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Summary

An archaeological watching brief during groundworks for the construction of a new bungalow at 17 – 19 Reynard Street, Spilsby, revealed no archaeological remains.

Introduction

Lindsey Archaeological Services was commissioned by Mr. Dawson in October 2005 to undertake an archaeological watching brief on land situated at 17 –19 Reynard Street, Spilsby, Lincolnshire. The work was carried out in accordance with the brief dated 29th September 2005, and general requirements set out in the *Lincolnshire Archaeological Handbook* published by the Archaeology Section, Lincolnshire County Council (1998). Work commenced and completed on the 10/10/2005.

Site Location and Description

The parish of Spilsby lies on the dip-slope of the Lincolnshire Wolds. The development site is located on the north side of Reynard Street and bounded by nos 15 and 21 Reynard Street to either side of the property (Figs. 1 and 2).

Planning Background

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

Archaeological Background

Spilsby is mentioned in the Domesday Survey of 1086 and is clearly a settlement of Saxon origin. Reynard Street is located north of the market place, within the medieval core of the settlement. There was potential for uncovering medieval, or earlier, settlement remains during the groundwork's phase of construction.

Aims and Objectives

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

Method

The groundworks were monitored by an experienced archaeologist. A full written and photographic record was made of the site. The trench bases and sides were hand-cleaned, where appropriate, to enable sufficient information about stratigraphic relationships to be recorded.

Results (Fig.3, Pls 1 -6)

Three layers were revealed during the watching brief on the bungalow plot, comprising 0.35m deep topsoil, **1**, which consisted of very dark grey brown sand silt, with moderate root inclusions. This overlay a 0.30m deep mid grey sand silt subsoil, **2**, with very occasional inclusions of charcoal and an orange and brown sand natural, **3**, which contained very occasional tiny sub-angular pebble inclusions.

Pottery sherds, of 18th century date, were recovered from the topsoil.

Discussion and Conclusion

There were no visible archaeological features present on the site. It is unclear if any features had been present and were destroyed during the creation of the subsoil or if the site had never had any activity on it. No archaeological remains were disturbed by the building development.

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Lindsey Archaeological Services

October 2005

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LAS would like to thank Mr. Dawson for his help. Site groundworks were monitored by Mike Garrett. Jane Young produced the pottery archive report. This report was edited by Naomi Field and collated by Doug Young.

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Record sheets

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Sections

Correspondence

Photographs: LAS film nos. 05/78/21-31

APPENDIX 1

Pottery Archive 17-19 Reynard Street, Spilsby (SRS05)

Jane Young

context	cname	full name	form type	sherds	weight	decoration	part	description	date
01	PEARL	Pearlware	bowl	1	42	early chinese design ext	base	ring base	late 18th to early 19th
01	CREA	Creamware	dish	1	46		base	tiny x mark on base	mid to late 18th
01	CREA	Creamware	bowl	1	105		base	ring base	mid to late 18th
01	SWSG	Staffordshire White Saltglazed stonewar	small bowl	1	3		BS		18th
01	GRE	Glazed Red Earthenware	large jar	1	68		rim	square rim;cracked during firing;similar to previous poss waste from Spilsby	18th

THE FIGURES

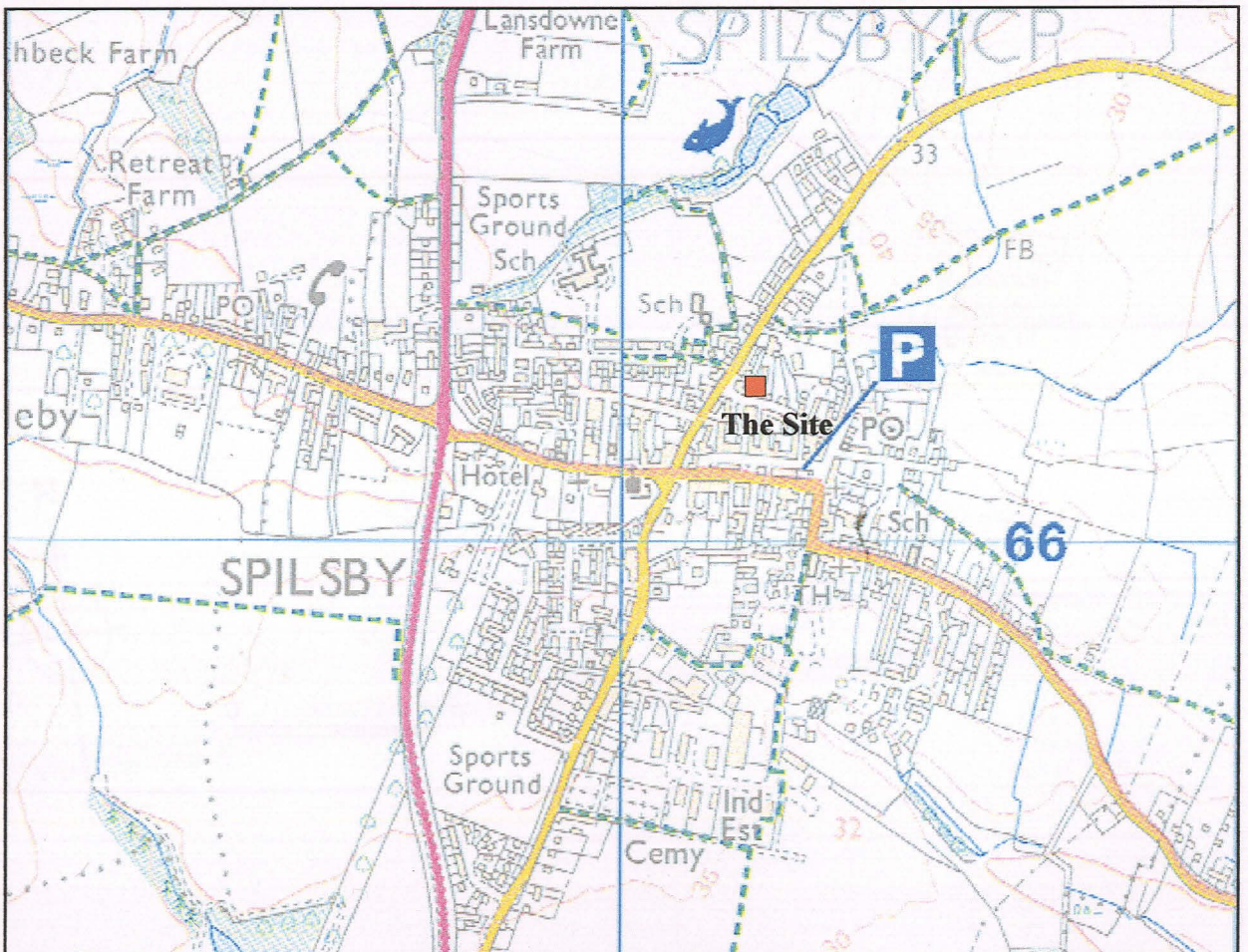
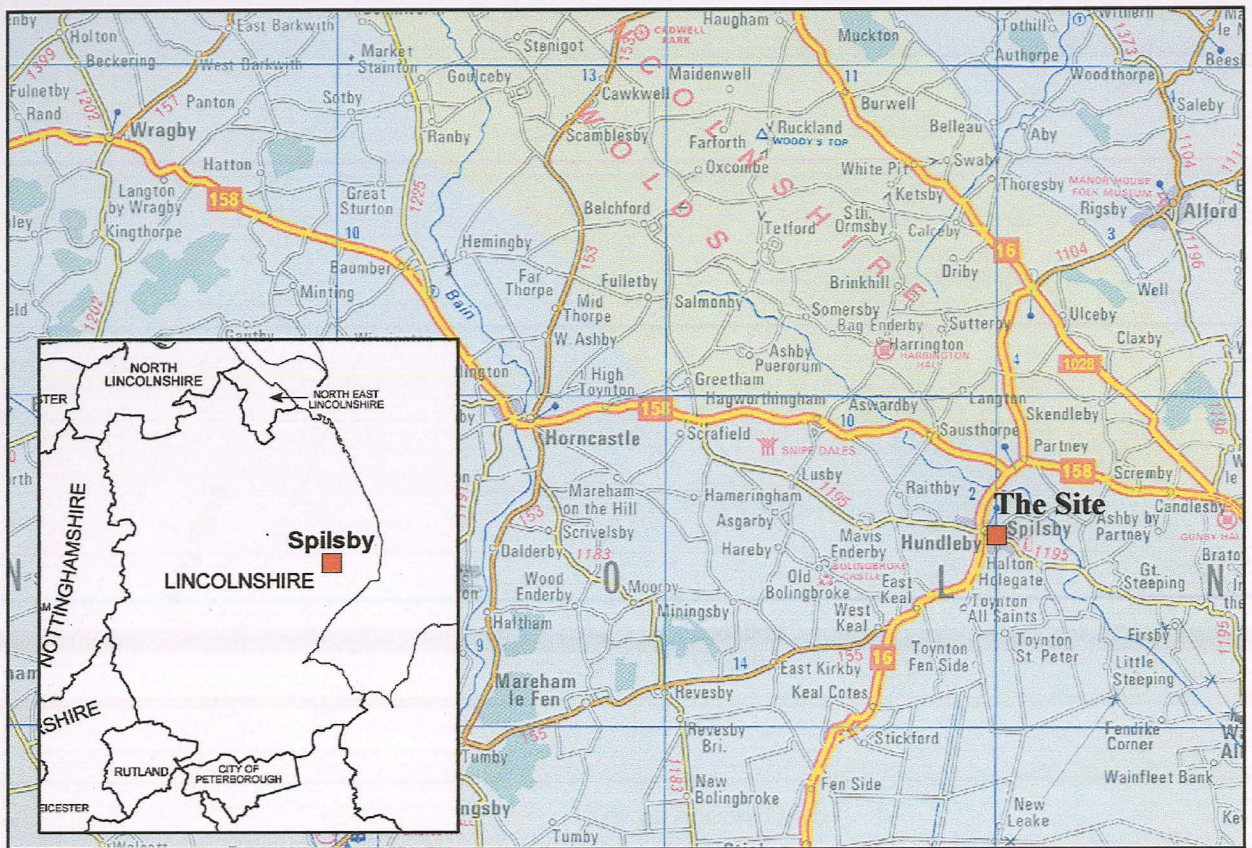


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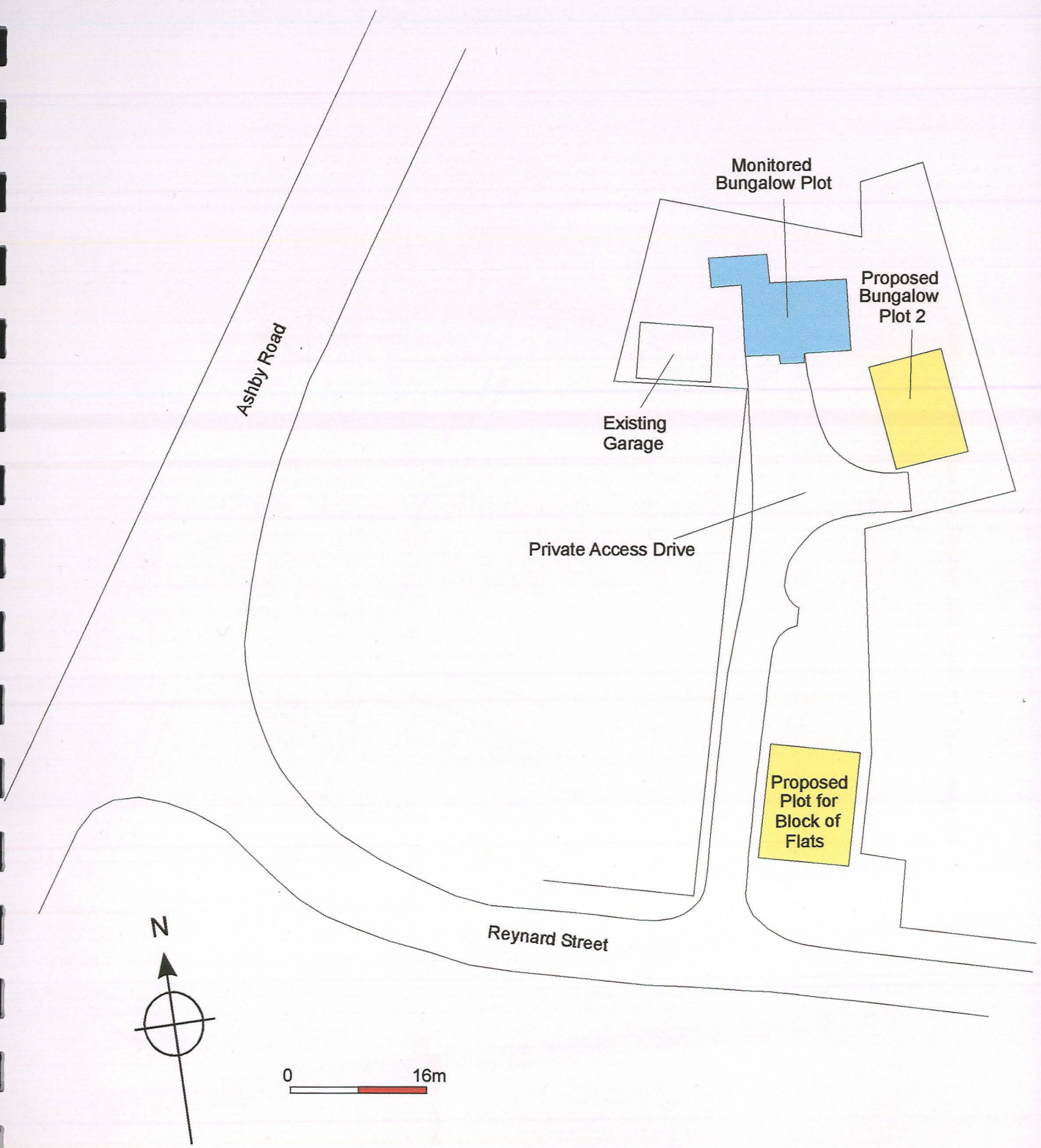


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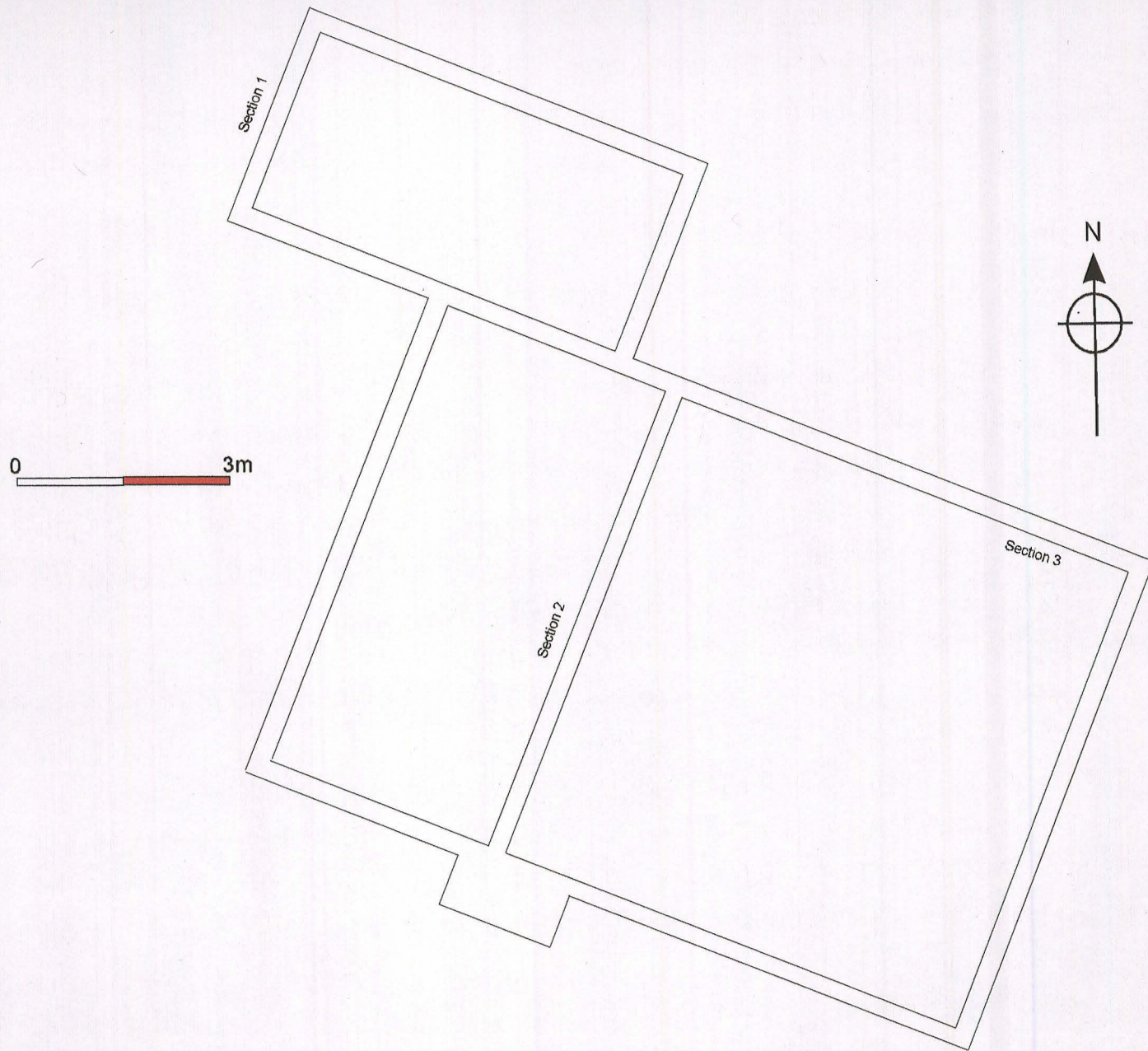


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