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Summary

Wessex Archaeology undertook an archaeological watching brief during the development of 'Barnaby', Northbrook Avenue, Winchester (NGR 449100 129240) on behalf of Millgate (Winchester) Ltd. The watching brief was to fulfil an archaeological condition required by Winchester City Council (Planning Ref: 08/00051/FUL), the Local Planning Authority.

The Site lies close to a known Anglo-Saxon cemetery, and there was the potential for archaeological remains of a range of periods within it.

The archaeological watching brief was undertaken over a number of phases to monitor groundworks for the removal and grubbing out of foundations of the 1930s house that had previously occupied the Site and for the construction and Inadcsping of the new property.

The watching brief indicated that any archaeological potential which the Site may have had had been heavily impacted, and probably removed, by the construction of the house in the 1930s, and the associated landscaping of its grounds.

No archaeological features, deposits or artefacts were observed or recorded.

The watching brief was undertaken over a number of visits between 4 December and 8 December 2008; 30 September and 27 November 2009 and on 9 March 2011.

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project background

1.1.1 Wessex Archaeology was appointed by Millgate (Winchester) Ltd to carry out an archaeological watching brief during the development of 'Barnaby', Northbrook Avenue, Winchester (hereafter 'the Site'), centred on NGR 449100 129240 (**Figure 1**). The development comprised the demolition of the extant dwelling and construction of two houses and landscaping.

1.1.2 Planning permission for the Site was granted by Winchester City Council (Planning Ref: 08/00051/FUL) the Local Planning Authority, in April 2008, subject to the following archaeological condition (based on advice submitted by the Council's Historic Environment Officer).

"No development, or site preparation prior to development which has any effect on disturbing or altering the level or composition of the land, shall take place until the applicant (or their agents or successors in title) has secured and implemented a programme of archaeological work in accordance with a written scheme of investigation to be submitted by the applicant and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority".

1.1.3 Prior to the commencement of the watching brief a Written Scheme of Investigation (WA 2008) setting out the methods by which Wessex Archaeology would undertake the work was submitted to and approved by the Winchester City Historic Environment Officer.

1.2 The Site

1.2.1 The Site lies east of the historic core of Winchester, in the suburb of St Giles Hill. The extant house, 'Barnaby', was built in the 1930s. There was parking to the front and a landscaped garden to the rear.

1.2.2 The site occupies an elevated position, at c. 86m above Ordnance Datum, with commanding views to the south. The geology is mapped as Upper Chalk (Geological Survey of Great Britain, Sheet 299 Winchester).

1.3 Archaeological Background

1.3.1 The Site lies in an area of archaeological potential, near a known Anglo-Saxon cemetery. The Winchester Urban Archaeological Database records that a number of inhumation burials and artefacts dating to the Saxon period have been found close to the Site.

- 1.3.2 Artefacts of prehistoric and medieval date have also been found in the area, some of the latter possibly associated with the medieval fair which was established on St Giles Hill in the late 11th century.
- 1.3.3 Although the construction of the extant house and the landscaping of its grounds are likely to have had an impact on any archaeological remains within the property, it was considered possible that the Site retained some archaeological potential, such as graves cut into the Chalk bedrock.

2 AIMS AND METHODS

- 2.1.1 The aims of the watching brief were to control and monitor groundwork associated with the development, including demolition and site preparation works, and to ensure that any archaeological remains revealed were investigated and recorded without causing unreasonable delay to the progress of the works.
- 2.1.2 The methodology was set out in a Written Scheme of Investigation (WA 2008) prepared in accordance with *Standards and Guidance for Archaeological Watching Briefs* published by the Institute of Field Archaeologists (IfA 2008).

3 RESULTS

- 3.1.1 The watching brief was carried out over a number of visits to the Site commencing in December 2008 through to March 2011 to monitor groundworks associated with the development.
- 3.1.2 The watching brief undertaken in December 2008 monitored ground clearance, the breaking out of the concrete slab and brick footings of the 1930s building. No archaeological features and or deposits were observed and it was clear that the former 1930s building had had a severe impact on the ground, which would have most probably removed any evidence of any potential *in situ* archaeology. The monitoring recorded the natural bedrock chalk at between 0.12m to 0.40m below ground level (BGL) depending on the level of disturbance and truncation from the 1930s building. The chalk was overlain by a mixture of topsoil and disturbed made ground (**Plate 1**). The footings from the former building were seen to truncate the natural chalk to a depth of up to 0.80m.
- 3.1.3 During the construction phase of groundworks for the new development and its associated landscaping in 2009 and 2011, a series of machine excavated wall foundations (**Plate 2**) and service trenches and landscaping areas were subject to archaeological monitoring.
- 3.1.4 The monitoring of these groundworks revealed generally a soil profile (**Plate 3**) comprising the natural bedrock chalk at a depth of 0.30m to 0.60m (BGL) overlain by up to 0.40m of made ground. This was overlain by c.0.20m deep topsoil. There was generally a clean interface between the topsoil/overburden and the Chalk (**Plate 4**). There were also areas of deeper truncation related to former services associated with the 1930s building and disturbance from the groundworks undertaken in 2008.

- 3.1.5 Other than features and deposits relating to the extant 1930s building, its services, and the associated 20th century landscaping, no archaeological features, deposits or artefacts were observed during any of the groundworks.

4 FINDS

- 4.1.1 No finds suitable for retention were recorded during the course of the watching brief.

5 ENVIRONMENTAL

- 5.1.1 No deposits suitable for environmental sampling were recorded during the course of the watching brief.

6 CONCLUSION

- 6.1.1 The watching brief established that any archaeological potential which the Site may have had would have been heavily impacted and probably removed by the construction of the extant building in the 1930s, and the associated landscaping of its grounds. As a result no archaeological features and/or deposits were revealed.
- 6.1.2 No evidence of any Anglo-Saxon burials cut into the natural chalk bedrock was revealed and there was no evidence of any features related to the medieval fair present.

7 ARCHIVE

7.1 Preparation and Deposition

- 7.1.1 It is recommended that the project archive is deposited with the Winchester Museums Service, Winchester under WINCM: **AY374**.
- 7.1.2 The project archive will be prepared to comply with guidelines set out in *Environmental Standards for the permanent storage of excavated material from archaeological sites* (UKIC 1984, Conservation Guidelines 3), *Guidelines for the preparation of excavation archives for long-term storage* (Walker 1990) and *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment* (MoRPHE), English Heritage (2006), as required by the Winchester Museums Service).
- 7.1.3 The project archive, consisting of one A4 ring binder, with context sheets, section plans, photo registers, day book entries and a collection of colour digital photographs, is currently held at the offices of Wessex Archaeology at Old Sarum, Salisbury, Wiltshire under WINCM **AY 374** and Wessex Archaeology project number **70230**.
- 7.1.4 A copy of the archive report and digital data (.dxf or shapefile format) relating to the watching brief will be deposited with the Winchester Historic Environment Record (WHER). Data from the summary and archive report submitted to the WHER will be incorporated into the Winchester UAD, which is a publicly accessible record.

7.2 Copyright

- 7.2.1 The full copyright of the written/illustrative archive relating to the site will be retained by Wessex archaeology Ltd under the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 with all rights reserved. The Museum, however, will be granted an exclusive licence for the use of the archive for educational purposes including academic research, providing that such use shall be non-profit making, and conforms to the Copyright and Related Rights regulations 2003.

7.3 Security copy

- 7.3.1 In line with current best practice, on completion of the project a security copy of the paper records will be prepared, in the form of microfilm. The master jackets and one diazo copy of the microfilm will be submitted to the National Monuments Record Centre (Swindon); a second diazo copy will be deposited with the paper records at the Museum, and a third diazo copy will be retained by Wessex Archaeology

7.4 Oasis

- 7.4.1 Details of the fieldwork have also been entered into the online "Oasis" database maintained by the Archaeological Data Service (ADS) (**Appendix 1**).

8 REFERENCES

Walker, K., 1990 *Guidelines for the preparation of excavation archives for long term storage*. UKIC Archaeology Section

Wessex Archaeology, 2008, *Barnaby, Northbrook Avenue, Winchester, Written Scheme of Investigation: Project Design For Watching Brief* (WINCH: AY 374). WA Ref: 70230.01

APPENDIX 1: OASIS FORM

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Any associated project reference codes	70230 - Contracting Unit No.
Any associated project reference codes	AY374 - Museum accession ID
Any associated project reference codes	AY374 - Sitecode
Type of project	Recording project
Site status	None
Current Land use	Residential 1 - General Residential
Monument type	NONE None
Significant Finds	NONE None
Investigation type	""Watching Brief""
Prompt	Planning condition

Project location

Country	England
Site location	HAMPSHIRE WINCHESTER WINCHESTER Barnaby, Northbrook Avenue, Winchester
Postcode	SO23 0JW
Study area	1400.00 Square metres
Site coordinates	SU 491 292 51 -1 51 03 34 N 001 17 57 W Point

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Project archives

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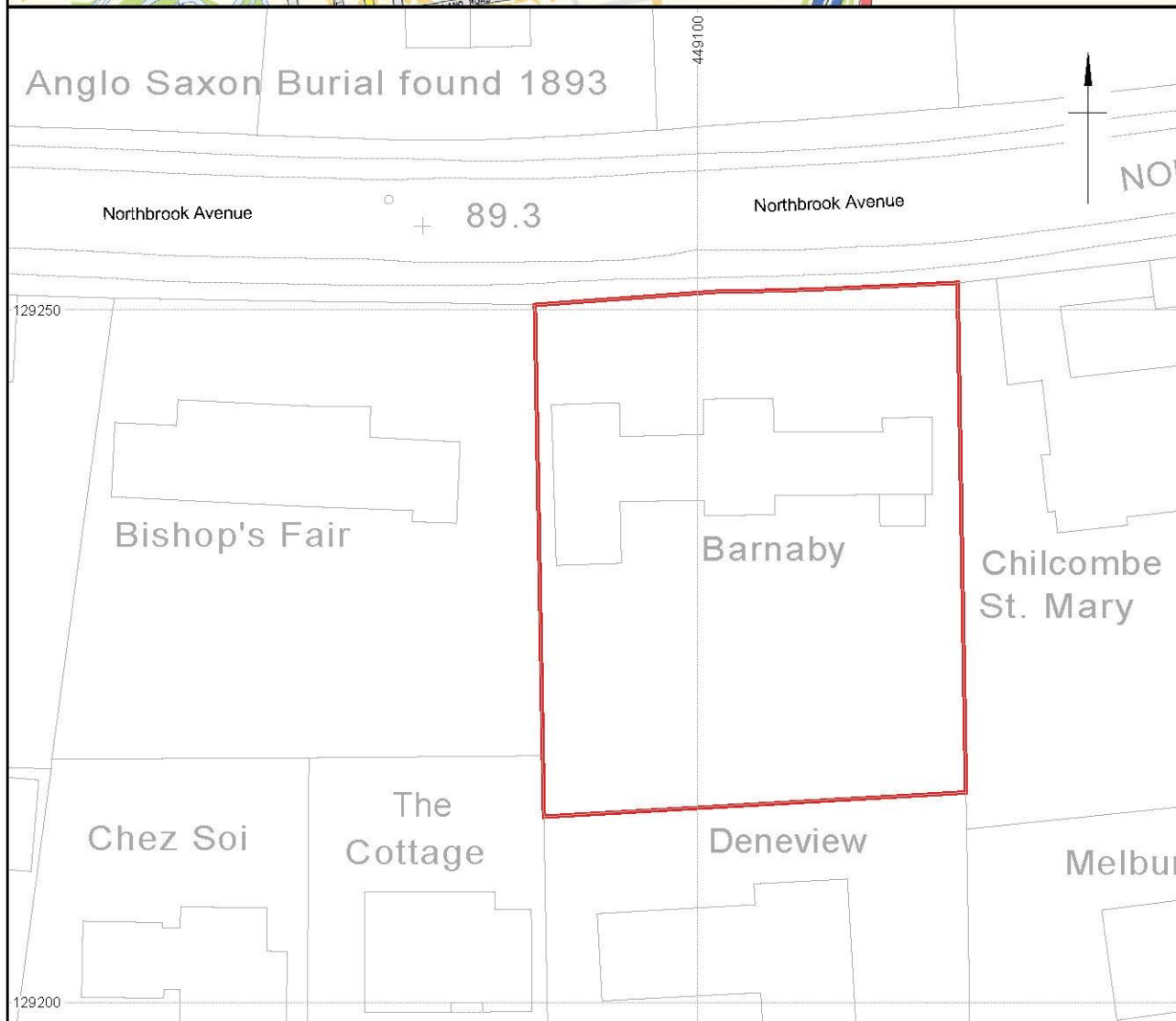
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Location of the Site and Watching Brief area

Figure 1



Plate 1: View looking north of exposed natural chalk underlying made ground.



Plate 2: View looking south of exposed natural chalk in foundation trench



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Plate 3: View looking south of soil profile in soakaway.



Plate 4: View looking east of exposed natural chalk in section



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