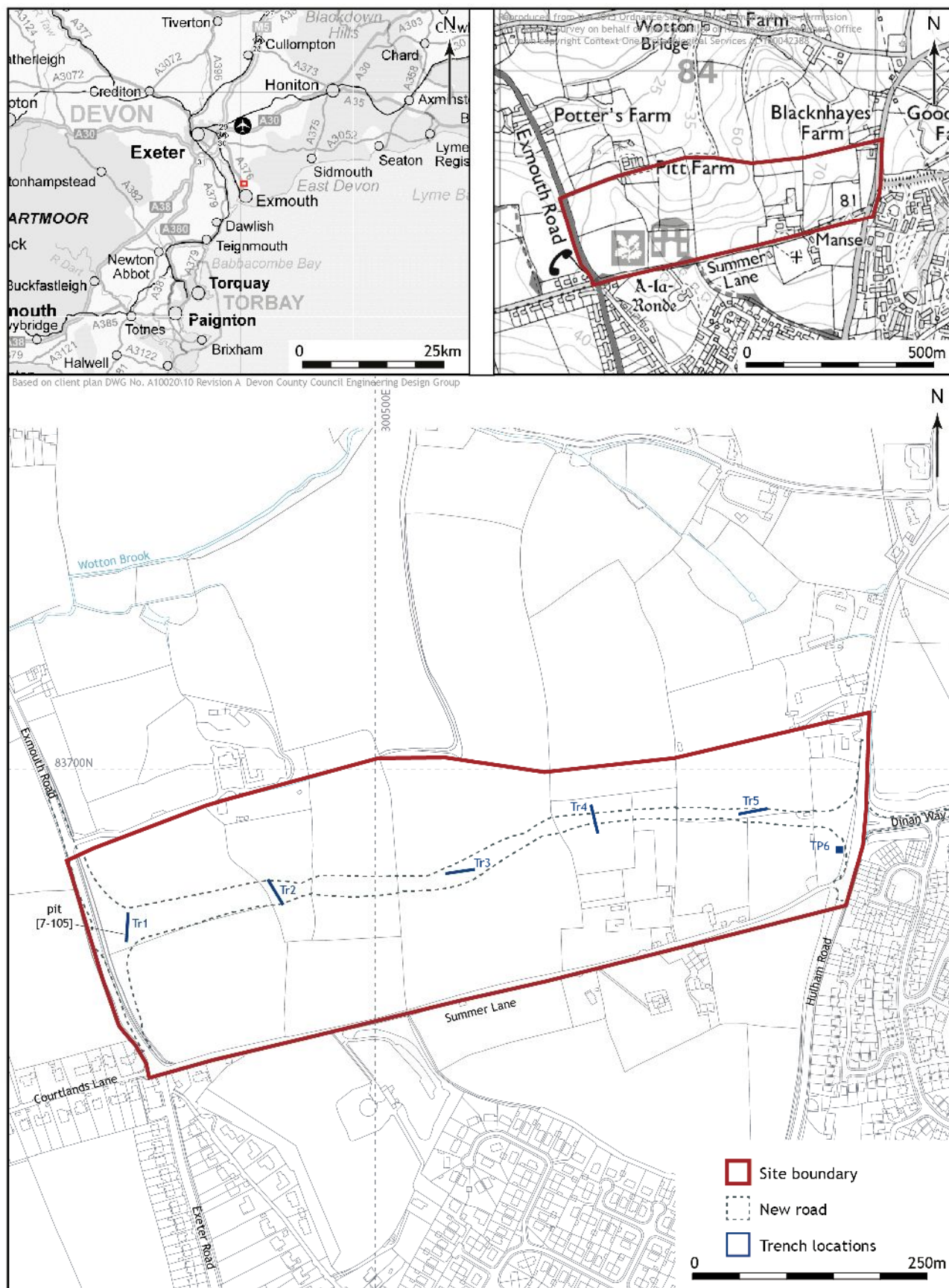


# Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish:</b> Lympstone	<b>National Grid Reference</b> Centred on SY 00580 83690	<b>Number:</b> (Leave blank)								
<b>Subject:</b> Link road between Exmouth Road and Dinan Way, Lympstone, East Devon		<b>Plan/Photo attached?</b> Y								
<b>Planning Application no:</b> TBC	<b>Recipient museum:</b> N/A - Negative Archive									
<b>OASIS ID:</b> contexto1-199298	<b>Museum Accession no:</b> N/A - Negative Archive									
<b>Contractor's reference code:</b> C1/EVA/15/ERL	<b>Dates fieldwork undertaken:</b> 31 May- 6 June 2016									
<p><b>Description of works.</b></p> <p>Context One Archaeological Services Ltd (COAS) carried out a programme of archaeological works comprising an Archaeological Field Evaluation through trial trenching along the route of a proposed new link road between Exmouth Road and Dinan Way, Lympstone, East Devon (the 'Site'). The project was commissioned by the Engineering Design Group, Devon County Council.</p> <p>The programme of archaeological works was advised by Mr Stephen Reed (Archaeologist, Devon County Historic Environment Team (HET)) in support of a planning application. A brief for these works was compiled (HET ref: ARCH/DM/ED/18556), in which it is stated:</p> <p><i>'The principal objective of the programme shall be to evaluate the survival of below-ground archaeological deposits across the proposed development site. The results will allow the nature, extent, and date of any surviving archaeological deposits within the application area to be understood and an appropriate planning decision made by the Planning Authority'</i> (para 1.3).</p> <p>The request for archaeological work follows advice given by Central Government as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (DCLG 2012) and the East Devon Local Development Framework (2012).</p> <p>The first phase of archaeological work constituted 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. Four heritage assets were identified within the boundaries of the Site. The earliest of these consists of a number of former field boundaries of potential medieval date. Other assets likely date from the post-medieval period and include a possible marl pit and a post-medieval/modern quarry to the east of the Site. A further post-medieval/modern quarry feature is located towards the northern boundary of the Site. The Site is first visible on the 1844 Tithe Map and appears to be little changed until the present day, with the majority of field boundaries remaining unaltered. An area of orchard is visible in the north of the Site on OS maps dating from 1889 to 1955, however this is no longer extant on the 1974 to 1978 OS Map and appears to have been cleared and absorbed into the large central field.</p> <p>The archaeological evaluation comprised the excavation of six open cut trenches, measuring 30m x 1.6m (<b>Figure 1</b>) using a 360 degree tracked machine equipped with a toothless bucket. The rationale for the positioning of trenches was dictated by the location of the proposed new road and its expected impact on the Site, as well as by the locations of any possible archaeological features as indicated by the desk-based appraisal. Trench 6 proved to be inaccessible, so a geotechnical test pit in a similar area was subject to archaeological monitoring and recording in its stead.</p> <p>The exposed stratigraphic sequences consisted of:</p> <p><b>Trench 1 (Plate 1)</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>0 – 0.10m</td> <td>Light reddish brown (2.5YR 6/4) sandy silt - topsoil (7-100)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0.10m - 0.20m</td> <td>Light red (2.5YR 6/4) sandy silt with occasional rounded pebbles - subsoil (7-101)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0.20m – &gt;0.40m</td> <td>Yellowish red (5YR 7/6) sandy gravels in bands with moderate manganese - natural (7-102)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0.20m – 0.40m</td> <td>Circular pit with concave sides and flat base c. 1.1m in diameter - Feature 1 [7-105]</td> </tr> </table>			0 – 0.10m	Light reddish brown (2.5YR 6/4) sandy silt - topsoil (7-100)	0.10m - 0.20m	Light red (2.5YR 6/4) sandy silt with occasional rounded pebbles - subsoil (7-101)	0.20m – >0.40m	Yellowish red (5YR 7/6) sandy gravels in bands with moderate manganese - natural (7-102)	0.20m – 0.40m	Circular pit with concave sides and flat base c. 1.1m in diameter - Feature 1 [7-105]
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<b>Trench 2 (Plate 2)</b>	
0 – 0.10m	Reddish grey (10R 6/1) sandy silt with occasional rounded pebbles - topsoil (7-200)
0.10m – 0.50m	Dark reddish grey (10R 4/1) sandy silt with frequent rounded pebbles - subsoil (7-201)
0.50m – >0.90m	Red (10R 5/6) sandy gravels in bands with moderate manganese - natural (7-202)
<b>Trench 3 (Plate 3)</b>	
0 – 0.20m	Reddish grey (10R 6/1) sandy silt with frequent river cobbles - topsoil (7-300)
0.20m -NA	Red (10R 5/6) sandy silty gravel with frequent river cobbles - natural (7-301)
<b>Trench 4 (Plate 4)</b>	
0 – 0.20m	Reddish grey (10R 6/1) sandy silt with frequent river cobbles - topsoil (7-400)
0.20m ->0.30m	Red (10R 5/6) sandy gravel with frequent river cobbles - natural (7-401)
<b>Trench 5 (Plate 5)</b>	
0 – 0.20m	Red (10R 5/6) sandy silt with frequent moderate rounded pebbles - topsoil (7-500)
0.20m - >0.30m	Light red (10R 6/6) sand with clay, frequent rounded pebbles - natural (7-501)
<b>Test pit 6 (Plate 6)</b>	
0 – 0.20m	Red (10R 5/6) sandy silt with frequent rounded pebbles - topsoil (7-600)
0.20m – 0.40m	Dark reddish grey (10R 4/1) silty sand with frequent rounded pebbles - subsoil (7-601)
0.40m – >0.80m	Dark reddish grey (10R 6/1) sand with clay - natural (7-602)
<p>A single archaeological feature (F1) was exposed in Trench 1. This comprised a circular pit [7-105] measuring c. 1.1m in diameter and c. 0.30m deep with a single fill (7-104) which included charcoal, but from which no finds were recovered and which remains undated. Despite the possibility of activity identified by the desk-based assessment, no evidence was seen of any other archaeological features or deposits.</p>	
<p><b>A plan as well as any other relevant drawings must be attached showing the location and extent of site, areas investigated and features exposed.</b></p>	
<p><b>Recorder:</b> Clare Randall, Context One Archaeological Services Ltd.</p>	<p><b>Date sent to HER</b> 30/06/2016</p>





**Plate 1.** Trench 1 with pit [7-103] (from S; 1m scales)



**Plate 2.** Trench 2 (from NW; 1m scales)



**Plate 3.** Trench 3 (from NW; 1m scales)



**Plate 4.** Trench 4 (from NNE; 1m scales)



**Plate 5.** Trench 5 (from NE; 1m scales)



**Plate 6.** Test pit 6 (from S; 1m scales)

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