

# Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish:</b> Totnes	<b>National Grid Reference</b> SX 80220 60550	<b>Number:</b> (Leave blank)	
<b>Subject:</b> Archaeological Watching Brief on land at 10 Priory Avenue, Totnes, Devon <b>Planning Application no:</b> 56/0769/06/F		<b>Plan/Photo attached?</b> Y	
<b>Description of works.</b>  <p>Context One Archaeological Services Ltd (COAS) carried out an Archaeological Watching Brief on behalf of Ms Gemma Rich as a condition of granting planning permission for the erection of a new dwelling. The request for the investigation was made by Mr Graham Tait (Archaeological Officer, Devon County Council) as the Site is situated within the historic town of Totnes, between the Guildhall and the Priory. Although evidence from historic mapping shows the area to have been open fields/gardens until the 20<sup>th</sup> century it was possible that there may have been older archaeological features/deposits onsite, pre-dating the maps.</p> <p>The archaeological work involved the monitoring of all groundworks for the purpose of identifying and recording any archaeological features or deposits.</p> <p>No archaeological features or artefacts were observed or recovered.</p> <p>A representative soil profile was recorded near the southern edge of the Site (Figure 1). The stratigraphic sequence is presented below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0.00m - 0.20m. Material generated by piling operation: Yellowish brown (10YR 5/6) friable silty clay.</li> <li>• 0.20m – 0.50m. Topsoil: Dark greyish brown (10YR 4/2) soft silty clay with 5% small angular mudstone, slate, brick, tile, animal bone, glass, metal, modern pottery and wood inclusions.</li> <li>• 0.50m – 0.75m Sub-soil: Yellowish brown (10YR 5/4) compact silty clay with 10% angular mudstone inclusions.</li> <li>• 0.75m+ Natural: Yellowish brown (10YR 5/4) firm silty clay with 50% bedded angular mudstone inclusions.</li> </ul>		<b>Reference.</b> COAS site code: COAS/WBF/08/PTD  OASIS ID: Contexto1-74228	<b>Date.</b> <i>of site visit(s)</i>  27/11/08, 27/08/09, 16/09/09 & 11/03/10
<b>Recorder</b> Cai Mason, Context One Archaeological Services Ltd.		<b>Date sent to HER</b> 17/03/10	



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