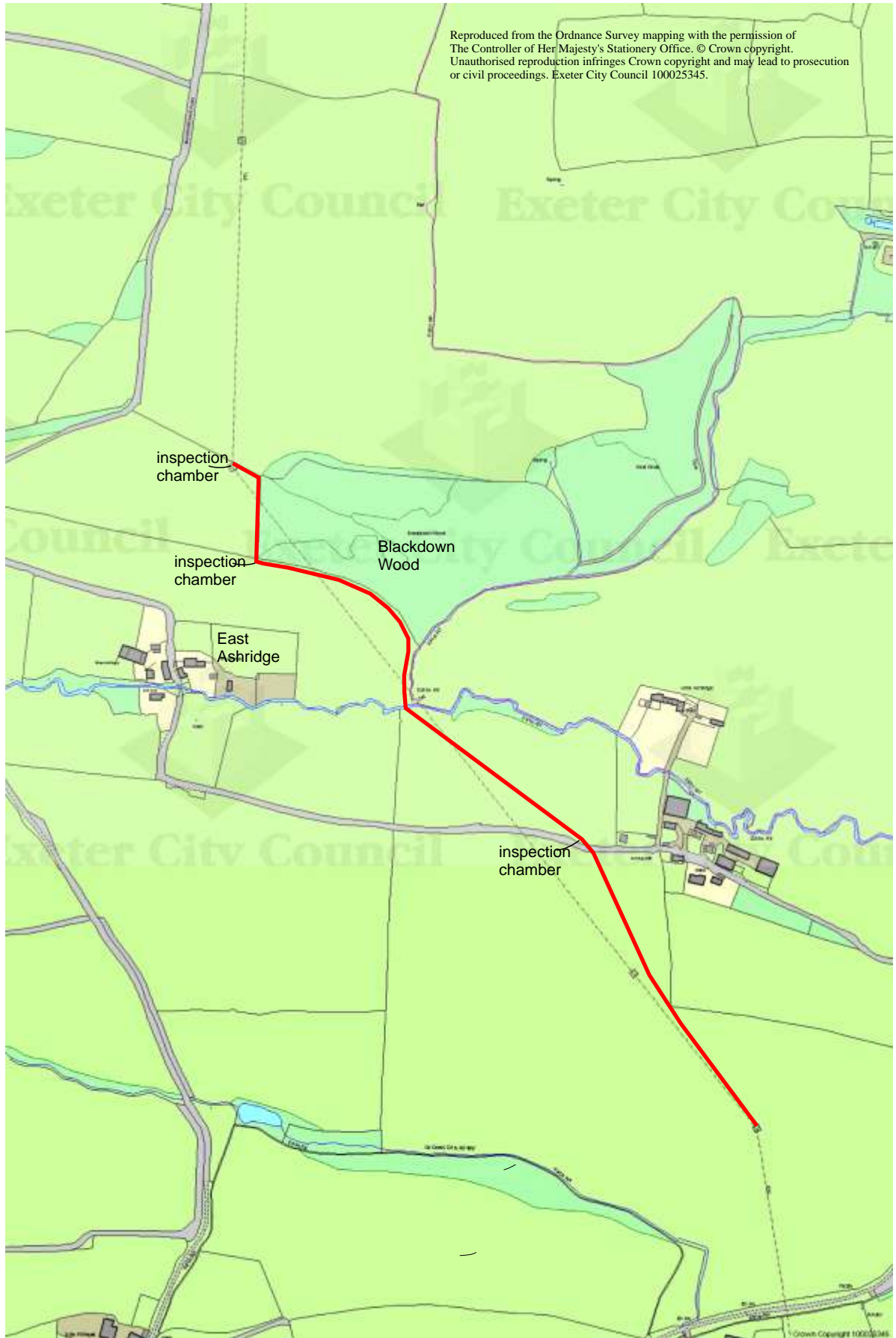


## Devon County Historic Environment Record

<b>Parish:</b> Westleigh	<b>NGR:</b> SS 4941 2721 to SS 4991 2657	<b>Number:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Archaeological monitoring and recording during cable trenching near Ashbridge, North Devon		
<b>Description:</b> <p>A trench for a new communications cable was excavated between pylons at SS 4941 2721 and SS 4991 2657 (see attached Fig.). Due to the narrow width of the trench (c. 0.3m) excavation was not monitored in entirety. Spoil from the work was, however, inspected along almost the complete route.</p> <p>Trenching was monitored at the northern end of the route, between the northern pylon and the SW corner of Blackdown Wood. A shallow topsoil (0.1m deep) overlay the <i>in situ</i> shale geology.</p> <p>An inspection chamber at SS 4941 2721, below the pylon, measured 2m (E-W) x 1m (N-S) x 0.7m deep. The layer sequence was topsoil (0.1m) over the shale geology.</p> <p>An inspection chamber at SS 4942 2712 measured 3m (E-W) x 1m (N-S) x 0.9m deep. The layer sequence was topsoil (0.1m) over subsoil/colluvium (0.35m) over the shale geology.</p> <p>Excavation of an inspection chamber at the stream crossing was not watched as the area was monitored during excavation of a SWW pipe trench in 2000 (EA report no. 00.89).</p> <p>An inspection chamber at SS 4974 2685 measured 1.5m x 1.5m x 1.1m deep. The layer sequence was topsoil (0.3m) over the shale geology.</p> <p>The excavation of the inspection pit at the southern end of the trench was not seen.</p> <p>No archaeological features were exposed and no finds were recovered.</p>	<b>Ref:</b> EA Project No. 6179	<b>Dates:</b> 29.8.07 - 18.9.07
<b>Client:</b> Surf Telecoms	<b>Recorder:</b> Tim Gent	

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