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HAVANT, HAMPSHIRE**

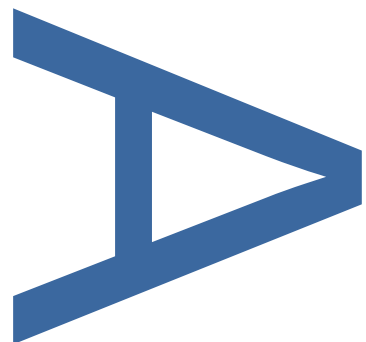
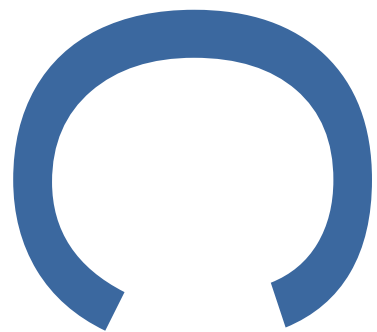
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1 NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY

Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd was appointed by Kingswell Kitchens Ltd to carry out an archaeological watching brief, at Tall Trees, Edward Gardens, Havant, Hampshire. The Site is the subject of planning consent for a single storey rear extension with pitched roof and rear open veranda porch style roof. Along with the replacement of the front porch.

The watching brief comprised the monitoring of the excavation of the trench for the footings for the rear extension. The work was undertaken between the 6th and 12th of September 2022.

The groundworks revealed deposits relating to the construction of the existing house and a layer of post medieval garden soil, this layer is of limited archaeological significance.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Project Background

2.1.1 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by Kingswell Kitchens Ltd (the client), to carry out an archaeological watching brief, at Tall Trees, Edward Gardens, Havant, Hampshire, hereafter 'the Site', NGR SU 70259 06456 (**Figure 1**). The Site is the subject of planning consent for a single storey rear extension with pitched roof and rear open veranda porch style roof. Along with the replacement of the front porch.

2.1.2 The archaeological watching brief and subsequent reporting are required as condition 4 of planning permission granted by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) Havant Borough Council (planning ref. APP/21/01314). The conditions are based on the advice of the Council's Historic Environment Team Archaeologist (HETA) and reflect the potential of the Site to contain archaeological remains that may be put at risk by the development.

2.1.3 Planning condition 4 states:

"No development shall take place until the applicant, or their agents or successors in title, has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological works in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI), that includes a watching brief, which has been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be carried out in accordance with any recommendations raised in the approved WSI.

Reason: The site is of archaeological significance and it is important that the opportunity should be afforded to excavate the site before development commences and having due regard to Policy CS11.4 of the Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework."

2.1.4 This document provides a report on the results of the watching brief, carried out between the 6th and 12th of September 2022, and has been prepared in accordance with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists standard and guidance for an archaeological evaluation (CIfA 2014) and Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (Historic England, 2016). PCA is a CIfA Registered Archaeological Organisation and is bound by its code of conduct

2.2 Location, Topography and Geology

2.3 The Site lies within the settlement of Bedhampton in the Borough of Havant. The Site comprise a residential property, driveway and gardens. Immediately south of the Site is St Thomas' Church. It is bounded to the north by another residential property and to the east by a car park. Access is from the west along Edward Gardens.

2.4 The current ground level lies at approximately 21m above Ordnance Datum (aOD). The Site remains relatively level throughout.

2.5 The underlying geology of the Site is mapped as a chalk bedrock overlain by superficial head deposit of clay, silt sand and gravel. Mapped immediately north of the Site is a bedrock of the Lambeth group -clay, silt and sand, overlain by superficial head deposit of clay, silt sand and gravel. And to the south a chalk bedrock overlain by river terrace deposits – sand, silt and clay.

2.6 Archaeological and Historical Background

2.6.1 The archaeological and historic background to the Site was summarised in the advice of the HETA to the LPA as follows:

‘The site lies in the historic core of Bedhampton, within an area of high archaeological potential related to the Manor of Bedhampton. Immediately to the north of the site lies the site of the Manor, which at least originates in the 16th century but is likely to have been occupied from much earlier in the medieval period (historical records show that a Manor was founded in Bedhampton as early as the 9th century AD). Immediately to the south of the site is the 12th century church of St. Thomas. Historic mapping demonstrates that the current site of Tall Trees originally formed part of the grounds of the manor and was not enclosed as a separate property until the 20th century. The proposed development site has the potential to contain archaeological remains related to the organisation and operation of the 16th century manors grounds and archaeological remains related to the earlier use of the site (possibly evidence of an earlier manor).’

3 AIM

3.1 Archaeological Evaluation

- 3.1.1 The aim of the archaeological watching brief was to monitor groundwork for the proposed extension and any associated services / engineering works and investigate and record archaeological resources that are identified, taking account of the date, nature, extent, bio-archaeological and palaeo-environmental potential of the resources and the research aims and questions that have been identified.
- 3.1.2 In particular, the watching brief aimed to monitor groundwork in order to identify and record any archaeological deposits, features and finds that could potentially be related to remains of the Medieval Manor of Bedhampton.
- 3.1.3 A further aim was to prepare an archive of the results of the investigations leading to the preparation of this final report, so that the future treatment of any archaeological resources beneath the Site, in respect of the proposed development, may be determined.

4 RESULTS

4.1 Introduction

4.1.1 The following presents a summary of the evaluation results based upon the Site archive, which comprises a Site diary, digital photographs. Photographs of the site appear in **Appendix 1**. A context index appears in **Appendix 2**. The summary of the OASIS form appears in **Appendix 3**. The archive of all stages of the archaeological work is held at PCA's Winchester office under the site code **HTTT 22** and will in due course be deposited with the Hampshire Cultural Trust under the accession number HMCMS:A2022.43.

4.2 Methodology

4.2.1 The archaeological evaluation was undertaken following the methodology detailed in the Written Scheme of Investigation (PCA 2022), which was approved by the Local Planning Authority in advance of the works and on the advice of the HETA.

4.2.2 The watching brief comprised the monitoring of the excavation of the trench for the footings for the rear extension. The work was undertaken between the 6th and 12th of September 2022 (**Figure 2**).

4.3 Results

4.3.1 The trench measured c.0.65m wide and was excavated to a maximum depth of 1.2m BGL (**Plates 1-5**).

4.3.2 A simple sequence of deposition was observed across the area (**Figure 3**):

- The earliest deposit observed was Layer (3), the natural geology. First seen at a depth between 0.4m BGL, under the lawn, and 0.9m BGL under the patio. It comprised a firm mid yellowish brown silty clay with superficial deposits of gravel and a reddish clay observed in northeast part of the trench.
- Overlying Layer (3) was Layer (2), a garden soil, measuring between 0.23m-0.6m thick. Comprising a friable dark blackish grey silty clay. Layer (2) was overlain by Layers (4) and (1).
- Layer (1) was observed under the patio area, a layer of made ground comprising a friable dark brownish grey silty clay. Measuring 0.47m thick. This layer was overlain by a layer of crush and then a layer of concrete that form the modern patio.
- Layer (4) was observed to the east in the lawn area. A friable mid brownish grey silty clay, measuring 0.15m thick. This layer represents the modern/current garden soil.

4.3.3 In Layer (1) residual postmedieval material was observed, with sparse oyster shells along with fragments of slate and CBM observed. Layer (3) contained similar finds to Layer (1) but were observed in a very small quantity and this layer was comparably sterile. The finds were not retained.

4.4 Conclusion

- 4.4.1 The watching brief revealed natural geology beneath a sequence of Post Medieval/modern deposits. No significant archaeological features or artefacts were uncovered by the excavations. It is concluded that the new foundations were achieved without impact any significant archaeological remains.

5 ARCHIVE PREPARATION AND DEPOSITION

5.1 The Site Archive

- 5.1.1 The Site archive, to include all project records and cultural material produced by the project, will be prepared in accordance with 'Guidelines for the Preparation of Excavation Archives for Long-term Storage' (UKIC 1990) and the Institute for Archaeologists 'Standard and Guidance for the creation, compilation, transfer and deposition of archaeological archives' (ClfA 2014). On completion of the project PCA will arrange for the archive to be deposited with the Hampshire Cultural Trust under the accession number HMCMS:A2022.43.

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- 5.2.1 The full copyright of the written/illustrative archive relating to the site will be retained by Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd under the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 with all rights reserved. Hampshire Cultural Trust, however, will be granted an exclusive licence for the use of the archive for educational purposes, including academic research, providing that such use shall be non-profitmaking, and conforms to the Copyright and Related Rights regulations 2003. Further distribution and uses of the report either in its entirety or part thereof in paper or electronic form is prohibited without the prior consent of Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd.
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APPENDIX 1: PLATES (1-5)



Plate 1. South facing section of southern trench, looking north. 1m scale.



Plate 2. South facing section of northern trench, showing modern drain (left) and associated rubble soakaway (right of centre). looking north. 1m scale.



Plate 3. West facing section of eastern trench, looking northeast 1m scale.



Plate 4. North facing section of southern trench, showing patio wall and rubble soakaway (left), looking southeast. 1m scale.



Plate 5. Site shot taken partway through the works, Looking northwest. 1m scale.

APPENDIX 2: CONTEXT INDEX

Context Number	Type	Description	Date	Interpretation
1	Layer	Friable, dark brownish grey silty clay	modern	Made ground
2	Layer	Friable, dark blackish grey silty clay	Post medieval	Garden Soil
3	Layer	Firm, mid yellowish brown silty clay	-	Natural geology
4	Layer	Friable, mid brownish grey silty clay	modern	Garden soil

APPENDIX 3: OASIS RECORD

Summary for preconst1-511541

OASIS ID (UID)	preconst1-511541
Project Name	Tall Trees, Edward Gardens, Havant, Hampshire: An Archaeological Watching Brief Report
Sitename	Tall Trees, Edward Gardens, Havant, Hampshire
Activity type	Watching Brief
Project Identifier(s)	Tall Trees, Edward Gardens, Havant, Hampshire
Planning Id	APP/21/01314
Reason For Investigation	Planning requirement
Organisation Responsible for work	Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd
Project Dates	06-Sep-2022 - 12-Sep-2022
Location	Tall Trees, Edward Gardens, Havant, Hampshire NGR : SU 70259 06456 LL : 50.8533622029421, -1.00325688366102 12 Fig : 470259,106456
Administrative Areas	Country : England County : Hampshire District : Havant Parish : Havant, unparished area
Project Methodology	The watching brief comprised the monitoring of the excavation of the trench for the footings for the rear extension. The work was undertaken between the 6th and 12th of September 2022.
Project Results	The ground works revealed deposits relating to the construction of the existing house and an layer of postmedieval garden soil.
Keywords	
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HER	Hampshire Archaeology and Historic Buildings Record (AHBR) - unRev - STANDARD
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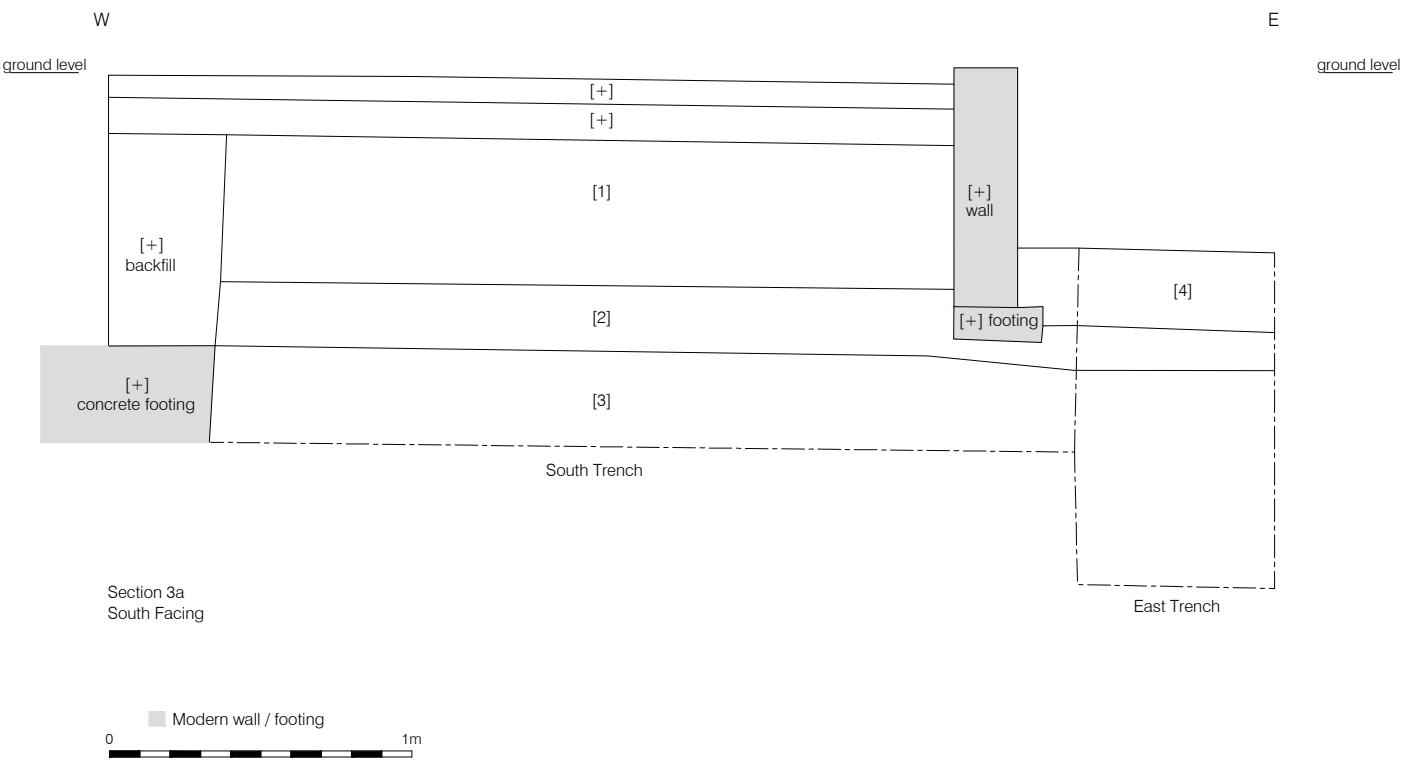
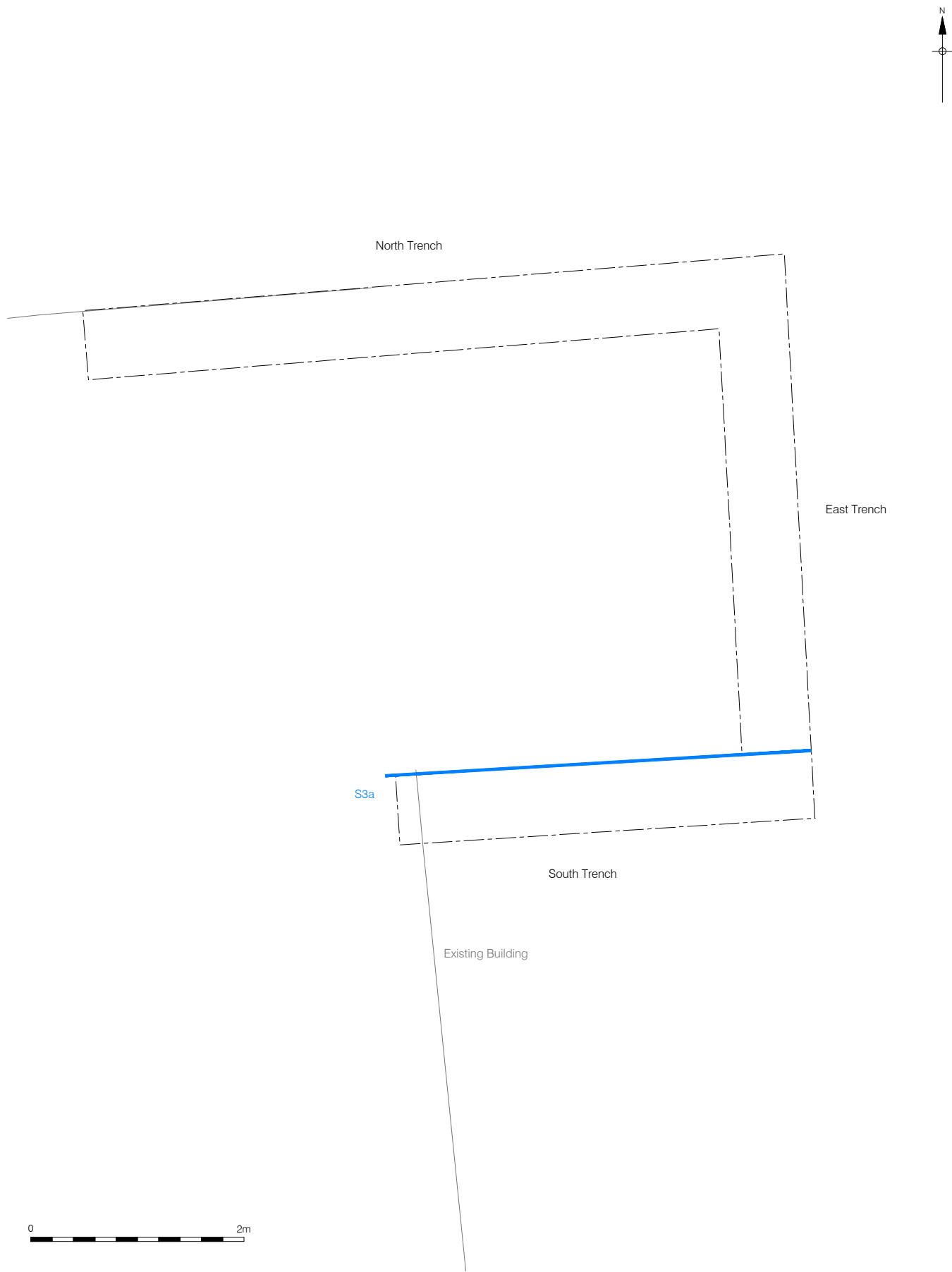


Figure 3
Trench Plan and Section
Plan at 1:50 and Section at 1:25 at A3

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