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**Photo 2:** General view of building work.

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## **SUMMARY**

*A site visit was made during foundation excavation for a rear extension to 38 Richmond Terrace, Carmarthen in order to record revealed archaeological deposits. Little 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 38 Richmond Terrace, Carmarthen (national grid reference SN 41620 20569, planning application no W/12330). The building work consisted of the construction of a small extension to the rear of the terraced house, replacing an earlier extension.

Richmond terrace runs parallel to and slightly outside the defences to the Roman town of Carmarthen (Moridunum). It is likely that the rear of the terrace houses, of which no. 38 is one, lie on or close to the defensive bank and wall surrounding the town, whilst the front of the properties lie over or outside infilled defensive ditch.

This watching brief was required by the planning authority as it was considered possible that important archaeological remains associated with the Roman town defences survive below ground.

## **OBJECTIVES**

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 to the site on 31 May 2006 when the excavation of foundation trenches was well advanced. The trenches were approximately 0.75m wide and 0.75m deep. For the most part the trenches were dug through recent material, including demolition material and redundant services. However, on the western side the lower 0.10m of the trench consisted of a clean, smooth mid olive-green/brown silty-clay. There were not artefacts associated with this deposit.

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**

The only significant deposit observed in the watching brief was a smooth silty-clay. This is likely to be the upper fill of the Roman defensive ditch. However, this suggestion could not be verified as no ditch edge was apparent in the foundation trenches and no artefacts were seen.



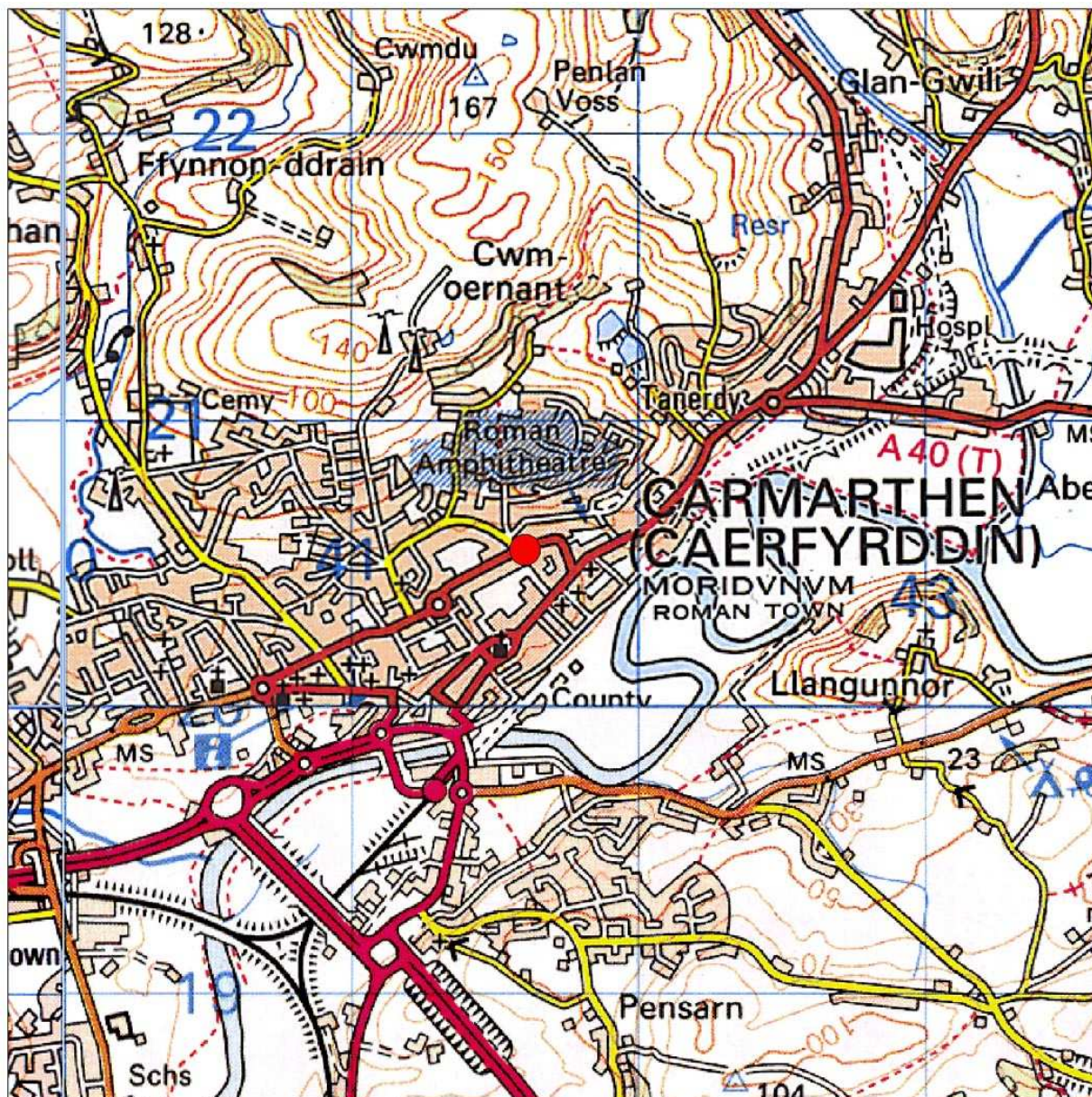


Figure 1. Location map, based on the Ordnance Survey.

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