116 Grantham Road Bracebridge Heath, Lincoln

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Archaeological Watching Brief

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Summary

A watching brief was carried out on the above site. There is no evidence that the groundworks impacted upon any archaeological remains as no features or artefacts were recovered.

Introduction

Sarah Newell commissioned Lindsey Archaeological Services to carry out a watching brief at Bracebridge heath Lincoln. The proposed development is for the demolition and extension of existing buildings to the rear of 116 Grantham Road.

Site Location and Description

Bracebridge Heath is located is situated 3km to the south of Lincoln. The site is located to the south of the village on the western side of Grantham Road.

Planning Background

The watching brief was carried out in response to a condition placed on the planning application No N/12/640/98

Archaeological Background

The site is within an area of dense Roman archaeological remains, On the opposite side of the road, to the north-east of the current development, archaeological excavation prior to the construction of a water pipeline located 5 inhuman burials and 5 cremations of Roman date indicating the presence of a cemetery (R Armour Chelu pers. comm.). There is evidence of Roman settlement along both sides of Ermine street which runs to the east of the development.

Prehistoric flint arrowheads and tools have been recorded 300m south-west of the site.

Results

The extension at the rear of the house was excavated to between 0.30 and 0.40m deep. The topsoil was 0.10-0.20m of topsoil and overlay limestone rubble. No archaeological finds or features were present in the trenches.

The garage was positioned north-west of the house. Again there was topsoil to a depth of 0.20m of topsoil overlying fragmented limestone bedrock and there was no evidence of artefacts of archaeological significance.

Discussion

The area of the house extension was located on the site of a former extension and only extended 0.4m beyond the old foundations. This meant that the majority of the ground had previously been disturbed.

Conclusion

There is no evidence that the new extension, nor the previous extension, had damaged any archaeological remains.

Acknowledgements

Lindsey Archaeological Services would like to thank Mrs Newell for providing the plans for this site.

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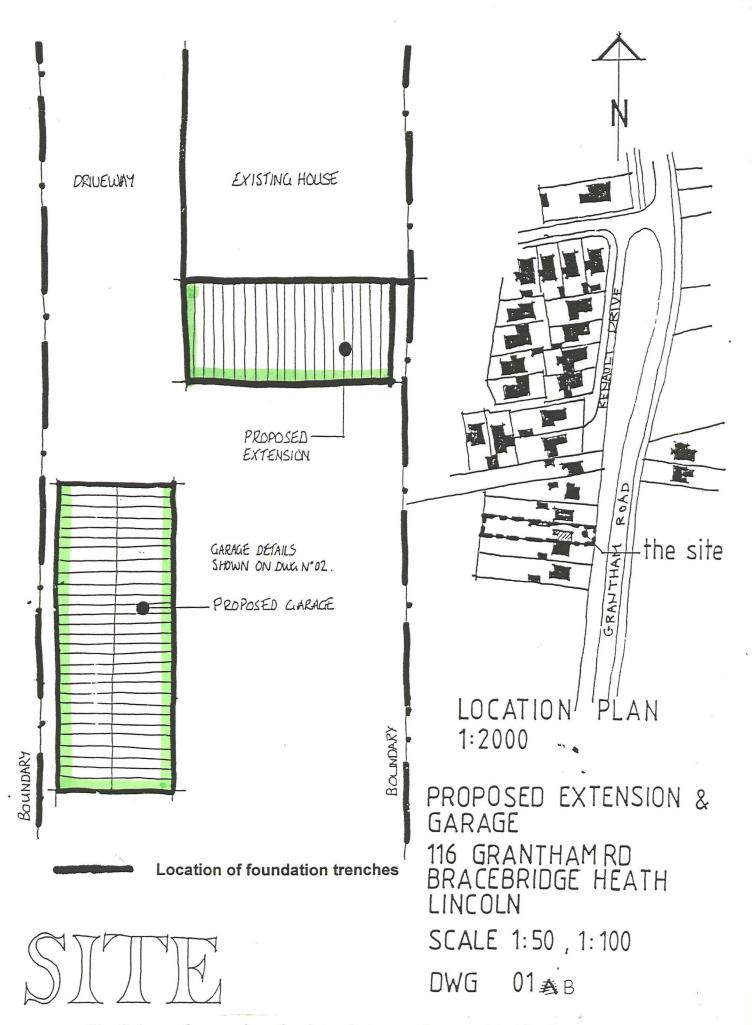
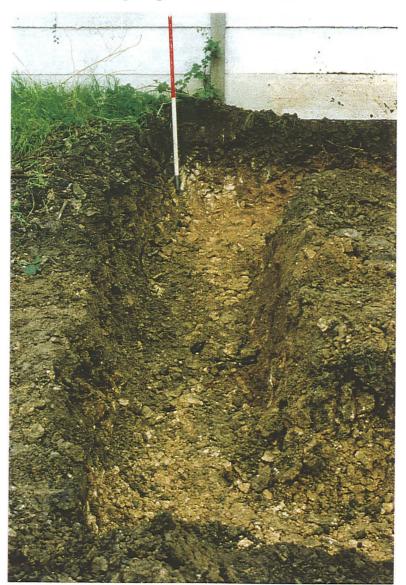


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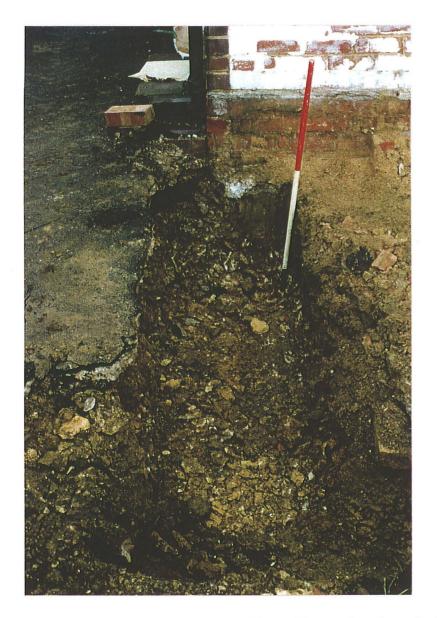






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