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## **Introduction**

Archaeology South-East (ASE), a division of University College London Field Archaeology Unit (UCLFAU), were commissioned by 4Delivery Ltd. to undertake an archaeological strip and map at the site of a proposed chemical storage building at Ford STC, Ford, West Sussex (Planning Reference: F/3/07). (NGR 499430 103045) (Figure 1). The fieldwork was undertaken between 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> October 2007.

The site lies c 1km west of the River Arun, between the villages of Yapton, Ford and Climping. The former Ford Airfield is now partly occupied by HM Prison, Ford, an industrial estate and the Waste Water Treatment Works (WWTW) where the current site is located. Part of the remainder of the area has been in agricultural use. The site lies between 6m - 7m AOD and is generally flat.

The underlying geology, according to the British Geological Survey, consists of Brickearth, overlying sand and gravels underlain by Upper Chalk. Previous work near site has revealed features at 6.085 – 6.5 metres AOD with the base of features at c. 5.5 metres AOD (pers. comms Mark Taylor)

## **Methodology**

The site was excavated, by machine fitted with a toothless 1.8m ditching bucket, to a depth of 6.0 metres AOD. Made ground consisting of mixed soils, building gravels and re-deposited natural was exposed in the section. At the 6.0 metres level clean brickearth was observed, cut by several modern service cuts. The north-west corner of the site was not excavated to depth due to the concentration of services (see figure 2).

## **Results**

No archaeological features or artefacts were observed or recovered. Stratigraphy consisted of approximately 300mm of coarse gravel separated from redeposited natural by a layer of terram. The redeposited natural was between 200mm and 400mm in thickness and overlay a deposit of made ground consisting of mixed soils, building gravels and re-deposited natural. This deposit lay directly on top of the natural at a depth of 6.0 metres AOD. Any shallow features that may have been present above 6.0 metres AOD will have been truncated. Except where truncated by services, any deeper features would have been exposed. None were observed.

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### Project details

Project name	A Watching Brief at Ford Water Treatment Works
Short description of the project	Archaeology South-East (ASE), a division of University College London Field Archaeology Unit (UCLFAU), were commissioned by 4Delivery Ltd. to undertake an archaeological strip and map at the site of a proposed chemical storage building at Ford STC, Ford, West Sussex (Planning Reference: F/3/07). (NGR 499430 103045) (Figure 1). The fieldwork was undertaken between 15th-18th October 2007. The underlying geology, according to the British Geological Survey, consists of Brickearth, overlying sand and gravels underlain by Upper Chalk. Previous work near site has revealed features at 6.085 - 6.5 metres AOD with the base of features at c. 5.5 metres AOD (pers. comms Mark Taylor) No archaeology was observed
Project dates	Start: 15-10-2007 End: 18-10-2007
Previous/future work	Yes / Not known
Any associated project reference codes	FST07 - Sitecode
Type of project	Recording project
Site status	None
Current Land use	Transport and Utilities 3 - Utilities
Monument type	. None
Monument type	. None
Significant Finds	. None
Significant Finds	. None
Investigation type	'Watching Brief'
Prompt	Water Act 1989 and subsequent code of practice

### Project location

Country	England
Site location	WEST SUSSEX ARUN FORD ford STW
Postcode	BN18 XXX
Study area	150.00 Square metres
Site coordinates	TQ 499430 103045 50.8721851896 0.131321885867 50 52 19 N 000 07 52 E Point
Height OD	Min: 6.00m Max: 7.00m

### Project creators

Name of Organisation	Archaeology South East
Project brief originator	Archaeology South East
Project design originator	Archaeology South-East
Project director/manager	Neil Griffin
Project supervisor	Deon Whittaker
Type of sponsor/funding body	Southern Water
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Digital Archive	No

Exists?

Digital Archive recipient Local Museum

Digital Contents 'none'

Digital Media available 'Images raster / digital photography'

Paper Archive Exists? No

Paper Archive recipient Local Museum

Paper Contents 'none'

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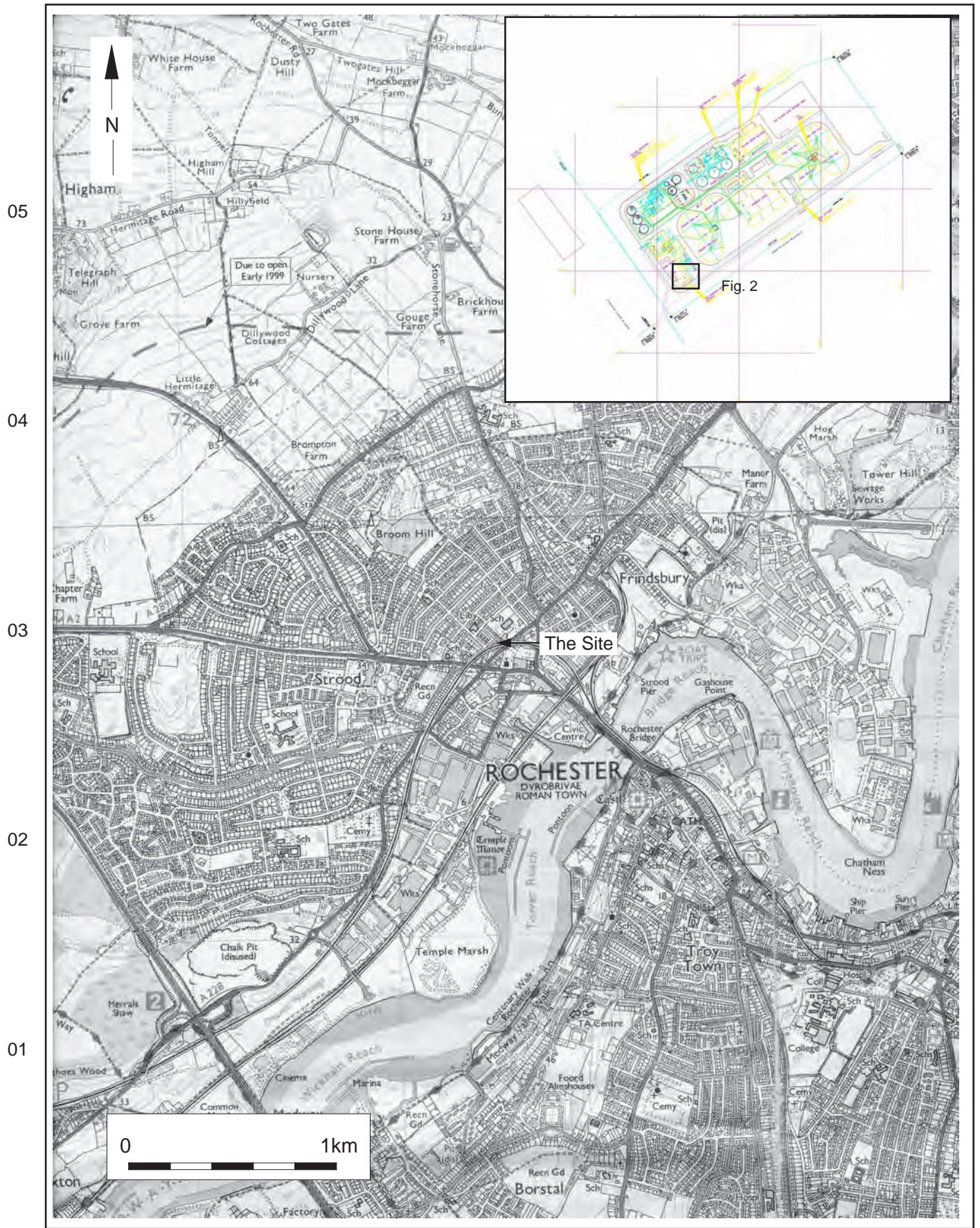
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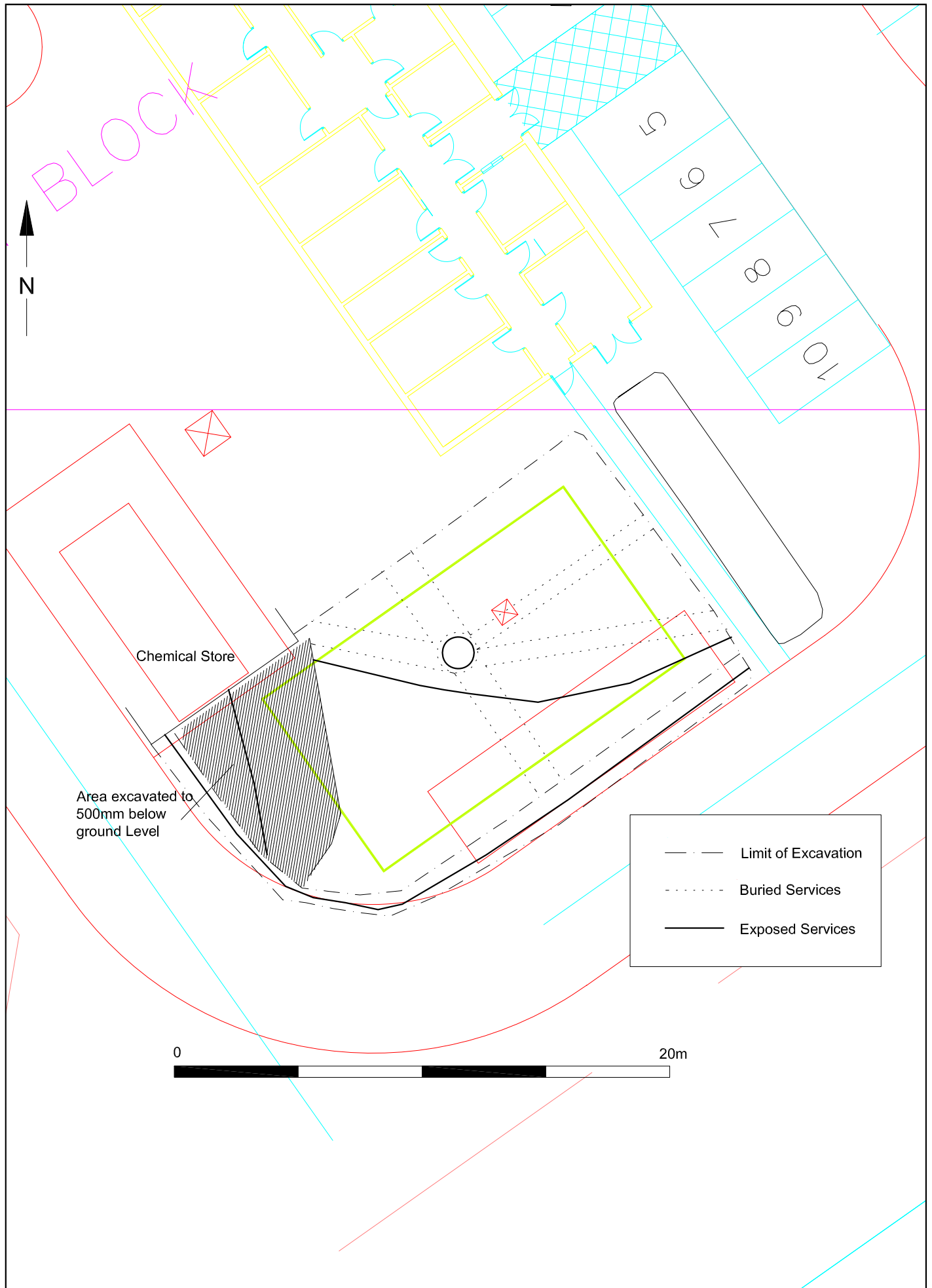
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