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**MONITORING OF WORKS UNDER ARCHAEOLOGICAL
SUPERVISION AND CONTROL**

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Project dates (fieldwork)	8 th , 15 th & 17 th August 2018		
Previous work (Y/N/?)	N	Future work	TBC
P. number	7438	Site code	ENF143590
Type of project	<i>Monitoring of works under archaeological supervision and control</i>		
Site status	-		
Current land use	<i>Residential</i>		
Planned development	<i>New artificial grass sports pitch, team shelters, floodlighting, maintenance/spot equipment store.</i>		
Main features (+dates)	-		
Significant finds (+dates)	-		
Project location			
County/ District/ Parish	Norfolk	South Norfolk	Wymondham
HER/ SMR for area	<i>Norfolk County Council Historic Environment Record (NCC HER)</i>		
Post code (if known)	<i>NR18 0UR</i>		
Area of site	<i>c.5000m²</i>		
NGR	<i>612244 302159</i>		
Height AOD (min/max)	<i>c.46m AOD</i>		
Project creators			
Brief issued by	<i>Norfolk County Council Historic Environment Service (NCC HES)</i>		
Project supervisor/s (PO)	<i>Archaeological Solutions Ltd</i>		
Funded by	<i>McArdle Sport Tec</i>		
Full title	<i>Ketts Park Community Centre, Harts Farm Road, Wymondham, Norfolk NR18 0UR. Monitoring of Works Under Archaeological Supervision and Control</i>		
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1.2 The monitoring was undertaken in accordance with a generic brief prepared by the Norfolk County Council Historic Environment Service (NCC HES), and a written scheme of investigation (specification) prepared by AS (dated 3rd April 2018), and approved by NCC HES. The project conformed to the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA) *Code of Conduct and Standard and Guidance for an Archaeological Watching Brief* (revised 2014), and the NCC

document, *Standards for Development-led Archaeological Projects in Norfolk* (Robertson *et al*, 2018).

1.3 The principal objectives of the monitoring were:

- to ensure the archaeological excavation and 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;
- to secure the full analysis and interpretation of the site archive and the appropriate publication of the project results, if required;
- to secure the analysis, long-term conservation and storage of the project archive.

Planning Policy Context

1.4 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF 2018) states that those parts of the historic environment that have significance because of their historic, archaeological, architectural or artistic interest are heritage assets. The NPPF 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. The NPPF requires applications to describe the significance of any heritage asset, including its setting that may be affected in proportion to the asset's importance and the potential impact of the proposal.

1.5 The NPPF aims to conserve England's heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, with substantial harm to designated heritage assets (i.e. listed buildings, scheduled monuments) only permitted in exceptional circumstances when the public benefit of a proposal outweighs the conservation of the asset. The effect of proposals on non-designated heritage assets must be balanced against the scale of loss and significance of the asset, but non-designated heritage assets of demonstrably equivalent significance may be considered subject to the same policies as those that are designated. The NPPF states that opportunities to capture evidence from the historic environment, to record and advance the understanding of heritage assets and to make this publicly available is a requirement of development management. This opportunity should be taken in a manner proportionate to the significance of a heritage asset and to impact of the proposal, particularly where a heritage asset is to be lost.

2 SITE DESCRIPTION

2.1 Wymondham is a market town located 10km south-west of Norwich. The site is located in Ketts Park Recreation Ground on the east side of the town in the angle between the B1172 to the north and the A11 to the south. It comprises grass playing fields and has Ketts Community Centre and artificial tennis courts immediately to the north.

3 TOPOGRAPHY, GEOLOGY AND SOILS

3.1 The town is located on the north side of the River Tiffey with the site at approximately 45m AOD. The solid geology comprises Cretaceous upper chalk overlain by Lowestoft Formation chalky till. The local soils comprise coarse and fine loamy soils sometimes over clayey soils which are prone to seasonal waterlogging.

4 ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

4.1 In 1994 field walking over an area including the site recovered a concentration of pot boilers and worked flints, and a subsequent archaeological evaluation identified a Bronze Age pit (NHER 30872). Field walking south and west of the site, starting some 50m to the south-west, recovered prehistoric worked flints and pot boilers, medieval and post-medieval pottery and other finds. Further work in 1997 revealed two ditches and medieval to post-medieval pottery sherds (NHER 30871, NHER 30846). Further to the south-west, centred on Holly Blue Road, more prehistoric flints, Roman and medieval pottery sherds, a Late Saxon mount, and post-medieval finds were recovered (NHER 30887). Further finds of a similar nature came from further south, centred on 450m from the site (NHER 30873, NHER 30888). Eleven prehistoric worked flints and a medieval pottery sherd were found 500m west of the site along Harts Farm Road (NHER 28154). In an area commencing 200m north-east of the site, now beneath the new Norfolk Police Head Quarters, was evidence for a Neolithic or Bronze Age flint working site, along with a number of multi-period pottery sherds (NHER 33779). Two sherds of Roman pottery were found 420m east of the site (NHER 28410).

4.2 Approximately 300m south-south-east of the site are the earthworks of what was probably a large, medieval ringwork which survive to some considerable height; they have been subject to ground survey and are partially visible on aerial photographs (NHER 9438). The ringwork, which is located in an isolated part of the Stanfield estate, is thought to have been built by the D'Albinis between 1088 and 1139. The feature measures approximately 150m by 130m, with a large bank and water-filled ditch; the internal area also appears to be filled with irregular water-filled pits or ponds. It is thought that a gold ring of Katherine Bigot, wife of Roger Fitz-Ortet who held Stanfield Manor in 1306, was also recovered from this area.

4.3 Metal detecting and field walking over an area including the site, recovered fragments of medieval and post-medieval pottery and metalwork including two buckles and a spur terminal and a Late Saxon stirrup strap mount (NHER 29284, NHER 30872). Metal detecting over a broad area to the south of the ringwork have recovered a medieval coin and metalwork, and other multi-period finds including a prehistoric blade (NHER 31301, NHER 29283). Post-medieval field boundaries have also been identified here which feature on the 1839 Tithe map. Other field boundaries of post-medieval and possibly earlier date have been recorded to the north of these, between Copper Smith Lane and Spinks Way, and mainly east of the A11 (NHER 54633).

4.4 Several ditches, pits and post holes were recorded during an evaluation in advance of residential development commencing 530m north-east of the site, beyond the B1135 roundabout (NHER 58263). Two of the ditches yielded sherds of medieval to post-medieval pottery, and metal objects mainly of this date had previously been recorded in this field (NHER 31300). Prehistoric activity was indicated by a small assemblage of unstratified Early Neolithic worked flint recovered from the southern half of the site (which may be related to NHER 33779 above). Three charcoal-rich pits exhibit similarities to those associated with Iron Age settlement elsewhere in the county, but no clear dating evidence was found for the features at this site (NHER 58263).

4.5 Commencing 180m west and south of the site, in the area of The Loke and beyond, were located probable post-medieval paddocks and enclosures associated with 17th century Hart's Farm (NHER 54634, NHER 39784). The farm building is located 150m south-west of the site, and a curvilinear cropmark was recorded leading from it running south-east towards Browick, representing either a track or field boundary of post-medieval or possibly earlier date (NHER 54635). Together with two ancillary field boundaries, which conform to the field pattern depicted on the Tithe Map, it forms part of an extensive post-medieval field pattern, with traces of potentially earlier elements, visible as cropmarks/soilmarks and extant boundaries. In 1986 a small number of medieval and post-medieval pottery sherds were recovered from a drainage ditch near Harts Farm Road some 410m north-east of the site (NHER 22827).

4.6 The site of a World War Two searchlight battery visible on 1946 aerial photos and later as earthworks, was located approximately 500m south-west of the site, adjacent to Mallow Way (NHER 54631). Evidence of a World War Two German aircraft crash has come from the vicinity of the site (NHER 30872) and another aircraft crash site was also identified beneath the Norfolk Police HQ north-west of the site (NHER 33779), although this may be the same aeroplane as from the first crash site.

5 METHODOLOGY

5.1 The archaeological monitoring comprised the close supervision of the groundworks associated with the construction of the new sports pitch.

5.2 The top of the exposed surface was cleaned by hand and examined for archaeological features and the sections of each trench were examined in detail for signs of archaeological deposits or features. All though no significant archaeological features or deposits were identified, the deposits that were encountered were recorded using pro forma recording sheets, drawn to scale and photographed as appropriate. Excavated spoil was searched for archaeological finds.

6 DESCRIPTION OF RESULTS Fig. 3

6.1 Sample sections of the stratigraphy encountered were recorded and tabulated:

<i>Sample Section 1</i> <i>0.00 = 46.60m AOD</i>		
0.00 – 0.25m	L1000	Topsoil. Friable, dark grey brown sandy silt with moderate small and medium sub-angular flint.
0.25 – 0.38m	L1001	Subsoil. Friable, pale yellow brown sandy silt with occasional small and medium sub-angular flint.
0.38m +	L1002	Natural. Firm, mid orange brown sandy silt clay with moderate - occasional flint

<i>Sample Section 2</i> <i>0.00 = 46.69m AOD</i>		
0.00 – 0.20m	L1000	Topsoil. As above.
0.20 – 0.25m	L1001	Subsoil. As above.
0.25m+	L1002	Natural.

<i>Sample Section 3</i> <i>0.00 = 46.96m AOD</i>		
0.00 – 0.20m	L1000	Topsoil. As above.
0.20 – 0.26m	L1001	Subsoil. As above.
0.26m+	L1002	Natural. As above

Description: No archaeological features or finds were present within the monitored area.

7 CONFIDENCE RATING

7.1 Within the parameters of monitoring it is not felt that any factors inhibited the recognition of archaeological features or finds.

8 DISCUSSION

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DEPOSITION OF THE ARCHIVE

The archive will be deposited with Norwich Castle Museum. The requirements for archive storage will be agreed and the archive deposited there within three months of the conclusion of fieldwork.

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Number	Description
L1000	Topsoil
L1001	Subsoil
L1002	Natural

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Project dates	Start: 08-08-2018 End: 17-08-2018
Previous/future work	Not known / Not known
Any associated project reference codes	P7438 - Contracting Unit No.
Any associated project reference codes	ENF143590 - Sitecode
Type of project	Recording project
Site status	Area of Archaeological Importance (AAI)
Current Land use	Other 15 - Other
Monument type	NONE None
Significant Finds	NONE None
Investigation type	"Watching Brief"
Prompt	Planning condition

Project location

Country	England
Site location	NORFOLK SOUTH NORFOLK WYMONDHAM Ketts Park Community Centre, Harts Farm Rd, Wymondham

Postcode NR18 0UR
 Study area 5000 Square metres
 Site coordinates TG 1224 0215 52.575204896559 1.132618886589 52 34 30 N 001 07 57 E Point
 Height OD / Depth Min: 46m Max: 46m

Project creators

Name of Organisation Archaeological Solutions Ltd
 Project brief originator NCC HES
 Project design originator Jon Murray
 Project director/manager Jon Murray
 Project supervisor Archaeological Solutions
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Project archives

Physical Archive Exists? No
 Digital Archive recipient Norwich Castle Museum
 Digital Contents "none"
 Digital Media available "Database","Images raster / digital photography","Spreadsheets","Text"
 Paper Archive recipient Norwich Castle Museum
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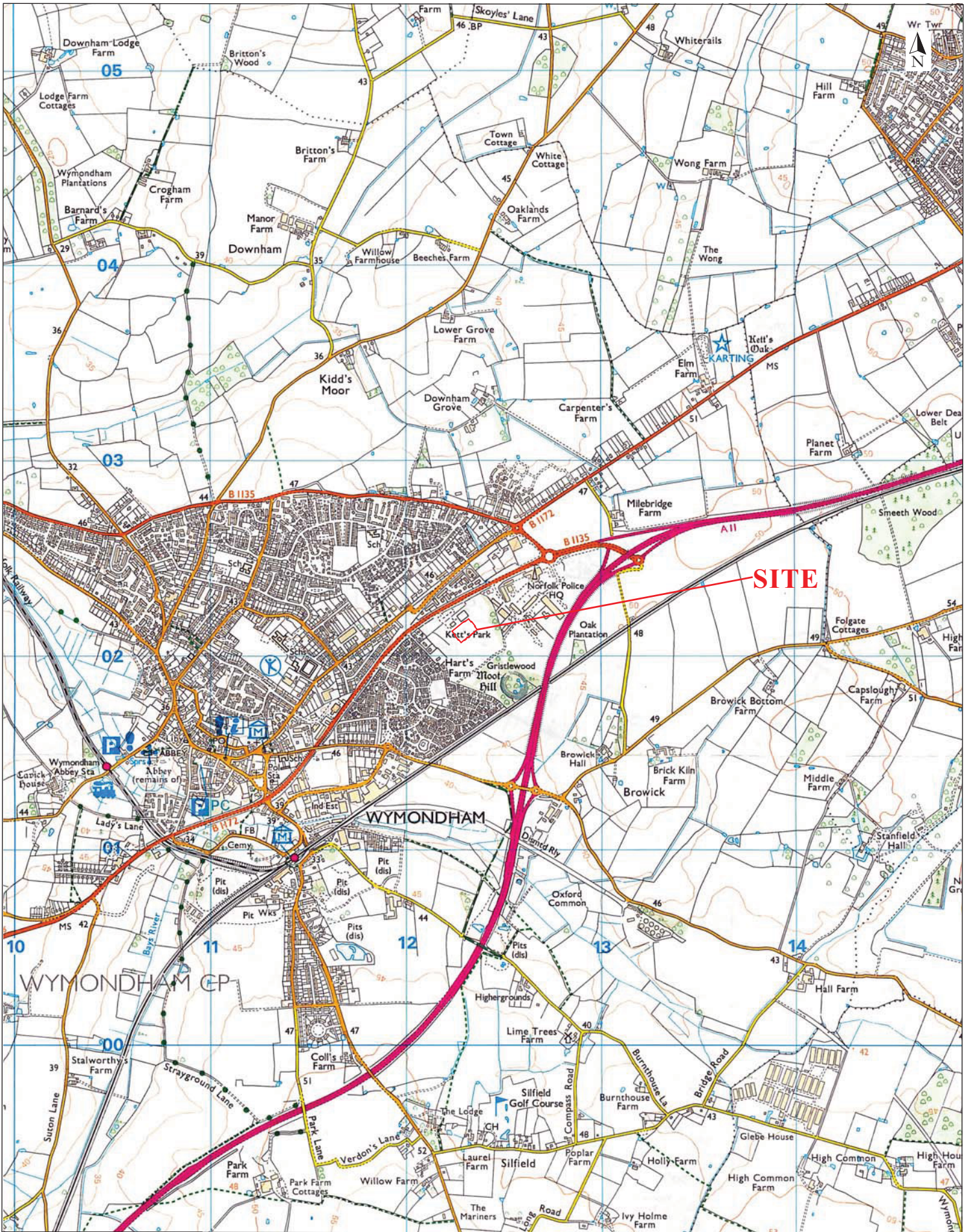
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Fig. 1 Site location plan
 Scale 1:25,000 at A4
 Kett's Park Community Centre, Wymondham (P7438)

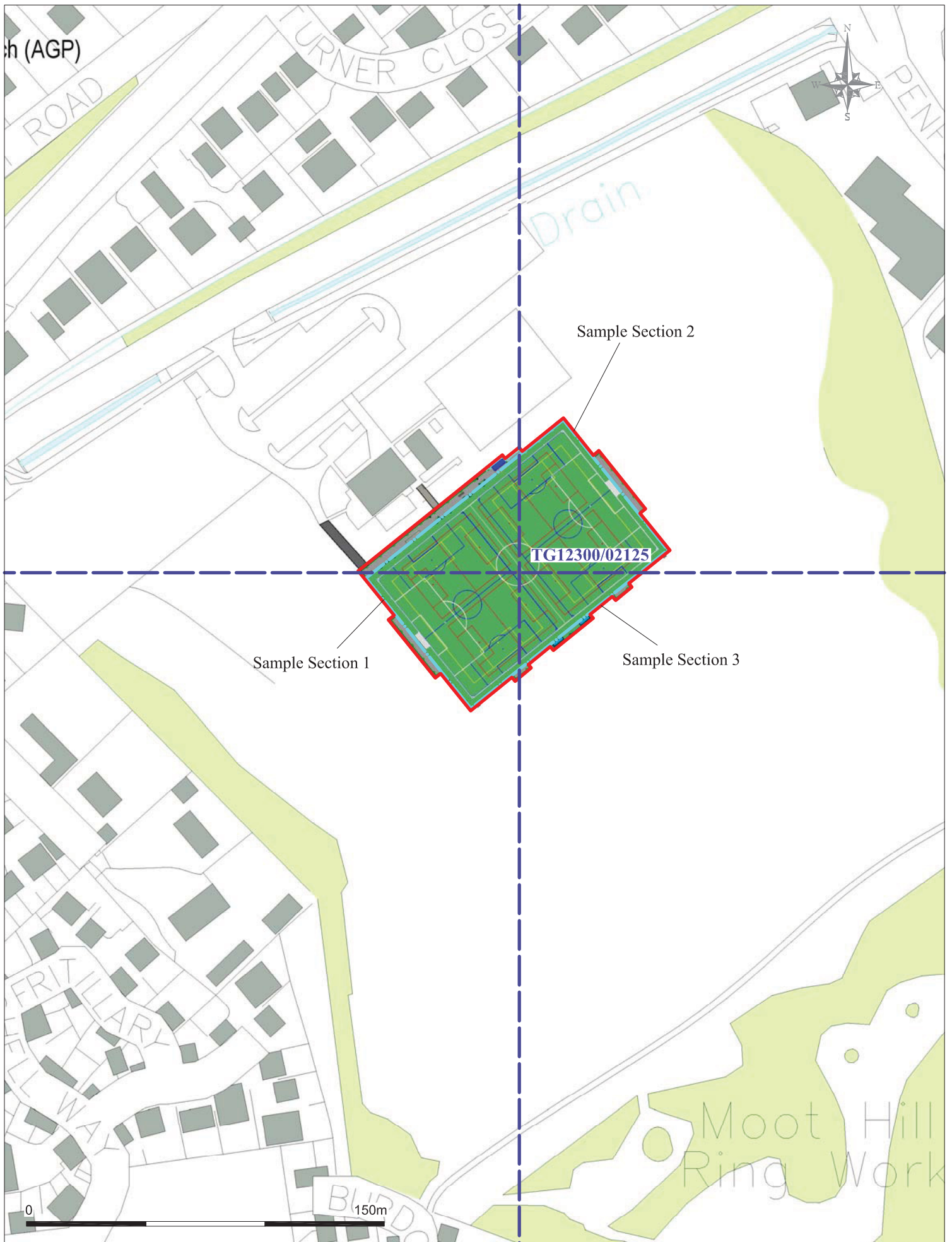
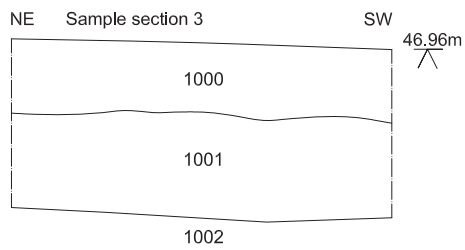
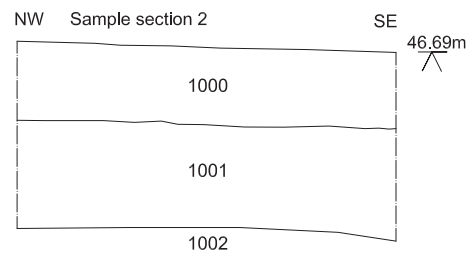
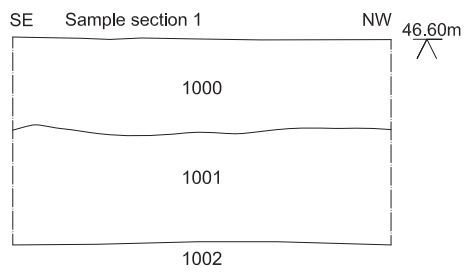


Fig. 2 Detailed site location plan

Scale 1:2000 at A4

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Fig. 3 Sample sections
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