

# ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF AT

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NGR SU 19168 69800

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#### **Summary**

John Moore Heritage Services carried out an archaeological watching brief on land adjacent to the Dam of King's Fishpond, Malborough, Wiltshire (NGR SU 19168 69800), during the construction of a rain gauge base kiosk and compound. No archaeological features were uncounted, with no evidence of the construction of the Dam of King's Fishpond being observed.

#### 1 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Site Location (Figure 1)

The development site is located (NGR SU 19168 69800), located immediately adjacent to the Dam of King's Fishpond Scheduled Monument (List Entry Number 1005644; SU 19214 69789 to SU 19306 69837). The underlying geology is Lewes Nodular Chalk Formation with a sedimentary superficial alluvium deposit of clay, silt, sand and gravel.

#### 1.2 Planning Background

It was planned that a kiosk and rain guage was to be established adjacent to the Dam of King's fishpond, Marlborough. Due to the archaeological and historical importance of the surrounding area, and in line with the Environment Agency's best practice obligations, a stage of archaeological monitoring was to be undertaken during any groundworks at the site.

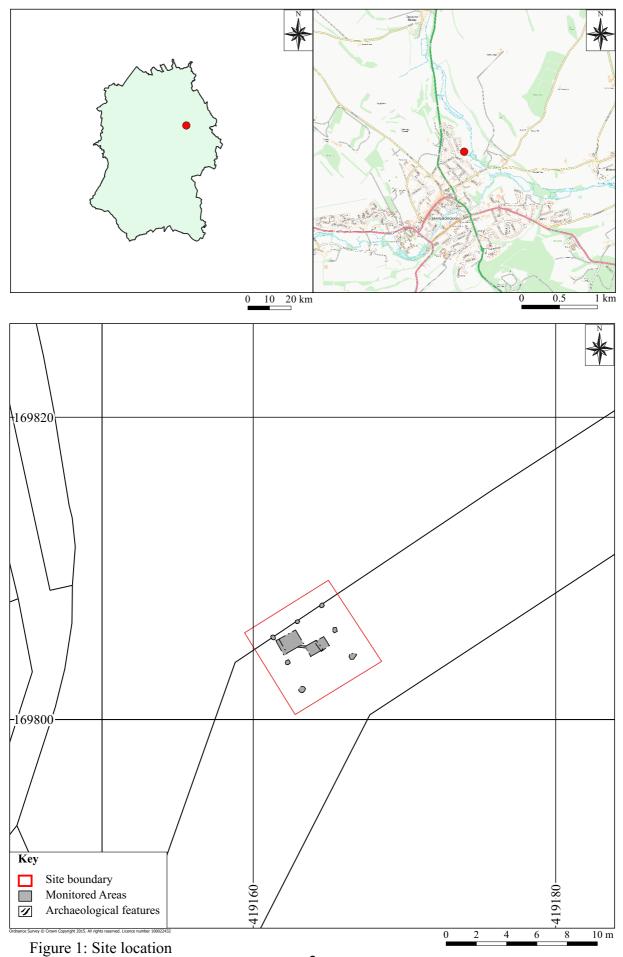
#### 1.3 Archaeological Background

The following archaeological background is adapted from the written scheme of investigation undertaken by JMHS (JMHS 2023).

The proposed development is located immediately adjacent to the Dam of King's Fishpond Scheduled Monument (List Entry Number 1005644; SU 19214 69789 to SU 19306 69837). The following information is derived from the list description:

The dam formed a part of a large fishpond known as King's Bay Mead or Great Bay fishpond, situated within the valley of the River Og. The fishpond was constructed in 1204 to provide fish for the Royal Manor of Marlborough, and is documented in the Pipe Roll of King John dating to 1206. The extant Scheduled Monument comprises two separate lengths of a flat-topped linear dam, now bifurcated by the River Og; a modern weir and bridge have been inserted into the breach in the dam. The western section, adjacent to the proposed development, measures 95m in length by 20m in width; the eastern extends for a further 67m. The extant bank measures approximately 20m in width and varies from 2.8 to 4m in height.

It is noted in the listing description that the structure is of significance due to its documentation in early historical records, in addition to the potential for the archaeological remains to contain: 'archaeological and environmental evidence relating to its construction, maintenance, longevity, social and economic significance, fishery information and landscape context.'



Beyond the dam itself there is little evidence of archaeological activity within the immediate area. An archaeological evaluation undertaken approximately 200m NNW identified an undated linear ditch, aligned NE-SW (MWI75276: SU 1914 7002). Though undated, the feature was overlain by a subsoil, indicating that it was of some age.

#### 2 AIMS OF THE INVESTIGATION

The aims of the investigation as laid out in the Written Scheme of Investigation were as follows:

 To make a record of any significant archaeological remains revealed during the course of any operations that may disturb or destroy archaeological remains.

### In particular:

• To record any evidence relating to the Dam of King's Fishpond.

#### 3 STRATEGY

#### 3.1 Research Design

John Moore Heritage Services carried out the work to a Written Scheme of Investigation (JMHS 2023) agreed with Paul Riccoboni, the Senior Archaeologist of the National Environmental Assessment Sustainability.

The recording was carried out in accordance with the standards specified by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (2020).

#### 3.2 Methodology

Groundworks consisted of the excavation of two pads that would hold a kiosk base and rain gauge base, measuring  $1m \times 1m \times 0.3m$  and  $0.5m \times 0.5m \times 0.2m$  respectively, as well as eight posts holes for the surrounding metal fence to form a compound. Due to the small scale of the excavation, the work was carried out by hand.

Three of the post holes had already been excavated before the arrival of an archaeologist. The excavation of the remaining four post holes was monitored; however, the excavation of one of the post holes was postponed due to issues with the fence post. It was subsequently agreed with the Senior Archaeologist for the Environment Agency that this remaining post hole did not necessitate monitoring due to the limited potential for archaeological remains to be present.

The location of the two areas for concrete pads was initially found to be incorrect; after relocation, the excavation of the two areas was fully monitored and recorded. A

small trench was also excavated between the two concrete pads to connect them for electrical ducting.

Standard John Moore Heritage Services techniques were employed throughout, involving the completion of a written record for each deposit encountered, with scale plans and section drawings compiled where appropriate. A photographic record was also produced.

The resultant spoil from the works was visually scanned, especially for finds relating to the medieval Dam of King's Fishpond.



Plate 1: Location of the two concrete pads

#### 4 RESULTS

All deposits and features were assigned individual context numbers. Context numbers with brackets ( ) indicate deposits of material.

The earliest deposit encountered was a compact sandy clay alluvium deposit (1), light to mid brownish grey with rare sub-rounded chalk and flint inclusions measuring 1-100mm in size. The maximum depth observed of the alluvium deposit was 0.5m which was the limit of the excavation. The latest deposit encountered was a compact loamy clay topsoil, mid to dark brown with frequent sub-rounded pebbles 1-150mm in size. The maximum depth observed of the top soil was 0.25m (Plate 2). No archaeological features were observed.

#### **Reliability of Results**

The archaeological watching brief was undertaken with good cooperation from site staff, ensuring that the archaeological monitoring could be undertaken without impediment. The weather on site during the excavations were predominantly clear and sunny.



Plate 2: Concrete Pad 1

#### 5 FINDS

### 5.1 Ceramics by Paul Blinkhorn, Simona Denis

#### Pottery by Paul Blinkhorn

The pottery assemblage comprised 12 sherds with a total weight of 128g. It was all post-medieval or modern, and all occurred in the topsoil context (2). The following fabric types were noted:

Creamware, 1740-1880 (Towner 1978). 1 sherd, 1g.
Glazed Red Earthenware, 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> century. (Brears 1969). 1 sherd, 63g.
Miscellaneous 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century wares. 7 sherds, 43g.
Staffordshire-type Slipware, AD1680-1750 (Barker 2021). 1 sherd, 6g.
Verwood Ware, 1600-1900 (Draper 2002). 2 sherds, 15g.

The fabrics are all common finds in the region. Most of the sherds were abraded to some degree.

# Clay Tobacco Pipe by Simona Denis

Two fragments of clay tobacco pipe weighing 4.92g in total, were recovered from topsoil (2). The state of preservation of the items was good, and allowed for positive identification as plain stem fragments with no diagnostic features, and could only be dated to the post-medieval period.

It is not recommended to retain the clay pipe assemblage due to its limited potential for further analysis and its provenance from topsoil.

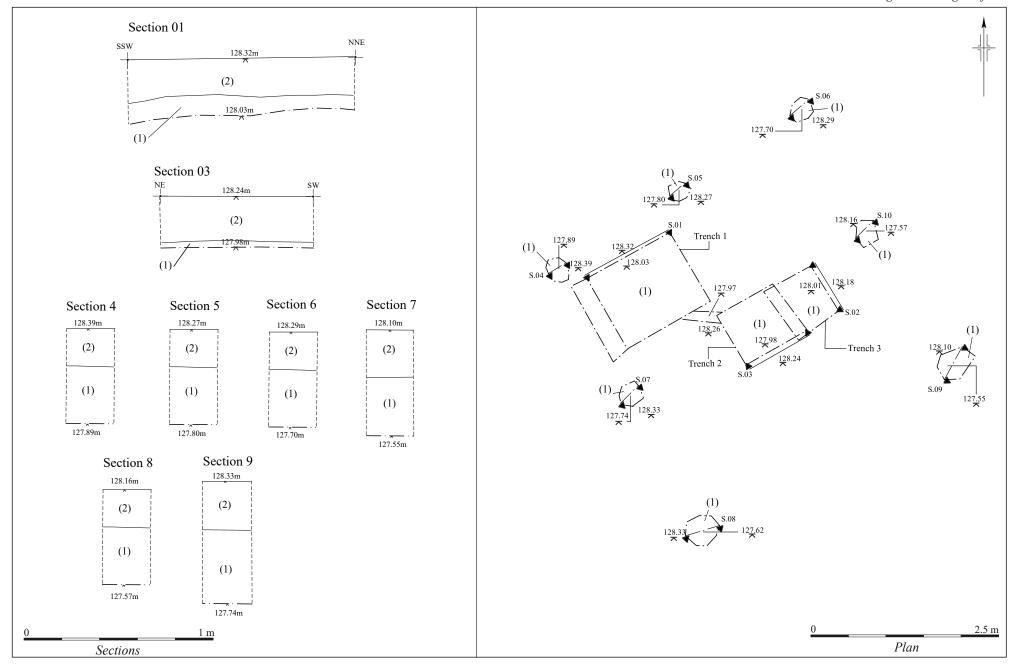


Figure 2: Site Plan and Sections

#### **Tile** by Simona Denis

Eight fragments of ceramic building material, weighing 192g in total, were hand-collected from topsoil (2). With the exception of a single example which partially preserved a circular peghole, no diagnostic features were preserved; however, the general aspect of the items suggested they originated from roof tiles.

The tile assemblage could be only broadly dated to the post-medieval period.

The ceramic building material is not recommended for retention due to its limited potential for further analysis and its provenance from topsoil.

#### **5.2** Faunal Remains by Simona Denis

#### **Animal Bone**

A small fragment of animal bone cortex, weighing 0.27g, was collected form topsoil (2). The item did not preserve any diagnostic features and could only be generally identified as undetermined mammal.

The animal bone fragment is not recommended for retention due to its limited potential for further analysis and its provenance from topsoil.

### **Oyster Shell**

A group of three oyster shells was collected from topsoil (2); the items were identified as one almost complete left valve and two smaller fragments of possible right valves of British Native Oyster or European Flat Oyster (Winder 2011), and weighed 25.6g in total.

It is not recommended to retain the oyster shell due to its limited potential for further analysis and its provenance from topsoil.

#### **5.3 Other Finds** by Simona Denis

#### Glass

Two fragments of glass of late post-medieval to modern date were recovered from topsoil (2). One item was thin and curved, olive green in colour and weighed 4.18g; it probably originated from a vessel or bottle. The second example weighed 2.66g, was flat and colourless, and might have originated from a window.

The glass fragments are not recommended for retention due to their limited potential for further analysis and its provenance from topsoil.

#### **Iron**

Three objects made of iron and severely affected by oxidation were found in topsoil (2). One of the items weighed 2g and was tentatively identified as a horseshoe nail. One bolt with a rectangular nut, weighing 34.07g, was also present. The third item

was fragmentary, appeared to be part of a staple or other fitting, and weighed 46.09g. All of the items were tentatively dated to the late post-medieval to modern period.

The iron objects are not recommended for retention due to their poor state of preservation, limited potential for further analysis and provenance from topsoil.

#### 6 DISCUSSION

Though the location of the site was adjacent to the scheduled monument of the Dam of the King's Fishpond and within the area of what would have been the fishpond proper, the excavation did not extend deep enough to observe deposits associated with the construction of the Dam nor the fishpond.

Only naturally formed deposits were observed: a sandy clay alluvium and a top soil deposit that did yield unstratified post medieval and modern finds, which correspond with the recent and current land use of the area.

#### 7 ARCHIVE

Digitised copies of all the primary records and drawings, as well as a selection of digital photographs, will be made publicly available as an appendix to the Final Report submitted to information-gathering tool OASIS (ID johnmoor1-515221), for public release in the Archaeology Data Service (ADS) Library.

Additionally, the most recent version of all digital files is maintained by John Moore Heritage Services (ID 4906) and will be made available to the public upon request (to <a href="mailto:admin@jmheritageservices.co.uk">admin@jmheritageservices.co.uk</a>). Security copies of all primary records will be made in digital format and stored on the Company's server, together with final versions of all born-digital files.

The archive includes:

- Digitised primary records
- Digitised versions of primary drawings
- GPS raw data
- QGIS files
- Digital photographs
- Report text files

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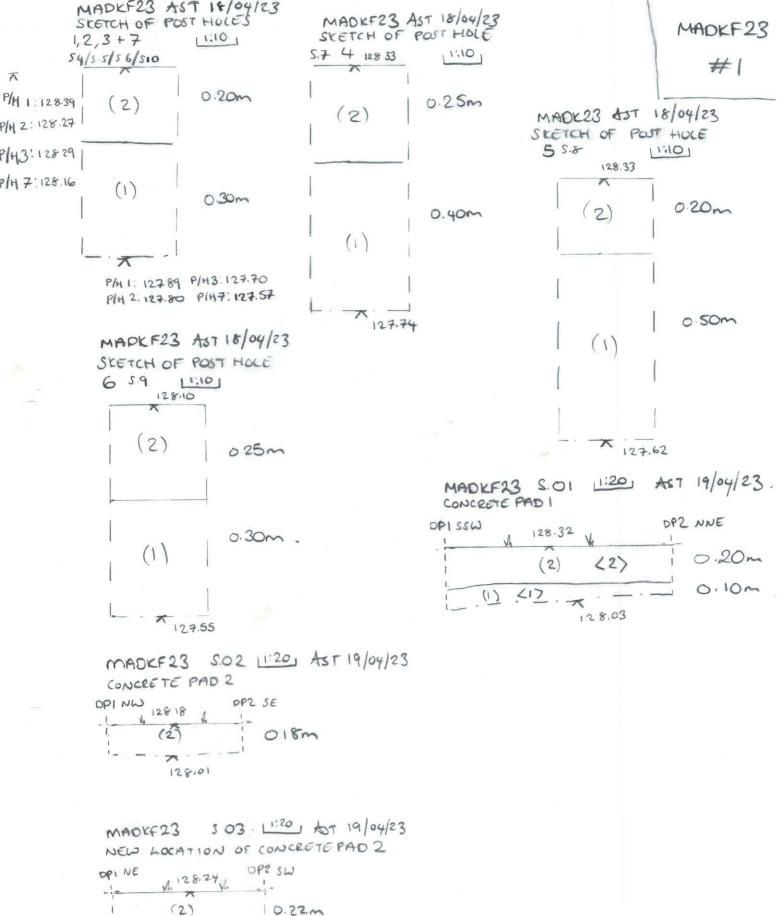
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# **ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF**

# **DATA MANAGEMENT PLAN**

# **APRIL 2023**

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#### Section 1 – Administrative Data

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Site code: MADKF 23 JMHS project no: 4906 OASIS ID: johnmoor1-515221

#### **Project Name**

Adjacent Dam of King's Fishpond, Marlborough

#### **Data Set Description**

Nature of project: Watching Brief

Aims of investigation: to record any evidence relating to the Dam of King's Fishpond

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Purpose: construction of kiosk and rain gauge

#### **Project Funder**

**Environment Agency** 

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#### **Data Management Policies and Guidance**

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#### **Section 2 – Data Collection**

#### **Assessment of Existing Data**

Existing quantitative and qualitative data provided by third parties as well as non-proprietary data was accessed, re-used and re-evaluated and the generated information supplemented the data collected during the project. Selected generated data were incorporated in the final report text included in the project archive.

#### **Created Data**

This table summarises the data types, formats and archive volume for this project.

File Type	File Format	Data Archive Volume
Text	.odt	1 file, 39,000 bytes
	.docx	None
	.doc	3 files, 3,892,000 bytes
	.pdf	3 files, 1,401,000 bytes
Spreadsheet	.xlsx	2 files, 17,000 bytes
Raster Image	.jpg	32 items, 131,793,435 bytes
Vector Graphic	.dxf	None
	.svg	3 files, 1,670,475 bytes
Photogrammetry	.obj/.mtl/.jpg	None
Geospatial Vector Data	shp/.shx/.dbf	6 files, 195,000 bytes

#### **Data Collection Standards and Methodologies**

Analogue data sets

Acquisition standards are defined against the following:

Chartered Institute for Archaeologists, 2014 Standards and Guidance for the collection, documentation, conservation and research of archaeological materials

English Heritage, 2011 Environmental Archaeology: A guide to the Theory and Practice of Methods, from Sampling and Recovery to Post-Excavation. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition

English Heritage, 2015 Digital Image Capture and File Storage

John Moore Heritage Services, 2022 Field Handbook. Draft

Museum of London Archaeology Service, 1994 Archaeological Site Manual. Third Edition

• Digitised data sets

Acquisition standards are defined against the following:

The National Archives, 2016 Digitisation at The National Archives

Thomas, S., 2009 A Guide to Archival and Related Standards. Society of Archivists Data Standard Group

Born-Digital data sets

Creation standards are defined against the following:

Archaeology Data Service/Digital Antiquity, 2011 Guides to Good Practice

Cole, S., 2015 Digital Image Capture and File Storage. Guidelines for Best Practice. English Heritage

#### **Data Storage and File Naming System**

- The working project archive is stored in a dedicated project folder in the 'Projects' partition of the company's server
- All files were renamed following the company's file naming format, based on ADS standard and including version control, as laid out in JMHS' *Archive Guidelines*
- All files included in the working project archive include
  - Company's project identifier
  - o File descriptor
  - o Version number

All files are organised following the company's project folder structure laid out in JMHS' Archive Guidelines

#### **Quality Control**

- All mechanical and electronic equipment used in the collection of data were calibrated prior to use and are periodically checked
- All collected data is checked during project delivery

#### **Section 3 – Documentation and Metadata**

#### **Data Documentation**

Data documentation is compliant with the WSI and Archaeology Data Service requirements and is provided via

- Collection-level metadata providing a detailed overview of the collection
- File-level metadata providing details of each data group and individual files

All data included in the project archive was migrated to

- widely supported international standards
- most recent format version

#### Metadata

All metadata was created in compliance with relevant ADS standards, and specifies for all file types:

- o File name
- File format
- o Language
- Creation/conversion software and version
- In addition, metadata for document files indicate:
  - o Title
  - Abstract
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  - Page count
  - Publishing details
- In addition, metadata for spreadsheet indicate:
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  - Location
  - Date of the capture of the image
- In addition, metadata for vector graphic files indicate:
  - o Caption
  - Description
  - Name of the illustrators
  - Copyright holder
  - Period of creation
  - Location
  - o Conventions used in the illustration
  - Location
- In addition, metadata for geospatial vector data files indicate:

- Type of element captured
- o Type of features and/or contexts represented
- o Purpose of data collection
- Data source and type
- o Data accuracy level
- Coordinate system used
- Method of capture
- o Name of surveyor

#### Section 4 – Ethics and Intellectual Property

#### **Legal and Regulatory Framework**

The following acts and directives were taken into consideration:

- Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988
- General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2018
- EU Copyright Directive 2001
- Data Protection Act 1998
- Current best practice

#### Personal Data

Personal data were collected in the form of:

- Donor
  - Name
  - Address
- Project Team Members
  - o Name
- External Specialist
  - o Name

#### Personal Data Management

Management of personal data is carried out in compliance with John Moore Heritage Services' Data Protection Policy Statement.

- Written consent to process and share with the repository personal data was secured for the use specified below:
  - Project Team Members: Names are included in the project archive
  - External Specialist: Name is included in the project archive and in the licence of copyright documentation
- Files containing personal data is:
  - Password-protected
  - Securely stored on a server partition with restricted access
  - Kept only as long as necessary for the relevant, valid purposes

#### **Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)**

- Copyright Holder: John Moore Heritage Services is the copyright holder of any collected and created data included in the project archive in all forms of records and media
- Permission to Reuse Third-Party Data: formal consent to include, reuse and share data generated by external specialists was secured
- Licence of Copyright: John Moore Heritage Services grants to Archaeology Data Service perpetual and royalty-free licence throughout the world to:
  - o reproduce all or any part of the project archive for the purposes of research, study, conservation or publicity relating to Archaeology Data Service
  - o display copies of all or part of the project archive in any medium
  - o publish any part of the project archive in any form or medium
  - o permit third parties to do any of the above

# Section 5 – Storage and Backup

#### **Storage System Details**

 Long-term preservation of electronic records is ensured by storage on magnetic media on a Synology NAS server device with a storage capacity of 5.4TB

- The device is part of a network based on the client-server model with servers situated in separate geographical locations (JMHS's main office in Wheatley and the Director's office in Launton, Bicester)
- The system is managed via Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP)
- The system is set as a Redundant Array of Independent Disks (RAID) and failover

#### **Security Copies**

- Digital copies of the primary records were made immediately on completion of fieldwork and stored on the company's server
- Security copies of all archive records and born-digital files were made in digital format and stored on the company's server

#### **Data Storage and Access**

#### Data storage

- Main and secondary servers are set up to constantly synchronise, effectively creating two copies of each file at any time
- Two additional copies of all files are created via backups:
  - The main server backs up to the Synology C2 Cloud Backup Server daily, starting at 17:30
  - The secondary server backs up to a local drive daily, starting at 17:30
- Versioning of files and backups is available for 30 days
- Multiple recovery methods are used, depending on the nature of the failure

#### Data access

- The company's server is accessible through a secure log-in by authorised staff on and off-site, via any web browser
- Secure access to the server is granted by a two-factor authentication method. Access to server's
  partitions containing sensitive data is restricted to authorised users through role-based access
  control

#### **Section 6 – Selection and Preservation**

#### **Appraisal and Selection of Data**

All data generated by all stages of the project is stored on the company's server. An appraisal of the digital data was carried out at the project report stage. A further assessment was carried out during the preparation of the project archive, in order to select data for long-term curation.

The assessment of each dataset's value was carried out by the Post-Excavation Project Team and was based on the following criteria:

- Relevance
- Scientific/Historic value
- Uniqueness
- Non-Replicability
- Potential for redistribution

The selection of data was agreed with relevant stakeholders.

#### **Data Reuse**

The project failed to reveal any evidence relating to the Dam of King's Fishpond.

The results might be:

• used to aid the future management of the archaeological site

#### **Selection Review Points**

Selection Strategy and Data Management Plan were revised in consultation with the relevant stakeholders and updated at the following stages:

- Project Design
- Project Reporting
- Archive Preparation

#### **Selected Data Preparation**

Selected data was normalised and organised in standardised folders, to guarantee consistency and retrievability, and to prevent data loss.

Normalisation included:

- Format migration to widely supported open international standards
- Version migration to most recent format version

- File naming normalisation to ADS standards
- Organisation in the predefined file structure

Metadata compliant with ADS standards will be generated for all selected data

#### **Long-Term Preservation of Selected Data**

Selected data was transferred to the appropriate repository:

• Digital data: selected data was prepared for long-term curation and transferred to the CoreTrustSeal certified Archaeology Data Service via OASIS

#### **Long-Term Preservation of Deselected Data**

- Long-term preservation of electronic records will be ensured by storage on magnetic media on a server device. The device is part of a network based on the client-server model, available online and securely accessible remotely via any web browser.
- The digital archives preservation strategy ensures that two copies of all born-digital items as well as
  digital surrogates of primary records are made available on two different server devices (server and
  backup) situated in separate locations (JMHS's main office in Wheatley and the Director's office in
  Launton).

#### Section 7 – Data Sharing

#### **Data Accessibility**

Final Results will are made available via the following:

- Project final results for all types of recording actions were made publicly available in digital format via the OASIS Index of Archaeological Investigations
- Summaries will be made publicly available via submission to relevant local, regional or period journals, to be included in the 'round-up' sections. Where significant discoveries are made, notes will also be sent to national journals

All selected data will be made available upon direct request for reuse, re-analysis, re-interpretation, and republication by secondary researchers

#### **Intellectual Property**

- John Moore Heritage Services will hold the copyright of any collected and created data included in the project archive in all forms of records and media
- Digital elements of the project archive disseminated via ADS will be licenced under a creative commons licence
- A data sharing agreement will regulate the access and use of data by secondary researchers as appropriate

#### **Long-Term Access**

Long-term access to data is granted via deposition with the Archaeology Data Service via OASIS

#### Section 8 – Responsibilities and Resources

#### Responsibilities

Roles and responsibilities are as follows:

- Project Team Members (Fieldwork): Collection and storage of analogue data sets
- Project Team Members (Post-Excavation): Storage and backup of analogue data sets, creation of digitised and born-digital data sets, data quality, data archiving and metadata production for all data sets
- External company (Oxford Mac Solutions Ltd): Data storage and backup management
- Post-Excavation Manager (Simona Denis): Implementation of relevant policies, implementation, review and revision of the DMP, supervision of collection, production, storage, backup and management of all data sets, management of data selection, archiving and metadata production for all data sets, data sharing, project archive transfer

#### Resources

Resources required to prepare selected data and implement the DMP were covered by standard John Moore Heritage Services resources and project budget.



# MARLBOROUGH ADJACENT TO DAM OF KING'S FISHPOND

# **ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF**

# **SELECTION STRATEGY**

# **APRIL 2023**

Project Information		
Project Management		
Project Manager	John Moore	
Archaeological Archive Manager	Simona Denis	
Organisation	John Moore Heritage Services	
Stakeholders		Date Contacted
Collecting Institutions	Wiltshire Museum, Devizes	27/04/23
	Archaeology Data Service via OASIS	
County Archaeological Services	Wiltshire County Council	04/05/2023
Project Manager	John Moore	11/04/2023
Developer	Environment Agency	22/05/2023
		20/06/2023
		17/07/2023
Specialists	Paul Blinkhorn	26/04/2023
Resources		
No unusual resources required in additi	on to JMHS normal operating equipment a	nd staff
Context		
The full aims and objectives of the project are detailed in the approved WSI.		
The aims of the projects are to investigate any evidence relating to the Dam of King's Fishpond.		
The project failed to reveal any evidence relating to the Dam of King's Fishpond.		

Section 1 - Dig	ital Data		
Stakeholders			
Project Manag	ger	John Moore	
Archaeologica	rchaeological Archive Manager Simona Denis		
Digital Reposit	tory	Archaeology Data Service	
Selection			
Location of D (DMP)	Pata Management Plan	The DMP (in attachment) is accessible u outlined in Sections 5 and 6 All relevant standards, policies and guidel	•
De-Selected D	De-Selected Digital Data  Digital files were reviewed following the approval of the final r by the Buckinghamshire County Archaeological Services and on most recent versions were retained. Files will be made available the public upon request (to <a href="mailto:admin@jmheritageservices.co.uk">admin@jmheritageservices.co.uk</a> via deposition with Archaeology Data Service. Security copies primary records were made in digital format and stored or Company's server, together with final versions of all born-digital The procedure is outlined in the DMP (in attachment) Section of JMHS POL0010 Digital Archives (available upon request)		ogical Services and only the s will be made available to heritageservices.co.uk) and rvice. Security copies of all format and stored on the sions of all born-digital files. attachment) Section 6 and
Amendments			
Date	Amendment	Rationale	Stakeholders
27/04/2023	Retention strategy	Revision following the completion of the	John Moore
	revision	final report	Simona Denis
			Archaeology Data Service
25/08/2023	Retention strategy	Finalisation for archive preparation	John Moore
	finalisation		Simona Denis
			Archaeology Data Service

Section 2 - Do	cuments		
Stakeholders			
Project Mana	ger	John Moore	
Archaeological Archive Manager		Simona Denis	
Repository Re	epresentative	Lisa Brown	
Selection			
Selected Docu	uments	The procedure is outlined in the DMP JMHS POL0010 Digital Archives (availal	•
De-Selected [	Oocuments	The primary records were not select results detailed in the final report, whit considered a 'sterile project' (https://www.archaeologists.net/select Digital copies of all primary records at Heritage Services and will be made put to the Final Report submitted to inform johnmoor1-515221), for public release Service (ADS) Library.  The procedure is outlined in the DMP JMHS POL0009 Archives (available upon	ich indicate the project is to be as per CIfA guidance tion-toolkit/sterile-projects). Ire maintained by John Moore ablicly available as an appendix nation-gathering tool OASIS (ID ase in the Archaeology Data (in attachment) Section 6 and
Amendments			
Date	Amendment	Rationale	Stakeholders
27/04/2023	Retention strategy	Revision following the completion of	the John Moore
	revision	final report	Simona Denis
			Lisa Brown
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	finalisation		Simona Denis
			Lisa Brown

Simona Denis Lisa Brown

Paul Blinkhorn

Wiltshire County Council

Section 3 - Materials	
Stakeholders	
Project Manager	John Moore
Archaeological Archive Manager	Simona Denis
Repository Representative	Lisa Brown
County Archaeological Services	Wiltshire County Council
Specialist	Paul Blinkhorn
Material Type	
Bulk Finds	
Selection	

#### **Selected Materials**

finalisation

All materials recovered during fieldwork were returned to JMHS offices for cleaning and assessment.

The material archive was reviewed and de-selected based on the results and recommendations of the finds specialists, the Wiltshire Museum, Devizes collection policy and the South-West Archaeological Research Framework for the Historic Environment Resource Assessments and Research Agendas recommendations. The selection took place following the completion of the report. The de-selection and dispersal took place during the archive completion.

Uncollected M	Uncollected Material None			
De-Selected M	aterials	The post-medieval materials collected from topsoil were analysed and the information was included in the final report. None was selected for retention.  Materials not selected for retention will be reburied in a geo-located position to prevent re-entering the archaeological record.		
Amendments	Amendments			
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			Lisa Brown	
			Wiltshire County Council	
			Paul Blinkhorn	
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# **OASIS Summary for johnmoor1-515221**

OVCICID (IIID)	inhamaay4
OASIS ID (UID)	johnmoor1-515221
Project Name	Dam of King's Fishpond, Malborough
Sitename	Dam of King's Fishpond, Malborough
Sitecode	MADKE 23
Project Identifier(s)	MADKF 23, 4906
Activity type	Watching Brief
Planning Id	
Reason For Investigation	Statutory requirement
Organisation Responsible for work	John Moore Heritage Services
Project Dates	18-Apr-2023 - 18-Apr-2023
Location	Dam of King's Fishpond, Malborough
	NGR : SU 19168 69800
	LL: 51.42688620978119, -1.725692878387665
	12 Fig : 419168,169800
Administrative Areas	Country : England
	County: Wiltshire
	District : Wiltshire
	Parish : Marlborough
Project Methodology	Groundworks consisted of the excavation of two pads that would hold a rain gauge base kiosk, measuring 1m x 1m x 0.3m and 0.5m x 0.5m x 0.2m, as well as eight posts holes for the surrounding metal fence to form a compound. Due to the small scale of the excavation, the work was carried out by hand.  Three of the post holes had already been excavated before the arrival of an archaeologist. The excavation of the remaining four post holes was monitored; however, the excavation of one of the post holes was postponed due to issues with the fence post. It was subsequently agreed with the archaeological advisor for the Environment Agency that this remaining post hole did not necessitate monitoring due to the limited potential for archaeological remains to be present.  The location of the two areas for concrete pads was initially found to be incorrect; after relocation, the excavation of the two areas was fully monitored and recorded. A small trench was also excavated between the two concrete pads to connect them for electrical ducting.
Project Results	Though the location of the site was adjacent to the scheduled monument of the Dam of the King's Fishpond and within the area of what would have been the fishpond proper, the excavation did not extend deep enough to observe deposits associated with the construction of the Dam nor the fishpond.  Only natural deposits were observed: a sandy clay alluvium and a top soil deposit that did yield unstratified post medieval and modern finds, which correspond with the recent and current land use of the area.
Keywords	
Funder	Environment Agency
HER	Wiltshire and Swindon HER - unRev - STANDARD
Person Responsible for work	J Moore
HER Identifiers	
Archives	

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