

Energy from Waste Plant, Grace Road South, Marsh Barton, Exeter

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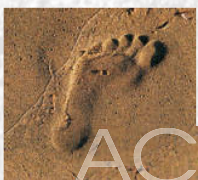
Results of an archaeological watching brief

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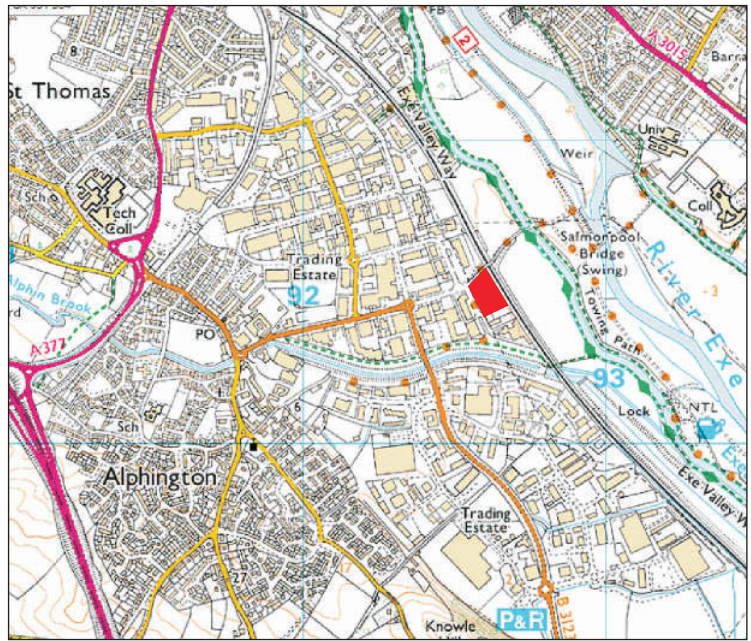


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Subject: Results of an archaeological watching brief at Energy from Waste Plant, Grace Road South, Marsh Barton, Exeter		Photo attached? N
Planning Application no: 07/0927/25	Recipient museum: Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter	
OASIS ID: 128403	Museum Accession no: RAMM 109/2010	
Contractor's reference number/code: ACD407	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 11/06/2012 – 12/06/2012	
<p>An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by AC archaeology during the groundworks associated with the construction of a new energy from waste (EFW) plant at Grace Road South, Marsh Barton, Exeter (NGR SX 292620 90500; Fig. 1). The archaeological monitoring was required by Devon County Council as a condition of planning permission as advised by Devon County Council's Historic Environment Service (HES).</p> <p>The site covers an area of approximately 1 hectare and lies at 5m OD. It is located on Grace Road South within the Marsh Barton Industrial Estate, on the site of a former refuse incinerator.</p> <p>The site is situated on the floodplain of the River Exe, the overlying geology of which is Quaternary alluvium deposits. Previous developments on the floodplain of the River Exe have revealed palaeochannels – ancient river channels that have the potential to preserve organic remains.</p> <p>The monitoring was carried out in the area of the site that had the most potential for palaeoenvironmental evidence; this was the excavation of the main bunker located in the centre of the site that covered an area measuring 15m long by 10m wide. The rest of the groundworks did not go below modern make-up that had been deposited across the site when the refuse incinerator had been demolished. This modern make-up was between 1.5m–2m in depth. The sequence of deposits that were exposed within the bunker excavation consisted of modern make-up to a depth of 2m. Below this, a 1m thick layer of natural dark reddish-brown, compact, sand-clay was exposed. Directly below this were deposits of water-deposited gravel, silts and clay that were monitored to a depth of 4m from the surface. There were no palaeoenvironmental or archaeological features or deposits present, and no finds were recovered.</p>		
<p>A plan as well as any other relevant drawings must be attached showing the location and extent of site, areas investigated and features exposed.</p>		
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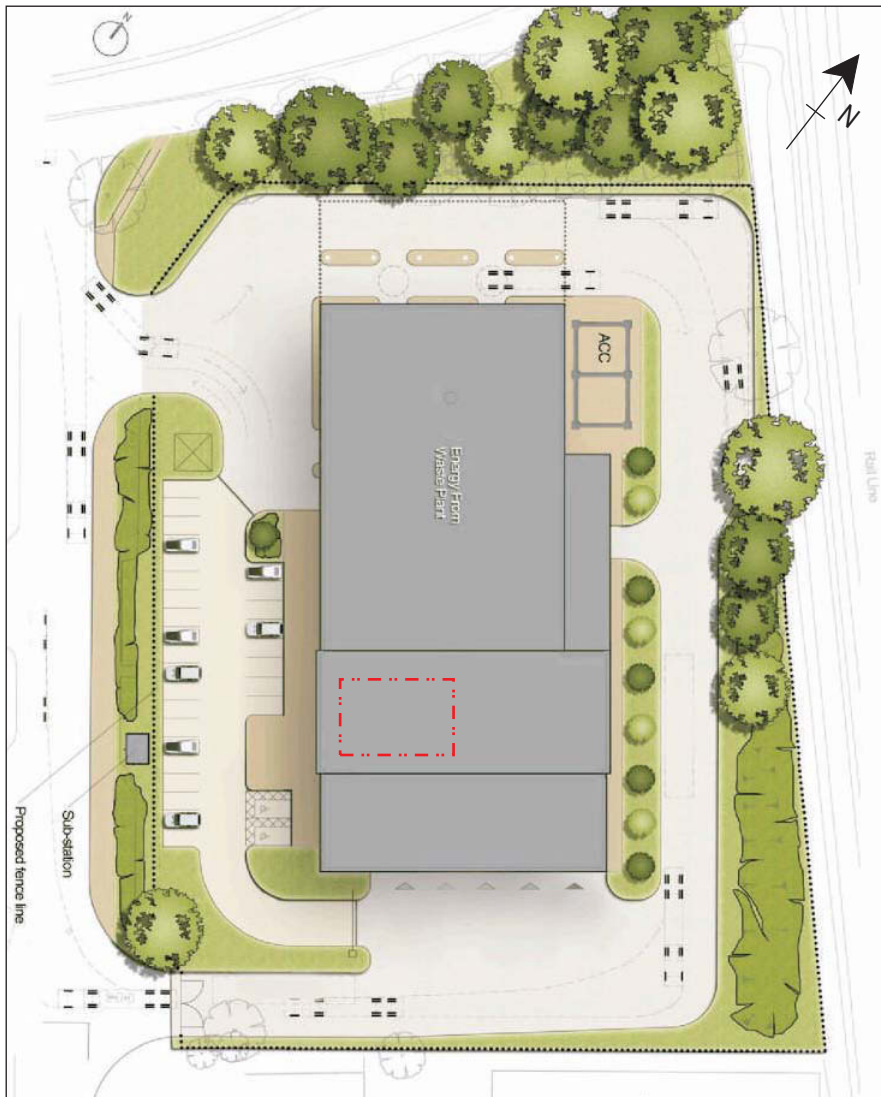
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 Area monitored

PROJECT

Grace Road South, Marsh Barton, Exeter

TITLE

Fig. 1: Location of monitored groundworks



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