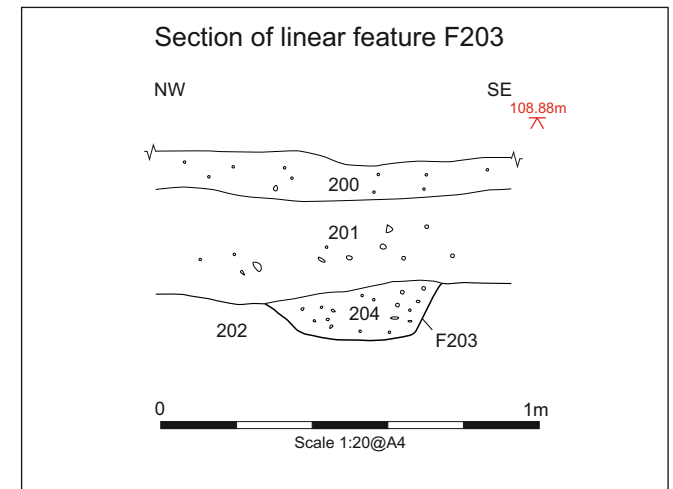
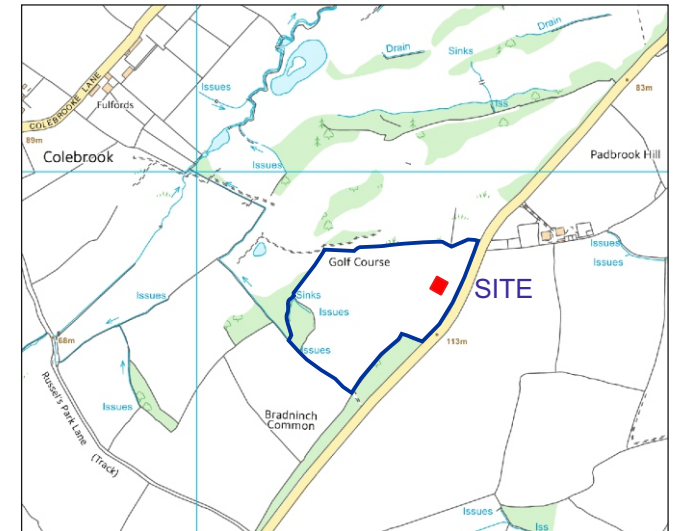


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| Civil Parish & District: Cullompton, Mid Devon | National Grid Reference NGR ST 0139 0580 | Number: |
| Subject: Land at Padbrook Hill, Cullompton: Results of an archaeological trench evaluation | | Photo attached? Plates 1 and 2 |
| Planning Application no: Mid Devon District Council 18/00617/PNAG | Recipient museum: N/A | |
| OASIS ID: 319744 | Museum Accession no: N/A | |
| Contractor's reference number/code: ACD1850 | Dates fieldwork undertaken: 31 st May 2018 | |
| <p>Description of works.</p> <p><i>Introduction</i></p> <p>An archaeological trench evaluation was carried out prior to groundworks associated with the construction of a new agricultural building at Padbrook Hill, Cullompton, Devon (Fig. 1). The work was carried out by AC archaeology during May 2018. The site of the proposed new building lies on agricultural land to the northeast of Cullompton Hill road, approximately 600m to the southwest of Cullompton. It occupies part of a wider pasture plot situated on elevated ground at around 110m above Ordnance Datum (aOD). The underlying solid geology comprises mudstone of the Bude Formation (www.bgs.ac.uk).</p> <p><i>Results</i></p> <p>Three trenches were excavated within the proposed building footprint totalling 45m long, each measuring 1.5m wide (Fig. 1, Plate 1). Natural subsoil was encountered at a typical depth of 0.35m, below a consistent sequence of overlying deposits comprising agricultural subsoil, composed of mid reddish-brown clay-loam, overlain by topsoil composed of dark reddish-brown silty-loam.</p> <p>A single linear feature (F203) was exposed in Trench 2 (Plate 2). It was aligned approximately east-west, measured 0.45m wide and 0.15m deep with steeply sloping, slightly irregular sides and a concave base. It contained a single fill composed of mid brown silty-clay with frequent poorly sorted sub-angular fine gravel and occasional sub-angular gravel inclusions (204). No finds were recovered.</p> <p><i>Comments</i></p> <p>A single undated, east-west aligned, possible linear feature was exposed in Trench 2. It was not present in adjacent Trench 1 having either terminated or curved slightly to the south. The area of the site is shown on the Cullompton Parish Tithe map (1839) as part of a long narrow parcel of land extending NE-SW along the north side of Cullompton Hill road and is described in the associated apportionment as 'Coppice'. Feature F203 seems unlikely to represent a former field boundary within this layout. It was a small isolated feature with irregular edges, sterile fill and no associated finds and is of limited further archaeological interest. No other features, deposits or finds were exposed.</p> | | |
| Recorder: Chris Blatchford, AC archaeology | Date sent to HER: 31-05-2018 | |



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Fig. 1: Location of site and trenches, showing
linear feature F203



Plate 1: View of site and trenches, looking south



Plate 2: Linear feature F203, looking northeast
(scale 1m)