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Archaeological Watching Brief**

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**Plot 15, St. Margaret's Close, Alford Road, Huttoft, Lincs.**  
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**Summary**

*An archaeological watching brief was carried out during the excavation of foundation trenches and associated services at the above site. Plot 15 was located in an area which was previously the site of a number of farm buildings and possibly a pond which was shown on a map of 1856. The plot has been subjected to a number of phases modern dumping both before and during the housing development from the demolition of the previous farm buildings and from disturbance associated with the development of the other plots in the development. No archaeological features were found.*

**Introduction**

Lindsey Archaeological Services was commissioned by Nicolas Burton in April 2006 to undertake an archaeological watching brief in accordance with the general requirements set out in the *Standard Brief for Archaeological Projects in Lincolnshire* (Lincolnshire County Council Archaeology Section, August 1998).

**Site Location and Description**

Huttoft is located at the southern end of the Lincolnshire Marsh, some 3km from the coast (**Fig. 1**). The site is an irregular plot of land, c. 1ha in extent, located just north-west of the centre of the village. The plot lies between Plot 14 to the west, Plot 16 to the east and an area of undeveloped open land to the south (**Fig. 2**). The site is currently being developed for housing and has suffered modern disturbance associated with clearance of farm buildings formerly on the site and general landscaping.

**Planning Background**

Planning permission was granted for the erection of 16 residential units subject to an archaeological watching brief being carried out during the groundworks phase of construction. House plots are being developed individually and this report relates to Plot 15.

**Archaeological Background**

Huttoft is mentioned in the *Domesday Survey* of 1086 and is a settlement which originated in the Saxon period or earlier. The place name indicates a toft (Old Danish for the site of a house and its outbuildings) on a spur of land (Cameron 1998). The church and adjacent land immediately to the east, upslope from the plot, are in an elevated position overlooking the surrounding landscape. It is very likely that the core of the early settlement is likely to have been located somewhere in this area.

The Enclosure Award map of 1779 (LAO Lindsey Award 43) shows that the area around the church comprised old enclosures, with a single building in the SE corner. The stables, barn and the stockyard, known as Church Farm, were demolished between 1989 and 1993.

An archaeological evaluation of the development area was conducted by LAS in 1995 (Field & McDaid 1995). This identified early Saxon pottery and a late Saxon ditch, indicative of early occupation. Subsequent watching briefs recorded traces of medieval activity, within the south-west part of the development site (Plot 1, Tann 2003), along with 19<sup>th</sup> century truncation of natural deposits further to the east (Plot 13, Britchfield & Tann 2003). Monitoring of Plot 10 (Rowlandson 2004) produced further evidence of truncation and no archaeological features.

### **Aims and Objectives**

The aims of the watching brief were to identify, characterise and record any archaeological remains that may have been disturbed by the groundworks phase of the development.

### **Method**

Excavation of the house footings was monitored by the author on the April 24<sup>th</sup> 2006. A JCB excavator using a toothless bucket opened the foundation trenches to a maximum depth of 2.4m from the present ground surface and 0.60m in width (**Fig. 3**). Machining was monitored during the first day of the groundworks. The watching brief ceased upon agreement with Louise Jennings of the Archaeology Section of Lincolnshire County Council. A full photographic record was maintained during the monitoring.

### **Results**

After levelling the material which had been dumped from work on other plots the foundations were excavated (**Pl. 1- 2**). The upper layer consisted of a mid brown sand silt clay with frequent bricks reinforced concrete, piles of barbed wire and stones which covered the plot to a depth of 0.6m (**1**). Beneath layer **1** was a 0.3m thick mid grey brown clay layer with frequent stone rubble (**2**). Layer **2** may have been the remnants of a surface but had been disturbed. Beneath layer **2** a large pit was evident over most of the plot (**Fig. 3; Pl. 3-4**) which was a further 1m deep (**4**). The pit contained a dark grey silt clay with fragments of brick (**3**). It is possible that this pit was associated with activity at the farm or a pond shown on the 1856 plan of Huttoft by John Hill (Field and McDaid 1995, Fig 2; LAO ref PAR 23/1). No *in situ* foundations were encountered although a number of bonded brick wall fragments were present in layer **1**. The orange brown natural clay (**5**) was encountered at a depth of between 1- 1.9m in depth beneath the ground surface.

### **Conclusion**

The archaeological monitoring carried out during the development of Plot 15 revealed evidence for modern disturbance. It appears that the site has been extensively disturbed both during the use of the farm buildings, during their destruction and whilst construction of dwellings on other plots have been

under way.

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### Site Archive

Plans- 2 sheets

Site notes 1 sheet

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**THE FIGURES**



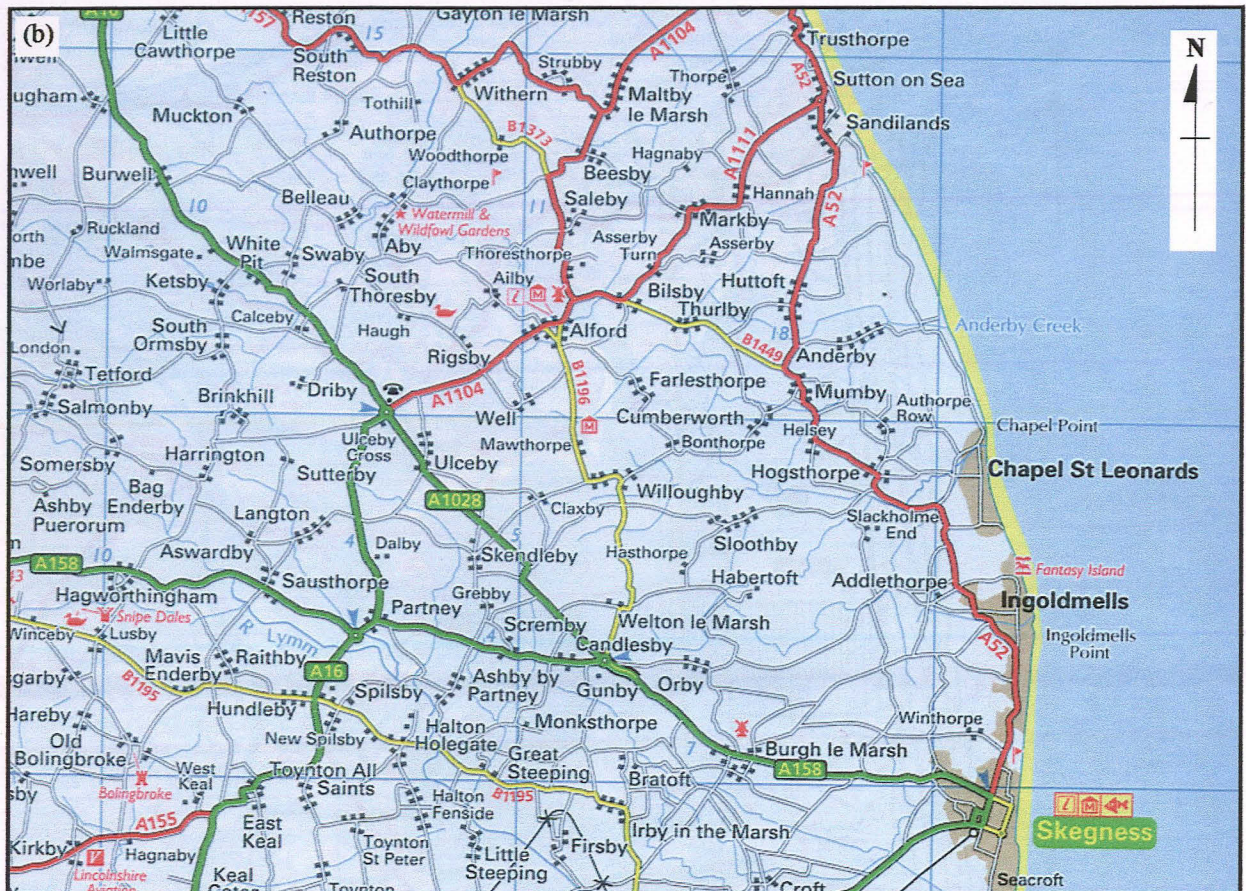


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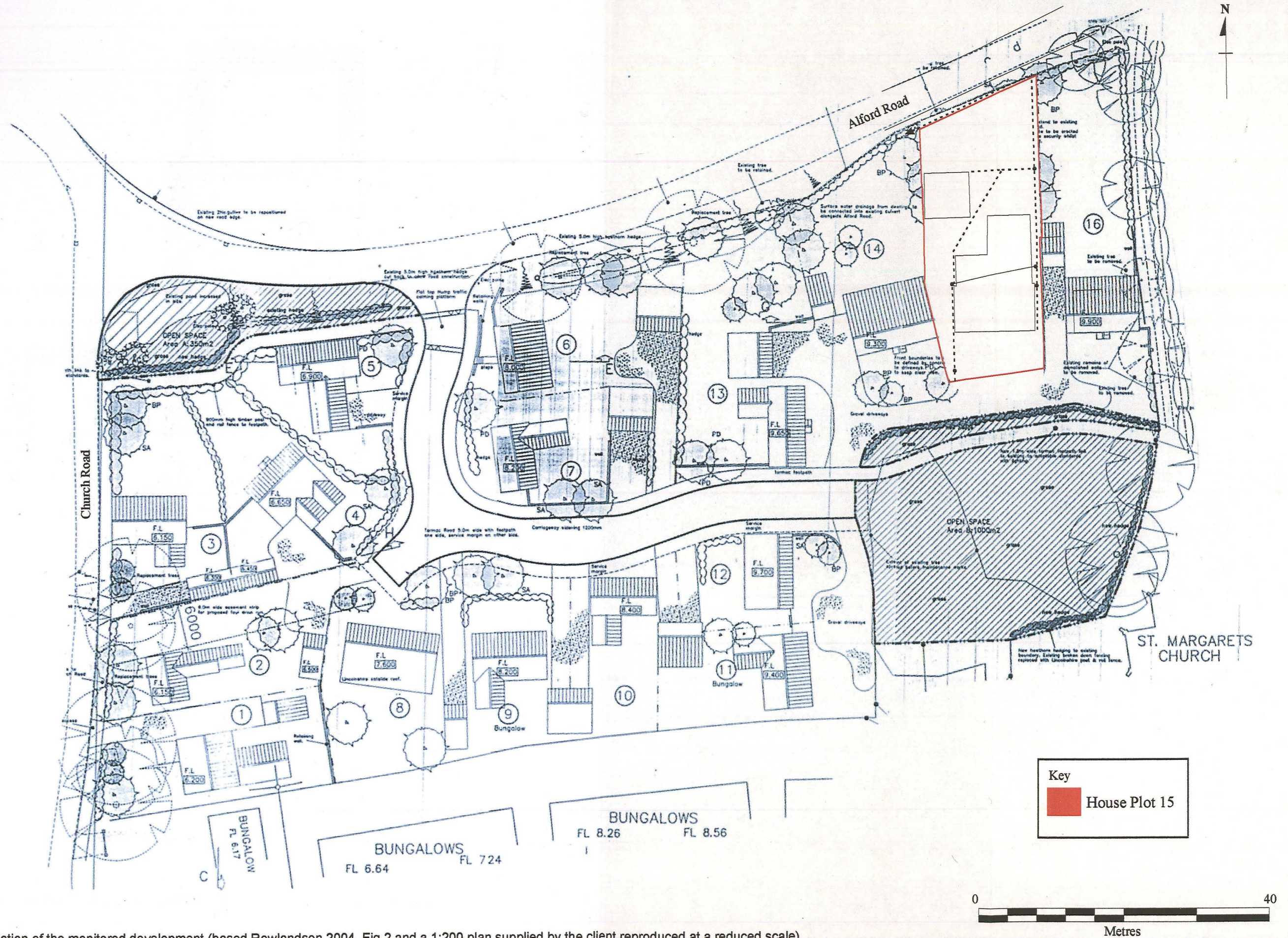


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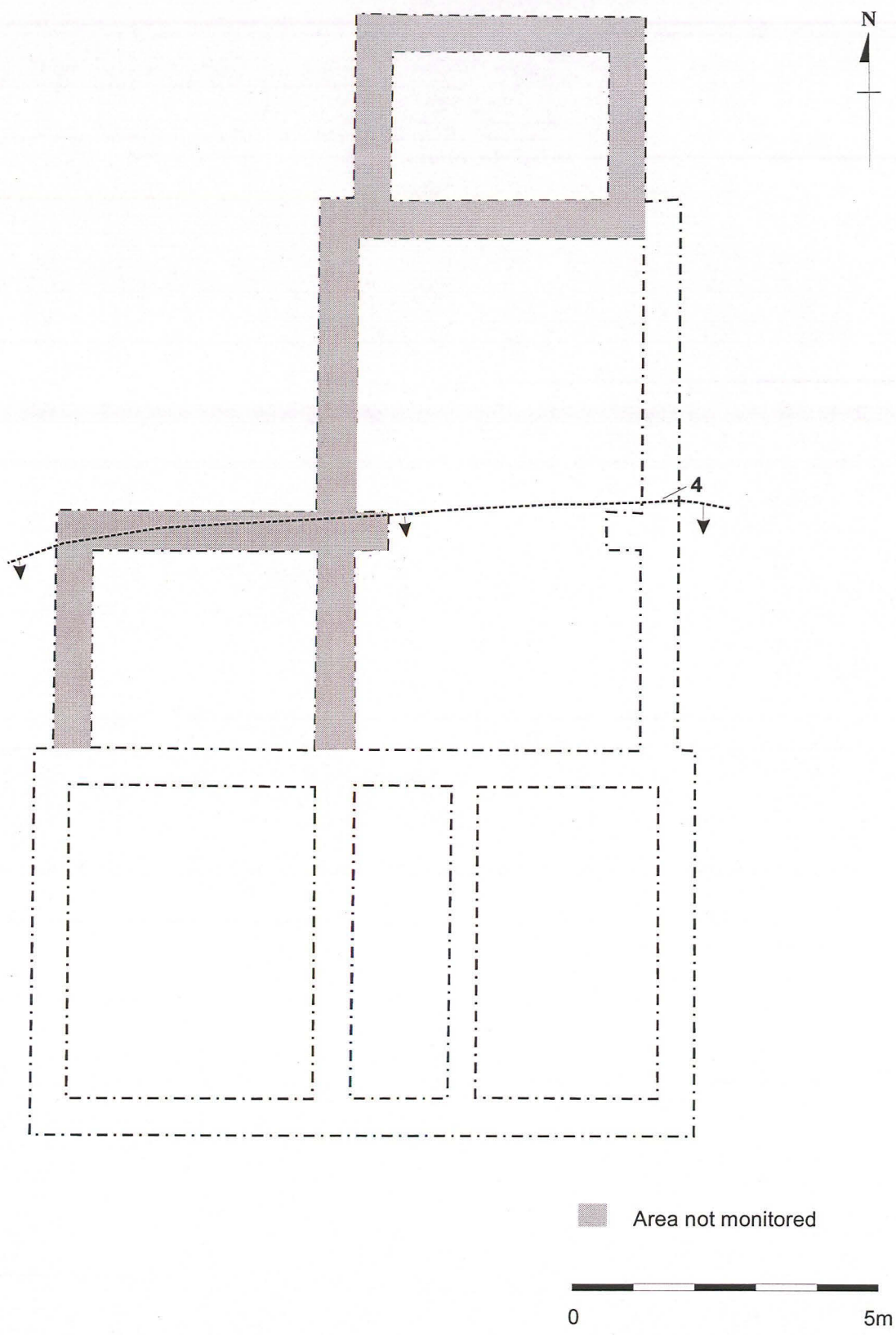


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