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INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS
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ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF

For

GEORGE WIMPEY MIDLAND LTD

on behalf of

**BOURNEVILLE VILLAGE
DEVELOPMENTS**

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SUMMARY

Project Name: Lightmoor Village, Stocking Park Way, Infrastructure Works
Location: Telford, Shropshire
NGR: SJ 6740 0620
Type: Watching Brief
Date: 10 April 2006
Planning Reference: W2002/0392 (Condition 23)
Location of Archive: To be deposited with Shropshire Museum Service
Site Code: LUV 06

An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology during groundworks associated with construction of an access road for a new residential development at Lightmoor Village, Telford, Shropshire.

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 April 2006 Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological watching brief for George Wimpey Midland Ltd on behalf of Bourneville Village Developments at Lightmoor Village, Telford, Shropshire (centred on NGR: SJ 6740 0620; Fig. 1). The watching brief was undertaken to fulfil Condition 23 attached to planning consent (Planning ref: W2002/0392) for the construction of an access road (Stocking Park Way) for a new residential development. 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 the recommendations of Mr M. Watson, the Historic Environment Officer for Shropshire County Council and archaeological advisor to the Local Planning Authority (LPA), and with a detailed Written Scheme of Investigation prepared by Arup (Arup 2004) and a subsequent method statement produced by CA (2006a). Both the WSI and method statement were approved by Mr Watson. The fieldwork also followed the *Standard and Guidance for an Archaeological Watching Brief* issued by the Institute of Field Archaeologists (2001) and the *Management of Archaeological Projects* (English Heritage 1991). It was monitored by Mr Watson.

The site

- 1.3 The site is located to the south-west of Telford and within the Telford ring road (Fig. 2). The site occupies former agricultural land within the catchment area of the River Severn which lies 3km to the south. The underlying geology of the area is mapped as Silurian Llandovery and Wenlock formations of the Palaeozoic era (BGS 1979).

Archaeological background

- 1.4 An environmental statement (Campbell Reith Hill 2002), geophysical survey (GSB Prospection 2004) and archaeological evaluation (CA 2006b) were undertaken for the site and reference should be made to these documents for the full archaeological background of the site. To summarise, the environmental statement indicated the possible presence of medieval or post-medieval house platforms within the site. The results of the evaluation in the area of the infrastructure works indicated that areas of high resistivity plotted during the geophysical survey and thought to be

potential medieval or post-medieval house platforms were in fact outcrops of bedrock.

Methodology

- 1.5 The fieldwork followed the methodology set out within the WSI (Arup 2004) and the method statement (CA 2006a). An archaeologist monitored the intrusive groundworks which comprised topsoil stripping in advance of construction of the access road (Fig. 2).
- 1.6 Written, graphic and photographic records were compiled in accordance with CA Technical Manual 1: *Fieldwork Recording Manual* (2005).
- 1.7 The archive is currently held by CA at their offices in Kemble and will be deposited with Shropshire Museum Service. 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 Topsoil was removed throughout the route of the access road to the top of the underlying subsoil. No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed and, despite visual scanning of spoil, no artefactual material pre-dating the modern period was recovered. This modern artefactual material was not retained.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 The watching brief identified no archaeological remains within the area of observed groundworks. If any such deposits exist beneath the subsoil they were not exposed by the development and will be preserved.

4. CA PROJECT TEAM

Fieldwork was undertaken by David Cudlip. This report was written by Jonathan Hart with illustrations prepared by Lorna Gray. The archive has been compiled by

Jonathan Hart and prepared for deposition by Kathryn Price. The project was managed for CA by Mark Collard.

5. REFERENCES

Arup 2004 *Specification for a Programme of Archaeological Recording at Lightmoor Village Stocking Park Way Infrastructure Works, Telford, Shropshire*

BGS (British Geological Survey) 1979 *Geological Map of the UK south: solid. 1:50,000 series*

CA (Cotswold Archaeology) 2006a *Lightmoor Village, Stocking Park Way Infrastructure Works, Telford, Shropshire: Method Statement for an Archaeological Watching Brief*

CA (Cotswold Archaeology) 2006b *Lightmoor Village, Stocking Park Way Infrastructure Works, Telford, Shropshire: Archaeological Evaluation, CA Report No. 07098*

Campbell Reith Hill 2002 *Lightmoor Village, Telford, Environmental Statement*

GSB Prospection 2004 *Lightmoor Village Stocking Park Way Infrastructure Works, Telford, Shropshire: Geophysical Survey*

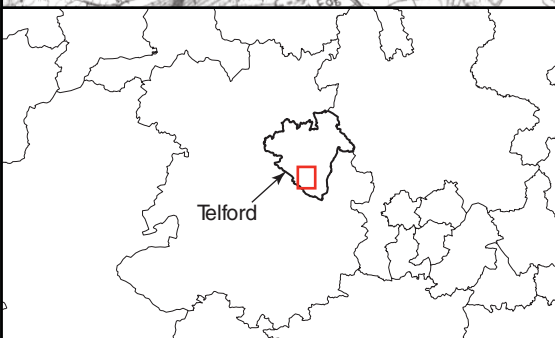
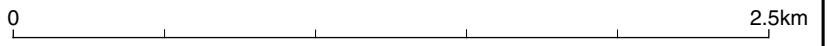
APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS


No.	Type	Description	Depth (m)	Spot-date
1200	Layer	Topsoil: mid grey-brown clay silt	0.3	Modern
1201	Layer	Subsoil: mid brown clay silt	-	-

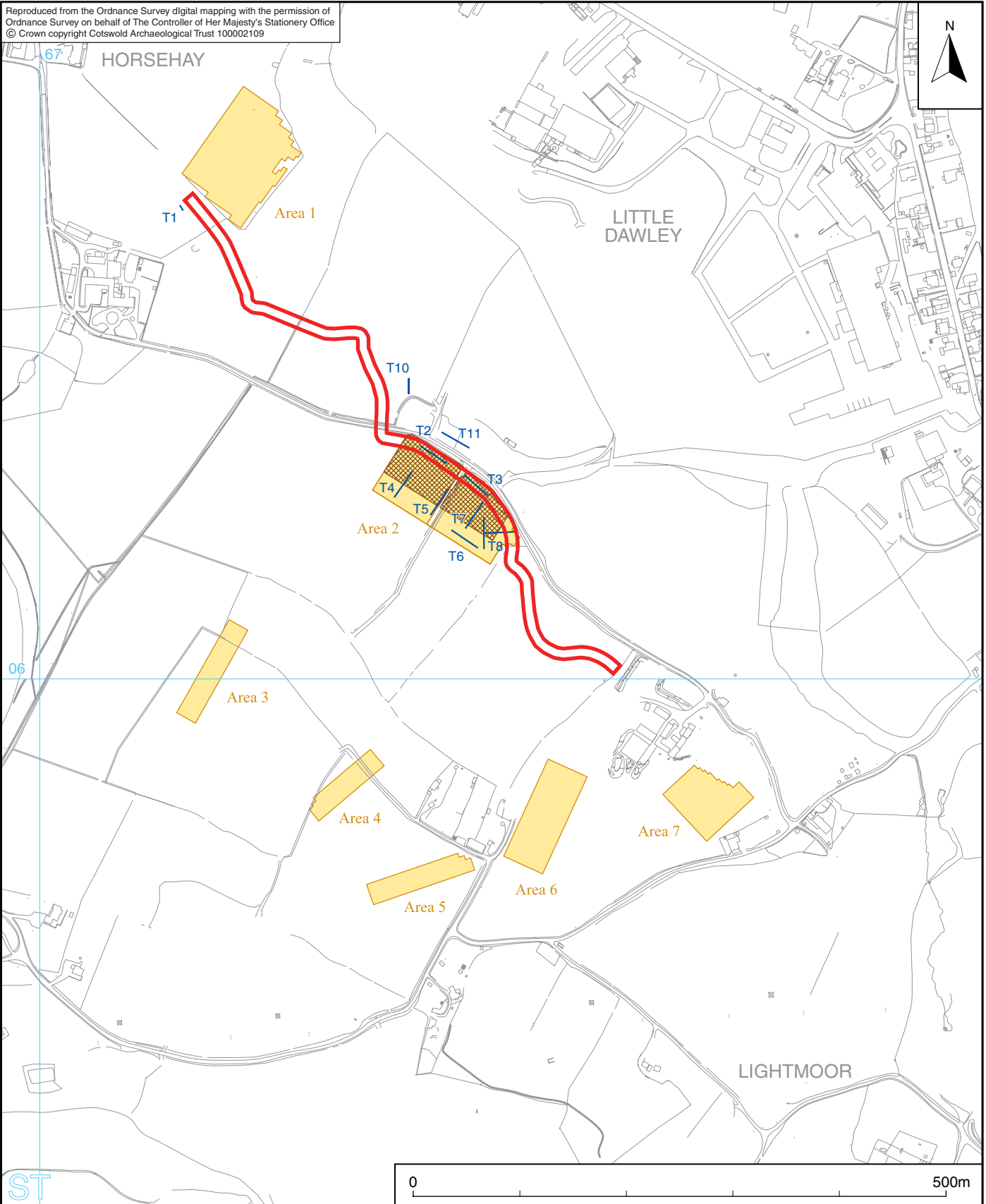
APPENDIX B: OASIS REPORT FORM

PROJECT DETAILS		
Project Name	Lightmoor Village Stocking Park Way Infrastructure Works, Telford, Shropshire	
Short description	An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology during groundworks associated with construction of an access road for a new residential development. No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during groundworks, and no artefactual material pre-dating the modern period was recovered.	
Project dates	10 April 2006	
Project type	Watching brief	
Previous work	Environmental Statement (Campbell Reith Hill 2002), Geophysical Survey (GSB Prospection 2004) and Evaluation (CA 2006)	
Future work	Unknown	
PROJECT LOCATION		
Site Location	Telford, Shropshire	
Site co-ordinates (8 Fig Grid Reference)	SJ 6740 0620	
PROJECT CREATORS		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Brief originator	Shropshire County Council Historic Environment Officer	
Project Design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Manager	Mark Collard	
Project Supervisor	David Cudlip	
PROJECT ARCHIVES		
	Intended final location of archive to be confirmed	Content
Physical	-	-
Paper	Shropshire Museum Service	Context sheet
Digital	-	-
BIBLIOGRAPHY		
CA (Cotswold Archaeology) 2006 <i>Lightmoor Village Stocking Park Way Infrastructure Works, Telford, Shropshire: Archaeological Evaluation</i> CA Report No. 06041		
Campbell Reith Hill 2002 <i>Lightmoor Village, Telford, Environmental Statement</i>		
GSB Prospection 2004 <i>Lightmoor Village Stocking Park Way Infrastructure Works, Telford, Shropshire: Geophysical Survey</i>		

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FIGURE TITLE Site location plan			
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- ▬ observed groundworks
- ▬ evaluation trench (CA 2006)
- area of gradiometer survey
- area of resistance survey



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The site, showing location of observed groundworks

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