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## Site adjacent No 3 Heol Nant Llannon, Carmarthenshire

Archaeological Watching Brief



*Caption: Genral view of of site looking south-west from entrance. Scale 2m*

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## **Non Technical Summary**

*This report results from work undertaken by Cambrian Archaeological Projects Ltd (CAP) for Mr Venezia on a new house adjacent to No 3 Heol Nant, Llannon, Carmarthenshire. The report draws upon the results of the archaeological watching brief undertaken during ground works.*

*The deposits were found to be a natural, with substantial recent (20<sup>th</sup> century) terracing.*

*Planning Reference: 39281.*

## **1 Introduction**

### **1.1 Location and scope of work**

- 1.1.1 On 11<sup>th</sup> October 2005 Cambrian Archaeological Projects (CAP) carried out an archaeological watching brief during ground works for a new house adjacent to No 3 Heol Nant, Llannon, Carmarthenshire for Mr R Venezia.
- 1.1.2 This work was undertaken to a Specification prepared by Kevin Blockley for Cambrian Archaeological Projects and agreed by Charles Hill of Cambria Archaeology.
- 1.1.3 The development concerns the construction a new house north of No 3 Heol Nant, Llannon, NGR SN538084 (Figs 1 and 2).
- 1.1.4 The watching brief was imposed as a condition as the ground works since the site lay close to the historic centre of Llannon, with the chance of uncovering medieval occupation.

### **1.2 Geology and topography**

- 1.2.1 The area of the development lies over Budleigh Salterton Pebble Peds.

### **1.3 Archaeological and historical background**

- 1.3.1 Record held in the local Sites and Monuments Record shows the site to be close to the historic core of Llannon.

## **2 Aims and Objectives**

### **2.1 Watching brief**

- 2.1.1 To record any archaeological deposits within the development area during ground works and report on the results.

### 3 Watching Brief Methodology

#### 3.1 Scope of Fieldwork

- 3.1.1 All ground works were undertaken with an archaeologist present on site.
- 3.1.2 Kevin Blockley (MIFA, MPhil) undertook the watching brief.
- 3.1.3 The old extension and its floor had been removed prior to an archaeologist attending the site.
- 3.1.4 The footing trench on the north-east side of the new extension was cut using a machine in the presence of an archaeologist.
- 3.1.5 All works were undertaken in accordance with both the IFA's *Standards and Guidance: for an archaeological watching briefs* and current Health and Safety legislation.

### 4 Watching Brief Results

#### 4.1 Soils and ground conditions

- 4.1.1 Generally the site and weather conditions were poor with heavy rain during the ground works. This did not hamper the watching brief as the natural was well draining.

#### 4.2 Distribution of deposits

- 4.2.1 The site had been extensively landscaped when No 3 and 7 Heol Nant had been built, with a terrace extending across the area approximately on line with the centre of the house (Fig 2). The terracing had produced the following contours: west of the new house the ground followed the natural slope of the ground from west to east; the ground covering the western half of the house had been raised by around 1.5m; the ground covering the eastern half of the house and extending down to the west side of the proposed turning point had been lowered by up to 0.5m; the ground from the west side of the turning point to the hedge had been made up by around 1.2m (Plates 1, 2 and cover).
- 4.2.2 Topsoil was of bark brown fine loam, with the very occasional fragment of 20<sup>th</sup> century pottery.
- 4.2.3 All area were stripped of topsoil and terracing material down to the natural. A toothed bucket was used so selected areas were cleared with a shovel to check for features. The natural was very clean and regular and no archaeological features were noted.
- 4.2.4 A 2m diameter burnt patch on the site of the eastern half of the building was found to be a recent bonfire site.

## **5 Discussion and Interpretation**

### **5.1 Reliability of field investigation**

- 5.1.1 The watching brief was not hampered by the bad weather and the machine clearing and selected cleaning was undertaken, but no features were identified.

### **5.2 Overall interpretation**

- 5.2.1 The watching brief revealed no evidence of archaeological features or finds.

## **6 Acknowledgements**

- 6.1.1 Thanks to R Venezia and the on site contractors who were most cooperative during their work on the site.

## ARCHIVE COVER SHEET

### Site Adjacent No 3 Heol Nant, Llannon, Carmarthenshire (HNLL/05/WB)

Site Name:	Site adjacent No 3 Heol Nant, Llannon, Carmarthenshire
Site Code:	HNLL/05/WB
PRN:	N/A
NPRN :	N/A
SAM:	N/A
Other Ref No:	Project No 705
NGR:	SN538084
Site Type:	Historic village
Project Type:	Watching brief
Project Officer:	Kevin Blockley
Project Dates:	11 <sup>th</sup> October 2005
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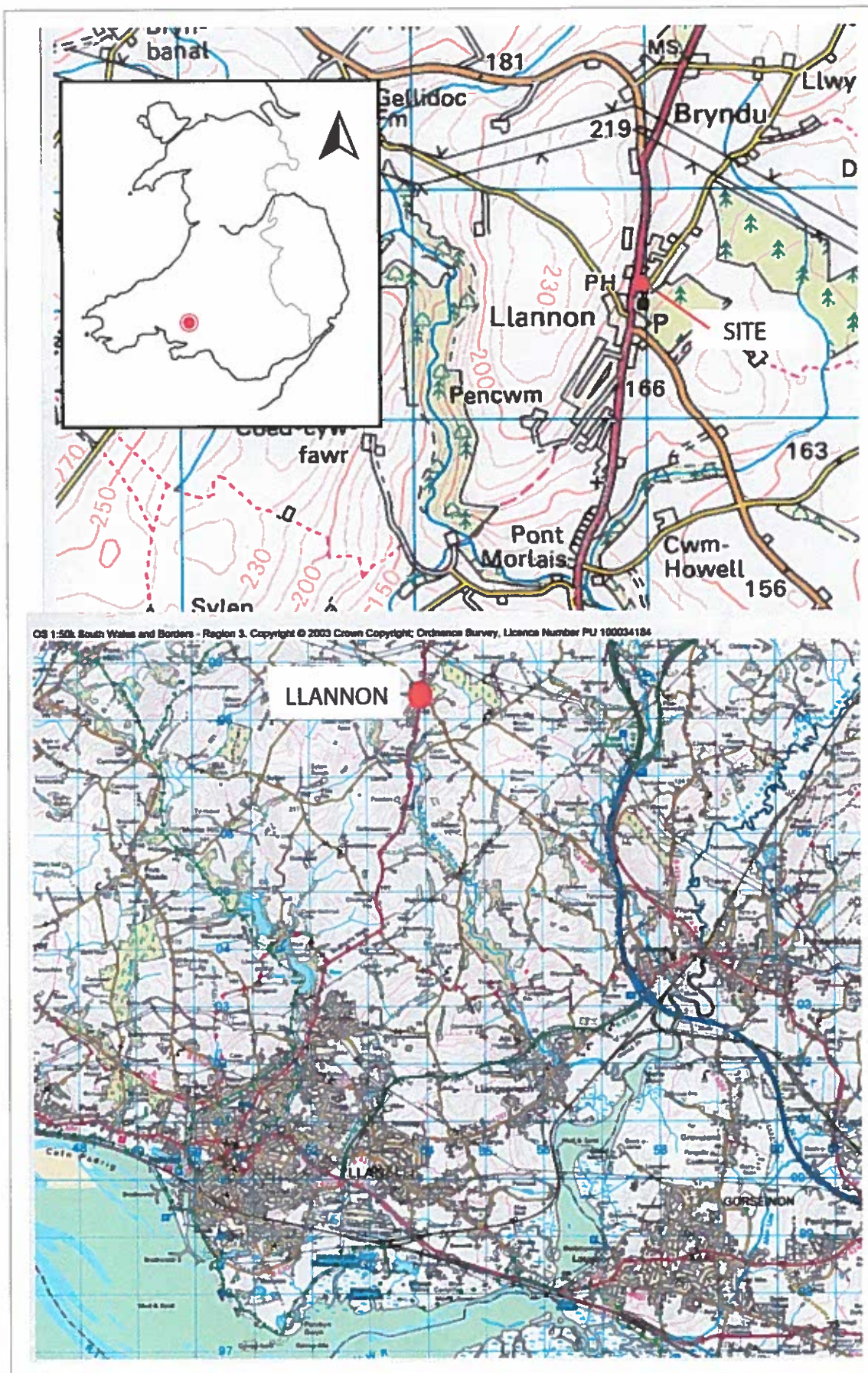


Fig 1: Location of site adjacent to 3 Heol Nant, llannon

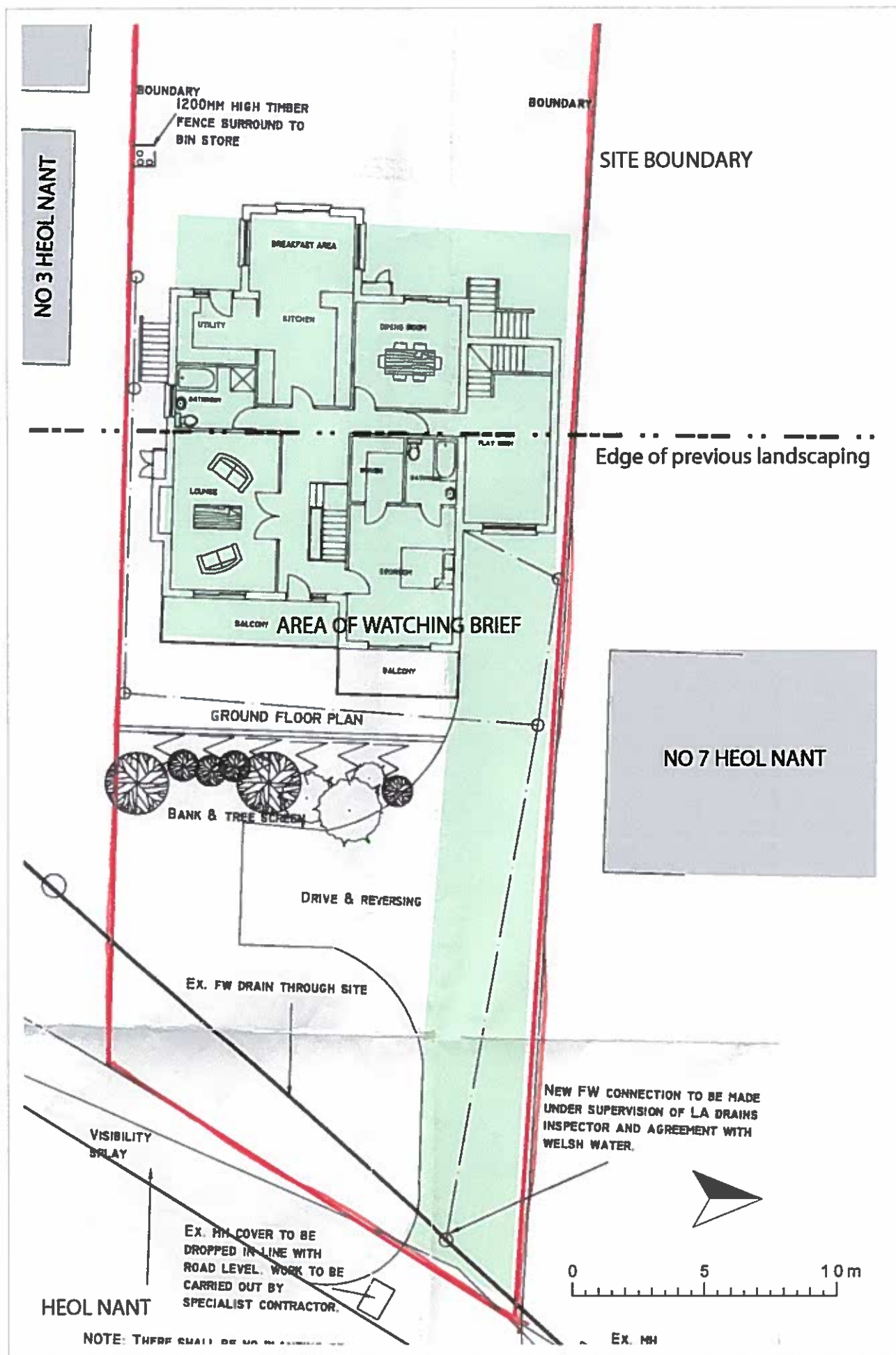


Fig 2: Location of watching brief area in plot



Plate 1: Genral view of cleaning back topsoil onto subsoil, in western area of house, looking south. Scale 2m.



Plate 2: Genral view of stripping topsoil, looking north-east. Scale 2m.

