

**Terramond Site, Westerleigh Road
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South Gloucestershire**

Archaeological Watching Brief



for
Persimmon Homes Severn Valley


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SUMMARY

Project Name: Terramond Site, Westerleigh Road
Location: Yate, South Gloucestershire
NGR: ST 7073 8197
Type: Watching Brief
Date: 15 March - 25 July 2013
Planning Reference: PK12-2924-F
Location of Archive: To be deposited with Bristol City Museum and Art Gallery

An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology during groundworks associated with the residential development at the Terramond Site, Westerleigh Road, Yate, South 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 Between March and July 2013 Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological watching brief for Persimmon Homes Severn Valley at Terramond Site, Westerleigh Road, Yate, South Gloucestershire (centred on NGR: ST 7073 8197; Fig. 1). The watching brief was undertaken to fulfil a condition attached to planning consent for residential development granted by South Gloucestershire Council (SGC; planning ref: PK12-2924-F). 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 brief prepared by David Evans, Archaeology & HER Officer, SGC and with a subsequent detailed Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) produced by CA (2013) and approved by the SGC acting on the advice of Mr Evans. The fieldwork also followed the *Standard and guidance for an archaeological watching brief* (IfA 2009), 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 proposed development area is approximately 1ha, and comprised the site of a former factory bounded to the north and west by Stanshawes Drive and Westerleigh Road respectively, to the east by a lake and to the south by modern houses (Fig. 2). The site lies at approximately 78m AOD and is flat.

1.4 The underlying bedrock geology of the area is mapped as the Downend Member of the Carboniferous period, comprising interbedded sandstone and conglomerate with no overlying superficial deposits (BGS 2013).

Archaeological background

1.5 A desk-based assessment of the site was prepared in 2010 by CgMs Consulting (CgMs 2010). This showed that the application area was formerly occupied by a First World War Prisoner of War camp. The extent of the camp is shown on the 3rd edition Ordnance Survey (OS) map dated c. 1915-21. By 1930 much of the camp had been replaced by a brickworks and a brick-pit. The brickworks were themselves

replaced by a more recent building. However three buildings which formed part of the camp may have survived outside the limit of the brickworks.

- 1.6 An archaeological watching brief in the northern corner of the site between Westerleigh Road and Stanshawes Drive revealed five brick-lined culverts at the eastern limit of the site and a large, square brick-lined pit adjacent to the north-east boundary. Though unproven, it remains possible that these structures may be associated with the former First World War Prisoner of War camp or, more probably, the former 1930s brickworks (Fig. 2; CA 2012a).
- 1.7 An archaeological evaluation undertaken immediately south of the current site revealed a number of brick walls that may have been associated with the First World War Prisoner of War camp. In addition, evidence of modern truncation, most probably resulting from recent remediation works, was noted (CA 2012b).

Archaeological objectives

The purpose and objectives of the archaeological works as set out in the brief prepared by David Evans were:

- to record further traces of the First World War Prisoner of War camp
- to identify all archaeological remains revealed during the course of ground disturbance within the affected area.
- to ensure the preservation by record of all archaeological remains revealed during the course of this ground disturbance.
- to prepare an appropriate archaeological archive of the site including the treatment and preservation of any finds

Methodology

- 1.8 The fieldwork followed the methodology set out within the WSI (CA 2013). An archaeologist was present during intrusive groundworks comprising the excavation of foundation trenches for the residential units (Fig. 2).
- 1.9 Written, graphic and photographic records were compiled in accordance with CA Technical Manual 1: *Fieldwork Recording Manual* (2007).
- 1.10 The site archive from the watching brief is currently held by CA at their offices in Kemble and will be deposited with Bristol City Museum and Art Gallery. 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

- 2.1 The natural geological substrate, 101, consisting of red and yellow silty clay was revealed throughout the site at an average depth of 0.85m below present ground level (bpgl). This was overlain by a 0.85m thick layer of made ground, 100, comprising dark brownish grey clay silt containing modern demolition rubble.
- 2.2 No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during the groundworks and, despite visual scanning of spoil, no artefactual material pre-dating the modern period was recovered. This modern material will not be retained.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 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 First World War Prisoner of War Camp either do not extend as far as, or were not exposed by, the development. However, given the depth of the made ground overlying the natural geological substrate it would appear more likely that any remains of the camp have been removed during previous development or landscaping of the site.

4. CA PROJECT TEAM

Fieldwork was undertaken by Charlotte Haines. The report was written by Christopher Leonard. The illustrations were prepared by Ian Atkins and Jon Bennett. The archive has been compiled by Christopher Leonard, and prepared for deposition by Jennie Hughes. The project was managed for CA by Richard Young.

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APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

Context No.	Type	Context interpretation	Description	Thickness (m)
100	Layer	Made ground	Dark brownish grey clay silt	0.85
101	Layer	Natural	Yellow and red silty clay	

APPENDIX B: OASIS REPORT FORM

PROJECT DETAILS		
Project Name	Terramond Site, Westerleigh Road, Yate, South Gloucestershire	
Short description	<p>An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology during groundworks associated with the residential development at the Terramond Site, Westerleigh Road, Yate, South Gloucestershire.</p> <p>No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during groundworks, and no artefactual material pre-dating the modern period was recovered.</p>	
Project dates	15 March - 25th July 2013	
Project type	Watching Brief	
Previous work	Watching brief (Cotswold Archaeology 2012)	
Future work	Unknown	
PROJECT LOCATION		
Site Location	Yate, South Gloucestershire	
Study area	1ha	
Site co-ordinates	ST 7073 8197	
PROJECT CREATORS		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Brief originator	South Gloucestershire Council	
Project Design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Manager	Richard Young	
Project Supervisor	Charlotte Haines	
MONUMENT TYPE	None	
SIGNIFICANT FINDS	None	
PROJECT ARCHIVES		
	Intended final location of archive (museum/Accession no.)	Content (e.g. pottery, animal bone etc)
Physical	-	-
Paper	Bristol City Museum and Art Gallery	Context sheets
Digital	Bristol City Museum and Art Gallery	Database, digital photos
BIBLIOGRAPHY		
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Site location plan

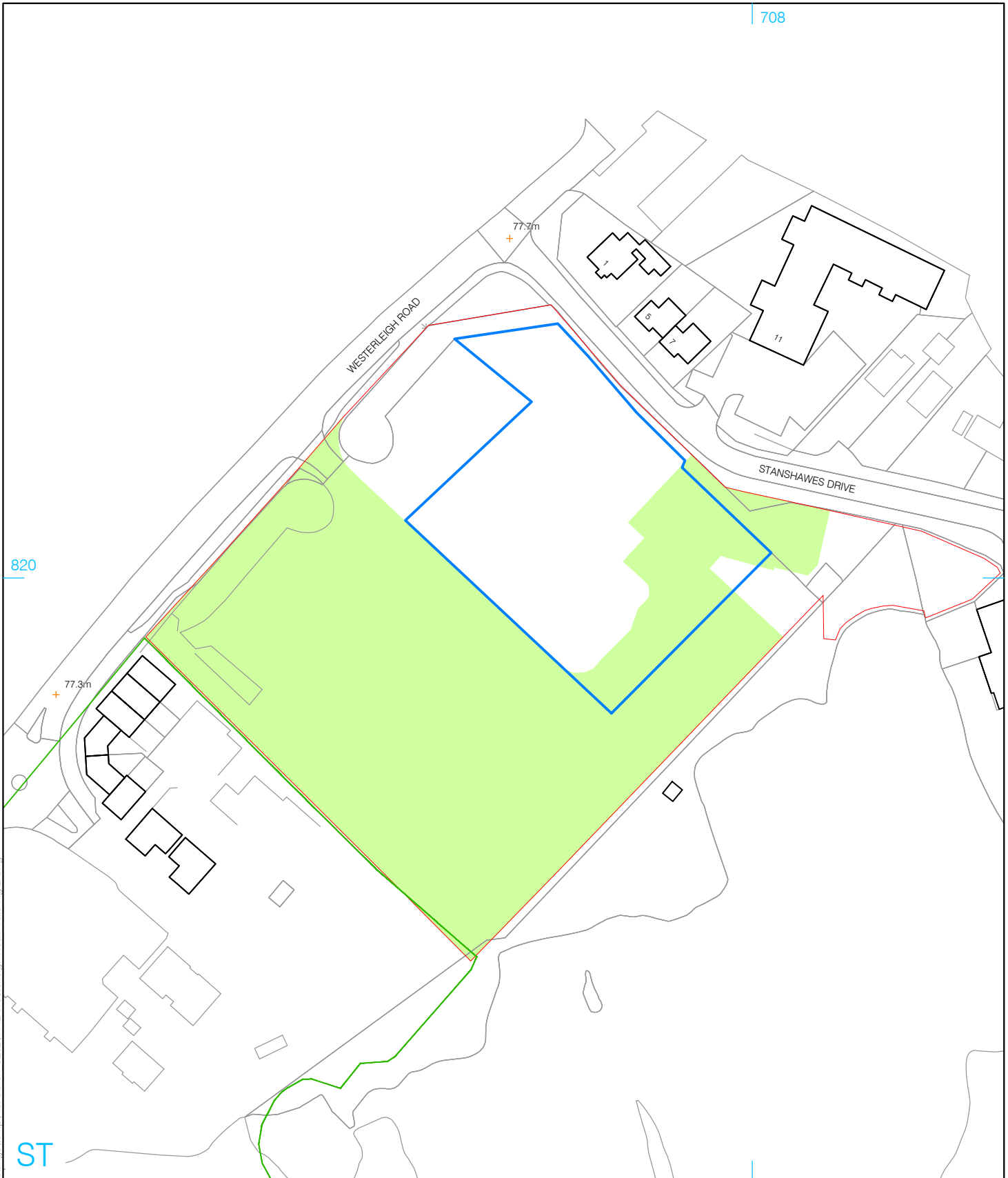


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- site
- area of observed groundworks
- previous groundworks (CA 2012a)
- previous evaluation (CA 2012b)



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Site location plan, showing extent of observed groundworks

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