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**9 and 11 Hove Street,
Hove, East Sussex**

Archaeological Watching Brief

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Site Code: HSH14/25

(TQ 2830 0456)

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Summary

Site name: 9 & 11 Hove Street, Hove, East Sussex

Grid reference: TQ 2830 0456

Planning reference: BH2013/01693

Site activity: Watching Brief

Date and duration of project: 26th March 2014

Project manager: Sean Wallis

Site supervisor: Odile Rouard

Site code: HSH14/25

Area of site: c. 575 sq m

Summary of results: The foundations for the new extension were monitored during the watching brief. Buried garden soil deposits were recorded directly above the natural geology, but no archaeological finds or features were observed.

Location and reference of archive: The preferred repository is Brighton Museum, but they are not accepting material at the present time. The archive will be temporarily stored at Thames Valley Archaeological Services Ltd, 47-49 De Beauvoir Road, Reading, RG1 5NR, until such time as a suitable repository can be found.

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Introduction

This report documents the results of an archaeological watching brief carried out at 9 and 11 Hove Street, Hove, East Sussex (TQ 2830 0456) (Fig. 1). The work was commissioned by one of the property's owners, Mr Gary Coombs of 11 Hove Street, Hove, East Sussex, BN3 2TR.

Planning permission (BH2013/04030) had been gained from Brighton and Hove City Council to construct two new single storey extensions to the rear of the properties. The consent was subject to a standard condition (4) relating to archaeology, which required the implementation of a programme of archaeological work to take place during groundworks.

This is in accordance with the *National Planning Policy Framework* (NPPF, 2012), and the City Council's policies on archaeology. The watching brief was carried out in accordance with a written scheme of investigation approved by the East Sussex Archaeological Officer, Mr Greg Chuter, who acts as archaeological advisor to the City. Where appropriate and relevant, the recommendations in the 'Standards for archaeological fieldwork, recording, and post-excavation work in East Sussex (2008)' were followed.

The fieldwork was undertaken by Odile Rouard on 26th March 2014, and the site code is HSH 14/25. The archive is presently held at Thames Valley Archaeological Services, Reading and will be deposited with a suitable repository when one becomes available.

Location, topography and geology

The site is located on the east side of Hove Street, Hove, East Sussex (TQ 2830 0456) (Fig 2). According to the British Geological Survey, the underlying geology consists of either Brickearth or Head Deposits (BGS 2006). The natural geology observed during the watching brief consisted of light brown clay with flint and gravel inclusions.

The site is currently occupied by two semi-detached town houses and their associated garden areas. The surrounding area is relatively flat, and lies at a height of approximately 9m above Ordnance Datum.

Archaeological background

The archaeological potential of the site stems from its location within the historic core of Hove. A search of the East Sussex Historic Environment Record (ESHER ref. 022/14) was carried out in February 2014 to provide further information on the archaeological background of the area. A number of prehistoric stray finds are recorded, including a Neolithic leaf-shaped arrowhead from Vallance Gardens to the east of the present site, and two Bronze Age axes which were found to the north and north-west. A Bronze Age barbed and tanged arrowhead was discovered to the north-west. The site lies within an Archaeological Notification Area (ANA) associated with the medieval and post-medieval settlement of Hove, which was a small fishing village until it began to expand dramatically from the late 18th century onwards. Some of the early settlement is believed to have been inundated by the sea during storms in the 18th century. A 'Manor House' is shown on the First Edition Ordnance Survey, from the 1870s, close to the present site.

Objectives and methodology

The aims of the watching brief were to excavate and record any archaeological deposits affected by the groundworks. This was to include the monitoring of the footing trenches for the new extensions and any associated service runs. Sufficient time was to be allowed within the developer's and groundworkers' schedules to record any archaeological features revealed.

Results

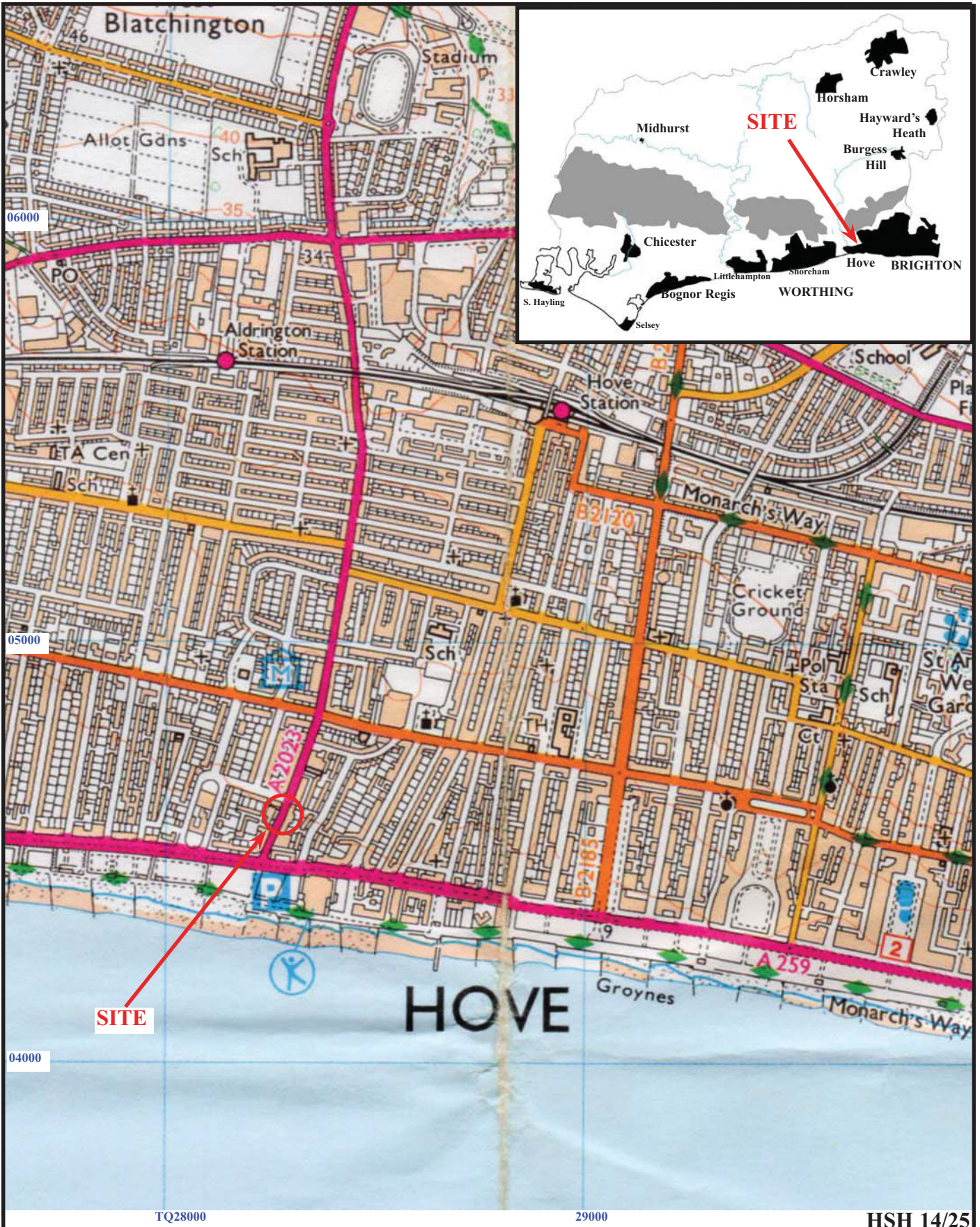
Prior to the commencement of the watching brief two smaller extensions were demolished and a concrete slab removed from the rear garden area. The foundation trenches for the new extensions were then monitored. (Figs 3 and 4). These were 0.60m wide and up to 0.90m deep. The stratigraphy below the concrete slab generally comprised 0.40m of buried garden soil which contained a small amount of Victorian and 20th century material (not retained), above a 0.20m thick subsoil deposit of mid brown silty clay (Pls 1 and 2). The subsoil lay directly above the natural geology, which consisted of light brown clay with gravel and flint inclusions. Despite the fact that the area does not appear to have been significantly truncated in the past, no archaeological finds or features were recorded.

Conclusion

The watching brief at 9 and 11 Hove Street successfully examined those parts of the site which were to be most affected by the construction of the new extensions. No archaeological finds or features were recorded, despite the fact that the area does not appear to have been significantly disturbed in the past.

References

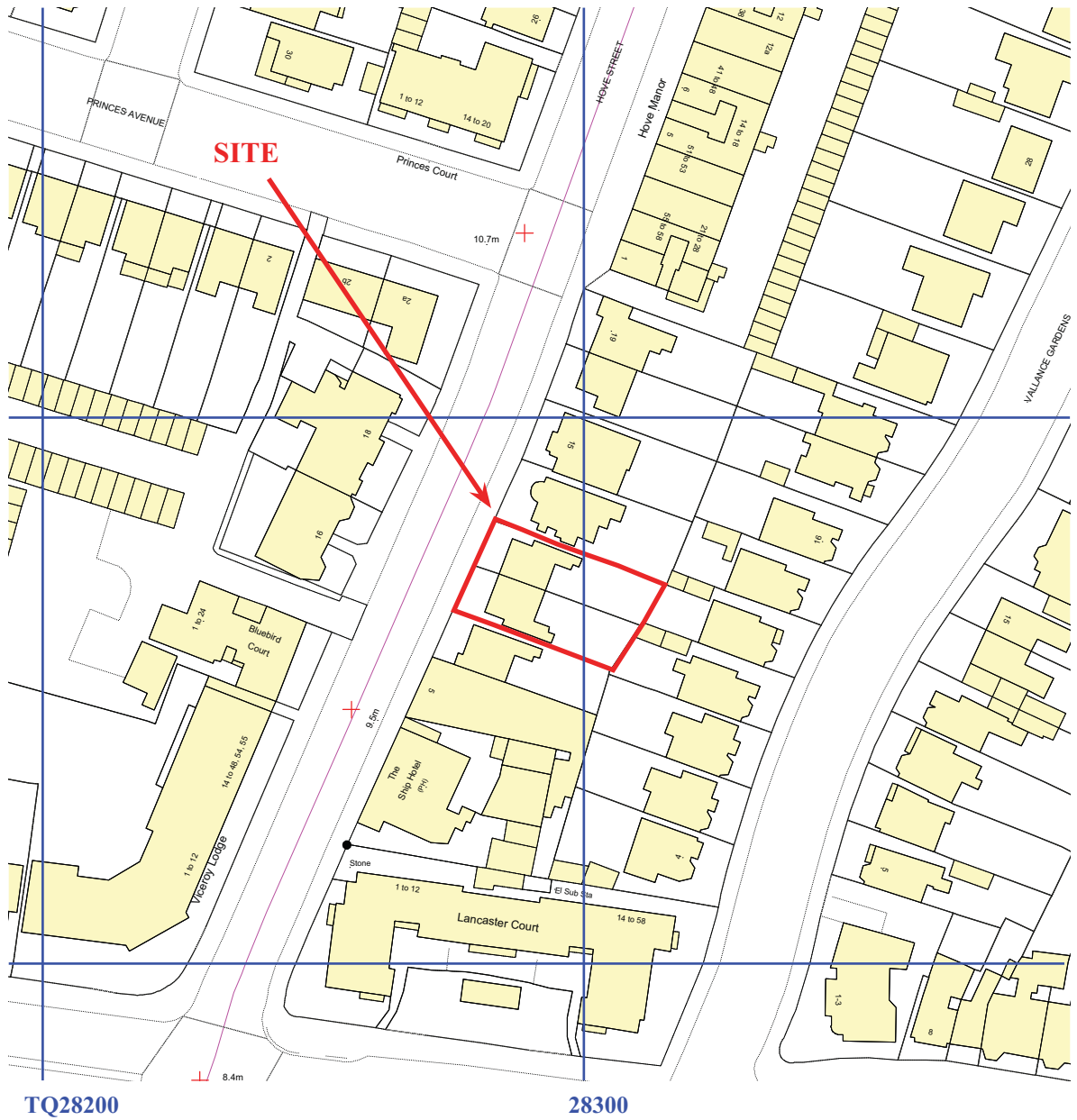
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Figure 1. Location of site within Hove
and West Sussex.

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Figure 2. Detailed location of site**

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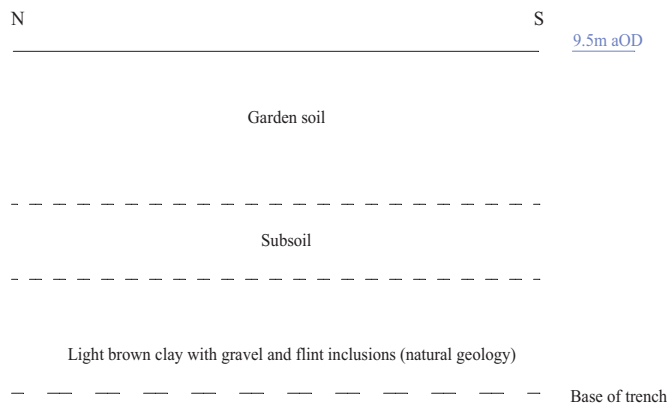


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Figure 3. Location of areas monitored.



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Figure 4. Representative section.





Plate 1. General view of new footing, looking north.



Plate 2. Representative section, looking east, Scales: horizontal 0.5m, vertical 0.5m.

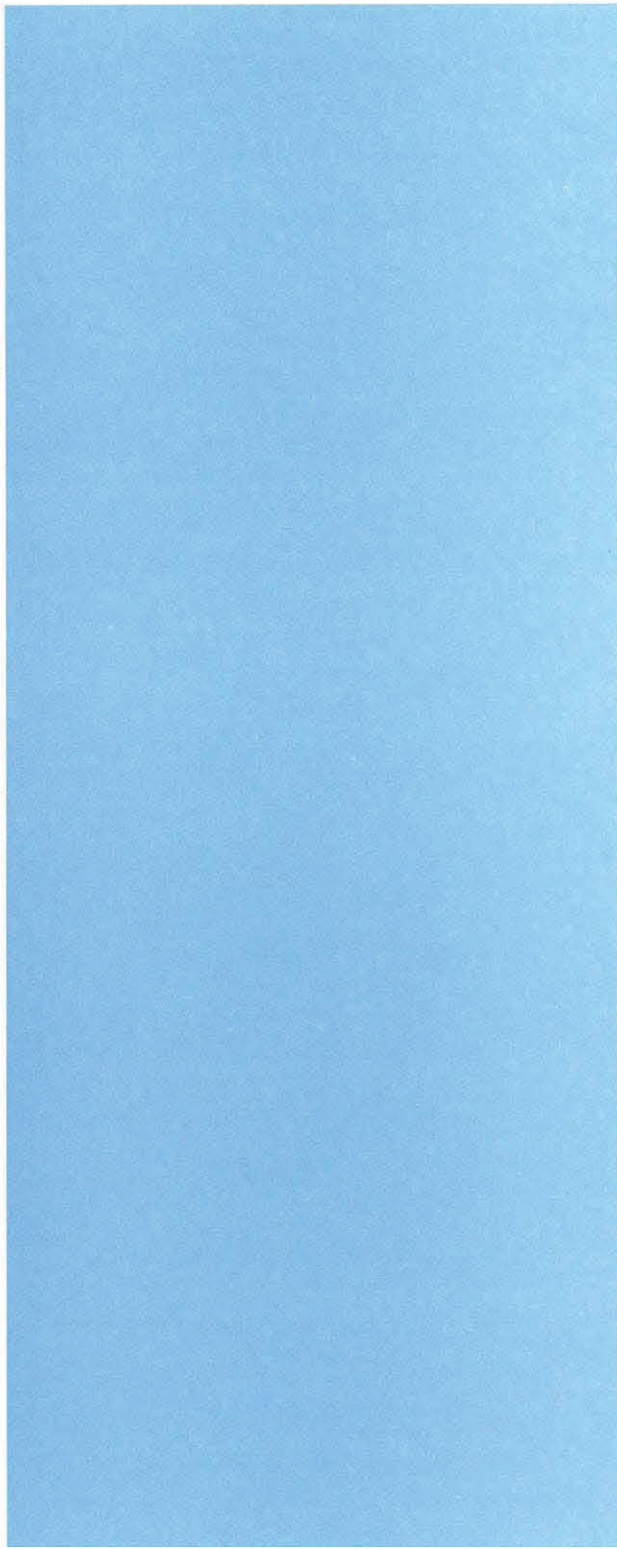
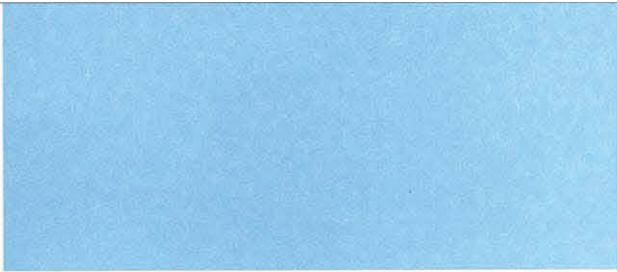
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Plates 1 - 2.

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	Calendar Years
Modern _____	AD 1901
Victorian _____	AD 1837
Post Medieval _____	AD 1500
Medieval _____	AD 1066
Saxon _____	AD 410
Roman _____	AD 43
Iron Age _____	BC/AD 750 BC
Bronze Age: Late -----	1300 BC
Bronze Age: Middle -----	1700 BC
Bronze Age: Early -----	2100 BC
Neolithic: Late	3300 BC
Neolithic: Early	4300 BC
Mesolithic: Late	6000 BC
Mesolithic: Early	10000 BC
Palaeolithic: Upper	30000 BC
Palaeolithic: Middle	70000 BC
Palaeolithic: Lower	2,000,000 BC
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