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Non Technical Summary

This report results from work undertaken by Cambrian Archaeological Projects Ltd (CAP) for Roy Duckett on an archaeological watching brief during ground works at Bro Dowel, Coity. The site was just north-west of Coity Castle, whose earthworks may be situated to the south of the development site. An intensive archaeological watching brief was maintained during topsoil stripping. No archaeological features were located.

1 Introduction

1.1 Location and scope of work

1.1.1 In October 2004 Cambrian Archaeological Projects (CAP) carried out during ground clearance at Bro Dowel, Coity on behalf of the landowner, Roy Duckett, to satisfy a planning condition for an intensive archaeological watching brief.

1.1.2 The site is located at SS 9229 8153.

1.2 Geology and topography

1.2.1 The underlying solid geology of the area comprises Lower Lias beds (British Geological Survey, Ten Mile Map, South Sheet, 1:625000).

1.3 Archaeological and historical background

1.3.1 The Curatorial Division of Glamorgan Gwent Archaeological Trust had advised Bridgend County Borough Council that the site lay close to Coity Castle and that associated earthworks (possibly siege works) may survive in the area.

2 Aims and Objectives

2.1 Watching Brief

The works required during development are as follows:

- Watching Brief of all topsoil stripping and ground disturbance.
- 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 Watching Brief Results

3.1 Soils and ground conditions

3.1.1 Generally the site and weather conditions were mixed. The topsoil comprised of dark brown loam.

3.2 Distribution of deposits

3.2.1 The top and subsoils were consistently present in all areas. The underlying geology comprised reddish-brown clay with stones.

3.2.2 A watch was kept during top-soiling on the north end of the site, during the removal of part of the concrete boundary wall on the east side (behind which was a build-up of modern material), and during cleaning back of areas onto natural clay in the area of the demolished bungalow and area further south. See Fig 2 for outline of watching brief and Plates 1-4 for general views.

4 Finds

4.1.1 No finds of significance were made during the watching brief. Behind the east wall was found modern waste that had been built up over the last 15 years.

5 Discussion and Interpretation

5.1 Reliability of field investigation

5.1.1 The overall findings of the watching brief showed conclusively that no archaeological features were visible after topsoil stripping over the development area.

5.2 Overall interpretation

5.2.1 The evaluation revealed no archaeological remains.

5.3 Significance

5.3.1 The evaluation revealed the proposed development site to be archaeologically sterile with no anticipated consequences resulting from the impact of any development.

6 Acknowledgements

6.1.1 Thanks to the client Roy Duckett and his site staff for their help and co-operation during the watching brief.

ARCHIVE COVER SHEET

Bro Dowel, Coity, Bridgend

Site Name:	Bro Dowel, Coity
Site Code:	BDC/04/WB
PRN:	N/A
NPRN :	N/A
SAM:	N/A
Other Ref No:	CAP Project 606
NGR:	SS 9229 8153
Site Type:	Adjacent to medieval castle
Project Type:	Watching Brief
Project Officer:	Kevin Blockley
Project Dates:	October 2004
Categories Present:	N/A
Location of Original Archive:	RCAHMW
Location of duplicate Archives:	None
Number of Finds Boxes:	N/A
Location of Finds:	N/A
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