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**149-151 Heath Road, Twickenham,
London Borough of Richmond**

Archaeological Evaluation

by Andy Taylor

**Site Code: HRT18/27
(TQ 1568 7311)**

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London Borough of Richmond**

**An Archaeological Evaluation
for ACD Environmental Ltd**

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Thames Valley Archaeological Services Ltd

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Summary

Site name: 149-151 Heath Road, Twickenham, London Borough of Richmond

Grid reference: TQ 1568 7311

Site activity: Evaluation

Date and duration of project: 3rd July; 27th July 2018

Project coordinator: Danielle Milbank

Site supervisor: Andy Taylor

Site code: HRT 18/27

Summary of results: No deposits or finds of archaeological interest were observed.

Location and reference of archive: The archive is presently held at Thames Valley Archaeological Services, Reading and will be deposited with the Museum of London in due course.

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Introduction

This report documents the results of an archaeological field evaluation carried out at 149-151 Heath Road, Twickenham, London Borough of Richmond (TQ 1568 7311) (Fig. 1). The work was commissioned by Mr Ben Stephenson, Consultant Archaeologist with ACD Environmental Ltd, Rodbourne Rail Business Centre, Grange Lane, Malmesbury, Wiltshire, SN16 0ES.

Planning permission (16/3450/FUL) has been gained for the construction of a new block of apartments. A condition is attached to the consent (LB12B) which required a programme of archaeological work to be carried out.

This is in accordance with the Department for Communities and Local Government's *National Planning Policy Framework* (NPPF 2012), and the Borough Council's policies on archaeology. The field investigation was carried out to a specification approved by Ms Laura O'Gorman of Greater London Archaeological Advisory Service, advisers to the Borough on matters relating to archaeology. This was to comprise a watching brief during groundworks. However, this failed to take place and an alternative scheme for evaluation was proposed and agreed. The evaluation fieldwork was undertaken by Andy Taylor on the 27th July 2018 and the site code is HRT 18/27. The archive is presently held at Thames Valley Archaeological Services, Reading and will be with the Museum of London or Archaeology Data Service in due course.

Location, topography and geology

The site is located on the south side of Heath Road and on the eastern side of Twickenham. It is surrounded by residential and commercial properties (Fig. 1). It was a flat, rectangular parcel of land covered with made ground from the demolished former property, although much of the site had already been excavated. The underlying geology is mapped as Brickearth (BGS 1981), which was observed across the site. Ground level lies just over 9m above Ordnance Datum, and the base of the trenches recorded natural brickearth clay at 8.33m in the base of Trench 3.

Archaeological background

The archaeological potential of the site is demonstrated from its inclusion within an Archaeological Priority Area within the borough and has been described in a briefing letter prepared by Ms Laura O'Gorman of Greater London Archaeological Advisory Service. In summary Twickenham was suburbanised in the 17th and 18th and became a fashionable area in which to live. Several large houses with gardens and parks were created. Parts of the site include an area occupied by Saville House which was built in the 18th century. The site also lies within the archaeologically rich Thames Valley and there is a possibility of prehistoric, Roman, Saxon or medieval deposits also being encountered. A search of the Greater London Historic Environment Record revealed no records within c. 200m of the site. A greater number of entries lay with 600m but most of these were for listed buildings, including Pope's Grotto to the south. There were few archaeological interventions and findspots. Most features of archaeological interest lay to the east close to the river in the centre of Twickenham.

Objectives and methodology

The purpose of the evaluation was to determine the presence/absence, extent, condition, character, quality and date of any archaeological deposits within the area of development.

Specific aims of the project were;

- a) To determine if archaeologically relevant levels have survived on this site.
- b) To determine if archaeological deposits of any period are present.
- c) To inform a strategy for mitigation if required.

Initially five trenches were proposed to be dug, although this proved to be impossible due to the majority of the site having already been reduced below any archaeological horizon. As such three trenches were excavated where possible.

Results

Three trenches were dug measuring 1.60m wide and between 2.10m and 6.00m long and between 0.40m and 1.20m deep.

A complete list of trenches giving lengths, breadths, depths and a description of sections and geology is given in Appendix 1.

Trench 1 (Fig. 3; Pl. 1)

This trench was aligned approximately N-S and measured 5.10m long and 0.60m deep at its northern end and 1.20m at the southern end. At the northern end the stratigraphy consisted of 0.15m of Tarmac and cement overlying 0.40m of brick rubble made ground overlying brickearth natural geology. No deposits of archaeological interest were observed. The southern end consisted of Tarmac overlying rubble to a depth of 1.20m.

Trench 2 (Fig 3)

This trench was aligned approximately E-W and measured 6m long and 0.40m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of 0.09m of Tarmac overlying 0.31m of hoggin. The natural geology could not be exposed in this trench due to the presence of a large amount of services.

Trench 3 (Fig. 3 and 4; Pl. 2)

This trench was aligned approximately E-W and measured 2.10m long and 0.70m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of 0.09m of Tarmac overlying 0.61m of hoggin overlying brickearth natural geology. No deposits of archaeological interest were observed.

Finds

No finds of an archaeological nature were recovered.

Conclusion

The evaluation did not identify any deposits or finds of archaeological significance. Unfortunately the majority of the site had been reduced prior to any archaeological works being undertaken. The remaining area that could be trenched showed very high levels of truncation from services and grubbed out footings from earlier buildings (none of which were in-situ). The surviving section of exposed stratigraphy on the Heath Road frontage was examined although only 20th Century made ground (rubble, plastic etc) was observed cut through by modern services.

References

BGS, 1981, *British Geological Survey*, 1:50000, Sheet 270, Solid and Drift Edition, Keyworth
NPPF, 2012, *National Planning Policy Framework*, Dept Communities and Local Govt, London

APPENDIX 1: Trench details

0m at S or W end

<i>Trench</i>	<i>Length (m)</i>	<i>Breadth (m)</i>	<i>Depth (m)</i>	<i>Comment</i>
1	5.10	1.60	0.60 (N) 1.20 (S)	N-0-0.15m tarmac and cement; 0.15m-0.55m rubble made ground; 0.55m-0.60m+ brickearth natural geology.
2	6.00	1.60	0.40	0-0.09m tarmac; 0.09m-0.40m hoggin.
3	2.10	1.60	0.70	0-0.09m tarmac; 0.09m-0.70m hoggin; 0.70m+ brickearth natural geology.

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Project details

Project name	149-151 Heath Road, Twickenham
Short description of the project	No finds or deposits of archaeological interest were encountered.
Project dates	Start: 27-07-2018 End: 27-07-2018
Previous/future work	No / No
Any associated project reference codes	HRT18/27 - Contracting Unit No.
Any associated project reference codes	16/3450/FUL - Planning Application No.
Type of project	Field evaluation
Site status	Local Authority Designated Archaeological Area
Current Land use	Vacant Land 1 - Vacant land previously developed
Monument type	NONE None
Significant Finds	NONE None
Methods & techniques	"Sample Trenches"
Development type	Urban residential (e.g. flats, houses, etc.)
Prompt	National Planning Policy Framework - NPPF
Position in the planning process	After full determination (eg. As a condition)

Project location

Country	England
Site location	GREATER LONDON RICHMOND UPON THAMES TWICKENHAM 149-151 Heath Road
Study area	500 Square metres
Site coordinates	TQ 1568 7311 51.444651709223 -0.335250061984 51 26 40 N 000 20 06 W Point
Height OD / Depth	Min: 8m Max: 8m

Project creators

Name of Organisation	Thames Valley Archaeological Services
Project brief originator	English Heritage/Department of Environment
Project design originator	Danielle Milbank
Project director/manager	Danielle Milbank
Project supervisor	Andy Taylor
Type of sponsor/funding body	Consultant
Name of sponsor/funding body	ACD Environmental Ltd

Project archives

Physical Archive Exists?	No
Digital Archive recipient	Museum of London
Digital Contents	"other"
Digital Media available	"Images raster / digital photography"

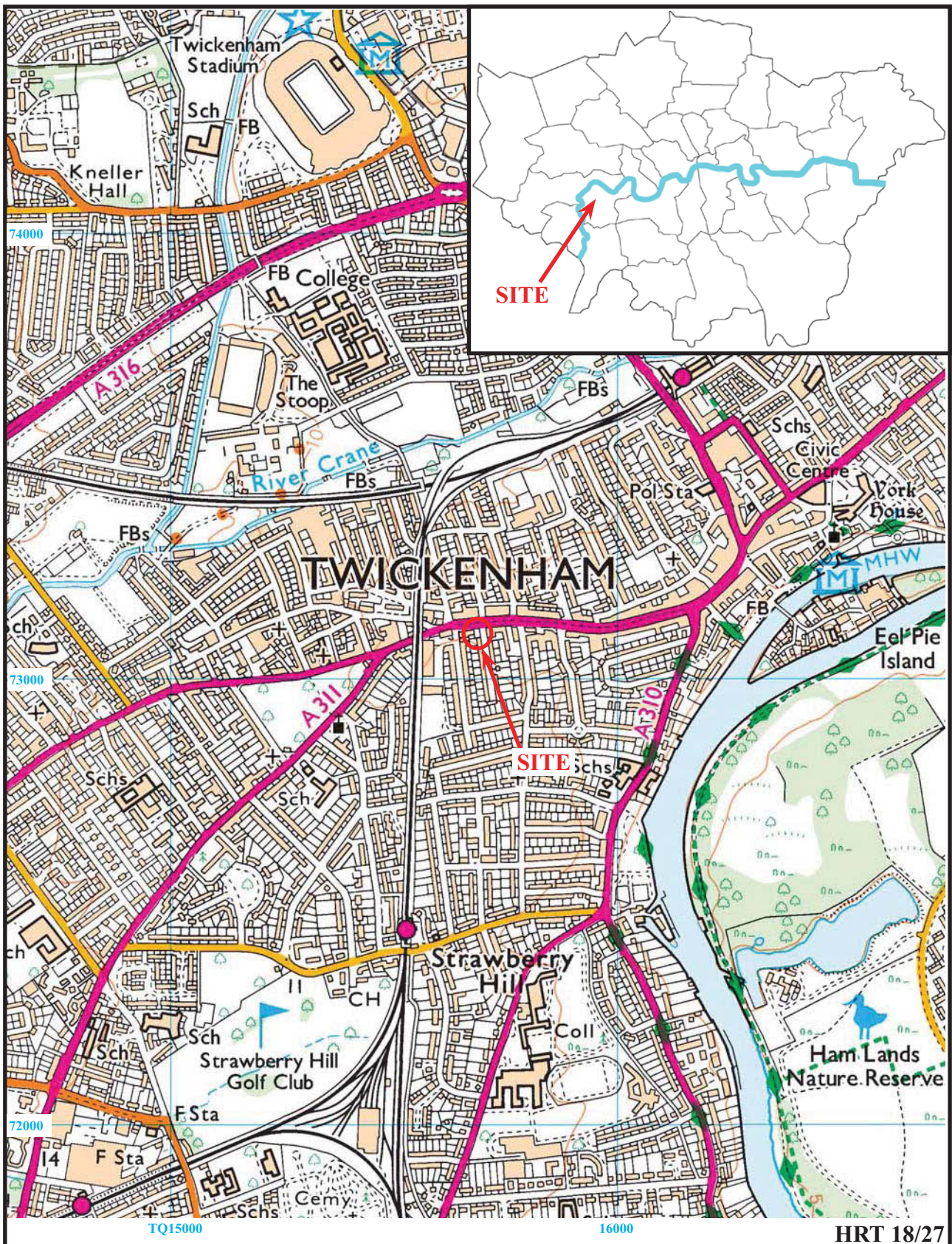
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Paper Contents	"Stratigraphic", "Survey"
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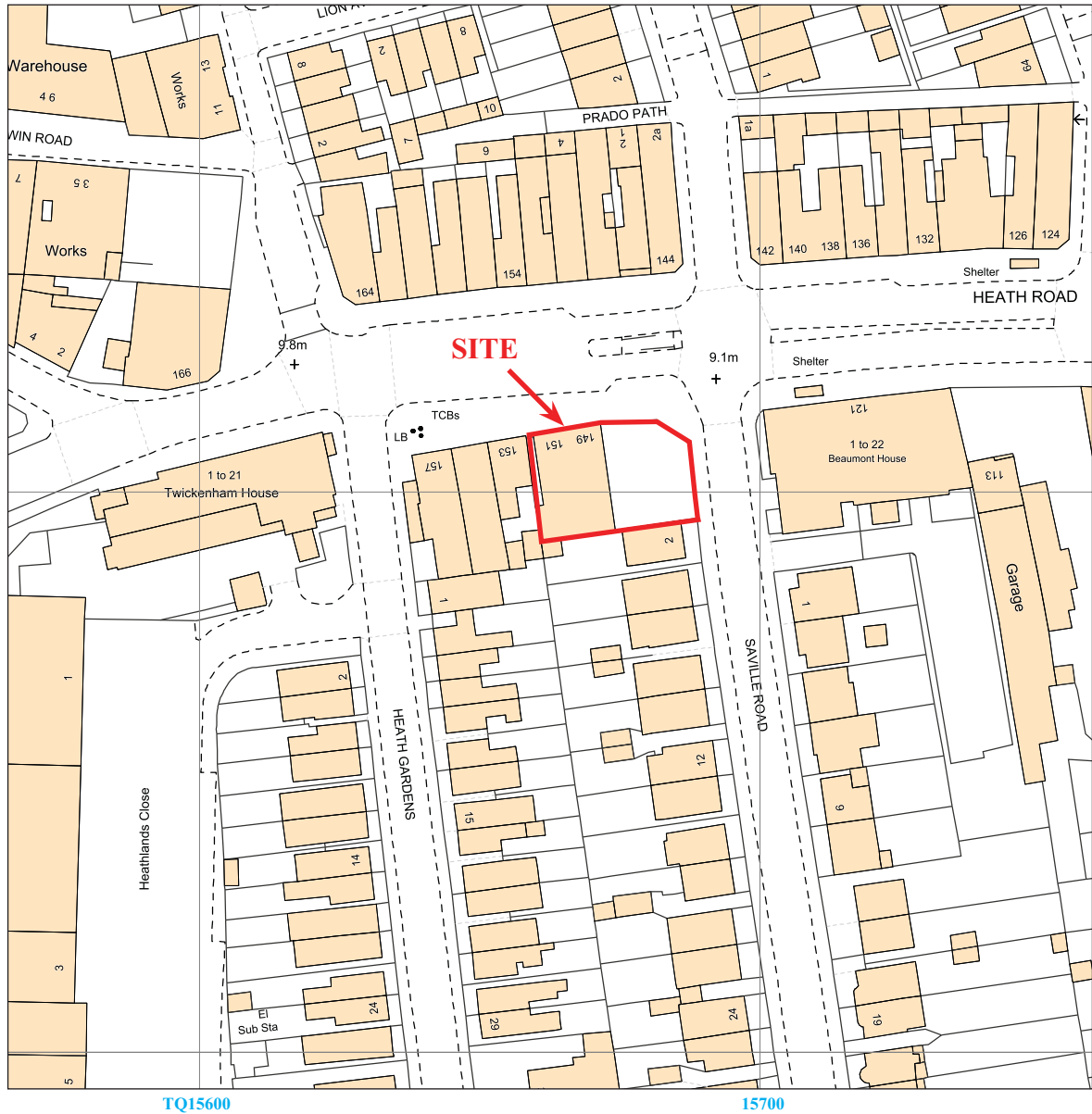
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Figure 1. Location of site within Twickenham and
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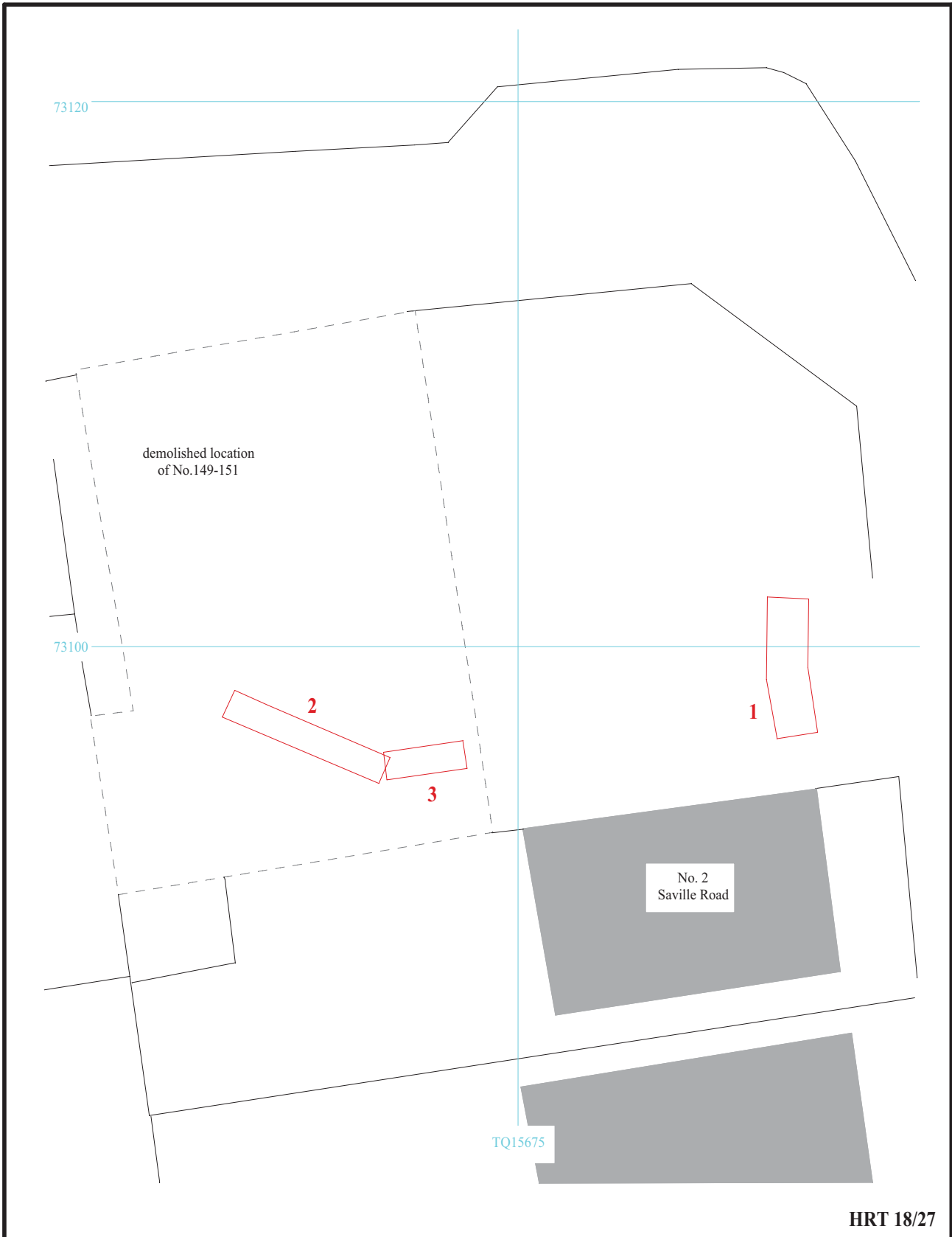
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Figure 2. Detailed location of site off Heath Road.

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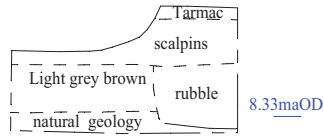


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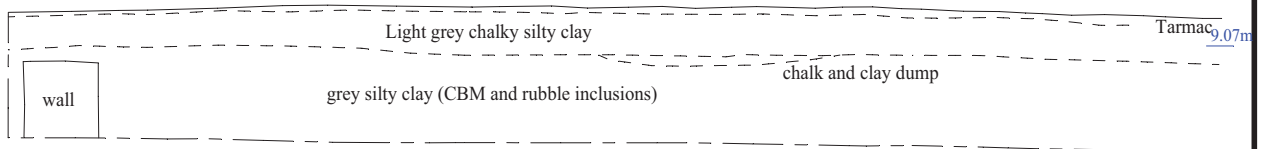
Figure 3. Location of trenches.



Trench 3 - North facing



Trench 1 - West facing



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Figure 4. Trench sections.



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Plate 1. Trench 1 section, looking east, Scale 0.5m



Plate 2. Trench 3 section, looking south, Scale: 0.5m.

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Plates 1 and 2.

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Plate 3. Exposed section under Heath Road, western side, looking south.



Plate 4. Exposed section under Heath road, eastern section, looking south.

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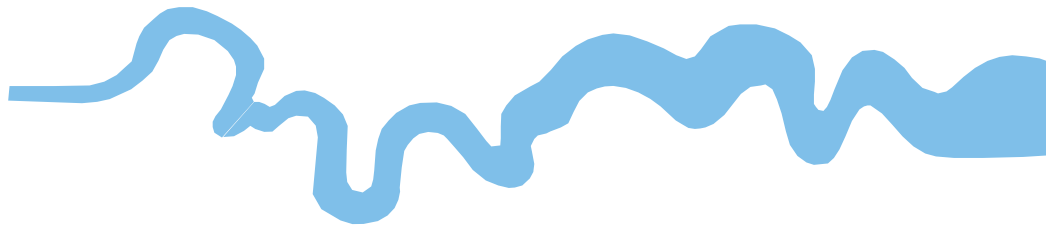
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Plates 3 and 4.**

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TIME CHART

	Calendar Years
Modern _____	AD 1901
Victorian _____	AD 1837
Post Medieval _____	AD 1500
Medieval _____	AD 1066
Saxon _____	AD 410
Roman _____	AD 43 AD 0 BC
Iron Age _____	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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