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SUMMARY

- 1.1 *South Holland District Council granted planning permission for the construction of an extension and triple garage to a dwelling on land to the rear of Greystones, 68 Roman Road, Moulton Chapel, Spalding, Lincolnshire (Planning Application H13/0640/04/FULL).*
- 1.2 *As a condition of the Planning Permission, an archaeological watching brief was required. A specification was prepared and the fieldwork was undertaken according to this document and within nationally recognised archaeological guidelines.*
- 1.3 *The archaeological watching brief recorded natural geology overlain by modern landscaping material and topsoil. No archaeological finds, features or deposits were encountered.*

2.0 SITE LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

- 2.1 Moulton Chapel is located approximately 10km southeast Spalding in the administrative district of South Holland. The site is located to the north of Roman Road east of the village of Moulton Chapel centre. Residential development exists to the east, south and west (see Figure 1).
- 2.2 The development area in total covers approximately 0.1ha and is centred on NGR TF 299 183 at an altitude of 3m OD. The site is level and was formerly part of the gardens to the present property.
- 2.3 The underlying drift geology is Terrington Beds typified by younger marine deposits (Romano-British to present day), salt marsh, tidal creek and river deposits (sandy silt, sand and clay) (BGS 1995 – Sheet 128: Boston 1: 50,000).

3.0 PLANNING BACKGROUND

- 3.1 South Holland District Council granted full planning permission for the construction of an extension and detached triple garage and associated services on the site (Planning Application H13/0640/04/FULL).
- 3.2 A condition of the Planning Permission required an archaeological watching brief to be maintained during ground works. A specification detailing the methodology to be maintained during the watching brief was prepared and the fieldwork was undertaken 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 (Institute of Field Archaeologists 1999).
 - Lincolnshire Archaeological Handbook (LCC 1998).
- 3.3 The watching brief was undertaken on the 2nd March 2005 by Martin Griffiths BA(Hons), PG Dip, AIFA.

4.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

4.1 Medieval pottery and possible Romano British remains have been found in the surrounding area.

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 a property known as "Greystones", 68 Roman Road, Moulton Chapel, 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 triple garage was built in an area of the garden which had already been disturbed during construction of the present house. These footings were not monitored.

6.3 The area of the new extension was to the north and east of the property and a series of modern drains and other services were the only features revealed during excavation for the footings. The footings comprised a strip foundation measuring 0.7m wide, excavated to a depth of 0.6m.

6.4 The earliest deposit recorded was a yellow brown silt (102) seen at a depth of 0.30m below the present ground surface (see Plates 1-6). This layer represented the natural geology and continued to the maximum depth of the trench which ceased at 0.6m.

6.5 This natural geological layer was sealed by a 0.3m layer of grey brown silty loam (101) which was present over the site and appears to be a re-deposited topsoil. This layer suggests the site was landscaped during construction of the present house and garage. No features cutting into this layer were present apart from modern services for the present house and garage. A 0.2m thick layer of turf and tarmac sealed these modern disturbances.

7.0 DISCUSSION

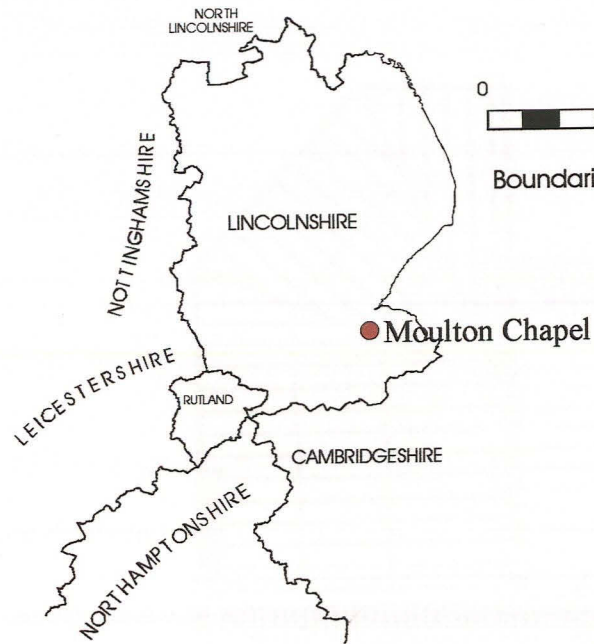
- 7.1 The site is located to the east of Moulton Chapel outside the main part of the village. Topsoil stripping for the extension revealed no archaeological features apart from modern services. The footings were excavated into the natural geology. It appears the area of build had been landscaped for a garden since the construction of "Greystones". There were no features suggesting earlier settlement on the site and it is considered likely that the land was used for agricultural purposes since initial reclamation in earlier times.

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.

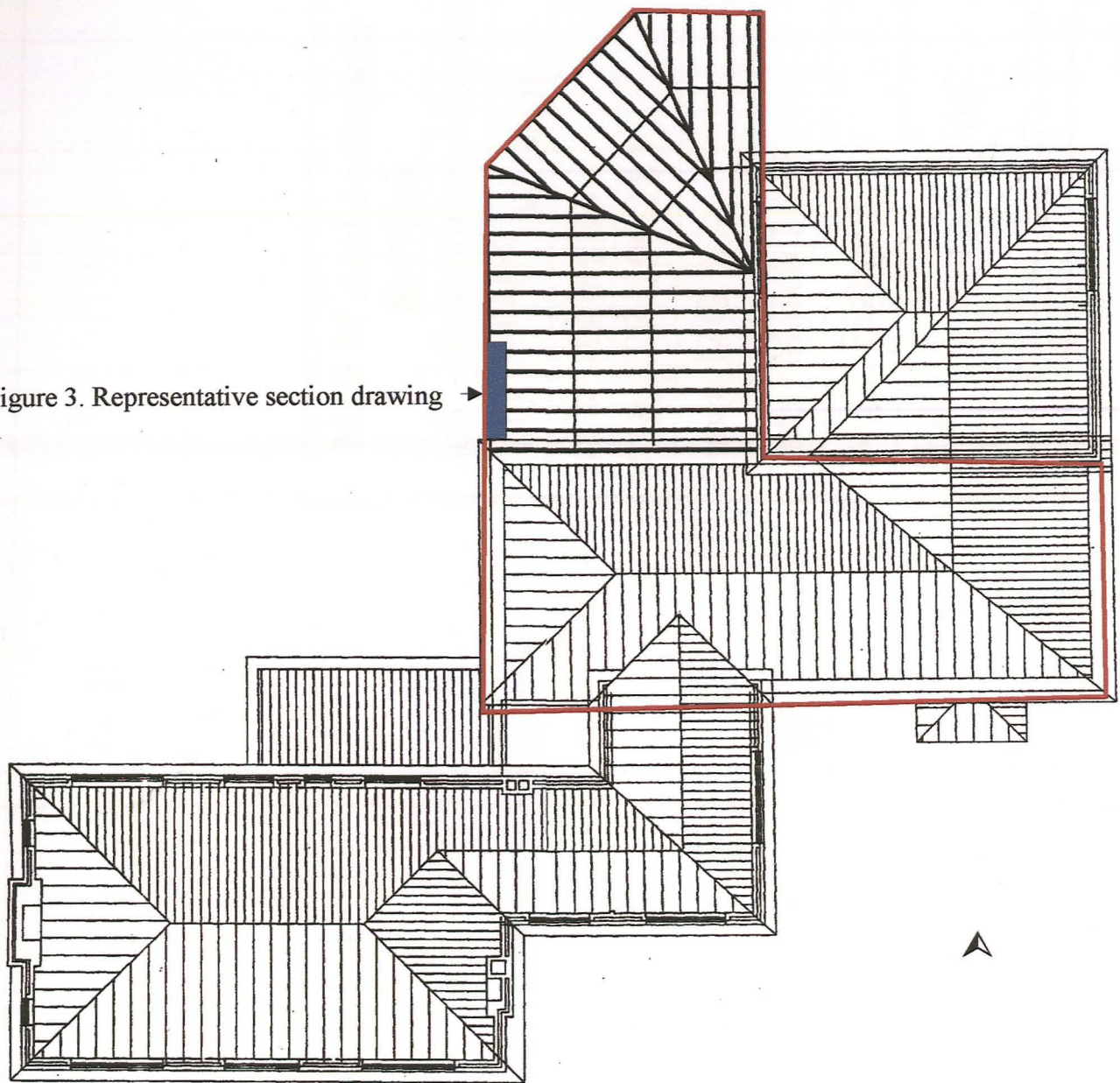


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Figure 1. Site location

Figure 3. Representative section drawing



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10m

Figure 2. Footings plan - red outline showing extensions

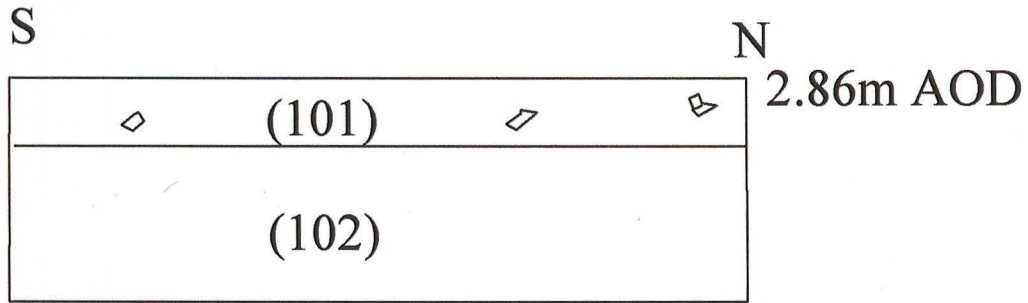


Figure 3. Representative section of footings



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9.0 PLATES

Plate 1 Footings looking west

Plate 2. Shot of footings showing mixed re-deposited soil with present drains

Plate 3. Present services to house

Plate 4. General shot of footings

Plate 5. Footings looking northwest

Plate 6. Showing maximum depth of footings looking north towards old garage



Plate 1. Footings looking west.



Plate 2. Shot of footings showing mixed re-deposited soil with present drains.



Plate 3. Present services to house.



Plate 4. General shot of footings.



Plate 5. Footings looking north west.



Plate 6. Showing maximum depth of footings looking north towards old garage.

APPENDIX A: Context Summary Sheet.

Context No.	Description	Interpretation
101	Grey brown silty loam	Re-deposited top-soil
102	Yellow brown silt	Natural Geology