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## **ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF ON LAND AT CHAPEL LANE , FILLINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**prepared on behalf of**

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## SUMMARY

*Allison Homes was given planning permission to build a dwelling on land at the rear of Chapel Lane Fillingham, Lincolnshire, subject to archaeological conditions. There is evidence within the area of Fillingham of a Bronze Age and Anglo Saxon finds and medieval burials.*

*John Samuels Archaeological Consultants was commissioned to undertake an archaeological watching brief. The watching brief was conducted following the excavation of foundations for the dwelling. No evidence of any archaeological features or artifacts was observed.*



## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report has been prepared by *John Samuels Archaeological Consultants* for Allison Homes Ltd. It presents the results of an archaeological watching brief carried out in the course of the earth moving operations for the erection of a dwelling at the rear of Chapel Lane, Fillingham, Lincolnshire.
- 1.2 Allison Homes Ltd. submitted a planning application, W29/784/94 for the erection of a dwelling on land at the rear of Chapel Lane in the village Fillingham, Lincolnshire, 14 km. north of Lincoln. Located at NGR SK 946 859. (see fig 1. location plan)
- 1.3 The Local Planning Authority (LPA), West Lindsey District Council, approved the application subject to conditions which included a requirement for an archaeological watching brief. The specification for which was to be approved by the LPA prior to work commencing. (See Appendix A)
- 1.4 Allison Homes Ltd.(the developer) retained *John Samuels Archaeological Consultants* (JSAC) to ensure fulfilment of the archaeological planning condition.
- 1.5 A *Specification for an Archaeological Watching Brief* (JSAC, November 1996) was submitted, and subsequently approved.
- 1.6 The watching brief was undertaken by Forbes Marsden BA who also wrote this report with assistance from Dr John Samuels BA, PhD, FSA, MIFA.



## 2.0 SCOPE

- 2.1 The watching brief was requested by the LPA because the application area lies within the medieval core of the village of Fillingham. A previous excavation undertaken in 1982 by NLAU directed by F N Field ("Lincolnshire History and Archaeology" Volume 18, page 96, 1983) provided evidence within the area of Bronze Age and Anglo Saxon finds and medieval burials
- 2.2 The present development comprises the excavation of foundations for a dwelling and garage. Preliminary ground testing had been observed by Dr J R Samuels on 10 August 1994 but no features of archaeological interest were seen.
- 2.3 The watching brief was undertaken with the specific objectives of establishing whether any archaeological remains exist within the area of the proposed development, and if so, identifying and recording them and determining their significance.
- 2.4 The archaeological work proposed conforms to the requirements of: *Planning Policy Guidance Note 16: Archaeology and Planning* (DoE 1990); *Management of Archaeological Projects* (English Heritage 1991); *Code of Conduct* (Institute of Field Archaeologists 1985); and *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Field Evaluations* (Institute of Field Archaeologists 1993).



### 3.0 SITE VISIT

- 3.1 This section records the observations made following excavation.
- 3.2 Unfortunately the developer commenced ground works before the archaeological conditions of the planning permission had been fulfilled. The excavation of the foundation trenches were undertaken without archaeological supervision on the 5 October 1995. The developer realising his error contacted JSAC, who informed the Archaeological Officer for Lincolnshire on that day. A visit to the site was made on the 6 October 1995.
- 3.3 Excavation had been undertaken with a JCB excavator, with a 0.90m bucket on the backacktor.
- 3.4 The area of the development site was generally level, vegetation having been stripped from within the area that was bounded by the foundation trenches.
- 3.5 Topsoil was 0.20m in depth and comprised a orange brown sandy silt with occasional limestone fragments, and beneath this 0.40m of limestone fragments in a orange brown sandy silt matrix. At 0.60m from ground level, natural compact limestone was encountered.
- The overall depth of the excavation was 0.60m below ground level except in the eastern foundation trench where an area of made up ground was noted. This contained brick, tile, mortar and plastic in a dark brown sandy loam, in this area the depth of excavation was in excess of 2m.
- 3.6 No features or artifacts of archaeological interest were observed within the excavated foundation trenches nor any artifacts of archaeological interest in the spoil from the excavation.



#### **4.0 CONCLUSIONS**

- 4.1** The watching brief showed that in this area of the development site no ground disturbance has taken place with the exception of the dumped material in the eastern foundation trench.
- 4.2** Nothing of archaeological significance was seen.
- 4.3** It was inferred that the excavation has had no archaeological impact.



## 5.0 FIGURES

Figure 1 : Site Location Plan

Figure 2 : Site Location Plan (detail)





Figure 1 Site Location, Chapel Lane, Fillingham, Lincolnshire.

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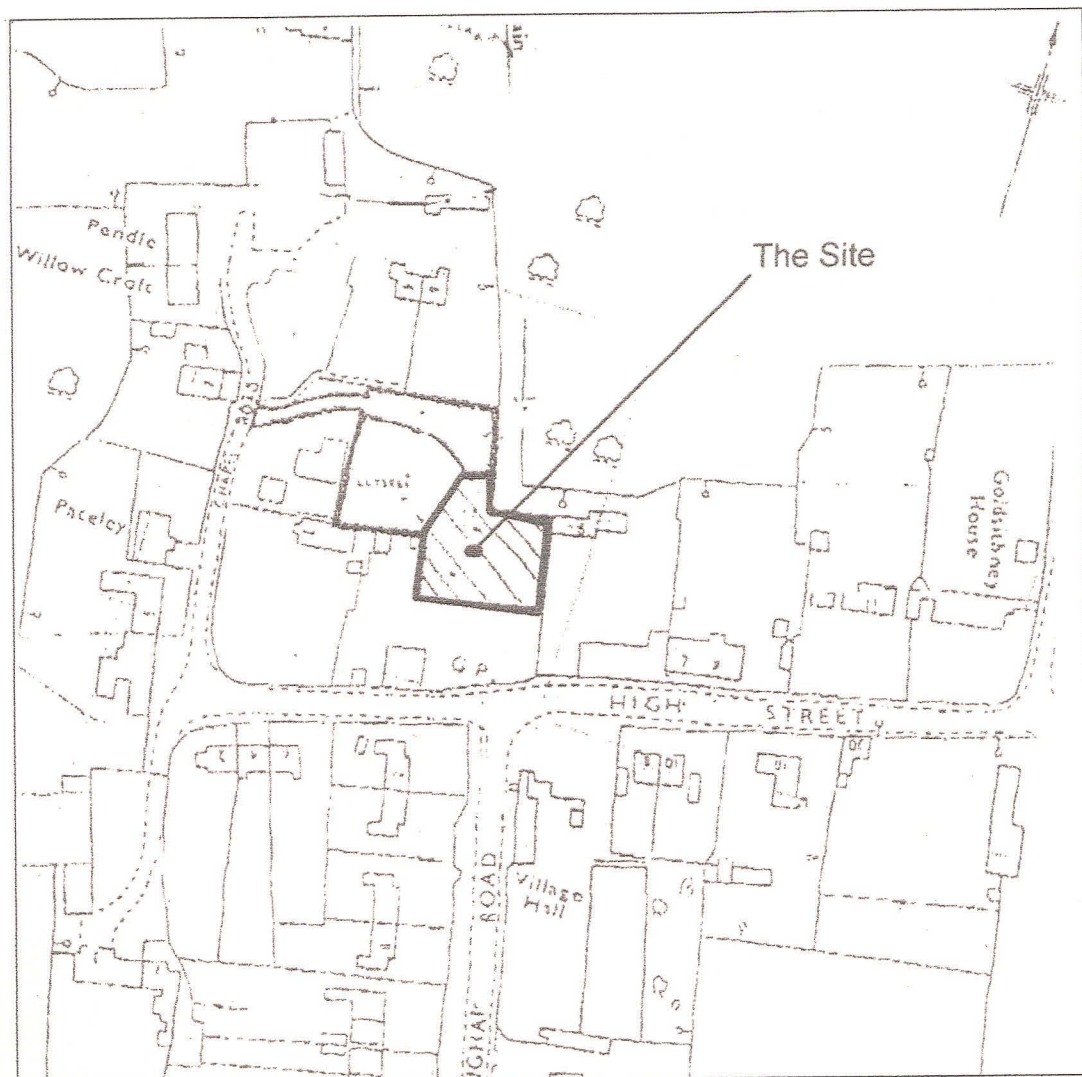


Figure 2 Site Location (Detail), Chapel Lane, Fillingham, Lincolnshire

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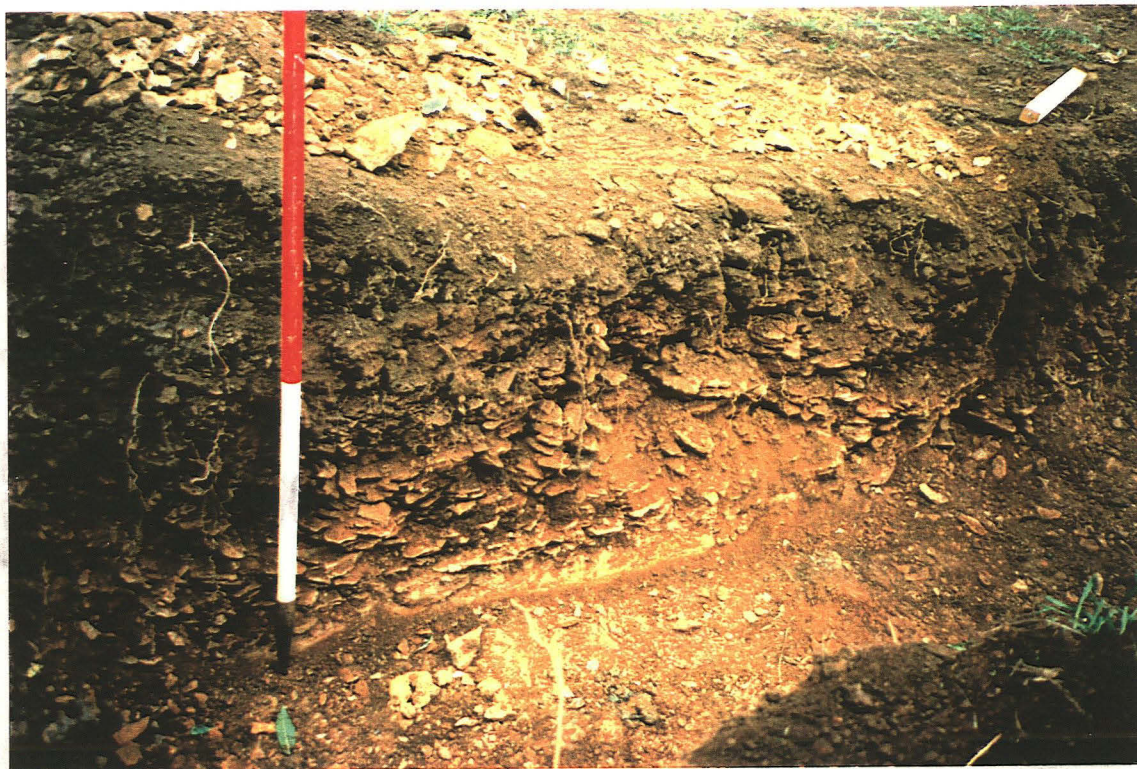
## **6.0 PHOTOGRAPHS**

- 1 Foundation Trenches - looking North.**
- 2 East West Foundation Trench - south face.**
- 3 North South Foundation Trench - east face.**
- 4 South Facing Foundation Trench.**
- 5 East West Foundation Trench - looking north**
- 6 North South Foundation Trench - looking west.**





**1**      **Foundation Trenches - looking North.**



**2**      **East West Foundation Trench - south face.**





**3 North South Foundation Trench - east face.**



**4 South Facing Foundation Trench.**





**5 East West Foundation Trench - looking north**



**6 North South Foundation Trench - looking west.**



## APPENDIX A

### Planning Conditions

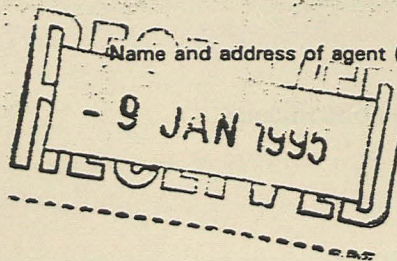


# Planning permission

Name and address of applicant

Swallow Homes Ltd  
Swallow House  
Banbury Close  
West Elloe Avenue  
SPALDING  
PE11 2BS

Name and address of agent (if any)



## Part I - Particulars of application

Date of application

11 October 1994

Application no.

W29/784/94

Particulars and location of development

Planning application to erect a four bedroomed detached house and detached double garage.  
Chapel Lane, Fillingham.

## Part II - Particulars of decision

The West Lindsey District Council

hereby give notice in pursuance of the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 that permission has been granted for the carrying out of the development referred to in Part I hereof in accordance with the application and plans submitted subject to the following conditions.

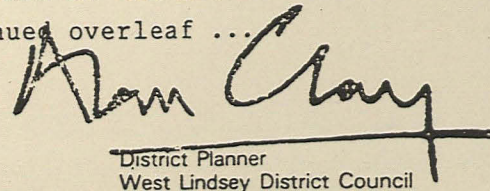
1. The development must be begun not later than the expiration of five years beginning with the date of this permission.
2. Before development is commenced details or samples of the external facing materials shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the District Planning Authority.
3. Prior to commencement of development details of an archaeological watching brief to be carried out by an archaeologist nominated by the District Planning Authority shall be submitted to and approved by the District Planning Authority. The archaeologist shall be afforded access at all reasonable times by the developer to undertake the watching brief.
4. No trees on this site shall be felled without the written consent of the district planning authority.

The reasons for the conditions are:

1. Required to be imposed pursuant to section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
2. To ensure the use of appropriate materials in the interests of visual amenity.
3. To ensure that any archaeological evidence discovered on the site is observed and recorded.

Date 6 January 1995

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District Planner  
West Lindsey District Council

Council Offices

26 Spital Terrace, Gainsborough, Lincs. DN21 2HG

Note: This permission refers only to that required under the Town and Country Planning Acts and does not include any consent or approval under any other enactment, byelaw, order or regulation.



## **APPENDIX B**

### **Specification for Watching Brief**



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**CHAPEL LANE, FILLINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE:  
SPECIFICATION FOR AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF**

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**CHAPEL LANE, FILLINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE:  
SPECIFICATION FOR AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This report has been prepared by *John Samuels Archaeological Consultants* for Allison Homes. It comprises a specification for an archaeological watching brief which is to be maintained during earthmoving operations for a residential development at the rear of Chapel Lane (SK 946 859) in the village of Fillingham, Lincolnshire, 14km. north of Lincoln
- 1.2 A planning application was submitted for residential development on c .0.65ha ( See figure 1 location plan).
- 1.3 The Local Planning Authority (LPA), West Lindsey District Council, approved the application subject to conditions which included a requirement for an archaeological watching brief in accordance with a scheme to be approved by the LPA before development commenced (Appendix, below).
- 1.4 Allison Homes responded to the concern on the part of LPA for archaeological provision by commissioning *John Samuels Archaeological Consultants* to prepare a watching brief specification.
- 1.5 The specification is designed to fulfil the archaeological planning condition. It is based on the requirements of Planning Policy Guidance 16 (DoE 1990), the IFA Code of Conduct (Institute of Field Archaeologists 1985), and current best archaeological practice. It takes account of Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Watching Briefs and Standards and Guidance for Archaeological Field Evaluations) (Institute of Field Archaeologists, 1993).



## SPECIFICATION

- 2.0 The watching brief will be undertaken with the specific objectives of establishing whether archaeological remains survive on the development site, and if so, recording, identifying, and determining their significance.
- 2.1 In practice , and in liaison with the developers, the watching brief will take the form of site visits by suitably qualified professional archaeologists to monitor each phase of groundworks as they commence and proceed.
- 2.2 Adequate facilities shall be provided for archaeological staff to observe earthmoving operations in progress; and where structures, soil features, or finds of archaeological interest are exposed or disturbed, to examine, clean, assess, and if appropriate to manually excavate, sample and record by photography and measured drawing.
- 2.3 Should surviving archaeological remains be identified, it may be necessary in liaison with the Community Archaeologist to formulate a strategy designed to fully establish their character, distribution, extent, condition, dating and further treatment.
- 2.4 Any artifacts of antiquity shall, after analysis and recording, be transferred to an appropriate local museum. This excludes items of gold and silver which by law must be reported to Her Majesty's Coroner.
- 2.5 Within three months of the completion of the excavation works, a summary report shall be submitted to the LPA and the results of the watching brief shall also be made available to the Lincolnshire County Sites and Monuments Record (SMR).
- 2.6 Every effort will be made to implement the watching brief without affecting the construction timetable.
- 2.7 Archaeological staff will respect standard Health and Safety provisions and site safety regulations.



APPENDIX A