



**ARCHAEOLOGICAL DESK-BASED  
ASSESSMENT OF LAND AT 33  
BLENHEIM ROAD, NEW ROMNEY,  
KENT, TN28 8PR**

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Figure 1. OS mapping

Figure 2. OS mapping

Figure 3. OS site plan

Plates 1-4 APs

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

1.1 In February 2018 Dr Paul Wilkinson of SWAT Archaeology carried out a rapid archaeological desk-based assessment of available data on land at 33 Blenheim Road, Littlestone, New Romney in Kent.

**1.2 Historic mapping, aerial photographs and the HER records were studied and shows that no archaeological activity has been recorded within 500m of the proposed development site (PDA).**

1.3 The principal elements of the archaeological survey involved the creation of a record and description of any known archaeological and historical sites within the environs of the PDA together with an analysis and interpretation of the sites origins and historic development.

1.5 A review of Historic OS mapping has been made and the Pevsner Architectural Guide (*Kent, East and East Kent 2012*) was consulted as was the National Heritage Register for England.

1.6 This report consists of a descriptive report accompanied by aerial photographs and annotated plans and maps.

## **2.0 HISTORICAL/ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND**

### **2.1 Location**

The Proposed Development Area (PDA) is located in the coastal modern village of Littlestone situated to the east of New Romney. To the north of the Proposed Development Area (PDA) is Littlestone Golf Course and to the south the small town of Lydd on Sea and just beyond the Dungeness National Nature Reserve.

### **2.5 Historic Background**

According to historical data in the early 13<sup>th</sup> century the PDA is likely to have been underwater or at the very best intertidal.

A rapid map assessment of OS historic mapping shows that in 1871-90 the area of the PDA was open fields (Fig. 1) but by 1896 the beginnings of a road system

with an eye for residential development with the first blocks of terraced housing appearing on Blenheim Road and St. Nicholas Road (Fig. 2).

The OS map of 1907 shows that terraced housing had been built immediately to the west of the PDA but as yet no development is shown on the PDA.

By 1929-52 the PDA has yet to be developed.

However, by 1940 (Plate 1) the PDA is developed and subsequent APs show the progression of development (Plates 2, 3).

### **3.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES**

3.1 The HER records show that known archaeology is sparse in the vicinity of the PDA. To the east at 600m the KCCHER notes that an 'Archaeological Site and Buildings' (Ref. 1478151) whilst to the north east a 'Volunteer Rifle Range' did exist (MWX 44045).

### **4.0 DISCUSSION**

4.1 A review of the available data shows that no archaeological sites are known within the 500m radius of the PDA.

### **5.0 PARAMETERS**

5.1 The archaeological survey was conducted using on-line data from Historic England and other agencies.

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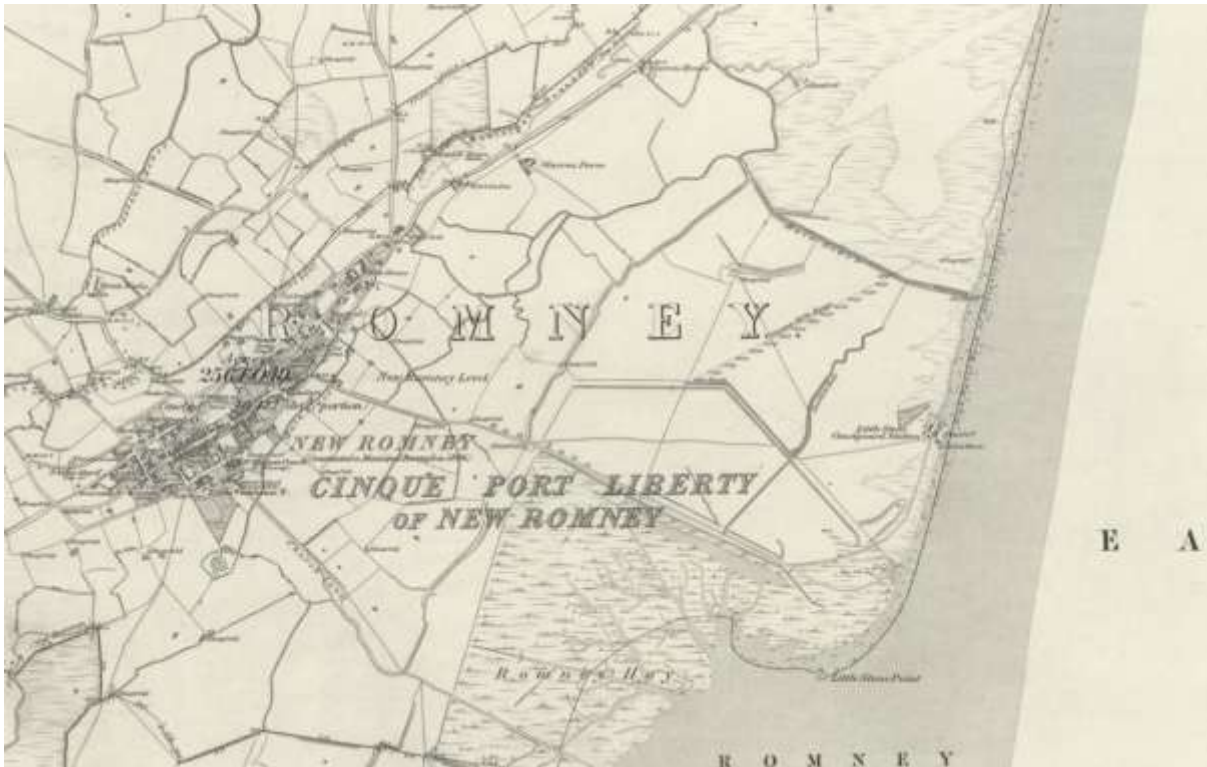


Figure 1. OS mapping c.1871

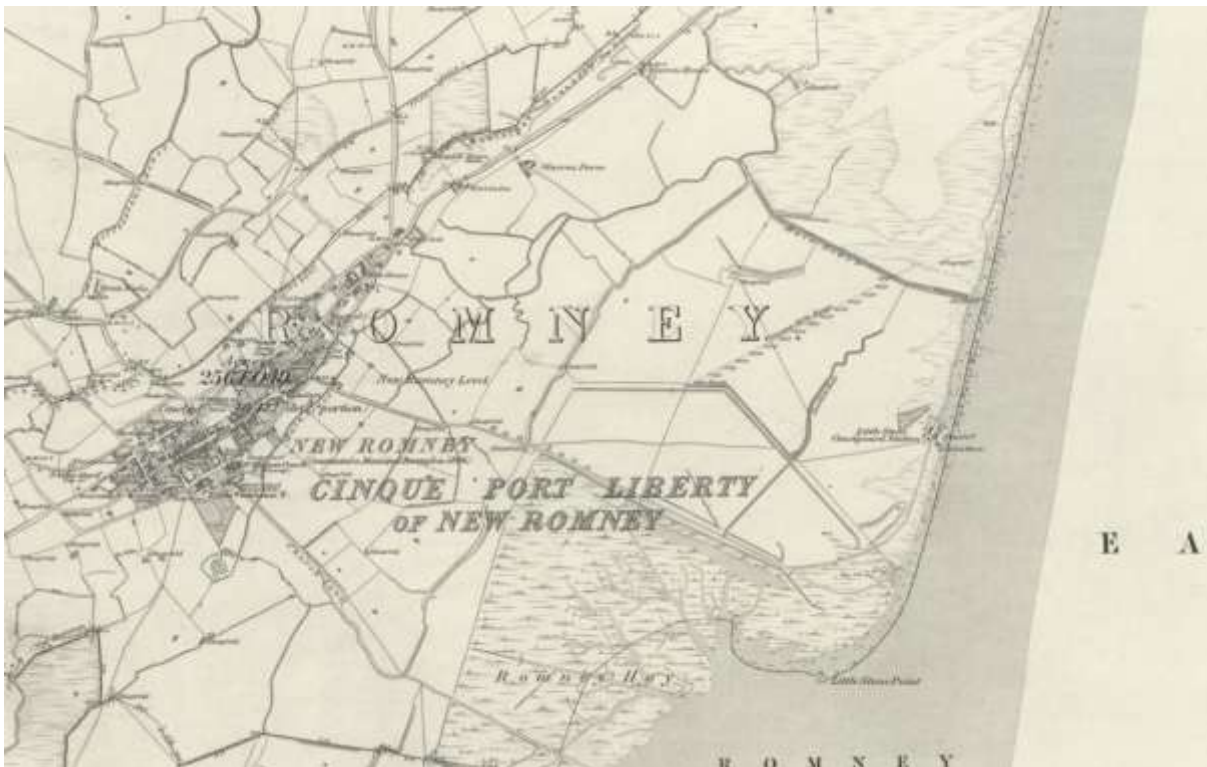


Figure 2. OS mapping c.1896



Plate 1. Aerial c.1940



Plate 2. Aerial c. 1960



Plate 3. Aerial c. 1990