

## Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Heavitree, Exeter	<b>National Grid Reference:</b> SX 9360 9256	<b>Number:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Archaeological monitoring at the Exeter University Rowancroft Campus, Fore Street, Heavitree, Exeter		<b>Photo attached:</b> N
<b>Planning Application no:</b> 07/0424/03	<b>Recipient museum:</b> Royal Albert Memorial Museum	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> exeterar1-58651	<b>Museum Accession no:</b> 179/2008	
<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b> EA 6448	<b>Dates fieldwork undertaken:</b> April 08-January 09	
<p><b>Description of works:</b></p> <p>The site lies on the edge of the historic core of Heavitree and was undeveloped until the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The archaeological potential of the site lies in its proximity to Heavitree Road, which lies on the line of the main Roman road leading east out of the city, and in its prominent position on the ridgeline between Heavitree and Exeter during the Civil War siege of 1645-46. Although the assessment highlighted that the majority of the site was subjected to extensive quarrying prior to the 19<sup>th</sup> century, it was considered possible that archaeological features and/or deposits might survive within the footprint of the western and southwestern development.</p> <p>The site area was an irregular shape and measured approximately 1.90ha. A watching brief was maintained during the excavation of the foundations of the two western most blocks (see attached plan). These were relatively shallow and had been built within a layer of modern made ground relating to 20<sup>th</sup> century buildings and a car park. A service trench for a new gas main along the southern edge of the access road was also monitored. This was cut through asphalt and hardcore, before revealing natural subsoil at a depth of 0.3m below current ground level.</p> <p><b>Results:</b></p> <p>The layer sequence revealed by the trenching typically consisted of the following:</p> <p>0-0.8m    Modern made ground 0.8+      Natural subsoil</p> <p><b>Conclusion</b></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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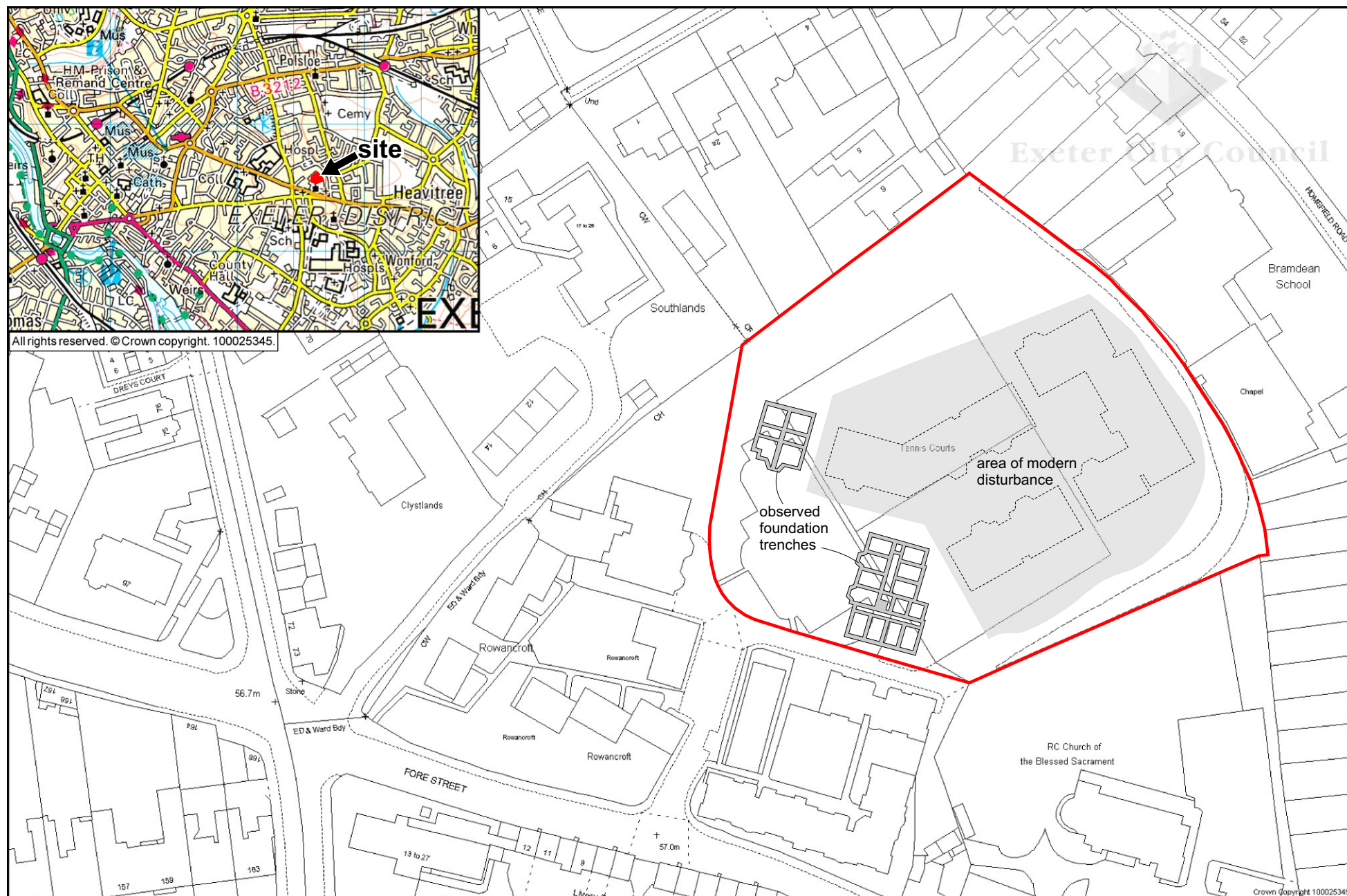


Fig. 1 Location of site indicating positions of new buildings and areas of observation.