

# LAND AT THE ELMS, LONDON ROAD, WHIMPLE, DEVON

## Results of Archaeological Monitoring and Recording

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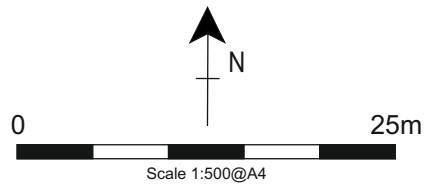
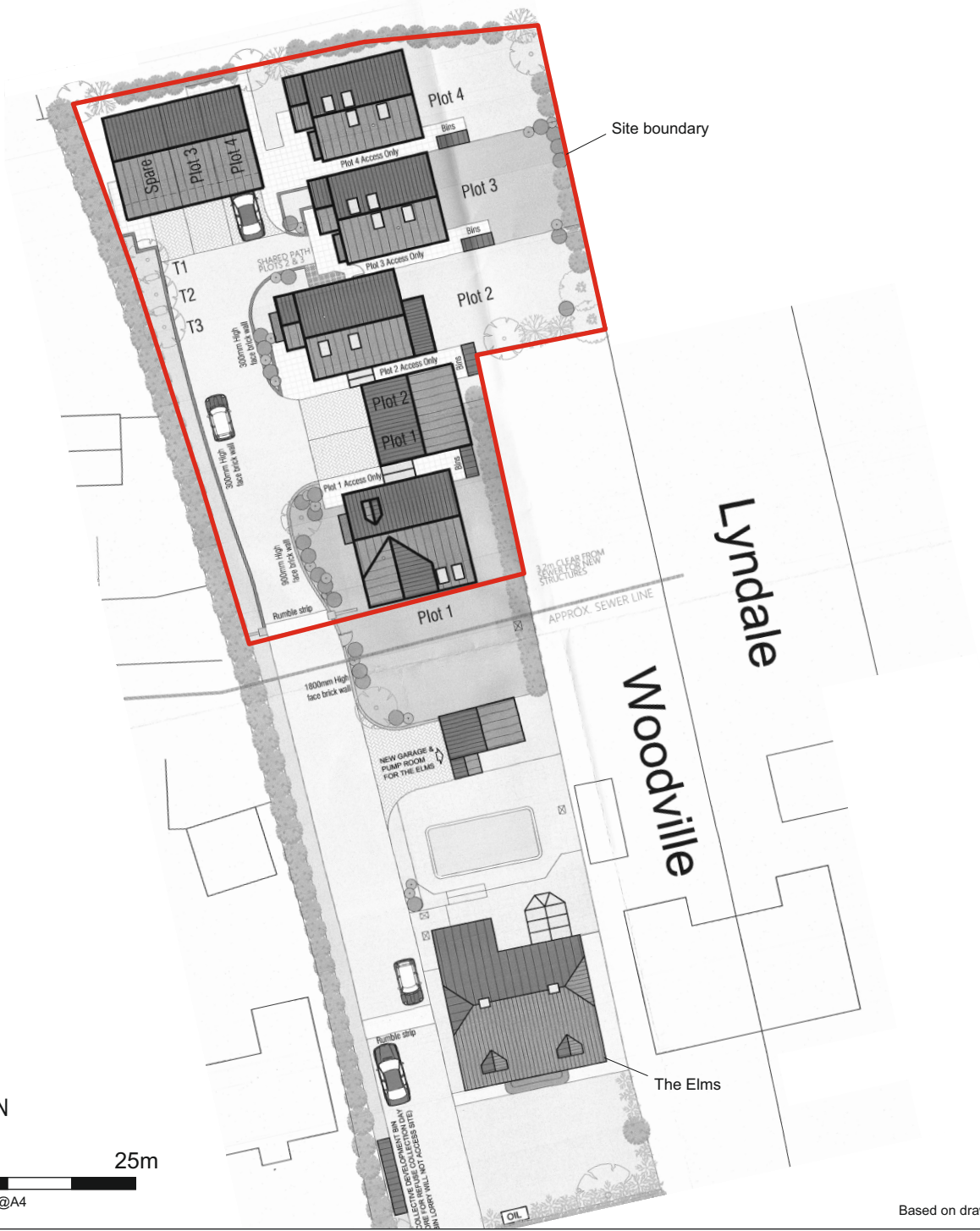


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# Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Broadclyst, East Devon	<b>National Grid Reference:</b> SY 0248 9562	<b>Number:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Land at the Elms, London Road, Whimple, Devon: Results of archaeological monitoring and recording		<b>Photo attached:</b> Plates 1-3
<b>Planning Application no:</b> 18/0388/FUL	<b>Recipient museum:</b> N/A	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> 372942	<b>Museum Accession no:</b> N/A	
<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b> ACD1907	<b>Dates fieldwork undertaken:</b> 29 January to 6 February 2019	
<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p>Archaeological monitoring and recording was undertaken by AC archaeology during groundworks associated with the construction of four new dwellings and associated garages on land at The Elms, London Road, Whimple, Devon (SY 0248 9562). The site is situated on the north side of London Road, some 2km southwest of Whimple and to the north of Rockbeare (Fig. 1). It comprises an approximately rectangular plot of land, which prior to commencement, formed a garden to the rear of The Elms residential property.</p> <p>London Road represents the route of the Roman road extending between Exeter and Honiton. Although no known associated activity has been previously recorded in the vicinity of the site, its position had the potential to contain evidence for associated roadside settlement. The Broadclyst parish tithe map of 1842 depicts the site as within agricultural land and part of a wider rectangular plot extending north of London Road. The site was developed during the 20th century, with residential plots including the Elms fronting London road.</p> <p><b>Results (Fig. 1; Plates 1-3)</b></p> <p>Monitored groundworks comprised an initial bulk reduction of topsoil from the site followed by the excavation of footings trenches for the four new dwellings and associated garages. The trenches measured 0.6m wide and were excavated to approximately 0.75m deep.</p> <p>The groundworks exposed a river terrace deposit of water-corn pebbles and cobbles in a light brownish grey silty-clay matrix at a depth of between 0.45m and 0.55m below existing levels. This measured approximately 0.15m thick and sealed a natural subsoil of mid-brownish red sandy clay. The river terrace layer was overlain by a 0.2m to 0.3m thick mid reddish-brown silty loam subsoil and a dark brown silty loam topsoil.</p> <p>No archaeological features or deposits were exposed by the works and no finds were recovered.</p> <p><b>Comments</b></p> <p>The monitored groundworks exposed a simple sequence of cultivation soils sealing the natural subsoil. No evidence for pre-modern activity on the site was present within the areas investigated.</p> <p>This report represents the archive for the project.</p>		
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 Fig. 1: Location of site and development plan





Plate 1: General view of site looking northwest



Plate 2: General working view during excavation of footings trench. Looking west from Plot 4



Plate 3: Representative section of excavated footings trench (scale 1m)

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