

# Bude-Stratton Business Park Extension Bude Cornwall

## *Archaeological Watching Brief*



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## SUMMARY

**Project Name:** Bude-Stratton Business Park Extension  
**Location:** Bude, Cornwall  
**NGR:** 221955 105480  
**Type:** Watching Brief  
**Date:** 30 April–03 May 2018  
**Planning Reference:** PA18/00343  
**Location of Archive:** To be deposited with the Royal Cornwall Museum and the Archaeology Data Service  
**Site Code:** BSBP18

In April and May 2018, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological watching brief during groundworks associated with the construction of an extension to the Bude-Stratton Business Park, Bude, Cornwall. No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed.



## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In April and May 2018, Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological watching brief during groundworks associated with the construction of an extension to the Bude-Stratton Business Park, Bude, Cornwall (centred at NGR: 221955 105480; Fig. 1). This watching brief was undertaken for Peter Wonnacott Planning, on behalf of Omicways Executive Pension Fund Ltd.
- 1.2 Cornwall Council has granted outline planning permission for an extension to Bude-Stratton Business Park, to comprise the erection of 36 storage units, as well as the creation of an attenuation pond for surface water drainage (planning ref: PA18/00343). Condition 3 of this planning permission requires a programme of archaeological work. The scope of this watching brief was defined in consultation with Phil Copleston, Senior Development Officer (Historic Environment) – Archaeologist, Cornwall Council Historic Environment Planning.
- 1.3 The watching brief was undertaken in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) produced by CA (2018) and approved by Phil Copleston. The watching brief was also in line with *Standard and guidance for an archaeological watching brief* (ClfA 2014), *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 (MoRPHE): Project Manager's Guide* (Historic England 2015).

### ***The site***

- 1.4 The watching brief site lies within the northern part of Bude-Stratton Business Park, approximately 1.3km south-east of central Bude. The site is sub-rectangular in shape and approximately 0.5ha in extent. The site comprises a single plot of formerly pastoral land. It is bordered by Bude-Stratton Business Park in all directions.
- 1.5 The watching brief site slopes gently from south-east to north-west at c. 43m above Ordnance Datum (aOD).



- 1.6 The bedrock geology across the watching brief site is mapped as Bude Formation sandstone, which formed during the Carboniferous period. No superficial deposits are recorded (BGS 2018).

## **2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Previous archaeological watching briefs c. 60m to the east and to the immediate north of the present watching brief site recorded a buried land surface (CAU 2015a & 2015b). This buried land surface contained flint tools dating to two distinct phases: the Late Neolithic/Early Bronze Age and the Middle Bronze Age. Additionally, a single sherd of Bronze Age Trevisker Ware pottery was recovered from the topsoil 75m west of the present site (WA 2013).
- 2.2 The findspot of a Roman coin at Binhamy, to the north of the present watching brief site, is recorded on the Cornwall and Scilly Historic Environment Record.
- 2.3 The medieval moated site at Binhamy lies c. 250m to the north of the watching brief site.
- 2.4 Previous archaeological works (CAU 2015a, 2015b & 2016; WA 2013) have identified a field system of medieval or post-medieval date to the north of the present watching brief site.

## **3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

- 3.1 As defined in the WSI (CA 2018), the objectives of the archaeological watching brief were:
- to monitor groundworks, and to identify, investigate and record any significant buried archaeological deposits/features thus revealed; and
  - 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 fieldwork followed the methodology set out in the WSI (CA 2018). An archaeologist was present during intrusive development groundworks, which comprised the machine-stripping of overburden layers from the new development footprint (Fig. 2).
- 4.2 Written, graphic and photographic records were compiled in accordance with CA *Technical Manual 1: Fieldwork Recording Manual*.
- 4.3 CA will make arrangements with the Royal Cornwall Museum for the deposition of the site archive. A digital archive (comprising digital photographs and other relevant born-digital data) will be submitted to the Archaeology Data Service (ADS).
- 4.4 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. Figures 3–5 show photographs of the site before and after stripping.
- 5.2 The natural geological substrate (101) comprised red-brown clayey silt with frequent sandstone inclusions. It was exposed 0.2m–0.45m below the pre-development ground level and was sealed by clayey silt topsoil (100).
- 5.3 No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during groundworks and, despite visual scanning of spoil, no artefactual material pre-dating the modern period was recovered.

## 6. DISCUSSION

- 6.1 The watching brief recorded no archaeological features or deposits. This suggests that the limited prehistoric activity and medieval field systems recorded previously to



the north and east of the present site (see *Archaeological background*, above) did not extend as far as the watching brief site.

## 7. CA PROJECT TEAM

- 7.1 The watching brief fieldwork was undertaken by Christina Tapply. This report was written by Christina Tapply. The report illustrations were prepared by Rosanna Price. The project archive has been compiled and prepared for deposition by Hazel O'Neill. The project was managed for CA by Derek Evans.

## 8. REFERENCES

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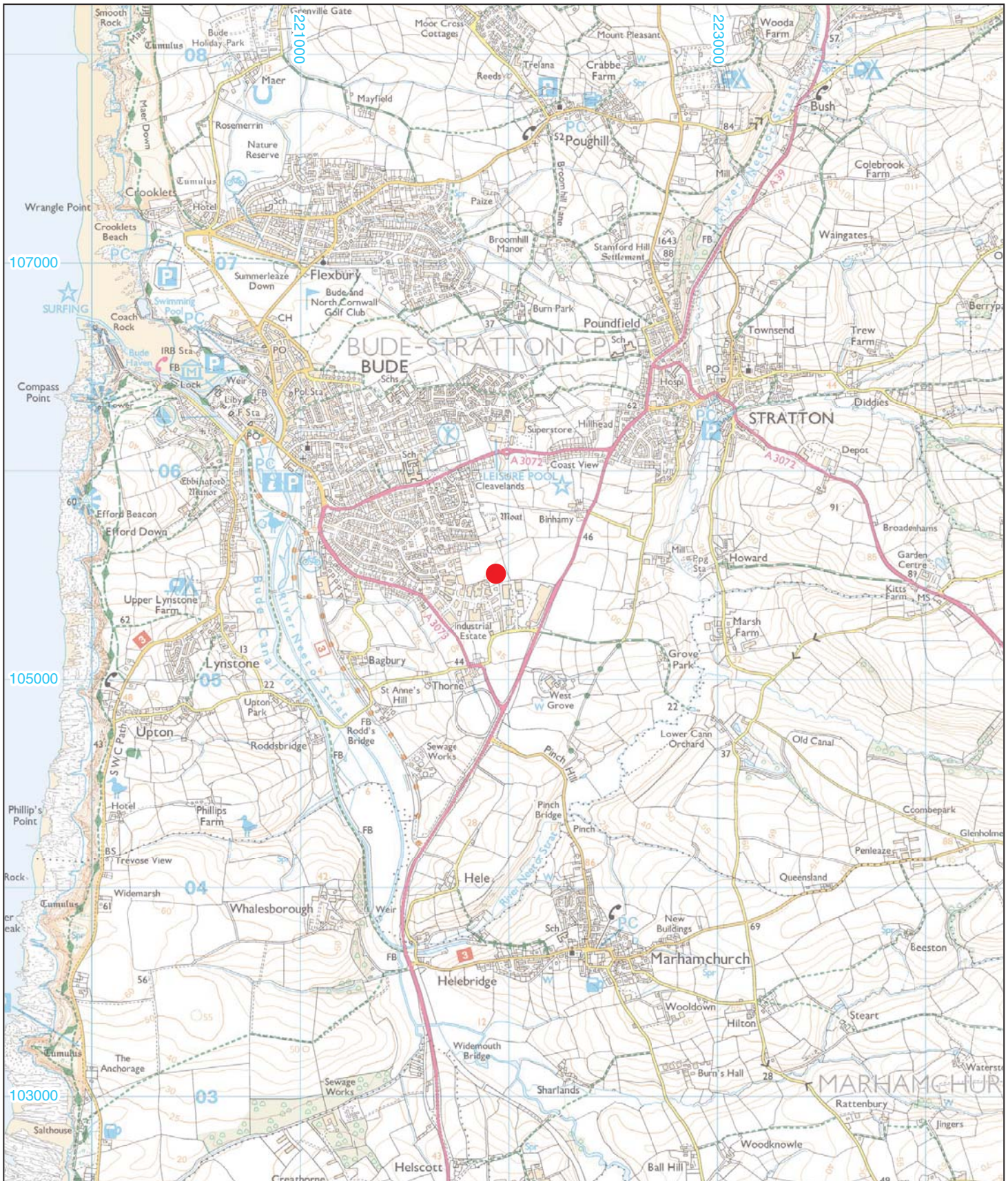


**APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS**

Context No.	Type	Context interpretation	Description	Depth/ thickness (m)
100	Layer	topsoil	Mid to dark grey brown grey brown clayey silt	0.4
101	Layer	natural	Red-brown clayey silt with frequent sand stone- light yellow brown clayey silt/clay	0.4+

**APPENDIX B: OASIS REPORT FORM**

<b>PROJECT DETAILS</b>		
Project name	Bude-Stratton Business Park Extension, Bude, Cornwall	
Short description	In April and May 2018, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological watching brief during groundworks associated with the construction of an extension to the Bude-Stratton Business Park, Bude, Cornwall. No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed.	
Project dates	30 April–3 May 2018	
Project type	Watching brief	
Previous work	None	
Future work	Unknown	
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>		
Site location	Bude-Stratton Business Park, Bude, Cornwall	
Study area (m <sup>2</sup> /ha)	0.5ha	
Site co-ordinates	221955 105480	
<b>PROJECT CREATORS</b>		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project brief originator	N/A	
Project design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Manager	Derek Evans	
Project Supervisor	Christina Tapply	
<b>MONUMENT TYPE</b>		
None		
<b>SIGNIFICANT FINDS</b>		
None		
<b>PROJECT ARCHIVES</b>		
	Intended final location of archive	Content
Physical	N/A	N/A
Paper	Royal Cornwall Museum	Site recording forms
Digital	Archaeology Data Service (ADS)	Digital photographs and other relevant born-digital data
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Cotswold Archaeology 2018 <i>Bude-Stratton Business Park Extension, Bude, Cornwall: Archaeological Watching Brief</i> CA Report <b>18265</b>		



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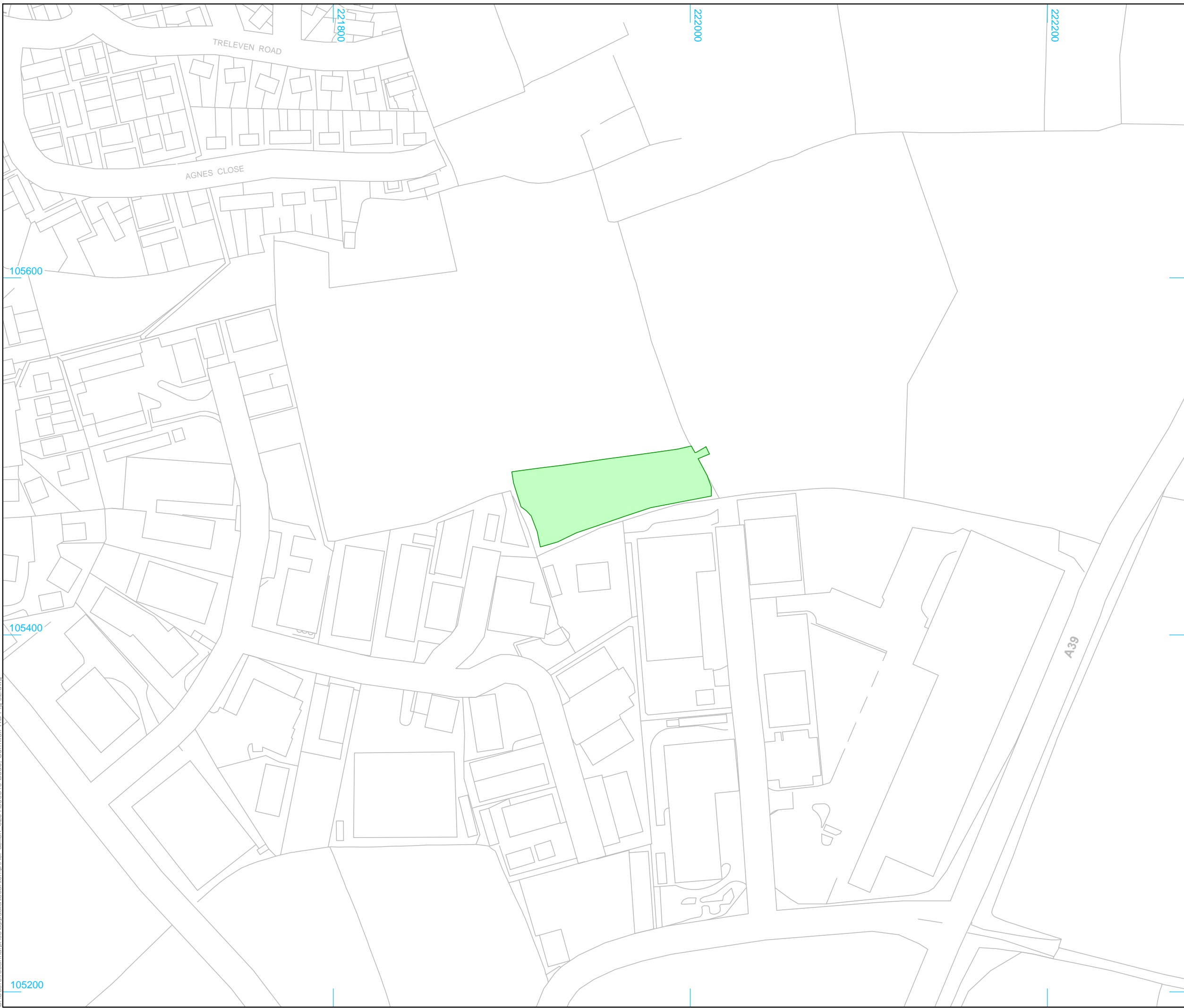
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 groundworks**

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Site, prior to stripping



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Representative site section, looking south (1m scale)



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Site, after stripping



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