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**17 HERVEY ROAD,
BURY ST EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.**

ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING & RECORDING

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Project description (250 words)			
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Project dates (fieldwork)	01/02/2011		
Previous work (Y/N/?)	N	Future work (Y/N/?)	N
P. number	P4151	Site code	
Type of project	Archaeological Monitoring		
Site status	-		
Current land use	Garden		
Planned development	Residential extension		
Main features (+dates)	-		
Significant finds (+dates)	-		
Project location			
County/ District/ Parish	Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	St Mary
HER/ SMR for area	Suffolk Historic Environment Record		
Post code (if known)	-		
Area of site	c.100m ²		
NGR	TL 841 633		
Height AOD (max/ min)	c.50m AOD		
Project creators			
Brief issued by	SCC AS-CT		
Project supervisor/s (PO)	Adam Dyson		
Funded by	Mr & Mrs Thompson		
Full title	17 Hervey Road, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. Archaeological Monitoring & Recording		
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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 In February 2011 Archaeological Solutions Ltd carried out archaeological monitoring at 17 Hervey Road, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk (NGR TL 841 633). The monitoring was required during groundworks associated with the construction of a residential extension to the existing bungalow following demolition of an existing garage (St Edmundsbury Council Planning Ref. SE/10/1331).

1.2 The archaeological monitoring and recording was conducted in accordance with a brief prepared by the Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service Conservation Team (SCC ASCT; dated 26/10/10) and a written scheme of investigation compiled by AS (29/10/2010), and approved by SCC AS-CT.

1.3 The objectives of the project of archaeological monitoring and recording were:

- to ensure the archaeological monitoring of all aspects of the development programme likely to affect buried archaeological remains;
- to secure the adequate recording of any archaeological remains revealed by the development programme; and

- to secure the analysis, interpretation, publication (if required), long-term conservation and storage of the project archive.

1.4 The project specifically aimed to characterise any evidence of activity associated with the known early Saxon cemetery nearby, and also to identify any remains of other periods.

Planning policy context

1.5 PPS5 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 (Fig. 1-2)

2.1 The site lies within an area of archaeological potential on the western side of Hervey Road, Bury St Edmunds, defined on the County Historic Environment Record. This refers to the presence of an early Anglo-Saxon cemetery (HER BSE 030), excavated in the area of Westgarth Gardens above the terrace of the river Linnet. The extent of the cemetery has not been established.

2.2 The site lies at c.100m AOD on the southern terrace of the river Linnet. It comprises the bungalow plot of No. 17 Hervey Road. It was proposed to extend the existing dwelling to the rear, following demolition of an existing garage.

3 METHODOLOGY

3.1 The archaeological monitoring comprised the observation of all ground works, the inspection of the subsoil and natural deposits for archaeological features, the examination of spoil heaps for archaeological finds and the recording of soil profiles. Deposits were recorded by means of *pro forma* recording sheets, drawn to scale and photographed as appropriate.

3.2 The principal elements of the monitoring and recording were the ground works associated with the excavation of the foundation trenches for the rear extension to the existing building.

4 RESULTS

4.1 The observed groundworks comprised the excavation of the foundation trenches for the extension by a 360° mechanical excavator. The trenches were excavated to a depth of 0.80m, and a 0.60m for external walls, and 0.45m for internal walls.

Sample Section 1 Fig. 3

<i>Sample section 1.</i>		
<i>South facing</i>		
<i>0.00m = 50.12m AOD</i>		
0.00 – 0.41m	L1000	Topsoil. Friable, mid grey brown sandy silt.
0.41 – 0.80m	L1001	Subsoil. Compact, pale-mid yellow brown silty sand.
0.80m+	L1002	Natural deposits. Compact, pale orange and yellow sand.

Sample Section 2 Fig. 3

<i>Sample section 2.</i>		
<i>West facing</i>		
<i>0.00m = 50.45m AOD</i>		
0.00 – 0.12m	L1000	Topsoil. As above.
0.12 – 0.48m	L1001	Subsoil. As above.
0.48 – 80m+	L1002	Natural deposits. As above.

Sample Section 3 Fig. 3

<i>Sample section 3.</i>		
<i>East facing</i>		
<i>0.00m = 50.23m AOD</i>		
0.00 – 0.06m	L1000	Topsoil. As above.
0.06 – 0.52m	L1001	Subsoil. As above.
0.52 – .84m+	L1002	Natural deposits. As above.

Description: No archaeological finds or features were present.

5 CONFIDENCE RATING

5.1 It is not felt that any factors inhibited the recognition of archaeological features and finds during the archaeological monitoring.

6 DEPOSIT MODEL

6.1 Uppermost Topsoil L1000 was a friable, mid grey brown sandy silt. It was present across the site varying in thickness from 0.41m in the north (Sample Section 1) to only 0.06m in the south east (Sample Section 3).

6.2 Below L1000 was Subsoil L1001, a compact, pale-mid yellow, brown silty sand (0.36 – 0.46m thick). At the base of the sequence were the natural deposits, L1002, a compact, pale orange and yellow sand (0.80m (northern sector of the site) and 0.48m (southern sector of the site)).

7 DISCUSSION

7.1 The site lies within an area of archaeological potential on the western side of Hervey Road, Bury St Edmunds, defined on the County Historic Environment Record. This refers to the presence of an early Anglo-Saxon cemetery (HER BSE 030), excavated in the area of Westgarth Gardens above the terrace of the river Linnet. The extent of the cemetery has not been established.

7.2 In the event the monitoring revealed no archaeological features or finds.

DEPOSITION OF ARCHIVE

Archive records, with an inventory, will be deposited with the finds from the site, at the Suffolk County Archaeological Store. 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.

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General view of the site. Looking south east.



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General view of the site post excavation. Looking east.



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Sample section 1. Looking north.



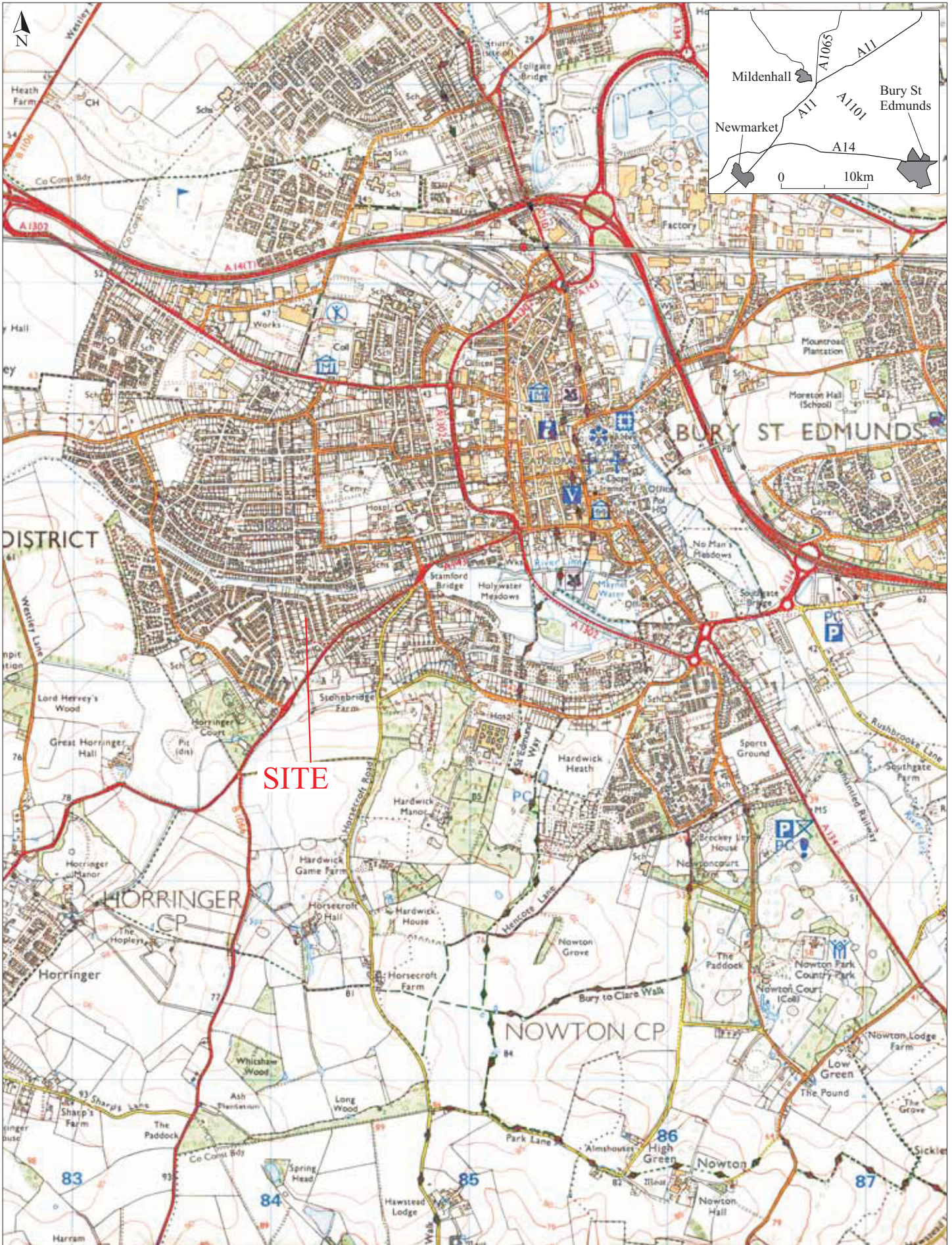
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Sample section 2. Looking east.



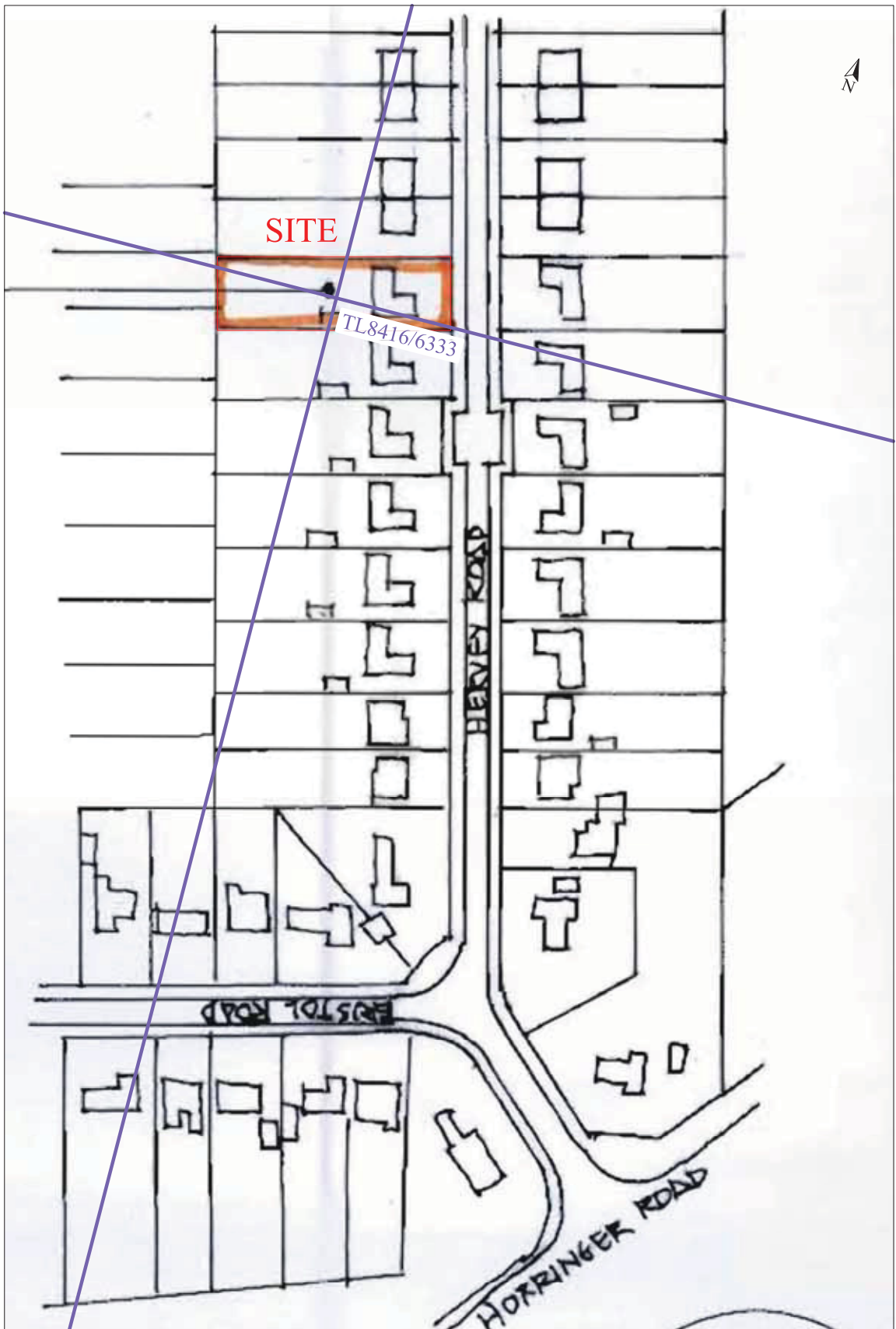
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Sample Section 3. Looking west.

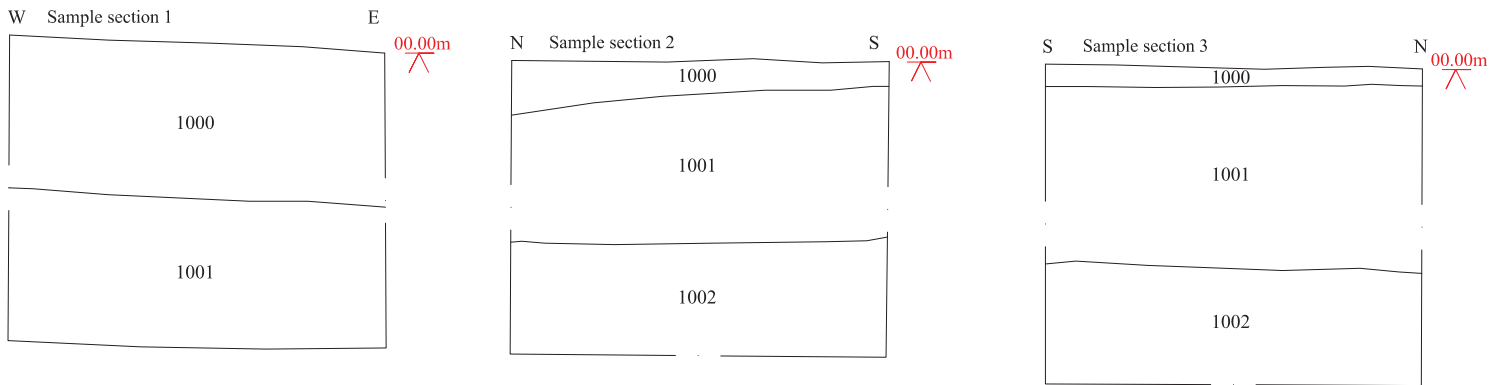
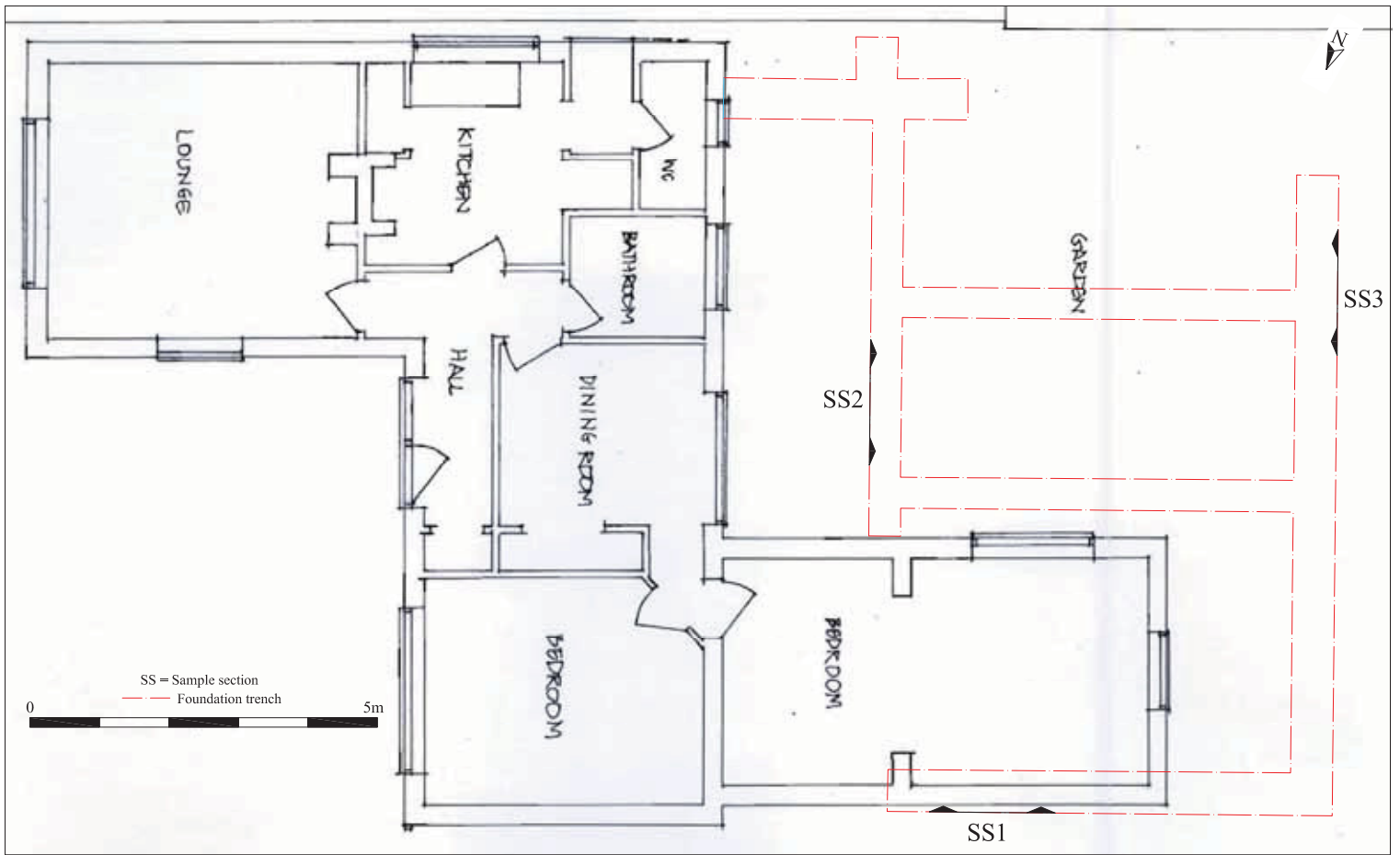


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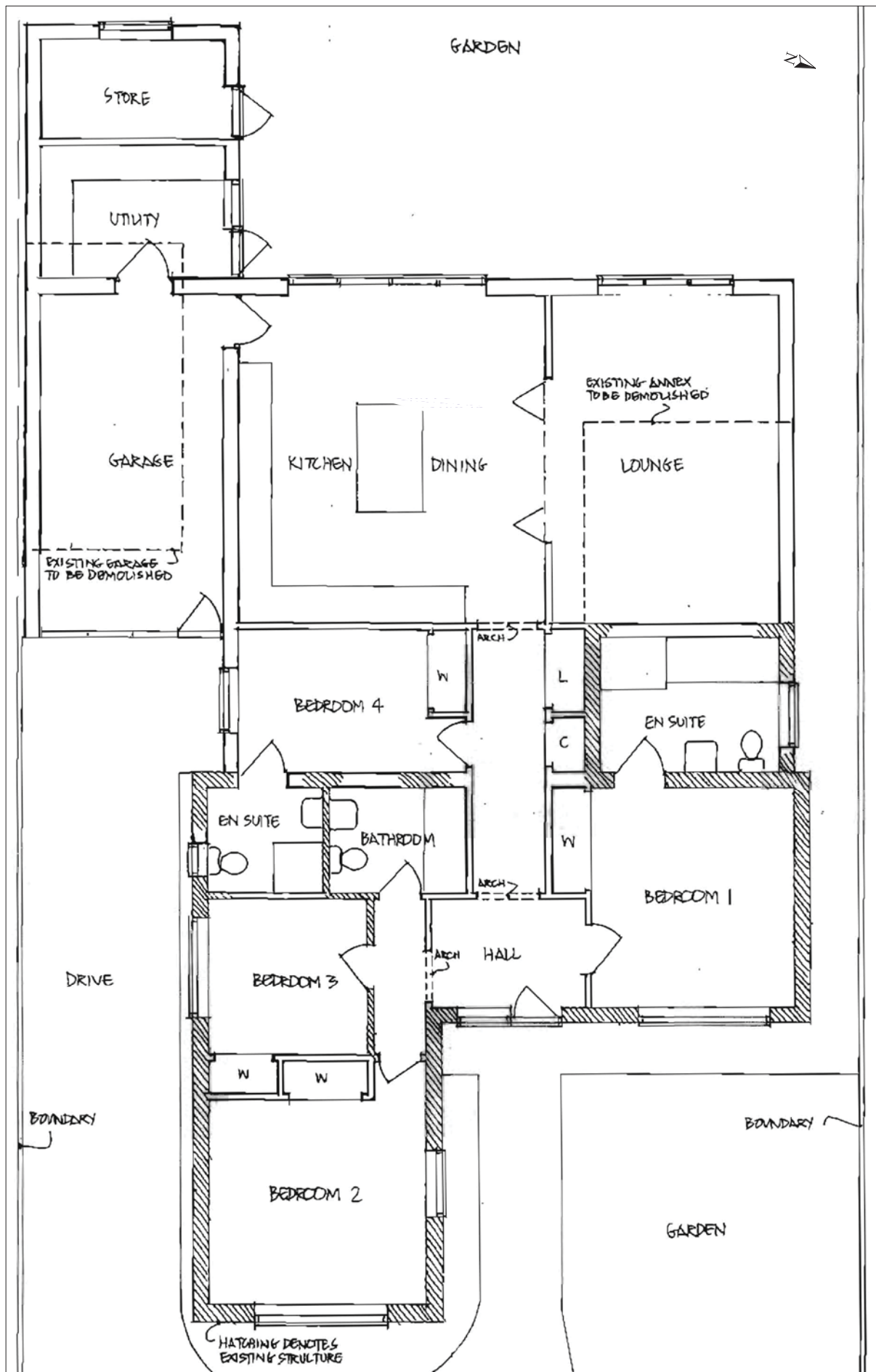
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Fig. 1 Site location plan
 Scale 1:25,000 at A4



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Fig. 2 Detailed site location plan
Scale 1:1250 at A4



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Fig. 3 Section location plan
 Scale 1:20 and 1:100 at A4



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Fig. 4 Proposed development plan
 Scale 1:100 at A4