

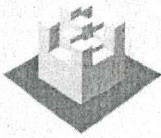
Historic Environment Record

Parish Topsham	National Grid Reference SX 9627 8843	Number (Leave blank)	
Subject Watching brief during construction of new extensions at 1 The Mede, Topsham	Measurements See attached plan		
Description <i>History, field notes and other information. (Please use a separate form for ea</i> <p>A watching brief was undertaken on this development, as it lies just outside the projected NE defences of a Roman military fortification discovered during the development of the nearby Topsham School. Other later civilian Roman remains are also known from the vicinity. In this particular case, because of the small scale domestic residential nature of the development, monitoring was undertaken by the ECC Archaeology Officer via a condition on the planning permission (ECC 08/1282/03). Visits were made on 15 & 23 April after the excavation of the strip footings for the extensions.</p> <p>In the strip footings the general deposit sequence consisted of 450-500mm of topsoil/garden soil overlying 400mm of a lighter brown-grey sandy pebbly soil, with the bottom zone of this merging into natural subsoil – v. light brown, sandy silt with some clay content.</p> <p>Within the trenches for the conservatory extension to the south the natural subsoil was only visible in very localised areas due to up to 200mm of trampled material within the base of the trenches. Therefore, although no archaeological features were visible in plan or in section, it is possible that some may have been present in places.</p> <p>Within the deeper trenches for the living room extension to the east natural was visible throughout. One 1.9m deep steep sided flat bottomed cut was recorded crossing the eastern trench on a NE-SW alignment (see sketch section). This was cut from just below the modern topsoil and its lower fill contained occasional coal and slate fragments, indicating a later post medieval date for it. The lack of slumped natural material within its base indicates that it was only open for a very short time, or for some reason was regularly cleaned out during its life. Its function/purpose is not clear; there was no evidence of this in its fill, and it is too deep and substantial to represent a field boundary ditch or tree pit.</p> <p>No pre modern finds or pre post medieval building materials were present, in any of the layers or fills.</p>		Reference for each piece of information	Date of each entry 30 June 2010 (final)
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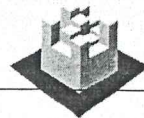
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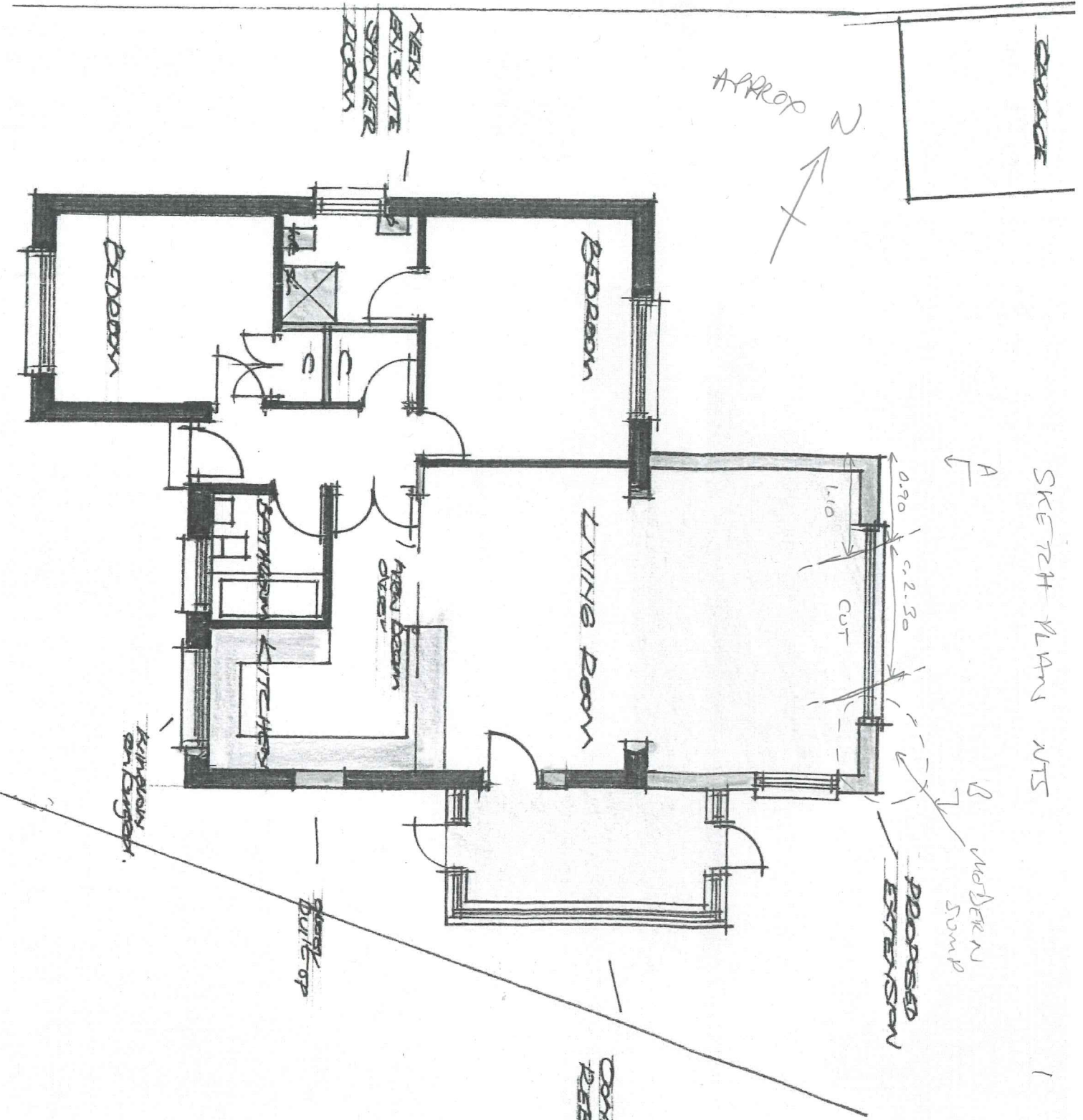
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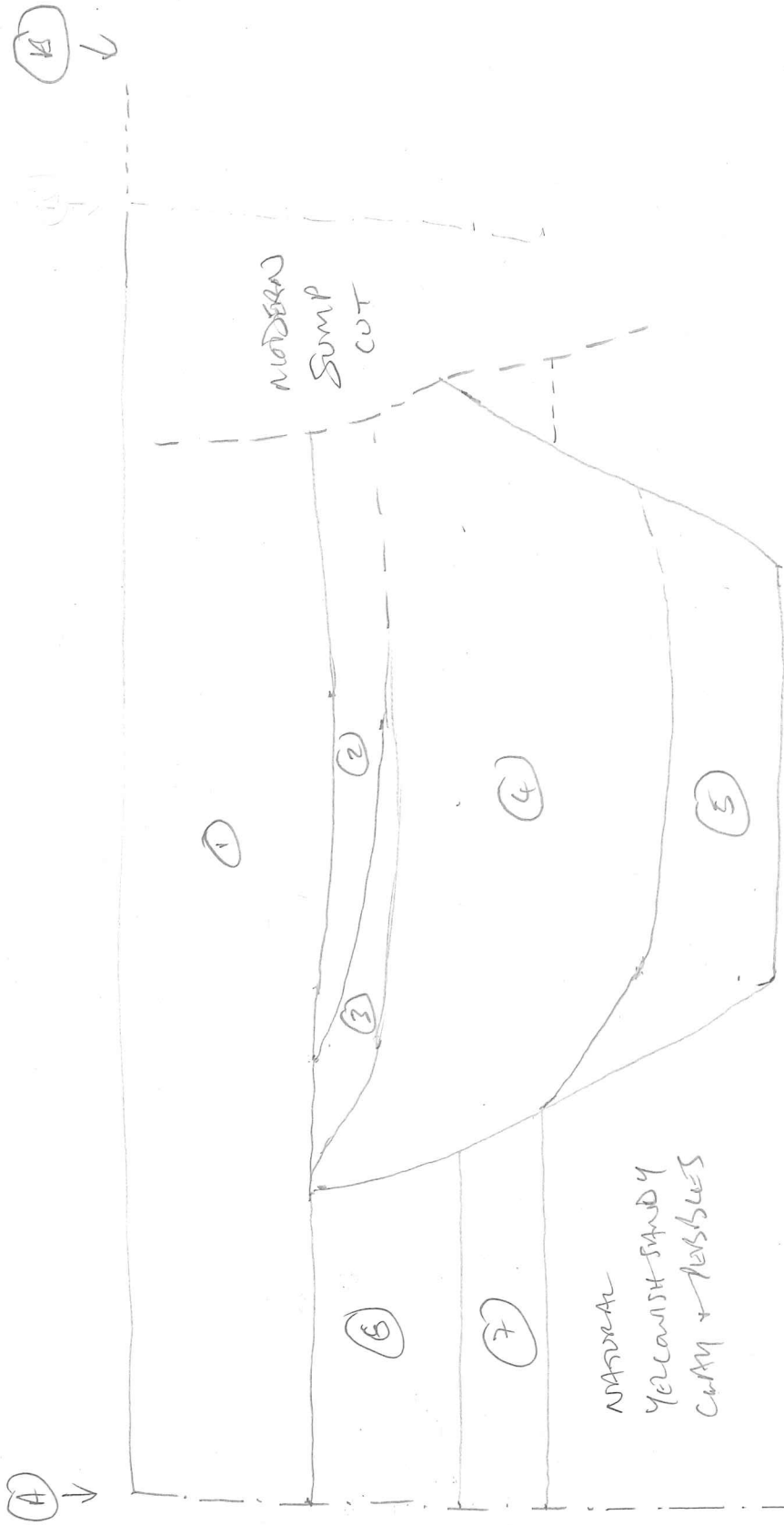
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CONSERVATORY REBUILT





- ① TOPSOIL
- ② REDEPOS. CLAY
- ③ TOPSOIL / DARK GREY BROWN SOIL LENS
- ④ MID BROWN PEBBLY HUMUS. SOME SAND
- ⑤ COAR. + LARGE FRAGS LOW DOWN IN FILL. SIMILAR TO ⑥.
- ⑥ DARK GREY SANDY SILT.
- ⑦ MID BROWN HUMIC SOIL (AERICUS CULTIVATED SOIL)
- ⑧ LIGHT BROWN SANDY SOIL MELANGE INTO SANDY CLAY PEBBLES AERON

SKETCH SECTION @ 1:20
 MEASUREMENTS FROM CURRENT
 GROUND SURFACE + FROM N. END
 OF TRENCH (A).

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