APPENDIX 13 – QUERNS

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Introduction and Results
The querns were originally recorded by Stuart Brown and have since been re-examined by Fiona Roe who is responsible for the geological identifications. The combined descriptive results are presented in Table 13:1.

General Comments by George Lambrick
The most surprising aspect is the relative dearth of Iron Age querns. While it is rather unlikely that large querns were missed, burnt stone was not systematically collected and inspected and subsequent experience at Gravelly Guy showed that this was a moderately significant means by which small pieces of quern were found. The low number of quern fragments thus may be less significant than might be supposed.

The Roman querns from Mount Farm are mainly rotary and reflect a diversity of sources that broadly fit in with results from other Thames Valley sites.