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1. Introduction

1.1 SCOPE OF THIS REPORT

1.1.1 Description of the proposed development

This report¹, commissioned by M7 Planning Ltd, presents the findings of a cultural heritage assessment for proposed residential development on land to the north of Pineapple Farm, Congresbury, North Somerset (**Figure 1**). The extent of the Proposed Development Area (PDA) is shown on **Figure 2** and encompasses approximately 3.3ha, including access. The centre of the PDA is at ST 44278 63148.

The full description of the proposed scheme, comprising an outline planning application for the erection of up to 90 dwellings with all matters reserved except for access, is set out in the Planning Application documents.

The development framework plan is shown on **Figure 3**.

1.1.2 Scope of cultural heritage

Cultural heritage is represented by a wide range of assets that result from past human use of the landscape. These include historic structures, many still in use, above ground and buried archaeological monuments and remains of all periods, artefacts of anthropological origin and evidence that can help reconstruct past human environments. In its broadest form cultural heritage is represented by the landscape and townscape itself.

Assessment should consider both direct and indirect effects upon cultural heritage. Indirect effects can occur as a result of significant changes to the setting of a landscape or asset, whether permanent or temporary. This is particularly relevant to designated cultural heritage assets, such as Scheduled Monuments, Listed Buildings, Conservation Areas and Registered Parks and Gardens.

This assessment has considered direct effects within the PDA and indirect effects upon the setting of heritage assets.

1.1.3 Setting and geology

The modern civil parish, which straddles the River Yeo, is of c.3,000 acres. The ancient ecclesiastical parish was larger, but c.1,000 acres of its western part was later split off to form the civil parish of Puxton. The greater part of Congresbury is low-lying, with the western half of the parish extending onto the Somerset Levels and the village at just 8m AOD on a low spur of Higher Estuarine Alluvium. South of the village the ground rises a little onto low hills and gently undulating landscape of Brinsea, while to the north the land rises more steeply through Kingswood towards the limestone plateau of Broadfield Down.

Geology and hydrology are summarised below, with information drawn from the British Geological Survey and mapping.

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|----------------------------------|---|
| Soilscapes Classification | Slowly permeable seasonally wet slightly acid but base-rich loamy and clayey soils (18) Loamy and clayey floodplain soils with naturally high groundwater to north-east (20) |
| Superficial 1:50000 BGS | Tidal Flat Deposits, 1 - Clay and Silt (TFD1) |
| Bedrock 1:50000 BGS | Mercia Mudstone Group - Mudstone And Halite-stone (MMG) |
| Hydrology | Impeded drainage |
| Current Land Use | Agricultural - Pasture |
| Historic Land Use | Agricultural |

1.1.4 Consultations

The scope of the project was discussed with Cat Lodge, County Archaeologist, North Somerset Council (**Appendix A**). Her advice is gratefully acknowledged.

1.2 DESK-BASED RESEARCH

In order to assess the effects of the potential scheme, cultural heritage information within and up to 1km from the PDA was examined.

A variety of sources were consulted including the North Somerset Historic Environment Record, the National Monuments Record, Defra Magic, Historic England Archive, maps and readily available local history materials. A site walkover was undertaken in October 2020.

The work was undertaken by Andrew Josephs, Ian Meadows and Paul Stamper of AJA.

1.3 FIELD-BASED RESEARCH

A geophysical survey of the entire site was undertaken by Tigergeo in November 2020.

1.4 AUTHORSHIP

Andrew Josephs (BA Hons Archaeology and Environmental Studies) is Managing Director of Andrew Josephs Associates, a consultancy specialising in cultural heritage founded in 2002. Andrew has extensive experience of all periods and facets of cultural heritage. He is involved primarily in planning applications, EIA and the design of mitigation strategies on developments with heritage constraints. Currently Andrew is heritage consultant to over 100 companies across Europe.

He has undertaken in excess of 1000 cultural heritage assessments since becoming one of the UK's first archaeological consultants in 1992. He was previously Principal Consultant (Director of Archaeology) at Entec (now Wood) and Wardell Armstrong. Prior to 1992, he worked as a field-based archaeologist and researcher for universities and units in the UK, Europe and the USA.

He has lectured widely and was visiting lecturer in Environmental Impact Assessment at the University of Nottingham.

Ian Meadows (BA Archaeology and Geology, Dip.Mus) is an archaeologist with over 30 years' experience in a variety of professional areas. He was Senior Project Officer with

Northamptonshire Archaeology (now MOLA) from 1992 until 2014 when he joined AJA. Ian is highly experienced project manager of large landscape projects such as long running quarries. Ian has a particular interest in the Roman period and is currently Director of the excavations at Irchester Roman town.

In addition to his fieldwork he is engaged in regular outreach sessions to both professional and amateur groups as part of his role dealing with both adults and children. He has been teaching archaeology and landscape history to adults and children since the late 1980s, previously being engaged as a tutor by Cambridge University, Anglia Ruskin University, Bath University and the WEA and feels it is important to disseminate the information derived from projects to a wider audience.

Dr Paul Stamper FSA left Historic England in 2016 after 20 years in a variety of roles. Latterly one of his principal responsibilities as Senior Adviser was overseeing production of Historic England's 43 Selection Guides, covering designation standards for listed buildings, scheduled monuments, registered parks and gardens, registered battlefields and protected shipwrecks. Paul has wide practical experience of designation, having undertaken numerous assessments, notably of buildings and of designed landscapes.

His private research interests have focused principally on the development of the post-Roman English countryside. He has published extensively through monographs, articles and book reviews, and jointly edited the standard work on medieval settlement, *Medieval Rural Settlement: Britain and Ireland AD 800-1600* (Oxford 2012). He served terms as Vice-President for the Society for Medieval Archaeology and for the Royal Archaeological Institute, and is a Past President of the Medieval Settlement Research Group. His teaching links with several universities includes a course on Medieval settlement at the University of Cambridge.

1.5 RELEVANT LEGISLATION, POLICY AND GUIDANCE

The importance of cultural heritage is clearly recognised at both national and local levels. Certain features that are deemed to be of particular importance are given legal protection through the *Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979* (Scheduled Monuments), the *Town and Country Planning Act 1990* (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) and the *Hedgerows Regulations 1997* (Hedgerows of Historic Importance).

1.5.1 National Policy and Guidance

In accordance with best practice the significance of an effect should be identified as part of this assessment. This is achieved using a combination of the following published guidance and professional judgement.

- National Planning Policy Framework, updated 2019. Department for Communities and Local Government.
- Planning Practice Guidance: *Conserving and Enhancing the Historic Environment* <http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk>
- Historic England² 2008. *Conservation Principles: Policies and Guidance for the Sustainable Management of the Historic Environment*.

² Historic England includes its former name English Heritage

- Historic England 2017. *The Setting of Heritage Assets (GPA3)*

1.5.2 National Planning Policy Framework

National planning policy on how cultural heritage should be assessed is given in the National Planning Policy Framework, updated in 2019. This covers all aspects of heritage and the historic environment, including listed buildings, conservation areas, registered parks and gardens, battlefields and archaeology.

Of particular relevance to this application are:

189. *In determining applications, local planning authorities should require an applicant to describe the significance of any heritage assets affected, including any contribution made by their setting. The level of detail should be proportionate to the assets' importance and no more than is sufficient to understand the potential impact of the proposal on their significance. As a minimum the relevant historic environment record should have been consulted and the heritage assets assessed using appropriate expertise where necessary. Where a site on which development is proposed includes, or has the potential to include, heritage assets with archaeological interest, local planning authorities should require developers to submit an appropriate desk-based assessment and, where necessary, a field evaluation.*
190. *Local planning authorities should identify and assess the particular significance of any heritage asset that may be affected by a proposal (including by development affecting the setting of a heritage asset) taking account of the available evidence and any necessary expertise. They should take this into account when considering the impact of a proposal on a heritage asset, to avoid or minimise any conflict between the heritage asset's conservation and any aspect of the proposal.*

Considering potential impacts

193. *When considering the impact of a proposed development on the significance of a designated heritage asset, great weight should be given to the asset's conservation (and the more important the asset, the greater the weight should be). This is irrespective of whether any potential harm amounts to substantial harm, total loss or less than substantial harm to its significance.*
194. *Any harm to, or loss of, the significance of a designated heritage asset (from its alteration or destruction, or from development within its setting), should require clear and convincing justification. Substantial harm to or loss of:*
- a) *grade II listed buildings, or grade II registered parks or gardens, should be exceptional;*
 - b) *assets of the highest significance, notably scheduled monuments, protected wreck sites, registered battlefields, grade I and II* listed buildings, grade I and II* registered parks and gardens, and World Heritage Sites, should be wholly exceptional*

195. *Where a proposed development will lead to substantial harm to (or total loss of significance of) a designated heritage asset, local planning authorities should refuse consent, unless it can be demonstrated that the substantial harm or total loss is necessary to achieve substantial public benefits that outweigh that harm or loss, or all of the following apply:*
- a) the nature of the heritage asset prevents all reasonable uses of the site; and*
 - b) no viable use of the heritage asset itself can be found in the medium term through appropriate marketing that will enable its conservation; and*
 - c) conservation by grant-funding or some form of not for profit, charitable or public ownership is demonstrably not possible; and*
 - d) the harm or loss is outweighed by the benefit of bringing the site back into use.*
196. *Where a development proposal will lead to less than substantial harm to the significance of a designated heritage asset, this harm should be weighed against the public benefits of the proposal including, where appropriate, securing its optimum viable use.*
197. *The effect of an application on the significance of a non-designated heritage asset should be taken into account in determining the application. In weighing applications that directly or indirectly affect non-designated heritage assets, a balanced judgement will be required having regard to the scale of any harm or loss and the significance of the heritage asset.*
198. *Local planning authorities should not permit the loss of the whole or part of a heritage asset without taking all reasonable steps to ensure the new development will proceed after the loss has occurred.*
199. *Local planning authorities should require developers to record and advance understanding of the significance of any heritage assets to be lost (wholly or in part) in a manner proportionate to their importance and the impact, and to make this evidence (and any archive generated) publicly accessible. However, the ability to record evidence of our past should not be a factor in deciding whether such loss should be permitted.*

1.5.3 Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) Conserving and Enhancing the Historic Environment

Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) Conserving and Enhancing the Historic Environment was published in April 2014 as a companion to the NPPF, replacing previous Circulars and other supplementary guidance. In respect of heritage decision-making, the PPG stresses the importance of determining applications on the basis of significance, and explains how the tests of harm and impact within the NPPF are to be interpreted.

In particular, the PPG includes the following in relation to the evaluation of significance and harm:

“Heritage assets may be affected by direct physical change or by change in their setting. Being able to properly assess the nature, extent and importance of the significance of a heritage asset, and the contribution of its setting, is very important to understanding the potential impact and acceptability of development proposals.

Whether a proposal causes substantial harm will be a judgment for the decision taker, having regard to the circumstances of the case and the policy in the National Planning Policy Framework. In general terms, substantial harm is a high test, so it may not arise in many cases. For example, in determining whether works to a listed building constitute substantial harm, an important consideration would be whether the adverse impact seriously affects a key element of its special architectural or historic interest. It is the degree of harm to the asset's significance rather than the scale of the development that is to be assessed. The harm may arise from works to the asset or from development within its setting.

While the impact of total destruction is obvious, partial destruction is likely to have a considerable impact but, depending on the circumstances, it may still be less than substantial harm or conceivably not harmful at all, for example, when removing later inappropriate additions to historic buildings which harm their significance. Similarly, works that are moderate or minor in scale are likely to cause less than substantial harm or no harm at all. However, even minor works have the potential to cause substantial harm.”

1.5.4 Historic England: The Setting of Heritage Assets (GPA3)

This Good Practice Advice Note published in 2017 observes that amongst the Government's planning objectives for the historic environment is that conservation decisions are based on the nature, extent and level of a heritage asset's significance and are investigated to a proportionate degree. Historic England recommends the following broad approach to assessment, undertaken as a series of steps that apply proportionately to complex or more straightforward cases:

- Step 1: identify which heritage assets and their settings are affected;
- Step 2: assess whether, how and to what degree these settings make a contribution to the significance of the heritage asset(s);
- Step 3: assess the effects of the proposed development, whether beneficial or harmful, on that significance;
- Step 4: explore the way to maximise enhancement and avoid or minimise harm;
- Step 5: make and document the decision and monitor outcomes.

These steps have been followed in the assessment below.

1.5.5 Local Policy

The North Somerset Core Strategy was adopted by the Council in 2017. It sets out key planning policies for the District. The following policy relates to cultural heritage.

Living within environmental limits

CSS: Landscape and the historic environment

Landscape

The character, distinctiveness, diversity and quality of North Somerset's landscape and townscape will be protected and enhanced by the careful, sensitive management and design of development. Close regard will be paid to the character of National Character Areas in North Somerset and particularly that of the 11 landscape types and 31 landscape character areas identified in the North Somerset Landscape Character Assessment.

The Mendip Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) will be protected by ensuring that development proposals conserve and enhance its natural beauty and respect its character, taking into account the economic and social well-being of the area.

Historic environment

The council will conserve the historic environment of North Somerset, having regard to the significance of heritage assets such as conservation areas, listed buildings, buildings of local significance, scheduled monuments, other archaeological sites, registered and other historic parks and gardens.

Particular attention will be given to aspects of the historic environment which contribute to the distinctive character of North Somerset, such as the Victorian townscapes and sea-fronts in Weston and Clevedon.

1.6 ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY AND SIGNIFICANCE CRITERIA

In accordance with best practice the significance of an effect should be identified as part of this assessment. Four criteria have been considered in evaluating the significance of the residual effects of the proposed development, taking into account any proposed mitigation measures.

1.6.1 Type of Impact

Impacts may be beneficial, adverse, neutral (i.e. no discernible effect) or none. They may be permanent or temporary, of long, medium or short duration, direct or indirect. They may also be cumulative or combined with other effects occurring in the vicinity.

Direct impacts have a physical effect upon an archaeological site, structure or cultural heritage asset. This may lead to the partial or total destruction of that asset.

Indirect impacts of development upon scheduled monuments, listed buildings, parks and gardens and other designated assets of the cultural heritage landscape are more difficult to assess. Consideration should include the context (or setting) of a cultural heritage asset (or place) and how we should assess its significance. Contextual relationships may be visual, but can also be, for example, functional, historical or intellectual.

1.6.2 Likelihood of the impact occurring

An assessment is made as to the likelihood of the identified impact occurring. Probability is considered as certain, likely, unlikely or not known.

1.6.3 Sensitivity

Five categories of sensitivity are identified. These are expanded upon in **Table 1**, below.

Table 1 Definitions of sensitivity

| Value (Sensitivity) of receptor/resource | Definition |
|--|---|
| Very high | Sites and settings of <i>international importance</i> , for example World Heritage Sites. |
| High | Sites and settings of <i>national importance</i> . Scheduled Monuments. Registered Battlefields. Grade I and Grade II* Listed Buildings and Registered Historic Parks and Gardens. Sites may also be discovered as a result of new research that are also of national importance and are candidates for scheduling. |
| Medium | Sites and settings of <i>regional importance</i> . Archaeological sites and features that are not considered sufficiently important or well-preserved to be protected as Scheduled Monuments. Grade II Listed Buildings and Grade II Registered Historic Parks and Gardens. Conservation Areas. |
| Low | Archaeological sites and structures, and other components of the historic environment that contribute to the local landscape. Locally designated assets. |
| Negligible | Archaeological sites and structures, and other components of the historic environment of very low importance. |

1.6.4 Magnitude

The magnitude of change to a cultural heritage asset or landscape is considered in terms of its vulnerability, its current condition and the nature of the impact upon it. With respect to sub-surface archaeology, there may be a degree of uncertainty of the magnitude of change, and where this is the case it is noted. Magnitude is assessed as major, moderate, minor, negligible or none and the criteria used in this assessment are set out in **Table 2**, below.

Table 2 **Criteria for Assessing Magnitude of Change³**

| Magnitude of impact (change) | | Typical description |
|------------------------------|------------|---|
| Major | Adverse | Loss of resource and/or quality and integrity of resource; severe damage to key characteristics, features or elements. |
| | Beneficial | Large scale or major improvement of resource quality; extensive restoration; major improvement of attribute quality. |
| Moderate | Adverse | Loss of resource, but not adversely affecting the integrity; partial loss of/damage to key characteristics, features or elements. |
| | Beneficial | Benefit to, or addition of, key characteristics, features or elements; improvement of attribute quality. |
| Minor | Adverse | Some measurable change in attributes, quality or vulnerability; minor loss of, or alteration to, one (maybe more) key characteristics, features or elements. |
| | Beneficial | Minor benefit to, or addition of, one (maybe more) key characteristics, features or elements; some beneficial impact on attribute or a reduced risk of negative impact occurring. |
| Negligible | Adverse | Very minor loss or detrimental alteration to one or more characteristics, features or elements. |
| | Beneficial | Very minor benefit to or positive addition of one or more characteristics, features or elements. |
| No change | | No loss or alteration of characteristics, features or elements; no observable impact in either direction. |

1.6.5 Assessing significance

The four criteria are considered together to reach a conclusion upon the significance of residual effects taking into account any mitigation measures. They may be beneficial or adverse or neutral (i.e. no change to the existing situation). In some cases it may not be possible to quantify the significance of an effect, for example due to a gap in information, and this is noted.

Table 3 presents a matrix of the inter-relationship of environmental value (sensitivity) with magnitude that leads to a conclusion on the significance of an effect.

³ Source: Design Manual for Roads and Bridges, 2020, LA104 *Environmental Assessment and Modelling*, page 14

Table 3 Inter-relationship of sensitivity with magnitude⁴

| | Magnitude of impact (degree of change) | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | | No change | Negligible | Minor | Moderate | Major |
| Environmental value (sensitivity) | Very high | Neutral | Slight | Moderate or large | Large or very large | Very large |
| | High | Neutral | Slight | Slight or moderate | Moderate or large | Large or very large |
| | Medium | Neutral | Neutral or slight | Slight | Moderate | Moderate or large |
| | Low | Neutral | Neutral or slight | Neutral or slight | Slight | Slight or moderate |
| | Negligible | Neutral | Neutral | Neutral or slight | Neutral or slight | Slight |

Finally, the suggested relevance of the significance of an effect in relation to decision making is presented in **Table 4**.

Table 4 Significance categories and decision making

| Significance category | Typical description |
|-----------------------|---|
| Very large | Effects at this level are material in the decision-making process. |
| Large | Effects at this level are likely to be material in the decision-making process. |
| Moderate | Effects at this level can be considered to be material decision-making factors. |
| Slight | Effects at this level are not material in the decision-making process. |
| Neutral | No effects or those that are beneath levels of perception, within normal bounds of variation or within the margin of forecasting error. |

⁴ Source: Design Manual for Roads and Bridges, 2020, LA104 *Environmental Assessment and Modelling*, page 15

2. Desk-Based Assessment

The North Somerset Historic Environment Record (NSHER) was consulted for a record of sites, monuments and investigations up to 1km from the PDA. The assistance of Daniel Smith is gratefully acknowledged.

The Historic England Archive was consulted to verify the locations and status of designated heritage assets. The study area was set at 1km for scheduled monuments, Grade I and II* assets and 500m for all other designated assets. This was considered an appropriate study area based upon topography, and intervening development and vegetation. Locations are shown on **Figure 4**.

2.1 DESIGNATED ASSETS

No designated assets of cultural heritage importance lie within the boundary of the proposed development.

2.1.1 Scheduled Monuments

Two scheduled monuments sit within 1km of the PDA. These are:

- Congresbury village cross (Reference 1 on Figure 4). Dating from the 15th century it stands at the crossroads leading to Bristol, Weston-super-Mare, Paul's Causeway and Churchill, 730m north-west of the PDA. The cross is also a Grade II* listed structure, and;
- A 14th century stone cross in St Andrew's churchyard (Reference 2), 750m north-west of the PDA.

There is no intervisibility with the PDA due to intervening development.

2.1.2 Listed Buildings

Two Grade I and one Grade II* listed structures lie within 1km of the PDA. Ten Grade II structures are situated within 500m, **Table 5**. Locations are shown on Figure 4.

Table 5 Listed Buildings within 1km of the PDA

| Asset | Ref on Fig 4 | Grade | Description | Distance from PDA |
|-------------------|--------------|-------|--|-------------------|
| St Andrews Church | 3 | I | Parish church. C13 origin remodelled in C15 with restorations in 1825, 1856 and 1950-2. Coursed and squared rubble with flush rusticated dressed stone quoins, stone copings and ashlar dressings, copper roof to nave, slates to chancel. Nave, chancel, west tower, north and south aisles, south porch. | 800m NW |

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|--------------------------|----|-----|--|---------|
| The Refectory | 4 | I | Vicarage and former Priest's House, now used for parish functions. Early C19 Vicarage to left-hand, c.1446 former Priest's House to right hand. Vicarage of limewashed render with stone plinth and parapet, ashlar to porch and hipped double Roman tile roof. Rectangular block of 2 storeys, 3 bays. All windows are 12- pane sashes. West entrance front with recessed central section and Greek Doric distyle porch in antis with fluted columns and triglyph frieze. 2-leaf small pane glazed doors. Refectory of limewashed render and dressed stone to buttresses and south-east porch gable face. | 800m NW |
| Urchinwood Manor | 5 | II* | Manor house. Dated 1620 (on porch) with mid C17 addition and C20 restoration. Colourwashed roughcast with stone openings, copings and double Roman tile roof to main range, pantiles to rear wings. U-shaped plan formed by 1620 L-shaped house with mid C17 south-west rear addition. | 480m NE |
| Park Farmhouse | 6 | II | Farmhouse. Probably C16, remodelled in late C17/early C18 and in C19. Painted stone rubble, rendered west front. Pantile roofs, (Bridgewater tiles at front), with gabled ends and hipped over rear block (see Section 4.2 for further details). | 35m N |
| Collins Bridge | 7 | II | Bridge spanning the River Yeo to the east of Congresbury. Probably late-C18 or early-C19. Local stone cut and squared. | 140m NE |
| Bridge over River Yeo | 8 | II | Bridge across the River Yeo at Congresbury. c.1800. Dressed Pennant stone, rubble infill. A single span arch | 280m E |
| Pineapple Farm and walls | 9 | II | Farmhouse. Late C18. Coursed rubble with stone copings and pantile roof. 2-storey, 3-window south front. | 125m S |
| Yeoman's Orchard | 10 | II | Formerly 2 cottages, now detached house. C17 with C19 alterations and thorough C20 restoration. Colourwashed render with C20 thatched roof | 150m S |
| Silver Street House | 11 | II | Detached house. C17 in origin with C19 alterations and additions. Colourwashed render with wooden lintels and pantile roofs. U-shaped plan with north entrance front of 2 storeys. | 400m SW |
| The Birches | 12 | II | Detached house in 3 separate ownerships. Mid C18. Rendered rubble with slate roofs. 3-storey, 5-window south front. | 360m NW |
| Barn at Urchinwood Manor | 13 | II | Barn. Probably C17. Colourwashed rubble with some render to midstreys and north gable end, pantile roof with stone tile eaves course to left hand. | 480m NE |

2.1.3 Conservation Area

A conservation area, centred on the historic core of Congresbury, lies 325m north of the PDA at its nearest point. There is no intervisibility with the PDA.

2.1.4 Other Designated Cultural Heritage Sites

There are no World Heritage Sites, Registered Battlefields or Historic Parks and Gardens within 1km of the PDA.

2.2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

2.2.1 Search results

The search produced 35 records. These are summarised by period below and the locations are shown on **Figures 5A-B**.

2.2.2 Prehistoric

The prehistoric evidence within the search area was surprisingly limited given the proximity to several large later prehistoric monuments, including Cadbury Hill to the north, although the topography of this lower lying area may suggest it was a marginal location for settlement. A late Neolithic flint core-trimming flake (MNS 1689) was recovered from the garden of the Stycks to the south of the PDA but other prehistoric material is confined to the Iron Age. A pottery scatter to the north of Park Farm included some sherds of Iron Age date (MNS 393) and further middle to late Iron Age pottery was recovered during trial trench excavation at Brinsea Road (MNS 8966) to the south of the PDA.

2.2.3 Roman

The Roman period is represented by a scatter of finds spots within the village perhaps reflecting the fact it was attractive to settlement then as now. A single fourth century coin of Constantine I was recovered in 1958 (MNS 397) but as coins of this period are frequently associated with manuring spreads its significance should not be overstated. The majority of the records for this period relate to the recovery of variable amounts of Roman pottery sherds: five of just Roman pottery and a further three where the Roman pottery was associated with material of other dates. They came generally from the northern or the south-eastern part of the village.

Four locations in the north of the village produced Roman pottery (MNS 1000, 1983, 5201 and 393) and slightly further south at Rookery Farm pottery was recovered from a bank (MNS 1972). Of these scatters, one near the recreation ground (MNS 1983) comprised about 100 sherds of third and fourth century date which were found during construction of facilities, however no features were identified.

The three locations to the southeast of the village are all located immediately south of the PDA. One (MNS 5205) relates to a historic 1964 record of a scatter of pottery and a second is material recovered from the garden of the Stycks (MNS 1689). Pottery, including waster material of Congresbury Ware was recovered from an evaluation (MNS 8966) and two further Roman ditches (and presumably pottery) were recorded by Avon Archaeology Unit (MNS 8133/ENS 378) during the evaluation of land to the rear of Pineapple Farm in 1992.

2.2.4 Medieval

A number of the entries relate to the recovery of pottery scatters, including one from Rookery Farm and one to the north of Venus Street (MNS 1890, 1959 & 5202) and others which are scatters of a broader date range that include some medieval sherds (MNS 393 & 1689). The find spots are widely spread and do not form any pattern. Two entries relate to the site of buildings, a watermill (MNS 1557) that is visible on a eighteenth century mapping, but whose location in the medieval period is unclear, and the site of medieval Stonewell Farm (MNS 3682) and a lodge at Park Farm (MNS 1955). Within Park Farm a barn appears to have been adapted from a medieval building (MNS 1956) and may be the remains of the capital messuage mentioned in the sixteenth century.

At Rookery Farm, where a medieval pottery scatter was recorded, observations of a pipeline across the garden recovered over 80 pieces of pottery from the eleventh to fourteenth centuries along with stone foundations (MNS 1971). At the northern limit of the search area, a series of large stones in a drain (MNS 1957) may mark the site of a medieval fishpond, a linear pond is depicted on the 1895 Ordnance Survey mapping and a clear diversion of the river is apparent.

The area around Pineapple Farm, to the southeast of the PDA, has been subject to archaeological evaluation including a geophysical survey with negative results⁵. Trenching in 1992 revealed medieval features (MNS 8134) and a watching brief carried out by AC Archaeology between 2016 and 2017 on land off Venus Street produced evidence for ‘*a small number of medieval/Saxo-Norman features consisting of a boundary ditch, drainage ditch and pit. A small assemblage of domestic waste material recovered from the features suggests the site had an agricultural use situated on the periphery of settlement of this date.*’⁶

2.2.5 Post-medieval

Several records within the HER reflect activity of post-medieval date, with many entries for buildings, both extant and the site of (MNS 1556, 2082, 3592, 3489, 4314, 6678, 6721 and 7798). Part of a cobbled coaching road (MNS 1958) lay to the southeast of the PDA and at the extreme north of the village was the site of the World War II air raid siren (MNS 8829).

2.2.6 The Parish Survey

The parish of Congresbury was one of a small number of places that benefitted in the 1980s to a landscape-wide survey programme. The work of the initial survey was continued by members of the Congresbury Local History Society. Because Congresbury is largely a pastoral landscape, recovery of artefact scatters by systematic fieldwalking was not possible across the whole parish, but was focused on the handful of arable fields and examination of gardens. The published studies provide an overview of the parish through time⁷.

There is little evidence for the Neolithic with only a single field on the very eastern margins of the parish singled out as having ‘*vague concentration of flint artefacts*’. Similarly, the evidence for Bronze Age activity is limited to ‘*concentrations of surface artefacts*’ with only one site where ‘*the distribution (was) of a character and localisation sufficient to suggest heightened activity*’.

By the Iron Age the region was dominated by several hillforts, including Cadbury Hill, 1.6km north of the PDA, where occupation appears to commence around 650BC. Extensive occupation in the region is likely, being required to construct and service the forts.

Roman period activity is more apparent and probably reflects extensive agricultural activity, as well as industrial pottery production from the third century. Excavation has suggested kilns operated seasonally. Two were found off Venus Street in the 1960s, 150m south of the PDA, and recently a further example was excavated by Wessex Archaeology in advance of the

⁵ Russett, V. (ed.), 2012. *Gradiometry Survey of Mrs Meaker’s Paddock, Venus Street, Congresbury*. Unpublished YCCART report, ref. 2012/Y4.

⁶ Cooke, P and Brooke, K, 2019 Land off Venus Street, Congresbury, North Somerset. Report ACD 1382/3/0

⁷ http://www.yccart.co.uk/index_html_files/Congresbury%20Parish%20Survey.pdf

construction of Bristol Water's Southern Strategic Support Main to the north east of the PDA, producing 400kg of Congresbury grey ware sherds. In recent years a project by the Yatton, Congresbury, Claverham and Cleeve Archaeology Research Team (YCCART) has also surveyed several fields to the east of Congresbury and around Iwood in search of further kilns⁸.

Although Post-Roman activity is well attested at Cadbury Hill, elsewhere it can only be surmised to have been present, as in so many regions of the country. Documentary sources (such as a now lost charter of King Ine) reference land in Congresbury to a total of twenty hides, the same area as was referred to in the Domesday Book for Congresbury in 1066.

⁸ <http://www.yccart.co.uk/site%20reports.htm>

3. Historic Landscape Assessment

3.1 THE PARKS OF CONGRESBURY

A 1567 manorial survey of Congresbury indicates extensive open field land around the village, as well as other resources such as meadows and woodland, but these have not been mapped. The parish was enclosed in 1814, and much of the modern landscape – the straight-edged fields – dates from that time, although south of Venus Street the field pattern is suggestive of earlier post-medieval piecemeal enclosure. The Historic Landscape Characterisation classes the PDA as *‘Post-medieval fields created from enclosure of medieval parkland’*.

Two parks were created in the manor in the Middle Ages. The earlier, in the extreme north of the parish (see ‘Park’ on **Figure 6**), was apparently formed after disafforestation of the manor – that is its release from Forest Law – in 1227. Following that the Bishop of Bath and Wells was allowed to *‘enclose, make parks and assarts - that is to clear woodland - and take wood in the manor at will.’* That park seems to have been relatively short-lived, as in 1330 it was noted that *‘from the pasture which is called the Le Park nothing [no profit] because it is at farm with beans and oats.’*

The second park was centred on the freehold estate later known as Park Farm and is the subject of this assessment. The Parish Survey (*op cit*) claims it was created in 1314 with a grant of two carucates of land and rent to Richard de Rodeneye and Lucy his wife, but offers no direct evidence to associate this grant with the park. However, if an assumption, it may be correct, as in 1567 George Rodney – presumably a descendant of Richard de Rodeneye - held *‘one capital messuage and certain lands called Parcke Feelde besides other lands by Olde More called Twenty Acres.’* This suggests that by that date the deer park had been enclosed (that is subdivided into fields) and turned over to agriculture.

The parish survey mapped the likely bounds – the pale - of the later medieval park following curvilinear field boundaries, with Park Farm, presumably the ‘capital messuage’ of 1567 and it can reasonably be assumed on the site of the parker’s lodge, to the centre. We concur with this mapping, other than to the east where we suggest the pale may have followed a more curving line, now lost (**Figure 7**).

A site visit confirms that the line of the park boundary along the south of the PDA is marked by a hedge (**Figure 8**). There is no sign of a bank-and-ditch pale earthwork.

In 1811, when first mapped in detail, the village of Congresbury extended for roughly a kilometre south from a Y-splay of roads to the north (with St Andrew’s church standing off the spur to the north-west), through the central village core, and onward down the Brinsea Road. Roughly 600m south of the village core an east-west road crossed the Brinsea Road; the section to the east had a number of properties clustered along it in a grouping called Venus Street. Evidence of Saxo-Norman occupation was found in 2017 in an archaeological evaluation in advance of the construction of Potters View (noted below) on the north side of Venus Street⁹.

⁹ AC Archaeology, ‘Land off Venus street, Congresbury, North Somerset (Feb 2019)’

There had been little or no change to the settlement pattern by c.1900 (**Figure 9**), and nor indeed until the 1960s (**Figure 10**), although Congresbury's population grew by just over 450 people between 1900 and 1961. Up until the 1950s agriculture and its support services provided the principal employment in the village. Then, between 1961 and 1971, as people began to commute to work in Bristol and Weston-super-Mare, Congresbury's population more than doubled to 3,397. Large numbers of new houses were constructed north of the river including the Southlands council estate, Cobthorn, Verlands, Weetwood and Wrington Mead, along with estates south of the historic village core in Park Road, Stonewell, Silverstone Way, Yew Tree Park, and Silver Street. A new shopping precinct and two new schools were provided for the new residents.

3.2 THE PARK: RARITY AND SURVIVAL

Medieval deer parks have been much studied since the 1960s, and are well understood. While 'hays', enclosures for the management of deer, were in existence in late Saxon England, deer parks as such were a Norman introduction. Large numbers were licensed by the Crown in the 13th and 14th centuries via a grant to impark; some had long histories, others were short lived or indeed a grant of permission may not have been acted upon.

Oliver Rackham estimated that there may have been as many as 3,200 parks, licensed or otherwise, by the early 14th century. Even though some were soon enclosed and turned over to farmland, parks continued to be created after the economic and social calamities of the mid-14th century, and later sources suggest even higher numbers than Rackham proposed. A Venetian visitor to England in the 1490s put park numbers at '4,000. All enclosed with timber fences', while in the early 16th century Polydore Vergil reckoned a third of England was uncultivated with much land being given over to parks, so that 'allmoste everie where a man may se clausures and parckes paled and enclosed' (to paraphrase, 'almost everywhere a man may see enclosed land and parks surrounded with pales'). While the accuracy of these numbers may be questioned, the point remains: deer parks were a commonplace feature of the English landscape in the Middle Ages. For the most part they were a specialised type of livestock farm, not aristocratic designed landscapes. They can be set alongside other types of dedicated livestock enterprises such as horse studs, vaccaries (cattle farms), and upland sheep farms.

A few medieval deer parks survive today little changed. Others were incorporated in post-medieval landscape parks, and sometimes elements of their landscapes survive there in fossilized form. Even where – as in the great majority of cases - medieval parks were enclosed, divided into fields and became farmland, physical evidence of them can survive, notably the lodge site, and remains of the pale.

The lodge was the home of the parker, a role that combined game manager with security guard. Typically sited on an elevated site towards the centre of the park, as a structure it was normally comparable with a farmhouse, although sometimes with a first-floor room where hunters might take refreshment and overlook the park. Many had a surrounding moat to offer a degree of security from poaching gangs. When parks were enclosed, the lodge typically became the farmhouse, and it can be confidently suggested that this was what happened at Park Farm. However, the present building (largely of 17th- and 18th-century date) is unlikely to retain any fabric from the period when the surrounding land was a park.

It was essential that deer parks were securely enclosed within a tall perimeter to prevent the deer escaping. Some parks, where stone was plentiful, were walled, but more typically they

were surrounded by a pale. This was a tall wooden fence of cleft oak pales (as in the modern word ‘paling’), perhaps 2.5m high. This was a costly up-front investment, and needed maintenance and periodic renewal. More expensive still was setting the fence on a bank with a broad internal ditch, intended to make ‘leaping the pale’ by the captive deer even more difficult. Earthworks of such banks and ditches are relatively common, but their frequent absence, even where the line of the deer park’s boundary is accurately known from cartographic sources, shows how frequently the investment in such was avoided or thought unnecessary. That seems to have been the case here, as while in places, notably along the south boundary of the PDA, the line of the pale is followed by a hedge, there is no sign of a bank-and-ditch earthwork.

To summarise, deer parks such as that which existed at Congresbury were commonplace across England throughout the Middle Ages. Survivals of park landscapes, lodges (or more frequently moats marking their sites), and pale earthworks are relatively plentiful.

These points are picked up in Historic England’s selection guide on Rural Landscapes, which sets out the criteria which would have to be met were a medieval deer park to be added to the Register of Historic Parks and Gardens, a component of the National Heritage List. Specifically, the selection guide states:

‘Deer parks established in the medieval to early modern periods may be eligible for inclusion of the Register of Parks and Gardens; fundamental will be the survival of the park interior, or a large part of it, unenclosed for agriculture and with its woods, trees and grassland intact, and with its perimeter clearly defined by banks, walls or hedges. The presence of structures such as lodges and deer shelters, especially where listed, will generally add to a park’s interest. So, too, will be the survival of the principal house with which the park was associated, especially where there is a visual relationship between the two.’

What survives of the park at Congresbury - the farmhouse built over the site of the lodge, and the line of the park boundary, or pale, partially preserved in modern hedge lines – falls far short of these criteria, and cannot reasonably be said to have more than local interest.

4. Site Visit

4.1. INTRODUCTION

A site visit was carried out by Dr Paul Stamper of AJA in October 2020.

The PDA itself is a roughly square field of permanent pasture, bordered by houses to the south and west. Mature hedges run around all four sides, although sometimes pierced to the west at the end of the houses' gardens. The field slopes gently towards its north-east corner, and has a drainage ditch along its east side which continues onwards to drain into the River Yeo.

The visit focussed upon verifying, where possible, the boundaries of the park and pale that helped inform the historical landscape assessment (**Section 3**), and the setting of designated assets (**Section 6**).

4.2 PARK FARMHOUSE

The PDA lies south of the Grade II-listed Park Farmhouse (**Figure 11**), argued above to stand on the site of a medieval park lodge. The listing description summarises the house:

Farmhouse. Probably C16, remodelled in late C17/early C18 and in C19. Painted stone rubble, rendered west front. Pantile roofs, (Bridgewater tiles at front), with gabled ends and hipped over rear block. Gable end stacks with rebuilt brick shafts and stone stack at rear heightened in brick. Plan: 4-cell front (west) range with gable end stacks, the 2 smaller centre cells are unheated, that on the right contains the staircase. Behind the centre room a cross-passage and a room in a short wing with a large stack; either side of the wing a later outshut; the large outshut on the right is on the back of the front range. Exterior: 2 storeys. Asymmetrical 2:2 window west front, the 2 right hand bays slightly higher and set back. 12-pane sashes. C20 porch in angle at centre with old plank inner door. Rear (east) elevation has wing with circa early C16 stone windows on first floor with hollow-chamfered 4-centred arch lights, hood mould and wrought-iron bars. Outshuts on either side of wing with pantile lean-to roofs.

Low, single-storey, ancillary agricultural buildings to the east of the farmhouse form curtilage structures, although not listed (**Figure 12**). These (now Blackberry Barn and Fig Tree Barn) were converted for domestic occupation probably within the last 20 years.

The converted barns stand close to the PDA's northern boundary with clear intervisibility. Park Farmhouse however, despite proximity to the PDA (approximately 35m), is orientated east-west, and whilst there may glimpsed views of the PDA at ground level through a dense hedge, the only direct views would be from a single, small window in the southern elevation of the house (**Figure 13**).

4.3 COLLINS BRIDGE

Grade II-listed asset, Collins Bridge, stands c.200m north-east of the north-east corner of the PDA. This was added to the List in 2007. The entry reads:

Bridge spanning the River Yeo to the east of Congresbury. Probably late-C18 or early-C19. Local stone cut and squared. It has a single span arch of approximately 7m consisting of a single row of voussoirs on either side. There is no parapet: whether one existed is unclear.

The bridge is situated on a footpath that crosses the River Yeo. It is one of three small-scale bridges located in close proximity to each other which span the river to the east and south east of the village. Collins Bridge is shown on the 1885 Ordnance Survey map and was probably constructed in the late- 18th or early 19th century.

Views from the bridge itself towards the PDA are very limited due to intervening hedging and small trees (**Figure 14**). From a few metres north of the bridge, there are middle-distance clear views of the PDA, although the proposed housing would be in front of existing development, in essence replicating the current view, albeit bringing it nearer to the bridge (**Figure 15**).

4.4 OTHER ASSETS

The Grade II* listed Urchinwood Manor stands c.480m north-east of the PDA. The house is orientated south and there is no view from the front of the house of the PDA due to intervening development and vegetation. Due to Covid 19, and the house being a private property, the view towards the PDA was observed from approximately 100m east of the house (**Figure 16**).

A further Grade II-listed bridge across the Yeo lies c.280m to the south-east. This is concealed within trees. Pineapple Farm, listed at Grade II with its garden walls, stands on Venus Street, 150m due south of the PDA beyond an extensive block of modern housing. There is no visual connection with PDA due to intervening development, as is the case with all other designated heritage assets (see **Figure 17**).

5. Geophysical Survey

5.1 INTRODUCTION

Detailed geophysical survey, using an array of caesium vapour magnetometers to prospect for buried features possibly of archaeological interest, was undertaken by Tigergeo in November 2020. The report is appended (**Appendix A**).

Interpretation is shown on **Figure 18** with the full set of drawings contained within Appendix A. Numbers in [n] below refer to labels on Figure 17.

5.2 DATA

Data quality is overall high though there is some slight distortion close to the houses and gardens due to the fences, ferrous debris and structures. The data has a strong stippled-like texture typical of small magnetic objects, probably natural material within the superficial geology and ferrous debris, the solid geology being unlikely to contribute suitably magnetised material. Contrast is muted and reduced intensity anomalies are dominant, associated mostly with drainage features.

5.3 GEOLOGICAL INFLUENCES

The soil iron content is less than 3% in an area roughly coincident to the distribution of Tidal Flat Deposits which extend far enough east here to underlay the site. Beneath this is the Mercia Mudstone (here a mixture of mudstone and halite) and where seen elsewhere this seems to produce soils with low magnetic susceptibility, leading to generally muted contrast with respect to features of archaeological interest.

However, the contrast evident between the broad natural ridges between the drainage ditches and the base of the ditches themselves would suggest that there is a reasonable level of background susceptibility locally. It is unclear why these ditch fills should be significantly less magnetic than the ground each side, however this may reflect the natural difference between subsoil and topsoil plus there could be a degree of leaching out of iron.

5.4 LAND USE

The dominant land use character within the data is the set of drainage ditches [1] that drain northwards into a ditch near the northern edge of the field, an area separately associated with land drains, e.g. [3]. A short linear anomaly [2] typical of a ferrous source may be a pipe inserted into this set of drainage-related earthworks.

Whether this field has always been pasture or has had arable use is uncertain, however, the probable former field boundary [4] has a lynchet character typical of cultivated soils and hence it is tempting to associate the drainage features with an arable use. This feature extends eastwards into the next field where its line is now perpetuated by a ditch but might once have existed, just to the south of this, as another earthwork.

At [5] a patch of more variable data is thought to be due to modern debris, not seen, but presumably within the grass and soil beneath.

5.5 ARCHAEOLOGY

As would be expected there is nothing in the data that would confirm the presence of the deer park and there is no magnetic evidence within the field for the park pale. There is also no evidence for activity that might pre-date this, although the uncertain date of former boundary [4] and the possible arable use of the land associated with this is of interest in the context of the deerpark. There is no evidence of any areas of intensive magnetic response that could indicate the presence of kilns.

There is no evidence of prehistoric use of the land within the PDA.

5.6 CONCLUSION

The site overall appears to have always had an agricultural use, within the small deer park of the medieval period and later subsumed into the field system of the developing settlement of Congresbury, maybe as piecemeal enclosure. There is no evidence for structures or features of archaeological interest. The use here of caesium vapour instrumentation in a non-gradiometric configuration has allowed maximum scope for detection of features against the low background magnetic contrast.

6. Impacts, Mitigation and Residual Effects

6.1 DIRECT IMPACTS AND MITIGATION

Based upon our knowledge of archaeology within the vicinity of the PDA there is a moderate potential for archaeology, in particular of Roman and Anglo-Norman date. However, the geophysical survey has identified no archaeological anomalies.

Based upon mitigation employed on other developments in the area, it is anticipated that a programme of trial-trenching would be required prior to construction (subject to planning consent) and this would in turn inform whether any further mitigation, such as archaeological excavation, is required.

6.2 INDIRECT IMPACTS

6.2.1 Introduction

Indirect impacts are those that do not physically affect a cultural heritage asset or landscape, but that potentially alter the context or setting.

As described in **Section 1.5** Historic England's GPA3, The Setting of Heritage Assets, recommends a broad approach to assessment of setting, undertaken as a series of steps that apply proportionately to complex or more straightforward cases.

Setting is defined in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) as:

"The surroundings in which a heritage asset is experienced. Its extent is not fixed and may change as the asset and its surroundings evolve. Elements of a setting may make a positive or negative contribution to the significance of the asset, may affect the ability to appreciate that significance or may be neutral."

GPA3 states that:

"The setting itself is not designated. Every heritage asset, whether designated or not has a setting. Its importance, and therefore the degree of protection it is offered in planning decisions, depends entirely on the contribution it makes to the significance of the heritage asset or its appreciation."

6.2.2 Identify which heritage assets and their settings are potentially affected

Based upon a site visit, consideration of historical context and an assessment of screening by vegetation and development, it is considered that only one designated asset would experience an adverse effect of any magnitude upon its setting – Park Farmhouse. This is discussed in Section 4.2.3.

The rationale is set out below in **Table 6** and reference should be made to **Figure 17**.

Table 6 Potential effects upon setting of listed buildings

| Asset | Ref on Fig 4 | Grade | Effect of development upon setting |
|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------|---|
| Town Cross | 1 | SM | None. Intervening urban development. |
| Churchyard Cross | 2 | SM/II* | None. Intervening urban development |
| St Andrews Church | 3 | I | None. Intervening urban development |
| The Refectory | 4 | I | None. Intervening urban development |
| Urchinwood Manor | 5 | II* | None. Intervening barn type development and trees |
| Park Farmhouse | 6 | II | See below, section 4.2.3 |
| Collins Bridge | 7 | II | Negligible Adverse due to proximity |
| Bridge over River Yeo | 8 | II | None. Intervening hedges and trees |
| Pineapple Farm and walls | 9 | II | None. Intervening urban development |
| Yeoman's Orchard | 10 | II | None. Intervening urban development |
| Silver Street House | 11 | II | None. Intervening urban development |
| The Birches | 12 | II | None. Intervening urban development |
| Barn at Urchinwood Manor | 13 | II | None. Intervening barn type development and trees |

6.2.3 Assessment of effects on the setting of Park Farmhouse

Looked at in isolation, and in particular due to its proximity, one would expect there to be a significant effect upon the setting of Park Farmhouse. However, careful assessment concludes that the significance of the effect is mitigated due to the following existing circumstances:

- Currently there is at most glimpsed intervisibility at ground level, with the only window orientated towards the PDA being small and to the first floor.
- A tall hedge separates the farmhouse and its curtilage from the PDA
- The former farmyard setting to the house to the south and east has been changed by the conversion of outbuildings to residential use.
- The land to the west of the farmhouse was developed in the 1970s and 80s.
- Although there would be some noise from construction, the house already sits within a built environment.

6.2.4 Assessment of effects on the former Park

The assessment has concluded that:

- The formerly open, rural, character of the Park with the farmhouse at its centre changed in the later 20th century with the development of houses, including substantial development to the west on former Park land
- Recent housing to the south has created an enclosed space to two sides
- One of the last remaining Park boundaries – the southern boundary of the PDA, marked by a hedge – will be retained within the scheme
- Enclosure of the Park in the early 19th century removed much of its legibility

6.2.5 Explore ways to maximise enhancement and avoid or minimise harm

The location of the housing within the development should stand-off the boundary with Park Farmhouse, leaving a green buffer. The southern boundary equally should retain a green corridor of open space or gardens to retain the historical alignment of the former Park's southern boundary in the modern landscape.

These recommendations have been incorporated into the development framework.

6.3 ASSESSMENT OF RESIDUAL EFFECTS

In accordance with best practice the significance of an effect should be identified. This is achieved using the methodology set out in **Section 1.6**, above, and equates to Step 5 of the Historic England process. The results of the evaluation of significance are drawn together in **Table 7**, below, together with the rationale behind the evaluation.

Table 7 Evaluation of residual effects

| Direct / Indirect Effect | Asset | Type of Effect | Probability of Effect Occurring | Sensitivity | Magnitude | Significance of Effect | Rationale |
|--|---------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|-------------|------------|------------------------|--|
| Direct effects Statutorily Protected Heritage Assets | Listed buildings | None | Certain | High | No change | Neutral | There are no listed buildings within the PDA. |
| | Scheduled Monuments | None | Certain | High | No change | Neutral | There are no scheduled monuments within the PDA. |
| Archaeology | The Park | Adverse | Certain | Low | Minor | Slight | The medieval Park appears not to have had any surrounding earthworks and enclosure of the Park in the early 19th century removed much of its legibility. Today it has lost its open, rural, character with the development of houses, including on its western area. One of the last remaining Park boundaries – the southern boundary of the PDA, marked by a hedge – will be retained within the scheme. There is no evidence of any archaeology related to the Park, or indeed any other period, from the geophysical survey, although the PDA lies within an area of moderate potential for archaeology, in particular of Roman and Anglo-Norman date. |
| Indirect effects upon setting of designated assets | Scheduled Monuments | None | Certain | High | No change | Neutral | There is no intervisibility with any SMs due to intervening urban development |
| | Park Farmhouse | Adverse | Certain | Medium | Minor | Slight | Despite proximity, the immediate setting of the house has already been compromised by housing development on its land and through conversion of its farmbuildings. The house is orientated away from the PDA with only one small first floor window having views of the proposed development. |
| | Collins Bridge | Adverse | Likely | Medium | Negligible | Negligible | Largely screened from the PDA by vegetation, its setting is the River Yeo that it |

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| | | | | | | | crosses and this will be unaffected. |
| | Other Listed Buildings | None | Certain | High/Medium | No change | Neutral | Screened from the PDA by development or vegetation, there will be no intervisibility and no effects on historical context. |

7. Summary

7.1 DIRECT EFFECTS AND MITIGATION

There will be no direct effects upon statutorily designated heritage assets.

Based upon our knowledge of archaeology within the vicinity of the PDA there is a moderate potential for archaeology, in particular of Roman and Anglo-Norman date. However, a sitewide geophysical survey revealed no anomalies of archaeological interest.

A medieval park was centred on what is now Park Farm that was probably built over the medieval lodge. The Park was most likely fenced with a pale, but there is no sign of a bank-and-ditch earthwork. The line of the Park boundary along the south of the PDA is marked by a hedge and this would be retained in the proposed development. The enclosure of the Park in the early 19th century removed much of its legibility. Today it has lost its open, rural, character with the development of houses, including substantial development on its western area.

Based upon mitigation employed on other developments in the area, it is anticipated that a programme of trial-trenching would be required prior to construction (subject to planning consent) and this would in turn inform whether any further mitigation, such as archaeological excavation, is required.

A detailed Project Design (Written Scheme of Investigation) would be submitted to North Somerset Council and the works would be secured by a planning condition requiring its implementation prior to development.

7.2 INDIRECT EFFECTS AND MITIGATION

Indirect effects are those that do not physically impact upon a cultural heritage asset or landscape, but that alter the context or setting.

Of the thirteen designated heritage assets that sit within 1km of the PDA only two are predicted to experience any adverse effects. This is because the other assets have no intervisibility due to intervening development and vegetation.

Park Farmhouse, a Grade II listed building, sits 35m north of the PDA boundary. Despite proximity, there is at most glimpsed intervisibility at ground level, with the only window orientated towards the PDA being small and to the first floor. A tall hedge separates the farmhouse and its curtilage from the PDA. The former farmyard setting to the house to the south and east has been changed by the conversion of outbuildings to residential use and the land to the west of the farmhouse was developed in the 1970s and 80s.

This assessment concludes that there will be a minor adverse effect of slight significance upon its setting.

Collins Bridge is a Grade II Bridge spanning the River Yeo of late 18th/early 19th century date, 140m north east of the PDA. It will be largely screened from the PDA by vegetation and its setting - the River Yeo that it crosses - will be unaffected. There will be a negligible adverse effect of negligible significance upon its setting.

The location of the housing within the development should stand-off the boundary with Park Farmhouse, leaving a green buffer. The southern boundary equally should retain a green corridor of open space or gardens to retain the historical alignment of the former Park's southern boundary in the modern landscape.

These recommendations have been incorporated into the development framework.

No mitigation additional to that proposed is required in relation to the effects upon the setting of designated heritage assets.

7.3 CONCLUSION

Having regard to the baseline conditions, and the scope of the proposed development as currently envisaged, the project fully accords with both local and national cultural heritage policy. With mitigation in place there are no predicted effects that are material in the decision-making process.

Figures

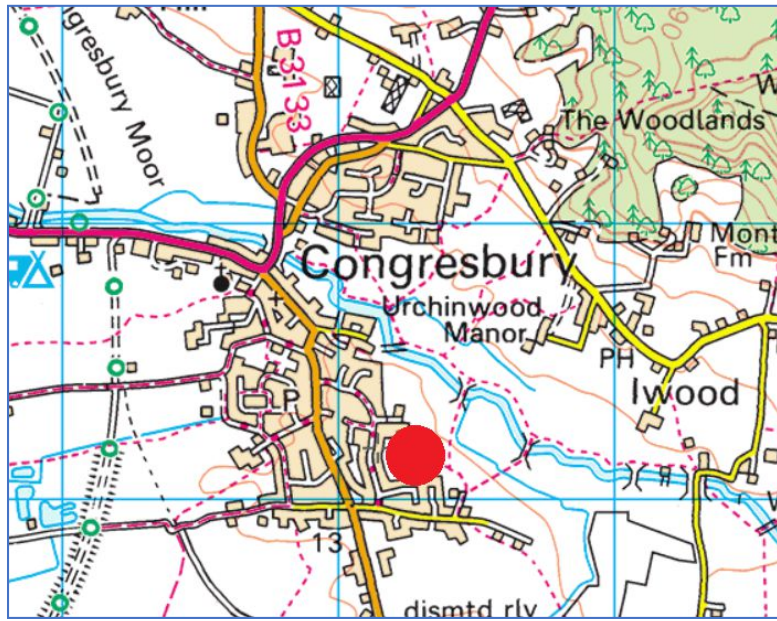


Figure 1 Location of Proposed Development Area (PDA)

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Figure 2 Proposed Development Area (PDA)

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Figure 3 Development Framework plan
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Figure 4 Designated Heritage Assets (refer to section 2)
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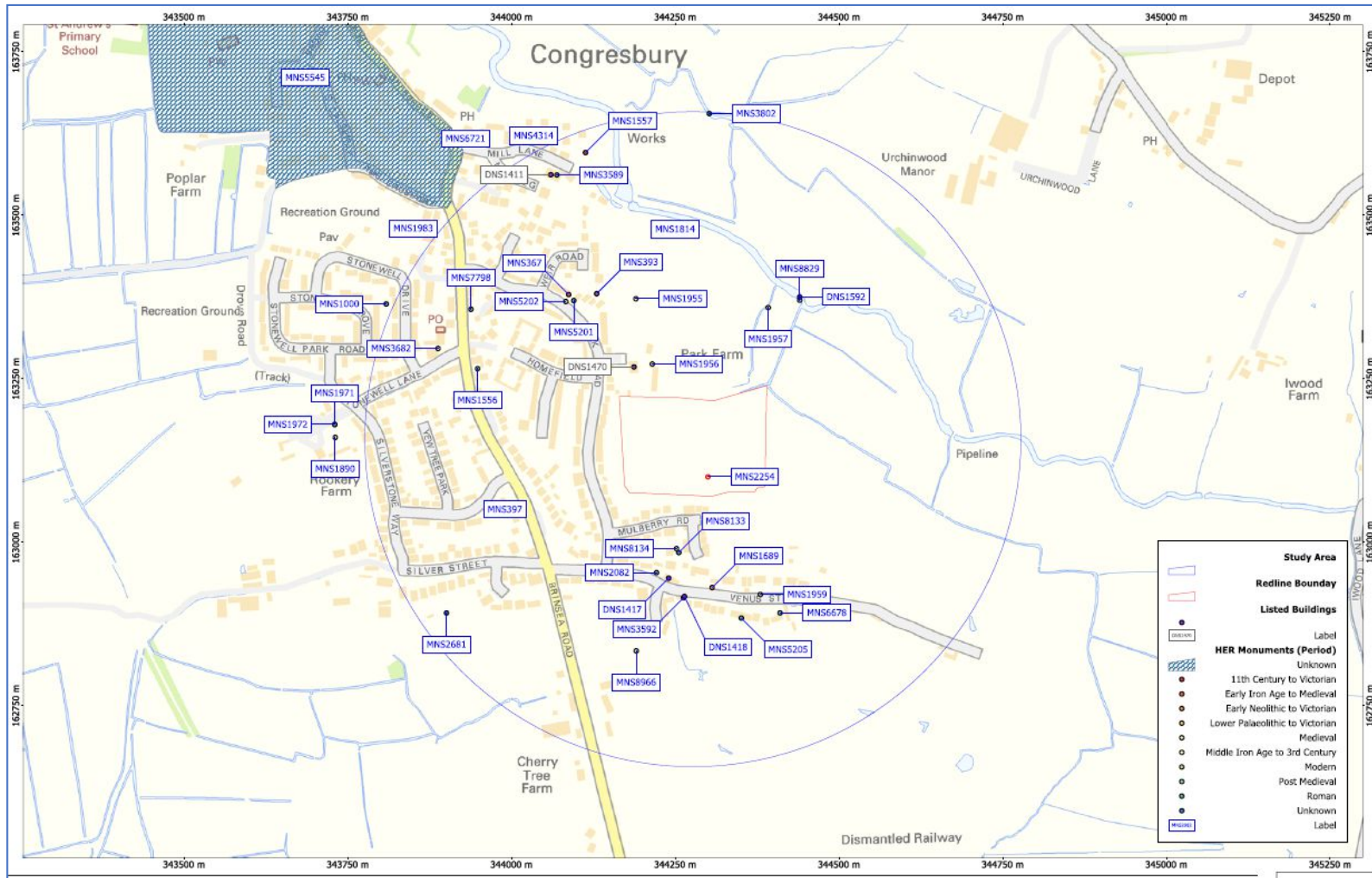


Figure 5A North Somerset HER Monuments within 1km of the PDA

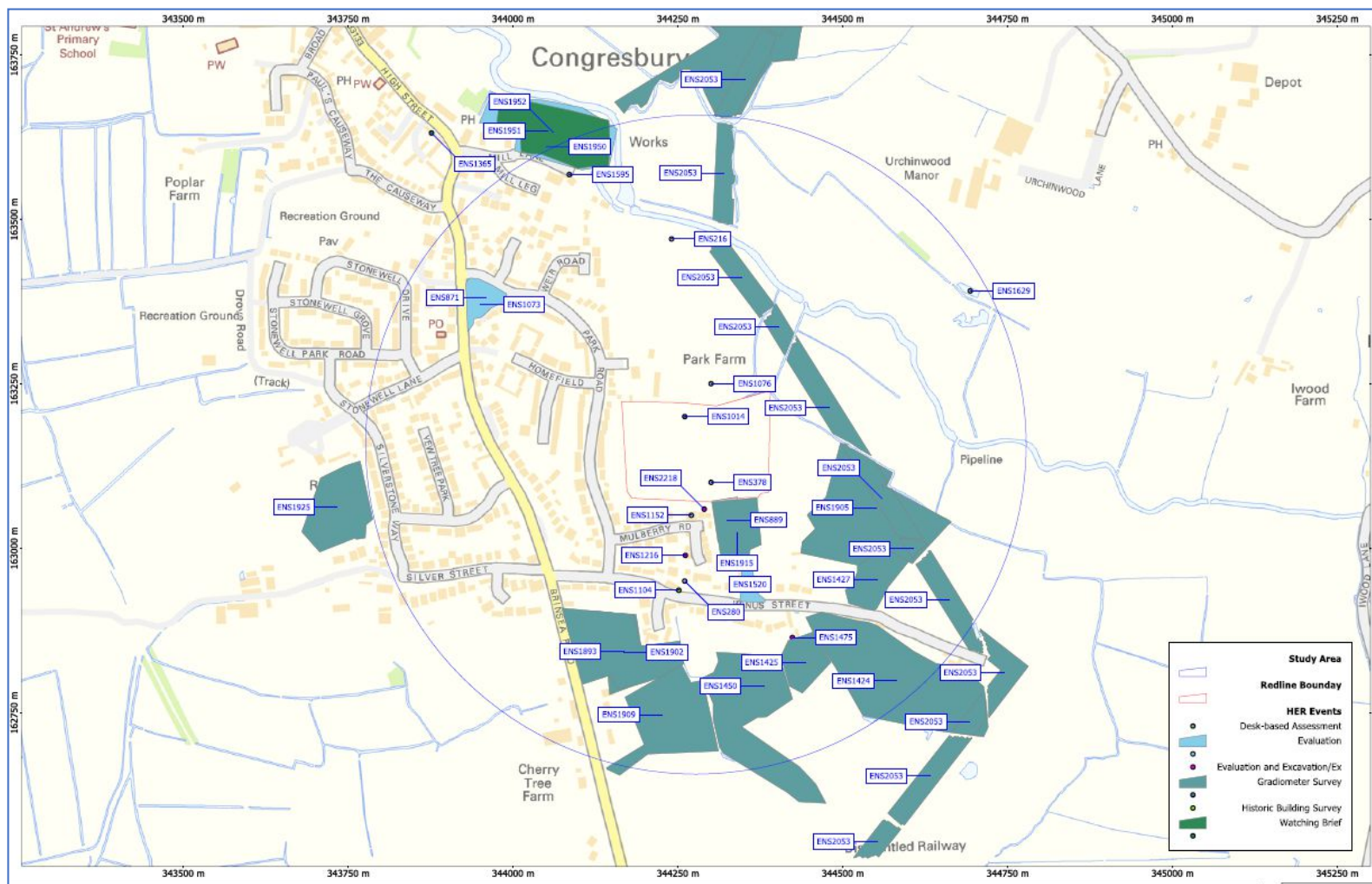


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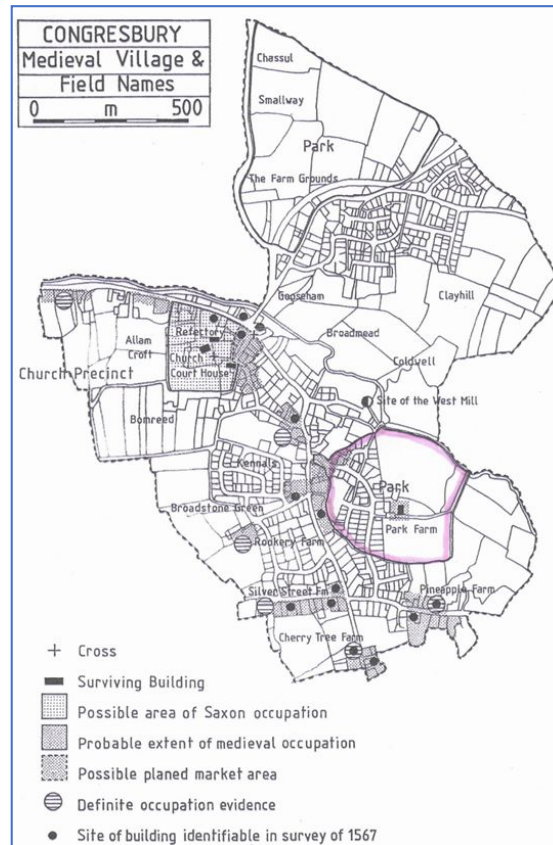


Figure 6 Extent of medieval park (from Congresbury Parish Survey)

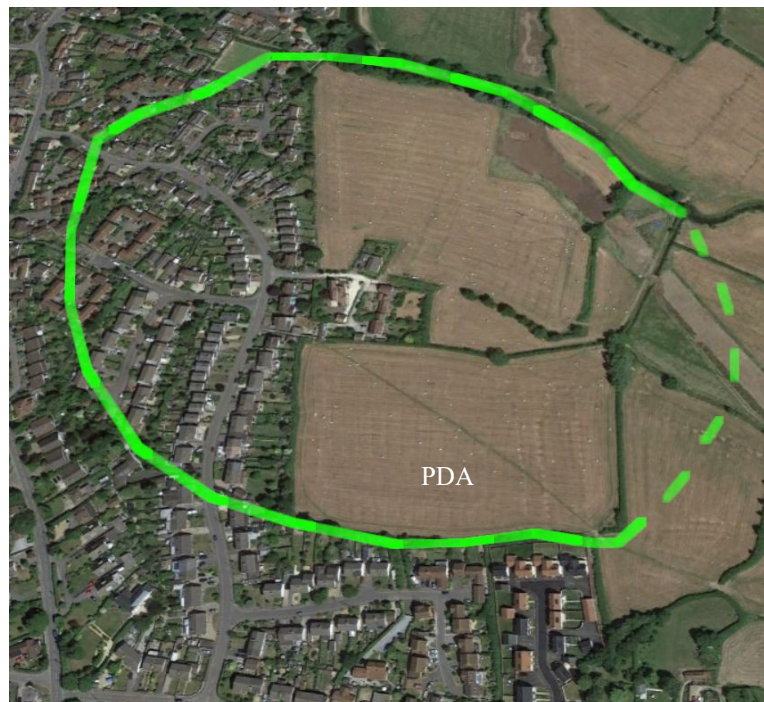


Figure 7 Suggested former extent of medieval park with realigned eastern boundary
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Figure 8 View west along the line of the park boundary, marked by the hedge on PDA's southern boundary. There is no evidence of a bank-and-ditch pale earthwork.

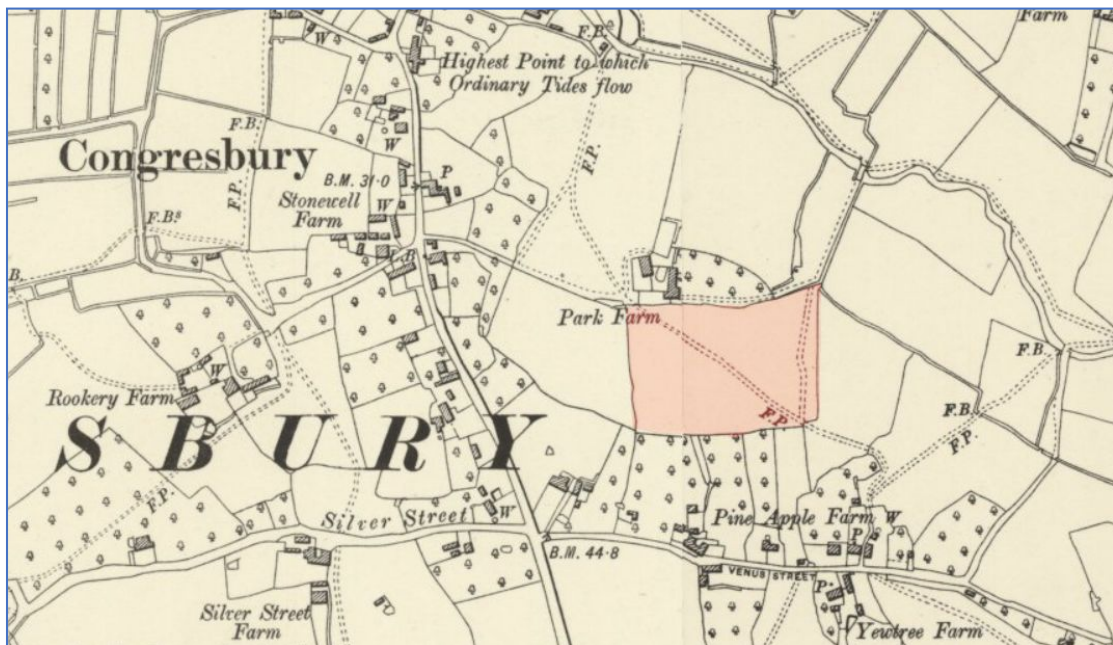


Figure 9 Ordnance Survey 1900

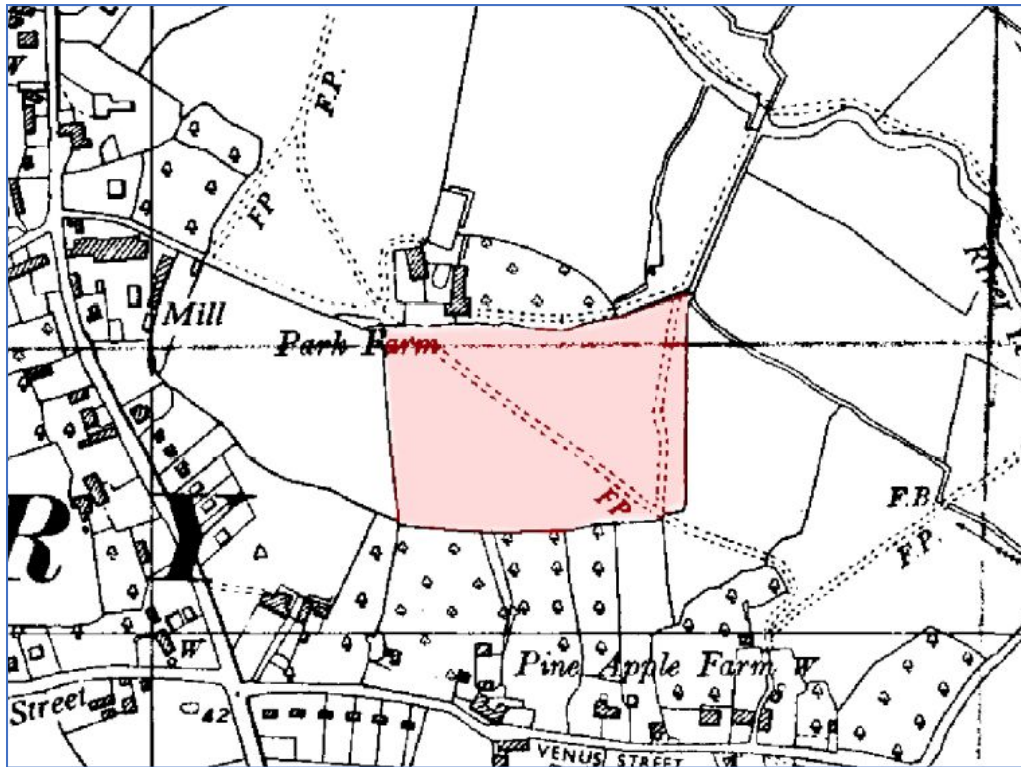


Figure 10 Ordnance Survey 1960



Figure 11 Park Farmhouse, from the west



Figure 12 Former agricultural buildings associated with Park Farmhouse, now converted to dwellings, from the northern boundary of the PDA



Figure 13 Sole window facing the PDA (arrowed) on first floor of Park Farmhouse, from approximate northern limit of built development. Shows enclosure of Farmhouse by existing development.



Figure 14 Collins Bridge, looking in direction of PDA (not visible)



Figure 15 Looking in direction of PDA from 25m north of Collins Bridge. Boundary of PDA highlighted red.



Figure 16 **From 100m east of Urchinwood Manor, looking in direction of PDA (not visible)**



Figure 17 Context of Designated Assets and PDA.
Hedges and tree belts highlighted green. Urban development shaded brown.
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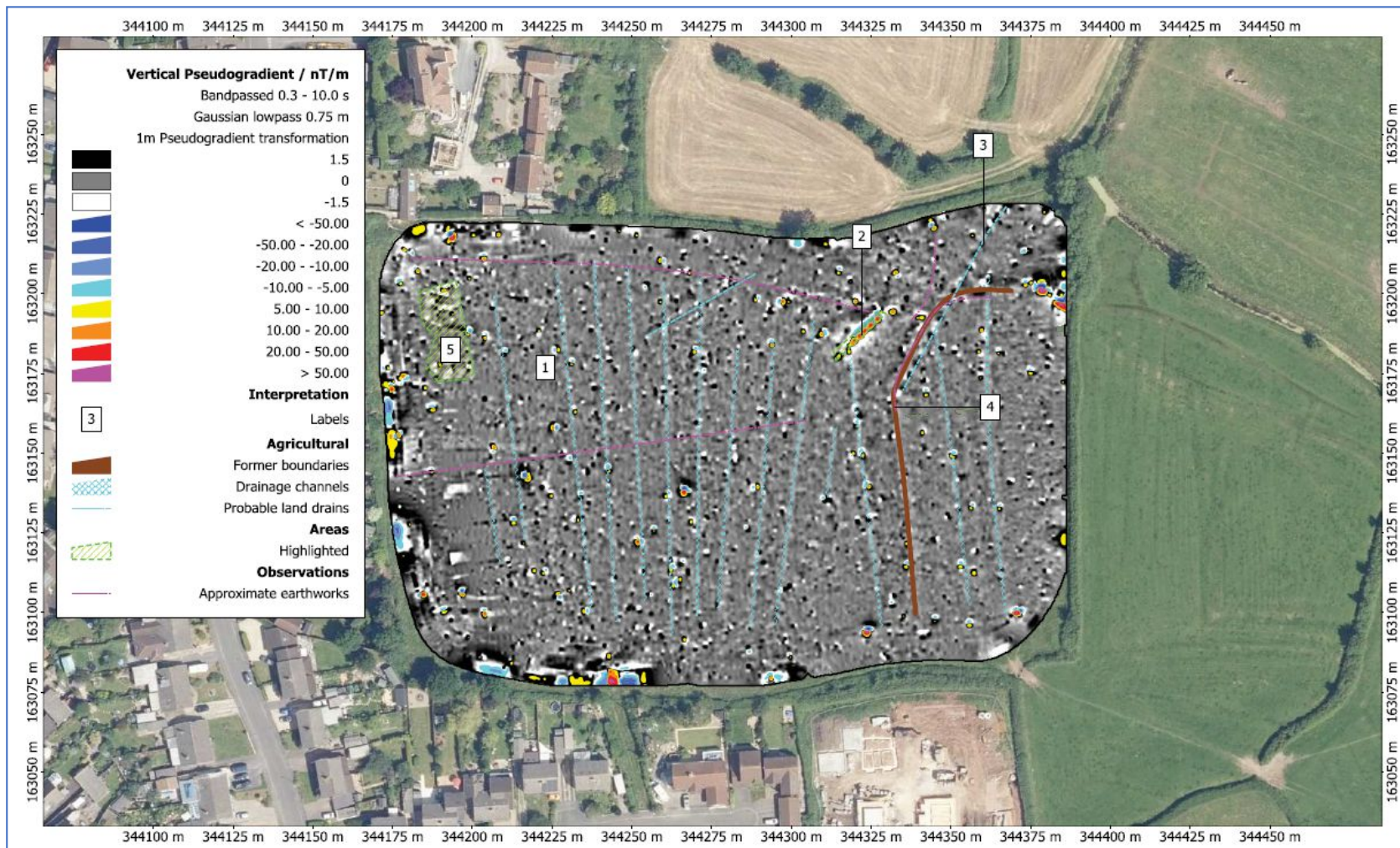


Figure 18 Geophysical Survey Interpretation
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Appendix A: Consultations

From: Cat Lodge
Sent: 26 October 2020 14:25
To: Andrew Josephs
Subject: RE: Pineapple Farm, Congresbury

Hi Andy

Thanks for the update.

Best wishes

Cat

Cat Lodge

Senior Archaeologist
Development & Environment
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From: Andrew Josephs
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 10:31 AM
To: Cat Lodge
Subject: Re: Pineapple Farm, Congresbury

Hi Cat

Just to let you know that I have appointed Tigergeo to carry out a 100% survey of the site and that will take place in the next fortnight.

Kind regards
Andy

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From: Cat Lodge
Sent: 05 October 2020 12:52
To: Andrew Josephs **Subject:** RE: Pineapple Farm, Congresbury

Hi Andy

Please find attached.

You'll see that only 2 parts of the field were surveyed in 1999, so I'd be asking for a 100% mag survey of the field so we have as up to date a picture as possible if a planning application were to come forward.

Best wishes
Cat

Cat Lodge

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Development & Environment
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From: Andrew Josephs
Sent: Monday, October 5, 2020 12:57 PM
To: Cat Lodge
Subject: Re: Pineapple Farm, Congresbury

Hi Cat

That's a great help. Thanks.

I have also seen a reference to a geophysical survey on part of the site back in the late 90s by GSB when Bryant Homes were proposing it. But I cannot find any report online. Does the HER hold a copy?

Kind regards
Andy

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From: Cat Lodge
Sent: 05 October 2020 11:15
To: Andrew Josephs
Subject: RE: Pineapple Farm, Congresbury

Hi Andy

Yes thanks, hope all is well with you too.

Thanks for the heads up on this. I did see your request this morning for information from the HER – Daniel will pick this up tomorrow when he is back in the office and will get the information to you by the end of the week.

There is no requirement for a museum accession number for a DBA.

It might be worth noting that the Bristol Water Southern Strategic Support main passed close to the proposed development site, which revealed extensive activity relatively to Romano-British pottery production: <https://www.wessexarch.co.uk/news/congresbury-kiln>. The post-excavation is still under way, so I don't have a final report, but it would be worth contacting Bruce Eaton at Wessex Archaeology who managed the project as he will be able to provide you with an update on the findings along the route.

There is also a report for a watching brief at the new development at Venus Street/Potters View. It's not yet in the HER so I have attached it for your information.

Also, YCCART (the local community archaeology group) have undertaken geophysical surveys of most of the fields surrounding the village and you can find digital copies here: <http://www.yccart.co.uk/site%20reports.htm>

I hope that's of help, but please don't hesitate to ask if you have any further questions.

Best wishes

Cat

Cat Lodge

Senior Archaeologist

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From: Andrew Josephs
Sent: Monday, October 5, 2020 11:24 AM
To: Cat Lodge
Subject: Pineapple Farm, Congresbury

Dear Cat

I hope you are well.

We have been instructed to provide archaeology and heritage advice in relation to a potential residential development within a parcel of land to the north of Pineapple Farm, Congresbury (attached). This is confidential for the time being, but I expect a formal pre-app will be submitted in the next few weeks.

Initially we have been asked to prepare a DBA.

I have consulted the HER and will obtain an Oasis number. Do I need a museums accession number for a DBA?

Kind regards
Andy

Appendix B: Geophysical Survey Report



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A survey was commissioned by Andrew Jones Associates Ltd on behalf of Pineapple Farm, Mulberry Road, Cngesbury, Wiltshire, for the purpose of archaeological investigation. The survey was undertaken using an ATW-w tw edwand GNSS-tracked non-ground magnetic survey using a caesium-waw u magnetometer and a non-magnetic latfm.w

The survey revealed nothing of archaeological interest although it did confirm the presence of a system of land drainage based upon regular ditches, with the remains of what was an early, perhaps medieval, field system.



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1 L IntroductionL

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2 L ContextL

2.1 L EnviLonmentL

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2.2 L ALchaeology L

ThewHeritagewStatementw(AJA,wf rthcwming)w earedfw thewsitewsummarisesw thewknw n andw tentialw archaeological wswurce in the immediate enviwnswf thew sed development area (PDA).w

Whilew thew are nw reviuslyw recrdedw featuresw findsw f archaew gicalw interestw ithinw thew PDA,w thew isw evidencew fw activityw fw mw rehstw ic e iod n ard inw thew idew environs. Thew evidencew mainlyw relatesw tw ttewyscatterw, butw medievalw featuresw havew beenw ecwrdedw inw smallw intervntionsw closew tw thew PDAw (Andrew J sewhs, w e s. w mm.). Thew fieldw isw ithinw thew s uthewnwartw f thew C ngrvesburyw deew ark andw itsw s uthewnw edge isw thugh t be thew mainw swf thew ark ale. This might alsu be the case fw the eastw nedge but hevw thew isw nw evidencew fw suchw a featuere. A numbew f deew channelsw incisedw acw ssw thew sitew in a nw rthewlyw directionw a arentlyw relate t d ainagew, wf unknw n date.w

Histw ic Ordnance Surveyw maw s reveal that the field b undariesw suw unding the PDA have n t changed sincew the late 19thw century.w



3 L DiscussionL

3.1 L Charactel & Plincipal ResultsL

3.1.1 L DataL

Data quality is overall high though there is some slight distortion close to the houses and gardens due to the inevitable fences, trees, and structures. The data has a strong stippled-like texture typical of small magnetic objects, probably natural material within the superficial geology and few surface debris, the lid geology being unlikely to contribute suitably magnetised material. Contrast is muted with variation of less than 1 nT across a few metres and reduced intensity anomalies are dominant, associated mostly with drainage features.

3.1.2 L GeologyL

The soil iron content is less than 0.5% (GBASE 5 km resolution, Rawlings, 2012) in an area which is incidentally the distribution of Tidal Flat Dew sits which extend far enough east here to underlay the site. Beneath this is the Mercia Mudstone, which is a mixture of mudstone and siltstone and has been seen elsewhere this seems to produce soils with low magnetic susceptibility, leading to generally muted contrast with respect to features of archaeological interest.

However, it is evident between the drainage ditches and the base of the ditches themselves would suggest that there is a reasonable level of background susceptibility locally. It is unclear why these ditch fills should be significantly less magnetic than the ground on each side, even though this may reflect the natural difference between subsoil and topsoil, the latter could be a degree of leaching of iron.

3.1.3 L Land useL

The dominant land use characterised within the data is the set of drainage ditches [1] that drain northwards into a ditch near the northern edge of the field, an area associated with land drains, e.g. [3]. A shallow line anomaly [2] typical of a few surface mounds may be inserted into this set of drainage-related earthworks.

Whether this field has always been used as has had a stable use in uncertain, however, the probable former field boundary [4] has a lynchet character typical of cultivated soils and hence it is tempting to associate the drainage features with an agricultural use. This feature extends eastwards into the next field where the line is more clearly defined by a ditch but might once have existed just to the south of this as another earthwork.

At [5] a watch of magnetic variability was thought to be due to mudstone debris, not seen, but presumably within the grass and soil beneath.

3.1.4 L ArchaeologyL

As would be expected there is nothing in the data that would confirm the presence of the deer park and there is no magnetic evidence within the field for the park area. There is also no evidence of activity that might be dated, although the uncertain date of former boundary [4] and the possible availability of the land associated with this is of interest in the context of the deer park.

There is no evidence of rehistoric use of the land now enclosed within this field.

3.2 L ConclusionsL

The site would have always had an agricultural use, within the small deer park of the medieval period and was subsumed into the field system of the developing settlement of Congresbury, may be as a piece of enclosure. There is no evidence of structures or features of archaeological interest. The use of caesium instrumentation in a non-gradiometric configuration has allowed maximum coverage for



detectivnw f features against the low backgw und magnetic c ntwast.w

3.3 L CaveatsL

Gew hysical survey is reliant u n the detection of anomalies and attributes in physical properties for the ground, e.g. magnetic, electrical, elastic, density and others. It does not directly detect underground features and structures and therefore the presence or absence of these within a geological formation is not a direct indicator of presence or absence in the ground. Specific instances of caveats:

- some physical properties are time variant and mutually interdependent with others;
- for a buried feature to be detectable it must produce anomalies of the physical property being measured;
- any anomaly is only as good as its contrast against background textures and noise within the data.

TigerGeo will always attempt to verify the accuracy and integrity of data it uses within a project but at all times its liability is by necessity limited to its own work and does not extend to third party data and information. Where work is undertaken and the authority's specifications are perceived to be unachievable, TigerGeo will ensure that any possible shortcomings are addressed within the normal constraints of the resources.



4 L MethodologyL

4.1 L agnetic PLinciplesL

4.1.1 L Physical conceptsL

Magnetic survey of any area relies on the generation of a clear magnetic anomaly at the surface, i.e. variations which can be detected by instrumentation and exhibiting sufficient contrast against background and variations which permit diagnostic interpretation. The anomaly itself is dependent upon the chemical properties of a particular volume of ground, its magnetic susceptibility and hence induced magnetic field, the strength of any remanent magnetisation, the shape and orientation of the volume of interest and its depth of burial. Finally the choice and configuration of measurement instrumentation will affect anomaly size and shape.

Sites essential to complex mixtures of these factors demonstrate the causative effects are not known. However, depth of burial and size are usually fairly constrained and background susceptibility can be estimated (if measured). The degree of remanent magnetisation is hard to predict and depends on both the natural magnetic properties of the soil and any chemical processes to which it has been subjected. Unfortunately, heat will raise the susceptibility of most soils and thus soil tends to be more magnetic than subsoil, by volume.

It is hazardous to draw reliable conclusions about what a geology is from magnetic survey as there are many factors involved and in any case magnetic responses can vary across geological units as well as being dependent upon site location and seasonal processes. In general, relatively non-magnetic arent materials containing iron magnetisable oxidation duct, i.e. iron which contains iron in the form of oxides and hydroxides, will allow archaeological structures to exhibit strong magnetic contrast against their surroundings and especially if the soil has been heated, subjected to certain processes of fermentation. In the absence of either, magnetic enhancement becomes entirely reliant upon the geochemistry of the soil and enhancement will often be weak and more variable.

Analysis of the British Geological Survey (BGS) Geochemical Atlas (G-Base) for total soil iron reveals that in England and Wales 50% of the samples (the interquartile range) lie between 1.9% and 3.6% percentage iron with the median at 2.7%.

The principal magnetic iron minerals are the oxide magnetite which is sometimes common naturally but is more often formed during the heating of soil. Subsequent cooling yields a mixture of this, non-magnetic iron haematite and the magnetic iron oxide, maghaemite. As a by-product of heat, the magnetic iron minerals include the sulphides pyrite and greigite which in damper soils complex chemistry involving the hydroxides goethite and lepidocrocite can create strong magnetic anomalies. There are a few thus a number of different geochemical reaction pathways that can both augment and reduce the magnetic susceptibility of soil. In addition, this susceptibility may exhibit seasonal patterns unrelated to visible stratigraphic history.

Most structures of archaeological interest detected by magnetic survey are fills within negative cut features. Not all fills are magnetic and they can be more magnetic, less magnetic than the surrounding ground. In addition, it is common for fills to exhibit variable magnetic properties through their volume, basal rim may still be more magnetic than the material above it due to the increased oxidation of the soil within it. However, a fill containing burnt soil may be more magnetic than this rim may still be and sometimes a feature that has contained standing water can produce highly magnetic silts through mechanical depositional processes (depositional remanent magnetisation, DRM).

A third structural factor in the detection of buried structures is the depth of the feature. As fills sink, the hollow above accumulates soil and hence a structure can be detected not through its own magnetisation but through the locally deeper soil above it. The volume of soil required depends upon the magnetic susceptibility of the soil but just a few centimetres are often sufficient. Such a thin deposit can, however, easily be lost through subsequent erosion by natural factors such as ploughing.

4.1.2 L InstrumentationL

The use of the magnetic sensor within a gradiometer (vertical) configuration allows measurement sensitisation to the shallowest regions of the soil, allowing deeper structures, both the natural and the isometric



beingw imagedw ithinw thewsensitivityw f thew instrumentationw. Thisw alsww allows thew detectionw f shallow bw adw variationsw in magneticw susceptibilityw thatw mightw havew archaeowlogicalw significance. w Suw ressessionw f ambientw noise and temw al trends isw reduced and therefw neededw reductionw duringw cessingw.

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4.2 L agnetic SuwveyL

4.2.1 L Technical equipmentL

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| SensitivityL | 0.03 nT @ 10 Hz (manufacturwew sw ecification)w |
| QA PlocedurwL | Cwntinuwsw bsew watioww |
| Spatial ResolutowL | 1.0m between lines, 0.25m mean along line interw walw |

4.2.2 L Monitoring & quality assessmentL

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4.3 L agnetic Data PlocessingL

4.3.1 L PlocedurwL

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| Smw thingw | Surfww | Gaussian low ass 3x3 data (0.75m)w |
| Pseudw-gwadiow cwntwrsionw | Pw rietawyw | 1m verticalw |

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4.4 L Magnetic Interpretation L

4.4.1 L IntroductionL

Numbers of sources are used in the interpretation process, which takes into account shallow geological conditions, as well as present and past land use, drainage, earthwork features and during survey, to give a hybrid view of previous knowledge about the site and the surrounding area. Old Ordnance Survey maps are consulted and also field sketches if available. Geological information (for the UK) is sourced only from British Geological Survey sources and where available imagery from aerial photography. LiDAR data is usually sourced from the Environment Agency or the national equivalents, SAR from NASA and the topographic data from original survey.

Information from nearby surveys is consulted to inform local data characteristics, variations in soils and near surface geological contexts. Published data from the surveys may also be used if accompanied by adequate metadata.

Interpretation of magnetic data is undertaken using vertical intensity data, vertical ground gradient and where relevant, shallow field, to monitor the delineation of all features with clarity, only a subset of these may be presented in the report.

4.4.2 L The contribution from geology and soilsL

On some sites, e.g. some gravel and alluvial contexts, there will be anomalies that can be associated with potentially of archaeological interest. They may have a strength equal to or greater than that associated with more relevant sources, e.g. ditch fills, but can normally be differentiated on the basis of an analysis of the context with geological understanding. Where there is ambiguity, relevance to the study, these anomalies will be included in this category.

Not all changes in geological context can be detected at the surface, directly or indirectly, but sometimes there will be a difference evident in the geophysical data that can be attributed to a change, e.g. from alluvium to tidal flat deposits, or bedrock to alluvium. In some cases the geophysical difference will not exactly coincide with the geological contact and this is especially the case across transitions in soil type.

Geophysical data varies in character across areas, due to a range of factors including soil chemistry, near surface geology, hydrology and land use as well as present. These all contribute to the texture of the data, i.e. a background character against which all the anomalies are measured.

4.4.3 L Agricultural inputsL

Changes in dip slope enhancement of magnetic field strength, marking ditch fills, narrow bands of more variable magnetic field changes in an area, magnetic susceptibility, are all included within the category of field boundaries if they correlate with the predicted features of the Ordnance Survey maps. If there is no correlation then these anomaly types are not categorised as a field boundary.

Banded variations in an area of magnetic susceptibility caused by variable thickness of topsoil, depositional remanent magnetisation of sediments with varying susceptibility enhancement through weeding (or by way of duct of burning organic matter like seaweed) tend to indicate past cultivation, whether ridge-based techniques, medieval dig and furrow or medieval 'lazy beds'. Modern cultivation, e.g. recent ploughing, is not included.

In some cases it is possible to identify drainage networks either as ditch-fill type anomalies (typically 'Roman' drains), or as weeding dip slope anomalies from the reduced magnetic field strength anomalies from culverts, plastic or reinforced concrete pipes. In all cases identification of a hewing boundary where there is sufficient field inclusion within this category.

4.4.4 L Features of archaeological interestL

Any linear discrete enhancement of magnetic field strength, usually with a dip slope character of variable strength, that cannot be categorised as a field boundary, cultivation or as having a geological origin, is classified as a feature potentially being of archaeological interest. Fills are normally earth and include any fence



invisible tionw f heated sil tw s il that augments local magnetic field strength. Inverted anomalies are visible in the hills, e.g. those that can rise at, and generally in hills. This category is subject to the 'habitation effect' where, in the absence of the sources of magnetic material, anomaly strength will decrease as a function of the sources of heated sil and sometimes to the extent of non-detectability.

From enclosure ditches that contained standing water can be enhanced by magnetic susceptibility through the natural remanence and remain detectable regardless of the absence of the sources of magnetic enhancement.

Anything that cannot be interpreted as a fill tends to be a structure, in archaeological terms, a feature. This category is secondary fills and includes anomalies that by virtue of their character are likely to be of archaeological interest but cannot be adequately described as fills. Examples include strongly magnetic buildings, a few structures that might indicate hearths or kilns. In some cases anomalies of few structures may be included.

On some sites the combination of linear and anomalies, e.g. rectilinear reduced magnetic field strength anomalies, might indicate the likely presence of masonry, but trenches, rubble foundations. Other types of structure are only included if the evidence is unequivocal, e.g. small ring ditches with ditches and hearths. In some circumstances a less definite category may be assigned to the individual anomalies instead.

It is sometimes possible to define different areas of activity on the basis of magnetic character, e.g. texture and anomaly strength. These might indicate the presence of middens of cinders in large complex mounds. This category does not indicate the absence of discrete anomalies of archaeological interest.

4.5 L Glossary

| Acronym / tel | Type | Definition |
|---------------|-------------------|--|
| Aw | Physical quantity | SI unit Am of electric current |
| BGS | Organisation | British Geological Survey |
| CIfA | Organisation | Chartered Institute for Archaeologists |
| dB | Physical quantity | Decibel, unit of amplification / attenuation |
| DRM | Process | Direct Remanent Magnetisation |
| EAGE | Organisation | European Association of Geoscientists and Engineers |
| EGNOS | Technology | European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service |
| ERT | Technology | Electrical resistivity tomography |
| ETRS89 | Technology | European Terrestrial Reference System (defined 1989) |
| ETSI | Organisation | European Telecommunications Standards Institute |
| EuGPR | Organisation | European Ground Penetrating Radar Association, the professional body for GPR |
| G-BASE | Data | British Geological Survey Geochemical Atlas |
| GeS | Organisation | Geological Society for London, the chartered body for the geological profession |
| GNSS | Technology | Global Navigation Satellite System |
| GPR | Technology | Ground Penetrating Radar |
| GPS | Technology | Global Positioning System (US) |
| inversion | Process | A combination of forward and backward modelling intended to construct a 2D or 3D model of the physical distribution of a variable from data measured on a 1D or 2D surface. It is fundamental to ERT surveying |
| IP | Physical quantity | Induced polarisation (w chargeability) units m / msw |
| m | Physical quantity | SI unit metres of distance |
| mbgl | Physical quantity | Metres below ground level |
| MHz | Physical quantity | SI unit mega-Hertz of frequency |
| MS | Physical quantity | Magnetic susceptibility, unitless |
| mS | Physical quantity | SI unit milli-Siemens of electrical conductivity |
| nT | Physical quantity | SI unit nano-Tesla of magnetic flux density |
| OFCOM | Organisation | The Office of Communications, the UK radio spectrum regulator |



| Acronym / TEL | Type | Definition |
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| Ohm | Physical quantity | SI unit of electrical resistance |
| OS | Organisation | Ordnance Survey of Great Britain |
| OSGB36 | Data | The OS national grid (Great Britain) |
| OSTN15 | Technology | Current coordinate transformation from ETRS89 to OSGB36 coordinates |
| RDP | Physical quantity | Relative Dielectric Permittivity, unitless |
| RTK | Technology | Real Time Kinematic (correction of GNSS position from a base station) |
| sw | Physical quantity | SI unit of seconds |
| TMI | Physical quantity | Total magnetic intensity (measured flux density minus regional flux density) |
| TRM | Process | Theorem - Remanent Magnetisation |
| | Physical quantity | SI unit of electric potential |
| WGS84 | Data | World Geodetic System (defined 1984) |

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4.7 Archiving and dissemination

All records maintained for all projects, accessible to research users. Copyright and intellectual property rights are retained by Tiger Geo. All material has been produced, the client having full licence to use such material as benefits their project. Where required, digital data and any other files can be archived in a suitable way, e.g. the Archaeology Data Service, in addition to our archive.

The archive contains all survey and project data, communications, field notes, reports and related material including photos of sites (e.g. CAD mapping, etc.) in digital form. Many are available in PDF format. All reports are available in PDF format.

The client will determine the distribution of their reports, including the end user, the contractors, local authority etc., and will determine the timetable for upload of their project to the OASIS Grey Literature Library for their data to the archiving services, taking into account client confidentiality.

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5 L Supporting information

5.1 L Standards and quality (archaeology)

TigerGeo is developing an Integrated Management System (IMS) towards ISO certification for ISO9001, ISO14001 and OHSAS18001/ISO45001. Within the archaeological sector TigerGeo has been awarded CIFA (Chartered Institute for Archaeologists) Registered Organisation status.

A high standard of client-centred professionalism is maintained in accordance with the requirements for relevant professional bodies including the Geological Society of London (GSA) and the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIFA). Senior members of TigerGeo are professional members of the GSA (FGS), CIFA (MCIFA & ACIFA grades) and the various professional bodies, including the European Association of Geoscientists and Engineers (EAGE) Near Surface Division (MEAGE) and the Institution of Professional Scientists (MISwSci).

In addition TigerGeo is a member of the European Accreditation and Certification Association (EAC) and is in accordance with ETSI EN 15926-3.

The management team at TigerGeo have a minimum of 50 years of combined experience of near surface geophysical project design, survey, interpretation and reporting, based on a wide range of shallow geological contexts. Added to this is the considerable experience of university geophysicists in a variety of commercial and academic roles. All geophysical staff have adequate and in many cases post-graduate relevant qualifications in environmental geophysics for recognised centres of academic excellence.

During fieldwork there is always a fully qualified (to graduate level) supervisor with a geophysicist leading a team of geophysicists and geophysical technicians, all fully trained and competent with the equipment they are working with. Data processing and interpretation is carried out by a suitably qualified and experienced geophysicist under the direct supervision and guidance of the Senior Geophysicist. All results are reviewed and checked through by the Senior Geophysicist to ensure all stages of a project as it progresses.

Data processing and interpretation adheres to the scientific principles of objectivity and logical consistency. A standard set of agreed external sources of information, e.g. from the British Geological Survey, the Ordnance Survey and similar sources of data, in addition to previous TigerGeo projects, guide the interpretation process. Due attention is paid to the technical constraints of method, resolution, and the geophysical factors.

There is a strong culture of internal peer review within TigerGeo, for example, all work is reviewed by a peer review of authorship, technical review and finally a final reading before release to the client. Technical queries resulting from TigerGeo work are reviewed by the Senior Geophysicist to ensure uniformity of results and to implement any edits, etc.

Work is undertaken in accordance with the high professional standards and technical competence expected by the Geological Society of London and the European Association of Geoscientists and Engineers.

All archaeological projects are conducted in accordance with the following standards and guidance:

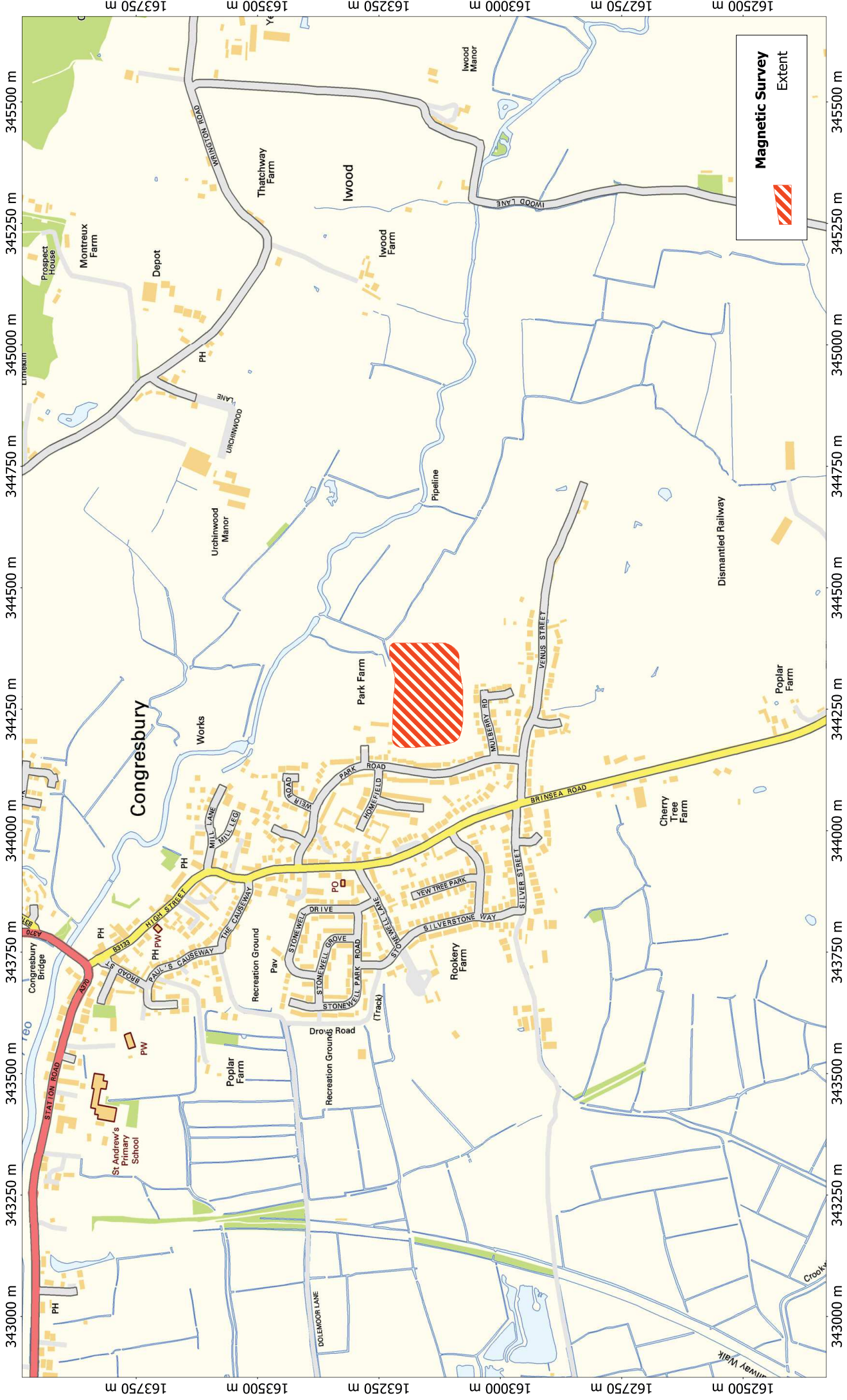
- David et al, "Geophysical Survey in Archaeological Field Evaluation", English Heritage, 2008;
- "Standards and guidance for Archaeological Geophysical survey", Chartered Institute for Archaeologists, 2014 (Updated 2016);

and TigerGeo meets the requirements of English Heritage in their 2008 "Guidance for Geophysical Survey in Archaeological Field Evaluation" section 2.8 entitled "Competence of surveyors".



5.2 L Key personnel L

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| <p>On working beyond engineering, Anne turned her attention to environmental monitoring and geophysics. She is a Member of the British Society of Soil Science, Institute of Professional Geoscientists (BSSS/IPSS) and has specific areas of interest in silviculture & hydrology, agricultural applications and industrial sites. Working in shallow geophysics since 1998, Anne is a founding member of the ISSGAP pilots group, also as the founding Editor of the International Society for Archaeological Prospection (ISAP). Specialisations, in logistics, health and safety, data handling & analysis are integral parts of her work, though she is highly distracted by the possibilities of discovering lost cities, hillwalking, dance and good food.</p> | |
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| <p>Daniel studied archaeology at the University of Nottingham and worked in field archaeology for many years, managing urban and rural fieldwork projects in and around Herefordshire. When the desk became more appealing he jumped into the world of consulting, working on small and large multi-disciplinary projects throughout England and Wales. At the same time, he returned to University, gaining an MA in Historic Environment Conservation. With experience in the heritage sector since 1998, Daniel has a diverse portfolio of skills. He is confident that geophysical work within the heritage sector is well understood in archaeology. His spare time includes much running of mountain trails.</p> | |
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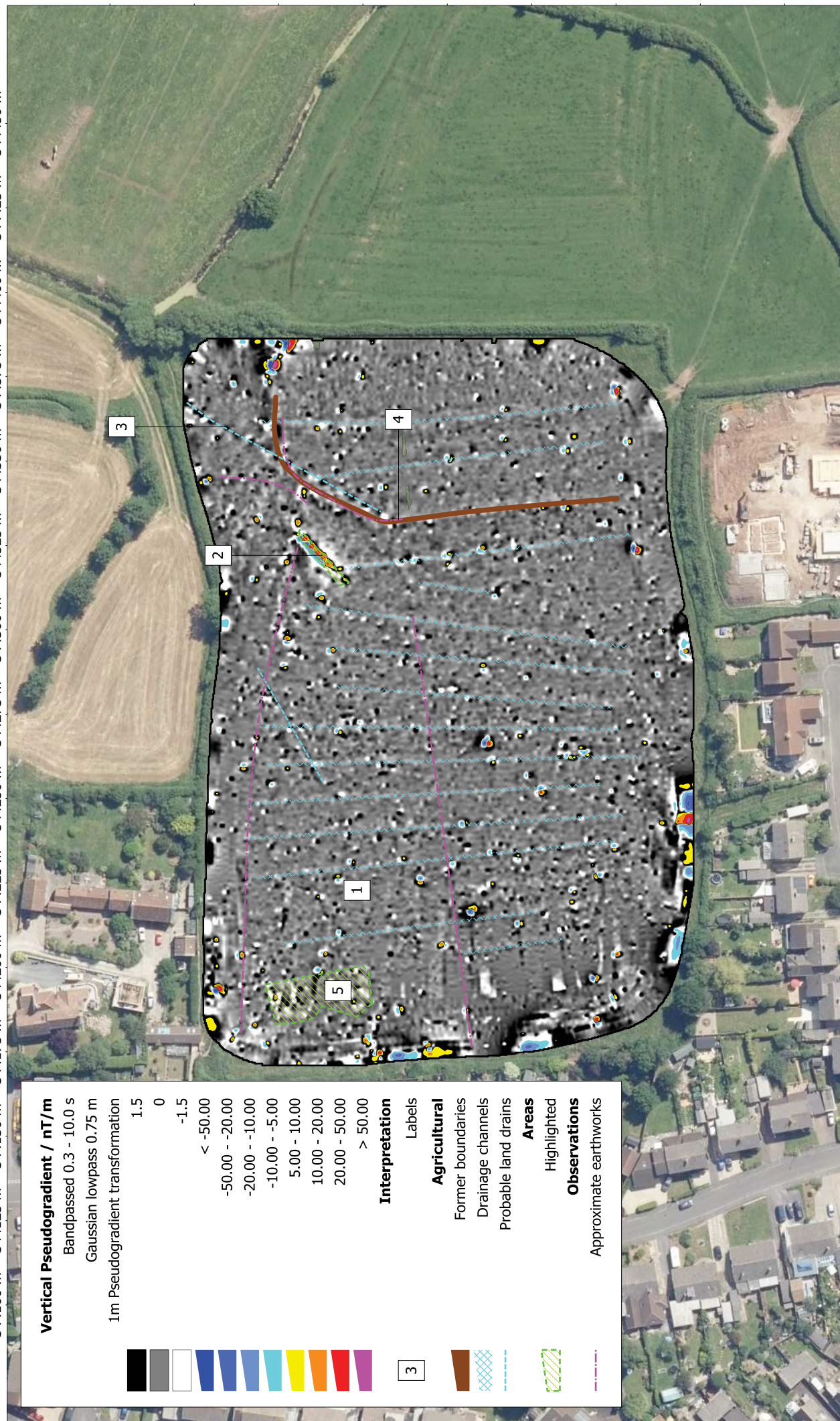
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