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Dear Andrew

Kimmeridge Hut, Kimmeridge Bay, Dorset

With reference to the above site, please find our short summary report on the recent watching brief.



Plate 1: Monitored works, view from the north-west

Wessex Archaeology was commissioned by Landmarc Support Services Ltd to undertake an archaeological watching brief during groundworks at Kimmeridge Hut, Kimmeridge Bay, Dorset (National Grid Reference 390890 078795). These works were associated with the installation of a new ducting and CCTV base. The watching brief was conducted in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation prepared in advance by Wessex Archaeology¹.

The site is located within a Scheduled Monument (list entry 1017307) for alum works, other multi-period industrial remains and an associated group of jetties and breakwaters. Consequently, the works required the issue of Scheduled Monument Consent.

As a condition of the Scheduled Monument Consent (ref: S00147105), a watching brief was required during the necessary groundworks. This was undertaken on the 25th May 2017.

The monitored works comprised the excavation of a 0.3 m wide trench for ducting, which extended 2.2 m north-westwards from the current range wardens hut

¹ Wessex Archaeology 2017 *Kimmeridge Hut, Kimmeridge Bay, Dorset: Written Scheme of Investigation for an Archaeological Watching Brief*. Salisbury, unpublished WSI, ref. 116210.01

and was 0.3 m deep (**Plate 1**). An area measuring 1.2 m by 1.5 m was excavated through an adjacent concrete slab for the footing (**Plates 1 and 2**). Although the latter excavation was up to 0.6 m deep this was still within the modern overburden.

No evidence for any archaeological features deposits or finds was found during the watching brief.

In light of the absence of any archaeological remains to report on, and in agreement with Historic England, it was similarly concluded that a short letter report would be sufficient to discharge any archaeological condition associated with the development.

I trust this provides all the information you need, but please don't hesitate to get back to me if you require any further information or assistance.

Yours sincerely



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Plate 2: South-west facing section of footing excavation