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Cover Photo. : Start of demolition. View West

SUMMARY

Rapid photographic building recording was undertaken on part of the former Buckley's Brewery Site, Llanelli, Carmarthenshire, followed by two brief visits to inspect groundworks, in order to record revealed archaeological deposits. Nothing of archaeological interest was apparent during the ground-works. However, it would appear that parts of the 20th century brewery buildings incorporated 19th century houses within them.

INTRODUCTION

Cambria Archaeology-Heritage Management, as advisors to Carmarthenshire County Council Planning Department, identified potential impacts on the archaeological resource on a proposed demolition and new build on part of the former Buckley's Brewery Site, Llanelli, Carmarthenshire (National Grid Reference SN 5082 0054, planning application No S/12770 - Fig. 1). The area under consideration was the south-western part of the former brewery site. The buildings themselves were of considerable local importance as it was considered that they might contain parts of earlier buildings

OBJECTIVES

- To record those structures and features affected by the scheme and to place them within their regional and historical context.
- To understand the archaeological features and deposits, and their relationship to each other.
- To allow the location, extent, date, condition, significance and value of these features and deposits to be determined.
- To allow these features and deposits to be set in their regional and national context.
- To understand how the area site developed through time, and any changes in its nature and function.
- The final preparation of a report fully representative of the information recovered, which places the archaeological resource of the survey area in its local, regional and national contexts.
- The preparation of a project archive.

RESULTS

Two visits were made to the site on the 21st June, to rapidly photographically record the buildings before demolition, and a further visit on 17th July 2006 to inspect some final ground-works.

The standing buildings were photographed digitally (copies on disk). The location and direction of the photographs is recorded on Figures 2 and 3. Owing to the dilapidated and somewhat dangerous nature of the buildings it was not possible to characterise them in detail. It would seem, however, that earlier buildings, perhaps late 19th century cottages/houses were incorporated into the mainly 20th century brewery buildings.

On the second visit the main new build was already mostly constructed. There were four external ground-work areas. Nothing but modern make up was seen in three of the trenches and in the fourth, which went down to c.2.4m below ground level, there was make up over a pipe trench.

CONCLUSIONS

Some archaeological evidence of any earlier structures within the brewery buildings was recorded, along with the brewery buildings themselves. Nothing of archaeological importance was encountered during this watching brief.

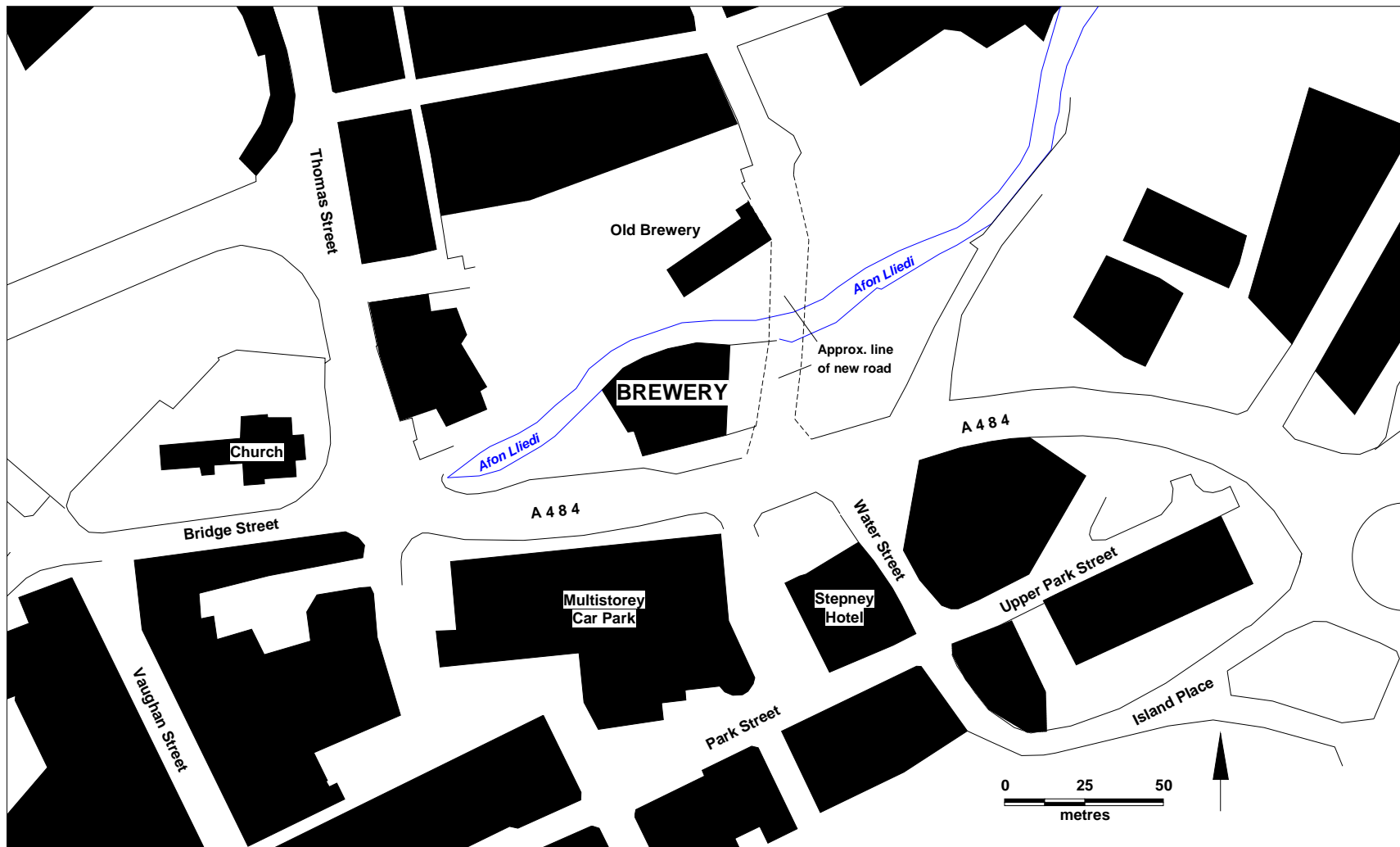


Figure 1: Location of Brewery Building in Llanelli

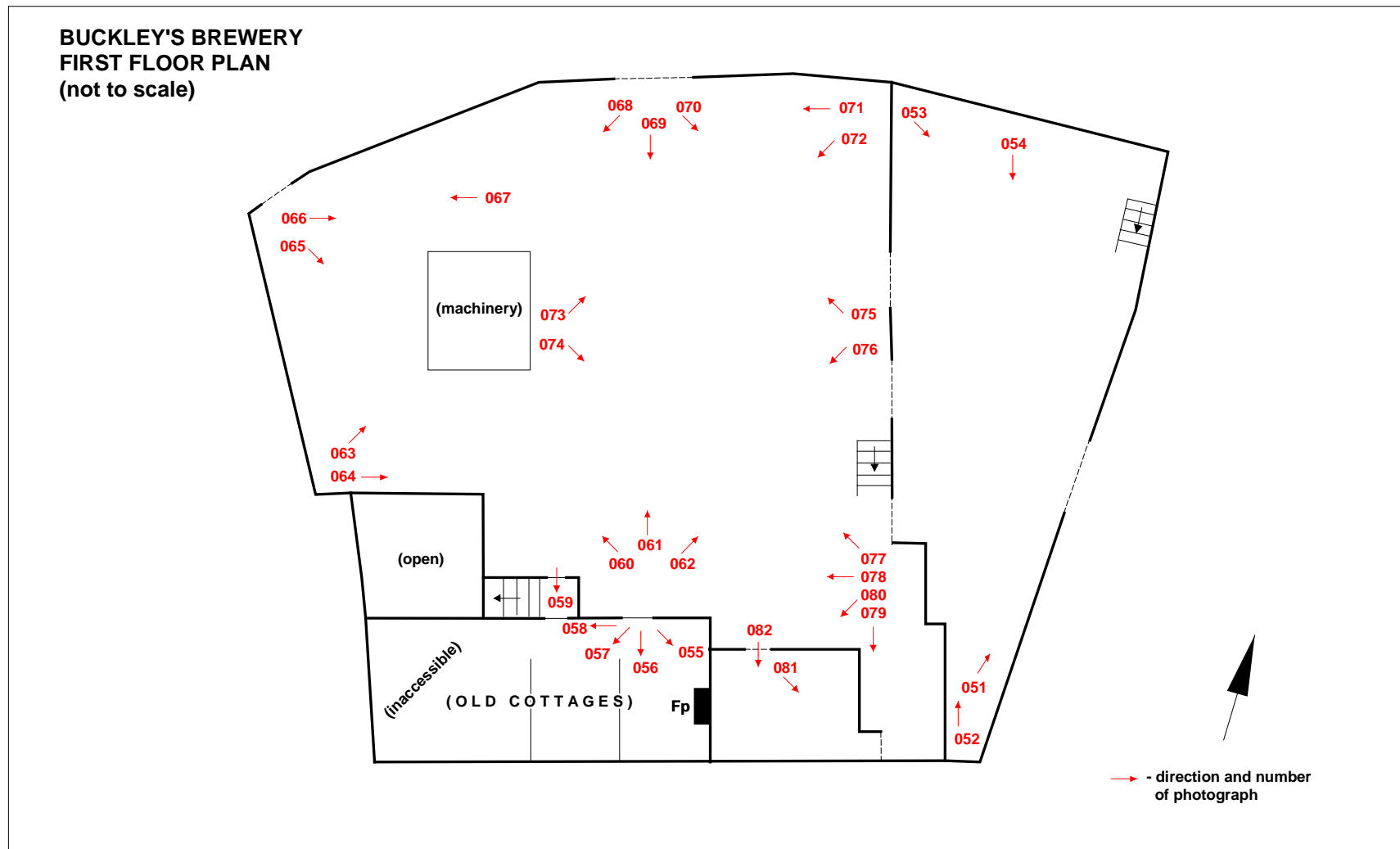


Figure 3: Brewery building, first floor plan and photographic key

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