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| Site Name: Pentire Holiday Park, Kilkhampton, Cornwall (Phase 1 evaluation) | Planning Ref: PA18/06618 |
| Grid ref (10-fig): SS 24594 10698 | OS Map No: OSGB36 |
| Parish: Kilkhampton | OASIS Ref: Southwes1_346616 |
| Site Type: Holiday Park / Agricultural | |
| Period: Undated / Modern | Form: Archaeological evaluation trenching event |
| <p>Description: Phase 1 of archaeological evaluation trenching was undertaken by South West Archaeology Ltd. (SWARCH) at the request of Park Leisure 2000 Ltd. (the Client) prior to the development of the site as holiday accommodation at Pentire Holiday Park, Kilkhampton, Cornwall. The work was carried out by S. Walls on 7th October 2019 in accordance with a WSI (Boyd 2019) drawn up in consultation with the Local Planning Authority (LPA).</p> <p>The site is located within a series of agricultural fields forming part of, and to the west of the Pentire Holiday Park to the west-south-west of the village of Kilkhampton, a village on the A39. The site slopes down from c.155m AOD in the south-east to c.95m AOD to the north-west and is partially defined by water courses along its north-east and south-west boundaries. The soils of this area are the well-drained fine loamy soils of the Neath Association (SSEW 1983), overlying the mudstones and siltstones of the Bude Formation (BGS 2019). Kilkhampton was a pre-Domesday manor first recorded in 839AD, recorded at Domesday as <i>Chilchetone</i>. The Scheduled Monument of a Norman motte and bailey (SAM1003079) is located to the north of the site; the site itself sitting within a largely medieval agricultural landscape though with elements of an earlier prehistoric landscape largely identified to the south. The Cornwall historic landscape characterisation (HLC) shows the site as within <i>medieval farmland</i>. Previous desk-based assessment & heritage impact assessment (Bampton & Balmond 2018) identified the historic context of the site; and geophysical survey (Bonvoisin 2019) identified a series of features likely to represent elements of phases of previous field systems.</p> <p>The Phase 1 evaluation comprised the excavation of four (of a total of 21) trenches (Trenches 01-04), each 1.40m wide and measuring between c.26m and 50m in length by mechanical excavator to the depth of <i>in situ</i> weathered natural using a toothless grading bucket under archaeological supervision. Exposed archaeological deposits were excavated by hand in accordance with the WSI and CIfA guidelines. The stratigraphy comprised topsoil (100, 200, 300, 400), yellow-brown silt-clay; overlying an intermittent subsoil/buried soil (301, 401), grey-brown silt-clay (within Trenches 03 and 04); and the natural (101, 201, 302, 402), yellow and grey-yellow clay-silt.</p> <p>The only features that were identified related to terrace cuts and surfaces associated with the existing caravan plots on the site; modern service trenching; and a natural feature.</p> <p>Finds: Finds were recovered included six sherds (39.5g) post-medieval white refined earthenwares, two (120.5g) metal tent pegs and one piece (5.5g) of plastic from the topsoil.</p> <p>Conclusion: No features of archaeological interest were identified during the works, the features and stratigraphy reflecting the development of this part of the site as a holiday park.</p> <p>Bibliography: Bampton, J. & Balmond, F. 2018: <i>Pentire Holiday Park, Kilkhampton, Cornwall: Results of a Desk-Based Assessment & Heritage Impact Assessment</i>. SWARCH Report No. 180906. Bonvoisin, P. 2019: <i>Land at Pentire Holiday Park, Kilkhampton, Cornwall: Results of a Geophysical Survey</i>. SWARCH Report No. 190515 Boyd, N. 2019: <i>Pentire Holiday Park, Kilkhampton, Cornwall: Written Scheme of Investigation</i>. SWARCH WSI No. KPP19v1. British Geological Survey 2019: <i>Geology of Britain Viewer</i>. http://maps.bgs.ac.uk/geologyviewer_google/googleviewer.html Soil Survey of England and Wales 1983: <i>Legend for the 1:250,000 Soil Map of England and Wales</i>.</p> | |
| Land Use (Area): Agricultural, Leisure & tourism | Land Use (Site): Leisure & tourism, and agricultural to become Leisure & tourism (holiday park) |
| Date of Site Visit: 7/10/19 | |
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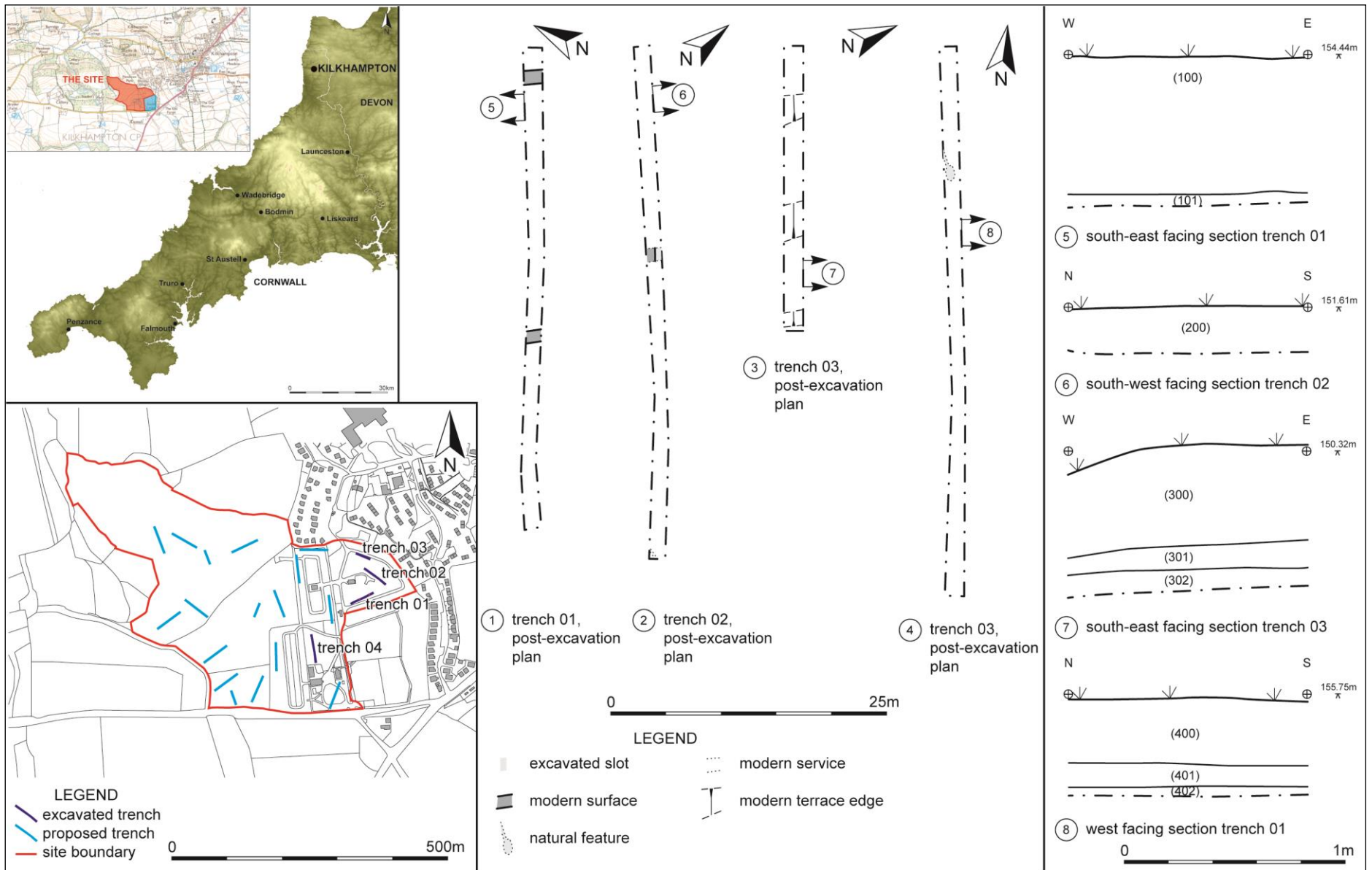


Figure 1: Site location, plan and sections. Heights at AOD.



Figure 2: Trench 02, representative south-west facing; viewed from the south-west (1m scale).



Figure 3: (left) Trench 03, post-excavation; viewed from the east-south-east (1m scale).

Figure 3: (right), Trench 04, post-excavation; viewed from the south (1m scale).