

## Warren Lane, Stanmore Common, London Borough of Harrow

HN1069

Report No. 1003

<b>Site name and address:</b>	Warren Lane, Stanmore Common, LB of Harrow, HA7 4LB.		
<b>County:</b>	Greater London	<b>District:</b>	Harrow
<b>Village/town:</b>	Stanmore	<b>Parish:</b>	Stanmore
<b>Planning reference:</b>	CLO 11048	<b>NGR:</b>	TQ 1610 9362
<b>Client name and address:</b>	Freedom Group, Unit 8 Windmill Avenue, Woolpit Business park, Woolpit, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP30 9UP.		
<b>Nature of work:</b>	New electricity cable trench	<b>Present land use:</b>	Footpath
<b>Site Status:</b>	Common Land	<b>Reason for investigation:</b>	Common Land consent
<b>Position in planning process:</b>	As a condition (Post-determination)	<b>Project brief originator:</b>	N/A
<b>Size of affected area:</b>	75m <sup>2</sup>	<b>Size of area investigated:</b>	75m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Site Code:</b>	SCU16	<b>HN reference:</b>	HN1069
<b>Organisation:</b>	Heritage Network	<b>Site Director:</b>	David Hillelson
<b>Project type, methods etc.</b>	Observation and Recording	<b>Archive Recipient:</b>	Museum of London Archaeological Archive
<b>Start of work</b>	31/05/2016	<b>Finish of work</b>	07/06/2016
<b>Related HER Nos:</b>	N/A	<b>Periods represented:</b>	None
<b>Oasis UID:</b>	heritage1-151580	<b>Significant finds:</b>	None
<b>Monument types:</b>	None		
<b>Physical archive:</b>	None		
<b>Previous summaries/reports:</b>	None		

**Narrative:**

In response to a condition on Common Land consent, granted by the Planning Inspectorate under S38 of the Commons Act 2006, on the laying of a new electricity cable across a section of Stanmore Common, London Borough of Harrow, the Heritage Network was commissioned by UK Power Networks to undertake a programme of archaeological monitoring of the cable trench. Correspondence from the Greater London Archaeology Advisory Service (GLAAS) of English Heritage, acting as advisors to the Planning Inspectorate, recommended that an archaeological watching brief should be undertaken as a condition of the consent (CLO 11048).

Stanmore Common lies between Stanmore and Bushey Heath, in the London Borough of Harrow. The proposed route of the electrical cable is from the western end of Brightwen Grove (NGR TQ 16178 93766) running south-west past West Lodge and joining Warren Lane opposite Stanmore Cricket ground (NGR TQ 16024 93515) (Figure 1, Plates 1 & 2). This route follows a tarmac footpath through the woodland that forms the southern half of Stanmore Common.

**Cable Trench**

A single trench was excavated to accommodate a new electricity cable. The line of the trench was excavated through the existing tarmac footpath, which was orientated south-west to north-east (Figure 2). The trench measured approximately 250m in length, 0.3m in width and was excavated to a depth of 0.8m.

The stratigraphic sequence revealed during the works demonstrated a very dark grey (10YR 3/1) loose, silty clay topsoil with frequent small sub-sounded stones, 0.2m thick. This overlay a dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/6) firm clay natural (Plates 3-5 & 7-8).

The trench for the new electricity cable appeared to closely follow the route of an existing service trench (Plate 6), possibly relating to street lighting along the footpath. No archaeological features, deposits or finds were revealed during the course of the archaeological monitoring.

**Discussion:**

The present project involved the monitoring of the excavation of a long narrow cable trench. This was located on the eastern side of an existing footpath, which crosses the south-eastern corner of Stanmore Common. The stratigraphy revealed in the trench sections consisted of topsoil above the natural clay. The line of an existing service trench was also encountered during the present project.

**Illustrations:**

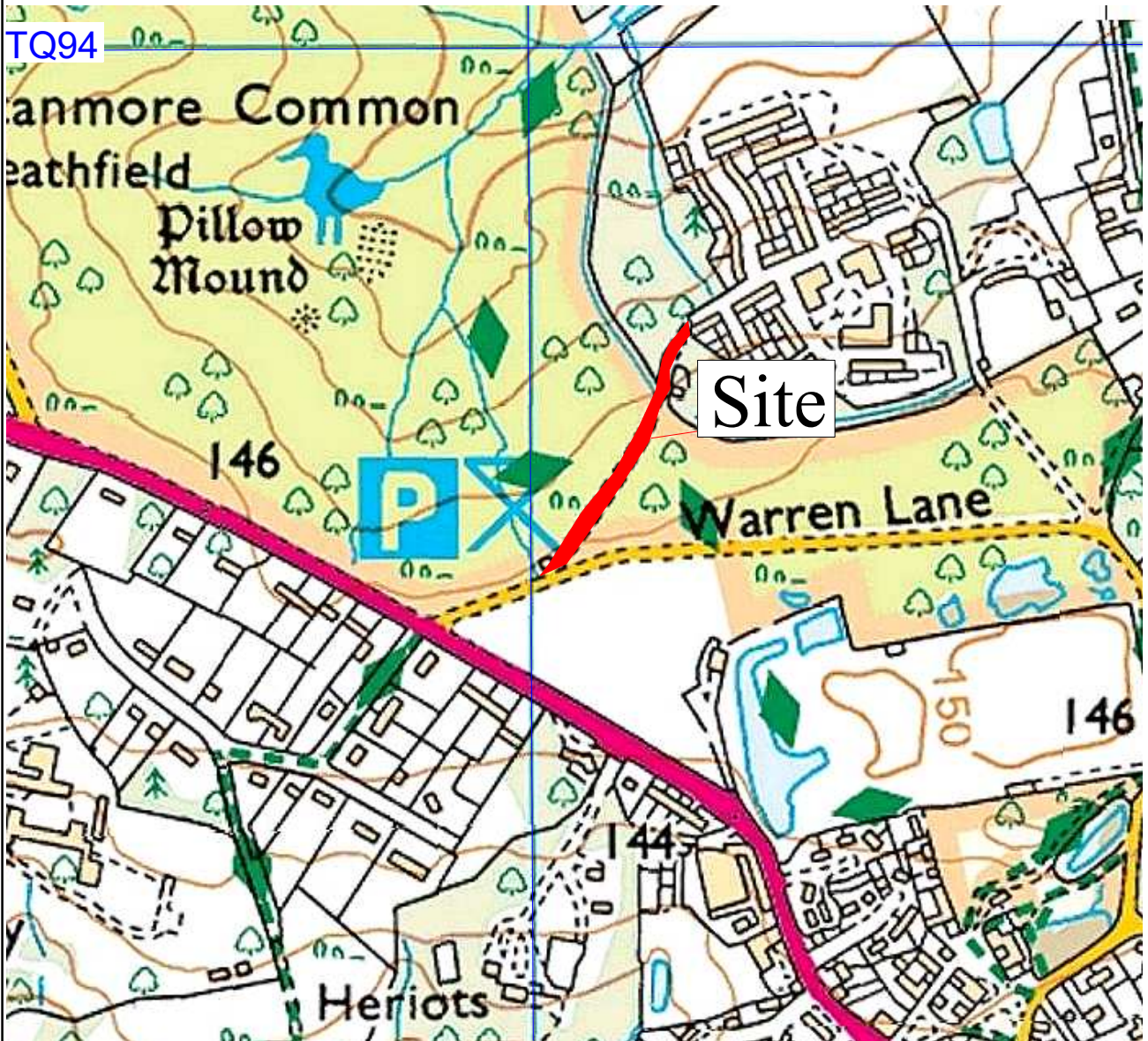
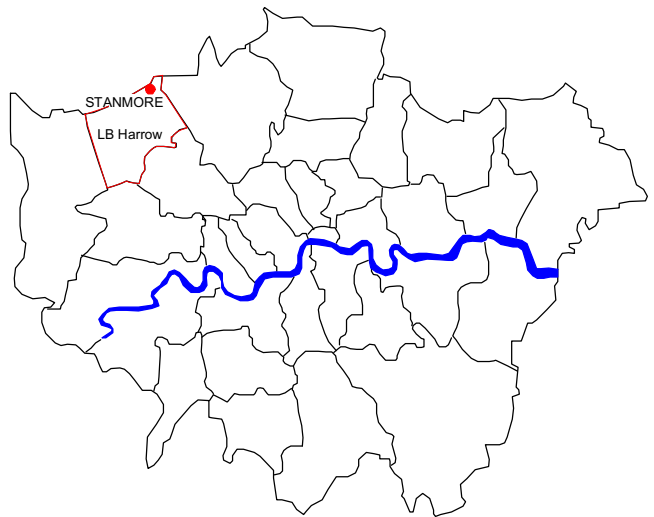
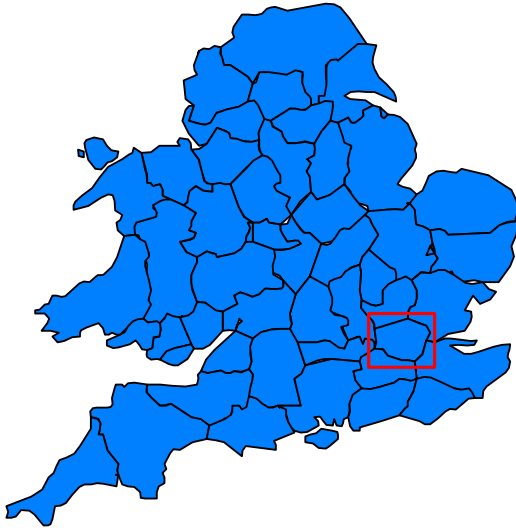
Figure 1	Site Location
Figure 2	Route of underground cable
Plate 1	Pre-excavation shot of southern end of site, looking NE
Plate 2	Pre-excavation shot of southern end of site, looking SW
Plate 3	Cable trench: in footpath, southern end, looking NE
Plate 4	Cable trench section, southern end, looking SE
Plate 5	Cable trench, middle section, looking SE
Plate 6	Cable trench, middle section, showing existing service, looking SE
Plate 7	Cable trench, northern section, looking SE
Plate 8	Cable trench, northern section, looking NE

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Site Location

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Figure 1



Route of underground cable.

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Figure 2



Plate 1: Pre-excavation shot of southern end of site, looking northeast



Plate 2: Pre-excavation shot of northern end of site, looking southwest



Plate 3: Cable trench: In footpath, southern end, looking northeast



Plate 4: Cable trench section, southern end, looking southeast



Plate 5: Cable trench, middle section, looking southeast



Plate 6: Cable trench, middle section, showing existing service, looking southeast



Plate 7: Cable trench, northern section, looking southeast



Plate 8: Cable trench, northern section, looking northeast