

**THE WILLOWS  
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TEWKESBURY  
GLOUCESTERSHIRE**

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVALUATION**

*For*

**S F PLANNING LTD**

*on behalf of*

**MR DAVIES**

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**SUMMARY**

**Project Name:** The Willows  
**Location:** Lincoln Green Lane, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire  
**NGR:** SO 89016 31407  
**Type:** Evaluation  
**Date:** 27 February 2008  
**Location of Archive:** To be deposited with Cheltenham Museum and Art Gallery  
**Site Code:** WIL 08

An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology in February 2008 at the request of S F Planning Limited on behalf of Mr Davies at The Willows, Lincoln Green Lane, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire. Two trenches were excavated.

No archaeological features or artefacts were encountered within the trenches. Natural clay, overlain by subsoil, was noted in both trenches.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In February 2008 Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological evaluation for S F Planning Limited on behalf of Mr Davies at The Willows, Lincoln Green Lane, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire (centred on NGR: SO 89016 31407; Fig. 1). The evaluation was undertaken to accompany a planning application to Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC) for the demolition of the current residence and erection of a replacement dwelling on the site.
- 1.2 The evaluation was carried out in accordance with a recommendation for archaeological evaluation prepared by Mr Charles Parry, Senior Archaeological Officer, Gloucestershire County Council (GCC), the archaeological advisors to TBC, and with a subsequent detailed Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) produced by CA (2008) and approved by Mr Parry. The fieldwork also followed the *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Field Evaluation* issued by the Institute of Field Archaeologists (2001), the *Statement of Standards and Practices Appropriate for Archaeological Fieldwork in Gloucestershire* (GCC 1995), and the *Management of Archaeological Projects* (English Heritage 1991). It was monitored by Mr Parry.

### ***The site***

- 1.3 The site lies at approximately 99.8m AOD, and is bounded to the north, east and south by farmland, currently utilised as pasture, and on the west by an access road (Fig. 2).
- 1.4 The site is approximately 0.1 hectares in area and is currently a domestic residence with associated garden.
- 1.5 The underlying solid geology of the area is mapped as Lower Lias Clays of the Jurassic era (BGS 1998). Natural clay was encountered in both trenches.

### ***Archaeological background***

- 1.6 The site is of archaeological interest as it lies within Registered Battlefield 40 – the Battle of Tewkesbury. The site is located immediately the west of the ‘Gastons’, the area where most interpretations place the focus of the battle (EH 1995).

- 1.7 An archaeological evaluation at the Gastons, c. 250m to the north-east of the site, in 1997 uncovered four ditches and two pits associated with pottery of middle Bronze Age date. The pottery uncovered included sherds from a large middle Bronze Age bucket urn. Although the bucket urn is of a type frequently associated with burial contexts, the arrangement of the ditches suggests they are part of field boundaries or perhaps an enclosure (Walker *et. al.* 2004).

### **Archaeological objectives**

- 1.8 The objectives of the evaluation were to establish the character, quality, date and extent of any archaeological remains or deposits surviving within the site. This information will assist TBC in making an informed judgement on the significance of the archaeological resource, and the likely impact upon it of the proposed development.

### **Methodology**

- 1.9 The fieldwork comprised the excavation of 2 trenches, both measuring 7.5m in length by 1.8m in width, in the locations shown on the attached plan (Fig. 2).
- 1.10 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 natural substrate. The trenches were recorded in accordance with CA Technical Manual 1: *Fieldwork Recording Manual* (2007).
- 1.11 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* (2003) however, no deposits were identified that required sampling. No artefactual material was recovered.
- 1.12 The archive from the evaluation is currently held by CA at their offices in Kemble. Subject to the agreement of the legal landowner the archive will be deposited with Cheltenham Museum and Art Gallery. 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.

## 2. RESULTS (FIGS 2)

- 2.1 This section provides an overview of the evaluation results; detailed summaries of the recorded contexts are to be found in Appendix A.
- 2.2 No features of archaeological significance were encountered within the two trenches. A broadly similar stratigraphic sequence was identified, with undisturbed natural mottled blue and orange clay revealed within each trench at a depth of 1m below present ground level (BPGL). This was overlain by subsoil which was in turn sealed by topsoil.

## 3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 No archaeological features or artefacts were identified during the course of the evaluation.

## 4. CA PROJECT TEAM

- 4.1 Fieldwork was undertaken by Stuart Joyce, assisted by Matt Edmunds. The report was written by Stuart Joyce. The illustrations were prepared by Jemma Elliot. The archive has been compiled by Stuart Joyce, and prepared for deposition by Kathryn Price. The project was managed for CA by Richard Young.

## 5. REFERENCES

BGS (British Geological Survey) 1998 *Geological Survey of Britain (England and Wales) Solid and Drift*. Sheet 216: Gloucester 1:50,000

CA (Cotswold Archaeology) 2008 *The Willows, Lincoln Green Lane, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire: Written Scheme of Investigation for an Archaeological Evaluation*

EH (English Heritage) 1995 *Battlefield Report: Tewkesbury 1471*

Walker, G., Thomas, A. and Bateman, C. 2004 'Evaluations and excavations south-east of Tewkesbury 1991-7' *TBGAS* **122**, 29-94

**APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS****Trench 1** Present ground level: 99.85m AOD (west end), 99.81m AOD (east end)

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
1001	Layer	Topsoil – Mid brown clay silt, occasional small to medium stone inclusions. Friable compaction.			0 – 0.30	
1002	Layer	Subsoil – Mid grey brown silty clay, 5% sand, firm compaction. Occasional limestone pebbles.			0.30 – 1.0	
1003	Layer	Natural – Mid greyish orange clay, with mid grey blue mottles. Clay 60%, coarse sand 20%, riverine gravel 20%. Firm compaction.				

**Trench 2** Present ground level: 99.71m AOD (west end), 99.72m AOD (east end)

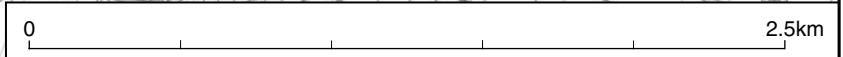
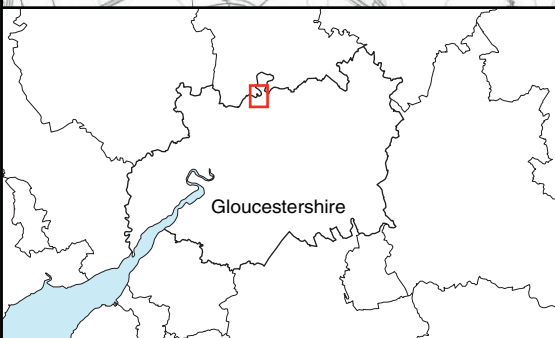
No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
2001	Layer	Topsoil– Mid brown clay silt, occasional small to medium stone inclusions. Friable compaction.			0 – 0.30	
2002	Layer	Subsoil– Mid grey brown silty clay, 5% sand, firm compaction. Occasional limestone pebbles.			0.30 – 1.0	
2003	Layer	Natural– Mid greyish orange clay, with mid grey blue mottles. Clay 60%, coarse sand 20%, riverine gravel 20%. Firm compaction.				



**APPENDIX B: OASIS REPORT FORM**

<b>PROJECT DETAILS</b>		
Project Name	The Willows	
Short description	An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology in February 2008 at the request of S F Planning Limited on behalf of Mr Davies at The Willows, Lincoln Green Lane, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire. Two trenches were excavated.  No archaeological features or artefacts were encountered within the trenches. Natural clay, overlain by subsoil, was noted in both trenches.	
Project dates	27 February 2008	
Project type	Archaeological evaluation	
Previous work	Not known	
Future work	Not known	
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>		
Site Location	The Willows, Lincoln Green Lane, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire	
Study area (M <sup>2</sup> /ha)	0.1 ha	
Site co-ordinates (8 Fig Grid Reference)	SO 89016 31407	
<b>PROJECT CREATORS</b>		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Brief originator	Gloucestershire County Council	
Project Design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Manager	Richard Young	
Project Supervisor	Stuart Joyce	
<b>PROJECT ARCHIVES</b>		
	Intended final location of archive	Content
Physical		
Paper	Cheltenham Museum and Art Gallery	WSI, pro forma registers and recording forms
Digital	Cheltenham Museum and Art Gallery	Digital photographs
<b>BIBLIOGRAPHY</b>		
CA (Cotswold Archaeology) 2008 <i>The Willows, Lincoln Green, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire: Archaeological Evaluation</i> . CA typescript report <b>08043</b>		

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**The Willows, Lincoln Green Lane  
 Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire**

FIGURE TITLE  
**Site location plan**

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-  site
-  evaluation trench



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**The Willows, Lincoln Green Lane  
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**Trench location plan**

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