Devon County Council Historic Environment Record					
Civil Parish & District: Ottery St Mary	National Grid Ref. SY 09613 97438		Number:		
Subject: Archaeological Watching Brief at Pines Cottage, Gosford Photo attached? N Road, Ottery St Mary, Devon.					
Planning Application no: 08/0583/FUL		Recipient museum: Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter.			
OASIS ID: 47219		Museum Accession no: 206/2008			
Contractor's reference number EA6527	/code:	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 03.06.2008			

Description of works

Groundworks required for the construction of a stable block and provision of a new access were monitored. The site (Fig.1). lies directly to the west of Pines Cottage, Gosford Road, near to the known line of Roman Road from Exeter to Dorchester, and in an area of recorded prehistoric activity.

Results

The hedgebank to either side of a new access, to total length of c. 55m, was reduced to a height 0.85m above the adjacent road surface. A 12m length of the hedgebank was removed to provide a new gateway. The hedgebank was comprised of topsoil overlying a yellowish-brown sandy clay hedgebank material. This clay material contained ceramics with a 17/19th-century production range. These were discarded following analysis.

A 22m x 17m area, designated for the new stable, was stripped of topsoil, exposing *in situ* reddish-brown sandy clay across the whole of the site. No archaeological features or deposits were observed.

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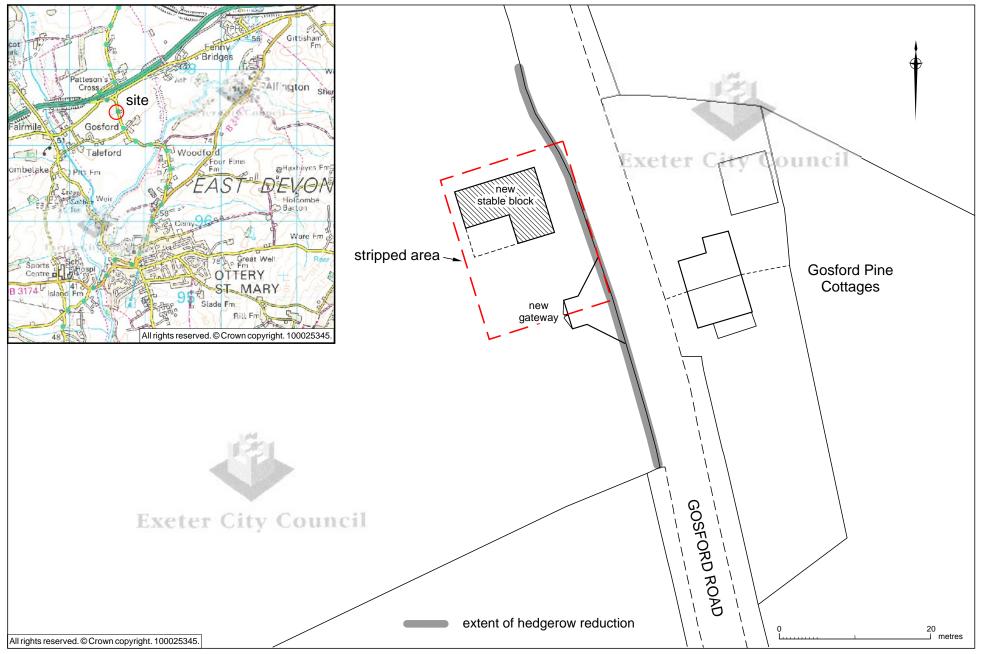


Fig. 1 Location of site showing new stables; access/gateway and extent of hedgerow reduction..