



Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish: Upton Pyne	National Grid Reference SX 90887,98350	Number: (Leave blank)	
Subject: Archaeological Watching Brief on land south of Casa De Caballos, Upton Pyne, Exeter, Mid Devon Planning Application no: 10/1824/FUL		Plan/Photo attached? Y	
Description of works. Context One Archaeological Services Ltd (COAS) carried out an Archaeological Watching Brief on behalf of Mr David Horton as a condition of planning permission for the construction of a new livestock shed. The programme of works was requested by the Local Planning Authority on the advice of Mr Stephen Reed (Archaeological Officer, Devon County Council). In the Archaeological Brief prepared by Mr Reed, dated 28 th October 2010, it was stated that: <i>"The proposed development lies in an area of archaeological potential, demonstrated by the presence of a cluster of prehistoric funerary monuments to the north - thirteen of which are subject to statutory protection as Scheduled Monuments. Groundworks for the construction of this new livestock shed have the potential to expose and destroy archaeological deposits associated with the known prehistoric activity in the vicinity."</i> It was therefore considered that archaeological features/deposits could be present on the Site, and that these could be damaged or destroyed by development. However, as the nature or presence of such features/deposits has not been proven on the basis of currently available information, it was determined that a reasonable archaeological response would be to carry out a watching brief during all ground disturbance associated with the development. The archaeological work involved the monitoring of all significant groundworks for the purpose of identifying and recording any archaeological features or deposits. An area measuring 30m x 20m was stripped down to the natural bedrock. No archaeological features or deposits were revealed during the groundworks. A single piece of flint debitage was recovered from the surface of the plough soil. A representative soil profile (Profile 1) was recorded on the northern side of the site (Figure 1). The stratigraphic sequence is presented below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.00m - 0.30m. Plough soil (100): Red (2.5YR 5/6) compact clay with occasional manganese deposits and rounded gravels. • 0.30m +. Natural (101): Red (2.5YR 5/6) Very compact clay/rock with sparse inclusions of manganese. 		Reference. COAS site code: COAS/WBF/11/CDC OASIS ID: contexto1-96850	Date. <i>of site visits</i> 21/03/2011
Recorder Pete Fairclough, Context One Archaeological Services Ltd.		Date sent to HER 22/03/2011	



<p> area of Watching Brief</p> <p> location of profile</p>	<p><i>PROJECT TITLE</i></p> <p>Land South of Casa De Caballos, Upton Pyne, Exeter, Devon</p>	
	<p><i>FIGURE TITLE</i></p> <p>Area of Watching Brief showing location of profile</p>	
	<p><i>SCALE</i></p> <p>as shown</p>	<p><i>PROJECT CODE</i></p> <p>C1/WBF/11/CDC</p>

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