

Interim Report

LANGSTONE VIEW BEDHAMPTON

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. This Interim Report has been prepared by Cornelius Barton of L - P : Archaeology on behalf of Barratt David Wilson Southampton Ltd.
- 1.2. The document describes initial results of archaeological evaluation at Langstone View, Bedhampton (FIGURE 1). The NGR is 469326,106167.
- 1.3. This document has been prepared in response to a planning condition attached to the planning consent granted for the above site by the local planning authority, Havant Borough Council. This document is not intended to fully discharge the condition, but to allow limited development in order to construct a showhome.
- 1.4. The site code 1635 has been assigned by L - P : Archaeology.

2. Site Background

2.1.PLANNING

- 2.1.1. Planning consent has been granted for development of the site (see Appendix 2). The application reference is APP-14-00232.
- 2.1.2. In March 2012 the Department for Communities and Local Government issued the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (DCLG 2012). Section 12 of this document sets out planning policies on the conservation of the historic environment.
- 2.1.3. In considering any planning application for development the local planning authority, Havant Borough Council (HBC), must consider the policies within the Havant Borough Core Strategy (HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL 2011)(adopted 1st March 2011). On matters concerning archaeology and the historic environment Havant Borough Council take impartial advice from the Hampshire County Council Archaeologist.
- 2.1.4. The relevant archaeological policy is as follows:

CS11 – PROTECTING AND ENHANCING THE SPECIAL ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE OF HAVANT BOROUGH

Protects and where appropriate enhances the borough's statutory and non-statutory heritage designations by appropriately managing development in or adjacent to conservation areas, listed buildings, scheduled ancient monuments, historic parks and gardens, archaeological sites, buildings of local historic or architectural interest.

3.

- 3.1.1. The site lies within an area of archaeological interest as defined in the Local Development Framework. The site does not contain any Scheduled Monuments (SMs), but lies adjacent to the SM of Bevis Grave, a Neolithic long-barrow in the field to the north.
- 3.1.2. Planning consent for redevelopment of the site was granted in September 2014 by HBC. Condition 2 of the planning consent secures a programme of archaeological works as follows:

CONDITION 2

No development shall take place within the site until the applicant has secured the

implementation of a programme of archaeological assessment in accordance with a written scheme of investigation which has been submitted by the applicant and approved by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To assess the extent, nature and date of any archaeological deposits that might be present and the impact of the development on these heritage assets and having due regard to Policy CS11 of the Havant Borough Local Plan core strategy 2011 which forms part of the local development framework and the National Planning Policy Framework 2012.

3.1.1. This document describes work completed to date. Further works are required before evaluation is complete. A full evaluation report will be issued when works are complete.

3.1.2. If archaeological remains are present in the north east part of the site the Local Authority will require further mitigation works. If further mitigation works are required these will be covered by a separate document, as detailed in section 2.1.7 of the WSI (BARTON 2014).

3.2.GEOLOGY

3.2.1. The British Geological Survey GeoIndex shows the site to be located on a bedrock of white chalk with superficial deposits of clay, sand, gravel and silt. This data is at relatively low resolution and offers only a rough indication of the site geology (BRITISH GEOLOGICAL SURVEY 2014).

3.2.2. A geotechnical assessment was carried out on the site by Wilson Bailey Partnership in 2014. The results showed the soil sequence in the northern part of the site to consist of a thin layer (0.30-0.35m) of topsoil overlying natural chalk. Further to the south there is a build-up of drift deposits to a maximum depth in excess of 4m (BRIGHTMAN PERS COMM).

3.3.TOPOGRAPHY

3.3.1. The site is situated on the South Downs overlooking Langstone Harbour and the Solent (FIGURE 1).

3.3.2. The site is situated on the scarp slope of Camp Down. The highest point of Camp Down lies around 1.5km west of the site at Fort Purbrook. As is typical on the South Downs, the hill is steeply sloping on its southern slope and more

gently sloping on the northern side as it leads down towards the Weald.

- 3.3.3. Due to its location on the scarp slope of The Downs, the site is steeply sloping from north to south. The highest point of the site along the northern boundary is at c.40m OD and the southern edge is at c.10m OD.

3.4.ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

- 3.4.1. A detailed review of the published and unpublished sources for the archaeological and historical background of the site can be found in the Desk Based Assessment (HUNT 2014) .
- 3.4.2. In summary, the DBA concluded that the site had low potential for archaeological remains of all dates. Due to the position of the site in the Area of Archaeological Interest (see section 2) evaluation was required despite the low potential.

4. Results

4.1.1. To date, 27 trenches have been excavated. No archaeological remains were present in any of the excavated trenches. The stratigraphic sequence across the site consists of a mid red-brown topsoil overlying colluvial deposits to a depth of 0.20- 0.70m. Below this is the natural drift geology (PLATE 1, PLATE 2).



Plate 1: Trench 5, from south, 1m scale



Plate 2: Trench 6 section, from west, 1m scale

- 4.1.2. Nine trenches could not be excavated due to the presence of protected animal species. The area is to be cleared in spring 2015, and the trenches will be excavated subsequent to this.
- 4.1.3. Following completion of the works an excavation report will be prepared as detailed in Section 7 below.
- 4.1.4. No further works are required in the remainder of the area to the north and east of Area 3.

5. Technical Report

5.1. A formal report on the results of the archaeological evaluation will be prepared on completion of the fieldwork. The report will conform to Annex 2 of the Institute for Archaeologists Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Field Evaluation (INSTITUTE FOR ARCHAEOLOGISTS 2008A) and will include:

- ◆ A non-technical summary (abstract).
- ◆ Introductory statements and site background.
- ◆ The aims and methods adopted in the course of the evaluation.
- ◆ A description of the nature, extent, date, condition and significance of all archaeological deposits recorded during the works, with specialist opinions and parallels from other sites if required.
- ◆ Illustrative material including maps, plans, sections, drawings and photographs as necessary.
- ◆ A catalogue of finds, including any specialist reports.
- ◆ A discussion and summary of the results, including a statement of significance.
- ◆ An index of the contents and location of the archive.
- ◆ Sources consulted.
- ◆ A copy of the OASIS record sheet.

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6. Summary

- 6.1. Works are still ongoing on the site but the results so far have been negative. It is recommended that construction works in the southern part of the site can proceed without impacting on any archaeological remains – this is defined as the area to the south of the blue line in **FIGURE 2**.
- 6.2. The northern part of the site has not been fully evaluated as yet, and no development should proceed in this area until the final trenches have been excavated, and any necessary mitigation carried out.

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FIGURES

FIGURE I // Site Location - General



0 500 m



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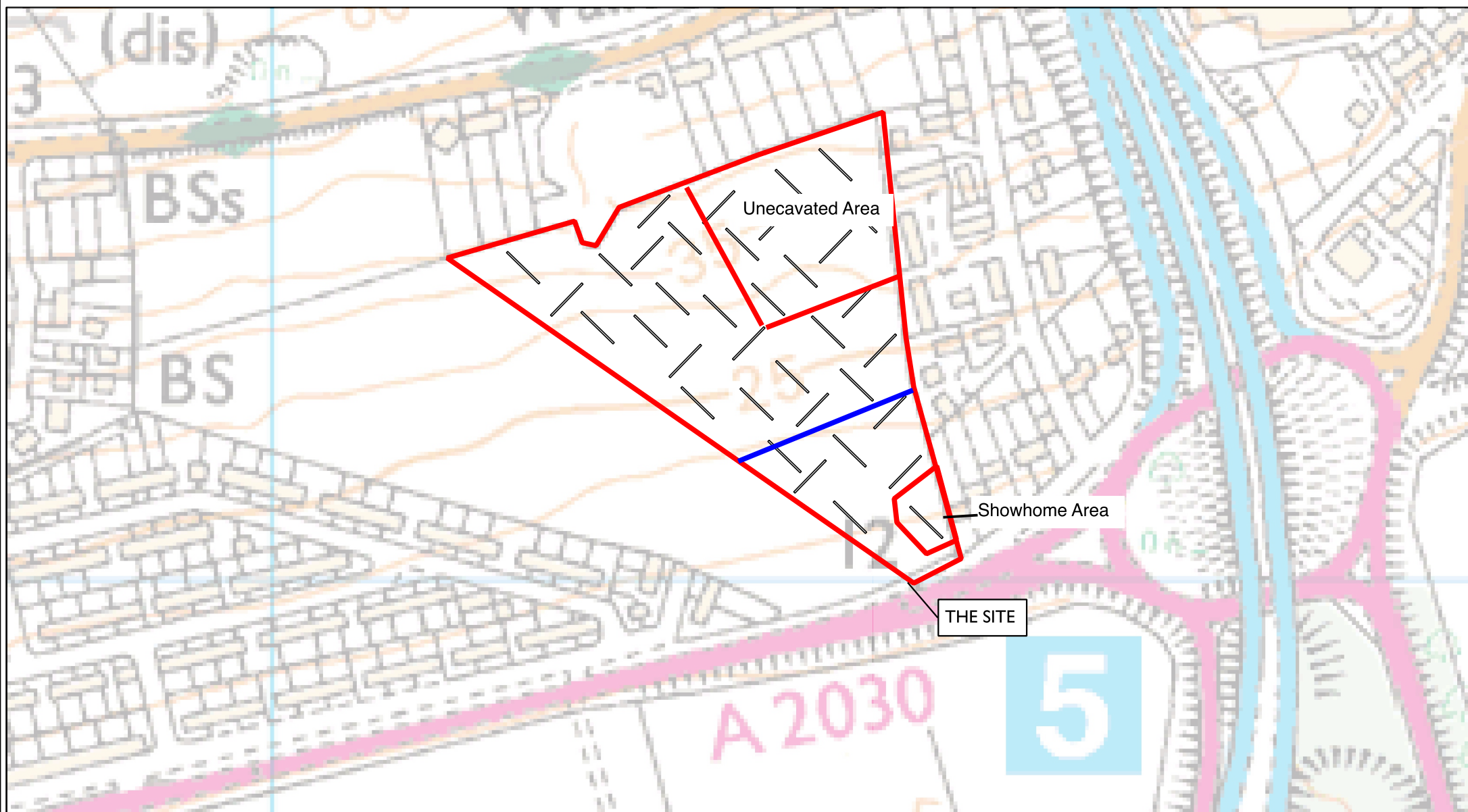
DESCRIPTION // Site Location

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FIGURE 2 // Trenches



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PROJECT // 1635M - Havant Road, Bedhampton

DESCRIPTION // Trenches

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