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SUMMARY

A site visit was made during initial ground disturbance during new building works at Keeston Hall Cottages, Pembrokeshire 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 acting as advisors to Pembrokeshire County Council Planning Department identified potential impacts on the archaeological resource during minor construction work at Keeston Hall Cottages, Keeston, Pembrokeshire (SM900195). The core of the Keeston Hall Cottages consists of a stone-built 19th century farmhouse and small outbuilding, both of which are modernised with the outbuilding converted to residential use. In addition there are nine single storey late 20th century holiday cottages. A swimming pool lay in the centre of the development and car park areas had been terraced into the sloping land of the site. The current development including the infilling of the swimming pool and some additional landscaping.

Keeston Hall Cottages lie in the centre of the village adjacent to a post-medieval church and at the foot of a low rounded hill on which is located an Iron Age fort, which is a Scheduled Ancient Monument. As it was considered that archaeological deposits relating to the earlier history of the village, or connected with the Iron Age fort, may be encountered an archaeological watching brief during development was required as a planning condition.

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 single site visit was made during landscaping works. It was immediately evident that construction of the nine holiday cottages and the associated landscaping had effectively erased superficial, and probably deeper buried, archaeological deposits, and that the current ground works would not reveal anything of archaeological interest.

On the basis of the above it was decided that the works would not have 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.



Photo 1: General view of building work.



Photo 2: General view of building work.



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Photo 4: General view of building work.

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