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Dear Tim

Following on from our previous discussions I have reviewed the Staffordshire County Council files pertaining to the archaeological element of the West Coast Main Line. While a brief is mentioned in correspondence copies could not be identified within the project file or held electronically. Instead it would appear that a more general verbal agreement was in place regarding the methodology and that this led to the production of a Project Design for the archaeological works. If I do subsequently identify a Brief for the archaeological work on the West Coast Main Line I will of course forward details of this to you as a matter of urgency.

Yours sincerely

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WEST COAST MAINLINE UPGRADE - TRENT VALLEY OUTLINE PROPOSAL FOR PHASE 1 WORKS

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Network Rail is to upgrade the track between Tamworth and Lichfield (previously known as 'Order 2') and Lichfield and Armitage (previously known as 'Order 1'). This comprises a distance of over 20km of track.
- 1.2 The upgrade involves the change from two tracks to four. Although much of this upgrade will take place within the present footprint of the railway, there are also a number of areas where substantial landtake, both permanent and temporary, will take place outside the present footprint.
- 1.3 These works will include the construction of haul roads, temporary and permanent compounds and storage areas, as well as the construction and replacement of bridges, and a number of other works.
- 1.4 In most cases, the Haul roads will be put into place before any other major works take place.

2 LOCATION, GEOLOGY & TOPOGRAPHY

2.1 The section of track in question runs from Tamworth, through Lichfield to Armitage.

TAMWORTH TO LICHFIELD

- 2.2 The Tamworth to Lichfield section lies within two distinct topographical and geographical 'zones'. These are the southern uplands of Staffordshire, crossed by the north-western half of this section, and the Tame Valley, which takes up the south-east part. East of Lichfield, the railway runs alongside a gentle, north-east facing, slope. This lies at around 60-70m OD and is situated at the side of the River Tame. East of Whittington, the railway descends into the bottom of the valley, to around 55m OD, and crosses the River Tame, before entering the town of Tamworth,
- 2.3 Southern Uplands The geology of the southern upland area is Triassic Keuper sandstones (BGS 1971). Around Hademore, this is overlain by Recent and Pleistocene Glacial Boulder Clay. Within this zone, there are alluvial deposits. These are associated with three watercourses at Huddlesford, along Fisherwick Brook and both sides of the River Tame.
- 2.4 Tame Valley The geology at the base of the Tame Valley comprises a Recent and Pleistocene Gravel Terrace (First Terrace) to either side of the River Tame, with alluvium at the very bottom of the valley on the floodplain. At the eastern end of the corridor, to the south-east of Wigginton Hall, the line of the existing railway rises slightly at the foot of the valley slope before entering Tamworth town. The geology of this area is Triassic Keuper Sandstones,

Recent and Pleistocene Glacial Boulder Clay and Triassic Keuper Red Marls with sandy bands.

LICHFIELD TO ARMITAGE

- 2.5 The Trent Valley section of line is located towards the bottom of the western slope of a valley. This valley contains the River Trent to the north-west. The land rises significantly to the west of this area, towards the small settlements of Brook End and Longdon and to the centre of Lichfield.
- 2.6 The geology of the southern end of the study area consists of a small island of first terrace gravels around Streethay. To the north-west of this area, the line passes through an area of Triassic sandstones and a larger area of red marls with sandy bands, as far as Tomhay Wood. Within this area, two lines of alluvium are present, the north-western third of this section consists almost entirely of older river gravel with a smaller alluvial passage to the south-east of Hanch Hall, and with the northeastermost end surrounded by red marls and a soft sandstone.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The history of this project with Oxford Archaeology (OA) began in 1999 when our Heritage Management Services were asked by Scott Wilson to produce Heritage Impact Assessments (HIA) for orders 1 & 2, to be included in their Environmental Impact Assessments.
- 3.2 In 2002, when Order 2 went to Public Inquiry, Staffordshire County Council asked that further, more detailed, works should be done on the cropmark sites along the route and on the fieldnames shown on the parish Tithe maps. They also requested that an overarching project design be created for Order 2. This work was done and submitted.
- 3.3 Also in 2002, an initial phase of fieldwalking was undertaken along the northern side of the line between (approximately) Whittington and the Sewage works to the north-west of Tamworth (Order 2). The report for this work has not yet been produced, as the project did not continue once Railtrack ceased to exist. The results were, however, disappointing, with only post medieval material found throughout the study area. This was despite the fact that this work took place in the area of track which has greater potential due to the presence of a number of cropmarks either within or directly adjacent to the original study area.
- 3.4 In 2003, Oxford Archaeology was approached by Network Rail and asked to consider how to move forward with this project again, and in 2004 this request was confirmed.
- 3.5 Discussions between Ian Wykes of Staffordshire County Council and OA led to the agreement that in areas where, due to temporary or permanent landtake, there was the potential for archaeological remains to be disturbed, fieldwork would be carried out. It was agreed that, as a first stage, this would take the

form of evaluation work, except in the case of the haul roads, which would be covered by watching brief.

4 OVERALL STRATEGY

- 4.1 All areas which are known to be subject to groundworks of any kind will be the subject of archaeological investigations. Any areas that are, at present, not thought to be at risk will need to be included in the archaeological works if circumstances change.
- 4.2 This is Phase 1 of the archaeological works. Archaeology uncovered during this phase may be subject to further mitigation work.
- 4.3 The haul roads will be constructed in advance of any major works. These will be subject to watching brief along their entire length.
- 4.4 Areas of land that will be disturbed, outside the haul roads, will usually be subject to a 2% archaeological field evaluation, although this may be varied in relation to predicted activity and immediate ground conditions. Site specific trench location plans will be produced for each area to be evaluated.
- 4.5 A list of sites that are likely to be evaluated is attached. This is based on the latest information available, but may be subject to change if there is any change in the proposed works on any area, or if new areas of impact are added to the scheme. There are also areas of permanent landtake along large strips of the line which are very long and narrow and run between the haul roads and the existing track. These cannot be evaluated in the usual way. In the event that the adjacent haul road works identify an archaeological resource, further mitigation work may be necessary in these areas.

5 **AIMS & SPECIFIC STRATEGY**

Watching Brief

5.1 Aims

- To establish the presence or absence, extent, condition, nature, character, quality and date of any of archaeological remains within the proposed development area.
- To establish the ecofactual and environmental potential of archaeological deposits and features.
- To signal, before the destruction of the material in question, the discovery of a significant archaeological find, for which the resources allocated are not sufficient to support a treatment to a satisfactory and proper standard. In this case additional technicians may be required to aid the excavation of the archaeological material.
- To make available the results of the investigation.

5.2 Strategy

- 5.2.1 The watching brief will be undertaken in accordance with 'Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Watching Briefs' (IFA, 1999).
- 5.2.2 General site procedures are as defined in the appendices at the end of this document. Excavation of archaeological features and deposits will be undertaken to fulfil the objectives required by the County Archaeologist.
- 5.2.3 The watching brief will be maintained during the construction of the haul roads.
- 5.2.4 All features and deposits will be issued with unique context numbers, and context recording will be in accordance with the established OA *Field Manual* (OAU 1992). All contexts, and any small finds and samples from them will be allocated unique numbers. Bulk finds will be collected by context.
- 5.2.5 Colour transparency and black-and-white negative photographs will be taken during the ground-works and of any archaeological features and deposits. Plans will be drawn at an appropriate scale (normally 1:50 or 1:100) with larger scale plans of features as necessary. Section drawings of features and sample sections of stratigraphy will be drawn at a scale of 1:20.
- 5.2.6 The County Archaeological Service will be kept informed as to the progress of the fieldwork and site visits for monitoring purposes will be arranged between OA and Mr Wykes.
- 5.2.7 The fieldwork will be undertaken by a Project Supervisor under the overall direction of OA Head of Fieldwork, Nick Shepherd.

Evaluation works

5.3 Aims of the Evaluation

- To establish the presence/absence of archaeological remains within the proposal area.
- To determine the extent, condition, nature, character, quality and date of any archaeological remains present.
- To establish the exigency for a mitigation strategy.
- To establish the ecofactual and environmental potential of archaeological deposits and features.
- To make available the results of the investigation.
- To define any relevant research priorities if additional archaeological investigation proves necessary.

5.4 Strategy

- 5.4.1 The trenches will be excavated by a mechanical excavator under archaeological supervision, supplemented by limited hand excavation of archaeological deposits for their initial dating and characterisation. The trenches will be located, so far as is practicable, to obtain a representative sample of the site.

 Trench locations will be agreed with the County Archaeologist prior to the start of the evaluation.
- 5.4.2 The trenches will produce a 2% sample of the proposed areas of development.
- 5.4.3 The trenches will be excavated to the top of the 'natural' or to the top of any significant archaeological level, whichever is the higher. The exposed archaeological horizon will be cleaned to clarify the remains and archaeological features will be sampled to sufficiently characterise and date them. Particular care will be taken to ensure that archaeological deposits are not damaged through excessive use of machine excavation.
- 5.4.4 The stratigraphy of the trench will be recorded even where no archaeological deposits are identified.
- 5.4.5 Spoil heaps will be monitored to allow analysis of the spatial distribution of artefacts.
- 5.4.6 A project supervisor and an archaeologist, under the supervision of a project manager will undertake the fieldwork. All OA's fieldwork is carried out under the general direction of N. Shepherd (Head of Fieldwork).
- 5.4.7 Any human remains that are encountered will initially be left *in situ*. If removal is necessary this will comply with the relevant Home Office regulations.
- 5.4.8 Monitoring of the evaluation will be undertaken by Staffordshire County Archaeological Services.

5.5 Report and archive

- 5.5.1 A report of the findings will be produced within three weeks of the completion of fieldwork. Copies will be sent to the County Archaeological Service and the Sites and Monuments Record.
- 5.5.2 The content and style of the report will be as defined in Appendix 8.*
- 5.5.3 The site archive will be created in accordance with the guidelines published in Guidelines for the preparation of Excavation Archives for long-term storage (UK Inst. for Conservation 1990) and standards in the Museum care of archaeological collections see Appendix 8. The project archives will ultimately be deposited with the appropriate museums.

General

1.2 Appendices 2, 7, 8 and 11 are relevant.

APPENDIX 1: SITES FOR EVALUATION

Site No	Type of site	Site Name/address	Approx grid ref	Size (ha)
A2	2% Eval	OB 101	SK 131 103	0.9
A4	2% Eval	Netherstowe Lane	SK 126 109	1
A5	2% Eval	Netherstowe Lane	SK 126 108	0.3
A7	2% Eval	By Pond	SK 123 114	0.5
A8	2% Eval	Bridge 105	SK 121 117	1.2
A11	2% Eval		SK 113 130	0.3
A12	2% Eval	Fog Cottages	SK 111 133	1.1
A13	2% Eval	Tewnells Lane	SK 109 136	2.7
A15	2% Eval	Shaw Lane	SK 103 142	2.6
A18	2% Eval	Lichfield Road	SK 093 151	0.6
A20	2% Eval	UB112	SK 087 160	0.9

Site No	Type of site	Site Name/address	Grid ref	Size (ha)
1	2% eval	Adj to Cross Street, Tamworth	SK 206 044	0.4
3	2% eval	Adj to FB83	SK 204 045	0.1
6	2% eval	End of Freville Close	SK 202 046	0.1
18	2% eval	Cotton Lane compounds	SK 189 054	0.4
20	2% eval	Adj to Comberford level crossing	SK 187 064	0.2
21	2% eval	Adj to Comberford level crossing	SK 187 065	0.2
22	2% eval	Adj to UB85	SK 186 067	1.9
23	2% eval	Adj to UB85	SK 185 066	1.5
24	2% eval	Adj to R Tame	SK 185 068	0.5
25	2% eval	Adj to UB87	SK 184 069	1.7
26	2% eval	Adj to UB88	SK, 183 071	1.6
28	2% eval	Adj to OB 90	SK 176 080	1.6
29	2% eval	Fisherwick Road	SK 172 080	0.3
30	2% eval	Fisherwick	SK 173 082	3.5
31	2% eval	New Fisherwick road	SK 177 082	0.2
33	2% eval	Burton Road	SK 163 090	0.1
38	2% eval	Adj to UB95	SK 152 095	0.8
39	2% eval	Adj to UB96	SK 151 095	0.4
40	2% eval	Adj to UB97	SK 150 096	0.3
43	2% eval	Adj to A38	SK 142 095	5.9
44	2% eval	Adj to A38	SK 142 096	1.7
45	2% eval	Adj to A38	SK 140 097	1
46	2% eval	Burton Old Road	SK 138 098	0.2
47	2% eval	UB 93	SK 157 094	1
48	2% eval	TOLLGATE LANE	SK 192 069	10.8

APPENDIX 2: OA Standard Fieldwork Methodology Appendices

2 MACHINE EXCAVATED TRENCHES

- 2.1 A visual inspection of the entire site will be undertaken. This will include the examination of any available exposures (e.g. recently cut field ditches and geological test pits).
- 2.2 An appropriate mechanical excavator will be used for machine excavated trenches. This will normally be a JCB 3CX Sitemaster or 360° tracked excavator with a 5' or 6' wide toothless bucket. For work with restricted access or working room a mini excavator such as a Kubota KH 90 will be used.
- 2.3 All machining will be undertaken under direct archaeological supervision.
- 2.4 All undifferentiated topsoil or overburden of recent origin will be removed down to the first significant archaeological horizon, in successive, level spits.
- 2.5 Following machine clearance, all faces of the trench that require examination or recording will be cleaned using appropriate hand tools.
- 2.6 Spoil heaps will be monitored in order to recover artefacts to assist in the analysis of the spatial distribution of artefacts. Modern artefacts will be noted but not retained.
- 2.7 All investigation of archaeological levels will be by hand, with cleaning, examination and recording both in plan and section.
- 2.8 Within significant archaeological levels a minimum number of features required to meet the aims will be hand excavated. Pits and postholes will be subject to a 50% sample by volume. Linear features will be sectioned as appropriate. Features not suited to excavation within narrow trenches will not be sampled. No archaeological deposits will be entirely removed unless this is unavoidable. It is not necessarily the intention that all trial trenches will be fully excavated to natural stratigraphy, but the depth of archaeological deposits across the entire site will be assessed. The stratigraphy of all evaluation trenches will be recorded even where no archaeological deposits have been identified.
- 2.9 Any excavation, both by machine and by hand, will be undertaken with a view to avoiding damage to any archaeological features or deposits which appear to be worthy of preservation *in situ*.
- 2.10 Different environmental sampling strategies may be employed according to established research targets and the perceived importance of the strata under investigation. Bulk samples, a minimum of 10 litres, but up to 30 litres if possible for early prehistoric features will be taken for flotation for charred plant remains. Bulk samples will be taken from any waterlogged deposits present for macroscopic plant remains. Columns for pollen analysis will be taken if appropriate. Mollusc samples will be collected if present. Other bulk samples

for small animal bones and other small artefacts may be taken from appropriate contexts.

- 2.11 Any finds of human remains will be left in-situ, covered and protected and the coroner informed. If removal is essential it will only take place under appropriate Home Office licence, section 25 of the Burial Act 1857 and local environmental health regulations, and if appropriate in compliance with the Disused Burial Grounds (Amendment) Act 1981.
- 2.12 All finds of gold and silver will be removed to a safe place and reported to the local Coroner according to the procedures relating to the 1996 Treasure Act. Where removal can not be effected on the same working day as the discovery, suitable security measures will be taken to protect the finds from theft. All staff associated with the project will be defined as 'Archaeologists' for the purposes of the Act
- 2.13 OA welcomes monitoring visits by the local authorities' archaeological representatives. Timetables of the on-site work will be provided in order that visits can be made at appropriate times.
- 2.14 After recording, the trenches will be backfilled with excavated material, but will otherwise not be reinstated.

RECORDING

2.15 Contexts

- If less than ten trenches are to be recorded, a block of numbers, in a continuous sequence will be allocated to each trench.
- If more than ten trenches are to be recorded, a continuous unique numbering system will operate within each trench only.
- Written descriptions will be recorded on proforma sheets comprising factual data and interpretative elements.
- Where stratified deposits are encountered a Harris matrix will be compiled during the course of the excavation.

2.16 Plans

- These will normally drawn at 1:100, but on urban or deeply stratified sites a scale of 1:50 or 1:20 will be used. Detailed plans will be at an appropriate scale. Burials will be drawn at scale 1:10.
- The site grid will be accurately tied into the National Grid and located on the 1:2500 or 1:1250 map of the area.
- A register of plans will be kept.

2.17 Sections

- Long sections of trenches showing layers will be drawn at 1:50. Sections of features or short lengths of trenches will be drawn at 1:20.
- A register of sections will be kept.

• Generally all sections will be tied in to Ordnance Datum. The exception to this is where the proposal for the site is mineral extraction where depth in relation to the development proposals is irrelevant. In these cases only some significant sections will be tied in to OD.

2.18 Photography

- A full black and white and colour (35 mm transparency) photographic record, illustrating in both detail and general context the principal features and finds discovered will be maintained. The photographic record will also include working shots to illustrate more generally the nature of the archaeological work.
- Photographs will be recorded on OA Photographic Record Sheets.
- 2.19 All recording will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the OA Field Manual (ed. D Wilkinson 1992).

FINDS

- 2.20 All identified finds and artefacts will be retained, although certain classes of building material or post medieval pottery may sometimes be discarded after recording if an appropriate sample is retained. However, no finds will be discarded without the prior approval of the nominated representative of the local authority and the receiving Museum. All appropriate ironwork will be X-rayed.
- 2.21 The pottery and other relevant artefacts will be scanned to assess the date range of the assemblage.
- 2.22 All finds and samples will be treated in a proper manner and to standards agreed in advance with the approved recipient museum. These will be exposed, lifted, cleaned, conserved, marked, bagged and boxed in accordance with the guidelines set out in UKIC's "Conservation Guidelines No. 2".
- 2.23 The level of artefact analysis will be sufficient to establish date ranges of archaeological deposits, a general assessment of the types of pottery and other artefacts to assist in characterising the archaeology, and to establish the potential for all categories of artefacts should further archaeological work be necessary.
- 2.24 At the beginning of a project, the local relevant museum and the landowner will be contacted regarding the preparation and deposition of the archive and finds.
- 2.25 Environmental samples, if appropriate will be processed and scanned for potential date. This will usually be co-ordinated by Dr M Robinson of University Museum, Oxford using appropriate specialists.

7 **WATCHING BRIEFS**

7.1 Ground disturbances (demolition, general site strip and levelling, reduction for roads, excavation for service trenches and foundation trenches) will be

- monitored by an archaeological supervisor assisted, where necessary, by archaeological technicians and under the overall guidance of a project manager.
- 7.2 All archaeological features and deposits exposed will be recorded.
- 7.3 Where only the tops of features or deposits are exposed, these will be located on a site plan, planned, and recorded by written description and by photographs.
- 7.4 Visible artefacts will be collected in order to assist in the dating of features and deposits.
- 7.5 Where trenches are excavated through cut features (pits, ditches, etc.) and vertical stratigraphy is not present, the features will be recorded in section with appropriate collection of finds.
- 7.6 Where ground disturbance exposes stratified remains or significant features, these will be hand excavated by the archaeologist and recorded.
- 7.7 The archaeological curator will be advised at the earliest opportunity of any archaeological features or deposits that appear worthy of preservation *in situ*.
- 7.8 On completion of the fieldwork the site archive will be compiled and security copied.
- 7.9 Proposals for analysis and publication will be determined in the light of the results of the fieldwork.

RECORDING

- 7.10 All on-site recording will be undertaken in accordance with the *OAU Field Manual* (ed. D Wilkinson 1992).
- 7.11 A continuous unique numbering system will be operated. Written descriptions will be recorded on proforma sheets comprising factual data and interpretative elements.
- 7.12 Plans will normally be drawn at 1:50 but in urban or deeply stratified sites a scale of 1:20 will be used. Detailed plans will be at an appropriate scale. Burials will be drawn at 1:10.
- 7.13 A register of plans will be kept.
- 7.14 Sections of features or trenches showing stratigraphy will be drawn at 1:20 or 1:10.
- 7.15 A register of sections will be kept.
- 7.16 All sections will be tied in to Ordnance Datum if possible or into the contractors TBM.

- 7.17 A black and white and colour (35 mm transparency) photographic record, illustrating in both detail and general context the principal features and finds discovered will be maintained. The photographic record will also include working shots to illustrate more generally the nature of the archaeological work.
- 7.18 Photographs will be recorded on OA Photographic Record Sheets.
- 7.19 All identified finds and artefacts from stratified archaeological deposits will be retained, although certain classes of building material or post medieval pottery may sometimes be discarded after recording if an appropriate sample is retained.

8 EVALUATION REPORTS

- 8.1 Style and format of the report will be determined by OA, but will include as a minimum the following:
 - A location plan of trenches and/or other fieldwork in relation to the proposed development.
 - Plans and sections of features located at an appropriate scale.
 - A section drawing showing depth of deposits including present ground level with Ordnance Datum, vertical and horizontal scale.
 - A summary statement of the results.
 - A table summarising per trench the features, classes and numbers of artefacts contained within, spot dating of significant finds and an interpretation.
 - A reconsideration of the methodology used, and a confidence rating for the results.
 - An interpretation of the archaeological findings both within the site and within their wider landscape/townscape setting.
- 8.2 Copies of the report will be supplied to the client and the Archaeological Officer monitoring the works. Copies of the report will also be supplied to the County Sites and Monuments Record on the understanding that it will become a public document after an appropriate period of time (normally six months).
- 8.3 If the evaluation works generate archaeological results of importance which merit wider publication, the client will be consulted about further arrangements.

ARCHIVES

- 8.4 The site archive, including finds and environmental material, will be ordered, catalogued, labelled and conserved and stored according to the UKIC Guidelines for the preparation of excavation archives for long-term storage.
- 8.5 The site archive will be prepared to at least the minimum acceptable standard defined in Management of Archaeological Projects 2, English Heritage 1991.

- 8.6 The site archive will be microfilmed by the RCHME National Archaeological Record as a safeguard against the accidental loss and the long-term degeneration of paper records and photographs.
- 8.7 The site archive will be deposited with the relevant receiving Museum at the earliest opportunity unless further archaeological work on the site is expected within one year of completion of the archive. OA will advise the landowner that any artefacts resulting from the project work should be given to the relevant Museum.

11 GENERAL

- 11.1 The requirements of the Brief will be met in full where reasonably practicable.
- 11.2 Any significant variations to the proposed methodology will be agreed with the local authority's archaeological representative in advance.
- 11.3 The scope of work detailed in the main part of the Written Scheme of Investigation is aimed at meeting the aims of the project in a cost effective manner. Oxford Archaeology attempts to foresee possible site specific problems and resource these. However there may be unusual circumstances which have not been included in the costing and programme.
 - Unavoidable delays due to extreme bad weather, vandalism, etc.
 - Complex structures or objects, including those in waterlogged conditions, requiring specialist removal.
 - Extensions to specified trenches or feature sample sizes requested by the archaeological curator.
 - Trenches requiring shoring or stepping, ground contamination, unknown services, poor ground conditions requiring additional plant, specialist reinstatement of surfaces (i.e. tarmac, turf).

HEALTH AND SAFETY and INSURANCE

- 11.4 All work will be carried out to the requirements of *Health and Safety at Work*, etc. Act 1974, The Management of Health and Safety Regulations 1992, the SCAUM (Standing Conference of Archaeological Unit Managers) H & S manual Health and Safety in Field Archaeology 1991, the OA Health and Safety Policy, and any main contractors requirements.
- 11.5 A copy of OA's Health and Safety Policy is available on request. OA will require copies of the H & S policies of all other contractors and operators present on site in compliance with *The Manual of H & S Regulations 1992*.
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Figure 1: Tamworth to Lichfield - evaluation areas and haul roads

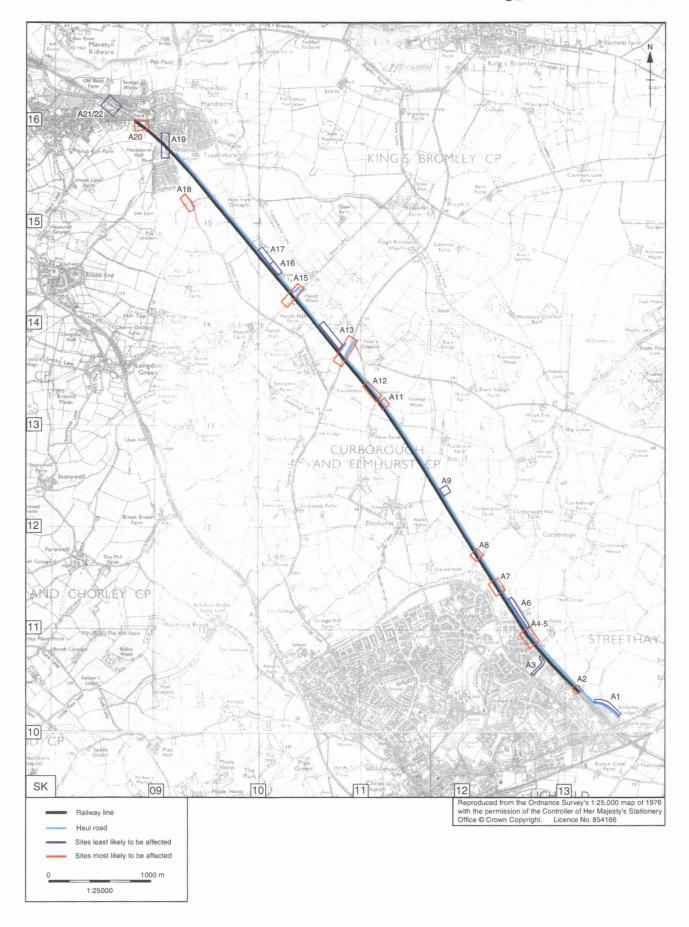


Figure 2: Lichfield to Armitage - evaluation areas and haul roads

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Fig. 1 OS Site location map and area of watching brief

SUMMARY

Between the 18th of June and the 24th of July 2006 Oxford Archaeology (OA) carried out an archaeological watching brief at Tamworth, Staffordshire, adjacent to the TA Centre and alongside the existing rail track (NGR: SK 202 046). The work was commissioned by Network Rail for the observation of geo-technical test-pits, in advance of the upgrading of the rail track. No archaeological features or deposits were observed. Natural was overlain by soils of alluvial origin.

1 Introduction

1.1 Location and scope of work

- 1.1.1 Between the 18th of June and the 24th of July 2006 Oxford Archaeology (OA) carried out an archaeological watching brief at Tamworth, Staffordshire, adjacent to the TA Centre and alongside the existing rail track at NGR: SK 202 046 (Fig. 1). The work was commissioned by Network Rail ahead of works for upgrading of the rail line between Tamworth and Lichfield (known as Network Rail 'Order2'). The Watching Brief monitored the excavation of eleven geo-technical test-pits and the stripping of topsoil and subsoil.
- 1.1.2 Discussions between Steve Dean, Archaeological Officer for Staffordshire County Council and OA, led to an agreement that in areas where there was the potential for damage to possible archaeological remains, due to temporary or permanent land-take disturbance, archaeological fieldwork would be carried out.
- 1.1.3 An outline project proposal detailing how OA would implement the evaluation and watching briefs was agreed between all parties (OA 2004 and see 1.3 below).

1.2 Geology and topography

1.2.1 The site lies on recent and pleistocene first terrace gravels (BGS sheet 154) at c 77 m above Ordnance Datum (aOD). The site is situated on level ground between the current rail line and industrial units/TA centre and is approximately 0.5 hectares in area.

1.3 Archaeological and historical background

Previous work and project background

- 1.3.1 In 2002, an initial phase of field-walking was carried out by OA for *Railtrack* along the northern side of the railway line between (approximately) Whittington and the Sewage works to the north-west of Tamworth.
- 1.3.2 The report for this work has not been issued, as the project did not continue once *Railtrack* as a company had ceased to exist. The results of the work, however,

- revealed post-medieval material throughout the study area in the vicinity of a former track-way. It was thought, nonetheless, that there would have been greater potential for archaeological finds along the walked route, owing to the number of crop marks within the vicinity of the track-way and in adjacent fields.
- 1.3.3 In 2002, when Network Rail Order 2 went to Public Inquiry. Staffordshire County Council requested that further and more detailed archaeological work should be undertaken on known crop-marks along the route and within fields with ancient field names depicted on Parish Tithe maps.
- 1.3.4 The Council also requested that an all-encompassing archaeological project design be produced to cover the construction works proposed under Order 2. This work (West Coast Mainline Upgrade Trent Valley. Outline Proposal for Phase 1 Works, OA 2004) was undertaken by OA and included provision for both evaluation trenches and watching briefs.
- 1.3.5 As part of the mitigation works OA monitored the construction of the haul road adjacent to the west coast mainline (OA 2005b) and the results of this watching brief and previous field-walking were used to determine a programme of work to mitigate the effects of the upgrading of the railway upon any potential archaeology.

Archaeological and Historical Background

- 1.3.6 The following background information is reproduced from the Heritage Impact Assessment produced by OA for Railtrack but never issued due to the collapse of the latter. The "study corridor" refers to a corridor 500m either side of the railway line which was the subject of the Impact Assessment.

 General
- 1.3.7 Between 1960 and 1976 JK St Joseph and later J Pickering carried out regular aerial reconnaissance of the central section of the study corridor, following the discovery of a large number of crop-marks on the Gravel Terrace within the Tame Valley. As a result of this research a number of archaeological 'rescue' excavations were carried out in the early 1970s in the Fisherwick area in response to gravel extraction, which threatened to destroy a number of crop-mark sites within this area of seemingly high archaeological potential. The majority of these excavations were located c 2 km to the north-east of the study corridor. One excavation was undertaken within the study corridor c 300 m north-east of the line of the railway. The results of these excavations were published in a British Archaeological Reports volume in 1979 entitled 'Fisherwick: The Reconstruction of an Iron Age Landscape' (Smith et al., 1979).
- 1.3.8 In 1980, Christopher Smith published a summary of his doctoral thesis for the University of Nottingham on the historical development of the parishes of Alrewas, Fisherwick and Whittington, in *Transactions of the Southern Staffordshire Archaeological Society* Vol XIX. Smith's study area forms a broad north-south strip

which encompasses the central section of the WCML study corridor between eastings SK 16 (Whittington) and SK 19 (River Tame). The study involved detailed examination of documentary and cartographic sources, air photographs, and also involved several field-walking surveys. The survey revealed concentrations of material from the prehistoric to post-medieval period at various locations within his study area. Smith attempted to reconstruct the landscape of his study area at four periods in time: the 1st millennium, AD 200, c AD 1300 and the mid 18th century. *Prehistoric*

- 1.3.9 Excavations on the Gravel Terrace at Fisherwick, c 2 km to the north-east of the study corridor, prior to gravel extraction in 1968 and 1973-4, have revealed further evidence of prehistoric activity in the form of a possible Neolithic settlement and extensive Iron Age activity. The latter includes Iron Age settlements believed to have been agricultural in nature small farmsteads surrounded by extensive field systems. It has been suggested (Smith 1977 quoted in Hodder 1982, 19) that the Tame Gravel Terrace was divided by a series of permanent ditched boundaries during the first millennium BC, as the result of population increase. Excavations at Fisherwick revealed that pre-medieval population levels within the Valley are likely to have been considerably greater than was previously supposed (Smith 1979, 103). Roman
- 1.3.10 Excavations in 1968 prior to gravel extraction at Fisherwick, c 2 km to the north-east of the study corridor, revealed a Romano-British farmstead consisting of four circular huts, pens and palisaded enclosures, adjacent to a drove-way. The farm, dated to the early 2nd century-AD to the 3rd century-AD, was believed to have specialised in stock-rearing. In addition, traces of Roman activity have been found within the historic core of Tamworth and it is possible that there may have been an earlier settlement here prior to the early medieval burh (Staffs SMR).

 Medieval
- 1.3.11 There were a number of known medieval settlements within the study area, some of which later became deserted and which have left no trace. The settlements include Lichfield, Streethay, Whittington (all extant) and Fisherwick (deserted), located just outside the study corridor, and Tamhorn, Horton, Fulfen and Morughale (all deserted), located within the study corridor. These settlements would have provided a focus for the community within the parish. In addition, there were probably a number of smaller secondary settlements in the form of isolated farmsteads located away from the villages. The identification of these is less straightforward and is primarily based on buildings shown on the earliest maps consulted and place-name evidence.
- 1.3.12 Fisherwick, although not mentioned in Domesday Book, is recorded as a manor in 1167 (VCH XIV, 239). The settlement no longer exists but is believed to lie outside the study corridor, c 1.5 km to the north-east of the railway (Hurst 1967, 45 and VCH Staffs XIV, 239).

- 1.3.13 Tamhorn and Horton are both mentioned in Domesday and formed a township by the late 13th century, with Horton apparently more important (VCH Staffs XIV, 239). The township of Tamhorn and Horton is listed in a Subsidy Roll of 1327 when 12 people were assessed for subsidy. Smith (1980, 7) identified the possible location of the DMVs of Tamhorn and Horton through concentrations of medieval pottery and building material found during fieldwalking in the early 1970s. The spread of artefacts was too dense to be simply residual material within a manure scatter used to assist cultivation. It should however be noted that the VCH (XIV 1990, 240) suggests that the site of Horton village may also lie close to, or on, the present site of the small cluster of houses at Hademore, immediately to the south of the railway. Fisherwick Park
- 1.3.14 The Railway line between Fisherwick Brook and Hademore cuts the southern edge of a formal post-medieval park called Fisherwick Park. The park is not listed in English Heritage's Register of Parks and Gardens. The park was created to provide a setting around a 'very proper brick house' (possibly located on or near the site of the medieval manor) built by John Skeffington in the late 16th century (VCH Staffs XIV, 243-4).
- 1.3.15 The park was enclosed by a park pale (boundary) intended to keep deer and rabbits out of the park grounds. The park was planted with a large number of trees and by the 1680s the trees had 'grown to a magnitude (in number) almost beyond belief (ibid., 244). Two avenues led through the park to Fisherwick Hall (c 1.5 km to the north-east of the railway) aligned on the Whittington and Tamhorn churches. The park increased in size in the later 18th century, evidently to the north-east (VCH Staffs XIV, 244), absorbing enclosed farmland adjacent (Smith 1980, 5). In 1747 the park covered an area of 450 acres; in 1760 this had grown to 571 acres. A map of the park dated 1760 shows a fence around the perimeter of the park and the broad avenue leading to Fisherwick Park from an entrance by Hademore Lodge. The map shows little detail, other than a depiction of land within the park boundary and the enclosed fields to the east.
- 1.3.16 Between c. 1766-79 Fisherwick Hall was demolished and rebuilt for Lord Donegall. This involved landscaping of the park by Lancelot (Capability) Brown, following an Act of 1766 stopping up all public roads through the park. The two avenues were removed and replaced with two new drives, which led to south to the lodge at Hademore, and east to Stubby Leas (outside the study area). Brown planted 10,000 trees and created a boundary plantation enclosing a ride along the south and east sides of the park (VCH Staffs XIV, 244). A plan of the Estate of Lord Spencer Chichester dated to the late 18th century shows boundary plantations along the southern edge of the park at Hademore as well as a building marked 'Hedimore Lodge' at the southern entrance to the park. Also shown is the developing estate hamlet of 'Hedimore' immediately to the south, consisting of Hademore Farm, Holly Cottage and another cottage (now demolished). It had been intended to build a brick

wall around the whole park, but only about a mile of it was completed, on the southeast side. This wall was evidently still standing in 1990 (*ibid.*, 244). Shortly after 1808 Fisherwick Hall was demolished. A large number of trees were felled and the park divided into fields. The OS 1 map (1834) shows the former park, with a clear boundary in the form of a line of screening trees along the southern edge. This is the earliest map which enables the southern line of the park to be placed in relation to the modern OS mapping with any accuracy. A Plan of the Township of Fisherwick (1842) and the OS 1st edition 6" map (1883-8) both show Hademore Lodge as still extant, the latter showing the lodge to have lain some 50m north-east of the railway.

1.3.17 When the Trent Valley Railway was built in 1846-7, it cut across the extreme southern corner of the former Fisherwick Park, just to the south of the gate lodge. It is unclear whether the southern edge of the park as shown in 1834 represented the extent of the original 16th century park however. It is therefore possible that remains of the original park pale, in the form of a bank, ditch of fence (the latter is suggested by a map of 1760) may survive in the form of an earthwork, or that remains of a ditch may be preserved as a buried feature beneath and close to the railway. Whilst the site of the Fisherwick Hall is now occupied by a container company, and its grounds now lie under a former explosives depot and a field of crops, a pair of Grade II Listed gate piers dating to the early 19th century still survive at a point some 50 m north of the railway, flanking the former formal drive, which remains in use from this point The course of the driveway southward from the gates has been abandoned following the construction of a later connecting road, although its alignment is still traceable as a double hedge line. This crosses the railway at a disused level-crossing to the west of Fogg Cottages, before passing behind Holly Cottage to emerge onto the public road behind a cast-iron telephone kiosk.

2 PROJECT AIMS AND METHODOLOGY

2.1 **Aims**

- 2.1.1 To identify and record the presence/absence, extent, condition, quality and date of archaeological remains in the areas affected by the development.
- 2.1.2 To make available the results of the archaeological investigation.

2.2 Methodology

2.2.1 Where observed all archaeological features were planned at a scale of 1:100 and where excavated their sections drawn at scales of 1:20. All excavated features were photographed using colour slide and black and white print film. A general photographic record of the work was made. Recording followed procedures detailed in the OAU Fieldwork Manual (ed. D Wilkinson, 1992).

3 RESULTS

3.1 **Description of deposits**

- 3.1.1 During June and July 2006, 11 geotechnical test-pits were excavated, by contractors, to investigate the underlying soils in preparation for c 170 linear metres of ground stripping and reduction. The test-pits were between 1.5 m and 2.3 m long, 0.6-1 m wide and up to 2. 4 m deep. Following the test-pitting the topsoil and underlying subsoil were stripped.
- 3.1.2 In all the test-pits natural alluvial gravel was overlain by a layer of alluvial sand c 0.3 m thick. This was overlain by a pale brown silty sand subsoil up to 0.5 m deep. In places this had been truncated and subsequently buried beneath a recent spoil-heap. Elsewhere the sand had been partially truncated and subsequently buried beneath modern made ground, possibly associated with the construction of the adjacent railway or its maintenance.
- 3.1.3 The test pits did not reveal any archaeological features cutting into either the subsoil or the underlying natural.
- 3.1.4 Following the test-pitting, the stripping of topsoil and sub-soils was monitored, prior to groundwork excavations.
- 3.1.5 No archaeological features or deposits were observed during the ground reduction works.

3.2 **Finds**

3.2.1 No finds were recovered during the watching brief.

3.3 Palaeo-environmental remains

3.3.1 No deposits suitable for paleo-environmental sampling were observed during the watching brief.

4 DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1.1 The natural alluvial gravel was consistently overlain by c 0.3 m of alluvial sand which was in turn overlain by possibly alluvial soil. The alluvial soil was in places buried below spoil-heaps and elsewhere appeared to have been truncated by modern works, probably associated with the construction of the railway, or its maintenance.
- 4.1.2 Due to the absence of any archaeological remains it is recommended that no further archaeological work need be carried out on this site.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1 ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONTEXT INVENTORY

Test-pit					,	
1	Context	Туре	Length	Width	Depth	Comments
		Natural			NA	Alluvial gravel
		Natural			0.3 m	Alluvial sand
		Subsoil			0.9 m	Made ground, modern
2						
		Natural			NA	Alluvial gravel
		Natural			0.3 m	Alluvial sand
		Subsoil			0.6 m	Buried soil
3						
		Natural			NA	Alluvial gravel
		Natural			0.3 m	Alluvial sand
		Subsoil			0.5 m	Buried soil
4		 				
		Natural			NA	Alluvial gravel
		Natural			0.3 m	Alluvial sand
		Subsoil			0.5 m	
5						
		Natural			NA	Alluvial gravel
		Natural			0.3 m	· Alluvial sand
		Subsoil			0.45 m	Buried soil
6				-		
_		Natural			NA	Alluvial gravel
		Natural			0.3 m	Alluvial sand
		Spoil			l m	Modern deposit
7		NA				Abandoned due to height of spoil-hear
						8
8						
		Natural				Alluvial gravel
		Natural			0.3 m	Alluvial sand (disturbed)
		Subsoil			1.2 m	Possibly modern topsoil, spoil-heap
						, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
1a		Natural			NA.	Alluvial gravel
		Natural			0.3 m	Alluvial sand
		Soil			0.3 m	Made ground
,					0.5	5.00.10
2b		Natural		·	NA	Alluvial gravel
		Natural			0.3 m	Alluvial sand
		Soil			0.3 m	Buried soil
		25.1			0.5	201.04 0011
3c		Natural			NA	Alluvial gravel
		Natural			0.3 m	Alluvial graver
		Soil			0.3 m	Buried soil

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OA 2003	West Coast Mainline-Field-walking Report-not issued. OA Internal report only.
OA 2004	West Coast Mainline Upgrade - Trent Valley. Outline Proposal for Phase I Works,
OA 2005	Written Scheme of Investigation

APPENDIX 3 SUMMARY OF SITE DETAILS

Site name: West Coast Mainline TA Centre Tamworth

Site code: WCMA6 05 Grid reference: SK 202 046

Type of watching brief: Observation of geotechnical test-pits and soil stripping

Date and duration of project: Between 27th June and 24th July 2006

Area of site: N/A

Summary of results: No archaeology was observed, in eleven geotechnical test-pit's natural

was overlain by alluvial soils.

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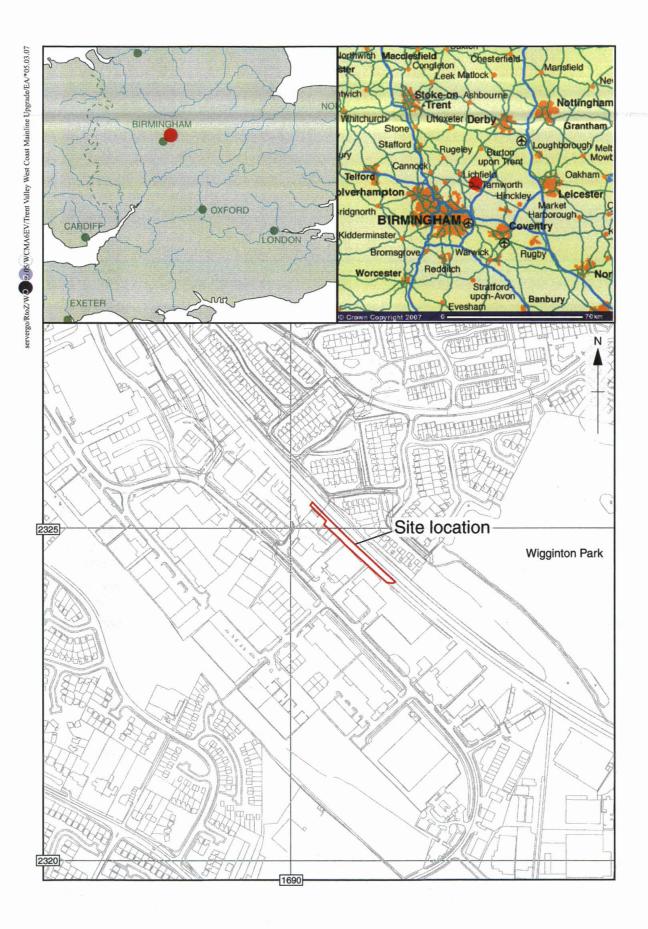


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Previous/future work

Yes / Not known

Any associated project reference

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Any associated project reference

codes

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Type of project

Recording project

Current Land use

Transport and Utilities 2 - Other transport infrastructure

Monument type

N/A None

Significant Finds

N/A None

Investigation type

'Watching Brief'

Prompt

Planning condition

Project location

Country

England

Site location

STAFFORDSHIRE TAMWORTH TAMWORTH Tamworth Site at the end of

Freville Close

Study area

850.00 Square metres

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COMMENTS			
[None of work is "brackside" - will divolve ground reduction for Rilling mat]			
[170m, 1 hit (probably), 2-3 weeks (possibly)]			
Inducted c. 8.30 On site c. 9.15, we stong for JCB			
(puncture - awastung tyre filter)			
10 34 - Still wasting for modine - rubber duck arrived			
earlier (with a left ditching bucket!) and is			
arrestly moving a spoil hop whilst we awast			
the arrival of a 6 tonne auni-digger with			
(hose fully)	the appropriately size	1 Gullet	
No pl	on of TP locations -	will foce	te manually
The driver, bankonen + forence seem to be			
under the impression that this is an orchoeological			
rather than geofechnical exercise.			
Muni-dayper arrived at 11.15.			
Pited foundation planned for referenting wall??			1
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root disturbed buried soil (mid-pale brown silty sand			
with c. 15% gravel fragments)			
c.O.2m sand over gravel. Sand o/lain by 0.6m "buried"			
<u>c.O.Zm sand</u> Soil.	over grave! Sand	o/lain by 0	6m buried
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TP3 - 1-5m	× 0.8m × 1.	lm bal (subsection	CUENTLY EXC.
	VEL TO 2.4m by		
c. 0.3m sand over gravel. Sand oflain by . 0.5m of			
"burled soil"			
7P4-2.lm x lm x 1.7m byl			
c. 0.8m sand over growel. Sand ollain by c. 0.5m of burted Soil.			
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TP5- 2.3m x 0.8m x 1.5m bgl				
0.35m sand over grave (. Sand overlain by c.0.45m				
of buried soil.				
TP6- X	TPG- 2m x 0.8m x 2.2m bg th			
0.2m sand over growel. Sand overlain by c. 0.2m of disturbed burted soil overlain by c. Im recordley deposited spoil/topsoil.				
of disturk	ped buried soil over	ain by c	. Im reconvey	
Deposited	Spoil / topsoil.			
TPI - Aba	ndoned due to depth	of spoi	I heap.	
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	TP8 - 2m x 0.8m x 1.7m bgl #			
0.2m Sand	0.2m sand over gravel. Sand directly overlain by			
spoil suggest	spoil suggesting founcation of buried soil during			
dumping	spoil suggesting touncation of busied soil during dumping of topsoil? (c.12m of spoil overlying disturbed sand.			
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and gravel	inclusions not consist	ant with	well sorted
aggregate (?) - directly overlies sand at fearly			
consistent + horizontal horizon also suggesting			
gradual deposition (ie - if dumped by machine, interface with soft and would almost			
, interface	interface with soft and would almost		
certainly &	be more irregular.)		
sand - bond	d of sandy material	consist	ently c.O.3m
thick over	lies grove (the for	of gra	avel is
sand - bond of sandy material, consistently c.O.3m thick overlies grove! (the top of gravel is likely to be reduction level for piling most)			
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sondy deposit may suggest potential for survival			
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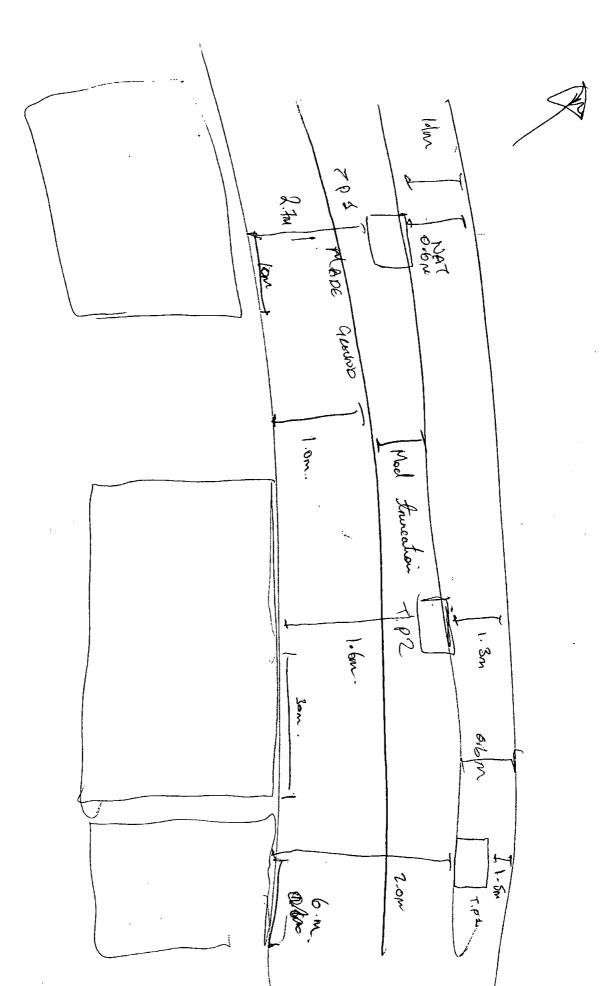
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West Coast Main Line, Tamworth site at the end of Freville Close woman as

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