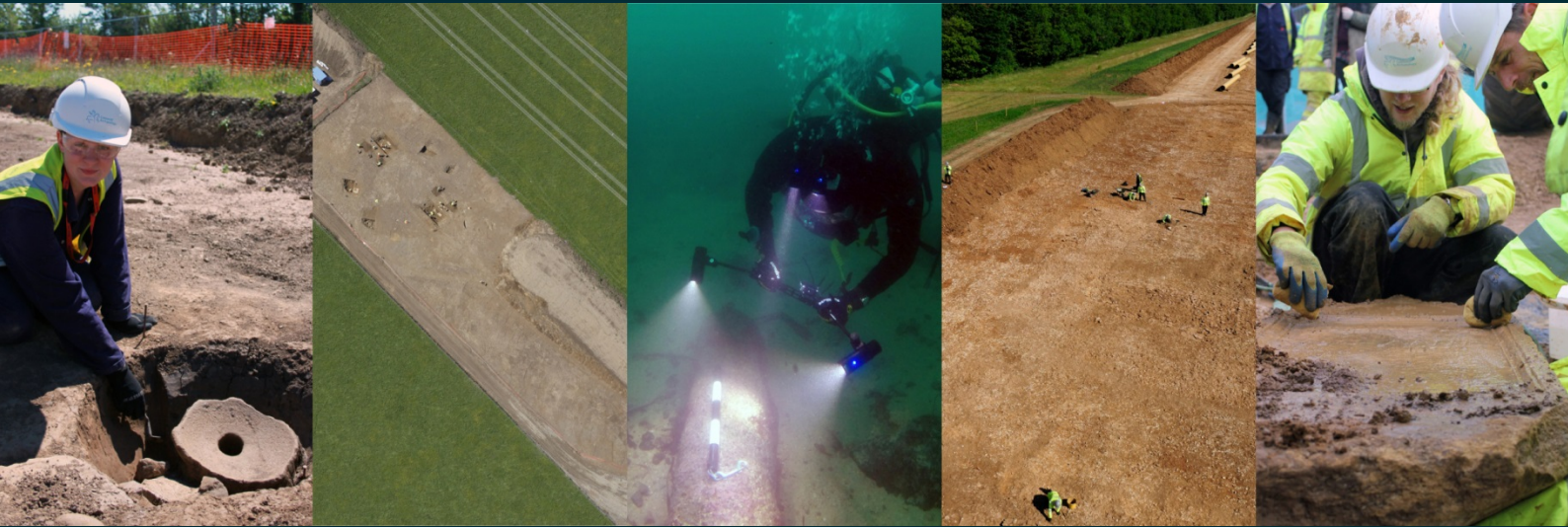


Land at 31–35 Old Tiverton Road Exeter Devon

Archaeological Watching Brief and Evaluation



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Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Exeter City, Devon	National Grid Reference: 292910 093540	Number:
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Planning permission no: 15/1275/03	Recipient museum: N/A	
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<p>Introduction</p> <p>In November and December 2018, Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out a programme of archaeological investigations on land at 31–35 Old Tiverton Road (Fig. 1), as a condition of the planning permission granted for the redevelopment of the site. These works were undertaken for Devon Contractors Ltd.</p> <p>Archaeological Background</p> <p>Old Tiverton Road is conjectured to be on the alignment of a Roman Road running from East Gate (the north-eastern gate of Exeter) towards the signal station at Stoke Hill.</p> <p>St. Anne's Well is located by the railway cutting to the immediate north of the site. This medieval well provided the city with fresh water via lead pipes.</p> <p>The site is shown on the 1880–1890 Ordnance Survey (OS) map as an orchard. By the time of the 1932 OS map, a row of structures had been built in the southern half of the site. A garage was constructed at the site prior to the 1980 OS map.</p> <p>Methodology</p> <p>The archaeological investigations followed the methodology set out in a Written Scheme of Archaeological Work (CA 2018). A watching brief was maintained during the removal of a fuel tank (T1), and two evaluation trenches (T2 and T3) were excavated within the site (Fig. 2). T1 was approximately 13m long, 5m wide and 3m deep; T2 was 5m long and 2m wide, and was excavated to a depth of 1.77m; T3 was 10m long and 1.2m wide, and was excavated to a depth of 1.8m.</p> <p>Results (Fig. 3)</p> <p>The natural substrate was only exposed in T2. It lay 1.77m below present ground level and comprised purple sandy clay. It was overlain by 0.02m of black ashy material with occasional corroded iron inclusions, which was covered in turn by 0.4m of redeposited natural clay. This was sealed by 1.35m of loose sandy silt made ground with abundant demolition rubble inclusions.</p> <p>Neither T1 nor T3 exposed the natural substrate. These trenches contained a number of layers of late post-medieval/modern made-ground and demolition material to depth.</p> <p>No archaeological features or deposits were recorded.</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>The archaeological works recorded deep layers of late post-medieval/modern made ground at the site, presumably associated with ground disturbance from the late 19th and 20th century development documented on historic OS maps. There was no evidence for the survival of significant archaeological features or deposits at the site, neither of the putative Roman road nor of any contemporary activity or remains alongside it.</p> <p>References</p> <p>Cotswold Archaeology 2018 <i>Land at 31–35 Old Tiverton Road, Exeter: Written Scheme of Archaeological Work for a Programme of Archaeological Investigation</i></p>		
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APPENDIX A: OASIS REPORT FORM

PROJECT DETAILS		
Project name	Land at 31–35 Old Tiverton Road, Exeter	
Short description	<p>In November and December 2018, Cotswold Archaeology carried out a programme on archaeological investigations on land at 31–35 Old Tiverton Road, as a condition of planning permission for redevelopment of the former garage site. A watching brief was maintained during the removal of a fuel tank, and two evaluation trenches were excavated.</p> <p>Old Tiverton Road is thought to represent the line of a Roman road, with consequent potential for related remains to lie along it.</p> <p>The archaeological works recorded deep layers of late post-medieval/modern made ground at the site, presumably associated with ground disturbance from late 19th and 20th century development which is documented on historic Ordnance Survey maps. There was no evidence for the survival of significant archaeological features or deposits at the site.</p>	
Project dates	19 November and 6 December 2018	
Project type	Watching brief and evaluation	
Previous work	N/A	
Future work	None	
PROJECT LOCATION		
Site location	31-35 Old Tiverton Road, Exeter, Devon	
Study area (m ² /ha)	0.12ha	
Site co-ordinates	292910 093540	
PROJECT CREATORS		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Brief originator	Exeter City Council	
Project Design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology	
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SIGNIFICANT FINDS	None	
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FIGURE TITLE
 Site Location Plan

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- Site boundary
- Watching brief area
- Evaluation trench



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Trench 1, looking north-west (1m scale)



Trench 3, looking north-west (1m scale)

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