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**Tinley Garth, KirkbyMoorside, North Yorkshire**

**Archaeological Watching Brief**

**Introduction:**

*On-Site Archaeology* was commissioned by Harrison Construction to undertake a watching brief at a site to the north of the Old School, Tinley Garth, KirkbyMoorside and immediately to the rear of properties fronting onto High Market Place and Tinley Garth. (SE 69508658: Figure 1). The watching brief was undertaken by Karl Hulka. The site is in the process of development as housing and construction work had already commenced at the time that the watching brief took place on May 20<sup>th</sup> 1997.

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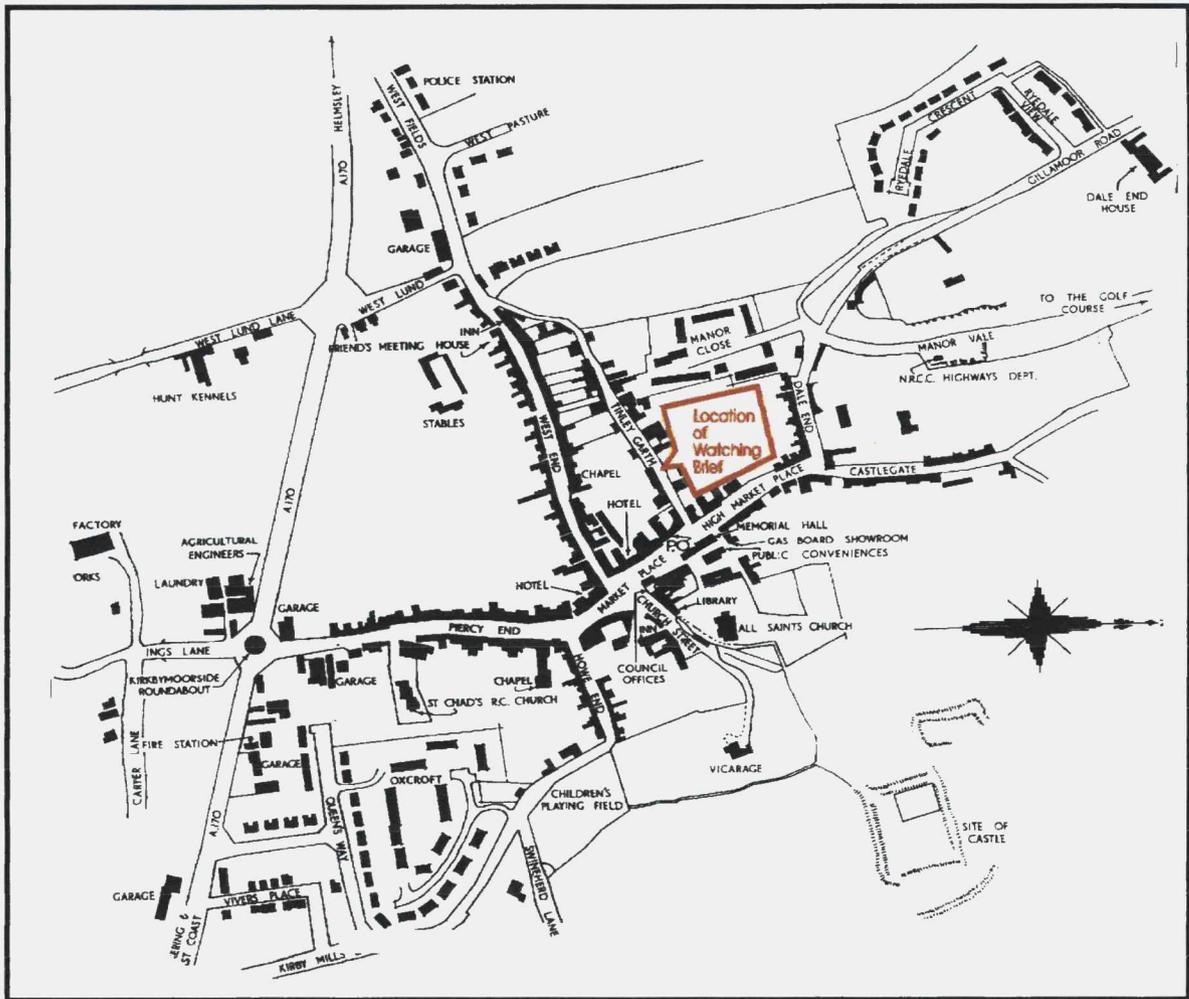


Figure 1: Location of watching brief, Tinley Garth, KirkbyMoorside.

Prior to development taking place the eastern part of the site had contained workshops and garages which were linked to Tinley Garth by a metalled access road. The remainder of the site had previously been occupied by an orchard and gardens. The ground level dips down to the east and there is a terrace associated with the modern outbuildings at the eastern side of the site.

The subject of the watching brief was the metalled access road which links the site with Tinley Garth, where it was thought that the excavation of a service trench might reveal archaeological traces of buildings which may have fronted onto Tinley Garth, prior to the insertion of the access road.

An archaeological watching brief and Trial hole survey had been undertaken on the site earlier during the development process but the four trial holes which were excavated were located at the rear of the property away from the street frontage. This work was undertaken by the MAP Archaeological Consultancy. In the event all of the trial pits were devoid of archaeological deposits and artifacts. Modern topsoil and rubble was found to overlie a sandy silt subsoil which in turn overlies fractured sandstone bedrock. This material was encountered between 0.35m and 2.00m below the modern ground level.



Figure 2 Machine cut trench at Tinley Garth

## **Watching Brief: Results**

The watching brief consisted of observing the excavation of a machine cut service trench which ran from the centre of Tinley Garth into the access road which leads to the rear of the property. It was located in front of 'Wellgarth', the adjacent property. The trench measured approximately 1m in width and covered a total distance of 9m. Progress was slow due to the presence of a number of other services which spanned the width of the trench. (See Figure 2)

The watching brief encountered nothing of archaeological significance. Tarmac and stone hard-core was observed along the full length of the trench bottoming out onto fractured sandstone bedrock. The maximum depth of excavation was 1.10m. No other deposits were present. Work commenced at 0800 hours and concluded at 1650 hours.

Please note that the precise location of the machine excavated trench that formed the subject of this watching brief has been appended to the attached pull out map.

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