

Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Exeter	National Grid Reference: SX 93067 91002	Number:
Subject: Archaeological monitoring on the Exeter gas main replacement scheme, Old Abbey Court, Exeter		Photo attached:
Planning Application no:	Recipient museum: Royal Albert Memorial Museum	
OASIS ID:	Museum Accession no: RAMM: 15/07	
Contractor's reference number/code: OAC15	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 2-27 March 2015	
<p>Description of works:</p> <p>A watching brief was maintained by Cotswold Archaeology during groundworks associated with gas main replacement in Old Abbey Court, Exeter. The proposed works are located in an area believed to have been the approximate location of the Priory of St James, a Cluniac monastic house. It was therefore considered possible that significant remains of Medieval or later date might survive within the proposed work area and may be exposed during trenching.</p> <p>Results</p> <p>The works comprised the excavation of twenty seven trenches and pits, for the insertion of a replacement gas main. All of the trenches and pits exposed ground heavily disturbed by modern services to a depth of 0.6-1m below present ground level. Alluvial deposits were identified in the majority of the trenches at an average depth of 0.6m below present ground level.</p> <p>Conclusions</p> <p>No evidence for archaeological activity has been exposed within the excavations at Old Abbey Court. A major contributory factor for this has been the widespread disturbance resulting from previous service trenching. The absence of archaeological deposits may indicate that structural remains associated with St. James' Priory either do not extend as far as or were not exposed by the development, or that they may have been removed during previous development.</p> <p>Project Archive</p> <p>The site records have been compiled into a fully integrated site archive which is currently held at Cotswold Archaeology offices under project number OAC15, pending deposition with the RAMM</p>		

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Old Abbey Court Gas Main Replacement, Exeter, Devon

FIGURE TITLE

Site location plan

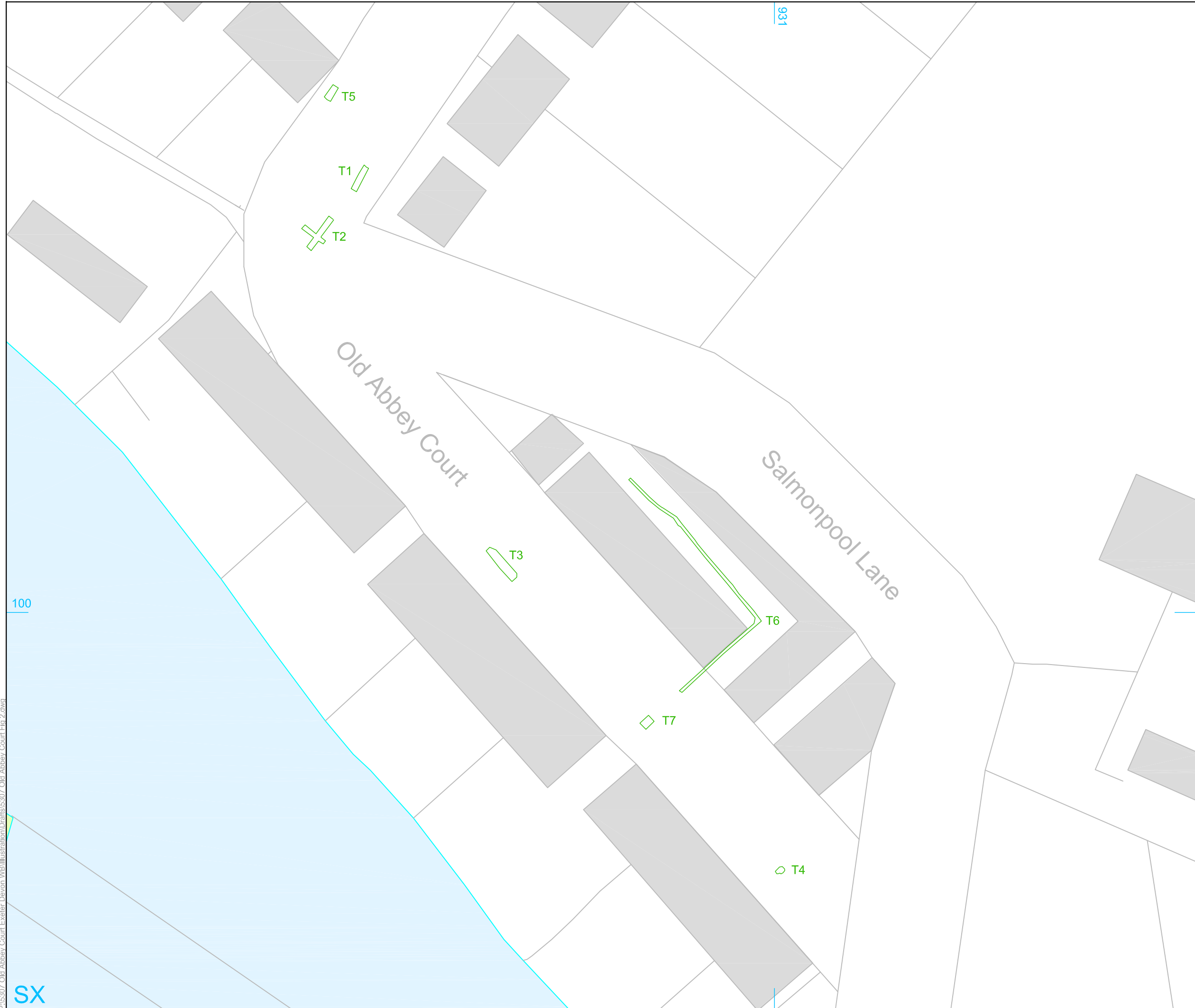
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 evaluation trench



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 The site showing location of
 groundworks

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3 Trench 6, south-east facing section (scale 1m)

4 Trench 26, north-east facing section
(scales 1m & 0.5m)



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