

Writing the Boundary

[“We are but the current custodians of the land and the power stations are just another chapter in its history”.
David Eccles. EDF Energy, Jan 2015]

Wind-blasting wilder than *sea-breeze moan*³ unruly gale to shake *a storm-vexed flame*
Flatholme obscured in grey no *dark reddening from the Channelled Isle* camera
obscura on open cast in the eye

Site specific walk on the poem drops away **App** ‘centre to you and your
current location’ somewhere yet nowhere invisible trace radiolocation
poetry in the bandwidth

Excavators prowl perimeter “focus on sounds” at soundless distance dipping the prow
some toiling tempest shatter’d bark digger trawls and tips heaving a new hill topsoil
rich recalibration of skyline

Poetry reveals when within a short distance of the pin cluster a lugworm on
the map⁴

skylarks scattered rights of way erased re-routed bats and badgers and the few farmers
tricked resettled via one-way gates out to artificial setts tempted with honey-coated
peanuts reduce THIS ISSUE / DELAYING THE LENGTHY PLANNING

NO UNAUTHORISED ACCESS: TRESPASS ON THIS SITE IS A CRIMINAL OFFENCE



1,500 years

2,500 years

300 years

500 years

1,000 years

10,000,000 years

rights of way terminated diverted round the site softened by willow saplings

³ and *italics* S.T. Coleridge.

⁴ <http://poetrypin.info/reveal.php>

at a safe distance observe innocent as a distant quarry route multiplied perpetual open-
cast black and yellow excavating giants crab and prowl

gang-bang of archaeology boundaryless below ground gouge home of the
plesiosaur & ichtheosaur *reft*

swag from the dig treasure trove of a bustling life
Neolithic pottery/Wick barrow/flint dagger/buried flint tools/for hunting
fishing skinning & cutting/pottery shards/burned grain/jewellery/hob-
nails/cheese press/mortaria/fragment of an amphora/black burnished ware/spindle
whorl/boundary ditches/pits & postholes/bone pin/quern grinding
stone/brooches/coins/at least a hundred skeletons

lead object (possibly a fishing weight) how much is conjecture

Strata – agriculture a defining role Benhole Farm Knighton Farm
Strata – ritual feasting area for indigenous Britains – overlaid
Strata – over a hundred post Roman burials of 5th 6th & 7th centuries – overlaid
Strata – Roman villa -overlaid
Strata – Iron Age farm - overlaid
Strata – Buildings of timber wattle and daub - overlaid

windsock collector of particles we breathe

shore sound describes itself BLASTing across the estuary
traces unique waves of the rock's heave sound describes itself sea-sssh and
pebble-wash dash *on onward surging tides* smashing tides against a concrete bunker
“to allow for water-borne deliveries of Abnormal Indivisible Loads”

fringe and remote the promised track peters out to a windswept sea
distance diminishes impact we leave

*From the rapidity of the flash and other circumstances, it may be conjectured that
there is something of electricity in this phenomenon.*

after ten years the site retreats thin line in the rock record