

**Land at Windrush View
Lansdowne
Bourton-on-the-Water
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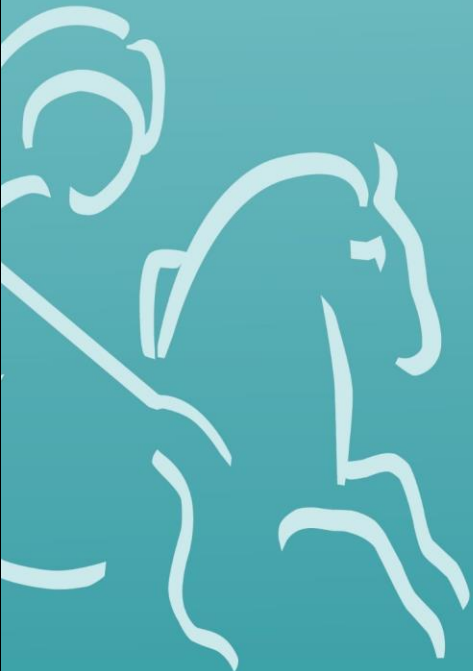
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SUMMARY

Project name:	Land at Windrush View
Location:	Lansdowne, Bourton-on-the-Water, Gloucestershire
NGR:	416225 220966
Type:	Programme of archaeological work
Date:	29 October 2018
Planning reference:	Cotswold District Council ref: 15/04089/FUL
OASIS ID:	cotswold2-335304
Location of Archive:	To be deposited with Corinium Museum
Site Code:	NGW 18

In October 2018, a programme of archaeological work was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology during groundworks associated with the erection of a detached garage at on land at Windrush View, Lansdowne, Bourton on the Water, Gloucestershire.

Three possible un-bonded limestone walls were recorded, although no artefactual material was recovered. Whilst the walls were only partially exposed and remained undated, it is likely that they relate to Roman structural evidence recorded on the site by a preceding evaluation.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. In October 2018, Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out a programme of archaeological work at Windrush View, Lansdowne, Bourton-on-the-Water, Gloucestershire (centred at NGR: 416225 220966; Fig. 1). This programme of archaeological works was undertaken for Mr. Bernard Harris.
- 1.2. Cotswold District Council (CDC) has granted planning permission for the erection of a detached garage (CDC planning ref: 15/04089/FUL). Condition 4 of this planning permission required the implementation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with an approved *Written Scheme of Investigation* (WSI).
- 1.3. The scope of this programme of archaeological works was defined by Charles Parry, Archaeologist, Gloucestershire County Council, the former archaeological advisor to CDC. The programme of archaeological works was carried out in accordance with a WSI prepared by CA (2017) and approved by Charles Parry.
- 1.4. The programme of archaeological works was also undertaken in line with *Standard and guidance for archaeological excavation* (ClfA 2014), *Standard and guidance for an archaeological watching brief* (ClfA 2014), *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MoRPHE) PPN 3: Archaeological Excavation* (Historic England 2015) and *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment: The MoRPHE Project Managers' Guide* (Historic England 2015).

The site

- 1.5. The development area is approximately 0.2ha in extent and comprises part of the back garden of Windrush View. It is bounded by Leadenwell House to the south, Greenstede to the east and other private plots to the north (Fig. 2). The site lies at approximately 134m AOD and is broadly level.
- 1.6. The underlying bedrock geology of the area is mapped as mudstone of the Charmouth Formation, formed during the Jurassic Period (BGS 2023). Superficial Quaternary deposits of clay, silt, sand and gravel alluvium are also recorded (ibid.). The natural geological substrate identified during the course of the programme of archaeological work consisted of gravel and sand.

2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

- 2.1. The site has previously been subject to an archaeological evaluation (110 Archaeology 2005). What follows is a summary of the results of the evaluation and other publicly available information.
- 2.2. Bourton-on-the-Water lies at the confluence of two rivers, the Windrush and Dickler, on terraces of well drained gravels. In addition, it lies on the line of the Jurassic Way, a postulated pathway that follows the Cotswold escarpment and is thought to have been in use since the Neolithic period.
- 2.3. The first intensive settlement of the area occurred during the Iron Age with the construction of Salmonsbury Camp, located c. 300m to the north of the current site. Occupation appears to have been continuous for most of the Iron Age and Roman periods.
- 2.4. Roman occupation appears to have been focused on two areas, Bourton Bridge and Salmonsbury Camp, although, the general impression is of a linear, straggling development stretching from Salmonsbury, through Bourton Bridge and up to Whiteshoots Hill on the Fosse Way Roman road (Timby 1998). The site itself lies approximately 130m south-east of the line of the Fosse Way.
- 2.5. An archaeological evaluation previously carried out at the site identified remains of Roman settlement activity dated to the 2nd to 4th centuries, including the remains of walls and road/yard surfaces (110 Archaeology 2005).
- 2.6. An archaeological evaluation undertaken c. 200m to the north of the site identified a series of undated postholes. Whilst a definitive interpretation was not possible, the proximity of Salmonsbury Camp to the evaluation area was noted (CAT 1998).
- 2.7. The site formed part of an enclosed field adjacent to the Fosse Way by the 1840s, as depicted on the Tithe Map of Bourton-on-the-Water. On the Ordnance Survey (OS) 1st Edition Map of the 1880s, the field was crossed by the Bourton-on-the-Water railway, which opened in 1862, c. 40m north of the site. The field south of the railway line contained allotment gardens by the early 1900s, and was later subdivided. The site itself comprised the north-west corner of an enclosed orchard or garden by the 1930s.

3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

3.1. The general objectives of the archaeological mitigation were:

- record the nature of the main stratigraphic units encountered
- assess the overall presence, survival and potential of structural and industrial remains
- assess the overall presence, survival, condition, and potential of artefactual and ecofactual remains

3.2. The specific aims of the work were to:

- record any evidence of past settlement or other land use
- recover artefactual evidence to date any evidence of past settlement that may be identified
- sample and analyse environmental remains to create a better understanding of past land use and economy

4. METHODOLOGY

4.1. The programme of archaeological work was carried out in accordance with the methodology set out in the WSI (CA 2017). All intrusive groundworks were observed by a competent archaeologist. These comprised the excavation of foundations for the garage, along with the excavation of service trenches and a soakaway (Fig. 2).

4.2. Archaeological features/deposits were investigated, planned and recorded in accordance with *CA Technical Manual 1: Fieldwork Recording Manual*. Records were maintained in accordance with *CA Technical Manual 1: Fieldwork Recording Manual*.

4.3. Deposits were assessed for their palaeoenvironmental potential in accordance with *CA Technical Manual 2: The Taking and Processing of Environmental and Other Samples from Archaeological Sites*, but no deposits were identified that required sampling.

4.4. CA will make arrangements with Corinium Museum for the deposition of the project archive. A digital archive will also be prepared and deposited with the Archaeology Data Service (ADS). The archives will be prepared and deposited in accordance with *Standard and guidance for the creation, compilation, transfer and deposition of archaeological archives* (ClfA 2014; updated October 2020).

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- 4.5. A summary of information from this project, as set out in Appendix B, will be entered onto the OASIS online database of archaeological projects in Britain.

5. RESULTS

- 5.1. This section provides an overview of the fieldwork results. Detailed summaries of the recorded contexts are given in Appendix A.
- 5.2. A broadly similar stratigraphic sequence was observed across the site. The natural substrate, comprising of gravel and sand, was only revealed within the soakaway trench, at a depth of 0.7m below present ground level (bpgl). This was overlain by 0.5m of sandy silt made ground 101, which was in turn sealed by a sandy silt garden soil 100, averaging 0.2m in thickness.
- 5.3. Within the eastern extent of the monitored groundworks, three un-bonded limestone walls were recorded at a depth of 0.45m bpgl; these were directly sealed by made ground deposit 101.
- 5.4. Wall 102 (Fig. 3) was identified within the south-eastern extent of the excavated area. It was aligned east/west and measured 1.1m in width. Wall 103 was located approximately 4m to the north of wall 102 and was also aligned broadly east/west, measuring 1.7m in width. Wall 104 (Fig. 4), recorded c. 2m to the west of wall 102 at the southern extent of the excavated area, was aligned north/south and measured 1.3m in width. Further investigation of the walls was not undertaken as they were below the formation level of the proposed construction groundworks and were to be preserved *in situ*. No artefactual material was recovered.

6. DISCUSSION

- 6.1. The three structural elements revealed during the fieldwork remained undated. Whilst it is possible that they relate to later activity on the site (see *Archaeological Background*, above), it is more likely that the structures relate to the Roman settlement remains previously identified within the site: during a preceding evaluation, structural remains and occupation deposits were recorded in association with 2nd to 4th-century dating evidence (110 Archaeology 2005).
- 6.2. The absence of occupation deposits being recorded during the current works may be explained by the generally shallow depths of excavation, in comparison to the previous evaluation of the site.

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- 6.3. The conclusion of this earlier investigation suggested an association with settlement remains of this date exposed during excavations at Leadenwell House, to the south-west of the site, and at Green Lane Close to the north of the site. Both sites are likely to relate to the known focus of Roman activity at Bourton Bridge, c. 180m to the west of the site, on the Fosse Way.
- 6.4. Whilst it is likely that the recorded structural remains are of Roman date, their limited exposure during the current works precludes further interpretation at this stage.

7. CA PROJECT TEAM

- 7.1. Fieldwork was undertaken by Monica Fombellida. This report was written by Charlotte Haines and Marino Cardelli. The report illustrations were prepared by Aleksandra Osinska. The project archive has been compiled by Marino Cardelli and prepared for deposition by Hazel O'Neill. The project was managed for CA by Ian Barnes and Alex Thomson.

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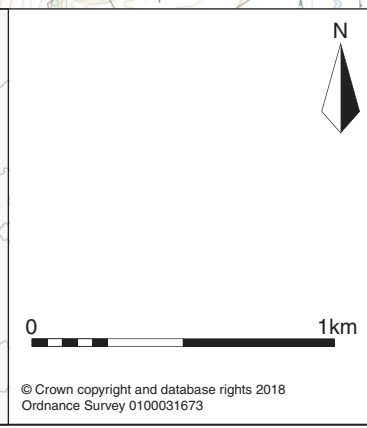
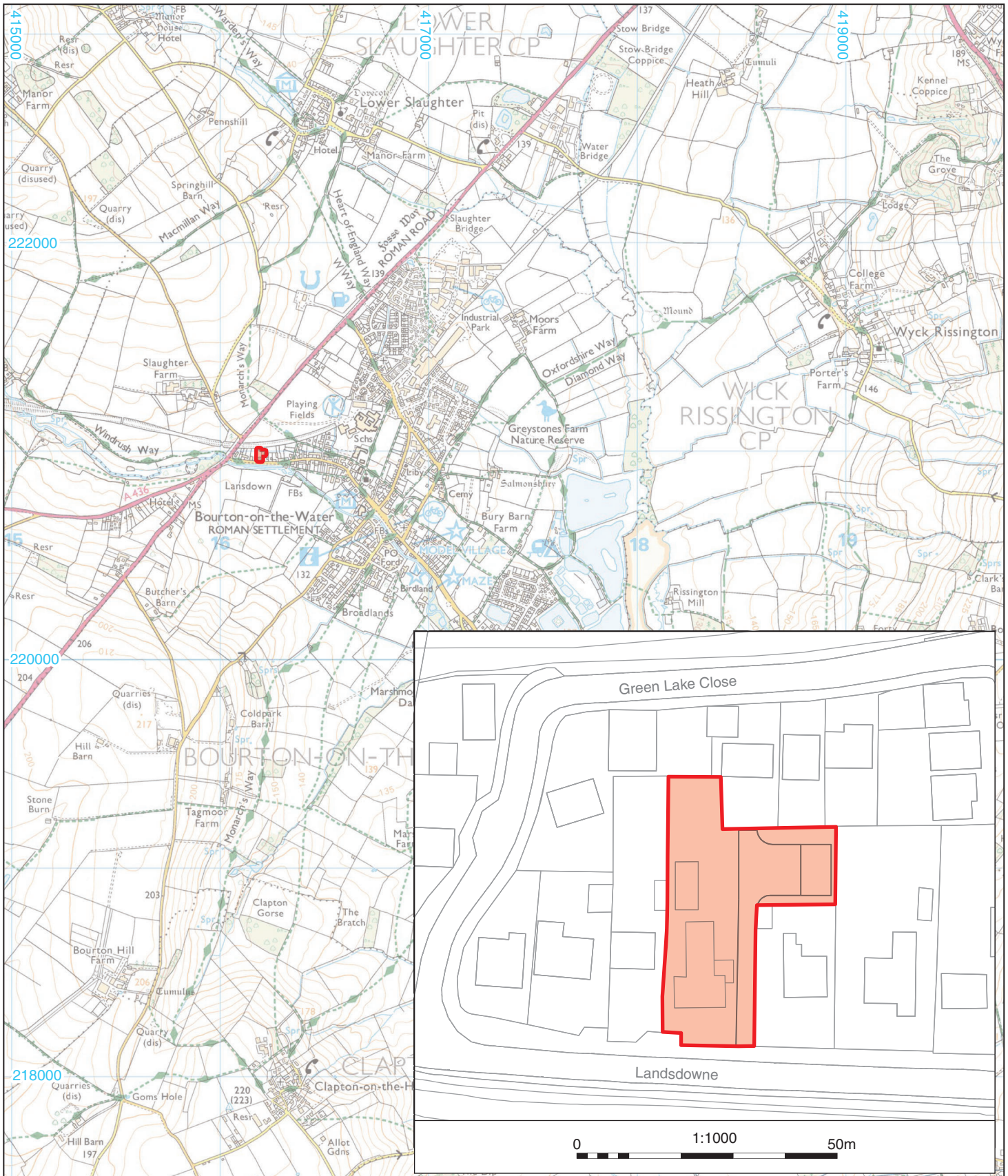
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APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

Trench No	Context No.	Type	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)
1	100	Layer	Garden soil	Dark brown sandy slit	>11	>0.6	0.2
1	101	Layer	Made ground	Mid green grey sandy silt	>11	>0.6	0.25-0.5
1	102	Structure	Possible wall	Un-bonded irregular limestone	>0.6	1.1	-
1	103	Structure	Possible wall	Un-bonded irregular limestone	>0.6	1.7	-
1	104	Structure	Possible wall	Un-bonded irregular limestone	>0.6	1.3	-
1	105	Layer	Natural substrate	Yellow gravel and sand	>1	>1	-

APPENDIX B: OASIS REPORT FORM

PROJECT DETAILS	
Project Name	Land at Windrush View, Lansdowne, Bourton-on-the-Water, Gloucestershire
Short description	<p>In October 2018, a programme of archaeological work was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology during groundworks associated with the erection of a detached garage at on land at Windrush View, Lansdowne, Bourton on the Water, Gloucestershire.</p> <p>Three possible un-bonded limestone walls were recorded, although no artefactual material was recovered. Whilst the walls were only partially exposed and remained undated, it is likely that they relate to Roman structural evidence recorded on the site by a preceding evaluation.</p>
Project dates	29 October 2018
Project type	Programme of archaeological work
Previous work	Field evaluation (110 Archaeology 2005)
Future work	Unknown
PROJECT LOCATION	
Site Location	Windrush View, Lansdowne, Bourton-on-the-Water, Gloucestershire
Study area (M ² /ha)	200 m ²
Site co-ordinates	416225 220966
PROJECT CREATORS	
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology
Project Brief originator	N/A
Project Design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology
Project Manager	Ian Barnes and Alex Thomson
Project Supervisor	Monica Fombellida
MONUMENT TYPE	None
SIGNIFICANT FINDS	None
PROJECT ARCHIVES	
	Intended final location of archive: Content
Paper	Corinium Museum Trench sheets, photo register
Digital	Corinium Museum Digital photos
BIBLIOGRAPHY	
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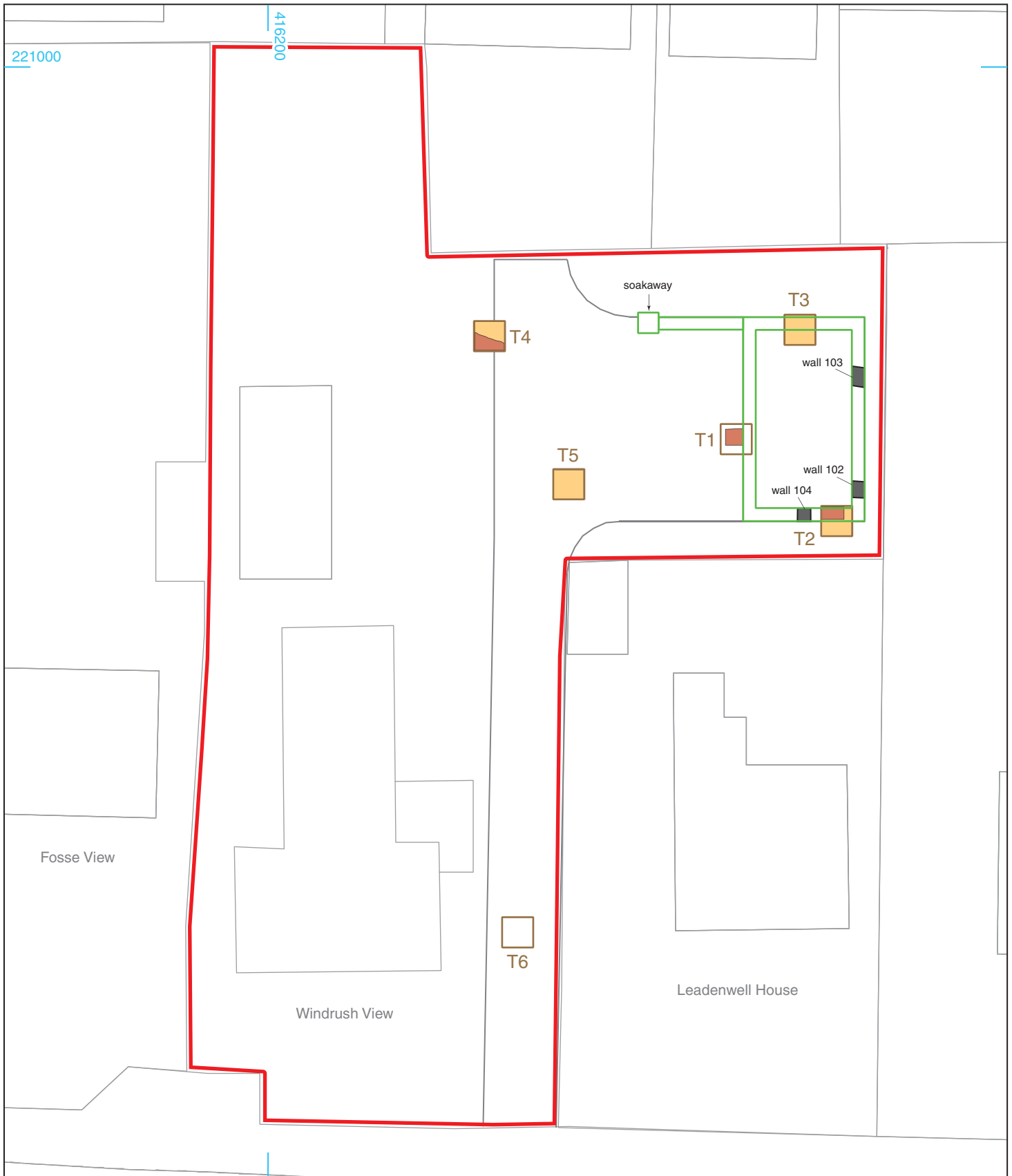
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 Site location plan

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- Site boundary
- Area of observed groundworks
- Structural feature

Previous archaeological works:

- Previous evaluation trench (110 Archaeology 2005)
- Roman wall/surface
- Roman deposit



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The site showing location of groundworks, previous evaluation trenches and archaeological features



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Wall 102, looking east (1m scale)

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Wall 104, looking south (1m scale)



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