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## **1.0 SUMMARY**

An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Cambria Archaeology on a small plot of land in the village of Lamphey in Pembrokeshire, in advance of the development of the site. The stripping of topsoil within the development area, down to the top of natural deposits was observed. No archaeological features were revealed during the watching brief

## **2.0 INTRODUCTION**

In line with planning policy Wales 2002 and Welsh Office Circular 60/96 'Planning and the Historic Environment: Archaeology' and 61/96 'Planning and the Historic Environment: Historic Buildings and Conservation Areas', an archaeological condition for an archaeological watching brief was attached to a planning application (05/0546/PA) for the development of land in Lamphey Pembrokeshire (NGR SN01440032).

The site lies on the edge of the village of Lamphey which was an important settlement in the medieval period. The location of the development plot is within the medieval core of the settlement. It was therefore considered that there was potential for the survival of medieval archaeological remains in the area. The site was, however also the location of a goods yard associated with the railway to the north of the site.

## **3.0 METHODOLOGY**

Observations were made on a visit to the site during the stripping of topsoil within the development area with a JCB, using a 1.5m toothless ditching bucket.

## **4.0 RESULTS**

Topsoil was removed to a maximum depth of 0.30m into an apparently natural mid reddish brown clay silt. A spread of post-medieval crushed coal and brown glazed ceramic fragments was located close to the entrance gate into the plot. This may have been a deposit of dumped material, and is not considered of sufficient importance to warrant further archaeological investigation. No other evidence for archaeologically significant remains was observed during the watching brief. The ground level on the northern half of the development plot appears to have been reduced down to the same level as the current groundworks at some time in the past, for an unknown reason.

The area to the west of the current development plot is depicted as the location of an 'old quarry and limekiln' on the first edition Ordnance Survey map, but this area was not impacted upon as part of the current works.

## **5.0 CONCLUSIONS**

Despite reasonable potential for the presence of archaeologically significant features or deposits relating to medieval Lamphey, no such features were revealed during the watching brief. Should the land to the west of the current development plot be developed in the future additional archaeological recording may be required in the vicinity of the former quarry and limekiln.





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

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