

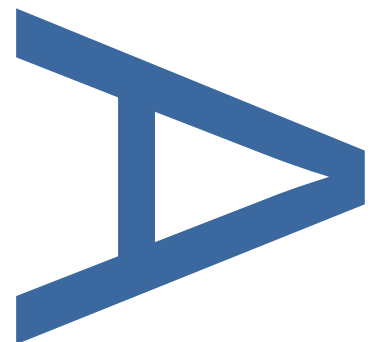
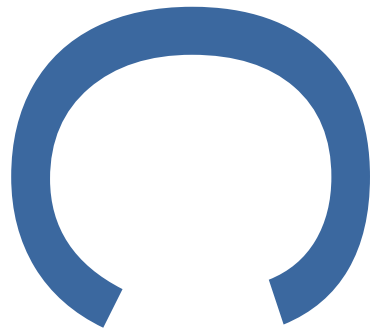
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ABSTRACT

Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by Highwood to carry out an archaeological evaluation on land south of Helmsley House, Bartons Road, Havant, Hampshire. The Site is the subject of a development proposal comprising the erection of a 64-bed care home, for which planning consent has been obtained.

The archaeological evaluation was required by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) Havant Borough Council, acting on the advice of their archaeological advisor David Hopkins, Hampshire County Archaeology Officer (CAO) and in keeping with NPPF Section 12 and Local Plan Policy. The requirement has been secured by condition 15 of planning consent for the proposed development (Planning Ref APP/20/00761). The evaluation was intended to provide information toward understanding the archaeological implications of the proposed development and determination of the subsequent treatment (mitigation) of any archaeological remains found within it (as required by conditions 16 & 17). The archaeological evaluation strategy set out in this document has been informed by a Heritage Statement (AC 2020). The evaluation comprised of the machine excavation of four 30m x 1.8m trenches and was carried out on the 5th and 6th of September 2022.

The evaluation was carried out in keeping with the approved methodology and, despite recent archaeological investigations immediately to the south of the site providing evidence of an extensive Romano-British landscape, no significant archaeological evidence was identified. On the basis of results of this evaluation it is considered that the site has no archaeological potential.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Background

1.1.1 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by Highwood to carry out an archaeological evaluation on land south of Helmsley House, Bartons Road, Havant, Hampshire, (NGR SU 73343 07869), 'the Site' (**Figure 1**). The Site is the subject of a development proposal comprising the erection of a 64-bed care home, for which planning consent has been obtained.

1.1.2 The archaeological evaluation is required by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) Havant Borough Council, acting on the advice of their archaeological advisor David Hopkins, Hampshire County Archaeology Officer (CAO) and in keeping with NPPF Section 12 and Local Plan Policy. The requirement has been secured by condition 15 of planning consent for the proposed development (Planning Ref APP/20/00761). The evaluation is intended to provide information toward understanding the archaeological implications of the proposed development and determination of the subsequent treatment (mitigation) of any archaeological remains found within it (as required by conditions 16 & 17). The archaeological evaluation strategy set out in this document has been informed by a Heritage Statement (AC 2020).

1.1.3 The archaeological evaluation comprised of four trenches and formed a strategy of evaluation set out in the Written Scheme of Investigation (PCA 2022), as approved by the Local Planning Authority. The evaluation was carried out on the 5th and 6th of September 2022.

1.1.4 This document has been prepared in accordance with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists standard and guidance for an archaeological evaluation (CIfA 2014, updated June 2020) and Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (Historic England, 2015). PCA is a CIfA Registered Archaeological Organisation and is bound by its code of conduct.

1.2 Location, Topography and Geology

1.2.1 The Site is located to the south of Bartons Road, Havant, east of the Havant-Petersfield railway line and on the north-eastern edge of Havant. The Site is an area of approximately 6 hectares currently under arable cultivation with modern housing lying to the west and a garden centre and 19th century housing to the north. The eastern boundary of the site is not delineated and runs approximately north-south through the existing arable field. There is a gentle fall from north to south from c. 28m to 17m above Ordnance Datum.

- 1.2.1 The geology of the Site comprises Clay, Silt and Sand of the London Clay Formation, overlain by Quaternary River Terrace Deposits or Quaternary Head Deposits, (British Geological Survey).

1.3 Archaeological and Historical Background

- 1.3.1 The archaeological and historical background to the Site was set out in detail in an Historic Environment Assessment (AC Archaeology 2020), prepared in respect of the Site's proposed development, and is not repeated here in detail. The assessment concluded that there is moderate potential for the Site to contain archaeological remains, specifically of Romano-British date, based on the distribution of known archaeological sites, findspots and historic landscape features within c. 1km radius of the Site.
- 1.3.2 In advising the LPA, the CAO reiterated the conclusion of the assessment and emphasised the results of recent archaeological investigations immediately to the south of the Site, which have provided evidence of an extensive Romano-British landscape (Timby, 2021). The evidence points to the potential for a Romano-British building to have existed within the vicinity of the Site, although the precise location of such a building remains unknown at the conclusion of this evaluation.

2 AIMS

2.1 Archaeological Evaluation

- 2.1.1 The aim of the archaeological evaluation was to determine the character, extent, date, condition and significance of archaeological remains that may survive within the Site, taking account of their potential to contain biological and palaeo-environmental remains.
- 2.1.2 This report on the results of the evaluation aims to provide sufficient information so that the future treatment of any archaeological remains within the Site, in respect of the proposed development, may be determined.

3 RESULTS

3.1 Introduction

- 3.1.1 The following sections present a summary of the results of the evaluation, based on the Site archive, which comprises a Site diary, site drawings and digital photographs. A summary of recorded contexts is provided in a Trench Index in **Appendix 1** and a sample of photographs of the trenches are provided in **Appendix 2**. The archive is currently held at PCA's Winchester office under the Site code **HBRH22** and in due course will be deposited with Hampshire Cultural Trust, under the accession number **HMCMS:A2022.42**.
- 3.1.2 The evaluation was carried out in keeping with the Written Scheme of Investigation and comprised of four 30m x 1.8m trenches, which achieved the required sample of The Site.
- 3.1.3 The deposit sequence shown by the evaluation trenches was generally consistent across the Site. The trenches revealed a dark grey-brown topsoil above a natural geology of mid orange-brown clay and gravel deposits seen at between 0.13m – 0.42m below ground level (BGL). Trenches 1 and 3 also contained a layer of made ground, contexts (102) and (302), comprising of a light to mid grey gravel crush which lay between the topsoil and the natural, presumably deposited as part of prior levelling of The Site (**Figure 3 , Plates 7 & 8**).
- 3.1.4 An assortment of early to mid 20th century glass bottles and jars were recovered, but not retained, from layer (101) in Trench 1. These vessels included two “Kruschen Salts” jars and two milk glass cosmetic/salve/ointment jars. No archaeological features, deposits or finds were recovered in Trench 2. The removal of a small rectangular concrete slab in the North-Western end of Trench 3 uncovered the edge of a late 19th or 20th century dated linear masonry feature, which appeared to be a brick-built drain (**Plates 5 & 6**). No archaeological features, deposits or finds were recovered in Trench 4.
- 3.1.5 In conclusion, the evaluation was carried out in keeping with the approved methodology and, despite the presence of Romano-British remains in the vicinity the Site, identified no significant archaeological evidence. On the basis of results of this evaluation it is considered that the site has no archaeological potential.

4 ARCHIVE PREPARATION, DEPOSITION AND COPYRIGHT

4.1 The Site Archive

- 4.1.1 The Site archive, to include all project records and cultural material produced by the project, is to be prepared in accordance with Guidelines for the Preparation of Excavation Archives for Long-term Storage (UKIC 1990). On completion of the project PCA will arrange for the archive to be deposited with Hampshire Cultural Trust.

4.2 Copyright

- 4.2.1 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 County Council, 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.
- 4.2.2 The licence extends to the use of all documents arising from this project in all matters relating directly to the project, as well as for bona fide research purposes, which includes the Hampshire Archaeology and Historic Buildings Record/Historic Environment Record.
- 4.2.3 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd has made every effort to ensure the accuracy of the content of this report. However, Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd cannot accept any liability in respect of, or resulting from, errors, inaccuracies or omissions this report contains.

5 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- 5.1 Pre-Construct Archaeology is grateful to Highwoods Homes Ltd for commissioning the evaluation, and to David Hopkins, Hampshire County Archaeology Officer (CAO), for his advice.
- 5.2 The evaluation was supervised by James Bannister. This report has been prepared by Tom Warburton, with illustrations prepared by Diana Valk. The project was managed for PCA by Paul McCulloch.

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APPENDIX 1: TRENCH TABLE

Trench No.	Context	Type	Description	Depth (m) BGL
1	101	Layer	Dark grey-brown loose topsoil.	0.00 - 0.17m BGL
1	101	Layer	Light to mid grey gravel crush. Made ground.	0.18 - 0.41m BGL
1	101	Layer	Light orange-brown silty gravel. Natural.	0.42m+ BGL
2	201	Layer	Dark grey-brown loose topsoil.	0.00 - 0.25m BGL
2	202	Layer	Light orange-brown silty gravel. Natural.	0.26m+ BGL
3	301	Layer	Dark grey-brown loose topsoil	0.00-0.13m BGL
3	302	Layer	Light to mid grey gravel crush. Made ground.	0.14 - 0.4m BGL
3	303	Layer	Light orange-brown silty gravel. Natural.	0.41m+ BGL
4	401	Layer	Dark grey-brown loose topsoil.	0.00 - 0.12m BGL
4	402	Layer	Light orange-brown silty gravel. Natural.	0.13m+ BGL

APPENDIX 2: PLATES 1-8



Plate 1. 05/09/22. Overview of Trench 1. View South-West. Scale 1m.



Plate 2. 06/09/22. Overview of Trench 2. View South-West. Scale 1m.



Plate 3. 05/09/22. Overview of Trench 3. View North-West. Scale 1m.



Plate 4. 06/09/22. Overview of Trench 4. View North-West. Scale 1m.



Plate 5. 05/09/22. Modern masonry feature in Trench 3. View North-East. Scale 0.5m.



Plate 6. 05/09/22. Modern masonry feature in Trench 3. View North-East. Scale 0.5m.



Plate 7. 05/09/22. Representative section of Trench 1. View South-East. Scale 1m.

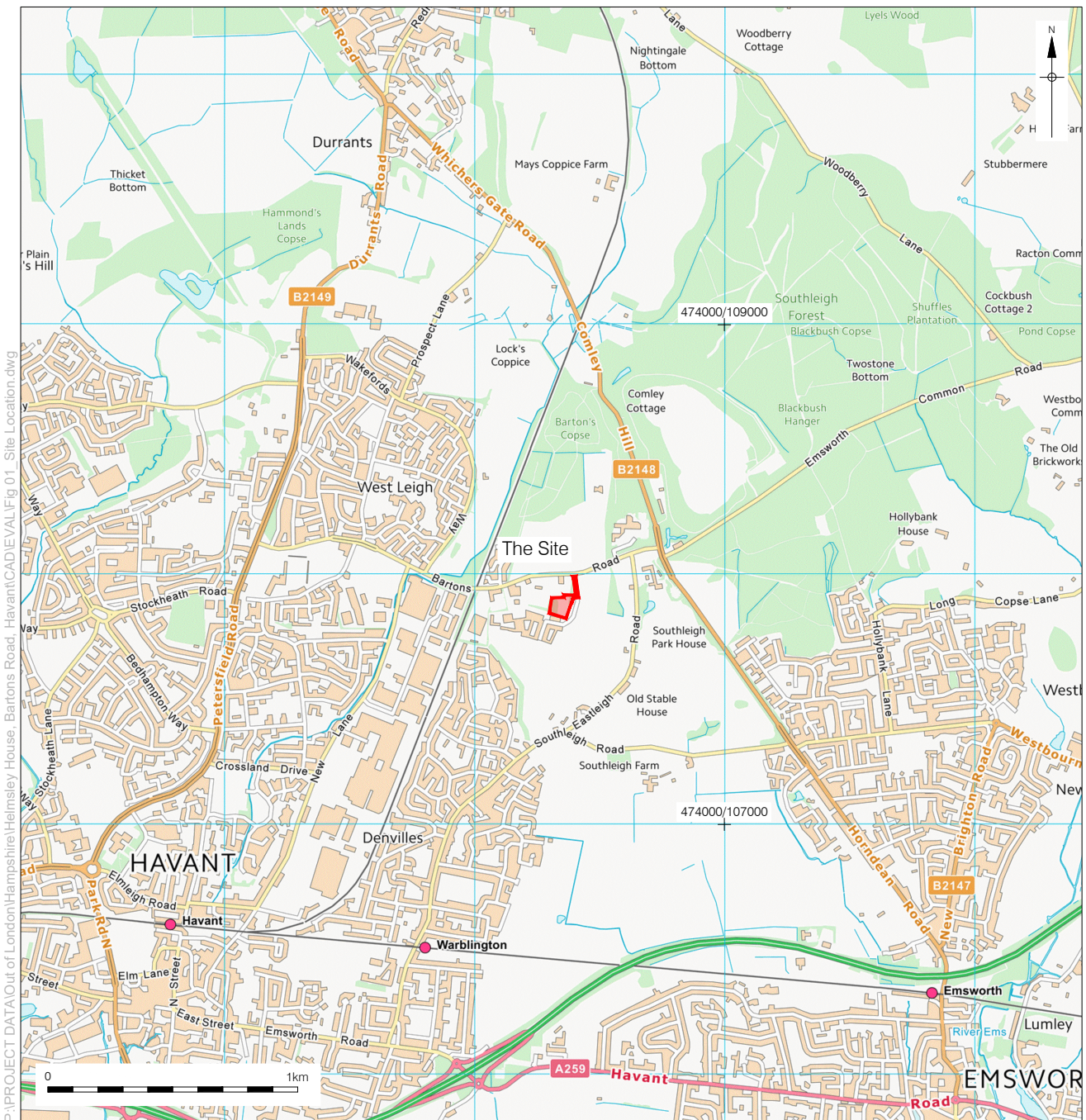
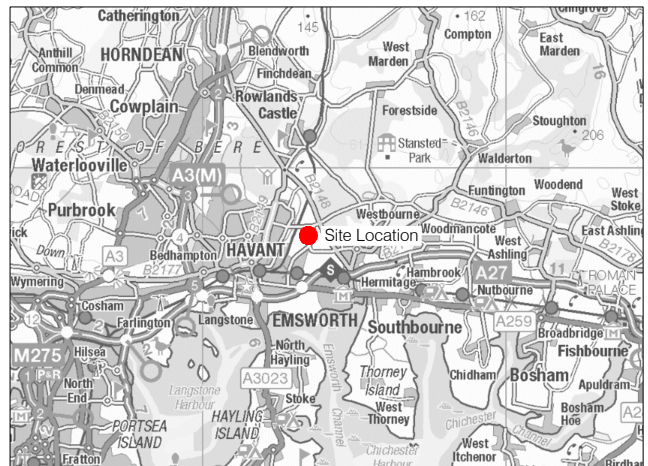


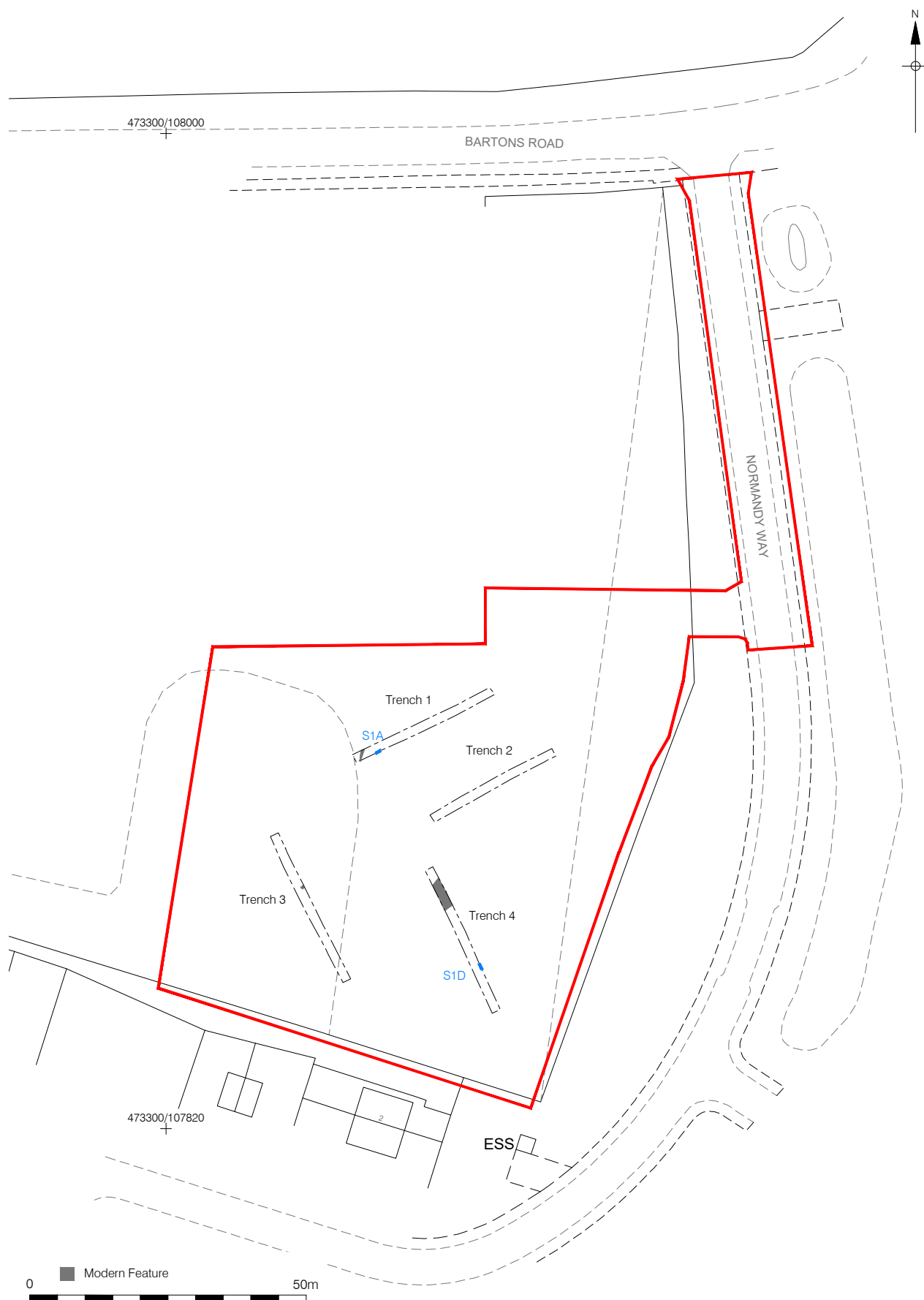
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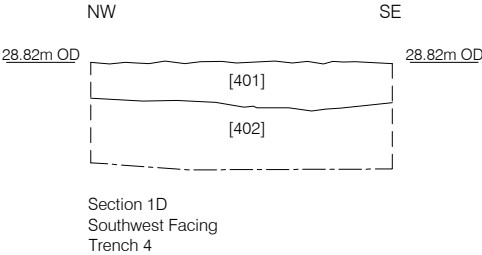
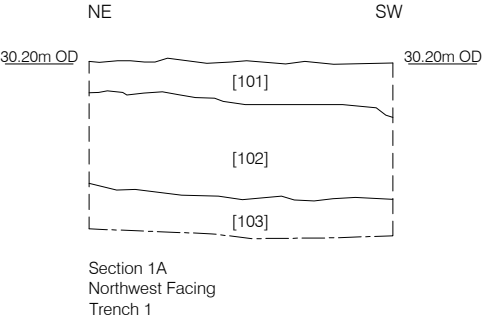
APPENDIX 3: OASIS RECORD

Summary for preconst1-509502

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Project Name	Evaluation at Land South of Helmsley House, Havant
Sitename	Land South of Helmsley House, Havant
Activity type	Evaluation
Project Identifier(s)	Helmsley House, Havant
Planning Id	APP/20/00761
Reason For Investigation	Planning: Post determination
Organisation Responsible for work	Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd
Project Dates	05-Sep-2022 - 06-Sep-2022
Location	Land South of Helmsley House, Havant NGR : SU 73354 07856 LL : 50.8655659143419, -0.959016163686631 12 Fig : 473354,107856
Administrative Areas	Country : England County : Hampshire District : Havant Parish : Havant, unparished area
Project Methodology	Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by Highwood Homes Ltd to carry out an archaeological evaluation on land south of Helmsley House, Bartons Road, Havant, Hampshire, (NGR 473343 107869) hereafter 'the Site' (Figure 1). The Site is the subject of a development proposal comprising the erection of a 64-bed care home, for which planning consent has been obtained. The archaeological evaluation was required by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) Havant Borough Council, acting on the advice of their archaeological advisor David Hopkins, Hampshire County Archaeology Officer (CAO) and in keeping with NPPF Section 12 and Local Plan Policy. The requirement has been secured by condition 15 of planning consent for the proposed development (Planning Ref APP/20/00761). The evaluation was intended to provide information toward understanding the archaeological implications of the proposed development and determination of the subsequent treatment (mitigation) of any archaeological remains found within it (as required by conditions 16 & 17). The archaeological evaluation strategy set out in this document has been informed by a Heritage Statement (AC 2020). The evaluation comprised of the machine excavation of four 30m x 1.8m trenches and was carried out on the 5th and 6th of September 2022
Project Results	The evaluation was carried out in keeping with the approved methodology and, despite recent archaeological investigations immediately to the south of the site providing evidence of an extensive Romano-British landscape (Timby & McAtominey 2021), no significant archaeological evidence was identified. The site would appear to have no archaeological potential
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