

# **Assessment of Mixed Finds from the Harefield to Southall Gas Pipeline (HS-00507)**

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A small quantity of finds was recovered during archaeological fieldwork on the line of the Harefield to Southall Gas Pipeline and submitted to the authors for identification and assessment (App 1).

The submitted finds range in date from the medieval period to the 19<sup>th</sup> century or later.

## **Description**

### **Ceramic Building Material**

Three unidentifiable fragments of ceramic building material and three fragments of flat roof tile were recorded. The flat roof tiles date between the 12<sup>th</sup> and the 17<sup>th</sup> centuries. Two have circular pegholes, one of which was measurable (13mm diameter).

### **Clay Tobacco Pipe**

Two fragments of clay tobacco pipe stem were recorded. Their stem bore diameters were used to assign one to the 17<sup>th</sup> century and the other to the 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> century.

### **Glass**

Two fragments of dark green bottle glass were recorded. One comes from a mallet-shaped bottle of mid 18<sup>th</sup> century character and the other from a tall bottle of later 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> century date.

### **Pottery**

#### **Medieval**

The rim of a London-type ware (LOND, Pearce, Vince, and Jenner 1985) bowl and a body sherd of South Hertfordshire Reduced ware (SHER, Vince 1985) jar were recorded. These types both date to the mid 12<sup>th</sup> century or later.

#### **Post-medieval**

Six sherds of post-medieval pottery were recorded. Four are of glazed red earthenwares. Two joining sherds from contexts 1000 and 1050 have a white-slipped interior ("Guys Ware", GUYS) and the other two are plain internally-glazed bowl sherds (PMR). The remaining sherds consist of the rim and handle from a Border ware jug with a yellow glaze (BORDY, Pearce 1992) and a body sherd from a white salt-glazed stoneware bowl (SWSG, Edwards

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and Hampson 2005). The Guys ware vessel probably dates to the 16<sup>th</sup> or early 17<sup>th</sup> centuries as does the Border ware. The plain red earthenware sherds can only be dated broadly to the 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> centuries and the stoneware vessel is of mid 18<sup>th</sup>-century date.

### Early Modern

Eight sherds of later 18<sup>th</sup> century or later date were recorded. These consist of three fragments of Creamware cups (CREA); a Pearlware cup and two plates; a transfer-printed ware plate (TPW) and a miscellaneous refined whiteware cup (WHITE).

### Assessment

The finds come from four contexts: 1000; 1011; 1013 and 1050. The deposition date of these contexts is given by the earliest possible date of the youngest artefact in the assemblage and on that basis context 1000 dates to the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century or later whilst contexts 1011 and 1013 date to the later 18<sup>th</sup> century or later and context 1050 dates to the later 16<sup>th</sup> century or later.

The sherds of medieval pottery testify to medieval activity nearby although both sherds come from mixed assemblages which include later pottery.

### Retention

All the finds come from stratified contexts and should therefore be retained for potential future study.

### Further work

No further work is recommended at the present time on any of the finds.

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## Appendix 1

Context	class	Cname	date	Subfabric	Description	Form	Part	Nosh	NoV	Weight	Condition
1000	CBM	MTIL	med		ROUND PEG HOLE 13 ACROSS	FLAT	BS	1	1	41	
1000	CBM	MTIL	med		ROUND PEG HOLE	FLAT	BS	1	1	95	
1000	CBM	MTIL	med			FLAT	BS	1	1	17	
1000	PIPECLAY	PIPECLAY	pmed		17TH CENTURY BORE	CLAYPIPE	STEM	1	1	3	
1000	PIPECLAY	PIPECLAY	emod		18-19TH CENTURY BORE	CLAYPIPE	STEM	1	1	2	
1000	PMGLAS	DKGR	emod			MALLET	B	1	1	87	
1000	PMGLAS	DKGR	pmed			TALL	BS	1	1	3	
1000	POTTERY	GUYS	pmed		SHL=1050	BOWL	BS	1	1	6	
1000	POTTERY	LOND	med			BOWL	R	1	1	8	
1000	POTTERY	PMR	pmed			BOWL	BS	1	1	4	
1000	POTTERY	SHER	med	OXIDIZED SURFACES		JAR	BS	1	1	8	
1000	POTTERY	SWSG	pmed			BOWL	BS	1	1	6	
1000	POTTERY	TPW	emod			PLATE	BS	1	1	4	
1000	POTTERY	WHITE	emod			CUP	R	1	1	4	
1011	CBM	CBM	med			CBM	BS	3	3	3	
1011	POTTERY	CREA	emod			CUP	BS	2	1	1	
1011	POTTERY	PEAR	emod			PLATE	BS	2	1	2	
1011	POTTERY	PEAR	emod		INDUST DARK LINE INT/EXT	CUP	R	1	1	1	
1011	POTTERY	PMR	pmed			BOWL	BS	1	1	2	
1013	POTTERY	CREA	emod			CUP	BS	1	1	1	
1050	POTTERY	BORDY	pmed			JUG	R/H	1	1	32	ABRA
1050	POTTERY	GUYS	pmed		SHL=1000	BOWL	BS	1	1	13	

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