

CHICHESTER ROAD (West Sussex)

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Chichester Road sits close to Selsey in West Sussex very near the coast and overlies the Bracklesham beds (Hammond and Preston 2005, 71, 73). Excavations at the site ran from August to October 2001 by the Thames Valley Archaeological Services Ltd. in advance of housing development (Hammond and Preston 2005, 71). The archaeological investigations uncovered numerous deposits dating to the Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age and consists of pits, postholes, ditches and gullies (Hammond and Preston 2005, 73-74). The evidence suggests a domestic settlement at the site with related landscape boundaries (Hammond and Preston 2005, 81). Moreover, excavations recovered two occurrences of cremation, possibly the same individual, within a ditch but in different layers (Hammond and Preston 2005, 76). The cremations are believed to be secondary deposits of pyre debris and their presence may signify a cremation cemetery within Chichester Road's vicinity (Hammond and Preston 2005, 76, 82). These two cremation occurrences are the only human remains recovered and Jacqueline McKinley (2005a) conducted the osteological analysis.