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**4 Warwick Close, Hampton,
London Borough of Richmond, London**

Archaeological Recording Action

by Jamie Williams and Andy Taylor

Site Code: WCH19/184

(TQ 1416 7016)

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An Archaeological Recording Action for Aquinna Homes

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Thames Valley Archaeological Services Ltd

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May 2020

Summary

Site name: 4 Warwick Close, Hampton, London Borough of Richmond, London

Grid reference: TQ 1416 7016

Site activity: Recording Action

Date and duration of project: 11th-14th May, 3rd June 2020

Project coordinator: Tim Dawson

Site supervisor: Will Attard and Jamie Williams

Project code: WCH 19/184

Site code: WAC20

Area of site: c.500 sq m

Summary of results: Stripping of overburden from the footprint of the new structures revealed no features of archaeological interest. As anticipated from historic maps, the northern portion of the stripped area was occupied by the backfilled of a lake depicted on the Ordnance Survey map of 1861. A modern pit [1] of 19th-20th century date was investigated.

Location and reference of archive: The archive is presently held at Thames Valley Archaeological Services, Reading and will be deposited at the Museum of London in due course, with accession code WAC 20.

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Introduction

This report documents the results of an archaeological recording action carried out at 4 Warwick Close, Hampton, London Borough of Richmond (TQ 1416 7016) (Fig. 1). The work was commissioned by Mr David Chidlow, of Aquinna Homes plc, Highway House, 17 London End, Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, HP9 2HN.

Planning permission (17/2680/FUL) has been gained for the construction of new houses following demolition of existing structures on the site. A condition is attached to the consent (U35129) which requires a programme of archaeological work to be carried out during the works. This is in accordance with the Ministry for Housing, 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 Louise Davies, Assistant Archaeology Advisor with Historic England, advisers to the Borough on matters relating to archaeology. The fieldwork was undertaken by Will Attard and Jamie Williams between 11th and 14th May 2020 and the site code is WCH 19/184. The archive is currently held by Thames Valley Archaeological Services, 47-49 De Beauvoir Road, Reading, RG1 5NR and will be deposited at the Museum of London in due course, with accession code WAC 20.

Location, topography and geology

The site is located on the north-west corner of Warwick Close and Manor Gardens and opposite the A311 (Fig. 1). It lies on the northern side of Hampton and approximately 750m north of the River Thames. The excavation area covered a c.500 sq m plot of land divided into an area for houses and a garage (Fig. 2). The underlying geology is mapped as Kempton Park Gravel Member sand and gravel (BGS 2020), with gravel observed in areas where the geology was exposed. The site lies at a height of c.15m above Ordnance Datum.

Archaeological background

The site lies beyond the historic core of Hampton and beyond the conservation area of the village. There are no known heritage assets on the site with few recorded in the immediate vicinity. The wall to Admiralty Gardens

lies on the east side of Warwick Avenue (a listed building) and other listed buildings lie to the south. A set of buildings called the Manor House (late post-medieval?) lay to the west now in an area comprehensively redeveloped in the 1930s. The site also lies on the margins of what appears to be a lake depicted on the Ordnance Survey First Edition map of 1860 (Fig. 5). The main archaeological potential of the site stems from its location within the archaeologically rich Thames Valley and there is a possibility of prehistoric, Roman, Saxon or medieval deposits being encountered (Molas 200).

Objectives and methodology

The general objectives of the project were to:

- excavate and record all archaeological deposits and features within the area threatened by the proposed development;
- produce relative and absolute dating for deposits and features recorded on the site;
- establish the character of these deposits in attempt to define functional areas on the site such as industrial, domestic etc.; and to
- produce information on the economy and local environment and compare and contrast this with the results of other excavations in the region.

The area to be excavated was that of the footings of the houses and a separate garage (Fig. 3) with additional monitoring being undertaken on the excavation of two soakaways.

Results

The excavated areas were stripped using a 360° type machine fitted with a toothless grading bucket under constant archaeological supervision.

House Area Strip (Fig. 3; Pls 1 and 2)

This was stripped to a depth of c.0.85m and the stratigraphy observed, on the eastern end of the site, consisted of 0.10m of topsoil overlying 0.75m of brick rubble made ground overlying light yellow sand and gravel natural geology. On the western part of the site the stratigraphy consisted of 0.15m of topsoil overlying 0.20m of subsoil overlying sand and gravel natural geology. For the northern half of the area, made ground was encountered consistent with the backfill of the former pond. Once the edge of the truncation had been revealed, the natural geology was not exposed.

In the areas of undisturbed natural geology a few modern truncations were noted, associated with the previous building on the site but no deposits of archaeological interest.

Garage Area Strip (Fig. 4; Pl. 3)

This area was dug to a depth of c.0.30m in the south with the stratigraphy observed comprising 0.15m of topsoil and 0.15m of subsoil overlying sand and gravel natural geology. The rest of the area to the north had been truncated for the pond and had been backfilled.

An area of brick rubble aligned north west- south east along the edge of the pond corresponds with a road or track depicted on the Ordnance Survey map of 1861 (Fig.5).

A pit [1] (Fig. 4; Pl. 4) was uncovered measuring 1.90m in diameter and 0.31m deep. Animal bone, tile and glass have been recovered from its mid grey-brown silty-sandy fill (52), all of late 19th- to early 20th-century date.

Soakaways (Fig. 3; Pl. 5 and 6)

A total of four soakaways were excavated although of these only the two western soakaways (SA1 and SA4) were to be monitored, the eastern two (SA2 and SA3) being immediately adjacent to the modern pavement and therefore likely to only expose modern deposits. Both SA1 and SA4 measured 3m × 2.3m and had a final depth of 1.3-1.5m. The stratigraphy exposed in SA1 consisted of 0.3m of made ground (pond fill) overlying the natural geology and in SA4 consisted of 0.3m of topsoil and 0.12m of subsoil overlying the geology. Nothing of archaeological interest was seen in either soakaway.

Finds

Ceramic Building Material by Danielle Milbank

Four tile fragments were recovered from one context (pit 1, deposit 52), weighing a total of 96g. These comprise small pieces of plain roof tile, in a typically hard, evenly-fired slightly sandy fabric with an orange red colour. They range from 11mm to 14mm with one example of a peg hole and one uneven piece with a thickened edge (possibly of medieval date), though the remainder are fairly even, and are of broadly post-medieval date.

Animal Bone by Ceri Falys

Two pieces of animal bone were recovered from pit 1 (52). Weighing a total of 67g, the fragments were well preserved, although localized areas of damage to the cortical bone surfaces were present. Identification to species, element and side of origin were undertaken using reference to Hillson (1992), and the minimum number

of individuals present was determined. The pieces of bone represent a minimum of two animal individuals: one horse and one sheep/goat. The horse was represented by a complete intermediate phalanx, while the presence of a sheep/goat individual was identified based on the proximal third of a right metacarpal. No further information was able to be retrieved from the small assemblage of animal bone.

Glass by Danielle Milbank

A single piece of green bottle glass was recovered from pit 1 (52) which is from the base of a cylindrical bottle, of likely 19th- or early 20th-century date.

Conclusion

Despite the site's potential for archaeology to be present no deposits or finds of archaeological interest were observed. The site was stripped as intended with natural geology being observed in the southern part of the site and the limits of the anticipated backfilled pond being revealed for the northern part. A single pit [1] was found and investigated in the area of the proposed garage of late 19th or early 20th century date.

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Project details

Project name	4 Warwick Close, Hampton, London Borough of Richmond
Short description of the project	Stripping of overburden from the footprint of the new structures revealed no features of archaeological interest. As anticipated from historic maps, the northern portion of the stripped area was occupied by the backfill of a lake depicted on the Ordnance Survey map of 1861. A modern pit was also investigated cutting natural gravel geology at 12.52m OAD.
Project dates	Start: 11-05-2020 End: 14-05-2020
Previous/future work	No / No
Any associated project reference codes	WCH19/184 - Contracting Unit No.
Any associated project reference codes	WAC20 - Sitecode
Any associated project reference codes	WAC20 - Museum accession ID
Any associated project reference codes	17/2680/FUL - Planning Application No.
Type of project	Recording project
Site status	None
Current Land use	Other 5 - Garden
Monument type	POND Post Medieval
Significant Finds	CERAMICS Post Medieval
Investigation type	"Open-area excavation"
Prompt	National Planning Policy Framework - NPPF

Project location

Country	England
Site location	GREATER LONDON RICHMOND UPON THAMES TEDDINGTON AND HAMPTON 4 Warwick Close, Hampton
Study area	500 Square metres
Site coordinates	TQ 1416 7016 51.418443401634 -0.358065708743 51 25 06 N 000 21 29 W Point
Height OD / Depth	Min: 12m Max: 12m

Project creators

Name of Organisation	Thames Valley Archaeological Services
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Project design originator	Tim Dawson
Project director/manager	Tim Dawson
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Project supervisor	Jamie Williams
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Name of sponsor/funding body	Aquinna Homes plc

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Physical Archive ID	WAC20
Physical Contents	"Animal Bones","Ceramics","Glass"
Physical Archive notes	Unlikely to merit retention
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Digital Archive ID	WAC20
Digital Contents	"other"
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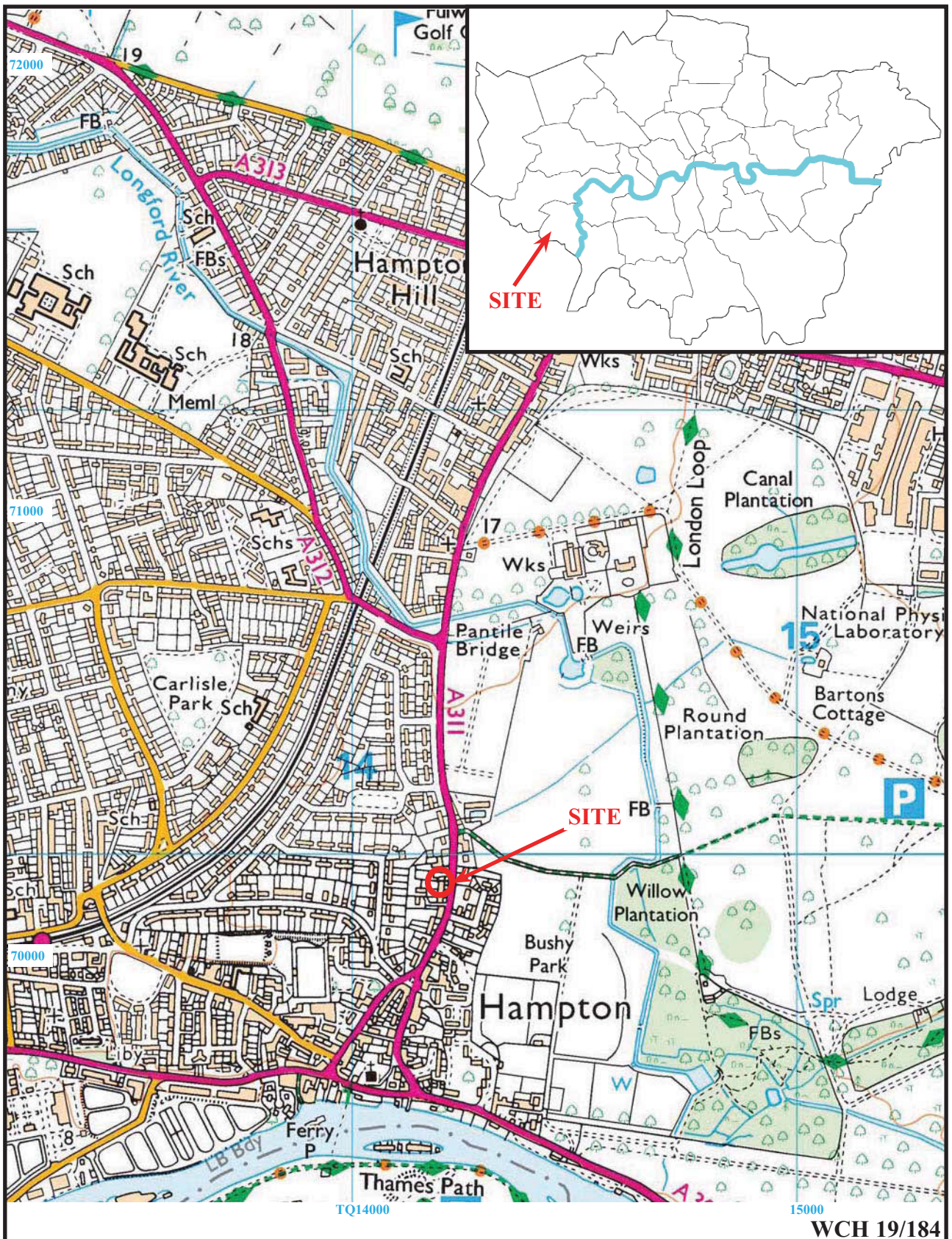
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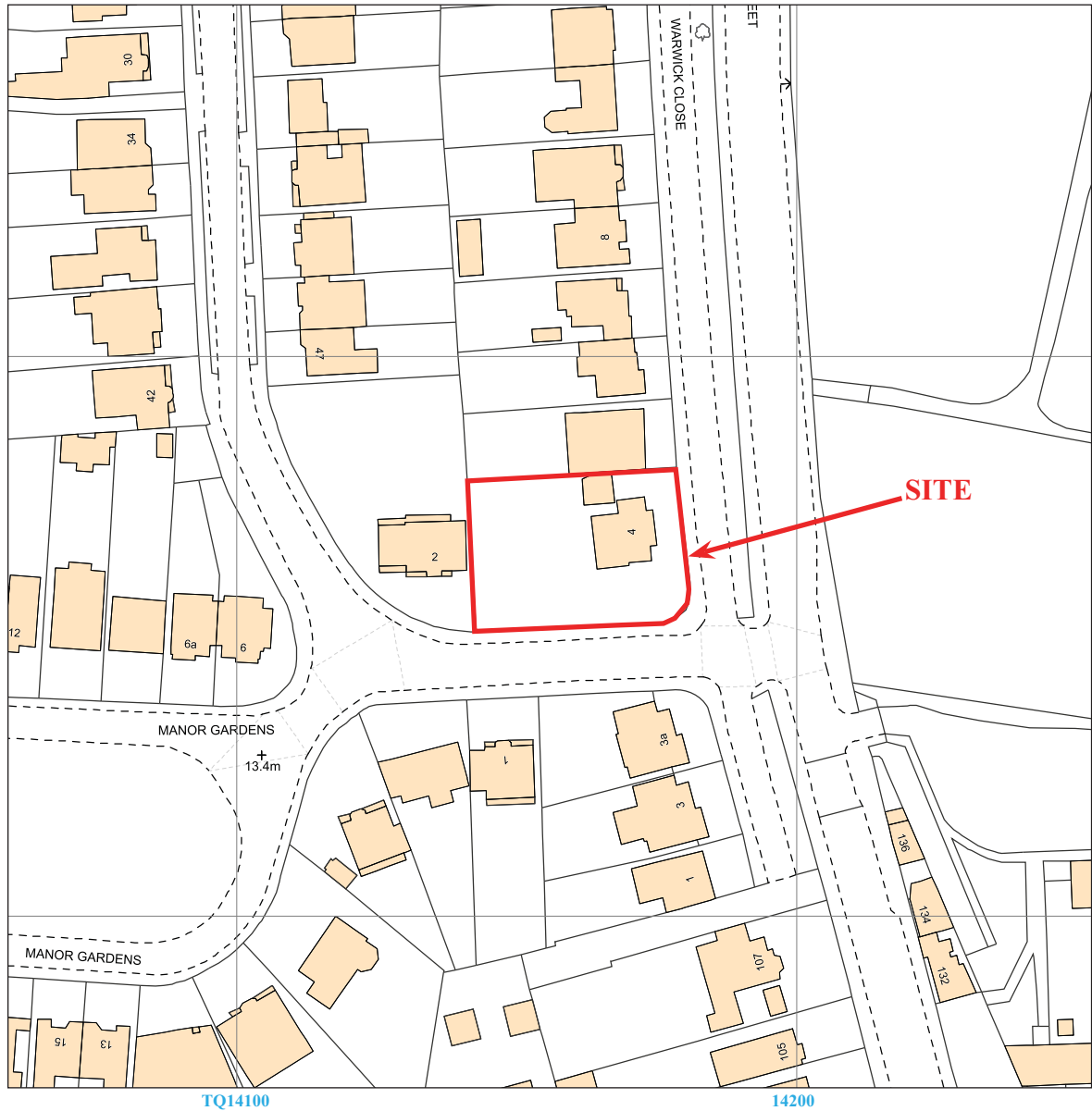
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Figure 1. Location of site within Hampton and
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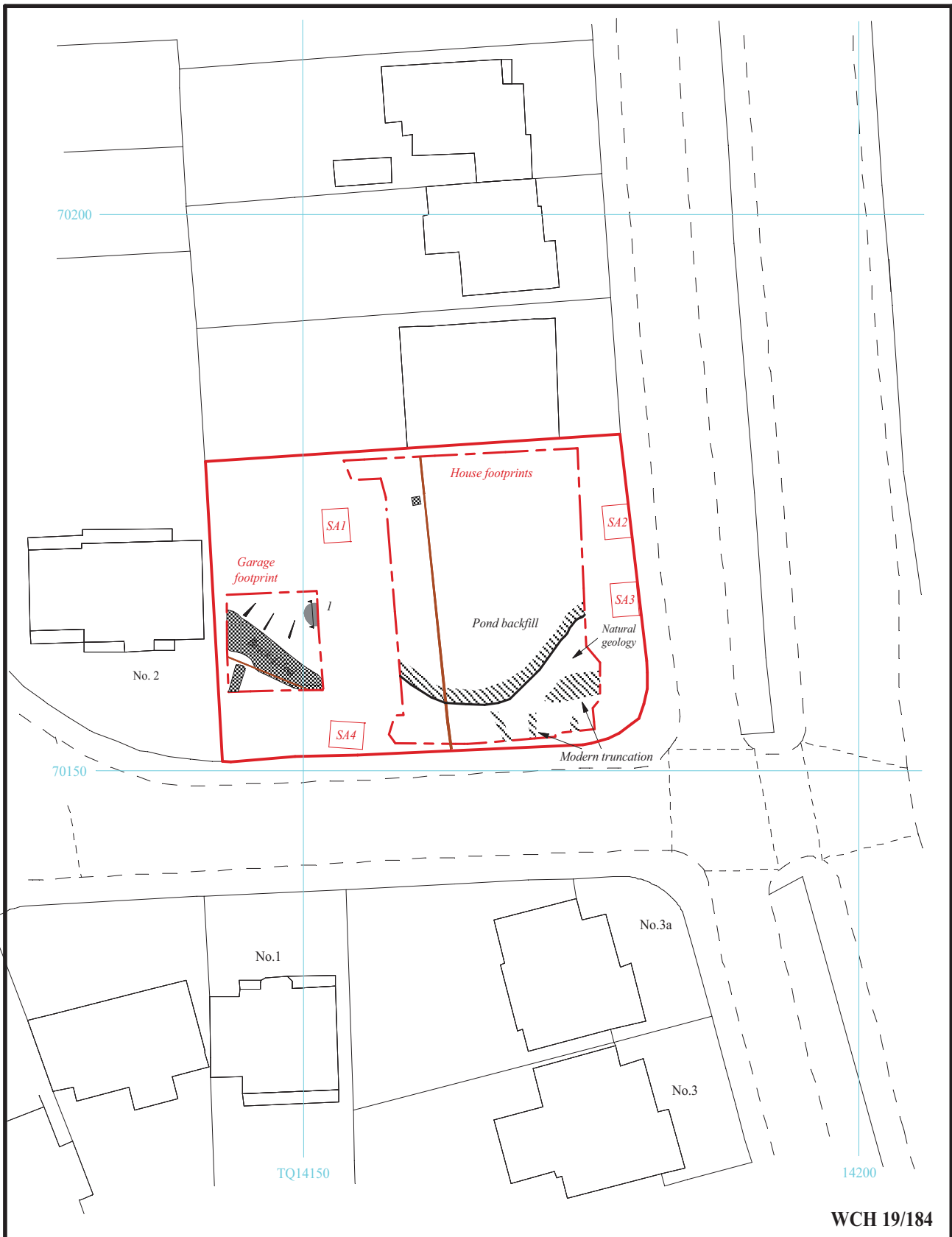
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Figure 2. Detailed location of site off Warwick Close.

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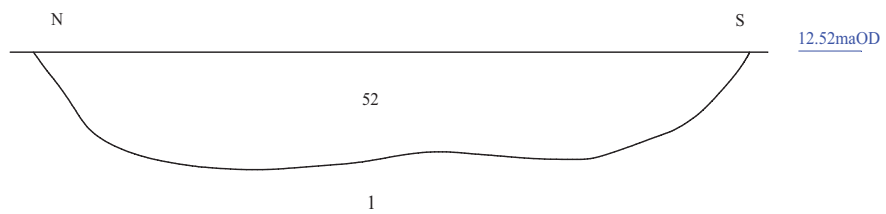
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Figure 3. Site plan showing excavation areas and features exposed.



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Garage Area



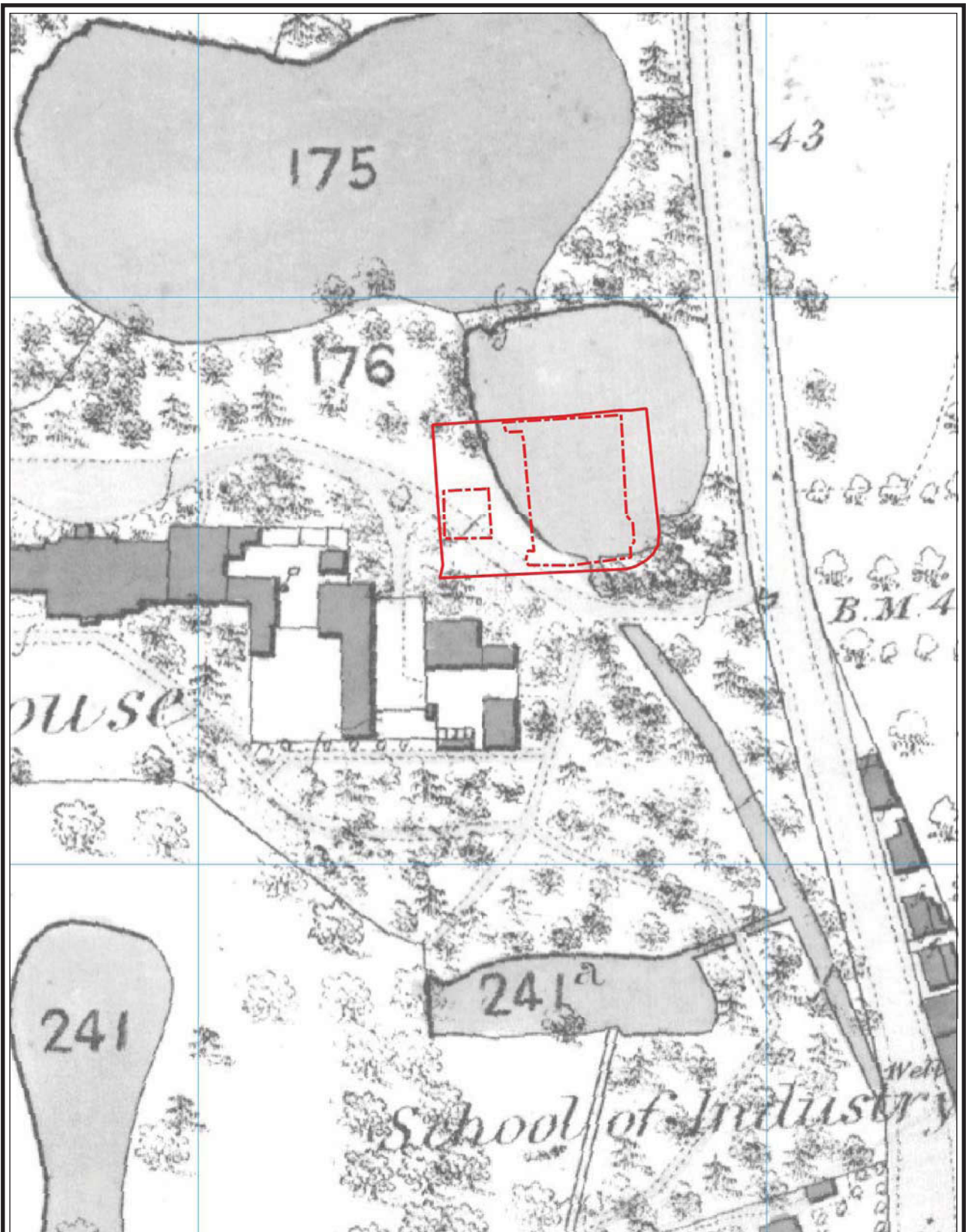
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Figure 4. Section of pit 1



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Figure 5. Site and excavation areas overlaid on 1861
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Plate 1. House area, stripped area South side, looking West.



Plate 2. House area, stripped area North side, looking North West, Scales: 1m x2.

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Plates 1 and 2.**

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Plate 3. Garage area with Pit 1 in foreground looking West, Scales: 1m x2.

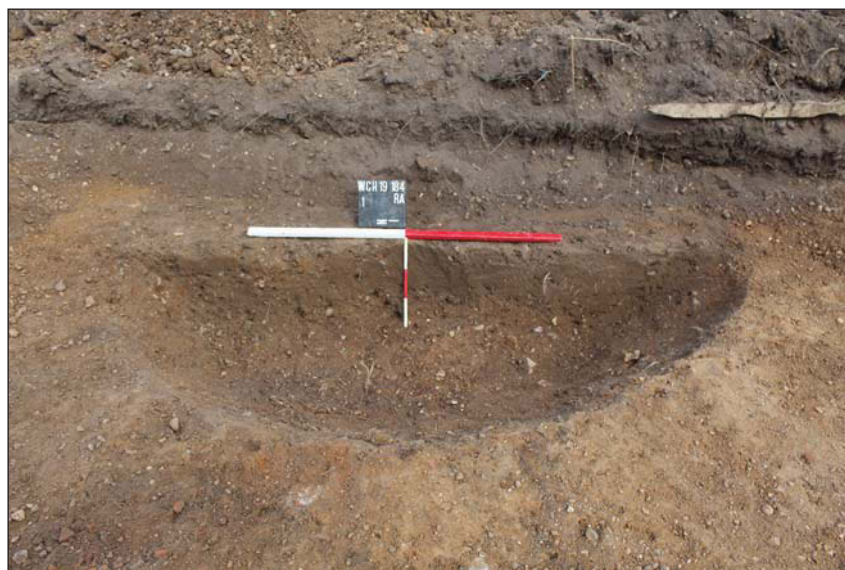


Plate 4. Garage area, Pit 1, looking E, Scales: 1m and 0.3m.

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Plate 5. Soakaway (SA) 1, looking south.



Plate 6. SA4, looking west.

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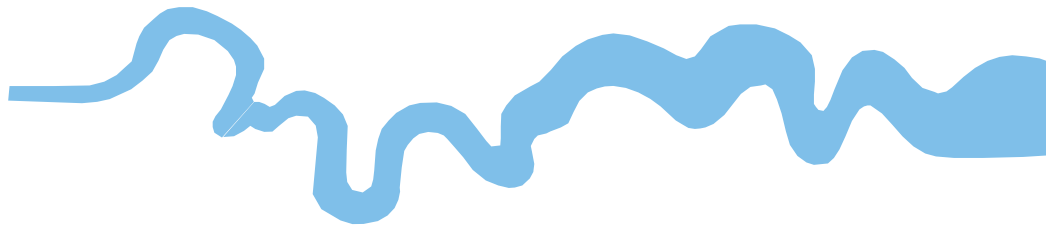
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Plates 5 and 6.**

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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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