

LAND AT NU HEAT UK LTD, DEVONSHIRE ROAD,
HEATHPARK INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, HONITON,
DEVON

(Centred on NGR SY 145 998)

Results of Archaeological Monitoring and Recording

East Devon District Council Planning Reference
13/0382/MFUL (Condition 9)

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Report No: ACD1342/2/0

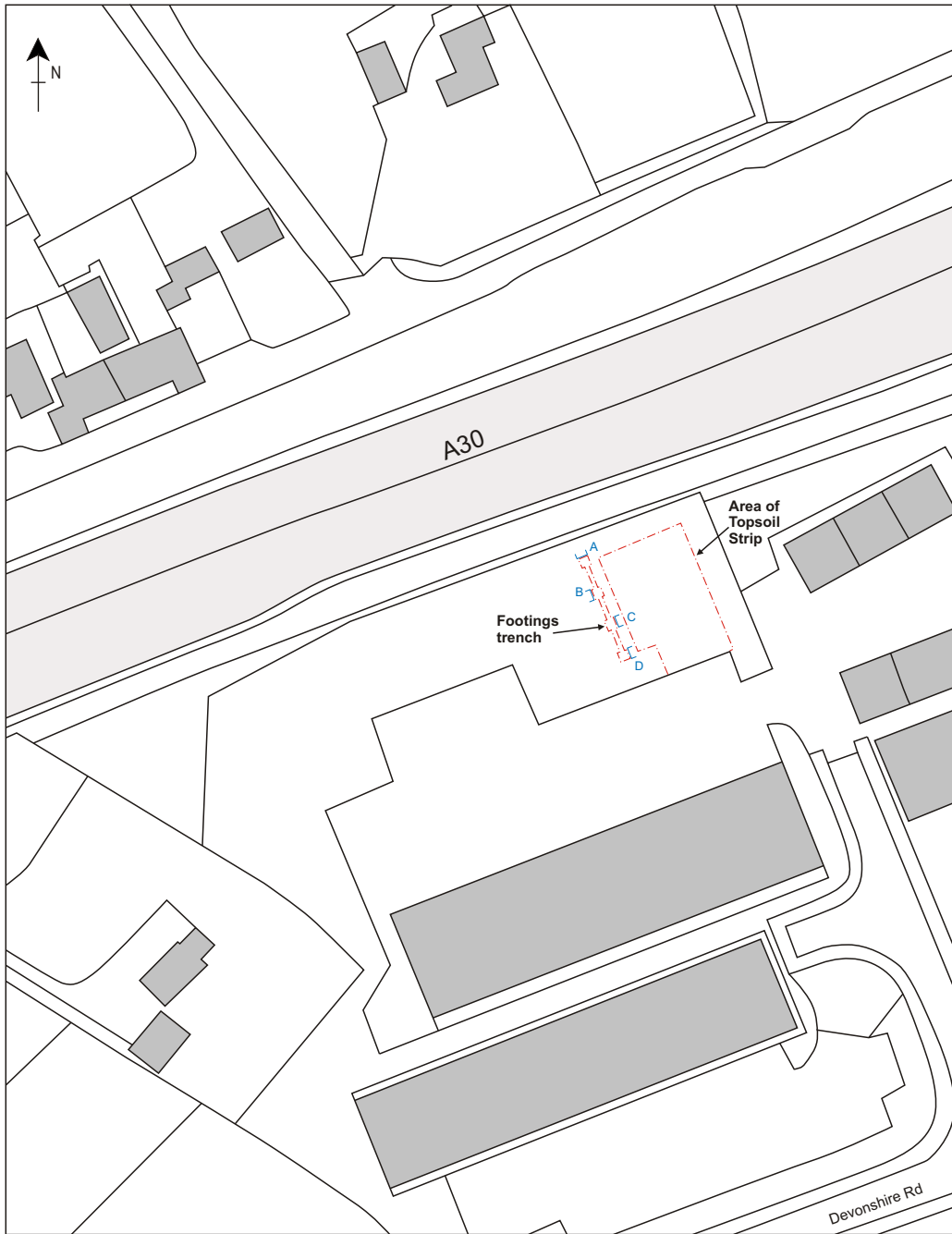
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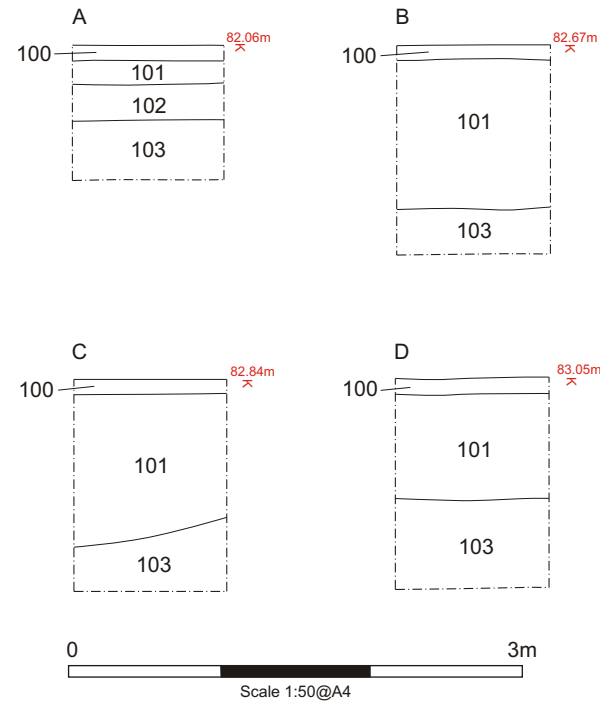
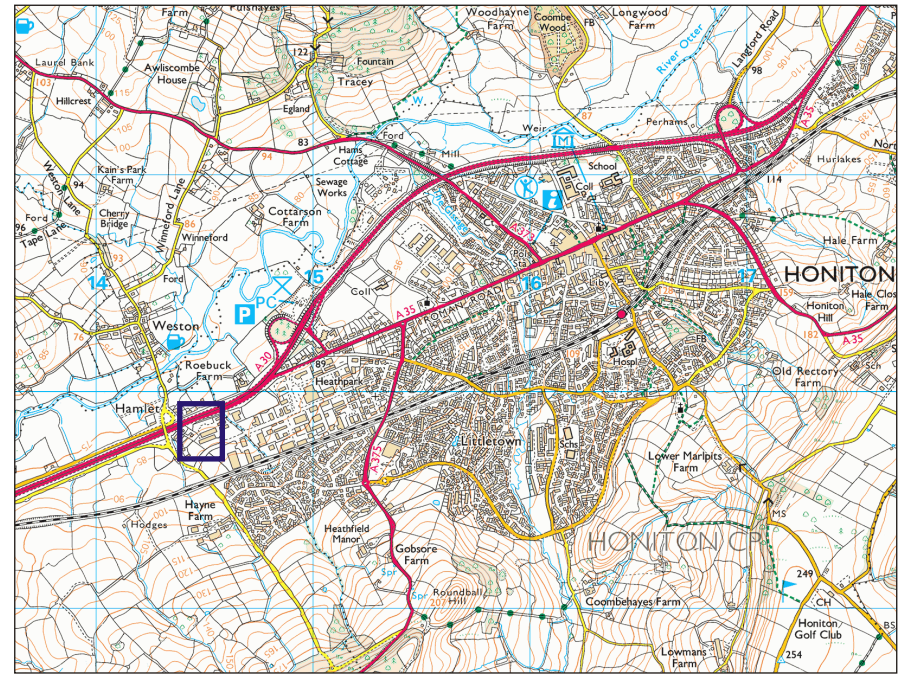
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Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District : Honiton, East Devon	National Grid Reference Centred on SY 145 998	Number:
Subject: Land at NU Heat Ltd, Devonshire Road, Heathpark Industrial Estate, Honiton, Devon: Results of archaeological monitoring and recording		Photo attached? Plates 1-3
Planning Application no: 13/0382/MFUL (condition 9)	Recipient museum: N/A	
OASIS ID: 277404	Museum Accession no: N/A	
Contractor's reference number/code: ACD1342	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 04th April and 16th May 2016	
<p>Description of works.</p> <p><i>Introduction</i> Archaeological monitoring and recording on land at Nu Heat, Heathpark Industrial Estate, Honiton, Devon (SY 145 998) was carried out by AC archaeology between April and May 2016. The work observed comprised excavation of a footing trench and topsoil strip for a new carpark area. The site (Fig 1) was located on broadly level land, currently under grass, at approximately 84m aOD, bounded to the south by the existing Nu Heat facility (Plate 1) and to the north by the A30. The underlying geology comprised head deposits overlying Mercia Mudstone (BGS Online Viewer).</p> <p>The main archaeological interest in the site is the alignment of the present A30 Trunk Road to the north of the site which is likely to follow the line of a Roman Road connecting Dorchester and Exeter. In addition are numerous finds of prehistoric worked flint and Roman pottery within the vicinity of the site as well as evidence from early mapping for a prehistoric field system.</p> <p><i>Results (Fig 1, A-D)</i> A north-south aligned footing trench measuring 20m long and 0.6m wide was excavated to a maximum depth of 1.4m and an adjacent area measuring approximately 24m by 16m was stripped of topsoil to a depth of 0.3m.</p> <p>Natural subsoil (103) was encountered in the footing trench at a typical depth of 0.8-1m below existing levels. This was overlain by up to 0.9m of modern made-ground (101) sealed by 0.1m of dark grey sandy clay-loam topsoil (100) (Plate 2). At the far northern extent of the footing trench, the existing ground level dropped by c.0.6m. Here, natural subsoil (103) was encountered at a depth of 0.5m below a 0.25m thick layer of buried topsoil (102) sealed in turn by 0.15m of modern made ground (101) and 0.1m of topsoil (100). Removal of topsoil for the proposed carpark area exposed modern made-ground layer 101 (plate 3).</p> <p>No archaeological features or deposits were exposed and no finds were recovered.</p> <p><i>Comment</i> The site had been subject to an uncertain degree of recent truncation, with ground levels subsequently raised by up to 1m using modern material. The majority of excavations observed were within modern levels.</p>		
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Scale 1:1250@A4



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Fig. 1: Location of site
and plan showing
monitored areas





Plate 1: General site view, looking southwest



Plate 2: Footing trench, looking east. Scale 1m.



Plate 3: Topsoil stripping, looking northwest. Scale 1m

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