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Report on the clay tobacco pipe from the M1, Northants (M1 17 EV)

Clay tobacco pipe
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A single smallish piece of clay pipe was recovered. This has not been separately catalogued but is fully described below. Bowl type is referenced against Atkinson and Oswald's (1969) London pipes typology with types assigned to an abbreviated code (eg. AO22).

Context (4) Spot-date: Mid to Late 17th century
Description: 1 fragment (4g). Fairly abraded. Maximum length 45mm. Broken lower wall/base from a heel-type bowl with a trace of a teardrop-shaped heel (pointed end) surviving and a short length of stem attached. Fairly chunky early-style stem with a stem bore diameter of c 2.9mm. Date probably mid/late-17th century, possibly London-type AO13 (c 1660-1680)?

Recommendations regarding the conservation, discard and retention of material

The pipe is of little interest beyond its dating value and has been adequately catalogued and described. It may be useful, however, to compare it with any other pipes produced by future excavations in this area and it is therefore recommended it be retained.

Bibliography

Atkinson, D and Oswald, A, 1969, London clay tobacco pipes, *Journal of the British Archaeological Association* **32**, 171-227