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Wessex Archaeology Ltd was commissioned by Morgan Sindall Plc to undertake an archaeological watching brief to mitigate the potential loss of archaeological remains during groundworks associated with the renewal of water mains between Hill and west of Abberton, Worcestershire (**Figure 1**).

The renewal of the water mains involved the excavation of launch and reception pits along the line, and either side, of an existing main. Archaeological monitoring took place where the Scheme passed through open fields. The watching brief was carried out between May 17th and August 15th 2011 in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation.

No archaeological deposits or artefacts were identified during the work.

This document contains the results of the watching brief recorded and presented on *pro forma* sheets.

The project archive is currently held at Wessex Archaeology's offices in Sheffield.

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Site name	Bishampton DMA		
Site address	Intermittent between Hill and west of Abberton, Worcestershire		
Site code	76140	Grid ref (centred)	399522, 247712 to 398404, 253166
Planning ref	N/A		
Dates(s) of attendance	Intermittently 17-05-11 to 15-08-11		
Description of construction activities monitored	Excavation of 33 launch and receptions pits within green field areas (Figure 1).		
Summary of site stratigraphy			
<p>To the east of Hill the stratigraphy consisted of silty clay topsoil above light greyish brown silty grey subsoil. The natural in this area was blue lias clay. North-west of Hill topsoil lay above the greenish-grey clay natural. Ceramic field drains were noted in this area but were not recorded. Two pits were excavated at Throckmorton, outside of the scheduled area of the moated site and medieval settlement remains (see WSI for details). The stratigraphy here consisted of silty clay topsoil above light greyish brown silty clay subsoil. Below this was a thin layer of yellow sandy clay overlaying the blue clay natural. No archaeological deposits were encountered here. North of Bishampton the stratigraphy consisted of dark brown silty clay topsoil overlying greyish blue clay subsoil. The natural was soft blue clay (Plate 1).</p> <p>No archaeological features, deposits or artefacts were observed along the length of the Scheme.</p>			
Archaeological features	None	Natural features	None
Finds observed	None		
Finds collected	None	Samples	N/A
Photography	Digital: 65 shots		
Other records	Day book, Photo register, trench record sheets		
Current archive location	Wessex Archaeology, Sheffield		
Long term archive location	Not yet known		
Interpretation			
No archaeological remains encountered.			
Other information			
Form completed by	GC	Date	20-09-11
Checked by	AB	Date	27-09-11
Additional documentation attached -			
1.	Plan of monitored areas		
2.	Written scheme of investigation		



Plate 1: Launch and reception pit north of Bishampton



Area of Archaeological Monitoring

Figure 1



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