

Land at Long Park, Talaton Road, Feniton, Devon

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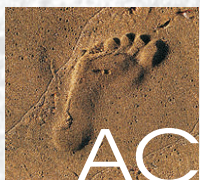
Results of an archaeological watching brief

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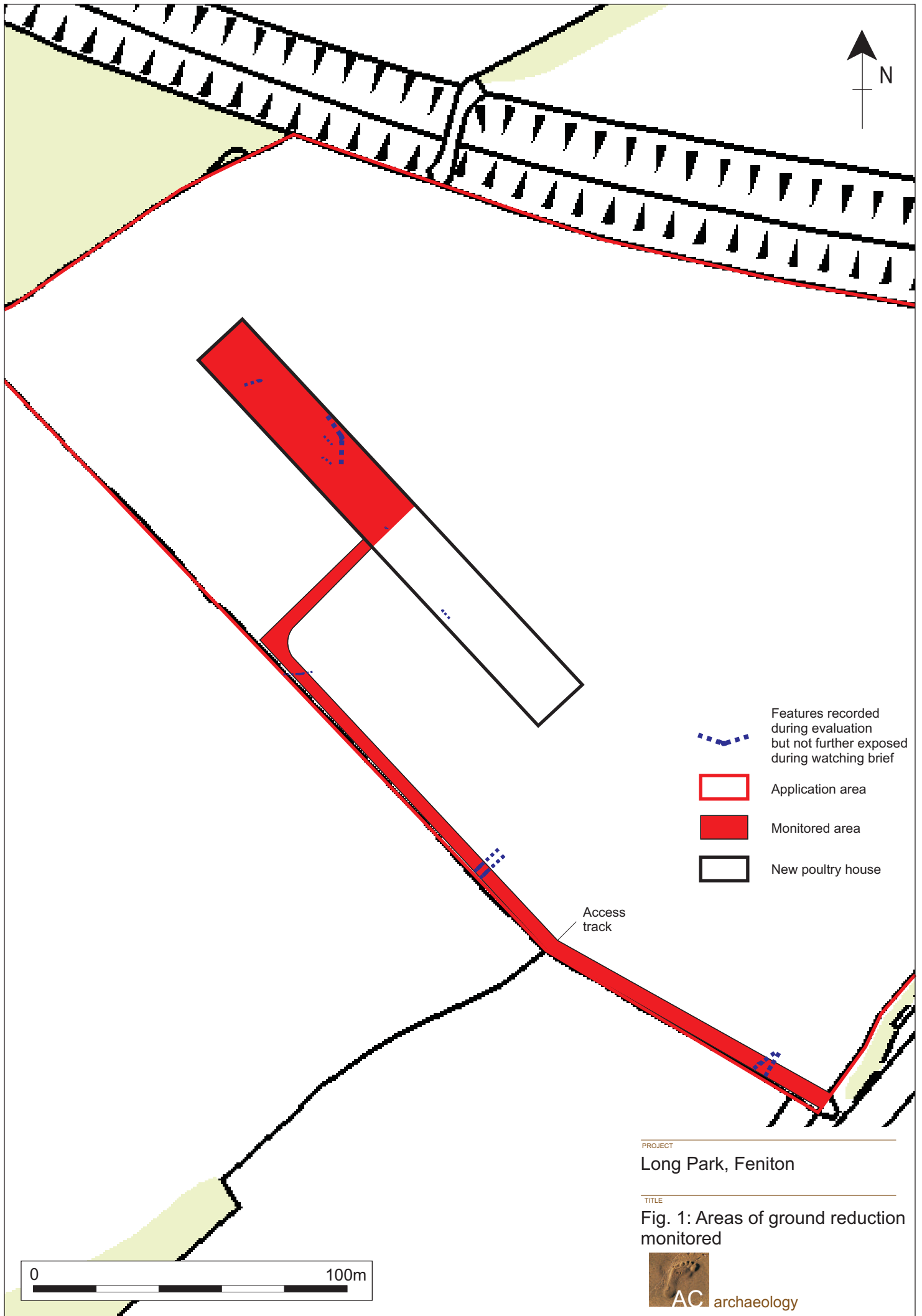
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<p>Introduction</p> <p>An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by AC archaeology on land at Long Park, Feniton, Devon, during groundworks associated for the construction of a poultry house and associated works. The work was commissioned by Sheamus Machin on behalf of the landowner, Mr Pyle.</p> <p>The site of the new poultry house and associated access track occupies an area of approximately 0.4 hectares of land to the south of the railway line and to the northeast of the A30 dual carriageway. The current land-use is pasture and the site is generally level at around 75m OD, although there is a general trend of a gradual slope down to the south. The underlying layer sequence comprises river terrace sands and gravels above a solid geology of sandstones of the Otter Sandstone Formation.</p> <p>A recent archaeological evaluation on the site established that on the level higher ground in the northwest part of the site a possible Bronze Age settlement enclosure with internal features was identified, with this seemingly delineated by a large curvilinear ditch. These were exposed at a depth of around 0.4m below current ground levels. Elsewhere on the site more localised archaeological features were present, although two ditches located towards the southeast corner may be part of a Bronze Age field system identified during excavations on the line of the present A30 (Hughes 2011).</p> <p>Results</p> <p>Groundworks comprised the bulk reduction of areas associated with the location of the new poultry house and route of the associated access track using a 360° mechanical excavator equipped with a toothless grading bucket.</p> <p>To avoid impacting on the known buried archaeological remains, the access track and monitored portion of the building footprint were reduced to a depth of only 0.2m into a mid brown friable sandy silt colluvial subsoil, which was overlain by a mid brown friable sandy loam topsoil. No archaeological features or deposits were exposed and no finds were recovered.</p> <p>The depth of the ground reduction was not sufficient to expose any of the archaeological features previously identified on the site. Because of this, it has been agreed with the County Archaeology Officer that monitoring of future excavations in the southeast half of the new poultry house will not now be required.</p> <p>References</p> <p>Hughes, S., 2011, <i>Land at Long Park, Talaton Road, Feniton, Devon: Results of an archaeological trench evaluation</i>. Unpublished AC archaeology report for client, ref. ACD250/2/0</p>		
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-  Features recorded during evaluation but not further exposed during watching brief
-  Application area
-  Monitored area
-  New poultry house

Access track

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Fig. 1: Areas of ground reduction monitored





Plate 1. General view of poultry house plot area, looking northwest



Plate 2. General view along access track area, looking northwest

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