name/No. <i>MS1025</i>		Area <i>T.3</i>		Context No. <i>304</i>		Sample No. <i>1</i>		Tag No.	
Context type: <i>DITCH FILL</i>		Same as: <i>—</i>		Provisional date <i>Roman (?)</i>					
SAMPLE TYPE (tick box)	Bulk	Flotation	Waterlogged	Dendro	Monolith	Column	C14		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								
% OF WHOLE CONTEXT (tick box)		<5%	5-25%	25-50%	>50%	100%			
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
SIZE OF SAMPLE IN LITRES (one bucket/tub = 10 litres) <i>40 L.</i>									
CONDITION OF DEPOSIT (tick box)		Waterlogged	Wet	Moist	Dry				
					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
DEGREE OF CONTAMINATION With: Modern Deposits				None	Some	Heavy			
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
Other Deposits (tick relevant box/boxes)				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SEDIMENT (inc. Munsell colour) <i>10YR 3/3 DARK BROWN. LOOSIE SILTY CLAY, w RARE SMALL SUB-ROUNDED PEBBLES. + <del>THAT</del> OCC CHARCOAL FLECKS, FILL INCLUDED POTTERY + CBM.</i>									
SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SAMPLE: <i>ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS</i>									

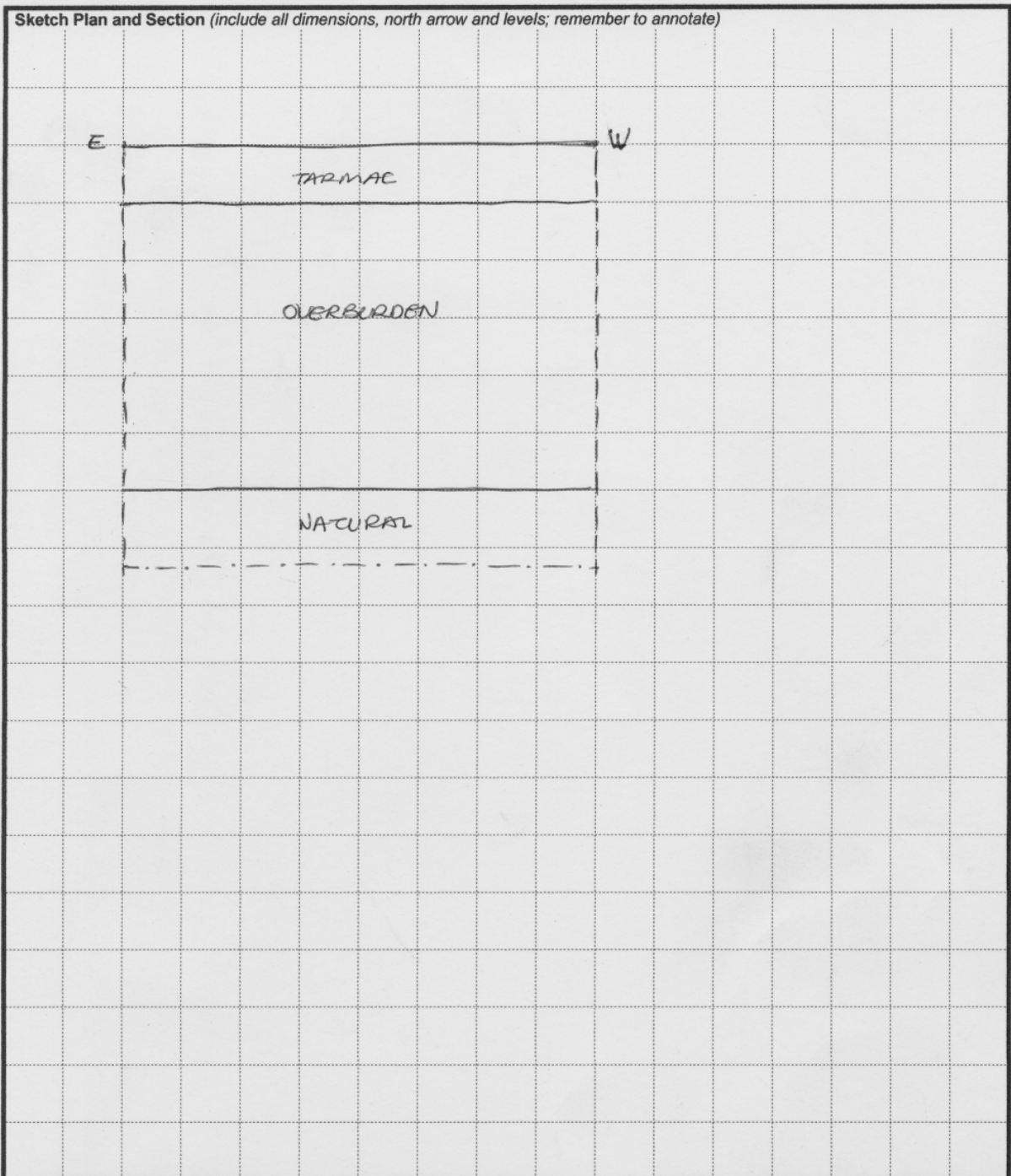
**MAKE SURE THIS SAMPLE IS MARKED ON PLAN AND LEVELLED!**

**FLOTATION AND WET-SIEVING RECORD**

SIEVE MESH SIZE	Flotation sieve	0.5mm		(note if different)
	Wet sieve	1.0mm		
	Bulk sieve	8.0mm		
SAMPLE VOLUME PROCESSED IN LITRES (white bucket = 10 litres)	wet-sieved volume			
	Bulk-sieved volume			
WEIGHT OF SAMPLE (grammes / kilogrammes)		FLOT PRESENT (tick or cross in box)		
COMMENTS:				



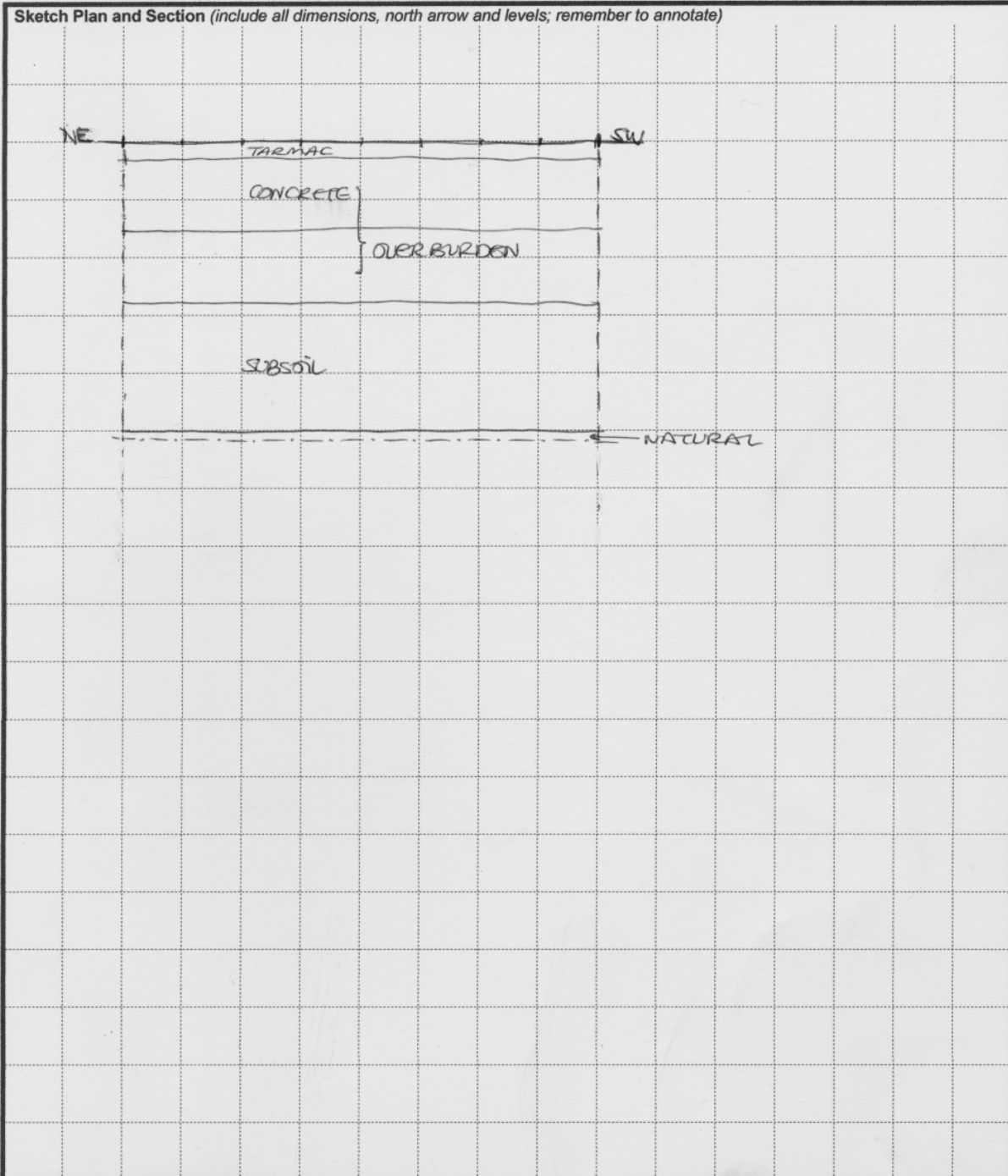
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<b>Discussion and interpretation</b>	
INDICATIVE SKETCH SECTION TRENCH 1.	
Scale	1:20
Signature	
Date	30/9/14
Checked	
Sheet	1 of 1



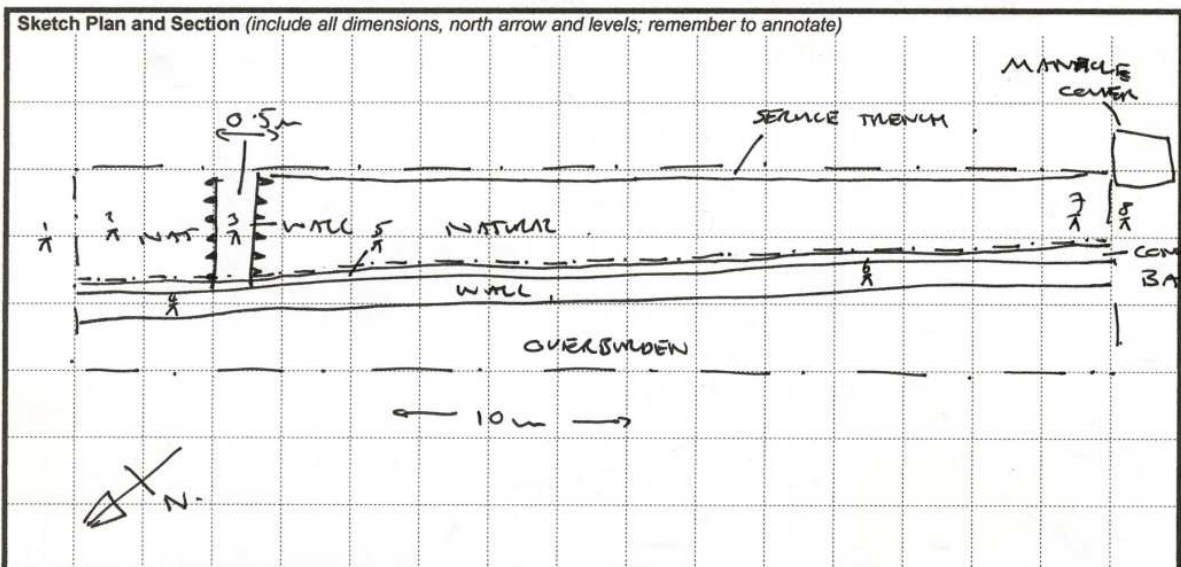
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Discussion and interpretation			
INDICATIVE SKETCH SECTION TRENCH 2.			
Scale	1:20		
Signature	_____		
Date	30/9/14		
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SITE CODE  HN1025	Site Name	S2A-56 HIGH ST. WATFORD	Sub-division	—	Orientation	NE-SW	TRENCH No  1
	Length	10m	Width	0.45m	Depth	1.5m	
	Machine Type	3 TON. CRANED	Bucket Size	1.2m x 0.45m			

Topsoil/Overburden 10YR 4/1 TARMAC		THICK 0.2m					
Colour 10YR 3/3 DARK BROWN.	Composition	SOOIE HEAVY MIXED SUBSOIL. SANDY SILTY CLAY. THICK RUBBLE	Depth 1M				
Subsoil	Colour 10YR	Composition	Depth				
Natural	Colour 10YR 5/8 YELLOWISH BROWN	Composition	SILTY SILTY CLAY. Depth 20.3m				
Observations (circle)	Archaeology	Root activity	Structure	Contamination	Unstable	Mod truncation	Other:
	Bur'd horizon	A. Burrows	Services	Flooding	Blank	Plough mark	



Discussion and interpretation

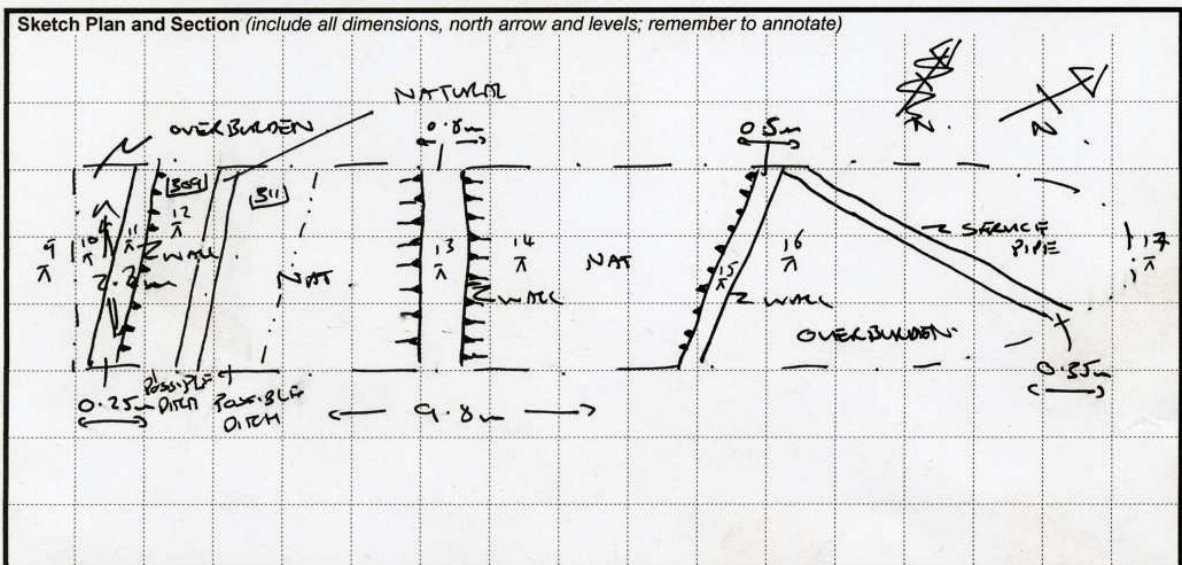
TRENCH 1 IS LOCATED IN A FORMER CAR PARK AT REAR OF PROPERTY UNDER TARMAC THE TRENCH WHICH IS ORIENTED NE-SW REVEALED A CONCRETE LINED WALL FOUNDATION WITH BRICK CONCRETE ON TOP. THIS UNFORTUNATELY RAN THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE TRENCH DOWN THE MIDDLE. ADDED TO THIS ONE SIDE OF THE TRENCH HAD A SERVICE RUNNING DOWN IT AND AN EXISTING WALL ON THE OTHER SIDE, SO ONLY A NARROW 0.5M WIDE SLOT COULD BE EXCAVATED. THIS REVEALED A LARGE QUANTITY OF O/S OVER NATURAL. TRENCH WAS BLANK

Contexts	—	Plan no.	A3CME	Photo (b/w)	—	Signature	S
Finds	—	Section no.	SKETCH SECTION	Photo (colour)	DIGITAL	Date	30/9/14
Levelled	—	Located	—	Samples		Checked	
Weather conditions	DRY					Cont.	

SITE CODE <b>HN1025</b>	Site Name <b>52A-56 HIGH ST. WATFORD</b>	Sub-division	Orientation <b>N-5</b>	TRENCH No <b>2</b>
	Length <b>9.8 M</b>	Width <b>2.2 M</b>	Depth <b>1.2 M</b> <del>1.1 M</del> <del>0.8 M</del>	
	Machine Type <b>3 TON. TRAUED</b>	Bucket Size <b>1.2 M</b>		

Topsoil/Overburden <b>10YR 4/1 DARK GREY TARMAC</b>	Thickness <b>0.05</b>	
Colour <b>10YR 7/1 LIGHT GREY</b>	Composition <b>CONCRETE</b>	Depth <b>0.25m</b>
Subsoil <b>10YR 4/2 V. DARK BROWN SILTY SANDY SILTY CLAY W. CHARCOAL + BRICK</b>		Depth <b>0.25m</b>
Colour <b>10YR 5/4 YELLOWISH BROWN</b>	Composition <b>SILTY SANDY SILTY CLAY W. OCC SMALL SUB-ANGULAR FLINT</b>	Depth <b>0.45m</b>
Natural Colour <b>10YR 5/8 YELLOWISH BROWN</b>	Composition <b>FIRM SILTY CLAY W. FREQ CURVED</b>	Depth <b>70.01m</b>

Observations (circle)	Archaeology	Root activity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure	Contamination	Unstable	Mod truncation	Other:
	Bur'd horizon	A. Burrows	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Services	Flooding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blank	Plough mark	



Discussion and interpretation

TRENCH 2 IS LOCATED IN A FORMER CAR PARK AT REAR OF PROPERTY. UNDER TARMAC ALIGNED N/S IT REVEALED BELOW TARMAC, REINFORCED CONCRETE, OVER A THICK LAYER OF ~~OS~~ THIS OVERLAY A SUBSOIL, OVER NATURAL HOWEVER, WHOLE AREA/TRENCH HAS BEEN DISTURBED BY MODERN BUILDING AS TRENCH REVEALED 3 CONCRETE WALL FOUNDATIONS RUNNING ACROSS THE TRENCH (RECENTLY E-W) CAPPED BY BRICK COURSE ALSO 3 SERVICED - 2 METAL + 1 CERAMIC BUT DIRT WAS REVEALED  
TRENCH = BLANK.

Contexts		Photo (b/w)	Signature <b>SC</b>
Finds		Photo (colour)	Date <b>30/9/14</b>
Plan no. <b>ABOVE</b>	Levelled <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Located <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Checked
Section no. <b>SKETCH SECTION</b>	Samples		Cont.
Weather conditions <b>DRY (SUMM)</b>			

SITE CODE <b>HN1025</b>	Site Name <b>S21 - S6 HIGH ST</b> <b>WATFORD</b>	Sub-division —	Orientation <b>NE-SW</b>	TRENCH No <b>3</b>
	Length <b>9.5M</b>	Width <b>2M</b>	Depth <b>0.95M</b>	
	Machine Type <b>3 TON TRUCK</b>	Bucket Size <b>1.2M</b>		

Topsoil/Overburden <b>TRMTC 10YR 4/1 DARK CLAY</b>	THICK - <b>0.05M</b>							
Colour <b>10YR 4/3 BROWN</b>	Composition <b>SANDY SILTY CLAY W, FREQ SMALL FLINT + RED ROCK INCLUSIONS</b>	Depth <b>THICK 0.25M</b>						
<b>10YR 2/2 V. DARK BROWN</b>	<b>SILTY SANDY SILTY CLAY V CHARCOAL + RED ROCK</b>	<b>0.3M</b>						
Subsoil								
Colour <b>10YR 5/4 YELLOWISH BROWN</b>	Composition <b>SILTY SANDY SILTY CLAY W, OCC SMALL SUB-ROUND FLINT</b>	Depth <b>0.3M</b>						
Natural								
Colour <b>10YR 5/8 YELLOWISH BROWN</b>	Composition <b>SILTY SILTY CLAY W</b>	Depth <b>&gt;0.05M</b>						
Observations (circle)	Archaeology	Root activity	Structure	Contamination	Unstable	Mod truncation	Other	
	Bur'd horizon	A. Burrows	Services	Flooding	Blank	Plough mark		

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

• SEE PERMANENT TRENCH PLAN. - SHEET

Discussion and interpretation

TRENCH 3, ALIGNED NE-SW, IS LOCATED IN A FARMER CAR PARK AT REAR OF PROPERTY. UNDER TARMAC, IT REVEALED 2 DISTINCT LAYERS OF OVERBURDEN, OVER SUBSOIL, OVER NATURAL. CUT INTO THE SUBSOIL WAS A POST-MED PIT (RUBBISH). CUT INTO THE NATURAL WERE 5 LINEAR DITCHES, RUNNING ACROSS THE TRENCH. THEIR FILL SUGGEST PROBABLE ROMAN DATE.

Contexts	<b>301 - 312.</b>		
Finds	<b>POTTERY, A. BONE, CBM METAL, CLAY PIPE</b>		
Plan no.	<b>SHEET #4 / PLAN #4</b>	Photo (b/w)	Signature <b>OR</b>
Section no.	<b># 1 - 3   #5</b>	Photo (colour)	Date <b>30/9/14</b>
Levelled <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Located <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Samples <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Checked <b>BRP</b>
Weather conditions	<b>DRY / SUNNY</b>		Cont.