

**An Archaeological Evaluation at
26-36 SEARCHWOOD ROAD, WARLINGHAM,
SURREY**

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Abstract

An archaeological evaluation was undertaken at 26-36 Searchwood Road Warlingham, Surrey. The work was undertaken on the 3rd September 2007 on behalf of CgMs Consulting Ltd and Surrey County Council. Four trenches were excavated and no archaeological remains were revealed.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Archaeology South-East (ASE), the contracting division of The Centre for Applied Archaeology at the Institute of Archaeology, University College London, were commissioned by CgMs Consulting Ltd on behalf of their client to undertake an archaeological evaluation in advance of development on land at 26-36 Searchwood Road Warlingham, Surrey. The site is centred on NGR TQ 344 5820 (Fig 1).
- 1.2 The site is bounded by Searchwood Road to the north-east, Westhall Road to the south-west, Paddock Walk to the south east and land pertaining to 71a and 71b Westhall Road to the north-west.
- 1.3 A specification outlining the requirements of the evaluation was prepared by Lorraine Darton of CgMs Consulting Ltd (Darton 2007) and was submitted and duly approved by Gary Jackson, Archaeological Officer, Surrey County Council (SCC), in his role as advisor to the Local Planning Authority on archaeological matters.
- 1.4 The fieldwork was undertaken by Tom Collie on 3rd September 2007. On site assistance was provided by Louise Munns and Jennifer Jackson. The project was managed by Diccon Hart.

2.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

- 2.1 It is not within the scope of this report to give a detailed history and archaeological background of the site. A detailed history can be found within the archaeological desk based assessment (CgMs Consulting Ltd, 2007).

3.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL METHODOLOGY

- 3.1 Four trenches, each measuring 2m by 20m, were excavated across the site (see Figure 2). Some modification to the suggested trench positions was necessary due to on-site obstructions. This was true in the case of trench 2, which was moved to run parallel with the north eastern site boundary since its original position ran across a main access route to the middle of site.
- 3.2 The trial trenches were excavated under constant archaeological supervision. The trenches were excavated using a suitable mechanical excavator equipped with a toothless ditching bucket.
- 3.3 The excavations were taken down to the top of the underlying geology.

Revealed surfaces were manually cleaned in an attempt to identify individual archaeological features. The sections of the trenches were selectively cleaned to observe and record their stratigraphy. The removed spoil was scanned for the presence of any stray, unstratified artefacts.

- 3.4 All encountered archaeological deposits, features and finds were recorded according to accepted professional standards in accordance with the approved ASE Written Scheme of Investigation using pro-forma context record sheets. Archaeological features and deposits were planned at a scale of 1:50 and a general site plan was kept at 1:250. Deposit colours were verified by visual inspection and not by reference to a Munsell Colour chart. The spoil, from site clearance prior to development, was inspected by the archaeologist to recover any artefacts of archaeological interest.
- 3.5 A full photographic record of the work was kept (monochrome prints, colour slides and digital), and will form part of the site archive. The archive (including the finds) is presently held at the Archaeology South-East offices at Portslade, and will in due course be offered to a suitable local museum such as the Guildford Museum.

4.0 RESULTS

4.1 Trench 1

Number	Type	Description	Max. Length	Max. Width	Max. Depth
1/001	Layer	Topsoil Dark grey brown clay silt with frequent bioturbation and moderate fragments of angular flint (< 75mm)	Tr.	Tr	0.42m
1/002	Deposit	Natural geology Mid reddish brown firm clay with frequent fragments of angular flint (< 100mm)	Tr	Tr.	0.92m+

Table 1: Summary of deposits recorded in Trench 1

4.2 No archaeological features were discovered.

4.3 Trench 2

Number	Type	Description	Max. Length	Max. Width	Max. Depth
2/001	Layer	Topsoil Dark grey brown clay silt with occasional bioturbation and occasional fragments of angular flint (< 20mm); very occasional fragments of modern CBM and very occasional rounded stone and chalk.	Tr.	Tr	0.30m
2/002	Layer	Subsoil Mid orangey brown firm silty clay with occasional fragments of subangular flint (< 20mm).	Tr.	Tr	0.46m

2/003	Deposit	Natural geology Mid reddish brown firm clay with frequent fragments of angular flint (< 50mm) and frequent bioturbation	Tr	Tr.	0.90m+
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Table 2: Summary of deposits recorded in Trench 2

4.4 No archaeological features were discovered.

4.5 Trench 3

Number	Type	Description	Max. Length	Max. Width	Max. Depth
3/001	Layer	Topsoil Dark grey brown clay silt with frequent bioturbation and moderate fragments of angular flint (< 75mm).	Tr.	Tr	0.30m
3/002	Layer	Subsoil Mid orangey brown soft silty clay with occasional fragments of angular flint (< 50mm).	Tr.	Tr	0.61m
3/003	Deposit	Natural geology Mid reddish brown firm clay with frequent fragments of angular flint (< 100mm)	Tr	Tr.	0.84m+

Table 3: Summary of deposits recorded in Trench 3

4.6 No archaeological features were discovered.

4.7 Trench 4

Number	Type	Description	Max. Length	Max. Width	Max. Depth
4/001	Layer	Topsoil Dark grey brown soft clay silt with moderate bioturbation and occasional fragments of angular flint (< 35mm), occasional fragments of modern CBM occasional rounded stone.	Tr.	Tr	0.36m
4/002	Layer	Subsoil Mid orangey brown soft silty clay with occasional fragments of angular flint (< 50mm).	Tr.	Tr	0.50m
4/003	Deposit	Natural geology Mid reddish brown firm clay with frequent fragments of angular flint (< 100mm)	Tr	Tr.	0.95m+

Table 4: Summary of deposits recorded in Trench 4

4.8 No archaeological features were discovered.

5.0 DISCUSSION

5.1 This programme of trenching did not demonstrate the existence of archaeological remains on the site. In terms of future building activity, it would be probable that any construction work on this land would have little or indeed no impact on archaeology on this site.

6.0 REFERENCES

CgMs Consulting Ltd, 2007: *An Archaeological Desk Based Assessment of Land at 26-36 Searchwood Road/73 Westhall Road, Warlingham, Surrey*. Unpub. CgMs Report.

Darton, L. 2007: *Specification for an Archaeological field evaluation at 26-36 Searchwood Road/73 Westhall Road, Warlingham, Surrey*. Unpub. CgMs Report.

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Appendix 1: Oasis Summary Form

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Project details

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Short description of the project	An archaeological evaluation was undertaken at 26-36 Searchwood Road Warlingham, Surrey. The work was undertaken on the 3rd September 2007 on behalf of CgMs Consuting Ltd and Surrey County Council. Four trenches were excavated and no archaeological remains were revealed.
Project dates	Start: 03-09-2007 End: 03-09-2007
Previous/future work	No / No
Any associated project reference codes	SEW 07 - Sitecode
Type of project	Field evaluation
Site status	Area of Archaeological Importance (AAI)
Current Land use	Residential 1 - General Residential
Methods & techniques	'Sample Trenches'
Development type	Rural residential
Prompt	Direction from Local Planning Authority - PPG16
Position in the planning process	After full determination (eg. As a condition)

Project location

Country	England
Site location	SURREY TANDRIDGE WARLINGHAM 32 Searchwood Road, Warlingham, Surrey
Postcode	CR6 9XX
Study area	6400.00 Square metres
Site coordinates	TQ 344 582 51.3065059905 -0.07164402632170 51 18 23 N 000 04 17 W Point

Project creators

Name of Organisation	Archaeology South-East
Project brief originator	CgMs Consulting
Project design originator	Archaeology South-East
Project director/manager	Darryl Palmer
Project supervisor	Tom Collie
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Project archives

Physical Archive Exists?	No
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Digital Archive recipient	Guildford Museum
Digital Archive ID	SEW 07
Digital Contents	'none'
Digital Media available	'Images raster / digital photography','Images vector'
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