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Archaeological Evaluation

Historic Environment Record Report

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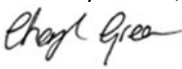
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COAS project code: C1/EVA/17/VGD

Eagle One Developments

Devon Historic Environment Record Report

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Issue 01

ARCHAEOLOGICAL DETAILS

Client project/scheme ref.	N/A
Planning Application ref.	14/2155/01
Local Planning Authority	Exeter City Council
Scheduled Monument Consent ref.	N/A
Historic Environment Record ref.	N/A
Collecting Museum	RAMM, Exeter
Museum accession code	RAMM: 17/07
OASIS reference	contexto1-276064

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Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish: Exeter	National Grid Reference SX 96765 93642	Number: (Leave blank)
Subject: The Vines, Gypsy Hill, Monkerton, Exeter, Devon		Plan/Photo attached? Y
Planning Application no: 14/2155/01 Condition 16	Recipient museum: Royal Albert Memorial Museum	
OASIS ID: contexto1-276079	Museum Accession no: RAMM: 17/07	
Contractor's reference code: C1/EVA/17/VGD	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 28 th February 2017	
<p>Description of works.</p> <p>Context One Archaeological Services Ltd (COAS) carried out an archaeological field evaluation commissioned by CgMs on behalf of Eagle One Developments in advance of potential residential development. Due to the presence of prehistoric and Romano-British features and deposits in the vicinity, particularly to the north of the Site, it was anticipated that significant archaeological deposits might be present. A geophysical survey undertaken on the Site by Stratascan (2015) had been inconclusive, so evaluation was recommended to clarify the potential for preservation of archaeological deposits.</p> <p>A desk-based appraisal of archaeological and historical data recorded within a 1km radius of the Site had been previously prepared by CgMs (Butler 2014).</p> <p>The field evaluation comprised the excavation of three machine excavated trenches using a toothless bucket; one trench measured 30m x 1.6m and two measured 15m x 1.6m (Figure 1). This equated to a c. 3% sample of the proposed development area. Machine excavation was carried out under archaeological supervision. The evaluation excluded the western half of the site as this has undergone heavy disturbance.</p> <p>The exposed stratigraphic sequences consisted of:</p> <p>Trench 1 (Plate 1)</p> <p>0 – 0.20m Topsoil - Soft reddish brown (2.5 YR 4/3) sandy gravel with sandstone gravels/pebbles <0.10m</p> <p>0.20-0.80m Subsoil - Soft red (2.5 YR 4/6) coarse sandy silt with occasional rounded pebbles <0.20m</p> <p>0.80m – >1.20m Natural - Soft light red (2.5 YR 6/8) sand with occasional platy slabs <0.30m</p> <p>Trench 2 (Plate 2)</p> <p>0 – 0.20m Topsoil - Soft reddish brown (2.5 YR 4/3) sandy gravel with sandstone gravels/pebbles <0.10m</p>		

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Trench 3 (Plate 3)

0 – 0.20m Topsoil - Soft reddish brown (2.5 YR 4/3) sandy gravel with sandstone gravels/pebbles <0.10m

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No archaeological deposits were exposed nor were any finds observed or recovered during the investigation. It appears likely that prehistoric, Romano-British and medieval activity noted in adjacent areas did not extend into this Site.

Butler, C., 2014 *Archaeological desk-based assessment The Vines Gypsy Hill Monkerton Devon* Unpublished CgMs Consulting

Stratascan, 2015 *The Vines, Gypsy Hill, Monkerton, Devon*. Stratascan Ltd unpublished

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

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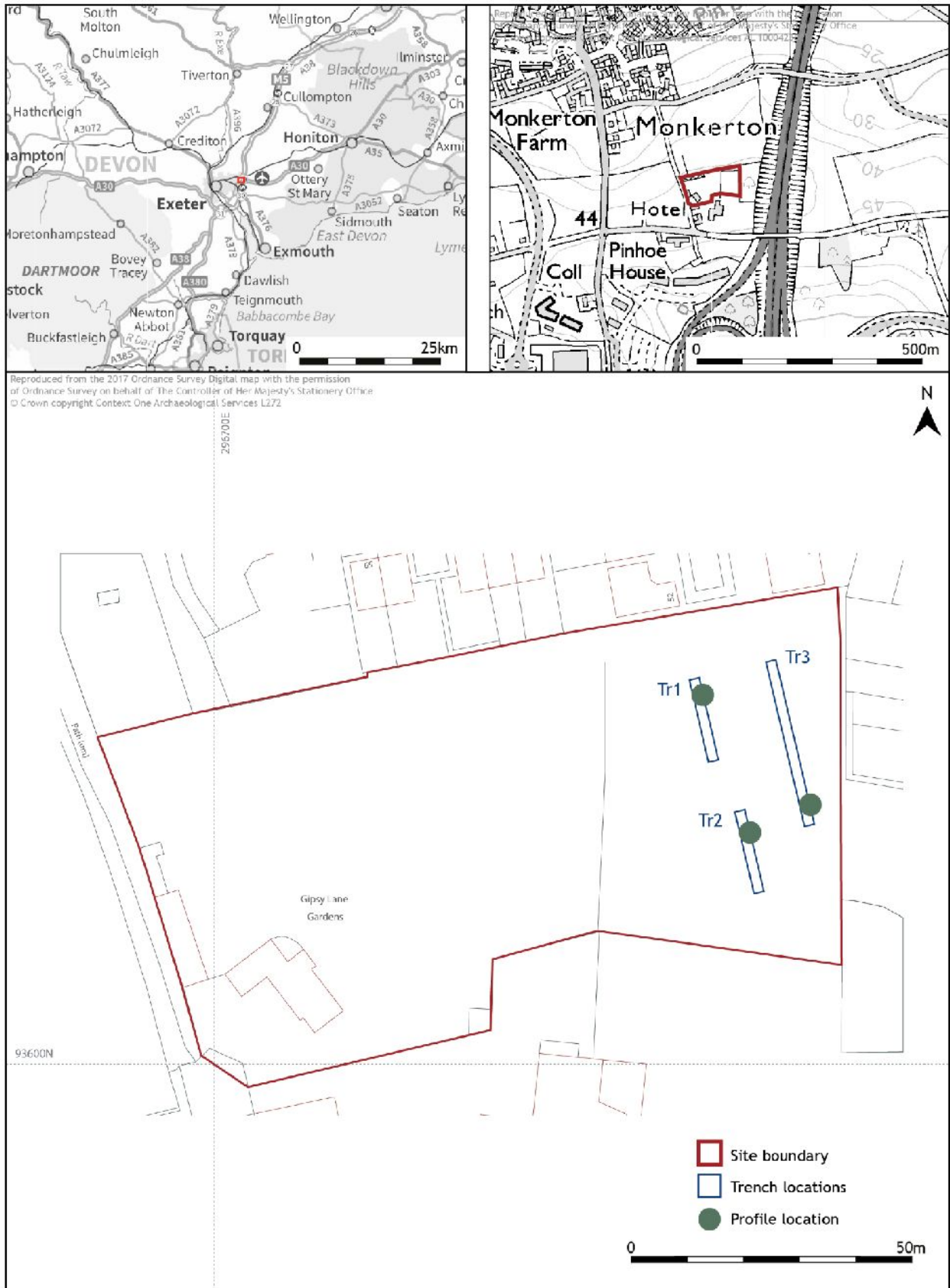


Figure 1. Site setting showing trench & profile locations



Plate 1. Profile Trench 1 (from W; 1m scale)



Plate 2. Trench 2 (from W; 1m scale)



Plate 3. Trench 3 (from W; 1m scale)

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