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Summary

Archaeological attendance was carried out by University of Leicester Archaeological Services (ULAS) at Pingle Pets, Ashby Road, Barwell, Leicestershire LE9 8HW. The work was commissioned by Scott Hendry, in advance of the proposed development of a dog recreation park.

According to the Leicestershire HER, it has been suggested that the site is located within the boundaries of the site of King Richard III's campsite before the Battle of Bosworth Field 1485, as mapped on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey of 1886. The Victoria County History of Leicestershire of 1907 records the fragmentary remains of a 300 yard breastwork, although this was not visible to OS surveyors during an investigation of 1960.'

An area of ground 8.8m x 30m was excavated during the course of the archaeological investigation. No archaeological remains were identified and no artefacts recovered from the area of groundworks.

The fieldwork was carried out by Andrew Mcleish. The archive will be deposited with Leicestershire Museums Service under Accession Number X.A131.2018

Introduction

University of Leicester Archaeological Services (ULAS) was commissioned by Scott Hendry to carry out an archaeological attendance at Pingle Pets, Ashby Road, Barwell, Leicestershire LE8 8HW. The work was required as a condition of the planning application for the change of use of land to a dog recreation park. Planning Application 17/00117/COU. This archaeological work is in accordance with NPPF Section 12: Enhancing and Conserving the Historic Environment.

Site Location, Geology and Topography

Barwell is located in south-west Leicestershire approximately 16km from Leicester city centre and 3.45km north east of Hinkley. Pingle Pets is on the Ashby Road about 1km North West of Barwell. The site lies at a height of c.103.6m O.D. on gently sloping ground to the south east.

The British Geological Survey notes that the superficial geology consists of Oadby Member - Superficial Deposits formed up to 2 million years ago in the Quaternary Period. These deposits were laid down during ice age conditions.

These sedimentary deposits are glacial in origin. They are detrital, created by the action of

ice and meltwater, they can form a wide range of deposits and geomorphologies associated with glacial and inter-glacial periods during the Quaternary. The bedrock is Gunthorpe Member - Mudstone. Sedimentary Bedrock formed approximately 237 to 247 million years ago in the Triassic Period. Local environment previously dominated by hot deserts.

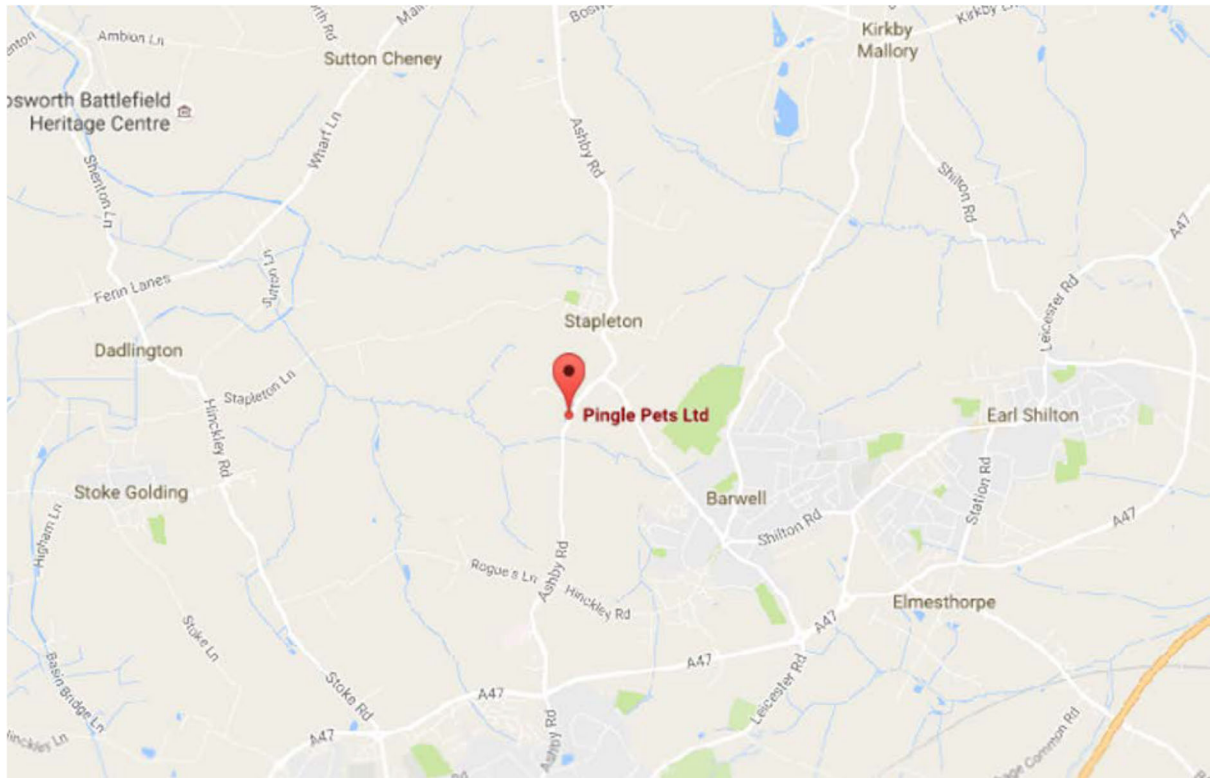


Figure 1: Figure 1: Site Location. Image supplied by client.



Figure 2: Proposed development area. (Not to scale.)

Archaeological Background

‘The Leicestershire and Rutland Historic Environment Record (HER) shows that the proposed development area was recorded in the 19th century as being located within the boundaries of the site of King Richard III’s campsite before the battle of Bosworth Field, as mapped on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey of 1886 (MLE3090). The Victoria County History of Leicestershire of 1907 records the fragmentary remains of a 300 yard breastwork, although this was not visible to OS surveyors during an investigation of 1960.’

In accordance with the NPPF (Section 12, paragraph 141), the Local Planning Authority requires a developer to record and advance the understanding of the significance of any heritage assets to be lost (wholly or in part) in a manner proportionate to their importance

Archaeological Objectives

The main objective of the archaeological excavation was to determine and understand the nature, function and character of any significant archaeology on the site in its cultural and environmental setting.

- The aims of the archaeological attendance were as follows:
- To identify the presence/absence of any archaeological deposits.
- To establish the character, extent and date range for any archaeological deposits to be affected by the proposed ground works.
- To record any archaeological deposits to be affected by the ground works.
- To establish the relationship of any remains found to the surrounding contemporary landscape and to advance understanding of the heritage assets.
- To recover artefacts and ecofacts to compare with other assemblages and results
- To produce an archive and report of any results.

Within the stated project aims, the principal objective of the recording was to establish the nature, extent, date, depth, and significance of the heritage assets within their local and regional context

Methodology

All work followed the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CifA) *Code of Conduct* (2014a) and adhered to their *Standards and Guidance for Archaeological Watching Briefs* (2014b).

A Written Scheme of Investigation for Archaeological Work was produced by ULAS prior to the archaeological work being undertaken.

On the 23rd of November 2018, an archaeologist was in attendance to monitor groundworks. The levelling and clearing of ground were monitored in preparation for a change of land use. In use was an 8ton Kybota tracked excavator with a 1.5m ditching bucket.

Results

The sole intrusive groundworks was an area of ground adjacent to the southern end of a modern barn. An area of 30m by 8.8m was levelled with material removed from the western edge of the area used to build up the eastern side to achieve a level space. (Figures 4, 5 & 6) The topsoil was removed and the subsoil was only partly dug into to a maximum depth in total of 0.45m on the western side (Figure 3, 4 & 5). An area of modern disturbance from dumped building rubble measuring 4.5m by 8.8m was uncovered by the barn. Beyond this a topsoil consisting of a fine dark brown loamy silt overlying a subsoil of mid yellow brown silt clay. Both soils were heavily bioturbated. No archaeological finds, deposits or features were noted.



Figure 4 Spread of modern rubble to immediate south of modern barn.



Figure 5 Area of groundworks, note remains of heavy vegetation cover.



Figure 6 Completed area of groundworks. Shallow intrusion into top and subsoil visible on the left.

Discussion

No archaeological remains or finds were uncovered or observed. The area of groundworks was very shallow in nature and heavily disturbed in places by modern farmyard dumping and construction work.

Archive

The archive consists of the following:

- 1 unbound copy of this report
- 1 watching brief recording sheet
- 1 set of digital photographs

The archive will be deposited with Leicestershire Museums Service under Accession Number X.A131.2018

Acknowledgements

The fieldwork was undertaken on behalf of Scott Hendry and was carried out by Andrew McLeish. Richard Buckley managed the project. The machine and operator were provided by the client.

Publication - OASIS entry summary

Since 2004 ULAS has reported the results of all archaeological work through the *Online Access to the Index of Archaeological Investigations* (OASIS) database held by the Archaeological Data Service at the University of York.

A summary of the work will also be submitted for publication in a suitable regional archaeological journal in due course.

PROJECT DETAILS	Oasis No	universi1- 336298		
	Project Name	Archaeological Attendance and Recording during groundworks at Pingle Pets, Ashby Road, Barwell, Leicestershire		
	Start/end dates of field work	23/11/2018		
	Previous/Future Work	Not known		
	Project Type	Watching Brief		
	Site Status	None		
	Current Land Use	pasture		
	Monument Type/Period	n/a		
	Significant Finds/Period	None		
	Development Type	Dog exercise facility		
	Reason for Investigation	NPPF		
	Position in the Planning Process	Unknown		
	Planning Ref.	17/00117/COU		
PROJECT LOCATION	Site Address/Postcode	LE9 8HW		
	Study Area	264m ²		
	Site Coordinates	SP 43231 97830		
	Height OD	103.6m OD		
PROJECT CREATORS	Organisation	ULAS		
	Project Brief Originator	Local Planning Authority - North-west Leicestershire District Council		
	Project Design Originator	ULAS		
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