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Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

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| Civil Parish & District: Dartmouth, South Hams | National Grid Reference: 886840 502720 | Number: |
| Subject: Dartmouth Castle, Devon: archaeological watching brief | | Photo attached: Fig. 3 |
| Planning permission no: N/A | Recipient museum: N/A | |
| OASIS ID: | Museum Accession no: N/A | |
| Contractor's reference number/code: Site code: DCD18; project number 880357 | Date fieldwork undertaken: 24 September 2018 | |
| <p>Introduction In September 2018, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological watching brief during groundworks associated with the repair of a water main at Dartmouth Castle, Devon (Fig. 1). These works were undertaken for English Heritage.</p> <p>Archaeological background Dartmouth Castle is a scheduled monument under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979 (List Entry Number: 1014610); it is also a grade I listed building (List Entry Number: 1197563) and is in the Guardianship of English Heritage. The present castle dates to 1480–1494, with successive later modernisations. It was preceded on the same site by a 14th century castle/fort constructed to defend Dartmouth Harbour.</p> <p>Methodology The watching brief followed the methodology set out in the Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI; Cotswold Archaeology 2018) and comprised the archaeological monitoring of three pits excavated to expose the extant water main (P1–P3, Fig. 2). These pits were 0.75m–1m in length and 0.4m–0.6m in width. They were excavated to depths of 0.66m (P1), 0.7m (P2) and 1.1m (P3).</p> <p>Results (Fig. 3) The natural substrate was not exposed in any of the pits, all of which contained modern made ground to their full depths. This made ground comprised reddish grey silty sand with modern pottery, plastic and tarmac inclusions. It was sealed by the extant tarmac road surface.</p> <p>Discussion The archaeological watching brief recorded no archaeological features or deposits. The monitored pits were within areas of modern made ground, presumably associated with levelling for the modern road and/or backfilling of the trench excavated to install the extant water main.</p> <p>References Cotswold Archaeology 2018 <i>Dartmouth Castle, Devon. Written Scheme of Investigation for an Archaeological Watching Brief</i></p> | | |
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APPENDIX A: OASIS REPORT FORM

| PROJECT DETAILS | | |
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| Project name | Dartmouth Castle, Devon | |
| Short description | <p>In September 2018, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological watching brief during groundworks associated with the repair of a water main at Dartmouth Castle, Devon.</p> <p>The watching brief recorded no archaeological features or deposits. The monitored groundworks were within areas of modern made ground, presumably associated with levelling for the modern road and/or backfilling of the trench excavated to install the extant water main.</p> | |
| Project dates | 24 September 2018 | |
| Project type | Watching brief | |
| Previous work | N/A | |
| Future work | None | |
| PROJECT LOCATION | | |
| Site location | Dartmouth Castle, Devon | |
| Study area (m ² /ha) | | |
| Site co-ordinates | 886840 502720 | |
| PROJECT CREATORS | | |
| Name of organisation | Cotswold Archaeology | |
| Project brief originator | N/A | |
| Project design (WSI) originator | Cotswold Archaeology | |
| Project Manager | Derek Evans | |
| Project Supervisor | Jonathan Orellana | |
| MONUMENT TYPE | None | |
| SIGNIFICANT FINDS | None | |
| PROJECT ARCHIVES | | |
| | Intended final location of archive | Content |
| Physical | N/A | N/A |
| Paper | N/A | N/A |
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| BIBLIOGRAPHY | | |
| Cotswold Archaeology 2018 <i>Dartmouth Castle, Devon. Archaeological Watching Brief</i> CA Report No. 18513 | | |



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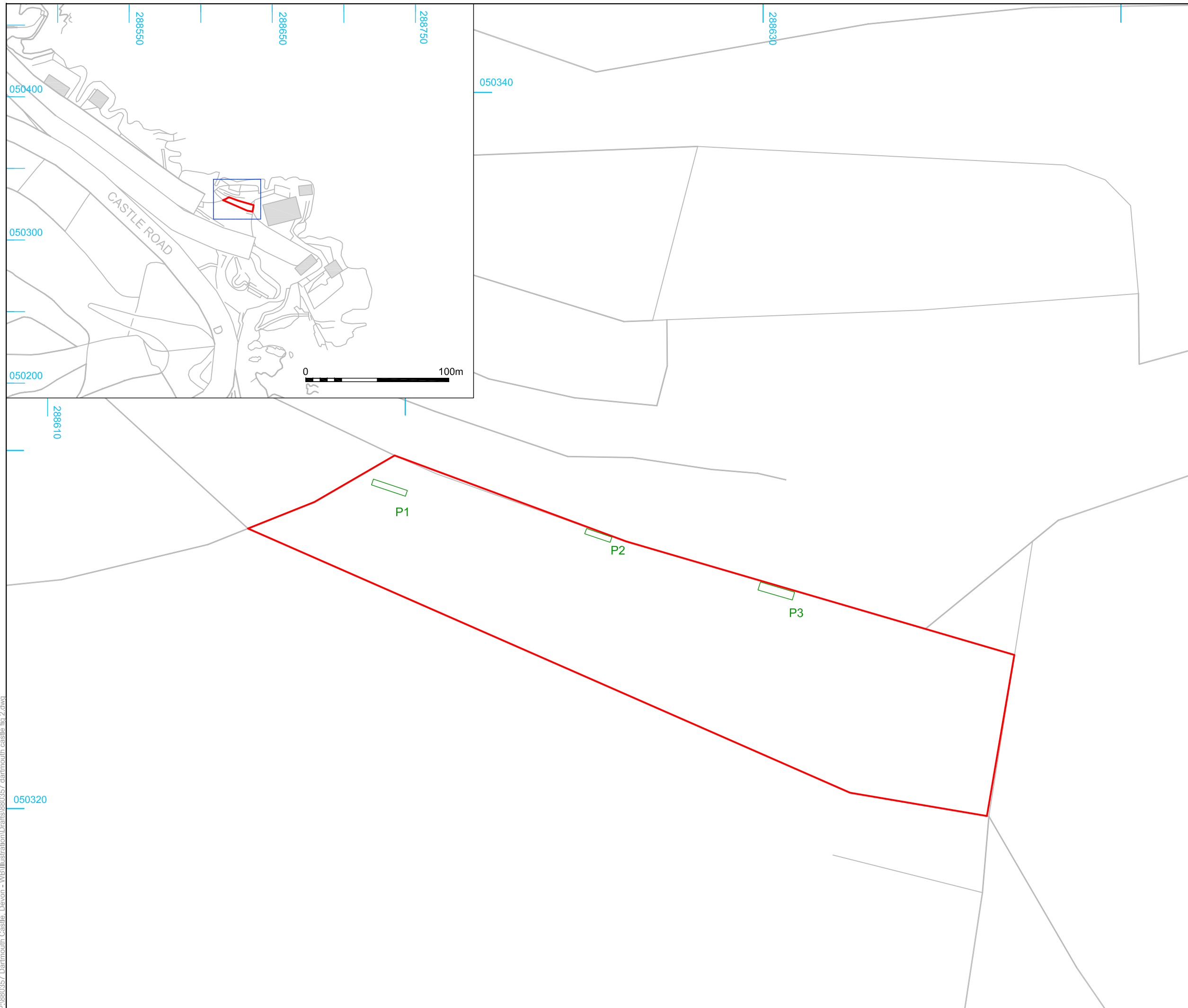
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 Site location plan



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- site boundary
- pit



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The site, showing location of monitored groundworks

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General view of monitored groundworks, looking east



Pit 3, looking east (0.4m scale)



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