

DUCKEND CAR PARK (STANSTED AIRPORT) (Essex)

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Duckend Car Park sits within northwest Essex on the Walder uplands over boulder clay and between the rivers Roding and Stort (Havis and Brooks 2004, 4). It is one of 30 sites excavated between 1985 and 1991 by Essex city Council in advance of the construction of Stansted Airport (Havis and Brooks 2004, 7). The surrounding area shows extensive human activity in prehistory and Roman times; although, Duckend Car Park has limited evidence (Havis and Brooks 2004, 79). In the Middle Iron Age, Duckend Car Park contains occupation evidence and later, in the Late Iron Age and Roman periods, most of the archaeological evidence comprises of a series of ditches and a small cremation cemetery (Havis and Brooks 2004, 189). Six of the cremations from the cemetery securely date to the Late Iron Age (the rest are Roman) and are the only human remains from Duckend Car Park and N. Garland conducted the osteological analysis.