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SUMMARY

A site visit was made during initial ground breaking during new building works at the Ginger Spice Restaurant, 44 King's Street, Carmarthen, 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 Carmarthenshire County Council Planning Department, identified potential impacts on the archaeological resource during construction work at the Ginger Spice Restaurant, 44 King's Street, Carmarthen, Carmarthenshire (SN41372015). The proposed work consisted of constructing a 9m x 6.50m extension to the rear of the existing building. This would require digging a foundation trench for the footing up to 1m in depth.

The Ginger Spice Restaurant is situated on the north side of King's Street and is along the route of the Roman Road and also within the walls of the later medieval town of Carmarthen.

This watching brief was therefore 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 the Ginger Spice Restaurant when the excavation for the new build foundations was well advanced. It was clear that the excavations were cutting through modern built up material. This was a mix of dark garden soil and modern building detritus. 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.

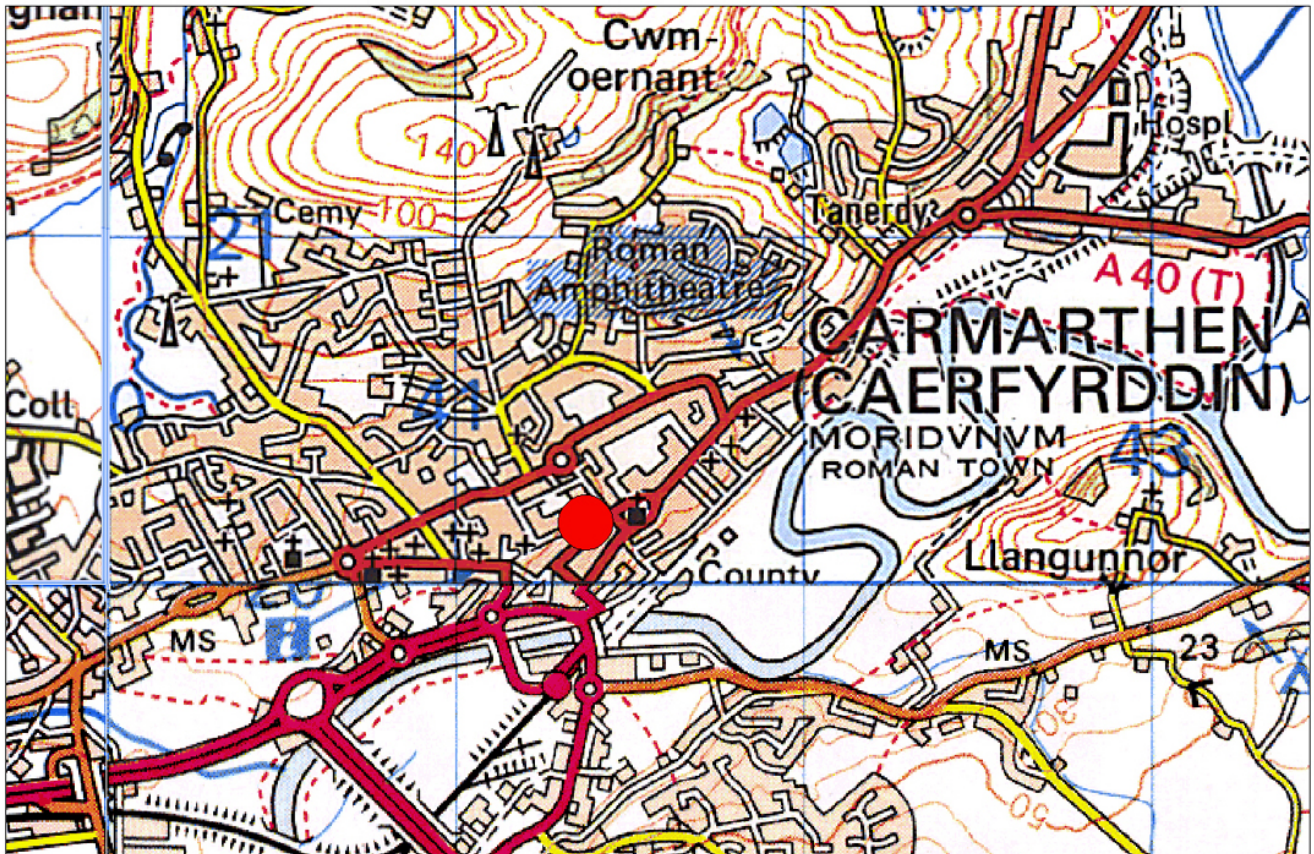


Figure 1. Location map, based on the Ordnance Survey. Scale 1:25,000.

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Photo 1: General view of foundation trench.



Photo 2: General view of foundation trench.



Photo 3: Section view of foundation trench.



Photo 4: General view of foundation trench.

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