

Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: West Alvington, South Hams	National Grid Reference SX 7375 4260	Number:
Subject: Archaeological observations and recording on a pipeline at Gerston Water Treatment Works, Nr. Kingsbridge, Devon.		Photo attached N
Planning Application no: n/a	Recipient museum: Plymouth City Museum	
OASIS ID: exeterar1-50275	Museum Accession no: n/a	
Contractor's reference number/code: EA 5664	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 14/03/2006	
Description of works. <p>The following is a summary report on (pre-excitation) observations and recording carried out on a proposed section of pipeline at Gerston Water Treatment Works, near Kingsbridge, Devon.</p> <p>Jacobs Babbie UK Ltd on behalf of South West Water commissioned the work. The ground works were carried out by M.J. Gleeson civil engineering.</p> <p>The proposed groundworks required a short section of pipe trench to be excavated across part of Kingsbridge estuary foreshore in order to connect an existing section of pipeline from the water treatment works to the original rising main in the foreshore.</p> <p>The trench was designed to be 14m long, by 0.50m wide, going down to a depth of 2.00m.</p> <p>A small, arbitrary, hand dug slot across the line of the proposed trench revealed a general stratigraphy consisting of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 0m-0.10m. Mid grey, loose to friable, estuary sand. Occasional small pebbles and fragments of molluscan shell.• 0.10m+. Undisturbed bedded sedimentary bedrock. Slightly weathered on surface. <p>No finds of archaeological significance were retrieved during observations.</p> <p>Due to a combination of observed ground conditions and the limited dimensions of the trench, no further action was deemed necessary.</p>		
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