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Summary

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A planning application (20/02070/FUL) submitted to Wiltshire Council on 26 May 2020, was granted 16 October 2020, subject to conditions.

All groundworks were monitored in accordance with the methodology set out within the WSI. No archaeological features were observed, and no archaeological finds were recovered.

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K4 Kitchens, New Road, Studley

Archaeological Monitoring and Recording

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project and planning background

- 1.1.1 Wessex Archaeology was commissioned by Indent Investments Ltd ('the client'), to undertake a program of Archaeological Monitoring and Recording (AMR) during ground works. The monitored works covered 0.17 ha, centred on NGR 396977 171123, at K4 Kitchens, New Road, Studley, SN11 9LX (**Fig. 1**).
- 1.1.2 The development replaces the dis-used commercial premises with three three-bedroom new build dwellings. The works consisted of the demolition of the dis-used commercial premises (including the concrete pad on which it stands) and the construction of new buildings with footprints both within and outside of the current building's footprint. The demolition of the concrete pad and further groundworks were subject to monitoring by qualified archaeologists.
- 1.1.3 A planning application (20/02070/FUL) submitted to Wiltshire Council on 26 May 2020, was granted 16 October 2020, subject to conditions. The following conditions relate to archaeology:

Condition 9: No development shall commence within the area indicated by application 20/04070/FUL until:

- a) A written programme of archaeological investigation, which should include on-site work and off-site work such as the analysis, publishing and archiving of the results, has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority; and
- b) The approved programme of archaeological work has been carried out in accordance with the approved details.

REASON: To enable the recording of any matters of archaeological interest.

1.1.4 The AMR was undertaken in accordance with a written scheme of investigation (WSI) which detailed the aims, methodologies and standards to be employed (Wessex Archaeology 2021). Wiltshire County Archaeology Service (WCAS) approved the WSI, on behalf of the Local Planning Authority (LPA), prior to fieldwork commencing. The AMR was undertaken over 6 days between 31 August 2021 and 13 September 2021.

1.2 Scope of the report

1.2.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the results of the AMR, to interpret the results within their local or regional context (or otherwise), and to assess their potential to address the aims outlined in the WSI, thereby making available information about the archaeological resource (a preservation by record).



1.3 Location, topography and geology

- 1.3.1 The proposed archaeological monitoring work is located at the existing K4 kitchens site, Studley, Wiltshire; approximately 1.9 km west of Calne. The 0.17 ha parcel of land is located to the south of open fields, immediately north of New Road (A4), on the eastern periphery of Studley. The western site boundary comprises the property boundary with Field House and with the Black Dog Inn positioned to the east.
- 1.3.2 Existing ground levels are mapped as 103 m above Ordnance Datum (aOD).
- 1.3.3 The underlying geology is mapped as Sandstone Hazelbury Bryan Formation, with no superficial deposits recorded (British Geological Survey 2021).

2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

2.1 Introduction

2.1.1 The archaeological and historical background of the site was researched for the WSI (Wessex Archaeology 2021) and is reproduced here. The following section summaries the recorded historical environment resource within a 500 m study area of the development. The results are presented below, with relevant entry numbers from the Wiltshire and Swindon Historic Environment Record (WSHER) and the National Heritage List for England (NHLE) included. Additional sources of information are referenced, as appropriate.

2.2 Archaeological and historical context

Romano-British [43 -409 AD

- 2.2.1 There is a moderate level of Roman or Romano-British activity within a 500 m radius of the site. This includes the settlement and activity areas identified by geophysical survey at Rumsey Farm, noted in communication with WCAS.
- 2.2.2 Three possible ditches (MWI75370) of Romano-British date (43 409 AD) were uncovered during an archaeological AMR by Archaeological Surveys Ltd on a service trench near the Bowood Sports Ground, about 115 m to the east of the site. They contained animal bone, window glass and pottery, mainly Samian ware. Two Romano-British burials (ST97SE301) with North/South orientation and no grave goods were found while laying a house foundation in 1959, off Studley Lane, 510 m to the west of the site.
- 2.2.3 An Iron Working Site (MWI64353) with a core iron working area and associated structures was identified in a geophysical survey in 2008 by Archaeological Surveys Ltd on Rumsey Farm, 300 m south-east of the site. This could be Romano-British in date, or later prehistoric. Further structures, interpreted as a Settlement, Farmstead and Agricultural Features (MWI64355) were also identified by geophysical survey at Rumsey Farm in 2009 by Archaeological Surveys Ltd; and a total of 60 coins, four brooches, one ring and two weights of Roman date were found by metal detecting survey. While these sites have not been excavated, the high quantity of Romano-British artefacts found during the metal detecting survey suggests this as an active site in the Romano-British period.
- 2.2.4 Six findspots are recorded on the WSHER, containing artefacts dating to the Romano-British period, mainly coins. Most of these artefacts date to before detailed archaeological records were routinely made. Romano-British pottery (New Forest Ware) (ST97SE308) and a Saxon or Roman spearhead/ferrule (ST97SE550) were found under the floor of a cottage in 1964, on New Road 200 m to the east of the site. Five Romano-British coins and some stretches of drystone walling (ST97SE303) were found on Norley Lane, 470 m to the northeast of the site. Seven Romano-British coins and three bronze fragments (ST97SE312)



were found 400 m to the north of the site in 1988. Two Romano-British coins and some pottery sherds (ST97SE314) were found in a field 410 m north-west of the site. A Roman coin (ST97SE304) was found in the village of Studley at Studley Hill in 1962, 650 m north-west of the site. A Romano-British coin (ST97SE309) was found in a cottage wall near Old Road, Studley, 280 m south-west of the site, sometime in the 1970s.

Medieval

2.2.5 The nearby village of Studley (ST97SE466) is a settlement of medieval origins, around 500 m to the north-west of the site.

Listed Buildings

2.2.6 Two listed buildings are in the area immediately surrounding the site. The Soho Inn (MWI36313)- Grade II- is next-door, about 70 m north of the site on New Road; it dates to the early 18th century and is called the 'Rose and Crown' on a 1763 map. Frog Hollow (MWI36325) – Grade II – is just around the corner, 100 m to the north down Old Road. This thatched house also dates to the 18th century. A further six listed buildings are in Studley, with another on Norley Lane.

Undated

2.2.7 A square enclosure (ST97SE609) is visible as a soil mark in the Bowood Sports Ground, about 170 m north-east of the site.

3 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

3.1 Aims

- 3.1.1 The aims of the AMR, as stated in the WSI (Wessex Archaeology 2021) and as defined in the CIfA Standard and guidance for an archaeological watching brief (CIfA 2014a), were to:
 - allow, within the resources available, the preservation by record of archaeological deposits, the presence and nature of which could not be established (or established with sufficient accuracy) in advance of the development or other works;
 - provide an opportunity, if needed, for the watching archaeologist to signal to all interested parties, before the destruction of the material in question, that an archaeological find has been made for which the resources allocated to the archaeological monitoring itself are not sufficient to support treatment to a satisfactory and proper standard; and
 - guide, not replace, any requirement for contingent excavation or preservation of possible deposits.

3.2 Objectives

- 3.2.1 In order to achieve the above aims, the objectives of the archaeological monitoring and recording AMR, also defined in the WSI (Wessex Archaeology 2021), were to:
 - determine the presence or absence of archaeological features, deposits, structures, artefacts or ecofacts within the specified works area
 - record and establish, within the constraints of the works, the extent, character, date, condition and quality of any surviving archaeological remains (a preservation by record)



- place any identified archaeological remains within a wider historical and archaeological context in order to assess their significance; and
- make available information about the archaeological resource on the site by preparing a report on the results of the AMR.

4 METHODS

4.1 Introduction

4.1.1 All works were undertaken in accordance with the detailed methodology set out within the WSI (Wessex Archaeology 2021) and in general compliance with the standards outlined in CIfA guidance (CIfA 2014a). The methods employed are summarised below.

4.2 Fieldwork methods

General

- 4.2.1 The archaeological AMR monitored the demolition of the concrete pad and all further ground disturbance works associated with the proposed development such as the excavation of footings, services and soakaways.
- 4.2.2 The watching archaeologist monitored all mechanical excavations within the specified area (Labelled Areas 1, 2 and 3 in **Fig. 1**). Area 2 was demolished in such a way that it was not possible to see beneath the slab during lifting so a sondage was excavated subsequently to better understand the stratigraphy.
- 4.2.3 Spoil from machine stripping was visually scanned for the purposes of finds retrieval.
- 4.2.4 No archaeological features were observed nor archaeological finds recovered.

4.3 Recording

- 4.3.1 All areas monitored were recorded using Wessex Archaeology's pro forma recording system.
- 4.3.2 A Leica GNSS connected to Leica's SmartNet service surveyed the location of archaeological features. All survey data is recorded in OS National Grid coordinates and heights above OD (Newlyn), as defined by OSTN15and OSGM15, with a three-dimensional accuracy of at least 50 mm.
- 4.3.3 A full photographic record was made using digital cameras equipped with an image sensor of not less than 10 megapixels. Digital images have been subject to managed quality control and curation processes, which has embedded appropriate metadata within the image and will ensure long term accessibility of the image set.

4.4 Finds and environmental strategies

4.4.1 Strategies for the recovery, processing and assessment of finds and environmental samples were in line with those detailed in the WSI (Wessex Archaeology 2021). The treatment of artefacts and environmental remains was in general accordance with: Guidance for the collection, documentation, conservation and research of archaeological materials (CIfA 2014b), Environmental Archaeology: A Guide to the Theory and Practice of Methods, from Sampling and Recovery to Post-excavation (English Heritage 2011) and CIfA's Toolkit for Specialist Reporting (Type 1: Description).



4.5 Monitoring

4.5.1 WCAS monitored the AMR on behalf of the LPA. Any variations to the WSI, if required to better address the project aims, were agreed in advance with the client and the WCAS.

5 STRATIGRAPHIC EVIDENCE

5.1 Introduction

5.1.1 The site was previously developed as a commercial buildings and the AMR was to monitor the below ground demolition work to remove them as well as the foundations for a new development.

5.2 Soil sequence and natural deposits

- 5.2.1 The natural geology was encountered at between 0.58 m and 1 m below ground level (bgl) and consisted of a variously brownish yellow or mottled yellow sand with low to high levels of gravel inclusions. This was observed in the sondage in area 2 and the footings for the new buildings
- 5.2.2 Most of the material observed under the foundation slab and in the new footing was made ground and disturbed natural that contained quantities of brick and concrete rubble, bitumen/tarmac and waste plastics. The excavation of the foundation trenches revealed large areas of intact Natural deposits but nothing archaeological.

6 FINDS EVIDENCE

6.1.1 No archaeological finds were recovered

7 ENVIRONMENTAL EVIDENCE

7.1.1 No environmental samples were taken

8 CONCLUSIONS

8.1 Summary

- 8.1.1 All groundworks were monitored in accordance with the methodology set out within the WSI (Wessex Archaeology 2021).
- 8.1.2 No archaeological features were observed and no archaeological finds were recovered.

8.2 Discussion

- 8.2.1 The archaeological monitoring was required on site because of the proximity of a known Roman settlement.
- 8.2.2 Whilst the site has been subject to disruption from previous development, the natural geology was encountered across the site and appeared relatively undisturbed for the most part. The amount of excavation observed during the archaeological monitoring means, that had there been any archaeological remains on site, these would have been identified. The lack of any archaeological material on site suggests that the potential for archaeological remains on site is low, and any features associated with nearby Roman activity, do not impact into the site.



9 ARCHIVE STORAGE AND CURATION

9.1 Museum

9.1.1 The archive resulting from the AMR is currently held at the offices of Wessex Archaeology in Salisbury. Wiltshire Museum, Devizes has agreed in principle to accept the archive on completion of the project, under the accession code **DZSWS:41-2021**. Deposition of any finds with the museum will only be carried out with the full written agreement of the landowner to transfer title of all finds to the museum.

9.2 Preparation of the archive

Physical archive

- 9.2.1 The physical archive, which includes paper records, graphics, artefacts and ecofacts, will be prepared following the standard conditions for the acceptance of excavated archaeological material by Wiltshire Museum, Devizes, and in general following nationally recommended guidelines (SMA 1995; CIfA 2014c; Brown 2011).
- 9.2.2 All archive elements will be marked with the site/accession code **DZSWS:41-2021**, and a full index will be prepared. The physical archive currently comprises the following:
 - 00 cardboard boxes or airtight plastic boxes of artefacts and ecofacts, ordered by material type
 - 01files/document cases of paper records

Digital archive

- 9.2.3 The digital archive generated by the project, which comprises born-digital data (eg site records, survey data, databases and spreadsheets, photographs and reports), will be deposited with a Trusted Digital Repository, in this instance the Archaeology Data Service (ADS), to ensure its long-term curation. Digital data will be prepared following ADS guidelines (ADS 2013 and online guidance) and accompanied by metadata.
- 9.2.4 All archive elements will be marked with the site/accession code, and a full index will be prepared. The finds archive currently comprises the following:

Documentary archive

9.2.5 The physical archive currently includes paper records (site registers only), graphics and artefacts. Born digital data include site records, finds and environmental data, photographs, survey data and reports. Physical and digital records will be prepared following the standard conditions for the acceptance of excavated archaeological material by Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales (RCAHMW) and in general following nationally recommended guidelines (SMA 1995; ClfA 2014c; Brown 2011).

9.3 Selection strategy

9.3.1 It is widely accepted that not all the records and materials (artefacts and ecofacts) collected or created during the course of an archaeological project require preservation in perpetuity. These records and materials will be subject to selection in order to establish what will be retained for long-term curation, with the aim of ensuring that all elements selected to be retained are appropriate to establish the significance of the project and support future research, outreach, engagement, display and learning activities, ie the retained archive should fulfil the requirements of both future researchers and the receiving Museum.



- 9.3.2 The selection strategy, which details the project-specific selection process, is underpinned by national guidelines on selection and retention (Brown 2011, section 4) and generic selection policies (SMA 1993; Wessex Archaeology's internal selection policy) and follows ClfA's 'Toolkit for Selecting Archaeological Archives'. It should be agreed by all stakeholders (Wessex Archaeology's internal specialists, external specialists, local authority, museum) and fully documented in the project archive.
- 9.3.3 In this instance, given the relatively low level of finds recovery, the selection process has been deferred until after the fieldwork stage was completed. Project-specific proposals for selection are presented below. These proposals are based on recommendations by Wessex Archaeology's internal specialists and will be updated in line with any further comment by other stakeholders (museum, local authority). The selection strategy will be fully documented in the project archive.
- 9.3.4 Any material not selected for retention may be used for teaching or reference collections by Wessex Archaeology.

Documentary records

9.3.5 Paper records comprise site registers (other pro-forma site records are digital), drawings and reports (Written Scheme of Investigation, client report). All will be retained and deposited with the project archive.

Digital data

9.3.6 Given the very limited results of the fieldwork, it is recommended that only selected digital data are deposited with ADS, an approach commensurate with the scale and significance of the project. Deposition will involve the uploading of the site report via OASIS only [optional: with selected additional photographs].

9.4 Security copy

9.4.1 In line with current best practice (eg, Brown 2011), on completion of the project a security copy of the written records will be prepared, in the form of a digital PDF/A file. PDF/A is an ISO-standardised version of the Portable Document Format (PDF) designed for the digital preservation of electronic documents through omission of features ill-suited to long-term archiving.

9.5 OASIS

9.5.1 An OASIS (online access to the index of archaeological investigations) record (http://oasis.ac.uk) has been initiated, with key fields completed (Appendix 2). A.pdf version of the final report will be submitted following approval by the WCAS on behalf of the LPA. Subject to any contractual requirements on confidentiality, copies of the OASIS record will be integrated into the relevant local and national records and published through the Archaeology Data Service (ADS) ArchSearch catalogue.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Trench sheets

Area 1	a 1 Length 7.90 m Width 10.70 m Depth 0		.14 m				
396980 Ea	6980 Easting 171135 Northing 107.57 m OD				m OD		
Context	Fill Of/Filled	Inte	rpretative	Description			Depth BGL
Number	With	Cate	egory				
101		Con	crete	Concrete platform exterior to building at the rear			0 – 0.10
102		Mad	e ground	Mid orangey brown 30% fine to coarse sub-angular stone type). Hardcore beconcrete 101.	0.10 - 0.14		
103		Subs	soil\made ınd	Mid greyish brown fine to medium gratangular limestone. the top of the subsestripping before corredeposited subsoi of site. Comparing the former.	vel sized Unsure i oil expos nstruction I from lev	sub- f this is ed by n or velling of	0.14+

Area 2		ength	19.40 m	Width Unknow	/n	Depth 1	0.10 m
396969 Ea	sting	171128 Nort		rthing	thing 108.00 m OD		
Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With		rpretative egory	Description	Description		
201	******		crete	Greyish white concrete forming platform for and floors of main building.			0 – 0.13
202		Mad	e ground	Mid orangey brown coarse sand, 50% fine to coarse gravel sized angular iron stone, 10% 15_30cm iron stone blocks. No finds. Build up and bedding layer for concrete 201.			0.13–0.60
203		Seco	ondary fill	Mottled mid brown and light greyish b			0.60–1.46
204		Ditch	1	U-shaped trench for drain. Vertical edg Caught obliquely a windage dug to ex	e and fla ind only <mark>ք</mark>	t bottom. partial in	0.60-1.46
205		Subs	soil	Light greyish brow fine to coarse grav angular limestone. original sub soil for stripping prior to co building.	el sized s Appears rming lev	sub- s to be rel of	0.60-1.00
206		Natu	ıral	Mid brownish yello to coarse gravel si limestone			1.00+



Area 3 Length			26 m	Width 13 m Depth		Depth 1	h 1.10 m	
396965 Ea	sting		171111 Nort	orthing 108.63m OD				
Context	Fill Of/Filled	Inte	rpretative	Description			Depth BGL	
Number	With	Cate	egory					
301		Pos	s subsoil	Dark grey, silty san large rr stones <0.3 small stones <0.03 CBM flecks	I0m, spa	rse	0.00-0.38	
302		Natu	ıral	Reddish brown sar rounded stones <0	•	e sub-	0.38-0.58	
303		Natu	ıral	Mottled yellow, pale sand, rare sub-ang <0.08m		•	0.58+	
304		Mad	e ground	Very mixed accross redesosited natural tarmac, building rul plastic etc	l, bitumei	n /	0.00- 1.20	



Appendix 2 OASIS record

10.3 OASIS ID: wessexar1-431496

Project details

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Short description of the project

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Project dates Start: 31-08-2021 End: 13-09-2021

Previous/future work No / No

Any associated project reference codes

DZSWS:41-2021 - Museum accession ID

Any associated project reference codes

243110 - Sitecode

Type of project Recording project

Site status None

Current Land use Vacant Land 1 - Vacant land previously developed

Monument type NONE None
Significant Finds NONE None
Investigation type "Watching Brief"
Prompt Planning condition

Project location

Country England

Site location WILTSHIRE NORTH WILTSHIRE CALNE K4 Kitchens, New Road, Studley



Postcode **SN119LX**

Study area 1700 Square metres

Site coordinates ST 96977 71123 51.438604144926 -2.043496845731 51 26 18 N 002 02 36

W Point

Height OD / Depth Min: 103m Max: 103m

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Name of Organisation Wessex Archaeology

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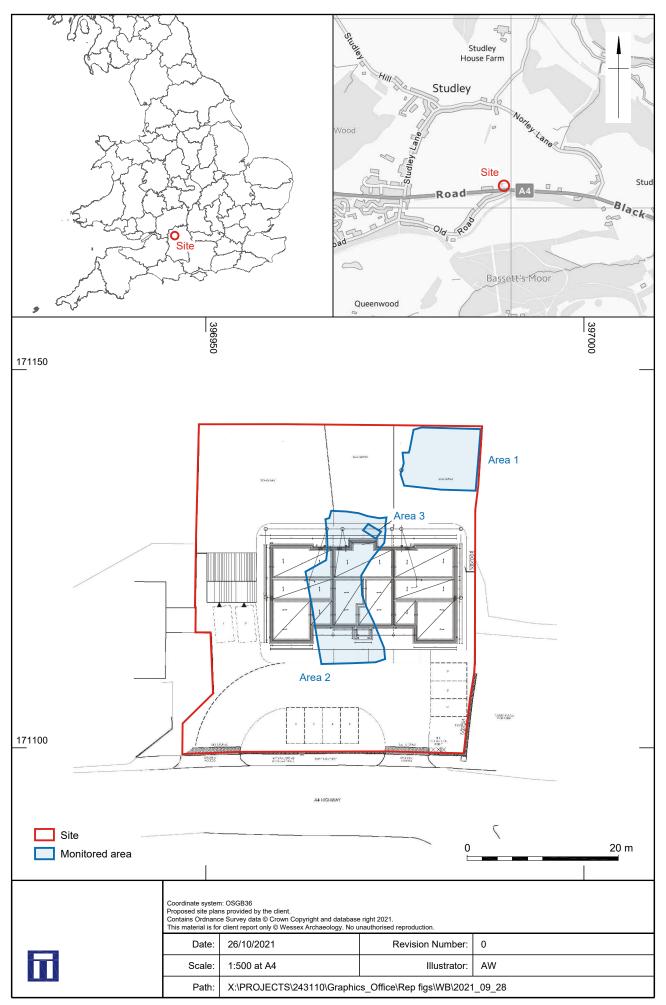




Plate 1: View of area 1 after removal of the concrete slab



Plate 2: South-west facing view of section through the sondage dug in area 2

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Plate 3: East facing view of section through a footings trench in area 3



Plate 4: Representative section in foundation trench

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Plate 5: Oblique shot of foundation trench



Plate 6: Oblique working shot of foundation trench

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Plate 7: Working shot

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