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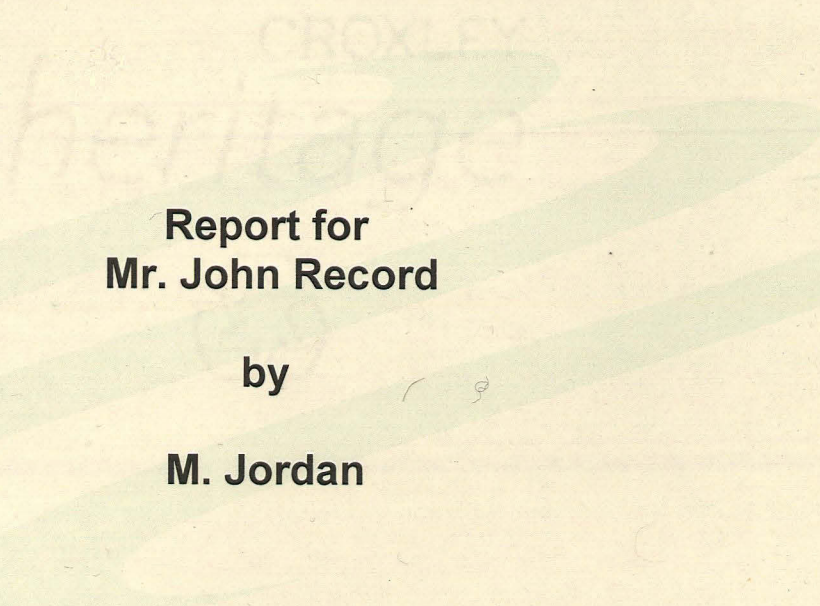


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Summary

An archaeological watching brief was carried out during the excavation of a service trench at the above site. The trench passed through an area previously identified as being of archaeological interest, but no archaeological features were revealed.

Introduction

In February 2004, Lindsey Archaeological Services (LAS) was commissioned by Mr John Record to carry out an archaeological watching brief at Old Glebe Farm, Spridlington, during the excavation of a service trench. The work was carried out in accordance with the requirements set out in the Lincolnshire Archaeological Handbook published by the Archaeology Section, Lincolnshire County Council (1998). The watching brief was undertaken by Matthew Jordan on 4th March 2004.

Site Location and Description

Spridlington is situated approximately 22 km north of Lincoln, east of the A15. The site itself is located on the west side of Spridlington, on Church Hill and is currently in the process of development.

Planning Background

Planning consent was granted, subject to archaeological recording, for the construction of a single dwelling, detached garage and associated access road and services. Changes to the design, and location of the dwelling and garage resulted in archaeological recording only being necessary for the insertion of service trenches. These crossed an area adjacent to the road on the eastern edge of the development area, identified as being of archaeological interest.

Archaeological Background

The area lies immediately to the north of earthworks thought to be medieval and post medieval in date. An archaeological evaluation carried out in 1998 by Archaeological Project Services revealed archaeological remains of medieval and post medieval date consisting of refuse pits a buried soil, and (on the eastern part of the site) stone structures dated to the 15th to 18th century. The area of the stone buildings is to be preserved in situ with the access road being positioned to the west and the house and garage to the north of the stone structures.

Aims and Objectives

The purpose of the archaeological works was to record any archaeological deposits disturbed by the

excavation of a service trench within the area of archaeological interest.

Method

Excavation of the service trench was carried out by a mini excavator. All machining was monitored by a fully qualified and experienced archaeologist. A full photographic record was maintained during the work. Context numbers were assigned by LAS for recording purposes.

Results

Excavation of the service trench revealed several soil layers but no archaeological remains. The upper soil layer was a mid-brown, loose silty sand topsoil, 0.40m thick, assigned numbers 1, 4 and 9 represent the topsoil in the different sections drawn. Beneath this was a brownish grey sandy silt subsoil which was moist and of moderate compaction; this layer, 2, 6 and 10 was 0.20 – 0.30m thick. Very few stones were present in this layer however several flattish stones up to 0.20m in diameter were revealed towards the northwestern end of the trench. Context 5, a 0.05m thick layer of yellow brown silty clay was revealed between layers 4 and 5 in the middle of the trench. The small and irregular nature of this layer suggests it could have been caused as a result of root disturbance. The lowest deposit revealed was a yellow grey sandy clay layer, 3, 8 and 11, 0.30m – 0.50m thick, with frequent gravel inclusions. This layer represents the natural and was very wet and the trench began to fill with water to a depth of 0.10m at its western limit. Context 7 was a 0.10m thick mid grey sandy silt, mottled with yellow and containing gravel inclusions, and was only revealed in the southeastern portion of the trench as a layer between the subsoil and the natural.

Discussion

Any archaeological features located within the area designated of archaeological interest must lie to the north and/or south of the service trench. The trench reached a depth of 1m and revealed the natural layers, suggesting no archaeological features were present beneath the service trench.

Conclusion

No archaeological features, finds or surfaces were revealed within the trench.

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Archive Summary

Correspondence

Developer's plan

Field plans and section drawings

Context sheets

Photographs: Colour prints, LAS film number 04/37.

APPENDIX 1

Context Summary (SOGF 04)

Context	Type	Description
001	Layer	Mid to dark brown sandy silt. Loose with inclusions of roots. 0.4m thick
002	Layer	Mid brown with orange mottling clayey sand. Moderate compaction and moist. 0.3m thick
003	Layer	Yellow brown sandy clay. Compact and very wet with frequent gravel inclusions.
004	Layer	Mid to dark brown loose silty sand with inclusions of roots, 0.4m thick.
005	Layer	Yellow brown silty clay , moderate compaction, 0.4m x 0.05m.
006	Layer	Grey brown sandy silt, moist and of moderate compaction. 0.3m thick.
007	Layer	Mid grey sandy silt with yellow mottling. Frequent gravel inclusions, moderate compaction 0.15m thick.
008	Layer	Grey yellow sandy clay, compact and very wet, 0.1m deep.
009	Layer	Mid to dark brown loose sandy silt with inclusions of roots.
010	Layer	Brown grey sandy silt compact with occasional inclusions of flat stones up to 0.2m diameter. 0.2m thick
011	Layer	Yellow grey sandy clay, with frequent gravel inclusions. Compact and wet 0.1m thick.

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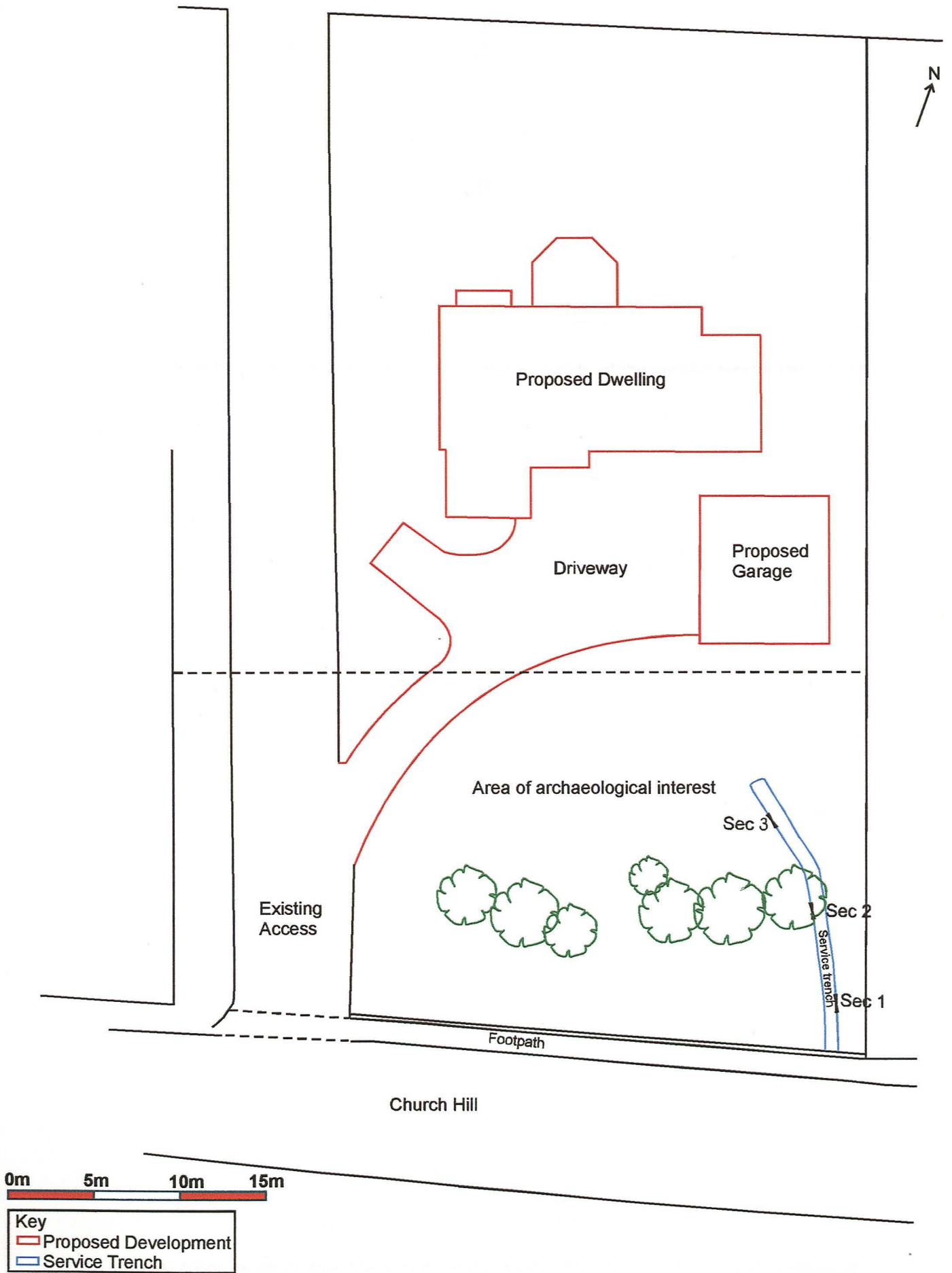


Fig. 2 Old Glebe Farm, Spridlington, with the position of the service trench excavated and area of archaeological interest. (Based on a plan supplied by the client).

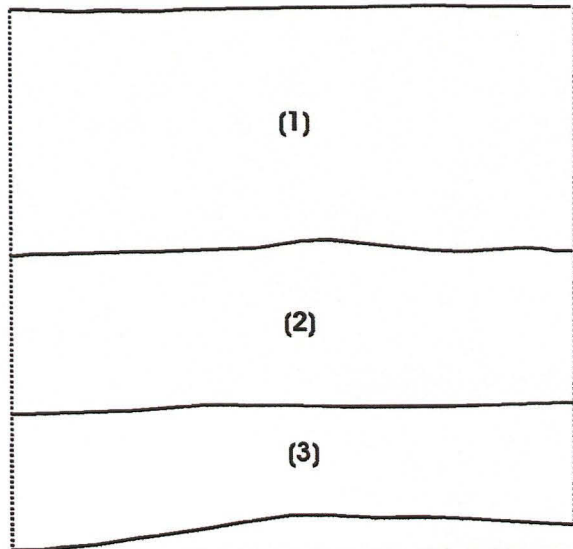


Fig. 3 Sequence of deposits visible in the east side of the service trench (section1)

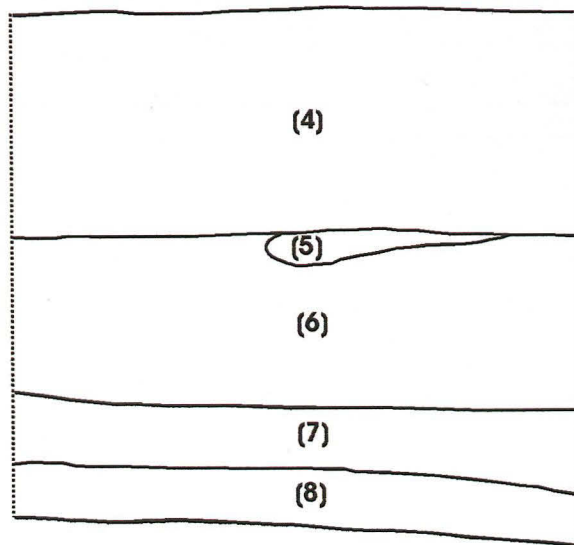


Fig. 4 Sequence of deposits visible in the west side of the service trench (section 2)

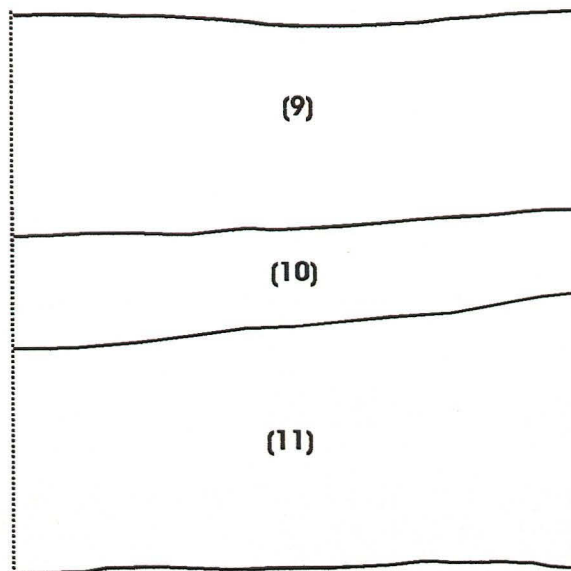
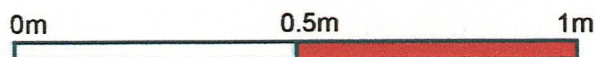


Fig. 5 Sequence of deposits visible in the west side of the service trench (section 3)



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PI. 1 View of the monitored service trench (looking SE)



PI. 2 View of the monitored service trench and development area (looking NW)



Pl. 3 View of sequence of deposits visible in the west side of service trench (section 2)



Pl. 4 View of sequence of deposits visible in the west side of service trench (section 3)