

**Land between 6 and 7 Sheep Street  
Chipping Campden  
Gloucestershire**

**Archaeological Watching Brief**

*for*

**Cotswold Build (Chipping Campden) Ltd**


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## SUMMARY

**Project Name:** Land between 6 and 7 Sheep Street  
**Location:** Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire  
**NGR:** SP 14970 38992  
**Type:** Watching Brief  
**Date:** 13 December 2012  
**Planning Reference:** 12/02809/FUL  
**Location of Archive:** To be deposited with Corinium Museum  
**Site Code:** SSH 12

An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology during groundworks associated with the construction of a new dwelling at land between 6 and 7 Sheep Street, Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire.

No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during groundworks, and no artefactual material pre-dating the modern period was recovered.



## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In December 2012 Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological watching brief for Cotswold Build (Chipping Campden) Ltd at land between 6 and 7 Sheep Street, Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire (centred on NGR: SP 14970 38992; Fig. 1). The watching brief was undertaken to fulfil a condition attached to a planning consent granted by Cotswold District Council (CDC) for a new dwelling (Planning ref: 12/02809/FUL). The objective of the watching brief was to record all archaeological remains exposed during the development.
- 1.2 The watching brief was carried out in accordance with a detailed *Written Scheme of Investigation* (WSI) produced by CA (2012) and approved by CDC acting on the advice of Mr Charles Parry, Senior Archaeological Officer, Gloucestershire County Council (GCC), the archaeological advisor to CDC. The fieldwork also followed the *Standard and Guidance for an archaeological watching brief* (IfA 2008), the *Statement of Standards and Practices Appropriate for Archaeological Fieldwork in Gloucestershire* (Gloucestershire County Council 1996), the *Management of Archaeological Projects 2* (English Heritage 1991), and the *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MORPHE): Project Manager's Guide* (English Heritage 2006).

### **The site**

- 1.3 The site encloses an area of approximately 62m<sup>2</sup>, and comprises the site of a demolished garage and associated yard area. The site is bounded to the north and south by properties fronting onto Sheep Street, to the west by Sheep Street and to the east by residential gardens. The site lies at approximately 145m AOD.
- 1.4 The underlying bedrock geology of the area is mapped as Dyrham Formation Siltstone and Mudstone of the Jurassic era, and superficial deposits of alluvial silts, sands and gravels of the Quaternary Period (BGS 2012). The natural geology was not observed in any of the monitored groundworks.



### ***Archaeological background***

- 1.5 The proposed development area is located within the core of the medieval settlement area of Chipping Campden. The town of Chipping Campden was founded in 1173 and by the early 14th century the wool trade had made it one of the wealthiest towns of the county. The layout of the town is typical of 11th to 13th-century planned towns, with a wide market place situated on the High Street and long narrow burgage plots extending back from the main streets (Leech 1981). There is the potential that remains dating to this period may be affected by the development. Situated approximately 26m to the west is The Old Silk Mill a grade II listed building (entry number: 1342026). The Silk Mill was a significant example of an 18th-century industrial building of this scale. From December 1902 the mill became the workshops for C.R. Ashbee and the Guild of Handicrafts and is remarkably unaltered since Ashbee's day.
- 1.6 In March 2010 Foundations Archaeology undertook an archaeological evaluation at the site. The evaluation comprised the excavation of two trenches (Fig. 2) revealing a later-medieval or post-medieval stone building at approximately 0.4m below ground level within Trench 1. This was interpreted as a small out building or culvert (Foundations Archaeology 2010).

### ***Archaeological objectives***

- 1.7 The objectives of the archaeological works were:
- to monitor groundworks, and to identify, investigate and record all significant buried archaeological deposits revealed on the site during the course of the development groundworks;
  - at the conclusion of the project, to produce an integrated archive for the project work and a report setting out the results of the project and the archaeological conclusions that can be drawn from the recorded data.



## **Methodology**

- 1.8 The fieldwork followed the methodology set out within the WSI (CA 2012). An archaeologist was present during part of the intrusive groundworks comprising the excavation of foundation trenches (Fig. 2). Some of the excavation works had been completed prior to CA being commissioned to undertake the archaeological watching brief.
- 1.9 Written, graphic and photographic records were compiled in accordance with CA Technical Manual 1: *Fieldwork Recording Manual* (2007).
- 1.10 The archive and artefacts from the evaluation are currently held by CA at their offices in Kemble. The archive will be deposited with Corinium Museum, the artefacts will not be retained. A summary of information from this project, set out within Appendix B, will be entered onto the OASIS online database of archaeological projects in Britain.

## **2. RESULTS (FIGS 2-3)**

- 2.1 No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during groundworks. Made ground deposit, 103, consisting of mid yellowish brown clayey silt containing sparse charcoal flecks was revealed at an average depth of 0.17m below present ground level. Recovered from deposit 103 were two fragments of clay pipe stem broadly dating from the 16th century to the 19th century; these were not retained. Deposit 103 was overlain in the south-east of the site by 0.06m of make-up layer 102, comprising light yellowish brown clayey silt with abundant limestone inclusions. This was in turn sealed by 0.11m of a mid greyish brown clayey silt make-up layer 101 containing modern waste. Foundation trench 104 for concrete foundations 105 with limestone fragments set into the top was present within three places in the eastern half of the site cutting through 101 and into 103. This was thought to be part of the wall that held a gate when the former garage was in use (Mr Gavlin, pers. comm.).



### 3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 Despite the archaeological potential of the application area (see *archaeological background* above), the watching brief identified no archaeological remains within the area of observed groundworks. The absence of archaeological deposits may indicate that structural remains associated with the medieval settlement of Chipping Campden and The Old Silk Mill either do not extend as far as the area of the groundwork, or more likely, given the presence of walls identified within the previous evaluation immediately to the south and the presence of made ground/lack of natural substrate in the current groundworks, structural remains may have been truncated during the construction of the terraced houses along Sheep Street.

### 4. CA PROJECT TEAM

Fieldwork was undertaken by Sian Reynish. The report was written by Sian Reynish. The illustrations were prepared by Ian Atkins. The archive has been compiled by Sian Reynish, and prepared for deposition by James Johnson. The project was managed for CA by Richard Young.

### 5. REFERENCES

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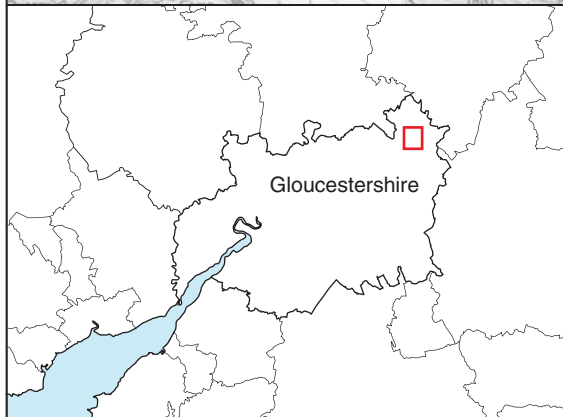


**APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS**

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	Depth /thickness (m)	Spot-date
1	101	Layer		make-up	mid greyish brown clayey silt containing modern waste.	>7.9	>5.5	0.11	
1	102	Layer		make-up	light yellowish brown clayey silt with abundant limestone inclusions only visible in south-east of site.	>4.5	>1.8	0.06	
1	103	Layer		made ground	mid yellowish brown clayey silt containing sparse charcoal flecks and two fragments of clay pipe.	>7.9	>5.5	0.49	
1	105	Cut		foundation trench	cut for modern wall		0.4	0.3	
1	105	Fill		foundations	concrete foundations 105 with limestones set into the top		0.4	0.3	

**APPENDIX B: OASIS REPORT FORM**

<b>PROJECT DETAILS</b>		
Project Name	Land between 6 and 7 Sheep Street, Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire	
Short description	An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology during groundworks associated with the construction of a new dwelling at land between 6 and 7 Sheep Street, Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire.  No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during groundworks, and no artefactual material pre-dating the modern period was recovered.	
Project dates	13 December 2012	
Project type	Watching Brief	
Previous work	Foundations Archaeology 2010 Archaeological Evaluation	
Future work	Unknown	
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>		
Site Location	Land between 6 and 7 Sheep Street, Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire	
Study area	62m <sup>2</sup>	
Site co-ordinates	SP 14970 38992	
<b>PROJECT CREATORS</b>		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Brief originator	Gloucestershire County Council	
Project Design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Manager	Richard Young	
Project Supervisor	Sian Reynish	
<b>MONUMENT TYPE</b>	None	
<b>SIGNIFICANT FINDS</b>	None	
<b>PROJECT ARCHIVES</b>		
	Intended final location of archive	Content
Physical	Not retained	Two fragments of clay pipe stem
Paper	Corinium Museum	Trench sheets, annotated plan, photographic registers
Digital	Corinium Museum	Digital photographs
<b>BIBLIOGRAPHY</b>		
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Site location plan

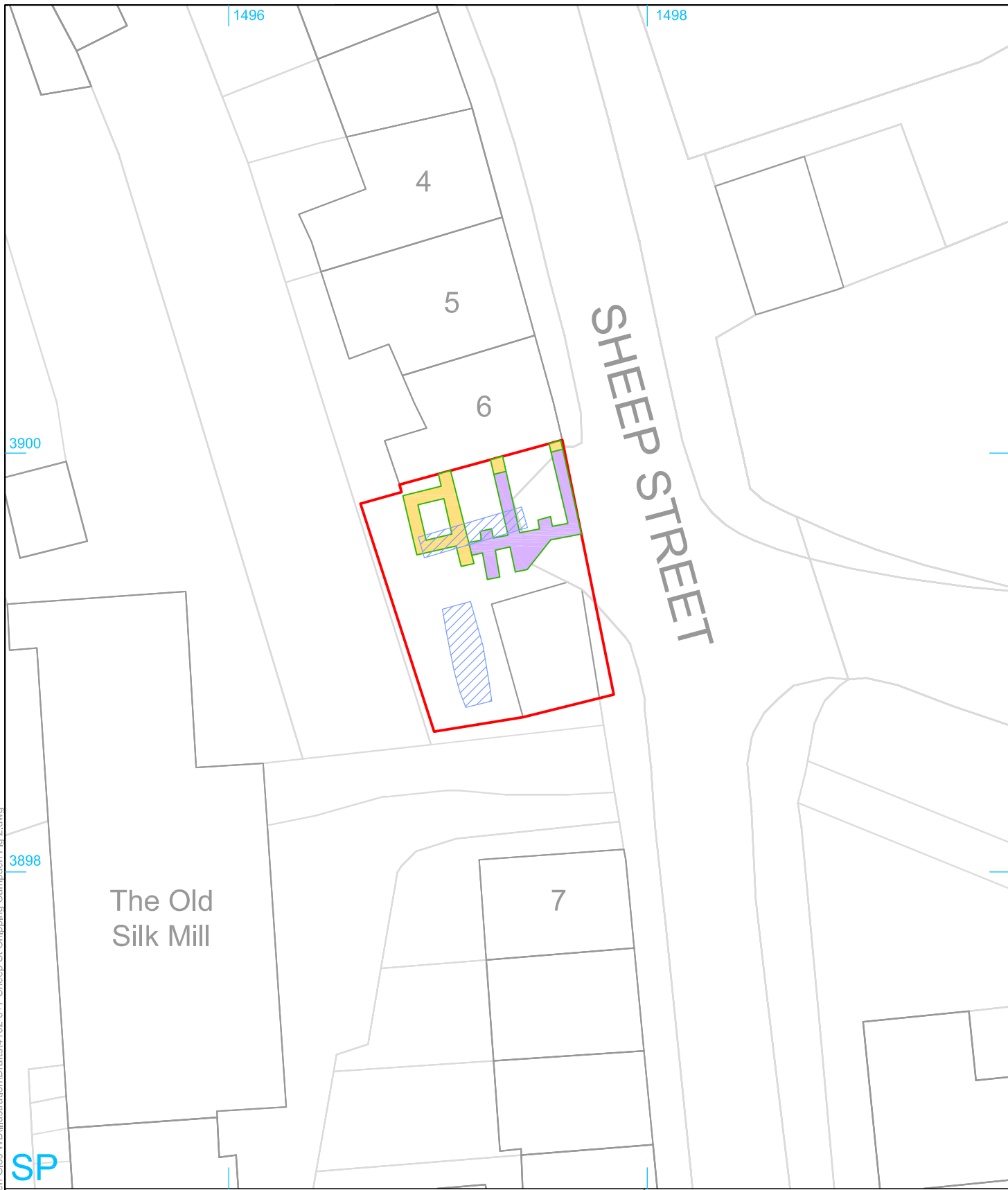







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FIGURE NO.

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-  site
-  area of groundworks
-  observed groundworks
-  unobserved groundworks
-  evaluation trench (FA 2010)



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**FIGURE TITLE**  
 The site, showing location of  
 groundworks

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3 General view of site, looking south-west



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