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FORMER AMBULANCE STATION, ORMOND ROAD, WANTAGE

Design Brief for Archaeological Recording Action

1. SUMMARY OF BRIEF:

- 1.1 This Project Brief provides the outline framework for a detailed costed Project Design to MAP2 specifications covering a timetabled programme of archaeological investigation, recording analysis and publication.
- 1.2 The development site is located within an area of considerable archaeological potential. Due to the physical impracticability of undertaking a predetermination evaluation a condition has been attached to the planning permission requiring that any archaeological features or deposits are subject to archaeological evaluation and where appropriate a suitable level of mitigation.

2. BACKGROUND:

2.1 Site Location and Description

- 2.1.1 The development site is located on the north side of Ormond Street (B4507) in Wantage (NGR SU39988776). Saint Mary's School is located immediately to the west. The site was formerly an Ambulance Station with associated car parking and the buildings are to be demolished prior to the development. It lies at approximately 94m OD and the geology is Upper Greensand.

2.2 Planning Background

- 2.2.1 In April 2006 planning permission was sought from the Vale of White Horse District Council to demolish the existing Ambulance Station and to construct a terrace of five dwellings and two detached garage buildings on the site (WAN/7521/2). In June 2009 another application was made for the site to construct eight two-bedroomed and three one-bedroomed apartments (WAN/7521/3). The site is located within an area of high archaeological potential and in line with PPG16 and Policy HE18 of the Local Plan a predetermination archaeological field evaluation was required. However it was impossible to evaluate the site with the buildings extant and therefore a condition has been attached to the planning permission requiring a staged programme of archaeological investigation after the buildings have been demolished and prior to development commencing. This is in line with PPG16 and Policy HE19 of the Local plan. This brief provides our requirements for an initial stage of evaluation and any further mitigation that is deemed necessary.

2.3 Archaeology

- 2.3.1 Wantage appears to have been a centre of at least local importance from the Romano British period onwards. The Romano British activity appears to have been concentrated around the Letcombe Brook, Mill Street and Denchworth Road. Until recently there has been little material evidence of Saxon settlement in Wantage. However given that it was the birth place of Alfred the Great, it contained a Minster Church, a meeting place for the Royal Council in 990 and the Witan in 997, and it was sacked by the Danes in 1006 it has always been identified as an important Saxon settlement. It was a Royal manor in the Saxon period and remained as such until 1199. In 1213 a fair was granted and whilst no written grant for a market has

been found the prosperity of the town and presence of a market place during the medieval period strongly suggests that one was held regularly.

2.3.2 However in March 2006 an archaeological evaluation was undertaken at St Mary's School to the west. This revealed a spread of features including post holes, pits and ditches dating from the early Saxon period to the early medieval period. Features within trenches 1, 2, and 3, less than fifty metres from the ambulance station all contained early and middle Saxon pottery (John Moore Heritage Services. St Mary's School, Wantage. Archaeological Evaluation. 2006). This is the strongest material evidence that has been found to date for Anglo Saxon activity and the density of the evidence suggests that settlement during that period took place in this area.

3. OBJECTIVES:

3.1 This integrated programme of archaeological work has been required in accordance with Planning Policy Guidance No.16, *Archaeology and Planning*, DoE 1990 and has been secured through a negative condition attached to the planning permission. The archaeological works will be carried out in accordance with a Project Design that shall provide a comprehensive mitigation strategy and project planning programme to MAP2 standard based on clearly defined research objectives.

3.2 The mitigation strategy will seek to alleviate damage to significant archaeological deposits/features, and the developer will be responsible for ensuring this by:-

a) implementing a full set-piece excavation to deal with all significant remains. If areas of low significance are revealed during the programme these may be dealt with, if agreed by the planning archaeologist, through selective recording action or smaller scale sampling. A watching brief may also be implemented during construction if deemed necessary.

b) and where practical and feasible, or where the status and survival quality of the remains is deemed to be of national importance (using the Secretary of States Non-Statutory Criteria), physical preservation in situ.

4. SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENT:

4.1 The initial evaluation phase consisting of two trenches will be undertaken, subsequent to the demolition of the Ambulance Station Buildings, within the area of the proposed buildings. One 20m trench will be located to investigate the block of apartments and a shorter 15m trench will be located within the footprint of the proposed one storey flats. The excavation under the supervision of a competent archaeologist, is to be taken down to the top of 'natural' or the top of any significant archaeological level, whichever is the higher. While the surface of the exposed archaeological horizon should be cleaned for the purpose of clarifying the remains, archaeological features should generally only be sampled sufficiently to characterise and date them. Full excavation of features should not be undertaken at this stage. Care should be taken not to damage archaeological deposits through excessive use of mechanical excavation.

4.2 In the event of archaeological features being identified then those trenches containing the features will be expanded to the extent of the building footprint within

which they are situated. Sampling levels will be agreed once the footprint has been stripped. Provision should be made for taking environmental/organic samples.

5. PROJECT METHODOLOGY AND DATA COLLECTION:

- 5.1 All stages of the project shall be carried out in accordance with the procedures laid down in Management of Archaeological Projects 1991 (MAP2).
- 5.2 The project shall be under the control of a named, qualified archaeologist who should preferably be a Member of the Institute of field Archaeologists registered with an appropriate area/s of competence.
- 5.3 The data collection strategy should be part of a structured academic research agenda based on local and national research priorities. Data recovery and recording levels should be clearly defined and should be appropriate to the particular stratified deposits under investigation.
- 5.4 Include an agreed list of specialist consultants who might be required to conserve and/or report on finds and advise, or report on, other aspects of the investigation including environmental sampling and analysis. An agreed allowance should be made for their fees.
- 5.5 Topsoil stripping, under the supervision of a competent archaeologist, shall be taken down to the significant archaeological horizon in level spits. Spoil will be monitored in order to recover artefacts.
- 5.6 Appropriate machinery must be used, with an appropriate bucket e.g. a 360° excavator with a toothless ditching bucket/blade. Prevailing site conditions should influence choice, and the machine must be able to carry out a clean job.
- 5.7 Should any human remains be encountered, they shall only be removed in accordance with the relevant Home Office regulations.

6. MONITORING AND LIAISON ARRANGEMENTS:

- 6.1 Oxfordshire County Archaeological Services Officers, shall monitor progress and standards throughout the project. To facilitate this, the Project Design will include, in addition to a full projected timetable, staffing details etc. OCAS shall be notified of the official start date at least 2 weeks prior to the commencement of work.

7. POST-EXCAVATION/SITE ARCHIVE REQUIREMENT:

- 7.1 All post excavation/site archive work shall be carried out according to the standards and procedures defined in MAP2. The developer shall be responsible for all processing, research, analysis, and investigative/stabilising conservation necessary to prepare the site archive for preservation and storage in a usable, accessible form, and to produce a full report for publication. All conservation shall be carried out to U.K.I.C. Guideline Standards, and the site archive will be prepared according to the procedures specified in "Required Procedures for Transference of Archaeological Archives to Oxfordshire Museums; 1995". The County Museums Service Collections Management section shall be contacted before the site work has begun.

8. ARCHIVE DEPOSITION:

- 8.1 The contracted archaeological organisation will endeavour to ensure that the full integrated site archive including all finds (other than gold and silver declared by a Coroner's Inquest to be Treasure under the current Treasure Act) shall be deposited after completion of post-excavation work with the County Museums Service (Oxfordshire Museums) unless another repository is indicated.
- 8.2 Oxfordshire Museums requires that deposited archives from developer-led archaeological work shall be accompanied by funding equivalent to the current English Heritage Box Storage Grant. Archaeological organisations shall therefore include an estimate of the costs of deposition for this project in their tender. The estimated cost will be clearly shown and shall be calculated in accordance with the procedures set out in "Charge for Archaeological Archives Deposited with Oxfordshire Museums" *Oxfordshire Museums* 1995.
- 8.3 In the event of the legal owner(s) resolving to retain all or part of the site archive, they shall be responsible for the future preservation and maintenance of any material element of that archive. That part of the site archive in question, shall be transferred to the legal owner only after; all necessary processing, research, analysis and investigative/stabilising conservation and correct packing necessary to prepare the archive for preservation and in a usable, accessible form, and to produce a full report for publication, has been completed. The owner shall ensure that all necessary provision is made for the long-term preservation of the archive in a satisfactory environment, and that it is accessible for future research. The contracted archaeological organisation will ensure that a proper record of material is kept by the landowner shall be included in the written archive and public record. The explicit (written) permission of the owner shall be obtained for the latter in order that the *Data Protection Act 1984* is not contravened.
- 8.4 A summary report and details of archive deposition shall be submitted to the County SMR and NMR, and a limited selection of representative photographic slides from the site archive shall be duplicated and deposited with the SMR. A security copy of the archive shall be deposited with the NAR.
- 8.5 The County Museums Service shall be notified in advance, of the expected time limits for deposition of the archive.

9. PUBLICATION AND DISSEMINATION:

- 9.1 Full publication of the results should be guaranteed, and should take place within a reasonable length of time (normally not more than five years after completion of the work). Style and format to be determined by the archaeological organisation, with regard to agreed standards of archaeological publication, and the house style of the appropriate local, regional or national publication.
- 9.2 The report should state the location of the archive and acknowledge the curatorial role played in the project by Oxfordshire County Council Archaeological Services. It should also acknowledge any provision of information from the County Sites and Monuments Record, which is copyright of Oxfordshire County Council. Any secondary reports or articles generated by this project shall similarly acknowledge County Archaeological Services and the SMR.

9.3 With regard to publication; the level of the report should take into account the scale of the project, the overall importance of the site based on English Heritage characterisation criteria, and its status within local and regional research strategies. It should also be commensurate with the level of results obtained.

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**Former Ambulance Station, Ormond Road,
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NGR SU 3998 8776

Planning ref. WAN/7521/3

**Written Scheme of Investigation
for an Archaeological Evaluation**

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Fig. 1 Site location map

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

1.1.1 Oxford Archaeology (OA) has been commissioned by Builders EDE Ltd to undertake an archaeological evaluation and a possible strip, map and sample in response to planning permission (application no. WAN/7521/3) for the demolition of the existing ambulance station and the erection of a new building comprising of 8x2 bed and 3x1 bed apartments.

1.1.2 Richard Oram (Planning Archaeologist, OCC) has produced a Design Brief for an Archaeological Evaluation at the site. This Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) details how Oxford Archaeology (OA) will implement and complete the work in accordance with the Brief.

1.2 Scope of works

1.2.1 The scope of the work covered by this WSI comprises the excavation and recording of one 20m evaluation trench and one 15m trench as defined in Figure 1. If significant archaeological features are identified the relevant trenches containing features will be expanded to cover the building footprint in which they are situated. This document only applies to the current scope of works as specified above.

1.2.2 The first part of this WSI is site specific while the appendices detail general OA standards and procedures. This document reproduces verbatim much of the content of the Brief.

2 SITE LOCATION, GEOLOGY AND TOPOGRAPHY

2.1 Location and topography

2.1.1 The site is located on the north side of Ormond Street in Wantage. It is bounded to the west by Saint Mary's School and to the north, east and south by residential buildings. The site currently stands empty. The site is centred on NGR SU 3998 8776 and lies at c.94m OD.

2.2 Geology

2.2.1 The solid geology of the site comprises Upper Greensand (Oram 2009).

3 ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

3.1.1 Wantage appears to have been a centre of at least local importance from the Romano British period onwards. The Romano British activity appears to have been concentrated around the Letcombe Brook, Mill Street and Denchworth Road. Until recently there has been little material evidence of Saxon settlement in Wantage. However given that it was the birth place of Alfred the Great, it contained a Minster

Church, a meeting place for the Royal Council in 990 and the Witan in 997, and it was sacked by the Danes in 1006 it has always been identified as an important Saxon settlement. It was a Royal manor in the Saxon period and remained as such until 1199. In 1213 a fair was granted and whilst no written grant for a market has been found the prosperity of the town and presence of a market place during the medieval period strongly suggests that one was held regularly (OCC 2009). An OA Desk-based Assessment (for Crab Hill, Wantage) shows the site to be *c* 200m to the south-east of the focus of the Roman settlement and within the historic settlement core of Wantage (OCC 2009).

- 3.1.2 In March 2006 an archaeological evaluation was undertaken at St Mary's School to the west of the site. This revealed a spread of features including post holes, pits and ditches dating from the early Saxon period to the early medieval period. Features within trenches 1, 2, and 3 (located *c* fifty metres from the ambulance station) all contained early and middle Saxon pottery (John Moore Heritage Services. St Mary's School, Wantage. Archaeological Evaluation. 2006). This is the strongest material evidence that has been found to date for Anglo Saxon activity in central Wantage and the density of the evidence suggests that settlement during that period took place in this area (OCC 2009).

4 AIMS OF THE INVESTIGATION

4.1 Evaluation

4.1.1 The aims and objectives of the evaluation are as follows:

- To determine the existence or absence of archaeological remains and, should archaeological remains be present, to assess their general nature and significance.
- To determine or confirm the approximate date or date range of the remains, by means of artefactual or other evidence.
- To determine or confirm the approximate extent of the remains.
- To determine the condition and state of preservation of the remains.
- To determine the degree of complexity of the horizontal and/or vertical stratigraphy present.
- To assess the associations and implications of any remains encountered with reference to the historic landscape.
- To determine the implications of the remains with reference to economy, status, utility and social activity.
- To determine or confirm the likely range, quality and quantity of the artefactual evidence present.
- To determine the potential of the site to provide palaeo-environmental, geo-archaeological and/or economic evidence.

4.2 Strip, Map and Sample

4.2.1 In general the purpose of an archaeological investigation is to determine and understand the nature, function, and character of an archaeological site in its cultural and environmental setting.

4.2.2 The aims and objectives of the Strip, Map and Sample are as follows

- To identify, investigate and record any archaeological remains to the extent possible by the methods put forward in this WSI.
- To determine (so far as possible) the stratigraphic sequence and dating of the deposits or features identified.
- To disseminate the results through deposition of an ordered archive at the local museum, the deposition of a detailed report at the Sites and Monuments Record, and publication at a level of detail appropriate to the significance of the results.

5 ARCHAEOLOGICAL RECORDING STRATEGY-

5.1 Trial trench excavation

5.1.1 An initial evaluation phase consisting of two trenches will be undertaken, subsequent to the demolition of the Ambulance Station Buildings, within the area of the proposed buildings. One 20m trench will be located to investigate the block of apartments (**Trench 1**; aligned approximately north-south) and a shorter 15m trench (**Trench 2**; aligned approximately east-west) will be located within the footprint of the proposed one storey flats. The excavation, under the supervision of a competent archaeologist, is to be taken down to the top of 'natural' or the top of any significant archaeological level, whichever is the higher. While the surface of the exposed archaeological horizon will be cleaned for the purpose of clarifying the remains, archaeological features should generally only be sampled sufficiently to characterise and date them. Full excavation of features should not be undertaken at this stage. Care will be taken not to damage archaeological deposits through excessive use of mechanical excavation (OCC 2009).

Mechanical excavation and reinstatement

5.1.2 All trenches will be laid out and related to the national grid. All levels will be taken using an Ordnance Survey datum level.

5.1.3 Trenches will be machine excavated using a mechanical excavator fitted with a toothless bucket to the level of the first archaeological deposit or natural geology (whichever is encountered first). All machining of deposits will be under the direction of the site Project Supervisor. Care will be taken not to damage archaeological deposits through excessive use of mechanical excavation and no

identified archaeological deposits will be knowingly excavated by machine without the prior consent of Hugh Coddington (Deputy County Archaeological Officer, OCC).

- 5.1.4 The topsoil and subsoil will be stored separately either side of each trench and will be scanned for the presence and recovery of artefacts. OA will backfill all trenches after approval is given by the monitoring archaeologist or their representative.

Excavation and recording

- 5.1.5 Where archaeological features are present, these shall be sufficiently sampled by hand excavation to allow their date, nature and degree of survival to be ascertained and to address the aims outlined above. For discrete features such as pits and postholes this will normally involve half-sectioning a representative sample. Linear features will be sectioned sufficiently to determine their date and function as defined by the aims. Individual complex features such as kilns or burials will be cleaned and recorded but, subject to the agreement of the monitoring archaeologist, it will normally be preferable to preserve these *in-situ* at this stage of the investigation (if necessary with specific protection against disturbance during backfilling). If deeply stratified deposits are encountered it may be appropriate to excavate sample boxes and/or examine the stratigraphy revealed in the section of excavated cut features. However, care will be taken at all times not to compromise the integrity of archaeological features or deposits that may be better excavated under the conditions of open area excavation.
- 5.1.6 Plans and sections of all features will be produced. The site archive will include plans and sections at an appropriate scale, a photographic record, and full stratigraphic records on recording forms/context sheets or their electronic equivalent. Appropriate written and drawn records will be maintained even where no archaeological deposits are encountered.
- 5.1.7 The record of the extent and vulnerability of features will be sufficiently detailed to facilitate discussions regarding the need for preservation beneath any future potential development, or any other mitigation measures including further excavation or recording.
- 5.1.8 It is not expected that flooding will affect the works. Nonetheless, if flooding is such that it affects the stability of the trenches or may cause unnecessary damage to exposed archaeological horizons or features, excavation will cease and alternative strategies discussed with all parties.
- 5.1.9 Recording will be undertaken in accordance with the guidance given by the Institute of Field Archaeologist's *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Field Evaluations* (as amended 1999), and in accordance with established OA practices as detailed in the OA Fieldwork Manual (OA 1992).

5.1.10 Site procedures are as defined in the OA Standard Fieldwork Appendix and OA Fieldwork Manual.

5.2 Strip Map and Sample

5.2.1 In the event of archaeological features being identified then those trenches containing the features will be expanded to the extent of the building footprint within which they are situated. Sampling levels will be agreed with Hugh Coddington (Deputy County Archaeological Officer, OCC) once the footprint has been stripped. Provision will be made for taking environmental/organic samples. A two stage methodology will be implemented, the initial stage of work will consist of the stripping and planning of the area followed by the sample excavation of the revealed archaeological features.

5.2.2 The existing topsoil will be stripped under archaeological supervision. Machine removal of topsoil will be by a tracked excavator machine fitted with a toothless ditching bucket. All plant operators will be CITB certified.

Stage 1: Stripping, Mapping and Characterisation

5.2.3 Soils will be excavated in successive spits down to the top of the natural or the top of any archaeological level, whichever is the higher. All machine stripping will be carried out under the direct control of the archaeological team and at a speed which will leave a good standard of finished surface. Spoil will be removed to designated storage areas.

5.2.4 Areas of the site where visual inspection suggests the presence of features or possible features will, if necessary, be hand-cleaned to ensure features are defined, sufficient to produce a base plan, although it is anticipated that proficient machining will reduce the need for hand cleaning to a minimum. Once areas of the site are stripped no plant and machinery will track over these areas.

5.2.5 If stratified land surfaces are encountered in the impact area archaeology noted at the first archaeological horizon will be dealt with before re-machining to subsequent horizons.

5.2.6 Any archaeological deposits identified during the machining process will be clearly marked on the ground, by a process of scoring around the feature, using an Aerosol marker or other such methods. Monitoring of the stripped areas for additional features which only become apparent after a period of weathering will also be undertaken.

5.2.7 As the area is stripped a small team of archaeologists will characterise the archaeological deposits and features. This will be achieved by the excavation of a limited number of hand dug interventions to assess their preservation and complexity.

5.2.8 The area will then be planned digitally by experienced surveyors using an EDM Total Station, based on a site grid related to the national grid. Mapping will include

height information across the stripped natural to allow contour modelling of the site in post excavation.

- 5.2.9 Any human remains encountered at the SMS stage will be left in-situ, covered and protected. Removal will only take place when the appropriate Home Office and environmental health permissions have been gained. Such removal must be in compliance with the relevant primary legislation.
- 5.2.10 Any gold and silver will be removed to a safe place and reported to the local coroner according to the procedures relating to the Treasure Act 1996. Where removal cannot be effected on the same working day as the discovery, suitable security measures will be taken to protect the finds from theft.

Stage 2: Sample Excavation

- 5.2.11 Sampling will be responsive to the archaeology present which requires mitigation through the process of preservation by record. Sampling will aim to provide spatial coverage across the investigated landscape to enable a consideration of the distribution of past activities. The sampling strategy will be reviewed in the light of an evolving understanding of the archaeology of the site during investigation.
- 5.2.12 A team of qualified archaeologists will then excavate and record archaeological features in line with the agreed strategy. OA's standard methodology for excavation is contained in Appendix 1 of this document, however, the specific sample percentages quoted there do not apply to this project. Sampling will be agreed as outlined above in 5.9 through 5.19, however generally the following procedures will be followed (unless otherwise agreed):
- 5.2.13 The archaeological team will be structured to ensure that the hand cleaning, planning and characterisation run in close sequence. The initial site plan will be regularly updated.
- 5.2.14 Areas containing particularly significant or sensitive remains will be protected and not left open to open weather.
- 5.2.15 The excavation strategy will be justified against the stated aims and objectives of the project and /or any other appropriate criteria. The site will be excavated stratigraphically.
- 5.2.16 Structural remains and other areas of significant and specific activity (domestic, industrial, religious, heaths, military, etc) will be fully excavated and recorded. Where appropriate single context planning will be employed.
- 5.2.17 Non-structural linear cut features will be sample excavated and recorded with a sufficient number of sections to establish the feature's character, date and morphology.

- 5.2.18 Intersections will be excavated and recorded to establish relative chronologies. Other minor linear features will also be sample excavated if appropriate to understand the site's character, date and morphology.
- 5.2.19 Non-structural pits will be half sectioned unless the character, number or size of the pits makes this impractical. Any variations would be agreed with Hugh Coddington (Deputy County Archaeological Officer, OCC) in advance.
- 5.2.20 Non-structural post and stake holes will be half sectioned sufficiently to clarify character, relationships and chronology.
- 5.2.21 Inhumations, cremations and any other ritual, or possibly ritual, features or deposits will be excavated completely and will be given priority in the excavation programme to limit the chances of deterioration of features or vandalism.

5.3 **Finds procedures and human remains**

- 5.3.1 Where encountered, all finds will be recovered, bagged and identified by context during the course of excavation. All finds will be treated in a proper manner and to standards agreed in advance with the approved recipient museum and in accordance with the guidelines set out in UKIC's *Conservation Guidelines No. 2*. Metal objects will be X-rayed and then selected for conservation if appropriate. In the unlikely event that finds of gold and silver are encountered, these will be removed to a safe place and the local Coroner will be informed according to the procedures relating to Treasure Act, 1996. Where removal can not be effected on the same working day as the discovery, suitable security measures will be taken to protect the finds from theft.
- 5.3.2 Where human remains are encountered that do require excavation at this stage of the investigation, these will be excavated in compliance with the relevant Home Office regulations and OA will adhere to archaeological best practice. OA will inform Hugh Coddington (Deputy County Archaeological Officer, OCC) immediately upon the identification of any human remains.

5.4 **Environmental and geoarchaeological sampling**

- 5.4.1 The strategy for sampling archaeological and environmental deposits and structures will be developed in consultation with OA's environmental and/or geoarchaeological manager. Advice will be sought and a visit may be arranged to determine the importance that should be attached to the various deposit types. It should be noted, however, that environmental samples (bulk samples of 40 litres) will only be collected from suitable deposits (i.e. the deposits are reasonably well dated, securely stratified, and are from contexts the derivation of which can be understood with a degree of confidence). Bulk samples (10-20 litres) will be taken from any waterlogged deposits present for macroscopic plant and insect remains. Columns for pollen analysis will be taken if appropriate. Mollusc samples will be collected if present and relevant to the interpretation of the archaeological deposits. Other bulk samples for small animal bones and other small artefacts may be taken where appropriate.

5.4.2 Samples will be processed by flotation and scanned to assess the environmental potential of deposits, but will not be fully analysed. The residues and sieved fractions will be recorded and retained with the project archive.

6 RESOURCES, TIMING AND STAFF

6.1 Fieldwork timetable and staff

6.1.1 It is envisaged that the initial evaluation trench work will commence week beginning 30th November 2009 and be completed in 2 days by a team comprising a Supervisor and an Archaeologist. This project will be managed by Hugh Beamish (OA Senior Project Manager) under the general direction of Dan Poore (OA Acting Head of Fieldwork, MIFA).

7 REPORT AND ARCHIVE PREPARATION

7.1 Trial Trench Report

7.1.1 Presuming no significant archaeological features are discovered during trial trenching, a factual report, integrating specialist contributions, will be produced within 4 weeks of completion of the fieldwork. Detailed specialist reports and a full list of all deposits and features will also be included as appendices to the report except where it is not practical to produce such in this time frame due to the amount of material recovered or complexity of analysis. In the case of lengthy analysis, agreement will be made with Hugh Coddington (Deputy County Archaeological Officer, OCC) as to an acceptable deadline. The specialists' reports will be added to the archive (the specialist should identify keywords specific to their reports, those keywords should refer to those in per *Guidelines for the addition of Archaeological Science data to the Historic Environment Records*). Digital and hard copies of the approved final report will be forwarded Hugh Coddington (Deputy County Archaeological Officer, OCC) and the Oxfordshire HER.

7.1.2 The report will address the aims and objectives of the evaluation. The content of the report will follow standard OA evaluation report format but will include as a minimum:

- A summary of the project's background;
- The site location;
- A methodology;
- A stratigraphic description of the depositional and archaeological sequence encountered;
- A description of the project's results;
- An interpretation of the results in the appropriate context;

- A summary of the contents of the project archive and its location (including summary catalogues of finds and samples);
- Site layout plans on an Ordnance Survey base, with the location of the trenches superimposed on the results of any earlier, non-intrusive surveys;
- Plans of each trench and / or area (unless trenches are void of archaeology);
- Trench sections and feature sections (unless the trenches are void of archaeology in which case indicative sample sections may be reproduced to illustrate the depositional sequence encountered on site);
- Site matrices where appropriate;
- A consideration of evidence within the wider setting.
- A consideration for the potential for further requirements for work with reference to the planning application and the proposed impact of the development after discussion with Hugh Coddington (Deputy County Archaeological Officer, OCC).

7.2 Strip, Map and Sample Report

7.2.1 If a strip, map and sample is required an Assessment Report/Updated Project Design reflecting the requirements of MAP2 (English Heritage, 1991) will be produced within 4 months of the completion of the site work.

7.2.2 The Assessment Report will include:

- a non-technical summary;
- a description of the background to and circumstances of the work;
- a brief description of the previously known archaeology of each site;
- a description of the methodology used;
- an objective description of the results of the excavations (“factual data” in MAP2);
- an assessment of each category of data (“statement of potential” in MAP2);
- a statement of the storage and curation requirements for each category of data;
- general and detailed plans at appropriate scales, showing the location of each site accurately positioned on an up-to-date Ordnance Survey base;
- detailed plans and sections of individual features where necessary;
- details of any further analysis required;
- a proposal and timetable for completion of analysis and reporting

7.2.3 Following the assessment reporting the results of the project will be published and disseminated in appropriate formats.

- 7.2.4 The proposals for further analysis, final reporting and publication set out in the Assessment Report will be agreed Hugh Coddington (Deputy County Archaeological Officer, OCC).
- 7.2.5 The site archive will be prepared as agreed with Hugh Coddington. The site archive will be security copied on microfiche to the standard required by the National Monuments Record. One copy will be deposited with the NMR and a second copy with the County Historic Environment Record. The Museum will be consulted about their conditions for accepting excavated material prior to commencement of the whole project.
- 7.2.6 The first page of the report(s) shall contain in tabulated form the following information: town, parish, address, grid reference, planning application number, event number, museum accession number, client, project number, date work commenced and date work completed.

7.3 Archive

- 7.3.1 The archive of finds and records generated during the evaluation will be kept secure at all stages of the project. All records and materials produced will be quantified, ordered, indexed and internally consistent. The site archive will be created in accordance with the guidelines published in Guidelines for the preparation of Excavation Archives for long-term storage (UK Inst. for Conservation 1990). An online OASIS form at <http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/projects/oasis> will be completed as part of the project.
- 7.3.2 The site archive will contain all the data collected during the evaluation including records, finds and environmental samples and assembled in accordance with the guidelines set out in English Heritage's *Management of Archaeological Projects 2*. It will be quantified, ordered, indexed and internally consistent and consolidated immediately following the conclusion of fieldwork.
- 7.3.3 The integrity of the primary field record shall be preserved. Security copies in digital or fiche format shall be maintained where appropriate.
- 7.3.4 All finds (other than those claimed as treasure under the Treasure Act) are the property of the landowner. The agreement of the landowner for the ownership of any finds to be transferred to an appropriate museum has been requested by OA prior to the start of the fieldwork.
- 7.3.5 Provision has been made for the deposition of archive and artefacts in Oxfordshire Museums. The museum will be advised of the evaluation before the fieldwork starts and OA will adhere to any reasonable requirements they may have regarding conservation and storage of excavated material and archive. The archive will be prepared in accordance with the guidelines published in *Guidelines for the preparation of Excavation Archives for long-term storage* (United Kingdom Institute for Conservation, 1990) and *Standards in the Museum care of archaeological*

collections (Museum and Galleries Commission, 1994). Deposition shall take place after completion of the works.

8 LIAISON AND MONITORING

8.1.1 Regular and effective liaison will be maintained throughout the duration of the project by OA with Hugh Coddington (Deputy County Archaeological Officer, OCC). OA will provide unrestricted access at all times to the site, site records and any relevant information requested. Appropriate site meetings will be arranged to facilitate this process.

8.1.2 Monitoring meetings will be arranged at appropriate intervals and the relevant parties notified in advance. All parties will also be regularly informed of all stages of the project progress via email or telephone conversation. No substantial modification of the approved specification will be implemented without the prior agreement of Hugh Coddington.

9 HEALTH AND SAFETY

9.1.1 All work will be carried out to the requirements of *Health and Safety at Work, etc. Act 1974*, *The Management of Health and Safety Regulations 1992*, the SCAUM (Standing Conference of Archaeological Unit Managers) H & S manual *Health and Safety in Field Archaeology 1991*, the OA Health and Safety Policy, and any main contractors requirements.

9.1.2 OA has a written Health and Safety policy, which covers all its work, and is tied in to national legislation, regulations, and professional guidelines. OA has a Safety officer and Health and Safety Committee that oversees Health and safety matters on a regular basis.

9.1.3 A Risk Assessment will be produced for this site by OA prior to commencing fieldwork. Please refer to this document for specific site details and requirements.

9.1.4 A copy of the OA's Health and Safety Policy is available on request.

10 PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

10.1.1 Oxford Archaeology's standard fieldwork and report/archive practises are presented at the end of this document.

10.1.2 OA is a Registered Archaeological Organisation (RAO) with the Institute for Archaeologists (IfA) and will conform to the standards of professional conduct outlined in the IfA's Code of Conduct, the IfA Code of Approved Practice for the Regulation of Contractual Arrangements in Field Archaeology, the *IfA Standards and Guidance for Excavations* and the British Archaeologists and Developers Liaison Group Code of Practice.

10.1.3 OA is also a member of the Institute of Environmental Assessment and the Council for British Archaeology.

11 GENERAL

11.1.1 The scope of work detailed in the main part of this WSI is aimed at meeting the aims of the project in a cost-effective and research-led manner. Oxford Archaeology attempts to foresee possible site-specific problems and resource these. However there may be unusual circumstances that have not been included in the costing and programme:

- Unavoidable delays due to extreme bad weather, vandalism, etc.
- Complex structures or objects, including those in waterlogged conditions, requiring specialist removal.
- Trenches requiring shoring or stepping, ground contamination, unknown services, poor ground conditions requiring additional plant, specialist reinstatement of surfaces (i.e. tarmac, turf).

11.1.2 Oxford Archaeology Appendices 2, 8 and 11 apply

OA Standard Fieldwork Methodology Appendices

The following methods and terms will apply, where appropriate, to all OA fieldwork unless varied by undertakings specified in the Project Design.

2 MACHINE EXCAVATED TRENCHES

- 2.1 A visual inspection of the entire site will be undertaken. This will include the examination of any available exposures (e.g. recently cut field ditches and geological test pits).
- 2.2 An appropriate mechanical excavator will be used for machine excavated trenches. This will normally be a JCB 3CX Sitemaster or 360° tracked excavator with a 5' or 6' wide toothless bucket. For work with restricted access or working room a mini excavator such as a Kubota KH 90 will be used.
- 2.3 All machining will be undertaken under direct archaeological supervision.
- 2.4 All undifferentiated topsoil or overburden of recent origin will be removed down to the first significant archaeological horizon, in successive, level spits.
- 2.5 Following machine clearance, all faces of the trench that require examination or recording will be cleaned using appropriate hand tools.
- 2.6 Spoil heaps will be monitored in order to recover artefacts to assist in the analysis of the spatial distribution of artefacts. Modern artefacts will be noted but not retained.
- 2.7 All investigation of archaeological levels will be by hand, with cleaning, examination and recording both in plan and section.
- 2.8 Within significant archaeological levels a minimum number of features required to meet the aims will be hand excavated. Pits and postholes will be subject to a 50% sample by volume. Linear features will be sectioned as appropriate. Features not suited to excavation within narrow trenches will not be sampled. No archaeological deposits will be entirely removed unless this is unavoidable. It is not necessarily the intention that all trial trenches will be fully excavated to natural stratigraphy, but the depth of archaeological deposits across the entire site will be assessed. The stratigraphy of all evaluation trenches will be recorded even where no archaeological deposits have been identified.
- 2.9 Any excavation, both by machine and by hand, will be undertaken with a view to avoiding damage to any archaeological features or deposits that appear to be worthy of preservation *in situ*.
- 2.10 Different environmental sampling strategies may be employed according to established research targets and the perceived importance of the strata under investigation. Bulk samples, a minimum of 10 litres, but up to 40 litres if possible for early prehistoric features will be taken for flotation for charred plant remains. Bulk samples will be taken from any waterlogged deposits present for macroscopic plant remains. Columns for pollen analysis will be taken if appropriate. Mollusc samples will be collected if present. Other bulk samples for small animal bones and other small artefacts may be taken from appropriate contexts.
- 2.11 Any finds of human remains will be left in-situ, covered and protected and the coroner informed. If removal is essential it will only take place under appropriate Home Office licence, section 25 of the Burial Act 1857 and local environmental health regulations, and if appropriate in compliance with the Disused Burial Grounds (Amendment) Act 1981.

- 2.12 All finds of gold and silver will be removed to a safe place and reported to the local Coroner according to the procedures relating to Treasure Act, 1996. Where removal can not be effected on the same working day as the discovery, suitable security measures will be taken to protect the finds from theft.
- 2.13 OA welcomes monitoring visits by the local authorities' archaeological representatives. Timetables of the on-site work will be provided in order that visits can be made at appropriate times.
- 2.14 After recording, the trenches will be backfilled with excavated material, but will otherwise not be reinstated.

RECORDING

- 2.15 Contexts
- If less than ten trenches are to be recorded, a block of numbers, in a continuous sequence will be allocated to each trench.
 - If more than ten trenches are to be recorded, a continuous unique numbering system will operate within each trench only.
 - Written descriptions will be recorded on proforma sheets comprising factual data and interpretative elements.
 - Where stratified deposits are encountered a Harris matrix will be compiled during the course of the excavation.
- 2.16 Plans
- These will normally drawn at 1:100, but on urban or deeply stratified sites a scale of 1:50 or 1:20 will be used. Detailed plans will be at an appropriate scale. Burials will be drawn at scale 1:10.
 - The site grid will be accurately tied into the National Grid and located on the 1:2500 or 1:1250 map of the area.
 - A register of plans will be kept.
- 2.17 Sections
- Long sections of trenches showing layers will be drawn at 1:50. Sections of features or short lengths of trenches will be drawn at 1:20.
 - A register of sections will be kept.
 - Generally all sections will be tied in to Ordnance Datum. The exception to this is where the proposal for the site is mineral extraction where depth in relation to the development proposals is irrelevant. In these cases only some significant sections will be tied in to OD.
- 2.18 Photography
- A full black and white and colour (35 mm transparency) photographic record, illustrating in both detail and general context the principal features and finds discovered will be maintained. The photographic record will also include working shots to illustrate more generally the nature of the archaeological work.
 - Photographs will be recorded on OA Photographic Record Sheets.
- 2.19 All recording will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the OA Field Manual (ed. D Wilkinson 1992).

FINDS

- 2.20 All identified finds and artefacts will be retained, although certain classes of building material or post medieval pottery may sometimes be discarded after recording if an appropriate sample is retained. However, no finds will be discarded without the prior approval of the nominated representative of the local authority and the receiving Museum. All appropriate ironwork will be X-rayed.

- 2.21 The pottery and other relevant artefacts will be scanned to assess the date range of the assemblage.
- 2.22 All finds and samples will be treated in a proper manner and to standards agreed in advance with the approved recipient museum. These will be exposed, lifted, cleaned, conserved, marked, bagged and boxed in accordance with the guidelines set out in UKIC's "Conservation Guidelines No. 2".
- 2.23 The level of artefact analysis will be sufficient to establish date ranges of archaeological deposits, a general assessment of the types of pottery and other artefacts to assist in characterising the archaeology, and to establish the potential for all categories of artefacts should further archaeological work be necessary.
- 2.24 At the beginning of a project, the local relevant museum and the landowner will be contacted regarding the preparation and deposition of the archive and finds.
- 2.25 Environmental samples, if appropriate will be processed and scanned for potential date. This will usually be co-ordinated by Dr M Robinson of University Museum, Oxford using appropriate specialists.

8 EVALUATION REPORTS

- 8.1 Style and format of the report will be determined by OA, but will include as a minimum the following:
- A location plan of trenches and/or other fieldwork in relation to the proposed development.
 - Plans and sections of features located at an appropriate scale.
 - A section drawing showing depth of deposits including present ground level with Ordnance Datum, vertical and horizontal scale.
 - A summary statement of the results.
 - A table summarising per trench the features, classes and numbers of artefacts contained within, spot dating of significant finds and an interpretation.
 - A reconsideration of the methodology used, and a confidence rating for the results.
 - An interpretation of the archaeological findings both within the site and within their wider landscape/townscape setting.
- 8.2 Copies of the report will be supplied to the client and the Archaeological Officer monitoring the works. Copies of the report will also be supplied to the County Sites and Monuments Record on the understanding that it will become a public document after an appropriate period of time (normally six months).
- 8.3 If the evaluation works generate archaeological results of importance which merit wider publication, the client will be consulted about further arrangements.

ARCHIVES

- 8.4 The site archive, including finds and environmental material, will be ordered, catalogued, labelled and conserved and stored according to the UKIC Guidelines for the preparation of excavation archives for long-term storage.
- 8.5 The site archive will be prepared to at least the minimum acceptable standard defined in Management of Archaeological Projects 2, English Heritage 1991.
- 8.6 The site archive will be microfilmed by the RCHME National Archaeological Record as a safeguard against the accidental loss and the long-term degeneration of paper records and photographs.
- 8.7 The site archive will be deposited with the relevant receiving Museum at the earliest opportunity unless further archaeological work on the site is expected within one year of completion of the

archive. OA will advise the landowner that any artefacts resulting from the project work should be given to the relevant Museum.

11 GENERAL

- 11.1 The requirements of the Brief will be met in full where reasonably practicable.
- 11.2 Any significant variations to the proposed methodology will be agreed with the local authority's archaeological representative in advance.
- 11.3 The scope of work detailed in the main part of the Written Scheme of Investigation is aimed at meeting the aims of the project in a cost-effective manner. The Oxford Archaeological Unit attempts to foresee possible site-specific problems and resource these. However there may be unusual circumstances which have not been included in the costing and programme.
- Unavoidable delays due to extreme bad weather, vandalism, etc.
 - Complex structures or objects, including those in waterlogged conditions, requiring specialist removal.
 - Extensions to specified trenches or feature sample sizes requested by the archaeological curator.
 - Trenches requiring shoring or stepping, ground contamination, unknown services, poor ground conditions requiring additional plant, specialist reinstatement of surfaces (i.e. tarmac, turf).

HEALTH AND SAFETY AND INSURANCE

- 11.4 All work will be carried out to the requirements of *Health and Safety at Work, etc. Act 1974*, *The Management of Health and Safety Regulations 1992*, the SCAUM (Standing Conference of Archaeological Unit Managers) H & S manual *Health and Safety in Field Archaeology 1991*, the OAU Health and Safety Policy, and any main contractors requirements.
- 11.5 A copy of the OAU's Health and Safety Policy is available on request. OAU will require copies of the H & S policies of all other contractors and operators present on site in compliance with *The Manual of H & S Regulations 1992*.
- 11.6 The OAU holds Employers Liability Insurance, Public Liability Insurance and Professional Indemnity Insurance. Details will be supplied on request.
- 11.7 The OAU will not be liable to indemnify the client against any compensation or damages for or with respect to:
- Damage to crops being on the Area or Areas of Work (save in so far as possession has not been given to the Archaeological Contractor);
 - The use or occupation of land (which has been provided by the Client) by the Project or for the purposes of completing the Project (including consequent loss of crops) or interference whether temporary or permanent with any right of way, light, air or water or other easement or quasi easement which are the unavoidable result of the Project in accordance with the Agreement;
 - Any other damage which is the unavoidable result of the Project in accordance with the Agreement;
 - Injuries or damage to persons or property resulting from any act or neglect or breach of statutory duty done or committed by the client or his agents, servants or their contractors (not being employed by the Oxford Archaeological Unit) or for or in respect of any claims demands proceedings damages costs charges and expenses in respect thereof or in relation thereto.

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- 11.8 Oxford Archaeological Unit will retain full copyright of any commissioned reports, tender documents or other project documents, under the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 with all rights reserved; excepting that it will provide an exclusive licence to the client in all matters directly relating to the project as described in the Written Scheme of Investigation.
- 11.9 Oxford Archaeological Unit will assign copyright to the client upon written request but retains the right to be identified as the author of all project documentation and reports as defined in the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 (Chapter IV, s.79).
- 11.10 OAU will advise the client of any such materials supplied in the course of projects that are not OAU's copyright.
- 11.11 OAU undertakes to respect all requirements for confidentiality about the client's proposals provided that these are clearly stated. It is expected that such conditions shall not unreasonably impede the satisfactory performance of the services required. OAU further undertake to keep confidential any conclusions about the likely implications of such proposals for the historic environment. It is expected that clients respect OAU's general ethical obligations not to suppress significant archaeological data for an unreasonable period.

OAU STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES

- 11.12 OAU shall conform to the standards of professional conduct outlined in the Institute of Field Archaeologists' Code of Conduct, the IFA Code of Approved Practice for the Regulation of Contractual Arrangements in Field Archaeology, the IFA Standards and Guidance for Field Evaluations, Desk Based Assessments, etc. and the British Archaeologists and Developers Liaison Group Code of Practice.
- 11.13 OAU is a member of the Institute of Environmental Assessment and the Council for British Archaeology.
- 11.14 Project Directors normally will be recognised in an appropriate Area of Competence by the IFA. For more extensive and complicated evaluation projects especially where they are part of large-scale programmes of work in historic urban centres, the procedures outlined in English Heritage's *Management of Archaeological Projects* 2nd Edition 1991 (MAP 2) will be followed for immediate post-field archive preparation and initial assessment. Agreement to then be reached, in collaboration with the local authority's archaeological representative, about what aspects will need to be taken forward to provide a report in the required format containing the information needed for planning purposes.

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Short description of the project	In December 2009, Oxford Archaeology carried out a field evaluation at the former Ambulance Station, off Ormond Street, Wantage, Oxfordshire. The work was undertaken on behalf of Builders EDE Ltd. The site was previously occupied by Wantage Ambulance Station, which has recently been demolished. The focus of the evaluation was within the footprint of the proposed new build, and comprised two trenches. Trenches 1 and 2 were respectively 20 m and 15 m in length. The evaluation revealed one east-west aligned ditch and two intercutting ditches on a roughly north-south alignment. The dimensions and profile of the earlier of the north-south aligned ditches suggested a possible correlation with the east-west aligned ditch, as did the similarity between the composition of the fill of the eastwest aligned ditch and the upper fill of the earlier north-south aligned feature. A single small sherd of pottery from the upper fill of the latter suggested a possible late Saxon date for this feature. The second of the north-south aligned ditches may have represented a re-cut of the earlier feature. Three modern trenches were also revealed, which represent the grubbed out foundation trenches of the recently demolished ambulance station. Within the footprint of the demolished building, the natural geology was directly overlain by a deposit of similar composition to the fills of the foundation trenches, and likely to have originated from the recent phase of demolition. Outside the footprint of the former building, this demolition deposit overlay a buried soil horizon which in turn overlay the natural geology.
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Type of project	Recording project
Site status	None
Current Land use	Other 3 - Built over
Monument type	NONE None
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Significant Finds	CERAMICS Roman

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 Investigation type 'Watching Brief'
 Prompt Direction from Local Planning Authority - PPG16

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Country England
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 Study area 67.45 Square metres
 Site coordinates SU 3998 8776 51.5868013114 -1.422870522070 51 35 12 N 001 25 22 W Point

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Name of Organisation Oxford Archaeology
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 Project design originator Oxford Archaeology
 Project director/manager H Beamish
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Standing time: list numbers of hours for each member of staff and give full details

Name	Details
	Arrived 8 o'clock. Nathan from J Haines Demolition arrived c. 8:20 to let us in. JCB arrived c. 8:40.
	marking out trenches till c. 9:15
	Trench 1 moved north to avoid "sub station" (standing building still present within footprint of new build containing generator) and gas & electric as indicated by Nathan.
	Trench 2 moved west to avoid 2/ve service indicated by manhole covers.
	see sketch over.
	* 2 DITCHES REVEALED IN ADDITION TO FEATURES & DEPOSITS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION/DEMOLITION OF AMBULANCE STATION.
	machine stood down until Wednesday (left on site) - will b/fill

Comments (continue on reverse if necessary)
 on weds. subject to HC sign-off tomorrow (HC due at 2pm) 1:12:09
 Lee to go to Braekley for remainder of week unless S, M + S required by HC.



DAILY JOURNAL

SITE CODE WMBUL09

SITE NAME WANTAGE AMBULANCE STATION

DATE 1/12/09

Project Manager
H. BEAMISH

Visitors
H. CODDINGTON (OCC)

Weather
COLD + DRY

Area stripped by plant: m²

Plant type

Task descriptions:

Enter the number of staff days in increments of 0.5 (half) days for each of the tasks used during the day. If task 07 or 08 is used please describe the task done.

Task number and description	Staff days	Task number and description	Staff days
01 General supervision/management		02 Surface cleaning	
03 Planning		04 Surveying/levelling	
05 Excavation/recording		06 Machine supervision	
07 Other		08 Other	

Standing time: list numbers of hours for each member of staff and give full details

Name	Details
	<u>finished digging and recording features ([1], [3] + [6])</u>
	<u>set-up TBM but will have to transfer bench mark from St Mary's church if none closer (will check with Mark Littlewood tonight) if none, then will get JCB driver to assist with transfer tomorrow pm.</u>
	<u>HC visit 2pm: - signed off - will excavate more ditch fill for finds retrieval. prob watching brief on future groundwork.</u>
	<u>TTD: - additional plan showing extended interventions transfer bench mark</u>

Comments (continue on reverse if necessary)

INCLOSURE MAP 1809 - PLOT TO E- OF EAGLES LANE = W^m PINDER 129 IA 2R 19P (with 128)

Wantage Ambulance Station
WABUL 09

Box 1 FILE 4

B. PRIMARY Contact Records

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No. 978033 Buff



PDEA SCAN

FILMING INSTRUCTIONS

Submitter OASouth

No. of Scan copies: 3

Headings

Site information

Line 1: [OASouth] County: [Oxfordshire] Parish:[Wantage]

Site: [Wantage Ambulance Station] Site code: [WABUL 09]

Line 2: Excavators name[H. Beamish]

Line 3:

Classification of material

Tick if present

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CONTEXT RECORD

Context No.

1

SITE **WABULO9**

ADDITIONAL SHEETS:

TYPE **C_T**

Trench:

Context Type: Deposit **(Cut)** / Structure

Check Lists:

Site sub-div

Overlain by:

DEPOSIT:

1. compaction
2. colour
3. composition
4. inclusion
5. thickness
6. extent
7. comments
8. method & conditions

Structure No.

Abutted by:

Plan No.

Cut by:

Filled by: **2**

Section No.

Same as: **3??**

CUT:

1. shape in plan
2. base/sides/top profile
3. dimension and depth
4. sketch
5. truncation
6. fill nos
7. other comments

Co-Ordinates

Consists of:

Overlies:

Level

Butts:

MASONRY:

1. materials
2. size of bricks etc
3. finish of stones
4. coursing/bond
5. form
6. faces
7. bond
8. dimensions as found
9. other comments

Slide No.

Cuts: **13**

Neg No.

Fill of:

Matrix location

Relationships uncertain

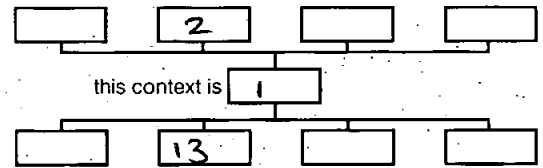
Description (See check lists):

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX

1. LINEAR (? CURVILINEAR - SEE BELOW)

2. SIDES SLOPE AT c. 50° TO
CONCAVE BASE3. 1.8m⁺ x 0.6m x 0.25m 4. — 5. —

6. (2) 7. —



Interpretation/Discussion:

roughly E-W aligned ditch of indeterminate date and function possibly the same as ditch [3] in trench 2, but if so this would imply a curvilinear feature as the latter is on a different alignment (ref PLAN 1). base of ditch [1] and ditch [3] is at similar OD level, although primary fill of [3] (2) is significantly different from fill (2), although fill (3) is similar (to fill (2))

Finds (tick): None [] Pot [] Bone [] Flint [] Stone [] Burnt stone [] Glass []
Metal [] CBM [] Wood [] Leather []

△ Small Finds

Recorder **RB**

◇ Samples

Date

△ Building Materials

Initials



CONTEXT RECORD

Context No.

2

SITE *WABU'09*

ADDITIONAL SHEETS:

TYPE *Fill*

Trench

Context Type: *Deposit* / Cut / Structure

Check Lists:

Site sub-div

Overlain by: *12*

DEPOSIT:

1. compaction
2. colour
3. composition
4. inclusion
5. thickness
6. extent
7. comments
8. method & conditions

Structure No.

Abutted by:

Plan No.

Cut by:

Filled by:

Section No.

1

Same as:

Part of:

CUT:

1. shape in plan
2. base/sides/top profile
3. dimension and depth
4. sketch
5. truncation
6. fill nos
7. other comments

Co-Ordinates

Consists of:

Overlies:

Level

Butts:

MASONRY:

1. materials
2. size of bricks etc
3. finish of stones
4. coursing/bond
5. form
6. faces
7. bond
8. dimensions as found
9. other comments

Slide No.

Cuts:

Neg No.

Fill of: *1*

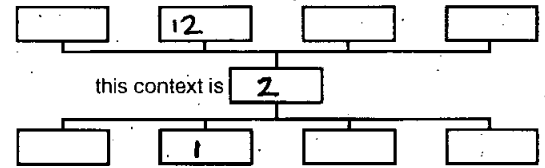
Matrix location

Relationships uncertain

Description (See check lists):

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX

*1. - 4. MID-DARK BROWNISH GREY CLAY SILT
+ c. 2% GREENSAND/CHALK FRAGMENTS
5. & 6. WITHIN [] 7. -
8. MATTOCK / TROWEL, DRY + COOL.*



Interpretation/Discussion:

single fill of ditch []

Finds (tick): None [] Pot [] Bone [] Flint [] Stone [] Burnt stone [] Glass []
Metal [] CBM [] Wood [] Leather []

△ Small Finds

Recorder *RB*

◇ Samples

Date

⬠ Building Materials

Initials



CONTEXT RECORD

Context No.

3

SITE WABUL09

ADDITIONAL SHEETS:

TYPE Cut

Trench

Context Type: Deposit / Cut Structure

Check Lists:

Site sub-div

Overlain by:

DEPOSIT:

1. compaction
2. colour
3. composition
4. inclusion
5. thickness
6. extent
7. comments
8. method & conditions

Structure No.

Abutted by:

Plan No.

1

Cut by:

Filled by: 4 + 5

Section No.

2

Same as: 1??

Part of:

CUT:

1. shape in plan
2. base/sides/top profile
3. dimension and depth
4. sketch
5. truncation
6. fill nos
7. other comments

Co-Ordinates

Consists of:

Overlies:

Level

Butts:

MASONRY:

1. materials
2. size of bricks etc
3. finish of stones
4. coursing/bond
5. form
6. faces
7. bond
8. dimensions as found
9. other comments

Slide No.

Cuts: 13

Neg No.

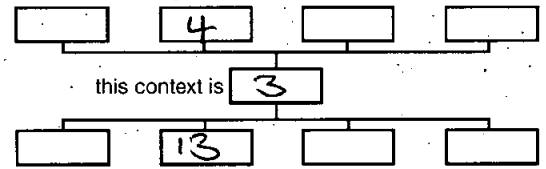
Fill of:

Matrix location

Relationships uncertain

Description (See check lists):

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX

1. LINEAR (POSS. CURVILINEAR - REF [1])2. EASTERN EDGE SLOPES AT c. 65°TO CONCAVE BASE, WESTERN EDGETRUNCATED BY [6] 3. 1.8m+ x 0.62m x 0.45m4. - 5. BT [6] 6 ([4]+[5]) 7. -

Interpretation/Discussion:

NW-SE aligned ditch of indeterminate date and function. single sherd of flint tempered pottery recovered, but not particularly diagnostic. could be Saxon (pers. comm. Ed Biddolph). possibly same as ditch [1] (ref. [1])

Finds (tick): None Pot Bone Flint Stone Burnt stone Glass
 Metal CBM Wood Leather

△ Small Finds

Recorder RB

◇ Samples

Date

△ Building Materials

Initials



CONTEXT RECORD

Context No.

4

SITE WABLO9

ADDITIONAL SHEETS:

TYPE Fill

Trench

Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure

Check Lists:

Site sub-div

Overlain by: 5

DEPOSIT:

1. compaction
2. colour
3. composition
4. inclusion
5. thickness
6. extent
7. comments
8. method & conditions

Structure No.

Abutted by:

Plan No.

Cut by:

Filled by:

Section No.

2

Same as:

Part of:

CUT:

1. shape in plan
2. base/sides/top profile
3. dimension and depth
4. sketch
5. truncation
6. fill nos
7. other comments

Co-Ordinates

Consists of:

Overlies:

Level

Butts:

MASONRY:

1. materials
2. size of bricks etc
3. finish of stones
4. coursing/bond
5. form
6. faces
7. bond
8. dimensions as found
9. other comments

Slide No.

Cuts:

Neg No.

Fill of: 3

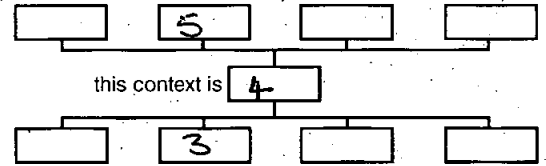
Matrix location

Relationships uncertain

Description (See check lists):

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX

1.-4. MIXED, BUT PREDOMINANTLY
RE-DEPOSITED GREENSAND/CHALK
FRAGMENTS IN MID-DARK GREY



CUT - SILT MATRIX.

5. 0.2cm 6. 0.5m⁺ x 0.5cm 7. — 8. TROWEL DRIFT & COLD

Interpretation/Discussion:

primary fill of ditch [3]. high concentration of
re-deposited material may suggest that this fill originated
from an associated bank??

Finds (tick): None [] Pot [] Bone [] Flint [] Stone [] Burnt stone [] Glass []
Metal [] CBM [] Wood [] Leather []

△ Small Finds

Recorder RB

◇ Samples

Date

⏏ Building Materials

Initials



CONTEXT RECORD

Context No.

5

SITE WABU09

ADDITIONAL SHEETS:

TYPE Fill

Trench

Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure

Check Lists:

Site sub-div

Overlain by:

DEPOSIT:

- 1. compaction
- 2. colour
- 3. composition
- 4. inclusion
- 5. thickness
- 6. extent
- 7. comments
- 8. method & conditions

Structure No.

Abutted by:

Plan No.

Cut by: 6

Filled by:

Section No.

2

Same as:

Part of:

CUT:

- 1. shape in plan
- 2. base/sides/top profile
- 3. dimension and depth
- 4. sketch
- 5. truncation
- 6. fill nos
- 7. other comments

Co-Ordinates

Consists of:

Overlies: 4

Level

Butts:

MASONRY:

- 1. materials
- 2. size of bricks etc
- 3. finish of stones
- 4. coursing/bond
- 5. form
- 6. faces
- 7. bond
- 8. dimensions as found
- 9. other comments

Slide No.

Cuts:

Neg No.

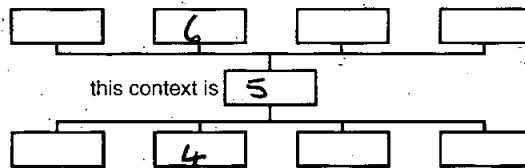
Fill of: 3

Matrix location

Relationships uncertain

Description (See check lists):

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX

1. -4. Mid-DARK BROWNISH GREYCut SILT5. c. 0.2m 6. within [3] 7. -8. MATTECK/TROWEL, DRY + COLD.

Interpretation/Discussion:

top fill of ditch [3], SIMILAR IN COMPOSITION to single fill of ditch [1] (trench 1)

Finds (tick): None [] Pot [] Bone [] Flint [] Stone [] Burnt stone [] Glass []
 Metal [] CBM [] Wood [] Leather []

 Small Finds
Recorder RB
 Samples

Date

 Building Materials

Initials



CONTEXT RECORD

Context No.

6

SITE WABUL'09

ADDITIONAL SHEETS:

TYPE *Cut*

Trench

Context Type: Deposit *(Cut)* Structure

Check Lists:

Site sub-div

Overlain by:

DEPOSIT:

1. compaction
2. colour
3. composition
4. inclusion
5. thickness
6. extent
7. comments
8. method & conditions

Structure No.

Abutted by:

Plan No.

Cut by:

Filled by: *7, 8 + 9*

Section No.

2

Same as:

Part of:

CUT:

1. shape in plan
2. base/sides/top profile
3. dimension and depth
4. sketch
5. truncation
6. fill nos
7. other comments

Co-Ordinates

Consists of:

Overlies:

Level

Butts:

MASONRY:

1. materials
2. size of bricks etc
3. finish of stones
4. coursing/bond
5. form
6. faces
7. bond
8. dimensions as found
9. other comments

Slide No.

Cuts: *13 + 5*

Neg No.

Fill of:

Matrix location

Relationships uncertain

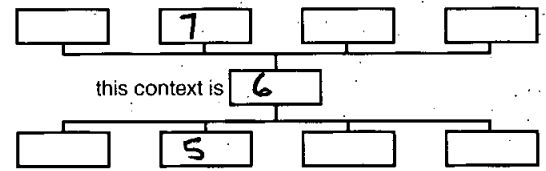
Description (See check lists):

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX

1. LINEAR

2. SIDES SLOPE AT C. 45° TO FLAT
BASE

3. 1.8m+ x 1.6m x 0.32m 4. - 5. TRUNCATES [3]

6. (7), (8) + (9) 7. - ~~8~~

Interpretation/Discussion:

*roughly N-S aligned ditch running parallel to
Eagles Lane and perpendicular to Ormond Road -
property boundary ??? - check historic mapping. - uncertain date*

Finds (tick): None [] Pot [] Bone [] Flint [] Stone [] Burnt stone [] Glass []
Metal [] CBM [] Wood [] Leather []

 Small Finds
Recorder *RB*
 Samples

Date

 Building Materials

Initials



CONTEXT RECORD

Context No.

7

SITE *WASUL'09*

ADDITIONAL SHEETS:

TYPE *Fill*

Trench

Context Type: *Deposit* / Cut / Structure

Check Lists:

Site sub-div

Overlain by: *8 + 10*

DEPOSIT:

1. compaction
2. colour
3. composition
4. inclusion
5. thickness
6. extent
7. comments
8. method & conditions

Structure No.

Abutted by:

Plan No.

Cut by:

Filled by:

Section No.

2

Same as:

Part of:

CUT:

1. shape in plan
2. base/sides/top profile
3. dimension and depth
4. sketch
5. truncation
6. fill nos
7. other comments

Co-Ordinates

Consists of:

Overlies:

Level

Butts:

MASONRY:

1. materials
2. size of bricks etc
3. finish of stones
4. coursing/bond
5. term
6. faces
7. bond
8. dimensions as found
9. other comments

Slide No.

Cuts:

Neg No.

Fill of: *6*

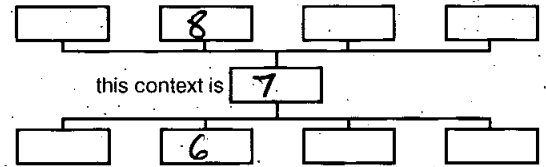
Matrix location

Relationships uncertain

Description (See check lists):

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX

*1.-4. Mid Greenish Grey Clay
Silt + c. 25% greensand/chalk
fragments.*

*5. 0.28m 6. 1.8m+ x 1m 7. -**8. Mattock / trowel, dry + cold*

Interpretation/Discussion:

primary fill of ditch T6

Finds (tick): None Pot Bone Flint Stone Burnt stone Glass
 Metal CBM Wood Leather

 Small FindsRecorder *RB* Samples

Date

 Building Materials

Initials



CONTEXT RECORD

Context No.

8

SITE *WABUL'09*

ADDITIONAL SHEETS:

TYPE *Fill*

Trench

Context Type: *Deposit* Cut / Structure

Check Lists:

Site sub-div

Overlain by: *9 + 10*

DEPOSIT:

1. compaction
2. colour
3. composition
4. inclusion
5. thickness
6. extent
7. comments
8. method & conditions

Structure No.

Abutted by:

Plan No.

Cut by:

Filled by:

Section No.

2

Same as:

Part of:

CUT:

1. shape in plan
2. base/sides/top profile
3. dimension and depth
4. sketch
5. truncation
6. fill nos
7. other comments

Co-Ordinates

Consists of:

Overlies: *7*

Level

Butts:

MASONRY:

1. materials
2. size of bricks etc
3. finish of stones
4. coursing/bond
5. form
6. faces
7. bond
8. dimensions as found
9. other comments

Slide No.

Cuts:

Neg No.

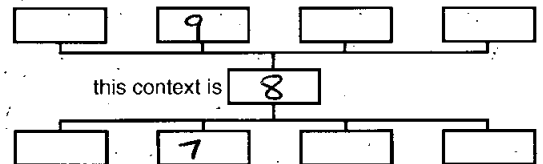
Fill of: *6*

Matrix location

Relationships uncertain

Description (See check lists):

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX

*1.-4. MID-DARK BROWNISH CLAY**SILT CLAY**5. 0-2m MAX 6. 1-8m⁺ x 1m**7.-8. MATTOCK/TROWEL, DRY + COLD*

this context is

8

Interpretation/Discussion:

Secondary fill of ditch [6]

Finds (tick): None Pot Bone Flint Stone Burnt stone Glass
 Metal CBM Wood Leather

△ Small Finds

Recorder *RB*

◇ Samples

Date

⬠ Building Materials

Initials



CONTEXT RECORD

Context No.

9

SITE **WABUL 09**

ADDITIONAL SHEETS:

TYPE **Fill**

Trench

Context Type: **Deposit** / Cut / Structure

Check Lists:

Site sub-div

Overlain by: **10**

DEPOSIT:

1. compaction
2. colour
3. composition
4. inclusion
5. thickness
6. extent
7. comments
8. method & conditions

Structure No.

Abutted by:

Plan No.

Cut by:

Filled by:

Section No.

2

Same as:

Part of:

CUT:

1. shape in plan
2. base/sides/top profile
3. dimension and depth
4. sketch
5. truncation
6. fill nos
7. other comments

Co-Ordinates

Consists of:

Overlies: **8**

Level

Butts:

MASONRY:

1. materials
2. size of bricks etc
3. finish of stones
4. coursing/bond
5. form
6. faces
7. bond
8. dimensions as found
9. other comments

Slide No.

Cuts:

Neg No.

Fill of: **6**

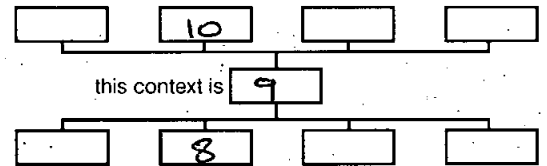
Matrix location

Relationships uncertain

Description (See check lists):

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX

1-4. Mid GREENISH GREY SANDY
SILT & 5-10% GREEN SAND/CHALK
FRAGMENTS



5. 0.2m max 6. 1-8m+ x clm 7. — 8. MATTOCK / TRAVEL DEPOSIT

Interpretation/Discussion:

tertiary and top fill of ditch [6]

Finds (tick): None [] Pot [] Bone [] Flint [] Stone [] Burnt stone [] Glass []
Metal [] CBM [] Wood [] Leather []

 Small Finds
Recorder **RB**
 Samples

Date

 Building Materials

Initials



CONTEXT RECORD

Context No.

10

SITE *WABU'09*

ADDITIONAL SHEETS:

TYPE *Deposit*

Trench

Context Type: *Deposit* / Cut / Structure

Check Lists:

Site sub-div

Overlain by: *11*

DEPOSIT:

1. compaction
2. colour
3. composition
4. inclusion
5. thickness
6. extent
7. comments
8. method & conditions

Structure No.

Abutted by:

Plan No.

Cut by:

Filled by:

Section No.

2

Same as:

Part of:

CUT:

1. shape in plan
2. base/side/top profile
3. dimension and depth
4. sketch
5. truncation
6. fill nos
7. other comments

Co-Ordinates

Consists of:

Overlies: *7, 8, 9, 5, 13*

Level

Butts:

MASONRY:

1. materials
2. size of bricks etc
3. finish of stones
4. coursing/bond
5. form
6. faces
7. bond
8. dimensions as found
9. other comments

Slide No.

Cuts:

Neg No.

Fill of:

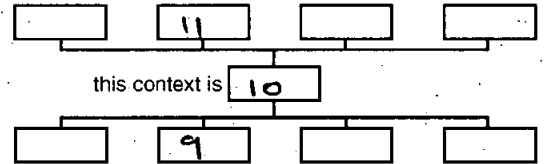
Matrix location

Relationships uncertain

Description (See check lists):

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX

*1 - 4. MID-DEEP GREENISH CLAY
CLAY SILT 5. c. 0.22m
6. c. 5m⁺ x 1.8m⁺
7. - 8. MACH. EX.*



Interpretation/Discussion:

buried soil - possibly ground surface preceding construction of ambulance station, only present to the east of trench 2 (ie. outside footprint of ambulance station) suggesting ground reduction within footprint of station has truncated this deposit, as made ground directly overlies natural within footprint.

Finds (tick): None Pot Bone Flint Stone Burnt stone Glass
Metal CBM Wood Leather

△ Small Finds

Recorder *RB*

◇ Samples

Date

⬆ Building Materials

Initials



CONTEXT RECORD

Context No.

11

SITE WABUL09

ADDITIONAL SHEETS:

TYPE Deposit

Trench

Context Type Deposit / Cut / Structure

Check Lists:

Site sub-div

Overlain by: 12

DEPOSIT:

1. compaction
2. colour
3. composition
4. inclusion
5. thickness
6. extent
7. comments
8. method & conditions

Structure No.

Abutted by:

Plan No.

Cut by:

Filled by:

Section No.

2

Same as:

Part of:

CUT:

1. shape in plan
2. base/sides/top profile
3. dimension and depth
4. sketch
5. truncation
6. fill nos
7. other comments

Co-Ordinates

Consists of:

Overlies: 10

Level

Butts:

MASONRY:

1. materials
2. size of bricks etc
3. finish of stones
4. coursing/bond
5. form
6. faces
7. bond
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9. other comments

Slide No.

Cuts:

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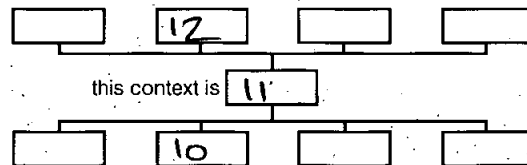
Fill of:

Matrix location

Relationships uncertain

Description (See check lists):

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX

1-4. Dark Grey Silty Clay5. c.o. dbm max6. 5m x 1.8m7. - 8. MACH. EX.

Interpretation/Discussion:

either trample on top of buried soil (10) OR
base of topsoil overlying same prior to construction /
demolition of ambulance station.

Finds (tick): None Pot Bone Flint Stone Burnt stone Glass
 Metal CBM Wood Leather

 Small Finds
Recorder RS
 Samples

Date

 Building Materials

Initials



CONTEXT RECORD

Context No.

12

SITE *WABUL'09*

ADDITIONAL SHEETS:

TYPE *DEPOSIT*

Trench

Context Type: *Deposit* / Cut / Structure

Check Lists:

Site sub-div

Overlain by:

DEPOSIT:

1. compaction
2. colour
3. composition
4. inclusion
5. thickness
6. extent
7. comments
8. method & conditions

Structure No.

Abuted by:

Plan No.

Cut by:

Filled by:

Section No.

1+2

Same as:

Part of:

CUT:

1. shape in plan
2. base/sides/top profile
3. dimension and depth
4. sketch
5. truncation
6. fill nos
7. other comments

Co-Ordinates

Consists of:

Overlies: *11, 13, 2*

Level

Butts:

MASONRY:

1. materials
2. size of bricks etc
3. finish of stones
4. coursing/bond
5. form
6. faces
7. bond
8. dimensions as found
9. other comments

Slide No.

Cuts:

Neg No.

Fill of:

Matrix location

Relationships uncertain

Description (See check lists):

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX

*1. - 4. MIXED DEMOLITION RUBBLE**5. (i) < 0.6m WITHIN FOOTPRINT**OF AMBULANCE STATION**(ii) < 0.2m OUTSIDE FOOTPRINT OF AMBULANCE STATION**(iii) INDETERMINATE DEPTH WITHIN ? FOUNDATION TRENCHES OF AMBULANCE STATION**6. ALL TRENCHES 7. - 8. MACH. EX.*

Interpretation/Discussion:

demolition rubble from recently demolished ambulance station OR made ground assoc. with construction of same (more likely the former)

Finds (tick): None Pot Bone Flint Stone Burnt stone Glass
 Metal CBM Wood Leather

 Small Finds
Recorder *RB*
 Samples

Date

 Building Materials

Initials



CONTEXT RECORD

Context No.

13

SITE WAB209

ADDITIONAL SHEETS:

TYPE LAYER

Trench

Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure

Check Lists:

Site sub-div

Overlain by:

DEPOSIT:

1. compaction
2. colour
3. composition
4. inclusion
5. thickness
6. extent
7. comments
8. method & conditions

Structure No.

Abutted by:

Plan No.

Cut by:

Filled by:

Section No.

Same as:

Part of:

CUT:

1. shape in plan
2. base/sides/top profile
3. dimension and depth
4. sketch
5. truncation
6. fill nos
7. other comments

Co-Ordinates

Consists of:

Overlies:

Level

Butts:

MASONRY:

1. materials
2. size of bricks etc
3. finish of stones
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6. faces
7. bond
8. dimensions as found
9. other comments

Slide No.

Cuts:

Neg No.

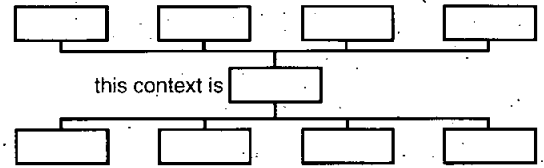
Fill of:

Matrix location

Relationships uncertain

Description (See check lists):

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX



Interpretation/Discussion:

NATURAL GEOLGY - GREENSAND

Finds (tick): None [] Pot [] Bone [] Flint [] Stone [] Burnt stone [] Glass []
 Metal [] CBM [] Wood [] Leather []

△ Small Finds

Recorder RB

◇ Samples

Date

⬆ Building Materials

Initials



CONTEXT RECORD

Context No.

14

SITE *WAB 09*

ADDITIONAL SHEETS:

TYPE *FINDS Ref*

Trench

Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure

Check Lists:

Site sub-div

Overlain by:

DEPOSIT:

1. compaction
2. colour
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Structure No.

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Co-Ordinates

Consists of:

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Slide No.

Cuts:

Neg No.

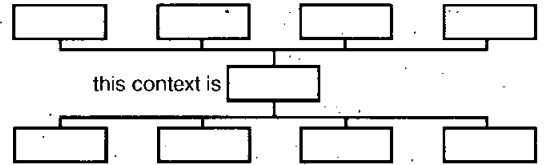
Fill of:

Matrix location

Relationships uncertain

Description (See check lists):

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX

FINDS REFERENCE

Interpretation/Discussion:

number allocated to finds retrieved from extended intervention across ditch [3] - almost certainly from fill (5) but potential for contamination from later post hole.

Finds (tick): None [] Pot [] Bone [] Flint [] Stone [] Burnt stone [] Glass []
Metal [] CBM [] Wood [] Leather []

 Small Finds
Recorder *RB*
 Samples

Date

 Building Materials

Initials

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WABUL09

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B. CATALOGUE OF DRAWINGS

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Tick if present

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B: Site Data – Text: Catalogue of Drawings	✓
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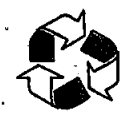
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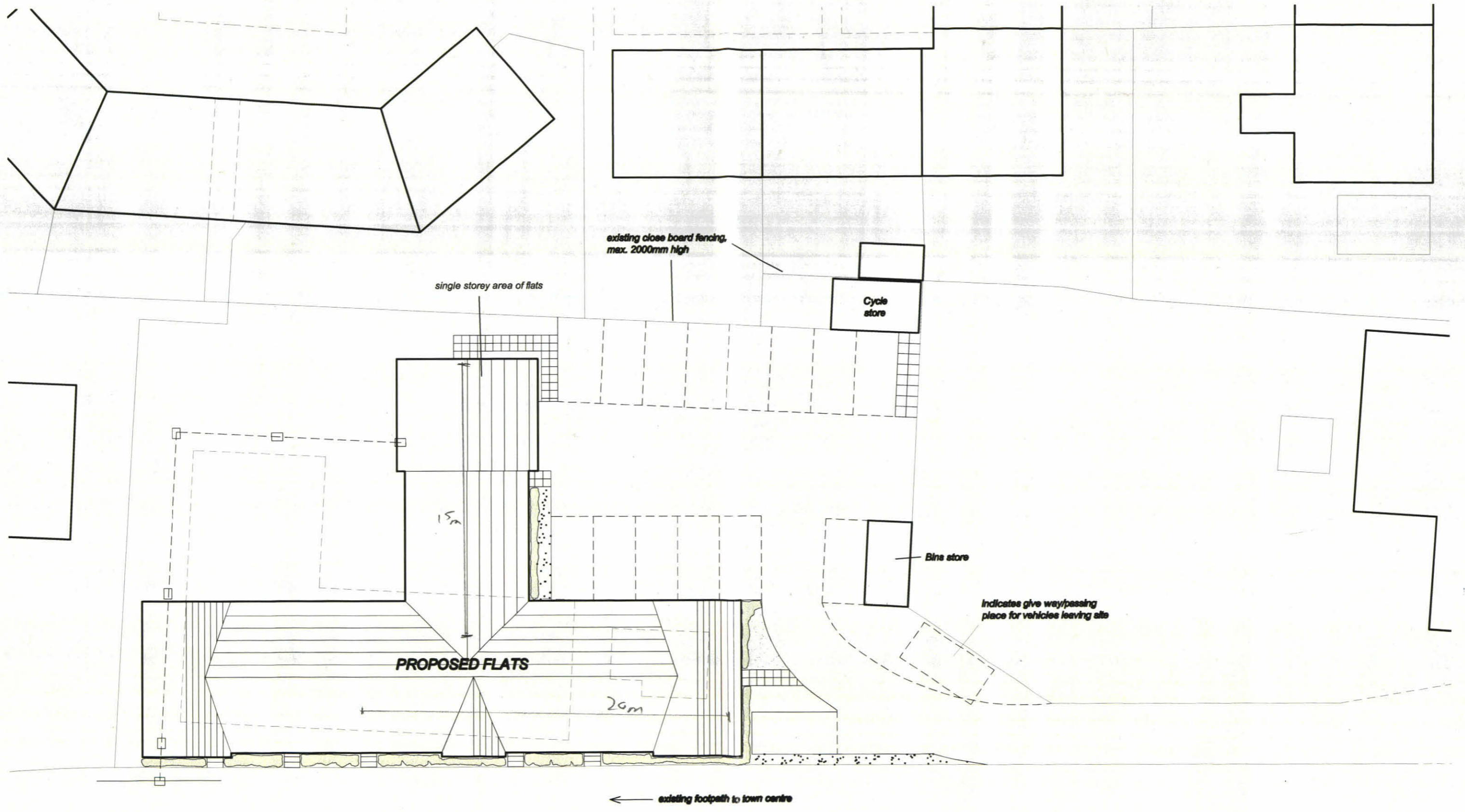
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SITE PLAN
1:200

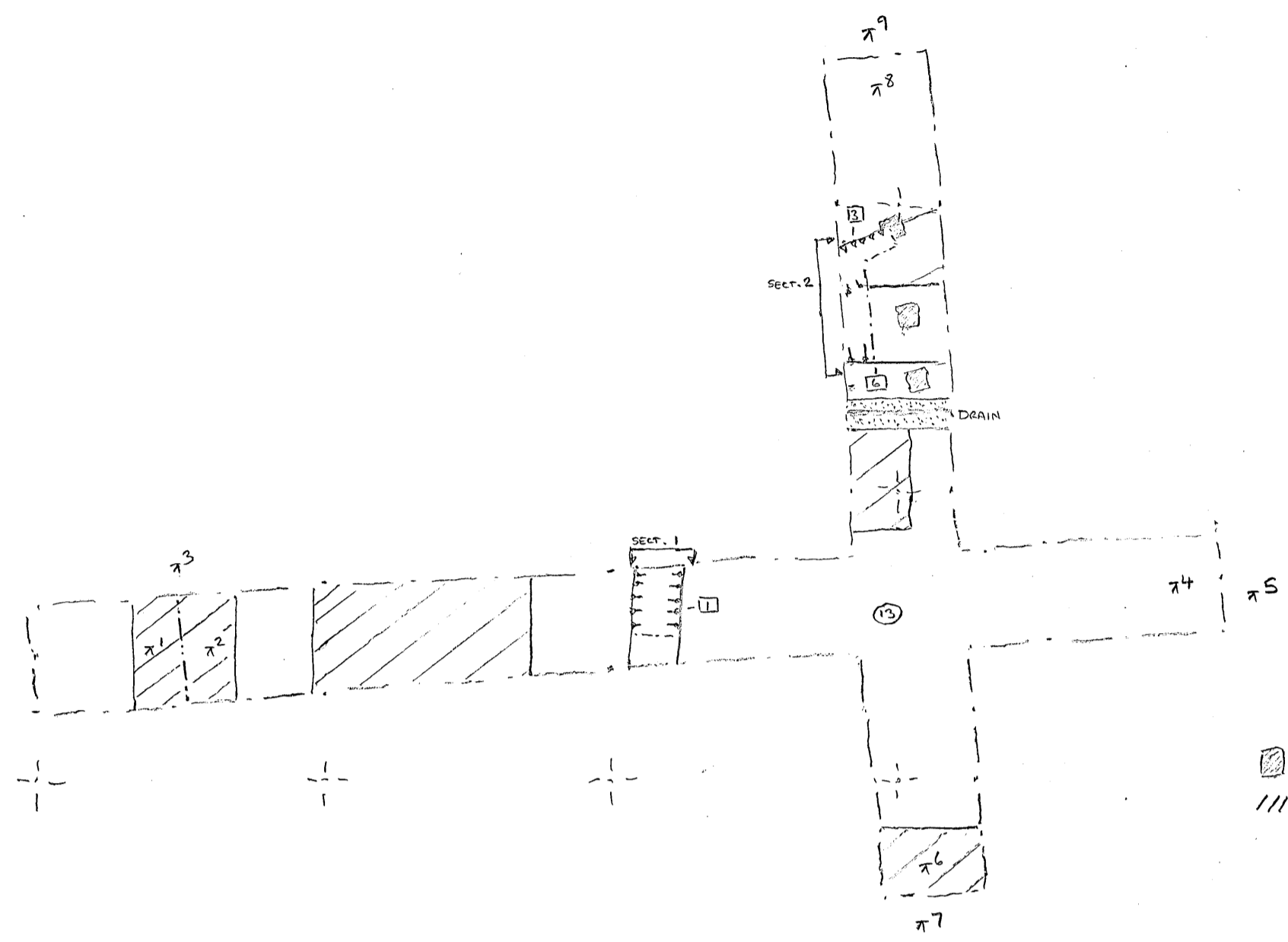
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Wantage Ambulance Station
 Plans 1 & 2, Sections 1 & 2

Scales :-
 1:200 for plan 1
 1:100 for plan 2
 1:20 for sections 1 & 2

Levels on plans 1 & 2 from BM on
 corner of church of SS Peter & Paul = 92.86m OD

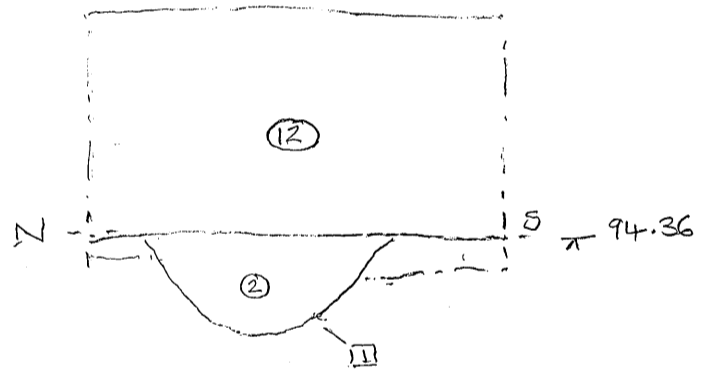
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- 6 - 94.89
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- 9 - 94.96



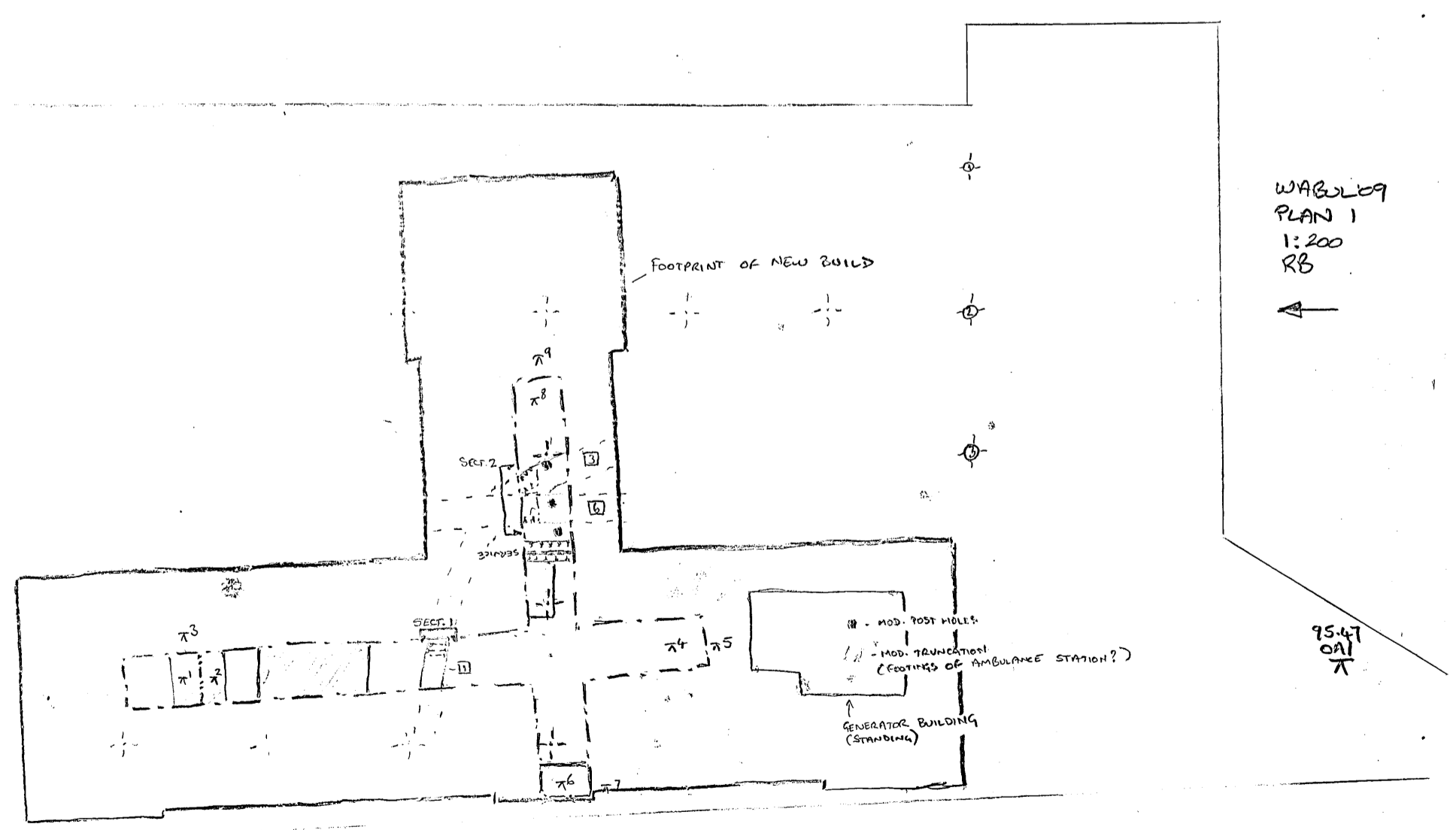
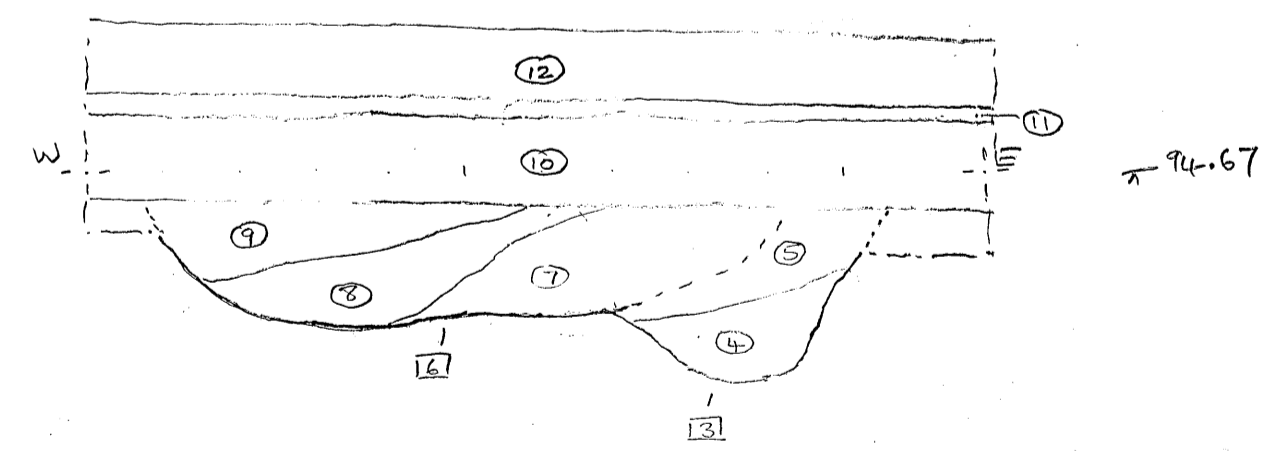
WABUL09
 PLAN 2
 1:100 RB

▣ : modern post holes
 /// : modern truncation (footings of ambulance station)

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 SECTION 1
 1:20 RB



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 SECTION 2
 1:20 RB



WABUL09
 PLAN 1
 1:200 RB

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FOOTPRINT OF NEW BUILD

NO. 100 POST HOLE
 NO. 100 TRUNCATION
 (FOOTINGS OF AMBULANCE STATION?)
 GENERAL BUILDING
 (CONTRACTOR)

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C. PRIMARY FINDS DATA

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Co FINDS Bag/Box Lists

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Finds Compendium

Site Code	Invoice Code	Site Name	Accession No	OAU No
WABUL 09	WABLUEV	Wantage Ambulance Station		1455

Finds materials summarised for Site Code: WABUL 09 and invoice code: WABLUEV

Material	No of Boxes	No Of Contexts	No Of Sherds	Total Weight (g)	Box Sizes	Box Numbers
Animal Bone		4	25	435		MISC.01 - mixed box
Flint		1	1	4		MISC.01 - mixed box
Mortar		2	4	25		MISC.01 - mixed box
Pottery		3	3	25		MISC.01 - mixed box
Totals:			33	489 g		

Total No of Boxes:

+
1 miscellaneous boxes

Miscellaneous Box Sizes:

MISC.01 Size 3

Box Contents Sheets

Site Code WABUL 09	Material: Miscellaneous
Box Size Size 3	Box No MISC.01 Accession No

Context	SF No	No of Bags	No of Objects	Material:	Weight (g)	Context	SF Number	No of Bags	No of Objects	Material:	Weight (g)
2		1	11	Animal Bone	51						
5		1	5	Animal Bone	19						
8		1	8	Animal Bone	357						
14		1	1	Animal Bone	8						
2		1	1	Flint	4						
2		1	3	Mortar	22						
5		1	1	Mortar	3						
5		1	1	Pottery	6						
10		1	1	Pottery	11						
14		1	1	Pottery	8						

No of Contexts:	10	Total Bags:	10
Total Objects:	33	Total Weight:	489

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Box 1 FILE 9

D. CATALOGUE OF Photographs

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PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD SHEET

SITE CODE WASUL09

SITE NAME Vantage Ambulance Station

FILM NO. #1

Camera number

Lens number

Black & white / colour

Date	Negative number	View	Context(s)	Initials
30.11.09	0		10 SHOT	LS
	1		involving shots - site	↓
	2			
	3			
	4	→ N	TRENCH 2 (WORKING SHOT)	
	5	→ E	FEATURE, TRENCH 1 (WORKING SHOT)	
	6	→ S	TRENCH 1	
	7	→ S	TRENCH 1 + BD	
	8	→ S	— " — No BD	
	9	→ W	TRENCH 2 + BD	
	10	→ W	— " — No BD	
	11	→ E	SECTION 1; TRENCH 1 + BD	
	12	→ E	— " — No BD	
	13	→ N	SECTION 2; TRENCH 2 + BD	
	14	→ N	— " — No BD	
	15	→ N	TRENCH 1 No BD	
	16	→ E	TRENCH 2 No BD	
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PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD SHEET

SITE CODE WABUL09SITE NAME WANTAGE AMBULANCE STATIONFILM NO. 1

Camera number

Lens number

Black & white / colour

Date	Negative number	View	Context(s)	Initials
	0		ID SHOT	
	1	→ S	TRENCH 1 + 3D	
	2	"	— " — NO 3D	
	3	→ W	TRENCH 2 + 3D	
	4	"	— " — NO 3D	
	5	→ E	SECTION 1; TRENCH 1 + 3D	
	6	"	— " — NO 3D	
	7	→ N	SECTION 2; TRENCH 2 + 3D	
	8	"	— " — NO 3D	
	9	→ N	TRENCH 1 NO 3D	
	10	→ E	TRENCH 2 NO 3D	
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DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD SHEET

SITE CODE

WABUL'09

SITE NAME

WANTAGE AMBULANCE STATION

Date	Shot number	View	Context(s)	Geo Ref (tick)	Initials
		→S	TRENCH 1 + BD		
		"	" " " No BD		
		→W	TRENCH 2 + BD		
		"	" " " No BD		
		→E	SECTION 1; TRENCH 1 + BD		
		"	" " " No BD		
		→N	SECTION 2; TRENCH 2 + BD		
		"	" " " No BD		
		→N	TRENCH 1 No BD		
		→E	TRENCH 2 No BD		
		→W	RECORD SHOTS, EXTENSIONS TO INTERVENTIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		→SE	THROUGH [1] + [3] FOR FINDS RETRIEVAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		→W	" " "	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		→SE	" " "	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		→NW	BACKFILLED		
		"	" " "		

Sheet1

Site Code: WABUL 09		Site Name: Wantage, Ambulance Station		
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0002	S	Trench 1	RB	01/12/09
0003	W	Trench 2	RB	01/12/09
0004	W	Trench 2	RB	01/12/09
0005	E	S. 1, trench 1	RB	01/12/09
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0014	SE	Record shot, extension to intervention [3] for finds retri	RB	01/12/09
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