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## NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY

Gwynedd Archaeological Trust was commissioned by Morrison Utility Services to undertake an archaeological watching brief during groundworks for a water main renewal scheme at Dolgellau, Gwynedd. The watching brief monitored the excavation of two pits designed to accommodate a directional drilling unit for the water main. The two pits did not include any archaeological activity and were limited to thick deposits indicative of the wetland and semiimproved conditions that characterised the area. The peat deposits identified were considered to be of recent date.

## **1 INTRODUCTION**

Gwynedd Archaeological Trust (GAT) was commissioned by *Morrison Utility Services* to undertake an archaeological watching brief during groundworks for a water main renewal scheme at Dolgellau, Gwynedd (NGR SH71171830). A desk-based assessment for the entire scheme was completed by GAT in 2016, which sub-divided the scheme into eight sections (GAT Report 1293; cf. Figure 03). The watching brief monitored the works in Section A – B, which ran 223m across an open field west of the existing Dolgellau Sewage Works, between NGR SH7120318405 and NGR SH7116618186, as detailed in Capital Delivery Alliance drawings CAF411-5200-CD15110-N-D-C01 (Figure 01) and CAF411-5201-CD15110-N-D-C01 (Figure 02). The groundworks comprised 2No drilling pits, each measuring 3.0 m long and 1.3m deep that were designed to accommodate a directional drilling rig (Figure 02). The works were undertaken from the 26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017, following approval of the Project Design (Appendix I).

The watching brief was completed in accordance with the following guidance:

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## 2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

GAT undertook an archaeological watching brief as part of the 2010 site investigation programme for the Dolgellau Flood Risk Management Scheme (GAT report 876), to the east of the current mitigation area. A total of 9 test pits were monitored within the Dolgellau floodplain that were characterised by shallow topsoil (maximum depth 0.15m), followed by alluvial deposits of river gravels and coarse and fine sand. No archaeological activity was identified within the confines of any example and no organic material was recorded.

Additional test pits for the Dolgellau Flood Risk Management Scheme were excavated in December 2013 (GAT Report G1157); Pit TP1 was located east of Afon Aran, within the floodplain, while Test Pit TP2 was positioned close to the mouth of the Afon Aran, at it flows into the Afon Wnion. Test Pit TP 1 was quite shallow with gravels and groundwater reached at a depth of 1.20m, below 2 layers of natural clayey sand deposits as well as the topsoil. No archaeological features or artefactual material was found in this test pit. Test Pit TP 2 achieved a depth of 3.30m with the upper deposits below the grassed surface area mainly composed of late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century deposits containing quite a large amount of broken glass bottles and pottery throughout. The upper levels of this deposit also contained more modern waste material that had been mixed into the final levelling of the topsoil for the playing areas. Beneath the modern deposit layer, at a depth of 1.80m below ground level, two layers of sandy clay were encountered before reaching gravel and water levels at at 3.30m. Apart from the modern material no other archaeological deposits were found.

GAT completed an archaeological assessment for the proposed water main renewal scheme, in 2016 (GAT Report 1293). The scheme design measured 5.6km in length and was located within and around the Marian Mawr floodplain. The scheme route was divided into eight sections of varied length and methodology; for the purposes of the assessment, the sections were designated as A - B, through L - M. The scheme design included open cut sections, sliplining and pipe bursting. The assessment identified 19 existing sites within a 50m buffer zone surrounding the scheme route; a further seven additional sites were subsequently identified along the route during the walkover survey and desk based research. The existing sites were all buildings, and included houses, a school, a barn, a stable and a folly. These were all of post-medieval date and reflect the growth of the town in the 19<sup>th</sup> century to the north and west of the town's historic core. All the additional sites, consisting of a cottage, two boundary walls, two areas of drainage ditch, a boundary, and back gardens are also all of post-medieval or modern date. The assessment recommended that an

intensive watching brief be carried out during all significant intrusive groundworks associated with the 'sliplining' and 'pipe-bursting', and during the open cut lengths of new trenching, particularly in the low lying open field stretches on section A-B at the western end of the scheme. This was an area of low lying boggy wetland to the west of the sewage treatment works, where peat deposits were thought likely to be present, and there was the possibility of preserved archaeology (Evans 2016, 5).

## 3 METHODOLOGY

An archaeological watching brief is defined by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists as a formal programme of observation and investigation conducted during any operation carried out for non-archaeological reasons where there is a possibility that archaeological deposits may be disturbed or destroyed. The programme will result in the preparation of a report and ordered archive (CiFA, 2014).

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- comprehensive (present during all ground disturbance)
- intensive (present during sensitive ground disturbance)
- intermittent (viewing the trenches after machining)
- partial (as and when seems appropriate).

GAT monitored 2No drilling launch pits, each measuring 3.0 m long and 1.3m deep that were designed to accommodate a directional drilling rig (Figure 02). The works were undertaken by *Morrison Utility Services* from the 26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> July. An 8 tonne tracked excavator was used to complete the excavations.

The archaeological watching brief was completed on an intensive basis were monitored to the limit of excavation. All attendances and identified features will be recorded using GAT watching brief pro-formas. Photographic images were taken using a digital SLR (Nikon D40) camera set to maximum resolution (3008 × 2000 6.1 effective megapixels) in RAW format and were converted to TIFF for archiving using Adobe Photoshop. The photographic record was maintained on site using GAT pro-formas and digitised in *Microsoft Access* as part of the fieldwork archive and dissemination process (photographic archive nos. G2528\_001 to G2528\_011). Photographic images were also taken for each test hole location prior to excavation along with general shots of the area.

## 4 RESULTS

The pits were located within low-lying wetland/semi-improved land within a *juncus* (grass-like rushes and sedges) rich field; the field was also characterised by surface level drainage channels (Plates 01 and 02). The field was bounded by an old railway embankment to the north, a sewage works to the east and mature trees to the west and south. For the purposes of the watching brief, the two drilling pits were designated as Launch Pit 1 and Launch Pit 2, respectively; a third launch pit was proposed, but was not undertaken. The numbers in rounded brackets represent the unique numbers given to each identified deposit, a list of which is given in Appendix III.

## 4.1 Launch Pit 1 (Plates 03-04)

Size (I x w x d): 3m x 1m x 1.3m Description:

The launch pit, located near to the old railway embankment to the north, was orientated north-south along the proposed new water main route (Figure 02). The launch pit comprised a 0.2m thick deposit of *juncus* and topsoil, which sealed a 0.6m deposit of grey-brown clay-silt soil (101); this in turn sealed a mid to dark orangey brown peat-rich deposit that contained fragments of wood and branches, which continued to the limit of excavation, at a depth of 1.5m (102). It had a dense and spongey consistency and was heavily waterlogged, but broke up upon excavation creating a loose deposit. No evidence for archaeological activity was identified within the confines of the launch pit, and the peat appears to be of recent rather than historic date. The peat observed was consistent for a depth of 0.7m below the grey-brown silt, and the presence of any underlying peats at a greater depth is unknown.

## 4.2 Launch Pit 2 (Plates 05-06)

Size (I x w x d): 3m x 1m x 1.3m Description:

The launch pit was located 100m to the south of Launch Pit 1 and was orientated north-south along the proposed new water main route (Figure 02). The launch pit comprised a 0.2m thick deposit of *juncus* and topsoil, which sealed a deposit of grey-brown clay-silt soil that continued to the limit of excavation. No evidence for peat deposits or archaeological activity were identified within the confines of the launch pit. The lack of peat in this pit may suggest it was localised or the peat horizon slopes to the south from the location of Launch Pit 1.

## **5 CONCLUSION**

Gwynedd Archaeological Trust monitored two launch pits excavated within a field to the immediate west of the sewage works in Dolgellau, Gwynedd. The works were undertaken as part of a larger water main renewal scheme in the area and the pits were designed to accommodate drilling units for the new main. Route A –B is bounded at either end by mature trees, to the north on the former railway line embankment; the ground rises slightly to the south of the A493 road, and is overlooked by Ysgbor Bryn Adda.

The location of the test pits, at the western end of the Water Main renewal scheme, were situated on low lying boggy ground to the west of the sewage works, with many shallow drainage channels noted crossing it on the surface, and *juncus* growth to a height of about 0.3m. The site would appear to have been marshy for some time, and is low lying.

The overlying silty clay, observed to a depth of about 1.3m appears devoid of environmental material, and appears to be created as a result of deposits left by the Afon Wnion when in flood.

The characterisation of juncus-rich foliage indicative of wetland/semi-improved land, was confirmed by the two pits which were characterised by thick uniform deposits of clay-rich soil; in the case of launch pit 2, this deposit continued to the limit of excavation at 1.3m, whilst in launch pit 1, the clay-rich soil overlay a peat-rich deposit. In both cases no archaeological activity was identified and the results were indicative of a location subject to limited activity. There is moderate value in the peat deposits, although those observed are thought to be relatively recent in origin, underlying peat deposits may be present. The fact that peat was only observed in one localised point (LP1) means that its distribution and extent, and therefore its significance, is not well understood. A programme of core sampling would be required to resolve this. If further, large-scale excavation is required in the area, the potential is there to recover waterlogged and/or peat-rich deposits.

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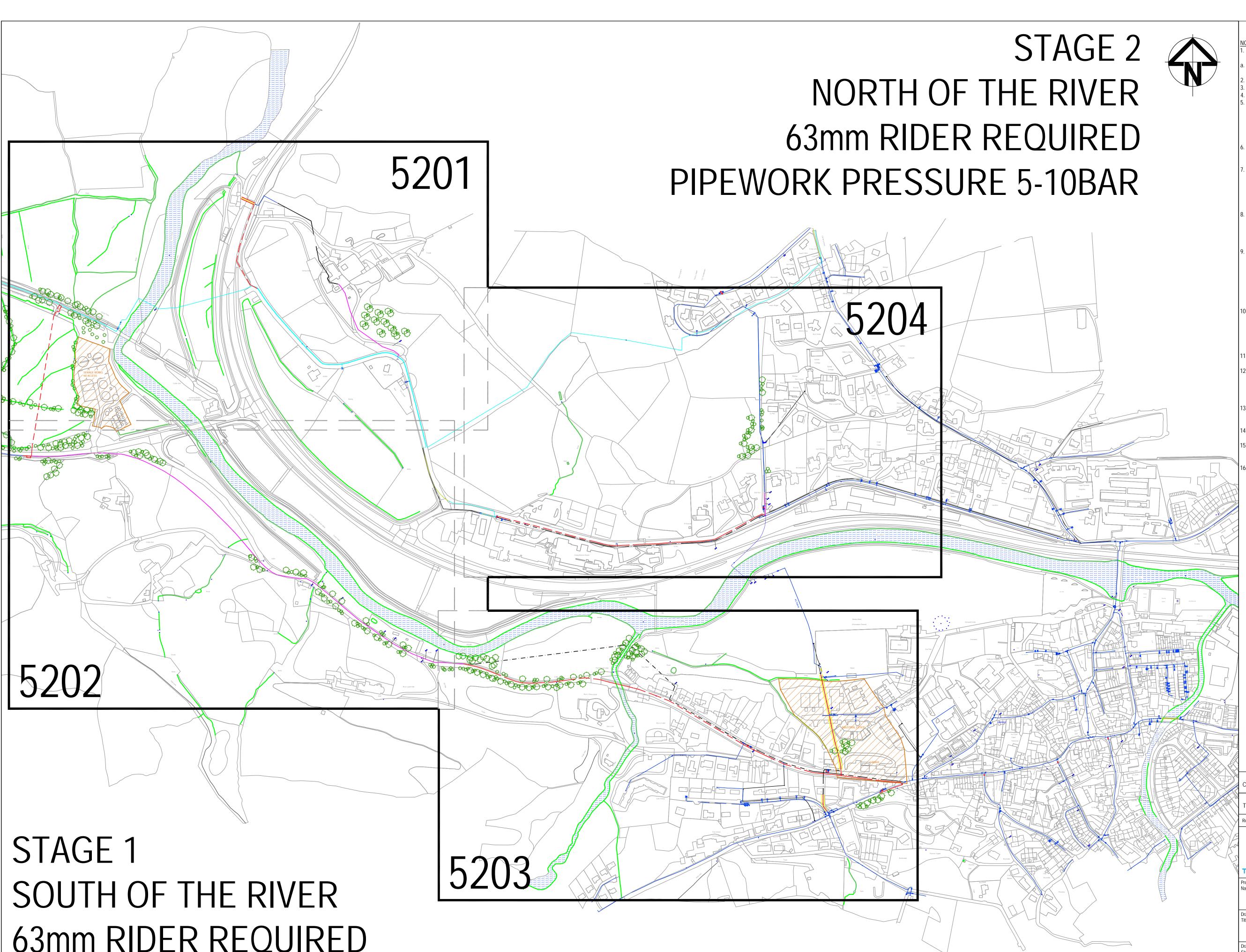
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FIGURE 01

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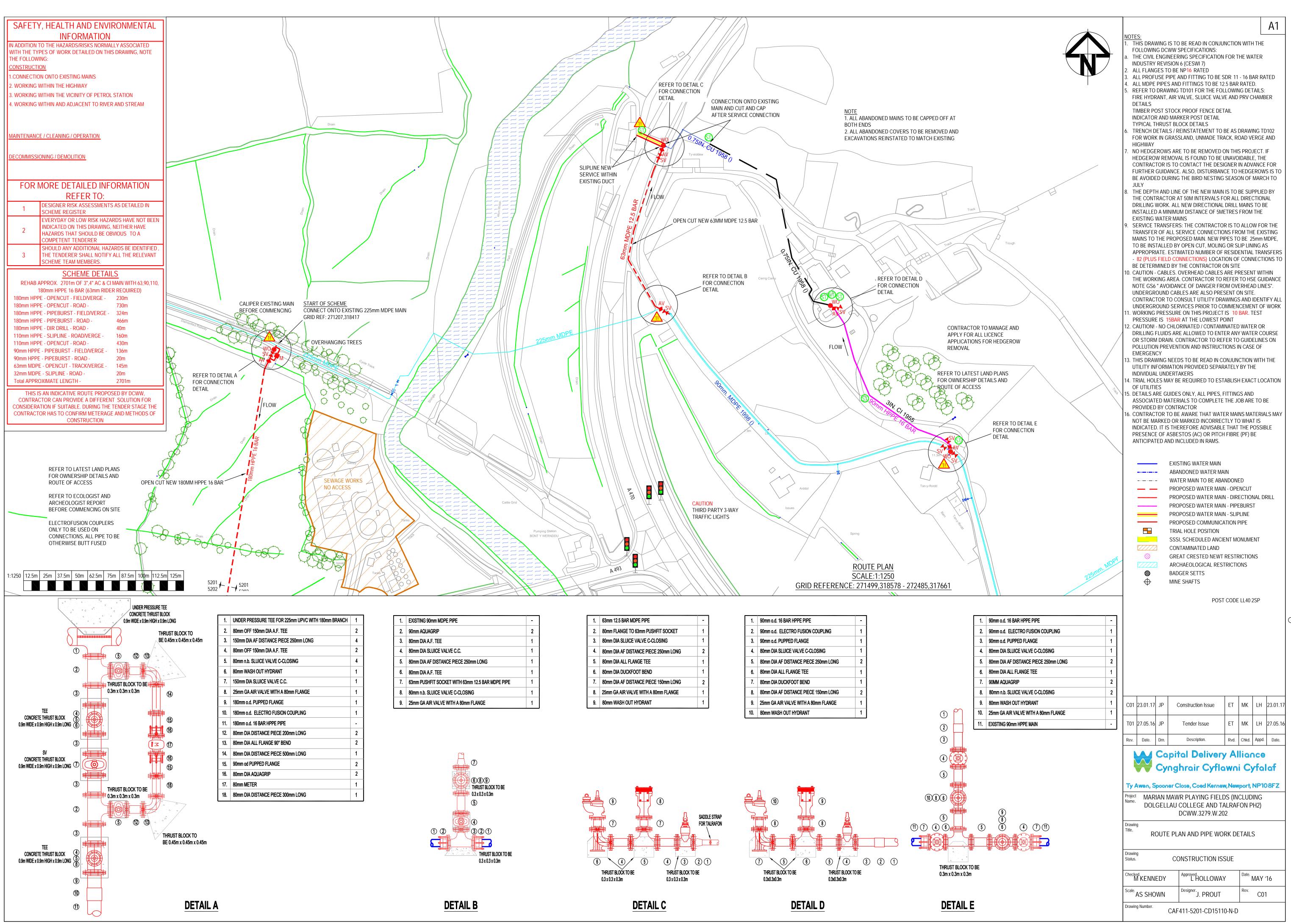
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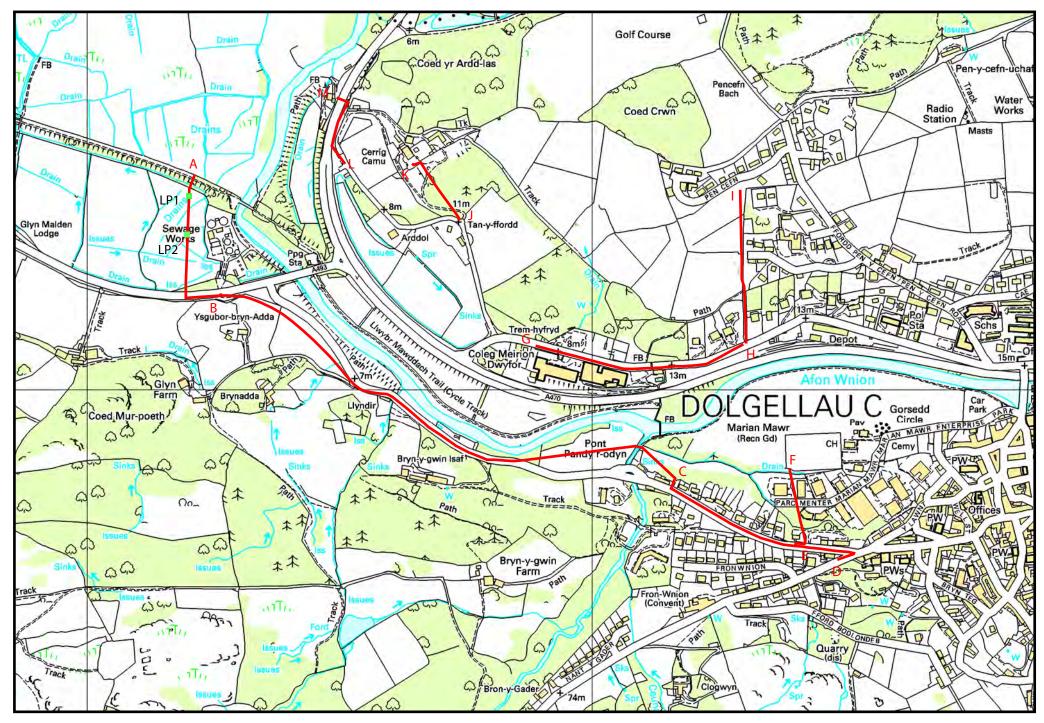


Figure 03 - Location Map denoting scheme route along with route sub-divisions A to M. Based on Ordnance Survey 1:10000 Series County Series Map Sheet SH71NW. Scale: 1 to 7500@A4. Crown Copyright. All Rights Reserved. License number AL100020895.



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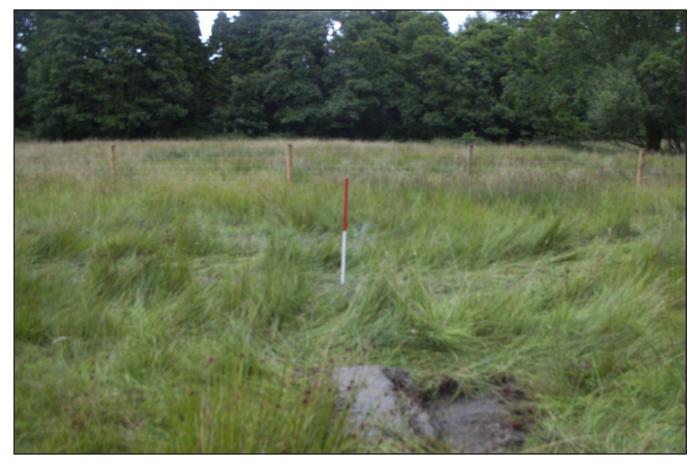


Plate 05: launch pit 2 - general location as viewed from the east (scale: 1.0m; archive image: G2528\_005).



Plate 06: launch pit 2 - view from north post-excavation (scale: 1.0m; archive image: G2528\_009).

## **APPENDIX I**

Gwynedd Archaeological Trust project design, July 2017

## MARIAN MAWR, DOLGELLAU (G2528)

# PROJECT DESIGN FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF

Prepared for

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July 2017

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Signature

Date

## MARIAN MAWR, DOLGELLAU, GWYNEDD PROJECT DESIGN FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF

Prepared for Morrison Utility Services, May 2017

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Gwynedd Archaeological Trust (GAT) has been commissioned by *Morrison Utility Services* to prepare a project design for an archaeological watching brief during ground works for a water main renewal scheme at Dolgellau, Gwynedd (NGR SH72001794). A desk-based assessment for the entire scheme was completed by GAT in 2016, which sub-divided the scheme into eight sections (GAT Report 1293; cf. Figure 03); the current archaeological mitigation will monitor the works in Section A – B, which runs 223m across an open field west of the existing Dolgellau Sewage Works, between NGR SH7120318405 and NGR SH7116618186, as detailed in Capital Delivery Alliance drawings CAF411-5200-CD15110-N-D-C01 (Figure 01) and CAF411-5201-CD15110-N-D-C01 (Figure 02). The current groundworks will comprise 3No drilling pits, each measuring 3.0 m long and 1.3m deep, which are designed to accommodate a directional drilling rig; the exact location of each pit along Section A – B has not been confirmed. The works are scheduled from 26/07/17 for two days.

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GAT will monitor the following works scheduled to be undertaken by Morrison Utility Services during July 2017:

- The cutting of a 223m long opencut trench for the laying of an 180mm water main pipe on land to the west of Dolgellau Sewage Works (NGR SH7120318405 - NGR SH7116618186; route section A – B; Figure 01; Figure 02); and
- The cutting of a 132m long opencut trench for the laying of a new 63mm water main pipe along the eastern side of the A470 to the west of Cerrig Camu (NGR SH7151018445 - SH7150818564; route section L – M; Figure 01).

The archaeological watching brief will be completed on an **intensive** basis during the cutting of the pipe trenches. The excavations of pipe trenches will be monitored to the glacial horizon. It is currently expected that 1 project archaeologist will be in attendance.

GAPS will be informed of any changes to excavation methodology to those listed above.

GAT fieldwork methodology is discussed in para. 3.2.

## 3.2 Fieldwork Methodology

- During the watching brief, all attendances and identified features will be recorded using GAT watching brief pro-formas (<u>Appendix II</u>);
- Photographic images will be taken using a digital SLR (Nikon D40) camera set to maximum resolution (3008 × 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 (<u>Appendix I</u>) and digitised in *Microsoft Access* as part of the fieldwork archive and dissemination process. Photographic images will be archived in TIFF format; the archive numbering system will start from G2528\_001. A photographic ID board will be used during the watching brief to record site code, test hole number, date, image orientation and any relevant context numbers. Photographic images will also be taken for each test hole location prior to excavation along with general shots of the area.
- Any subsurface remains will be recorded photographically, with detailed notations and a measured survey;
- Any archaeological features/deposits/structures encountered will be manually cleaned and examined to determine extent, function, date and relationship to adjacent features. If encountered, the following minimum strategy will initially apply: 50% sample of each sub-circular feature, 10% sample of each linear feature. In the event of the identification of extensive/complex remains (e.g. burials or structures), additional time, resourcing and costs may be required for GAT to complete an appropriate programme of works; this may also incur a delay to the water main replacement works programme;
- Any required sections and detailed elevations to be drawn at a minimum 1:10 scale using GAT A4 or A2 pro-forma permatrace;
- Any required plans to be at a minimum 1:20 scale. Plans will be drawn on GAT A4 or A2 pro-forma permatrace;
- Should dateable artefacts, human remains and/or ecofacts be recovered, an interim report will be submitted summarising the results, along with an assessment of potential for analysis post-excavation project design (in line with the MAP2 process).

To undertake a post-excavation programme of works, additional time, resourcing and costs will be required.

## 3.3 Human Remains

If any human remains identified are to be excavated, and cannot be preserved in situ this will take place under 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; the remains should be reburied inside the church as close as practical to their original location.

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 grave) and stored in a suitable manner within GAT premises. If significant quantities of human remains are encountered, a human osteologist should 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), who will assist in devising the excavation, recording and sampling strategy for features containing human remains. The osteologist should 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).

## 3.4 Ecofacts

Due to the the presence of boggy areas in the ground to the west of the Sewage Works (route section A-B), it is likely that waterlogged/organic deposits will be encountered, including peat deposits. Bulk samples will not be taken by GAT from any waterlogged/organic deposits/peat deposits, but the GAT archaeologist will monitor and record the depth and context of the deposit or deposits. Based on initial results and potential, e.g., an extensive depth of peat, recourse may be made to a specialist (via Lucy Whittingham | Project Manager (post-excavation) | AOC Archaeology | tel: 0208 843 7380 | email: lucy.whittingham@aocarchaeology.com) for advice on a palaeoenvironmental assessment and analysis strategy.

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.

## 3.5 Artefacts

Diagnostic artefacts will be retained for further examination and identification. Pottery sherds of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 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 guidelines issued by the UK Institute of Conservation (Watkinson and Neal 2001) in particular the advice provided within *First Aid for Finds* (Rescue 1999) and Historic England.

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 (1995) 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: <u>lucy.whittingham@aocarchaeology.com</u>).

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 STORIEL, Ffordd Gwynedd, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 1DT), 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.

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 (via Morrison Utility Services) for agreement regarding the transfer of artefacts, initially to GAT and subsequently to the relevant museum

(STORIEL, Ffordd Gwynedd, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 1DT). 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 STORIEL, this must be in accordance with their current guidelines.

### 3.6 Fieldwork Archiving

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

- 1. Pro-formas: all cross referenced and complete;
- Photographic Metadata: completed in *Microsoft Access* and cross-referenced with all pro-formas;
- 3. Sections: all cross referenced and complete with relevant site matrix completed;
- 4. Survey data: downloaded using a Computer Aided Design package;
- 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;
- 9. Site Matrix (if relevant); all cross referenced and complete.

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

### 3.7 Historic Environment Record

In line with the regional Historic Environment Record (HER) requirements, the HER must be contacted at the onset of the project to ensure that any data arising is formatted in a manner suitable for accession to the HER. At the onset, the HER Enquiry Form provided by the HER, will be completed and submitted.

# 4. 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. Methods and techniques, including details and location of project archive
- 5. Watching Brief Results
- 6. Summary and conclusions (including any further recommendations if relevant)
- 7. List of sources consulted.
- 8. Appendix I approved GAT project specification

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

### 5. DISSEMINATION AND ARCHIVING

A full archive including plans, photographs, written material and any other material resulting from the project will be prepared. The archaeological mitigation outlined in this project specification will commence in July 2017. A draft report (or interim report) will be submitted within one month of fieldwork completion (August 2017); a final report will be submitted to the Historic Environment within six months of submitting the draft report (January 2018).

The following dissemination will apply:

- A paper report(s) plus digital report(s) will be provided to the client 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 report completion (final report only);
- 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 watching brief 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.

### 6. PERSONNEL

The project will be managed by John Roberts, Principal Archaeologist GAT Contracts Section with attendances on-site undertaken by at least one GAT project archaeologist. The project archaeologist will be responsible for the watching brief, including all field management duties, e.g., GAPS liaison, main contractor liaison, osteologist or palaeo-environmentalist liaison (if relevant). The project archaeologist will be responsible for completing the watching brief record sheets as well as all other on site pro-formas and the fieldwork archive itemised in <u>para. 3.9</u>. The 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 <u>para. 5</u>.

### 7. 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 site 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 staff will be issued with required personal safety equipment, including high visibility jacket, steel toe-capped boots and hard hat.

### 8. 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 21/06/2018

### **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 21/06/2018

### **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 22/07/2018

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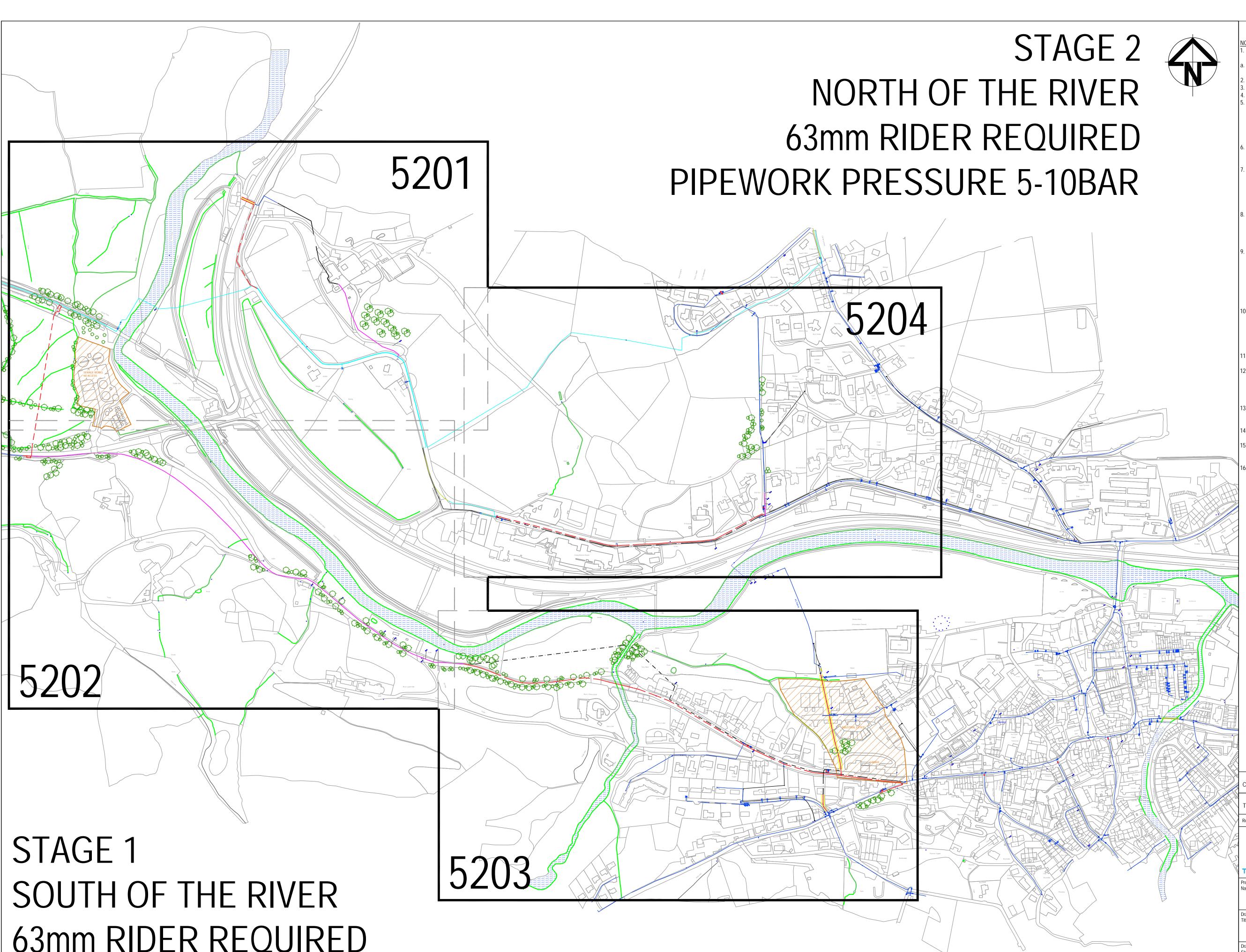
Royal Commission on Ancient and Historic Monuments of Wales 2015 *Guidelines for digital archives* 

Standard and Guidance for an archaeological watching brief (Chartered Institute for Archaeologists, 2014).

FIGURE 01

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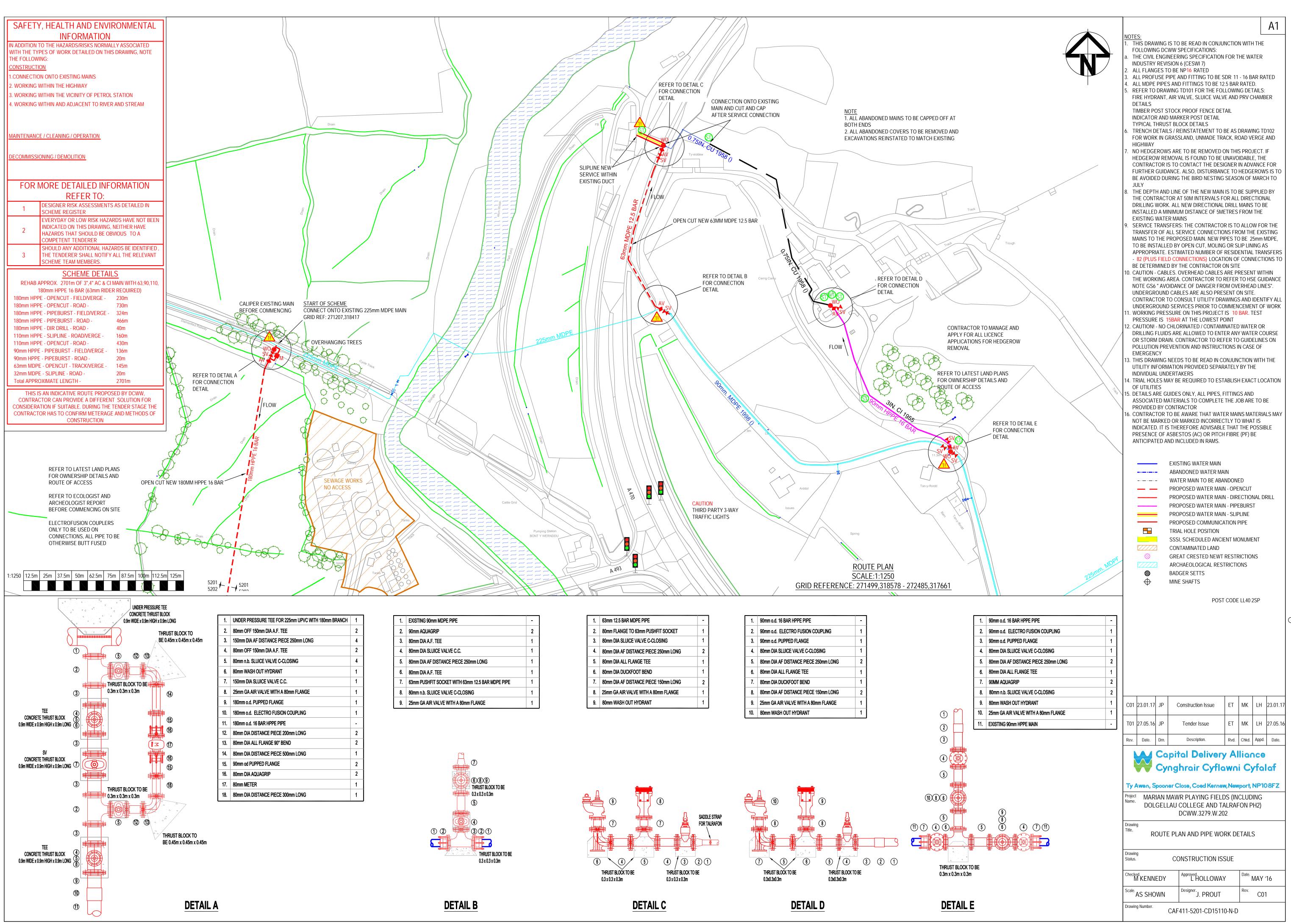
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### FIGURE 03

Location Map denoting scheme route along with route sub-divisions A to M. Based on Ordnance Survey 1:10000 Series County Series Map Sheet SH71NW. Scale: 1 to 7500@A4.

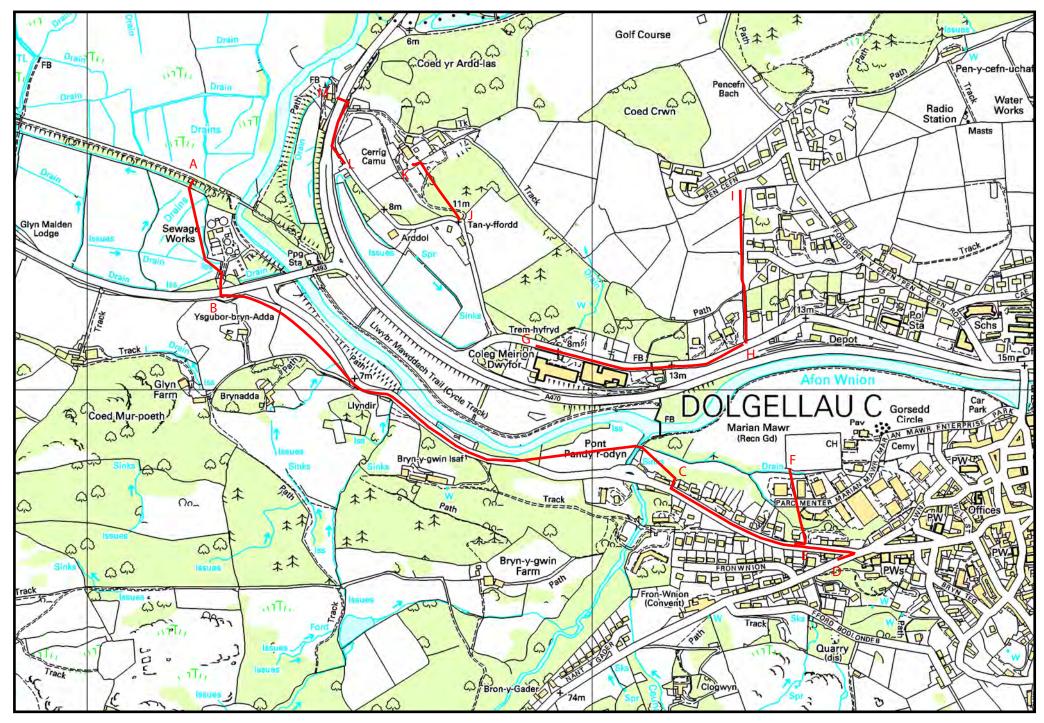


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### **APPENDIX I**

Gwynedd Archaeological Trust photographic metadata pro-forma



### **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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### **APPENDIX II**

Gwynedd Archaeological Trust watching brief pro-forma

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### **APPENDIX II**

Gwynedd Archaeological Trust photographic metadata

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### **APPENDIX III**

**Context Register** 

Context	Site Sub				
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101	LP2	Deposit	Mid/Light greyish Brown Waterlogged Clay	RE	27/07/2017
102	LP1	Deposit	Mid orangey brown peat with clay	RE	27/07/2017



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