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**ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVALUATION:  
FORMER WHITELEAF FURNITURE SITE  
PICTS LANE  
PRINCES RISBOROUGH  
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE**

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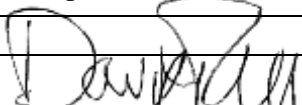
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| <i>ASC project code:</i>              | PRP   | <i>ASC project no:</i>     | 1442           |
| <i>OASIS ref:</i>                     | Archaeol2-106254  | <i>Event/Accession no:</i> | AYBCM: 2012.79 |
| <i>County:</i>                        | Buckinghamshire   |                            |                |
| <i>Village/Town:</i>                  | Princes Risborough  |                            |                |
| <i>Civil Parish:</i>                  | Princes Risborough  |                            |                |
| <i>NGR (to 8 figs):</i>               | SP 8008 0274  |                            |                |
| <i>Extent of site:</i>                | c.2ha   |                            |                |
| <i>Present use:</i>                   | Disused: former industrial site   |                            |                |
| <i>Planning proposal:</i>             | Residential redevelopment   |                            |                |
| <i>Planning application ref/date:</i> | Pre-planning  |                            |                |
| <i>Local Planning Authority:</i>      | Wycombe District Council  |                            |                |
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Figure 1: General location (scale 1:25,000)

## Summary

*In August 2011 a pre-determination archaeological evaluation was carried out on the former Whiteleaf Furniture factory site in Picts Lane, Princes Risborough, to inform proposals for residential redevelopment of the site. The site lies to the south of the town, adjacent to the railway station. An initial desk-based assessment indicated that the site had moderate potential for the presence and survival of archaeological remains.*

*Ten trenches were opened across the site. No features or artefacts of archaeological significance were revealed. Soil profiles across the site suggested that some degree of truncation had taken place during the construction of the factory and/or its demolition. It is thought unlikely that undisturbed archaeological features might survive on the site away from the trial trenches, and the impact of the proposed redevelopment of the site on buried heritage assets is assessed to be low.*

## 1. Introduction

1.1 In August 2011 *Archaeological Services and Consultancy Ltd (ASC)* carried out a pre-determination evaluation of the former Whiteleaf Factory, Picts Lane, Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire. The project was commissioned by the client, *W.E. Black Ltd*, and was carried out according to a generic brief prepared on behalf of the local planning authority (LPA), *Wycombe District Council*, by their archaeological advisor (AA), the *Buckinghamshire County Archaeological Service*.

### 1.2 *Planning Background*

This evaluation was required under the terms of *Planning Policy Statement 5 (PPS5)*, to inform proposals for the development of the site.

### 1.3 *Archaeological Services & Consultancy Ltd*

ASC is an independent archaeological practice providing a full range of archaeological services including consultancy, field evaluation, mitigation and post-excavation studies, historic building recording and analysis. ASC is recognised as a *Registered Organisation* by the Institute for Archaeologists and is also accredited ISO 9001, in recognition of its high standards and working practices.

### 1.4 *The Site*

#### 1.4.1 *Location & Description*

The development site is located in the village and civil parish of Princes Risborough, in the Wycombe district of Buckinghamshire (Fig. 1). It comprises an irregular area of land covering *c.2* hectares, centred on Ordnance Survey National Grid Reference SP 8008 0274.

The development site has been cleared of buildings and was the former location of the Whiteleaf furniture factory. It is bounded to the south by residential development, to the west by the car park of Princes Risborough railway station,



to the north by other industrial sites and to the west by Picts Lane, from which it is accessed (Fig. 2).

#### 1.4.2 *Topography & Geology*

The development site is a brownfield site and the natural soils are likely to have been extensively truncated or destroyed. Any surviving natural soils are likely to belong to the *Coombe 2 Association*, which comprises well-drained calcareous soils over chalky drift (Soil Survey 1983, 511g). The underlying natural geology comprises Lower Chalk (BGS, Sheet 237). The natural topography of the area slopes gently from north to south and the assessment site has an average elevation of *c.*107m OD.

#### 1.4.3 *Proposed Development*

This consists of residential redevelopment comprising approximately 80 units together with access roads and recreation areas (Fig. 3).

### 1.5 ***Previous Archaeological Work***

A pre-determination archaeological desk-based assessment of the site was prepared by ASC in 2010 (Fell 2010). The assessment concluded that:

*...archaeological remains are not currently known from the site, but a number are known from the surrounding area. The furniture factory was constructed during the 1920s and the principal buildings are likely to have caused disturbance to any buried archaeological remains. Archaeological remains may survive in less disturbed areas and in general the assessment site is considered to offer moderate archaeological potential.*

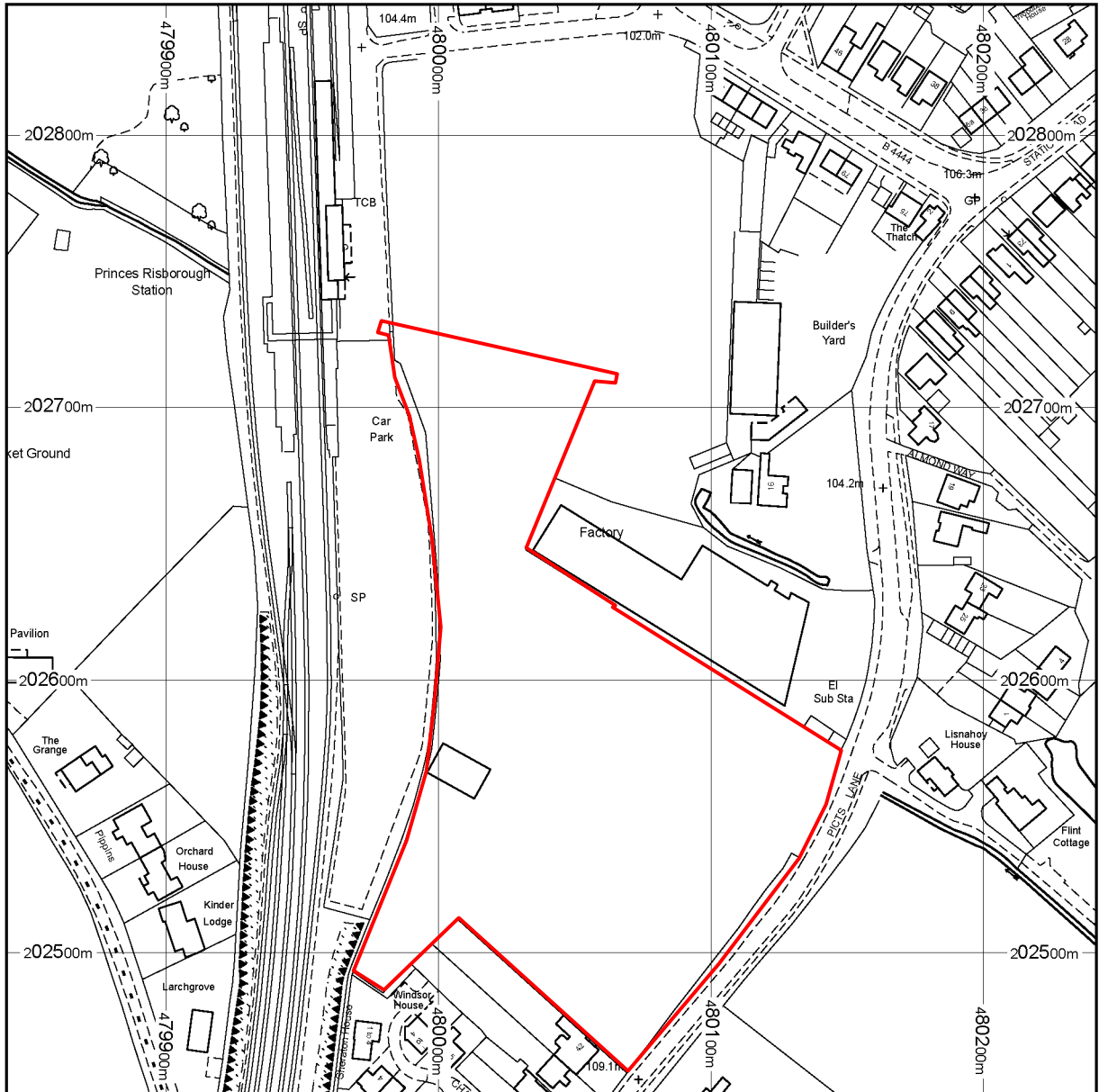


Figure 2: Site plan (scale 1:2,500)





## 2. Aims & Methods

### 2.1 *Aims*

As described in the project design (Section 3.1), the aims of the evaluation were:

- To gather sufficient information to generate a reliable predictive model of the extent, character, date, state of preservation and depth of burial of important archaeological remains and associated palaeo-environmental deposits within the area of study.

### 2.2 *Standards*

The work conformed to the project design, to the relevant sections of the Institute for Archaeologists' *Code of Conduct* (IFA 2000) and *Standard & Guidance Notes* (IFA 2001), and to the relevant sections of ASC's own *Operations Manual*.

### 2.3 *Methods*

The work was carried out according to the project design (Section 3.3), which required:

- Subject to site constraints, approximately 3% of the site was to be evaluated, equal to 300 linear metres of trial trenching (c.600 sq. m).

### 2.4 *Constraints*

No constraints were encountered.

### 3. Archaeological & Historical Background

3.1 This section presents a summary of the desk-based assessment (Fell 2010). The site lies within an area of archaeological and historical interest (e.g. BCAS 2009; Macfarlane & Kingham 1997), and has the potential to reveal evidence of a range of periods.

HER = Historic Environment Record.

#### 3.1 *Early Prehistoric* (before 600BC)

A number of prehistoric burials are known from the lower ground of the Risborough gap, and it has been suggested that that the valley may have formed a natural route to the river Thames (Head 1974). A late Neolithic crouched inhumation has been recorded c.0.7km east of the site at 35 Clifford Road (Farley & Browne 1983) and a complex of ditches, possibly dating to the Bronze Age have been excavated at 46-52 Picts Lane, c.200m southwest of the site (HER 9580; Trott 2006).

#### 3.2 *Iron Age* (600BC-AD43)

Evidence for the Iron Age is similarly sparse. Evidence for settlement of this period is currently limited to the discovery of a ditch containing Iron Age pottery sherds during the construction of a swimming pool in Princes Risborough town centre, c.1km northeast of the site (Ford 2000).

#### 3.3 *Roman* (AD43-c.450)

During the Roman period the study area probably lay outside the main areas of settlement and communication routes, but Roman villas are known in the area, notably at Saunderton and Little Kimble (OS 1979). An inhumation burial and pits and ditches of this period have been recorded at Princes Risborough Upper School (Appleton & Armour-Chelu 2004) and the discovery of a coin of Vespasian at 8 Poppy Road, c.400m southwest of the site (HER 2977), indicates that a settlement may have existed in the area.

#### 3.4 *Saxon* (c.450-1066)

There is an Anglo-Saxon cemetery at Hemley Hill 350m south of the southern extremity of the site at NGR SP 7994 0211 (Nat. Mon. no. 29435). There is therefore a possibility that remains of a settlement exist somewhere in the general vicinity of the site. A single sherd of 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>-century pottery has been recorded from the Town Farm Barns site in the town centre (BCAS 2009, 32; fig. 33.)

#### 3.5 *Medieval* (1066-1500)

According to the Domesday Survey the town of Princes Risborough (*Riseberge*) was held by the king in 1086 (Morris 1978). The medieval core of the town is situated northeast of the site and was probably centred on the area now known as 'The Mount' (BCAS 2009, 34). St Mary's Church occupies a central location and dates from the 13th century, but has a number of later additions (Pevsner & Williamson 2000, 602).

Medieval ditches have been excavated 200m southwest of the site at 46-52 Picts Lane (HER 9581; Trott 2006) and fragments of 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>-century floor tile have been recorded from the garden of 'Hillcrest', c.0.5km east of the site (HER 9890). A watermill known as '*Culverton Mill*' was situated on the east side of Picts Lane c.50m east of the site which is known to date from the 14<sup>th</sup> century (HER 2856). A second mill, dating from the 11<sup>th</sup> century was situated at Horsenden, c.0.5km west of the site (HER 2322).

### 3.6 *Post-Medieval* (1500-1900)

In the post-medieval period the area is shown as being open farmland. The present road layout had been established by the 1830s. The railway on the west side of the site was opened in 1862 by the Wycombe Railway Company. On the 1877 First Edition Ordnance Survey sheet the line is shown cutting through a number of sub-rectangular land parcels, probably laid out as a result of the enclosure movement in the 18<sup>th</sup> or early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. The Second Edition of 1898 shows that the railway station had expanded considerably during the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. Additions had been made to Culverton Mill but the area retained its rural character.

### 3.7 *Modern* (1900-present)

The Third Edition OS map of 1921 shows a number of rectangular plots containing trees, probably orchards on the west side of Culverton Mill, and the expansion of Princes Risborough is evident in the form of two rows of semi-detached houses constructed on the south side of Poppy Road and southeast sides of Picts Lane/Station Road respectively. In the early 1920s *Goodearl Brothers Ltd*, chair manufacturers of High Wycombe purchased land east of Princes Risborough Station for a chair-making factory and sawmill. The sawmill and timber yard were located on the evaluation site: most of the factory lay to the north of the evaluation area, extending as far as Station Road. By the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century the area had undergone considerable development, notably with the expansion of housing along Poppy Lane and both sides of Picts Lane.

## 4 Results & Conclusions

### 4.1 Results

Ten 30-metre trenches were opened across the site as shown in Fig. 4, using a 360° tracked excavator with a toothless ditching blade. Detailed information regarding the trial trenches and their contents appears in Appendix 1.

Soil profiles were found to be similar across the site. Normal organic topsoil was not present in any of the trenches. The overburden comprised mid brownish grey silty clay, between 0.1 – 0.65m thick, containing varying amounts of modern building rubble. Natural subsoil, comprising mid orange brown silty clay up to 0.5m thick, survived only in Trench 2. Beneath the overburden and subsoil, the natural geology consisted of light grey clay with chalk.

No archaeological features or artefacts were present in any of the trenches.

### 4.2 Conclusions

The trial trenches did not reveal any features or artefacts of archaeological significance. Soil profiles across the site suggested that some degree of truncation had taken place during the construction of the factory and/or its demolition, as natural topsoil and subsoil were largely absent from the site. It is always possible, though unlikely, that undisturbed archaeological features might survive on the site away from the trial trenches. Accordingly, the impact of the proposed residential redevelopment of the site on buried heritage assets is assessed to be low.

### 4.3 Confidence Rating

Trial trenching was undertaken in generally clear and sunny conditions, with the full co-operation of the client. Accordingly, a high confidence rating is assigned to the project results.

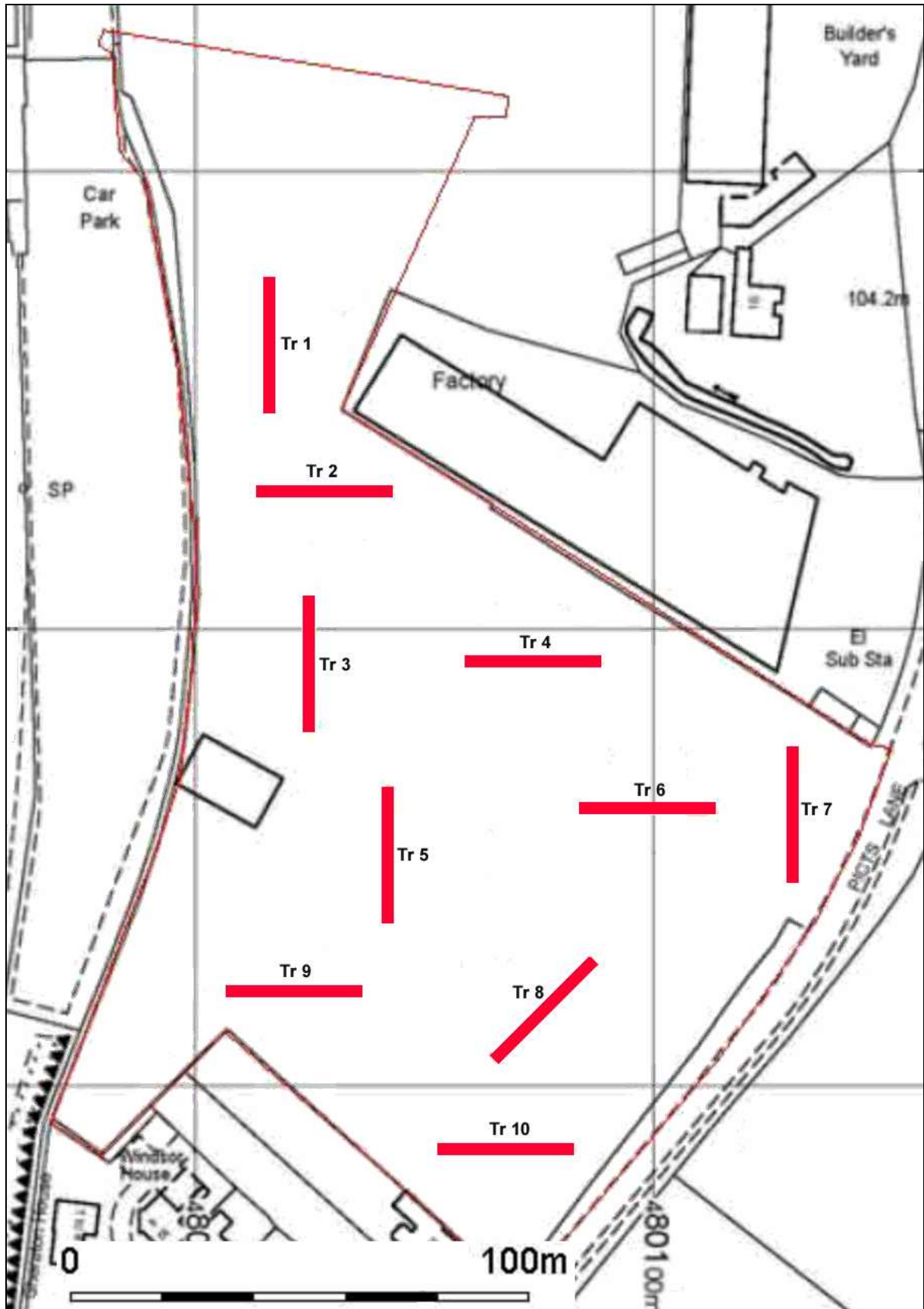


Figure 4: Trench locations (scale 1:1250)



**Plate 1:** General view, excavating Trench 3



**Plate 2:** General view, excavating Trench 4





**Plate 3:** Soil horizons, Trench 1



**Plate 4:** Soil horizons, Trench 2

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## **6. Archive**

6.1 The project archive will comprise:

1. Project Design
2. Evaluation Report
3. Clients site plans
4. Site records
5. List of photographs
6. B/W prints & negatives
7. CDROM with copies of all digital files.

6.2 The archive will be deposited with Buckinghamshire County Museum.

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## Appendix 1: Trench Summary Tables


| Trench 1  |                           |   |                        |                            |                        |       |
|---|---------------------------|---|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-------|
|  | <b>Max Dimensions (m)</b> |   |                        |                            |                        |       |
|   | <b>Length</b>             | 30m   | <b>Width</b>           | 2m                         | <b>Depth</b>           | 0.65m |
|   | <b>Levels</b>             |   |                        |                            |                        |       |
|   | <b>Trench top N</b>       |   | 102.86m OD             |                            |                        |       |
|   | <b>Trench base N</b>      |   | 102.52m OD             |                            |                        |       |
|   | <b>Trench top S</b>       |   | 103.62m OD             |                            |                        |       |
|   | <b>Trench base S</b>      |   | 102.90m OD             |                            |                        |       |
|   | <b>NGR Co-ordinates</b>   |   |                        |                            |                        |       |
|   | <b>S</b>                  | SP 80018 02646  | <b>N</b>               | SP 80018 02676             |                        |       |
|   | <b>Orientation</b>        |   | N-S                    |                            |                        |       |
| <b>Reason for Trench</b>  |                           | General evaluation  |                        |                            |                        |       |
| <b>Context</b>  | <b>Type</b>               | <b>Description and Interpretation</b>   | <b>Width (max: mm)</b> | <b>Thickness (max: mm)</b> | <b>Depth (BGL: mm)</b> |       |
| 100   | Layer                     | Mid greyish brown clayey silt. Modern made up ground with a number of modern pits | 2m+                    | 650                        | -                      |       |
| 101   | Layer                     | Light grey clay and chalk. Natural stratum  | 2m+                    | Un-exc                     | 650                    |       |


| Trench 2  |                           |  |                        |                            |                        |       |
|---|---------------------------|--|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-------|
|  | <b>Max Dimensions (m)</b> |  |                        |                            |                        |       |
|   | <b>Length</b>             | 30m  | <b>Width</b>           | 2m                         | <b>Depth</b>           | 0.55m |
|   | <b>Levels</b>             |  |                        |                            |                        |       |
|   | <b>Trench top E</b>       |  | 104.11m OD             |                            |                        |       |
|   | <b>Trench base E</b>      |  | 103.62m OD             |                            |                        |       |
|   | <b>Trench top W</b>       |  | 104.17m OD             |                            |                        |       |
|   | <b>Trench base W</b>      |  | 103.32m OD             |                            |                        |       |
|   | <b>NGR Co-ordinates</b>   |  |                        |                            |                        |       |
|   | <b>W</b>                  | SP 80012 02630                                       | <b>E</b>               | 80042 -2630                |                        |       |
|   | <b>Orientation</b>        |  | E-W                    |                            |                        |       |
| <b>Reason for Trench</b>  |                           | General evaluation                                   |                        |                            |                        |       |
| <b>Context</b>  | <b>Type</b>               | <b>Description and Interpretation</b>                | <b>Width (max: mm)</b> | <b>Thickness (max: mm)</b> | <b>Depth (BGL: mm)</b> |       |
| 200   | Layer                     | Mixed mid greyish brown silty. Modern made-up ground | 2m+                    | 400                        | -                      |       |
| 201   | Layer                     | Mid orange brown silty clay. Natural subsoil         | 2m+                    | 500                        | 400                    |       |
| 202   | Layer                     | Light grey clay and chalk. Natural stratum           | 2m+                    |                            | 900                    |       |

| <b>Trench 3</b>   |                           |  |                        |                            |                        |        |
|---|---------------------------|--|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|--------|
|  | <b>Max Dimensions (m)</b> |  |                        |                            |                        |        |
|   | <b>Length</b>             | 30m  | <b>Width</b>           | 2m                         | <b>Depth</b>           | c.0.3m |
|   | <b>Levels</b>             |  |                        |                            |                        |        |
|   | <b>Trench top N</b>       |  | 104.58m OD             |                            |                        |        |
|   | <b>Trench base N</b>      |  | 104.37m OD             |                            |                        |        |
|   | <b>Trench top S</b>       |  | 104.90m OD             |                            |                        |        |
|   | <b>Trench base S</b>      |  | 104.68m OD             |                            |                        |        |
|   | <b>NGR Co-ordinates</b>   |  |                        |                            |                        |        |
|   | <b>N</b>                  | SP 80025 02608   | <b>S</b>               | SP 80025 02578             |                        |        |
|   | <b>Orientation</b>        |  | N-S                    |                            |                        |        |
| <b>Reason for Trench</b>  |                           | General evaluation   |                        |                            |                        |        |
| <b>Context</b>  | <b>Type</b>               | <b>Description and Interpretation</b>                                    | <b>Width (max: mm)</b> | <b>Thickness (max: mm)</b> | <b>Depth (BGL: mm)</b> |        |
| 300   | Layer                     | Greyish brown silty clay mixed with modern rubble. Modern made up ground | 2m+                    | c.0.3m                     | -                      |        |
| 301   | Layer                     | Light grey clay and chalk. Natural stratum                               | 2m+                    | Un-exc                     | c.0.3m                 |        |


| <b>Trench 4</b>   |                           |  |                        |                            |                        |      |
|---|---------------------------|--|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|------|
|  | <b>Max Dimensions (m)</b> |  |                        |                            |                        |      |
|   | <b>Length</b>             | 30m  | <b>Width</b>           | 2m                         | <b>Depth</b>           | c.1m |
|   | <b>Levels</b>             |  |                        |                            |                        |      |
|   | <b>Trench top E</b>       |  | 104.66m OD             |                            |                        |      |
|   | <b>Trench base E</b>      |  | 103.69m OD             |                            |                        |      |
|   | <b>Trench top W</b>       |  | 104.63m OD             |                            |                        |      |
|   | <b>Trench base W</b>      |  | 104.01m OD             |                            |                        |      |
|   | <b>NGR Co-ordinates</b>   |  |                        |                            |                        |      |
|   | <b>W</b>                  | SP 80058 02592   | <b>E</b>               | SP 80088 02592             |                        |      |
|   | <b>Orientation</b>        |  | E-W                    |                            |                        |      |
| <b>Reason for Trench</b>  |                           | General evaluation   |                        |                            |                        |      |
| <b>Context</b>  | <b>Type</b>               | <b>Description and Interpretation</b>                      | <b>Width (max: mm)</b> | <b>Thickness (max: mm)</b> | <b>Depth (BGL: mm)</b> |      |
| 401   | Layer                     | Mixed dark greyish brown silty clay. Modern made up ground | 2m+                    | 0.6m                       | -                      |      |
| 400   | Layer                     | Light grey clay and chalk. Natural stratum                 | 2m+                    | Un-exc                     | 0.6m                   |      |





| Trench 5  |                           |  |                 |                     |                 |        |
|---|---------------------------|--|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------|
|  | <b>Max Dimensions (m)</b> |  |                 |                     |                 |        |
|   | <b>Length</b>             | 30m  | <b>Width</b>    | 2m                  | <b>Depth</b>    | c.0.3m |
|   | <b>Levels</b>             |  |                 |                     |                 |        |
|   | <b>Trench top N</b>       |  | 104.93m OD      |                     |                 |        |
|   | <b>Trench base N</b>      |  | 104.42m OD      |                     |                 |        |
|   | <b>Trench top S</b>       |  | 106.15m OD      |                     |                 |        |
|   | <b>Trench base S</b>      |  | 105.52m OD      |                     |                 |        |
|   | <b>NGR Co-ordinates</b>   |  |                 |                     |                 |        |
|   | <b>S</b>                  | SP 80042 02532   | <b>N</b>        | SP 80042 02562      |                 |        |
|   | <b>Orientation</b>        |  | N-S             |                     |                 |        |
| <b>Reason for Trench</b>  |                           | General evaluation   |                 |                     |                 |        |
| Context   | Type                      | Description and Interpretation   | Width (max: mm) | Thickness (max: mm) | Depth (BGL: mm) |        |
| 502   | Layer                     | Dark grey brown silty clay. Modern soil accumulation. Post-dates demolition of factory buildings | 2m+             | c.0.1m              | -               |        |
| 501   | Layer                     | Mixed dark greyish brown silty clay. Modern made up ground                                       | 2m+             | c.0.2m              | c.0.1m          |        |
| 500   | Layer                     | Light grey chalk and clay. Natural stratum   | 2m+             | Un-exc              | c.0.3m          |        |


| Trench 6  |                           |  |                 |                     |                 |      |
|---|---------------------------|--|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|------|
|  | <b>Max Dimensions (m)</b> |  |                 |                     |                 |      |
|   | <b>Length</b>             | 30m  | <b>Width</b>    | 2m                  | <b>Depth</b>    | 0.2m |
|   | <b>Levels</b>             |  |                 |                     |                 |      |
|   | <b>Trench top E</b>       |  | 105.59m OD      |                     |                 |      |
|   | <b>Trench base E</b>      |  | 105.32m OD      |                     |                 |      |
|   | <b>Trench top W</b>       |  | 105.89m OD      |                     |                 |      |
|   | <b>Trench base W</b>      |  | 105.57m OD      |                     |                 |      |
|   | <b>NGR Co-ordinates</b>   |  |                 |                     |                 |      |
|   | <b>W</b>                  | SP 80082 02560   | <b>E</b>        | 80112 02560         |                 |      |
|   | <b>Orientation</b>        |  | E-W             |                     |                 |      |
| <b>Reason for Trench</b>  |                           | General evaluation   |                 |                     |                 |      |
| Context   | Type                      | Description and Interpretation   | Width (max: mm) | Thickness (max: mm) | Depth (BGL: mm) |      |
| 601   | Layer                     | Dark grey brown silty clay. Modern soil accumulation. Post-dates demolition of factory buildings | 2m+             | 200                 | -               |      |
| 600   | Layer                     | Light grey chalk and clay. Natural stratum   | 2m+             | Un-exc              | 200             |      |



| Trench 7  |                           |  |                        |                            |                        |        |
|---|---------------------------|--|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|--------|
|  | <b>Max Dimensions (m)</b> |  |                        |                            |                        |        |
|   | <b>Length</b>             | 30m  | <b>Width</b>           | 2m                         | <b>Depth</b>           | c.0.3m |
|   | <b>Levels</b>             |  |                        |                            |                        |        |
|   | <b>Trench top N</b>       |  | 105.25m OD             |                            |                        |        |
|   | <b>Trench base N</b>      |  | 104.94m OD             |                            |                        |        |
|   | <b>Trench top S</b>       |  | 105.32m OD             |                            |                        |        |
|   | <b>Trench base S</b>      |  | 104.84m OD             |                            |                        |        |
|   | <b>NGR Co-ordinates</b>   |  |                        |                            |                        |        |
|   | <b>S</b>                  | SP 80130 02542   | <b>N</b>               | SP 80130 02572             |                        |        |
|   | <b>Orientation</b>        |  | N-S                    |                            |                        |        |
| <b>Reason for Trench</b>  |                           | General evaluation   |                        |                            |                        |        |
| <b>Context</b>  | <b>Type</b>               | <b>Description and Interpretation</b>  | <b>Width (max: mm)</b> | <b>Thickness (max: mm)</b> | <b>Depth (BGL: mm)</b> |        |
| 701   | Layer                     | Dark grey brown silty clay. Modern soil accumulation. Post dates demolition of factory buildings | 2m+                    | 300                        | -                      |        |
| 700   | Layer                     | Light grey chalk and clay. Natural stratum   | 2m+                    | Un-exc                     | 300                    |        |

| Trench 8  |                           |  |                        |                            |                        |      |
|---|---------------------------|--|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|------|
|  | <b>Max Dimensions (m)</b> |  |                        |                            |                        |      |
|   | <b>Length</b>             | 30m  | <b>Width</b>           | 3m                         | <b>Depth</b>           | 0.4m |
|   | <b>Levels</b>             |  |                        |                            |                        |      |
|   | <b>Trench top NE</b>      |  | 106.56m OD             |                            |                        |      |
|   | <b>Trench base NE</b>     |  | 106.38m OD             |                            |                        |      |
|   | <b>Trench top SW</b>      |  | 107.31m OD             |                            |                        |      |
|   | <b>Trench base SW</b>     |  | 106.94m OD             |                            |                        |      |
|   | <b>NGR Co-ordinates</b>   |  |                        |                            |                        |      |
|   | <b>SW</b>                 | SP 80064 02506   | <b>NE</b>              | SP 80086 02526             |                        |      |
|   | <b>Orientation</b>        |  | NE-SW                  |                            |                        |      |
| <b>Reason for Trench</b>  |                           | General evaluation   |                        |                            |                        |      |
| <b>Context</b>  | <b>Type</b>               | <b>Description and Interpretation</b>  | <b>Width (max: mm)</b> | <b>Thickness (max: mm)</b> | <b>Depth (BGL: mm)</b> |      |
| 801   | Layer                     | Dark grey brown silty clay. Modern soil accumulation. Post-dates demolition of factory buildings | 2m+                    | 100                        | -                      |      |
| 800   | Layer                     | Light grey chalk and clay. Natural stratum   | 2m+                    | 300+                       | 100                    |      |

| Trench 9  |                           |  |              |                        |                            |                        |
|---|---------------------------|--|--------------|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
|  | <b>Max Dimensions (m)</b> |  |              |                        |                            |                        |
|   | <b>Length</b>             | 30m  | <b>Width</b> | 2m                     | <b>Depth</b>               | 0.35m                  |
|   | <b>Levels</b>             |  |              |                        |                            |                        |
|   | <b>Trench top</b>         |  | m OD         |                        |                            |                        |
|   | <b>Trench base</b>        |  | m OD         |                        |                            |                        |
|   | <b>Trench top</b>         |  | m OD         |                        |                            |                        |
|   | <b>Trench base</b>        |  | m OD         |                        |                            |                        |
|   | <b>NGR Co-ordinates</b>   |  |              |                        |                            |                        |
|   | <b>W</b>                  | SP 80006 02520   | <b>E</b>     | SP 80036 02520         |                            |                        |
|   | <b>Orientation</b>        |  | E-W          |                        |                            |                        |
| <b>Reason for Trench</b>  |                           | General evaluation   |              |                        |                            |                        |
| <b>Context</b>  | <b>Type</b>               | <b>Description and Interpretation</b>  |              | <b>Width (max: mm)</b> | <b>Thickness (max: mm)</b> | <b>Depth (BGL: mm)</b> |
| 901   | Layer                     | Dark grey brown silty clay. Modern soil accumulation. Post-dates demolition of factory buildings |              | 2m+                    | 100                        | -                      |
| 900   | Layer                     | Light grey chalk and clay. Natural stratum   |              | 2m+                    | 250+                       | 100                    |

| Trench 10   |                           |  |              |                        |                            |                        |
|---|---------------------------|--|--------------|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
|  | <b>Max Dimensions (m)</b> |  |              |                        |                            |                        |
|   | <b>Length</b>             | 30m  | <b>Width</b> | 2m                     | <b>Depth</b>               | c.0.4m                 |
|   | <b>Levels</b>             |  |              |                        |                            |                        |
|   | <b>Trench top E</b>       |  | 108.19m OD   |                        |                            |                        |
|   | <b>Trench base E</b>      |  | 107.61m OD   |                        |                            |                        |
|   | <b>Trench top E</b>       |  | 107.73m OD   |                        |                            |                        |
|   | <b>Trench base E</b>      |  | 107.22m OD   |                        |                            |                        |
|   | <b>NGR Co-ordinates</b>   |  |              |                        |                            |                        |
|   | <b>W</b>                  | SP 80052 02488   | <b>E</b>     | SP 80082 02488         |                            |                        |
|   | <b>Orientation</b>        |  | E-W          |                        |                            |                        |
| <b>Reason for Trench</b>  |                           | General evaluation   |              |                        |                            |                        |
| <b>Context</b>  | <b>Type</b>               | <b>Description and Interpretation</b>  |              | <b>Width (max: mm)</b> | <b>Thickness (max: mm)</b> | <b>Depth (BGL: mm)</b> |
| 1001  | Layer                     | Dark grey brown silty clay. Modern soil accumulation. Post dates demolition of factory buildings |              | 2m                     | 100                        | -                      |
| 1000  | Layer                     | Light grey chalk and clay. Natural stratum   |              | 2m+                    | 300+                       | 100                    |

## Appendix 2: List of Photographs

| SITE NAME: Picts Lane, Princes Risborough |     |         | SITE NO/CODE: 1442/PRP                |
|---|-----|---------|---------------------------------------|
| Shot                                      | B&W | Digital | Subject                               |
| 1   |     | 2724    | Working shot looking NW               |
| 2   |     | 2725    | Working shot of Tr. 1 view NNW        |
| 3   |     | 2726    | General view of site looking north    |
| 4   |     | 2727    | Working shot of Tr. 3 view north      |
| 5   |     | 2728    | General view of site looking west     |
| 6   |     | 2729    | Working shot of Tr. 2 looking east    |
| 7   | 1   | 2730    | General view of Tr. 2 looking east    |
| 8   | 2   | 2731    | General view of tr. 3 looking south   |
| 9   |     | 2732    | Working view of Tr. 4 view east       |
| 10  |     | 2733    | Working view of T. 10 looking east    |
| 11  |     | T1      | Soil horizon in Trench 1              |
| 12  |     | T2      | Soil horizon in Trench 2              |
| 13  |     | T 3     | Soil horizon in Trench 19             |
| 14  |     | Tr 9    | General view of trench 9 looking east |
| 15  |     | Tr 10   | General view of Trench 10 view east   |
| 16  |     | Tr 4    | General view of Trench 4 view west    |
| 17  |     | Tr 5    | General view of Trench 5 view north   |
| 18  |     | Tr 6    | General view of Trench 6 view east    |
| 19  |     | Tr 7    | General view of Trench 7 view north   |
| 20  |     | Tr 8    | General view of Trench 8 looking SW   |
| 21  |     | Wb11    | Surviving wall view NW                |

## Appendix 3: ASC OASIS Form

| PROJECT DETAILS  |   |   |                                |
|--|---|---|--------------------------------|
| Project Name:  | Picts Lane, Princes Risborough  | OASIS reference:                                    | Archaeol2-106254               |
| Short Description:   | <p>In August 2011 a pre-determination archaeological evaluation was carried out on the former Whiteleaf Furniture factory site in Picts Lane, Princes Risborough, to inform proposals for residential redevelopment of the site. The site lies to the south of the town, adjacent to the railway station. An initial desk-based assessment indicated that the site had moderate potential for the presence and survival of archaeological remains.</p> <p>Ten trenches were opened across the site. No features or artefacts of archaeological significance were revealed. Soil profiles across the site suggested that some degree of truncation had taken place during the construction of the factory and/or its demolition. It is thought unlikely that undisturbed archaeological features might survive on the site away from the trial trenches, and the impact of the proposed redevelopment of the site on buried heritage assets is assessed to be low.</p> |   |                                |
| Project Type:  | Evaluation  |   |                                |
| Previous work:   | DBA: Fell 2010  | Site status:  | none                           |
| Current land use:  | Former factory site   | Future work:  | unknown                        |
| Monument type:   | n/a   | Monument period:                                    | n/a                            |
| Significant finds:   | None  |   |                                |
| PROJECT LOCATION   |   |   |                                |
| County:  | Buckinghamshire   | OS reference: (8 figs min)                          | SP 8008 0274                   |
| Site address:  | Whiteleaf Furniture site, Picts Lane, Princes Risborough, Bucks   |   |                                |
| Study area: (sq. m. / ha)  | c.2 ha  | Height OD: (metres)                                 | c.104m OD                      |
| PROJECT CREATORS   |   |   |                                |
| Organisation:  | Archaeological Services & Consultancy Ltd   |   |                                |
| Project brief originator:  | BCAS (generic brief)  | Project design originator:                          | J Hunn                         |
| Project Manager:   | J Hunn  | Director/Supervisor:                                | J Hunn                         |
| Sponsor / funding body:  | W E Black Ltd   |   |                                |
| PROJECT DATE   |   |   |                                |
| Start date:  | 18 <sup>th</sup> August 2011  | End date:   | 18 <sup>th</sup> August 2011   |
| PROJECT ARCHIVES   |   |   |                                |
|  | Location (Accession no.)  | Content (eg. pottery, animal bone, files/sheets)    |                                |
| Physical:  | Bucks County Museum   | None  |                                |
| Paper:   |   | Project design, site records, plans, photos, report |                                |
| Digital:   |   | CD with all digital files                           |                                |
| BIBLIOGRAPHY (Journal/monograph, published or forthcoming, or unpublished client report) |   |   |                                |
| Title:   | Archaeological Evaluation: Former Whiteleaf Furniture Site, Picts Lane, Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire   |   |                                |
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