

## Torbay Sites and Monuments Register

<b>Parish:</b> Tormoham		<b>NGR:</b> SX 9262 6373	<b>Number:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Watching Brief on groundworks at J V Motors, Lisburne Square, Torquay.			
<b>Description:</b> <p>Four visits were made to the development site by EA staff after the demolition of the standing buildings. The initial visit was made to observe the excavation of seven geotechnical pits. These revealed modern rubble infill (consisting of shale/slate and fragments of mortar and modern brick) of the small combe that crosses the site from north-east to south-west. <i>In situ</i> weathered ground was observed at a depth of 3.4m below ground level at the northern end and along the south-western boundary of the site (c.38.55 mAOD). In the middle of the site <i>in situ</i> material was observed at depth of 4.6m (37.64mAOD), possibly representing the lowest part of the now infilled combe.</p> <p>Subsequent observations were made during the diversion of a sewer main running into the site from Lower Woodfield Road (see attached plan). Here the same stratigraphic sequence was the same as that noted in the geotechnical pits. <i>In situ</i> bedrock was observed at a depth of 2.88m (40.11mAOD).</p> <p>No finds were recovered during the fieldwork</p> <p>Construction methods employed on the site has meant that the material derived from the demolition of the buildings was spread across the site to raise ground level. Foundations of the building were to be constructed on piles driven into this material, into the underlying made-ground and through to undisturbed natural ground. Wall bases are to be constructed onto beams spanning between piles at a level above that of existing ground level. Other than the excavations for the geotechnical pits and the sewer diversion there were no additional ground disturbance.</p>		<b>Ref:</b> Exeter Archaeology Project no. 4238	<b>Date:</b> Visits on 28/8/01, 3/9/01, 18/9/01, 21/9/01
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