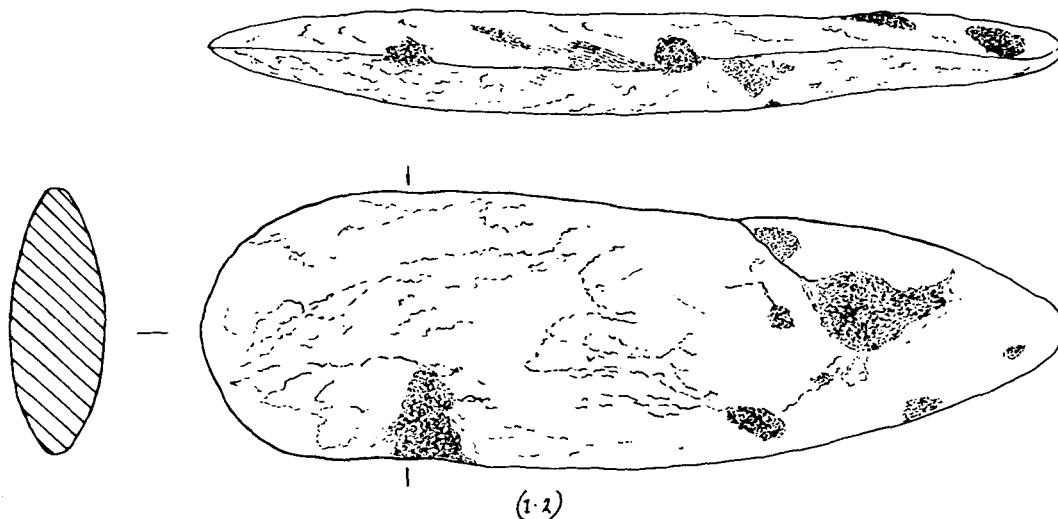


# A JADEITE AXE FROM HENDON

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A jadeite axe was found in June 1975 in the back garden of 19 King's Close, Bell Lane, Hendon (TQ2396 8921).<sup>1</sup>

The axe is mid to dark green in colour and measures 224mm long x 72mm wide x 26mm thick. There is some surface damage and abrasion.



The axe is one of a series imported into Britain from a probable alpine source. Its size and shape link it, particularly, to examples found in the Rhineland. One of this generalised form has been C14 dated to *c.* 3200 BC in association with the Sweet Track, Somerset.<sup>2</sup> The Hendon piece could be of the same Neolithic date.

## NOTES

1. The axe was found by Master Steven Jacob. Dr Ian Kinnes of the British Museum kindly examined the axe and confirmed the identification. It is now in the custody of the London Borough of Barnet.
2. Coles J. M., Orme B. J., Bishop A. C. and Woolley A. R. "A Jade axe from the Somerset Levels" *Antiquity* 48 (1974) 216-220.