

KNIGHT'S COURT, TEMPLETON, PEMBROKESHIRE
SUMMARY OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORKS COMPLETED AS PART OF ORIGINAL –
PLANNING PERMISSION BY DAT ARCHAEOLOGICAL SERVICES

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 DAT Archaeological Services prepared a written scheme of investigation (WSI) for archaeological works in April 2014 for JEBB Homes to address a planning condition placed on planning permission (Reference 13/0310/PA). The condition stated:

'No development shall take place until the applicant, or their agents or successors in title, has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with a written scheme of investigation which has been submitted by the applicant and approved in writing by the local planning authority'

- 1.2 The WSI was submitted to and approved by the planning authority before the development was commenced by JEBB Homes.

- 1.3 The proposed archaeological works at the site included the following elements:

- A Photographic Survey of Building on frontage;**
- B Watching brief: Access road and site strip;**
- C Excavation within House Plot 5 – Medieval Ditch;**
- D Watching Brief during in the western half of the site area;**
- E Excavation within House Plot 13 – Ring Ditch; and**
- F Reporting and preparation of an archive**

- 1.4 This document summarises the works that have been carried out to date by DAT Archaeological Services in the fulfilment of the WSI for the original planning permission and will be used to support the new application for the development being submitted by G D Harries Ltd.

2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORKS ALREADY UNDERTAKEN

A Photographic Survey of Building on frontage

- 2.1 Building recording was undertaken on the former barn on the street frontage on 31st October 2014. The works included a photographic survey of the structure, hand drawn plans / elevations and a written description (Photos 1 & 2; Figure 1).



Photo 1: View southwest across eastern façade of former barn



Photo 2: Internal view of northern gable end of barn

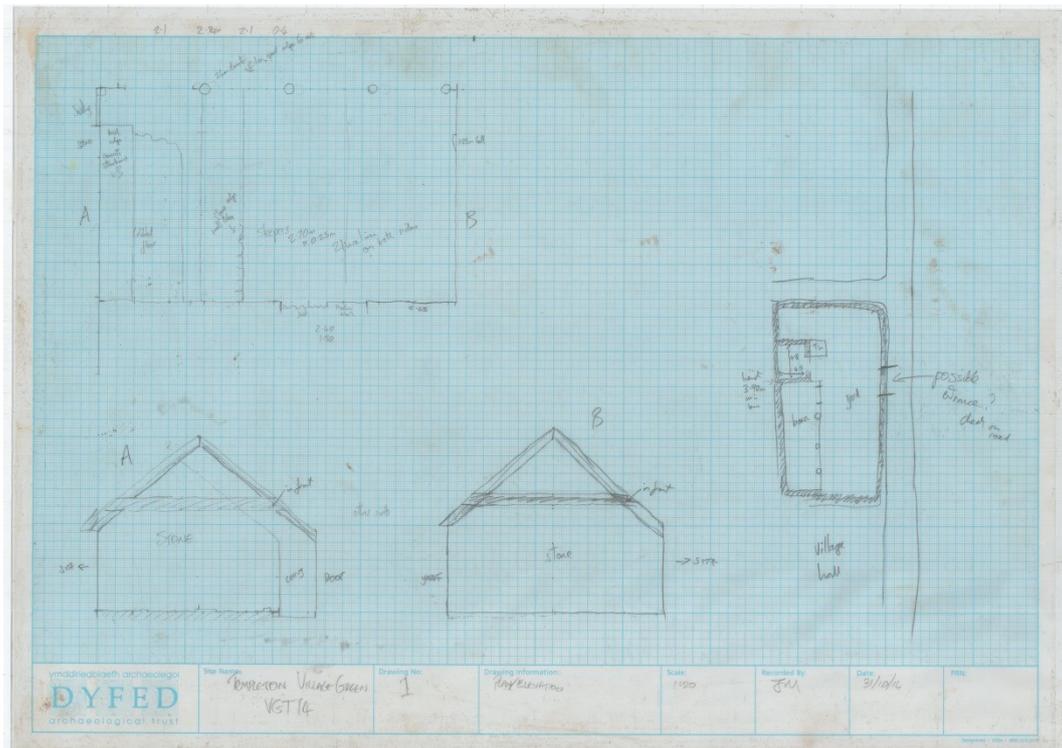


Figure 1: Elevations, floor plan and sketch layout plan of former barn

B Watching brief: Access road and site strip (Completed)

- 2.2 A 'watching brief' was undertaken at the commencement of ground works and along the access road on the eastern part of the site, including the floor plan area of the properties on the street frontage.
- 2.3 The watching brief was undertaken intermittently on the 13/11/2014, 18/11/2014, 19/11/2014, 20/11/2014, 01/12/2014 and 16/12/2014. The works

included observation of groundworks, hand drawn sections and plans of archaeological features revealed, written descriptions and photographic record (Photos 4, 5 & 6).



Photo 3: View southeast across site of former barn following demolition (13/11/2014)



Photo 4: View southeast across eastern part of access road (18/11/2014)



Photo 5: View south across area of eastern frontage buildings during ground reduction (19/11/2014)

C Excavation within House Plot 5 – Medieval Ditch (Completed)

- 2.4 House Plot 5 was located on the projected line of the large medieval boundary ditch running north to south discovered during the evaluation undertaken in 2010. This area was subject to excavation between 12th and 20th of January, 2015. Initially the area was machine stripped with a graded bucket to the correct archaeological level before being hand cleaned to delineate it for recording prior to excavating two trenches through it (Photo 6).



Photo 6: Machine stripping of western edge (darker material) of large medieval ditch

- 2.5 Trench 1 was hand excavated and all deposits were numbered using the open-ended numbering system in accordance with DAT Archaeological Services

Recording Manual¹ and recorded by archaeological recording context sheets. All artefacts were securely located and retrieved from the ditch. Due to difficult working conditions it was decided to excavate Trench 2 with a machine using a graded bucket. Exposed sections of the ditch were recorded by means of measured drawings (Figures 2 & 3) and a photographic record was maintained using a digital camera Photos 7, 8 & 9).



Photo 7: View south west of trench 1 with north facing section visible



Photo 8: North facing section of Trench 1 through ditch

¹ Dyfed Archaeological Trust Field Services use the Recording Manual developed by English Heritage Centre for Archaeology. A copy will be available for inspection if required.



Photo 9: South facing section of Trench 2 after machine excavation through ditch

2.6 Other features were also identified in the area to the east of the medieval ditch (Photos 10 & 11).



Photo 10: Feature 109 as visible in east facing section.



Photo 11: Area of features to east of the medieval ditch facing east

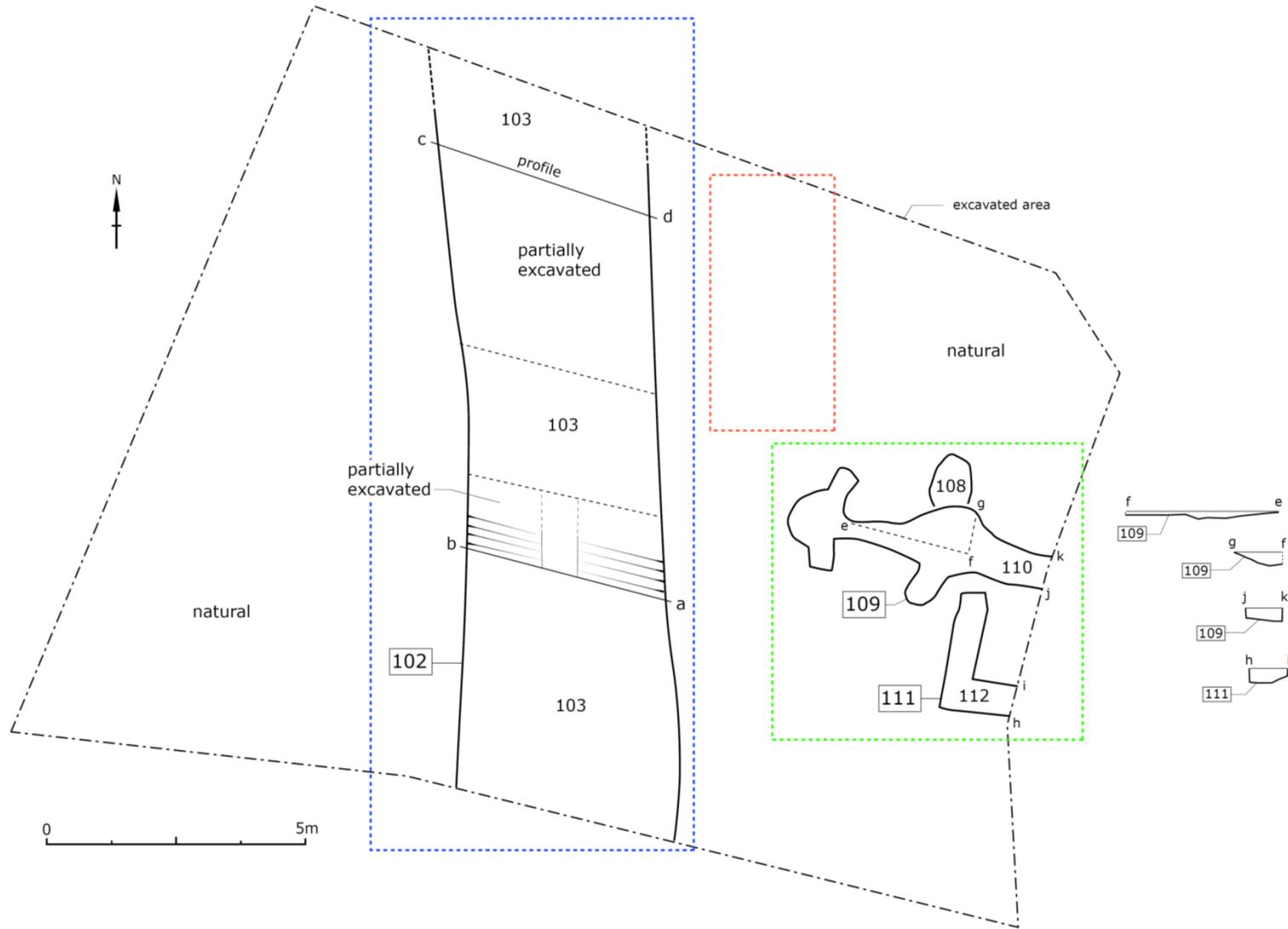


Figure 2: Plan of Excavation Area showing medieval ditch and features to the east

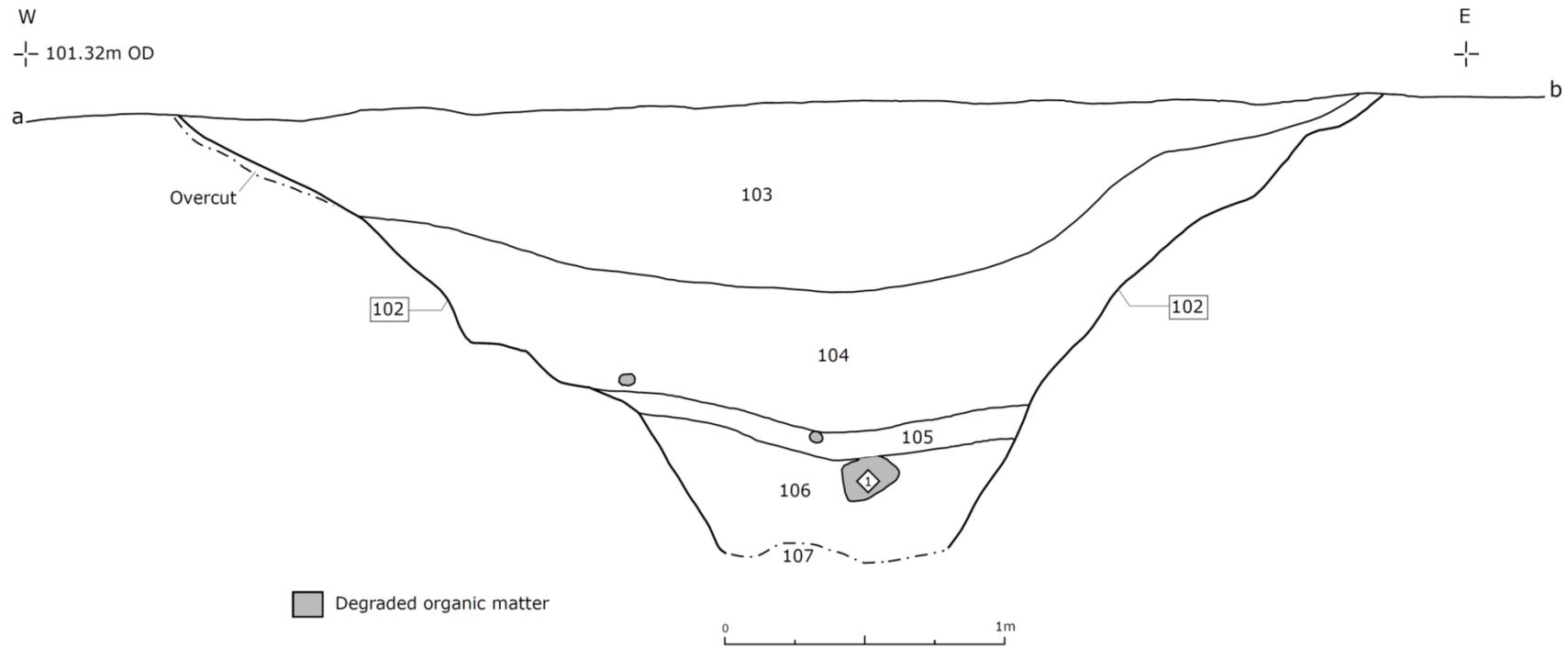


Figure 3: North facing Section of Trench 1, Ditch

3 ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORKS YET TO BE COMPLETED

D Watching Brief during groundworks in the western half of the site

- 3.1 Further watching brief work may be required in the western half of the site area, certainly during the removal of the topsoil heap in the area of the ring ditch (see below).

E Excavation within House Plot 13 – Ring Ditch

- 3.2 House Plot 13 lies on top of the area of the ring ditch identified during the evaluation in 2010. The area has not been excavated as yet and is covered with a large topsoil heap. This area is still to be excavated. As the topsoil heap lies on top of the feature, it would be necessary for an archaeologist to be in attendance during its removal to ensure that the underlying ring ditch is not disturbed. The site strip should be done under full archaeological supervision with a flat bladed bucket. The areas should then be hand cleaned and the excavation strategy detailed in the WSI implemented.

F Reporting and preparation of an archive

- 3.3 The results of all elements of the archaeological work will need to be assessed and a post-excavation report produced. This would include the works already completed on-site as well as items D and E above which are yet to be undertaken. This would include more detailed analysis of the features, as well as specialist analysis of any environmental remains, possible lithic material (worked stone or flint artefacts), ceramic material (medieval pottery) and radiocarbon dates if appropriate.
- 3.4 DAT Archaeological Services have provided costs for the work yet to be completed at the site to G D Harries Ltd, and a formal agreement is now in place to fulfil the archaeological works once development recommences at the site. A number of on-site meetings with G D Harries Ltd have confirmed the archaeological requirements.