

Plymouth City Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: St Andrew's, Plymouth	National Grid Reference SX 4825 5451	Number:
Subject: Archaeological monitoring and recording at Turnbulls Garage, 27 Bretonside, Plymouth.		Photo attached? N
Planning Application no: 06/000679/FUL	Recipient museum: Plymouth City Museum	
OASIS ID: exeterar1-50273	Museum Accession no: AR.2009.27	
Contractor's reference number/code: EA 5929	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 13/11/07, 21/11/07 and 22/11/07	
Description of works: <p>Archaeological observations and recording was undertaken at 27 Bretonside, Plymouth during redevelopment by Mariner Homes Ltd.</p> <p>Ground works consisted of two operations: general site reduction and excavation of foundation trenches.</p> <p>Ground reduction took place primarily across the rear (northern) area of the site and removed approximately 1.30m of material. The deposit consisted of demolition debris utilised as levelling material, and contained early 20th century orange/red stock brick, fragmentary limestone, fused pottery and lenses of burnt material.</p> <p>During the course of the reduction work a series of walls were exposed on both east to west and north to south alignments, contexts (100-106). Construction of the walls varied a little but comprised mainly of courses of random limestone with light grey, lime, mortar (walls 100-104), English bonded red brick (wall 105) and rectangular, irregular coursed limestone (wall 106). All of the walls were exposed at a uniform depth. All walls were of 19th century date and represent components of pre-war development. Fragments of 18th and 19th century pottery were retrieved during the reduction work.</p> <p>The foundation excavation took place across the front (southern) area of the site, immediately to the rear of the existing buildings. The trenches were excavated to a maximum width of 0.90m and a depth of 1.20m. The trench sections showed a general stratigraphy of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 0-0.20m. Surface overburden comprising a mix of fractured shale and demolition material.• 0.20-1.20m. Natural, undisturbed bedrock. <p>A band of mortar was observed part way along the eastern trench at a depth of 0.20 -0.30m. The mortar was also present in the corresponding facing section, and was considered to be another fragment associated with the walls described above. No finds were retrieved during this phase of the ground works.</p> Site Archive: <p>The site records have been compiled into a fully integrated site archive which is currently held at Exeter Archaeology's offices. Details of the excavations, including a pdf copy of the final publication will be submitted to the on-line archaeological database OASIS.</p>		
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