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## **SUMMARY**

*A site visit was made during initial ground breaking during new building works at Beggars Reach Hotel, Burton in order to record revealed archaeological deposits. Nothing of archaeological interest was apparent, and following the single site visit, and in consultation with the archaeological advisor to the planning authority, it was decided that no further archaeological work was required.*

## **INTRODUCTION**

Cambria Archaeology-Heritage Management, as advisors to Pembrokeshire County Council Planning Department, identified potential impacts on the archaeological resource during construction work at Beggars Reach Hotel, Burton, Pembrokeshire (SM 9893905858). The building work consisted of the demolition of an existing detached building of the 1920s and its replacement with a slightly larger building housing 12 hotel bedrooms.

Part of the hotel, lying 15m to 20m to the south of the construction work, contains late medieval or early modern masonry, probably domestic. This and the main body of the hotel are located on a terrace cut into a gentle east-facing slope. The demolished building lay on the slope and was surrounded by a tarmac surfaced carpark. In order to construct the new building following demolition the slope was cut into to form a terrace up to 2m - 3m deep on the western end.

This watching brief was required by the planning authority as it was considered possible that important archaeological remains associated with, or pre- and post-dating the late medieval - early modern building survived below ground.

The objectives of the watching brief were to characterise and record the extent, chronology and significance of any surviving archaeological deposits identified during the groundworks.

## **RESULTS**

A site visit was made to Beggars Reach Hotel following demolition of the 1920s building and when terrace excavation for the new build was well advanced. The lower courses the west wall of the 1920s building were visible, but it was clear that the ground surrounding this building had been scraped down to the top of geological deposits, either during the laying of the tarmac car park surface or during the laying of an earlier car park surface. The tarmac and a thin hardcore cushion lay directly over shattered shale bedrock (rab). Nothing of archaeological interest was note.

On the basis of the above it was decided that the works were not having an impact on archaeological deposits and therefore no further work was undertaken.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

No significant archaeological features or deposits were identified during the watching brief.



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