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Dear Mr Wardell

Watching Brief during works at Canaan Lane and Back Street, Middleham

During July 2009 an archaeological watching brief was required during cabling work at properties at Canaan Lane and at Back Street, both in Middleham.

The presence of an archaeologist on site during the works was requested because both sites lie within the area of the bailey belonging to the important medieval castle at Middleham, and in the area where the town developed in the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries following the decline of the castle.

The work took place on 29th July 2009.

1) Canaan Lane (SE1270 8765). The work required the location of the original cabling duct adjacent to the west wall of Canaan Lane, and the excavation of a narrow trench across the lane to accommodate new cabling to the property to the east. The excavation work to a depth of approximately 450mm disturbed only stone rubble and metalling associated with the build-up of surfaces on Canaan Lane, and did not affect the medieval deposits, which in this area lie

approximately one metre below the present surface (see *ArcheType, Canaan Lane Watching Brief, unpublished report 2006*).

2) Back Street (SE1278 8768). The work in this location involved removing the cobbled surface to lay a new cable duct across the street. The area had previously been much disturbed by trenches for services (water; cables; drains) in the past. Removal of the cobbles revealed a bedding layer of small stone, and the excavations at a depth of approximately 200mm did not go deep enough to affect any archaeological deposits.

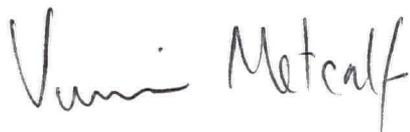
No archaeological finds were recovered from either site.

Conclusions: excavation works to provide new cabling to properties at Canaan Lane and at Back Street, Middleham, while within the area of the medieval bailey, disturbed only post-medieval/modern surfacing and build-up, and did not affect the archaeological levels in this area.

I trust this letter is sufficient for your purposes. I will copy it to Richmondshire District Council, North Yorkshire County Council, and English Heritage, for their records.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information. I have pleasure in enclosing my invoice for the work, together with the Supplier Site Form which I hope I have completed correctly.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vivienne Metcalf". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the "Yours sincerely" text.

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