

Dear Tony,

AN0389 - Land south of Lower Road, Havant, Hampshire

Thank you for forwarding me a copy of the interim results for Land south of Lower Road, Havant.

I can confirm that I am satisfied with archaeological investigations that have been undertaken at the above site and that no further archaeological works are required. As such, there is no archaeological fieldwork requirement that would stop development groundworks proceeding.

I look forward to reading the full post-excavation assessment in due course.

Yours sincerely,
Thom

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From: Tony Brown
Sent: 22 November 2021 14:57
To: Hayes, Thom
Subject: RE: AN0389 - Land south of Lower Road, Havant, Hampshire

Good afternoon Thom,

Following on from the completion of works last month and from your below email, please find attached an interim summary of results. The one thing we weren't really expecting was the provisional late med./post-med. date for the animal burials!

Bargate are keen to proceed with their works prior to the completion of the PXA (which may take us up to April 2022). Would you be in agreement with their proceeding, on the proviso that the PXA and any publication thereafter is undertaken?

Kind regards,

Tony

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From: Hayes, Thom

Sent: 08 November 2021 15:19

To: Tony Brown

Subject: RE: AN0389 - Land south of Lower Road, Havant, Hampshire

Hi Tony,

Thanks for the photos, it will be interesting to see the results in the report once the analysis has been undertaken.

I believe that a post-excavation assessment, followed by a journal article, would be an appropriate form of assessment and publication. However, I would wait until I have read the report (with updated project design) before passing comment on the exact size, content and composition of any publication. Given the size of the assemblage, it is possible that a study of the artefactual evidence may take a significant role in the future publication and this may need to be taken into account when deciding where any future study is best published.

Hope that helps but if you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks,
Thom

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From: Tony Brown
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Hi Thom,

Apologies for my delayed response RE the below. I think the kiln ended up being relatively simple, however, the PL may be overcomplicating both in the field and in PX! I've attached a few photos for interest. No clear indication of its use at this stage; no ceramic waste, butchery waste or other industrial material. Enviro samples not yet processed.

In terms of post-ex depth and breadth, would you be in agreement that the results could be suitably examined and assessed through a standard, grey literature assessment report and a small entry in a relevant journal (i.e. Hants Field Club)? I do believe that we have enough evidence to suggest what activities were being undertaken at the site and to link these with the Pre-Roman Late Iron Age and Roman periods.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Kind regards,

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From: Hayes, Thom
Sent: 14 October 2021 11:30
To: Tony Brown
Subject: RE: AN0389 - Land south of Lower Road, Havant, Hampshire

Dear Tony,

Yes, please send over details of the kiln when you have it. It does sound particularly interesting.

I can also confirm that I am happy with the current levels of investigation and would not require any further excavation. I look forward to receiving a copy of the report in due course.

Many thanks,

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From: Tony Brown
Sent: 11 October 2021 10:46
To: Hayes, Thom
Subject: RE: AN0389 - Land south of Lower Road, Havant, Hampshire

Hi Thom,

Thanks for confirming.

Nothing much more decisive has come to light RE the "structure" – Francesco thinks he may have a further posthole but I have not seen this myself. The kiln is looking interesting, however. I'll send over further detail once I have it.

Bargate Homes would like to know if any further fieldwork will be required at the culmination of the excavation on Weds. Would you be in agreement that the site has been sufficiently investigated and characterised?

Kind regards,

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From: Hayes, Thom
Sent: 06 October 2021 15:24
To: Tony Brown
Subject: RE: AN0389 - Land south of Lower Road, Havant, Hampshire

Hi Tony,

Thanks for your email.

Given the site conditions and the existing level of the sample (giving us a good understanding of the features), I would agree with you that the work in the flooded area, in the south-west of the excavation area, can be stopped at this point.

I am also happy with the interpretation of the small charcoal rich features as not being cremations and that they can be excavated in keeping with the WSI's sample strategy. They were not convincingly cremations, but I am glad they have been appraised by your osteo-archaeologist.

With regards to the possible sunken feature structure, has the feature been made any clearer through investigation?

Many thanks,
Thom

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From: Tony Brown
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To: Hayes, Thom
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Good afternoon Thom,

Following on from our meeting at Havant last week, the team have made good progress until slowed by substantial flooding within the western part of the stripped area over the weekend and earlier this week. I attach an annotated plan illustrating the flooded area on Monday morning and increase by Tuesday morning. I also attach a survey plan, as of COP yesterday (Tuesday 5th). As you can see, most of the few remaining proposed slots (within the SW corner) are now submerged. We have deployed a pump, however, this is proving largely ineffective, as the lowering water level within the stripped area is encouraging run-off from the surrounding baulks and the flat topography offers no assistance.

We have characterised the western and southern sections of the SW enclosure with interventions elsewhere along their lengths, recovering dateable evidence in the process, and the southern terminus of the parallel ditch section further west has also been excavated. It is my understanding that the features yet to be investigated in this area comprise two possible postholes and a short section of possible ditch to the east of the western enclosure ditch continuation. I was not terribly convinced by these features at any earlier stage, particularly as they appear within the area of tidal/alluvial deposit which has been proven to contain charcoal, small finds, etc. On this basis, would you be in agreement with us leaving this corner of the site as is? I do strongly believe that the time and resources required to make this area workable are unlikely to be proportionate to the results which may be gained.

The team have endeavoured to make workable the area of the possible sunken feature structure and are progressing with your requested extension here. Furthermore, a pit-like form slightly to the north (just east of feature 1250 on the attached survey plan) appears to comprise a hearth/oven/kiln feature, with significant quantities of charcoal and heat-affected base and sides.

At the request of our osteologist, we processed and examined the sample taken from the initial 'cremation' feature. On the basis of the unfamiliar characteristics of the feature, the presence of large cobbles of burnt flint and the very small quantity of calcined bone recovered, she has concluded that it is very unlikely for this feature and those nearby to represent cremation burials. If you are satisfied with this conclusion, we will excavate the remainder to 50% and sample fills as standard practice for non-funerary discrete features.

Looking forward to hearing your thoughts,

Kind regards,

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From: Tony Brown
Sent: 22 September 2021 10:24
To: Hayes, Thom
Subject: RE: AN0389 - Land south of Lower Road, Havant, Hampshire

Hi Thom,

1400 next Tuesday is fine, see you then.

Best,

Tony

From: Hayes, Thom
Sent: 22 September 2021 09:04
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Hi Tony,

How does next Tuesday (28th) at 2pm sound?

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From: Tony Brown
Sent: 22 September 2021 08:52
To: Hayes, Thom
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Morning Thom,

We are scheduled to continue works until 13 October, so happy to fit in a meeting next week.

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From: Hayes, Thom
Sent: 21 September 2021 13:44
To: Tony Brown
Subject: RE: AN0389 - Land south of Lower Road, Havant, Hampshire

Hi Tony,

Thanks for the update. With what you have described, I am happy with the extensions you have carried out so far.

I would like to book in another site visit, once all of the extensions have been open. Would early next week work with the programme on site?

Many thanks,
Thom

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From: Tony Brown
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To: Hayes, Thom
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Morning Thom,

I'm sure this project is one of yours and not David's!

I just wanted to update you on the progress of the extension areas and clarify a couple of things that have slipped my mind since last week's meeting.

Please find attached the survey update to the site as at COP yesterday:

- The southern extension has identified a continuation of the western enclosure ditch and shown discontinuation of the smaller, parallel ditch to the west. A return of the edge of natural material has also been identified. Are you satisfied with the extent of this extension? Any further chasing of this feature south will require movement of the site surveyors TST control (other contractor) and I think we can sufficiently characterize with an intervention slot.
- The NW extension was excavated this morning and found to be blank. It may be that the natural depression formed the northern part of this square enclosure and I will have the team undertake a machine slot halfway between the extension area and the terminus just to the south to explore further. Are you satisfied with this extension?
- The NE extension is underway and I will update you in due course.
- I will have the team use the machine to explore and characterize the natural spreads adjoining the SE and SW baulks.

I anticipate that we will remain at the site for a further 2 weeks after this – would you like to pencil in a further meeting at this stage?

Kind regards,

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