

Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Lympstone CP	National Grid Reference: SX 9816 8634 – SX 9891 8416	Number:
Subject: Archaeological monitoring of the Exton to Lympstone cycleway.		Photo attached: N
Planning Application no: ARCH/CM/MED/10548	Recipient museum: RAMM	
OASIS ID: exeterar1-66677	Museum Accession no: 417/2009	
Contractor's reference number/code: EA6545	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 17/07/08, 25/07/08, 08/08/08	
Description of works: <p>An archaeological watching brief (Fig. 1) was carried out during groundworks for the cycleway, which extends along the landward side of the existing railway embankment for approximately 1.5km, from Home Farm in the north to Belvedere House in the south.</p> <p>Two test pits were excavated in advance of construction. Both measured c.2m long and 1.5m wide and were excavated to a depth of c.1.5m. Test pit 1 was located between the railway line and a disused kiln approximately 225m from the southern end of the cycleway. Test pit 2 was located close to the railway embankment, approximately 43m south of the limekiln.</p> <p>Groundworks entailed an area reduction 3m wide, over a distance of c.55m, extending south from the disused limekiln. Elsewhere along the route the cycleway was constructed on a raised boardwalk supported on piles.</p> Results: <p>The excavation of the two test pits revealed a sequence of estuarine silts containing varying quantities of clay, sand and gravel. The sequence was not consistent between the two pits. Pit 2 contained a SW-NE aligned cut, most likely caused by scouring or deliberate dredging related to an adjacent outflow pipe. The area reduction remained within topsoil.</p> Conclusion: <p>No archaeological features or deposits were observed during the test pit excavations or ground reduction and no finds were recovered. Further construction work consisted of piling for a raised boardwalk.</p>		
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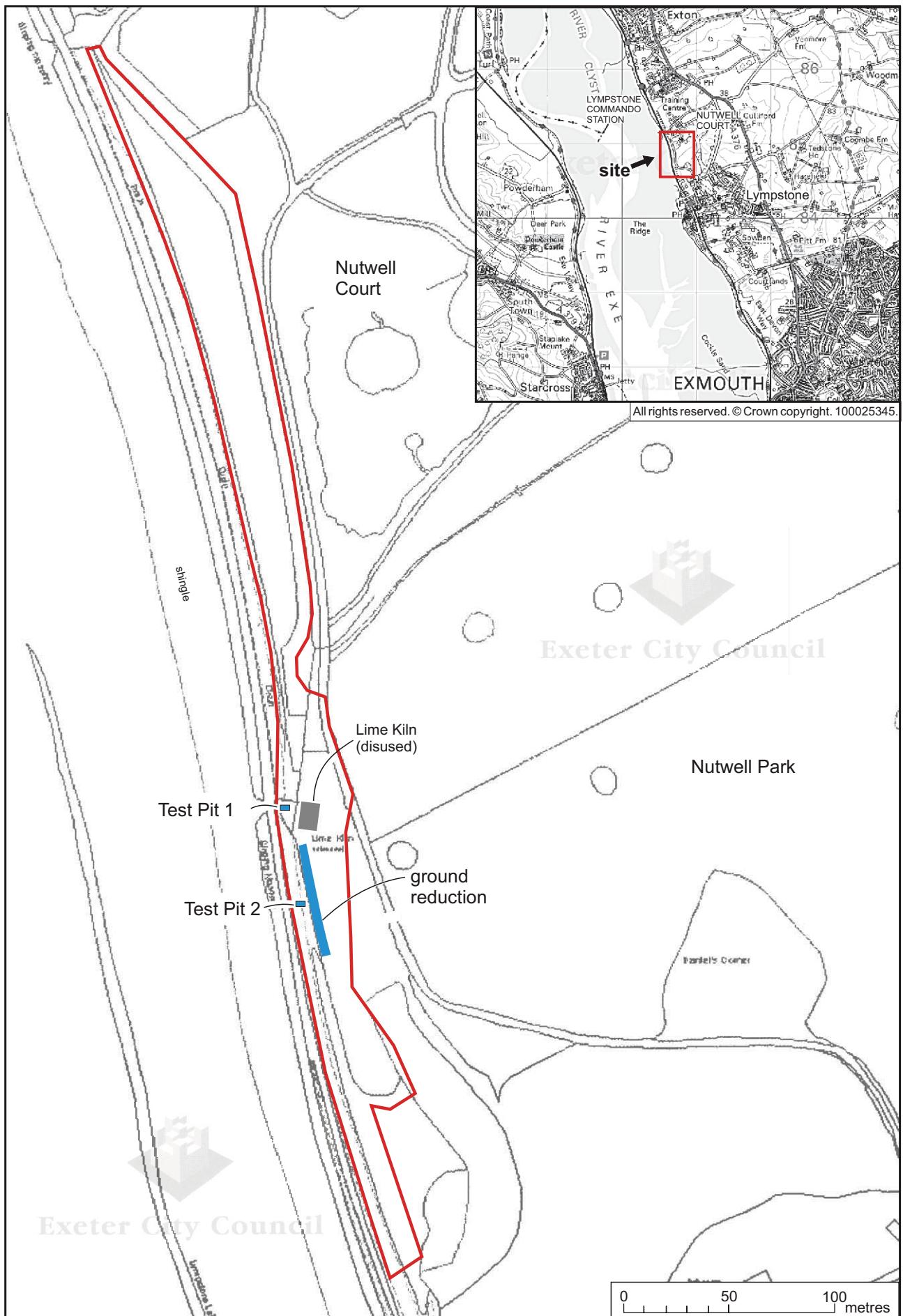


Fig. 1 Location of site, Test Pits 1 and 2 and area of ground reduction. Scale 1:2500 @ A4.