LAND AT GREEN LODGE, STONY LANE, AXMINSTER, DEVON

NGR SY 30125 98532

Results of archaeological investigations

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Civil Parish & District: Axminster, East Devon		al Grid Reference 125 98532	Number:	
Subject: Land at Green Lodge Stony Lane, Axminster, Devon: Results of archaeological investigations Photo attached Plate 1				
Planning permission no: DCC/3940/2016		Recipient museum: N/A		
OASIS ID: 274255		Museum Accession no: N/A		
Contractor's reference number/code: ACD1549		Dates fieldwork undertaken: 20th July and 10th August 2017		

Introduction

Archaeological investigations comprising a trial trench evaluation and subsequent monitoring and recording during demolition works was carried out by AC archaeology in advance of a road-widening scheme on land at Green Lodge, Stony Lane, Axminster, Devon (SY 30125 98532). The site lies on flat ground at c.60m aOD (above Ordnance Datum) and was positioned to the southeast of Stony Lane (Fig.1).

Prior to commencement, the site comprised the Green Lodge property and associated outbuildings with gardens extending to the southwest.

Stony Lane is considered to correspond with the route of the Fosse Way Roman road. The site was therefore located in an area where deposits or features associated with the road or adjacent activity may have been exposed by the work.

Results

The work comprised the machine-excavation of a single trial trench measuring 5m in length and 1.6m wide. It was positioned against the western boundary wall that lined Stony Lane. Natural subsoil was exposed at a depth of 0.52m below the existing ground surface and comprised a mid yellow silty-clay. This was overlain by a clayey-loam subsoil and silty-loam garden soil. No archaeological features or deposits were exposed and no finds were recovered.

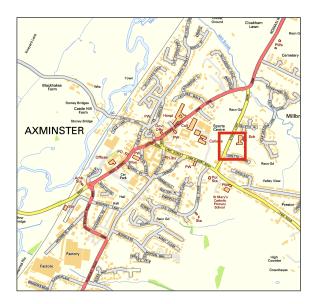
Monitored groundworks during demolition comprised the removal of foundations of Green Lodge, the associated outbuildings and the boundary wall with Stoney Lane. These identified made ground overlying the natural subsoil in the position of the former buildings and a similar soil sequence as exposed in the trial trench along the line of the boundary wall. No archaeological features were exposed by the work.

Comments

Despite some disturbance caused by the former structures, no evidence for features or deposits that could be associated with the adjacent route of the Fosse Way were exposed by the work.

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Fig. 1: Location of site with areas of investigation shown





Plate 1: View of site during demolition works. Looking south from Stony Lane



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