

Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Bigbury, South Hams	National Grid Reference SX 6574 4677	Number: (Leave blank for HES to fill in)
Subject: The creation of a mast compound with access trackway		Photo attached? N
Planning Application no: 05/0524/14/F	Recipient museum: Plymouth	
OASIS id: peninisul1	Museum Accession no: PLYMG.2014.11	
Contractor's reference number/cod PA/091014/GT	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 12.10.15 – 13.10.15	
<p>Description of works.</p> <p>Between the 12th and 13th October 2015 Peninsula Archaeology carried out a site visit and recording at the site of a mobile phone mast compound and its associated access trackway that links the compound to the road between St Ann's Chapel and Ringmore</p> <p>The area of development was located on a flat hill top within an arable field from which the cereal crop had recently been harvested. Initially the route of the trackway which was approximately 310 metres in length and varied in width between 3 metres on straight sections and 5 metres at corners, was stripped of topsoil to a depth of approximately 20cms. This meant that the subsoil was rarely exposed and thus the observation of any features cutting the subsoil was extremely problematic. This surface was then compacted with a mechanical roller and then covered with stone which was also compacted. The trackway followed the edge of the field from the Ringmore road to the location of the mast compound. The mast base within the compound which was approximately 5 metres by 5 metres was then excavated to a depth of 1.5 metres. The ploughsoil was approximately 30cms in depth beneath which the natural subsoil was a compact, very stony, yellowy brown silt. No features were observed cutting into the subsoil and no finds were noted from the stripped topsoil.</p>		
<p>A plan as well as any other relevant drawings must be attached showing the location and extent of site, areas investigated and features exposed.</p>		
<p>Recorder:</p> <p>Martin Tingle, Peninsula Archaeology</p>		<p>Date sent to HER:</p> <p>29/06/15</p>

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