

LAND AT MULLACOTT CROSS INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, WEST DOWN, DEVON

(INDUSTRIAL & COMMUNITY WIND GENERATION 2 LTD
WIND TURBINE)

(NGR SS 51724 44018)

Results of an archaeological watching brief

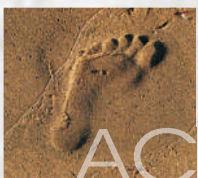
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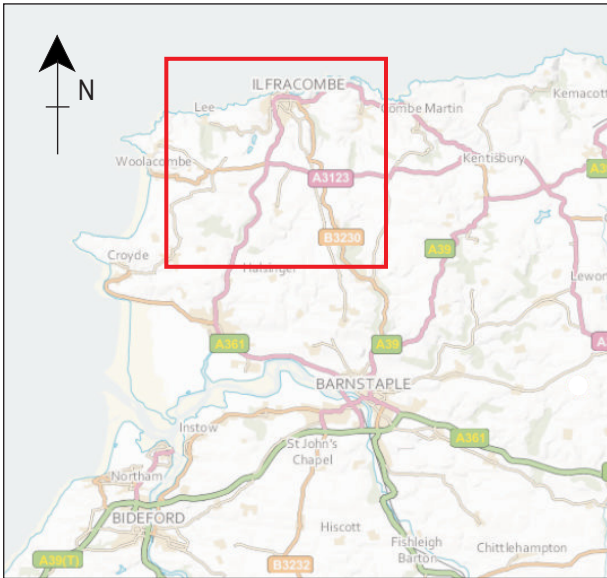
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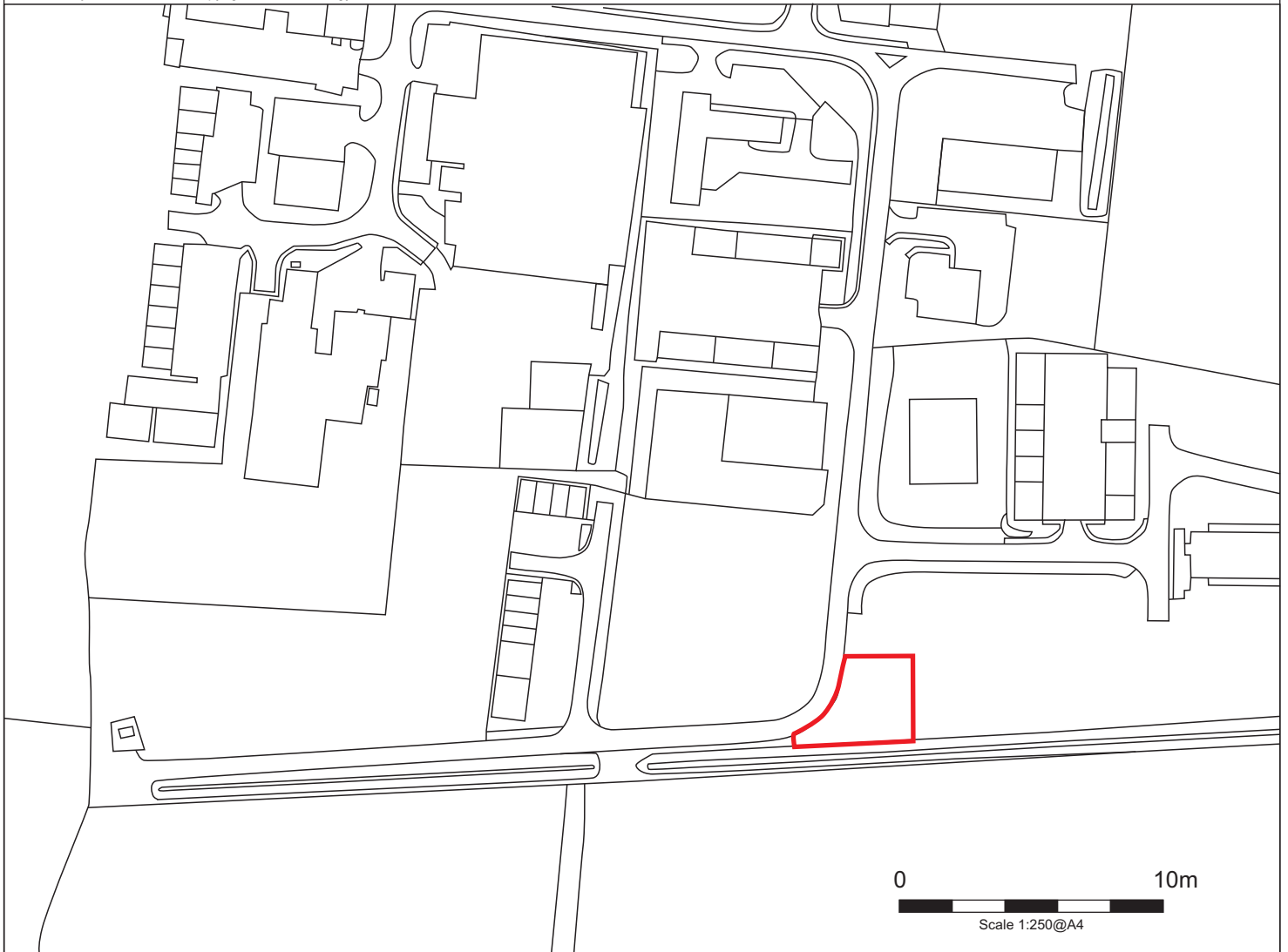
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Subject: Land at Mullacott Cross Industrial Estate, West Down – Results of an archaeological watching brief		Photo attached? Y
Planning Application no: North Devon District Council planning reference 51535	Recipient museum: Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter	
OASIS ID: acarchae2-160038	Museum Accession no: NDDMS2013.7	
Contractor's reference number/code: ACD648	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 16/09/2013 – 23/09/2013	
<p>Introduction</p> <p>An archaeological watching brief was carried out during the groundworks associated with the construction of a wind turbine on land at Mullacott Cross Industrial Estate, West Down, Devon (SS 51724 44018). The monitored development works comprised the excavation of an area that included the foundation base for the turbine. The work was required under condition 7 of the grant of planning consent by North Devon District Council.</p> <p>The location of the turbine is situated within a field immediately south of the industrial estate. Prehistoric burial sites have been recorded on land located immediately to the northeast of the industrial estate.</p> <p>Aim and Methodology</p> <p>The aim of the work was to observe, investigate, excavate and record any surviving below-ground archaeological artefacts and deposits affected by the development. The works were carried out in accordance with an approved written scheme of investigation. The groundworks were carried out with a mechanical excavator which was fitted with a toothless grading bucket.</p> <p>Results</p> <p>An area was stripped located adjacent to and on the east side of the internal estate access road. This area measured 40m long by 30m wide. The area was excavated to a maximum depth of 1m, the deepest excavations being at the eastern end of the site. The deposit sequence comprised 0.3m of medium light brown, friable clay silt topsoil with common small-medium sized slate inclusions (100). Below this was a medium light brown, compact silt clay subsoil with common angular small-medium sized slate inclusions (101). The natural geology was present at depths from 0.4-0.5m below the ground surface and consisted of a mixture of mottled gleyed dark bluish-grey clay, oxidised yellow silt clay and shale bedrock (102). The west part of the site was not reduced deep enough to reveal any archaeological features or deposits. Within the east part of the site, where the excavations were deep enough, no archaeological features or deposits were present. No artefacts were recovered from either the topsoil or subsoil.</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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 Site location

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West Down, Devon

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Fig. 1: Location of site





Plate 1: South facing representative section, taken from the north. Scale 0.3m.



Plate 2: General view of the site taken from the northwest.

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