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NON TECHNICAL SUMMARY

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The archaeological evaluation involved monitoring the removal of Japanese Knotweed and the excavation of five trenches across the northern half of the site. Limited archaeological remains in the form of remnants of a stone field boundary wall alongside a spring depicted on Ordnance Survey Maps were identified during the evaluation. It also revealed that the area within the proposed development boundary has been heavily disturbed through the removal of topsoil and modern services, such as, a large sewer main that extends across the length of the site.

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Cafodd Ymddiriedolaeth Archaeolegol Gwynedd ei gontractio gan BC Services Ltd i ymgymryd â gwerthusiad archeolegol cyn datblygiad tai arfaethedig oddi ar Ffordd Llundain, Caergybi, Ynys Môn.

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1 INTRODUCTION

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- The excavation of five test trenches across the proposed location of house plots in the northern half of the site to evaluate the archaeological potential.

Prior to the commencement of the groundworks an archaeological project design was submitted to and approved by the Gwynedd Archaeological Planning Service (GAPS) (Appendix I).

The work to remove the remainder of the Japanese Knotweed was undertaken on 26th September 2017 and the test trenches were completed by the end of 27th September 2017.

The project was planned, managed and undertaken by GAT in accordance with the following standards and guidance:

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site walkover. By the time of the Third Edition map in 1924 the field had become allotment gardens.

3 FIELDWORK METHODOLOGY

- The remaining Japanese Knotweed located in the northern half of the site was removed by a specialist contractor using a micro-digger under archaeological supervision on Tuesday 26th September 2017;
- The evaluation trenches were marked out using a Trimble R6 GPS unit;
- A total of five evaluation trenches were excavated across the location of proposed house plots (Figure 05) using a 360° excavator fitted with a toothless bucket (Plate 02). The trenches had an excavated width of 2.0m and a maximum length of 20m and were excavated to the surface of the underlying natural. Upon completion of the works and after approval from GAPS the trenches were backfilled;
- All GAT attendances and identified features were recorded using GAT pro-formas;
 and
- Photographic images were taken using a digital SLR (Nikon D3000) camera set to maximum resolution (3,872 x 2,592 10 effective megapixels) in RAW format and were converted to TIFF and JPEG format for archiving using Adobe Photoshop. In total 30 photographs were taken for this watching brief. A complete table of metadata with details of each photographic image taken, including descriptions and directions of shot, were produced using Microsoft Access (archive images G2538_001 to G2538_047; see Appendix II for a reproduction of the metadata).

4 RESULTS

The archaeological evaluation was undertaken on 26th and 27th September 2017. A GAT archaeologist was present for the removal of the remaining areas of Japanese Knotweed within the northern half of the proposed housing development. The specialist contractor identified and dealt with three concentrations: adjacent to the site entrance off Morrison Crescent (Areas 1), in the middle of the site (Area 2) and adjacent to the exposed sewer mains (Area 3). The small areas of knotweed were excavated using a mini-digger fitted with a small digging bucket, with the plant, roots and affected soil deposited into a front loading dumper (Plate 03) and the excavated area was sprayed with weed killer.

Area 1 was located in part of the site that had been previously reduced to the surface of the underlying natural to remove a large concentration of Japanese Knotweed. The contractor identified four plants in close proximity that were subsequently removed with the mini-digger. Each excavated hole measured approximately 0.50m x 0.30m with a maximum depth of 0.30m; dependent on the depth of the root bowl. The deposit in which the knotweed grew was a light grey clay mixed with frequent angular shale stones (Plate 04).

Area 2 was located further west, roughly in the middle of the site, in an area thick with undergrowth. A single knotweed plant was identified and removed by the contractor. The trench measured 1.40m x 1.40m with a maximum depth of 0.80m. It was excavated through a dark brown loamy clay topsoil that overlaid an orange gravelly clay natural mixed with frequent angular and sub-angular shale stone (Plate 05).

Area 3 was situated along the north western edge of the site, beside a length of the exposed sewer pipe. The trench to remove the knotweed was 1.20m long by 0.70m wide and was 0.50m deep (Plate 06). The natural deposit was not visible within this trench, with the excavation remaining within the topsoil/subsoil horizon, which was mixed with the occasional red brick and modern rubbish.

No archaeological deposits were identified during the excavation and removal of the identified Japanese Knotweed plants.

The five evaluation trenches were excavated the following day, further to the knotweed clearance and the site wide vegetation being levelled in preparation. The trenches were excavated using a 13 tonne 360° excavator fitted with a toothless bucket.

Trench 1 was located in the area of ground previously cleared of Japanese Knotweed, adjacent to the site entrance off Morrison Crescent. The trench was meant to be excavated

on a northwest – southeast axis but this had to be abandoned due to the presence of a wasp nest. It was repositioned on a northeast – southwest orientation at a safe distance from the nest. The trench was 2.0m wide and 10m long with a maximum excavated depth of 0.30m. The trench was excavated through a mid brown humic rich topsoil that had a maximum depth of 0.15m. The topsoil overlaid a predominantly yellow boulder clay mixed with frequent deposits of small angular stones (Plate 07). No archaeological deposits were identified within Trench 1.

Trench 2 was positioned to the rear of the gardens of house numbers 29 – 32 Morrison Crescent on a northeast – southwest orientation (Plate 08). The trench was 10m in length, 2.0m in width and had a depth of 0.25m. It was excavated through a similarly humic rich topsoil identified in Trench 1, except with a greater depth, in part due to its position within a natural hollow and its close proximity to the back gardens of nearby houses which may have been used to discard garden waste. The topsoil covered a light orangey yellow boulder clay natural mixed with frequent small angular stones. At the north eastern limit of the trench, cut into the natural, a sub-circular rubbish pit was uncovered. The pit had a length of 2.0m and width of 1.0m. It was filled by a mid greyish brown silty clay mixed with frequent small angular stones and it produced quantities of modern rubbish (Plate 09).

Trench 3 was located to the west of Trench 2 on a northeast – southwest axis (Plate 10). It was excavated for a length of 20m with a width of 2.0m and maximum depth of 0.50m. The topsoil was a mid brown humic rich loamy clay that had a maximum depth of 0.20m and covered a light grey boulder clay natural. The northeastern end of the trench may have clipped the edge of a springhead that was noted on the First and Second Edition Ordnance Survey Maps (Figure 02 and 03). This was indicated on the ground by a concentration of sub-rounded stones below the topsoil that, once disturbed by the bucket of the 360° excavator, groundwater seeped into the trench. In addition, the northeastern end of Trench 3 was at the base of a steep slope, within a natural hollow. This combined with the map evidence would imply that the trench went through a section of the possible springhead.

Trench 4 was positioned to the southwest of Trench 1 in the middle of the proposed development. It had an excavated length of 20m, width of 2.0m and maximum depth of 0.30m. The topsoil was a mid brown humic rich loamy clay that overlaid a yellow boulder clay mixed with frequent small angular stones (Plate 11). No archaeological deposits were identified in Trench 4.

Trench 5 was located to the immediate southwest of Trench 4, on a northwest – southeast axis, with a length of 20m, width of 2.0m and maximum depth of 0.30m. The trench was

excavated through a mid brown humic topsoil onto a yellow boulder clay natural mixed with frequent small angular stones. A narrow (0.30m wide) linear feature, orientated northeast – southwest, that cut through the underlying natural clay was identified within 5.0m of the southwest limit of Trench 5. This may have been boundary for an allotment or a field. The feature was filled by a reddish brown silty clay (Plate 12). No artefacts were retrieved from the fill of the linear feature.

5 CONCLUSIONS

Gwynedd Archaeological Trust (GAT) was contracted by *BC Services Ltd* to undertake an archaeological evaluation in advance of a proposed housing development off London Road, Holyhead, Anglesey. The evaluation involved monitoring the removal of limited areas of Japanese Knotweed and the excavation of five trenches across the proposed location of house footings.

Limited archaeological features, such as the remnants of the stone wall that corresponds with a field boundary alongside the confirmation of the spring in Trench 3 as depicted on the Ordnance Survey Maps and the possible remnants of an allotment/field boundary in Trench 5 were uncovered during the archaeological evaluation.

The evaluation did not uncover any significant archaeological features and demonstrated that the area within the site boundary had previously and quite extensively been cleared of most of its topsoil. This conclusion was reached due to the lack of discernible subsoil within the trenches, the humic make-up of the topsoil and the client mentioning that the former landowner had removed and sold off the topsoil (B. Collett pers. comms.). This alongside modern services, most notably the sewer pipe that crosses the length of the site and the work to remove the infestation of Japanese Knotweed has resulted in the widespread disturbance of the area within the boundary of the proposed development. Based on the outcome of the evaluation it is recommended that no further archaeological work is required on this scheme.

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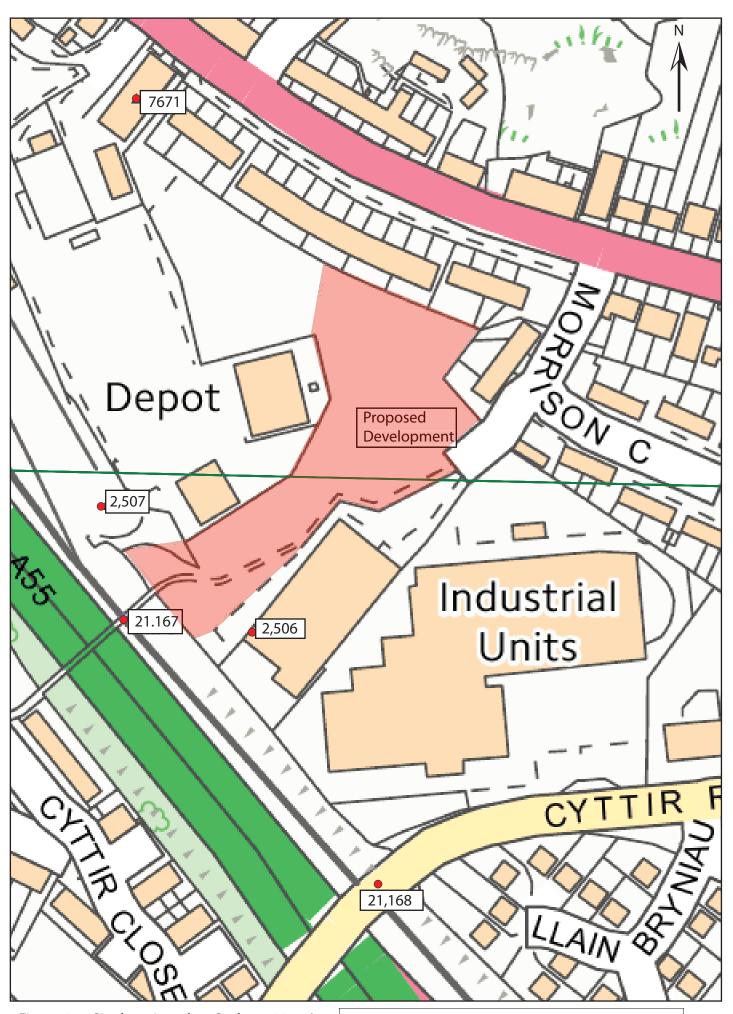


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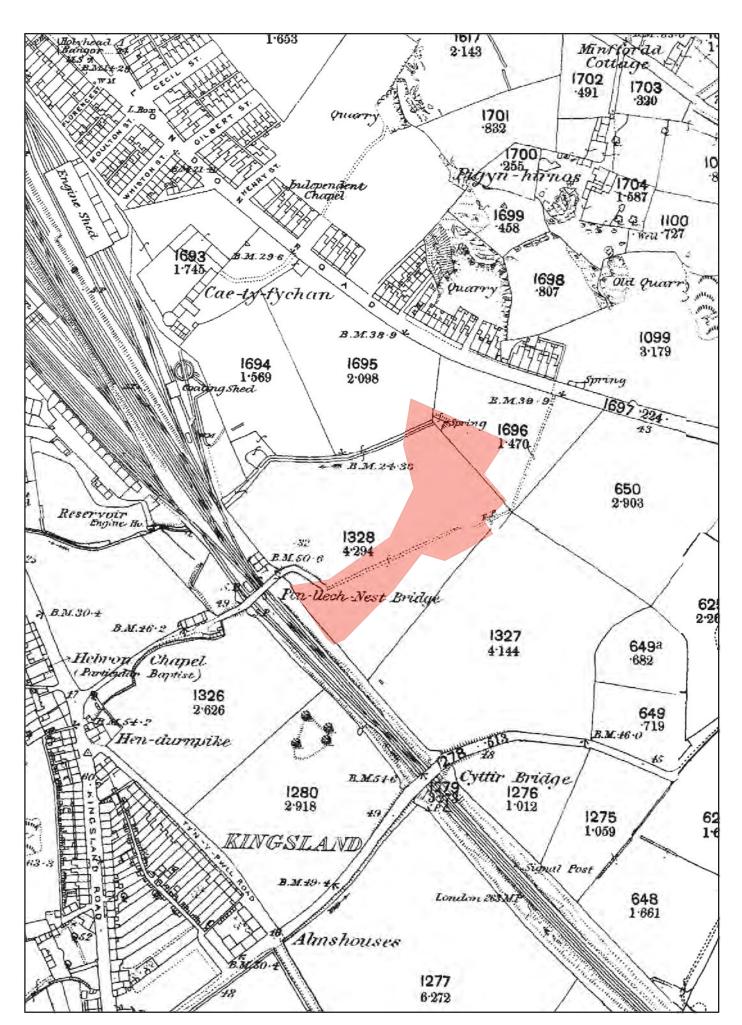


Figure 02: First Edition Ordnance Survey Map of 1890 Anglesey County Series 25 inch map Sheet XI.2

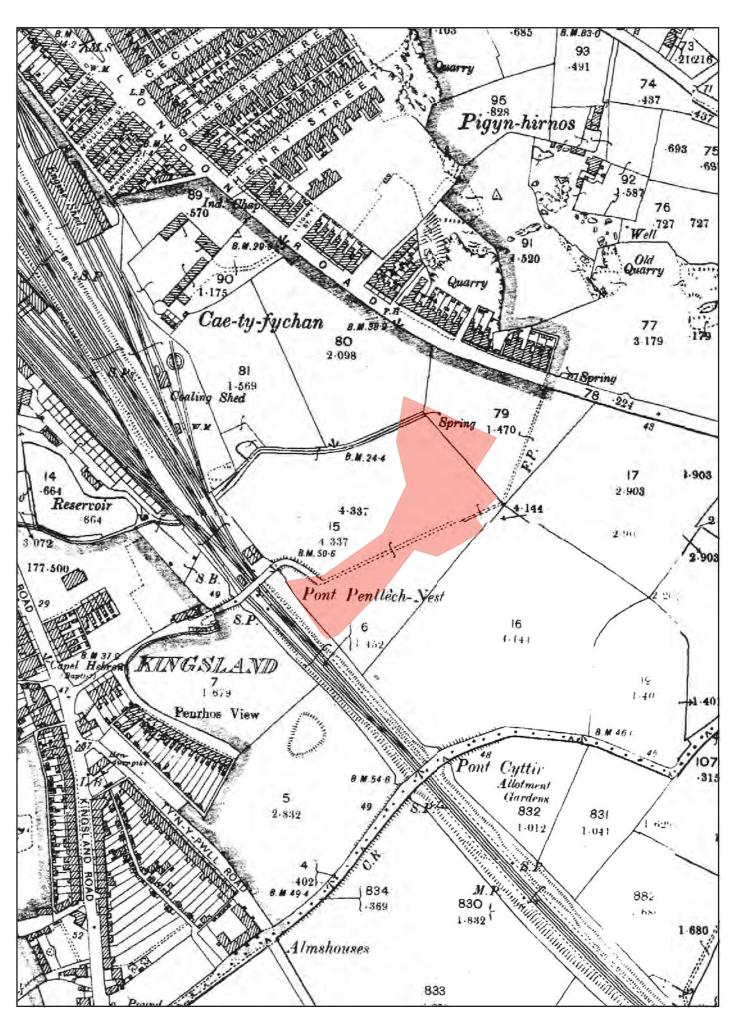


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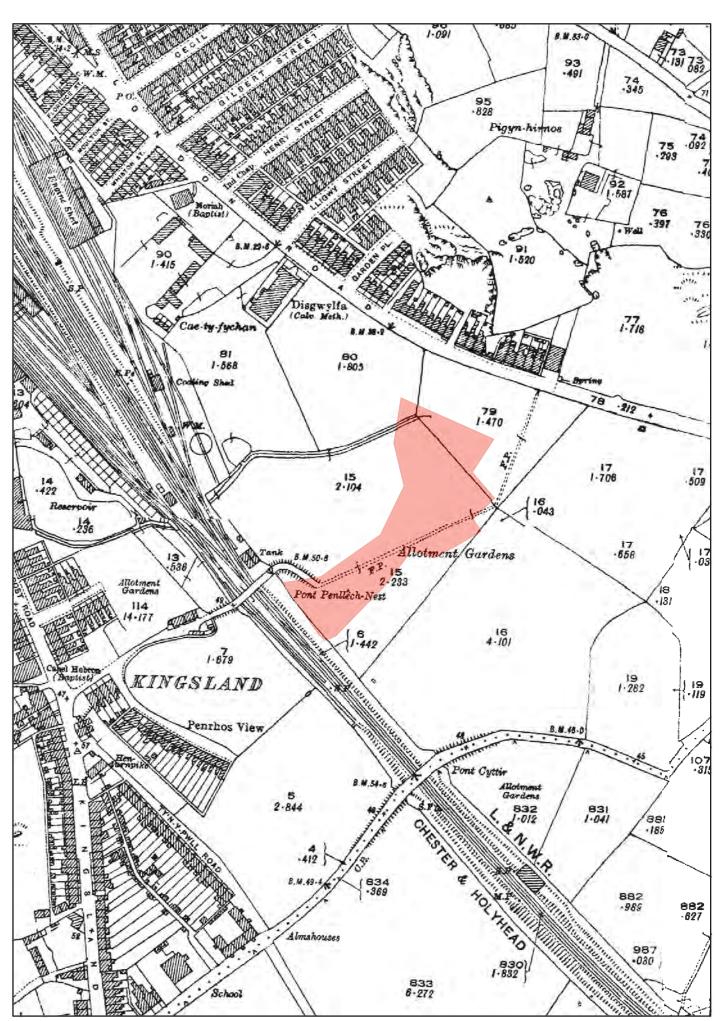


Figure 04: Third Edition Ordnance Survey Map of 1924 Anglesey County Series 25 inch map Sheet XI.2

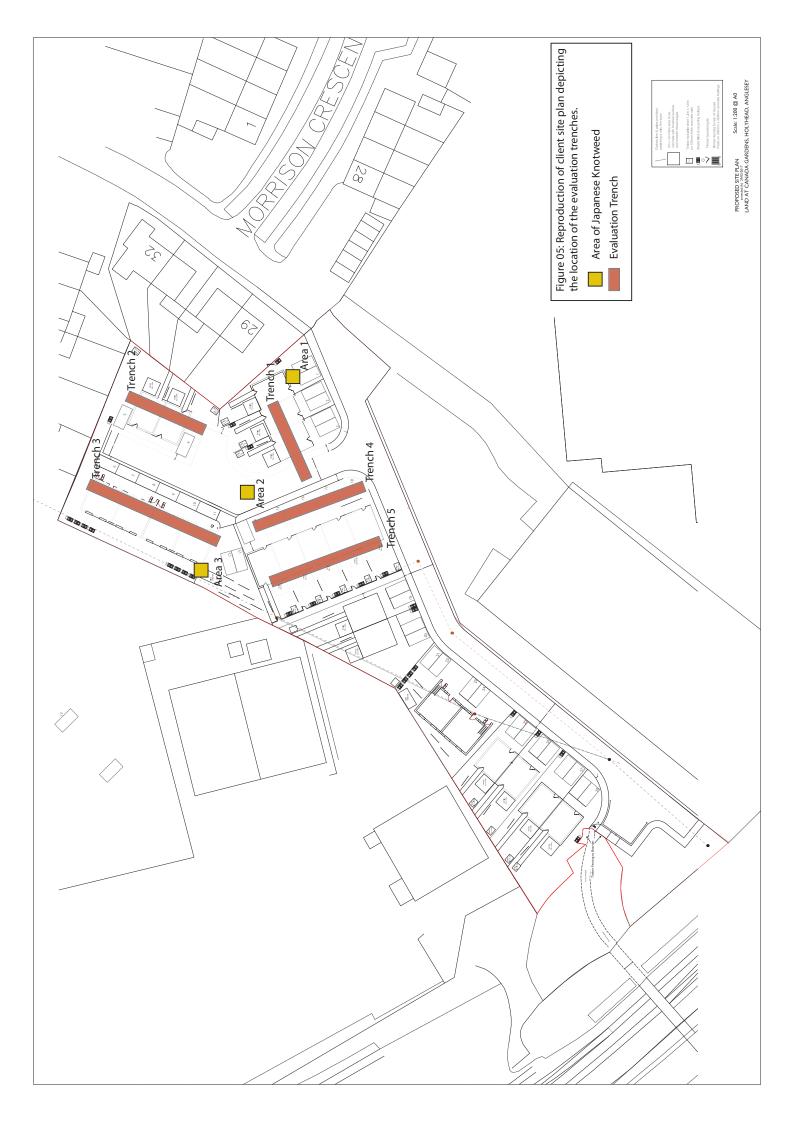




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Plate 12: Trench 5 completed; scale: 1x1m (archive reference: G2538_037).

APPENDIX I

Reproduction of the GAT Archaeological Project Design

LONDON ROAD (CANADA GARDENS), HOLYHEAD (G2538)

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WRITTEN SCHEME OF INVESTIGATION FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVALUATION

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1 INTRODUCTION

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3 METHOD STATEMENT

3.1 Fieldwork Methodology

- The remaining Japanese Knotweed located in the northern half of the site will be removed by a specialist contractor using a micro-digger under archaeological supervision provisionally on Tuesday 26th September 2017;
- A minimum of five test trenches will be excavated across the location of proposed house plots (Figure 05) using a 360° excavator fitted with a toothless bucket. The trenches will have a excavated width of 2.0m and a length of between 20m and 30m. They will be excavated to the surface of the underlying natural or archaeological deposits, whatever is reached first. The excavated spoil will be set to one side at a safe distance from the sides of the trench. The test trenches will be opened provisionally on the week commencing 2nd October 2017. Upon completion of the works and after examination/approval from GAPS the trenches will be backfilled;
- All attendances, subsurface activity, contexts records, registers of artefacts and ecofacts will be recorded using GAT pro-formas (Appendix I; Appendix II);
- A record will be made on GAT pro-formas of the topsoil and subsoil depths, as well
 as the composition of the glacial horizon. All encountered subsurface features will be
 recorded on GAT pro-formas with detailed notations and will be recorded
 photographically with an appropriate scale, located via GPS and a measured survey
 completed, either hand drawn or using a Trimble R8 GPS unit;
- Photographic ID boards will be used throughout and include information on project code, trench number, context number or numbers and orientation of image;
- Photographic images will be taken using a digital SLR camera (Nikon D40) set to maximum resolution (3008 x 2000 6.1 effective megapixels) in RAW format and will be converted to TIFF and JPEG format for archiving using Adobe Photoshop; a photographic record will maintained on site using GAT pro-formas (Appendix I) and digitised in Microsoft Access as part of the fieldwork archive and dissemination process. The archive numbering system will start from G2538_001;
- All archaeological features/deposits/structures encountered will be manually cleaned and examined to determine extent, function, date and relationship to adjacent features. Features, including pits and postholes, will be subject to an initial 50% sample by volume. A minimum of 10% of linear features will be excavated to provide

stratigraphic relationships, to characterise feature morphology and to recover artefactual and ecofactual material. The focus of the excavation of linear features will be on terminals and interactions with other features. Specific feature strategies will be confirmed with GAPS and client during the works;

- All sections to be drawn at a minimum 1:10 scale using GAT A4 or A2 pro-forma permatrace;
- All plans to be drawn at a minimum 1:20 scale. Plans will be drawn on GAT A4 or A2 pro-forma permatrace; and
- Should dateable artefacts, human remains or ecofacts be recovered, an interim
 report will be submitted summarising the results, along with recommendations for
 any subsequent post-excavation assessment in line with the MAP2 process.

3.2 Ecofacts

Should any archaeological features be identified that include sealed deposits deemed suitable for dating, samples will be taken of not less than 40 litres for bulk samples (or 100% if the feature is smaller). The sampling strategy will be undertaken in accordance with the principles set out in *Environmental Archaeology: a guide to the theory and practice of methods, from sampling and recovery to post-excavation* (Historic England, 2011).

Any ecofact samples taken from human burials will be completed in accordance with an appointed osteologist's guidance.

3.3 **Human Remains**

No indication of the presence of human remains has been previously detected. If any human

remains are identified and they cannot be preserved in situ, they will be excavated in line

with the appropriate regulations and with due regard for health and safety issues. In order to

excavate human remains, a Ministry of Justice licence is required under Section 25 of the

Burials Act 1857 for the removal of any body or remains of any body from any place of burial.

In accordance with the Ministry of Justice licence, recovered remains will be reburied once

the investigation and/or assessment/analysis are complete.

Non-fragmented skeletal remains will be excavated using wooden tools and collected and

stored in polyethylene bags (with appropriate references for context, grave number, et al)

and placed in a lidded cardboard archive box (note: separate boxes for each individual) and

stored in a suitable manner within GAT premises. If significant quantities of human remains

are encountered, a human osteologist will be contacted and appointed to advise the team

during the fieldwork. The osteologist will be an external appointment:

Lucy Whittingham

Project Manager (post-excavation)

AOC Archaeology

tel: 0208 843 7380

email: lucy.whittingham@aocarchaeology.com

The osteologist will assist in devising the excavation, recording and sampling strategy for

features containing human remains. The osteologist will also help to ensure that adequate

post-excavation processing of human remains is carried out so that the material is in a fit

state for assessment during the post-excavation stage. For inhumations, this will involve

washing, drying, marking and packing.

If human remains are recovered that are deemed suitable for further assessment/analysis,

this will be completed in accordance with the osteologist's requirements and with Human

Bones from Archaeological Sites Guidelines for producing assessment documents and

analytical reports (Historic England, 2004).

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3.4 **Artefacts**

Diagnostic artefacts will be retained for further examination and identification. Pottery sherds

of 19th and 20th century date will be examined on site and the context from which they were

retrieved noted but the sherds will not be retained. The artefacts will be treated according to

quidelines issued by the UK Institute of Conservation, in particular the advice provided within

First Aid for Finds (Watkinson and Neal, 2001).

Any waterlogged artefacts (e.g. wood or leather) that are to be recovered for post-excavation

assessment and analysis will be processed in accordance with Environmental Archaeology:

a guide to the theory and practice of methods, from sampling and recovery to post-

excavation (English Heritage, 2011) and specifically in accordance with Brunning and

Watson (2010) for waterlogged wood and English Heritage (2012) for waterlogged leather. In

such cases an external specialist will be contacted to agree an appropriate sampling and

recovery strategy via:

Lucy Whittingham

Project Manager (post-excavation)

AOC Archaeology

tel: 0208 843 7380

email: lucy.whittingham@aocarchaeology.com

All finds are the property of the landowner; however, it is Trust policy to recommend that all

finds are donated to an appropriate museum (in this case Oriel Ynys Môn Rhosmeirch,

Llangefni LL77 7TQ) where they can receive specialist treatment and study. Access to finds

must be granted to the Trust for a reasonable period to allow for analysis and for study and

publication as necessary. Trust staff will undertake initial identification, but any additional

advice would be sought from a wide range of consultants used by the Trust, including

National Museums and Galleries of Wales at Cardiff.

All finds of treasure must be reported to the coroner for the district within fourteen days of

discovery or identification of the items. Items declared Treasure Trove become the property

of the Crown, on whose behalf the National Museums and Galleries of Wales acts as advisor

on technical matters, and may be the recipient body for the objects.

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The National Museums and Galleries of Wales will decide whether they or any other museum may wish to acquire the object. If no museum wishes to acquire the object, then the Secretary of State will be able to disclaim it. When this happens, the coroner will notify the occupier and landowner that he intends to return the object to the finder after 28 days unless he receives no objection. If the coroner receives an objection, the find will be retained until the dispute has been settled.

GAT will contact the landowner (Welsh Slate Limited) for agreement regarding the transfer of artefacts, initially to GAT and subsequently to the relevant museum (Oriel Ynys Môn Rhosmeirch, Llangefni LL77 7TQ). A GAT produced pro-forma will be issued to the landowner where they are given the option to donate the finds or to record that they want them returning to them once analysis and assessment has been completed. If artefacts are transferred to Oriel Ynys Môn, this must be in accordance with the Oriel Ynys Môn – *Guidelines for the preparation and deposition of archaeological archive* (2012).

3.5 Monitoring Arrangements

The GAPS Archaeologist will be informed of the project timetable and of the subsequent progress and findings. This will allow the GAPS Archaeologist time to arrange monitoring visits and attend site meetings (if required) and enable discussion about the need or otherwise for FAWDs (if required) as features of potential archaeological significance are encountered. The curator contact details are:

- Jenny Emmett jenny.emmett@heneb.co.uk | 01248 370926; and
- Ashley Batten ashley.batten@heneb.co.uk | 01248 370926

3.6 Fieldwork Archiving

Following the completion of the fieldwork, a programme of fieldwork archiving will be completed based on following task list;

- 1. Pro-formas: all cross referenced and complete;
- 2. Photographic Metadata: completed in *Microsoft Access* and cross-referenced with all pro-formas;
- 3. Survey data: downloaded using a Computer Aided Design package;
- 4. Sections: all cross referenced and complete site matrix produced;
- 5. Plans: all cross referenced and complete;
- 6. Artefacts (if relevant): quantified and identified; register completed;
- 7. Ecofacts (if relevant): quantified and register completed;
- 8. Context register (if relevant): quantified and register completed;

All data will be processed, final illustrations will be compiled and a report will be produced which will detail and synthesise the results of the targeted excavation programme.

3.7 PROCESSING DATA, ILLUSTRATION, REPORT AND ARCHIVING

Following completion of the stages outlined above, a report will be produced within one month incorporating the following:

- 1. Non-technical summary
- 2. Introduction
- 3. Background
- 4. Methodology
- 5. Results
- 6. Conclusions and further recommendations
- 7. List of sources consulted.
- 8. Appendix I approved GAT project specification
- 9. Appendix II photographic metadata
- 10. Appendix III context register
- 11. Appendix IV ecofact register
- 12. Appendix V artefact register

Should dateable artefacts and ecofacts be recovered, an **interim report** will be submitted summarising the results, along with an assessment of potential for analysis project design (in line with the MAP2 process).

Illustrations will include plans of the location, site plans and sections. Historical maps, when appropriate and if copyright permissions allow, will be included. A draft copy of the report will be sent to GAPS and to the client prior to production of the final report.

4 DISSEMINATION AND ARCHIVING

A draft report (or interim report) will be submitted within one month of fieldwork completion; a final report will be submitted to the regional Historic Environment Record within six months of project completion (end of March 2018). If appropriate, accompanying digital data in the form of a project database, GIS table(s) and photographs will also be submitted to the regional Historic Environment Record simultaneously.

The following dissemination will apply:

- A paper report(s) plus digital report(s) will be provided to the client/consultant and GAPS (draft report then final report);
- A paper report plus a digital report will be provided to the regional Historic Environment Record, Gwynedd Archaeological Trust; this will be submitted within six months of project completion (final report only);
- If appropriate, digital information such as the project database, GIS table(s) and photographs, will be submitted to the regional Historic Environment Record at Gwynedd Archaeological Trust within six months of project completion. All digital datasets submitted will conform to the required standards set out in Gwynedd Archaeological Trust's Historic Environment Record (HER) Guidelines for Archaeological Contractors (Version 1.3; draft);
- A digital report and archive (including photographic and drawn) data will be provided to Royal Commission on Ancient and Historic Monuments, Wales (final report only);
- Submission of digital information to the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales shall be undertaken in accordance with the RCAHMW Guidelines for Digital Archives Version 1. Digital information will include the photographic archive and associated metadata;
- Dependent on the results of the targeted excavation, a summary note or a specific article will be included in the Council for British Archaeology Wales publication Archaeology in Wales. This shall be agreed with GAPS, and client in advance of publication along with all publication content. GAPS involvement in the project will be acknowledged therein.

5 PERSONNEL

The project will be managed by John Roberts, Principal Archaeologist GAT Contracts Section with attendances on-site undertaken by a GAT Senior Archaeologist and GAT Project Archaeologists. The Senior Archaeologist and Project Archaeologists will be responsible for the targeted excavation programme, including all field management duties, e.g., GAPS/client/consultant liaison, osteologist or palaeo-environmentalist liaison (if relevant). The Senior Archaeologist and Project Archaeologists will be responsible for completing all on site pro-formas and the fieldwork archive itemised in Sec. 4.7. A Senior Archaeologist and a Project Archaeologist will also be responsible for submitting a draft final report (or interim report) for project manager review and approval. The report will then be submitted as per the arrangements defined in Sec. 5.

6 HEALTH AND SAFETY

The GAT Project Archaeologist(s) will be CSCS certified. Copies of the site specific risk assessment will be supplied to the client and sub-contractor prior to the start of fieldwork. Any risks and hazards will be indicated prior to the start of work via a submitted risk assessment. All GAT staff will be issued with required personal safety equipment, including high visibility jacket, steel toe-capped boots and hard hat. The Trust subscribes to the SCAUM (Standing Conference of Archaeological Unit Managers) Health and Safety Policy as defined in Health and Safety in Field Archaeology (2007).

7 INSURANCE

Public Liability

Limit of Indemnity- £5,000,000 any one event in respect of Public Liability INSURER Aviva Insurance Limited POLICY TYPE Public Liability POLICY NUMBER 24765101CHC/000405 EXPIRY DATE 22/06/2018

Employers Liability

Limit of Indemnity- £10,000,000 any one occurrence.

The cover has been issued on the insurers standard policy form and is subject to their usual terms and conditions. A copy of the policy wording is available on request.

INSURER Aviva Insurance Limited

POLICY TYPE Employers Liability

POLICY NUMBER 24765101CHC/000405

EXPIRY DATE 22/06/2018

Professional Indemnity

Limit of Indemnity- £5,000,000 in respect of each and every claim INSURER Hiscox Insurance Company Limited POLICY TYPE Professional Indemnity POLICY NUMBER HU PI 9129989/1208 EXPIRY DATE 23/07/2018

8 SOURCES CONSULTED

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- 2. Chartered Institute for Archaeologists, 2014, Standard and guidance for the collection, documentation, conservation and research of archaeological materials
- 3. Davidson, A., Dutton, L. A., Riley, H. & Roberts, R., 1996, A55 Bryngwran to Holyhead West Section. Unpublished GAT Report 195
- 4. English Heritage, 1991, Management of Archaeological Projects (MAP2)
- 5. English Heritage, 2011, Environmental Archaeology: a guide to the theory and practice of methods, from sampling and recovery to post-excavation
- 6. Gwynedd Archaeological Trust, 2014, *Historic Environment Record (HER) Guidelines* for Archaeological Contractors (Version 1.3; draft)
- 7. Historic England, 2004, Human Bones from Archaeological Sites Guidelines for producing assessment documents and analytical reports
- 8. Historic England, 2015, Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MoRPHE)
- 9. Kenney, J., McGuinness, N., Cooke R., Rees, C. and Davidson, A., 2011. Parc Cybi, Holyhead: post excavation assessment of potential report volume 1. GAT Report 954
- Royal Commission on Ancient and Historic Monuments of Wales, 2015, Guidelines for digital archives
- 11. Watkinson, D and Neal, V, 2001, First aid for finds (3rd edition)

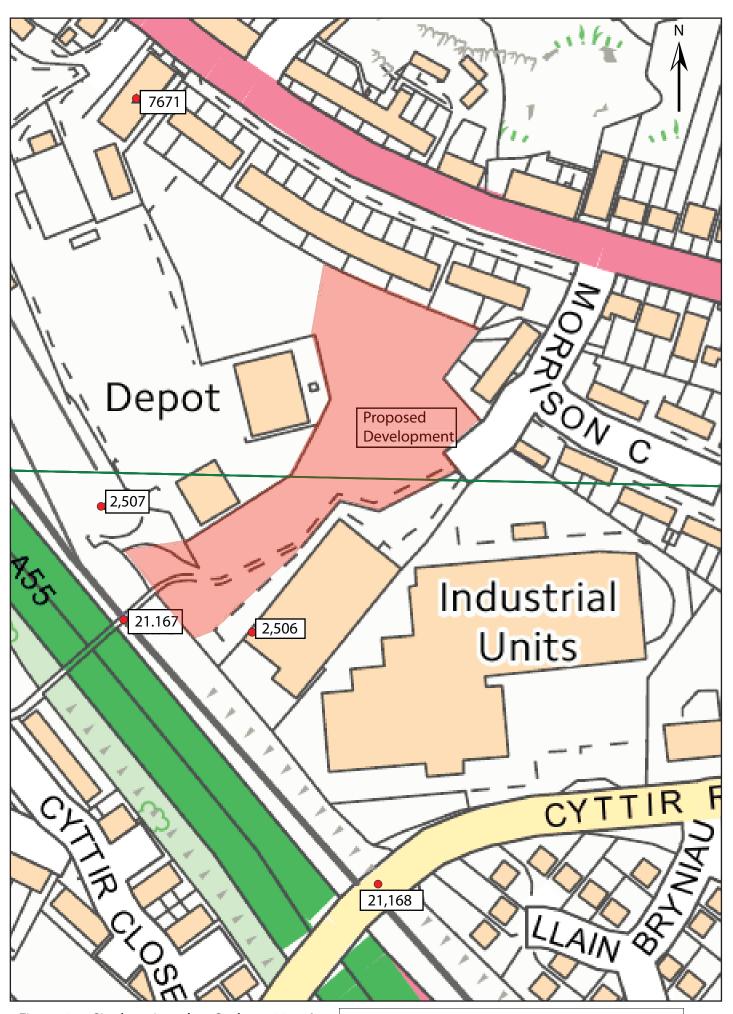


Figure 01 - Site location plan. Scale 1:500 @ A4.

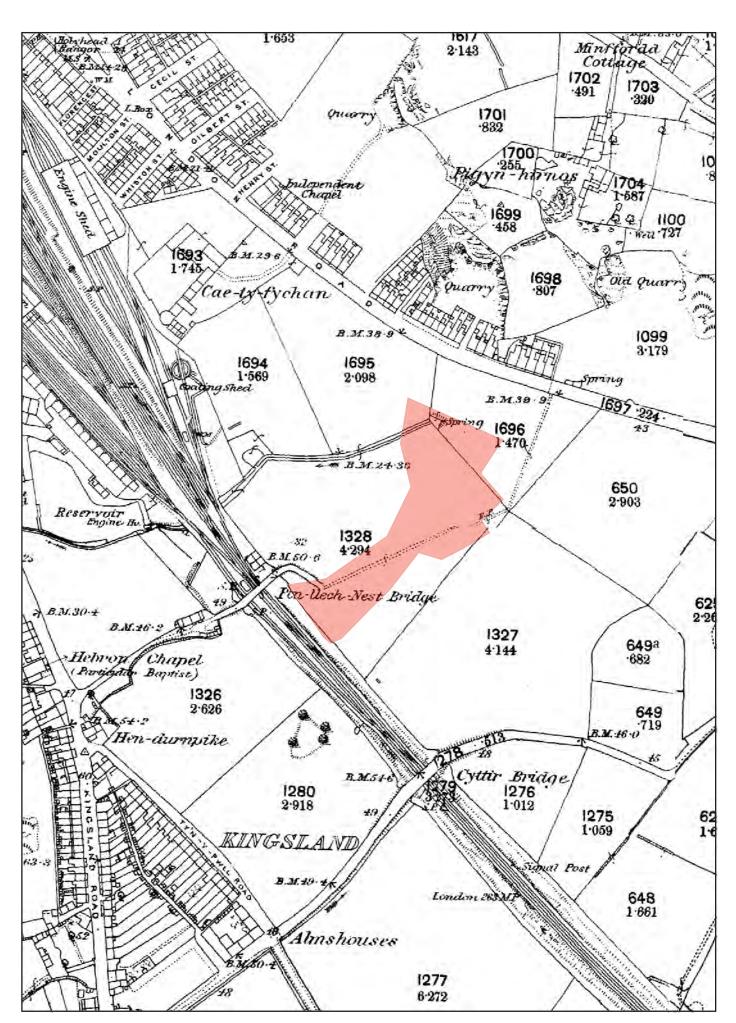


Figure 02: First Edition Ordnance Survey Map of 1890 Anglesey County Series 25 inch map Sheet XI.2

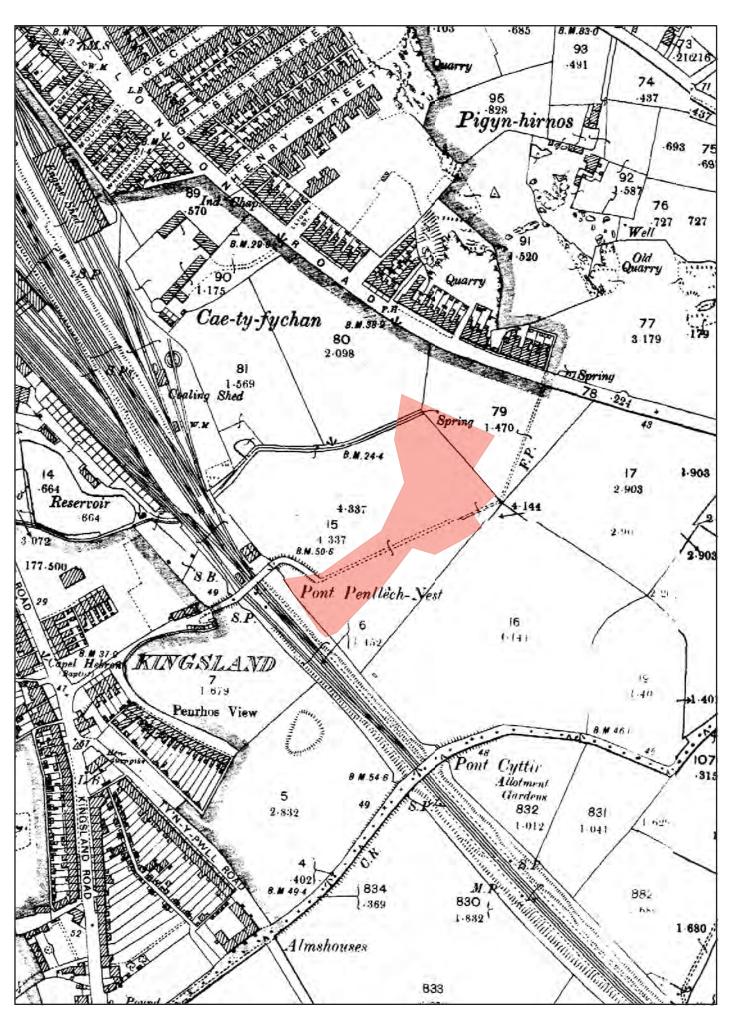


Figure 03: Second Edition Ordnance Survey Map of 1900 Anglesey County Series 25 inch map Sheet XI.2

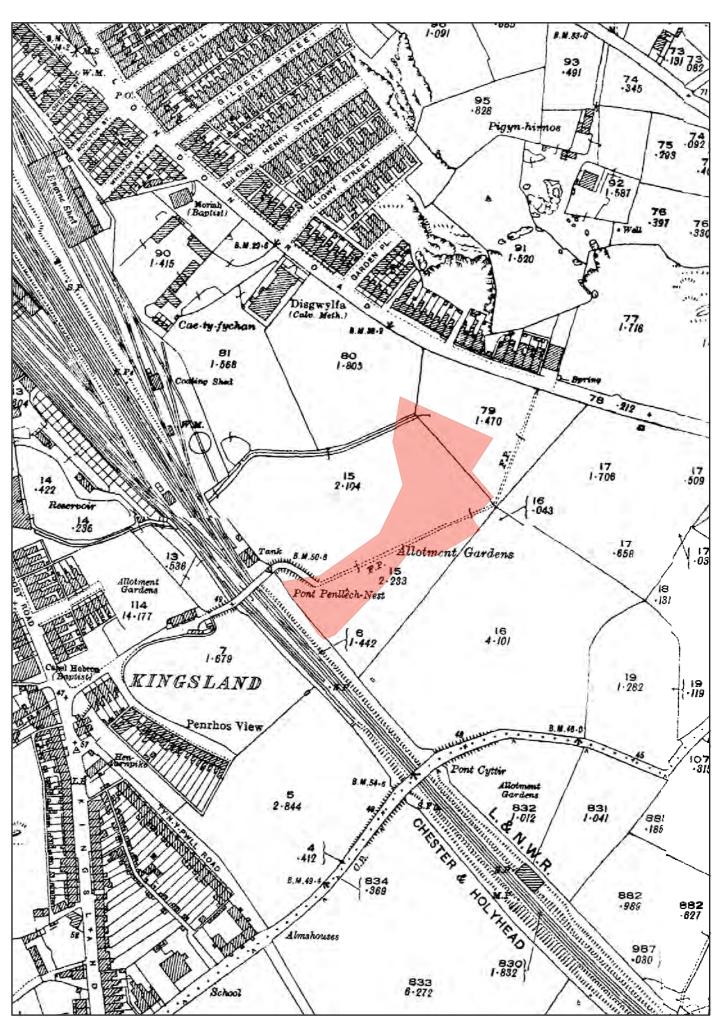


Figure 04: Third Edition Ordnance Survey Map of 1924 Anglesey County Series 25 inch map Sheet XI.2



APPENDIX I

Gwynedd Archaeological Trust photographic metadata pro-forma

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Digital Photographic Record

Include main context numbers for each shot, drawing numbers for sections and any other relevant numbers for cross referencing.

Delete any unwanted photos immediately from the camera.

Regularly upload photographs to computer.

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-	View From					
-	Scales					
Project Number:	Contexts					
	Description					
Project Name:	Trench					
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APPENDIX II

Gwynedd Archaeological Trust context record pro-forma

SITE CODE	AEOLOGICAL TRUST GRID SQUARE	SITE SUB-DIV	CONTEXT RECORD FORM CONTEXT NUMBER
CATEGORY/TYPE	PROVISIONAL DATE/PER	IOD/PHASE	I
LENGTH	BREADTH	DIAMETER	DEPTH/HEIGHT
DEPOSIT			CUT
1. Compaction			1. Shape in plan
2. Colour			2. Corners
3. Matrix Composition			3. Break of slope top
4. Inclusions			4. Sides
5. Clarity of Interface			5. Break of slope base
6. Other comments			6. Base
7. Methods & conditions			7. Orientation
			8. Truncated (if known)
			9. Other comments
			Draw sketches overleaf
FILLED BY			
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	This	context	
FILL OF			
	Stratigraphic matrix	1	
PLANS		SECTIONS	
Sheet No.		Sheet No.	
Drawing No.		Drawing No.	
PHOTOGRAPHS - Film SAMPLE Nos.	n No./ Frame No.	FIND Nos.	
FEATURE No		GROUP No	CONSISTS OF
INTERPRETATION/DIS	CUSSION	SAME AS	
		CHECKED BY (initials	/date) INITIALS/DATE

APPENDIX III

Gwynedd Archaeological Trust context trench record pro-forma

TRENCH SHEET

Project Name and Number				Trench number	
Trench size			Plans		
Max. trench depth			Sections		
Orientation			Photos		
Date/Initials			Area/chain	age	
List of layers a	nd/or featu	res in tren	ch (continue	on back of sheet if necessa	iry)
Context No.	Depth below surface		scription		
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General summ	ary				
				110	

APPENDIX II

Reproduction of the Photographic Metadata

File Reference	Project Name	Activity	Description	View From	Scale(s)	Date	Originating person	Originating organisation	Plates
G2538_001	London_Road_Holyhead	Site visit	Entrance onto the site off Morrison Crescent	N	1x1m	19/09/2017	Stuart Reilly	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2538_002	London_Road_Holyhead	Site visit	View across the site off Morrison Crescent	SE	1x1m	19/09/2017	Stuart Reilly	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2538_003	London_Road_Holyhead	Site visit	Area previously stripped for knotweed removal; Morrison Crescent end of the site	SW	1x1m	19/09/2017	Stuart Reilly	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2538_004	London_Road_Holyhead	Site visit	Depth of topsoil adjacent to knotweed strip.	NE	1x1m	19/09/2017	Stuart Reilly	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2538_005	London_Road_Holyhead	Site visit	Remnants of stone boundary wall at rear of 29 Morrison Crescent	SW	1x1m	19/09/2017	Stuart Reilly	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2538_006	London_Road_Holyhead	Site visit	Exposed	S	1x1m	19/09/2017	Stuart	Gwynedd	

File Reference	Project Name	Activity	Description	View From	Scale(s)	Date	Originating person	Originating organisation	Plates
			sewer pipe that				Reilly	Archaeological Trust	
			extends the length of the site						
G2538_007	London_Road_Holyhead	Site visit	Section of the sewer pipe encased in concrete	SSE	1x1m	19/09/2017	Stuart Reilly	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2538_008	London_Road_Holyhead	Site visit	Trench excavated to remove knotweed along length of sewer pipe	SSW	1x1m	19/09/2017	Stuart Reilly	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2538_009	London_Road_Holyhead	Site visit	Sewer pipe trench and western boundary of site along Gwynedd Shipping warehouse	SE	1x1m	19/09/2017	Stuart Reilly	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2538_010	London_Road_Holyhead	Site visit	Spoil from excavation of sewer pipe trench	NW	1x1m	19/09/2017	Stuart Reilly	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2538_011	London_Road_Holyhead	Site visit	Extent of	SW	1x1m	19/09/2017	Stuart	Gwynedd	

File Reference	Project Name	Activity	Description	View From	Scale(s)	Date	Originating person	Originating organisation	Plates
			spoil heap				Reilly	Archaeological	
			from sewer					Trust	
			pipe trench						
G2538_012	London_Road_Holyhead	Site visit	Spoil from excavation of sewer pipe trench	NW	1x1m	19/09/2017	Stuart Reilly	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2538_013	London_Road_Holyhead	Site visit	Spoil at southern end of site from topsoil removal for knotweed	NE	1x1m	19/09/2017	Stuart Reilly	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2538_014	London_Road_Holyhead	Site visit	Area cleared of topsoil at southern end of the site	SW		19/09/2017	Stuart Reilly	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2538_015	London_Road_Holyhead	Site visit	Southern end of the site with limited plant re- growth	sw		19/09/2017	Stuart Reilly	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2538_016	London_Road_Holyhead	Site visit	Path which leads to the footbridge over A55/railway	NNE		19/09/2017	Stuart Reilly	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	

File Reference	Project Name	Activity	Description	View From	Scale(s)	Date	Originating person	Originating organisation	Plates
			line						
G2538_017	London_Road_Holyhead	Site visit	View of the site from southern boundary	SSW		19/09/2017	Stuart Reilly	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	01
G2538_018	London_Road_Holyhead	Site visit	Tarmaced area between eastern site boundary and Rockpool Kayaks	W		19/09/2017	Stuart Reilly	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2538_019	London_Road_Holyhead	Site visit	Tarmaced area between eastern site boundary and Rockpool Kayaks	S		19/09/2017	Stuart Reilly	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2538_020	London_Road_Holyhead	Site visit	Tarmaced area between eastern site boundary and Rockpool Kayaks	W		19/09/2017	Stuart Reilly	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2538_021	London_Road_Holyhead	Site visit	View of site from public	S		19/09/2017	Stuart Reilly	Gwynedd Archaeological	

File Reference	Project Name	Activity	Description	View From	Scale(s)	Date	Originating person	Originating organisation	Plates
			footpath					Trust	
G2538_022	London_Road_Holyhead	Site visit	Public footpath along SE edge of site	SE		19/09/2017	Stuart Reilly	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2538_023	London_Road_Holyhead	Site visit	View of site from public footpath	SE		19/09/2017	Stuart Reilly	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2538_024	London_Road_Holyhead	Site visit	View of site from public footpath	Е		19/09/2017	Stuart Reilly	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2538_025	London_Road_Holyhead	Archaeological Evaluation	Excavation and removal of knotweed from plot off Morrison Crescent	Е	1x1m	26/09/2017	Stuart Reilly	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	03
G2538_026	London_Road_Holyhead	Archaeological Evaluation	Four excavation holes to remove knotweed from plot off Morrison Crescent	NW	1x1m	26/09/2017	Stuart Reilly	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	04
G2538_027	London_Road_Holyhead	Archaeological Evaluation	Excavation of second area for	SE		26/09/2017	Stuart Reilly	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	

File Reference	Project Name	Activity	Description	View From	Scale(s)	Date	Originating person	Originating organisation	Plates
			knotweed						
G2538_028	London_Road_Holyhead	Archaeological Evaluation	Excavation of third area for knotweed	NW		26/09/2017	Stuart Reilly	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2538_029	London_Road_Holyhead	Archaeological Evaluation	Post-ex of trench for third area of knotweed	SE	1x1m	26/09/2017	Stuart Reilly	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	<mark>06</mark>
G2538_030	London_Road_Holyhead	Archaeological Evaluation	Post-ex of trench for second area of knotweed	N	1x1m	26/09/2017	Stuart Reilly	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	05
G2538_031	London_Road_Holyhead	Archaeological Evaluation	Area beside sewer pipe being backfilled by 360° excavator	w		27/09/2017	Spencer Gavin Smith	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2538_032	London_Road_Holyhead	Archaeological Evaluation	Clearing area prior to excavation	w	1x1m	27/09/2017	Spencer Gavin Smith	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	02
G2538_033	London_Road_Holyhead	Archaeological Evaluation	Clearing area prior to excavation	S	1x1m	27/09/2017	Spencer Gavin Smith	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2538_034	London_Road_Holyhead	Archaeological Evaluation	Excavation of Trench 5	S	1x1m	27/09/2017	Spencer Gavin	Gwynedd Archaeological	

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							Smith	Trust	
G2538_035	London_Road_Holyhead	Archaeological Evaluation	Excavation of Trench 5	S	1x1m	27/09/2017	Spencer Gavin Smith	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2538_036	London_Road_Holyhead	Archaeological Evaluation	Excavation of Trench 5 with base of field / allotment boundary visible crossing trench at a right angle	S	1x1m	27/09/2017	Spencer Gavin Smith	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2538_037	London_Road_Holyhead	Archaeological Evaluation	Trench 5 completed	w	1x1m	27/09/2017	Spencer Gavin Smith	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	<mark>12</mark>
G2538_038	London_Road_Holyhead	Archaeological Evaluation	Trench 1 completed	E	1x1m	27/09/2017	Spencer Gavin Smith	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2538_039	London_Road_Holyhead	Archaeological Evaluation	Trench 1 completed	NW	1x1m	27/09/2017	Spencer Gavin Smith	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	<mark>07</mark>
G2538_040	London_Road_Holyhead	Archaeological Evaluation	Trench 2 started	NW	1x1m	27/09/2017	Spencer Gavin Smith	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2538_041	London_Road_Holyhead	Archaeological Evaluation	Modern Pit in Northern End of Trench 2	NE	1x1m	27/09/2017	Spencer Gavin Smith	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	09

File Reference	Project Name	Activity	Description	View From	Scale(s)	Date	Originating person	Originating organisation	Plates
G2538_042	London_Road_Holyhead	Archaeological Evaluation	Possible springhead in Northern End of Trench 3	SW	2x1m	27/09/2017	Spencer Gavin Smith	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2538_043	London_Road_Holyhead	Archaeological Evaluation	Trench 3 completed	NE	N/A	27/09/2017	Spencer Gavin Smith	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	<mark>10</mark>
G2538_044	London_Road_Holyhead	Archaeological Evaluation	Trench 3 completed	S	2x1m	27/09/2017	Spencer Gavin Smith	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2538_045	London_Road_Holyhead	Archaeological Evaluation	Trench 2 with two ranging poles	w	2x1m	27/09/2017	Spencer Gavin Smith	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	<mark>08</mark>
G2538_046	London_Road_Holyhead	Archaeological Evaluation	Trench 1 with two ranging poles	N	2x1m	27/09/2017	Spencer Gavin Smith	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	
G2538_047	London_Road_Holyhead	Archaeological Evaluation	Trench 4 with two ranging poles	NW	2x1m	27/09/2017	Spencer Gavin Smith	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust	11



