

LAND SOUTH WEST OF KNAPP FARM, DULFORD, DEVON

(Centred on NGR ST 0662 0631)

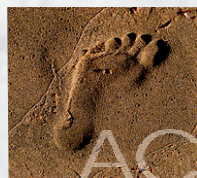
Results of an Archaeological Trial Trench Evaluation

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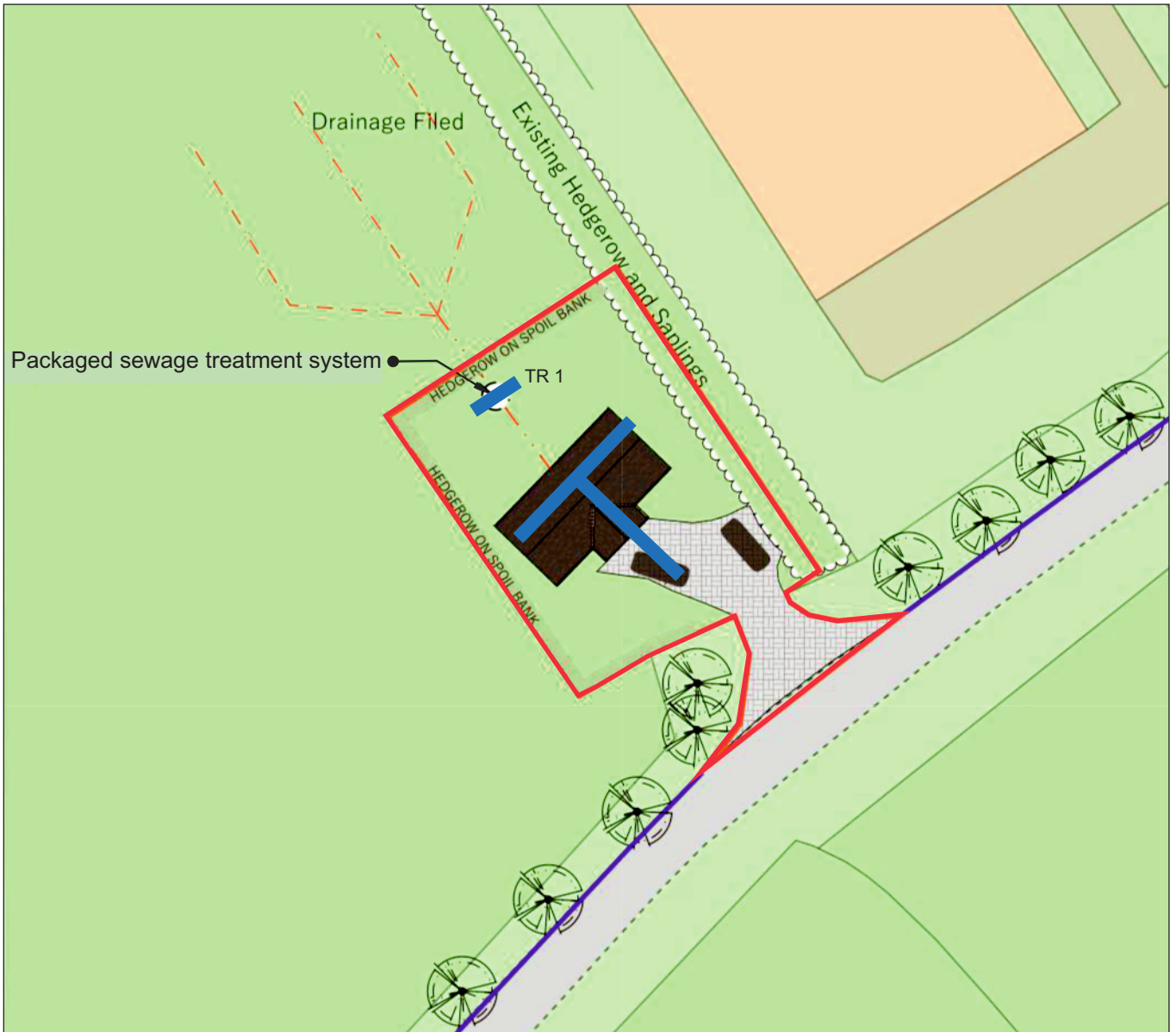
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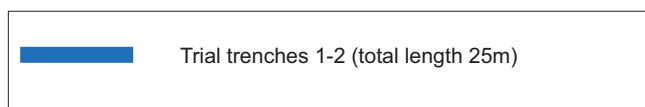
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Subject: Land southwest of Knapp Farm, Dulford, Devon: Results of an archaeological trial trench evaluation.		Photo attached: Plates 1-4
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<p>Introduction</p> <p>An archaeological trench evaluation was undertaken by AC archaeology during June 2020 ahead of a residential development on land southwest Knapp Farm, Dulford, Devon (ST 0662 0631). The site lies close to the A373, some 4km to the east of Cullompton and 500m northwest of Dulford. It comprises part of a wider pasture field bounded to the southeast by a minor road and agricultural sheds to the northeast. The site lies in an area that contains several possible prehistoric barrows. Two of these are bisected by the Kentisbury/Broadhembury parish boundary to the north. Their tentative identification is based on aerial photographs, Lidar data and an 18th century description. A further three possible barrows identified from aerial photographs taken in 1947 and 1999 extend in a broad line to the southwest of the site.</p> <p>Results (Fig. 1; Plates 1-3)</p> <p>The trial trench evaluation comprised the machine excavation of two trenches totalling 26m in length, with each trench 1.6m wide. These were positioned to target the location of the proposed new dwelling and associated sewage treatment works.</p> <p>Natural subsoil, which comprised a light grey silty clay with abundant sub-angular stone inclusions, was exposed at a depth of between 0.32m and 0.44m below existing levels. It was overlain by a 0.22m to 0.34m thick dark mid brownish grey silty-loam subsoil, which was beneath a dark greyish brown silty loam topsoil.</p> <p>No archaeological features or deposits were exposed. Two fragments (20g) of 19th century ceramic building material, comprising a piece of roof tile and a possible brick fragment, were recovered from the subsoil in Trench 2.</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>The results from the trial trenches were negative with only a simple agricultural soil sequence overlying the natural subsoil exposed. No evidence for activity associated with the nearby possible prehistoric barrows was evident.</p> <p>This report represents the archive for the project.</p>		
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Fig. 1: Location of site and development plan with trial trenches shown



Plate 1: General view of site, looking northwest with Trench 2 in foreground



Plate 2: Trench 1, view to southwest (scale 0.4m)



Plate 3: Trench 2, view to northeast (scale 0.4m)



Plate 4: Trench 2, representative section (scales 0.4m and 0.2m)

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