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**KIRBY MISPERTON WEST (6) WELLSITE EXTENSION**  
**NORTH YORKSHIRE**  
**ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT**  
**ADDENDUM**

An archaeological assessment of the proposed Kirby Misperton West (6) wellsite extension (Cardwell 2010) identified the site of a possible former farmstead located to the north-east of the proposed extension. This was suggested on the basis of field name evidence in the 1845 tithe award which referred to this location as *Old House Close* (*ibid*, 8; Figure 3).

However, subsequent research of a range of vertical aerial photographs held by the English Heritage National Monuments Record (which had not been received at the time of the completion of the report) clearly indicate broad ridge and furrow within this field similar to that which currently survives in the field to the north. The slight linear undulations noted during the site inspection in the area to the south (the suggested location of the possible farmstead) are presumed to be the remnants of this former ridge and furrow cultivation.

Given that broad ridge and furrow of this type is typically presumed to be early, and possibly medieval, in date, this would indicate that the evidence for a possible farmstead site (and particularly if of post-medieval date) at the location identified is less certain than previously suggested, and given that there is no other corroborative evidence such as historic mapping then the suggested farmstead site is now considered doubtful. Although the field name *Old House Close* was also used for the field within which the wellsite extension is proposed, where former narrow ridge and furrow cultivation is recorded from aerial photographs, there is no evidence to suggest a farmstead at this location.

This reappraisal of the evidence is not considered to change the limited archaeological potential identified within the development area.

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## **REFERENCES**

### **Unpublished sources**

Cardwell P 2010: *Kirby Misperton West (6) Wellsite Extension, North Yorkshire – Archaeological Assessment Report 38/1*

### **Aerial photographs (verticals)**

- 01.04.46      RAF/106G/UK/1342 Frame 4022
- 01.04.46      RAF/106G/UK/1344 Frames 3007 and 3008
- 02.04.46      RAF/106G/UK/1357 Frames 4036 and 4360
- 08.06.69      OS/69212 Frames 012 and 013
- 11.09.73      MAL/4973 Frame 127
- 01.08.99      OS/99301 Frame 287