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ADDENDUM TO DOC NO. 351

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The Anchor, Tintern

Level II, BUILDING RECORDING SURVEY - ADDENDUM



Monmouthshire County Council

Planning Application No's: 2016/01428

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Summary

A planning application for a building development was submitted to Monmouthshire County Council (MCC) and as part of the planning process, Glamorgan Gwent Archaeological Trust (GGAT) advised the planning department that the proposed work at the site could likely impact on archaeological resources.

The development of concern is the demolition and alteration of a mainly early 20th century, wooden structure, however, there is a distinct possibility that part of the structure was built upon earlier remains.

Other work will involve some modification of internal walls of earlier aspects of the main building.

An archaeological building recording survey, equivalent to English Heritage level 2, was carried out in October 2017. Not all areas of the structure were accessible at the time the survey was carried out. This document contains details of areas not included within the original survey and should be considered as an addendum to the main report (APAC Doc No. 351 – Phillips, 2017).

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Cover Photograph DSCN1935, External view of later edition timber framed pavilion



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Introduction

This Building Survey addendum report has been prepared by C E Smith (MCIfA) for APAC Ltd, in response to a planning application submitted to Monmouthshire County Council (MCC): Re: Demolition Of Dilapidated Timber Framed Pavilion And Block Work Stores. Replacement Extensions To Form Kitchen Storage And Cellar. External Re-Modelling Of Existing 1960s Era Function/Dining Block. Internal Alterations Including Forming New Opening The Anchor Inn, Ferry Road, Tintern Pl. App. No.: DC/2016/01428.

In October 2017 an English Heritage equivalent Level II building recording survey was carried out by APAC Ltd in order to satisfy a condition of the above planning application. The area of the kitchen within the Anchor Inn was, at the time of the original survey, a busy working area with the walls being largely obscured. This addendum to the original building recording survey report (APAC Doc No. 351) contains details of those areas of the structural fabric of the kitchen which were altered as part of the program of redevelopment.

Site location

The location of the site at NGR 353207 200144, can be gained from the A466 Monmouth to Chepstow; 'Wye Valley Link Road' (Fig 1).

The Anchor Inn is situated to the north of the A466 at Tintern, adjacent to the Abbey.

Geology & Topography

The solid geology at the site is Tintern Group Sandstone with a superficial river terrace alluvium of clay, silt, sand and gravels, (BGS, 1997)

Scope of Work

The aim of the Level II survey is to preserve by record the structure of the building (walls), prior to the development work beginning and in so doing, provide a facility for understanding the structure's historic development.

The record produced can then be used to guide the determination of the planning condition and the next stage of archaeological works.

This addendum is intended to cover two areas of wall within the Anchor Inn kitchen, which were obscured at the time of the main building survey (Phillips, 2017).

Methodology

The building recording survey was undertaken in accordance with *Understanding Historic Buildings; A Guide to Good Recording Practice* (Historic England, 2016).

The methodology employed was also guided by the *Standard and Guidance for the Archaeological Investigation and Recording of Standing Buildings or Structures* (CIFA, 2014).

Photographs were taken using a Kodak Pixpro AZ252 digital camera.

Images were recorded in both high-resolution Jpeg & RAW formats.



All photographs include a scale rod where possible or practical.

Photographs illustrative of the survey are produced as annotated 'photo cards' in the report.

All photographs from the addendum survey are included as a list with contact sheets in Appendix I.

Results

The results contained within this addendum were obtained under 'watching brief' conditions once the obscuring factors had been stripped out of the kitchen; during the redevelopment phase. Figure 2, shows the location of the study areas discussed within this addendum, whilst Figure 3 shows the phasing of the Anchor Inn.

The additional recording work took place on Tuesday 9th January 2018.

Internal Brick Partition Wall

Plates 1 – 2, show the western and eastern faces of the brick built internal partition wall; a three metre length of which was to be removed as part of the redevelopment program.

Removal of ceramic tiles and cement render from the western wall face showed the partition to be constructed of unfrogged red bricks, uniform in size and bonded with cement. The bricks themselves are likely to have been reused from elsewhere. The internal partition wall itself is likely to be a comparatively modern (20th Century) insert into the 18/19th century kitchen structure.

External Kitchen Wall Beneath Former Window Opening

Plates 3-7, show the western and eastern faces of the area of kitchen wall; the eastern face having been exposed after removal of a sink, beneath the window opening which was also to be removed as part of the redevelopment program.

Removal of plasterboard showed the eastern, internal, face of the wall to be constructed of a brick and cement skin. The western, external, face of the wall was constructed of roughly coursed, faced stone blocks forming the original wall of the 18/19th century kitchen structure. The brick skin was butted against the external stone layer and likely represents a later (20th century) addition to the kitchen; possibly contemporary with the insertion of the brick partition wall described above.

In both areas described above, no further archaeological or architectural features which would alter the findings of the original building recording survey were noted.

Archive

The original archive will be retained by APAC Ltd

Secondary archives consisting of a hard copy of the report with a digital copy of the complete data and photographs be deposited with the County Records Office in Ebbw Vale.

A digital copy of the archive will be deposited with The Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments Aberystwyth.



Digital copies of the report will be forwarded to the client, planning and the HER, held by Glamorgan Gwent Archaeological Trust.

Acknowledgements:

Thanks are due to the staff of Westgate Building Services for their assistance during the on-site recording.

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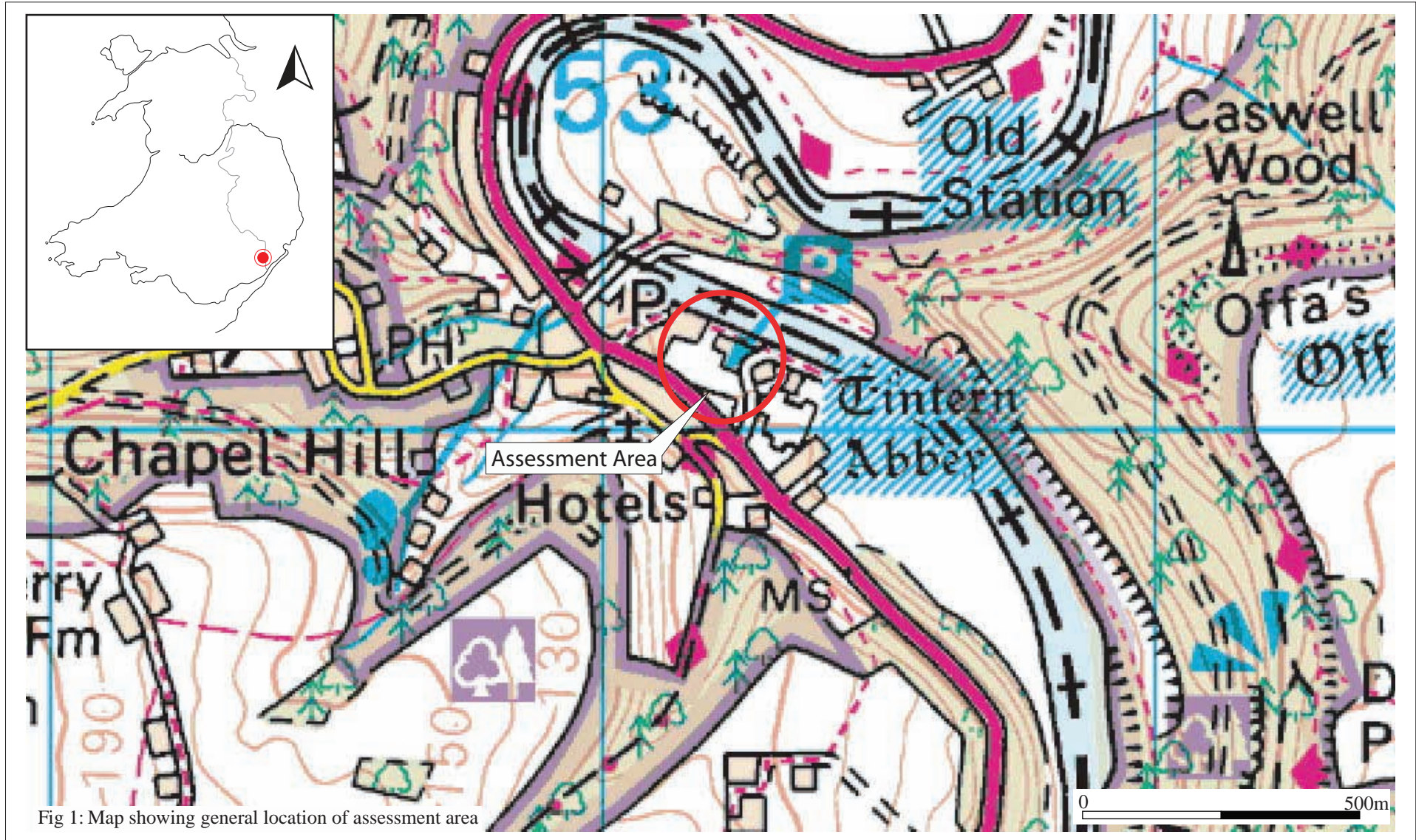


Fig 1: Map showing general location of assessment area

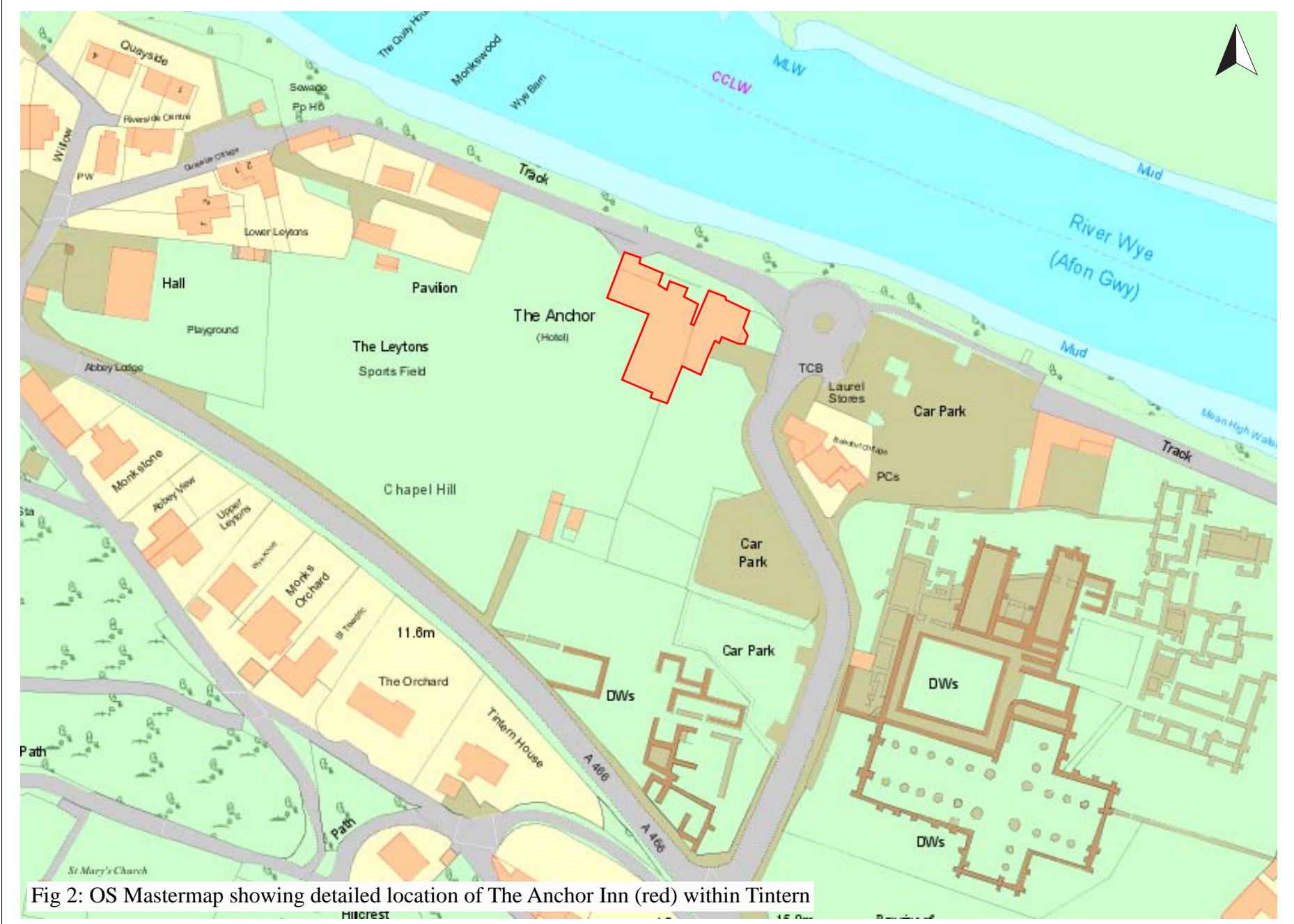




Fig 2: OS Mastermap showing detailed location of The Anchor Inn (red) within Tintern



Key

-  Kitchen Internal Brick Partition
-  Kitchen Wall (Stone & Brick)

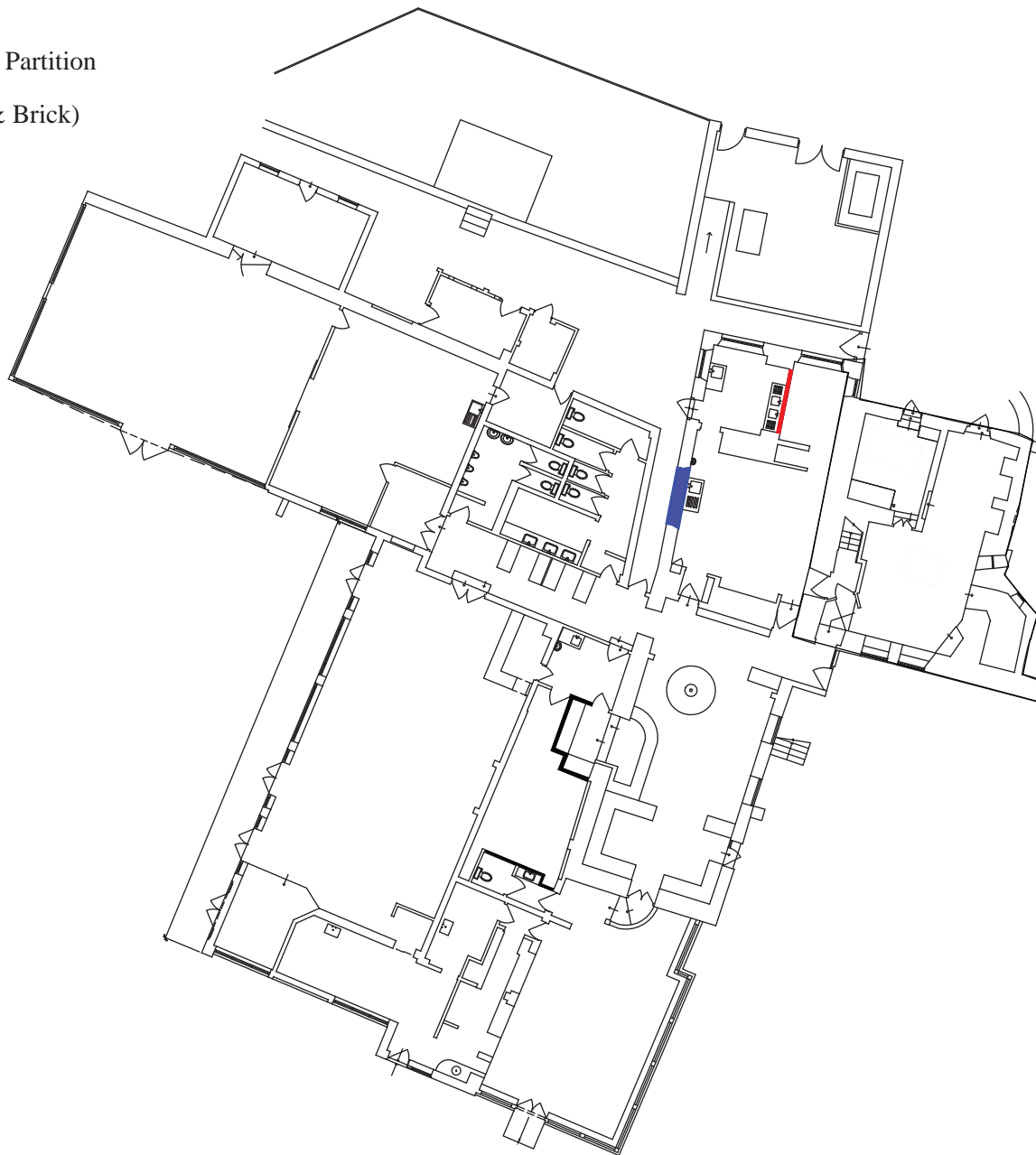


Fig 3: Floor plan of the Anchor Inn, Tintern, (after ADS Design) showing locations of work subject to additional recording

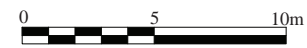
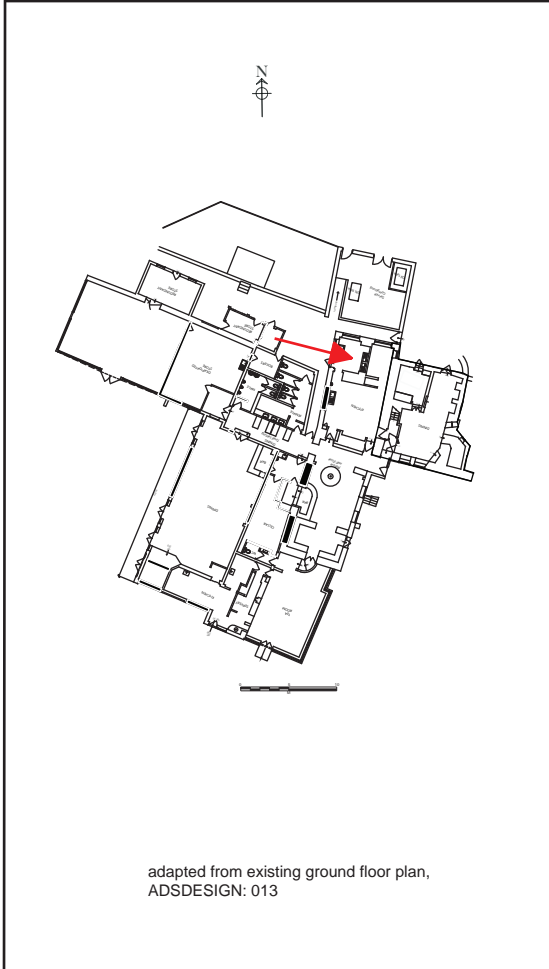




Fig 4: Structural phasing of the Anchor Inn, Tintern (After ADS Design groundplan)

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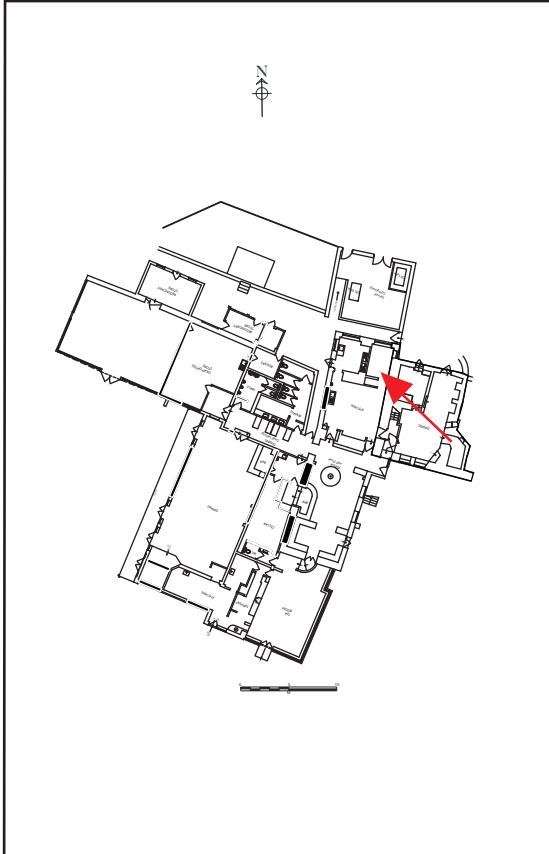


Reason for image: Showing architectural detail of internal partition wall within kitchen once furniture and render removed

Plate No: 1

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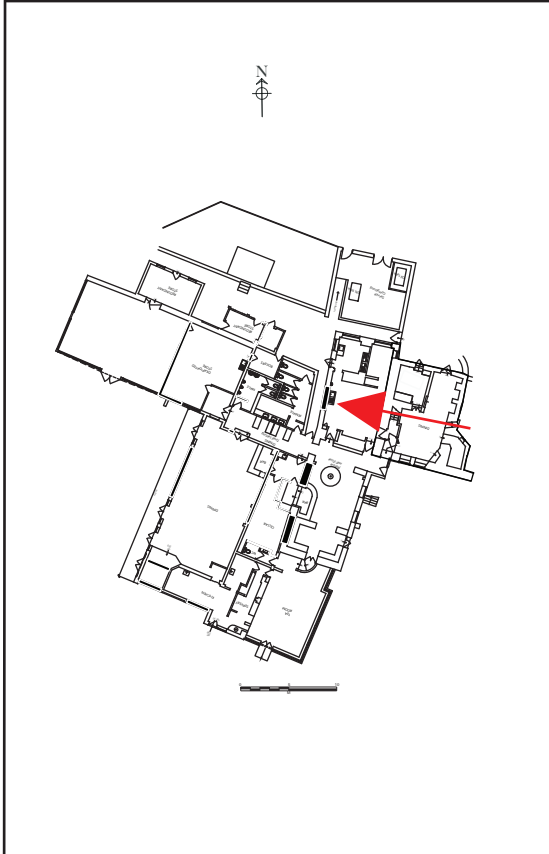


Reason for image: Showing architectural detail of internal partition wall within kitchen once furniture and render removed

Plate No: 2

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Direction of view:
West



adapted from existing ground floor plan,
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Reason for image:



Showing architectural detail of internal face of kitchen wall beneath window opening with sink and plasterboard removed

Plate No: 3

Site The Anchor Inn, Tintern	Site code BS/AIT/17	Grid ref: 353207/200144	Camera Kodak Pixpro AZ	Format Digital	Image no: 100_1435	Area KITCHEN
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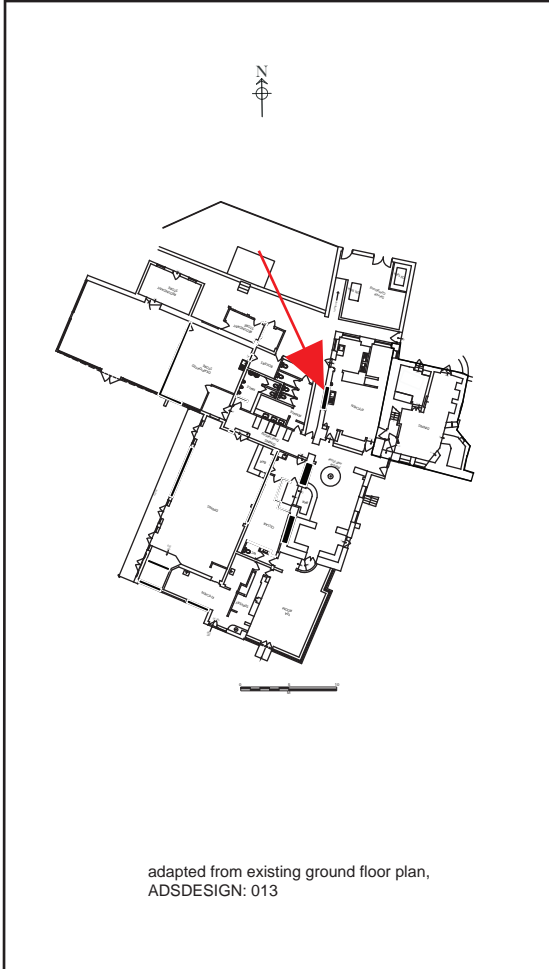


Plate No: 4



Reason for image:

Showing architectural detail of external face of kitchen wall beneath window opening prior to removal

Site The Anchor Inn, Tintern	Site code BS/AIT/17	Grid ref: 353207/200144	Camera Kodak Pixpro AZ	Format Digital	Image no: 100_1437	Area KITCHEN
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Direction of view:
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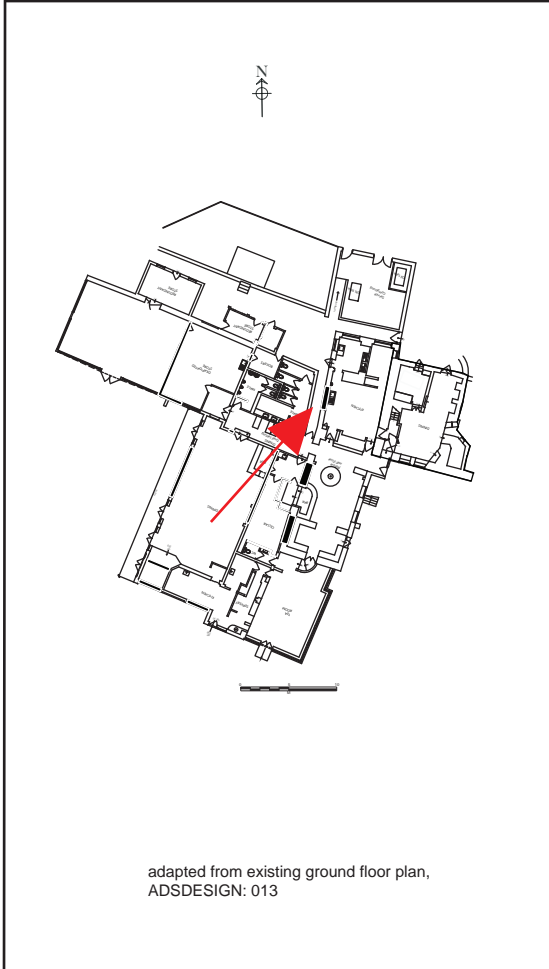


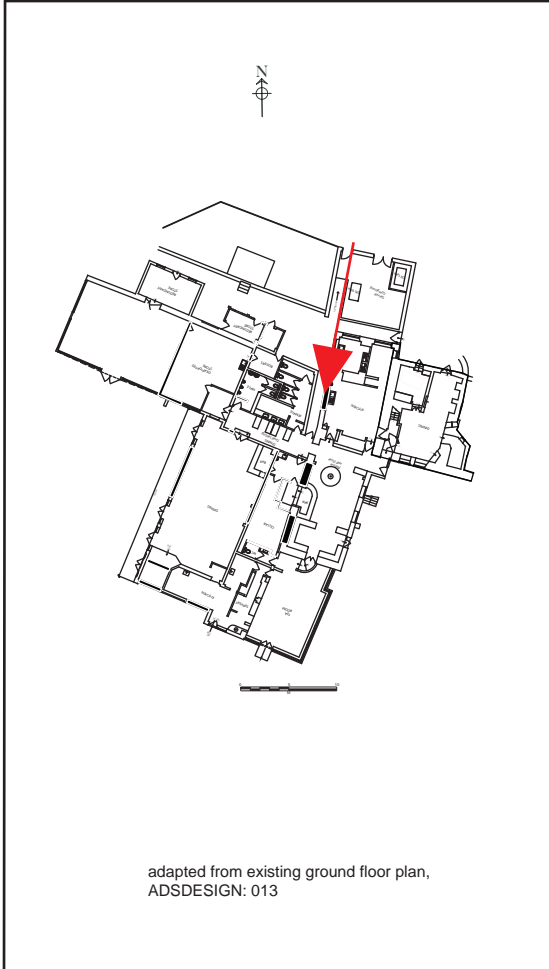
Plate No: 5



Reason for image: Showing architectural detail of external face of kitchen wall beneath window opening prior to removal

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Direction of view:
South

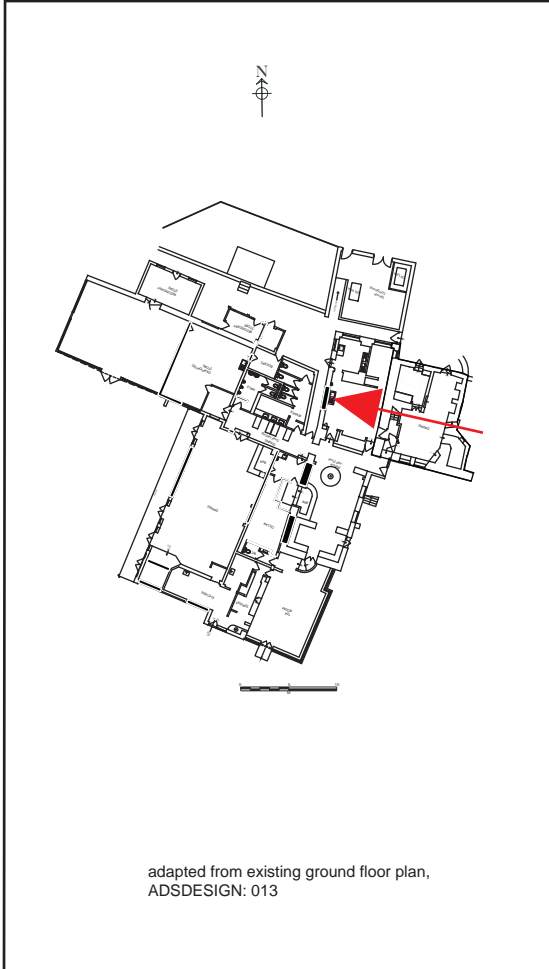


Reason for image: Showing internal brick skin butting against earlier 18/19th Century masonry wall of kitchen

Plate No: 6

Site The Anchor Inn, Tintern	Site code BS/AIT/17	Grid ref: 353207/200144	Camera Kodak Pixpro AZ	Format Digital	Image no: 100_1448	Area KITCHEN
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Direction of view:
West



Reason for image: Showing removal of kitchen wall section beneath window in progress

Plate No: 7



Appendix I – Photograph list and Contact Sheet

Camera – Kodak Pixpro AZ225

Frame No.	Description	Direction	L/P	Date
100-1430	Pre-excavation view across site	N	L	9/1/18
100-1431	Pre-excavation view across site	W	L	9/1/18
100-1432	Pre-excavation view across site	W	L	9/1/18
100-1433	Pre-excavation view of Plot 1	N	L	9/1/18
100-1434	Pre-excavation view of Plot 1	SW	L	9/1/18
100-1435	Pre-excavation view of Plot 1	S	L	9/1/18
100-1436	Pre-excavation view of boundary wall	NE	L	9/1/18
100-1437	Pre-excavation view across site	NE	L	9/1/18
100-1442	Post-excavation view along foundation trench – Plot 1	E	L	9/1/18
100-1443	Post-excavation view along foundation trench – Plot 1	NE	L	9/1/18
100-1444	Post-excavation view along foundation trench – Plot 1	W	L	9/1/18
100-1445	Post-excavation view along foundation trench – Plot 1	NW	L	9/1/18
100-1446	Post-excavation view along foundation trench – Plot 1	S	P	9/1/18
100-1447	Post-excavation view along foundation trench – Plot 1	N	P	9/1/18
100-1448	Post-excavation view along foundation trench – Plot 1	NW	L	9/1/18



100_1447



100_1448



100_1430



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