

Somerset County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Taunton, Taunton Deane	National Grid Reference: ST 230 250	Number:
Subject: Archaeological monitoring at the ROAB Club, Priory Bridge Road, Taunton, Somerset		Photo attached: N
Planning Application no: 38/2008/005	Recipient museum: Somerset County Museum, Taunton	
OASIS ID: Exeterar1-55565	Museum Accession no: 185/2008	
Contractor's reference number/code: EA 6722	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 09/02/2009	
<p>Description of works:</p> <p>The site lies on the edge of the historic core of Taunton. It was undeveloped until the beginning of the 20th century. Although it was anticipated that the foundations of the existing buildings would be relatively shallow, it was considered possible that archaeological features and/or deposits relating to the medieval Augustinian Priory of St Peter and St Paul might survive within the footprint of the development.</p> <p>A watching brief was maintained during the removal of concrete beam foundations. These were relatively shallow and had been built within a layer of modern made ground. Two test pits were also excavated (see attached plan). These revealed a sequence of deep alluvial deposits extending across the northern half of the site, including a humic alluvial deposit (104) that was located at a depth of 2.3m below current ground level. This probably represents the remains of an ancient watercourse, while Test Pit 2 revealed shallower alluvial gravels, indicating that this was located nearer the edge of the channel.</p> <p>The site area measured approximately 36m by 28m. Because the new development was largely built up due to the threat posed by recent flooding, no further work was deemed necessary.</p> <p>Results:</p> <p>The layer sequence revealed by the trenching typically consisted of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0-0.8m Modern ground 0-0.6m Concrete foundations 0.8-1.5m Alluvial clay 1.5-2m Alluvial sand 2-2.3m Alluvial clay 2.3-2.5m Humic deposit 2.5-2.8m Alluvial clay 2.8+ Alluvial gravels <p>Conclusion:</p> <p>No features, deposits or dating evidence were found to indicate archaeological activity within the area of the development.</p>		
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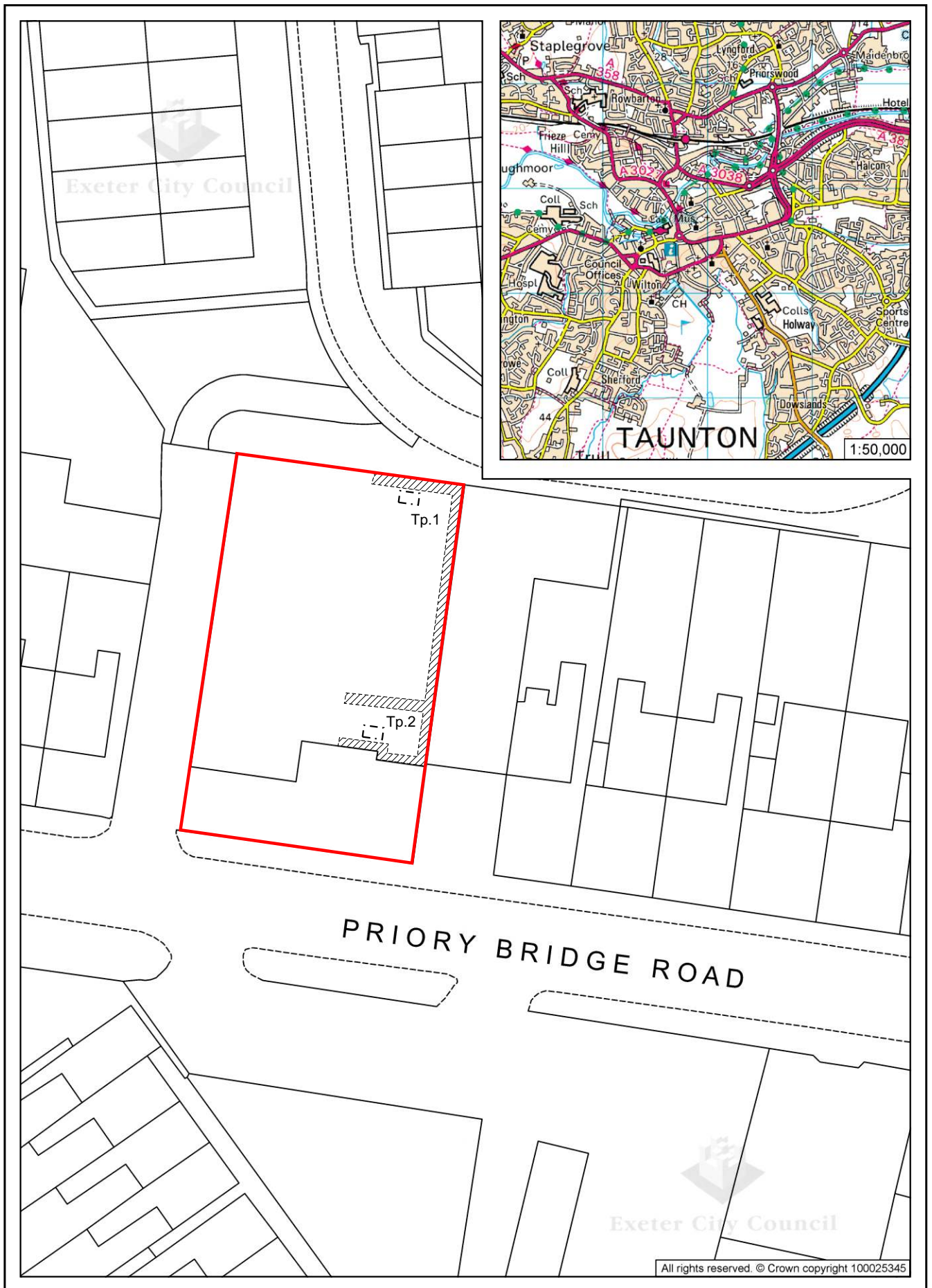


Fig. 1 Site location and Trial pits. Scale 1:500