

Devon County Historic Environment Record

Parish: Combe Martin	NGR: SS 5785 4705 Number	
Subject: Archaeological watching brief, undertaken as a condition of planning permission (ref. 40474, North Devon District Council) at Lovering's Garage, Borough Road, Combe Martin, Devon.		
Description The site (the Lovering's Garage property and land immediately to the southeast: Fig. 1) lies roughly parallel to the River Umber. Planning permission granted the construction of a dwelling and associated garage. These were not monitored as they were constructed with pile foundations into known made ground. The watching brief monitored the machine excavation of a single service trench (0.4m wide, up to 0.9m deep and c. 140m long) that extended from the new dwelling at the southeast of the site to Borough Road. The deposit sequence was reasonably consistent across the site. From the new dwelling to the Lovering's Garage forecourt the deposits comprised 0.9m of modern made ground and a buried tarmac surface. On the section extending from the Lovering's Garage forecourt to Borough Road the deposits comprised: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 0-0.08m deep, tarmac (garage forecourt surface)• 0.08-0.18m loose gravel (tarmac surface foundation)• 0.18-0.58m mixed modern made ground of a mid grey brown silt clay with abundant shale fragments, occasional modern brick fragments, cinders and slag pieces• 0.58-0.63m gravel and mortar• 0.63m+ subsoil of light yellow red friable clay silt with frequent shale fragments. The stratigraphy of the site was characterised by a series of 19/20th-century made ground and surface layers likely to be associated with flood defence and levelling for modern properties. No features or deposits could be attributed to any former mining activity on the site. No finds were recovered.	Ref: Exeter Archaeology Project no. 5740	Dates: 15th-23rd May 2007
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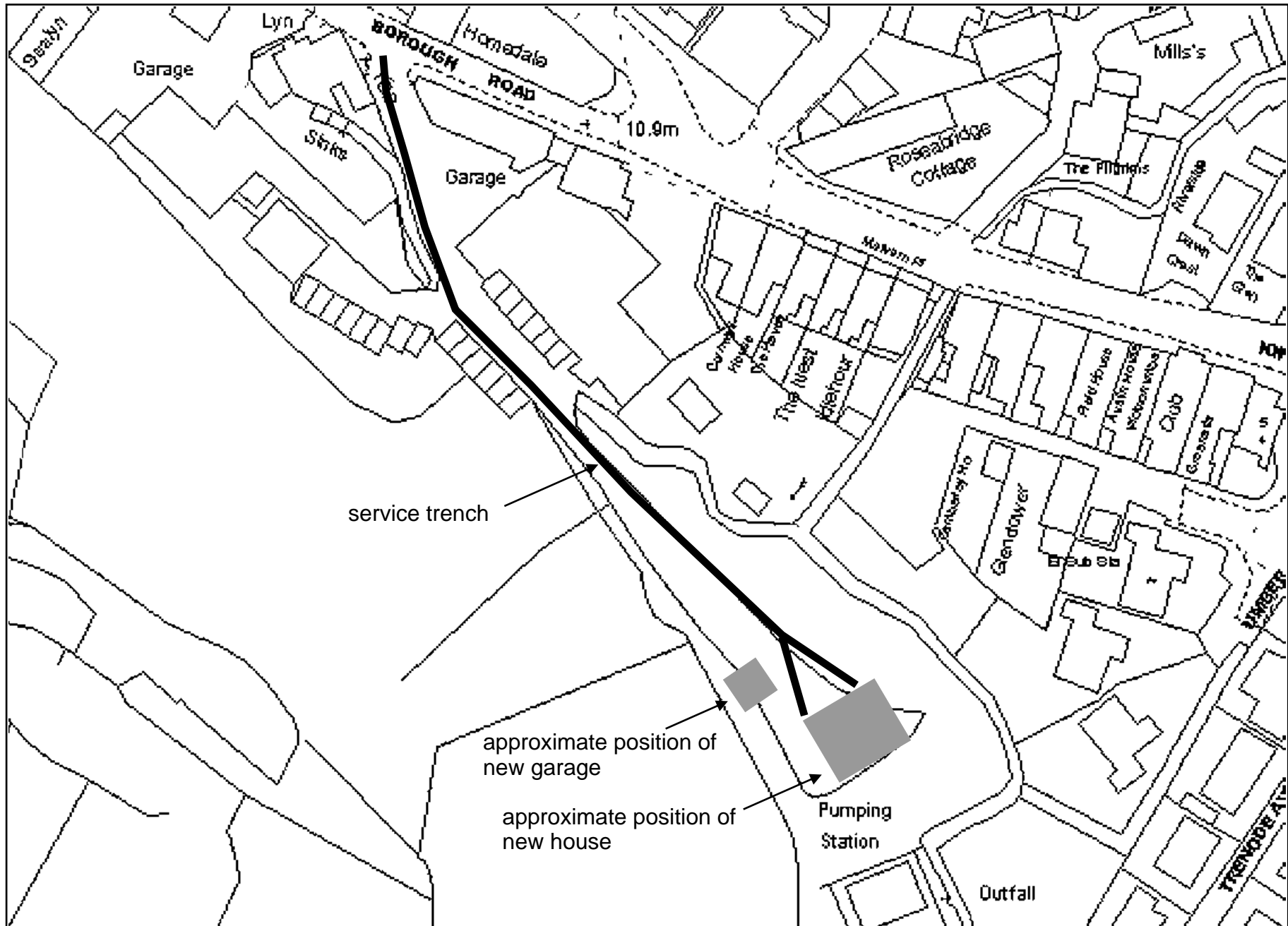


Fig. 1 Site location, showing the route of the service trench (not to scale).