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## **SUMMARY**

*A site visit was made during initial ground-works during an extension to a fencing suppliers yard at Derwen Fawr, Pumsaint, Carmarthenshire 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 Cothi Fencing Supplies, Derwen Fawr, Pumsaint, Carmarthenshire (SN 6555339204). The construction work consisted of topsoil stripping an area of 30m by 85m on the west side of an existing storage yard.

The construction work lay approximately 50m to 70m west of the Roman road running between the forts at Llandovery and Pumsaint. The road close to Derwen Fawr shows as a crop-mark on aerial photographs - there is no surface evidence for it. The planning authority required the watching brief as it was considered possible that important archaeological remains associated with the Roman road survive 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 on Monday 3rd April 2006 when topsoil stripping was well advanced. Approximately 30cm of topsoil had been removed. A rapid survey of the exposed survey failed to note anything of archaeological interest.

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, showing the Roman road. Red = certain course. Blue = projected course. Pale blue = suggested course.

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