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Summary

- * *An archaeological watching brief was undertaken during the construction of two detached bungalows on land between Grantham Road and High Street, Waddington, Lincolnshire (Fig. 1).*
- * *Anglo-Saxon and undated burials had previously been found close to the site but no evidence of the continuation of the cemetery into the development area was observed during the watching brief.*
- * *No other archaeological features or deposits were observed during the excavation of the foundation trenches although two small sherds of medieval pottery were recovered from the subsoil.*
- * *In the absence of any archaeological remains, the watching brief was terminated early, following consultation with the Heritage Officer for North Kesteven.*

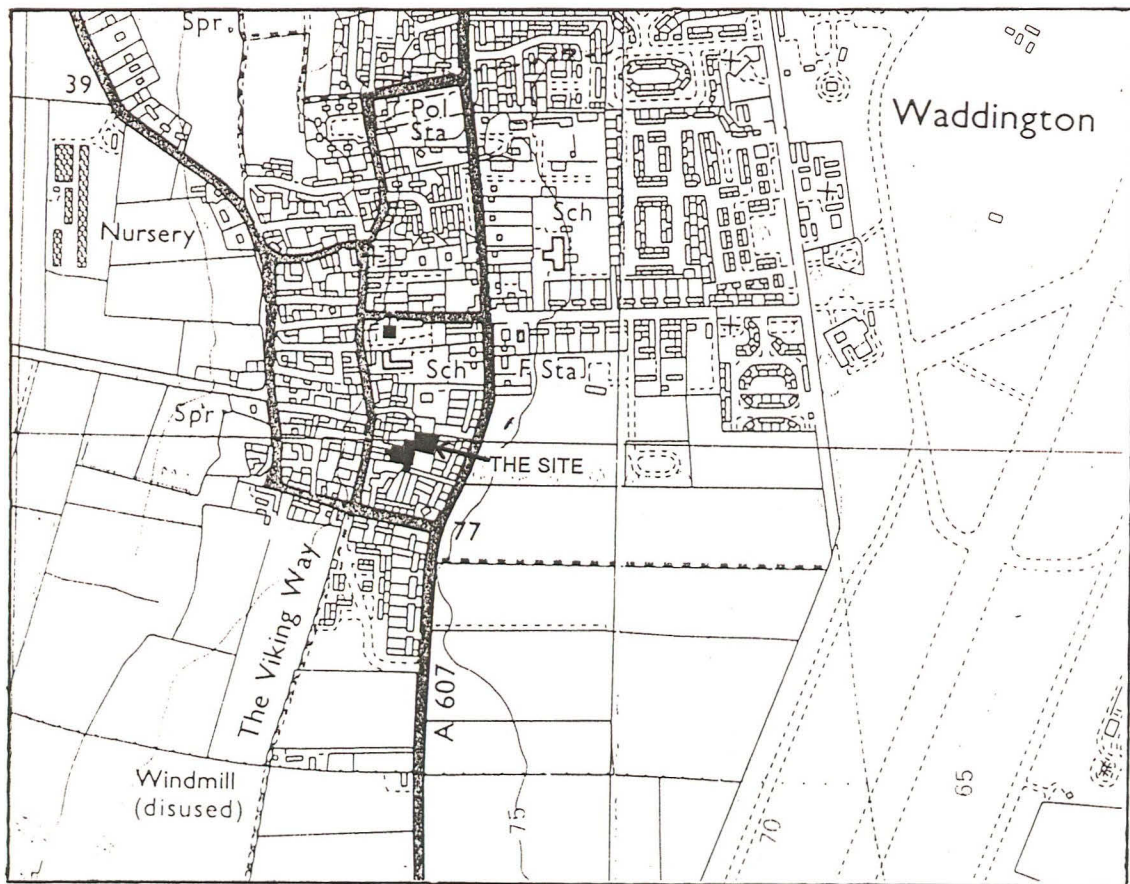


Fig. 1: Site location (1:12 500)
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1.0 Introduction

An archaeological watching brief was carried out on a site adjacent to the Bowls Club between the Grantham Road and High Street, Waddington, Lincolnshire during the construction of two detached bungalows. The work was commissioned by M. Potts (Builder and Contractor) in accordance with a condition of the planning permission for the development (Ref. N/68/315/99).

A copy of this report will be deposited at the County SMR, and a short text will be submitted to the editor of the county journal, *Lincolnshire History and Archaeology*, effectively placing the information in the public domain. Reports will also be deposited at the City and County Museum, Lincoln, accompanied with an ordered project archive.

2.0 Location and Description

The village of Waddington is located 7 km. south of Lincoln in the administrative district of North Kesteven. The settlement is situated on the edge of the Lincoln Cliff, a Jurassic limestone escarpment.

The site is located to the north of the Bowls Club between Grantham Road and the High Street. It consists of an irregular unit of land which had formerly been a paddock and builder's yard. The central grid reference for the site is SK 97650 63990 and it lies at c.77 m OD.

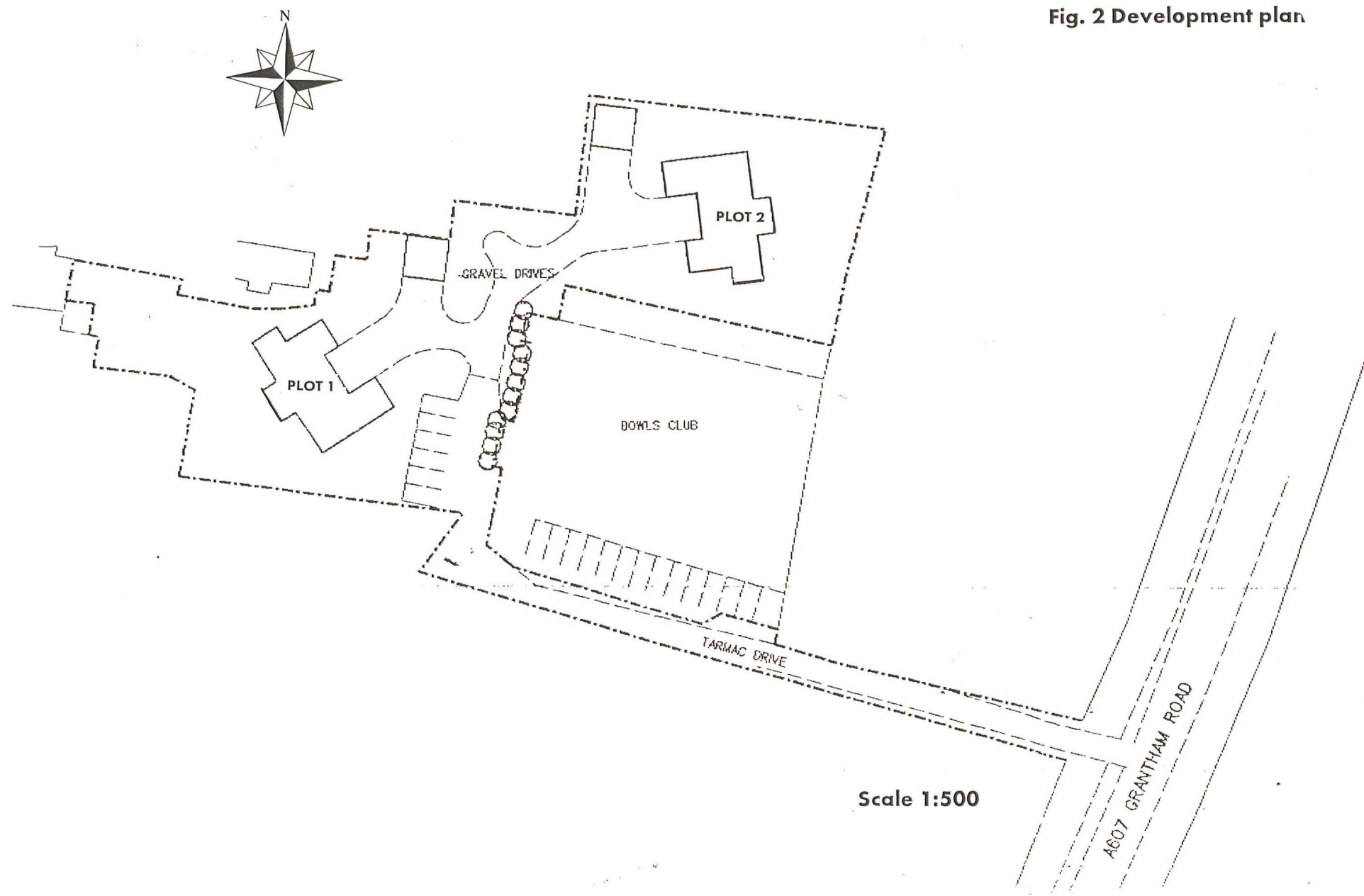
3.0 Archaeological and Historical Background

The village of Waddington is first recorded in the Domesday Survey of 1086. At this time *Wadintune* was held by two landowners; Earl Hugh and Ralph of Mortimer (Morris 1986). The place-name Waddington is Old English in origin and refers to the farmstead or village of 'Wada' (Cameron 1998, 133).

Eleven Anglo-Saxon burials were found in the vicinity of the site in 1947. These are recorded as having been found at TF 976 640 although the exact findspot is uncertain. The burials were dated on the basis of accessory goods to the sixth century AD.

A recent watching brief took place on Grantham Road during pipeline construction (Tann 1999). This was approximately 90m east of the present site, where at least four graves were exposed in the trench sides. It is likely that the graves relate to the cemetery discovered in 1947. An assessment of the recent material suggests that the group may date to the seventh, and not the sixth, century AD.

Fig. 2 Development plan



4.0 Methodology

In view of the close proximity of the burials found to the north and east of the site, there was a strong possibility that further graves may have existed on the development site itself. There was a high potential for the disturbance of these and other important archaeological remains during the course of the development.

The Heritage Officer for North Kesteven issued a brief requiring that an archaeological watching brief be carried out during groundworks for the development. A previous planning application for development of the site (Ref. N/68/1083/97) had also been granted subject to a watching brief condition.

Recording was based on the use of standard watching brief record sheets (incorporating physical descriptions, interpretations, and stratigraphic relationships), supplemented with photographic recording (some prints are reproduced in this report). These records will form the basis of a long-term project archive.

It was clear from the monitoring of excavations on both plots and the garage to plot 2 that the cemetery did not extend into the site area and that there were no other archaeological remains of significance. In view of this the Heritage Officer for North Kesteven was consulted and it was agreed that further monitoring during excavations for the plot 1 garage and the service trenches would not be required.

The watching brief was carried out by the writer between the 23rd and 25th of August 1999.

5.0 Results

Plot 1

Plot 1 lay within an area of the site which had formerly been a builder's yard. The tarmac and rubble surface of the yard (104) lay directly above natural limestone brash (102). Any topsoil or subsoil which may have once been present on this part of the site had been removed prior to construction of the yard surface. No archaeological features were present.

Plot 2

Plot 2 was located in the eastern part of the site which had formerly been a paddock and allotments. Most of the dark brown-grey, slightly clayey silt, topsoil (100) was stripped prior to the marking out of the foundation footprint. This layer, which was c. 0.25m. thick, produced sherds of post-medieval to modern pottery. In the area of the bungalow foundation the topsoil lay directly on the natural limestone brash (102).

In the north-west corner of the plot, where the garage foundation was located, there was a rise in the ground surface. A medium brown slightly clayey silt subsoil (101), which was up to c. 0.60m. thick, was present. Two small sherds of medieval pottery

were recovered from this layer. No archaeological features or deposits were observed in this plot.

Extension to the Bowling Green

A 3m. wide strip along the south side of the site was excavated for the extension of the bowling green. The excavation was up to 0.50m. deep at the western end where the ground surface sloped upwards. Only the topsoil (100) and subsoil (101) were removed and no archaeological features were exposed.

6.0 Discussion and Conclusion

The watching brief has shown that the burials located to the north and east of the site do not extend into the development area. The presence of only two small sherds of medieval pottery in the subsoil suggests that the site lay some distance from the centre of the medieval settlement. The absence of any archaeological features may indicate that, in pre-modern times, the site had been used for agricultural purposes.

7.0 Acknowledgements

Pre-Construct Archaeology (Lincoln) express sincere thanks to M. Potts (Builder and Contractor) for this commission. Thanks are also extended to Sarah Grundy of the County Council SMR.

8.0 Appendices:

8.1 References

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Morris, J. 1986 *'Lincolnshire' Domesday Book.*
Tann, G. 1999 *Waddington Replacements Grantham Road Water*
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SMR report)

8.2 Site Archive

Primary records are currently with PCA (Lincoln). An ordered archive of the paper element is in preparation and will be deposited at the City and County Museum, Lincoln, within six months. It can be obtained by quoting the Accession No. 1815.99

The site archive consists of:

Paper Element:

- x 1 Project Specification
- x 2 Watching Brief Record Sheets
- x 1 Watching Brief General Account Sheet
- x 1 Development plan showing foundation layout
- x 1 Colour print films

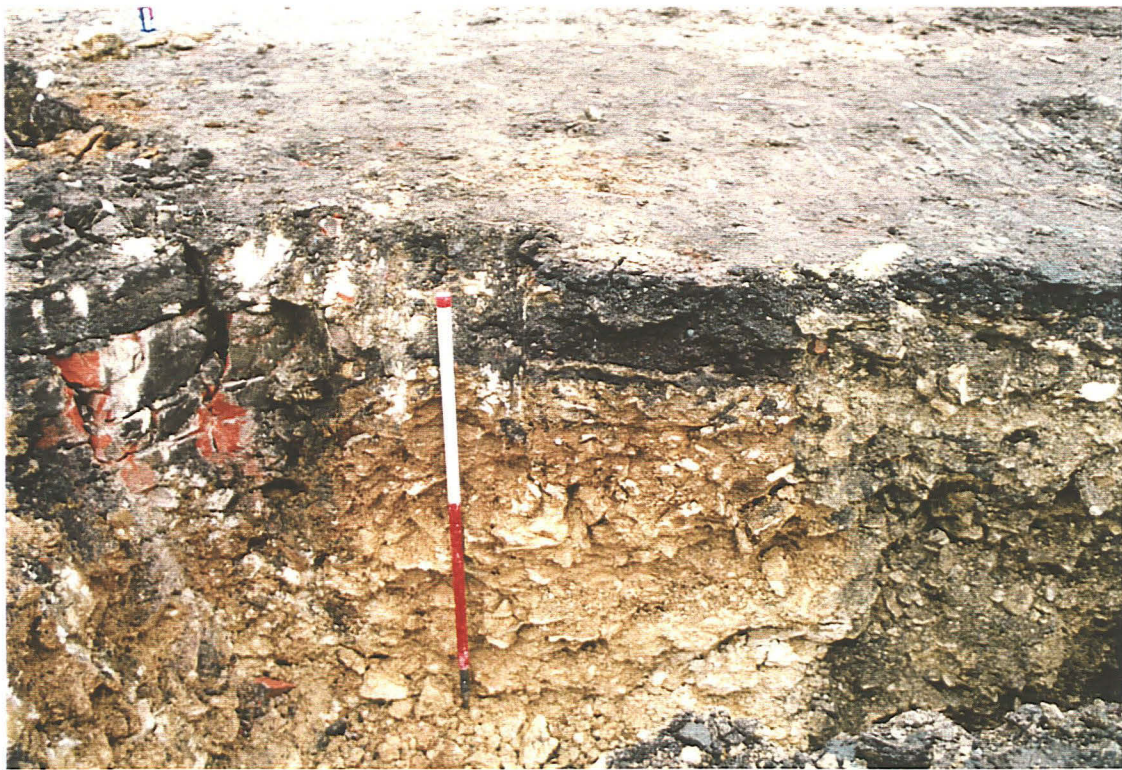
Object Element:

- x 1 Bag of medieval / post-medieval pottery

8.3 Colour Photographs



P.1 General view of Plot 1, looking east.



P.2 Representative section of trench in Plot 1, showing yard surface resting on limestone brash. Note the modern disturbance (foundation and pipe trench).



P.3 General view of Plot 2, looking north-west.



P.4 Representative section of trench in the garage of Plot 2, showing the subsoil layer overlying the limestone brash.