

Assessment of Various Finds from Bicester Office Village, Bicester, Oxfordshire (BOV 34)

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Three finds from archaeological investigations at Bicester Office Village were submitted for identification and assessment.

Description

Industrial waste

A small fragment from context 3030 has a flat dark surface and white body was examined at x20 magnification. At this scale it can be seen that it is composed of a vesicular white material, probably fuel ash slag. The dark surface is typical of material heated in contact with coal and probably this is a piece of shale accidentally included in a coal fire.

Iron

A strip iron, broken into two and slightly curved, was recovered from context 605. It is probably from an artefact rather than waste but cannot be identified.

Stone

A fragment of stone from context 3029 is identified here as an unworked rounded pebble which has been split along a bedding plane.

Assessment

Retention

The stone should be discarded and the remaining two items, both from stratified contexts, should be retained for potential future re-examination.

Further Work

No further work is recommended.

Appendix 1

Context	class	Cname	Description	Trench	Form	Part	Nosh	NoV	Weight
605	IRON	IRON	CURVED ROD	6	OBJECT	BS	2	1	24
3030	FUEL ASH SLAG	FUEL ASH SLAG		30	FUEL ASH SLAG	BS	1	1	1
3029	GEO	GEO		30	GEO	BS	1	1	17