Hazel Lane Quarry, Phase D, Hampole, South Yorkshire

A Third Interim Report

for Catplant Ltd

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Site Code HLH 02/04

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Summary

Site name: Hazel Lane Quarry, Hampole, South Yorkshire

Grid reference: SE 4987 1135

Site activity: Strip and Excavation

Date and duration of project: 18th–20th February and 13th March 2003

Project manager: Jo Pine

Site supervisor: Jo Pine

Site code: HLH 02/04

Area of site: 3.2ha

Summary of results: A single ditch was observed.

Monuments identified: Ditch

Location and reference of archive: The archive is presently held by Thames Valley Archaeological Services Ltd, 47-49 De Beauvoir Road, Reading, RG1 5NR and will be deposited with Doncaster Museum in due course, with accession code DONMG:2002.3.

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Introduction

This report documents the results of the archaeological monitoring of a soil strip and excavation carried out at Hazel Lane Quarry, Hampole, South Yorkshire (SE 4987 1135) (Fig. 1). The work was commissioned by Mr Peter Reeves, Senior Archaeologist of Wardell Armstrong Consulting Group, Southerland House, 5–6 Argyll Street, London W1F 7TE, on behalf of Catplant Limited.

Planning permission has been sought from Doncaster Borough Council for the extension of the limestone quarry, which lies to the south of the application area. Following the identification of various archaeological features, including the reburied remains of a Roman building, further stripping would require archaeological supervision and mapping of any archaeological features uncovered.

This is in accordance with the Department of the Environment’s Planning Policy Guidance, *Archaeology and Planning* (PPG16 1990), and the Borough’s policies on archaeology. The field investigation was carried out to a specification approved by Mr Roy Sykes, Assistant Archaeologist, South Yorkshire Archaeology Service. The fieldwork was undertaken by Andy Taylor and Sarah Coles on the 18th to 20th of February and the 13th of March 2003 and the site is HLH 02/04. The archive is presently held at Thames Valley Archaeological Services, Reading and will be deposited with Doncaster Museum in due course, with accession code DONMG:2002.3.

Location, topography and geology

The site is located on the north side of an existing quarry just over 1km north-west of the village of Hampole. The site slopes gently from 60m above Ordnance Datum at the west to 55m AOD to the east, whilst the village of Hampole to the south-east lies at 25m AOD. The underlying geology is Permian Lower Magnesium Limestone (BGS 1993). This was encountered throughout the site but was capped intermittently by an orange brown silty clay.

Archaeological background

Numerous phases of previous work have already been carried out on various areas of the site, demonstrating the presence of Roman deposits, in the form of pits, ditches and hearths, as well as the remains of a Roman building.
(Hale and Noel 1994; Noel and Lambert 1994a and b; Brown 1997; Sidebottom 1999; Aitchison 2000; Lines 2001a, b and c; WYAS 2001; Pine 2002a and b; Pine and Taylor 2002; Taylor 2002 and 2003). In light of the discovery of the remains of a Roman building, it has become necessary to supervise the stripping of the site at all times, given the possibility of further building remains or associated significant archaeology being present.

**Results**

A monitored strip of an area approximately 70m by 160m (Fig. 2) occurred in the north-eastern part of field D. This revealed a ditch aligned approximately NNE–SSW (Fig. 3). Two slots (126 and 127) were placed through this ditch; these showed that it was between 1.20m and 1.30m wide and between 0.50m and 0.55m deep. A small assemblage of pottery and tile was recovered from slot 126 (187).

**Further work**

No post-excavation processing has taken place at this stage for the material recovered during this phase, with the exception of cross-referencing of the written and drawn records.

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APPENDIX 1: Catalogue of excavated features

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Figure 1. Location of site within Hampole and South Yorkshire

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Figure 2. Showing monitored strip in relation to previous trenches, excavated features and previous geophysical anomalies.
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Figure 3. Excavated features

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