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Cover photograph

Plate on cover: top soil strip

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Non Technical Summary

This report results from work undertaken by Cambrian Archaeological Projects Ltd (CAP) on behalf of RSKENSR Environment Ltd on Transco pipeline diversions adjacent to the A477 east of Pembroke. No archaeological features were identified in the four areas investigated. NOTE ON STONE FINDS.

1. Introduction

Location and scope of work

In July and August 2004 Cambrian Archaeological Projects (CAP) carried out an archaeological watching brief on four areas of pipeline diversions adjacent to the A477 (Nash Fingerpost to Bangeston Road) on behalf of RSKENSR.

The site is situated at NGR SN0134802853 east of Pembroke (Fig 1). The works involved diversion of four lengths of pipe on the north side of the A477 (Fig 2).

A desk-based assessment of the site had been undertaken by RSKENSR in 2004. This identified four nearby archaeological sites and three field boundaries (for details see *A477 Pipeline Diversions: Environmental Determination*, by RSKENSR, 2004).

2. Aims and Objectives

The works required during development are as follows:

- Watching Brief of all topsoil stripping and ground disturbance on the line of the four pipeline diversions.
- Production of an illustrated report.

In accordance with IFA's Standards and guidance (1999), the primary objective of the watching brief was to ensure that any previously unrecorded archaeological features and deposits exposed during the ground disturbance works and subsequent development of the site were adequately recorded and interpreted.

3. Methodology

Watching Brief Methodology

The watching brief consisted of an archaeological fieldworker being present while a machine-excavator removed topsoil and overburden and cut the new pipe trench. The machining was carried out under the direct supervision of the archaeologist, who was present during all ground disturbance works.

Andrew Petersen (MIFA) undertook the watching brief under the overall direction of Kevin Blockley (MIFA) using proven archaeological techniques.

All works were undertaken in accordance with both the IFA's *Standards and Guidance: for an archaeological watching brief* (Appendix III) and current Health and Safety legislation.

Recording was carried out using Cambrian Archaeological Projects recording systems.

i) *Drawn Record* - Plans and sections were drawn to a scale of 1:50, 1:20 and 1:10 as required, and related to Ordnance Survey datum where possible.

ii) *Photographic Record* - Photographs were taken in digital and 35mm colour format.

iii) *Written Record* – Written records were produced using a continuous numbering sequence for all contexts.

An environmental sampling and processing strategy was in place should archaeological deposits warrant it. However, in this instance it was not felt that the deposits encountered required sampling.

Report Methodology

An archive and report was prepared to the specifications detailed below and six copies submitted to the client.

The site archive was prepared in accordance with Appendix 3 of MAP 2 (English Heritage 1991). It comprises of all the data recovered during the fieldwork and was quantified, ordered and indexed and is internally consistent. The archive will be deposited with a recognised body.

The results are submitted in this report, which includes the following material:

- Non-technical summary
- Location plan
- Written description and interpretation of the results

4. Watching Brief Results

Soils and ground conditions

Generally weather conditions were good. The soils remained dry for the duration of the watching brief. The soils present on site clayey loams over a clayey natural.

Descriptions

The watching brief consisted of a topsoil strip and trench cut in each of the areas.

In Area 2 a shallow trench was located filled with clayey loam. This trench was first thought to represent the foundations of a building, after partial excavation is interpreted as a modern cut.

No archaeological finds or features were noted in any of the trenches.

5. Conclusions

The watching brief on the four areas of pipeline diversion did not locate any archaeological features or finds.

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ARCHIVE COVER SHEET

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NPRN :	N/A
SAM:	N/A
Other Ref No:	CAP Report No. 333
NGR:	SN 01348 02853
Site Type:	N/A
Project Type:	Watching Brief
Project Officer:	Andrew Petersen
Project Dates:	July – August 2004
Categories Present:	N/A
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