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Dear Sylvina

Archaeological Watching Brief: 145 Long Street, Easingwold 06/02801/FUL

The archaeological watching brief was carried out between the 25th and 26th April 2007, in accordance with the WSI prepared by Ms L Hawkins, in response to a planning application for a new range of dwellings to land behind (west) of 145 Long Street.

Of archaeological significance was a cluster of medieval abraded pottery which date to the Later Medieval period (late 14th/15th century). These were located towards the south of the development area and were contained within the subsoil (Plate 2). The site was characterised by relatively undisturbed soils.

The Medieval Pottery comprised of:

- a decorated handle grey clay and green glaze;
- 2 base sherds with a cream fabric;
- Large wheel thrown sherd with a cream fabric and green glaze.

The presence of pottery in the site would appear to be associated manuring and use of midden stored manure that incorporated domestic rubbish (including broken pottery).

In addition, a raised ridge in the sandy natural across the site was interpreted as a linem field boundary and was aligned north-south. This feature may have originally been a hedge since no associated ditches were found and the bank featured probable animal burrows and root action. This boundary hedge may have formed part of a system of strip fields to the west of the Easingwold. It could not be confirmed that the hedge and the pottery were contemporary but this scenario seems likely bearing in mind the general lack of disturbance across the site.

In conclusion, the evidence from the watching brief suggests that arable agriculture was being practiced across the site towards the end of the Medieval period.

Yours faithfully

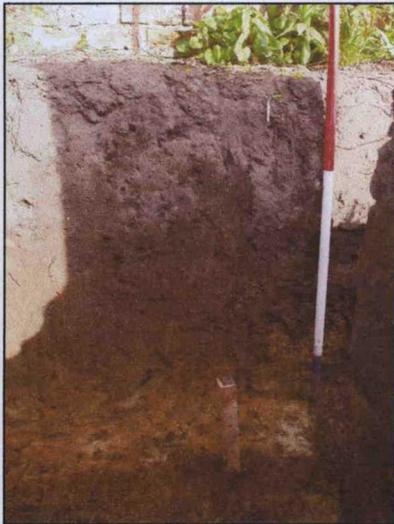
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1: Dovecot footings, looking south



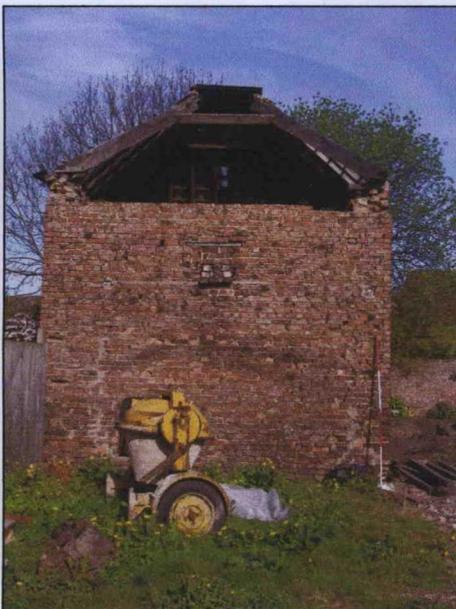
2: West facing section of the outer western trench Medieval green glaze found in the subsoil, looking east



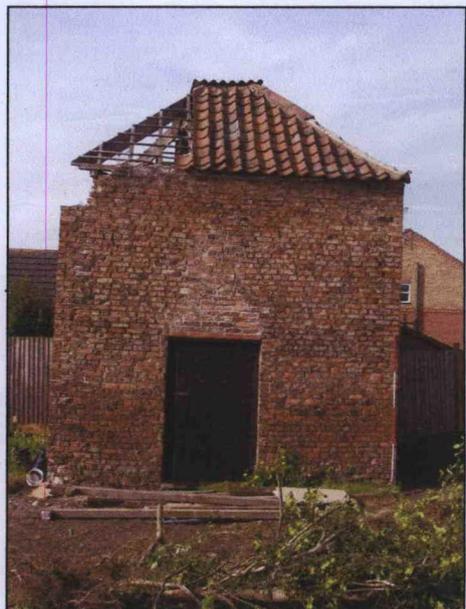
3: North facing section of the outer northern trench, looking south



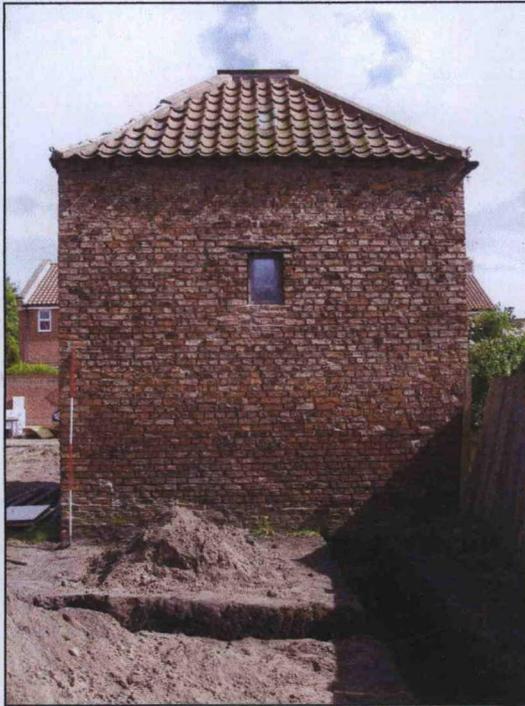
4: East facing elevation of the outer eastern trench, looking west



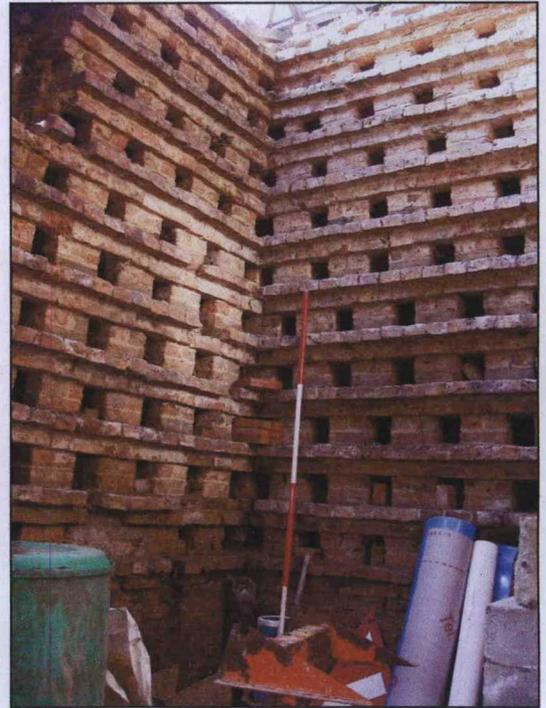
5: south elevation



6: east elevation



7: north elevation



8: Internal south-east corner



9: dovecote roof



10: southern trench, looking south-west



11. southern trench, looking south-east