

LAND AT GEWS FARM, ST JUST, CORNWALL

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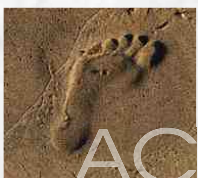
Results of an archaeological watching brief

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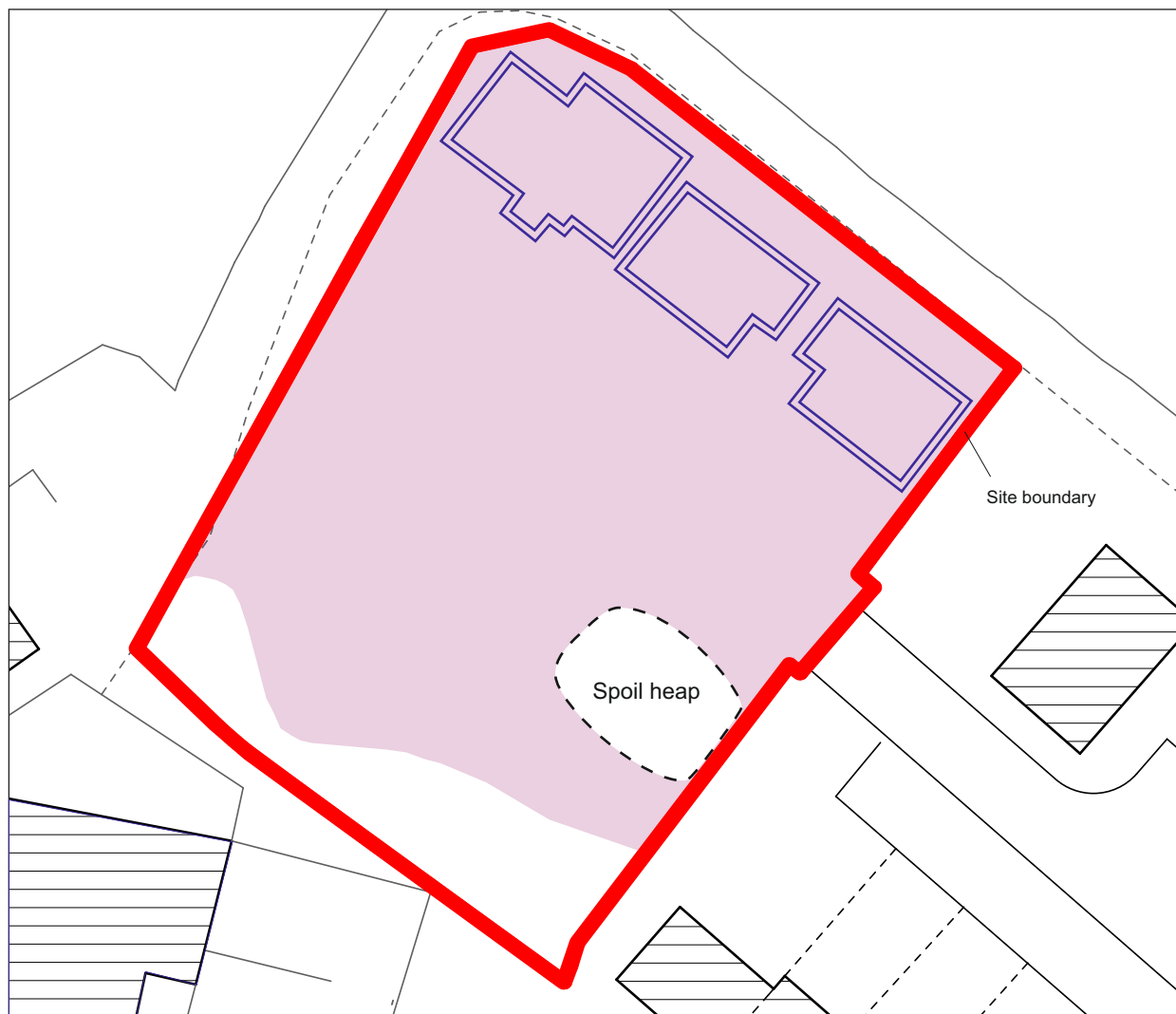
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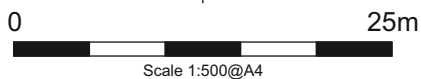
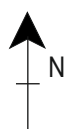
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<p>Description of works.</p> <p><i>Introduction</i></p> <p>An archaeological watching brief was carried out by AC archaeology in September 2015 during groundworks ahead of the construction of six dwellings and four flats, creation of access and associated works on land at Gews Farm, St Just. The site covered 0.35ha and was situated within part of a former field associated with the farm (Fig. 1). It was located at a height of approximately 130m aOD on level land on the southeast side of the village, and to the southeast of the historic core of the settlement and 160m to the south of the church (Plate 1). The underlying geology comprises Igneous Granite (British Geological Survey online 2019).</p> <p>There were no Historic Environment Record entries relating to the site itself. The nearest entry is 90m to the south, and is a record of late 16th-century or post-medieval pottery having been recovered from a hedgebank (Cornwall and Isles of Scilly HER ref MCO41690), which is now within the modern Higher Gews Close residential development. The watching brief was required due to the proximity of the site to the historic core of the village and the potential for previously unrecorded evidence of medieval or post-medieval agricultural use of this area.</p> <p><i>Results</i></p> <p>Groundworks, which comprised the stripping of topsoil and the subsequent deeper excavation of foundation trenches between 0.36m to 1.2m deep (Plate 2), was carried out using a wheeled digger fitted with a toothless grading bucket. Natural subsoil was exposed at a depth of between 0.3m and 0.6m below existing levels and comprised light brown silty sand. It was overlain by dark brown sandy silt topsoil. No pre-modern finds were recovered from the subsoil or topsoil. A layer of modern refuse in a mid grey fairly compact sandy silt, measuring up to 0.4m thick, was spread over the topsoil across the majority of the site.</p> <p><i>Comment</i></p> <p>No archaeological features or deposits were exposed during the groundworks. There was no evidence for medieval or post-medieval use of the site and the location appears to have been beyond the boundary of the historic settlement.</p> <p>This report and the OASIS entry represent the archive for the project.</p>		
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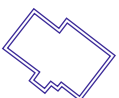
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Stripped area



Foundation trenches monitored

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Fig. 1: Site location and area monitored





Plate 1: General view of the site, looking northwest to St Just's Church



Plate 2: General view of foundation trenches, looking southeast (1m scale)

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