

# Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Exminster, Teignbridge	<b>National Grid Reference</b> SX 93668 88407	<b>Number:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Watching brief during groundworks for the SWW Exeter Link Main		<b>Photo attached?</b> N
<b>Planning Application no:</b> n/a	<b>Recipient museum:</b> RAMM	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> exeterar1-59713	<b>Museum Accession no:</b> 207/2008	
<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b> EA6415	<b>Dates fieldwork undertaken:</b> 15/02/2008 – 19/02/08	
<p><b>Description of works:</b></p> <p>A watching brief was undertaken to the north of Exminster on a section of water mains rehabilitation works. The pipe-line corridor extended along the northern edge of the M5 motorway (the motorway in this section having been cut through the existing hillsides) and was parallel with it for a distance of <i>c.</i> 900m (Fig. 1). It is intended that the pipe-line will eventually continue eastwards to Topsham Road through a section tunnelled below the canal and the River Exe.</p> <p>The pipe-line corridor varied from 5m to 15m in width, depending on the topography, and was monitored after the topsoil was removed. The earlier works for the construction of the motorway involved an extremely wide and deep cut through the hill, followed by a redeposition of material as part of a landscaping along the sides of the cut. The pipe-line corridor along much of the route was therefore several metres below the original ground level prior to motorway construction.</p> <p>A natural degraded red breccia was recorded in both the sides and the base along much of the pipe-line corridor although a red sandy clay was observed in areas along the western part of the route.</p> <p>Modern deposits almost certainly associated with the construction of the motorway were encountered in the pipe-line cut at the extreme western end of the corridor (Junction 31 of the M5 where this meets the A30); here natural soils were not observed.</p> <p>No archaeological features were observed or finds recovered.</p>		
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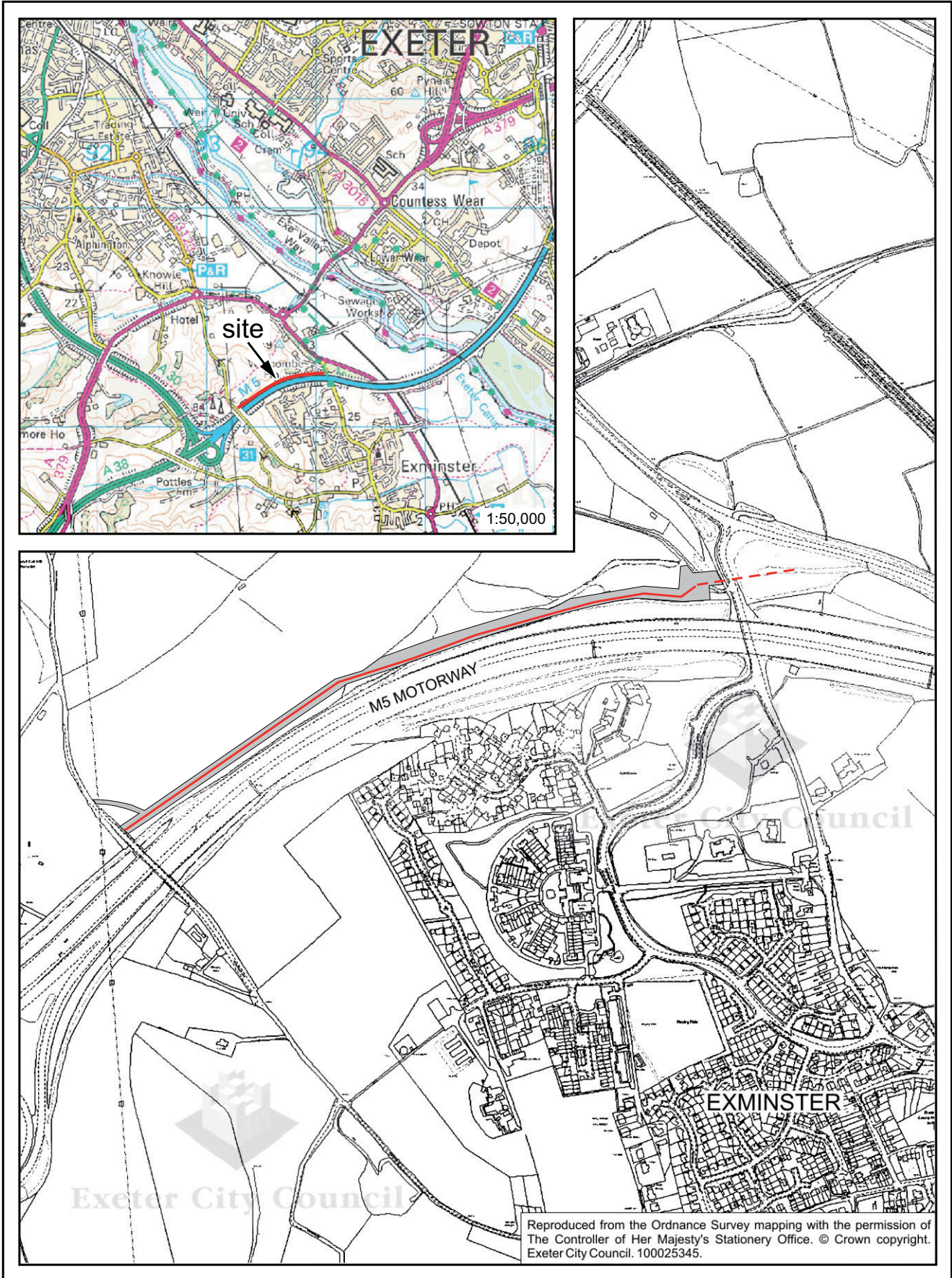


Fig. 1. Location of pipeline trench and corridor (shaded). Scale 1:7,500.