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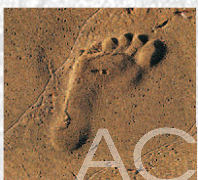
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### **Summary**

*Archaeological monitoring of groundworks for a new dwelling at Snow White View, Gomeldon Road, Winterbourne Gunner was carried out in March 2011. An area c. 10m x 10m was stripped of topsoil to the rear of the existing property and revealed undisturbed natural orange-brown clay subsoil. Close to the rear of the existing building was evidence for a cellar/boiler house and a septic tank. No subsoil features were noted and no artefacts of archaeological interest were recovered.*

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

**1.1** This document describes the results of archaeological monitoring during groundworks associated with the demolition of existing buildings and a replacement two storey dwelling and garage at Snow White View, Gomeldon Road, Winterbourne Gunner, Wiltshire. (Fig. 1).

**1.2** The monitoring was undertaken by AC Archaeology Ltd and has been commissioned by the site owner, Mr Lewis, in accordance with condition 10 of the planning consent for the works granted by Wiltshire Council (no. S/10/1873). The condition required a programme of archaeological work to be undertaken, comprising an archaeological watching brief, analysis and reporting, as advised by the Assistant County Archaeologist, Wiltshire Council, in their letter dated 5 January 2011 (WC ref: CK/NJD/11CK0001).

**1.3** The application area comprises c. 0.075 hectares of land, currently occupied by the existing building, lawn and garden. The site lies at around 65m OD and the underlying geology comprises chalk (Plate 1).

### **2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND**

**2.1** There are no records of archaeological sites or finds within the application area. The new building will lie east of the medieval church of St Mary, which is surrounded by earthworks of medieval date, and c. 100m to the north west of the site of an Anglo Saxon cemetery. The cemetery was first discovered in the 1960s within the property known as *Shiralee* and is known to extend to the south-east along Salt Lane. The western extent of the cemetery is uncertain, but other investigations along Gomeldon Road have failed to show it extending that far.

**2.2** Prehistoric and Romano-British archaeological features have been recorded to the south of the site.



**Plate 1: View to north-west prior to demolition and groundworks**

### **3. METHODOLOGY**

**3.1** Stripping of the area was monitored by the site archaeologist. Attendance was 'comprehensive' in accordance with the meaning of the term as defined in the Institute of Field Archaeologists' *Standards and Guidance for An Archaeological Watching Brief* section 3.2.10: i.e. present during all groundworks. The works were undertaken in accordance with the Written Scheme of Investigations prepared and submitted by AC Archaeology (Document No. ACW348/1/0).

### **4. RESULTS**

**4.1** Partial demolition of the existing bungalow revealed two concrete lined sub-surface features 2m deep. One, measuring approximately 5m x 2.5m appears to have been a small cellar or boiler room associated with Snow White View; the second, measuring 2m x 2.5m may have housed a fuel or septic tank.

**4.2** To the south-east of the existing building an area measuring approximately 10m x 10m was stripped to an average depth of 400mm using a mechanical excavator with a toothless blade. This exposed undisturbed chalk colluvium across the south-eastern half of the area (Plate 2) and undisturbed clay with gravel to the north-west. No archaeological features or artefacts were recorded.



**Plate 2: View to north-east showing undisturbed subsoil**

## **5. COMMENT**

5.1 The watching brief established that there are no archaeological deposits within the area of redevelopment.

## **6. REFERENCES & GUIDELINES**

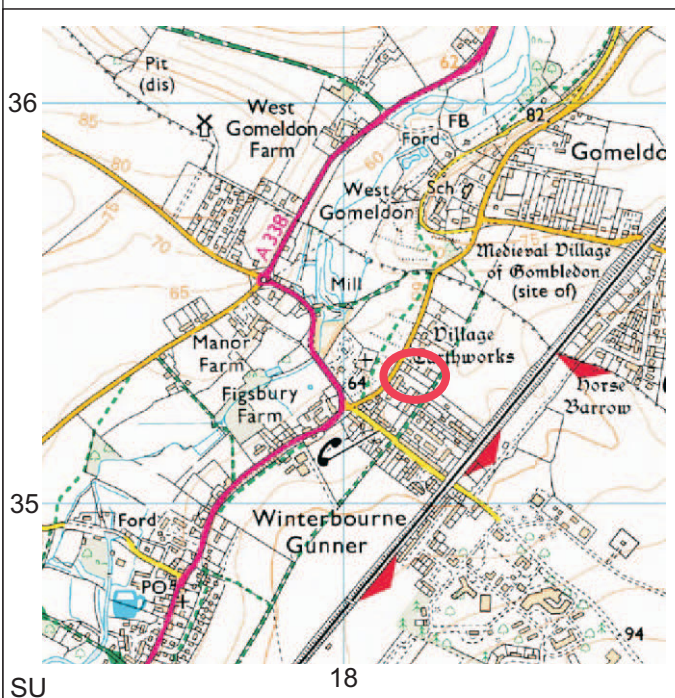
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 Area of archaeological monitoring



PROJECT

Snow White View, Winterbourne Gunner

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Fig. 1: Location of site and areas of archaeological monitoring

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