35 KINGS ROAD, ST ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE

ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING AND RECORDING

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| Previous work (Y/N/?) | Ν | | e work (Y/N/?) | N |
| P. number | 3828 | Site c | | AS 1370 |
| Type of project | Archaeological Monitoring and Recording | | | |
| Site status | - | | a on the Local Pl | an |
| Current land use | Rear yard of the house | | | |
| Planned development | New part single and part 2-storey extension to the house | | | |
| Main features (+dates) | - | | | |
| Significant finds (+dates) | - | | | |
| Project location | | | A (A) | |
| County/ District/ Parish | Hertfordshir | | St Albans | St Peter |
| HER/ SMR for area | Hertfordshir | e HER | | |
| Post code (if known) | AL3 4TQ | | | |
| Area of site | c. 150m ² | 47 | | |
| NGR | TL 4104 074 | | | |
| Height AOD (min/max) | c. 85m AOD |) | | |
| Project creators | 2400 | | | |
| Brief issued by Project supervisor/s (PO) | SADC Zbigniew Po | zoroki | | |
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SUMMARY

In December 2010 Archaeological Solutions (AS) carried out archaeological monitoring and recording at No. 35 Kings Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire (NGR TL 4104 0747). The monitoring was commissioned by Mr Chris Patrick in compliance with a planning condition attached to planning permission for the construction of a part single and part two-storey rear extension to the property.

The site is situated on the northern side of Kings Street, close to the city centre of St Albans and within an area designated as ASR 25 on the Local Plan, which covers the area of St Albans including Saxon Kingsbury, the Saxon and medieval town and Sopwell Nunnery. The site had a potential for archaeological remains of Roman, Saxon and medieval date, and the greatest potential was for remains of Roman burials associated with Mount Pleasant cemetery.

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

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 In December 2010 Archaeological Solutions (AS) carried out archaeological monitoring and recording at No 35 Kings Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire (NGR TL 4104 0747; Figs. 1 & 2). The monitoring was commissioned by Mr Chris Patrick in compliance with a planning condition attached to planning permission for the construction of a part single and part two-storey rear extension to the property (St Albans District Council Planning Ref. 5/09/0789).

1.2 The monitoring was undertaken in accordance to advice received by the client from the St Albans City & District Council District Archaeologist (SADC) and a written scheme of investigation (specification) prepared by AS (dated 23/02/2010), and approved by SADC. The project conformed to the Institute for Archaeologists (IfA) *Code of Conduct* and *Standard and Guidance for An Archaeological Watching Brief* (revised 2008), as well as the document *Standards for Field Archaeology in the East of England* (Gurney 2003).

1.3 The site lies in an area where possible Romano-British, Saxon and medieval remains may be anticipated. It lies within an area designated as ASR 25 on the Local Plan (which covers the area of St Albans including Saxon Kingsbury, the Saxon and medieval town, and Sopwell Nunnery). It lies within the area of the Mount Pleasant Roman cemetery, which is predominantly a cremation cemetery (St Albans UAD Monument 1). The site also lies in the area of the purported Anglo-Saxon *burh* of Kingsbury, though

little evidence of this period, other than possibly undated timber buildings in King Street, has been excavated. Medieval activity was also widespread in the area, with both occupation and mineral extraction identified.

1.4 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.

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

2.1 The property at 35 Kings Road is one of a number of terraced houses on the northern side of Kings Road overlooking the Ver river valley. It is located between the historic core of the city of St Albans to the north-east, and the community of St Stephens to the south-east. The site takes the form of a long narrow plot ($28 \times 5.5m$).

3 TOPOGRAPHY, GEOLOGY AND SOILS

3.1 The site is situated within the valley of the River Ver, which meanders on a roughly north-west to south-eastern alignment through the city and only 100m to the east of the site. It is located at *c*. 85m AOD and on a varied relief that slopes slightly down to the east towards the River Ver.

3.2 Both the city of St Albans and the site are located on a solid geology of Upper Cretaceous Upper Chalk, which is overlain by flinty and chalky drift and possible alluvium associated with the River Ver (British Geological Survey 1978). Soils of the area comprise those of the Charity 2 Association, which are described as well-drained flinty fine silty soils in valley bottoms and calcareous fine silty soils over chalk or chalk rubble on valley sides (Soil Survey of England and Wales 1983). An archaeological investigation at No.39 Kings Street, carried out by AS in 2009, revealed four layers of made ground overlying the solid geology (Barlow *et al* 2009).

4 ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Prehistoric

4.1 Prehistoric occupation of the St Albans area is well attested, particularly along the valley of the River Ver, which provided a rich source of subsistence. The earliest evidence of human activity in the wider area comprises a scatter of worked flints dating to the Mesolithic period, whilst two possible Bronze Age ring ditches have been detected *c.* 800m to the west of the site (UAD 14154). An extensive Iron Age settlement, known as *Verlamion*, is known to lie within Prae Wood approximately 2km to the west-south-west of the site, from which evidence for the minting of Tasciovanus and Cunobelin coins have been found (St Albans Archaeology & History website).

4.2 Closer to the site, the Roman town of *Verulamium* has yielded extensive evidence of pre-Roman Iron Age (PRIA) occupation. The earliest route of Folly Lane 200m to the north-east of the site is thought to be the course of the Roman Colchester Road apparently laid out before AD 43 and thus likely Iron Age in date (Margery 1973; UAD 14656). Evidence of three late Iron Age ditches and a single clay bank have also been found within the boundaries of *Verulamium* (UADs 14181, 14336, 14690 & 14304). Many fragments of baked clay moulds were also found beneath an early Claudian rampart on St Michael's Street and are thought to represent the mint of King Tasciovanus, which became disused *c*. AD 10 (HER 4703).

Romano-British

4.3 At its height, the Roman town of *Verulamium* consisted of the third largest settlement in Britain (Pevsner & Cherry 1997). It was founded in AD 50, yet reputedly destroyed by Queen Boudicca ten years later. The Forum and Basilica at the centre of the town were opened in AD 79, but much of *Verulamium* was destroyed by fire in AD 155 and its remains over *c*. 80 hectares enclosed within 3rd century city walls (St Albans Archaeology & History website). Extensive archaeological work has taken place within *Verulamium* and has revealed substantial remains including Romano-Celtic temples, theatre, kilns, sewers, buildings, timber-framed shops, tiled floors, furnaces, cobbled tracks, roads and city walls (Pevsner & Cherry 1997; Niblett & Thompson 2005).

4.4 In 1974 a Roman bath house was discovered *c*. 350m to the northwest, dating to the reign of Antonius Pius in the mid 2nd century AD. A substantial hoard of Roman coins was retrieved from the former cold plunge pool of the baths, dating from the reign of Hadrian to that of Elagabalus (AD 221). The bath house also retained traces of timber outbuildings including beam trenches and post holes (HER 1197, 477, & 1426). The Kingsbury Manor site, *c*. 200m to the north-west contained a Roman building as well as medieval and later buildings, and other contemporary features (UAD Monuments 725, 723, 722 etc). At the Black Lion Inn car park to the SSE, a Roman building (likely a corn dryer/processor) and Roman, medieval and Tudor pits and other finds are recorded (UAD Monument 276; Event 386).

4.5 Additional Romano-British remains of *Verulamium* have been found in the area of St Michael's Street, to the south-west of the site. Excavations on the north boundary of St Michael's JMI School revealed evidence of Roman structures, surfaces and occupation deposits located within Insula XIX and dated to the 4th century (HER 10798). An investigation at No 21 St Michael's Street revealed remains of Roman wall, a road and unknown surface adjacent to the wall along with the 2nd century pottery (Pozorski 2010). The Mount Pleasant Roman cemetery is known to lie within the area surrounding the site (UAD 14154). The burial ground was predominantly a cremation cemetery. The Six Bells public house in St Michael's Street was built on a 1st century bath house (UAD 14142) and St Michael's Church on the Roman Basilica (UAD 14366). Significant environmental evidence has also been recovered from *Verulamium*, in particular from an oak and alder 'raft' (UAD 14524; Niblett & Thompson 2005).

Anglo-Saxon

4.6 Post-Roman occupation of *Verulamium* is indicated by an area of gravel metalling over collapsed building No. 3 within in Insula XIV and 250m to the west of the site (UAD 14267). By the 8th century, the Saxon town of St.Albans/*Verulamium* was known as *Watlingchester* or *Verulamchester* and was described by the historian Bede in AD 730 as containing the '*beautiful church worthy of* Alban's martyrdom (St Albans Archaeology & History website). St. Albans Abbey was founded in AD 793 by King Offa of Mercia, although the site lay within the manor of Kingsbury, which belonged to the Saxon kings and was bought by Alfric before he became abbot of St. Albans (Page 1902). Although the manor of Kingsbury was not listed in the Domesday Book of 1086, it is thought that the '*pond for fish*' listed in the town of St Albans' entry refers to Alfric's large fishpond known as '*Fischpol*' (Morris 1976; Page 1902).

Medieval

4.7 By 1086, the town of St Albans incorporated 10 hides, land for 16 ploughs, a park for woodland beasts and three mills valued at 40s, one of which consisted of Kingsbury Mill close to St Michael's Street (HER 5804; Morris 1976). In AD 1077, Paul of Caen, the first Norman Abbot, began rebuilding the Abbey of St Albans (St Albans Archaeology & History website).

St. Peter's Street, High Street, Market Place, Holywell Street and Fishpool Street were probably all well established in roughly their present positions by the 11th century. The medieval period also saw the division of the town into four wards, roughly corresponding to the built-up areas of the four modern parishes of St Stephen, St Michael, St Peter and the Abbey of St Alban itself. These were each given a constable of the peace and two chief pledges to maintain order by Abbott Richard de Wallingford (1260 – 1291). By 1327 the boundaries of the borough had been formerly recorded although it is likely that they had already been determined well before then. The Priory was dissolved in 1539 and the Abbey Church became the parish church when it was bought by the local people in 1553 (Page 1912). A number of extant medieval structures are recorded in the area surrounding the site and include the monastic barn at Kingsbury (HER 9490/UAD 14722) and the timber-framed buildings of Nos. 14 – 16 St Michael's Street (Pevsner & Cherry 1997). Mineral extraction is also known from the area.

Post medieval & later

4.8 The post-medieval growth of St Albans was slow. It had a rural market town character, was a pilgrimage site of St Alban, and it was located on a coach route to/from London. A short distance to the north-west of the present site the Kingsbury Brewery was built in 1827 the buildings of which remain virtually unaltered today (HER 5389). Later development saw the steady expansion of various industries such as printing, engineering, clothing and hat manufacture, while the construction of the railway in 1858 allowed an increase in communication and trade. The Abbey Church was granted a Cathedral status and the town received a City charter in 1877. In the inter-war years it became a popular centre for the electronics industry. After the World War II the town expanded significantly as it took a part in the post-War redistribution of population out of London (St Albans Archaeology & History website).

5 METHODOLOGY

5.1. The archaeological monitoring comprised the observation of all groundworks, the inspection of the subsoil and natural deposits for archaeological features and the examination of spoil heaps and the recording of soil profiles. Archaeological features and deposits were recorded using *proforma* recording sheets, drawn to scale and photographed as appropriate. Excavated spoil was checked for finds and the excavated area was scanned by metal detector.

5.2 The principal element monitored was hand-excavated foundation trench for a new rear extension to the house (Fig. 2).

6 DESCRIPTION OF RESULTS

6.1 Deposits located within the area of excavation were recorded in sample sections shown below.

| <i>W</i> part of foundation trench. Sample section 1, facing NW 0.00 = 85.12m AOD | | |
|--|-------|---|
| 0.00 – 0.10m | M1000 | Floor of demolished part of building. Concrete overlain with tiles. |
| 0.10 – 0.36m | L1001 | Made ground. Mid brown, friable, silty sand with yellow loose sand. |
| 0.36 – 0.72m | L1002 | Made ground. Dark greyish brown, compact, clayey silt with CBM fragments. |
| 0.72m+ | L1003 | Natural white, compact, chalk. |

W part of foundation trench. Sample section 2, facing SE 0.00 = 85.06m AOD

| 0.00 – 0.03m | M1004 | Path within yard. Grey stone pavement blocks. |
|--------------|-------|--|
| 0.03 – 0.40m | L1005 | Blackish brown, loose, gravel with sandy silt. |
| 0.40 – 0.56m | L1002 | Made ground. As above. |
| 0.56m+ | L1003 | Natural chalk. As above. |

Description: No archaeological remains or finds were revealed.

The site stratigraphy consisted of layers of made ground containing modern CBM fragments and overlying the solid geology. Deposit L1005 was likely a levelling layer for the yard pavement. The natural geology (L1003) was present at 0.55 - 0.75m below existing ground level and comprised a white, compact, chalk.

7 CONFIDENCE RATING

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

8 DISCUSSION

8.1 The site had a potential for archaeological remains, in particular for the Romano-British, Saxon and medieval archaeology, and the greatest potential was for remains of Roman burials associated with Mount Pleasant cemetery. The site lies within the area of the cemetery.

8.2 In the event no archaeological features or finds were revealed. No indication of any previous development of the site was identified except the presence of relatively modern deposits of made ground. Little evidence of previous truncation appeared to have taken place. No residual finds were recovered.

9 DEPOSITION OF THE ARCHIVE

9.1 Archive records, with an inventory, will be deposited with any donated finds from the site at Verulamium Museum. The archive will be quantified, ordered, indexed, cross-referenced and checked for internal consistency

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APPENDIX 1 HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD DATA

| HER/UAD | NGR TL | Description | | |
|---------------|------------------------|--|--|--|
| Prehistoric (| Prehistoric (to AD 43) | | | |
| 4703 | 1361 0752 | Many fragments of baked clay moulds found beneath an early Claudian rampart on St Michael's Street and thought to represent the Mint of King Tasciovanus, which became disused <i>c</i> . AD 10 | | |
| 14181 | 13667 07460 | Late Iron Age ditch at Verulamium in Insula XIX considered to be a property boundary deliberately filled in at the conquest | | |
| 14304 | 13627 07515 | Clay bank along part of north-east side of Roman city of Verulamium thought to be late Iron Age in date | | |
| 14336 | 13532 07223 | Late Iron Age four-sided but irregular ditch enclosing the site of the forum and basilica at Verulamium | | |
| 14656 | 1392 0773 | The earliest route of Folly Lane is thought to be the course of the Colchester Road apparently laid out before AD 43 and which runs from the direction of timber tower site | | |
| 14690 | 13686 07325 | Late Iron Age ditch cut into natural at Verulamium in Insula XVIII and filled in <i>c</i> . AD 75 with silt and tips of gravel | | |
| Romano-Bri | tish (AD 43 – 41 | 0) | | |
| 1885 | 1397 0741 | Ditch on Fishpool Street containing 2 nd century pottery and later in date than lowest levels of road metalling, underlying the modern road surface at this point | | |
| 6730 | 1356 0746 | Cropmark of two concentric squares interpreted as a Romano-Celtic temple at Verulamium in Insula XVII | | |
| 6731 | 1350 0747 | Cropmark of two concentric squares interpreted as a Romano-Celtic temple at Verulamium in Insula XVII | | |
| 6801 | 135 074 | Complete Roman theatre at Verulamium constructed <i>c</i> . AD 150 and comprising a central circular area (the orchestra), around which are banked spectator seats; with a stage located at the rear | | |
| 6811 | 1359 0723 | Roman kiln at Verulamium in Insula XIII represented by a considerable amount of pimply, poorly-fired lead glazed pottery of homogeneous character incorporated in a 2 nd century building level | | |
| 10798 | 1360 0735 | Excavations on the north boundary of St Michael's JMI School revealed evidence of Roman structures, surfaces and occupation deposits located within Insula XIX and dated to the 4 th century | | |
| 12072 | 1385 0758 | Part of a Roman masonry building on Branch Road extends northwards and may also extend south under Kingsbury barn, included a northern room with a cobbled surface and contained pottery dating to the 3 rd - 4 th century | | |
| 14142 | 13692 07392 | 1 st century masonry building found under the Six Bells PH in St Michael's Street represents a Roman bath house at Verulamium in Insula XIX | | |
| 14154 | 13527 07837 | Roman cemetery represented by several hundred burials found to the north of the river near St Michael's Street/Kingsbury, along with two possible Bronze Age ring ditches | | |
| 14166 | 13491 07391 | Roman coin hoard comprising 50 denarii buried against an inside wall in a Period IIB row of shops at Verulamium in Insula XIV | | |
| 14167 | 13497 07343 | Roman coin hoard comprising 8 coins buried in collapsed debris of Building No. 3 at Verulamium in Insula XIV | | |
| 14170 | 13644 07460 | Roman coin hoard comprising 90 radiates inside semi-basement of building No. 3 at Verulamium in Insula XIX | | |
| 14174 | 13647 07587 | Roman coin hoard comprising 28 coins of Tetricus to Gratian, found in a wooden box on peaty river mud from Frere's Site R at Verulamium | | |

| 14175 | 13538 07369 | Course of the Roman central sewer, comprising masonry with ar arched roof, known from the Forum area downhill towards the river a |
|-------|----------------------------|---|
| | | the city wall |
| 14193 | 13598 07215 | Traces of Roman buildings comprising chalk wall bases and floors below Insula XIII at Verulamium |
| 14194 | 1363 0726 | A group of wooden huts of partially clinker-built construction found ir |
| | | Insula XIII at Verulamium |
| 14195 | 1363 0726 | Timber-framed building on timber piles over early ditch in Insula XIII |
| 14196 | 13645 07271 | Timber-framed building below Insula XIII building No. 3 |
| 14203 | 13509 07378 | Timber-framed row of shops along the Watling Street frontage in Insula XIV |
| 14204 | 13507 07379 | Timber-framed row of shops along the Watling Street frontage in Insula XIV |
| 14205 | 13505 07379 | Timber-framed row of shops along the Watling Street frontage in Insula XIV |
| 14206 | 13507 07377 | Timber-framed row of shops along the Watling Street frontage in Insula XIV |
| 14207 | 13502 07382 | Timber-framed row of shops comprising several structures sharing a portico in Insula XIV |
| 14208 | 13505 07349 | Timber-framed building below Insula XIV building No. 3 |
| 14209 | 13508 07353 | Timber-framed building below Insula XIV building No. 3 |
| 14210 | 13506 07348 | Timber-framed building below Insula XIV building No. 3 |
| 14212 | 13618 07510 | Timber rectangular structure at the north-eastern side of Insula XVII |
| 14213 | 13618 07510 | Traces of a timber building on the north-eastern edge of Insula XVII |
| 14214 | 13606 07506 | Timber building of unusual construction behind Claudian bank i Insula XVII |
| 14215 | 13610 07505 | Large timber-framed building partly over Claudian bank in Insula XVI |
| 14217 | 13665 07285 | Traces of a timber building below Insula XVIII building No. 1 room 9 |
| 14218 | 13667 07281 | Timber building below Insula XVIII building No. 1 room 10 |
| 14219 | 13655 07295 | Timber building below Insula XVIII building No. 1 rooms 1 - 5 |
| 14220 | 13695 07234 | Opus signinum floor found within Insula XVIII |
| 14221 | 13646 07330 | Rectangular floor cut into cobbled open space in Insula XIX |
| 14222 | 13583 07359 | Timber building below Insula XIX building No. 1 - 2 |
| 14224 | 13673 07 | Timber building fronting onto street to the north-east of the gate i Insula XIX |
| 14225 | 13687 07385 | Timber building below the bath house Insula XIX Building 4 |
| 14265 | 1363 0726 | Open hearth with a wattle screen, later than Insula XIII Building 3 |
| 14266 | 13520 07368 | Floors and occupation material below first structure on Insula XIV |
| 14269 | 13668 07281 | 1 st century occupation indicated by post-holes and stakeholes earliest traces below Insula XVIII Building 1 rooms 9 - 11 |
| 14276 | 13916 07502 | Malting oven on natural chalk bank behind Black Lion, Fishpoo Street |
| 14292 | 13501 07346 13664 07288 | Small masonry house, altered once, with mosaic and hypocausts i Insula XIV |
| 14293 | | Large masonry building, extending a much smaller one, wit hypocausts in Insula XVII |
| 14294 | 13666 07283 | Late Roman masonry building in Insula XVIII |
| 14312 | 13650 07577 | Bank acting as a revetment of the river Ver on the north-eastern sid of the Roman city |
| 14315 | 13676 07350 | Metalworkers' bowl furnace on gravel surface at edge of street i Insula XIX |
| 14337 | 13657 07582 | Cobbled track behind the river revetment at Verulamium |
| 14338 | 13953 07440 | Possible Roman road represented by the lowest surface of Fishpoo Street, at the St Michael's end |
| 14351 | 1374 0707 | Roman road in Insulae VIII, II, III, XI NE |
| 14352 | 1378 0717 | Roman road in Insulae XLI, XL, XIII NE comprising a continuation of Watling Street north to the city wall |

| 14353 | 1333 0753 | Watling Street north end, from junction with Colchester Road to the Chester Gate |
|-------|-------------|---|
| 14356 | 1375 0720 | Roman road in Insulae XL and XXXIX |
| 14357 | 1345 0706 | Silchester Road within the walls in Insulae XXIII, XXIV, XI, XIII NW |
| 14358 | 13946 07637 | Colchester Road, from junction with Silchester Road through the north-eastern Gate to Folly Lane |
| 14359 | 13691 07431 | Roman road in Insulae XX, XXI, XXII, XII, XIX NW |
| 14361 | 1347 0736 | Roman road in Insula XXVIII NE |
| 14366 | 13573 07311 | Very large masonry basilica beneath St Michael's Church and churchyard |
| 14372 | 13603 07103 | Masonry forum structure built around very large central courtyard, with some projecting rooms at Verulamium |
| 14402 | 13596 07214 | Rectangular structure with corridor in west corner of Insula XIII |
| 14403 | 13599 07214 | Double rectangle shape, a rebuild of an earlier building in west corner of Insula XIII |
| 14404 | 1359 0721 | Late walls and robber trenches over earlier structure in west corner of Insula XIII |
| 14405 | 13656 07198 | Several oblique walls in centre of Insula XIII |
| 14406 | 13671 07247 | Small rectangular structure later incorporated into Insula XIII Building 3 |
| 14407 | 13654 07262 | Large L-shaped building, partly timber-framed at Verulamium |
| 14409 | 13631 07253 | Rectangular structure of mortar-rubble and chalk, with gravel floors, south of Insula XIII |
| 14410 | 13631 07253 | Rebuilding of structure south of Insula XIII Building 3 |
| 14411 | 13695 07201 | Corner of an apparently large rectangular building with verandahs at Verulamium |
| 14413 | 13523 07367 | Rectangular structure, the end building of the row of shops in Insula XIV |
| 14414 | 13515 07375 | Rectangular structure with small rear extension, sharing a colonnade with XIV, 1, both shops |
| 14415 | 13503 07384 | Footings of small rectangular building on Watling Street, part of the row of shops in Insula XIV |
| 14416 | 13493 07398 | Apparently L-shaped structure with cellar and mosaic floor, part of row of shops in Insula XIV |
| 14417 | 13485 07395 | Small rectangular structure with party walls, part of row of shops in Insula XIV |
| 14424 | 13514 07443 | Traces of a building in the south-wastern part of Insula XVII |
| 14425 | 13670 07282 | Parts of four rooms with well-built masonry walls beneath Insula XVIII Building 1 |
| 14426 | 13668 07278 | Adaptation of XVIII Building 1 to accommodate industrial use, with post holes and ovens |
| 14427 | 13585 07354 | One or more buildings with very strong foundations and several rooms in Insula XIX |
| 14429 | 13641 07456 | Parts of a building with cellar and semi-basement towards the northern end of Insula XIX |
| 14430 | 13562 07394 | Part of a building with tessellated floors on western side of Insula XIX |
| 14431 | 13624 07333 | Wall running parallel to Watling Street near south end of Insula XIX |
| 14489 | 13821 07177 | Large house with verandah, possibly more than one structure, filling centre of Insula XXXIX |
| 14491 | 13754 07156 | Large building in north corner of Insula XL |
| 14492 | 13800 07151 | Parts of a building fronting onto street XL NE |
| 14504 | 13560 07452 | Small square temple building towards centre of Insula XVII |
| 14505 | 13554 07466 | Small square temple building and trace of temenos wall near centre of Insula XVII |
| 14513 | 13648 07493 | City wall from North Gate to North-east Gate |
| 14514 | 13886 07091 | City wall from North-east Gate to London Gate |
| 14515 | 13650 07569 | Metalwork and coins thrown into River Ver at Verulamium and interpreted as Roman ritual deposits |

| 1/510 | 127/6 07/02 | Tracco of a well just outside North cost Cate |
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| 14519 14524 | 13746 07403 13650 07511 | Traces of a wall just outside North-east Gate Oak and alder branches laid down as a 'raft' inside the bulge in the |
| 14524 | 13650 07511 | city wall in Insula XVII |
| 14525 | 13649 07511 | Timber structure composed of three rows of posts, revetting Claudian bank in Insula XVII |
| 14526 | 13651 07506 | Working floors and lines of stakeholes at east corner of Insula XVII |
| 14527 | 13648 07506 | Foundation trench and possible oven behind bulge in city wall |
| 14533 | 13757 07404 | Succession of cobbled floors, apparently from timber buildings, outside the north-eastern Gate in St Michael's Street |
| 14644 | 13647 07192 | Two walls of a timber building with possible associated courtyard and oven in Insula XIII |
| 14669 | 1350 0741 | Fragment of wall at edge of Watling Street, St Michael's Lodge, originally in Insula XVII |
| 14681 | 13712 07376 | Black earth deposit over good cobble surface, almost certainly of street from the Basilica to the north-eastern gate found at No. 31 St Michael's Street |
| 14697 | 1361 0728 | Roman forum phase 2 rebuilt at Verulamium after the Antonine Fire |
| 14698 | 1361 0729 | Early phase of the Basilica represented by a range of small rooms along the Watling street frontage and destroyed in Antonine fire |
| 14711 | 1351 0737 | Plank-lined drains between Insula XIV workshops. |
| 14723 | 1384 0753 | Part of a large pit with animal bone and pottery found at Kingsbury Manor, St Michael's Street |
| 14724 | 1383 0754 | Tip of rubbish dated to the 1 st - late 3 rd century found at Kingsbury Manor, St Michael's Street |
| 14725 | 13854 07585 | Flint and mortar building with at least three rooms found at Kingsbury Dairy, St Michael's Street |
| Anglo-Saxor | n (AD 43 – 1066) | |
| 4079 | 1357 0730 | St Michael's Church was possibly founded by abbot 'Wulsin' in AD 948 and comprises a Saxon nave and chancel walls, with a rare example of a 13 th century painted Doom or Last Judgment in the chancel |
| 14162 | 13572 07304 | St Michael's Church is known to have Saxon foundations and was deliberately built over Roman basilica in centre of Roman city of Verulamium |
| 14267 | 13495 07356 | Post-Roman occupation of Verulamium in Insula XIV indicated by an area of gravel metalling over collapsed building No. 3 |
| Medieval (Al | D 1066 - 1500) | |
| 4072 | 1383 0748 | The 'Gonnerstone' is a large boulder situated at the corner of St Michael's Street and Fishpool Street and represents a medieval boundary marker first mentioned in 1327 |
| 5093 | 1382 0746 | St Michael's Road bridge carries the route of the pre-1830 road over the River Ver and was built in 1765, replacing earlier structures |
| 5804 | 1380 0748 | Kingsbury Mill on St Michael's Street was originally a medieval mill in the manor of Kingsbury, belonging to the abbey, and may be one of the watermills in St Albans already existing in 1086 |
| 9490 | 138 075 | The monastic barn at Kingsbury was erected probably in the 1390s by John de la Moot, abbot of St Albans, on monastic granges for the collection of their own produce |
| 14159 | 13580 07338 | Medieval graveyard around St Michael's Church |
| 14227 | 13692 07392 | Traces of medieval and later floors, one over another, outside the Six Bells in St Michael's Street containing post-Roman tile |
| 14303 | 13970 07290 | 16 th century tannery run by the Gape family on site of St Michael's Manor pond in Fishpool Street, possibly dating from at least 1456 |
| 14538 | 13840 07482 | The 'Gonnerstone' is a large boulder situated at the corner of St Michael's Street and Fishpool Street and represents a medieval boundary marker first mentioned in 1327 |

| 14629 | 14119 08082 | Lost lower end of Everlasting Lane, joining Fishpool Street is presumably medieval, and once ran south across the field west of Branch Road |
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| 14722 | 13859 07562 | Dendrochonology dating for timber at the monastic barn at Kingsbury gives a felling date of 1373 – 74, confirming its likely erection in the 1390s |
| Post-mediev | al (AD 1500 – 17 | 750) |
| 7073 | 1376 0745 | Site of a malting on St Michael's Street, identified from the 1838 tithe map, but since demolished and replaced by terraced houses |
| Undated rem | nains | |
| 14027 | 12984 07063 | Cropmarks seen near Prae Wood House in 1971, between Fosse and Prae Wood earthworks may be field boundaries |
| 14216 | 13561 07502 | Timber hut circles and rectilinear enclosure complex shown at Verulamium in Insula XVII |
| 14226 | 13621 07347 | Undated masonry building on St Michael's Street, which may be medieval, as it is not on the alignment of the Roman buildings in Insula XIX |
| 14323 | 13593 07265 | Mound on south-eastern side of St Michael's churchyard may have been late medieval or later remains of the medieval church house |
| 14523 | 13645 07584 | Length of wall with dressed stone corner on north side of river bank at Verulamium, which dug into late Roman alluvial deposits |
| 14631 | 13159 08109 | Back Lane is a minor road running from Kingsbury Manor along the north-eastern side of the river to The Prae and Prae Mill and was mapped in 1634 |
| 14650 | 13829 07571 | Flint and mortar wall at Kingsbury Farm assumed to be medieval or later in date |

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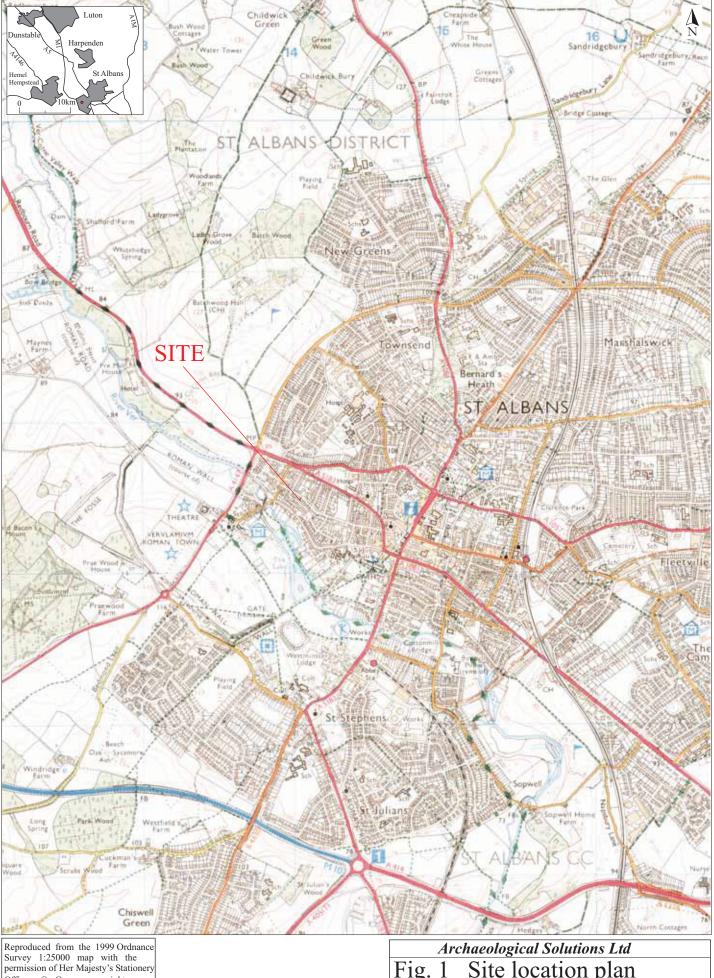
DP 2. The site to the rear of No 35 Kings Road. View NE.



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DP 6. W part of foundation trench. Sample section 2. View NW.



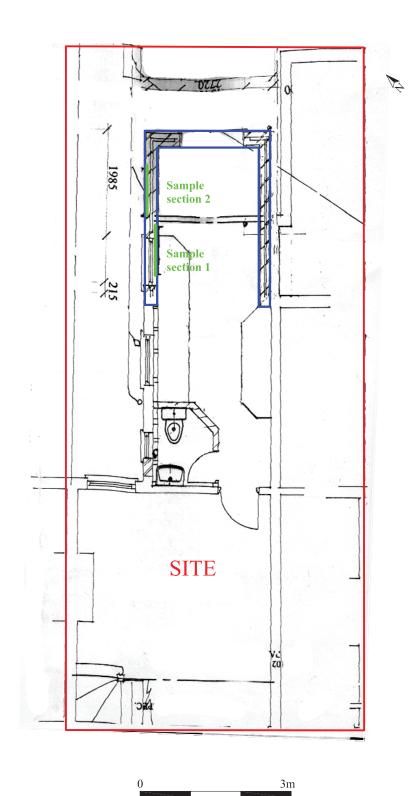
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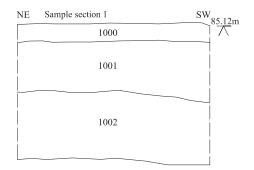
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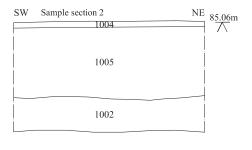


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