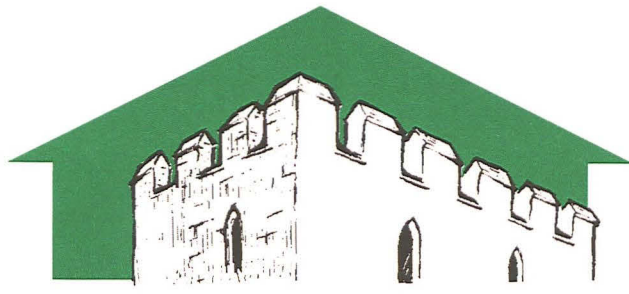


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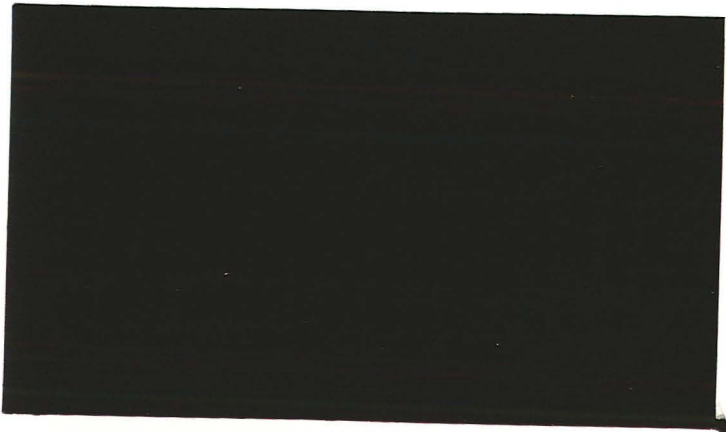
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Summary

- A watching brief was carried out Pre-Construct Archaeology at Plot 1, Hasthorpe Road, Willoughby with Sloothby, as a planning condition on the construction of a new dwelling.
- Work was monitored on the excavation of foundation trenches for a house and detached garage.
- No archaeological remains were observed, excluding a ground raising deposit of late post-medieval date.

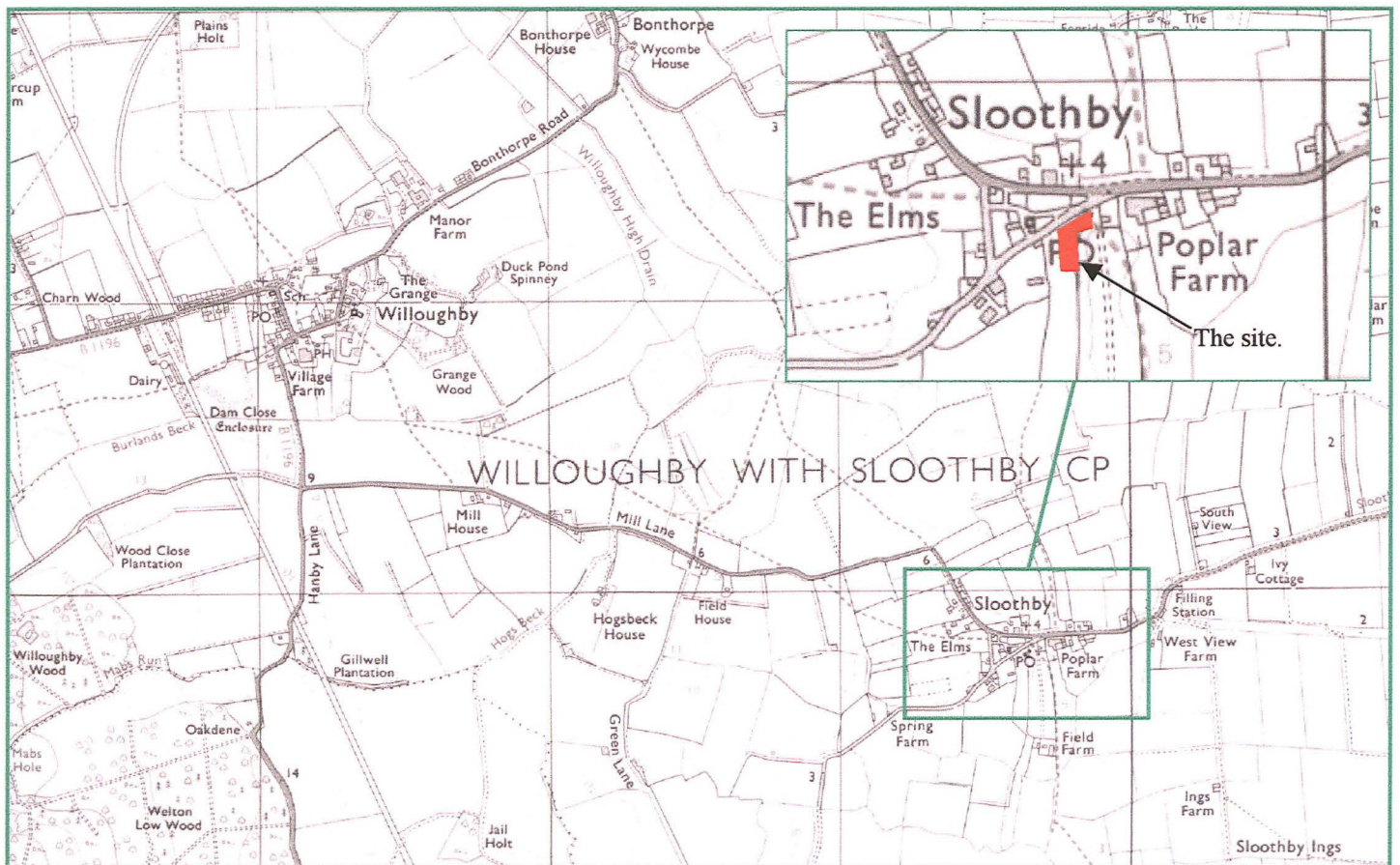


Figure 1. Site location.
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(Inset 1:10,000)

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1.0 Introduction

Pre-Construct Archaeology (Lincoln) were commissioned by Mr. & Mrs. Presswell to undertake an archaeological watching brief during groundworks for the construction of a detached dwelling on Plot 1, Hasthorpe Road, Willoughby with Sloothby. This report details the results of that fieldwork

2.0 Location and description

The site is located within Willoughby with Sloothby parish, approximately 7km south-east of Alford and 10km north-west of Skegness. It is bounded by Hasthorpe Road to the north, agricultural land to the east and south, and another new dwelling to the west.

The site lies over quaternary drift deposits, consisting of Glacial Till (boulder clay). Approximately 300m to the south and east is the border with the Terrington Beds, a marsh deposit made up of silt and clay. The underlying solid geology is Spilsby sandstone and Carstone (B.G.S. 1996).

The National Grid Reference for the center of the site is TF 4960 7080.

3.0 Planning background

Planning consent has been granted subject to the undertaking of a watching brief on all groundworks, (planning reference: S/208/01934/99). This condition will be deemed to have been met following the submission of this report.

4.0 Archaeological and historical background

An important group of Bronze Age barrows (burial mounds) lies approximately 1.5km north of the Hamlet of Sloothby, from which excavation in the 1970's produced pottery, worked flint and a bronze dagger.

Evidence from the Romano-British period consists of pottery scatters to the south and east, which are indicative of settlement in the area. There has also been a Roman bronze brooch found to the north of Mill Lane.

There is limited evidence for medieval activity in the area. A parochial chapel was in existence by the 12th century, and a gild chapel was established during the 13th. Medieval stonework and pottery has been recovered from north of the site, and cropmarks associated with late medieval tofts, crofts and field boundaries surround it. During a watching brief carried out by Pre-Construct Archaeology in 1999 to the west of the site, two field boundary ditches containing late medieval/ early post-medieval pottery were observed (Albone 1999).

HASTHORPE ROAD

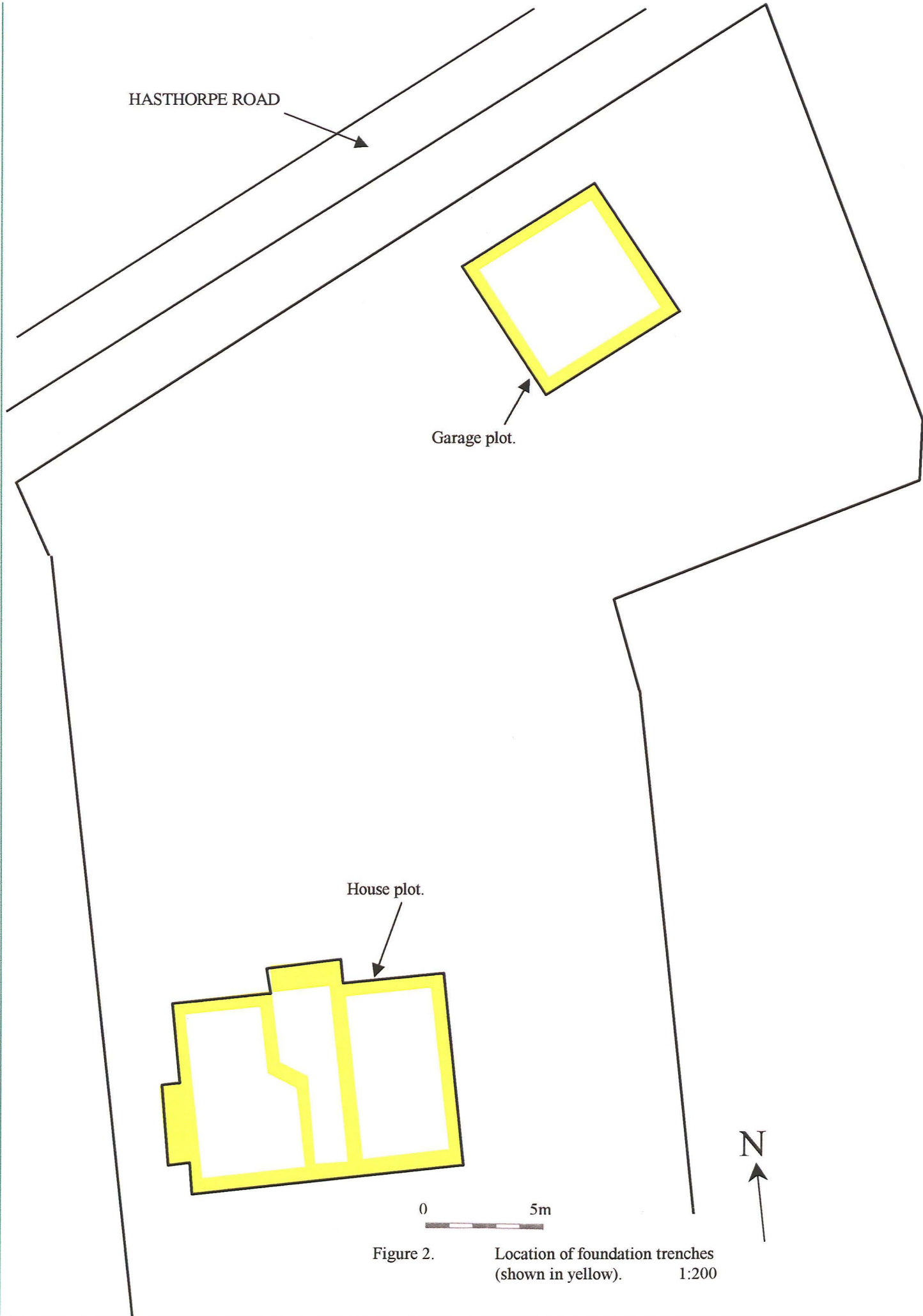
Garage plot.

House plot.

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Figure 2. Location of foundation trenches (shown in yellow). 1:200



5.0 Methodology

Two visits were made to the site, the first on 6th May 2000 to observe the foundation of the house itself, and the second on 25th July 2000 to observe that of its garage. All exposed surfaces were inspected and intermittently cleaned. Any archaeological features exposed were recorded with a pro-forma recording sheet and with 1:20 section drawings. It proved impossible to draw in plan the bases of the trenches due to the rapid speed at which they filled with ground water. A series of photographs were also taken. The work was carried out by Andrew Hardwick and Colin Palmer-Brown.

6.0 Results and Conclusions

The foundation trenches excavated were approximately 0.60m wide and 1.20m deep. The first material removed was a layer of silty clay topsoil 0.26 to 0.34m deep. Beneath this was a series of dumping layers made up of a more clayey material, interpreted as re-deposited alluvium. A single piece of what appeared to be late post-medieval pottery was recovered from one of these layers. This appears to be a series of make-up deposits, probably designed to both raise and level the area. In total these deposits were 0.80 to 0.90m deep.

Below this series of dumps was a deposit of Clayey silt with occasional chalk inclusions which is interpreted as a natural horizon. No other archaeological features were observed.

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Appendix 1. Colour Plates



Plate 1. West facing section from main plot.
(Photograph A. Hardwick)



Plate 2. South-east facing section from garage plot.
(Photograph C. Palmer-Brown)



Plate 3. General shot of garage plot. Looking south-west.
(Photograph C. Palmer-Brown)

Appendix 2. Context Summary

Context Number.	Description.
01	Topsoil.
02	Post-Med dump. Made ground.
03	Dumped alluvium.
04	Dumped alluvium.
05	Natural. Boulder clay.