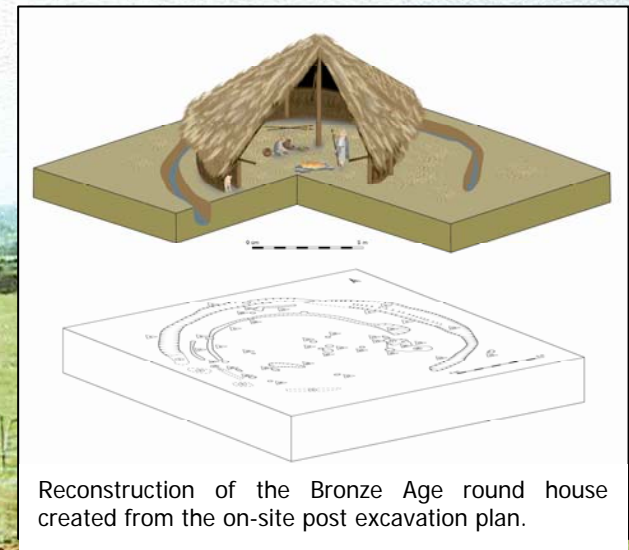


A8 DUAL CARRIAGEWAY, CO. ANTRIM

This development involved a considerable widening of the road and creation of roundabouts on the A8 between Belfast and the Larne Road, Co. Antrim. NAC Ltd carried out an archaeological impact assessment on lands along the selected route, and further work in excavating and recording archaeological remains prior to construction of the road.



Reconstruction of the Bronze Age round house created from the on-site post excavation plan.



Site location

Aerial photo of the site location

An enclosed settlement was uncovered during archaeological monitoring works; the main feature of this settlement was a late Bronze Age round house, with possible everted entrance. This was bound by a re-cut drainage ditch, within which were the remains of a sub circular house.

The house wall was defined by a series of postholes at regular intervals along a shallow slot, which may have held the base of a non-load-bearing split timber or wicker wall, while the thatched roof was supported by timber posts. Artefacts recovered included coarse pottery and some struck flint.