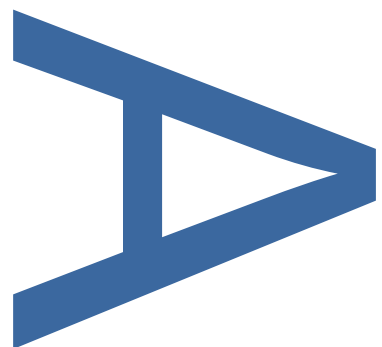
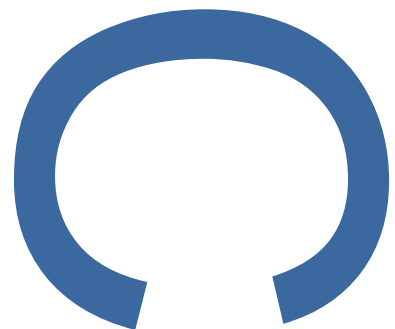


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1 NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY

Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd was commissioned by Woolley & Wallis on behalf of Harvey Farms Ltd to undertake an archaeological monitoring and recording at Manor Farm, Winterbourne Earls, Wiltshire. The Site is the subject of a change of use of some agricultural buildings, associated refurbishment works, landscaping and a upgraded access track and parking. There are also plans to reposition and reconfigure the existing highway access onto A30.

The archaeological monitoring and recording was undertaken following the methodology detailed in the Written Scheme of Investigation, which was approved by the Local Planning Authority in advance of the works. The archaeological monitoring and recording was undertaken between the 4th - 5th August, whilst groundworks for the reposition/ reconfiguring of the access onto the A30 were being carried out and demonstrates that the Site contains no archaeological features or deposits.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Project Background

- 2.1.1 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was commissioned by Woolley & Wallis on behalf of Harvey Farms Ltd (hereafter called the Client) to undertake an archaeological monitoring and recording at Manor Farm, Winterbourne Earls, Wiltshire (hereafter 'the Site' centred NGR: SU 17900 33902; **Figure 1**). The Site is the subject of a change of use of some agricultural buildings, associated refurbishment works, landscaping and a upgraded access track and parking. There are also plans to reposition and reconfigure the existing highway access onto A30 for which planning permission (Planning Reference PL/2024/05302) has been granted by Wiltshire Council, the Local Planning Authority (LPA).
- 2.1.2 A programme of Archaeological monitoring and recording was recommended by the County Archaeological Officer (CAO) and in keeping with NPPF Section 16 and Wiltshire Core Strategy policy. The archaeological monitoring and recording is intended to ensure that, in the event archaeological remains are affected by the development works, the remains are investigated and recorded
- 2.1.3 This document has been prepared in accordance with the *Chartered Institute for Archaeologists Standard for Archaeological Monitoring and Recording* (CIfA, 2023) *Chartered Institute for Archaeologists Universal Guidance for Archaeological Monitoring and Recording* (CIfA, 2023) and *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment* (English Heritage, 2015). PCA is a CIfA Registered Archaeological Organisation and is bound by its code of conduct.

2.2 Location, Topography and Geology

- 2.2.1 The Site is located at Manor Farm, approximately 200m southeast of the village of Winterbourne Earls. Situated between the A338 and A30. The Site lies 450m west of the River Bourne.
- 2.2.2 The Site comprises an irregular plot including some of the agricultural buildings of the farm and access routes running northwest and southeast from the Site. Bounding the Site is farmland. Figsbury Ring (Scheduled Monument) is located c.540m east of the Site.
- 2.2.3 The Site lies on a south facing slope, sitting at approximately 120m above ordnance datum (aOD) in the east dropping to 70m aOD in the west.
- 2.2.4 The underlying geology of the Site is mapped as Newhaven Chalk Formation - Chalk. Sedimentary bedrock formed between 86.3 and 72.1 million years ago during the Cretaceous period. (BGS online viewer).

2.3 Archaeological and Historical Background

- 2.3.1 The Archaeological and Historical Background is set out in the desk-based assessment for the Site (Wessex Archaeology, 2024), which observed:

'Due to a lack of previous archaeological investigation, the presence, location and significance of any archaeological remains within the site cannot currently be confirmed on the basis of the available information. A general background potential for archaeological remains dating from the Neolithic period onwards has been identified, based on the archaeological record of the surrounding area. An assessment of LiDAR imagery, aerial photography and historic mapping has identified a potential for archaeological remains of several 19th to 20th century field boundaries to be present within the Site.'

3 AIMS & OBJECTIVES

3.1 Archaeological Monitoring and Recording

- 3.1.1 The aim of the archaeological monitoring and recording was to monitor all groundwork associated with the proposed works and in the event significant archaeological remains are revealed, carry out detailed investigation and recording of the remains in accordance with the methodology outlined in the written scheme of investigation (WSI) (PCA, 2024). Taking into account of the date, nature, extent, bioarchaeological and paleo-environmental potential of the remains.
- 3.1.2 A further aim of the work was to prepare an archive of the results of the monitoring and recording leading to the preparation of a post-excavation assessment report and, if appropriate, a further programme of analysis and publication. In the event no significant archaeological remains require investigation and a post-excavation assessment report is not required, a report will be prepared sufficient to demonstrate that the monitoring and recording was carried out in fulfilment of the requirement of planning consent.

4 RESULTS

4.1 Introduction

4.1.1 The following presents a summary of the archaeological monitoring and recording results based upon the Site archive, which comprises a Site diary, written and drawn records, survey data and digital photographs. Photographs of the Site are provided in **Appendix 1** and a context index in **Appendix 2**. The Site archive is held at PCA's Winchester office under the Site code **WWEM24** and will in due course be deposited with the Salisbury Museum.

4.2 Methodology

4.2.1 The archaeological monitoring and recording was undertaken following the methodology detailed in the Written Scheme of Investigation (PCA, 2024), which was approved by the Local Planning Authority in advance of the works.

4.2.2 The archaeological monitoring and recording was undertaken between the 4th - 5th August, whilst groundworks for the reposition/ reconfiguring of the access onto the A30 were being carried out (**Figure 3**).

4.3 Deposition Sequence

4.3.1 The general deposit sequence was consistent across the Site (**Plates 1-4**). The natural geology comprising chalk, was seen across the Site, in all areas of groundworks, seen at depths between 0.29-0.35m below ground level (BGL). Overlying this was a subsoil comprising a mid yellowish brown clayey silt, measuring between 0.09-0.15m thick. Above was a topsoil comprising a mid greyish brown clayey slit approximately 0.2m thick.

4.4 Results

4.4.1 No archaeological finds, features or deposits were observed during the works. Plough and sub-soiling scars were observed in the top of the chalk across the Site.

4.5 Conclusion

4.5.1 The archaeological monitoring and recording was carried out in keeping with the aims and methodology set out in the approved WSI.

4.5.2 No archaeological features, deposits or artefacts were seen during the archaeological monitoring and recording carried out at Manor Farm. It is concluded that these works

4.5.3 were achieved without impact on significant archaeological remains.

5 ARCHIVE PREPARATION AND DEPOSITION

5.1 The Site Archive

- 5.1.1 The Site archive, to include all project records and cultural material produced by the project, will be prepared in accordance with 'Guidelines for the Preparation of Excavation Archives for Long-term Storage' (UKIC 1990) and the Institute for Archaeologists 'Standard and Guidance for the creation, compilation, transfer and deposition of archaeological archives' (ClfA 2014). On completion of the project PCA will arrange for the archive to be deposited with the Salisbury Museum.

5.2 Copyright

- 5.2.1 The full copyright of the written/illustrative archive relating to the Site will be retained by Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd under the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 with all rights reserved. Salisbury Museum, however, will be granted an exclusive licence for the use of the archive for educational purposes, including academic research, providing that such use shall be non-profitmaking, and conforms to the Copyright and Related Rights regulations 2003. Further distribution and uses of the report either in its entirety or part thereof in paper or electronic form is prohibited without the prior consent of Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd.
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The archaeological monitoring and recording was supervised by Gareth Hatt. The report was prepared by Gareth Hatt, and the report illustrations were prepared by Malgorzata Malecka. The project was managed for PCA by Paul McCulloch.

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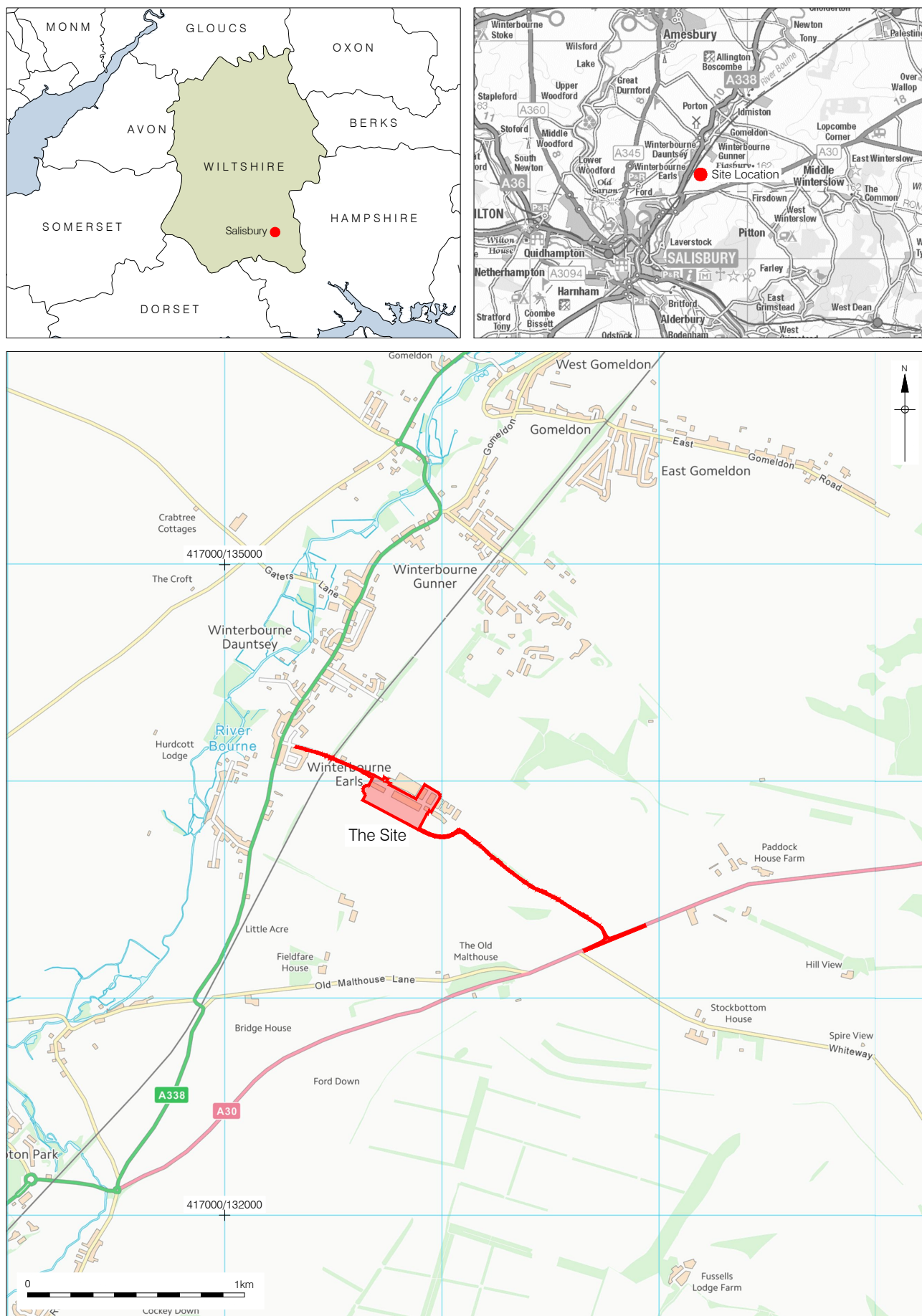
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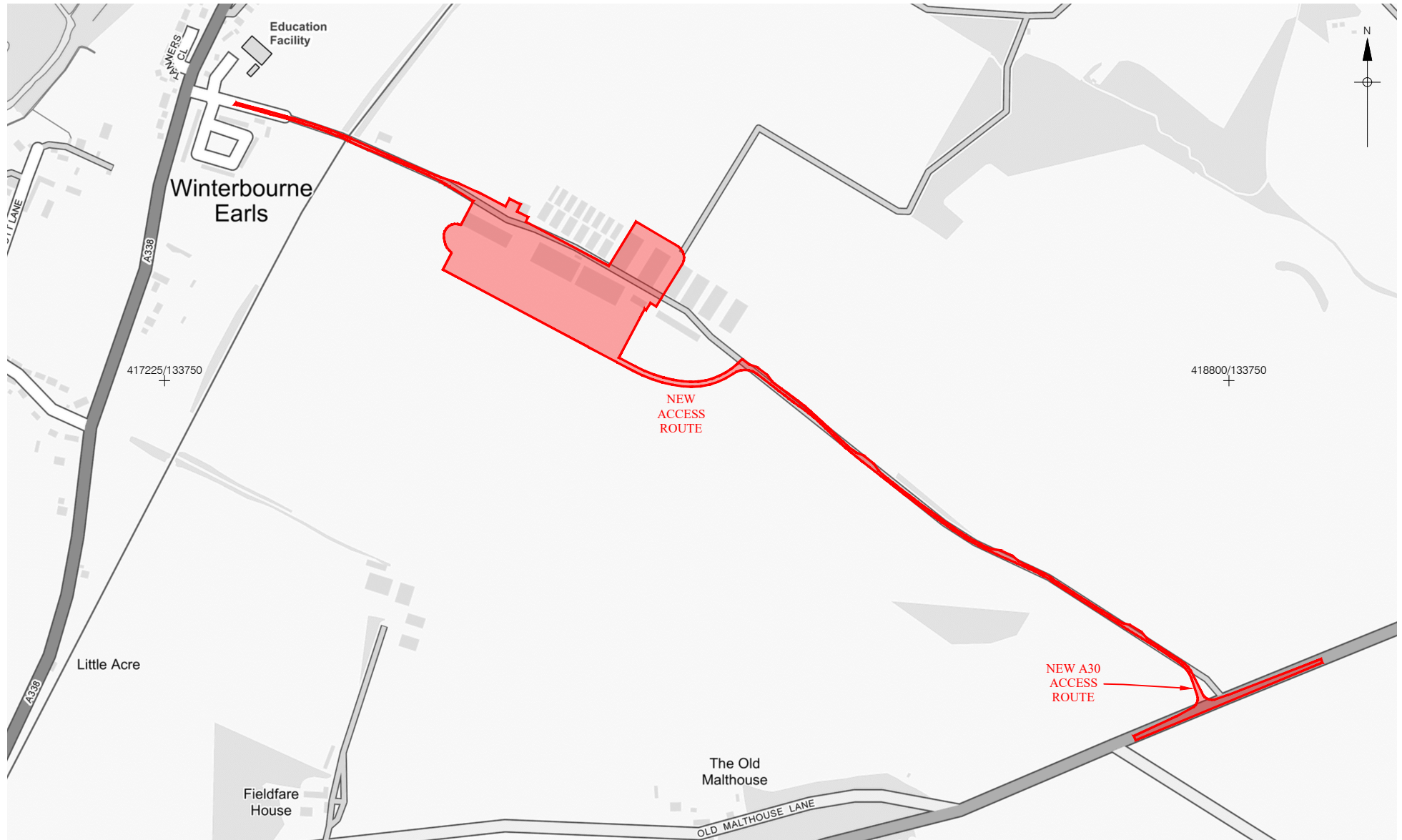
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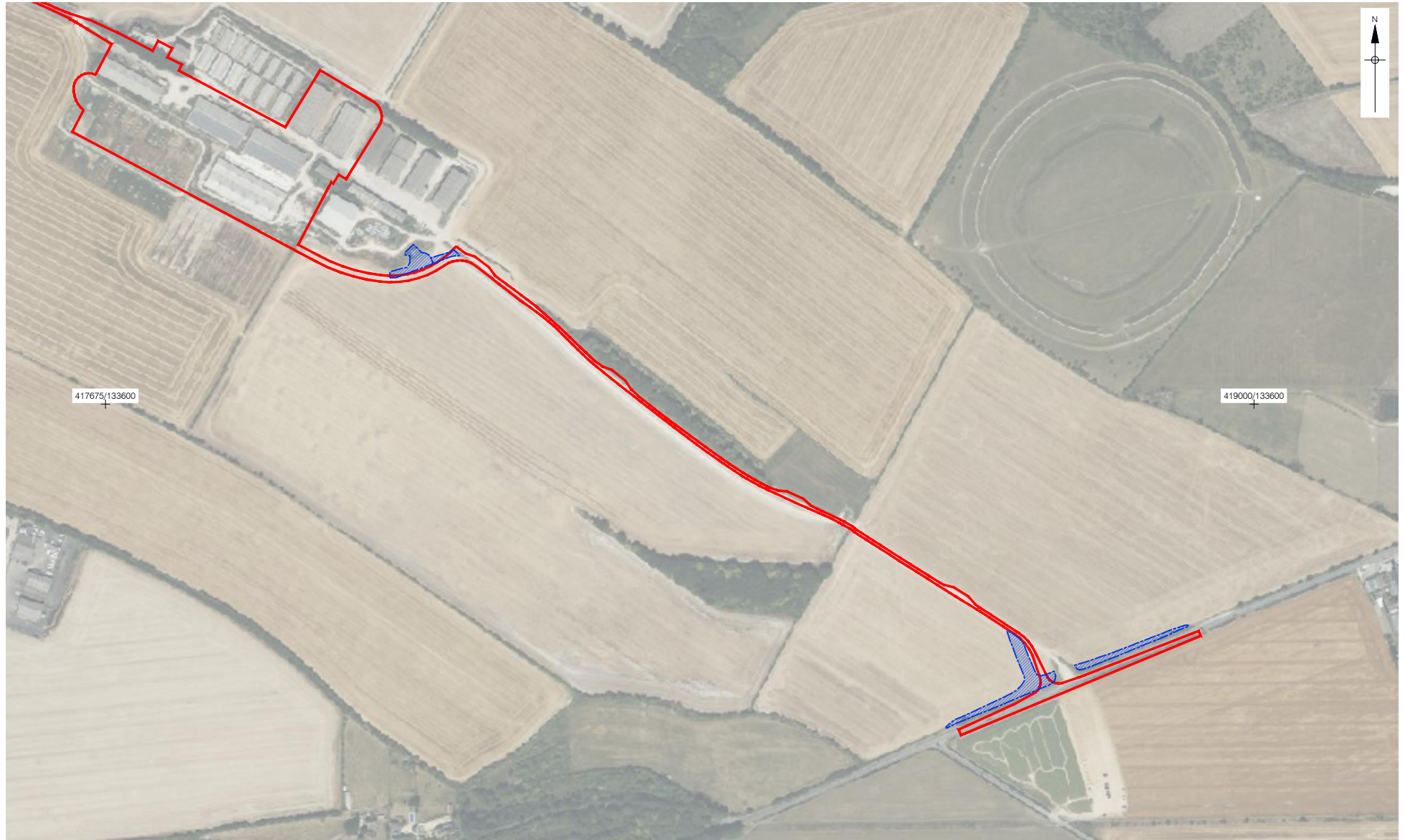
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Monitored Areas

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Figure 3
Monitored Areas
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