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Burgh le Marsh, Lincs
Archaeological Watching Brief**

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Summary

An archaeological watching brief was carried out at the above site during the excavation of foundations for a single bungalow and garage. These revealed a thick topsoil directly overlying a sandy layer that represents the natural geology of the area. No finds or features of an archaeological nature were noted during the watching brief.

Introduction

Lindsey Archaeological Services was commissioned by Mr Bagg in October 2005 to undertake an archaeological watching brief at Plot 5, The Paddocks, Hall Lane, Burgh le Marsh, Lincolnshire (Fig. 1). The work was undertaken in accordance with the brief dated October 2005, and general requirements set out in the *Lincolnshire Archaeological Handbook* published by the Archaeology Section, Lincolnshire County Council 1998. The work was carried out by LAS Project Officers Matt Jordan BA MA and Richard Pullen MA PIFA and took two days to complete over the 10th and 11th October 2005.

Site Location and Description

Burgh le Marsh is situated at the south end of the Lincolnshire Wolds on the Lincolnshire Marsh. The development site is situated on the south side of the modern village, on the north side of Hall Lane east of Burgh Hall. At the time of the watching brief Plot 5 was a parcel of rough grass-land, fenced on three sides and sloping gently away to the east. The site lies at c.10.00 A.O.D. and is the last of a series of plots of freehold land released for development in 2001.

Planning Background

Planning permission has been granted for the construction of a bungalow subject to an archaeological watching brief being carried out during the groundworks phase of the construction.

Archaeological Background

Roman 1st-4th century finds, including a tile coffin, have been made on numerous sites in Burgh le Marsh over the last 40 years. Roman pits and drainage gullies were recorded at a depth of c.0.50m below the ground surface to the north of Plot 5 in Hall Lane.

Burgh le Marsh is mentioned in the Domesday Survey of 1086 and its origins clearly lie in the Anglo-Saxon period. It was thought highly possible that the groundworks undertaken during the construction

of the bungalow could have revealed evidence for Roman, medieval or perhaps even earlier village remains.

Aims and Objectives

The purpose of the Watching Brief was to record any archaeological deposits disturbed during groundworks at the above site.

Method

A layer of topsoil and turf c. 0.10m in thickness was removed prior to any excavations. The foundation trenches were cut to a depth of between 0.75m and 0.90m below the present ground surface and were excavated by a wheeled JCB machine equipped with a 0.60m wide toothless bucket.

Results

The site stratigraphy consisted of c.0.50m loose mid brown silty sand topsoil **100** directly overlying a yellow/brown sand natural **101**. Within the natural layer **101** occasional deposits of sandy gravel and compact orange clay were noted, particularly in the western portion of the site. These were investigated and characterised as being variations in the natural geology. No archaeological features were visible cutting into the natural deposits and no archaeological material was recovered from the site.

Conclusion

Despite the presence of Roman features and finds elsewhere in Burgh le Marsh, no archaeological deposits or artefacts were recorded within the observed part of the site. The main focus of past activity appears to have been further to the north of the present development, probably nearer to the centre of the old village. The features noted during previous works to the north of Plot 5 may even mark the southern limit of Roman activity within the village.

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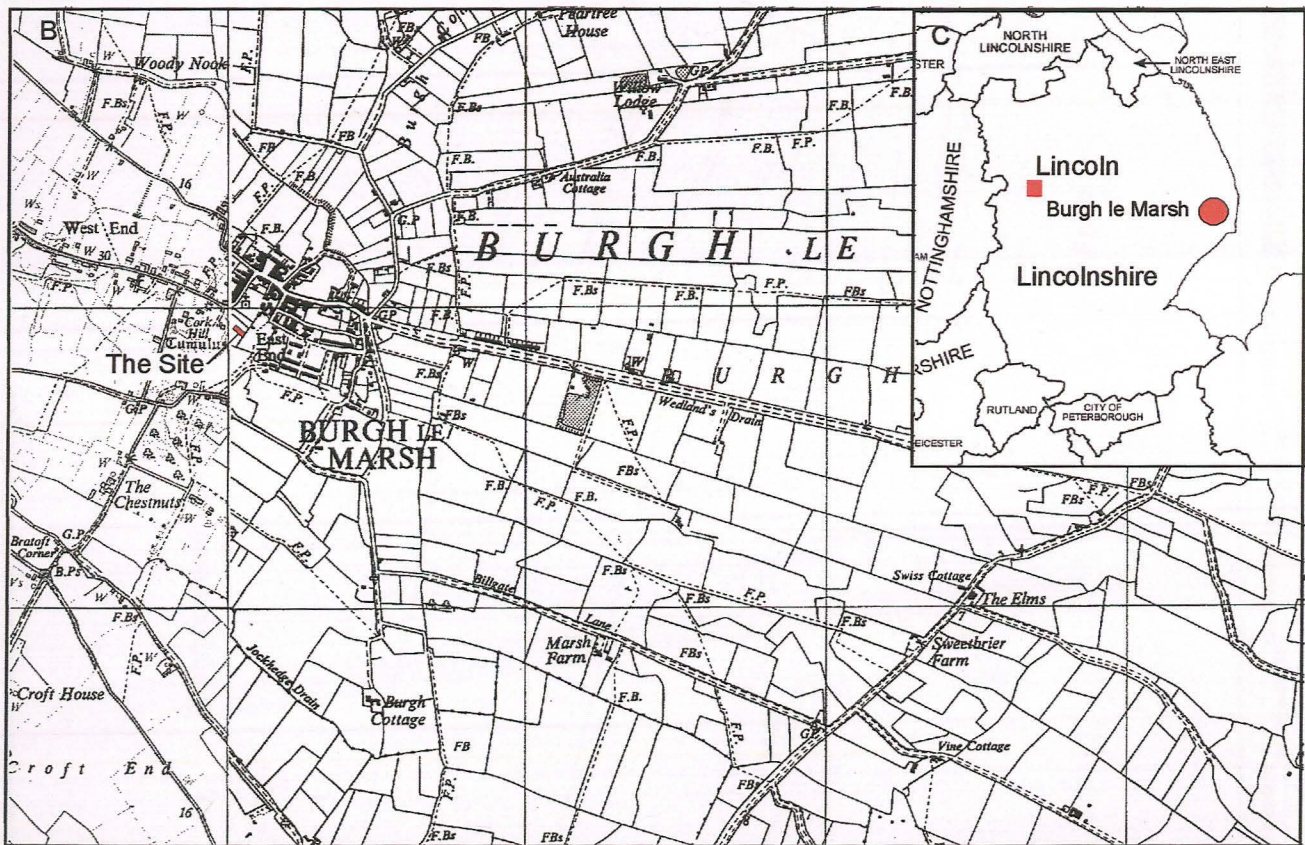


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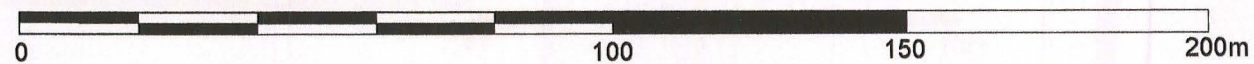


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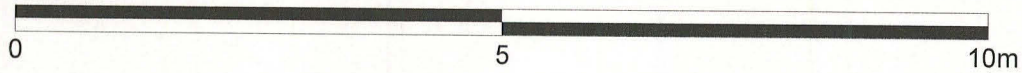
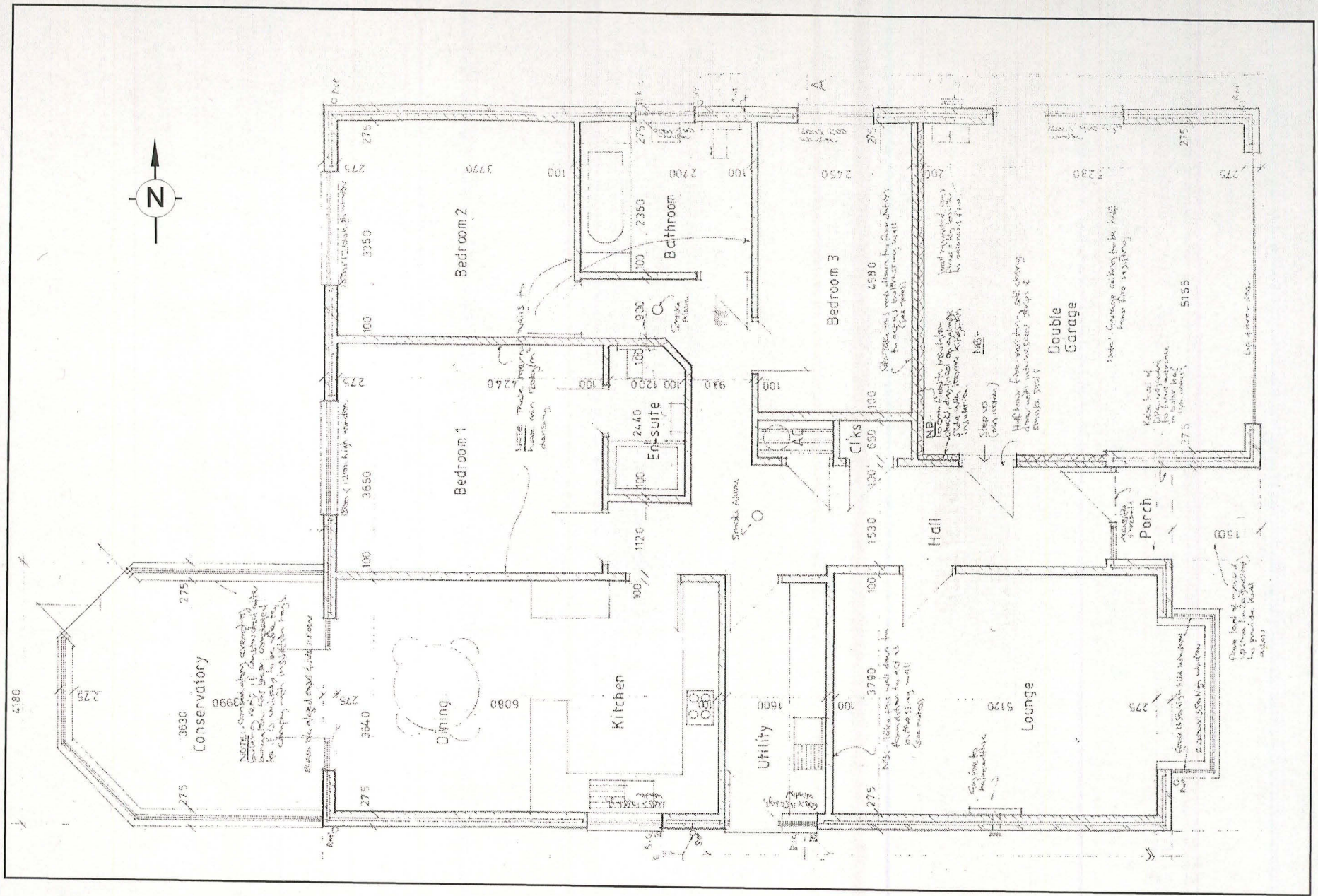


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