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The slag samples from Norbury Camp, Gloucestershire

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All the slag samples, MS 1-7 (AML No 830428) were of fayalite (iron silicate) type, indicating ironworking. The texture of the slag 'buns' together with their small size (max. diameter 8cm) suggest they were the products of smithing hearths rather than smelting furnaces. This sort of small scale ironworking is to be expected on any settlement site from Iron Age times onwards.

The undated slag sample, MS 6, is not significantly different from the rest and could well be the product of the same industry.