

## Possible C14 contexts for Old Sarum Pipeline - 52380

### 1. Neolithic pits

All the MNeo pits are Peterborough Ware pits, so the only chronological distinctions that might be looked for are:

- between pits in sites 3 and 5, and
- between different groups of pits within these sites.

Steph has indicated those pits and contexts with deposits of articulated bone, on the basis of which these seem the most suitable for C14 dating.

Area 3	Feat	shape character	cxt	finds	samples
Grp 3	Pit 3020	0.9m diam, steep sides, concave base, 0.4m deep	3021	W/flint	13
			3022	PW, w/flint, pebbles, a/bone – pig bone (left side) from 2 inds	14
Grp 4	Pit 3007	0.9m diam, steep sides, flat base 0.6m deep	3008	PW, a/bone – 2 butchered cattle tibia	75
			3009	W/flint, a/bone	-
			3012	-	76
			3331	W/flint	77
<b>Area 5</b>					
Grp 5	Pit 6056	Oval, 1.3-0.8m, irreg sides, flat base, 0.8m deep	6057	PW, w/flint, a/bone – pig scapula and skull, and antler – a large bone (?scapula) placed on pot sherd on base of pit	84
			6058	PW, w/flint, a/bone, stone	92
			6059	-	
			6060	PW, w/flint inc pli. axe, a/bone, stone	83
	Pit 6061	0.9m diam, vert sides, flat base, 0.6m deep	6062	-	
			6063	PW, w/flint, stone, a/bone – pig scapula and cattle horncore – bone placed on pot sherds on base of pit	88
			6064	chcl inc hazel nut shells, b/flint	100
			6142	-	101

### 2. Undated cow burial(s)

Two adjacent pits (3344 and 3346) in Site 3 have left-side only and right-side only articulated cow bones. The left/right selection could be due to plough truncation of two complete cow burials, although it is similar to the selection of pig bones in some of the Neolithic pits. These two features are close to the undated rectangular post built structure, as well as to Neolithic pits and MBA settlement and I would think a date would be useful, given the possible nature of the deposit.

### 3. Bronze Age structures

Round house 3240: None of the charcoal from the postholes would appear to be from the posts. Postholes 3091, 3177, 3135 and 3219 contained charred grain.

Rectangular structure 3251: postholes 3300 and 3306 contained charred grain.

However, can the charred grain be related to the function of these structures? Probably not with certainty. Also the round house already has pottery for dating.

### 4. Inhumation burials

There are two groups of undated inhumation burials – 3038, 3116 and 3126 in Site 3, and 6108, 6118 and 6144 in or below the bottom of a ?Roman ditch in Site 5. Dates for these burials would be informative.