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Fig. 2 The site, showing location of groundworks (1:500)

SUMMARY

Project Name: Land to the rear of 48 Evesham Road
Location: Bishop's Cleeve, Gloucestershire.
NGR: SO 95748 28178
Type: Watching Brief
Date: 10 October and 31 October 2008
Planning Reference: 08/00160/FUL and 08/00508/FUL
Location of Archive: Cheltenham Museum and Art Gallery
Site Code: ERB 08

An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology during groundworks associated with the construction of a new house, bungalow, garage and detached storage building at the land to the rear of 48 Evesham Road.

No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during groundworks, and no artefactual material was recovered.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In October 2008 Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological watching brief for Mr David Greening at land to the rear of 48 Evesham Road, Bishop's Cleeve, Gloucestershire (centred on NGR: SO 95748 28178; Fig. 1). The watching brief was undertaken to fulfil a condition attached to a planning consent for a new house and detached storage building (Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC) Planning ref: 08/00508/FUL) and a new bungalow and garage (TBC Planning ref: 08/00160/FUL). The objective of the watching brief was to record all archaeological remains exposed during the development.
- 1.2 The watching brief was carried out in accordance with a detailed Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) produced by CA (2008) approved by Mr Charles Parry, Senior Archaeological Officer, Gloucestershire County Council, the archaeological advisor to TBC. The fieldwork also followed the *Standard and Guidance for an Archaeological Watching Brief* issued by the Institute of Field Archaeologists (2001), the *Statement of Standards and Practices Appropriate for Archaeological Fieldwork in Gloucestershire* (GCC 1996) and the *Management of Archaeological Projects* (English Heritage 1991). It was monitored by Mr Charles Parry.

The site

- 1.3 The site is located to the rear of 48 Evesham Road, and is surrounded by residential properties to the north, south and east with Evesham Road to the west (Fig. 2). The site lies at approximately 51 m AOD.
- 1.4 The site covers approximately 0.1 hectares and prior to work commencing was a grassed lawn to the rear of 48 Evesham Road.
- 1.5 The underlying solid geology of the area is mapped as lower lias of the Jurassic era. These are undifferentiated clays, silty in upper part, with argillaceous limestone bands in the lower part (BGS 1981). Clayey silt was observed across the site during the watching brief.

Archaeological background

- 1.6 The site lies approximately 40m to the east of a series of mid to late Iron Age enclosures excavated by Birmingham Archaeology in 2005. The largest of these enclosures was square-shaped with sides measuring approximately 70m. Within the enclosures were uncovered the remains of roundhouses in the form of ring ditches and postholes. The excavation also encountered two human burials. It is not clear whether the occupation of the enclosures continued into the early Roman period, although evaluation of the area in 1999 revealed later Romano-British activity to the south of the enclosures.

Methodology

- 1.7 The fieldwork followed the methodology set out within the WSI (CA 2008). An archaeologist was present during intrusive groundworks comprising the excavation of foundations (Fig. 2).
- 1.8 Where archaeological deposits were encountered written, graphic and photographic records were compiled in accordance with CA Technical Manual 1: *Fieldwork Recording Manual* (2007).
- 1.9 The archive from the evaluation is currently held by CA at their offices in Kemble. It 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 (FIG. 2)

- 2.1 The natural geological substrate (102 and 202) consisting of a yellow clayey sand, was revealed at an average depth of 0.8m below present ground level. This was overlain by a yellow sandy clay subsoil (101 and 201) and brown sandy clay topsoil (100 and 200).

2.2 No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during groundworks and, despite visual scanning of spoil, no artefactual material was recovered.

3. DISCUSSION

3.1 The watching brief identified no archaeological remains within the area of observed groundworks. The relatively large depth of top and subsoil covering the natural substrate could suggest that there has been no truncation during previous development and that archaeological features were never present. Conversely, this depth of top and subsoil could be the result of dumping during the previous construction and may have masked such truncation. The absence of finds in the top and subsoil suggests that the former interpretation is more likely and that archaeological deposits associated with the Iron Age enclosures recorded on the west did not extend as far as the site.

4. CA PROJECT TEAM

Fieldwork was undertaken by Stuart Joyce and Sian Reynish. The report was written by Sian Reynish. The illustrations were prepared by Lorna Gray. The archive has been compiled by Sian Reynish, and prepared for deposition by Kathryn Price. The project was managed for CA by Richard Young.

5. REFERENCES

BGS (British Geological Survey) 1981 *Geological survey of Great Britain: Morton-in-Marsh, sheet 217, 1:50,000*

CA (Cotswold Archaeology) 2008 *Land to the rear of 48 Evesham Road, Bishop's Cleeve, Gloucestershire: Written Scheme of Investigation for an Archaeological Evaluation*

APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

Trench 1

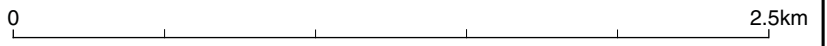
No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
100	Layer	Topsoil			0.26	
101	Layer	Subsoil			0.42	
102	Layer	Natural Substrate: mid reddish yellow clayey silt			>0.37	


Trench 2

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
200	Layer	Topsoil			0.23	
201	Layer	Subsoil			0.69	
202	Layer	Natural Substrate: mid reddish yellow clayey silt			>0.18	
203	Cut	Cut of service trench		0.50	1	
204	Fill	Fill of service trench 203		0.50	1	

APPENDIX B: OASIS REPORT FORM

PROJECT DETAILS		
Project Name	Land to the rear of 48 Evesham Road, Bishop's Cleeve, Gloucestershire	
Short description	An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology during groundworks associated with the construction of a new house, bungalow, garage and detached storage building at the land to the rear of 48 Evesham Road. No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during groundworks, and no artefactual material was recovered.	
Project dates	10/10/08 and 31/10/08	
Project type	Watching Brief	
Previous work	Unknown	
Future work	Unknown	
PROJECT LOCATION		
Site Location	Land to the rear of 48 Evesham Road, Bishop's Cleeve, Gloucestershire	
Study area (M ² /ha)	0.1 ha	
Site co-ordinates (8 Fig Grid Reference)	SO 95748 28178	
PROJECT CREATORS		
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 and Sian Reynish	
PROJECT ARCHIVES		
	Intended final location of archive	Content
Physical	N/A	None
Paper	Cheltenham Museum and Art Gallery	WSI, Trench sheets, Levels register and Photographic registers, prints and slides
Digital	Cheltenham Museum and Art Gallery	Digital photos
BIBLIOGRAPHY		
CA (Cotswold Archaeology) 2008 <i>Land to the rear of 48 Evesham Road, Bishop's Cleeve, Gloucestershire: Archaeological Evaluation</i> , CA typescript report 08223		



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SO

- site
- area of observed groundworks



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Land to the rear of 48 Evesham Road
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**The site, showing location of
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