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Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire.**

Archaeological Watching Brief



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Non Technical Summary

The following report presents the results of an archaeological watching brief, undertaken during groundwork for a new dwelling on land opposite Church View, Camrose, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire (centered on NGR: SM 92810 20096).

The archaeological watching brief during groundwork for the proposed new dwelling on land opposite Church View, Camrose, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, encountered no finds, features and deposits of any significance. The only feature encountered was a narrow linear feature that appeared to be the remains of a modern (19th or early 20th century) cable trench running in a north-easterly to south-westerly direction across the site. Datable finds recovered from the top soil and sub soil were predominantly early - late 19th century in date and included glass bottle fragments and pottery fragments. The earliest pottery fragment recovered was a small fragment of unglazed Dyfed gravel tempered ware with a date range of between 14th - 17th century.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The following report presents the results of an archaeological watching brief, undertaken during groundwork for a new dwelling on land opposite Church View, Camrose, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire (centered on NGR: SM 92810 20096).
- 1.2 The specific objectives of this work were to:
- Undertake a watching brief during ground work for the proposed new dwelling, including turf, top soil and sub soil removal and any service trenches that may be required.
- 1.3 The Technical Appendices for this report contains the following information:
- *Appendix I:* Figures;
 - *Appendix II:* Photographs
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 - *Appendix IV:* Archive Cover Sheet

Site Location & Description (see Figures 1-4)

- 1.4 The development site is located approximately 100 meters east of St, Michaels Church in the village of Camrose, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire (centred on OS grid reference SM 92810 20096). The site is roughly rectangular in shape, measuring approximately 25m x 17.3m.
- 1.5 The plot was until recently used as an allotment garden with maintained hedgerow to the north, and west. The southern and eastern boundaries are delineated by turf covered boundary banks.

Development Proposals

- 1.6 The development proposal was for one detached 1½ storey dwelling with a single storey wing, 'L' shaped in plan. The dwelling will be positioned forward the southern end of the site. Vehicular access to the site will be from the north end off the public road. Presently this boundary to the site is marked by a hedge-bank which stands approximately 2.5 meters above the road. This hedge-bank was to be partially removed in order to give access to the site.

Planning Background

- 1.7 Following re-submission of a planning application (Ref: 15/0273/PA) detailing the development proposals to Pembrokeshire County Council (henceforth PCC) on 24th June 2015, outline planning permission was granted by PCC on 19th August 2015. A previous planning application for the site (11/0975/PA) had already recommended that an archaeological watching brief condition be attached to the application should consent be forthcoming. This archaeological condition stipulated that:

"The developer shall ensure that a professionally qualified archaeologist is present during the undertaking of any ground works, so that an archaeological watching brief can be carried out. The archaeological watching brief will be undertaken to the standards laid down by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists. The Planning Authority will be informed, in writing at least two weeks prior to the commencement of the development, of the name of the said archaeologist."

- 1.8 HRS Wales were commissioned by Mr Jamie Taylor to undertake the required archaeological watching brief.

Historical & Archaeological Background (see Figures 1-5)

- 1.9 The proposed development is located within the medieval settlement of Camrose and in close proximity to the medieval parish church, with associated graveyard, of St.Ishmael's (PRN's 2423 and 46774) and the motte of Camrose Castle (SAM PE217). Consequently, there is good potential for the ground works for the proposed development to reveal and destroy archaeological features and deposits.

Geology

- 1.28 The geology of the immediate Camrose area is of undifferentiated Llanvirn Rocks, consisting of mudstone, siltstone and sandstone.

2 Aims & Objectives

- 2.1 The aims of the watching brief, as defined by the ClfA (2014) were to:
- Allow a rapid investigation and recording of any archaeological features that are uncovered during the proposed groundwork.
 - Provide the opportunity, if needed, for the watching archaeologist to signal to all interested parties, before the destruction of the material in question, that an archaeological find has been made for which the resources allocated to the watching brief are not sufficient to support the treatment to a satisfactory or proper standard.

3 Methodology

Watching Brief

- 3.1 The archaeological watching brief was undertaken by HRS Wales staff using current best practice from from mid August 2017.
- 3.2 All work was carried out by a suitably qualified archaeologist with relevant level membership of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (ClfA) and followed the ClfA Standard and Guidance for an archaeological watching brief (ClfA 2014).
- 3.3 All proposed groundwork was undertaken under close and constant archaeological supervision. All groundwork by the contractor was undertaken using a mechanical digger with a toothless grading bucket. On occasion a toothed bucket was used when either the ground demanded it or else bedrock, boulders or tree roots were encountered. Given that the height of the proposed development area was approximately 2 meters above road level, then a significant amount of soil needed to be removed from the site. Initially groundwork consisted of creating a new access point through the existing hedge-bank and then continuing with the removal of turf, top and sub soils.

- 3.4 All archaeological deposits or features when encountered were to be cleaned, recorded and partially excavated. All finds recovered during the watching brief were to be bagged and a grid coordinate was taken using a handheld GPS device in order to locate the find-spot with the OS national grid.
- 3.5 Recording was carried out using HRS Wales recording systems (pro-forma context sheets etc), using a continuous number sequence for all contexts.
- 3.6 Where considered necessary plans and sections were drawn to a scale of 1:50, 1:20 and 1:10 as required and related to Ordnance Survey datum and published boundaries where appropriate.
- 3.7 All features identified were tied in to the both the OS National Grid and all local site and ground plans.
- 3.8 Photographs were appropriated in digital format, using a 14 mega-pixel DSLR camera, with photographs stored in RAW format, to be exported later in TIFF format in accordance with RCAHMS digital Archive guidelines.

4 Results of Watching Brief *(see Photo plates 1 – 29)*

- 4.1 All numbers marked in () refer to archaeological contexts encountered during the ground work.
- 4.2 The existing site was covered in mature vegetation, bracken and branches from felled trees and the remnants of general garden fixtures. All boundaries of the site were marked by hedge-banks, each standing approximately 1 meter above the main height of the site, which itself was positioned at least 2 meters above road level.
- 4.3 Prior to any turf, top soil and sub soil removal, an access point had to be made through the existing hedge-bank (100) at the far northern end of the site. This was done using a mechanical excavator. Removal of the hedge-bank exposed a number of Victorian items, which included occasional glass bottle remains and fragments from a ceramic jam pot. Once the hedge-bank (100) had been cut through, it became evident that the hedge-bank itself was sitting on top of a natural deposit of yellow/orange sand (111). Along the base of the bank, on the road side, had been positioned a series of large stones serving as curb stones. Other than these features and 19th century finds, no other features, finds or deposits were encountered during the removal of the hedge-bank.
- 4.4 Following removal of the hedge-bank, groundwork continued with the removal of the turf, top soil and sub soil from the site. Initially the turf (104) and top soil (105) was removed across the entire area of the site. No features of any significance became exposed during this work and all dateable finds were 19th century in date. The top soil was a mid brown loam deposit intermixed with sand. This top soil deposit measured approximately 0.20m in depth.
- 4.6 Directly below the top soil was a sub soil (106) deposit that was very similar in form and character to the above top soil deposit. However, this sub soil deposit had a slightly higher sand content. The sub soil averaged between 0.30 - 0.50m in depth across the whole site. Within this deposit were

fragments of early to late 19th century pottery. Only one small fragment of unglazed Dyfed Gravel Tempered ware (date range 14th - 17th century) was recovered from within this sub soil deposit. This pottery fragment was not associated with any features.

- 4.7 Once the top soil and sub soil had been completely removed from the site, thus exposing the natural sand deposits (110 and 111) the only feature that became apparent was a linear feature (108 and 109) running diagonally northeast to southwest across the site at the far south-eastern end of the site. This linear feature measured approximately 15 meters in length and 0.35m in width. Two investigative slots were cut into the fill of this feature (see Figure 6 and 7 - Section drawings E-F and G-H). These two slots revealed that the depth of this feature from the exposed height was approximately 0.25m in depth with sloping sides. Examination of the west facing section of the eastern boundary bank revealed that this linear feature was also just visible in the section and appears to have been cut through the sub soil deposit, which would suggest that it is likely either 18th or 19th century in date. This linear feature was filled by the same sub soil deposit (106). Initially it was considered that this linear trench may have been an early drainage channel that predated the insertion of the road given that the ground level in the development site was at least 2 meters above road level. However, given that it was cutting through the sub soil deposit and no finds were recovered from it, it may well be an old obsolete 'modern' cable trench.
- 4.8 With all of the turf, top soil and sub soil deposits removed, a natural sand/clay deposit was exposed across the entire site. Given that the ground level still had to be reduced by a further 1 - 1.5 meters, it was considered unnecessary to continue this work under watching brief conditions.
- 4.9 Other than the finds and features mentioned above, no further significant finds, features or deposits became exposed.

5. Conclusions

- 5.1 The archaeological watching brief during groundwork for the proposed new dwelling on land opposite Church View, Camrose, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, encountered no finds, features and deposits of any significance. The only feature encountered was a narrow linear feature that appeared to be the remains of a modern (19th or early 20th century) cable trench running in a north-easterly to south-westerly direction across the site. Datable finds recovered from the top soil and sub soil were predominantly early - late 19th century in date and included glass bottle fragments and pottery fragments. The earliest pottery fragment recovered was a small fragment of unglazed Dyfed gravel tempered ware with a date range of between the 14th - 17th century.

6 Acknowledgements

Thanks to; Jamie Taylor for allowing access to the site for his patience and understanding during the groundwork.

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Soils of England and Wales 1983. Sheet 2: Wales, 1:25000

Cartographic Sources

Ordnance Survey First Edition Map (1888)

Ordnance Survey Second Edition Map (1908)

Ordnance Survey 1953 Edition Map

Ordnance Survey Landranger Edition (1:50,000)

Ordnance Survey Explorer Edition (1:25,000)

APPENDIX I:

Figures & Illustrations



Project Title: Land opposite Church View, Camrose, Haverfordwest, Pembs.

Date: 10th Sept 2017

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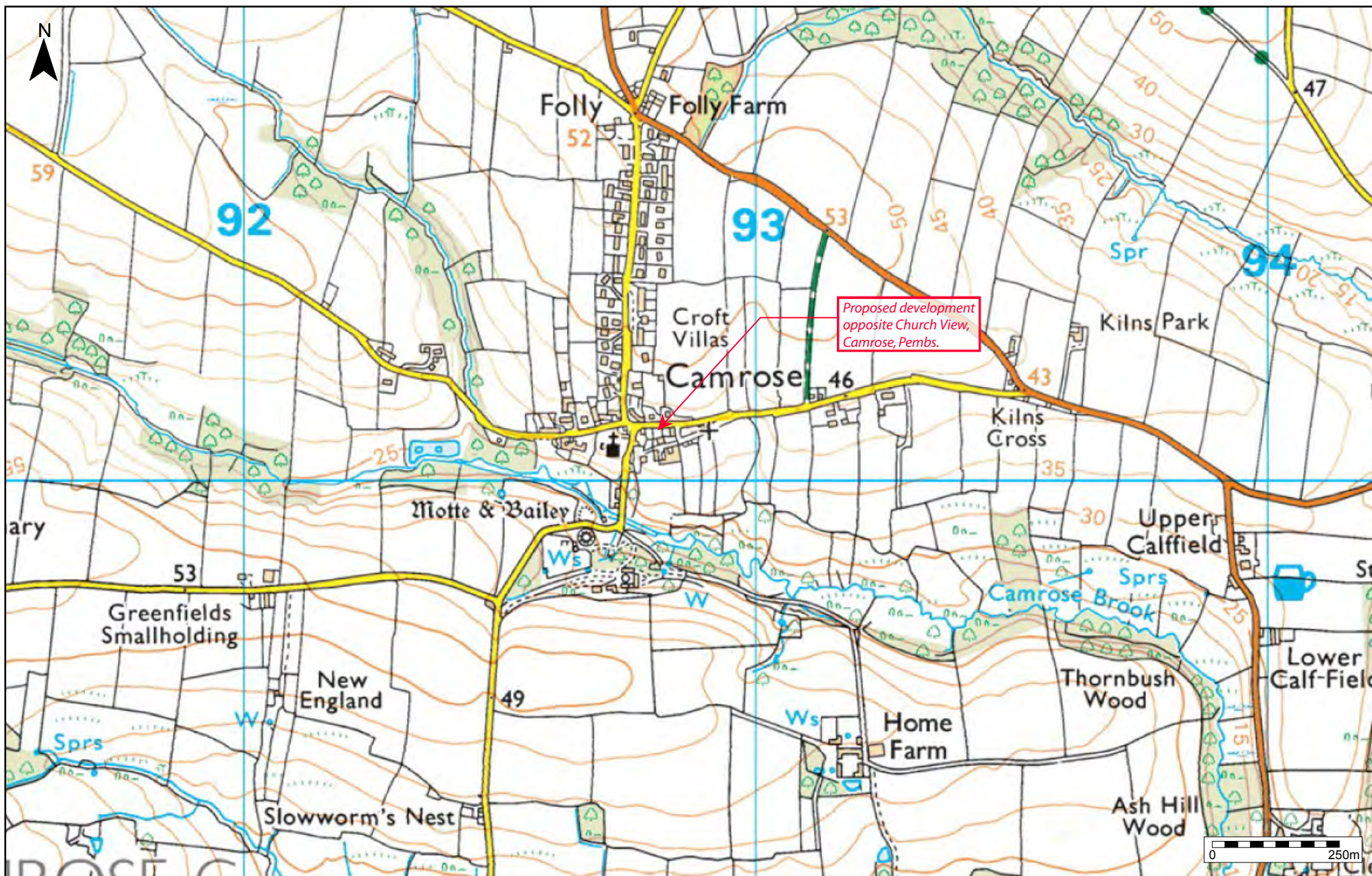
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Figure 1

Site Location

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Approx. scale (@A4): 1:25,000

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Figure 2. Site Location

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Recording Services Wales



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Date: 10th Sept 2017

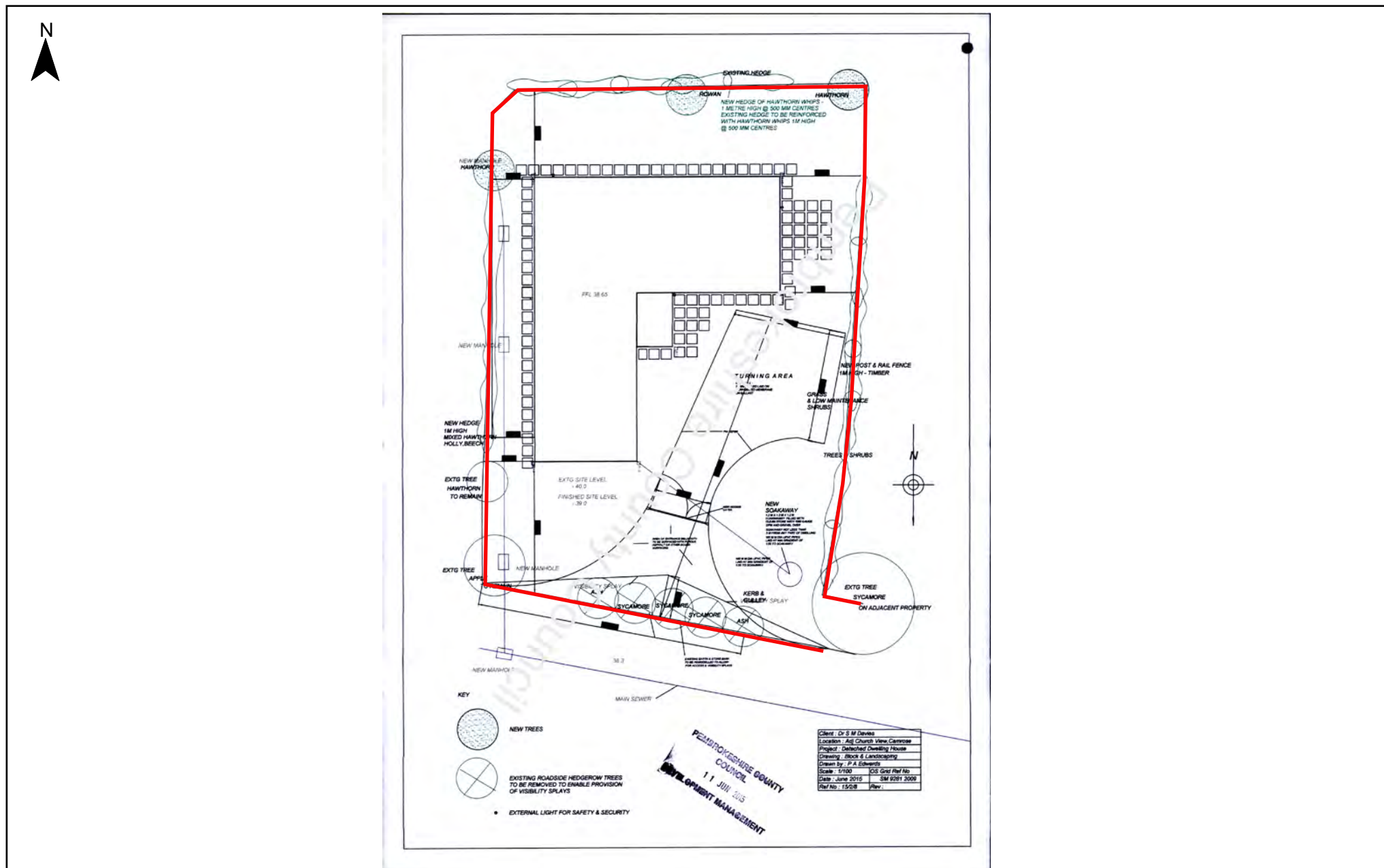
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Figure 3.

Ordnance Survey Aerial Photo (2014).



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Date: 10th Sept 2017

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Block plan showing boundary of site (red outline), footprint of proposed dwelling and site access.



a) OS First Edition map of 1888



b) OS Second Edition map of 1908



c) OS 1953 Edition Map

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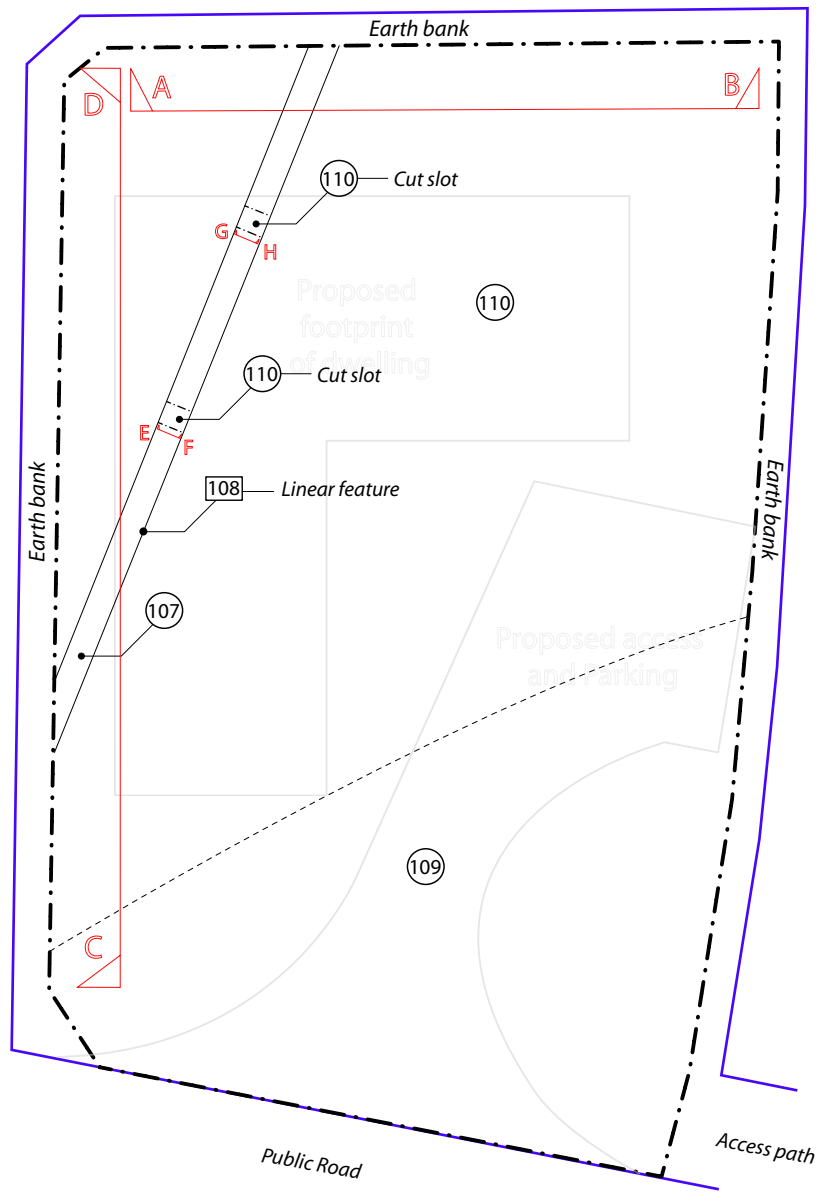
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Figure 5.

Historic OS Maps - 1888 - 1953



Legend

- Site boundary
- Extent of excavation
- Sections

Scale

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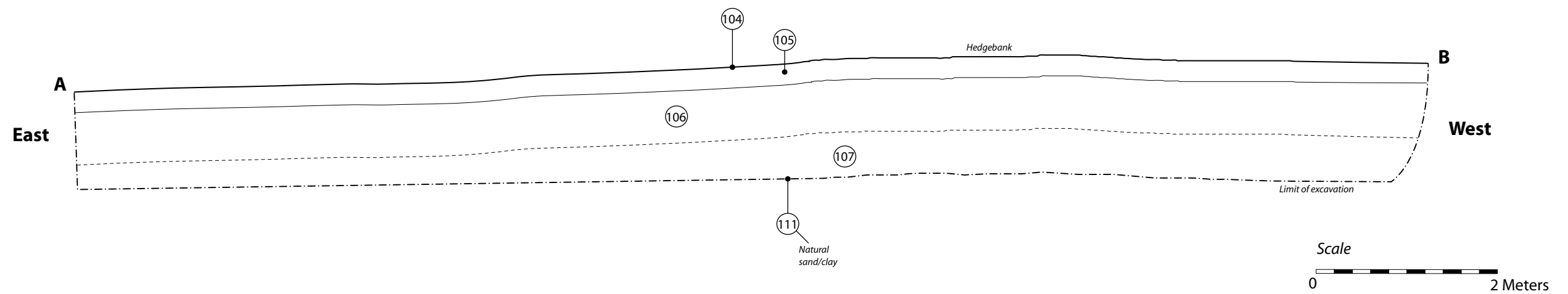
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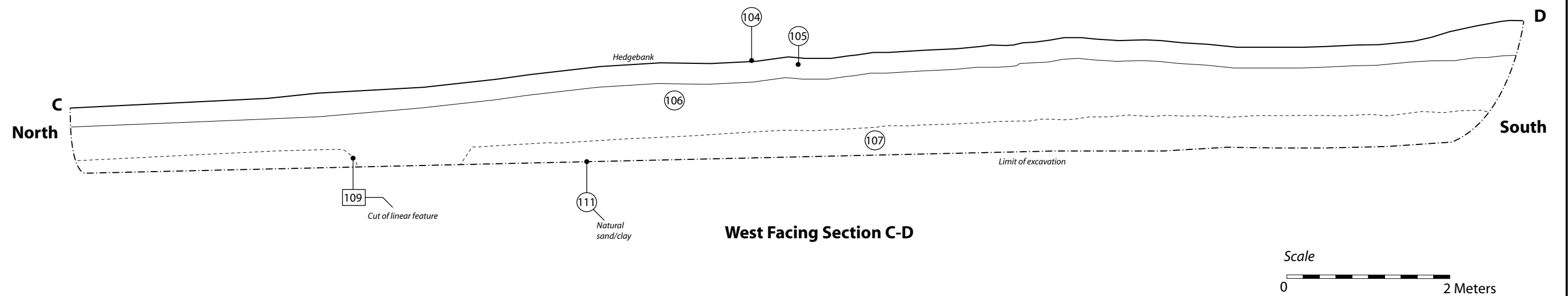
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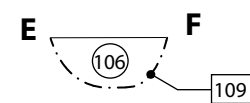
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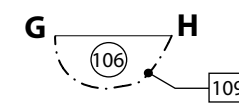
North Facing Section A-B



West Facing Section C-D



South Facing Section E-F
through linear feature (109)



South Facing Section G-H
through linear feature (109)

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Figure 7.
Section drawings (A-B, C-D, E-F and G-H)

APPENDIX II:

Photo plates



Plate 1. View of proposed development area prior to ground works. Looking south.



Plate 2. View of proposed development area prior to ground works. Looking North.

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Date taken: August 2017

Photographer: Richard Scott Jones

Plate No's. 1 and 2



Plate 3. View of proposed development area prior to ground works. Looking northwest toward existing pedestrian access gate by roadside.



Plate 4. View of proposed development area prior to ground works. View southeast of pedestrian access gate by roadside.

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Date taken: August 2017

Photographer: Richard Scott Jones

Plate No's. 3 and 4



Plate 5. View of proposed development area prior to ground works. View eastwards from area of pedestrian access point.



Plate 6. View of proposed development area prior to ground works. View northwest from area of pedestrian access point.

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Photographer: Richard Scott Jones

Plate No's. 5 and 6



Plate 7. Working shot during initial clearance for proposed access point. Looking northwards.



Plate 8. Working shot during initial ground clearance for proposed access point.



Plate 9. Working shot during turf and top soil clearance. Looking southwards.



Plate 10. Working shot during turf and top soil clearance. Looking southwards.



Plate 11. Working shot during removal of hedgebank to create new access point. Looking northeast.



Plate 12. View of initial opening in hedgebank for proposed new access point. Looking eastwards.

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Plate No's. 7 - 12

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Plate 13. View of initial opening in hedgebank for proposed new access point. Looking westwards.



Plate 14. View of west facing section of removed hedgebank. Looking east.



Plate 15. Working shot during widening of opening in hedgebank for proposed new access point. Looking eastwards.



Plate 16. Working shot during laying of new stone during access point widening. Looking westwards.



Plate 17. View of trench for proposed retaining wall along western earthbank. Looking northwest.



Plate 18. View of east facing section of western earthbank. Looking west.

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Plate No's. 13 - 18

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Plate 19. Working shot during top soil removal. Looking northwest.



Plate 20. View of access point following ground work removal of hedgebank. Looking southeast.



Plate 21. Southern end of west facing section following turf, top soil and sub soil removal. Looking eastwards.



Plate 22. View of development area following turf, top soil and sub soil removal. Looking northwest.



Plate 23. View of development area following turf, top soil and sub soil removal. Looking southeast.



Plate 25. View of development area following turf, top soil and sub soil removal. Looking eastwards.

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Plate 26. View of exposed linear feature (109) cut into natural sand/clay deposit. Looking northeast.



Plate 27. View of exposed linear feature (109) cut into natural sand/clay deposit. Showing cut slots. Looking south.

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Plate No's. 26 and 27

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Plate 28. View of investigative slot in linear feature (109) cut into natural sand/clay deposit. Looking northeast.



Plate 29. View of investigative slot in linear feature (109) cut into natural sand/clay deposit. Looking southwards.

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Plate No's. 28 and 29

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APPENDIX III:

Context Register

**Land opposite Church View,
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Context Register

Context No.

- 100. Feature - Hedge-bank at Northern end of site.
- 101. Feature - Hedge-bank at Eastern end of site.
- 102. Feature - Hedge-bank at Western end of site.
- 103. Feature - Hedge-bank at Southern end of site.
- 104. Deposit - Turf.
- 105. Deposit - Top soil. Mid brown loamy soil intermixed with sand. This upper deposit measured approximately 0.20m across the site. All dateable finds within this deposit were 19th century in date.
- 106. Deposit - Sub soil. A mid brown loamy soil with high orange sand content. This sub deposit averaged between 0.30 - 0.50m in depth across the whole site. Within this deposit were fragments of early to late 19th century pottery. Only one small fragment of unglazed Dyfed Gravel Tempered ware (date range 14th - 17th century) was recovered from within this sub soil deposit. This pottery fragment was not associated with any features.
- 107. Deposit - Sub soil deposit directly beneath 106. No definite horizon between 106 and 107, more of a fluid change with increased sand content.
- 108. Fill - Fill of linear feature (109). Fill deposit is identical too above sub soil deposit.
- 109. Cut - Cut for linear feature. Measures approximately 15 meters in length and 0.35m in width. and runs diagonally across the site at the far southeast end in a northeast to southwest direction. Investigative slots exposed no datable material. Possibly a modern service trench.
- 110. Natural - Natural orange/yellow sand at north end of site.
- 111. Natural - Natural sandy clay at southern end of site.

APPENDIX IV:
Archive Cover Sheet

ARCHIVE COVER SHEET

Land opposite Church View,
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ARCHIVE DESTINATION - RCAHMW

Site Name:	Land opposite Church View, Camrose, Haverfordwest, Pembs.
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NPRN:	-
LB No.	-
Other Ref No.	HRSW Rpt No. 190
NGR:	SM 92810 20096
Site Type:	Unknown
Project Type:	Archaeological Watching Brief
Project Manager:	Richard Scott Jones
Project Date(s):	August 2017
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Location of Finds:	N/A
Museum Ref:	N/A
Copyright:	HRS Wales
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