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Site Data

ASC site code:	WTF		Project no: 898						
Accession No:		TBA	TBA						
County:		Bucking	hamshire						
Village/Town:		Winslow	,						
Civil Parish:		Winslow	CP						
NGR (to 8 figs):		SP 7543	2698						
Extent of site:		22,300 s	q.m. total						
Present land use:		Pasture	Pasture						
Planning proposal:		Construction of a fishing lake							
Local Planning Auth	ority:	Aylesbu	Aylesbury Vale District Council						
Planning application	ref/date:	06/2705	06/2705						
Client:		G. E. Ha	G. E. Haynes & Son						
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		Winslow							
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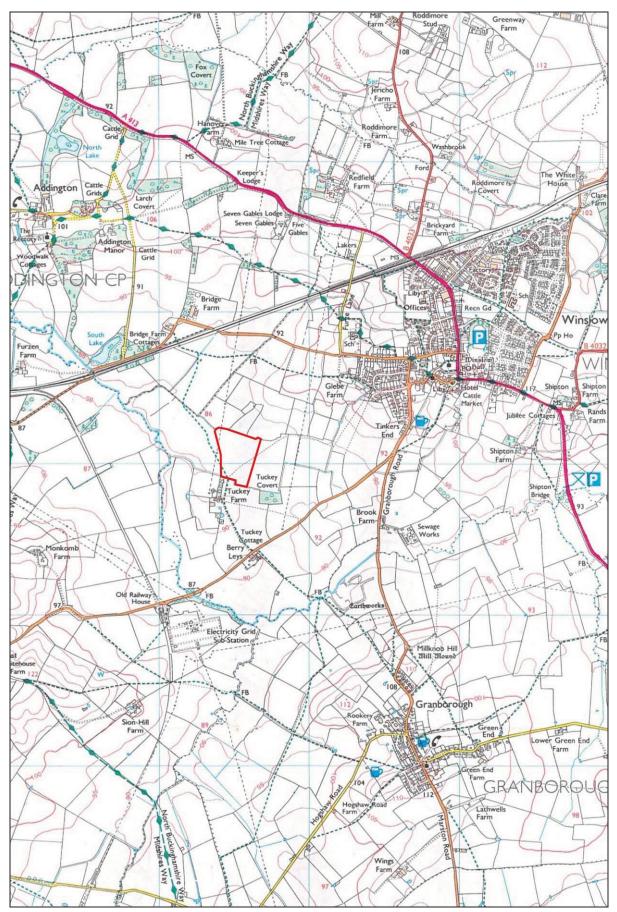


Figure 1: General location (scale 1:25,000)

Summary

In March 2007 Archaeological Services & Consultancy Ltd undertook the evaluation of a proposed fishing lake at Tuckey Farm, Winslow in Buckinghamshire. Ten trial trenches were excavated across the footprint of the proposed lake, but archaeological features were not observed. A single sherd of medieval pottery was present in Trench 1. While the occasional survival of individual isolated archaeological features, away from the trenches, cannot be entirely excluded, it is unlikely that large numbers of archaeological features or artefacts are present on the site. The archaeological impact of the proposed lake is judged to be minimal.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 In March 2007 Archaeological Services and Consultancy Ltd (ASC) carried out an evaluation at Tuckey Farm, Winslow. The project was commissioned by Richard Haynes Esq, and was carried out according to a project design prepared by ASC (ASC:898/WTF/1), and a *brief* (Radford 2007) prepared on behalf of the local planning authority (LPA), Aylesbury Vale District Council, by their archaeological advisor (AA), *Buckinghamshire County Archaeology Service (BCAS)*. The relevant planning application reference is 06/2705.
- 1.2 *Planning Background*

This evaluation was required under the terms of *Planning Policy Guidance Note 16* (PPG16), in response to proposals for the construction of a fishing lake.

1.3 Location

The site is situated in the parish of Winslow, in the administrative district of Aylesbury Vale, Buckinghamshire (Fig. 1). It is located c.0.7km to the southeast of Winslow and c.0.3km to the east of Claydon Brook, a tributary of the river Great Ouse. It is northeast of Tuckey Farmhouse and is centred on Ordnance Survey National Grid Reference SP 7543 2698.

1.4 *Description*

The site lies within a single irregularly shaped, trapezoidal field enclosed by post and wire fences with lightly overgrown thorn hedges. There are large wet drainage ditches to the north, south and west. The east side is similar in character though the ditch is mostly dry. The southern boundary is defined by a small stream that drains into the Claydon Brook and also is fenced. The land use is grassland and is classified as Grade 4 (Ag Land Class. Sheet 146)

1.5 *Geology & Topography*

The site lies on relatively flat ground to the east of Claydon Brook, at an elevation of *c*.85m AOD. The soils of the area comprise the *Denchworth Association*, which is described as *slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged clayey soils with similar fine loamy over clayey soils. Some fine loamy over clayey soils with only slight seasonal waterlogging and some slowly permeable calcareous clayey soils* (Soil Survey 1983: 712b). The underlying geology consists of Jurassic and Cretaceous clay (*ibid.*).

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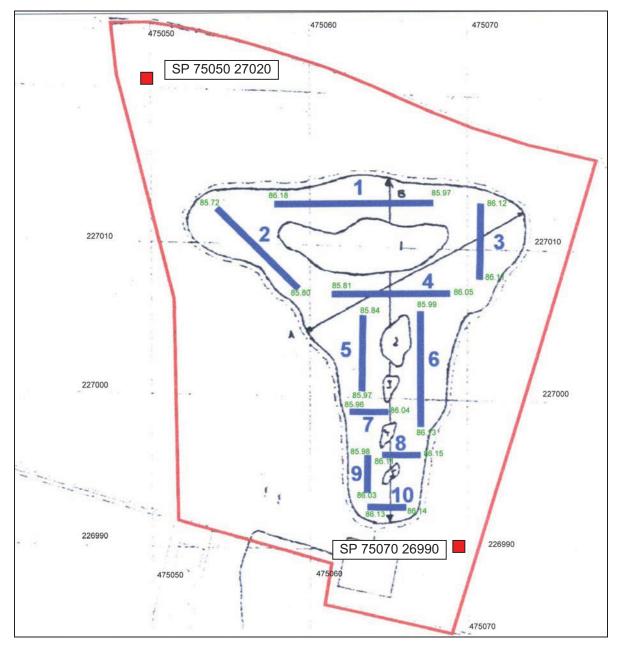


Figure 2: Trench Layout. Height (m OD) shown in green (Scale 1:2500)

2 Aims and Methods

2.1 *Aims*

As described in the brief (Section 5), the aims of the evaluation were:

- To determine the location, extent, date, character, condition, significance and quality of any surviving archaeological remains liable to be threatened by the proposed development.
- To identify and record any significant archaeological remains revealed by the groundworks, paying particular regard to the potential for medieval deposits.

2.2 Standards

The work conformed to the *brief* and project design, to the relevant sections of the Institute of Archaeologists' *Code of Conduct* (IFA 2000) and *Standard & Guidance Notes* (IFA 2001), to the and to the relevant sections of ASC's own *Operations Manual*.

2.3 Methods

The work was carried out according to the *brief*, which required:

- Removal of the topsoil and overburden down to the natural subsoil by suitable excavating plant fitted with a toothless bucket, working under close archaeological supervision.
- Sampling and recording of any archaeological features present, in accordance with the project objectives (see above).
- 10 evaluation trenches were excavated (Fig. 3) of *c*.1.8m width. Trench 1 was be *c*.100m in length, Trenches 2, 4 and 6 were *c*.75m long, Trenches 3 and 5 were *c*.50m in length and Trenches 7, 8, 9 and 10 were *c*.25m long. Trench locations are shown in Fig. 2.

2.4 Constraints

There were no constraints on excavation of the evaluation trenches.

3 Archaeological and Historical Background

3.1 Prehistoric

3.1.1 Evidence for prehistoric activity is comparatively sparse in this part of Aylesbury Vale, although recent fieldwork (*e.g.* the *Whittlewood Project*) has suggested that this part of the county has a greater density of prehistoric and Roman occupation than was previously thought. No prehistoric finds or features are recorded on the Buckinghamshire Sites and Monuments Recorded (SMR) in this area.

3.2 Roman (AD43-c.450)

3.2.1 Romano-British activity in Winslow is evident and is characterised as rural or dispersed in character. The course of a Roman road, which runs from Akeman Street, north of Fleet Marston, to join the road linking the Roman small towns of *Alchester* and Towcester, north of Saunderscope Farm at Lillingstone Dayrell (NGR: SP 7766 1563 – SP 6838 4113), lies *c*.700m to the west of the proposed development (SMR: 0203400000

3.3 Saxon (*c.450-1066*)

- 3.3.1 The name Winslow is derived from *Wines-hlaw* which has been interpreted as meaning 'Wines hill' (Mawer and Stenton 1925, 75). However, Reed (1979, 56) includes it within those names that have been derived from *hlaw*, meaning 'burial mound'. There is no extant physical evidence of a burial mound in the surrounding area although an entry in the 1509 court role implies that the lowe (*hlaw*?) was located to the east of Winslow in Shipton Field.
- 3.3.2 The earliest documentary reference to Winslow is found in a grant of land at Winslow, Salden, *Scuccan hlaw* or *Fenntun* with Horwood and *Lygetune* to the monastery of St. Albans by Offa king of *Mercia* in AD 792 (Sawyer 1968, no. 138). To what extent this grant comprised the entire area of the vill or township is uncertain.
- 3.3.3 Tuckey Farm is located in an area known as *Demoram*. Bull and Hunt's article tracing the 10th-century boundaries of Winslow Manor states that *Damoram was the name of one of Winslow's three open fields* (Bull & Hunt 1996: 99). In the 13th century the spelling changed to *Deneburgham* or *Denburnham* and on the 1599 Salden estate map it is shown as *Damerham field*. This field name may be evidence of the existence of an early medieval hamlet called *Deneburgham* (SMR: 0691000000), although its existence and location are conjectural. *Dammerham Slade*, to the north of Tuckey Farm (NGR: SP 75277 26957), may have been the water supply for this settlement (SMR: 0691001000).

3.4 Medieval (1066-1500)

3.4.1 In the Domesday Survey of 1086 Winslow is entered under the possessions of St. Albans Abbey (Morris 1978, section 8.3). At that time the settlement had a taxable population of 25 (17 villagers, 5 smallholders and 3 serfs) and its value had remained unchanged at £11 13s 4d with a tax assessment of 15 hides *(ibid.)*.

- 3.4.2 Neither Offa's grant nor the Domesday Survey entry provide definitive evidence that Winslow was a nucleated settlement. Pottery sherds of $11^{\text{th}} 12^{\text{th}}$ century date have been recovered on the north-western outskirts of the town (SMR: 0758000000), and it is assumed that there was settlement in existence by the 11^{th} century, although this has never been conclusively demonstrated. Conclusive evidence that Winslow was a nucleated settlement dates from the first half of the 13^{th} century. In 1235 a market was granted by Henry III and laid out to the south of the church (Reed 1979, 112). In the Hundred Rolls of 1279 Winslow is described as a 'borough' with ten burgesses (Levett 1938, 182).
- 3.4.3 The surviving ridge and furrow earthworks in this area were mapped in 1986 for the Buckinghamshire County Archaeological Service. This map illustrates that some earthworks survived along the northern side of the field in which the proposed development will take place. However, by 1995 the *Monuments Protection Programme Ridge and Furrow Project* showed that the earthworks were no longer visible in this field, although it survived in adjacent fields.

3.5 Post-Medieval (1500-1900)

- 3.5.1 By the late 16th century much of the area was held by Sir John Fortescue, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, for whom the Salden Estate Map was prepared in 1599. The cartography is stylised and the exact relationship between the historic and modern layouts in unclear. This map shows the name *Tucky* (possibly a field name) to the west of the area labelled *Damerham field*, on the eastern side of the brook. This may have been where the name *Tuckey Farm* originated, although the Victoria County History volume for this area suggests that the name originated from the 17th-century place name *Tookey Mead* (Page 1969: 466).
- 3.5.2 The Salden map also shows the fields *Old Mill Field* and *Rye Field* to the southeast of Tuckey Farm. These place names have been used as conjectural evidence for the location of a possible windmill to the east of Brook Farm (NGR: SP 76111 26579; SMR: 069140000).
- 3.5.3 This area was originally one of Winslow's three open fields and was enclosed by an Act of Parliament in 1767. The *Historic Landscape Characterisation programme* survey of the area suggests that the layout has changed little since the Parliamentary enclosure.
- 3.5.4 Tuckey Farmhouse is a grade II listed building dating to the mid-18th century (DoE 1984: 66). The farm appears to have been established after the 1767 enclosure award (SMR: 1013300000) and is marked on Bryant's county map of 1825 (Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society 2000). The site of the proposed development is shown on this and on Jefferys' county map of 1770 as open land (*ibid*.). The Ordnance Survey 1st edition County Series map of 1885 shows the site of the proposed development as a field with the same boundaries as today and no structures within it.

3.5.5 In 1868 the Aylesbury to Buckingham Railway was opened. Winslow Road Station lies *c*.900m to the southwest (SMR: 0578800002) and the railway line runs *c*.700m to the west of the proposed development (SMR: 0578800000).

3.6 Modern (1900-present)

3.6.1 The contemporary layout of Winslow is shown on Figure 1. The town remains relatively small although considerable development occurred during the late 20^{th} century, particularly on the eastern side of the town. In 1991 the population was only 4005 (Pevsner *et. al.*, 1994, 754).

4 **Results**

- 4.1 Ten trenches amounting to an area of 945 sq. metres were excavated across the footprint of the proposed fishing lake (Fig. 2). All but one (T.2) were aligned with the Ordnance Survey National Grid. Each trench was excavated down into the underlying sub-soil between 0.15 and 0.2m. Details of each trench are provided in Appendix 1.
- 4.2 The topsoil was consistent across the site and was generally *c*.0.3m in depth. The underlying subsoil comprised yellowish and grey silt and gravel with a higher proportion of gravely silt (Plate 4) in the northern trenches (Trenches 1 to 4). Darker patches of very dark grey silt (Mun 10 YR 3/1) were present in some of the trenches. One of these areas was examined by trowel and proved to be a natural phenomenon caused by localised waterlogging.
- 4.3 No archaeological features were observed in the trenches. The only man made features seen were a number of modern field drains.
- 4.4 A single sherd of pottery was present in Trench 1. It had a sandy pinkish fabric covered with a thin green glaze (Plate 2). This has been identified as coming from Brill and is of 14th century date (Lucy Whittingham *pers. com.*)



Plate 1: Landscape setting looking northwards



Plate 2: Body shard of 14th century Brill ware (*Scale = 10cm*)



Plate 3: Trench 1 (northern segment)



Plate 4: Detail of subsoil in Trench 1



Plate 5: View of the site looking north



Plate 6: Overall view of northernmost trenches.

5 **Conclusions**

- 5.1 No archaeological features were observed in the trial trenches. It is also evident that, due to the almost complete absence of discarded artefacts the area has never been subject to intense manuring regimes.
- 5.2 Ridge and furrow cultivation strips, aligned east to west, have previously been identified in the north end of the field (above, section 3.4.3; Bucks R.O: N.Bucks 1:10560 6th Aug 1964 run no. 1329, shot no. 6460). Its date is not known but it could have been the result of a fairly short period in agrarian history when there was a shortage of arable land in the 13th century (Dodgshon 1978, 102). This was not identified in any of the trenches but denuded ridge and furrow strips would be difficult to identify in trenches with the same alignment as the strips, but should have been more readily identifiable in trenches aligned perpendicular to its alignment (Trenches 2 and 3). It is possible that the ridge and furrow was too superficial and never penetrated the underlying subsoil or that it has now become too denuded.
- 5.3 No significant archaeological remains were identified in any of the trial trenches. While the occasional survival of individual isolated archaeological features, away from the trenches, cannot be entirely excluded, it is unlikely that large numbers of archaeological features or artefacts are present on the site. The archaeological impact of the proposed lake is judged to be minimal.
- 5.4 *Confidence Rating*

The fieldwork took place in generally dry and overcast weather conditions. The interface between topsoil and underlying strata was clear and full co-operation was received from the machining contractor. A high confidence rating is attached to the results of the fieldwork.

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7. Archive

- 7.1 The project archive will comprise:
 - 1. Brief
 - 2. Project Design
 - 3. Clients site plans
 - 4. Site records
 - 5. List of photographs/slides
 - 6. B/W prints & negatives
 - 7. CDROM with copies of all digital files.
- 7.2 The archive will be deposited with *Buckinghamshire County Museum*. Accession number pending

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Appendix 3: ASC OASIS Form

		PROJE	CT DETAILS					
Project Name:	Tuckey Farm	n, Winslow, Bu	cks					
Short Description: In March 2007 Archaeological Services & Consultancy Ltd undertook the evaluation of a proposed fishing lake at Tuckey Farm, Winslow in Buckinghamshire. Ten trial trenches were excavated across the footprint of the proposed lake, but archaeological features were not observed. A single sherd of medieval pottery was present in Trench 1. While the occasional survival of individual isolated archaeological features, away from the trenches, cannot be entirely excluded, it is unlikely that large numbers of archaeological features or artefacts are present on the site. The archaeological impact of the proposed lake is judged to be minimal.								
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(indicate all that apply)								
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County:	Buckinghan	nshire	OS referen	ce:	SP 7543 2	2698		
Site address: (with postcode if known)	Tuckey Farm Winslow Buckinghams MK18 3ND							
Study area: (sq. m. or ha)	22,300 sq	.m	Height OD: (metres)		85m			
		PROJEC	T CREATORS					
Organisation:	Archaeolo	ogical Serv	ices & Con	sultancy Lt	d			
Project brief originator:	BCAS		Project desi	gn originator:	ASC Ltd			
Project Manager:	D. Fell		Director/Sup	pervisor:	J.R. Hunn			
Sponsor / funding body:	G.E. Haynes		•		•			
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Context	tt Type Description and Interpretation					Max Width	Max Thckn	Depth			
						(mm)	(mm)	BGL			
								(mm)			
50	Layer	Dark brown silty loan towards S.Topsoil	Dark brown silty loam. Higher proportion of silt towards S.Topsoil				<i>c</i> .300	-			
51	Layer	Mid brown mixed sil	t and gravel	. Subsoil		-	200+	<i>c.</i> 300			

Trench 6											
La Antonio de la		and the second s	Max Dimensions (m)								
and the second		A Mar	Length	75	Width	1.8	3	Depth	450mm		
		1 the		•		Levels					
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		1 199	Trench		85.43m OD						
200	and the second second	1 A TO	Trench		85.97m OD						
			Trench		85.65m OD						
			NGR Co-ordinates								
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			Orienta		North to south						
i i			Reasor	n for Trend	h	Genera					
Context	Туре	Description and In	tion and Interpretation				dth	Max Thckn	Depth		
						(mm)	(mm)	BGL		
									(mm)		
60	Layer	Dark brown silty loam with clay to S. Topsoil				-		<i>c.</i> 300	-		
61	Layer	Mid brown mixed silt and gravel. Subsoil. 2 modern field drains				-		200+	<i>c.</i> 300		

Trench 3										
and the second	Succession Section	and and an and a second se	Max Dimensions (m)							
A REAL	A	Maler .	Length	50	Width	1.8	Depth	450mm		
				Levels						
	34		Trench to	p north		86.12m O[)			
			Trench ba	ase north		85.59m OD				
	1	Aller St	Trench to	p south		86.11m OD				
The A	1	White and	Trench ba	ase south		85.62m OD				
		in Maria				R Co-ordinates				
		A Real	N 7507	708 27012	8	S 750708 270078				
		A MARKE	Orientati	on		North to south				
			Reason	for Trend	h	General e				
Context Type Description and Interpretation				pretation		Max Widt (mm)		Depth		
							(mm)	BGL		
								(mm)		
30	Layer	Dark brown silty loam. Topsoil				-	<i>c.</i> 300	-		
31	Layer	Mid brown mixed silt and gravel. Subsoil. Modern field drain at N end				-	150+	<i>c</i> .300		

			Tr	ench 4						
The second second	- Andrew Mark		Max Dimensions (m)							
A TA	× / 1	This Plants	Length	75	Width	1.8	Depth	450mm		
A State		F. MANDA				Levels				
	A A A	and the second s	Trench	op east		86.05m OE)			
	Carlos Carlos		Trench	oase east		85.59m OD				
Car II	S. C. S. S.		Trench	top west		85.81m OD				
			Trench	base west		85.25m OD				
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	· Aller and		W 75	0614 27006	8	E 750689 270068				
State Barr	all and a		Orienta	tion		East to west				
1006	C. C. C.	Same Alter	Reason	for Trenc	h	General evaluation				
Context	Туре	Description and In	terpretation	on		Max Widt	h 🛛 Max Thckn	Depth		
						(mm)	(mm)	BGL		
							(mm)			
40	Layer	Dark brown silty loam. Topsoil				-	<i>c.</i> 300	-		
41	Layer	Mid brown mixed sil field drain at W end	el. Subsoil.	Modern	-	200+	<i>c</i> .300			

Appendix 1: Trench Summary Tables

			5	Trer	1ch 1						
and some rest of	Paras velle	Laren selle	Max Dimensions (m)								
	N N		Lenç	gth	100	Width	1.8		Depth	450mm	
				I			Levels				
			Tren	ch top	east		85.97m O	D			
				Trench base east				85.47m OD			
Carlos and	We -		Trench top west				86.18m OD				
	11-1-1-1-	and the second	Trench base west				85.68m OD				
			NGR Co-ordinates								
			W 750578 270125				E 750678 270125				
			Orientation				East to west				
			Reason for Trench				General evaluation				
Context	Туре	Description and In	terpret	tation			Max Wid	th	Max Thckn	Depth	
							(mm)		(mm)	BGL	
										(mm)	
1	Layer	Dark brown friable silty loam. Topsoil				- <i>c</i> .30		<i>c.</i> 300	-		
2	Layer		lowish brown silty gravel with irregular patches				-		150+	<i>c.</i> 300	
		of dark grey pebbly NW- SE	of dark grey pebbly silt. Subsoil. Land drain aligned								

			٦	rench	2					
	all f	and the second second	Max Dimensions (m)							
				th 75		Width	1.8		Depth	500mm
	- Alera	Ve 24h	Levels							
			Trenc	h top nort	h		85.72m (DD		
			Trenc	h base no	rth		85.35m (DD		
		and the second	Trenc	h top sout	h		85.80m OD			
			Trenc	h base so	uth		85.28m OD			
				NGR Co-ordinates						
			NW 750540 270125			SE 750595 270070				
			Orien	itation			Northwest to southeast			
	R. Carton	and the second	Reas	on for Tre	ench	ו	General	eva	luation	
Context	Туре	Description and In	and Interpretation				Max Wie	dth	Max Thckn	Depth
							(mm)		(mm)	BGL
										(mm)
20	Layer	Dark brown silty loa					-		<i>c.</i> 300	-
21	Layer	Mid brown mixed sil	t and gr	avel. Subso	oil		-		200+	<i>с.</i> 300