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I've reviewed the new version of the report and it is still reasonable in my view to conclude that the remains of the roman street are of at least regional significance. This conclusion does not stand or fall on the evidence for the presence or absence of substantial buildings, though I strongly disagree with Mike Dawson's contention (accompanying letter) that 'no evidence for substantial structural remains was present and this view is supported by all of the evidence'.

The section on Roman brick and tile still contains the following unambiguous passage (p.63): 'This quantity of Roman tile and brick, found in over 30 separate contexts is significant. This amount of brick and tile is not usual for an evaluation and suggests that there are Romanised building(s) in the vicinity of the evaluation trenches and close to the street constructed with tiles and brick.'

The amended sentence in the discussion now reads:

'No evidence for substantial structural remains was present, as has been seen in the main parts of the Roman town, though the presence of ceramic building material [suggests/indicates] that such structure may be present beyond the limit of the excavated trenches.'

Though this sentence is clearly still missing a word (suggests/indicates?), it does not rule out the presence of substantial structures within the site, it merely notes the absence of direct evidence within the excavated trenches but suggests that from the quantity of brick and tile recovered that such buildings may be found nearby and therefore potentially within the site.

Given the above, I do not see any need to revise my comments or the archaeological reason for refusal.

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