

LAND AT BRICKNELLS BUNGALOW, OLD RYDON LANE, EXETER

Centred on NGR SX 9620 9058

Results of Archaeological Evaluation

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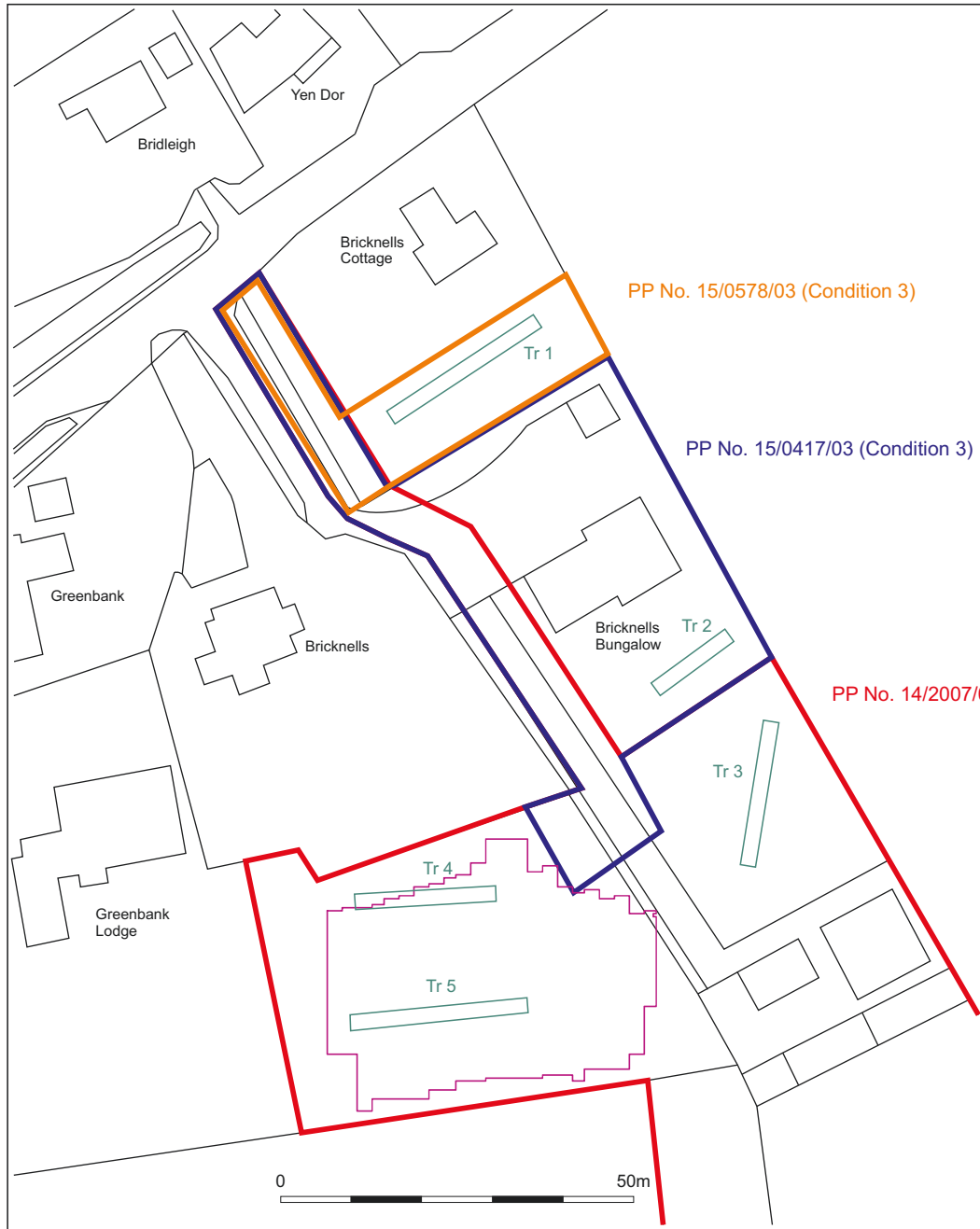
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<p>Introduction</p> <p>An archaeological trial trench evaluation was undertaken by AC archaeology in advance of a proposed residential development on land at Bricknells Bungalow, Old Rydon Lane, Exeter (SX 9620 9058). The parcel of land is to be developed in two phases, with this phase of work related to the northern portion of the site, comprising planning permissions references 15/0417/03, 15/0578/03 and part of 14/2007/01. The remaining portion of planning permission 14/2007/01 will be undertaken as a second stage of trial trenching.</p> <p>The site comprised an irregularly-shaped parcel of land that extended to the southeast of Old Rydon Lane and to the east of the former Royal Naval Stores. It occupied an area of approximately 1.5 hectares of what were the gardens to Bricknells Bungalow and Bricknells Cottage, which were positioned ground that sloped gradually to the south between 25m and 22m aOD (above Ordnance Datum). The underlying solid geology comprised sandstone of the Dawlish Sandstone Formation (British Geological Survey Online Viewer).</p> <p>The southern portion of the site, which includes the area subject to the second phase of trial trenching, had been the subject of a previous geophysical survey. This exposed a small number of linear anomalies (Fig.1). One of these corresponds with a linear cropmark identified from an aerial photograph that may pre-date the existing field system and therefore may be prehistoric or Roman in origin. A further linear anomaly interpreted from the survey is thought to represent the line of a former hedgebank.</p> <p>Description of Works and Results (Fig. 1; Plates 1 and 2)</p> <p>The evaluation comprised the machine-excavation of five trial trenches totalling 103m in length, with each trench 2.1m wide.</p> <p>Natural subsoil, which consisted of a light yellowish-red silty-sand with patches of red clay, was exposed at a depth that varied between 0.3m at the northern end of the site (Trench 1) and 0.95m (Trench 5) below existing levels to the south.</p> <p>The natural subsoil towards the middle of Trench 1 was overlain by a 0.06m thick mid brown sandy-silt loam soil layer (106) that had formed within a natural hollow and from which a piece of worked flint was recovered. This trench also contained a partially-exposed 20th century pit and a tree-throw. Overlying the natural subsoil at the southwest end of Trench 1 were two modern made ground layers totalling 0.51m thick, which were sealed by the topsoil.</p> <p>In Trenches 2 to 5, the natural subsoil was overlain by a 0.22m to 0.7m thick subsoil that consisted of a mid-reddish-brown sandy-silt, with occasional small to medium angular stone, gravel and occasional charcoal inclusions. This was sealed by a dark-greyish-brown loam topsoil. No archaeological features or deposits were present in Trenches 2 to 5.</p> <p>Finds by Naomi Payne</p> <p>The evaluation produced only one find, a worked flint from context 106 in Trench 1. This is a broken tertiary waste flake made from good quality dark greyish-brown flint. It is most likely dates from the later Neolithic or Early Bronze Age.</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>No significant archaeological finds, features or deposits were encountered during this first phase of trial trenching. The find of the worked flint retrieved from a possible buried soil layer recorded in Trench 1 is perhaps consistent with the overall known prehistoric activity recorded in the area.</p>		

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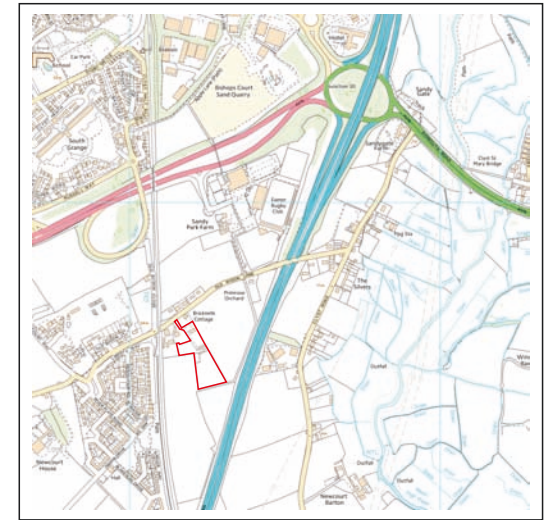
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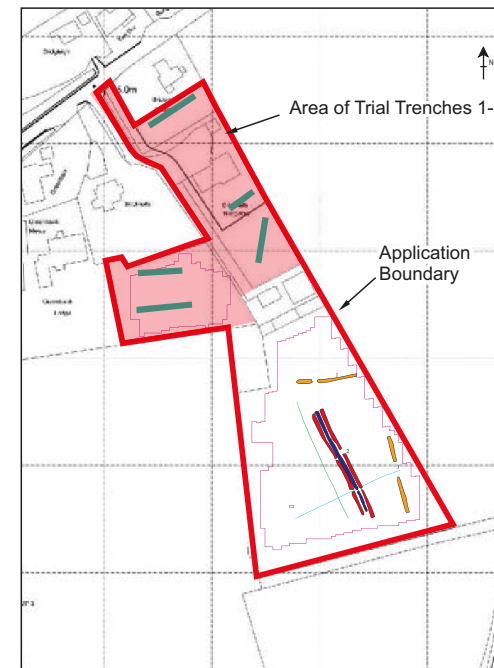
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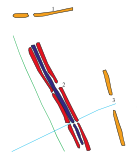
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Fig. 1: Location of Trenches 1-5



Plate 1: View of Trench 1 with layer 106 in foreground, looking northeast. (Scale 1m)



Plate 2: General view looking southwest towards Trenches 4 and 5. (Scales 1m)

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