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Archaeological Watching Brief

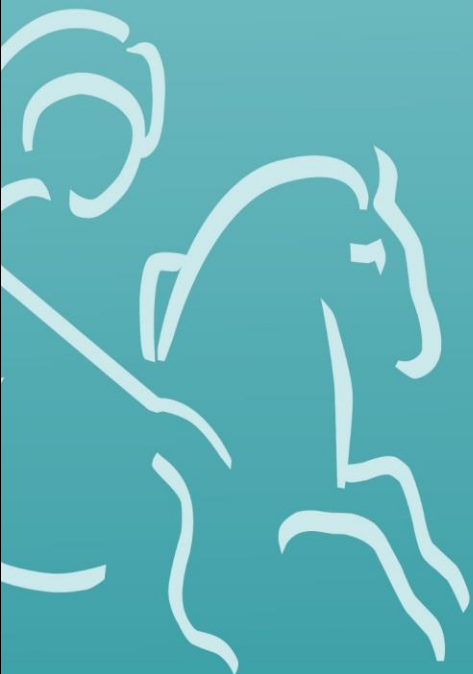


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SUMMARY

Project name:	Stockbridge Road, Winchester, Hampshire
Location:	Stockbridge Road, Winchester, Hampshire
NGR:	17/02575/FUL
Type:	Watching brief
Date:	7 May, 5, 8-9 July 2021
Planning reference:	17/02575/FUL
Location of Archive:	To be deposited with Hampshire Cultural Trust Museum and the Archaeology Data Service (ADS)
Site Code:	SBGR21

In May and July 2021, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological watching brief during groundworks associated with the construction of a 10MW energy storage barn at Stockbridge Road, Winchester, Hampshire.

No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed and no artefacts pre-dating the modern period were recovered.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. In May and July 2021, Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological watching brief at Stockbridge Road, Winchester, Hampshire centred on National Grid Reference (NGR) 445895 131332 (see Figure 1). This watching brief was undertaken for Cobalt Project Management Ltd on behalf of Eelpower Limited.
- 1.2. Planning permission for Construction of a 10MW energy storage barn incorporating battery storage, and associated transformers, security fencing, sub-station, hardstanding, access track, and new access from Stockbridge Road was granted by Winchester City Council (ref: 17/02575/FUL), conditional on a programme of archaeological work etc. Condition 5 of this planning permission requires the implementation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with an approved WSI.
- 1.3. The watching brief was carried out in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) prepared by CA (2019) and approved by Tracy Matthews.
- 1.4. The watching brief was also in line with *Standard and guidance for an archaeological watching brief* (ClfA 2014; updated October 2020), *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MoRPHE) PPN 3: Archaeological Excavation* (Historic England 2015) and *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment: The MoRPHE Project Managers' Guide* (Historic England 2015).

The site

- 1.5. The development area comprises agricultural land bordered to the south and west by farm land, to the north by Stockbridge Road and to the east by an electricity sub-station. The site lies at approximately 81m aOD (above Ordnance Datum) in the north to c. 87m aOD in the south.
- 1.6. The bedrock geology of the site is recorded as Seaford Chalk Formation. No superficial geology is recorded for the study site (BGS, 2021). <https://www.bgs.ac.uk/map-viewers/geology-of-britain-viewer/>

2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

- 2.1. The archaeological background given below is a succinct summary of a Cultural Heritage Desk Based Assessment by CgMs (2017)

Prehistoric

- 2.2. A Neolithic flint is recorded c.1km south of the study site, and c. 450m south of the site two possible Prehistoric ditches, possibly part of a prehistoric field system, were recorded. A later prehistoric settlement and an enclosure are recorded c. 800m and 500m respectively south of the site.
- 2.3. An early Bronze Age inhumation burial and a beaker were recovered c. 680m east of the site, while three Bronze Age bowl barrows are recorded to the north of the site. The scheduled monument includes a rare disc barrow and two bowl barrows, aligned broadly northeast – southwest and situated on the crest of a ridge.

Iron Age and Roman

- 2.4. A potential Iron Age field system is recorded c. 300m south of the site, and small fragments of Iron Age pottery were found in two trenches and a pit at a location c. 880m to the west. An Iron Age enclosure is recorded c. 950m southwest of the site
- 2.5. A find of a Roman denarius from the reign of Caracalla is recorded c. 650m to the east, and a coin dating to the reign of Gallienus is recorded c. 700m to the west. A coin from the reign of Claudius II, and one from the reign of Constantine or one of his descendants was found c. 800m southeast of the site. A Roman coin of Gratian was found c. 830m southeast of the site, and a silver Roman coin of Constantine II was found in Stoney Lane, c. 1km southeast of the site.
- 2.6. A Roman inhumation burial was found c. 720m south of the site, and immediately to the west of the burial two Roman coins, as well as a Roman copper alloy brooch, were found.

Medieval

- 2.7. The only find of medieval date within the vicinity was an arrowhead, recorded c. 800m northeast of the site. The site is not mentioned in Domesday (1086) and likely lay in agricultural land during the Anglo-Saxon and Medieval periods.

Post-Medieval and Modern

- 2.8. The 1759 Blatt Map of Hampshire shows the site adjacent to Stockbridge Road in open land. Lainston House Park and Garden is visible to the northwest of the study site. The remained relatively unchanged until the 1932 Ordnance Survey Map which shows some residential development to the east of the study site. In 1977 an electricity substation was constructed immediately adjacent to the site.

3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 3.1. The general objectives of the watching brief were:
- to monitor the development groundworks, and to identify, investigate and record any significant buried archaeological deposits/features thus revealed;
 - at the conclusion of the project, to produce an integrated project archive and a report setting out the watching brief results and the archaeological conclusions that can be drawn from the recorded data.

4. METHODOLOGY

- 4.1. The watching brief comprised the observation by a competent archaeologist of all intrusive groundworks associated with the proposed development. These works comprised the monitoring of all intrusive groundworks (Figure 2).
- 4.2. Records were maintained in accordance with *CA Technical Manual 1: Fieldwork Recording Manual*.
- 4.3. No deposits were identified that required sampling.
- 4.4. CA will make arrangements with Hampshire Cultural Trust for the deposition of the project archive. A digital archive will also be prepared and deposited with the Archaeology Data Service (ADS). The archives (museum and digital) will be prepared and deposited in accordance with *Standard and guidance for the creation, compilation, transfer and deposition of archaeological archives* (ClfA 2014; updated October 2020).
- 4.5. A summary of information from this project, as set out in Appendix B will be entered onto the OASIS online database of archaeological projects in Britain.

5. RESULTS

- 5.1. This section provides an overview of the watching brief results. Detailed summaries of the recorded contexts are given in Appendix A. Details of the artefactual material recovered from the site are given in Section 6 and Appendix B. Details of the environmental samples (palaeo-environmental evidence) are given in Section 7 and Appendix C. Details of the relative heights of the principal deposits and features expressed as metres above Ordnance Datum (m aOD) are given in Appendix B.
- 5.2. The natural geological substrate (**102**) comprised white chalk bedrock and was revealed at an average depth of 0.52m below present ground level (bpgl). This was overlain by a mid-red brown clayey silt subsoil with flint and chalk inclusions (**101**), averaging 0.29m in thickness, which was sealed in turn by 0.23m of mid-grey/brown clay/silt topsoil with chalk and flint inclusions (**100**).
- 5.3. No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed and no artefactual material pre-dating the modern period was recovered.

6. DISCUSSION

- 6.1. Despite the archaeological potential of the application area (see *Archaeological background*, above), the watching brief identified no archaeological remains within the area of observed groundworks. The absence of archaeological deposits may indicate that archaeological remains associated with the Iron Age field systems either do not extend as far as or were not exposed by the development groundworks.
- 6.2. A series of linear anomalies were noted cutting the natural geology, but when investigated turned out to be either tramlines, or plough scarring from modern agricultural activities.

7. CA PROJECT TEAM

- 7.1. Fieldwork was undertaken by Steve Bush. This report was written by Ray Kennedy. The report illustrations were prepared by . The project archive has been compiled by Zoe Emery, and prepared for deposition by Hazel O'Neill. The project was managed for CA by Ray Kennedy.

8. REFERENCES

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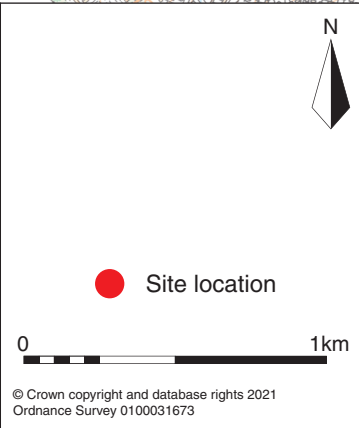
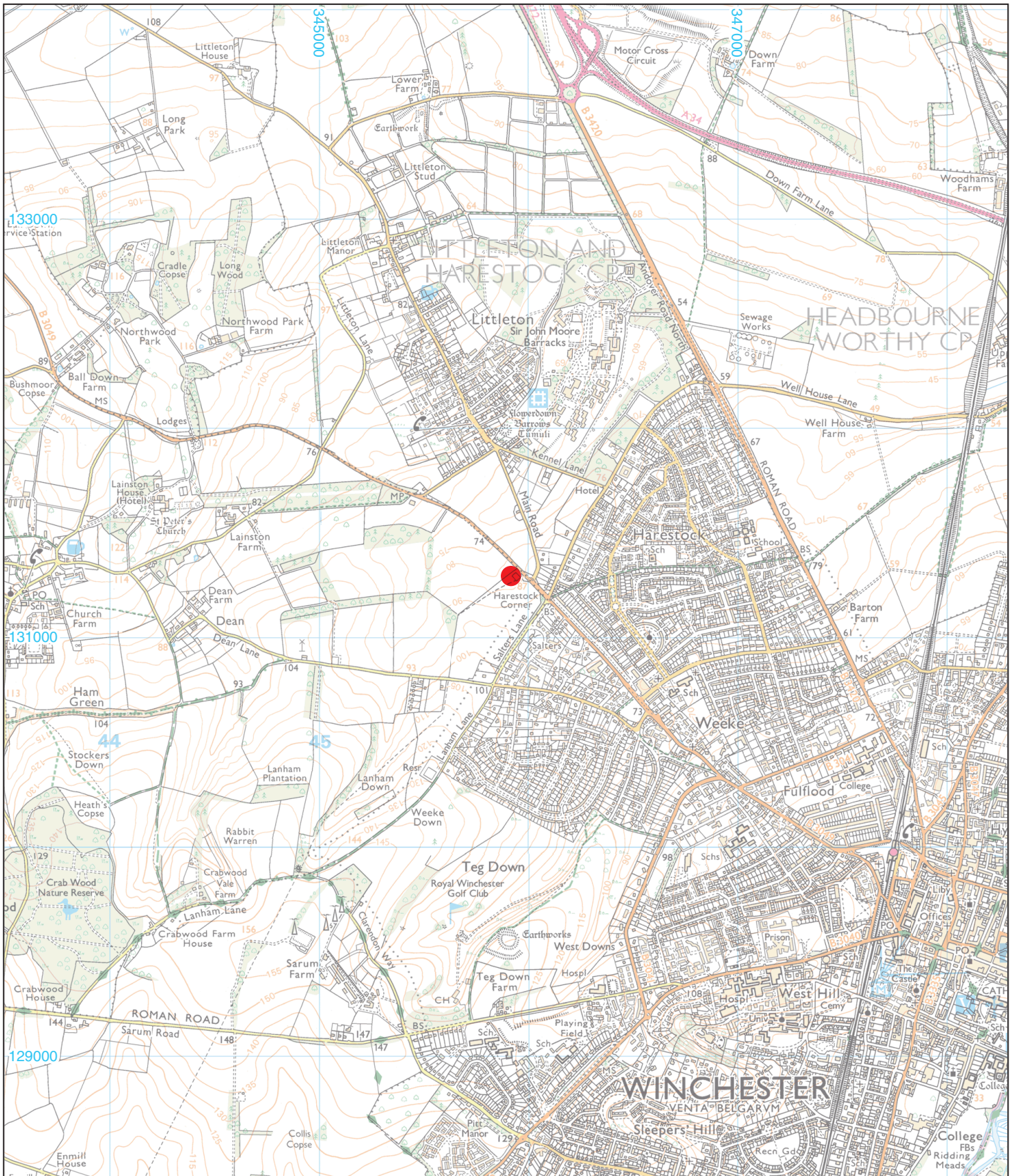
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APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

Area	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)
1	100	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown clayey silt with rare chalk and flint inclusions			0-0.23
1	101	Layer		Subsoil	Mid red brown clayey silt with rare flint and chalk inclusions			0.23-0.52
1	102	Layer		Natural	White chalk bedrock with patches of red brown silty clay and abundant flint			0.52+

APPENDIX B: OASIS REPORT FORM

PROJECT DETAILS		
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Short description	In May and June 2021, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological watching brief during groundworks associated with the construction of a 10MW energy storage barn at Stockbridge Road, Winchester, Hampshire. No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed and no artefactual material pre-dating the modern period was recovered.	
Project dates	7 May, 5, 8-9 July 2021	
Project type	Watching Brief	
Previous work		
Future work	Unknown	
PROJECT LOCATION		
Site location	Stockbridge Road, Winchester, Hampshire	
Study area (m ² /ha)		
Site co-ordinates	445895 131332	
PROJECT CREATORS		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project brief originator		
Project design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Manager	Ray Kennedy	
Project Supervisor	Steve Bush	
MONUMENT TYPE	None	
SIGNIFICANT FINDS	None	
PROJECT ARCHIVES	Intended final location of archive (museum/Accession no.)	Content (e.g. pottery, animal bone etc)
	Hampshire Cultural Trust	
Physical		
Paper		Context sheets, matrices etc
Digital		Database, digital photos etc
BIBLIOGRAPHY		
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Working shot, looking south (scales 1m)



Working shot, looking south-west (scales 1m)



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