

9.0 CULTURAL HERITAGE

9.1 Methodology

This report presents the methodology and findings of an archaeological impact assessment conducted at the site of a proposed Waste Recovery/Transfer and Sludge Drying Facility at Foxhole, Youghal, Co. Cork (see Appendix 8 Archaeology Report). The methodology employed consisted of a desktop study of cartographic and literary sources, in addition to, a field inspection by a qualified Archaeologist.

Assessments of potential impacts were considered based on the findings of the desktop study and field inspection, and the need for mitigation measures were considered where appropriate.

9.2 Existing Environment

Desktop Study Findings

The study of the three editions of the OS maps did not reveal any features of archaeological significance on or near the site of the proposed development. The SMR and RMP reveal numerous monuments in and around the town of Youghal. A table of some of the recorded monuments nearest the site of the proposed development is provided.

SMR Number	Sheet/Plan/Trace	National Grid Reference	Townland	Classification
CO067-037---	067-/07/3	E20927 N07916	Greencloyne	A one-storey vernacular house
CO067-038---	067-/08/04	E20958 N07878	Youghal Mudlands	Gasworks
CO067-012---	067-/03/6	E20871 N08008	Muckridge	Brickworks

Table 9.1 Sites and Monuments Records Findings

None of the sites listed in Table 9.1 will be affected by the proposed development.

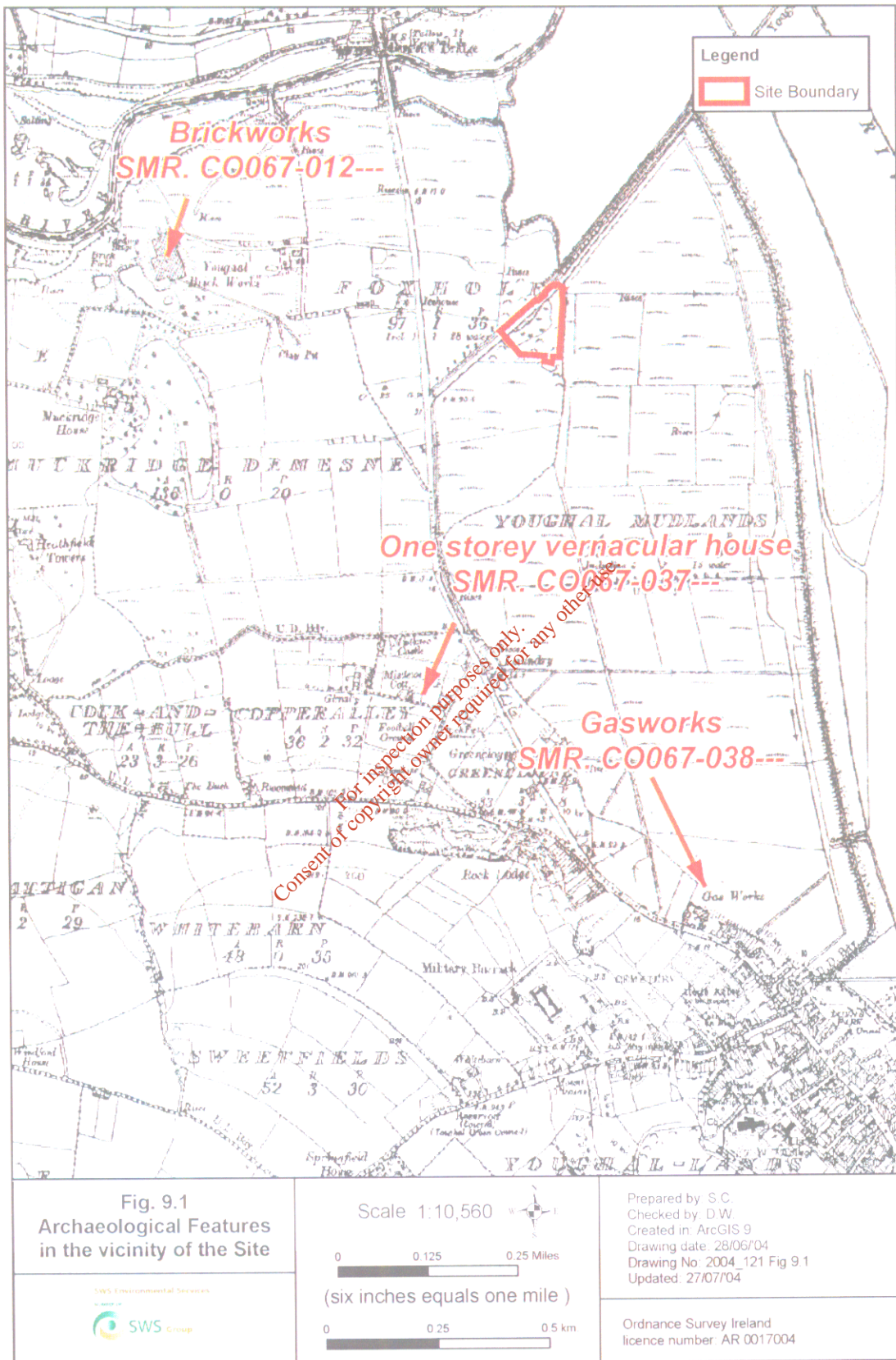


Figure 9.1 Archaeological Features in the Vicinity of the Site

Literature Review Findings

There are no references to any features of archaeological significance that might be affected by the proposed development.

Field Inspection Findings

The site is located at the side of a fourth-class road, which serves the adjacent National Car Testing centre to the west and the landfill site to the east. The north-eastern section of the site by the entrance is currently used as a storage area for skips and heavy goods containers (Photo 9.2).



Photo 9.2 Yard to North East of site

The rest of the site consists of several small piles of dumped building materials and scrap metal, broken up by scrub, bracken, grassland, and recolonising bare ground (see Photo 9.3). The vegetation is not very high and a good overview of the site was obtained from the peaks of various small mounds of rubble within.



Photo 9.3 View to SE with the town of Youghal visible on the hill in the background.

The field inspection covered the entire site and did not reveal any features of archaeological potential.

9.3 Impact Assessment

The combined desktop, literary and field inspection did not reveal any previously unrecorded features of archaeological significance on or near the site of the proposed development.

Moreover, the proposed development will not affect any of the recorded archaeological sites and monuments in the nearby town and surrounding countryside.

9.4 Mitigation Measures

However, due to the archaeological and historical importance of the town of Youghal and its environs, a number of mitigation measures are recommended.

It is recommended that a licensed and experienced archaeologist monitor the removal of all topsoil prior to construction of this development. The archaeologist will examine all deposits revealed during the course of excavations and, where possible, determine a date and context for any archaeological features that may emerge.

The developer must report the discovery of any archaeological features to DOEHLG and facilitate and fund both their investigation and recording.

Any artefacts uncovered during the course of excavation must be reported to the Duty Officer of the National Museum of Ireland.