

## Cornwall Council Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Newquay, Cornwall	<b>National Grid Reference:</b> SW 7918 6146	<b>Number:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Archaeological monitoring and recording at 60 Pentire Avenue, Newquay, Cornwall.		<b>Photo attached:</b> Y
<b>Planning Application no:</b> 08/01026	<b>Recipient museum:</b> Record Office, Truro	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> exeterar1-77465	<b>Museum Accession no:</b> n/a	
<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b> EA7186	<b>Dates fieldwork undertaken:</b> 12/05/2010	
<p><b>Background:</b> The site (Fig. 1) lies on the Pentire Peninsula, west of Newquay. Demolition of an existing bungalow and its associated staff accommodation was to be followed by development for housing. Planning consent was approved by Cornwall Council (08/01206) subject to a condition attached to the grant of permission requiring a programme of archaeological work based upon a brief supplied by the Historic Environment Service of Cornwall Council.</p> <p>This area has a proven high potential for archaeological discoveries, with previous investigations demonstrating the presence of extensive evidence for prehistoric and medieval settlement, artefacts and burials. Two Bronze Age barrows recorded on the Cornwall Historic Environment Record (HER) are located to the southwest of the site (Refs. 4130.3-4), whilst an enclosure (Ref. 55466) and a Late Iron Age/Romano-British round (enclosure Ref. 55452) are located to the east. Further archaeological sites and findspots are located along Pentire Road. A rapid desk-based assessment showed no buildings on the site on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> edition OS maps (Figs, 2-3), while the 1946 OS map showed a single U-shaped building. It was considered possible that archaeological features and/or deposits might survive within the footprint of the new development once modern concrete slab was removed..</p> <p><b>Description of works:</b> The site measured 30m x 25m. A watching brief was maintained during the removal of concrete slabs and the excavation of the trenched building foundations for the new development (Fig. 4). Localised site constraints (e.g. rubble heaps and containers) meant that not all the trenching could be completed. However, the removal of the concrete slabs and sub-base revealed the underlying shale natural subsoil and trenches where observed were noted to be cutting directly into the natural subsoil. No archaeological deposits and/or features were identified.</p> <p><b>Results:</b> The layer sequence revealed by the trenching typically consisted of the following: 0.0-0.3m – modern concrete slab (buildings) 0.3-0.5m – modern gravel (sub-base) 0.5m+ – friable dark-brown shale (natural subsoil)</p> <p><b>Conclusion:</b> Evidence from the watching brief would suggest that the site was terraced and the ground prepaed reduced prior to the construction of the staff accommodation and bungalow. No features, deposits or dating evidence were found to indicate archaeological activity within the area of the development.</p> <p><b>Project archive and OASIS entry</b> The site records have been compiled into a fully integrated site archive which is currently held at Exeter Archaeology's offices under project number 7186, pending deposition at the Cornwall Record Office. A summary of the investigations has been submitted to the on-line archaeological database OASIS (Online AccesS to the Index of archaeological InterventionS).</p>		

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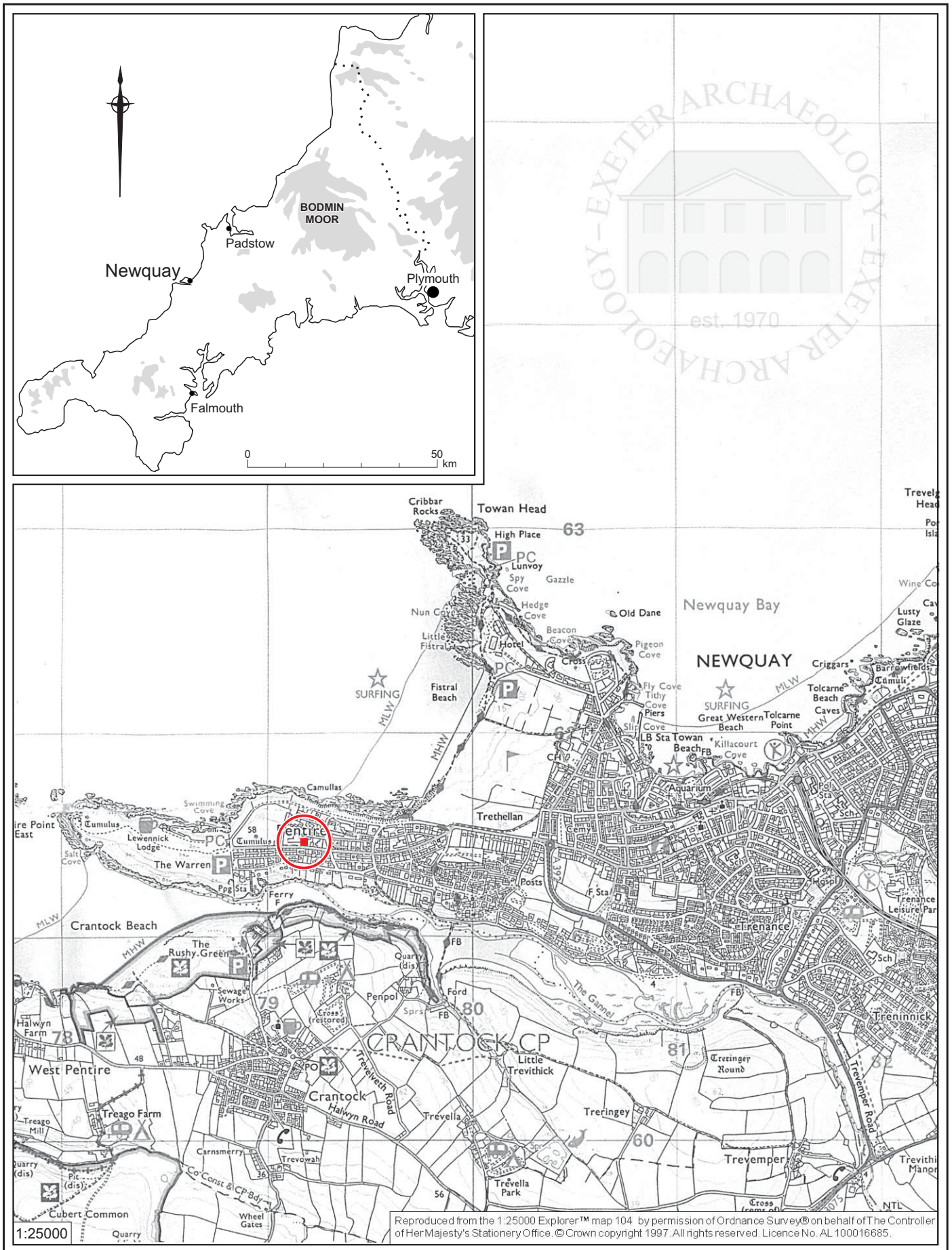


Fig. 1 Location of site.



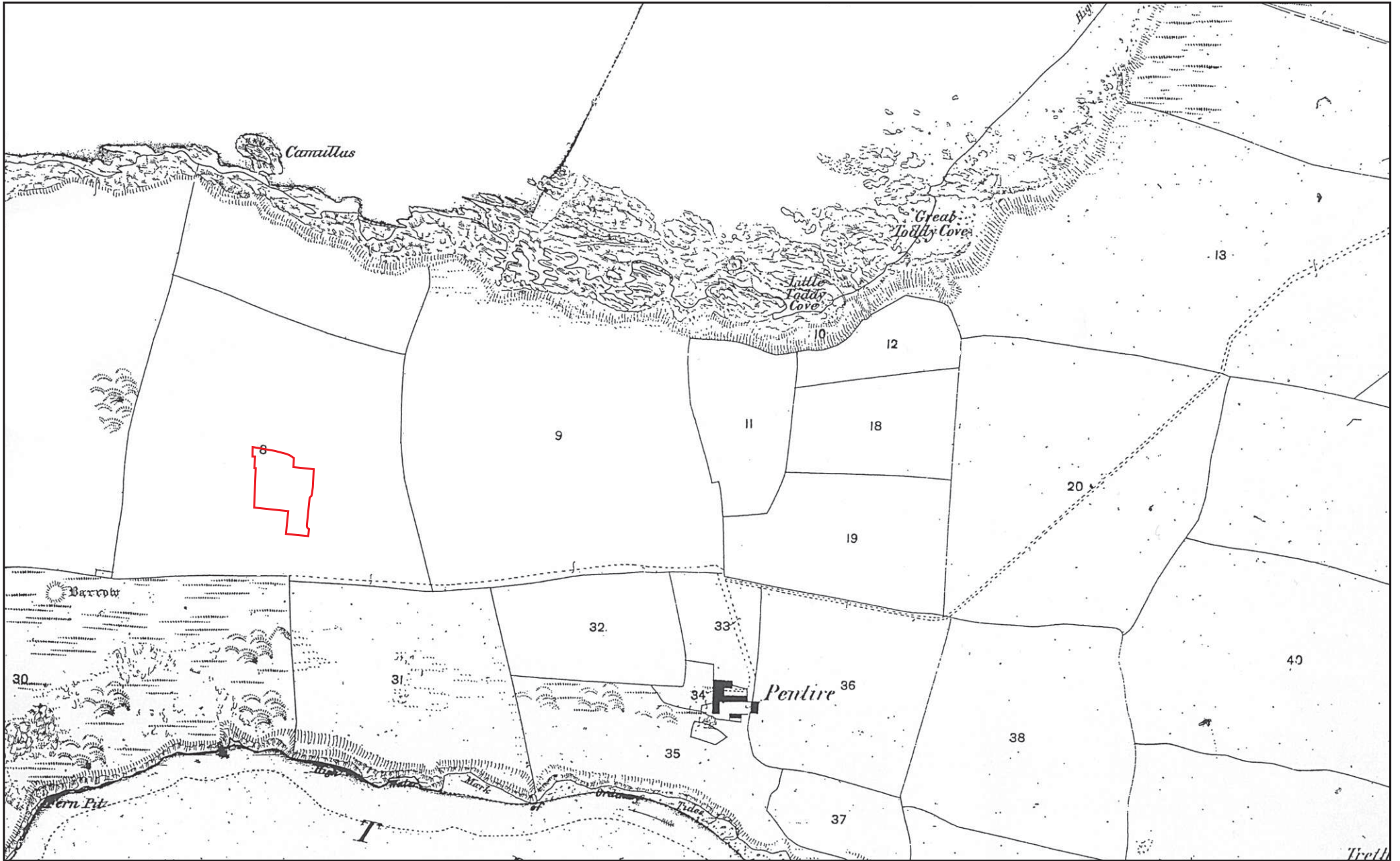


Fig. 2 The area in 1880. 1st edition OS map (not to scale).





Fig. 3 The area in 1908. 2nd edition OS map (not to scale).

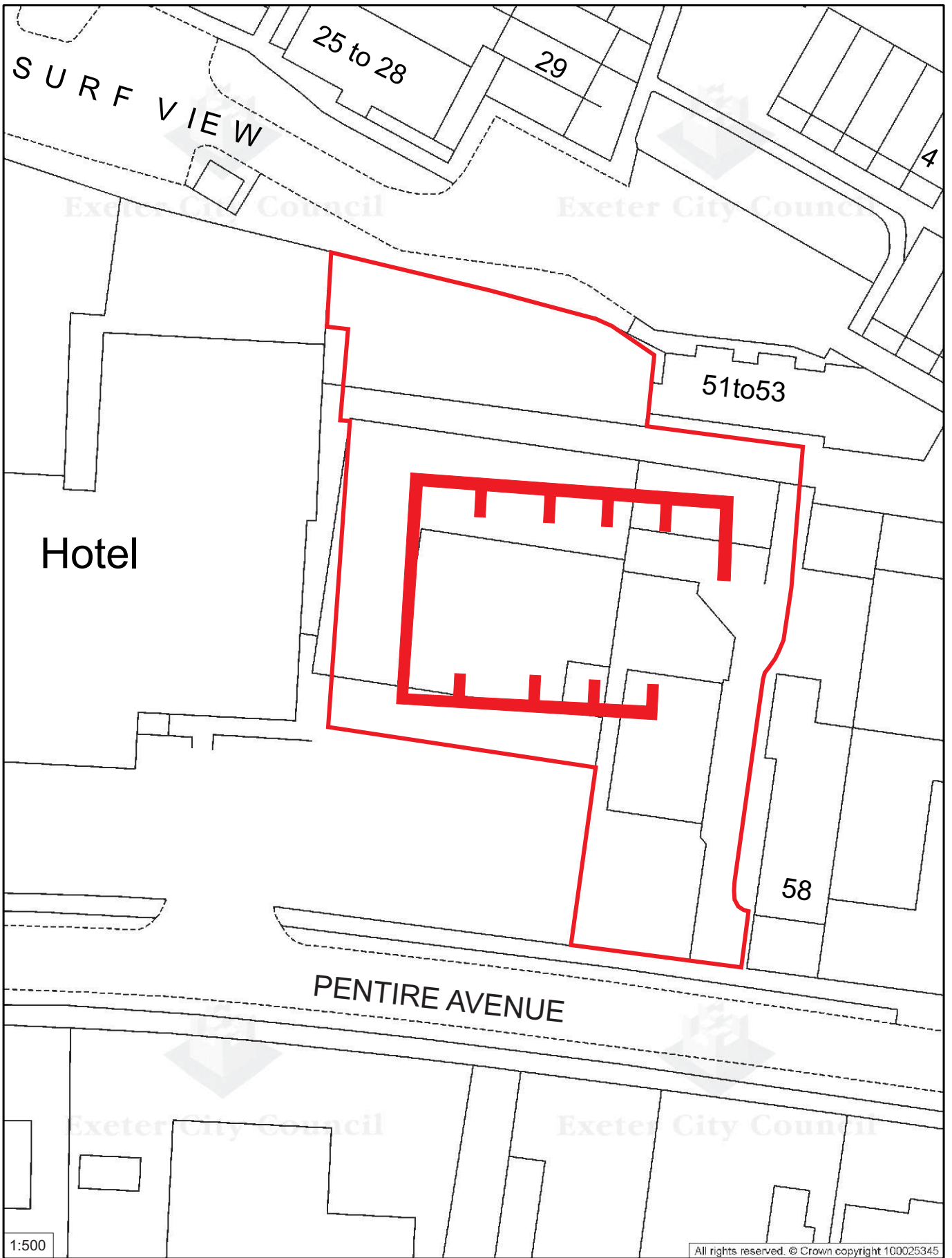


Fig. 4 Location of trenches.





Plate 1 General view of site. Looking northeast.



Plate 2 General view of site. Looking south.





Plate 3 General view of trench showing natural subsoil immediately below sub-base. Looking east.



Plate 4 General view of trench showing natural subsoil immediately below sub-base. Looking east.