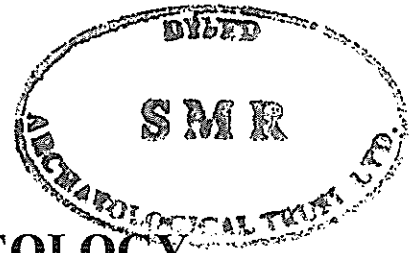


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INTRODUCTION

This project specification has been prepared by Archaeoleg Cambria Archaeology Field Operations in response to a brief set by the regional archaeological curators, Archaeoleg Cambria Archaeology - Heritage Management. It is in accordance with the *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Desk-Based Assessments* (Institute of Field Archaeologists, 1994) and the *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Watching Briefs* (Institute of Field Archaeologists 1994).

Archaeoleg Cambria Archaeology Field Operations has considerable experience of this type of project and always operates to best professional practice. The conclusions will be based on a considered assessment of the collected data. Archaeoleg Cambria Archaeology Field Operations has its own Health and Safety Policy, and all works are covered by appropriate Employer's Liability and Public Liability Insurances. Copies of all are available on request.

1. PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 The examination of existing written, cartographic, pictorial and technical information to assess the character, extent, significance and vulnerability of the archaeological resource within the survey area.
- 1.2 To identify new archaeological sites, features and deposits within the survey area, and to assess their character, extent, significance and vulnerability.
- 1.3 The identification of sites, features or deposits that require further archaeological investigation to fully assess their character, extent, significance and vulnerability.
- 1.4 The monitoring of test-pitting to assess the nature of the underlying deposits and to determine the potential for buried archaeological remains.
- 1.5 The preparation of a report fully representative of the information recovered during 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4 which places the archaeological resource of the survey area its local, regional and national contexts.
- 1.6 The preparation of a project archive.

2. DOCUMENTARY AND CARTOGRAPHIC RESEARCH

The research will concentrate on:

- 2.1 Searches of County Sites and Monuments Record for information on known sites within, and around, the survey area.
- 2.2 Searches of cartographic sources held in the Pembrokeshire County records Office, Haverfordwest, and the National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth, for archaeological information relating to the site.
- 2.3 Searches of primary historic documents held in national and county repositories for archaeological information relating to the site.
- 2.4 Searches of secondary, published sources for information relating to the site.
- 2.5 Searches of available technical data (i.e. borehole logs; geological survey data) for information relating to the site.

3. FIELD VISITS

Field visits will be undertaken to:

- 3.1 Review the current state of archaeological sites, features and deposits identified during the documentary research.
- 3.2 Identify new archaeological sites, features and deposits, or areas that may contain them.
- 3.3 Carry out rapid recording of archaeological sites, features and deposits by photography, site notes and sketch plans.
- 3.4 Assess the vulnerability of archaeological sites, features and deposits.

4. MONITORING TEST PITS

The will comprise:

- 4.1 The monitoring of the removal of modern overburden from a number of test pits. The test pits will be positioned to fully investigate the archaeological potential of the site based on the results of the desk-based assessment (sections 2 and 3 above).
- 4.2 The inspection of the test pits for archaeological features and deposits.
- 4.3 The recording of any archaeological features and deposits exposed in the test pits using written, drawn and photographic records.

- 4.4 The rapid excavation of any archaeological feature or deposit to elucidate its character, date and , where possible, its extent.
- 4.5 If significant deposits are encountered a review meeting will be held between the site engineer, archaeological project manager and ACA Heritage Management Officer to agree an appropriate sampling strategy.
- 4.6 All artefacts will be retained and, where possible, related to the contexts from which they derived. Small finds will be located 3-dimensionally.
- 4.7 Samples will be taken from deposits with potential for palaeoenvironmental or technological material for possible subsequent analysis.
- 4.8 Sensitive material will be stored in appropriately stable conditions.
- 4.9 Should human remains be encountered immediate notification will be made to the District Coroner's Office and the Police. All human remains will, where possible, be left in situ. Where their removal is unavoidable it will only be carried out following the receipt of all statutory permissions.
- 4.10 All artefacts, except those deemed to be Treasure Trove, will remain the property of the landowner.

5. ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING

This will consist of the:

- 5.1 Collation of information gathered during the documentary research and fieldwork into a project archive catalogued in accordance with the National Monuments Record's recommended procedures.
- 5.2 Assessment of the information gathered during the documentary research and fieldwork.
- 5.3 Preparation of a report fully representative of the information gathered during the documentary research and the fieldwork which details the potential impacts of the proposed scheme on the archaeological resource. Any legal constraints such as, Scheduled Ancient Monuments will be identified in the report.
- 5.4 Preparation of a summary report of the results of the project, excluding any confidential information, for publication in an appropriate local, national, special interest or period-specific journal.
- 5.5 Two copies of the report will be deposited with the County Sites and Monument Record and the National Monuments Record within six months of completion, unless otherwise requested.

When will report for client / DC be available?

- 5.5 The project archive will usually be held by Archaeoleg Cambria Archaeology Field Operations and will be available for consultation following prior notification.

6. STAFF

- 6.1 The Project Manager will be N A Page BA AIFA who has extensive experience of this type of project.

