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1 HALL DRIVE, GOSBERTON, SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE**



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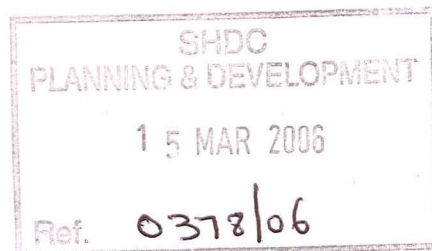
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SUMMARY

- 1.1 *South Holland District Council granted planning permission for the erection of a two storey extension to a dwelling with associated services to the rear of 1 Hall Drive, Gosberton, Spalding (Planning Applications H08/1189/05/FULL).*
- 1.2 *As a condition of the Planning Permission, an archaeological scheme of works was required. This report has been prepared from the results of this fieldwork and subsequent reporting on the results will be undertaken according to this document and within nationally recognised archaeological guidelines.*
- 1.3 *The earliest deposit encountered was the natural geology which was overlain by subsoil and topsoil. No archaeological deposits, features or artefacts were recovered from the footings. The land had been disturbed considerably during construction of the existing property and had been used as gardens for a considerable period. There was no indication of any other activity on the site.*

2.0 SITE LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

- 2.1 The site is located close to the centre of Gosberton, approximately 5 miles to the north-west of Spalding, off the A152 in the administrative district of South Holland. The development area is centred on NGR TF 240 315. The underlying drift geology is alluvium (BGS Sheet 144 – Spalding 1:50, 000 Series 1992).

3.0 PLANNING BACKGROUND

- 3.1 South Holland District Council granted planning permission for the erection of an extension to the rear of 1 Hall Drive, Gosberton, Spalding, Lincolnshire (Planning Application H08/1189/05/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 Remains and artefacts dating from the Saxon period and later have been recorded in Gosberton. To the northwest of the site, a watching brief at Gosberton Nursing Home recorded features of Late Saxon date alongside medieval features (SMR 20079). A dressed stone block of medieval date was also recorded (SMR 23815). At the time of the Domesday Survey in 1086AD, a manor was known to be present with a population of thirty four families and three salt pans.
- 4.2 To the east of the site, medieval sherds of pottery have been recovered from the village playing field (SMR 22449). The church of St. Peter & St. Paul, to the west of the site, dates from the early medieval period (SMR 22458). The jambs of the Norman arch survive in the north transept and during restoration work, the bases of the Norman arcade were discovered. When the west end was rebuilt in the 1970s, two medieval corbel heads were found along with a medieval grave slab. A medieval churchyard cross has also been recorded in the graveyard (SMR 23630), although its whereabouts is unknown.
- 4.3 Also to the west of the site, is the site of the medieval manor house and moat (SMR 23019). The moat was identified from aerial photographs and the manor house is thought to be that of Doubledike.

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 an extension to the rear of 1 Hall Drive, Gosberton, Spalding, Lincolnshire. The watching brief was undertaken on a comprehensive/intensive basis. Monitoring included topsoil stripping and the excavation of trenches for the footings.
- 6.2 The area had previously been used as gardens and the ground was cleared for the new footings (see Fig 2 & Plate 1). The footings comprised a strip foundation measuring 0.7m wide, excavated to a depth of 1m and approximately 10m in combined total length.
- 6.3 The earliest deposits recorded were a brown silty clay (102) seen at a depth of 0.35m below the present ground surface (see Plates 2,3,4 & 5). This layer represents the alluvium and continued to the maximum depth of the trench which ceased at 1m.

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6.4 This natural layer was sealed by a 0.35m layer of dark grey brown silty loam under grass (101) which was identified as a re-deposited top-soil laid down after construction of the present house. No features cutting into this layer were present.

6.5 In the southern end of the trench, a plastic water pipe and a plastic drain was visible. A new soak-away (Plate 6) was excavated to a depth of 2m in the north of the site. This revealed no archaeological features and the water table was reached at around 2 metres.

7.0 DISCUSSION

7.1 Topsoil stripping for the extension revealed no archaeological features. A cut for the modern drains and water pipe were seen following the clearing of topsoil and which cut through the natural deposits. The footings were excavated but no archaeological features were present. It appears the land had been used as gardens since the house was constructed. There was no indication of any other activity on the site.

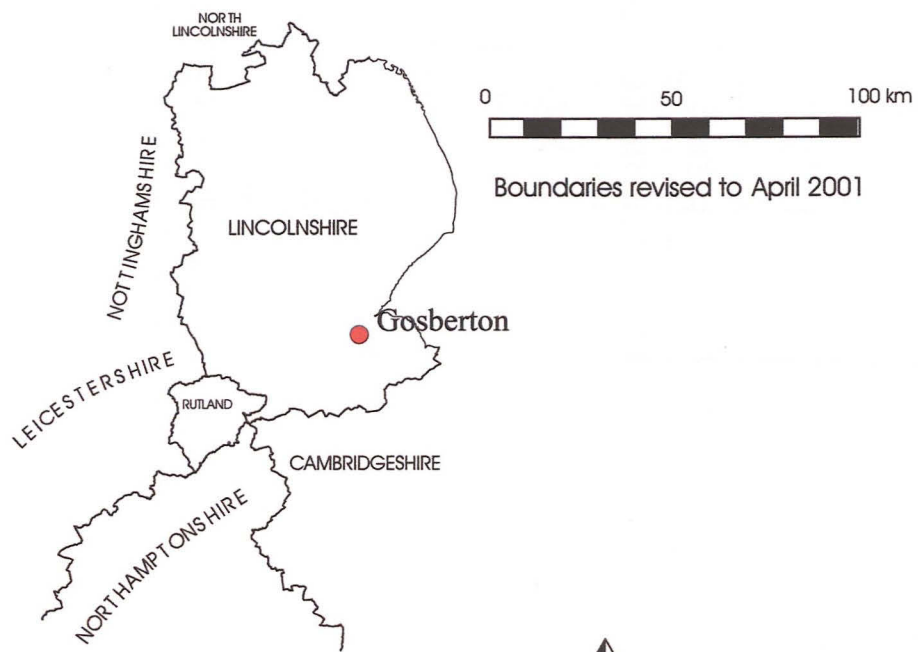
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8.0 FIGURES

Figure 1. Site location plan.

Figure 2. Development site plan showing location of trenches recorded.

Figure 3. Representative section drawing of the trench.



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Figure 1. Site location

Extension to rear of 1 Hall Drive, Gosberton

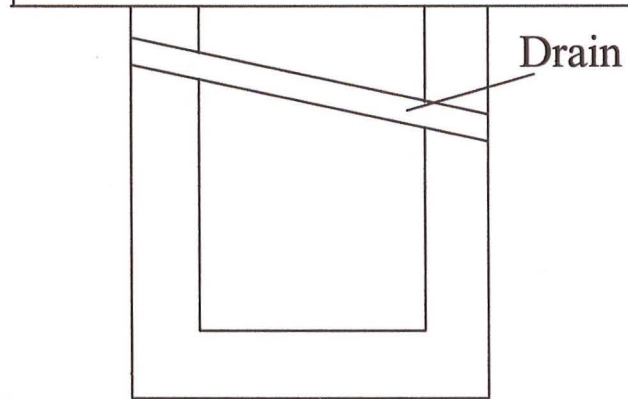


Figure 2. Floor Plan of footings



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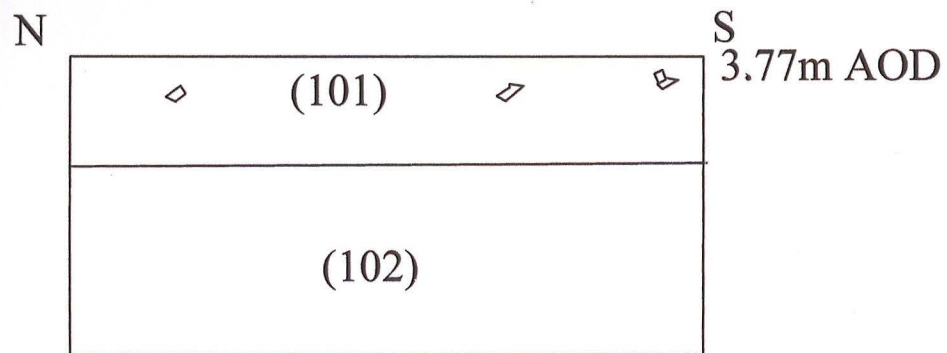


Figure 4. Representative section of footings



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9.0 PLATES

Plate 1. Site prior to excavation looking south east.

Plate 2. Showing depth of footings and water pipe.

Plate 3. Showing footings through made-up ground looking south.

Plate 4. Showing completed footings looking south east.

Plate 5. General shot of stratigraphy of site.

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Context No.	Description	Interpretation
101	Dark grey brown silty loam	Top-soil
102	Brown silty clay	Natural geology