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SUMMARY

- 1.1 *South Holland District Council granted planning permission for the construction of a conservatory to the rear of 62 West Street, Crowland, Spalding, Lincolnshire. (Planning Application H02/0611/05/FULL).*
- 1.2 *As a condition of the Planning Permission, an archaeological scheme of works in the form of a watching brief was required. A specification for this fieldwork was approved by the Conservation Services Team at Lincolnshire County Council on behalf of South Holland District Council prior to ground-works commencing. The fieldwork was undertaken according to this document and within nationally recognised archaeological guidelines.*
- 1.3 *The excavation revealed modern material and soil mixed and obviously re-deposited on the site during landscaping of a garden to the rear of the property. A modern extension to the original house is attached to the rear of the property where the conservatory is being erected. A large modern wall from the adjacent property forms the eastern boundary. To the south are farm buildings.*
- 1.4 *The earlier construction has caused heavy disturbance in the area of the new build and as a result, any archaeological features which may have been present, have been destroyed.*
- 1.5 *The area of the new build is made up ground and the footings for the conservatory did not reach an archaeological horizon. The footings ceased at a depth of 750mm below ground level.*

2.0 SITE LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

- 2.1 The site is located close to the centre of Crowland, approximately 8 miles to the south west of Spalding, in the administrative district of South Holland. The development area is centred on NGR TF 238 104 at a height of around 3m AOD. The underlying drift geology is alluvium (BGS Sheet 158 – Spalding 1:50,000 Series 1992).

3.0 PLANNING BACKGROUND

- 3.1 South Holland District Council granted planning permission for the erection of a conservatory on land to the rear of 62 West Street, Crowland, Spalding, Lincolnshire (Planning Application H02/0611/05/FULL). A condition of the planning permission required an archaeological watching brief to be maintained during ground works.
- 3.2 This report details the methodology which was maintained during the watching brief and reports on the results. It is prepared in accordance with current best archaeological practices and the appropriate national standards and guidance including:

Management of Archaeological Projects (English Heritage 1991);
Code of Conduct (Institute of Field Archaeologists 1999);
Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Watching Briefs (IFA 1994);
Lincolnshire Archaeological Handbook (LCC 1998).

- 3.3 The watching brief was undertaken by Martin Griffiths BA(Hons), PG Dip, AIFA in November 2005.

4.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The earliest archaeological remains recorded close to the development site include Remains dating from the medieval period and later have been recorded within 500m of the proposed conservatory. The site lies to the south west of the remains of the medieval Benedictine Abbey. The medieval Trinity Bridge (SMR 20552) lies approximately 300m to the east. The bridge was built in 1360-90 by the Benedictine over the tributaries of the Nene and River Welland. A watching brief undertaken during repair works recorded post-medieval material.
- 4.2 Approximately 300m to the east, the post-medieval remains of a probable mill mound (SMR 22020) have been recorded. Other post-medieval remains include a mounting block (SMR 22050) recorded on East Street, the Co-Op store and adjacent buildings (SMR 23926) on West Street/Albion Street junction.
- 4.3 Modern entries on the Historic Environment Record, include a traditional finger signpost on West Bank/East Street (SMR 23713) which has its finial but no arms remaining.
- 4.4 Other entries are recorded on the HER map in the vicinity of the site but the entries were not found on the HER. The entries not found include SMR Numbers 23699, 23011 and 23762. Entry number 23674 describes a site in Fleet well away from the area of the watching brief.

5.0 AIMS

The aims of the watching brief were to:

- a) to monitor ground disturbance during the course of development
- b) to ensure the recording of the extent, condition, character, quality and date of any archaeological deposits and features where they may not be left in-situ;
- c) to report on the results of the watching brief and place them within their Local, Regional or National context

6.0 METHODOLOGY & RESULTS

- 6.1 An archaeological watching brief was undertaken during ground works associated with the construction of the new build on land to the rear of 62 West Street, Crowland, Spalding, Lincolnshire. The watching brief was undertaken on a comprehensive/intensive basis. Monitoring included site stripping and the excavation of trenches for the footings.

- 6.2 A previous extension to the property and adjacent building had caused considerable disruption to the garden of the property where the conservatory was to be built. The shallow depth of the footings of 750mm did not reach an undisturbed layer or natural geology. The soil comprised grey black silty clay (101) under grass. Archaeological artefacts recorded pottery of late medieval date, above and mixed with 20th century pottery and an enamel bowl. Occasional building rubble and modern refuse was also present
- 6.3 Due to the obvious disturbance, the artefacts found were recorded but not retained as they were in no archaeological context which could be identified or dated. It is obvious that the ground had been made up in recent times as part of a landscaping strategy.

7.0 DISCUSSION

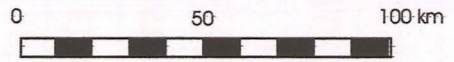
- 7.1 The shallow depth of the footings and top-soil removal negated any possibility of archaeological activity being found. The made up land was still in evidence when the footings ceased for the new build and it is unlikely that any detrimental impact would be caused to any archaeology which may be present on the site below this level.
- 7.2 No archaeological artefacts apart from the late medieval and modern pottery and refuse were seen during the site strip and footings excavation. These were noted but not collected due to being out of context. There were no indications to suggest any archaeological activity apart from the modern disturbance. It is possible that there may be archaeological activity at a greater depth but this would be preserved in situ.

8.0 FIGURES

Figure 1. Site location plan.

Figure 2. Development site plan.

Figure 3. Representative section drawing of the trench.



Boundaries revised to April 2001



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Figure 1. Site location

Extension to rear of 62 West Street, Crowland

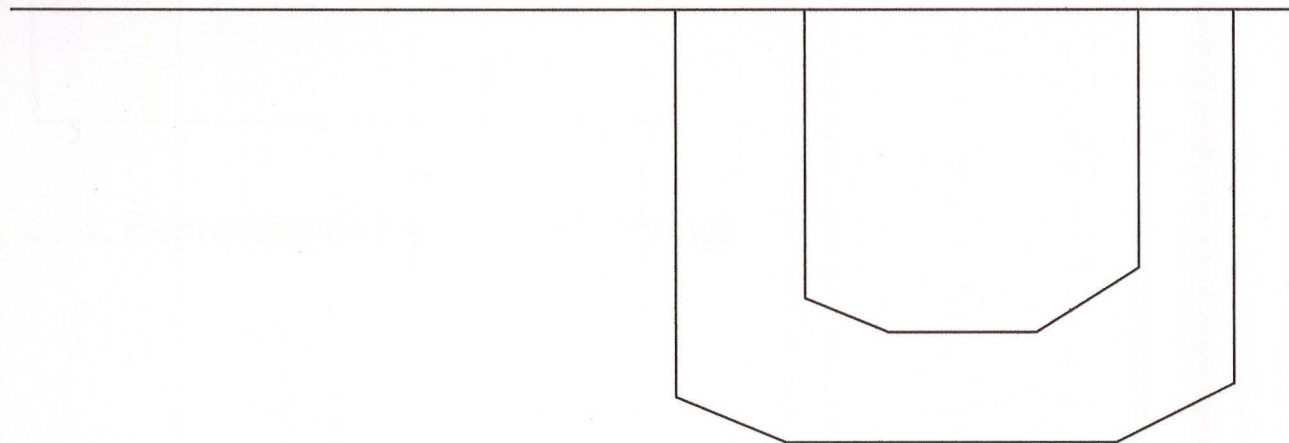


Figure 2. Floor Plan of footings



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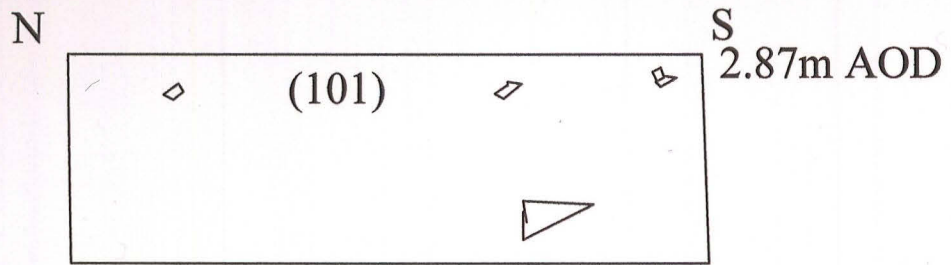
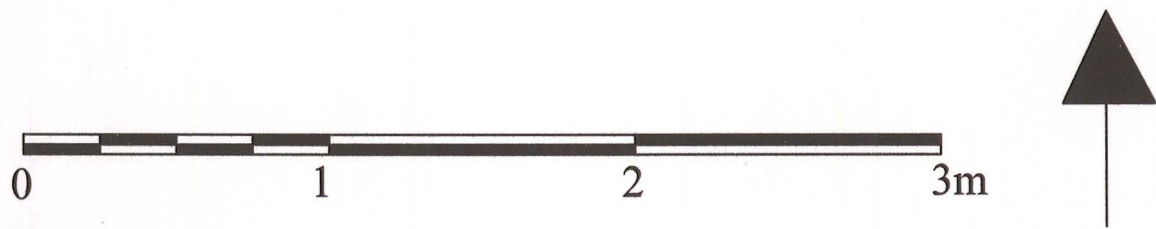


Figure 4. Representative section of footings



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9.0 PLATES

Plate 1. Site prior to top-soil stripping.

Plate 2. Showing made-up soil and debris.

Plate 3. General shot of footings.

Plate 4. Showing finished footings for conservatory.



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Plate 4. Showing finished footings for conservatory.

APPENDIX A: Context Summary Sheet.

Context No.	Description	Interpretation
101	Grey black silty clay with pottery of late medieval and modern with occasional building rubble and refuse.	Made up land