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SUMMARY

Project Name:	Land at Littlecombe (Lister Petter Site)
Location:	Dursley, Gloucestershire
NGR:	375745 198244
Type:	Watching Brief
Date:	2 July 2018
Planning Reference:	Stroud District Council ref. S.15/0476/OUT, Condition 7
Location of Archive:	To be deposited with Museum in the Park, Stroud
Site Code:	FLPD 18

An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology during groundworks associated with the mixed development and associated infrastructure on land at Littlecombe (Lister Petter Site), Dursley, Gloucestershire.

The observed groundworks did not expose any pre-modern deposits or features, and no artefactual material was recovered. Modern truncation identified across much of the site.



1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In July 2018 Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological watching brief for St Modwen Homes Ltd on land at Littlecombe (Lister Petter site), Dursley, Gloucestershire (centred at NGR: 375745 198244; Fig. 1). The watching brief was undertaken following the advice of Charles Parry, Archaeologist, Gloucestershire County Council (GCC), the archaeological advisor to Stroud District Council (SDC), that a watching brief would be required during all groundworks for the proposed mixed development and associated infrastructure (SDC planning ref: S.15/0476/OUT). The watching brief was undertaken to fulfil Condition 7 attached to the planning consent.
- 1.2 The watching brief was carried out in accordance with a detailed *Written Scheme of Investigation* (WSI) produced by CA (2018) and approved by Charles Parry. The fieldwork also followed *Standard and guidance: Archaeological watching brief* (ClfA 2014).

The site

- 1.4 The development area is approximately 17ha in extent, and comprises the site of the former Lister Petter works. It is bounded to the west and south by property boundaries, and open land to the north. The site lies at between 65m and 85m AOD, dropping away to from east to west.
- 1.5 The underlying bedrock geology of the area is mapped Dyrham Formation - Siltstone and mudstone, interbedded of the Jurassic period (BGS 2018). The natural geological substrate was not observed.

2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The site has been the subject of a desk-based assessment (CPM 1999) and archaeological evaluation (GCCAS 2002), the results of which are summarised below. These studies should be referred to for greater detail.
- 2.2 The desk-based assessment notes that few sites pre-dating the post-medieval period are recorded within the site or its vicinity. However, Roman buildings have

previously been recorded 100m to the east of the site, whilst the historic core of Dursley has origins in the medieval period (CPM 1999). Historic documentation references a possible castle and nunnery as laying approximately 200m to the south of site (ibid.).

2.3 During the evaluation, a prehistoric ditch was identified in the western extent of the site and a medieval wall, associated with activity on Long Street, was recorded extending into the south of the site. Overall, significant modern truncation was recorded within the majority of the site (ibid.).

3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

3.1 The objectives of the archaeological works were:

- to monitor groundworks, and to identify, investigate and record all significant buried archaeological deposits revealed on the site during the course of the development groundworks;
- at the conclusion of the project, to produce an integrated archive for the project work and a report setting out the results of the project and the archaeological conclusions that can be drawn from the recorded data.

4. METHODOLOGY

4.1 The fieldwork followed the methodology set out within the WSI (CA 2018). An archaeologist was present during intrusive groundworks comprising sections of service trenches and ground reduction across the site (see Fig. 2 for location and extent). Following discussion with Charles Parry regarding the level of modern truncation, observations were concluded.

4.2 Written, graphic and photographic records were compiled in accordance with CA Technical Manual 1: *Fieldwork Recording Manual*.

4.3 The archive from the watching brief are currently held by CA at their offices in Kemble. Subject to the agreement of the legal landowner the site archive will be deposited with Museum in the Park, Stroud. A summary of information from this

project, set out within Appendix A will be entered onto the OASIS online database of archaeological projects in Britain.

5. RESULTS (FIG. 2)

- 5.1 This section provides an overview of the results of the watching brief; detailed summaries of the recorded contexts are to be found in Appendix A.
- 5.2 Where the impact of the groundworks extended beyond the topsoil and subsoil/made ground horizons, extensive modern truncation was identified across site.
- 5.3 No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during the monitoring of the groundworks and, despite visual scanning of spoil, no artefactual material 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.
- 6.2 It is likely that any archaeological remains that may have existed within the site have been truncated during the modern period or did not extend into the observed area of groundworks. Furthermore, the limited depth of some of the observed groundworks (outside of the areas of truncation) would have resulted in minimal impact on any possible archaeological horizons.

7. CA PROJECT TEAM

Fieldwork was undertaken by Alison Roberts. The report was written by Alison Roberts and Alex Thomson. The illustrations were prepared Tom Brown. The archive has been compiled by Alison Roberts and prepared for deposition by Hazel O'Neill. The project was managed for CA by Ian Barnes



8. REFERENCES

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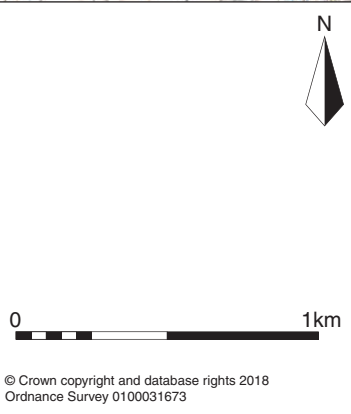
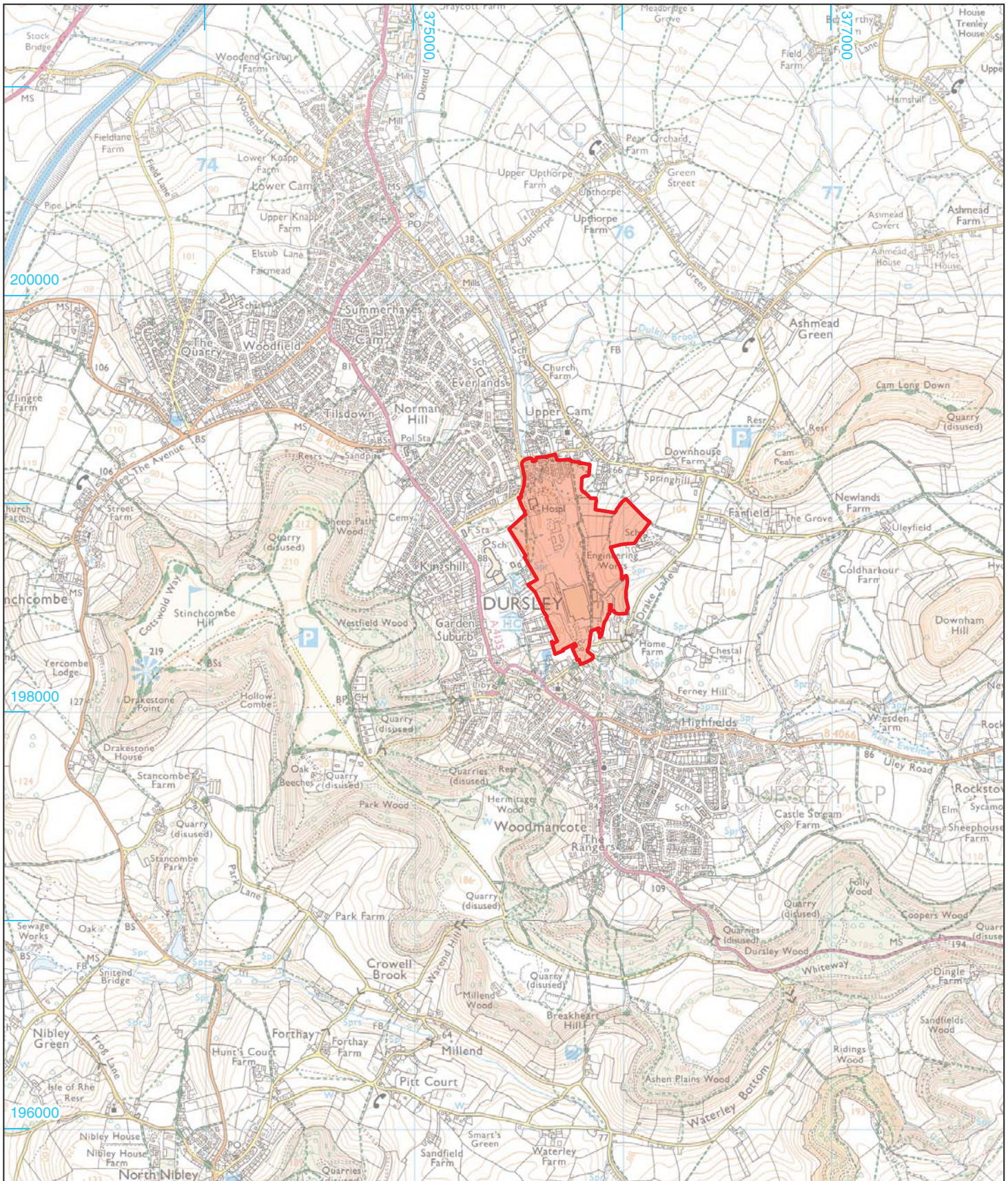


APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	Depth /thickness (m)	Spot-date
1	100	Layer		topsoil	Mixed topsoil and modern materials				modern
1	101	Layer		Made ground/ subsoil	Mixed made ground and subsoil				

APPENDIX B: OASIS REPORT FORM

PROJECT DETAILS		
Project Name	Land at Littlecombe (Lister Petter Site)	
Short description	<p>An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology during groundworks associated with the mixed development and associated infrastructure on land at Littlecombe (Lister Petter Site), Dursley, Gloucestershire.</p> <p>The observed groundworks did not expose any pre-modern deposits or features, with modern truncation identified across much of the site. As such, no features or deposits of archaeological interest were recorded, and no artefactual material was recovered.</p>	
Project dates	2nd July 2018	
Project type	Watching Brief	
Previous work	Desk-based assessment (CPM 1999) Field evaluation (GCCAS 2002)	
Future work	Unknown	
PROJECT LOCATION		
Site Location	Land at Littlecombe (Lister Petter Site), Dursley, Gloucestershire	
Study area (M ² /ha)		
Site co-ordinates	375745 198244	
PROJECT CREATORS		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Brief originator	GCC	
Project Design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Manager	Ian Barnes	
Project Supervisor	Alison Roberts	
MONUMENT TYPE	None	
SIGNIFICANT FINDS	None	
PROJECT ARCHIVES		
	Intended final location of archive	Content
Paper	Museum in the Park, Stroud	Site Report
BIBLIOGRAPHY		
<p>CA (Cotswold Archaeology) 2018 <i>Land at Littlecombe (Lister Petter Site), Dursley, Gloucestershire: Archaeological Watching Brief</i>. CA typescript report 18343</p>		



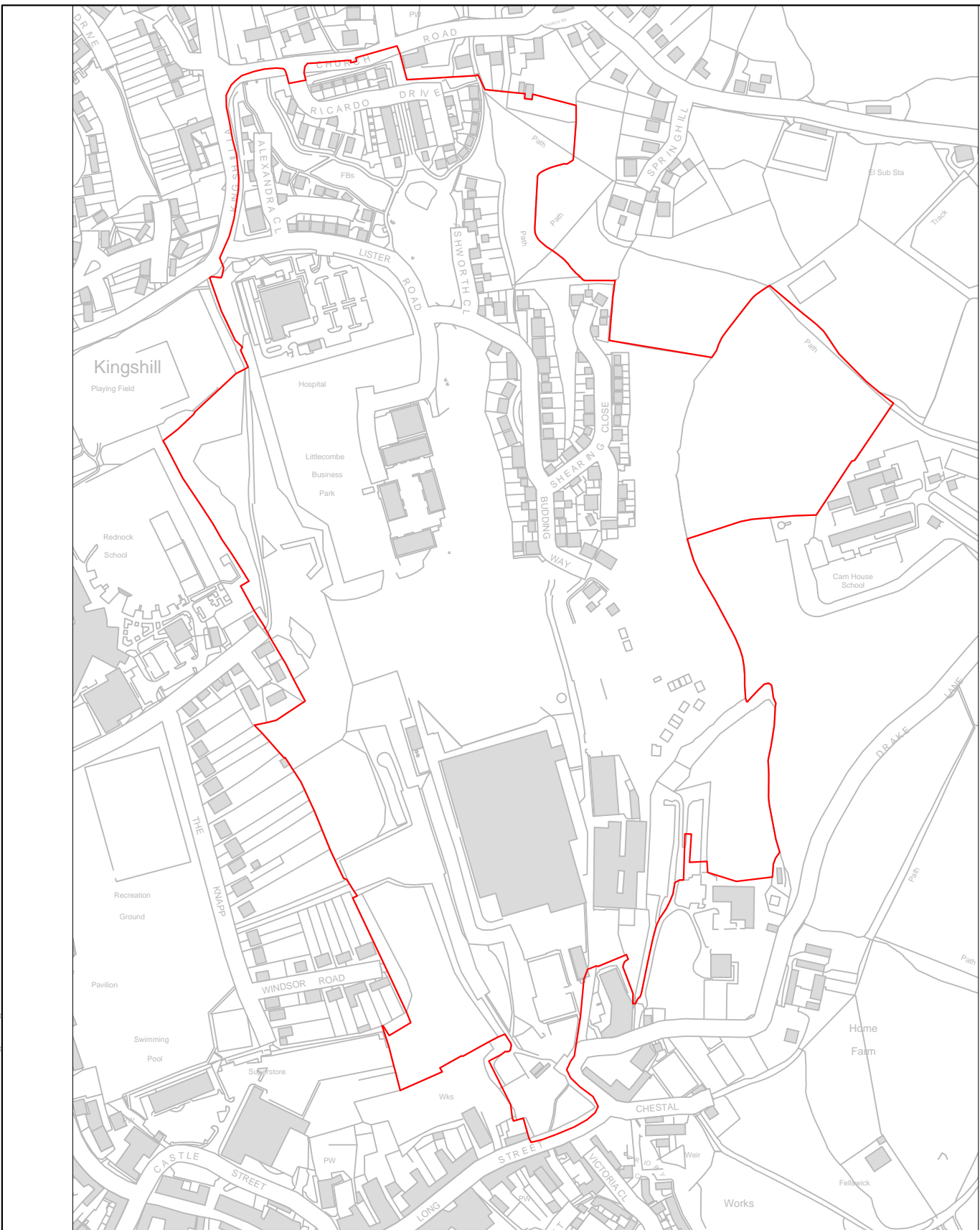

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 site boundary and area of observed groundworks



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The site, showing location of observed groundworks

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