

A new maintenance compound, Exeter Science Park Drive South, Clyst Honiton, Devon, Devon

Results of an archaeological trench evaluation

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<p>Introduction</p> <p>An archaeological trench evaluation was carried out by AC archaeology on the site of a new maintenance compound at Exeter Science Park Drive South, Clyst Honiton, Devon. The work was commissioned by South West Highways Ltd.</p> <p>The site lies to the immediate east of an existing site compound on land that had been previously stripped of topsoil and re-laid with compacted hardcore. It is situated to the north of the A30, to the east of the M5 and to the immediate south of Blackhorse Lane, on ground that lies between 35-38m OD. The underlying geology comprises Dawlish Sandstone with Monkerton Formation head deposits and outcrops of Breccia clay. The location of the site and trench is shown in Fig. 1 and Plate 1.</p> <p>Methodology</p> <p>The evaluation comprised the machine-excavation of a single northwest-southeast aligned trench, measuring 30m long by 2m wide and located on the site of the proposed new compound. Excavation was carried out by a 360° mechanical excavator equipped with a toothless grading bucket and working under constant archaeological supervision.</p> <p>Results (Plates 2 & 3)</p> <p>The trench was excavated within an area of previously disturbed ground, to a depth of 0.65m below ground level onto undisturbed light-mid orange sand natural subsoil (102). The overlying layer sequence comprised 0.30m of compacted crushed concrete chippings (100), forming the existing yard surface, which was above 0.35m of mid greyish-brown silty sand cultivation subsoil (101). A single modern cable trench was present at the northwest end of the trench.</p> <p>No further archaeological features or deposits were present and no finds were recovered.</p> <p>Comment</p> <p>The evaluation has established that groundworks for the proposed new maintenance compound are unlikely to impact upon any significant archaeological features, deposits or finds.</p>		
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Plate 1: General view of site, looking to northwest



Plate 2: View of trench, looking to northwest (Scale 1m)

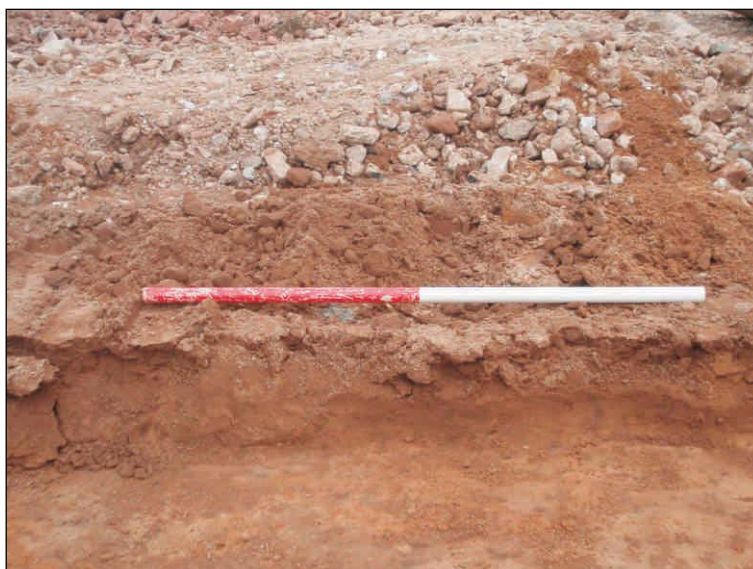


Plate 3: Representative section, southeast end of Trench 1, view to northeast (Scale 1m)

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