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25, vi, 2000

Dear Gail,

WATCHING BRIEF AT 7, MILLGATE, RICHMOND

This is to confirm that I have now completed the archaeological watching brief which was required during groundworks at No 7, Millgate, Richmond. This was carried out over the course of seven several visits, from the last week in May to the first week of July. We were instructed by Andrew Long (Budding Design) on behalf of Mrs Jean Wrangham.

As you probably know, the circumstances were rather unusual, almost the whole of the rear of the house having been demolished by the previous occupier, exposing much of the cellarage which underlay the greater part of the house. Contractors' works involved the removal to the street of a huge quantity of rubble and rubbish and the excavation of the cellar floors (though in the event little material was actually excavated). Some of the structure of the cellars survived; they were all of simple brick barrel-vaults, of the end of the eighteenth or the first half of the nineteenth century. There was no structural trace which might indicate an earlier origin, either for the cellars or for what little remained of the house.

I enclose a set of the architect's drawings for the site. You will see that the cellarage is on three levels; these substantially represent the terracing created at the time of the building of the house, I would say around the turn of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Very little material has in fact been excavated from these floors during the present operations, and that little contained nineteenth century rubbish. There was no trace anywhere of deposits which might have been earlier in date; nor was any fragment of mediaeval pottery noted during excavation or during examination of loose material in spoil heaps and skips. Though the site appears to be within the area of the mediaeval town, it seems that the terracing associated with the building of Georgian Richmond has entirely removed any mediaeval deposits which might have existed. This may prove to be commonplace over those steeply sloping parts of the

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town which lead down to the river the results here were reminiscent of those from the recent watching brief at 11, Park Wynd

I hope that you wdl regard this letter as discharging the chent's planning obhgation

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Percival". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line that serves as a separator.

Percival Turnbull