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SUMMARY

John Moore Heritage Services carried out an archaeological watching brief 31 Martins Lane, Dorchester-On-Thames Oxfordshire (NGR SU 57945 94573). One wall was partially removed, and three modern (20th century) features associated with the residential occupation of the site were noted. No archaeologically significant finds were observed.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Site Location (Figure 1)

The development site is located at 31 Martins Lane, Dorchester-On-Thames, OX10 7JF (NGR SU 57945 94573). The site lies to the north of the Roman small walled town of Dorchester. The development is located approximately 200m north east of the line of the Roman defences and is in an area of extramural settlement to the north of the Roman Town.

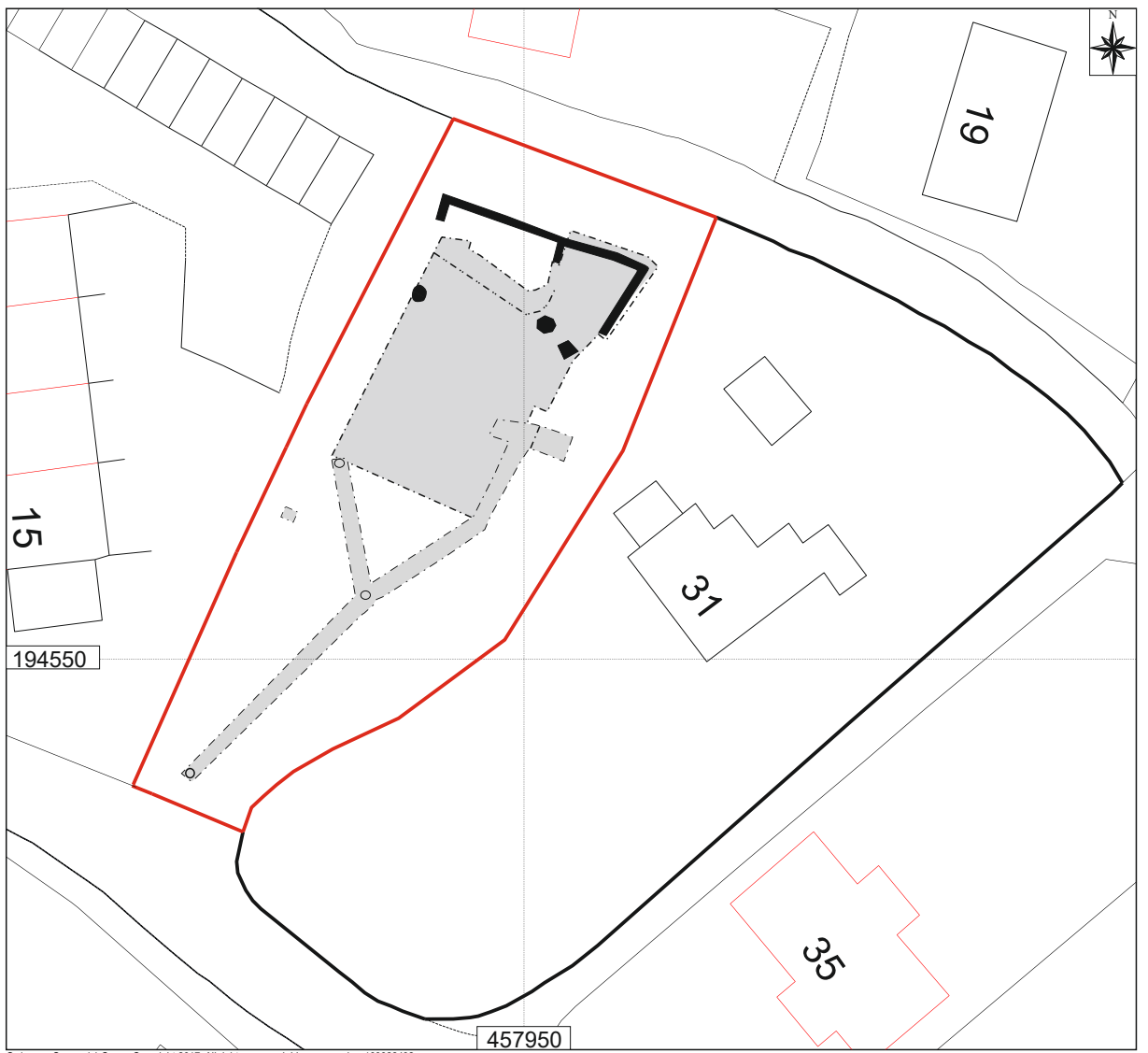
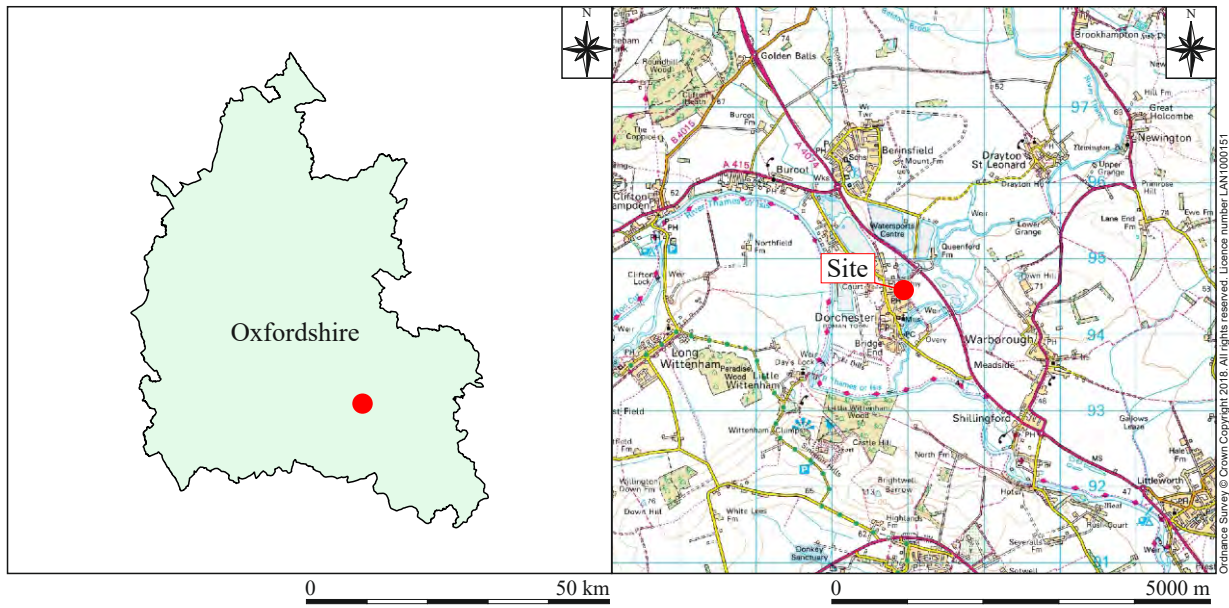
The site lies at approximately 50m above Ordnance Datum (OD). Areas to the north include artificial lakes, formed out of old gravel quarry pits, since filled with water to become recreation lakes. The confluence of the rivers Thames and Thame lies just to the south east, with the whole town sited in a meander of Thames. The underlying geology is Northmoor Sand and Gravel (First Terrace Floodplain) of the River Thames (BGS 1980).

1.2 Planning Background

South Oxfordshire District Council granted planning permission for **Construction of a new 3 bedroom detached dwelling on two floors, plus separate garage (as amended by site plan 02C and annotated Garage drawing received on 16 March 2019)** at 31 Martins Lane, Dorchester-On-Thames, OX10 7JF (P19/S0541/FUL). Due to the potential of the site to contain archaeological remains conditions were attached requiring a watching brief to be maintained during the course of building operations or construction works on the site.

1.3 Archaeological Background

The proposal site lies in an area of some archaeological potential to the north of the Roman small walled town of Dorchester. The proposed development is located approximately 200m north east of the line of the Roman defences and is in an area of extramural settlement to the north of the Roman Town. An archaeological investigation undertaken in the 1980s approximately 20m west of the proposed development recorded a significant amount of Roman deposits dating from the late 1st/early 2nd century through to the 4th century (Historic Environment Record PRN 13969). This included a substantial stone-founded building, yard surfaces and building rubble as well as human remains in the form of a late 4th or 5th century burial. A series of undated enclosures and a trackway have been recorded as cropmarks from aerial photographs immediately north of the application area. These are very likely to relate to further Roman settlement (PRN D8545). Further cropmarks have also been recorded 60m east of the proposed new dwelling, which show a complex of features



Key Site boundary Removed Monitored
 Archaeological features

Figure 1: Site location

consisting of enclosures, field boundaries, ditches, pits, and a road (PRN 8544). An evaluation carried out at 26 Martin's Lane revealed a two ditches, both with evidence of recutting, one dating to Medieval period (with evidence of two recuts) and one Roman re-cut ditch and posthole, both dating to the 3rd – 4th century (Huvig 2020).

The above archaeological information was taken from the Oxfordshire County Archaeological Services (OCAS) design brief for the previous archaeological field evaluation on the site (OCAS 2013).

A mid to late 2nd century Roman ditch was identified during an evaluation on the site that consisted of a 19m long trench being excavated across the footprint of the proposed new build. The ditch appeared to be a possible continuation of a cropmark identified 60m to the east of the site and was part of a complex of features consisting of enclosures, field boundaries, ditches, pits, and a road. Later 4th century activity was indicated by residual pottery in 20th century pits (JMHS 2013).

2 AIMS OF THE INVESTIGATION

The aims of the investigation as laid out in the Written Scheme of Investigation were as follows:

- To make a record of any significant archaeological remains revealed during the course of any operations that may disturb or destroy archaeological remains.

In particular:

- To record evidence of the Roman activity on the site.

3 STRATEGY

3.1 Research Design

John Moore Heritage Services carried out the work to a Written Scheme of Investigation agreed with OCAS, on behalf of the local planning authority. The recording was carried out in accordance with the standards specified by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (2014).

3.2 Methodology

Where archaeological horizons were encountered they were cleaned by hand and excavated appropriately. Standard John Moore Heritage Services techniques were employed throughout, involving the completion of a written record for each deposit encountered, with scale plans and section drawings compiled where appropriate. A photographic record was also produced.

4 RESULTS (Figures 2 & 3)

All deposits and features were assigned individual context numbers. Context numbers without brackets indicate features i.e. pit cuts, numbers in () show feature fills or deposits of material, while numbers in bold indicate structural features.

Footprint of House (Phase I - Figure 3, sections 1-3)

The initial monitoring of the ground reduction of the footprint of the house and garage was undertaken between 19 – 26 May 2020. During this time, the entire footprint was reduced to 0.75m below the existing ground level. The garden soil (01) and subsoil (02) were all that was encountered at these depths. All features recorded were cut into the subsoil in the 20th century.

During this phase of work, general deposits across the site consisted of the lowest deposit encountered, the subsoil (02) which was a mid yellowish brown, clayey silt, 0.30 to 0.40m thick and occasional natural stone of up to 0.2m diameter. Above this was 0.30-0.55m of garden soil (01), a dark brown sandy silty loam, very friable with no inclusions of note; occasional modern debris was noted but not retained (i.e. 1928 coin, teaspoon).

A stone wall, **03**, was partially removed in advance of the garage (see Fig 2 for plan and Fig 3, section 2).

A very shallow, modern pit 05, with a single fill (06) was revealed. The fill was a mid-brown clayey silt with no inclusions, 0.89m diameter and 0.07m deep (see Fig 2 for plan and Fig 3, section 3).

Two modern masonry features were also uncovered, both associated with the mid-century residential development at 31 Martin's Lane. A decorative well, **04**, and manhole for the associated water service, **07**, were both uncovered to the southeast in the footprint of the house and garage (see Fig 2).

The foundations for the new build were mini-piles.

Service Trenches and Soakaways (Phase II - Figure 3, sections 4-9)

During this phase of work, the lowest deposit encountered was the natural geology (14), a mid-brownish yellow silty clay. General deposits across the site consisted of subsoil (08) likely the same as seen in previous phase, but due to heavy root disturbance, was unclear early in this monitoring event. This subsoil was mid orangey brown, up to 0.3m thick and irregular from bioturbation at times. This was under 0.40-1.02m of the same garden soil (01) as seen in the earlier monitoring phase, which was now under 0.32 to 0.40m of made ground (added after the initial monitoring in phase I). This made ground consisted of (09) hardcore, and (13) brick rubble/crush of between 0.16-0.41m in various places.

Reliability of Results

The reliability of the results is considered to be good. There was excellent co-operation from the landowner and the contractors.

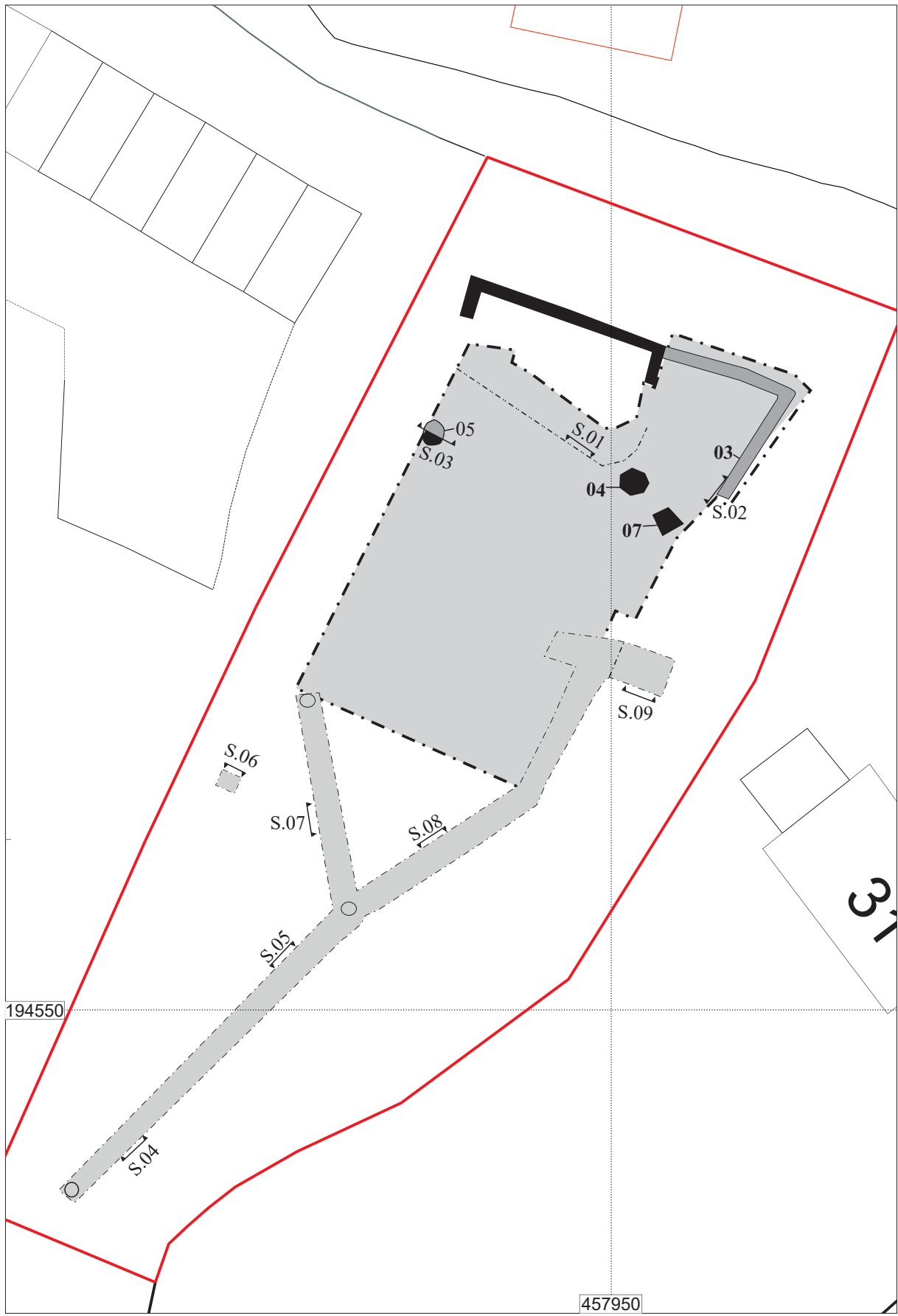


Figure 2: Site Plan with section locations

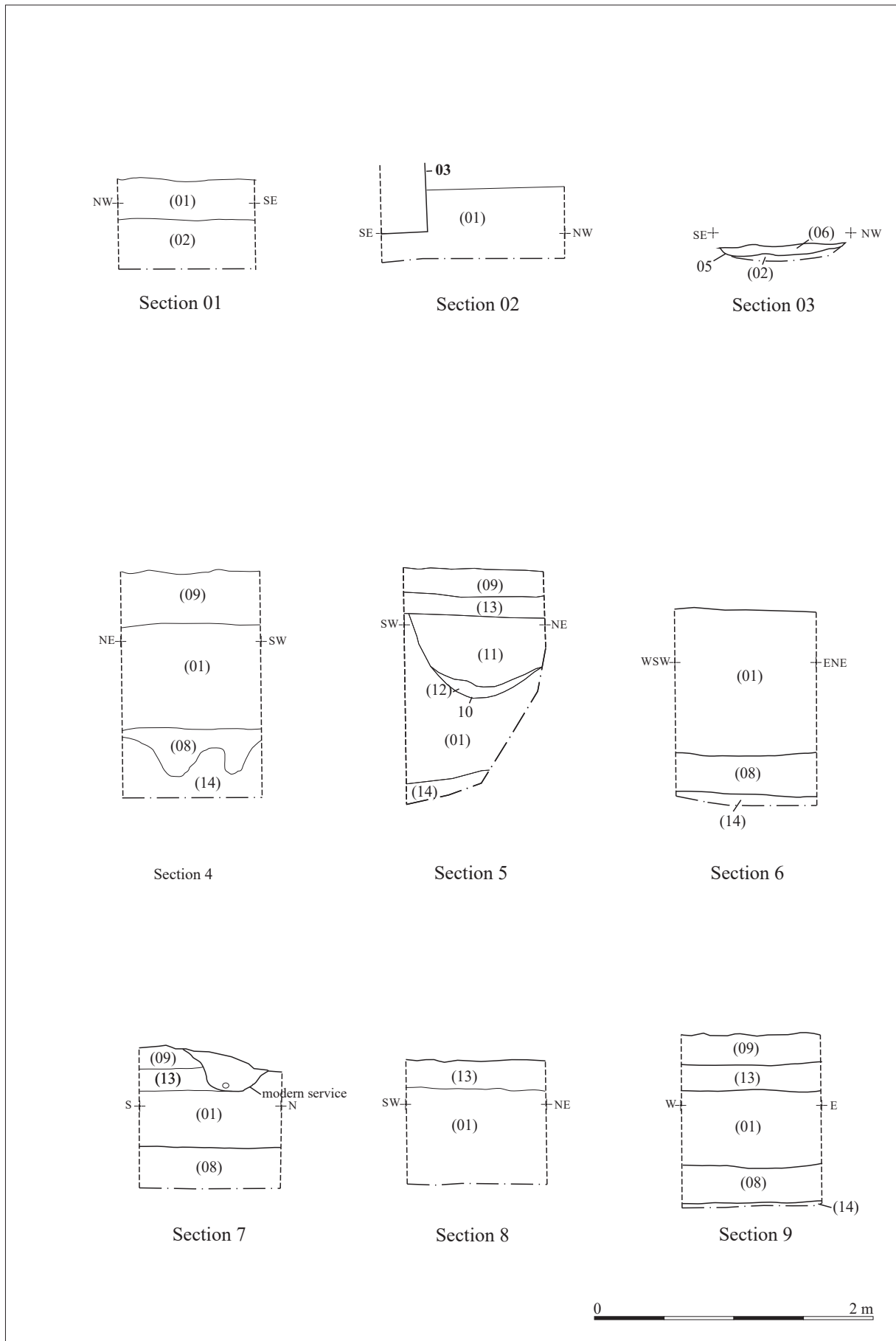


Figure 3: Sections



Plate 1: Garage footprint; Section 02, wall **03**, prior to removal. View facing ENE.



Plate 2: Garage footprint; Modern decorative well, **04** (wall **03** visible in background). View facing east.



Plate 3: General area of footprint of house. View facing SSW.



Plate 3: General area of footprint of house; background showing wall 03 removed and garage area covered with hardcore. View facing east.

5 FINDS

5.1 Pottery

One sherd of 19th century whiteware with blue transferprint was recovered from the fill of a modern pit (06). It weighed 2g and appeared to be residual. It was not retained.

5.2 Metal

A badly corroded 1928 George V British Bronze Penny and a teaspoon with a makers mark saying "Sheffield Steel" was found in the garden soil (01) in the location of the future garage. They were noted but not retained.

6 DISCUSSION

The monitoring of the groundworks at 31 Martins Lane resulted in little insight into the archaeological activity of the area, due in large part to the depths of the known archaeological horizons and the subsequent measures taken to avoid impacting on those potential resources. Throughout the monitoring, only approximately 15m x 1m of the service trench leading down to the southern property boundary proved deep enough to potentially encounter any archaeology. In these locations, no archaeology was observed.

7 ARCHIVE

A Digital Archive is maintained by John Moore Heritage Services (ID: 4056) and will be made available upon request (to admin@jmheritageservices.co.uk). Digitised copies of all the primary records will be made publicly available as appendix to the Final Report submitted to OASIS (ID johnmoor1-422011).

8 BIBLIOGRAPHY

Chartered Institute for Archaeologists, 2014 *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Watching Briefs*

Grid Squares	Area/Trench <i>House/Garage</i>	Context Type <i>Deposit</i>	Site Code <i>DML20</i>	Context <i>01</i>
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Add. Sheets	Plan Nos. <i>p.01</i>	Section Nos. <i>S.01 & S.02</i>	Matrix Location
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Photographs Slide B&W

DEPOSIT

1 Compaction	2 Colour
3 Composition	4 Inclusions
5 Thickness	6 Extent
7 Comments	
8 Method and Conditions	

Description *Frable*

Dark brown

silty/sandy loam

*0.30 - 0.55m**

(slightly deeper under area for garage as previous owner had used area as veg. patch)*

CUT

1 Shape in plan	2 Corners
3 Dimensions/Depth	
4 Break of slope-top	5 Sides
6 Break of slope-base	7 Base
8 Orientation	
9 Inclination of axis	
10 Truncation	11 Fill Nos.
12 Sketch profile	
13 Other comments	

Stratigraphic matrix

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This context is		<i>(01)</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>(02)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Initials & Date
22.05.20
SNO

Checked by & Date

Interpretation: Internal External Structural Other (specify)

Discussion *Garden soil / w/ modern debris & material throughout (metal, plastic, pot, glass, CBM, etc)*

Finds: *Mid-20th C. teaspoon, 1928 coin* *(photo graphed but not retained)*

Context same as: Finds

Levels on plan <input type="checkbox"/> sheet	none	pot	bone	glass	metal	CBM	wood	leather	burntmat.
Highest	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lowest	Other finds (specify)								

Environmental Samples Nos. Finds sample (BM) Nos.

Small finds Nos.
Finds sieving: on-site off-site metal detecting: in situ on-site off-site

Checked Interpretation

Provisional Period *Modern 20th c.* Group Initials & Date

Grid Squares	Area/Trench <i>House/Garage</i>	Context Type <i>Deposit</i>	Site Code <i>DOML 20</i>	Context <i>(02)</i>
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Photographs Slide	B&W	DEPOSIT
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Description	<i>Compact</i> <i>mid-yellowish brown</i> <i>slightly clay</i> <i>flecks of natural stone</i> <i>> 0.35+</i>
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1 Compaction	2 Colour
3 Composition	4 Inclusions
5 Thickness	6 Extent
7 Comments	
8 Method and Conditions	

CUT	
1 Shape in plan	2 Corners
3 Dimensions/Depth	
4 Break of slope-top	5 Sides
6 Break of slope-base	7 Base
8 Orientation	
9 Inclination of axis	
10 Truncation	11 Fill Nos.
12 Sketch profile	
13 Other comments	

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	Checked by & Date															

Interpretation: Internal External Structural Other (specify)

Discussion ~~*slightly brown*~~ ~~*yellowish brown*~~ ~~*slightly clay*~~ *subsoil*

Context same as:	Finds
Levels on plan <input type="checkbox"/> sheet	none <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pot <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> glass <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> metal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CBM <input type="checkbox"/> wood <input type="checkbox"/> leather <input type="checkbox"/> burntmat. <input type="checkbox"/>
Highest <input type="checkbox"/> Lowest <input type="checkbox"/>	Other finds (specify)

Environmental Samples Nos.	Finds sample (BM) Nos.
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Small finds Nos.	Finds sieving: on-site <input type="checkbox"/> off-site <input type="checkbox"/> metal detecting: in situ <input type="checkbox"/> on-site <input type="checkbox"/> off-site <input type="checkbox"/>
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Checked Interpretation

Provisional Period <i>N/A</i>	Group	Initials & Date
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Grid Squares	Area/Trench <i>House/ Garage</i>	Context Type <i>Structural</i>	Site Code <i>DOML20</i>	Context
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Photographs Slide B&W

Description *Stone wall (removed in area North/East of garage)*

DEPOSIT

1 Compaction	2 Colour
3 Composition	4 Inclusions
5 Thickness	6 Extent
7 Comments	
8 Method and Conditions	

CUT

1 Shape in plan	2 Corners
3 Dimensions/Depth	
4 Break of slope-top	5 Sides
6 Break of slope-base	7 Base
8 Orientation	
9 Inclination of axis	
10 Truncation	11 Fill Nos.
12 Sketch profile	
13 Other comments	

Stratigraphic matrix

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Initials & Date
SMJ 22.05.20

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Interpretation: Internal External Structural Other (specify)

Discussion *Stone wall, partially removed to North & East of garage. Extant portion makes up Kitchen Garden wall, 9.5m surviving. Foundation extended about 30cm below ground level*

Context same as:	Finds
Levels on plan <input type="checkbox"/> sheet	none <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pot <input type="checkbox"/> bone <input type="checkbox"/> glass <input type="checkbox"/> metal <input type="checkbox"/> CBM <input type="checkbox"/> wood <input type="checkbox"/> leather <input type="checkbox"/> burntmat. <input type="checkbox"/>
Highest <input type="checkbox"/> Lowest <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Other finds (specify)

Environmental Samples Nos. Finds sample (BM) Nos.

Small finds Nos.
Finds sieving: on-site off-site metal detecting: in situ on-site off-site

Checked Interpretation

Provisional Period *19th C. / 20th C.* Group Initials & Date

Grid Squares	Area/Trench <i>Hase/Garage</i>	MASONRY	Site Code <i>DOML 20</i>	Context <i>104</i>
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Description <i>1 Brick</i> <i>2</i> <i>3 N/A</i> <i>4 irregular</i> <i>5 circular well</i> <i>6 N/A</i> <i>7 concrete mortar</i> <i>9 1m diam</i>		

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	Checked by & Date															

Interpretation: Internal External *Decorative well, mid-20th C.*
*associated w/ rectangular man-hole *07* 1m East*
very shallow preservation of well (3 courses deep max)
w/ max ash & refuse within central fill. GPS & drawn
masonry ~~not~~ ~~not~~ ~~not~~ only.

Associated contexts: *07*

Context same as: *N/A*

Worked stones: *N/A*

Levels on plan	sheet	Samples Petrological:	Regular bricks
Highest	Lowest	Mortar:	Special bricks

Checked Interpretation

Provisional period <i>20th C.</i>	Group	Structure No	Initials & Date
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Grid Squares	Area/Trench <i>House/Garage</i>	Context Type <i>Fill</i>	Site Code <i>DOML 20</i>	Context <i>(06)</i>
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DEPOSIT 1 Compaction 2 Colour 3 Composition 4 Inclusions 5 Horizon clarity 6 Comments 7 Method & Conditions	Description <i>1. friable</i> <i>2 mid to dark brown</i> <i>3. silty/clayey lean</i> <i>4. flecks of charcoal</i> <i>5. clear/good</i>
CUT 1 Shape in plan 2 Corners 3 Break of slope-top 4 Sides 5 Break of slope-base 6 Base 7 Orientation 8 Inclination of axis 9 Truncation 10 Fill Nos. 11 Other comments	
Dimensions Length: <i>0.89m (diam)</i> Thickness/Depth: <i>0.07</i> Width: <i>0.40m (excavated)</i>	

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	Above <i>(05)</i> Over: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fill of: <i>(05)</i> Cuts: <input type="checkbox"/>	

Interpretation & Discussion:	Internal	<u>External</u>	Structural	Other (specify)
<i>Modern or Late 19th C. pit, circular & very shallow</i>				

Environmental Samples Nos:	FINDS none pot CBM fauna flora flint glass metal burntmat. <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Small Finds:	
Other finds (specify):	

Provisional Date: <i>19th C. to 20th C.</i>	Checked by (on site): _____ Date: _____
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Completed by: <i>SND</i> Date: <i>22.05.20</i>	Checked by (office): _____ Date: _____
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Grid Squares	Area/Trench <i>House/Garage</i>	MASONRY	Site Code <i>DOML 20</i>	Context <i>107</i>
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Photographs Slide *B&W*

- 1 Materials
- 2 Size of materials (brick: BLT in mm)
- 3 Finish of stones
- 4 Coursing/bond
- 5 Form
- 6 Direction of face(s)
- 7 Bonding material
- 8 Dimensions as found
- 9 Other comments

Description *Same as 104, bricks the same*

Stratigraphic matrix

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Initials & Date
SNO 22.05.20

Checked by & Date

Interpretation: Internal External *Man-hole, rectangular and associated w/ decorative well feature in to west ¹⁰⁴ ALSO terracotta ^{service} pipe running towards ~~1930~~ 1930s built residence (but clearly ^{NOT LIVE} defuncted).*

Associated contexts: *104*

Context same as: _____

Worked stones: _____

Levels on plan	sheet	Samples
Highest	Lowest	Petrological: Regular bricks
		Mortar: Special bricks

Checked Interpretation _____

Provisional period	Group	Structure No	Initials & Date
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Grid Squares	Area/Trench <i>Service Tr</i>	Context Type <i>Deposit</i>	Site Code <i>DOML20</i>	Context <i>(08)</i>
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Plan No. <i>p 2</i> on Drawing Sheet No. <i>2</i>	Section No. <i>S.01</i> on Drawing Sheet No. <i>2</i>	Add. Sheet <i>/</i>
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DEPOSIT 1 Compaction 2 Colour 3 Composition 4 Inclusions 5 Horizon clarity 6 Comments 7 Method & Conditions	Description <i>① firebrick</i> <i>② mid stone beam</i> <i>③ sandy silt</i> <i>④ N/A</i> <i>⑤ wood</i> <i>⑥ wire</i> <i>⑦ machine</i>
CUT 1 Shape in plan 2 Corners 3 Break of slope-top 4 Sides 5 Break of slope-base 6 Base 7 Orientation 8 Inclination of axis 9 Truncation 10 Fill Nos. 11 Other comments	
Dimensions Length: <i>entire trench</i> Thickness/Depth: <i>> 0.3m (max)</i> Width: <i>> 1m</i>	

Stratigraphic matrix	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Under: <i>(01)</i> Filled by: Cut by:	Physical Relationship
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	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	ABOVE Over: <i>(02)</i> Fill of: Cuts:	

Interpretation & Discussion:	Internal	External	Structural	Other (specify)
<i>Subsol. signs of broturbation near south aspect of service trench (S.01) where tree was removed, more regular towards North of trench</i>				
<i>(Maybe the same as (02) from phase I)</i>				

Environmental Samples Nos: <i>/</i>	FINDS none pot CBM fauna flora flint glass metal burntmat. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Small Finds: <i>/</i>	
Other finds (specify):	

Provisional Date: <i>N/A</i>	Checked by (on site):	Date:
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Completed by: <i>SND</i>	Date: <i>04/03/21</i>	Checked by (office):	Date:
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Grid Squares	Area/Trench <i>Service Tr</i>	Context Type <i>Deposit</i>	Site Code <i>DOML20</i>	Context <i>(09)</i>
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Plan No. <i>P.2</i> on Drawing Sheet No. <i>2</i>	Section No. <i>S.04</i> on Drawing Sheet No. <i>2</i>	Add. Sheet <i>/</i>
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DEPOSIT 1 Compaction 2 Colour 3 Composition 4 Inclusions 5 Horizon clarity 6 Comments 7 Method & Conditions	Description <i>Rubble hardcore</i> <i>modern/recently laid</i> <i>for drive assoc</i> <i>w/ construction</i>
CUT 1 Shape in plan 2 Corners 3 Break of slope-top 4 Sides 5 Break of slope-base 6 Base 7 Orientation 8 Inclination of axis 9 Truncation 10 Fill Nos. 11 Other comments	
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		ABOVE	
		Over: <i>(01)/(13)</i> Fill of: Cuts:	

Interpretation & Discussion: Internal External Structural Other (specify)

Modern drive / construction
(See Above) over topsoil

Environmental Samples Nos: <i>/</i>	FINDS none <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pot <input type="checkbox"/> CBM <input type="checkbox"/> fauna <input type="checkbox"/> flora <input type="checkbox"/> flint <input type="checkbox"/> glass <input type="checkbox"/> metal <input type="checkbox"/> burntmat. <input type="checkbox"/>
Small Finds: <i>/</i>	Other finds (specify):

Provisional Date: <i>Mod (2020)</i>	Checked by (on site): Date:
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Completed by: <i>SNO</i> Date: <i>04/03/21</i>	Checked by (office): Date:
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Grid Squares <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Area/Trench <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Context Type <i>Cut</i>	Site Code <i>DOML20</i>	Context <i>[10]</i>
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Plan No. on Drawing Sheet No.	Section No. <i>S.5</i> on Drawing Sheet No.	Add. Sheet
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DEPOSIT 1 Compaction 2 Colour 3 Composition 4 Inclusions 5 Horizon clarity 6 Comments 7 Method & Conditions	Description 1.) <i>in situ</i> 2.) <i>Reused</i> 3.) <i>Moderate</i> 4.) <i>Regular, moderate</i> 5.) <i>gradual</i> 6.) <i>concave</i> 7.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 8.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 9.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10.) <i>(11)</i> 11.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CUT 1 Shape in plan 2 Corners 3 Break of slope-top 4 Sides 5 Break of slope-base 6 Base 7 Orientation 8 Inclination of axis 9 Truncation 10 Fill Nos. 11 Other comments	
Dimensions Length: <i>0.20m ></i> Thickness/Depth: <i>0.60m</i> Width: <i>0.96m ></i>	

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BELOW Under: <i>(12)</i> Filled by: <i>(11) (2)</i> Cut by:		
CONTEMPORARY Group No.: Same as:		
ABOVE Over: Fill of: Cuts: <i>(01)</i>		

Interpretation & Discussion: Internal External Structural Other (specify)

Cut of modern pit, fill (11) contains Scrap metal (Fe) and charcoal pieces.

Associated with previous garden plot. Not observed in opposing section face.

** Associated w/ removal of ~~post~~ modern post in MAY 2020.*

(photos in Archive) SMC

Environmental Samples Nos: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FINDS none pot CBM fauna flora flint glass metal burntmat. <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Small Finds: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other finds (specify):

Provisional Date:	Checked by (on site): Date:
Completed by: Date:	Checked by (office): Date:

Grid Squares <i>/</i>	Area/Trench <i>/</i>	Context Type <i>Fill</i>	Site Code <i>DOML20</i>	Context <i>(11)</i>
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DEPOSIT 1 Compaction 2 Colour 3 Composition 4 Inclusions 5 Horizon clarity 6 Comments 7 Method & Conditions	Description 1.) <i>Friable Dark</i> 2.) <i>rich bluish grey</i> 3.) <i>Sandy Silt</i> 4.) <i>Charred flecks - Small pieces throughout. In frequent patches of light orange brown sand.</i> 5.) <i>good</i> 6.) <i>-</i> 7.) <i>Muckin excavated.</i>
CUT 1 Shape in plan 2 Corners 3 Break of slope-top 4 Sides 5 Break of slope-base 6 Base 7 Orientation 8 Inclination of axis 9 Truncation 10 Fill Nos. 11 Other comments	
Dimensions Length: <i>0.20m ></i> Thickness/Depth: <i>0.165m 0.50m</i> Width: <i>0.96m ></i>	

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BELOW Under: Filled by: Cut by:		
CONTEMPORARY Group No.: Same as:		
ABOVE Over: <i>(12)</i> Fill of: <i>[10]</i> Cuts:		

Interpretation & Discussion: Internal External Structural Other (specify)

uppermost fill of Muckin pit [10] Filled above burnt deposit (12)

deposition of waste material, not as kerbside with burnt material as (12).

* Associated w/ removal of modern
post in May 2020 *
(photos in Archive) S.M.J.

Environmental Samples Nos: <i>/</i>	FINDS none pot CBM fauna flora flint glass metal burntmat. <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Small Finds: <i>/</i>	Other finds (specify): <i>(Fe) Charcoal pieces.</i>

Provisional Date:	Checked by (on site): _____ Date: _____
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Completed by: _____ Date: _____	Checked by (office): _____ Date: _____
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Grid Squares	Area/Trench	Context Type <i>Deposit</i>	Site Code <i>DOML20</i>	Context <i>(12)</i>
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Plan No. <i>2</i> on Drawing Sheet No. <i>2</i>	Section No. <i>S.05</i> on Drawing Sheet No. <i>3</i>	Add. Sheet <i>1</i>
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<p>DEPOSIT</p> <p>1 Compaction 2 Colour 3 Composition 4 Inclusions 5 Horizon clarity 6 Comments 7 Method & Conditions</p> <p>CUT</p> <p>1 Shape in plan 2 Corners 3 Break of slope-top 4 Sides 5 Break of slope-base 6 Base 7 Orientation 8 Inclination of axis 9 Truncation 10 Fill Nos. 11 Other comments</p>	<p>Description</p> <p><i>① Feasible</i> <i>② Dark Gray Block</i> <i>③ Sandy silt</i> <i>④ heavy combination of charcoal</i> <i>⑤ Good</i> <i>⑥ Nit</i> <i>⑦ Machine</i></p>
<p>Dimensions</p> <p>Length: <i>> 0.2 m</i></p> <p>Thickness/Depth: <i>0.13m</i></p> <p>Width: <i>0.79m</i></p>	

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Interpretation & Discussion: Internal External Structural Other (specify)

Lower most fill of pit [10], burnt material deposit at bottom of modern pit; Fe material (scrap metal) not retained

** Associated w/ removal of modern post in May 2020 (PHOTOS in Archive) SMD*

<p>Environmental Samples Nos: <i>/</i></p> <p>Small Finds: <i>/</i></p>	<p>FINDS</p> <p>none pot CBM fauna flora flint glass metal burntmat.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other finds (specify): <i>* NOT Retained</i></p>
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Provisional Date: <i>Modern</i>	Checked by (on site): <i>SMD</i> Date: <i>8/3/21</i>
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Completed by: <i>cw</i> Date: <i>5/3/21</i>	Checked by (office): _____ Date: _____
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	Site Code D01ML20	Context No. (12) S.5.
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Friable, Dark grey black, Sandy Silt.

Heavy concentration of Charcoal, result of burnt material being deposited.

Also contained Scrap metal (Fe)

(innermost fill of main pit [10], overlaid by fill (11).

0.79m wide 0.13m thick 0.20m > length

Associated w/
* Modern *
removal & post
in May 2020
(Photos Avail)
in Archive
S.M.

Grid Squares	Area/Trench <i>Phase 2 service to soakaway</i>	Context Type <i>Deposit</i>	Site Code <i>DOM20</i>	Context <i>(14)</i>
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DEPOSIT 1 Compaction 2 Colour 3 Composition 4 Inclusions 5 Horizon clarity 6 Comments 7 Method & Conditions	Description <i>1) firm</i> <i>2) mid yellowish brown silty clay</i> <i>3) silty clay</i> <i>4) N/A</i> <i>5) good</i> <i>6) N/A</i> <i>7) Machine</i>
CUT 1 Shape in plan 2 Corners 3 Break of slope-top 4 Sides 5 Break of slope-base 6 Base 7 Orientation 8 Inclination of axis 9 Truncation 10 Fill Nos. 11 Other comments	
Dimensions Length: <i>> 8m - 10m</i> Thickness/Depth: <i>> 0.1m</i> Width: <i>> 1.8m</i>	

Stratigraphic matrix	Below Under: <i>(08)</i> Filled by: Cut by: <i>(02?)</i>	Physical Relationship
	CONTEMPORARY Group No.: Same as:	
	ABOVE Over: Fill of: Cuts:	

Interpretation & Discussion: Internal External Structural Other (specify)

NATURAL Geology - only seen in soakaway & very furthest (and deepest) service trench segment, approx 8-10m

(to southern extent of property boundary nearest MARTIN'S LANE where drainage meets sewage line)

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Small Finds:	Other finds (specify):

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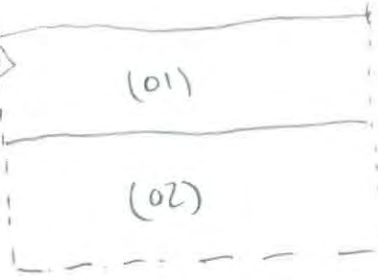
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WALL REMAINS



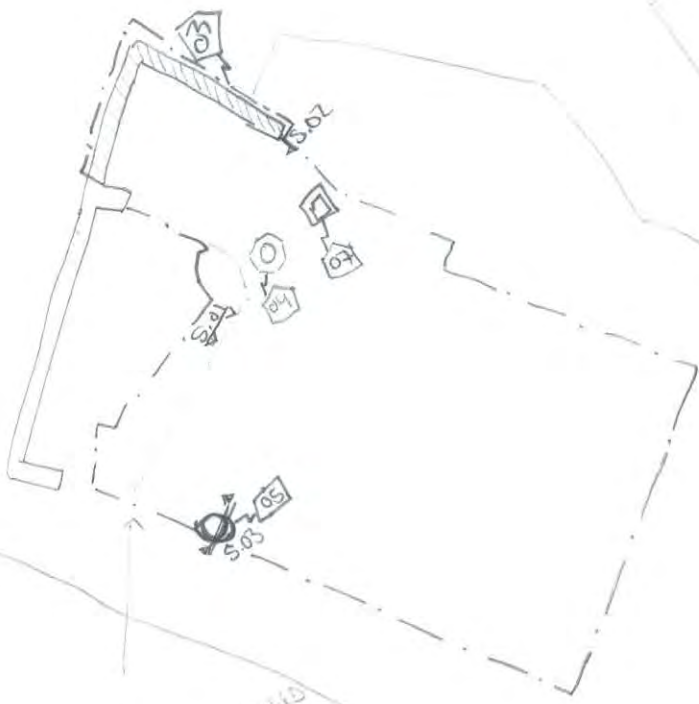
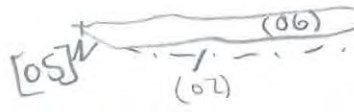
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DIMENSIONS PULLED
FURTHER BACK



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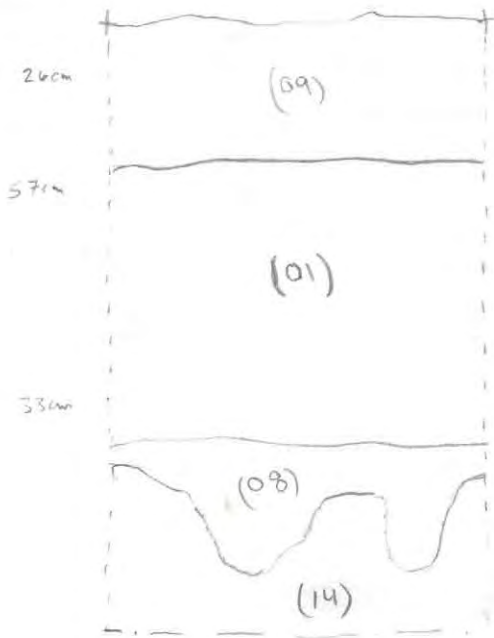
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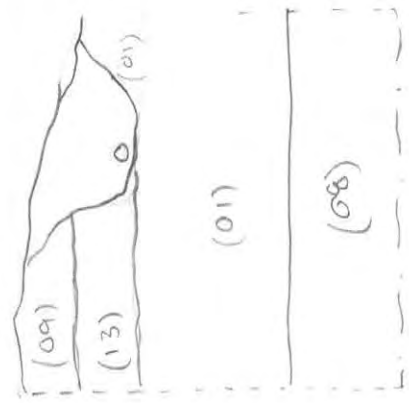
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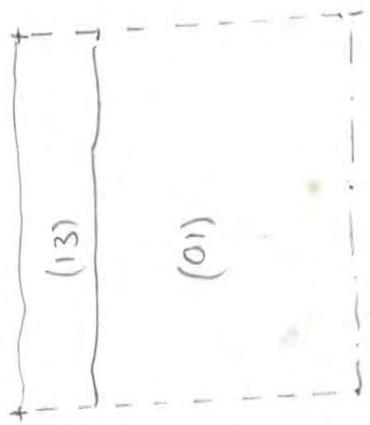
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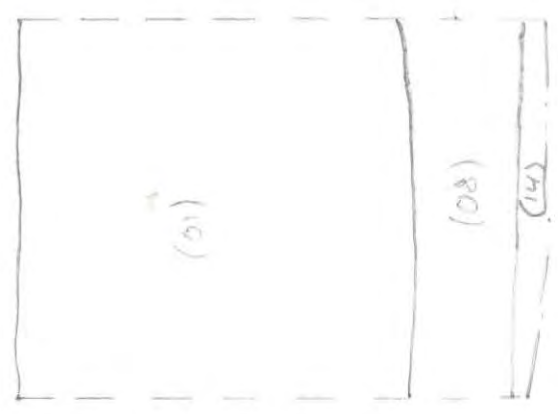
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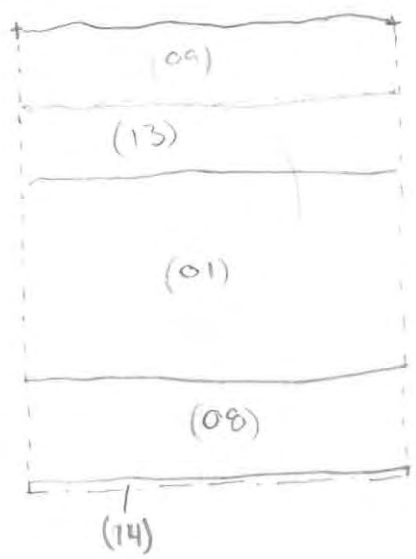
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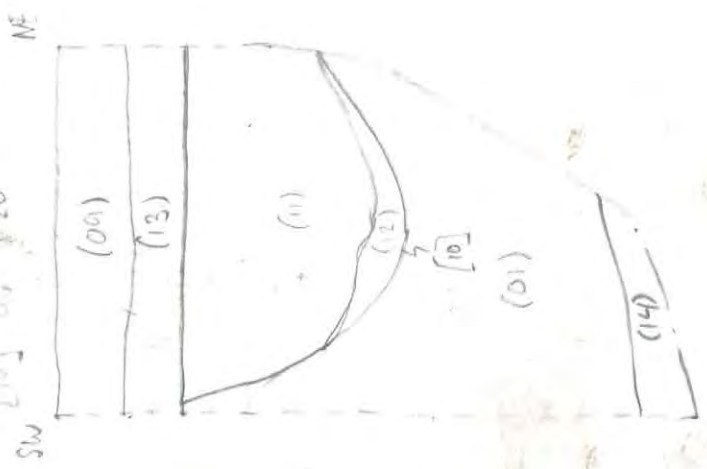
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Short description of the project	John Moore Heritage Services carried out an archaeological watching brief 31 Martins Lane, Dorchester-On-Thames Oxfordshire (NGR SU 57945 94573). One historic wall was partially removed, and three features dated to the 20th century and associated with the residential occupation of the site were noted. No archaeologically significant finds were observed.
Project dates	Start: 19-05-2020 End: 15-03-2021
Previous/future work	Yes / No
Any associated project reference codes	P19/S0541/FUL - Planning Application No.
Any associated project reference codes	DOML 20 - Sitecode
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Type of project	Recording project
Site status	None
Current Land use	Residential 1 - General Residential
Monument type	PIT Uncertain
Monument type	WALL Modern
Significant Finds	NONE None
Investigation type	""Watching Brief""
Prompt	National Planning Policy Framework - NPPF

Project location


Country	England
Site location	OXFORDSHIRE SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE DORCHESTER 31 Martin's Lane, Dorchester on Thames

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 Study area 100 Square metres
 Site coordinates SU 57945 94573 51.646497639223 -1.162435823918 51 38 47 N 001 09 44 W Point

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