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**Abstract**

*Archaeology South-East were commissioned by 4 Delivery Ltd, to undertake an archaeological watching brief sewer-up sizing ground works at Lucastes Avenue, Haywards Heath, West Sussex. The excavation of an approximately 95m long trench revealed the sand silt natural with an overlying series of deposits of apparent post-medieval and modern date. No deposits or features of archaeological significance were recorded.*

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Site Background**

1.1.1 Archaeology South-East (ASE), the contracting division of the Centre for Applied Archaeology at the Institute of Archaeology, University College London, were commissioned by 4 Delivery Limited, to undertake an archaeological watching brief on ground works for the installation of a new sewer pipe at Lucastes Avenue, Haywards Heath, henceforth known as 'the site'. The site located at NGR TQ 3224 4502 and shown on Figure 1. The work was carried out between the 26<sup>th</sup> August 2008 and 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2008 by Paul Riccoboni, Michelle Collins (Senior Archaeologist), Deon Whittaker, Dave Fallon and Teresa Hawtin (Archaeologists).

### **1.2 Geology and Topography**

1.2.1 According to the British Geological Survey Sheet 302 Solid and Drift Edition, the site lies on Tunbridge Sand with Clay.

### **1.3 Planning Background**

1.3.1 Planning permission was not required but as part of 4 Delivery's commitment to the local heritage and environment, John Mills, the West Sussex County Archaeologist, was consulted. It was suggested that due to the proximity of remains from a Roman road suspected to pass through part of the pipeline route, that an archaeological watching brief be undertaken.

### **1.4 Aims and Objectives**

1.4.1 The general aim of the archaeological work was ensure that any features, artefacts or ecofacts of archaeological interest that would be affected by the proposed groundworks were recorded and interpreted to appropriate standards.

1.4.2 Specifically the Aims were:

1) To identify any evidence for the Roman road

2) To identify any evidence for Roman activity associated with the road side, such as burials or buildings

1.4.2 The ground works monitored consisted of sewer trenches in Lucastes Avenue.

### **1.5 Scope of Report**

1.5.1 The purpose of this report is to describe the site and the work undertaken, giving sufficient stratigraphic information to adequately understand any likely impact of the ground works on any archaeological deposits that may be within the site boundaries.

## **2.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The archaeological background to the site is derived from information provided by John Mills (WSCC) and WSCC Historic Environment Record (HER) and is summarised below.
  - 2.1.1 Finds of Roman pottery were found in Lucastes Avenue in 1922 where the Roman road crosses Lucastes Avenue (HER no. 4199).
  - 2.1.2 The locations of two 17th century buildings are known from map evidence. Edward's House (HER no.7405) is 200m to the east of the site and Mr Morley's House (HER no.7406) is 450m east of the site.

### 3.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL METHODOLOGY

- 3.1 New ground works excavations undertaken by contractors were monitored by the archaeologist until it became clear beyond reasonable doubt that no archaeological remains were present or once excavation reached undisturbed natural subsoils.
- 3.2 A machine fitted with a 900mm wide bucket was used for the excavation of a service trench, approximately 80m aligned north-west to south-east along Lucastes Avenue and a further 15m aligned north-east to south-west from to the road to 29 Lucastes Avenue. The topsoil and overburden of the latter portion, nearest the presumed line of the Roman road, was stripped so that the upper extent of the underlying deposits could be examined before the trench was excavated.
- 3.3 A photographic record was made in digital format and a drawn record was made of deposits encountered.
- 3.4 All work was carried out in accordance with the *Recommended Standard Conditions for Archaeological Fieldwork, Recording, and Post-Excavation Work (Development Control), WSCC, February 2007*
- 3.6 Table 1: Quantification of site archive

Number of Contexts	17
No. of files/paper record	1
Plan and sections sheets	2
Bulk Samples	0
Photographs	90
Bulk finds	0
Registered finds	0
Environmental flots/residue	0

## 4.0 RESULTS

### 4.1 Recorded Contexts for Lucastes Avenue

#### 4.1.1 Table 2: List of Recorded Contexts

Context	Type	Description	Max. Length	Max. Width	Max. Depth
001	Deposit	Tarmac	Tr.	Tr.	300mm
002	Deposit	Silty Sand	Tr.	Tr.	400mm
003	Deposit	Chalky Silt	Tr.	Tr.	250mm
004	Deposit	Silty Clay	Tr.	Tr.	50mm
005	Deposit	Clayey Silt	Tr.	Tr.	300mm
006	Natural	Sand silt	Tr.	Tr.	N/A

4.1.2 The natural light yellow brown sand silt natural [006] was seen at approximately 54m OD throughout the trench. Overlying was by firm dark grey brown clay silt [005] with occasional gravel and light grey silt clay [004] with finds of CBM fragments of mid-18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> century date. Above was mottled yellow and white silt [003] and firm, light orange brown silt sand [002]. Above layer [002] was the make-up layer and tarmac of the existing road surface [001].

## 5.0 THE FINDS

### 5.1 The Finds by Elke Raemen

The watching brief produced only a small assemblage of ceramic building material, all from deposit [004]. Five brick fragments (44g) were recovered, all in a high fired, sparse fine sand-tempered fabric with occasional slag inclusions to 2 mm. Pieces are of mid 18<sup>th</sup>- to 19<sup>th</sup>- century date. The assemblage has no potential for further analysis. See Table 3.

#### 5.2 Table 3. Finds Quantification

Context	CBM	wt (g)
t 004	6	44

## 6.0 THE ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES

6.1 No deposits suitable for environmental samples were observed.



## **7.0 CONCLUSION**

7.1 The natural was overlain by a series of deposits of apparent post-medieval and modern date.

7.2 No deposits or features of archaeological significance were recorded.

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**SMR Summary Form**

Site Code	LAH 07					
Identification Name and Address	Lucastes Avenue,					
County, District &/or Borough	Haywards Heath, West Sussex.					
OS Grid Refs.	NGR TQ 3224 4502					
Geology	Tunbridge Sand with Clay					
Arch. South-East Project Number	3192					
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. 26-08-08 - 20-09-08	Other		
Sponsor/Client	4 Delivery Ltd					
Project Manager	Giles Dawkes					
Project Supervisor	Deon Whittaker					
Period Summary	Palaeo.	Meso.	Neo.	BA	IA	RB
	AS	MED	PM ✓	Other Modern ✓		
<p>100 Word Summary.</p> <p><i>Archaeology South-East were commissioned by 4 Delivery Ltd, to undertake an archaeological watching brief sewer-upsizing ground works at Lucastes Avenue, Haywards Heath, West Sussex. The excavation of an approximately 95m long trench revealed the sand silt natural with an overlying series of deposits of apparent post-medieval and modern date. No deposits or features of archaeological significance were recorded.</i></p>						

## OASIS Form

**OASIS ID: archaeol6-50267**

### Project details

Project name	Lucastes Avenue Haywards Heath
Short description of the project	Archaeology South-East were commissioned by 4 Delivery Ltd, to undertake an archaeological watching brief on sewer upsizing at Lucastes Avenue, Haywards Heath, West Sussex. The site is centred on National Grid Reference NGR TQ 3224 4502. The excavation of an approximately 40m service trench revealed a deposit containing fragments of 18th/19th ceramic building material, overlying the sand and clay natural. The modern road surface and services were also recorded.
Project dates	Start: 26-08-2008 End: 22-09-2008
Previous/future work	Yes / Not known
Any associated project reference codes	LAH08 - Sitecode
Type of project	Recording project
Site status	None
Monument type	. None
Significant Finds	. None
Investigation type	'Watching Brief'
Prompt	Voluntary/self-interest

### Project location

Country	England
Site location	WEST SUSSEX MID SUSSEX HAYWARDS HEATH Lucastes Avenue
Postcode	RH16 1XX

Study area	40.00 Square metres
Site coordinates	TQ 325 245 51.0040535246 -0.111300186689 51 00 14 N 000 06 40 W Point
Height OD / Depth	Min: 52.00m Max: 63.50m

#### Project creators

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Project supervisor	Deon Whittaker
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Name of sponsor/funding body	4 Development Ltd

#### Project archives

Physical Archive Exists?	No
Digital Archive recipient	Local Museum
Digital Contents	'Stratigraphic'
Digital Media available	'Images raster / digital photography'

Paper Archive recipient	Local Museum
Paper Contents	'Stratigraphic','other'
Paper Media available	'Context sheet','Notebook - Excavation',' Research',' General Notes','Report'

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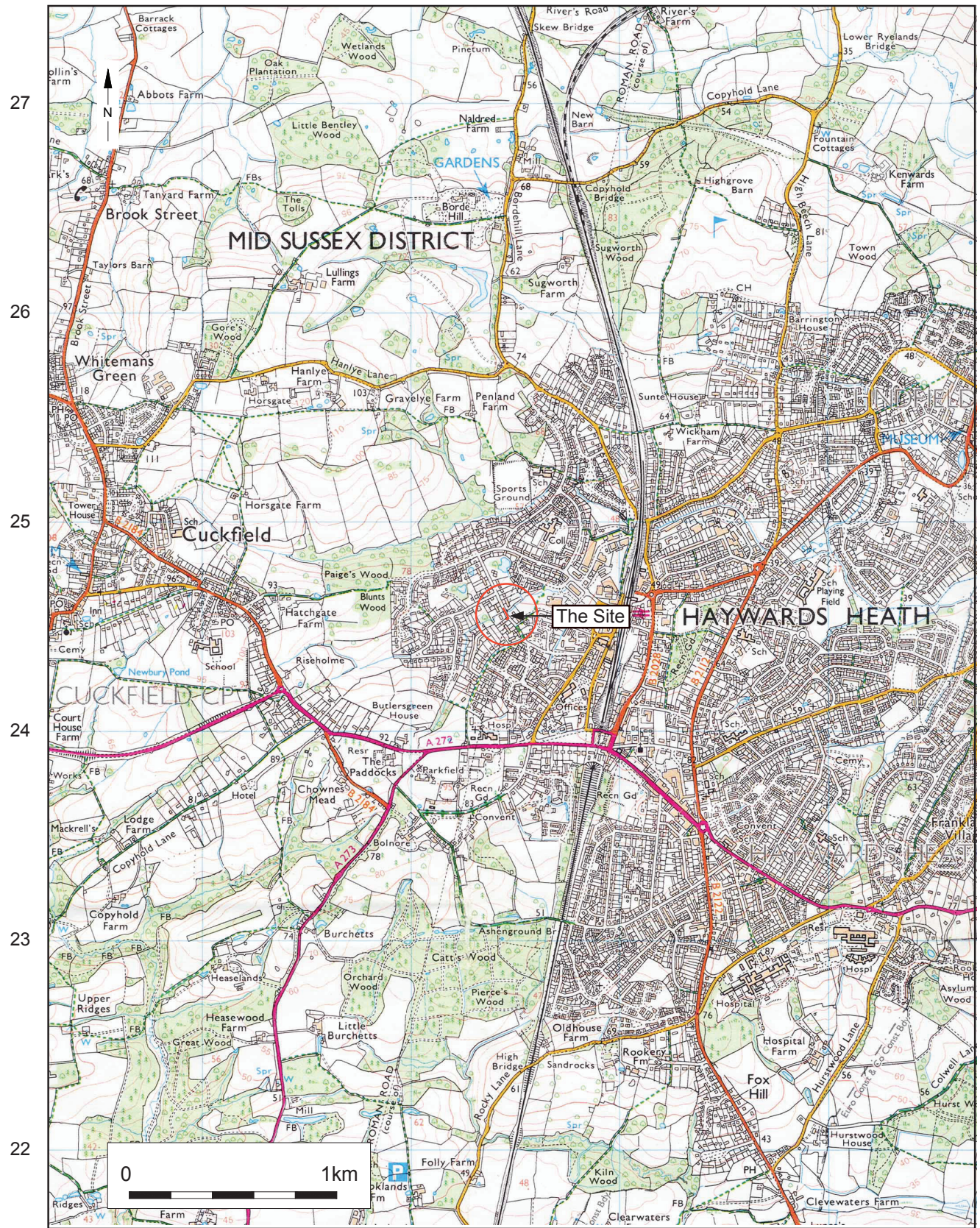
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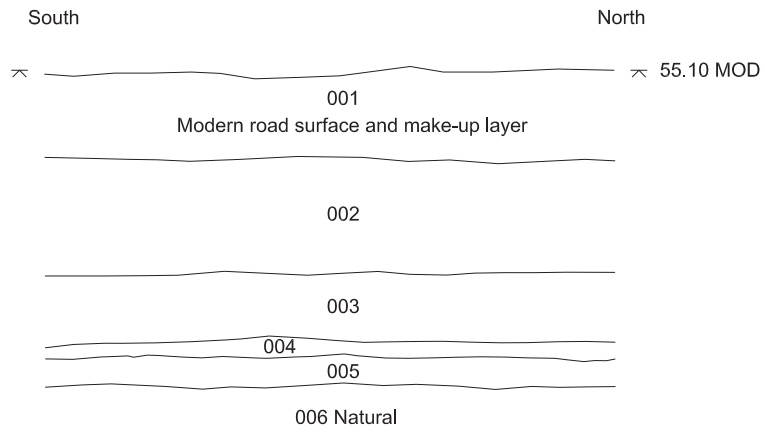
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