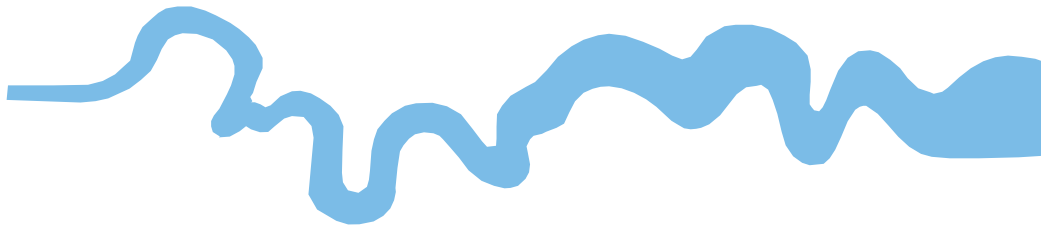


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**December 2019**

## Summary

**Site name:** Land to the rear of 16 Church Lane, Beddington, London Borough of Sutton

**Grid reference:** TQ 2986 6523

**Site activity:** Evaluation

**Date and duration of project:** 27th - 28th November 2019

**Project manager:** Sean Wallis

**Site supervisor:** Odile Rouard

**Site code:** CLB18/149 (HCH 19)

**Area of site:** c. 500 sq. m.

**Summary of results:** The evaluation successfully investigated those parts of the site which will be most affected by the proposed development. The site appeared to have been heavily disturbed in the past by modern features and rooting, as well as being used as a rubbish dump. No archaeological finds or features were recorded during the project and the site is considered to have no archaeological potential.

**Location and reference of archive:** The archive is presently held at TVAS South, Brighton and will be deposited with the Museum of London in due course with accession code HCH19.

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# Land to the rear of 16 Church Lane, Beddington, London Borough of Sutton An Archaeological Evaluation

by Odile Rouard

Report 18/149

## Introduction

This report documents the results of an archaeological field evaluation carried out to the rear of 16 Church Lane, Beddington, London Borough of Sutton (TQ 2986 6523) (Fig. 1). The work was commissioned by Mr Gavin Parish, of 16 Roman Way, Carshalton, SM5 4EF.

Outline planning permission (DM2018/02061) has been granted by the London Borough of Sutton to construct two new dwellings on the site. The consent is subject to two conditions (5 & 6) relating to archaeology and the historic environment. This is in accordance with the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government's *National Planning Policy Framework* (NPPF 2019), and the Borough Council's policies on archaeology. As a consequence of the possibility of archaeological deposits on the site which may be damaged or destroyed by the development, it was proposed to carry out a field evaluation in order to assess the site's archaeological potential and provide information on which to base a mitigation strategy if required.

The field investigation was carried out to a specification approved by the Local Planning Authority following consultation with the Historic England Officer who advises the Borough Council on archaeological matters. The fieldwork was undertaken by Virginia Fuentes and Odile Rouard on 27th–28th November 2019, the TVAS project code is CLB18/149 and the Museum of London site code is HCH19. The archive is presently held at TVAS South, Brighton, and will be deposited with the Museum of London in due course.

## Location, topography and geology

The site is located to the rear of 16 Church Lane, close to the historic core of Beddington, and is centred on NGR TQ 2986 6523 (Fig. 1). The site consists of an irregular plot of land which currently forms part of the garden of 16 Church Lane and is surrounded by residential development along Whelan Way to the north and Church Lane to the south (Fig. 2). The site lies on a slope from north to south towards Whelan Way and the canalized river Wandle beyond, and lies at a height of approximately 38m above Ordnance Datum. According to the British Geological Survey the underlying geology consists of the Thanet Formation - Sand (BGS 1972), and this was confirmed in the evaluation trenches as a mid yellow brown clay sand.

## **Archaeological background**

The archaeological potential of the site has been considered in a desk-based assessment (Baljkas 2018). In summary, the site is located within two overlapping Archaeological Priority Areas. The Beddington Archaeological Priority Area relates to the Saxon and medieval settlement of Beddington, while the North Downs Fringe and Springline Archaeological Priority Area is noted for well-preserved early prehistoric sites. Of particular interest to the present site are the Roman villa and Saxon cemetery which have previously been identified to the north. It was possible that outlying features relating to these may be present within the site. A number of archaeological fieldwork projects have been carried out in the vicinity of the site in recent years, and finds of prehistoric, Roman, Saxon, medieval and post-medieval date have been recorded.

## **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 the proposed development.

Specific aims of the project were:

- to determine if archaeologically relevant levels have survived on this site;
- to determine if archaeological deposits of any period are present;

Two trenches were to be dug, each measuring 10m in length and 1.60m in width. The trenches were positioned to target those parts of the site which would be most affected by the new buildings. The trenches were to be dug using a 360° type machine fitted with a toothless ditching bucket under constant archaeological supervision. All spoilheaps were to be monitored for finds. Where archaeological deposits or features were present these were to be hand-excavated or sampled to an agreed fraction, without compromising the integrity of any features that might warrant preservation *in situ* or might better be investigated under the conditions pertaining to full excavation.

## **Results**

The trenches were dug close to their original planned positions, although the lack of space and presence of rubbish on the site meant that they had to be moved slightly (Fig. 3). The trenches measured between 9m and 10.10m in length, were 1.60m in width, and both were 1.10m in depth. A list of the trenches giving lengths, breadths, depths and a description of sections and geology is given in Appendix 1.

### Trench 1 (Figs 3 and 4; Pls 1 and 4)

This trench was orientated SW-NE, and was 10.10m long and up to 1.10m deep. The natural geology was encountered beneath 0.55m of topsoil (50) and 0.45m of subsoil (51). No archaeological finds or features were recorded in the trench, although a dump of loose chalk and mixed modern material was identified in the north-eastern part of the trench.

### Trench 2 (Figs 3 and 4; Pls 2 and 3)

This trench was orientated W-E, and was 9m long and up to 1.10m deep. The natural geology was encountered beneath a concrete slab 0.07m thick, 0.61m of topsoil (50) and 0.32m of subsoil (51). No archaeological finds or features were recorded in the trench. This trench was heavily truncated by modern features. The dump of loose chalk and mixed modern material seen in trench 1 was also visible in the eastern part of this trench, clearly cutting the modern subsoil.

## **Finds**

The only artefacts noted during the evaluation was clearly modern in date (brick, glass, etc), and came from the modern dump identified in Trenches 1 and 2. As a result, this material was retained on site.

## **Conclusion**

The archaeological evaluation successfully investigated those parts of the site which were to be most affected by the proposed development of the site. The trenching revealed that the site had been heavily disturbed in the past and no archaeological finds or features were recorded during the project. The only feature identified in both trenches was a modern rubbish dump containing loose chalk and modern brick, tile, glass, etc. The archaeological potential of the site is therefore regarded as being low.

## References

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- BGS, 1972, *British Geological Survey*, 1:63360, Sheet 302, Solid and Drift Edition, Keyworth.
- NPPF, 2019, *National Planning Policy Framework* (revised), Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, London.

**APPENDIX 1: Trench details**

<i>Trench</i>	<i>Length (m)</i>	<i>Breadth (m)</i>	<i>Depth (m)</i>	<i>Comment</i>
1	10.10	1.60	1.10	0-0.55m topsoil (50); 0.55-1m subsoil (51); 1-1.10m+ natural geology (mid yellow brown clay sand). <b>[Pls 1 and 4]</b>
2	9	1.60	1.10	0-0.07m concrete slab; 0.07-0.68m topsoil (50); 0.68-1m subsoil (51); 1m+ natural geology (mid yellow brown clay sand). <b>[Pls 2 and 3]</b>



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Project dates	Start: 27-11-2019 End: 28-11-2019
Previous/future work	Yes / No
Any associated project reference codes	CLB18/149 - Contracting Unit No.
Any associated project reference codes	HCH19 - Museum accession ID
Any associated project reference codes	DM2018/02061 - Planning Application No.
Type of project	Field evaluation
Site status	Local Authority Designated Archaeological Area
Current Land use	Other 5 - Garden
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 SUTTON WALLINGTON AND BEDDINGTON 16 Church Lane, Beddington
Study area	500 Square metres
Site coordinates	TQ 2986 6523 51.370747752591 -0.134181499873 51 22 14 N 000 08 03 W Point
Height OD / Depth	Min: 33m Max: 34m

### Project creators

Name of Organisation	TVAS South
Project brief originator	Local Planning Authority (with/without advice from County/District Archaeologist)
Project design originator	Sean Wallis
Project director/manager	Sean Wallis
Project supervisor	Odile Rouard

Type of sponsor/funding body	Developer
Name of sponsor/funding body	G. Parish

#### Project archives

Physical Archive Exists?	No
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Digital Media available	"Images raster / digital photography"
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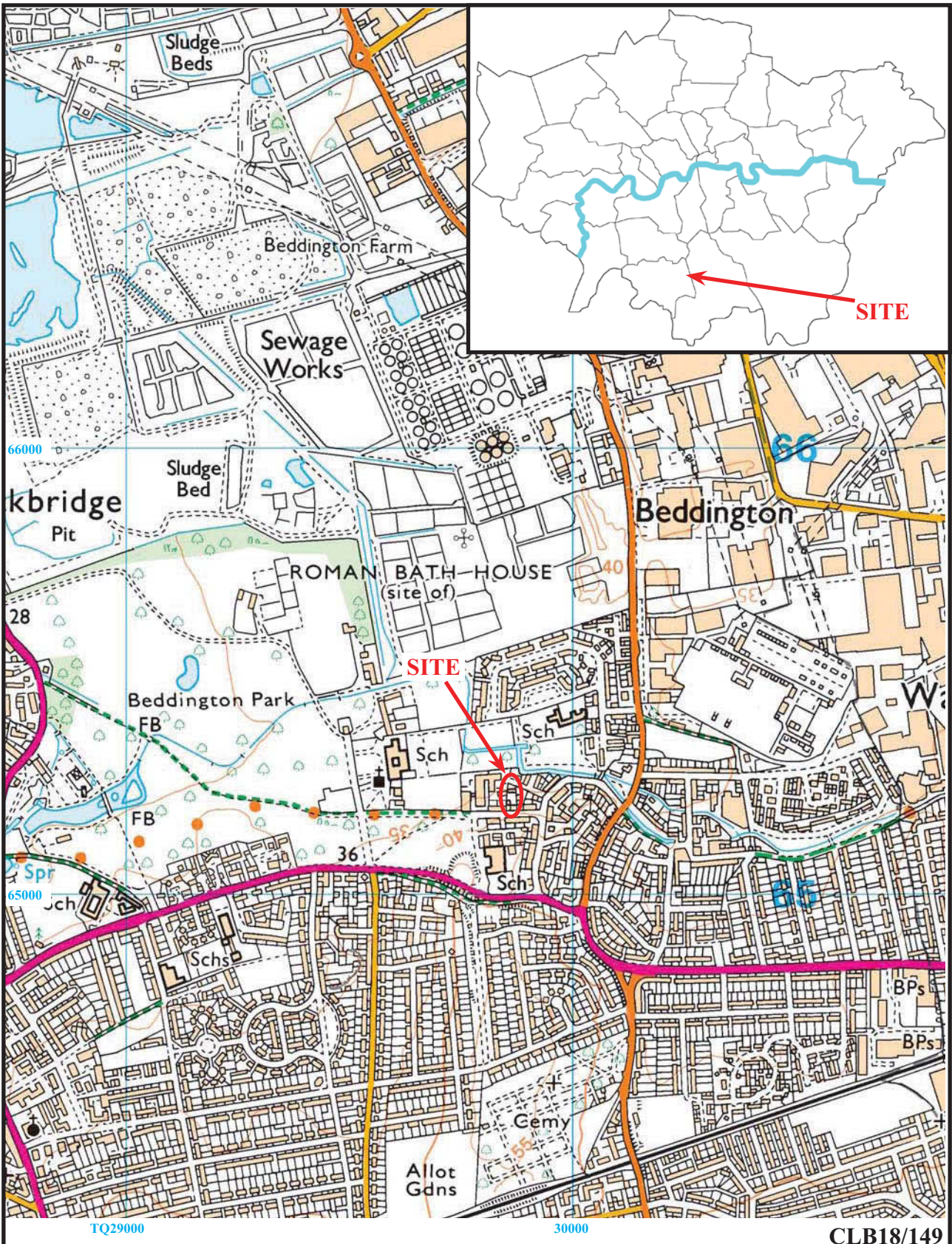
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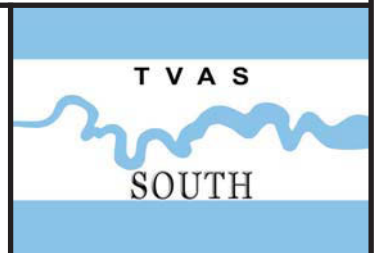
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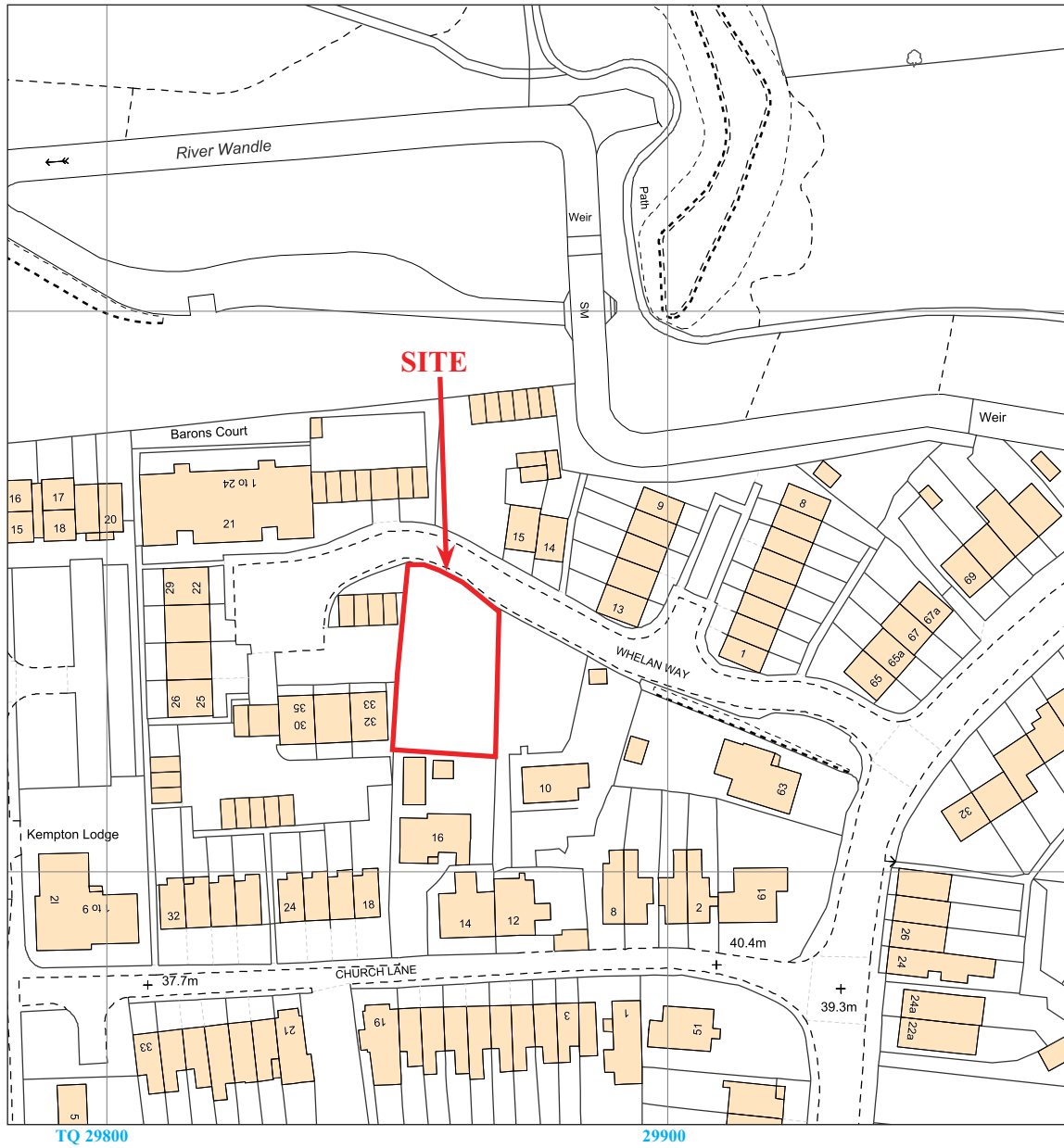
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 Figure 1. Location of site within Beddington and London.

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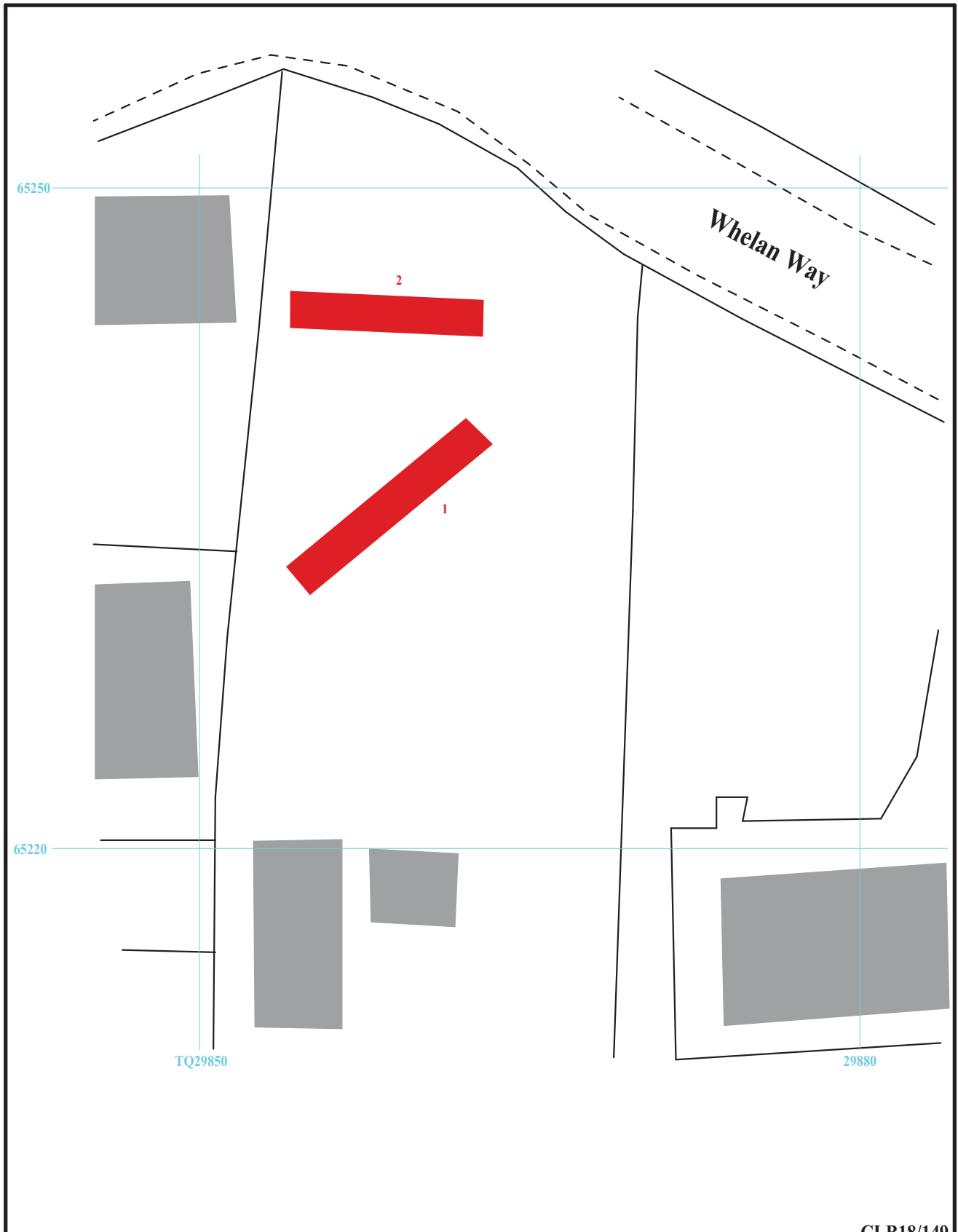


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Figure 2. Detailed site location.

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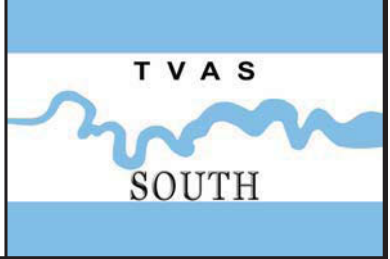


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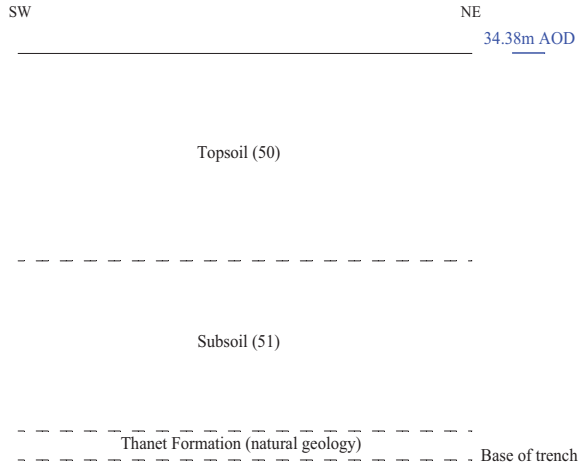


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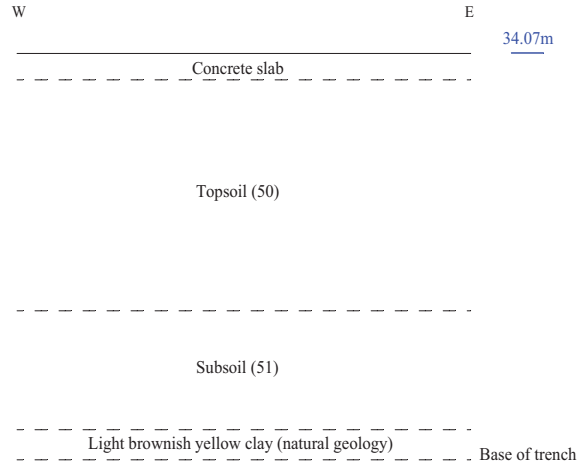
Figure 3. Detailed location of site showing excavated trenches.



*Trench 1*



*Trench 2*



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Figure 4. Representative sections.

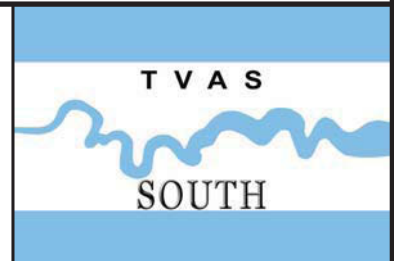




Plate 1. Trench 1, looking South-west.  
Scales: 2m, 1m and 0.50m.



Plate 2. Trench 2, looking West.  
Scales: 2m, 1m and 0.50m.



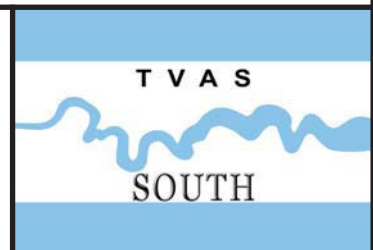
Plate 3. Trench 2, showing site conditions.  
Scales: 2m, 1m and 0.50m.



Plate 4. Trench 1, showing modern disturbance  
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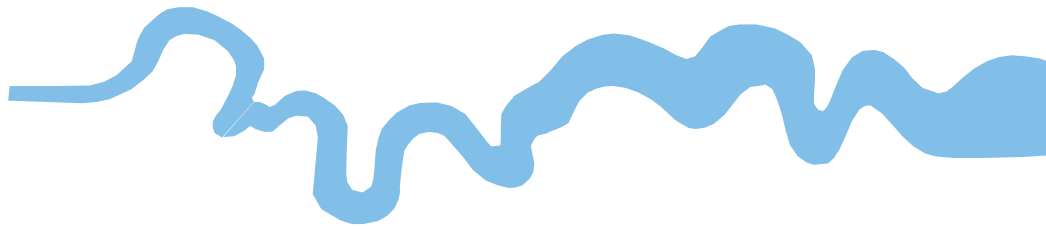


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