

## Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish:</b> Colyford	<b>National Grid Reference</b> SY 25276 92558	<b>Number:</b> (Leave blank)
<b>Subject:</b> Land adjacent to Borough House, Swan Hill Road, Colyford, Colyton, Devon: Archaeological Monitoring and Recording		<b>Plan/Photo attached?</b> YES
<b>Planning Application no:</b> 19/1341/FUL	<b>Recipient museum:</b> No archive	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> contexto1-391233	<b>Museum Accession no:</b> N/A	
<b>Contractor's reference code:</b> C1/AMR/20/BCD	<b>Dates fieldwork undertaken:</b> 09/07/20, 03/09/20 & 16/09/20	
<p><b>Introduction:</b></p> <p>Context One Heritage and Archaeology (C1) carried out archaeological monitoring and recording as a condition of granting planning permission for the construction of a dwelling with garage and car port on Land adjacent to Borough House (<b>Figure 1</b>). The project was commissioned by NDM Collins Architects. The works were requested by the Local Planning Authority (LPA), East Devon District Council (EDDC) on the advice of the Devon Historic Environment Service (HES). In a reply to an email consultation request on 3 July 2019, Mr Stephen Reed, Archaeological Officer, Devon HES, stated:</p> <p>"The proposed development lies in an area of known archaeological potential with regard to prehistoric activity in the surrounding landscape, and to the south and adjacent to the alignment of the Roman road leading east from Exeter towards Axminster. As such, groundworks for the construction of the proposed development have the potential to expose and destroy archaeological and artefactual deposits associated with the Roman road and any earlier or contemporary roadside activity. Any such impact of development upon the archaeological resource should be mitigated by a programme of archaeological work that should investigate, record and analyse the archaeological evidence that will otherwise be destroyed by the proposed development."</p> <p>The project commenced with a desk-based appraisal of archaeological and historical data within a 500m radius of the Site, forming part of a Written Scheme of Investigation (Fairclough 2020) which set out the project strategy (approved by Mr Reed on 21 April 2020). No heritage assets are recorded on the Site, however in addition to prehistoric and Roman activity within the environs, the appraisal also established that the Site lies within a medieval landscape with later industrial and recreational activity. Historic map regression shows that the Site has been on open land since the first half of the 19th century at least.</p> <p><b>Results:</b></p> <p>The works comprised the creation of a terrace for the new dwelling followed by excavation of foundation trenches, and a soil strip at the southern end of the Site for stockpiling spoil (<b>Figure 1</b>). Two profiles were logged during the monitoring of groundworks, P1 within the stockpiling area (<b>Figure 2</b>) and P2 within the development area (<b>Figure 3</b>). P1 recorded 0.20m of topsoil (100) comprising soft brown (7.5YR 4/4) sandy silt loam with sparse tiny flint fragments. This covered two alluvial deposits; a friable strong brown (7.5YR 4/6) sandy clay loam (101) running in bands across the lowest areas, containing sparse charcoal, clinker, brick and flint fragments; and a more extensive dark brown (7.5YR 3/3) friable silt loam (102) with the same sparse inclusions plus 19<sup>th</sup> century glazed pottery and china. None of the flint had been worked and was not characteristic of debitage from prehistoric flint knapping. P2 recorded 0.65m of modern made ground (200) above a service pipe. This covered a 0.20m deep alluvial subsoil (201) of compacted very dark grey (5YR 3/1) silty clay with common very small flint fragments &amp; rare slate fragments, above the natural clay (202). Monitoring did not encounter any archaeological features or deposits and no finds were observed or collected however the development area had been subject to deep modern disturbance from service pipes.</p>		
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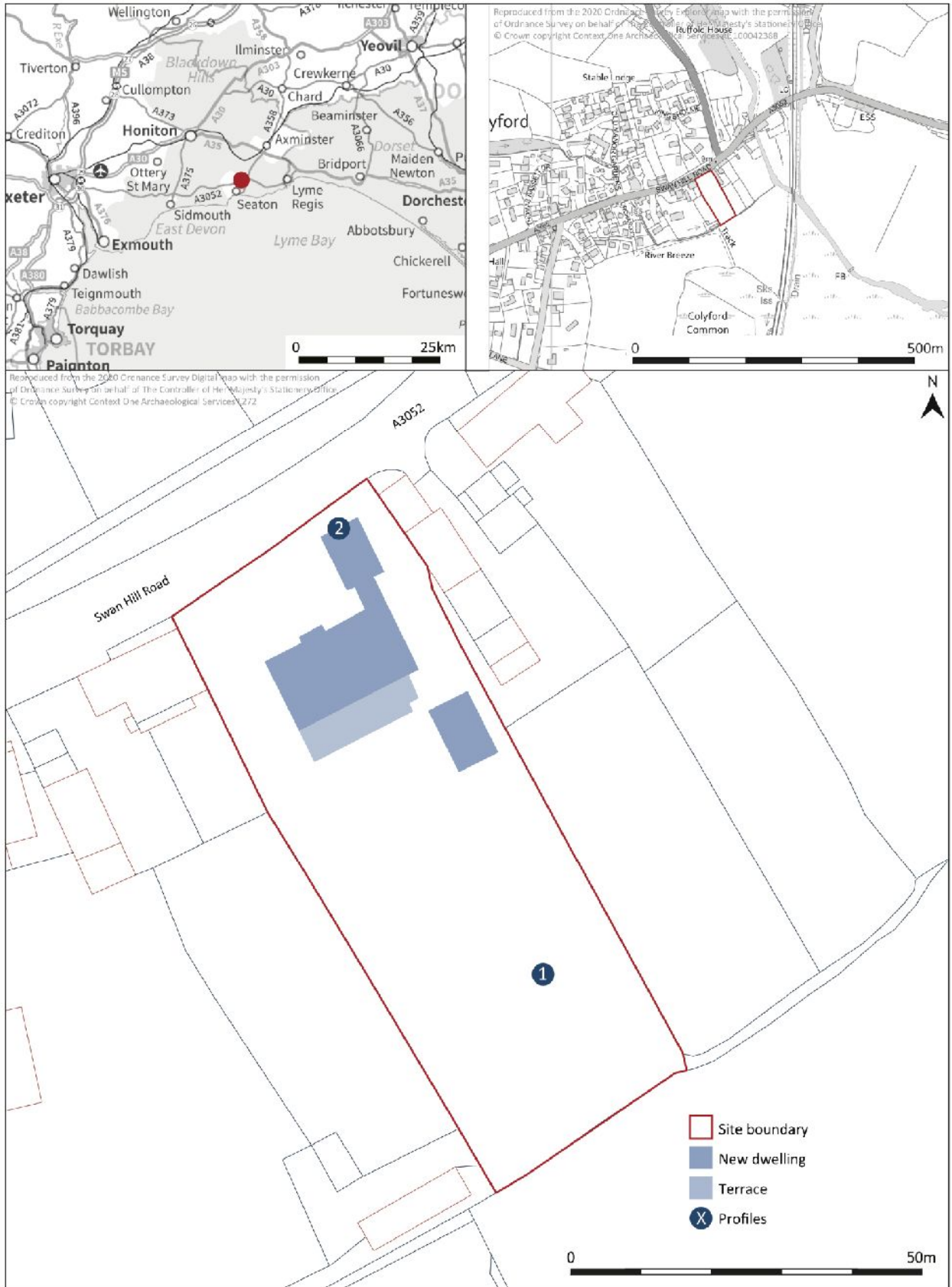


Figure 1. Site setting showing footprint of new dwelling within terrace & profile locations



Figure 2. Working shot across stockpiling area with sump in foreground, and terrace for development area in background (facing NW)



Figure 3. P2 showing modern made ground above alluvial deposit & clay (facing NW)

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