

# Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Great Torrington, Torridge, Devon	<b>National Grid Reference</b> SS 4936 1928	<b>Number:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Land to rear of 50 New Street Torrington. Construction of 3 bed bungalow and single garage.		<b>Photo attached?</b> YES
<b>Planning Application no:</b> 1/0977/2011/FUL	<b>Recipient museum:</b> Museum of Barnstaple and North Devon	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> southwes1-124857	<b>Museum Accession no:</b> NDDMS 2012.6	
<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b> GTN12	<b>Dates fieldwork undertaken:</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2012	
<p><b>Description of Works:</b> South West Archaeology Limited monitored the removal of topsoil (to a depth of c.0.30m) and the excavation of a footing trench at the rear of 50 New Street, Torrington (see Figures 1 &amp; 2; &amp; Photos 7 &amp; 8). Prior to the substantial depth of topsoil being established, it was initially removed to its full depth in the south-west corner of the site, partially truncating the subsoil (1001) to reveal two modern features (see Figures 2, 3.3 &amp; 3.4; &amp; Photos 1 - 4). No features were revealed within the footing trench. A number of layers were revealed in the footing trench (see Figures 2, 3.5, 3.6 &amp; 3.8; Photos 5 &amp; 6):</p> <p><b>Site Stratigraphy</b> (<i>Footing Trench: 0.6m wide, 0.75-1m deep after topsoil strip, along the footprint of the building</i>):</p> <p>0.38-0.50m of Topsoil (1000). Dark brown grey, friable clay silt with moderate small rounded stones and frequent modern debris (especially along the disused path along the eastern boundary). *No.50 New street used to be a Butchers shop, therefore bone waste was present in the soil. Contained pot, clay-pipe, CBM, glass.</p> <p>0.20-0.45m of Subsoil (1001). Dark brown green, friable clay silt with moderate small-medium sub-rounded stones. Contained pot, clay pipe, animal bone, oyster shell.</p> <p>0.34-0.67m of a 2<sup>nd</sup> Subsoil (1002). Light green brown, soft clay silt with occasional large sub-angular rocks. Contained clay pipe.</p> <p>At a depth of 1.04-1.34m+, Natural (1003). Mid brown orange, compact clay with occasional medium-large sub-angular stones.</p> <p><b>South-West corner of site</b> (<i>3.6x4.7m wide, 0.86m deep</i>):</p> <p>0.38m of Topsoil. As above. 0.42m of Subsoil. As above. At a depth of 0.80m+ 2<sup>nd</sup> Subsoil occurred. As above.</p> <p>In this area Pit [1005] (0.76x0.80x0.11+m) was revealed, but was truncated by the machine. The profile was a moderate-steep slope with a curved break of slope &amp; a flat base, with one fill (1006), a mid grey-brown, friable clay-silt with frequent small sub-rounded stones &amp; occasional charcoal flecks. It contained 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> century pottery, glass, animal bone, CBM &amp; slag.</p> <p>The terminus of Gully [1003] was also revealed. It ran east from the terminus, 0.40m wide x 1.60m+ in length. It produced modern/19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> century pottery and thus was not excavated but was recorded in plan with its fill (1004), a mid grey-brown, friable clay-silt with frequent small sub-rounded stones &amp; occasional charcoal flecks. It contained modern pottery, mortar and animal bone.</p> <p>The groundworks only revealed features dating to the 19<sup>th</sup> century and later, none of which was of archaeological significance. Although the sites stratigraphic layers show human disturbance from the post-medieval period such remains would be expected from a known 12<sup>th</sup> century borough with developments along New Street from the 14<sup>th</sup> century, and perhaps specifically as the site is located within 15m of known burgape plots.</p>		
<p><b>A plan as well as any other relevant drawings must be attached showing the location and extent of site, areas investigated and features exposed.</b></p>		
<b>Recorder:</b> Joe Bampton, South West Archaeology Ltd	<b>Date sent to HER:</b>	

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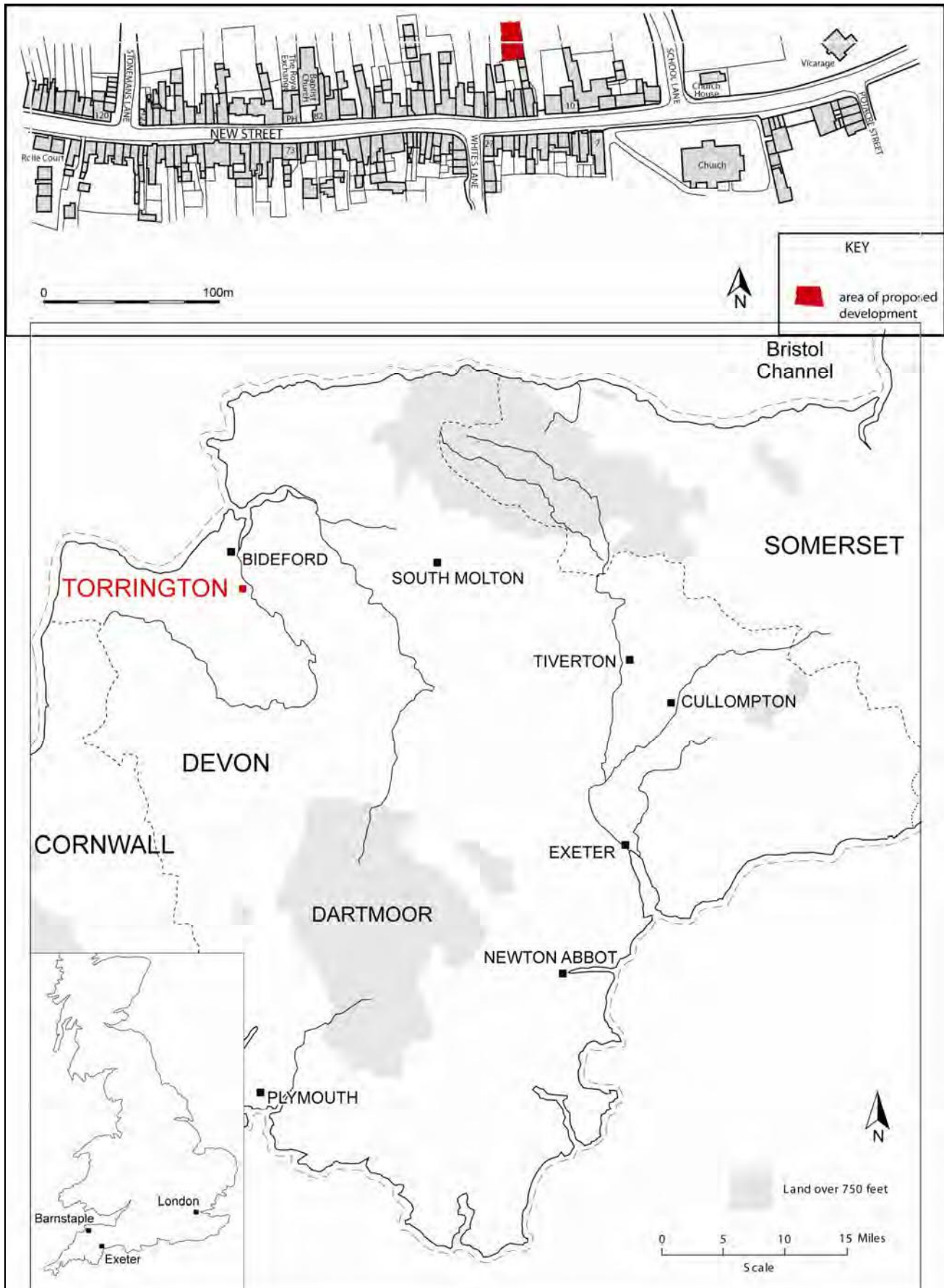


Figure 1: Site location.

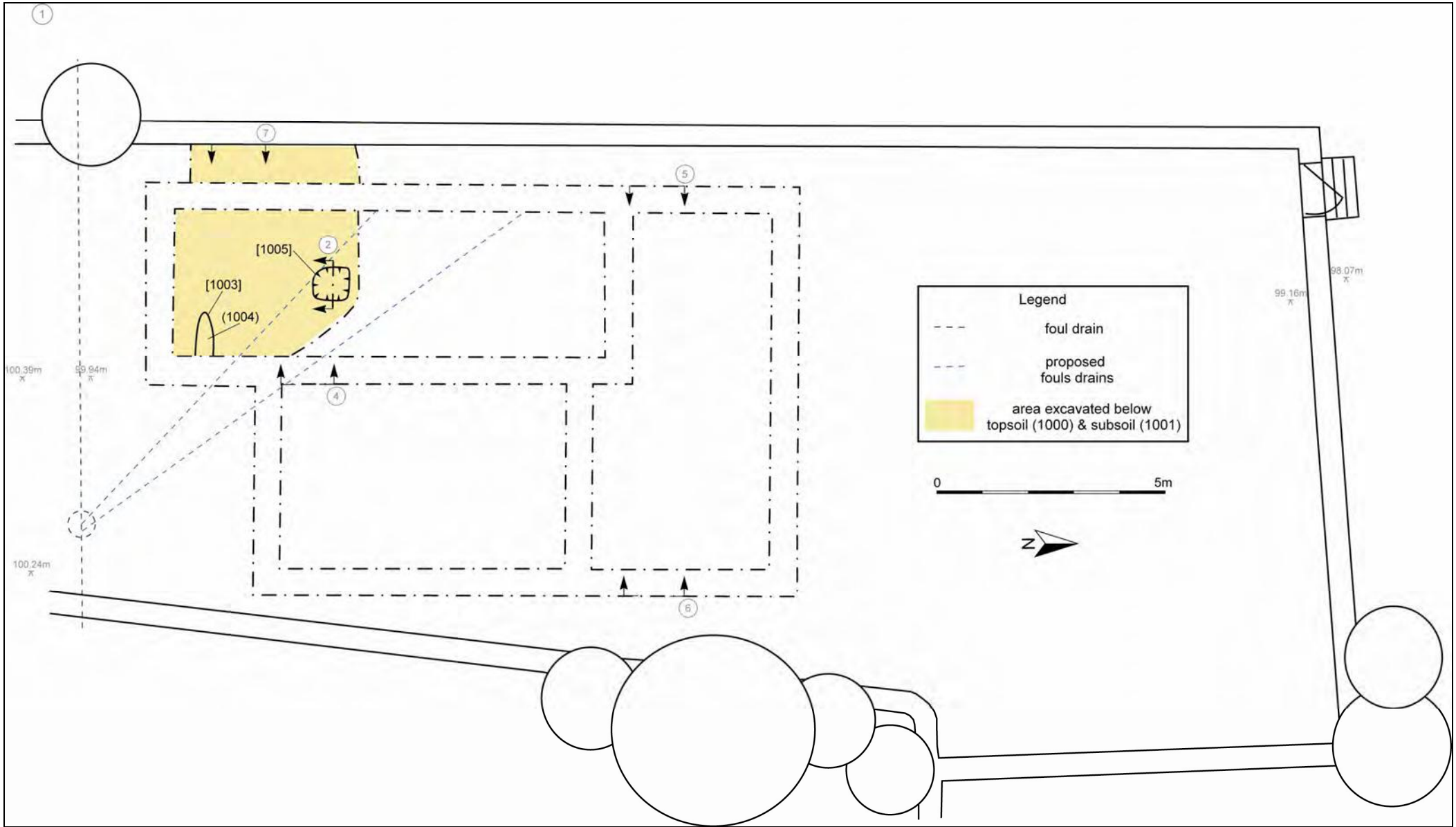


Figure 2: Site Plan

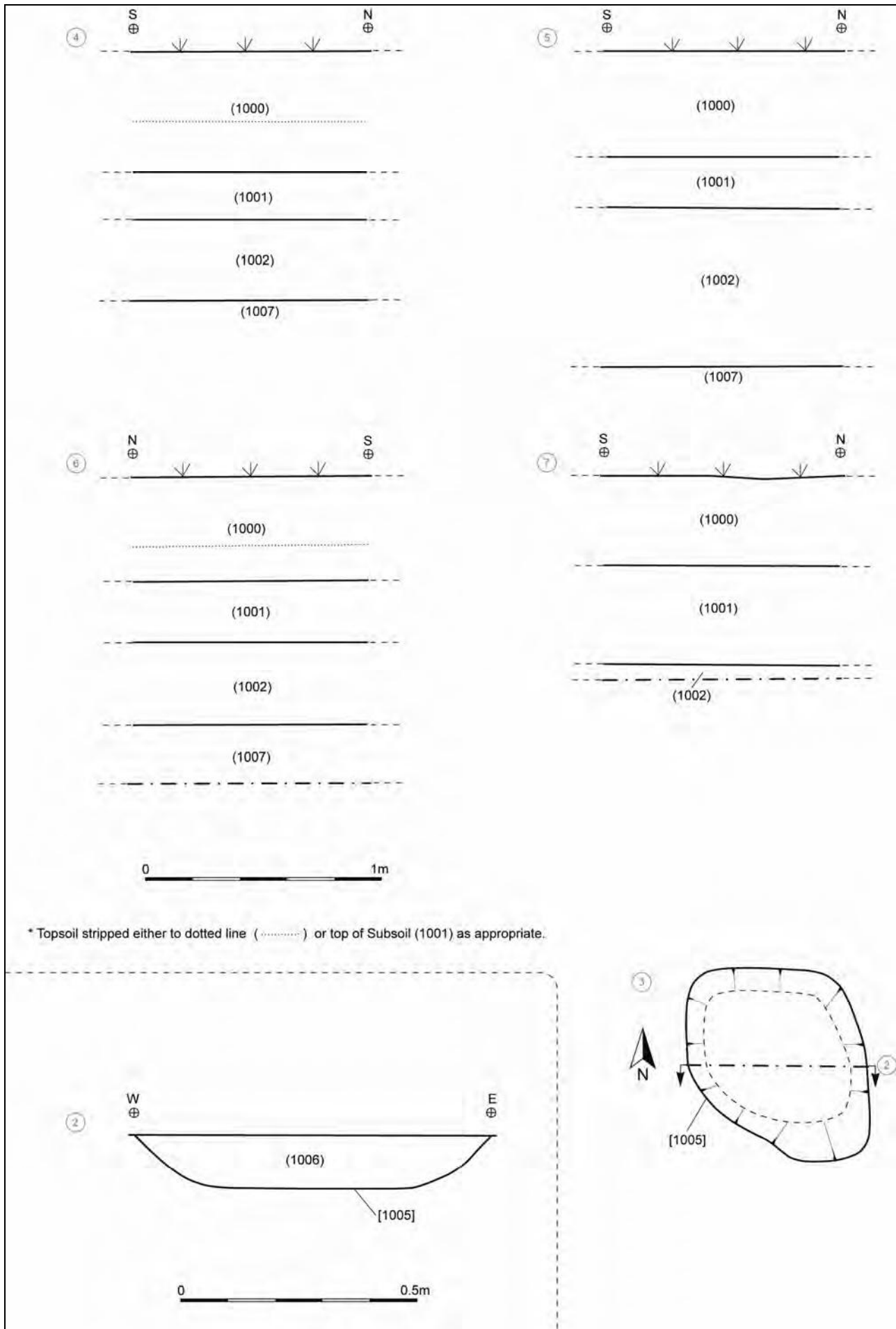


Figure 3: Sections & Plan of Pit [1005].





Photo 1: Sample Section 4 (SW corner of site where stripped to 2<sup>nd</sup> Subsoil (1002)).



Photo 2: Area where Topsoil (1000) and Subsoil (1001) stripped. SW corner of site.



Photo 3: Pit [1005], 50% Excavated.



Photo 4: Linear [1003].



Photo 5: Sample Section 1 (South central of footings trench).

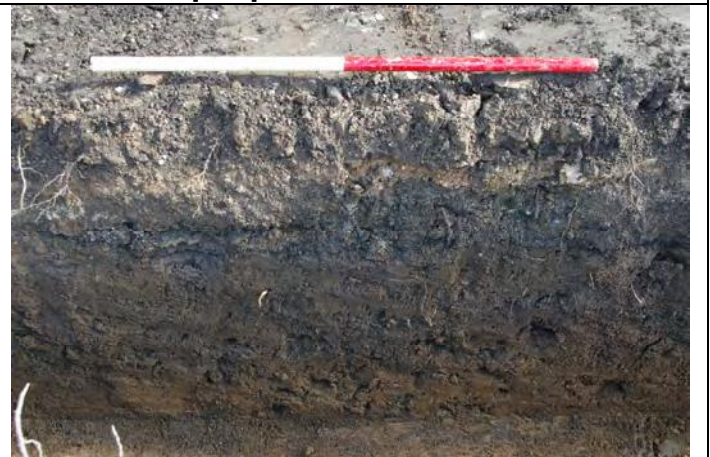


Photo 6: Sample Section 3 (NE corner of footings trench).



Photo 7: Middle Footings Trench aligned N-S.



Photo 8: Working shot showing Southern half of site.

