



ARCHAEOLOGICAL DESK-BASED ASSESSMENT OF LAND ADJACENT OF 19 NAILDOWN CLOSE, HYTHE, KENT

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Front cover: 2017 aerial photograph of the site (looking north)

Figure 1. Site plan

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 In June 2017 Dr Paul Wilkinson of SWAT Archaeology carried out a rapid archaeological desk-based assessment of available data on land at 18 Naildown Close, Hythe, Kent.

1.2 Historic mapping, aerial photographs and the HER records were studied and no meaningful archaeological activity has been recorded within 500m of the proposed development site.

1.3 The principal elements of the archaeological survey involved the creation of a record and description of any known archaeological and historical sites within the environs of the PDA together with an analysis and interpretation of the sites origins and historic development.

1.5 A review of Historic OS mapping has been made and the Pevsner Architectural Guide (*Kent, East and East Kent 2012*) was consulted as was the National Heritage Register for England.

1.6 This report consists of a descriptive report accompanied by aerial photographs and annotated plans.

2.0 HISTORICAL/ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

2.1 Location

The Proposed Development Area (PDA) is located on the north side of Cliff Road which leads into the A259 (Seabrook Road) and is about 200m north of the Royal Military Canal. To the east is the Seabrook Stream with its mill, a Grade II listed building dating from 1800 to 1832 (TR 13 NE 100).

2.5 Historic Background

A rapid map assessment of OS historic mapping shows that in 1871-90 the area of the PDA was open fields (Field 153).

By 1898 the South East & Chatham Railway had built the Hythe and Sandgate branch line which is on the north boundary of the PDA. By 1900 the OS mapping shows that large areas of land to the west of the PDA had been quarried and this quarrying may have continued into the PDA.

The OS map of 1907 shows that terraced housing had been built immediately to the east of the PDA but as yet no development is shown on the PDA.

By 1929-52 the PDA has been developed with a large detached house to the south of the PDA and what seems a small shed on the PDA itself.

3.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES

3.1 The HER records show that known archaeology is sparse in the vicinity of the PDA.

To the north-east at 375m is a recorded farmstead north of Seabrook Terrace (MKE 88484).

To the east at 325m is the site of the Seabrook Gasworks (MWX 44026).

Nearby on the north bank of the Royal Military Canal is a WWII Pillbox (MWX 51405).

To the west at 315m is another WWII Pillbox (TR 13 NE 179).

To the south is another WWII Pillbox (TR 13 SE 193).

To the north at 500m is the cropmark of a ring ditch (TR 13 NE 234).

4.0 DISCUSSION

4.1 A review of the available data shows that no major archaeological sites are known within the 500m radius apart from 19th century farm buildings and WWII pillboxes.

5.0 PARAMETERS

5.1 The archaeological survey was conducted using on-line data from Historic England and other agencies.

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Figure 1. The Site



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