

**Counters Gate, Goodwood Country Park,  
Goodwood, West Sussex**

**NGR 489760 111359**

**CHICHESTER: East Dean  
Planning Reference: ED/06/03449/FUL**

**Site Code GOO 07**

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**Abstract**

*Archaeology South-East (ASE), the contracting division of University College London Centre for Applied Archaeology, were commissioned by The Goodwood Estate Company Ltd., to undertake an archaeological watching brief during groundworks associated with the formation of a 'cut and fill' soil bund at Counters Gate, Goodwood Country Park, Goodwood, West Sussex (NGR 489760 111359). The work was carried out on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2006.*

*Monitoring of all intrusive groundworks was undertaken and revealed a sequence of natural chalk geology sealed by up to 0.25m of subsoil in turn sealed by 0.25m of topsoil. No archaeological features were observed.*

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

Archaeology South-East (ASE), the contracting division of the University College London Centre for Applied Archaeology, were commissioned by The Goodwood Estate Co. Ltd. to undertake an archaeological watching brief adjacent to the Counter's Gate Car Park, Goodwood Country Park (NGR 489760 111359). The location of the site is shown in Figure 1.

The site lies immediately to the south of Selhurstpark Road and is currently grassed. The underlying geology, according to the British Geological Survey (Sheet 317) is upper Chalk. The site lies at approximately 155m AOD.

The fieldwork was undertaken on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2006 by Diccon Hart (Senior Archaeologist). The fieldwork was managed by Neil Griffin and the post-excavation analysis was managed by Louise Rayner.

## 1.1 Project History

Planning permission for the installation of a 'cut and fill' soil bund around the existing car park to prevent illegal vehicular access outside of this area has been granted by Chichester District Council (CDC) (Planning ref. ED/06/03449/FUL) (Fig. 2). Due to the application site's location within a Registered Park and Garden and its proximity to sites of known archaeological significance (a prehistoric bowl barrow (Scheduled Ancient Monument 29236) lies approximately 150m to the east) a planning condition has been attached to the permission that requires an archaeological watching brief to be maintained during the intrusive ground works.

Archaeology South-east duly prepared a *Written Scheme of Investigation* in response to this planning condition (ASE 2006) and this was subsequently approved by Chichester District Council. All work was carried out in accordance with this document and with the relevant *Standards and Guidance* of the Institute of Field Archaeologists (IFA).

## 1.2 Aims and Objectives of the Evaluation

The general aim of this programme of work, as set out in the *Written Scheme of Investigation* was to monitor the groundwork in order to ensure that any features, artefacts or ecofacts of archaeological interest exposed and affected by the excavations were recorded and interpreted to appropriate standards.

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## **2      IMPACT OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT**

The impact of the proposed scheme involved the excavation of a ditch to a depth of c. 0.60m and the forming of an associated bund from the arisings. The depth of the excavation was sufficient to achieve undisturbed solid geology.

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### **3    ARCHAEOLOGICAL METHODOLOGY**

The excavation of the ditch was monitored by an archaeologist until/unless it became clear beyond reasonable doubt that no archaeological remains were present (e.g. once excavation reached undisturbed natural subsoils). The location of the ditch is shown in Figure 2.

All excavation was undertaken with a machine equipped with a suitably sized toothless bucket wherever practicable.

The archaeologist inspected the surfaces revealed. Any archaeological structures or features revealed were to be recorded in plan and section as appropriate according to Section 4 below.

The main contractor was to allow the archaeological contractor reasonable time and resources to undertake any inspection or recording required.

All archaeological features and deposits were recorded using the standard context record sheets used by UCLCAA.

Archaeological structures, features and deposits exposed or excavated were to be planned in relation to the trench and the trench planned onto a copy of the Ordnance Survey map not smaller than 1:2500 scale by means of total station or taped offsets from known points.

A full photographic record (colour slide and black & white) was to be maintained throughout the duration of the watching brief. Digital colour images of work in progress or significant features, were taken to be included in the report.

The CDC Archaeologist was kept informed of progress so that he could monitor the archaeological work as necessary.

## **4 STRATIGRAPHIC RESULTS**

Natural chalk geology (003) was encountered between 0.50m and 0.60m below ground surface. This was sealed by a layer of subsoil, comprising light grey clayey silt with frequent chalk pebbles (002) that measured up to 0.25m in depth. This was in turn sealed by a layer of dark greyish brown clayey silt topsoil (001) containing moderate to frequent chalk pebbles and also measuring up to 0.25m in depth.

No archaeological features were observed throughout the course of the groundworks. Occasional fragments of post-medieval peg tile were noted within the topsoil but these were not retained.

## **5 DISCUSSION**

The monitoring of the intrusive groundworks undertaken during the formation of the 'cut and fill' soil bund did not reveal any archaeological deposits or artefacts.



## **6 REFERENCES**

ASE 2006 *Counters Gate, Goodwood Country Park, Goodwood, West Sussex. Archaeological Watching Brief Written Scheme of Investigation*. Unpub. Report.

## 7 APPENDICES

### 7.1 SMR Summary Form

Site Code	GOO 07					
Identification Name and Address	Counters Gate, Goodwood Country Park, Goodwood, West Sussex					
County, District &/or Borough	Chichester District Council					
OS Grid Refs.	NGR 489760 111359					
Geology	Chalk					
Arch. South-East Project Number	2667					
Type of Fieldwork	Eval.	Excav.	Watching Brief ✓	Standing Structure	Survey	Other
Type of Site	Green Field ✓	Shallow Urban	Deep Urban	Other		
Dates of Fieldwork	Eval.	Excav.	WB.	Other		
Sponsor/Client	The Goodwood Estate Co. Ltd.					
Project Manager	Neil Griffin					
Project Supervisor	Diccon Hart					
Period Summary	Palaeo.	Meso.	Neo.	BA	IA	RB
	AS	MED	PM ✓	Other		
<p>100 Word Summary.</p> <p>Archaeology South-East (ASE), the contracting division of University College London Centre for Applied Archaeology, were commissioned by The Goodwood Estate Company Ltd., to undertake an archaeological watching brief during groundworks associated with the formation of a 'cut and fill' soil bund at Counters Gate, Goodwood Country Park, Goodwood, West Sussex (NGR 489760 111359). The work was carried out on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2006</p> <p>Monitoring of all intrusive groundworks was undertaken and revealed a sequence of natural chalk geology sealed by up to 0.25m of subsoil in turn sealed by 0.25m of topsoil. No archaeological features were observed.</p>						

## 7.2 OASIS DATA COLLECTION FORM

**OASIS ID: archaeol6-36333**

### Project details

Project name	Counters Gate, Goodwood Country Park
Short description of the project	Archaeology South-East (ASE), the contracting division of University College London Centre for Applied Archaeology, were commissioned by The Goodwood Estate Company Ltd., to undertake an archaeological watching brief during groundworks associated with the formation of a 'cut and fill' soil bund at Counters Gate, Goodwood Country Park, Goodwood, West Sussex (NGR 489760 111359). The work was carried out on 4th December 2006. Monitoring of all intrusive groundworks was undertaken and revealed a sequence of natural chalk geology sealed by up to 0.25m of subsoil in turn sealed by 0.25m of topsoil. No archaeological features were observed.
Project dates	Start: 04-12-2006 End: 04-12-2006
Previous/future work	No / No
Any associated project reference codes	2667 - Contracting Unit No.
Any associated project reference codes	GOO 07 - Sitecode
Type of project	Recording project
Site status (other)	Registered Park and Garden
Current Land use	Woodland 6 - Parkland
Investigation type	'Watching Brief'
Prompt	Planning condition

### Project location

**Archaeology South-East**  
Counters Gate, Goodwood Country Park, Goodwood

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Country	England
Site location	WEST SUSSEX CHICHESTER EAST DEAN Counters Gate, Goodwood Country Park
Study area	2.60 Hectares
Site coordinates	SU 897 113 50.8936512955 -0.724438090411 50 53 37 N 000 43 27 W Point
Height OD	Min: 155.90m Max: 156.00m

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**Project creators**

Name of Organisation	Archaeology South-East
Project brief originator	Archaeology South East
Project design originator	Archaeology South-East
Project director/manager	Neil Griffin
Project supervisor	Diccon Hart
Type of sponsor/funding body	Client
Name of sponsor/funding body	Goodwood Estate Co. Ltd

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**Project archives**

Physical Archive Exists?	No
Digital Archive Exists?	No

Digital Archive recipient	Chichester Museum
Paper Archive Exists?	No
Paper Archive recipient	Chichester Museum
Paper Contents	'Stratigraphic'
Paper Media available	'Context sheet','Report','Unpublished Text'

### **Project bibliography 1**

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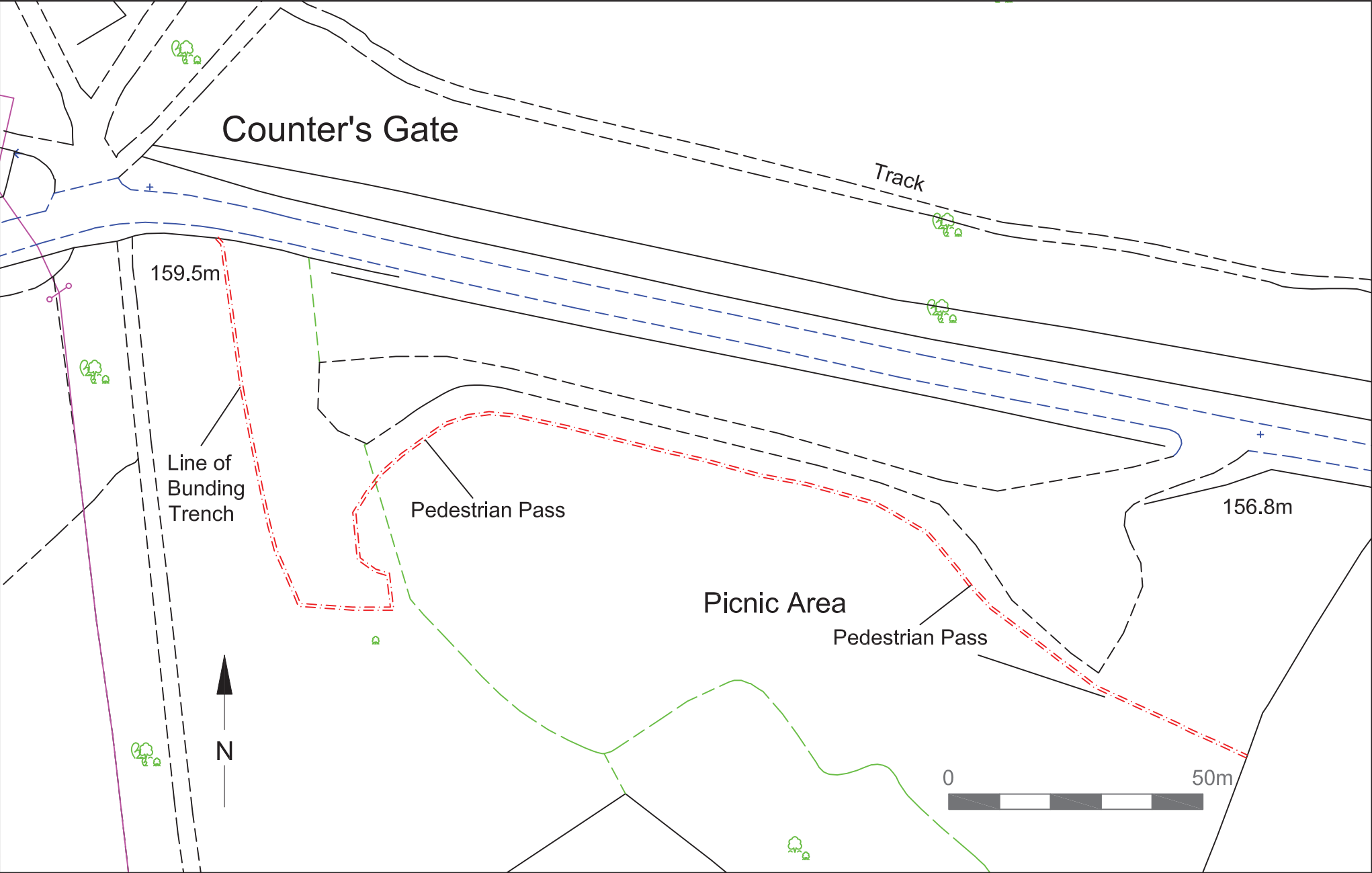
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