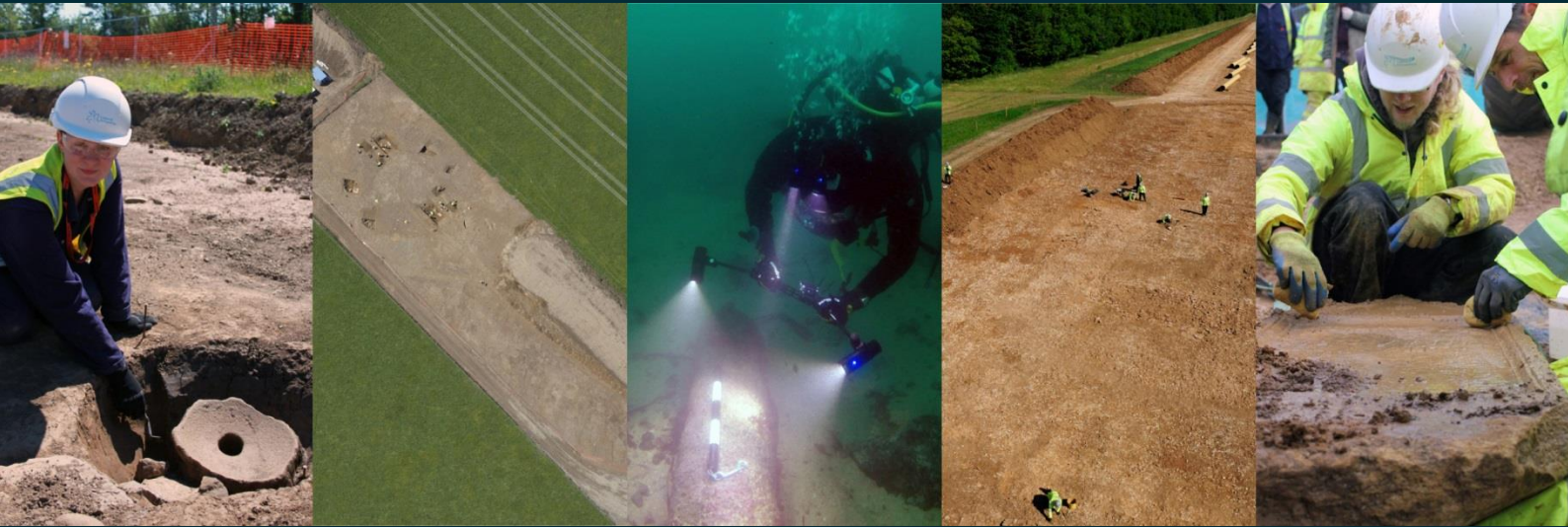


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SUMMARY

Project Name:	7 Hucclecote Road
Location:	Gloucester, Gloucestershire
NGR:	SO 8655 1784
Type:	Evaluation
Date:	24 – 26 October 2016
Planning Reference:	16/00753/FUL
Location of Archive:	To be deposited the Museum of Gloucester
Site Code:	AHR 16

An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology in October 2016 at 7 Hucclecote Road, Gloucester. Four trenches were proposed.

The two trenches located in the southern half of the site could not be excavated due to underground services, and that in the central area of the site due to ground contamination. The trench located at the northern extent of the site contained a modern dumped deposit filling a gravel extraction pit.



1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In October 2016 Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological evaluation for Peace Pennels at 7 Hucclecote Road, Gloucester, Gloucestershire (centred on NGR: SO 8655 1784; Fig. 1). The evaluation was undertaken to support a planning application to Gloucester City Council (GCC) (GCC planning ref: 16/00753/FUL) for development of a new retail store with associated access, parking and landscaping.
- 1.2 The evaluation was carried out in accordance with a *brief* for archaeological evaluation (GCC 2016) prepared by Andrew Armstrong, City Archaeologist, GCC, the archaeological advisor to GCC, and with a subsequent detailed *Written Scheme of Investigation* (WSI) produced by CA (2016) and approved by Andrew Armstrong. The fieldwork also followed *Standard and guidance: Archaeological field evaluation* (CIfA 2014).

The site

- 1.3 The proposed development area is approximately 0.6ha, and comprises a former petrol station (now hand car wash) fronting Hucclecote Road, a Halfords auto-centre along its south-western edge and light industrial units to its rear. Hardstanding and car parking areas lie between these buildings. The site is bounded by Hucclecote Road to the south, properties facing Hucclecote Road to the west and east and residential gardens to the north. The site lies at approximately 50m AOD.
- 1.4 The underlying bedrock geology of the area is mapped as Blue Lias Formation and Charmouth Mudstone Formation (undifferentiated) – Mudstone of the Jurassic and Triassic Periods. Superficial deposits of Cheltenham Sand and Gravel of the Quaternary Period are also noted (BGS 2016). Natural gravel was encountered at a depth of 2m below present ground level (bpgl) in Trench 4.

2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The site has been subject to historic environment desk-based assessment (CA 2016). The following is a summary of that report.

- 2.2 Mesolithic and Neolithic material is usually recovered from areas capped by superficial sand and gravel deposits, including the Cheltenham Sand. The site and its immediate environs are located on such a favourable location on the northern edge of the shallow valley of the Wotton Brook and on the margins of the floodplain associated with the River Severn (CA 2016).
- 2.3 Extensive archaeological evidence associated the Roman population centre and its hinterland has been identified within Gloucester and in its suburbs. Outside of the city centre evidence has particularly been identified extending along the principal route into the city of the Ermin Way, alongside which the site is situated (CA 2016).
- 2.4 In the Barnwood area this evidence includes an extensive Roman cemetery which straddles the line of the Barnwood/Hucclecote Road. The existence of this cemetery was first noted in 1917 when inhumation burials and cremations with associated grave goods of 1st to early 3rd century AD date were noted during gravel extraction to the north of Ermin Way, which extended under the site. The gravel extraction in this area probably truncated the existing topography by c. 2m in this area, potentially removing any remains of later prehistoric date onwards. That some part of the Roman cemetery could survive at least partially un-truncated is indicated by the record of an inhumation burial noted during the watching brief at Barnwood Builders, c. 200m to the west of the site and from the reports of between 0.8m and 1.6m of gravel overlying the Lias geology reported from the Carr Speed Plastic site, c. 140m to the north and Ellesmere Close adjacent to the east of the current site (CA 2016).
- 2.8 Given its peripheral location at the junction of parishes it is likely that the site lies within the agricultural hinterland of the settlements of Hucclecote and Barnwood and unlikely to have contained anything more significant than buried remains associated with medieval agricultural practices. Even if these were present they will also most likely have been severely truncated or removed by the early 20th century gravel quarrying (CA 2016).

3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 The objectives of the evaluation were to provide information about the archaeological resource within the site, including its presence/absence, character,

extent, date, integrity, state of preservation and quality. In accordance with *Standard and guidance: Archaeological field evaluation* (ClfA 2014), the evaluation was designed to be minimally intrusive and minimally destructive to archaeological remains. The information gathered will enable GCC to identify and assess the particular significance of any heritage asset, consider the impact of the proposed development upon it, and to avoid or minimise conflict between the heritage asset's conservation and any aspect of the development proposal, in line with the *National Planning Policy Framework* (DCLG 2012).

4. METHODOLOGY

- 4.1 The fieldwork intended to comprise the excavation of 4 trenches. Trenches 1 and 2 could not be excavated due to underground services, and Trench 3 due to ground contamination. Trench 4, measuring 26m by 2m, was moved approximately 1m to the south east to avoid destabilising a boundary wall. Trenches were set out on OS National Grid (NGR) co-ordinates using Leica GPS and surveyed in accordance with CA Technical Manual 4 *Survey Manual*.
- 4.2 All trenches were excavated by mechanical excavator equipped with a toothless grading bucket. All machine excavation was undertaken under constant archaeological supervision to the top of the first significant archaeological horizon or the natural substrate, whichever was encountered first. Where archaeological deposits were encountered they were excavated by hand in accordance with CA Technical Manual 1: *Fieldwork Recording Manual*.
- 4.3 Deposits were assessed for their palaeoenvironmental potential in accordance with CA Technical Manual 2: *The Taking and Processing of Environmental and Other Samples from Archaeological Sites*: no deposits were identified that required sampling. No artefacts were retained.
- 4.4 The archive from the evaluation is currently held by CA at their offices in Kemble. The site archive will be deposited with the Museum of Gloucester. A summary of information from this project, set out within Appendix B, will be entered onto the OASIS online database of archaeological projects in Britain.

5. RESULTS (FIGS 2-3)

- 5.1 This section provides an overview of the evaluation results; a detailed summary of the recorded contexts can be found in Appendix A.

Trench 4 (Figs 2 & 3)

- 5.2 Natural gravel substrate 403 was encountered at a depth of 2m bpgl. Cutting gravel 403 was gravel extraction pit 404, which was in excess of 0.95m in depth. Its full extent was beyond the trenched area. Pit 404 contained modern dump material 402. Sealing 402 was gravel sub-base 401, which in turn was sealed by tarmac 400.

6. DISCUSSION

- 6.1 The archaeological investigation comprised the excavation of a single trench along the north-eastern boundary of the site. Severe truncation as a result of gravel extraction was recorded, which contained only modern material.
- 6.2 Due to the limitations of the scope of the evaluation, it was not possible to determine if archaeological deposits did not extend as far as the site or if they had been impacted by historic development.

7. CA PROJECT TEAM

Fieldwork was undertaken by Peter Searle, assisted by Michael McLean, Emma Powell and Jay Wood. The report was written by Peter Searle. The illustrations were prepared by Rosanna Price. The archive has been compiled by Peter Searle, and prepared for deposition by Hazel O'Neill. The project was managed for CA by Ian Barnes.

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CA 2016 *7 Hucclecote Road, Gloucester, Gloucestershire: Written Scheme of Investigation for an Archaeological Evaluation.*

GCC (Gloucester City Council) 2016 *Brief for an archaeological evaluation (trial trenching)*



APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)
4	400	Layer	Carpark	Tarmac	>26	2	0.15
4	401	Layer	Sub-base	Gravel	>26	2	0.1
4	402	Fill	Modern fill of 404	Mid grey mix of clay, sand and gravel with lenses of mid brown sand and gravel. Modern.	>26	2	>0.95
4	403	Deposit	Natural	Mid orange brown gravel	>26	2	
4	404	Cut	Gravel extraction pit	Irregular sided pit	>26	2	>0.95

APPENDIX B: OASIS REPORT FORM

PROJECT DETAILS		
Project Name	7 Hucclecote Road	
Short description	An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology in October 2016 at 7 Hucclecote Road, Gloucester. Four trenches were proposed. The two trenches located in the southern half of the site could not be excavated due to underground services, and that in the central area of the site due to ground contamination. The trench located at the northern extent of the site contained a modern dumped deposit filling a gravel extraction pit	
Project dates	24 – 26 October 2016	
Project type	Field evaluation	
Previous work	DBA (CA 2016)	
Future work	Unknown	
PROJECT LOCATION		
Site Location	7 Hucclecote Road, Gloucester, Gloucestershire	
Study area (M ² /ha)	0.6ha	
Site co-ordinates	NGR: SO 8655 1784	
PROJECT CREATORS		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Brief originator	Gloucester City Council	
Project Design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Manager	Ian Barnes	
Project Supervisor	Peter Searle	
MONUMENT TYPE		
	None	
SIGNIFICANT FINDS		
	None	
PROJECT ARCHIVES		
	Intended final location of archive:	Contents:
Physical	N/A	N/A
Paper	Museum of Gloucester	Trench Sheet, Photo Register
Digital	Museum of Gloucester	Database, Digital photos Digital plans
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FIGURE TITLE
 Site location plan



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- sondage
- archaeological feature



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3 Trench 4, looking north-west (2m scales)



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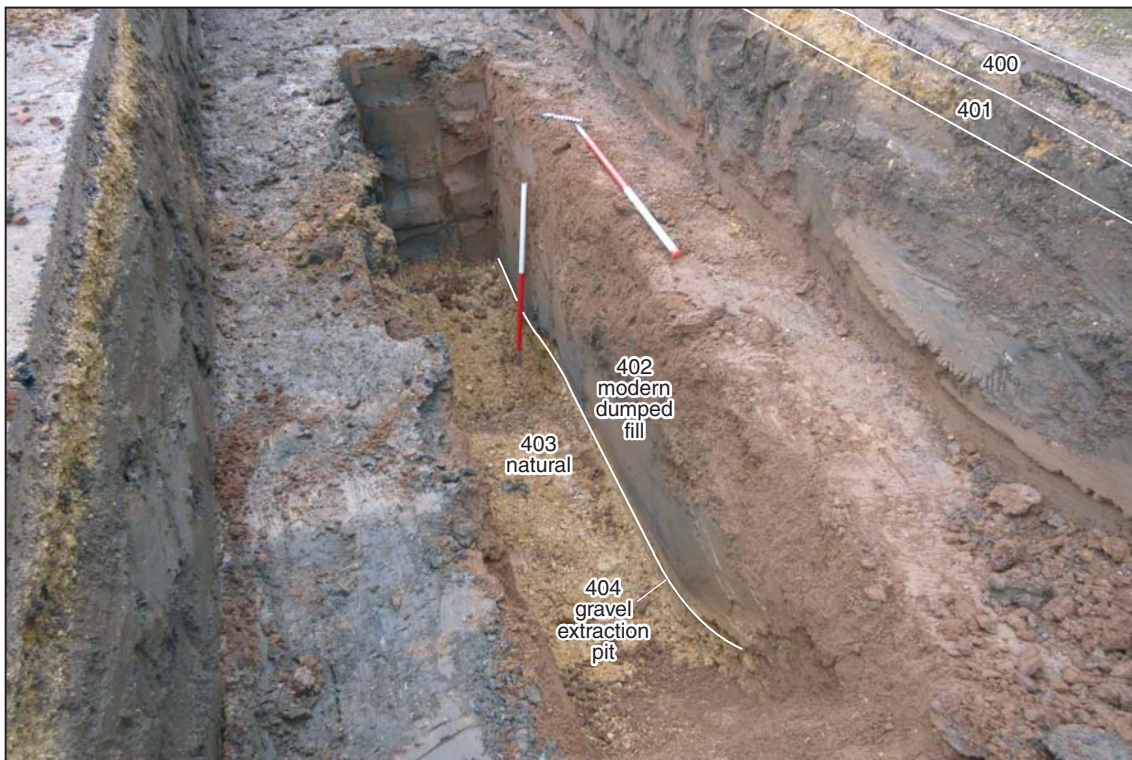
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4 Machine dug sondage, south-east end of Trench 4, looking north-east (1m scales)



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