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Abstract

Archaeology South-East (ASE), the contracting division of The Centre for Applied Archaeology at the Institute of Archaeology, University College London, was commissioned by Holleran Mouchel Parkman Joint Venture (HMPJV) on behalf of Southern Water to undertake an archaeological watching brief during the excavation of groundworks associated with the construction of a new sewer at the Land West of Kemps, Hurstpierpoint. No archaeological deposits were discovered during the excavations. The work was undertaken between the 11th December 2007 and the 19th February 2008.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Archaeology South-East (ASE), the contracting division of the Centre for Applied Archaeology, University College London, were commissioned by Holleran Mouchel Parkman Joint Venture (HMPJV) on behalf of Southern Water to undertake an archaeological watching brief during ground works associated with the construction of a new sewer on farmland to the west of Kemps, Hurstpierpoint, West Sussex (between NGR 527533 116921 to 527816 117215) (Fig. 1).
- 1.2 Following discussions with John Mills, Archaeological Officer, West Sussex County Council, it was decided it would be prudent to maintain an archaeological watching brief during the excavation of new groundworks until it became clear beyond reasonable doubt that no archaeological remains were present. A Written Scheme of Investigation for the archaeological monitoring was produced by Neil Griffin of ASE (2007), outlining the methods to be used during the watching brief. The methodology was agreed with John Mills (WSSCC) prior to the commencement of work at the site.
- 1.3 The on-site monitoring was undertaken by Nick Garland, Sarah Porteus, Teresa Hawtin and Paul Riccoboni between the 11th December 2007 and the 19th February 2008. The project was managed by Neil Griffin (Project Manager).

2.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

- 2.1 This section of the report incorporates information from the Written Scheme of Investigation (Griffin 2007) with due acknowledgement.
- 2.2 In 2005 Thames Valley Archaeological Services excavated nineteen trenches approximately 60 metres to the south of the proposed development. While no archaeological features were discovered, a group of unstratified Middle Saxon pottery and a single sherd of abraded Late Iron Age pottery were discovered during excavation. A small group of flints (two cores and three flakes) were also recovered (Ford 2004).
- 2.3 While the flints and the Late Iron Age pottery most probably represent causal loss or manuring of farmland, the collection of Saxon pottery may represent activity in this area that has since been destroyed by agricultural activity.

3.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL METHODOLOGY

- 3.1 The objective of the archaeological work was to monitor the excavation of groundworks associated with the construction of a new sewer until it became clear beyond reasonable doubt that no archaeological remains were present (e.g. once excavation reaches undisturbed natural subsoils). This was in order to ensure that any archaeological deposits, artefacts or structural elements exposed by work associated with the earth-moving were recorded and interpreted to appropriate standards.
- 3.2 Site specific aims included careful monitoring of the work to obtain more evidence of Saxon activity (as discussed in archaeological background) and if possible retrieve organic deposits from works associated with two stream crossings.
- 3.3 All excavation was monitored, all sections were examined for the presence of archaeological features or deposits and all spoil was scanned for the presence of artefacts. All archaeological deposits and stratigraphy encountered were recorded according to accepted professional standards using Archaeology South-East context record sheets.
- 3.4 The Archaeological Officer (WSCC) was to be notified in the event that any significant archaeological remains were encountered during the stripping. Any decision regarding the best way to proceed in this instance remained with the WSCC Archaeologist, John Mills.

4.0 RESULTS

- 4.1 An archaeologist was present to observe the excavation of approximately 4000 metres of trenches for pipe work, four cuttings for the location of man holes and the excavation of two river crossing points (Fig 2). It was also necessary to observe some topsoil stripping in preparation prior to excavation taking place.
- 4.2 The deposits encountered during excavation included a mid brownish grey clay loam topsoil, reaching a depth of approximately 0.2 metres which overlaid a mid greyish yellow clay natural subsoil layer. Some modern debris (e.g. brick fragments, metal finds) was observed during the excavation of the topsoil layer.
- 4.3 No archaeological features or deposits were discovered during any of the excavations that were undertaken.

5.0 DISCUSSION

- 5.1 It can be assumed considering that no archaeological material was uncovered during these works, that there is a low probability that future excavation in this location would uncover any archaeological deposits. However, the assemblage of Saxon pottery located to the south of the site may still indicate possible settlement within the vicinity of the site
- 5.2 The relatively shallow depth of the topsoil in this area and the rural nature of the site may indicate that ancient deposits that may have once existed in this area have since been destroyed, most probably due to deep ploughing.

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SMR Summary Sheet

Site Code	ALH 07					
Identification Name and Address	Land West of Kemps, Hurstpierpoint, West Sussex					
County, District &/or Borough	Hurstpierpoint and Sayers Common, West Sussex					
Ordnance Survey Grid Reference	NGR 527533 116921 to 527816 117215					
Archaeology South-East Proj. No.	3245					
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. Dec 07 to Feb 08	Other		
Sponsor/Client	Holleran Mouchel Parkman Joint Venture (HMPJV)					
Project Manager	Neil Griffin					
Project Supervisor	Nick Garland					
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 The Centre for Applied Archaeology at the Institute of Archaeology, University College London, was commissioned by Holleran Mouchel Parkman Joint Venture (HMPJV) on behalf of Southern Water to undertake an archaeological watching brief during the excavation of groundworks associated with the construction of a new sewer at the Land West of Kemps, Hurstpierpoint. No archaeological deposits were discovered during the excavations. The work was undertaken between the 11th December 2007 and the 19th of February 2008.</p>						

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Short description of the project	Archaeology South-East (ASE), the contracting division of The Centre for Applied Archaeology at the Institute of Archaeology, University College London, was commissioned by Holleran Mouchel Parkman Joint Venture (HMPJV) on behalf of Southern Water to undertake an archaeological watching brief during the excavation of groundworks associated with the construction of a new sewer at the Land West of Kemps, Hurstpierpoint. No archaeological deposits were discovered during the excavations. The work was undertaken between the 11th December 2007 and the 19th of February 2008.
Project dates	Start: 11-12-2007 End: 19-02-2008
Previous/future work	No / No
Type of project	Field evaluation
Site status	None
Current Land use	Grassland Heathland 1 - Heathland
Monument type	NONE None
Significant Finds	NONE None
Methods & techniques	'Visual Inspection'
Development type	Service infrastructure (e.g. sewage works, reservoir, pumping station, etc.)
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	WEST SUSSEX MID SUSSEX HURSTPIERPOINT Land West of Kemps
Postcode	BN6 9
Study area	4000.00 Square metres
Site coordinates	TQ 527533 116921 50.8839176611 0.171817596427 50 53 02 N 000 10 18 E Point
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Project creators

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Project brief originator	HMPJV
Project design originator	Archaeology South-East
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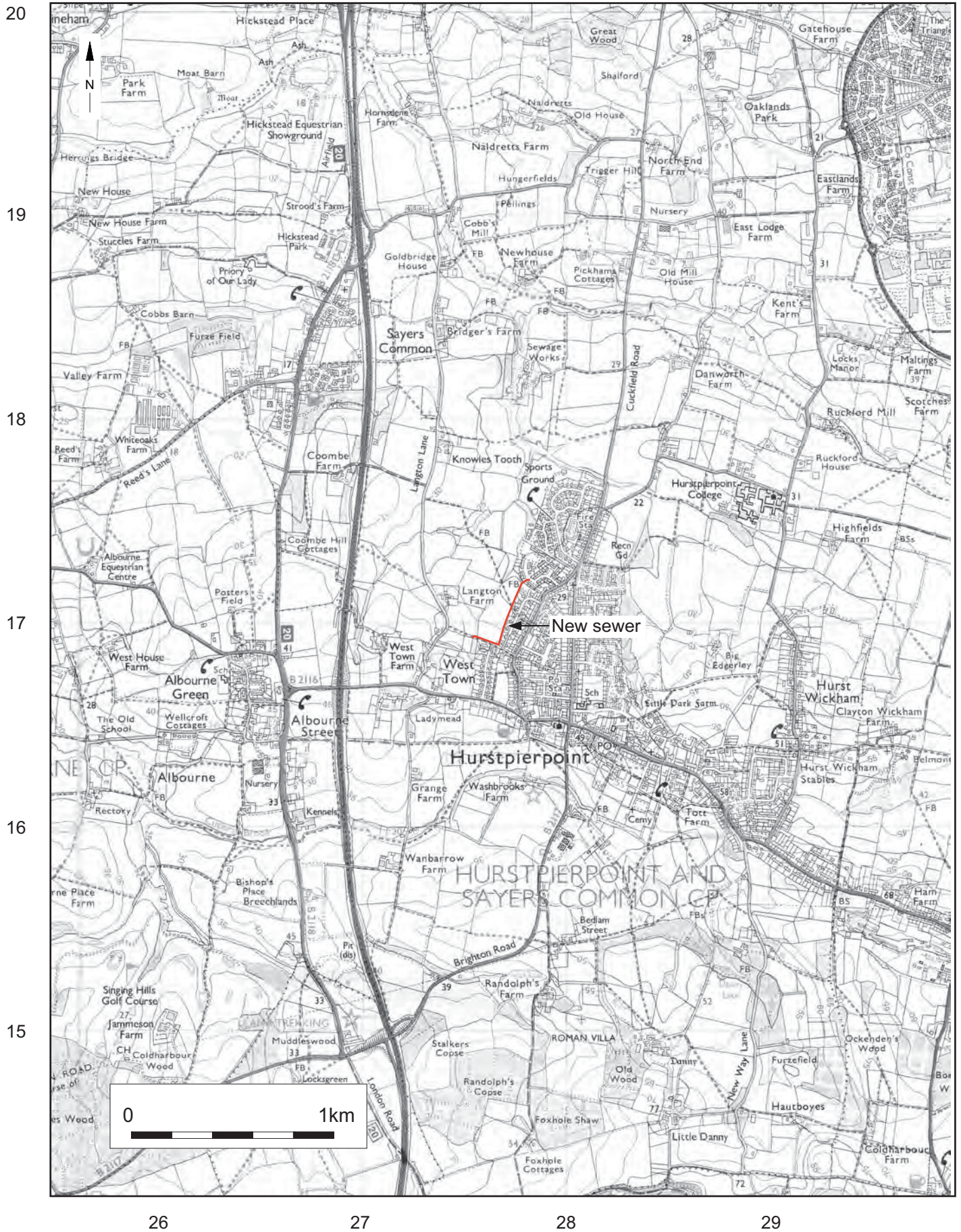
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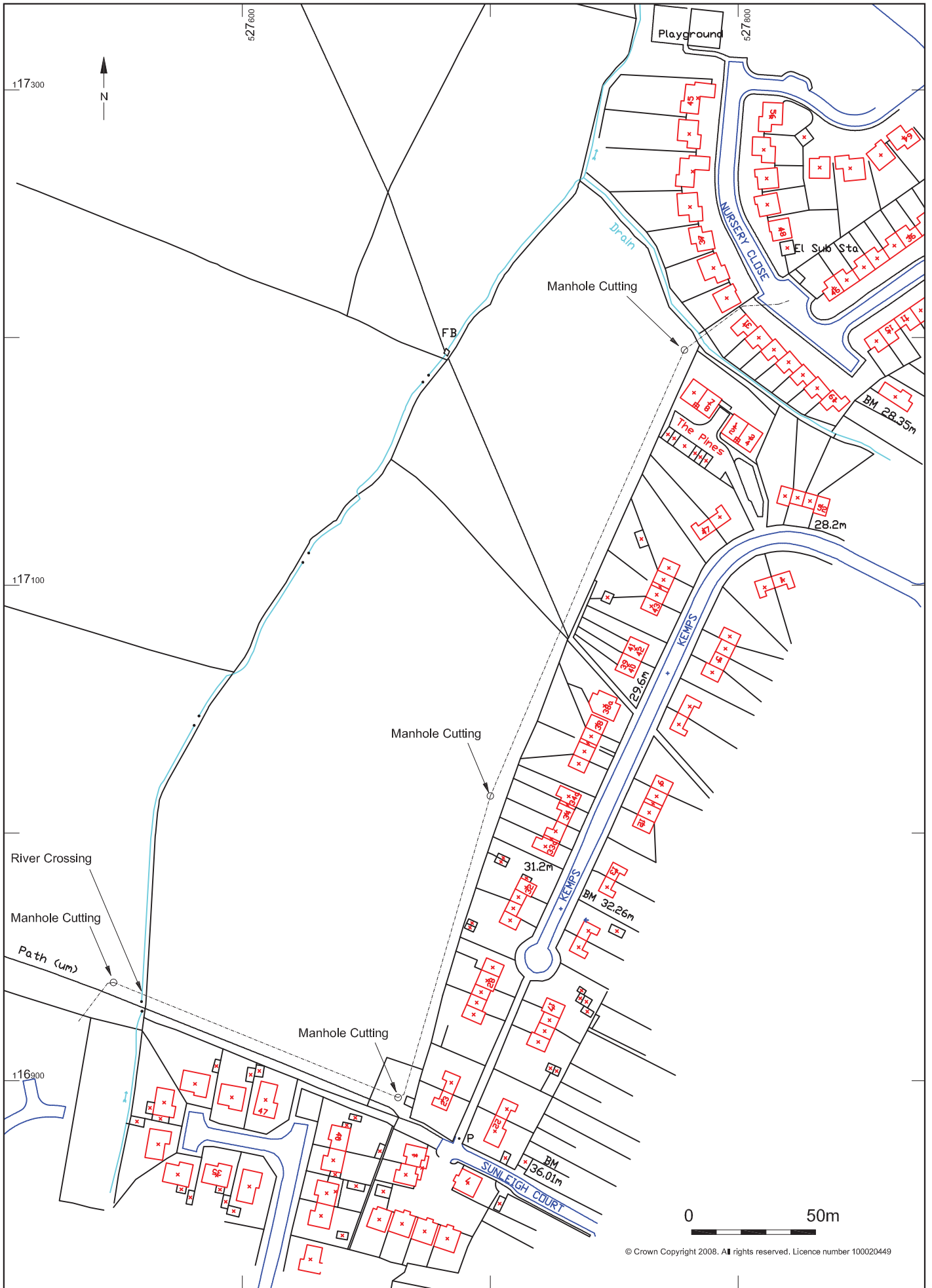
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