

LAND ADJOINING 70 PARK LANE, EXETER, DEVON

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Results of an Archaeological Watching Brief

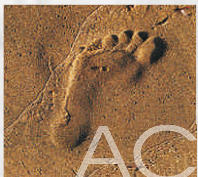
East Devon District Council Planning Application No.
15/0453/FUL (Condition 4)

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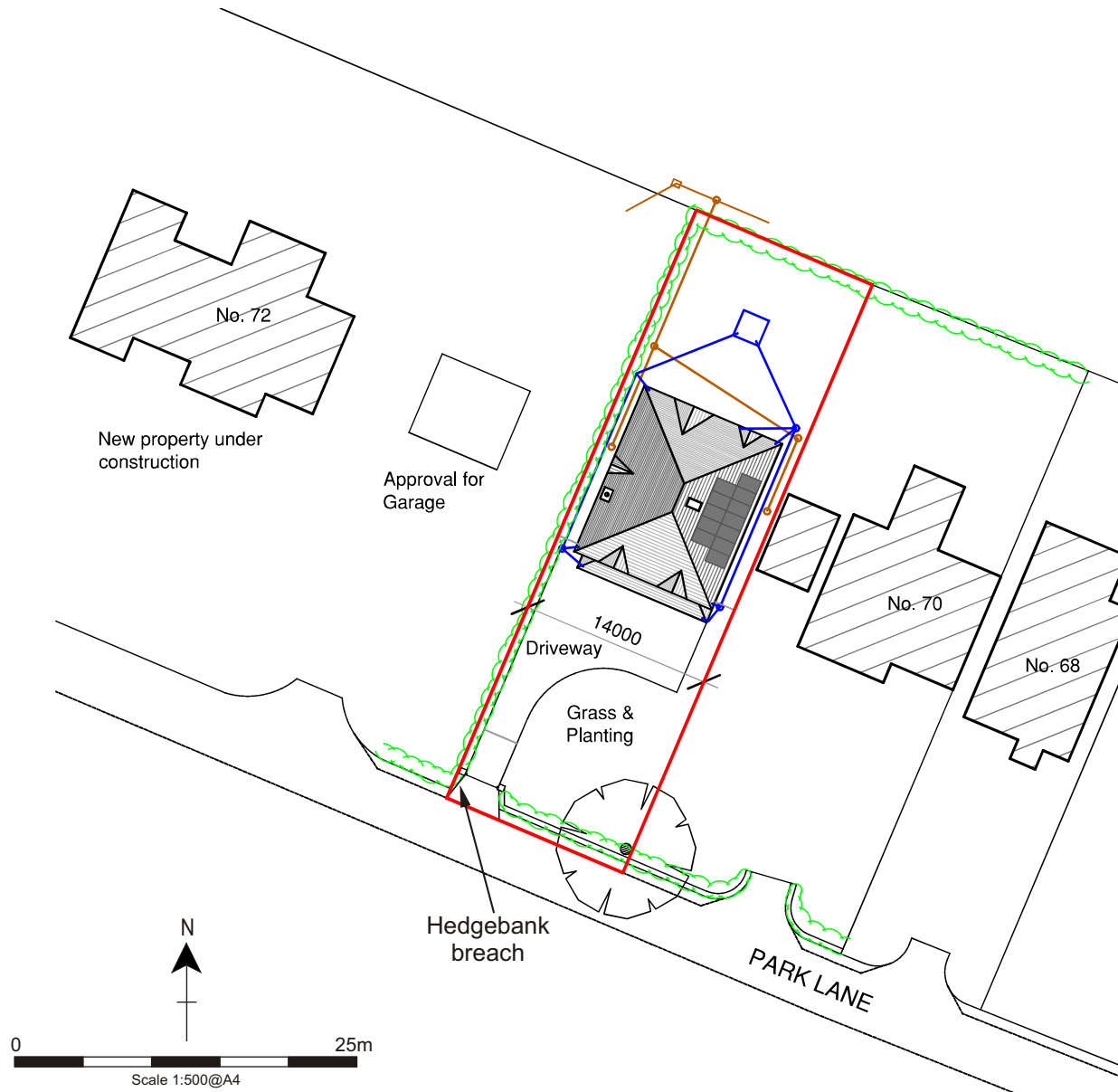
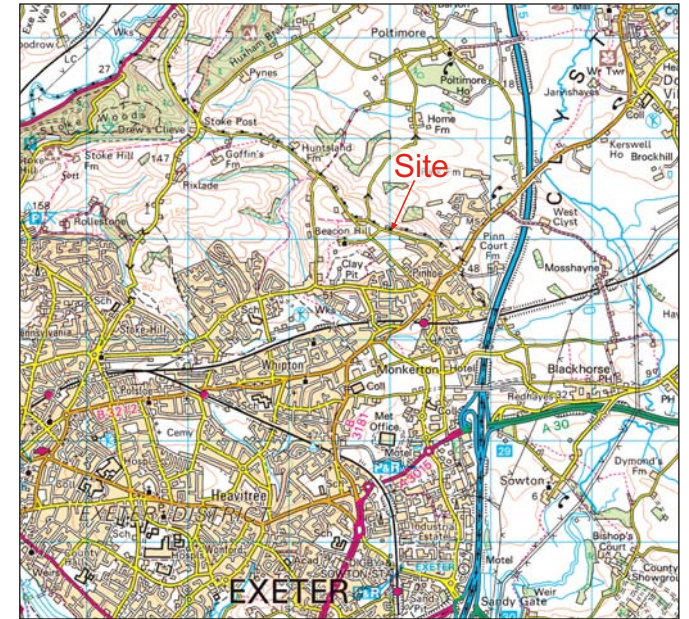
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Contractor's reference number/code: ACD1247	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 9 th March to 4 th May 2016	
<p><i>Introduction</i></p> <p>Archaeological monitoring and recording was undertaken by AC archaeology during groundworks associated with the construction of a single dwelling on land adjoining 70 Park Lane, Pinhoe, Exeter, Devon between March and May 2016. The site is located on the northwest periphery of Pinhoe and was bounded to the southwest by Park Lane, with pasture land extending to the north (Fig. 1). It comprised a portion of the garden to the adjacent 70 Park Lane property (Plate 1). This lay on an elevated ridge at around 98 aOD (above Ordnance Datum), with the underlying solid geology comprised of mudstone and sandstone of the Crackington Formation (British Geological Survey Online Viewer).</p> <p>The development lay close to the find spot of the Pinhoe Bronze Age hoard, which was recovered from the agricultural plot approximately 120m to the northwest. This included palstave axe fragments and three complete armrings deposited in a small pit. Recent archaeological work carried out in advance of a water main that extended immediately the northeast of the site exposed a cremation pit that lay approximately 260m to the east.</p> <p><i>Results</i></p> <p>Monitored groundworks comprised the initial excavation of geotechnical test pits followed by ground reduction, footings and service trenching, which were all carried out using a mechanical digger. Footings trenches measured approximately 0.8m wide and were excavated to a maximum depth of 1.1m (Plate 2).</p> <p>Natural subsoil was exposed at a depth of 0.3m below existing levels and comprised a mid yellowish-red silty-clay with abundant small to medium angular mudstone inclusions. This was overlain by a dark brown clayey-silt loam garden soil. One sherd of 19th century blue on white print china was recovered from the topsoil (not retained). No archaeological features or deposits were exposed during the groundworks carried out for the new dwelling.</p> <p>A hedgebank forming the boundary with Park Lane was breached for a new access (Plate 3). This measured 2m wide and 0.9m high. Beneath the bank, the natural subsoil was sealed by a 0.08m thick mid brownish-red clayey-loam buried soil. The bank was comprised of a dumped mid yellowish-red silty-clay re-deposited natural subsoil, which was in turn overlain by topsoil. No finds were recovered from this sequence of deposits.</p> <p><i>Comments</i></p> <p>The archaeological work has recorded the profile of a historic roadside hedgebank. No associated ditch was exposed, with this probably positioned outside of the site to the southwest.</p>		
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Fig. 1: Location of site and development plan



Plate 1: General pre-commencement view of site. Looking west



Plate 2: Showing working view of footings trench excavation. Looking southwest



Plate 3: Showing section through breached hedgebank. View to northwest (scale 1m)

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