



# RAPID ARCHAEOLOGICAL DESK-BASED ASSESSMENT OF LAND AT 11-13 STATION ROAD, LYMINGE, KENT CT18 8HS



Plate 1. Aerial photo of Lyminge (2017) showing the Anglo-Saxon hall buildings to the west of PDA (red circle)

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

Figure 1. OS mapping

Figure 2. OS mapping

Figure 3. OS site plan

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

1.1 In November 2018 Dr Paul Wilkinson of SWAT Archaeology carried out a rapid archaeological desk-based assessment of available data on land at 11-13 Station Road, Lyminge in Kent (Figures 5, 6).

**1.2 Historic mapping, aerial photographs and the HER records were studied and shows that no archaeological activity has been recorded within 100m of the proposed development area (PDA) but beyond are numerous Anglo-Saxon hall and other structures dating back to the Anglo-Saxon and Medieval periods.**

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 and maps.

## **2.0 HISTORICAL/ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND**

### **2.1 Location**

The Proposed Development Area (PDA) is located within the Lyminge settlement boundary and within the AOAP/AONB/SLA. The site was the village Post Office/General Store which is no longer trading and the site is adjacent to the Library, car parking and public information points.

### **2.5 Historic Background**

Lyminge is well known for its nationally important archaeological remains of which the Lyminge Archaeological Project on their website succinctly map out



Plate 2. Recent excavations to the west of the PDA

the archaeological history of Lyminge starting with Canon Jenkins in the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century and carried on by Dr Gabor Thomas in the 21<sup>st</sup> century whose excavations show that Lyminge had its origins as an Anglo-Saxon 'central place' from the 5<sup>th</sup> century AD onwards (Plate 1).

A rapid map assessment of OS historic mapping shows that in 1872 the site was open fields with the known historic core located to the south west around the fresh water springs and well (Figure 1).

The OS map of 1906 shows that the railway has arrived at Lyminge and the Post Office (P.O.) is located in the general area of the PDA but the present Post Office building was yet to be built (Figure 2).

By 1939 the present Post Office was built and the track to the south developed into a road called Nash Hill (Figure 3).

### **3.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES**

3.1 The HER records show that known archaeology is sparse in the vicinity of the PDA. Immediately adjacent to the PDA a George V1 pillar box has been noted on the KCC HER (TR 14 SE 189), 249m to the west a Bronze Age barrow

and Beaker burial have been excavated (TR 14 SE 216) and just to the south of the Abbey Anglo Saxon Hall complexes identified (TR 14 SE 217) and in addition Medieval ditches in Tyne Field noted (TR 14 SE 211).

#### **4.0 DISCUSSION**

4.1 A review of the available data (Figure 4) shows that no archaeological sites are known within 100m radius of the PDA. However, beyond that a nationally important Anglo-Saxon site has been identified and partly excavated plus Prehistoric remains are also known. Given the presence of important archaeological remains within the vicinity of the PDA it is recommended that an Archaeological Watching Brief be considered as a Condition.

#### **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. OS mapping c.1872 (red circle denotes the site)



Figure 2. OS mapping c.1906 (red circle denotes the site)

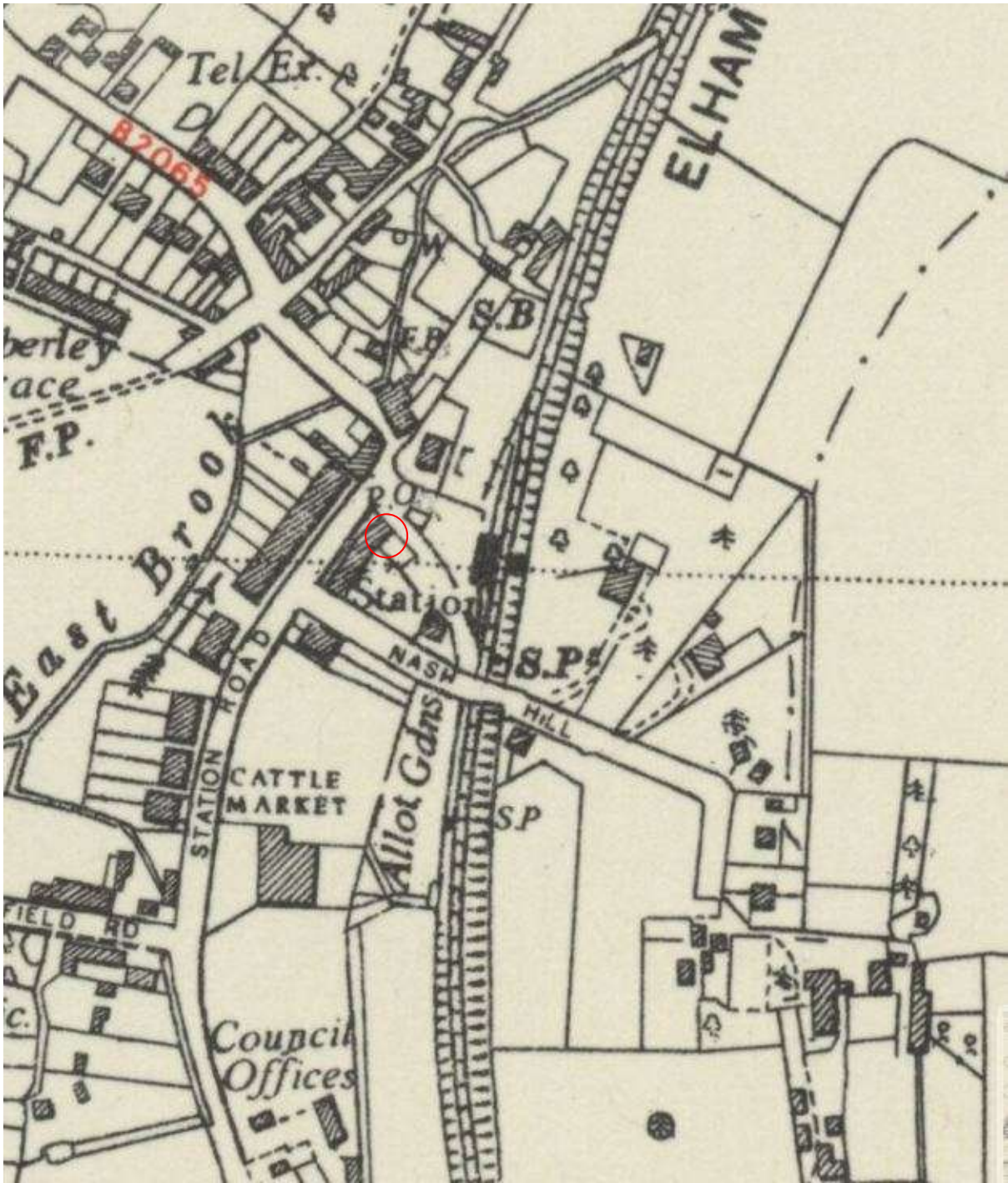
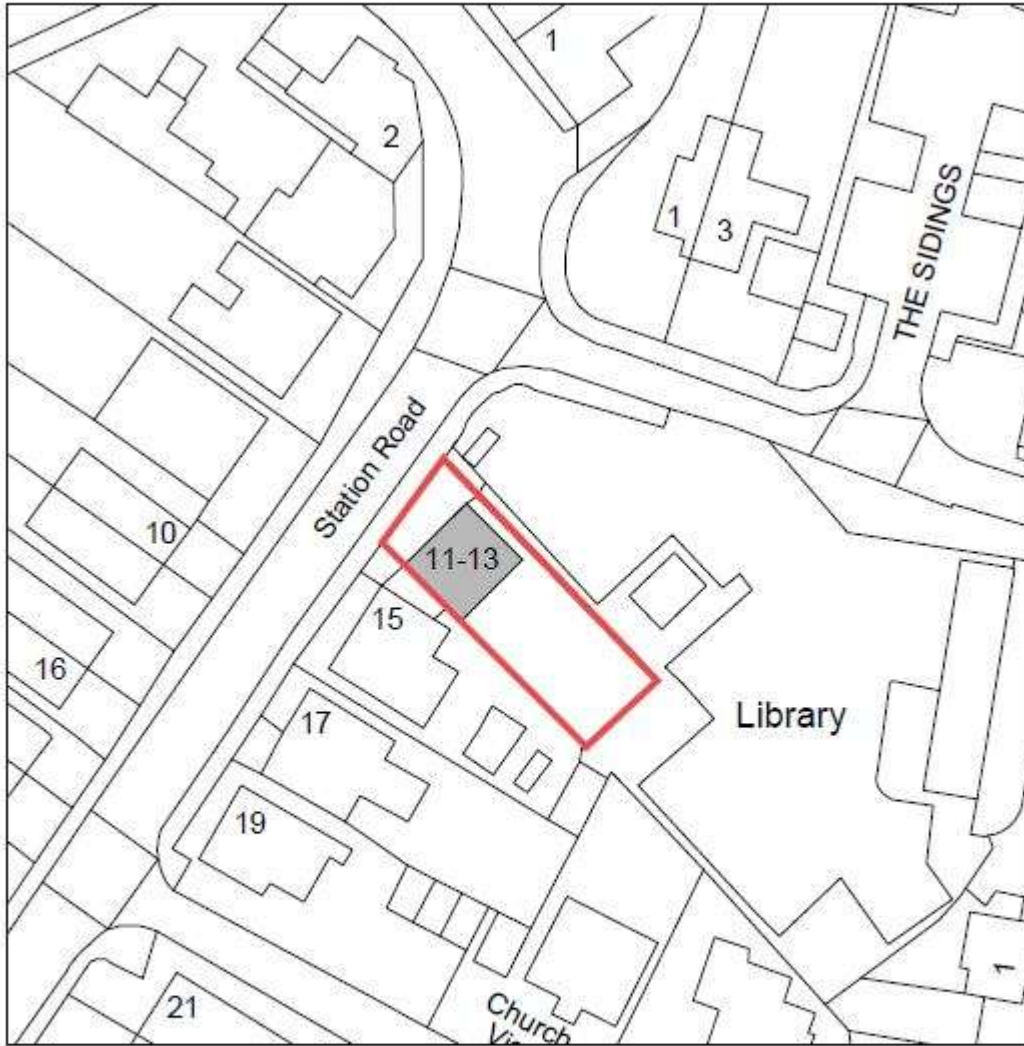


Figure 3. OS mapping c.1939 (red circle denotes the site)





Figure 4. HER data (2018) (red circle denotes the site)



## Existing Site Location Plan

Scale 1:1250 @ A3

Figure 5. Existing site plan



## Proposed Site Location Plan

Scale 1:1250 @ A3

Figure 6. Proposed site plan