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Exeter City Council Historic Environment Record

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| Civil Parish & District: | National Grid Reference: 295895 093390 | Number: |
| Subject: Land at Hollow Lane, Pinhoe, Exeter: archaeological evaluation | | Photo attached: N/A |
| Planning permission no: 15/1131/OUT | Recipient museum: N/A | |
| OASIS ID: | Museum Accession no: N/A | |
| Contractor's reference number/code: Site code: HOLP18; project number 880318 | Date fieldwork undertaken: 23 – 24 April, 2-3 May 2018 | |
| <p>Introduction</p> <p>In April and May 2018, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological evaluation and a small strip, map and sample (SMS) excavation on land at Hollow Lane, Pinhoe, Exeter (Fig. 1). These works were undertaken for Gadd Properties Ltd.</p> <p>The site lies in an area of high archaeological potential. Hollow Lane has been postulated to be on the alignment of a Roman Road between Exeter and Honiton. Previous archaeological works immediately to the north of the site recorded medieval field systems.</p> <p>Methodology</p> <p>The evaluation followed the methodology set out in the Written Scheme of Archaeological Work (Cotswold Archaeology 2018) and comprised the excavation of five trenches (Fig. 2). Two trenches were 15m long, with the others being 35m, 20m and 17m in length. All trenches were 1.8m wide. The trenches were located to provide a representative sample of the proposed development impact area. In the light of the evaluation results, an SMS area (T6) was opened in the north-western corner of the site. This area was 172m².</p> <p>Results (Figs. 2 & 3)</p> <p>The natural substrate comprised red/yellow sand and was exposed 0.6m–1.07m below present ground level. In T4, T5 and T6, the natural substrate was overlain by 0.2m of weathered natural, comprising loose yellow sand. All trenches contained 0.18m–0.46m of sandy silt subsoil, which was covered by 0.28m–0.9m of modern topsoil. The topsoil had been sealed across all trenches by 0.22m–0.55m of modern made ground, comprising sandy clay with intrusions of modern gravels, bricks and waste material..</p> <p>Four features were exposed during the archaeological works. No artefacts were present, except for modern finds in ditches 603 and 605 (both T6).</p> <p>Elongated pit 104 (T1/T6) was cut into the natural substrate. It was east/west oriented and measured 1.62m in length, 0.6m in width and 0.24m in depth. It contained a single undated fill (105).</p> <p>North-west/south-east orientated ditch 405 (T4) was cut into the subsoil. It was 1.1m wide and 0.8m deep, with two undated fills (406 and 407).</p> <p>Modern ditch 603 (T6) was east/west oriented and 1.1m wide and was cut into the subsoil. It broadly respected the extant boundary bank and the alignment of Hollow Lane.</p> <p>Modern ditch 605 (T6) was south-west/north-east oriented and was cut into the subsoil. It was 0.74m wide and 0.4m deep. A modern concrete footing truncated part of the northern side of this feature.</p> <p>The natural substrate was observed at 52.74m aOD in the northern corner of T6, with the present ground level of Hollow Lane being approximately 51.2m aOD, a difference of 1.54m.</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>The archaeological works recorded a pit and three ditches. The pit was undated, but was cut into the natural substrate and sealed by the subsoil. The irregular shape of this feature suggests that it is a tree throw. All three ditches were cut into the subsoil, and two (603 and 605, T6) contained modern artefactual material. These do not appear to correlate with historic mapping, though they are roughly</p> | | |

parallel to each other and the northern site boundary.

There has been prior suggestion that Hollow Lane aligns with a Roman road. The Tithe Map for Pinhoe parish (1839), immediately to the north of the site, suggests that the extant alignment of Hollow Lane is in fact a later imposition upon the field layout, with narrow portions of land to the south of the road clearly identifying with broader fields to the north. No evidence for a Roman road was recorded during the present archaeological works.

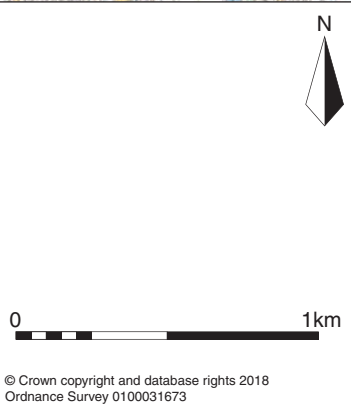
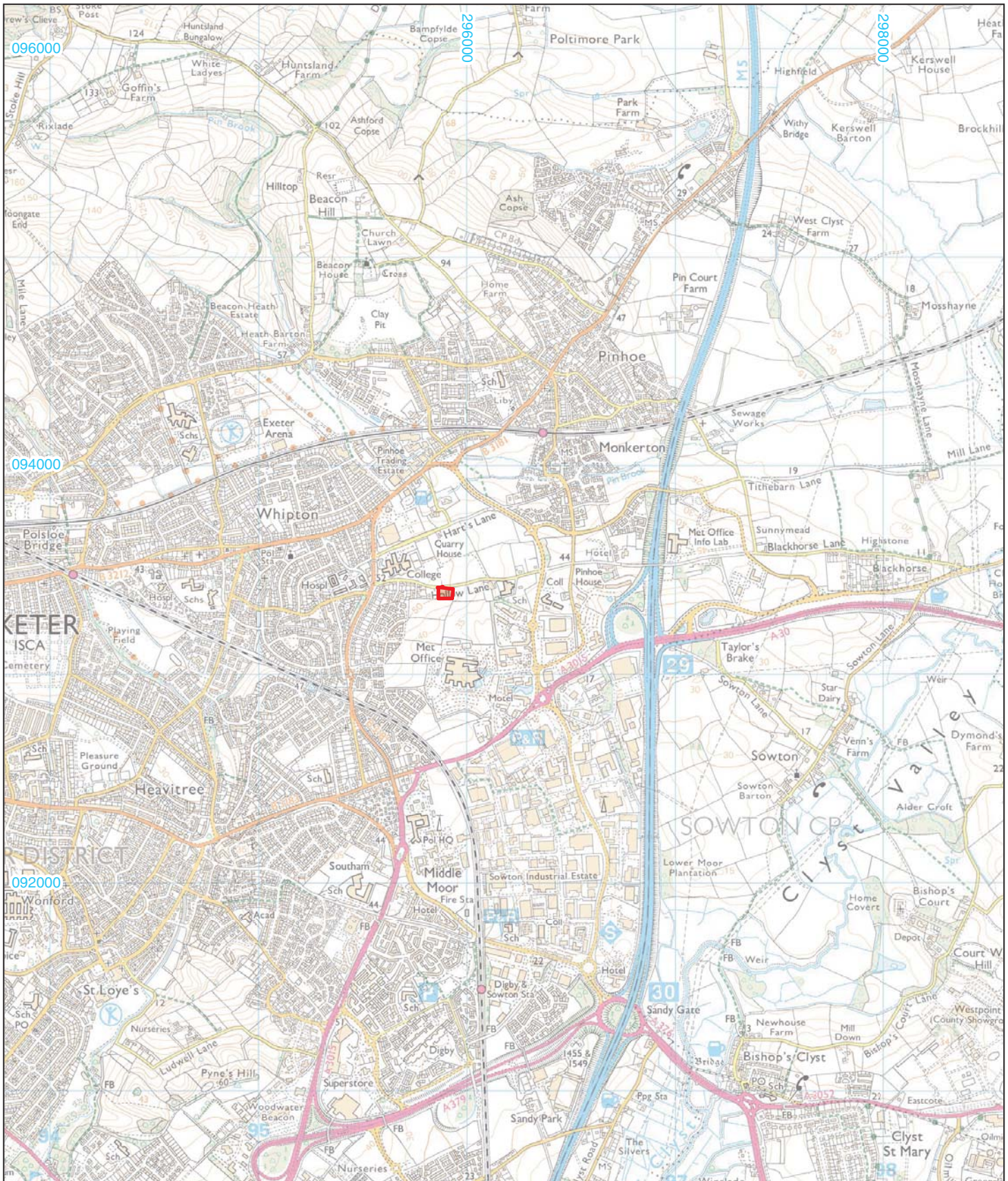
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APPENDIX A: OASIS REPORT FORM

| PROJECT DETAILS | | |
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| Project Name | Land at Hollow Lane, Pinhoe, Exeter | |
| Short description | <p>In April and May 2018, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological evaluation and a small strip, map and sample excavation on land at Hollow Lane, Pinhoe, Exeter.</p> <p>The archaeological works recorded a pit and three ditches. The pit was undated, but was cut into the natural substrate and sealed by the subsoil. The irregular shape of this feature suggests that it is a tree throw. All three ditches were cut into the subsoil, and two contained modern artefactual material.</p> | |
| Project dates | 23 – 24 April, 2-3 May 2018 | |
| Project type | Evaluation | |
| Previous work | N/A | |
| Future work | None | |
| PROJECT LOCATION | | |
| Site Location | Hollow Lane, Exeter. | |
| Study area (M ² /ha) | 0.38ha | |
| Site co-ordinates | 295895 093390 | |
| PROJECT CREATORS | | |
| Name of organisation | Cotswold Archaeology | |
| Project Brief originator | Exeter City Council | |
| Project Design (WSI) originator | Cotswold Archaeology | |
| Project Manager | Paul Clarke | |
| Project Supervisor | Jerry Austin | |
| MONUMENT TYPE | | |
| | None | |
| SIGNIFICANT FINDS | | |
| | None | |
| PROJECT ARCHIVES | | |
| | Intended final location of archive (museum/Accession no.) N/A | Content (e.g. pottery, animal bone etc) N/A |
| Physical | N/A | N/A |
| Paper | N/A | N/A |
| Digital | N/A | N/A |
| BIBLIOGRAPHY | | |
| Cotswold Archaeology 2018 <i>Land at Hollow Lane, Pinhoe Exeter. An Archaeological Evaluation</i> . Report No. 18238 | | |



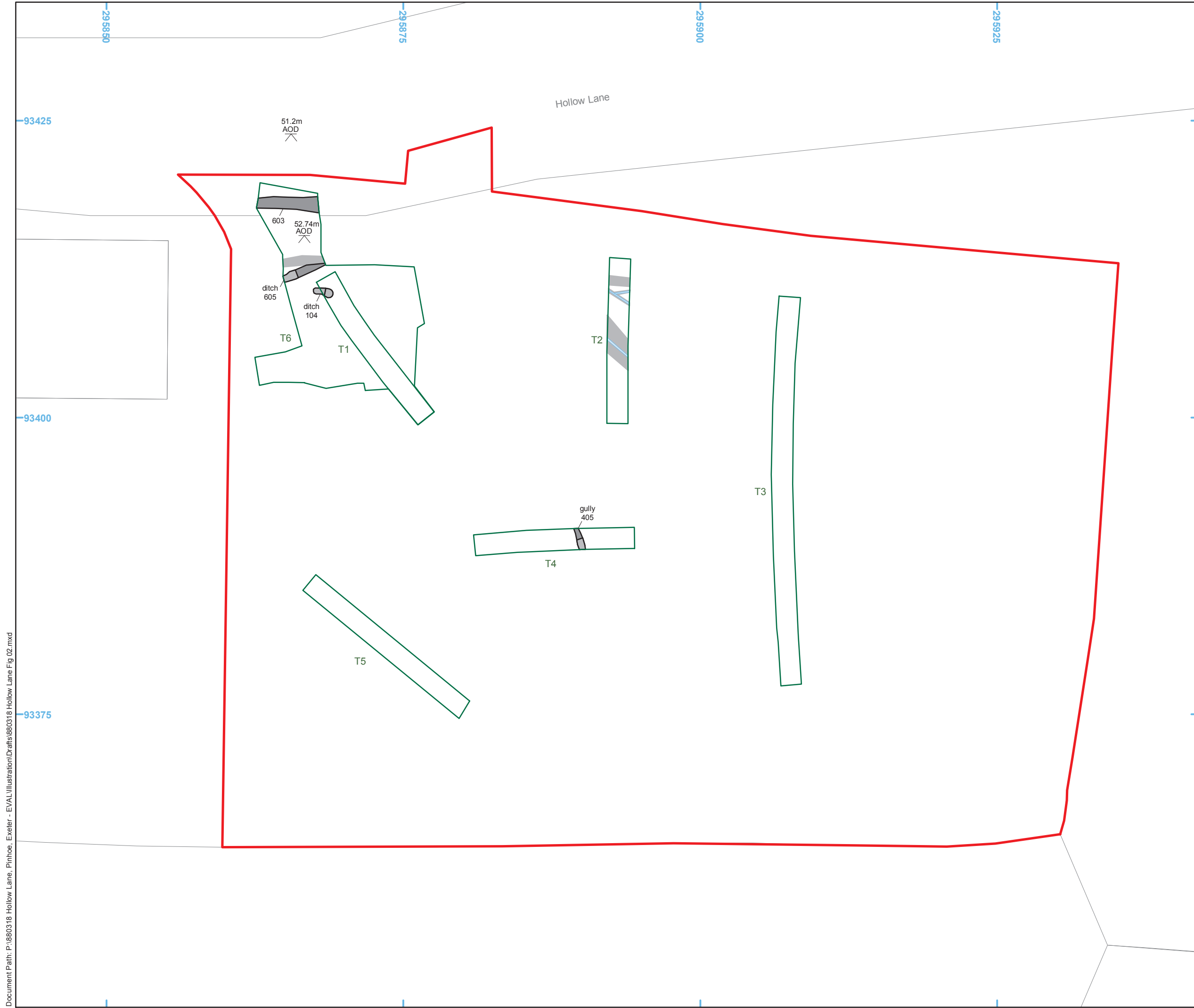

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PROJECT TITLE
 Land at Hollow Lane, Pinhoe, Exeter

FIGURE TITLE
 Site location plan

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- site boundary
- evaluation trench/area
- archaeological feature (excavated/unexcavated)
- field drain
- modern



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Site, showing trenches

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