
APPENDIX K ASSESSMENT OF WATERLOGGED WOOD

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1.0 DESCRIPTION

Large piece of wood, possibly Iron Age, with very degraded and eroded surfaces, including some disruption of the surface by plant roots. There is some evidence of bark on the outer surface and no apparent evidence of working or tool marks, suggesting that the object is probably not artefactual. The curvature suggests that it is the outer part of a tree trunk. The wood species has been identified as *Quercus* spp. (Ian Panter).

Dimensions:

Maximum length:	119cm
Maximum width:	53cm
Maximum thickness:	6.5cm
Minimum thickness:	2cm

The circumference cannot be determined easily from the wood's existing form, because it has probably been flattened during burial, giving the impression of a larger circumference. However, from its present curvature, a circumference of approximately 250cm can be inferred.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

The piece is not suitable for analysis by dendrochronology, because there are not sufficient rings present. Two samples have been taken for radiocarbon dating - one stored wet and the other dry. The remainder of the wood will be discarded.