

# Archaeological Monitoring of Land at 166 St Georges Road, Sandwich, Kent

Site Code GEO/WB/16



Report for Mr G Milstead  
Date of report 13/07/2016

## **SWAT ARCHAEOLOGY**

Swale and Thames Archaeological Survey Company  
The Office, School Farm Oast, Graveney Road  
Faversham, Kent ME13 8UP  
Tel; 01795 532548 or 07885 700 112  
info@swatarchaeology.co.uk www.swatarchaeology.co.uk

# Contents

1.0 SUMMARY.....	4
2.0 INTRODUCTION.....	4
2.1 PLANNING BACKGROUND.....	4
3.0 SCHEDULE OF VISITS.....	5
4.0 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES.....	5
4.1 PROPOSED GROUNDWORKS.....	5
4.2 CONFIDENCE RATING.....	5
5.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL & GEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND.....	5
6.0 METHODOLOGY.....	6
7.0 RESULTS.....	6
7.1 GENERAL.....	6
8.0 FINDS.....	7
9.0 DISCUSSION.....	7
10.0 CONCLUSION.....	7
11.0 ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.....	7
REFERENCES.....	7
APPENDIX 1 - KCC HER Summary Form.....	8

- Plate 1. Aerial Photograph of site (Google 2013)
- Plate 2. General view of site looking N
- Plate 3. View of the site showing ground works S
- Plate 4. View of cut foundations E
- Plate 5. Foundation trenches south side
- Plate 6. Foundation trenches east side
- Plate 7. View of section of trench

## List of Figures

- Figure 1. Site plan with area watched

### Conditions of Release

All rights including translation reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted in any form or by any means electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording or otherwise without prior written permission from SWAT Archaeology.

# Archaeological Monitoring of Land at 166 St Georges Road, Sandwich, Kent

Site Code GEO/WB/16

Date of report: 13/07/2016.



Plate 1. Aerial view of site (red circle) showing the site prior to development.

(Google Earth 09/07/2013: Eye altitude 236m).

## 1.0 Summary

1.1. From the 19<sup>th</sup> to 22nd May 2016 Swale and Thames Archaeological Survey Company (SWAT Archaeology) carried out an Archaeological Watching Brief on ground works involved in the build of a new rear and side extension at 166 St Georges Road, Sandwich in Kent. (Fig. 1 & Plates 2-6).

1.2. The works were carried out on behalf of the owner Mr G Milstead.

1.3. An Archaeological Watch was kept during the machine digging of foundations (Plates 2-6).

The archaeological work was undertaken in one phase.

Phase 1: Foundation trenches watched (Plates 2-7)

1.4. The Archaeological Watching Brief was to watch for any signs of archaeological activity. In particular, any evidence of archaeological activity associated with the known medieval archaeological sites in the area.

1.5. The Planning Application Number for the development is DOV/15/00758.

1.6. Although the archaeological potential has been highlighted by KCC Heritage, the Archaeological Watching Brief revealed no buried archaeological features, and no archaeological finds were retrieved.

## 2.0 Introduction

### 2.1 Planning Background

Planning application DOV/15/00758 was submitted to Dover District Council the Local Planning Authority (LPA). Kent County Council Heritage and Conservation (KCCHC), on behalf of the LPA requested that an Archaeological Watching Brief be undertaken in order to record any archaeological remains uncovered during the development work. The following condition (4) was attached to the planning consent:

*No development shall take place until the applicant(s), or their agents or successors in title, has secured the implementation of a watching brief to be undertaken by an archaeologist approved by the Local Planning Authority so that the excavation is observed and items of interest and finds are recorded. The watching brief shall be in accordance with a written programme and specification which has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority.*

*Reason: To ensure that features of archaeological interest are properly examined and recorded*

### **3.0 Schedule of Visits**

An archaeologist suitably experienced attended the site (Dr Paul Wilkinson SWAT Archaeology) and monitored the excavation works from the 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016.

### **4.0 Aims and Objectives**

4.1. The reason for the monitoring and recording, were to:

*“The objectives of the archaeological watching brief are to contribute to the heritage knowledge of the area through the recording of the archaeological remains exposed as a result of excavations in connection with the ground works “(KCC 2015).*

4.2. The ground works were to excavate the foundation trenches (Plates 2-6).

4.3. A full programme of proposed works by the contractor were made available to SWAT Archaeology before the on-site monitoring took place.

4.4. Confidence Rating

No factors hindered the recognition of archaeological and deposits during the monitoring and recording exercise.

### **5.0 Archaeological and Geological Background**

5.1. The underlying geology at the site according to the British Geological Survey map is Bedrock geology of Thanet Formation- Sand, Silt and Clay. The geology revealed on site was topsoil of about 65cm overlaying sandy silty clay of the Thanet Formation (Plate 7).

5.2. The application site consisted of an area set to the rear and side of the present house. The site itself is generally level at a height of about 5m OD.

5.3. The site lies within an area of known archaeological potential associated with important Roman, Anglo Saxon and medieval activity including 250m to the east a cropmark of a ring ditch (MWX 43559), and to the west at about 100m distance pits were discovered with Roman, Anglo Saxon and medieval pottery sherds (TR 35 NW 203). 200m to the south a Roman occupation site with pre-Roman imported pottery and Iron Age coins has also been identified. A glance at aerial photographs show to the south of the site numerous cropmarks of a buried road fronted by individual plots which have the characteristics of medieval urban development.

## **6.0 Methodology**

6.1. The Watching Brief was conducted in accordance with the Archaeological Specification compiled by KCC and it also complied with the Institute of Field Archaeologists' Standards and Guidance for Archaeological Watching Briefs (ClfA: Dec 2014).

6.2. The works comprised the observation of all ground works, including the inspection of the revealed made-up ground for archaeological features and finds.

6.3. The Watching Brief was carried out in one phase according to the needs of the building contractors from 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016

6.4. Excavation of the area was carried out by contractors using a 360 degree machine equipped with a bucket necessary to remove the soil and cut the foundation trenches (Plates 2-7).

6.5. All excavation was carried out under the constant supervision of an experienced archaeologist (Dr Paul Wilkinson MClfA).

6.6. Where possible the areas of excavation were subsequently hand-cleaned with the intention of revealing any observed features in plan and section.

6.7. If found archaeological features under threat were to be excavated to enable sufficient information about form, development date and stratigraphic relationships to be recorded without prejudice to more extensive investigations, should these prove to be necessary.

6.8. The archaeological watching brief was carried out in accordance with current IfA Standards and Guidance, (ClfA: 2014), and specification and generic methodology agreed with KCC Heritage.

## **7.0 Results**

### **7.1 General**

No archaeological features or finds were revealed or recovered. The subsoil encountered across the site was light yellow sandy silty clay about 35cm thick and overlaid with grey brown sandy silty topsoil about 65cm thick. No archaeological features were revealed in the deposits and no archaeological finds retrieved (Plate 7).

The excavated foundation trenches were about 1m deep with an OD height of 4.08m OD surveyed in from GPS. The ground level fluctuates across the site but is about 5.00-5.20m OD.

## **8.0 Finds**

No finds were retrieved.

## **9.0 Discussion**

The development site is in an area of archaeological potential. However, no archaeology was revealed on the development site.

## **10.0 Conclusion**

The Archaeological Monitoring has fulfilled the primary aims and objectives of the KCC Archaeological Specification. As far as it is known no buried archaeological features have been affected as a result of the development.

## **11.0 Acknowledgments**

SWAT Archaeology would like to thank Mr Milstead for commissioning the project. Fieldwork was undertaken and report written by Paul Wilkinson.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Wilkinson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Dr Paul Wilkinson, BA (Hons), PhD., FRSA., MCIfA.

## **References**

HER data (Historic England 2016)

CIfA (2014) Standards and Guidance for Archaeological Watching Briefs

KCC Archaeological Generic Watching Brief (2015)

## **Appendix 1**

### **Kent County Council HER Summary Form**

**Site Name:** Development of land at 166 St George Road, Sandwich, Kent

**SWAT Site Code:** GEO/WB/16

**Site Address:** As above

#### **Summary:**

Swale and Thames Survey Company (SWAT) carried out Archaeological Monitoring on the development site above. The site has planning permission for a new extension whereby Kent County Council Heritage and Conservation (KCCHC) requested that Archaeological Monitoring be undertaken to determine the possible impact of the development on any archaeological remains.

The Archaeological Monitoring consisted of site visits which encountered no buried archaeological features or artefacts.

**District/Unitary:** Dover District Council

**Period(s):**

**NGR (centre of site to eight figures)** 633836 157888

**Type of Archaeological work:** Archaeological Monitoring

**Date of recording:** May 2016

**Unit undertaking recording:** Swale and Thames Survey Company (SWAT. Archaeology)

**Geology:** Underlying geology is Thanet Formation

**Title and author of accompanying report:** Wilkinson P. (2016) Archaeological Monitoring at Land at 166 St George Road, Sandwich, Kent

**Summary of fieldwork results (begin with earliest period first, add NGRs where appropriate)**

See above

**Location of archive/finds:** SWAT. Archaeology. Graveney Rd, Faversham, Kent. ME13 8UP

**Contact at Unit:** Paul Wilkinson

**Date:** 13/07/2016





Plate 2. General view of site looking north



Plate 3. General view of site looking south east



Plate 4. The site showing cutting of foundation trenches on the east side



Plate 5. Foundation trenches on the south side

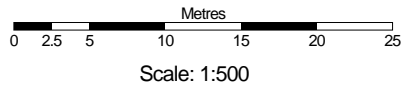
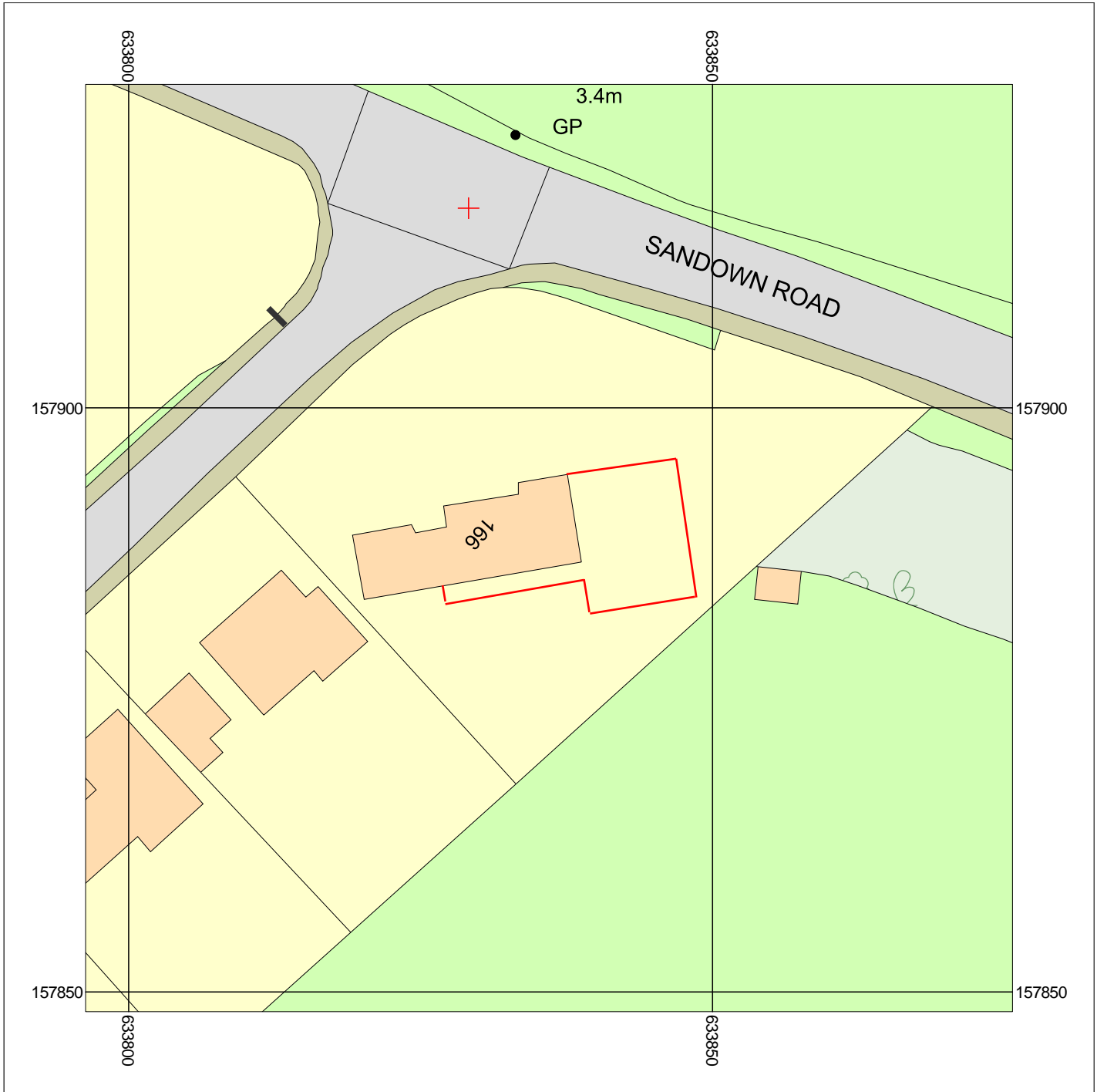


Plate 6. View of foundation trenches on the east side



Plate 7. Close up view of section of foundation trench

Figure 1.  
Areas watched



**166 St Georges Road**  
**Sandwich**  
**CT13 9LD**

Supplied by: National Map Centre  
License number: 100031961  
Produced: 12/07/2016  
Serial number: 1705175

Plot centre co-ordinates: 633836,157888  
Download file: swat.zip  
Project name: stgeorges

Produced from the Ordnance Survey National Geographic Database and incorporating survey revisions available at this date. © Crown copyright 2016. Reproduction in whole or in part is prohibited without prior permission of the Ordnance Survey. Ordnance Survey and the OS symbol are trade marks. The representation of a road, track or path is no evidence of a right of way. The representation of features as line is no evidence of a property boundary.