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**Matter 4/A/2 for 663076's Statement on Matter 4**

**Christchurch Urban Extension**

**Effect on Burton**

Encroachment from all areas including gravel extraction during same time frame possibly.

Not positively prepared -

Increased vulnerability for Staple Cross monument.

Disregard of possible archaeological site in Burton area (see section from Burton historical booklet attached)

Modification - Archaeological survey and/or dig required



Burton is very close to Christchurch with its historic past; associations with the Early Britons; the Romans and their movements up and down the Stour valley; the Saxons when it was a Royal burg of King Alfred. The list goes on, and yet the village, right on its doorstep, now has no visible evidence of these people. Despite the amount of building development that has taken place in Burton there appears to be no record of this passage of time. Surely it should have been possible to unearth some interesting finds if they were there? Or has the fact that there have been no discoveries been due to the lack of interest by the developers?

There is a suggestion that a piece of land adjacent to Ambury Lane had, what appeared to be, an earth mound. Could this have been the site of the 'fortified farm', as the Old English name of Burton meant?

Burton is now the accepted name of the village but through the years there have been many variants; Bereton in 1100; Buriton in 1236;