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Summary

An Archaeological Assessment was prepared by AC Archaeology & Heritage in April 2026 to provide information for a planning application (Wiltshire Council planning ref. PL/2025/08977) for the construction of four dwellings with garages on land at East Grafton, Wiltshire (centred on NGR SU 2546 6059). The application site consists of a single plot of agricultural land located to the west of East Grafton and immediately north of the A338.

The application site is situated to the northwest of the historic core of the village and was under arable use during the post-medieval period, forming part of a larger plot until being reduced into its present size during the mid-to-late-20th century. There is no evidence of the plot being under agricultural use during the medieval period, and it may have been within a deer park recorded to the north of the village in the mid-14th century. No archaeological sites or heritage assets are recorded within the application site.

*A geophysical survey has been conducted across the application site and has not identified any substantial anomalies attributable to buried archaeological remains. A scatter of pit-like responses was recorded but their origin is undetermined, with a natural or modern agricultural origin possible. Therefore, the site is considered to have **very low archaeological potential**.*

1. INTRODUCTION (Fig. 1)

- 1.1 An Archaeological Assessment has been prepared by AC Archaeology & Heritage in April 2026 to provide information for a planning application (Wiltshire Council planning ref. PL/2025/08977) for the construction of a four dwellings on land at East Grafton, Wiltshire (centred on NGR SU 2546 6059; Fig. 1). The assessment has been commissioned by the private owners through their agents Fowler Architecture and Planning.
- 1.2 The application site comprises a single agricultural field immediately north of the A338, located to the west of the village of East Grafton. The site is bounded by agricultural land to the north and west, and by roads to the south and east. It covers an area of approximately 0.35 hectares and is situated on relatively flat land between a height of approximately 153m and 154m above Ordnance Datum (aOD).
- 1.3 The underlying solid geology comprises sand and sandstone of the Upper Greensand Formation; no superficial deposits are recorded within the site (British Geological Survey 2026).

Planning background

- 1.4 This assessment was requested following consultee comments in relation to the submitted documents as part of the ongoing planning application (PL/2025/08977). The comments included a recommendation for the submission of an Archaeological Assessment and geophysical survey to investigate the below-ground archaeological potential at the site to help inform the forthcoming decision. This document sets out the results of the former investigation; the geophysical survey is reported on separately (Lefort 2026) but the results are also discussed within this document.

2. LEGISLATION AND POLICIES

- 2.1 Legislation, government policy and local plan policies relating to the protection, maintenance and enhancement of heritage assets relevant to the data within the study area may be summarised as follows:

The National Planning Policy Framework

- 2.2** General policy and guidance for the conservation of the historic environment are contained in Chapter 16 (Paragraphs 202-221 and associated footnotes) of the *National Planning Policy Framework* (NPPF; Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government 2024, as updated February 2025). This document provides the definition of a heritage asset as ‘a building, monument, site, place, area or landscape identified as having a degree of significance meriting consideration in planning decisions, because of its heritage interest. It includes designated heritage assets and assets identified by the local planning authority (including local listing)’ (ibid., 73). Designated heritage assets are defined as ‘a World Heritage Site, Scheduled Monument, Listed Building, Protected Wreck Site, Registered Park and Garden, Registered Battlefield or Conservation Area designated under the relevant legislation’ (ibid., 72). Relevant policies in Chapter 16 can be viewed online: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework/16-conserving-and-enhancing-the-historic-environment>.

Local authority plan

- 2.3** The *Wiltshire Core Strategy* was formally adopted on 20 January 2015 and contains the following policy relating to the historic environment:

Core Policy 58: Ensuring the conservation of the historic environment

Development should protect, conserve and where possible enhance the historic environment. Designated heritage assets and their settings will be conserved, and where appropriate enhanced in a manner appropriate to their significance, including:

- i. nationally significant archaeological remains*
- ii. World Heritage Sites within and adjacent to Wiltshire*
- iii. buildings and structures of special architectural or historic interest*
- iv. the special character or appearance of conservation areas*
- v. historic parks and gardens*
- vi. important landscapes, including registered battlefields and townscapes.*

Distinctive elements of Wiltshire’s historic environment, including non-designated heritage assets, which contribute to a sense of local character and identity will be conserved, and where possible enhanced. The potential contribution of these heritage assets towards wider social, cultural, economic and environmental benefits will also be utilised where this can be delivered in a sensitive and appropriate manner in accordance with Core Policy 57 (Ensuring High Quality Design and Place Shaping).

Heritage assets at risk will be monitored and development proposals that improve their condition will be encouraged. The advice of statutory and local consultees will be sought in consideration of such applications.

Neighbourhood plan

- 2.4** The *Grafton Parish Neighbourhood Plan* is currently under consultation, although a draft plan was formally submitted in 2025 and is available for viewing (Grafton Parish Council 2025). It does not contain any policies relating to the historic environment.

3. AIMS AND METHODOLOGY

- 3.1** The study has consisted of a desk-based assessment, as defined by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists’ *Standard and Guidance for Historic Environment Desk-Based Assessment* (updated October 2020) and the *NPPF*.
- 3.2** The scope of the study has included historic environment data and any other relevant information. This assessment was prepared in conjunction with a second assessment for the adjacent plot to the west, which is also subject to an ongoing planning application (PL/2025/08985). The Historic Environment Record (HER) data has therefore been taken from a centre point situated between the two sites and covers entries within a 1km radius from this point (SU 2544 6058).

3.3 The information derived from the study has been used:

- To identify any heritage assets recorded within the boundaries of the site;
- To assess the potential for the discovery of additional heritage assets within the boundaries of the site;
- To assess the significance of any heritage assets potentially affected by the scheme; and,
- To consider possible effects, whether negative or positive, of the scheme on identified heritage assets and on the significance of these assets, in particular the impact on buried archaeological remains within the site.

3.4 The following data sources have been examined:

- Archaeological records, historic building information and other relevant cultural heritage data held by the Wiltshire and Swindon HER;
- Historic England National Heritage List for England (NHLE) website;
- Archaeology Data Service online library;
- Historic mapping available online;
- Portable Antiquities Scheme online database;
- British Geological Survey online database; and,
- Other relevant published or unpublished information and online material.

3.5 This assessment has provided a summary of all recorded historic environment data within the study area as a result of a search of a range of archaeological databases. Each source has its own limitations. Documentary sources were seldom compiled for archaeological purposes, contain inherent biases, and provide a comprehensive basis of assessment only for the last two hundred years. National and county databases are also limited in that they only provide a record of known archaeological data.

3.6 A site inspection and the geophysical survey were undertaken on 9 April 2026 and 2 April 2026 respectively.

Assessment of significance

3.7 Advice on the criteria to be used in assessing the significance of heritage assets is included in Historic England's *Managing Significance in Decision-Taking in the Historic Environment*, *Historic Environment Good Practice Advice in Planning: 2* (2015) and *Statements of Heritage Significance: Analysing Significance in Heritage Assets*. *Historic England Advice Note 12* (2019), as well as the earlier English Heritage guidance *Conservation Principles – Policies and guidance for the sustainable management of the historic environment* (English Heritage 2008). This guidance states that heritage assets are considered to have significance based on their evidential, historical, aesthetic or communal value. The *NPPF* also includes the criteria of archaeological, architectural and artistic value, and states that setting can also contribute to an asset's significance.

3.8 Taken together these documents identify the need (a) to understand the importance of heritage values; (b) to understand the significance of an asset and the contribution that its setting makes to its significance; and (c) for an assessment of the impact on significance; the latter two being requirements of the *NPPF*. However, none of these documents provide a methodology for the ranking of relative significance of heritage assets. This heritage statement therefore expresses the ranking using a long-established scale of significance. An understanding of the relative significance of heritage assets is important because of the issue of proportionality expressed in the *NPPF*. The ranking is presented in Table 1 below.

SIGNIFICANCE (VALUE)	FACTORS FOR RANKING THE SIGNIFICANCE (VALUE) OF HERITAGE ASSETS
Very High	World Heritage Sites (including nominated sites) Assets of acknowledged international importance Assets that can contribute significantly to acknowledged international research objectives Assets with exceptional heritage values
High	Scheduled Monuments (including proposed sites) Grade I and II* Listed Buildings Grade I and II* Registered Parks and Gardens Undesignated heritage assets of schedulable or exceptional quality and importance Conservation Areas containing very important buildings Assets that can contribute significantly to acknowledged national research objectives Assets with high heritage values Hedgerows of national interest that have historical or archaeological importance as defined within Part II, Schedule I of the Hedgerows Regulations of 1997
Medium	Heritage assets that have exceptional qualities or contribute to regional research objectives Grade II Listed Buildings Conservation Areas containing important buildings Grade II Registered Parks and Gardens Assets with moderate heritage values Hedgerows of regional interest that have historical or archaeological importance as defined within Part II, Schedule I of the Hedgerows Regulations of 1997
Low	Heritage assets of local importance Assets compromised by poor preservation and/or poor survival of contextual associations Assets of limited value, but with potential to contribute to local research objectives Assets with low heritage values Hedgerows of local interest that have historical or archaeological importance as defined within Part II, Schedule I of the Hedgerows Regulations of 1997
Negligible	Assets with very little or no surviving archaeological, architectural or historical interest Assets with minimal heritage values
Unknown	The importance of the asset has not been ascertained

Table 1: Ranking of significance

Assessment of impact

- 3.9** For the scale of effects on heritage assets the magnitude of change is expressed using a five-point scale of impacts, whether negative or positive (Table 2).

DEGREE OF CHANGE	FACTORS AFFECTING CHANGE
Major	Change in evidential, architectural, historical, artistic, aesthetic or communal value, or setting, of the heritage asset such that the significance of the resource is totally altered
Moderate	Change in evidential, architectural, historical, artistic, aesthetic or communal value, or setting, of the heritage asset such that the significance of the resource is substantially modified
Minor	Change in evidential, architectural, historical, artistic, aesthetic or communal value, or setting, of the heritage asset such that the significance of the resource is slightly altered
Negligible	Change in evidential, architectural, historical, artistic, aesthetic or communal value, or setting, of the heritage asset such that the change in significance of the resource is barely perceptible
No Change	Change in evidential, architectural, historical, artistic, aesthetic or communal value, or setting, of the heritage asset such that the significance of the resource is not altered.

Table 2: Assessment of effects on significance

4. HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT DATA WITHIN THE STUDY AREA (Appendix 1; Fig. 1)

Historic Environment Record data (Appendix 1; Fig. 1)

- 4.1** There are 21 Wiltshire and Swindon HER monument entries relating to buildings, sites and findspots within the 1km study area, while a single additional record is associated with

archaeological fieldwork. None of the monument entries are located within the application site. These entries are all shown on Fig. 1, while the monument entries are summarised in Appendix 1, Table 1. Any entries relevant to the application site are discussed in further detail below.

Prehistoric to Romano-British (c. 100,000 BC to AD 410)

- 4.2** There are four entries associated with the prehistoric period. Discoveries of Neolithic axeheads have been recorded at three sites within the study area. The information surrounding these discoveries is largely unclear, although they do demonstrate some level of prehistoric activity within the local landscape. One of the artefacts, a four-inch long polished-edge Neolithic handaxe, was seemingly found in the 19th century as it is recorded in *Collectanea Antiqua*, a collection of volumes recording ancient remains published from 1848-80 (Site 1). The remaining three artefacts are first recorded in 1967, and comprise an Early Neolithic polished flint axe found approximately 480m to the southwest of the site (Site 2), and two flint axes discovered approximately 785m to the east of the site (Site 3). These three finds were recorded as being discovered by locals, and are held by museums in Marlborough and Devizes.
- 4.3** According to the Wiltshire and Swindon HER the study area falls within the boundary of the Southern Rivers Palaeolithic Project, which evolved into the English Rivers Palaeolithic Project. This study, undertaken across seven years from 1991, primarily focused on identifying and analysing the distribution of known Palaeolithic occupation sites along river terrace gravels. The relevant geographic area in relation to the application site is the valley of the River Kennet, a tributary of the Thames, though the site lies on higher ground in the periphery of this area. Few known sites were documented in the Kennet Valley at this time, with the recorded sites consisting of single discoveries of handaxes, and none of these sites are recorded within the study area (Wymer 1999).
- 4.4** Discoveries of Iron Age and Romano-British pottery sherds have also been recorded c. 360m to the south of the application site and are included in the HER dataset as two entries (Sites 4-5). The pottery sherds were gradually surfaced by ploughing from 1936-64 and recovered by a local resident. A subsequent field visit did not result in the identification of any surface features indicating the presence of a settlement or field system.

Medieval to post-medieval (AD 1066 to AD 1900)

- 4.5** The origins of East Grafton are traceable to the early medieval period. Together with West Grafton, the settlement is recorded under the entry 'Graftone' in the Domesday Book of 1086, which was under the ownership of four named individuals and in the Hundred of Kinwardstone (Open Domesday 2026). The early settlement is believed to have been situated in the area around the Church of St Nicholas, Manor Farm and The Green, and may have been a nucleated settlement (Site 6). It is documented in the Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Magazine (WANHM) of 1860 that the excavation of a chapel site, dating to at least 1579 with possible medieval origins, was undertaken near the 19th-century church in East Grafton in 1844, during which foundations were revealed among other finds including stained glass and tiles (Ward 1860; Site 8). The Manor of East Grafton was formed by 1167 when it was under the ownership of Alan de Neville. It was later part of the Ailesbury Estate, of which a significant portion was sold in 1929 (Kennet District Council 2005). A medieval deer park is recorded to the north of East Grafton, and was first referenced in 1347 when a licence was granted for the planting of woodland in an area northwest of the village (Site 7; Watts 1996).
- 4.6** Few of the records associated with the post-medieval period are of relevance to the application site. There are a number of farmsteads and outfarms with post-medieval origins, though potentially occupying the site of earlier farms, recorded in the study area (Sites 9-14). The nearest to the site is Heath Farm, recorded c. 220m to the east of the application site, which had lost the majority of its traditional buildings (Site 9). A section of the Midland and South West Junction Railway passes through the study area to the west of East Grafton, and a

railway station was present between Burbage and Grafton from 1882 until the line was closed to passengers in 1961 (Site 15-16).

Undated

- 4.7 The remaining four monument entries are associated with features of unknown date. Three of the entries relate to the recording of cropmarks during analysis of aerial photographs. They comprise a double-ditched enclosure observed c. 220m to the northeast of the application site; a square enclosure observed c. 180m to the south and a field system observed c. 345m to the south of the application site (Sites 18-20). The fourth entry associated with this period comprises the discovery of a cylindrical stone bead some 195m southeast of the application site (Site 21). While its date is unconfirmed, a Romano-British origin is possible.

Historic Landscape Characterisation (HLC)

- 4.8 The Wiltshire HLC places the application site within an area of 're-organised fields'. The current layout of this area is modern in character, but was created through the reorganisation of a large irregular field plot present on 19th-century maps, which is itself described as resulting from piecemeal post-medieval enclosure.

Portable Antiquities Scheme data (Fig. 1)

- 4.9 Findspot data from the Portable Antiquities Scheme, for the parish of Grafton, was consulted during this assessment, with all entries are summarised in Appendix 1, Table 2 and shown on Fig. 1. In total there are 10 entries, all of which comprise discoveries of coins within fields across the northeastern corner of the study area. Six of the discoveries involve individual coins dating to the Romano-British period, dating from the mid-3rd to the mid-4th century AD. An incomplete silver Iron Age coin depicting a head and triple-tailed horse on its faces was also discovered some 610m to the northeast of the application site, and is presumed to date to c. 50 to 20 BC (PAS ref. DEV-D2E545). The remaining three finds date to the early-medieval to post-medieval period, and include a 7th-century pale gold shilling of Concordia-type (WILT-DEDC91).

5. HISTORIC MAPPING, AERIAL IMAGERY AND LIDAR (Figs 2-3)

Historic maps

- 5.1 Historic maps reviewed as part of this report are based on a progression exercise relating to the application site. Research has been conducted using maps available online. Extracts of relevant maps are included here as Fig. 2.

Ordnance Survey two-inch to one-mile surveyor's drawing of Hungerford, 1808 (not reproduced)

- 5.2 On this early depiction, the application site is depicted within enclosed agricultural land north of a road with a similar alignment to the A338, while a large area of woodland or plantation is present to the west. The site appears to be within a single plot which itself encompasses a smaller plot that does not appear to contain any buildings, suggesting it may be arable land or an orchard. In the wider area, the core of the village of East Grafton is visible as a series of houses predominantly focused to the east of The Green and north of the A338.

The Ordnance Survey 25-inch maps of 1880, 1900 and 1924 (Fig. 2)

- 5.3 On the earliest of the detailed 25-inch Ordnance Survey maps, surveyed in 1878, the application site is depicted within part of a larger plot extending to the north, with linear boundaries to its east and west, generally indicative of post-medieval land division, as noted in the HLC. No buildings, structures or features are depicted within the plot. Much of the woodland in the adjacent plot has been removed by the date of this map.

- 5.4** In the revised editions of the 25-inch map, surveyed in 1899 and 1922, there are no changes to the application site, which remained as part of a larger plot over the course of this period. The plot to the east is annotated as ‘allotment gardens’.

Aerial photographs

- 5.5** A Royal Air Force vertical aerial photograph was accessed via the Historic England Aerial Photograph viewer (<https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/archive/collections/aerial-photos/>). It shows that the application site remained a part of the larger plot, and appears under arable use with no buildings or structures observed within its area. In addition, no cropmarks indicative of archaeological features can be observed.

Satellite imagery

- 5.6** Modern satellite imagery dating from 1999 to 2024 was accessed via Google Earth. By the start of this period the site had been shaped into its present form, and appears to be used as either arable and pasture land throughout, with a probable cattle feeder visible at the centre of the plot. No cropmarks are noted within the site.

LiDAR imagery (Fig. 3)

- 5.7** LiDAR data (Composite 1m resolution DTM, 2022), available from DEFRA, was consulted as part of this assessment, and was examined using a hillshade analysis. A series of linear, approximately north-south-aligned, subtle earthworks are visible within the site and extend into the plots further to the north, suggesting that they relate to earlier arable activity when these plots were a single field.

6. GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY RESULTS (Fig. 4)

- 6.1** A geophysical survey was undertaken across the application site by Lefort Geophysics on 2 April 2026 (Lefort 2026). An image of the processed data and the surveyor’s interpretation are shown on Fig. 4.
- 6.2** In total, the geophysical survey has identified six anomaly groups. None of the groups are distinctly attributable to buried archaeological remains. However, a series of isolated pit-like responses were identified across the site (Anomaly Groups 1001 and 1002) which are of unknown origin, with potential to be modern or natural features rather than archaeological features. Anomaly Group 1003 represents the presence of ceramic field drains while groups 1005 and 1006 are of uncertain origin. A small patch of modern ferrous response was also recorded and is shown as Anomaly Group 1004.

7. SITE INSPECTION (Fig. 5; Plates 1-4)

- 7.1** A site visit was undertaken to provide a familiarisation of the land use and topography of the application site, as well as to identify evidence for any previously unrecorded assets in the form of earthworks, soil exposures, artefacts or standing remains. The site visit was undertaken on 9 April 2026 when the weather was dry and overcast with good visibility for distant views. The locations of plate viewpoints are shown on Fig. 5.
- 7.2** The site was accessed via a gateway along Grafton Place and was covered by long grass at the time of the visit (Plates 1-2). The plot is flat and is bounded by modern fencing around its perimeter, with a hedgerow to the north and vegetation to the east, while tall mature trees are regularly spaced along the western boundary (Plate 3). Within the site, no earthworks or other features of archaeological interest were noted – including any clear evidence of cultivation earthworks visible on the LiDAR data – and no artefacts were observed other than modern debris and waste. The cattle feeder was not present within the site at the time of the visit,

though a patch of stony soil was observed in its approximate location at the centre of the plot (Plate 4).

8. ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL AND IMPACT ASSESSMENT (Appendix 2)

Introduction

- 8.1** Heritage assets may be affected by direct physical change or by change to their setting, both of which could affect their significance. The change can be negative, neutral or positive depending on the nature of the change and the level of contribution, if any, the affected area or setting makes to the asset's significance.

The scheme

- 8.2** The scheme, as illustrated in Appendix 2, comprises the construction of four dwellings, each with a garage and private driveway. The scheme will create a new access point into the plot off the A338 to the south, and new hedges will be laid within the plot to divide the individual dwellings. The trees and shrubbery currently along the western boundary of the site will be removed and replaced by a hedge.

Potential direct impacts to archaeological remains

- 8.3** Any surviving below-ground archaeological deposits within the site have the potential to be physically impacted upon by groundworks associated with the proposed development, such as foundations, landscaping, drainage and the provision of access and services.
- 8.4** The application site is situated to the west of East Grafton, a village with early medieval origins that remained a relatively small farming settlement during the medieval and post-medieval periods. Historic mapping suggests that the site was enclosed and cultivated by the early-19th century, and was part of a larger plot of arable land within an area of post-medieval field enclosure. There is no indication that the site formed part of a medieval field system, despite its relatively close proximity to the historic village, and this is supported by the HLC that places the site within an area of modern enclosure based on the reorganisation of post-medieval fields. This may suggest that the site was part of the known deer park recorded to the north of the settlement in the 14th century.
- 8.5** There is evidence of early activity in the study area, with both the Wiltshire and Swindon HER and Portable Antiquities Scheme recording a number of artefact discoveries within the village and its surrounding agricultural land. Other than the antiquarian excavation of the medieval church within the village, there has been no intrusive fieldwork within the 1km study area and therefore there is a lack of recorded archaeological features associated with the Romano-British and earlier prehistoric periods, although the recovery of Neolithic and later prehistoric artefacts does demonstrate some level of activity. The recording of three areas of undated cropmarks may also relate to early activity, in particular the possible double-ditched enclosure observed further to the east (Site 18).
- 8.6** There are no historic hedgebanks surrounding the application site.

Geophysical survey results

- 8.7** The geophysical survey has provided a relatively comprehensive account of the below-ground archaeological potential at the site. The results are largely linked to agricultural practices; ceramic field drains were identified (Anomaly Group 1003) while other uncertain trends may also relate to this activity. The scatter of pit-like responses (Anomaly Groups 1001 and 1002) do not form a distinct pattern and are likely to have a modern or natural origin, although an archaeological origin cannot be ruled out.

Concluding assessment

- 8.8 Overall, there is **very low archaeological potential** at the application site. The site is located outside the historic core of the historic settlement of East Grafton, and although the HER contains a small quantity of the data relating to earlier periods the geophysical survey has not identified any substantial features with probable archaeological origins.

9. CONCLUSIONS

- 9.1 The application site comprises a single plot of agricultural land located to the west of East Grafton. Settlement has been recorded at the village since the early medieval period, while in the wider area evidence of earlier activity has been recorded in the form of artefact discoveries. According to historic mapping and the HLC, the site was in an area of piecemeal land enclosure and therefore despite its proximity to the medieval settlement may not have been cultivated during this period. It may have therefore been within a known deer park first recorded in the mid-14th century.
- 9.2 A geophysical survey of the site has produced a small number of anomalies associated with recent agricultural activity, with no evidence for any earlier activity. It is therefore concluded that the application site has **very low archaeological potential**.

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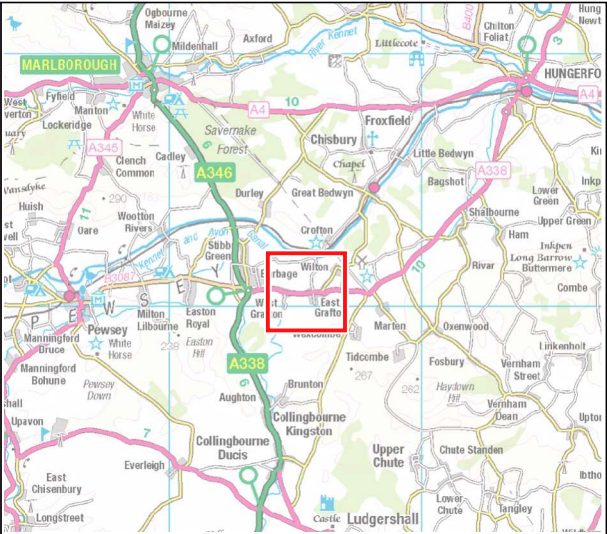
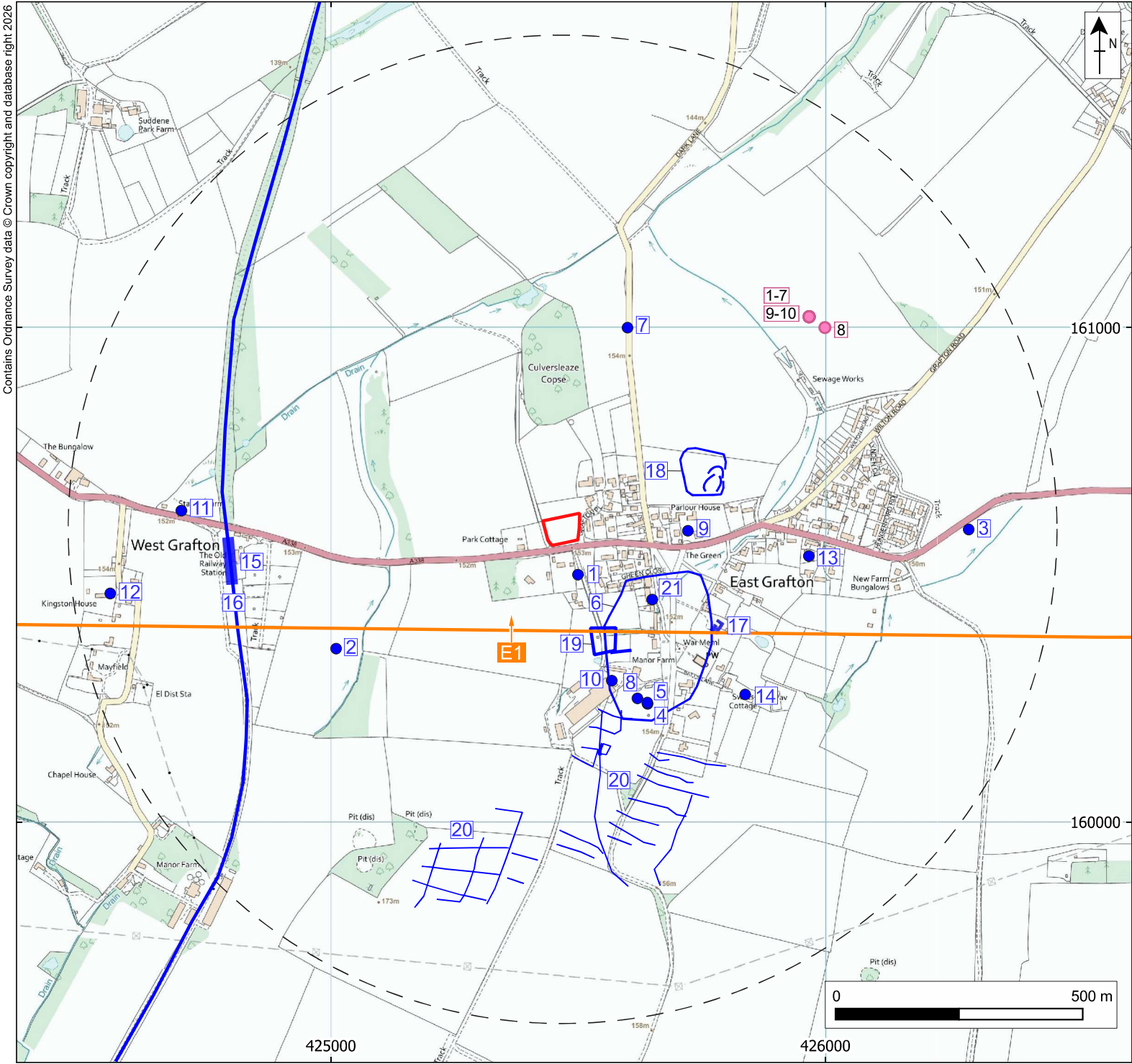
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Portable Antiquities Scheme: <https://finds.org.uk/>

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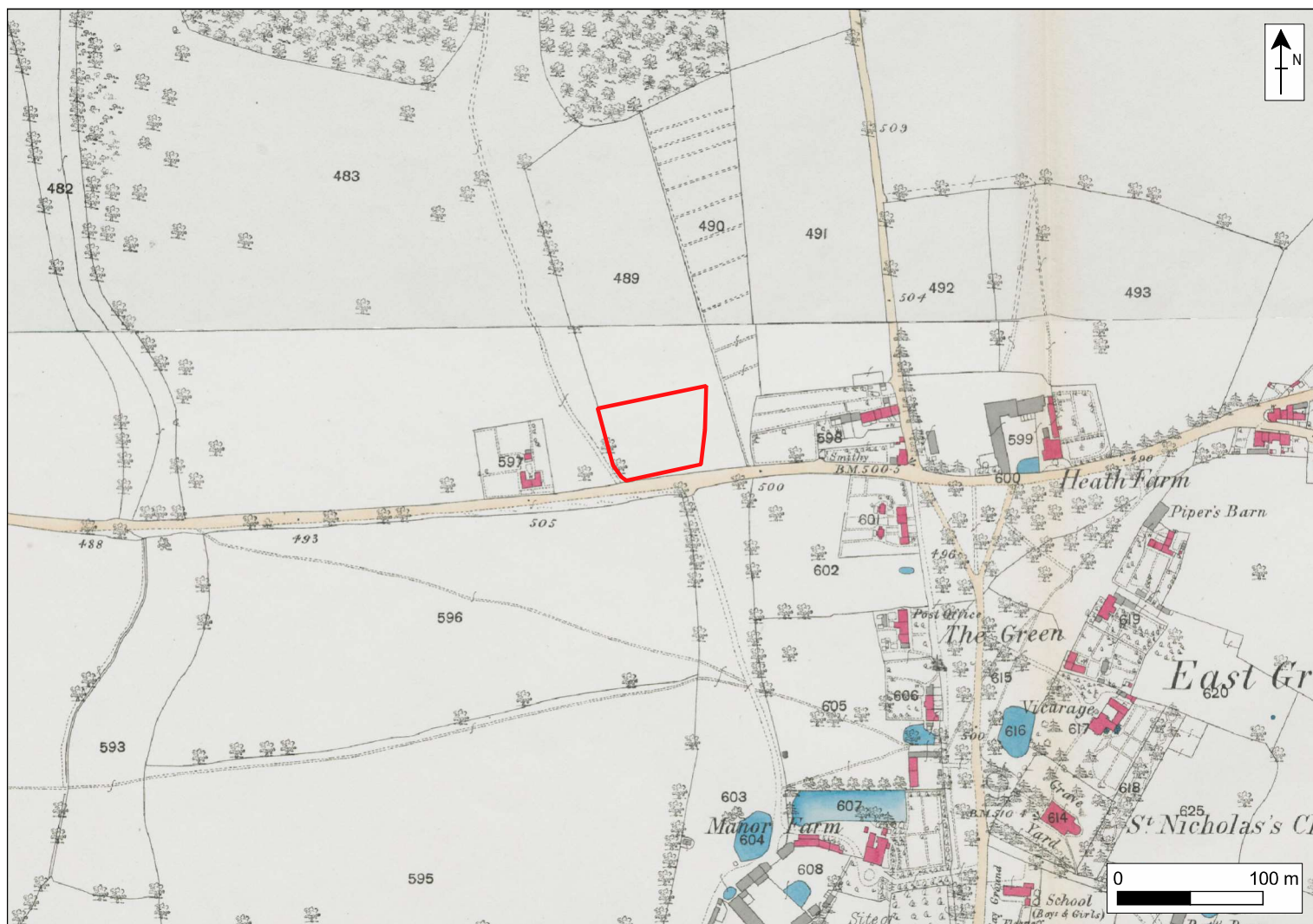
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- Study Area
- Historic Environment Records
- Previous Archaeological Investigations
- Portable Antiquities Scheme Data

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Fig. 1: Location of the application site, Wiltshire Historic Environment Record data, and Portable Antiquities Scheme data within a 1km study area





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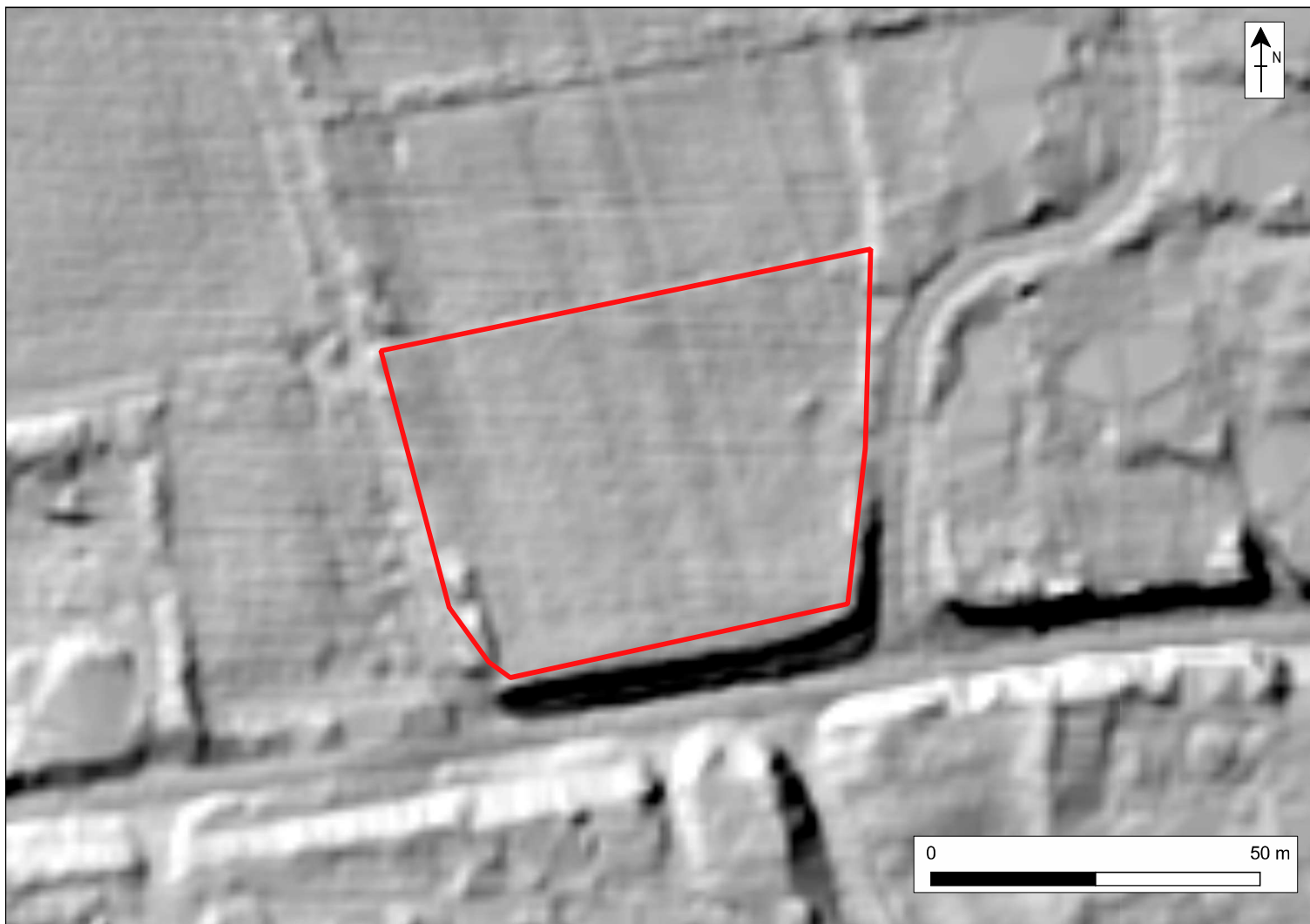
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Fig. 2: Extract from the Ordnance Survey 25-inch map of 1880



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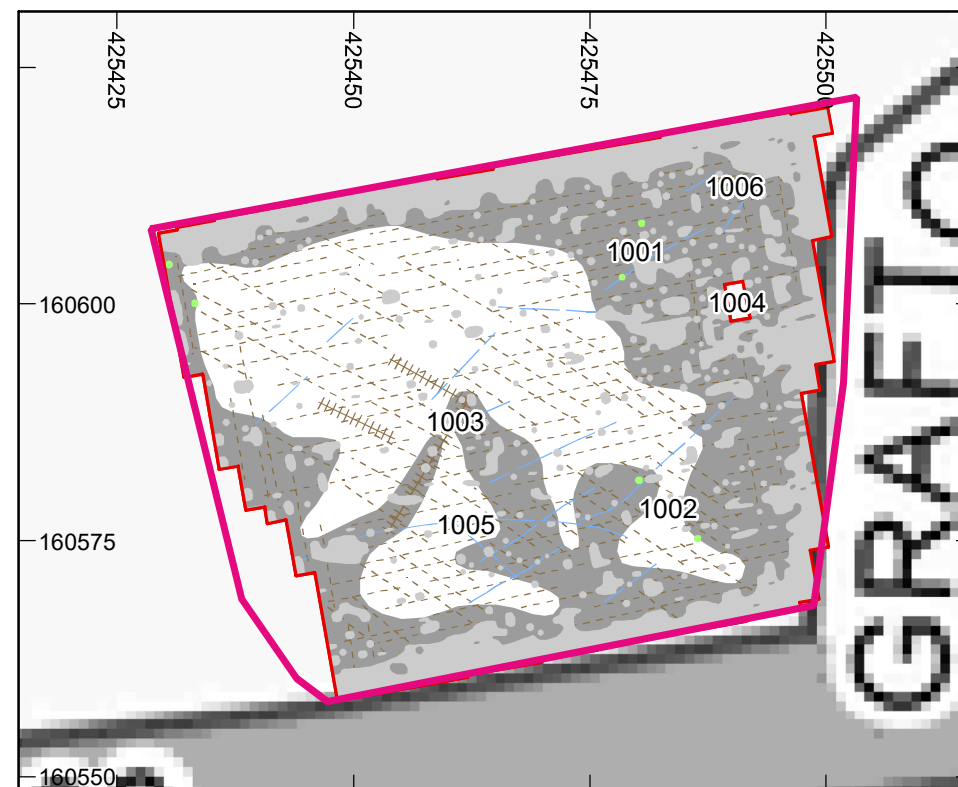
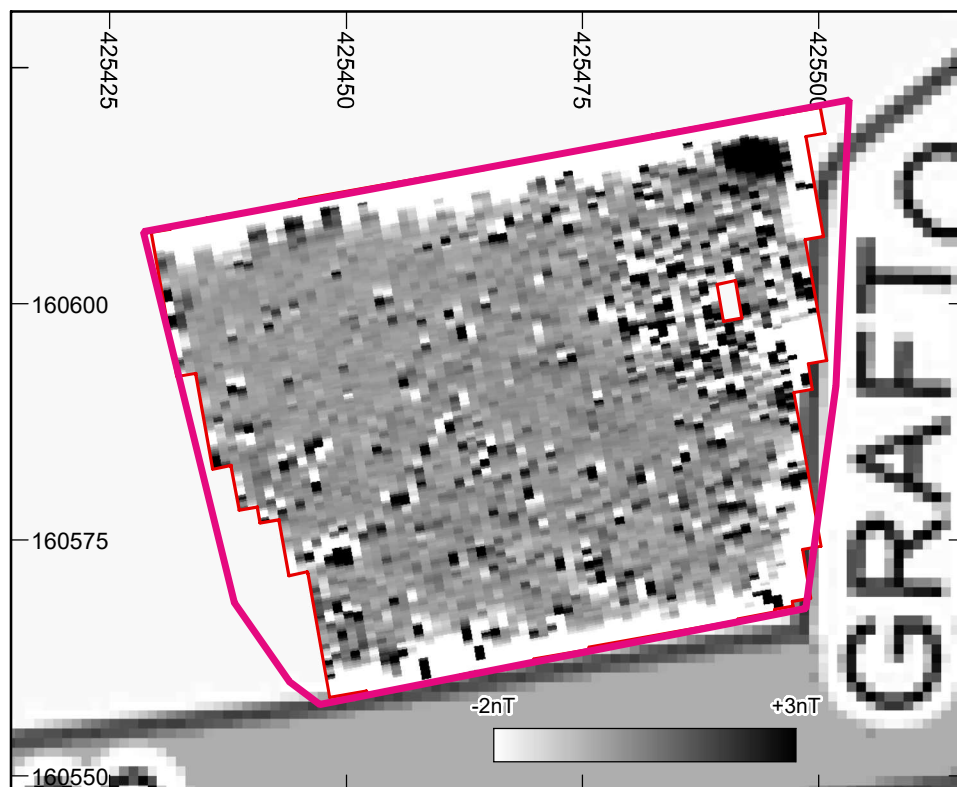
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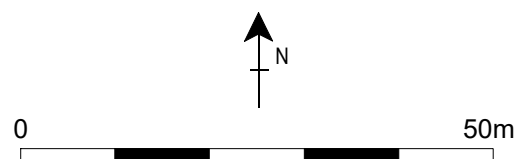
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Fig. 3: LiDAR DTM 1m resolution (2022)
displayed using a hillshade analysis



- Possible Archaeology
- Ferrous
- Drainage
- Increased Magnetic Response
- Ploughing
- Trend

- Application Site
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Fig. 4: Geophysical survey processed magnetometry data and surveyor's interpretation



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Fig. 5: Approximate locations of
plate viewpoints



Plate 1: Panoramic view looking southeast across the application site from the northwestern corner



Plate 2: Panoramic view looking north towards the application site from the roadside at the south



Plate 3: Panoramic view looking southwest across the application site from northeastern corner



Plate 4: View looking east across the application site, showing the existing gate access and former cattle feeder site

Appendix 1

Summary of historic environment data within the study area

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Site no.	Form	HER ref.	Period	Summary
1	Findspot	MWI18976	Neolithic	NEOLITHIC AXEHEAD, EAST GRAFTON A Neolithic axe with a polished edge, measuring approximately four inches in length, was discovered at this approximate location.
2	Findspot	MWI18854	Neolithic	NEOLITHIC AXEHEAD, WEST OF EAST GRAFTON VILLAGE A Neolithic polished axehead was discovered at this approximate location and is in Devizes Museum.
3	Findspots	MWI18853	Neolithic	NEOLITHIC AXEHEADS, EAST OF VILLAGE Two Neolithic axeheads were discovered to the east of East Grafton.
4	Artefact scatter	MWI18868	Iron Age	IRON AGE POTTERY, WEST OF BATTS BARN Iron Age pottery sherds were recovered from this area between 1936-1964.
5	Artefact scatter	MWI18874	Romano-British	ROMANO-BRITISH POTTERY, WEST OF BATTS BARN Romano-British pottery sherds were recovered from this area between 1936 and 1964.
6	Documentary evidence	MWI18896	Medieval	EAST GRAFTON East Grafton is a settlement with medieval origins, with a chapel site excavated in 1844.
7	Documentary evidence	MWI18903	Medieval	MEDIEVAL DEER PARK, EAST GRAFTON A medieval deer park is recorded at this location, and is believed to have been in existence by 1347.
8	Excavated features	MWI80149	Medieval to post-medieval	CHAPEL OF ST NICHOLAS The Chapel of St Nicholas dates to at least 1579 and was excavated in 1844, with the works demonstrating a 53-by-17-foot layout. Field investigations nearby resulted in the discovery of tile, pottery and glazed tile dating to the 13th-to-14th century.
9	Extant buildings; demolished buildings	MWI69931	Post-medieval	GREEN HALL (HEATH FARM) A partially extant farmstead at this site dates to the 19th century and consists of an L-plan regular courtyard with a significant loss of traditional buildings.
10	Extant buildings; demolished buildings	MWI69932	Post-medieval	MANOR FARM, EAST GRAFTON Manor Farm is a partially extant farmstead with a regular courtyard plan, with additional yards containing detached elements. The farm has seen a significant loss of traditional buildings.
11	Extant buildings; demolished buildings	MWI69920	Post-medieval	STATION FARM Station Farm dates to the 19th century and comprises a loose courtyard plan. The farmhouse is the only surviving historic building.
12	Demolished buildings	MWI69921	Post-medieval	SITE OF FARMSTEAD, NORTH OF ROSEGARTH A farmstead is recorded at this location and is now demolished, with all historic buildings lost. It consisted of a loose courtyard plan.
13	Demolished buildings	MWI69933	Post-medieval	EAST GRAFTON FARMHOUSE East Grafton farmstead dates to the 19th century and consists of a loose courtyard plan. It has seen a significant loss of traditional buildings.
14	Demolished building	MWI69935	Post-medieval	SITE OF BATT'S BARN Batt's Barn, now demolished, is a 19th-century outfarm structure.
15	Building	MWI80234	Post-medieval	GRAFTON AND BURBAGE STATION The Grafton and Burbage Station was opened in 1882 and closed to passengers in 1961.

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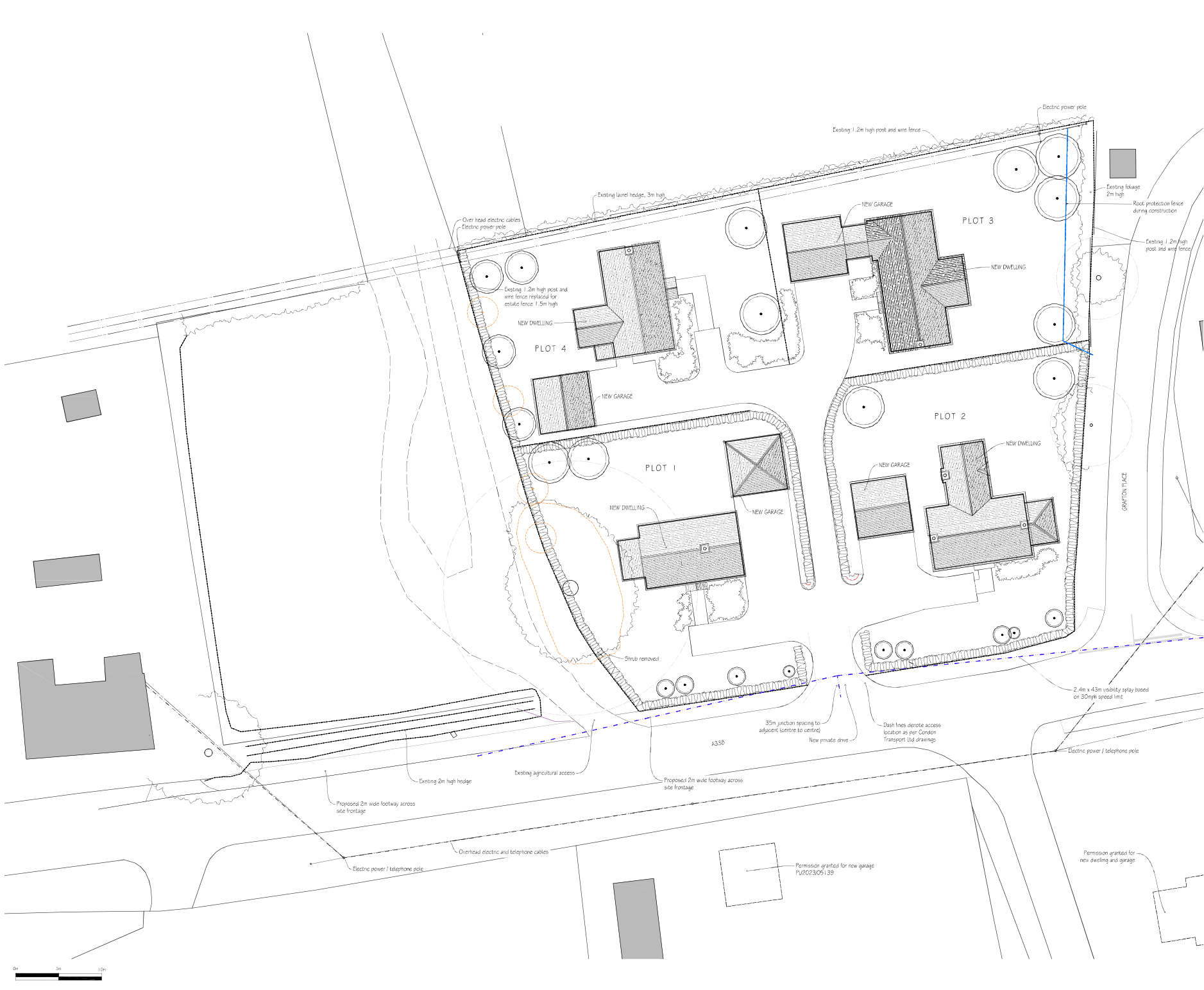
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16	Structure	MWI78873	Post-medieval	MIDLAND AND SOUTH WEST JUNCTION RAILWAY The Midland and South Western Junction Railway opened along this section in 1882 and was in operation until its full closure in 1969.
17	Extant building	MWI80179	Post-medieval	THE OLD VICARAGE, EAST GRAFTON The Old Vicarage is believed to date to the 19th century.
18	Cropmark	MWI18955	Unknown	UNDATED ENCLOSURE, EAST GRAFTON A double-ditched enclosure of unknown date was observed at this site during analysis of aerial photographs.
19	Cropmark	MWI18930	Unknown	ENCLOSURE, EAST GRAFTON A possible square enclosure was observed at this site on an aerial photograph of 1971.
20	Cropmark	MWI17880	Unknown	FIELD SYSTEM, SOUTH OF GRAFTON A field system of unknown date was observed at this site on an aerial photograph of 1971.
21	Findspot	MWI18909	Unknown	STONE BEAD, WEST OF THE GREEN A cylindrical stone bead of unknown date, although possibly Romano-British, was discovered at this approximate location.

Appendix 1, Table 2: Summary of Portable Antiquities Scheme data within the study area

PAS ref.	Period	Object type	Summary
DEV-D2E545	Iron Age	Coin	An incomplete Iron Age uninscribed silver coin. It dates to c. 50 to 20 BC and has a head on one face and a triple-tailed horse on the other.
DEV-EF5A6D	Romano-British	Coin	A silver Radiate of Valerian II, dating to AD257-258, depicting an eagle bearing Valerian to heaven.
DEV-B49F58	Romano-British	Coin	A copper-alloy Radiate of Carausius dating to AD287-293. The coin depicts a Pax holding a vertical sceptre and olive branch.
DEV-B48801	Romano-British	Coin	A copper-alloy Radiate of Allectus dating to AD293-6 depicting a Pax holding a vertical sceptre and olive branch.
DEV-B451A3	Romano-British	Coin	A copper-alloy nummus of Constantine I dating to AD328, depicting a camp or town gateway with four towers.
DEV-B42EDE	Romano-British	Coin	A copper-alloy nummus of Constantine I dating to AD313-314, depicting a Sol wearing a radiate crown.
DEV-B40274	Romano-British	Coin	A copper-alloy nummus of the House of Constantine, dating to AD332-3, depicting Victory with a shield and sceptre
WILT-DEDC91	Early medieval	Coin	A 7th-century pale gold shilling of Concordia/clasped hands type.
DEV-EB1547	Medieval	Coin	A medieval silver half penny of Edward III dating to AD1361-3.
DEV-B52ED5	Post-medieval	Coin	A post-medieval silver Two-Pence of James II dating to 1686.

Appendix 1

Proposed site layout



- KEY
- New tree
 - Existing tree
 - Tree to be removed
 - Root Protection Area
 - New hedge
 - New planting
 - Cellular confinement system
 - Fence
- NOTE: Drawing to be read in conjunction with Condon Drew Transport and Naturally Trees information.

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