Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Lympstone, East Devon	National Grid Reference SX 9930 8412		Number: (Leave blank for HES to fill in)		
Subject: Archaeological watching brief during construction of a pipeline, for a new residential development off Trafalgar Road, Lympstone.					
Planning Application no:		Recipient museum: RAMM, Exeter			
OASIS ID: 50261		Museum Accession no: 413/2008			
Contractor's reference number/code: EA 6101		Dates fieldwork undertaken: 16/04/2007 – 08/05/2007			

Description of works.

The site is located within the centre of Lympstone, near St Mary's Church (Fig. 1). The watching brief monitored the machine excavation of a pipeline from Wotton Brook, across Church Road, between St. Mary's Church and The Lodge, northwards towards Trafalgar Road (Fig. 2).

Results

The pipeline measured 260m long, 0.8m to 1.55m wide and was 1m to 1.9m deep.

The deposit sequence comprised:

- 0-0.7m dark reddish brown, friable clayey silt with occasional slate, brick fragments and small rounded stone (grassed topsoil).
- 0.15-0.9m mid reddish brown, friable clayey silt, with occasional marine shell and small subrounded pebble (alluvium). The shell inclusions increased, forming a band, 0.2m thick to base of layer.
- 0.9-1.2m+ yellow mottled bluish grey, firm silty clay, with frequent marine shell (natural water deposit).

Topsoil increased in depth as ground sloped southwards towards Whotton Brook. Also noted beneath the alluvium was a reddish brown, friable clayey silt subsoil, 0.35m thick.

Continuing north across Church Road, the sequence comprised:

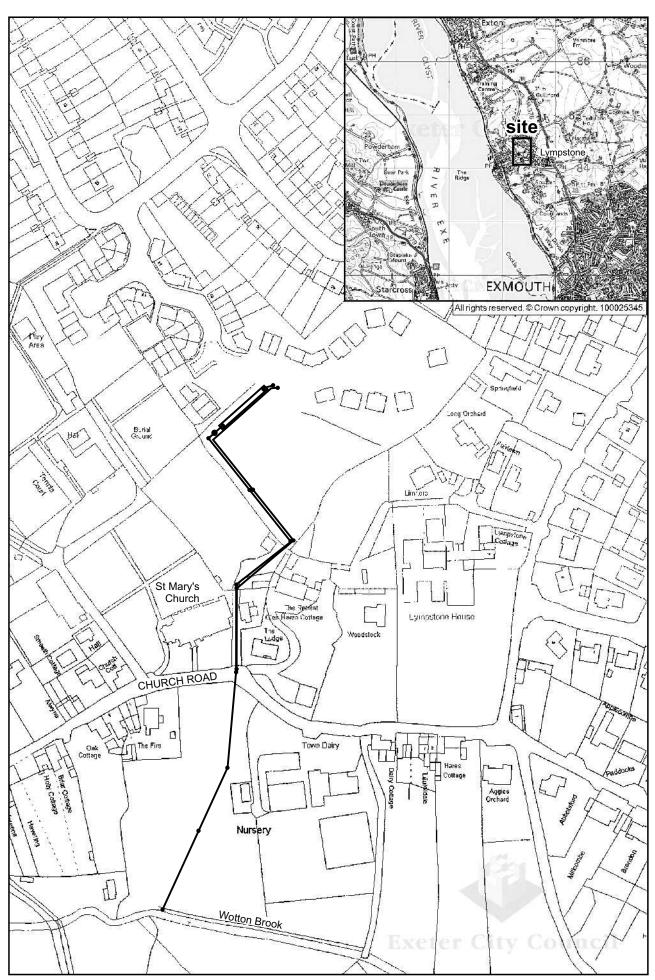
- 0-0.12m tarmac road surface.
- 0.12-0.9m modern made ground with service trenches.
- 0.9-1.8m+ reddish brown, friable silty clay (natural subsoil).

A single struck flint of Neolithic or Early Bronze Age date was recovered from the topsoil. No pre-modern archaeological deposits were found.

A plan as well as any other relevant drawings must be attached showing the location and extent of site, areas investigated and features exposed.

	Date sent to HER:	
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Location of site and route of sewer pipes. Scale 1:2000.