

Summary of an Archaeological Watching Brief on Land at 73 & 75 Carpenters Lane, Hadlow, Kent

Site code: KCLH 08

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Introduction

An archaeological watching brief was conducted on land at 73 & 75 Carpenters Lane, Hadlow Kent, between 16th – 18th December 2008 and 5th – 8th January 2009 during groundworks associated with the site's redevelopment. The first phase monitored the stripping of topsoil across the central third of the site and the excavation of drain runs, which were positioned on the alignment of the road that was to be constructed through the centre. The second phase, in association with Francis Wenban-Smith, entailed the excavation and recording of five test pits to investigate the presence or absence of Holocene activity at the site. The results of that work are reported separately. The test-pits had the following dimensions:

Test-Pit	Dim N-S	Dim E-W	Depth	TP height @ GL	TP height @ base
1	2.0 m	1.8 m	2.5 m	28.07 m	25.57 m
2	2.0 m	1.8 m	3.6 m	29.28 m	25.68 m
3	2.0 m	1.8 m	3.75 m	29.88 m	26.13 m
4	2.0 m	1.8 m	3.15 m	30.51 m	28.36 m
5	1.8 m	2.0 m	1.95 m	31.01 m	29.10 m

All machine work was undertaken using flat-bladed ditching buckets.

Sequence

The sequence at the site comprised natural strata of sandy / clayey gravel in TPs 1-4 and coarse gravel in TP 5 overlain by varying thicknesses of modern made ground (TPs 1-4) and topsoil (TP 5).

Conclusions

The underlying natural showed a sharp fall from northeast to southwest consistent with the site's surface topography. No finds or features of archaeological significance were observed during the investigation.



Figure 2
Trench Location
1:625 at A4

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Project details

Project name	Land Carpenters Lane, Hadlow, Kent
Short description of the project	An archaeological Watching Brief was carried out on Land at Carpenters Lane, Hadlow Kent, from 16-18/12/2008 and 5-8/1/2009. The initial phase required the observation of the excavation of drain runs, which were positioned on the alignment of the road that was to be constructed through the centre of the site and provided section through the centre of the site. The second phase entailed the excavation and recording of five test pits to discern whether or not there was any Palaeolithic activity on the site. No finds or features of archaeological significance were observed during either phase.
Project dates	Start: 16-12-2008 End: 08-01-2009
Previous/future work	No / No
Any associated project reference codes	KCLH 08 - Sitecode
Type of project	Recording project
Site status	Local Authority Designated Archaeological Area
Current Land use	Vacant Land 1 - Vacant land previously developed
Investigation type	'Watching Brief'
Prompt	Direction from Local Planning Authority - PPG16

Project location

Country	England
Site location	KENT TONBRIDGE AND MALLING HADLOW Land at Carpenters Lane, Hadlow, Kent
Postcode	TN9 2XX
Site coordinates	TQ 6295 5005 51.2257982231 0.333940824819 51 13 32 N 000 20 02 E Point

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Paper Media available	'Context sheet','Drawing','Plan','Section','Survey '

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