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REPORT ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING AT

JEDI, MCFARLAND'S DOWN, ST MARY'S, ISLES OF SCILLY

(Report No: 2015/03)

Planning Condition

Following a planning application submitted on 8 October 2014 (application number P/14/045), Dr and Mrs Hessing were granted planning permission for a development at their property. This consists of the conversion of a garage, to the south of the house, to holiday accommodation with an extension to the east and a porch and kitchenette extension on the south elevation.

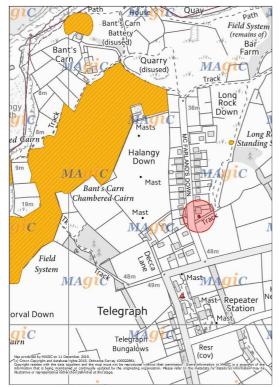
Permission for development was granted subject to seven planning conditions, condition 7 being that:

"No development shall take place within the area indicated on the approved plan until the applicant has secured the maintenance of an on-site watching brief by a suitably qualified and experienced archaeologist which has been submitted to and approved by the planning authority.

The reason is that "The site lies close to an area of known archaeological interest where it is the Local Planning Authority's policy to provide for the examination of archaeological remains."

Site

The site is located in the north of St Mary's at about 45m above sea level. It is on the eastern side of a linear development of houses dating to the mid- and late 20th century.





Location map of site (site circled in red, Scheduled Monuments hatched in orange, Listed Buildings shown as red triangles)

Trench on southern side of garage, looking west

Methodology

The site was visited on 2 December 2015 after the groundworks had been dug. A trench had been excavated, by machine, to a hard ram base on the southern and eastern sides of the garage building.

The trench and spoil heap were inspected for any evidence of features or objects of archaeological significance. The trench was L-shaped being c1.3m wide, 9m long and 0.3m deep on the southern side of the garage and c1.8m wide, 5m long and 0.3m deep on the eastern side. The trench sections showed previously disturbed top soil with hedge roots and pieces of modern plastic rubbish, over a hard orange-brown ram with some stones.

There were no structures, features or finds.

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