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Examination of 'Slag' from High Street, Gas Conversion, Winchester,
Hampshire excavated 1975

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Three samples of possible iron slag (AM 852750) were examined. Samples 8 and 56 consisted of ferruginous concretions which contained a high proportion of stones and were slightly magnetic. They were not iron slag and there was no evidence that they were associated with any industrial process, although they may have formed around corroded metallic iron.

Sample 57 also consisted largely of ferruginous concretions, but it did contain 2 pieces of possible iron slag. Copper, lead and tin were detected by energy dispersive X-ray fluorescence in areas which included green deposits. These deposits were almost certainly corroded bronze.

Despite the presence of two pieces of iron slag, this material does not suggest that any metalworking activity was being carried out on the site.