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Abstract

An archaeological watching brief was undertaken at Baker Court, Rocks Park Road, Uckfield on the 1st September 2008 and between 6th-8th January 2009. This work was commissioned by Saxton Chartered Building Surveyors and required the observation of geotechnical investigations and groundworks associated with residential redevelopment on the site.

Made ground was encountered between c. 0.05m and c. 2m below the ground surface, with the substrate comprising clays overlying silts of the Lower Tunbridge Wells Sands Group. Some truncation of the upper deposits was thought to have occurred during earlier episodes of development activity. No significant archaeological deposits, features or artefacts were encountered during the course of the watching brief.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Site Background

- 1.1.1 Archaeology South-East (ASE), a division of University College London Centre for Applied Archaeology (UCLCAA), were commissioned by Saxton Chartered Building Surveyors to undertake an archaeological watching brief during residential redevelopment at Baker Court, Rocks Park Road, Uckfield (NGR TQ 4700 2148), hitherto referred to as 'the site' (Figure 1). The work comprised preliminary geotechnical investigations followed by groundworks associated with the redevelopment (Figure 2).
- 1.1.2 The site lay in the back-lot of a previous residential development and covered an area approximately 900m². It was bounded to the north, west and east by light scrub and to the south by residential units.
- 1.1.3 According to the British Geological Survey, Sheet 319 Solid and Drift Edition, Lewes, the site lies on Head Deposits and Tunbridge Wells Sands.

1.2 Planning Background

- 1.2.1 The site is located within an archaeologically sensitive area. Therefore a planning condition was imposed by Casper Johnson, Archaeologist, East Sussex County Council, requiring a watching brief to be maintained during both the geotechnical investigations and any intrusive groundworks (planning reference WD/2007/1431).

1.3 Scope of the Report

- 1.3.1 This document details the results of the work undertaken in accordance with the Written Schemes of Investigation prepared in response to the condition placed upon the redevelopment works.
- 1.3.2 The geotechnical work was monitored on 1st September 2008, and the groundworks between 6th-8th January 2009 by Dave Fallon (Archaeologist). The project was managed by Giles Dawkes (Field) and Dan Swift (Post-Excavation).

2.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The site lies in the historic core of the medieval and post-medieval village of Uckfield, and is in close proximity to a medieval church in an area formally occupied by a large post-medieval country house and its extensive gardens known as Belmont.
- 2.2 A 500m radius search of the East Sussex County Council Sites and Monuments Record identified 46 Listed Buildings as well as three Mesolithic flints, a Roman Road and a medieval/post-medieval bloomery (ironworks). These results are listed in full in Appendix 1 and summarised below:

No	HER No	Type	Date	Description	NGR
1	MES4818	Listed Building	18 th C	House	TQ4719 2145
2	MES4819	Listed Building	18 th C	House	TQ4742 2153
3	MES4822	Listed Building	20 th C	Station	TQ472 209
4	MES4823	Listed Building	/	/	TQ472 209
5	MES4824	Find Spot	Mesolithic	Flints	TQ47 21
6	MES5138	Monument	Roman	Road	TQ4225 4610
7	MES6903	Monument	19 th C	Ice House	TQ467 216
8	MES7132	Monument	11 th C – Modern	Bloomery	TQ47028 21584

Table 1: Tabulation of HER Data

3.0 METHODOLOGY

- 3.1 The general aim of the archaeological work was to ensure that any artefacts or ecofacts of archaeological interest encountered during the geotechnical investigations were located and recorded to appropriate standards. Specifically, the main aims of the archaeological work was to establish the location, extent and date of any archaeology present and to ascertain at what depth the underlying geology was reached.
- 3.2 The drilling of the boreholes was carried out by the geotechnical contractor and comprised the mechanical boring of five window sample boreholes (BH 1 - 5) spaced throughout the footprint of the proposed development (Fig. 2). The boreholes were up to c. 3.00m deep except BH 1 which continued to a depth of c. 5.00m. A log of the work was kept and each borehole was recorded using a pro-forma Archaeology South-East borehole record sheet. A digital photographic record was kept of the works.
- 3.3 Intrusive groundworks associated with the redevelopment comprised the mechanical excavation of strip footings using a 550mm wide bucket fitted to a 5 tonne tracked excavator. The footings were between c. 1m and c. 2.3m deep from ground surface.
- 3.4 All groundworks and geotechnical investigations were monitored by a member of Archaeology South-East staff.

4.0 RESULTS

Boreholes

- 4.1 The geotechnical works revealed varying depths of modern made ground (.05m - 2m) overlying natural geological drift deposits (Figure 2).
- 4.2 To the west and northwest of the development area (boreholes 1, 2 and 5) made ground deposits were found to directly overly natural clays. However, in boreholes 2 and 5 specifically, these clays directly overlay silts of the Lower Tunbridge Wells Sand Group, whereas the alluvial clay encountered in borehole 1 was not bottomed at a depth of c. 5m.
- 4.3 To the east of the site (boreholes 3 and 4), the substrate comprised silts of the Lower Tunbridge Wells Sand Group, and no overlying clay deposits encountered.
- 4.4 No archaeologically significant features, deposits, artefacts or ecofacts were seen in the geotechnical watching brief.
- 4.5 Further stratigraphic detail of the boreholes can be found in Appendix 2: the brief geotechnical report and associated borehole logs produced by Ashdown Site Investigation Limited following their on site investigations.

Wall Footings

- 4.6 Mechanical excavation of trenches for wall footings and a retaining wall in the east of the site were also monitored (Figure 2).
- 4.7 These trenches were of varying widths and were excavated to a maximum depth of c. 1.8m from ground surface.
- 4.8 The trenches revealed generally natural Head Deposits and Tunbridge Wells Sand, though occasional thin layers of modern made-ground were also encountered.
- 4.9 No archaeologically significant features, deposits, artefacts or ecofacts were seen in the groundwork watching brief.

5.0 CONCLUSIONS

- 5.1 No archaeological features, finds, or ecofacts were recorded during either element of the watching brief
- 5.2 It seems that previous ground reduction and/or levelling has occurred at the site (Figure 6). This has removed any top and subsoils and has probably also truncated the natural geology across the site accounting for the disparate profiles encountered in the boreholes.

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Archaeology South-East, 2009, *Baker Court, Rocks Park Road, Uckfield, East Sussex, An Archaeological Watching Brief: Written Scheme of Investigation, unpublished ASE report*

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Appendix 1: SMR Record

Number of records: 8

Uckfield search for ASE

SMR Number Type	Site Name	Record
MES4818 Building early C18th listed building	C18 house	Listed

Monument Types and Dates

HOUSE (Post Medieval - 1540 AD to 1900 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

(TQ 46192145-OS 1:2500 1978 5208 UCKFIELD CHURCH STREET (north side) No 46 (Copping Hall) TQ 4721 42/800
26.11.53 II* GV 2. Early C18. Two storeys and attic. Three windows. Two dormers. Grey headers with red brick dressings and quoins. Dentilled cornice. Tiled roof. Casement windows with small square panes. Doorway with flat hood on brackets and door of six fielded panels. (1)

Sources - None recorded

Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid TQ 4719 2145 (MBR: 10m by 10m) TQ42SE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish UCKFIELD, WEALDEN, EAST SUSSEX

Address/Historic Names

COPPING HALL, 46 CHURCH STREET, UCKFIELD

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations

Listed Building - 46 Church Street Active	Title not entered DES148
Listed Building (A) - NAR Active	Title not entered DES372

Other Statuses and Cross-References

National Monuments Record - TQ 42 SE23
Active
Monarch UID - 406888
Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments - None Recorded

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities - None recorded

Associated Individuals/Organisations

PROBERT, CHRISTINE A. - delete

Compiler

SMR Number MES4819 **Site Name** C18 house

SMR Number	Site Name	Record
Type <u>MES4819</u>	C18 house	Listed Building
C18th listed building		

Monument Types and Dates

HOUSE (Post Medieval - 1540 AD to 1900 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

(TQ 47422153) Hooke Hall (NAT) (1) 5208 UCKFIELD HIGH STREET (east side) No 250 (Hooke Hall) TQ 4721 42/835
26.11.53 II* 2. C18. Two storeys and attic. Five windows. Three pedimented dormers. Red brick and grey headers alternately. Wooden eaves cornice. Steeply-pitched hipped tiled roof. Windows with segmental headers and glazing bars intact. Doorway with modern curved hood. Garden front tile-hung. Modern addition at south-east corner. (2)

Sources

(1) Article in serial: OS 1:2500 1978.

Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid TQ 4742 2153 (MBR: 10m by 10m) TQ42SE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish UCKFIELD, WEALDEN, EAST SUSSEX

Address/Historic Names

HOOKE HALL, HIGH STREET, UCKFIELD

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations

Listed Building (A) - NAR	Title not entered
Active	DES372

Other Statuses and Cross-References

National Monuments Record - TQ 42 SE24

Active

Monarch UID - 406889

Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments - None Recorded

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities - None recorded

Associated Individuals/Organisations

PROBERT, CHRISTINE A. - delete

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SMR Number MES4822 **Site Name** station

SMR Number	Site Name	Record
<u>MES4822</u>	station	Listed Building

Monument Types and Dates

RAILWAY PLATFORM (AD 20th Century - 1900 AD to 1999 AD)

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources - None recorded

Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid TQ 472 209 (MBR: 100m by 100m) TQ42SE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish UCKFIELD, WEALDEN, EAST SUSSEX

Address/Historic Names

UCKFIELD STATION

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

National Monuments Record - TQ 42 SE

Active

NBR Index Number - 6240

Active

Monarch UID - 501148

Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments - None Recorded

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities - None recorded

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number MES4823 **Site Name** lb

SMR Number	Site Name	Record
<u>MES4823</u>	lb	Listed Building

Monument Types and Dates

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources - None recorded

Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid TQ 472 209 (MBR: 100m by 100m) TQ42SE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish UCKFIELD, WEALDEN, EAST SUSSEX

Address/Historic Names

BRIDGE COTTAGE,51-53 ODD, HIGH STREET

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations

Listed Building - 51-53 ODD HIGH STREET Title not entered
Active DES159

Listed Building () - NBR Title not entered
Active DES373

Other Statuses and Cross-References

National Monuments Record - TQ 42 SE

Active

Monarch UID - 519486

Active

NBR Index Number - 38640

Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments - None Recorded

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities - None recorded

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number MES4824 **Site Name** meso flints

SMR Number Type	Site Name	Record
MES4824	meso flints	Find Spot
Mesolithic flints		

Monument Types and Dates

SITE (Undated)
Evidence FIND
FINDSPOT (Mesolithic - 10000 BC to 4001 BC)

Description and Sources

Description

One blade or flake, one scraper and one other flint implement have been found here by Mr D C Keef. They have been deposited in Barbican House Museum, Lewes. (1)

Sources

(1) Article in serial: CBA Research Report no. 20 1977 323 (J J Wymer)

Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid TQ 47 21 (MBR: 1000m by 1000m) TQ42SE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish UCKFIELD, WEALDEN, EAST SUSSEX

Address/Historic Names

RIDGEWOOD SANDPIT

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

National Monuments Record - TQ 42 SE49
Active
Sites & Monuments Record (East Sussex) - TQ 42 SE 48
Active
Superfile Number - 6548
Active
Monarch UID - 972866
Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments - None Recorded

Associated Finds

FES4367 FLAKE (Mesolithic - 10000 BC to 4001 BC)
FES4368 SCRAPER (TOOL) (Mesolithic - 10000 BC to 4001 BC)
FES4369 BLADE (Mesolithic - 10000 BC to 4001 BC)

Associated Events/Activities - None recorded

Associated Individuals/Organisations

LEES, M - East Sussex County Council Compiler

MR Number MES5138 **Site Name** Roman road

SMR Number	Site Name	Record
Type <u>MES5138</u>	Roman road	Monument
Roman road, (Greater London-Surrey-Kent-East Sussex) London - Lewes.		

Monument Types and Dates

SITE (Undated)
Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE
ROAD (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

Roman road RR 14 (Margary), London-Lewes, - For full details including bibliography and OS field investigator comments, see Ordnance Survey Linear Archive file (RR 14), held at NMRC. (1)

Sources

(1) Article in serial: Ordnance Survey Linear Archive file (RR 14)

Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid TQ 4225 4610 (MBR: 12400m by 66410m) TQ44NW
Dispersed

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish	BARCOMBE, LEWES, EAST SUSSEX
Civil Parish	BROMLEY, BROMLEY, GREATER LONDON
Civil Parish	BUXTED, WEALDEN, EAST SUSSEX
Civil Parish	CHELSHAM AND FARLEIGH, TANDRIDGE, SURREY
Civil Parish	COWDEN, SEVENOAKS, KENT
Civil Parish	CROYDON, CROYDON, GREATER LONDON
Civil Parish	EDENBRIDGE, SEVENOAKS, KENT
Civil Parish	FLETCHING, WEALDEN, EAST SUSSEX
Civil Parish	HARTFIELD, WEALDEN, EAST SUSSEX
Civil Parish	ISFIELD, WEALDEN, EAST SUSSEX
Civil Parish	LEWES, LEWES, EAST SUSSEX
Civil Parish	LEWISHAM AND BLACKHEATH, LEWISHAM,
GREATER LONDON	
Civil Parish	LIMPSFIELD, TANDRIDGE, SURREY
Civil Parish	MARESFIELD, WEALDEN, EAST SUSSEX
Civil Parish	RINGMER, LEWES, EAST SUSSEX
Civil Parish	SOUTHWARK, SOUTHWARK, GREATER LONDON
Civil Parish	TATSFIELD, TANDRIDGE, SURREY
Civil Parish	TITSEY, TANDRIDGE, SURREY
Civil Parish	WESTERHAM, SEVENOAKS, KENT
Civil Parish	WITHYHAM, WEALDEN, EAST SUSSEX

Address/Historic Names

London to Lewes Roman Road

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

SMR Number MES5138 **Site Name** Roman road

National Monuments Record - LINEAR343

Active

Roman Road Number - RR 14

Active

Monarch UID - 1042783

Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments - None Recorded

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

EES9602 ESSO PIPELINE (Event - Intervention)

Associated Individuals/Organisations

MILLER, ANDREW - RCHME Swindon

Compiler

SMR Number MES6903 **Site Name** Ice House

SMR Number	Site Name	Record
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MES6903	Ice House	Monument
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Ice house built after 1838. Cut into the sandstone of the local rock outcrop. Circular plan, 4.8m in diameter with a rounded bottom and sump. Battered brick lining to lower part, vault exposed and neatly trimmed. Access is by a passage 2.2m

Monument Types and Dates

ICEHOUSE (Constructed, Undated)

Description and Sources

Description

Mid 19th century ice house. Rion Martin's type 1 structure. Cut into the sandstone of the local rock outcrop. Circular plan, 4.8m in diameter with a rounded bottom and sump. Battered brick lining to lower part, vault exposed and neatly trimmed. Access is by a passage 2.2m long.

Apparently built to service Buckswood Grange, formerly The Rocks.

Sources - None recorded

Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid TQ 467 216 (MBR: 100m by 100m) TQ42SE

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish UCKFIELD, WEALDEN, EAST SUSSEX

Address/Historic Names

Buckswood Grange

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References - None recorded

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments - None Recorded

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities - None recorded

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded SMR Number MES7132

Site Name ?bloomery

SMR Number	Site Name	Record
<u>MES7132</u>	?bloomery	Monument
Quantities of bloomery slag found		

Monument Types and Dates

BLOOMERY (Medieval to Modern - 1066 AD to 2050 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

Quantities of bloomery slag have been found in the garden by Mrs Fox. A sherd of probable post medieval stoneware was also recovered from a hole dug to a depth of 2metres, the sherd has a red glaze in areas and a zig-zag red design on a very hard grey stoneware fabric. The finds have been retained by the finder.[1]

Sources

(1) Article in serial: pers comm G.Chuter 2004

Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid TQ 47028 21584 (MBR: 1m by 1m) TQ42SE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish UCKFIELD, WEALDEN, EAST SUSSEX

Address/Historic Names

16 THE DRIVE, CHURCH COOMBE, UCKFIELD

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References - None recorded

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments - None Recorded

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities - None recorded

Associated Individuals/Organisations

Chuter, Greg - East Sussex County Council

Informant

Appendix 2: Borehole Log

ASHDOWN SITE INVESTIGATION LTD

Site:	Bakers Court, Rocks Park Road, Uckfield, East Sussex	Report No.:	LW19190
		Date:	September 2008

BRIEF GEOTECHNICAL REPORT

GROUND CONDITIONS

Geological Model	Comment
Published Geological Information	Reference to the British Geological Survey 1:50000 map, Sheet 319/ 334 (Lewes and Eastbourne), indicates that the Site is underlain by the Tunbridge Wells Sand Member strata.
<i>Tunbridge Wells Sand Member</i>	The Tunbridge Wells Sand Member generally consists of interbedded thinly to thickly bedded sandstone, mudstone, and occasional thin beds of clay ironstone. It is commonly differentially weathered to form dense sand or silt and stiff clay.
Ground Investigation	The ground investigation was undertaken on the 1 st September 2008 and comprised the excavation of a series of window sampler boreholes to depths of up to 5.0m.
<i>Made Ground</i>	Made ground, generally comprising clay containing a variable proportion of brick, concrete, clinker and flint was recorded to depths of between 0.05m and 2.0m below ground level. In general, the thickness of the made ground increased over the western part of the site.
<i>Alluvium/ Head</i>	Within boreholes WS1, WS2 and WS5 (located over the central and western parts of the site) soft and firm silty clay was recorded to depths of between 1.80m and in excess of 5m below ground level. Although not specifically recorded on the published geological map for the area, these soils are considered to represent recent Alluvial/ Head deposits associated with the shallow valley that the site is located within.
<i>Tunbridge Wells Sand Member</i>	Underlying the made ground and/ or Alluvium/ Head deposits (where penetrated), the boreholes passed down into generally medium-dense silt to the full depth of investigation. These soils are thought to represent the Tunbridge Wells Sand Member soils predicted on the published geology map.
Groundwater and stability	Standing water was recorded at depths of 2.90m and 2.70m in boreholes WS1 and WS2 respectively on completion. The remaining boreholes were noted to be dry. All of the boreholes remained stable during excavation.

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GEOTECHNICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS
Swanborough Farm
Swanborough
Lewes, East Sussex
BN7 3PF

Borehole No.: WS1

Site Name: Bakers Court, Rocks Park Road, Uckfield

Job No.: LW19190

Start Date: 01.09.2008

End Date: 01.09.2008

Standpipe Installation	Samples and Testing				Strata		
	Sample Type	Depths		Vane/ Pen Test N Value	Legend	Depth / Reduced Level	Strata Descriptions
		From (m)	To (m)				
						0.00	Ground Level
	D	0.20			[Cross-hatched pattern]	0.90	MADE GROUND: Orange brown slightly sandy silty clay with some fine to coarse gravel of brick, flint and clinker.
	D H	1.00 1.10		80		1.20	MADE GROUND: Orange brown and pale grey mottled slightly silty clay with much iron staining. with a little silt partings below 1.0m depth.
	DH	1.40		55		2.00	MADE GROUND: Pale grey very silty clay with occasional black staining and a slight organic odour. with brick at 2.0m depth.
	DH	2.50		50	[Horizontal line pattern]		Firm pale grey very silty CLAY with occasional black staining and a slight organic odour. (Alluvium)
	DH	4.20		48			becoming grey with some organic fragments below 4.5m depth.
	D	4.60				5.00	

Remarks:

Hand dug service pit excavated to 0.9m depth.
Standing water level at 2.9m depth on completion.
Borehole remained stable during excavation.

Excavation Method: Window Sampler

Borehole Diameter: Various

Made By: SG

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GEOTECHNICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS
 Swanborough Farm
 Swanborough
 Lewes, East Sussex
 BN7 3PF

Borehole No.: WS2

Site Name: Bakers Court, Rocks Park Road, Uckfield

Job No.: LW19190

Start Date: 01.09.2008

End Date: 01.09.2008

Standpipe Installation	Samples and Testing					Strata		
	Sample Type	Depths		Vane/ Pen Test N Value	DPSH Profile Blows/100mm 5, 15, 25	Legend	Depth / Reduced Level	Strata Descriptions
		From (m)	To (m)					
							0.00	Ground Level
	D	0.10					0.30	MADE GROUND: Dark brown sand with much medium to coarse gravel of flint, roadstone and brick with some roots (<5mm Ø).
	D	0.40						Firm to stiff orange brown silty CLAY with occasional black speckling. (Head? Alluvium)
	DH	0.90		75				becoming soft brown with no black speckling below 1.1m depth.
	D	1.20					1.80	
	D	1.90					2.50	Medium dense orange brown and pale orange brown SILT with some gravel of siltstone and a little black speckling. (Lower Tunbridge Wells Sand Member)
	D	2.60					3.00	Medium dense green grey and orange brown SILT . (Lower Tunbridge Wells Sand Member)
								End of Borehole

Remarks:

Hand dug service pit excavated to 0.6m depth.
 Standing water level at 2.7m depth on completion.
 Borehole remained stable during excavation.
 Dynamic probe test carried out adjacent to borehole.

Excavation Method: Window Sampler

Borehole Diameter: Various

Made By: SG

ASHDOWN SITE INVESTIGATION
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GEOTECHNICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS
Swanborough Farm
Swanborough
Lewes, East Sussex
BN7 3PF

Borehole No.: WS3

Site Name: Bakers Court, Rocks Park Road, Uckfield

Job No.: LW19190

Start Date: 01.09.2008

End Date: 01.09.2008

Standpipe Installation	Samples and Testing				Strata			
	Sample Type	Depths		Vane/ Pen Test N Value	Legend	Depth / Reduced Level	Strata Descriptions	
		From (m)	To (m)					
						0.00	Ground Level	
	D	0.10				0.05	MADE GROUND: Brown slightly silty clay with much medium to coarse gravel of flint (50mm).	
	D	0.20						Pale grey and orange brown mottled slightly clayey SILT with a little gravel of iron cemented siltstone. (Lower Tunbridge Wells Sand Member)
	D	0.70						becoming pale grey with thin laminations of ironstone below 0.7m depth.
	D	1.50						becoming pale orange brown below 1.1m depth.
	D	2.10					2.20	becoming orange brown with a little orange staining and a little gravel of siltstone below 2.0m depth.
							End of Borehole	

Remarks:

No further progress below 2.2m depth - too dense.

Borehole remained dry and stable on completion.

Excavation Method: Window Sampler

Borehole Diameter: Various

Made By: SG

ASHDOWN SITE INVESTIGATION

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GEOTECHNICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS
Swanborough Farm
Swanborough
Lewes, East Sussex
BN7 3PF

Borehole No.: WS4

Site Name: Bakers Court, Rocks Park Road, Uckfield

Job No.: LW19190

Start Date: 01.09.2008

End Date: 01.09.2008

Standpipe Installation	Samples and Testing				Strata			
	Sample Type	Depths		Vane/ Pen Test N Value	DPSH Profile Blows/100mm 5, 15, 25	Legend	Depth / Reduced Level	Strata Descriptions
		From (m)	To (m)					
							0.00	Ground Level
	D	0.10					0.15	MADE GROUND: Brown silty clay with some fine to coarse gravel of brick, concrete, clinker and flint with some fine roots (<1mm Ø).
	D	0.60					0.70	MADE GROUND: Orange brown and pale brown mottled silty clay with some medium to coarse gravel of flint and occasional brick and concrete.
	D	0.80						Medium dense orange brown clayey SILT with a little fine to coarse gravel of ironstone. (Lower Tunbridge Wells Sand Member) becoming pale grey mottled below 0.9m depth. becoming pale orange brown at 1.3m depth.
	D	1.00						
	D	2.00					2.20	becoming loose between 2.0m and 2.30m depth.
	D	2.50					2.60	Weak orange brown SILTSTONE with thin laminations of ironstone. (Lower Tunbridge Wells Sand Member)
								End of Borehole

Remarks:

Hand dug service pit excavated to 0.80m depth.
No further progress below 2.6m depth - too dense.
Borehole remained dry and stable on completion.
Dynamic probe test carried out adjacent to borehole.

Excavation Method: Window Sampler

Borehole Diameter: Various

Made By: SG

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


Borehole No.: WS5

Site Name: Bakers Court, Rocks Park Road, Uckfield

Job No.: LW19190

Start Date: 01.09.2008

End Date: 01.09.2008

Standpipe Installation	Samples and Testing				Strata			
	Sample Type	Depths		Vane/ Pen Test N Value	Legend	Depth / Reduced Level	Strata Descriptions	
		From (m)	To (m)					
						0.00	Ground Level	
	D	0.20		>130		0.30	MADE GROUND: Dark brown slightly clayey sand with much fine to coarse gravel of flint, clinker, brick, roadstone and concrete.	
	D	0.40					1.80	Stiff orange brown very silty CLAY with occasional fine to medium gravel of flint and occasional black speckling. (Head/ Alluvium)
	V	0.50					2.00	with no flint gravel below 0.7m depth.
	D	1.00					2.00	becoming firm below 1.1m depth.
	D	1.90					2.00	Firm pale grey and orange brown mottled silty CLAY with much iron staining. (Lower Tunbridge Wells Sand Member) with some gravel of siltstone towards the base.
							3.00	Medium dense orange and pale brown SILT with much gravel of siltstone. (Lower Tunbridge Wells Sand Member) with occasional thin laminations of ironstone below 2.1m depth. becoming orange brown and pale brown mottled below 2.2m.
	D	2.90						
							End of Borehole	

Remarks:

Hand dug starter pit excavated to 0.7m depth.
Borehole remained dry and stable on completion.

Excavation Method: Window Sampler

Borehole Diameter: Various

Made By: SG

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Monument type	NONE None
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Significant Finds	NONE None
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Investigation type	'Watching Brief'
Prompt	Planning condition

Project location

Country	England
Site location	EAST SUSSEX WEALDEN UCKFIELD Baker Court
Postcode	TN22 1
Study area	900.00 Square metres
Site coordinates	TQ 4700 2148 50.9733815563 0.09402522343240 50 58 24 N 000 05 38 E Point

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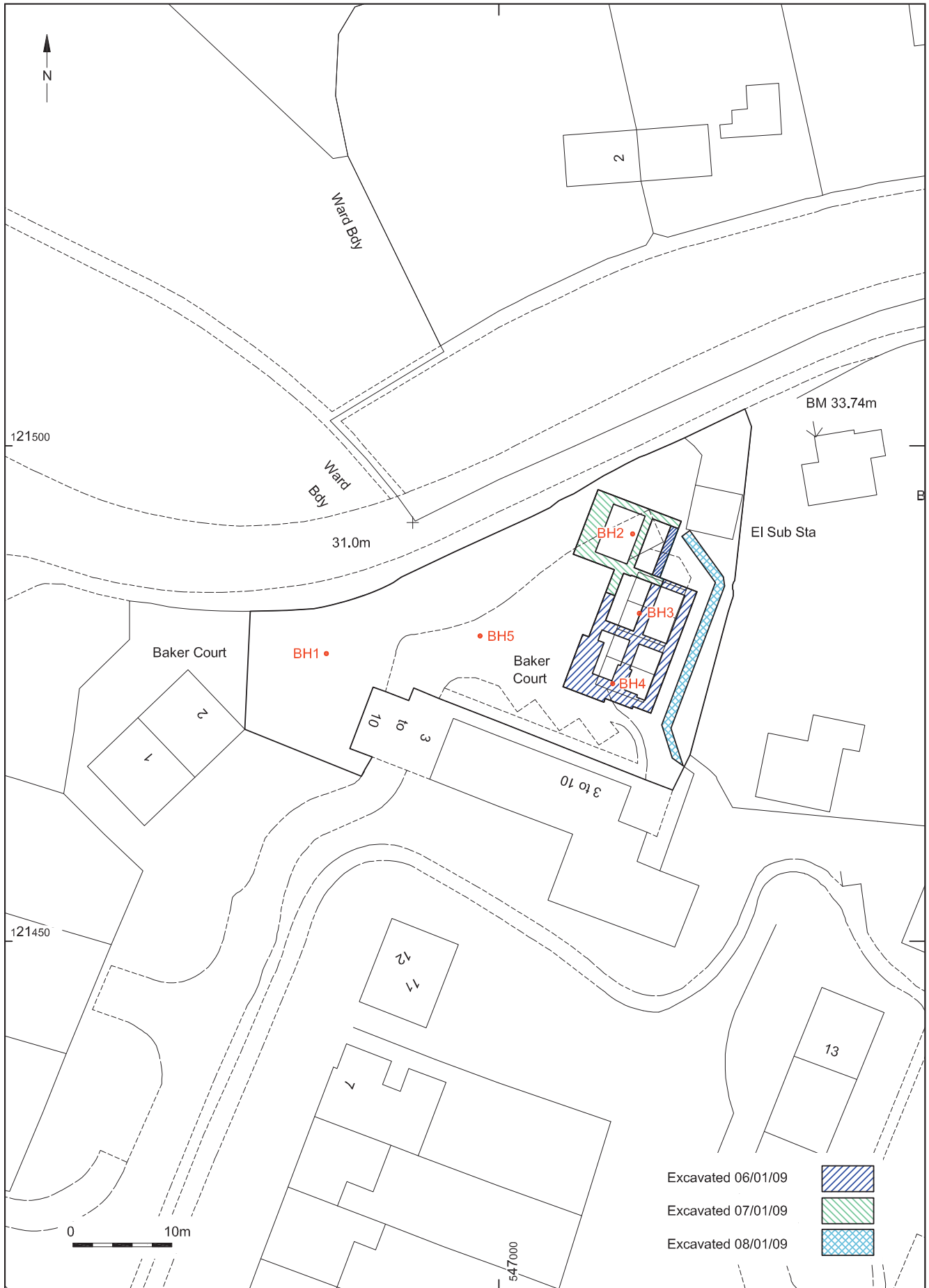
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Fig. 3: The Site [1038]



Fig. 4: Drilling the boreholes [1040]



Fig. 5: Detail of ground reduction [1037]

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