Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Clyst Hydon & East Devon	National Grid Reference SX 99185 93282 – SY 00165 93182		Number: (Leave blank for HES to fill in)		
Subject: B3184 Exeter Airport Access Road, Clyst Hydon, East Devon Photo attached? Y					Υ
Planning Application no: DCC/3278/2011		Recipient museum: Royal Albert Memorial Museum Exeter			
OASIS ID: contexto1-182702		Museum Accession no: N/A			
Contractor's reference number/code: C1/AMR/14/EAD		Dates fieldwork u 10 th July – 29 th Sep			

Description of works.

Context One Archaeological Services Ltd (COAS) carried out archaeological monitoring and recording on the B3184 Exeter Airport Access Road, Clyst Hydon, East Devon, over 2 days on 10th and 29th September 2014. The project was commissioned and funded by Devon County Council. The monitoring programme was carried out in relation to the widening of the carriageway and was requested by Mr Stephen Reed (Archaeologist, Devon County Historic Environment Team (HET)) following a consultation request by the Local Planning Authority (East Devon District Council (EDDC)). In a brief for archaeological monitoring and recording dated 15th May 2014, Mr Reed stated:

"Due to the archaeological potential of the area in which the works are to be undertaken, the Historic Environment Team has advised that these works should be subject to a programme of archaeological monitoring to allow for the identification, investigation and recording of any archaeological or artefactual deposits that may be affected.

The principal objective of the programme shall be to observe, investigate, excavate and record any surviving below-ground archaeological artefacts and deposits across the area affected by the proposed development." (para 1.2 and 1.3, BRIEF FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING AND RECORDING. HET REF. ARCH/DM/ED/21706).

The first phase of archaeological work was a desk-based appraisal of archaeological and historical data recorded within a 250m radius of the Site. The data was assembled in a digitised pack and included map regression incorporating Tithe and Ordnance Survey maps.

Groundworks were carried out over *c.* 450m of road, entailing widening of the existing carriageway and digging into the banks (**Figure 1, Plates 1, 2 & 3**).

No visible features or deposits of archaeological interest were encountered during the monitoring programme and no finds were observed. Development excavations revealed clean ground (apart from services) with pink/orange Devon clay deposits (**Plates 1, 2 & 3**). The bank work revealed only made ground deposited during construction of the existing road and levelling work on the verge did not extend beneath the topsoil layer. The last 100m of groundworks at the eastern end of the Site were not monitored due to not being informed of their commencement, however previous observations made by Context One archaeologists revealed that the deposit sequence was dominated by made ground.

A plan as well as any other relevant drawings must be attached showing the location and extent of site, areas investigated and features exposed.

Recorder: Orlando Prestidge	Date sent to HER:	
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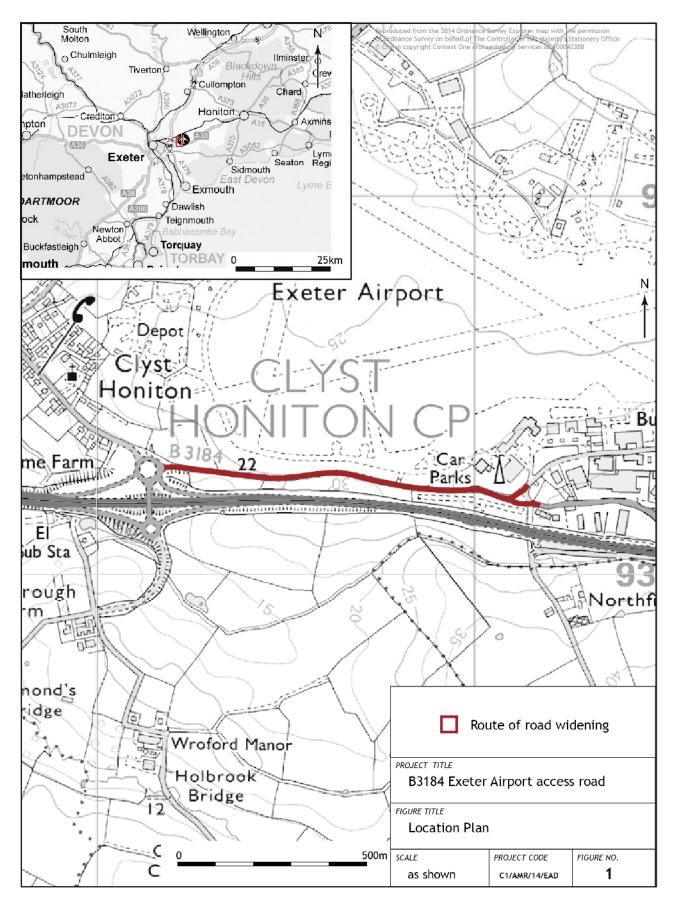


Figure 1: Detailed site setting



Plate 1. Bank work in progress (from W)



Plate 2. Soil stripping on bank (from E)



Plate 3. Verge reduction (from W)

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