

**An Archaeological  
Watching Brief  
on Land at Mill Garage, High Street, Bexley  
London Borough of Bexley**

**(Addendum to original ASE report No. 2011064)**

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(TQ 49581, 73481)**

**Project No: 4698  
Site Code: MLG 11**

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## Addendum

Two further watching brief visits were made to the site at Mill Garage, Bexley in May 2011, to monitor areas to the north of the site, especially that along the street frontage (Figure 1).

### Watching Brief Visit 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011

This visit monitored the excavation of an area measuring approximately 15 m by 15 m at the north of the site. This area was excavated to a depth of approximately 1.7 m. Some parts of the area were truncated by petrol tanks and as such were contaminated by petrochemicals. The stratigraphy observed during these works matched that of the previous phase of watching brief and is summarised below:

Number	Type	Description	Max. Length	Max. Width	Deposit Thickness
001	Layer	Made Ground	N/A	N/A	0.75 m
002	Layer	River Gravels	N/A	N/A	N/A
003	Layer	Peaty Clay	N/A	N/A	0.35 m

Table 1: Recorded contexts for watching brief 6/5/11

No archaeological finds or features were observed during these works.



Plate 1: North facing section of excavated area illustrating peaty clay layer (003) under made ground (001)

## Watching Brief Visit Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2011

This final visit monitored the excavation of the area by the main entrance to the site, measuring approximately 15m by 5m. This area was considered high potential due to its position along the medieval street frontage. Due to reasons of health and safety, the excavation was battered back to the north-east (adjacent to the gate) and north-west (adjacent to the railway bridge). As such, an measuring approximately 5m by 5m was excavated down to the level of the river gravels.

The depth of the excavation varied from 1.5 m to 1.8 m. While there was little contaminated ground exposed during the excavation although it did appear that the western side of the excavation had been truncated and replaced by made ground, as there was no sign of the peaty clay layer visible in this area. This may have been related to the construction of the railway bridge to the north. A layer of concrete slab (004) directly overlay the made ground (001) which was excavated to a depth of 1.45 m.

Number	Type	Description	Max. Length	Max. Width	Deposit Thickness
001	Layer	Made Ground	N/A	N/A	1.05 m
004	Layer	Concrete slab	N/A	N/A	0.4 m

Table 2: Recorded contexts for watching brief 21/5/11 – western area

The stratigraphy on the eastern edge of the excavation appeared to be intact and the peaty clay layer observed during the previous phase of watching brief was visible overlying the river gravels. In this area the concrete slab (004) overlay a thick layer of made ground (001), which in turn overlay the peaty clay (003). The natural river gravels (002) lay underneath the peaty clay.

Number	Type	Description	Max. Length	Max. Width	Deposit Thickness
001	Layer	Made Ground	N/A	N/A	0.55 m
002	Layer	River Gravels	N/A	N/A	N/A
003	Layer	Peaty Clay	N/A	N/A	0.3 m
004	Layer	Concrete Slab	N/A	N/A	0.4 m

Table 3: Recorded contexts for watching brief 21/5/11 – eastern area

No archaeological finds or features were observed during these works.



Plate 2: North-east facing section of western side of excavated area illustrating area of made ground (001)

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Project dates	Start: 06-05-2011 End: 21-05-2011
Previous/future work	Yes / No
Any associated project reference codes	archaeol6-97473 - OASIS form ID
Type of project	Field evaluation
Current Land use	Residential 1 - General Residential

### Project location

Country	England
Site location	GREATER LONDON BEXLEY BEXLEY Mill Garage
Postcode	DA5 2AN
Study area	200.00 Square metres
Site coordinates	TQ 49581 73481 51.4400298998 0.152447947236 51 26 24 N 000 09 08 E Point
Height OD / Depth	Min: 10.83m Max: 11.31m

### Project creators

Name of Organisation	Archaeology South East
Project brief originator	CgMs Consulting
Project director/manager	Darryl Palmer
Project supervisor	Nick Garland
Type of sponsor/funding body	Developer

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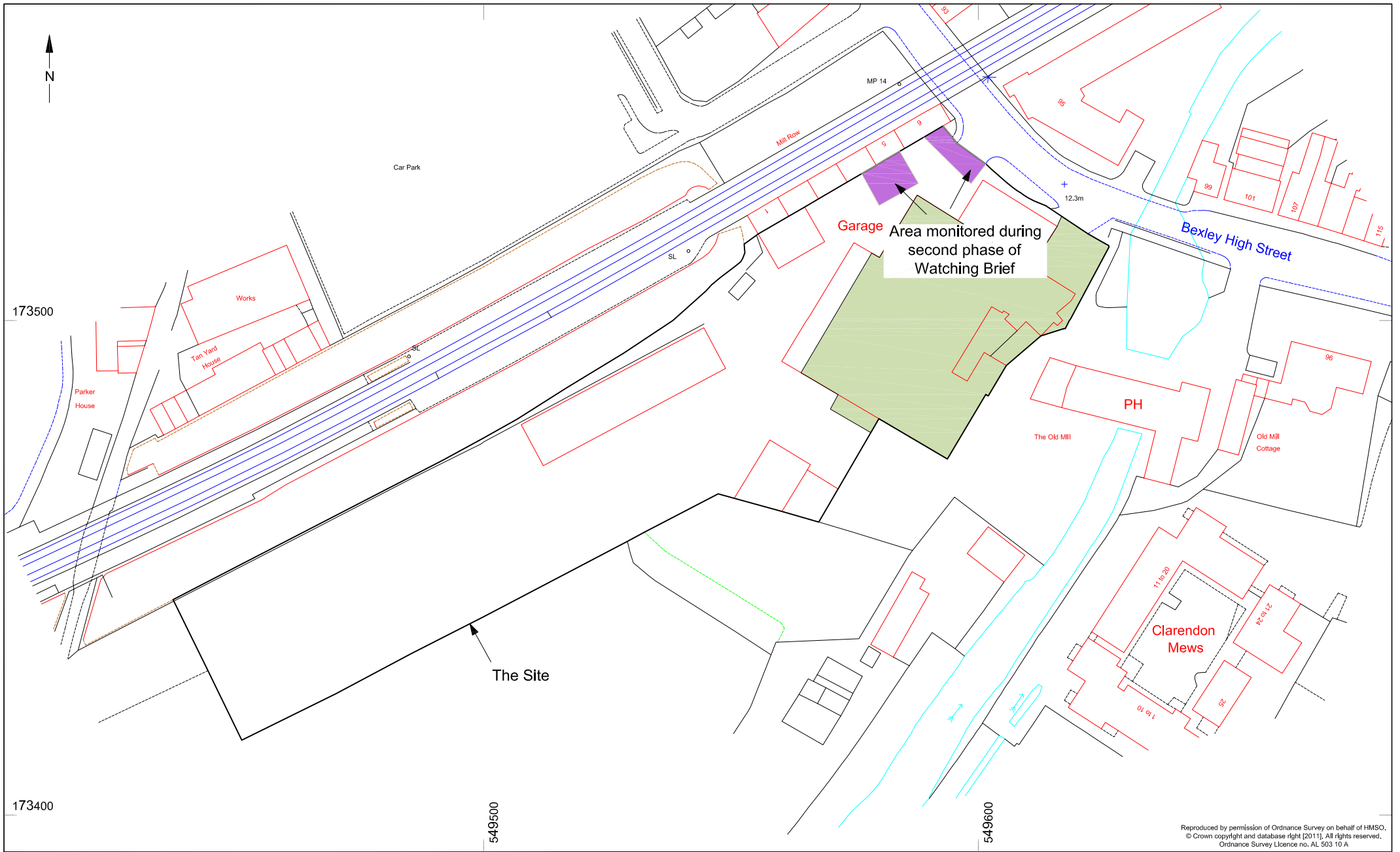
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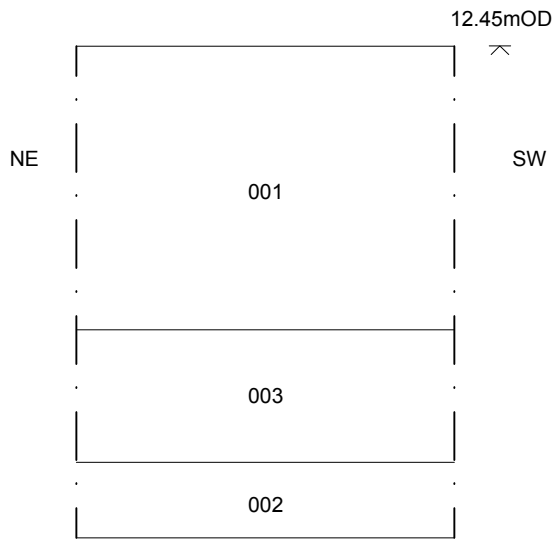


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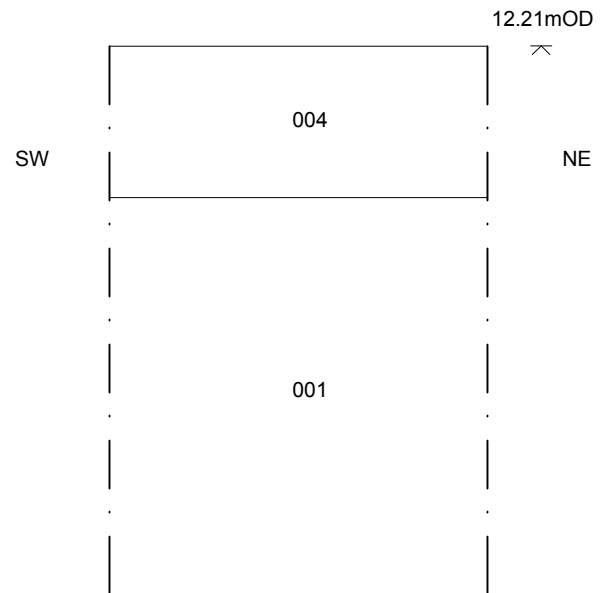
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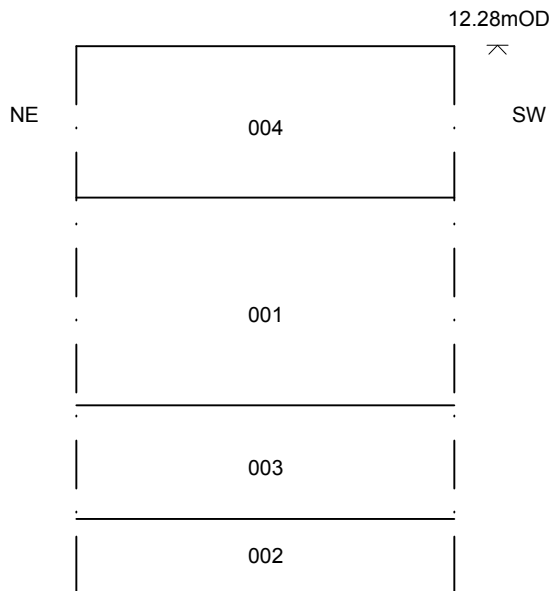
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