

LAND AT HURSTWOOD GARAGES, HURSTWOOD AVENUE, ERITH DA8 3QA

Evaluation report

Site code: HAW-EV-20

Archaeological trial trenching at above address commenced on 24th March 2020 and was completed on the same day.

No archaeological features or deposits have been found.

Summary results

Three evaluation trenches were excavated in north-eastern part of PDA and revealed common stratigraphic sequence comprising the most recent overburden with hardcore debris (context x01) concealing underlying natural geology (context x02) of brown to orange clay-sand-silt to silty-clay in some places containing moderate amount of natural flint gravel.

Two modern service cuts were exposed in trench 1 and another one in Trench 3. Additionally Trench 1 has exposed an edge of a vast quarry, once open now back-filled with hardcore debris. 3 small bioturbations were exposed in Trenches 1 and 2.

Two geological test-pits (TP A in TP B) were excavated at eastern extent of Trench 2 and Trench 3 respectively. These excavated to the depth of 0.7 and 0.8 metre revealed more plastic orange silty-clay with infrequent amount of natural flint gravel (T2) and yellow clay lenses (T3)

Encountered flint pebble splits were examined closely in relation to adjacent discoveries of paleolithic artefacts and deposits in the Crayford area, but all were discarded as natural.

Trench Narrative

Trench 1 (Plates 2-3, Figure 3)

Trench 1 was placed in southern part of targeted PDA in east-west alignment and measured 1.6 metre wide by 16.79 metre in length and 0.4 metre in average depth. It has exposed natural geology (context 102) comprising orange to buff-brown silty clay interbedded with orange silty-clay containing moderate amount of flint gravel. It was capped by the most recent overburden consisting mostly of hardcore debris and soil.

Two modern vertical-sided service trenches [103] and [104] and an edge of a quarry [105] were exposed in the eastern extent of this trench. Small bioturbation was noted in its middle part.

No archaeological cuts or deposits were exposed in this trench.

Trench 2 (Plate 4, Figure 3)

Trench 2 was placed in south-central part of targeted PDA in east-northeast alignment and measured 1.6 metre wide by 24.4 metre long and 0.43m in depth. It has exposed natural geology comprising orange to brown silty-clay (context 202). In the western extent parent material gradually become more sandy.

Geological test-pit (TP A) was excavated in the eastern part of the trench to the depth of 0.8m and exposed orange plastic silty-clay with infrequent flint gravel which was examined closely and discarded as natural.

Two small dark-grey perturbances were also exposed examined and interpreted as bioturbations.

No archaeological cuts or deposits were exposed in this trench.

Trench 3 (Plates 5 and 6, Figure 3)

Trench 3 was placed in northern part of targeted PDA in east-northeastern west-southwestern alignment and measured 1.6metre wide by 20.15metre in length

Trench has exposed natural geology (context 302) comprising brown to orange clay-sand-silt with natural gravel .

Geological test-pit (TP B) (Plate 6) was excavated at the eastern extent of this trench to the depth of 0.7m has revealed orange silty-clay with infrequent lenses of yellow clay.

Modern vertical-sided service cut [303] in east-west alignment was exposed in western extent of this trench.

No archaeological cuts or deposits were exposed in this trench

Appendix 1

Trench Tables

| Trench 1 | Dimensions:1.6mx16.79 Depth:0.4m Trench alignment: E-W Ground level: 26.15-27.68mOD | | |
|----------|--|---|-------------|
| Context | Interpretation | Description | Depth (m) |
| 101 | Overburden | Hardcore debris | 0.2 |
| 102 | Natural | orange to buff-brown silty clay interbedded with orange silty-clay containing moderate amount of flint gravel | 0.2+ |
| 103 | Service trench | Modern | |
| 104 | Service trench | Modern | |
| 105 | Quarry | Edge of a vast quarry backfilled with modern hardcore debris | Unexcavated |

| Trench 2 | Dimensions:1.6mx24.40 Depth:0.45m Trench alignment: NEE-SWW Ground level: 26.96-29.13mOD Test-pit A depth 0.8m | | |
|----------|---|---|-----------|
| Context | Interpretation | Description | Depth (m) |
| 201 | Overburden | Hardcore debris | 0.25 |
| 202 | Natural | orange to brown silty-clay. In the western extent parent material gradually become more sandy. Geological test-pit (TP A) was excavated in the eastern part of the trench to the depth of 0.8m and exposed orange plastic silty-clay with infrequent flint gravel which was examined closely and discarded as natural | 0.25+ |

| Trench 3 | Dimensions:1.6mx20.15m Depth:0.36m Trench alignment: NEE-SWW Ground level: 26.61-29.25mOD Test-pit B depth 0.7m | | |
|----------|--|---|-----------|
| Context | Interpretation | Description | Depth (m) |
| 301 | Overburden | Hardcore debris | 0.22 |
| 302 | Natural | orange to buff-brown silty clay interbedded with orange silty-clay containing moderate amount of flint gravel | 0.22+ |
| 303 | Service trench | Modern | |

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Project details

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| Project name | HURSTWOOD Garages, Hurstwood Avenue, Erith DA8 3QA |
| Short description of the project | An archaeological evaluation comprising three evaluation trenches was carried out at the above site. No important archaeological features were present. Only modern service trenches were exposed |
| Project dates | Start: 01-03-2020 End: 31-03-2020 |
| Previous/future work | No / No |
| Any associated project reference codes | HGW20 - Museum accession ID |
| Any associated project reference codes | HAV-EV-20 - Sitecode |
| Type of project | Field evaluation |
| Site status | Area of Archaeological Importance (AAI) |
| Current Land use | Industry and Commerce 1 - Industrial |

Project location

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| Country | England |
| Site location | GREATER LONDON BEXLEY ERITH HURSTWOOD Garages, Hurstwood Avenue, Erith DA8 3QA |
| Postcode | DA8 3QA |
| Study area | 3029 Square metres |
| Site coordinates | TQ 551350 176780 50.937074843689 0.208198614732 50 56 13 N 000 12 29 E Point |
| Height OD / Depth | Min: 26m Max: 29.25m |

Project creators

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| Name of Organisation | SWAT Archaeology |
| Project brief originator | Contractor (design and execute) |
| Project design originator | SWAT Archaeology |
| Project director/manager | Dr Paul Wilkinson |

Project supervisor Peter Cichy

Type of sponsor/funding body Developer

Project archives

Physical Archive Exists? No

Digital Contents "none"

Paper Archive recipient LAARC

Paper Media available "Context sheet", "Correspondence", "Drawing", "Notebook - Excavation", ' Research', ' General Notes', "Photograph", "Plan", "Survey "

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Plates



Plate 1a: The site, looking north-west.



Plate 1b: The site, looking south-east.



Plate 2: Showing Trench 1, looking east, one-metre scale.



Plate 3: Trench 1 viewing from east. An edge of a quarry backfilled with modern hardcore debris visible in foreground. One metre scale.



Plate 4: Showing Trench 2, looking west, one-metre scale.



Plate 5: Showing evaluation Trench 3, looking west with one-metre scale.



Plate 6: Showing Test-pit B in Evaluation Trench 3. Looking north-west, one metre scale.

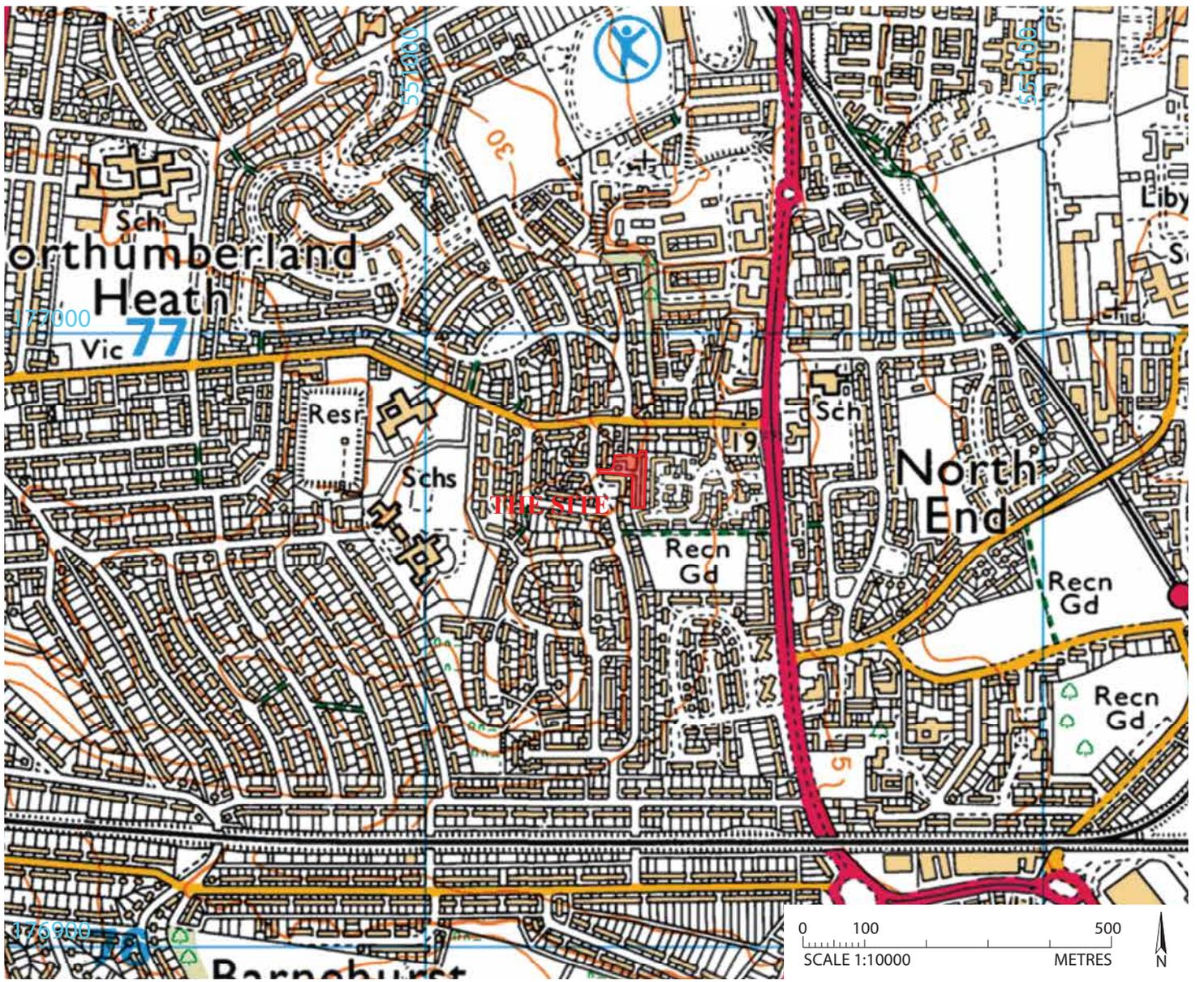


Figure 1: Site location map, scale 1:10000.



Metres
0 5 10 20 30 40 50

Scale: 1:1250

Garages accessed from Hurstwood



Figure 2: Trench location in relation to OS map

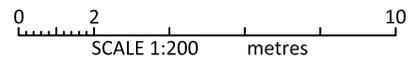
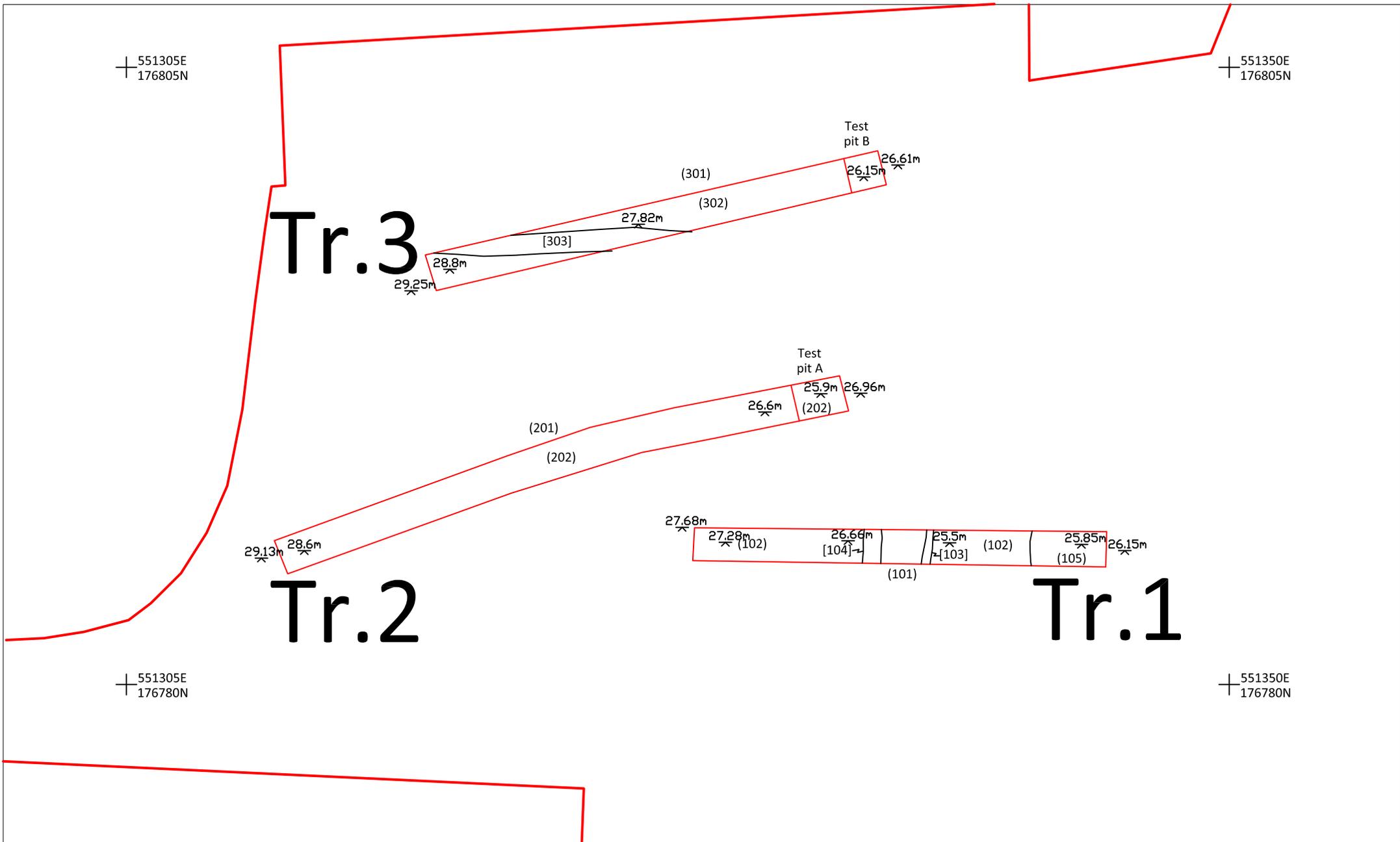


Figure 3: Trench plan