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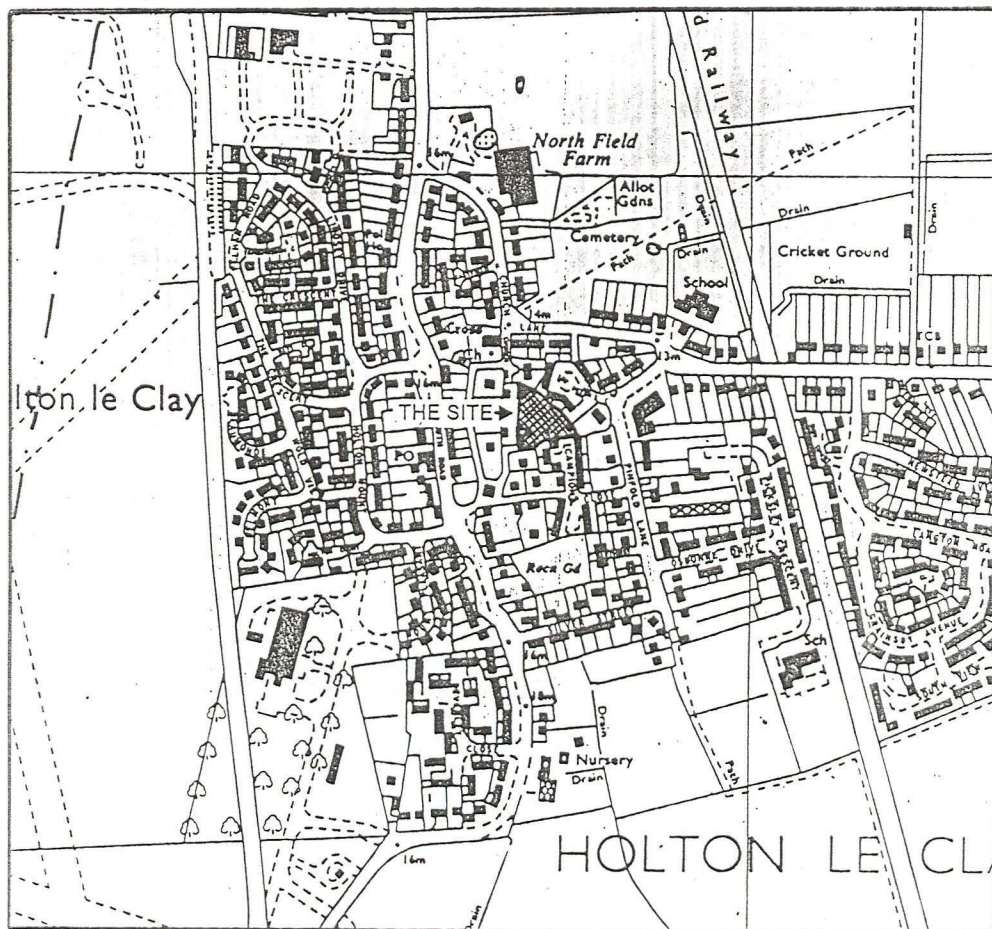
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Fig. 1: Site location (1:10,000)

Fig. 2: Plan showing general development layout/areas monitored

### Summary

- \* *An archaeological watching brief was commissioned by East Lindsey Partnership Housing during the construction of a residential housing scheme on land off Campions Close, Holton Le Clay, Lincolnshire*
- \* *The brief was confined to works associated with a communal block on the west side of the site, where trial excavations had exposed features dating to the Saxon and medieval periods*
- \* *For the most part, the construction techniques employed involved minimal disturbance to archaeological remains which, for the most part, have been preserved in situ beneath a substantial limestone make up*
- \* *An early termination of the brief was sought (and approved) via the Assistant County Archaeologist for Lincolnshire*



**Fig. 1: Site location (1:10,000)**  
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## 1.0 Introduction

An archaeological watching brief was carried out on a site north of Campions Close in Holton Le Clay, Lincolnshire, during the groundworks for a residential development by East Lindsey Partnership Housing (Fig. 1). The work was undertaken to fulfil the requirements of a planning permission (Ref. N/085/0776/99).

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 be deposited at the City and County Museum, Lincoln, accompanied with an ordered project archive.

## 2.0 Location and Description

Holton le Clay is in the administrative district of East Lindsey close to the border with North East Lincolnshire. The proposed redevelopment site is a brownfield site in the heart of the village and comprises a triangular unit of approximately 3000m<sup>2</sup>. Access is via St Peter's Close.

Glass houses have occupied much of the site in recent times. These structures were dismantled prior to archaeological evaluation of the site in September 1999.

Planning consent was granted to East Lindsey Partnership Housing for a residential development consisting of flats, bungalows and garages. The permission was granted subject either to an intensive watching brief over the whole development or, alternatively, an archaeological field evaluation in advance of development, followed by selective watching brief. The client company chose the latter option.

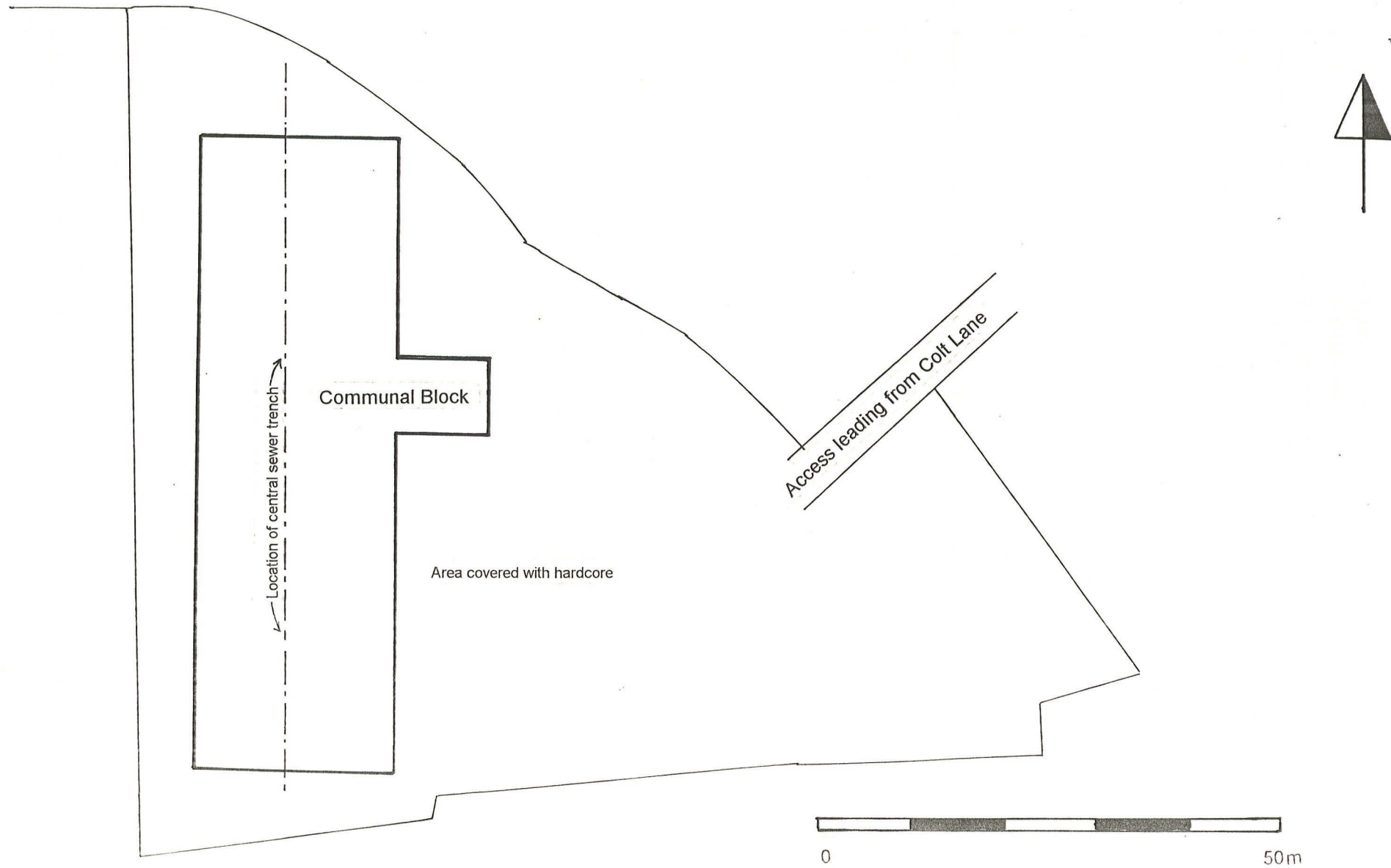
Following a review of the evaluation report (Albone 1998), it was required that a standard watching brief be carried out in a selective area of the development: the communal block occupying the west side of the site.

## 3.0 Archaeological and Historical Background

Excavations carried out in the 1970's in the vicinity of the parish church recovered sherds of Romano-British pottery dating to the C3rd/C4th AD, and also part of a Roman flue tile. These finds clearly demonstrate some form of occupation in the later Roman period in the general vicinity of Holton.

The same excavations also recovered sherds of middle Saxon pottery. Mostly these were unstratified, although three sherds and associated occupation debris were recovered from beneath a fragmentary chalk surface to the north of the church tower. This was cut by graves of late Saxon date, suggesting

**Fig. 2** General development layout,  
incorporating location of monitored sewer trench



perhaps that the middle Saxon remains constitute domestic rather than religious use of the site prior to the establishment of a late Saxon church. A range of Saxon and medieval finds were recovered, including a bronze pin from a grave and a bronze strap end. Medieval finds included a pilgrims badge, book clasp, jettons and other bronze objects. Ditches and post holes were exposed within the excavation areas (Sills 1982).

Aerial photographic evidence suggests that there are medieval settlement features to the north of the redevelopment.

A two-day evaluation of the current site took place in September 1999. Three trial excavation trenches were investigated, located on the north-west (Trench 2), south-west (Trench 1) and east (Trench 3) sides of the site. Trench 3 was entirely negative, whilst the other two trenches contained a range of earth-cut features. An east-west ditch was exposed on the south side of Trench 1. This contained a range of pottery dating between the C10th and C12. In Trench 2, a series of pits were exposed. Some of these contained domestic waste, including pottery sherds dating between the C9th and C11th. It was concluded that the site was close to the Saxon/medieval settlement, perhaps within a peripheral zone.

#### **4.0 Methodology**

Prior to any archaeological recording taking place (post-evaluation), the site was cleared of debris and vegetation, involving the removal of c. 10cm of topsoil. The site was monitored at this point, and following the excavation of the central sewer trench associated with the communal block.

Recording was undertaken using standard watching brief record sheets (incorporating physical descriptions, interpretations, and stratigraphic relationships). A photographic record was made on the two occasions that the site was visited and some prints are included in this report. A site archive has been prepared, and this will be deposited at the City & County Museum, Lincoln. Access to the archive can be gained by reference to the site accession number 197.99.

#### **5.0 Results**

Excavations were monitored on two occasions: the 12th and 20th December, 1999. The general building footprint can be seen on Fig. 2 and the two site visits may be summarised as follows:-

##### **Visit 1 (12/12/99) by A Hardwick**

The whole site had been cleared of its topsoil and, in certain areas, its subsoil. The soil surface contained modern debris, including brick fragments and fragments of plastic. In the central area, limestone hardcore was being deposited.

In areas of the northern part of the site (which was not part of the watching brief), deeper stripping had exposed small areas of natural light yellow/brown silty clay.

No artefacts of archaeological significance were recovered.

### Visit 2 (20/12/99) by C Palmer-Brown

Following notification that the entire site had been covered with limestone hardcore and that excavations for the central sewer associated with the communal block had commenced, the site was inspected by the writer on December 20th. A trench measuring some 68m in length had been excavated north-south through the centre of the footprint. At this time, most of the sewer pipes were *in situ*, but it was possible to see that almost all of the excavation had involved the truncation of limestone hardcore and not the underlying geology/archaeology. The limestone hardcore was up to 80cm thick, and rarely did it appear to be less than 60cm.

The sewer trench incorporated a number of manholes along its length. One of these, at the extreme north end of the run, had not been backfilled and it was possible to examine a complete (archaeologically sterile) sequence consisting of:-

- 0 - 10cm of truncated topsoil
- /
- 80cm of yellow/brown silty clay  
mixed with occasional stone  
fragments; sterile.

Following monitoring of the above, discussions with the site manager confirmed that all further disturbance would involve excavations no deeper than the base of the limestone hardcore. On this basis, it was requested of the Archaeology Section at Lincolnshire County Council that the brief be terminated. This request was approved.

## 6.0 Discussion and Conclusion

Of the groundworks monitored, no significant *in situ* archaeological remains were exposed during the recording brief, which was terminated following the monitoring of initial ground clearance and the communal block central sewer. No deposits of archaeological significance were exposed as a result of these works, and it may effectively be concluded that any archaeological remains of interest within this area have been preserved indefinitely.

No artefactual remains were recovered during the course of the brief.



## 7.0 Acknowledgements

Pre-Construct Archaeology (Lincoln) express their sincere thanks to East Lindsey Partnership Housing for this commission. Thanks are also due to Dr B Lott of the Lincolnshire County Council Archaeology Section.

## 8.0 References

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Sills, J 1982, 'St Peters Church, Holton Le Clay, Lincolnshire', in *Lincs. History & Archaeology* **17**, 29-42

## 9.0 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. Access to the archive may be gained by reference to the site accession number 197.99.

## Appendix 1: Colour photographs



P1. General view of site looking north-west



P2. General stratigraphy as exposed in manhole trench  
at north end of main sewer



P3. Communal block central sewer trench,  
looking north



P4. General view showing depth of hardcore deposits

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26 November 2009

Jan Allen,  
Lincolnshire County Council,  
Conservation Services  
Planning & Conservation,  
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Dear Madam,

APPLICANT: Chestnut Homes,  
PROPOSAL: Outline erection of 50 dwellings.  
LOCATION: LAND AT, WILLOUGHBY ROAD, ALFORD

Grid Ref.: 545430375267 Expected Decision Level: Delegated

The application described above has been received and is now being considered. Your observations are requested no later than 19 December 2009 and should your observations not be received by the date requested I shall proceed accordingly and your observations may miss being considered when the application is determined.

Please submit your comments via our website [www.e-lindsey.gov.uk/planning/acolnetcgi.gov](http://www.e-lindsey.gov.uk/planning/acolnetcgi.gov), or click on Planning and click on 'Online Planning Services', which appears on the right hand side of the page, click on 'search for a planning application', which is at the bottom of the page. Type the application number into the application quick search box and click on search. Click on application number and near the bottom click where it says 'If you are a consultee'. Enter your email address and password; if you do not have a password yet, click where it says 'Register New User'. Once you have logged in, click where it says 'Click here to leave a comment'. In the Application Comment Form, please select an item from the list labelled 'Opinion', and enter more detailed comments in the box underneath. When you have finished, click the button labelled 'Proceed'. You will be shown your comments again and at this point you can attach documents to be submitted as well. Finally, click on the button labelled 'Submit Comments' to confirm and send the comments.

**Only comments relating to planning considerations will be taken into account in reaching a decision on the application.**

Please note any comments that you make about this proposal will be copied to the Planning Inspectorate in the event of an appeal and will also be available over the internet. Please therefore only provide personal data if you are happy that it is available over the internet.

Yours faithfully

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Conservation Services  
Planning & Conservation,  
Unit 16, Witham Park House,  
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*See CU 14867*

Dear Madam,

APPLICANT: Mr. G. Sharman,

PROPOSAL: Outline erection of 2 no. dwellings on the site of an existing dwelling, shop and outbuildings which are to be removed.

LOCATION: EAST FARM, MAIN STREET, FULSTOW, LINCOLNSHIRE, LN11 0XF

Grid Ref.: 532792397135 Expected Decision Level: Delegated

The application described above has been received and is now being considered. Your observations are requested no later than 19 December 2009 and should your observations not be received by the date requested I shall proceed accordingly and your observations may miss being considered when the application is determined.

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Jan Allen,  
Lincolnshire County Council,  
Historic Environment Officer,  
Spatial Planning,  
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Dear Madam,

APPLICANT: Environment Agency,

PROPOSAL: Planning Permission – Donna Nook managed realignments scheme which includes the construction and operation of a flood defence embankment 6.0 metres in height (AOD), removal of tidal sluice, existing flood banks and associated infrastructure to create a breach in the existing defence embankment, change of use of existing agricultural land seawards of the new embankment to form wildlife habitats, including the creation of intertidal habitat, islands and creeks, reduction in the land levels, refurbishment of existing Porter's sluice pumping station to include a surge chamber and pipework, construction of 3no. new head walls, construction of a temporary construction site compound to include handling areas, storage area for plant and materials, portable site offices, welfare facilities and car parking, enclosed by a fence 2.0 metres in height, provision of 6no. temporary satellite compounds across site, construction of an embankment 6.0 metres in height to tie into existing sand dunes, construction of a new car park with existing car park to be removed, construction of a temporary access road to site compound and construction of replacement paths.

LOCATION: LAND AT, MARSH LANE, NORTH SOMERCOTES

Grid Ref.: 542088399804      Expected Decision Level: Delegated

The application described above has been received and is now being considered. Your observations are requested no later than 30 December 2009 and should your observations not be received by the date requested I shall proceed accordingly and your observations may miss being considered when the application is determined.

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