

## Case Study: Carlyon Bay Redevelopment

The proposed construction of residential properties on Carlyon Bay, near St Austell, in Cornwall meant Davis Langdon LLP needed to reduce the risk of any impact on heritage and archaeological sites.

AB Heritage was commissioned to produce an Archaeological Desk-Based Assessment covering the proposed construction. The report included a description of the baseline heritage conditions, examined a range of sources on the archaeology in the area and identified any known and potential archaeological features within the application site and its immediate vicinity.

Overall, AB Heritage concluded that there was a little or no archaeological potential pre-dating c.1800. In addition, there was only a small range of evidence associated with the 19th century industrial and the 20th century recreational and military uses of Carlyon Bay. It was actually the more intangible 'story' of the site that was of value.

The desk-based assessment was used to inform a Cultural Heritage Environmental Statement. The conclusion was that a small but important range of documentary and oral information collated over time by the current owners of Carlyon Bay and their staff would be preserved and stored locally for future posterity.

Andy Buckley of AB Heritage concludes, "Our early involvement in this project ensured that the project went ahead smoothly, helping our client manage their costs by anticipating archaeological risk and minimising delays."



### Key Factors

- **AB Heritage provided a Cultural Heritage Desk-Based Assessment as part of the proposed redevelopment of Carlyon Bay, near St. Austell in Cornwall.**
- **The works concluded that there was little or no potential for the recovery of archaeological deposits pre-dating the creation of the beach in the early 19th century. It was actually the intangible 'story' of the 19th century industrial and the 20th century recreational and military uses of the area that was of value and not the ephemeral remains of this period within the site limits.**
- **Based on the results of this work AB Heritage recommended that a range of documentary and oral information collated by the current owners of Carlyon Bay and their staff would be kept in a local repository for future posterity.**

<b>Client:</b>
Davis Langdon LLP.
<b>Location:</b>
Cornwall
<b>AB Heritage Input:</b>
Cultural Heritage Desk-Based Assessment
<b>Date of AB Heritage Works:</b>
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