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*Archaeological Watching Brief (Phase 1):
Interim Report*



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SUMMARY

Project name:	Land at Trethorne, Kennards House
Location:	Launceston, Cornwall
NGR:	228502 083428
Type:	Watching brief
Date:	August 2020
Planning reference:	PA18/10988
Site Code:	KENN 19

This document is an interim summary statement on Phase 1 of an archaeological watching brief being carried out by Cotswold Archaeology on land at Trethorne, Kennards House, Launceston, Cornwall.

The Phase 1 watching brief comprised the observation of intrusive groundworks within the proposed development site's north-eastern field.

The watching brief recorded extensive modern truncation across the field. A deep modern made-ground layer overlay the natural substrate. No archaeological features, deposits or artefacts were recorded.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. This document is an interim summary statement on Phase 1 of the archaeological watching brief being carried out by Cotswold Archaeology (CA) on land at Trethorne, Kennards House, Launceston, Cornwall (centred at NGR: 228502 083428). This report has been prepared for Dunheved Developments.
- 1.2. Cornwall Council has granted outline planning permission (planning ref: PA18/10988) for industrial development and the change of use of agricultural land to a golf course. Condition 6 of this outline planning permission requires a programme of archaeological work. The scope of this programme of archaeological work was defined by Phil Copleston, Cornwall Council Historic Environment Planning (Archaeology). The watching brief was carried out in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) prepared by CA (2019) and approved by Phil Copleston.
- 1.3. As per the WSI, a full illustrated typescript report will be prepared on the watching brief results as a whole. The present document presents a provisional summary statement on the Phase 1 works only.

2. METHODOLOGY

- 2.1. The Phase 1 watching brief comprised the observation by a competent archaeologist of intrusive groundworks within the proposed development site's north-eastern field (see the attached plan).

3. RESULTS

- 3.1. The natural geological substrate (context 102) comprised blue-grey sandy clay. It was exposed intermittently at a depth of c. 3m below the pre-development ground level. It was directly overlain throughout the observed works by a modern made ground deposit (context 101), which comprised redeposited natural clay with modern inclusions (e.g. wood, tarmac, rope).
- 3.2. No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed and no artefactual material pre-dating the modern period was recovered.

4. DISCUSSION

- 4.1. The Phase 1 watching brief recorded a deep modern made-ground layer overlying the natural substrate. No archaeological features, deposits or artefacts were recorded.
- 4.2. It is known that the observed field was a source of spoil during recent work to the A395/A30 junction. This was believed to have resulted in c. 1.8m of ground reduction across this field. The watching brief documented extensive truncation across the field. The ground level had subsequently been made up with a levelling deposit which was up to approximately 3m in depth. This truncation will have had a negative impact on the survival of any archaeological remains which may once have been present.

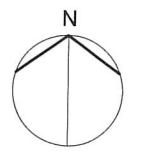
5. REFERENCES

Cotswold Archaeology 2019 *Land at Trethorne, Kennards House, Launceston, Cornwall: Written Scheme of Investigation for an Archaeological Watching Brief*



OBSERVED FIELD

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- PHASE 1
- PHASE 2
- PHASE 3
- Land for golf course replacement
- Existing hedge
- New hedge/hedge reinforcement
- Existing tree
- Public Right of Way
- Site area bounded thus, 30.6 Acres (12.39 Hectares)

OBSERVED
 Ground-
 works
 (APPROX)

REVISION DETAILS		
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B	13.07.18	gjr
C	27.07.18	gjr
D	29.08.18	gjr
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