

# **Written Scheme of investigation for an archaeological watching brief at the Walhampton Monument, Parish of Boldre, Hants.**

Planning reference New Forest National Park Authority – 17/00625

## **1.0 General**

1.1 The New Forest National Park Archaeologist or his nominee has agreed to attend to monitor ground works on the site to undertake an archaeological watching brief of the foundation trenches to meet the requirements of the Archaeological Planning Condition.

1.2 All watching brief activities will be conducted in accordance with the standards outlined in the ClfA's Standard and Guidance for an archaeological watching brief (ClfA 1994 revised 2014), as well as sections 2 to 13 of this document and the standards and advisory documents referred to in the Bibliography and References section below.

## **2.0 Non-technical summary**

2.1 The site is located at National Grid Reference 4327197 956497 in the rear garden of Old Solent House, Quay hill, Lymington. The requirement is for a watching brief to take place when ground works for new excavations are excavated. The objective is to establish the survival or otherwise of medieval archaeological deposits associated with the area adjacent to the Quay at Lymington within the archaeological Alert Map zone as defined by Hampshire County Council.

## **3.0 Monitoring**

3.1 The watching brief will allow for intermittent monitoring if this is required.

3.2 Excavated surfaces and up-cast material will be inspected by the New Forest National Park Archaeologist or his nominee.

3.3 Any standing section of trench edge will be inspected by the New Forest National Park Archaeologist or his nominee, where safe to do so.

## **4.0 Finds**

4.1 Any finds will be collected and allocated a record number and their position will be logged in an appropriate manner and if applicable will be reported on.

4.2 Any finds will be allocated a record number (from a continuous unique numbering system) and their position, along with any features and/or layers of archaeological interest.

4.3 All finds are the property of the site owners. In the event that significant archaeological finds are located the owners will be encouraged to deposit these with the Hampshire Cultural Trust (Museum). Otherwise all finds will be returned to the landowner.

## **5.0 Features**

5.1 All Archaeological features and or structures will be examined and/or excavated. A sufficient sample of each layer/feature type will be investigated in order to elucidate the date, character, relationships and function of the feature/structure.

## **6.0 Sampling**

6.1 Provision for sampling of features and deposits, in order to recover artefacts, ecofacts and dating evidence, and in order to determine stratigraphic relationships will meet the standards of the ClfA and Historic England Guidance where applicable.

## **7.0 Human remains**

7.1 In the event that any human remains are encountered by way of accidental disturbance a Ministry of Justice Licence will be acquired by the NFNPA Archaeologist or his nominee and any conditions in the licence will be strictly adhered to along with all notification procedures.

## **8.0 Treasure**

8.1 In the unlikely event that items of treasure are found these will be dealt with under the provisions of the Treasure Act and the current codes of conduct set by the ClfA's.

## **9.0 Sampling**

9.1 Where appropriate bulk soil samples for environmental analysis will be recovered as advised by HE procedures and in particular where palaeoenvironmental deposits are encountered and have potential for further analysis.

## **10.0 Recording**

10.1 Where relevant recording will include written, drawn, and photographic elements as far as conditions allow.

10.2 The basic record will consist of an enhanced photographic record with features /structure marked that have been identified during the watching brief. Drawn records at scale 1:20 will be provided if significant archaeological deposits are encountered and a record of archaeological contextual relationships if relevant will be provided.

10.3 A plan showing the location of the site and the area of the observation and the details of the watching brief including copies of any archive material generated will be provided to the Hampshire Historic Environment record and the Oasis reporting system to the Archaeological data service will be instigated. The site plan should include a note of the position-fixing method and the accuracy achieved.

## **11.0 Reporting**

11.1 The archaeological results will be compiled in a report by the New Forest National Park Archaeologist or his nominee in accordance with the requirements outlined in the Standard and Guidance for archaeological watching briefs (ClfA 1994 revised 20008).

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## **13.0 Health and safety**

13.1 Where the watching brief takes place in the presence of site contractors their H&S requirements will be met at all times In the event that no contractors are present on the site the New forest National Park Archaeologist or their nominee will have undertaken a H&S risk assessment using the NFNPA's standard Assessment procedures.

## **13.2 Insurance**

All work undertaken by New Forest National Park staff or their nominees is covered by the Authority's Insurance Policies currently in force.

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