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Summary

An archaeological watching brief was carried out during topsoil stripping for a proposed drill site at Scupholme, Louth, Lincolnshire. The groundworks did not reach a sufficient depth to affect any archaeological remains that may have been present. A single piece of medieval pottery was found in the topsoil

Introduction

Lindsey Archaeological Services was commissioned by Candecca Resources Ltd to carry out an archaeological watching brief in accordance with the requirements of the Archaeology Section, Lincolnshire County Council.

The purpose of the Watching Brief was to record any archaeological deposits disturbed during groundworks at the above site.

Site Location

The site consists of an area of open ground covering c2 acres north of Manor Farm, Scupholme, South Somercotes. The area was stripped of topsoil prior to construction of a new exploration drilling site.

Archaeological Background

The site is located in the Lincolnshire Marsh which is covered in marine silts. Any archaeological features predating the medieval period will probably be buried below this deposit at depths between c.1m-3m below modern ground level. The area was subject to periodic marine inundation and there is potential for buried salt making sites of Iron Age or Roman date. Medieval salt workings and other remains would lie close to the modern land surface.

Watching Brief

The watching brief was carried out on 16th March 1997. The wheat crop was mown down prior to topsoil stripping. The stripping was achieved with a D65E bulldozer and scraper with a 10 foot blade. Topsoil was removed to a depth of 300mm below the existing ground surface.

The topsoil was a mid brown silt with chalk and occasional lumps of flints derived from the underlying boulder clay. A single field drain was observed running north-west south-east across the site. There were fragments of field drain and brick observed in the topsoil, along with a single base sherd of medieval pottery dated to the 13th to 14th century.

Conclusions

No significant archaeological remains were encountered. The depth of topsoil stripping was insufficient to impact upon any archaeological remains present.

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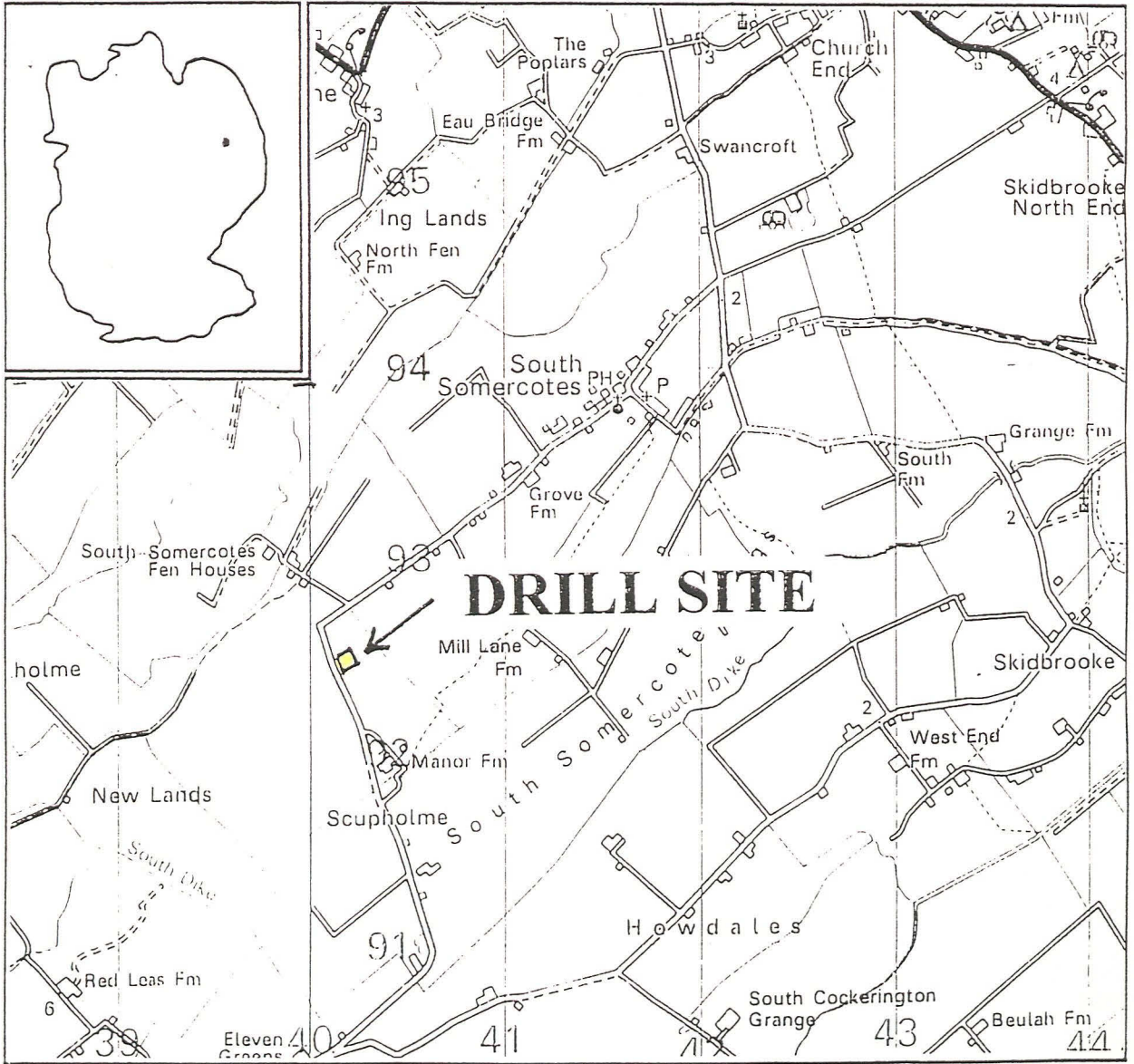
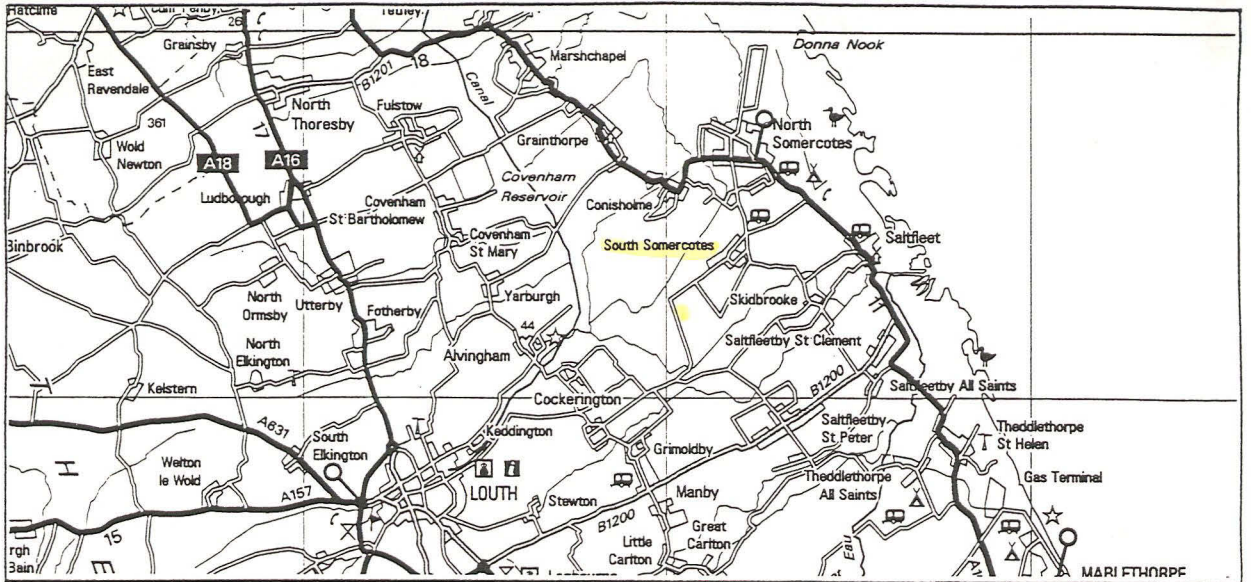


Fig 1: Scupholme drill site, location of development

CANDECCA RESOURCES LIMITED SCUPHOLME DRILLSITE



SOUTH COCKERINGTON
TO
NORTH SOMERCOTES ROAD

SCALE: 1:2500

Fig 2: Scupholme drill site, area of development



Plate 1: Topsoil stripping in progress, looking north

Plate 2: Field drain





Plate 3: Depth of removed topsoil

Plate 4: Site after being topsoil stripped, looking south-west

