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### DOG & PARTRIDGE PH, WRETHAM, NORFOLK ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING & RECORDING

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**OASIS SUMMARY SHEET**

<b>Project details</b>			
Project name	<i>Dog and Partridge PH, Wretham, Norfolk: Archaeological Monitoring and Recording</i>		
<p><i>In March 2011, Archaeological Solutions Ltd (AS) carried out a programme of archaeological monitoring and recording during groundworks associated with the proposed extension, alteration and addition of new accommodation units at the Dog &amp; Partridge PH, Wretham, Norfolk (NGR: TL 9267 9078). The monitoring was undertaken in compliance with a planning condition attached to planning approval and required by Breckland District Council (Ref. 3PL/2010/0431/F).</i></p> <p><i>No archaeological features or finds were recorded during the monitoring.</i></p>			
Project dates (fieldwork)	<i>21<sup>st</sup> March 2011</i>		
Previous work (Y/N/?)	<i>N</i>	Future work (Y/N/?)	<i>N</i>
P. number	<i>4308</i>	Site code	
Type of project	<i>Monitoring and Recording</i>		
Site status	<i>Area of Archaeological interest</i>		
Current land use	<i>Public House/Hotel</i>		
Planned development	<i>Extension and new accommodation units</i>		
Main features (+dates)	<i>None</i>		
Significant finds (+dates)	<i>None</i>		
<b>Project location</b>			
County/ District/ Parish	<i>Norfolk</i>	<i>Breckland</i>	<i>Wretham</i>
HER/ SMR for area	<i>Norfolk</i>		
Post code (if known)	<i>-</i>		
Area of site	<i>c.100m<sup>2</sup></i>		
NGR	<i>TL 9267 9078</i>		
Height AOD (max/ min)	<i>c.30m AOD</i>		
<b>Project creators</b>			
Brief issued by	<i>Norfolk County Council Historic Environment Service</i>		
Project supervisor/s (PO)	<i>Adam Dyson BA</i>		
Funded by	<i>Mr &amp; Mrs Turver</i>		
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### **SUMMARY**

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*No archaeological features or finds were present during the monitoring.*

### **1 INTRODUCTION**

1.1 In March 2011 Archaeological Solutions Ltd (AS) carried out a programme of archaeological monitoring and recording during groundworks associated the proposed extension, alteration and addition of new accommodation units at the Dog & Partridge PH Wretham, Norfolk (NGR: TL 9267 9078; Figs. 1 - 2). The monitoring was undertaken in compliance with a planning condition attached to planning approval and required by Breckland District Council (Ref. 3PL/2010/0431/F).

1.2 The monitoring was conducted in accordance with a brief issued by Norfolk County Council Historic Environment Service (NCC HES) (dated 02/03/2011) and a specification compiled by AS (dated 08/03/2011), and approved by NCC HES. The monitoring adhered to the Institute of Archaeologists' *Code of Conduct* (revised 2010), and the procedures described in the *IfA Standard and Guidance for Watching Briefs* (revised 2008) and *Standards for Field Archaeology in the East of England* (Gurney 2003).

1.3 The project aimed to:

- Ensure the archaeological excavation and monitoring of all aspects of the development programme likely to affect buried archaeological remains;
- Secure the adequate recording of any archaeological remains revealed by the development programme;
- Secure the full analysis and interpretation of the site archive and the appropriate publication of the project results, if required;
- Secure the analysis, long-term conservation and storage of the project archive

Specifically:

- Establish the location, extent, date, character, condition, significance and quality of any surviving archaeological remains;
- Establish the relationship of any remains identified to the surrounding contemporary medieval landscape, especially the moat;
- Recovery of artefacts to assist in the development of a regional type series;
- Recovery of palaeo-environmental remains in order to determine local environmental conditions

### *Planning Policy Context*

1.4 PPS5 (2010) states that those parts of the historic environment that have significance because of their historic, archaeological, architectural or artistic interest are heritage assets. The Planning Policy Statement aims to deliver sustainable development by ensuring that policies and decisions that concern the historic environment recognise that heritage assets are a non-renewable resource, take account of the wider social, cultural, economic and environmental benefits of heritage conservation, and recognise that intelligently managed change may sometimes be necessary if heritage assets are to be maintained for the long term. It aims to conserve England's heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance. It states that opportunities to capture evidence from the historic environment and to contribute to our knowledge and understanding of our past, and to make this publicly available, should be taken, particularly where a heritage asset is to be lost.

## **2 DESCRIPTION OF THE SITE (Figs. 1 & 2)**

2.1 The proposed development lies in an area where archaeological remains have been found, on the western side of Watton Road in the Stonebridge area of Wretham parish. The Dog & Partridge is a late 18<sup>th</sup> century building, part of a range including two dwellings and the Post Office to the south. The building is Grade II listed, and recorded on the Norfolk Historic Environment Record (HER 46289). Much prehistoric evidence is known from the parish in general, and the area also has a potential for medieval activity. Watton Road shadows the course of the Roman route of Peddars Way, and flue/roof tiles of Roman date have been found to the south-east of Stonebridge. The site lies at c.29-30m AOD, on Breckland sands.

## **3 METHODOLOGY**

3.1 The archaeological monitoring comprised the observation of all groundworks, inspection of subsoil and natural deposits for archaeological

features, the examination of spoil heaps and the recording of soil profiles. Deposits were excavated by hand and recorded by means of *pro forma* recording sheets, drawn to scale and photographed as appropriate. Excavated spoil was searched for archaeological finds.

3.2 The monitoring observed all the project groundworks, which principally comprised the excavation of foundation trenches and the ground reduction for the extension and new accommodation units. The overburden was mechanically stripped using a 360° tracked excavator under the close supervision of an archaeologist. The subsoil was also removed under close supervision to the exposed natural sands. Exposed surfaces were hand cleaned as necessary and all further investigation was undertaken by hand.

## 4 RESULTS

4.1 The groundworks associated with the proposed small extension and block of 3 new detached accommodation units were subject to constant monitoring (Fig. 3). A sample section was recorded and is tabulated below.

### Sample Section 1

Located in the western sector of the site (Fig.3).

Sample Section 1 0.00m – 29.80m AOD		
0.00 – 0.40m	L1000	Topsoil. Mid grey brown, friable, silty sand
0.40 – 0.60m	L1001	Subsoil. Mid orange brown, friable, sand
0.60 – 1.80m+	L1002	Natural. Light orange yellow, friable, sand

*Description:* No archaeological finds or features were present.

## 7 CONFIDENCE RATING

7.1 It is not felt that any factors inhibited the recognition of archaeological features or finds during the programme of monitoring and recording.

## 8 DEPOSIT MODEL

8.1 Topsoil L1000 was a mid grey brown, friable, silty sand. It overlay Subsoil L1001 a mid orange brown, friable, sand. No finds were present. Subsoil L1000 overlay the Natural Drift Geology, L1002, a light orange yellow, friable, sand.

## **9 DISCUSSION**

9.1 No archaeological features were present during the excavation.

9.2 The site had a potential for prehistoric, Roman and medieval remains. In the event no archaeological features or finds were encountered. This may be due to the limited size of the excavation area.

## **DEPOSITION OF THE ARCHIVE**

Archive records, with an inventory, will be deposited with any donated finds from the site at Norfolk County Council Museum Store (NCCMS). The archive will be quantified, ordered, indexed, cross-referenced and checked for internal consistency. In addition to the overall site summary, it will be necessary to produce a summary of the artefactual and ecofactual data.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

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*Sample Section 1. Looking north.*



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*General view of the site. Looking south.*

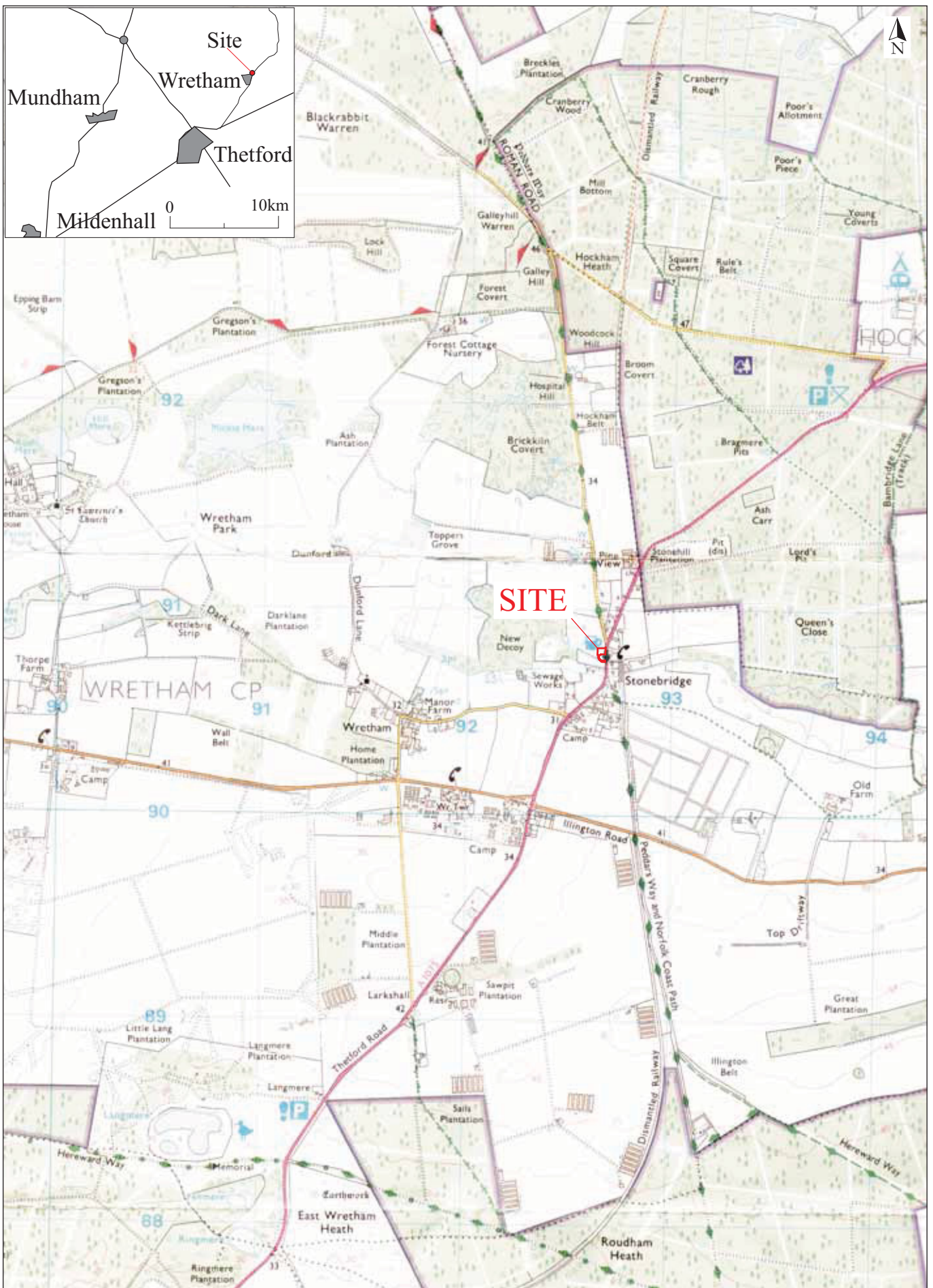


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*General view of the site. Looking west.*



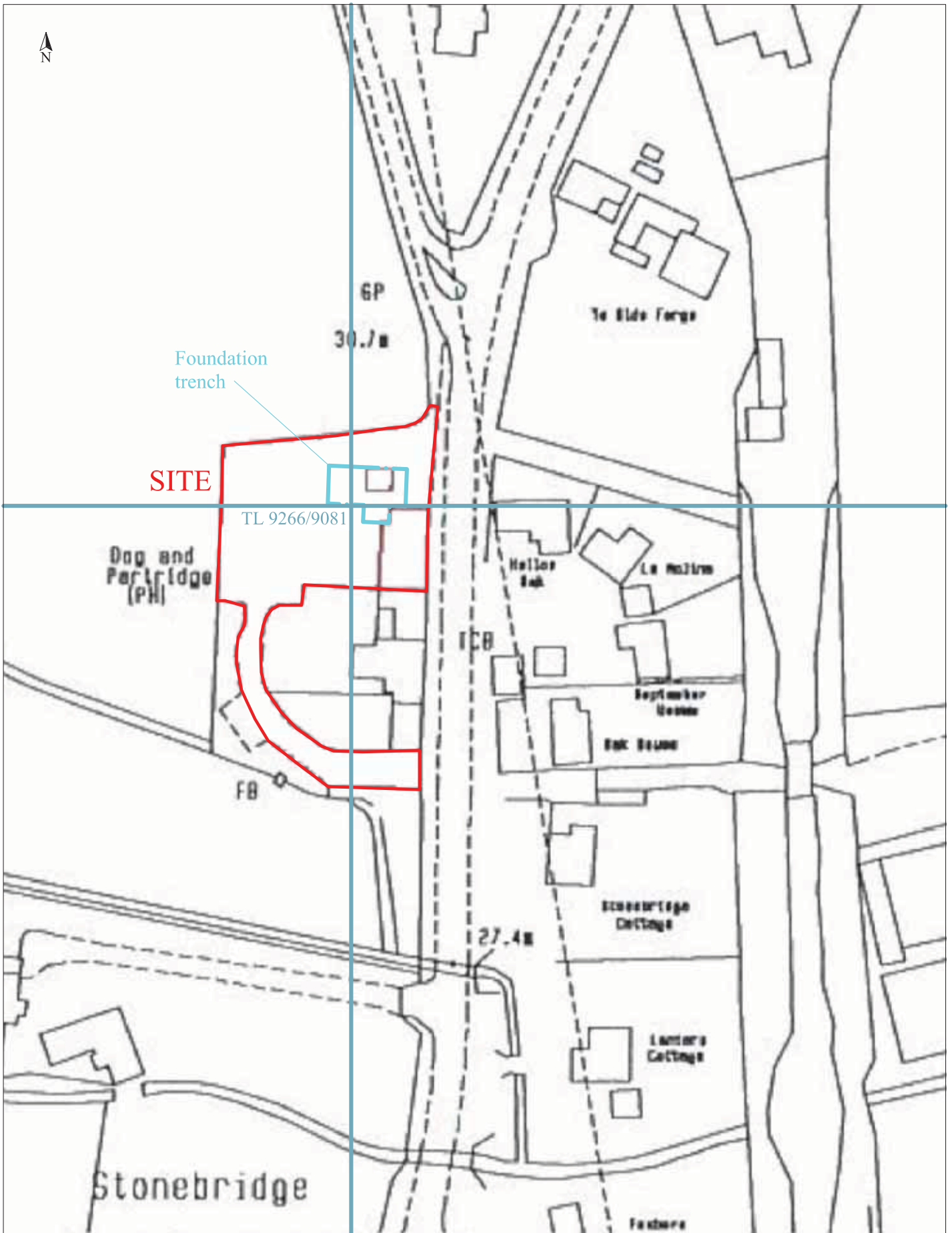
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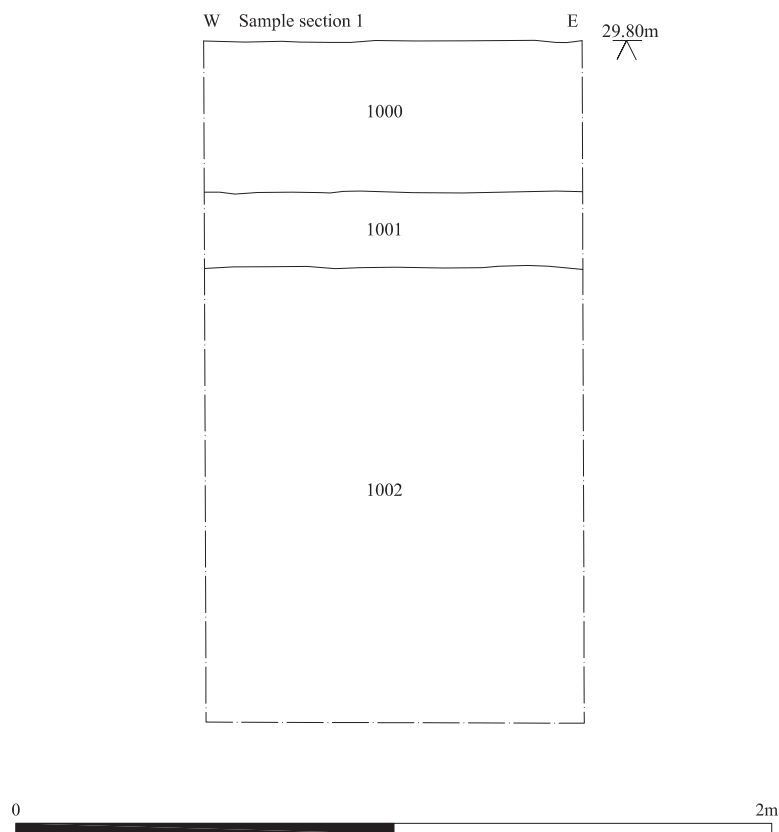
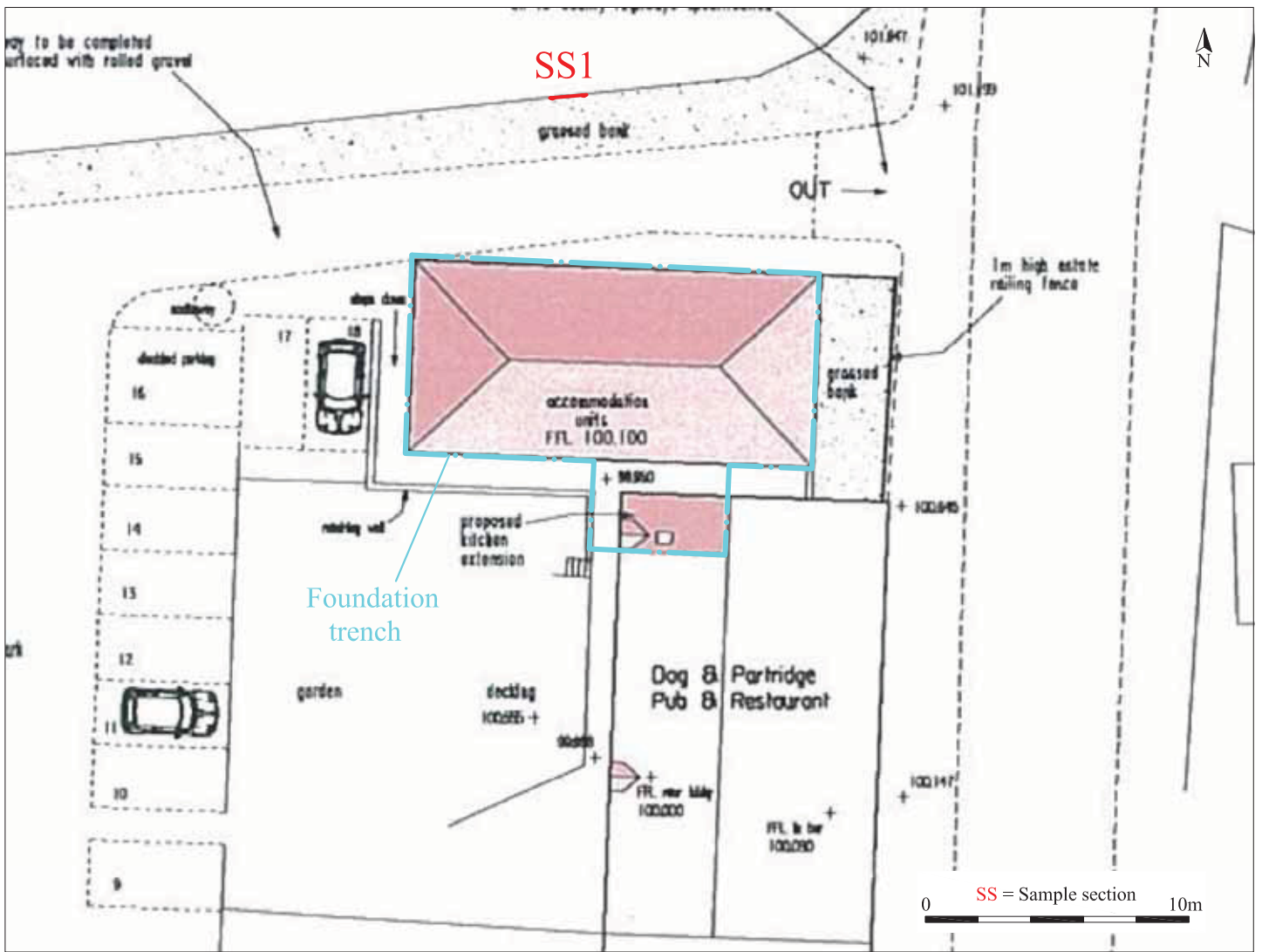
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**Fig. 1 Site location plan**  
 Scale 1:25,000 at A4



0 100m

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**Fig. 2 Detailed site location plan**  
 Scale 1:1000 at A4



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Fig. 3 Sample section and section location plan

Scale 1:250 and 1:20 at A4