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Summary

A building survey was undertaken of a barn at 8 Church Road Laughton prior to conversion of the southern bay for residential use. It is of earlier 19th century date and is part of a complex of outbuildings originally belonging to no. 6 Church Rd, now in separate ownership. There are no surviving internal features at this end of the barn affected by the proposed conversion.

Introduction

Lindsey Archaeological Services was commissioned by Mr E D Walker to undertake a building survey at the above site in accordance with his instructions dated September 24th 2007 and in accordance with the general requirements set out in the *Lincolnshire Archaeological Handbook* published by the Lincolnshire County Council Archaeology Section (1998).

Site Location and Description

Laughton is a small village situated 12 km north east of Gainsborough and 13km south of Scunthorpe and just to the west of the A159. The barn is located on the south side of Church Rd at the east end of the village (Fig. 1).

Planning Background

Planning permission was granted for the conversion of a cart shed and the southern bay of a barn, with a new kitchen to the west, on the footprint of a demolished outbuilding, for residential use subject to an archaeological record being made of the building prior to the commencement of building works.

Aims and Objectives

The aim of the survey was to record the existing fabric of the building prior to renovation and alteration which will be carried out according to Level 1 criteria, as set out by English Heritage in, *Understanding Historic Buildings – a guide to good recording practice* (2006) and include:

- a photographic record of the interior and exterior of the building
- a short descriptive written account.
- an annotated sketch plan to show locations of photographs and features.

Method

Nikon 35mm film and digital cameras were used to take black and white and colour images respectively. A full photographic record of internal and external elevations, and notable features was made of the buildings included in the survey.

Site Description (Figs 3 and 4)

The barn at 8 Church Rd originally belonged to No 6 Church Road, formerly known as South End Farm (Pl. 1). The farm formed the western limit of a crew yard with the barn at the east end (Fig. 2). The north boundary wall of the crew yard fronts onto Church Road and abuts the barn, although the brickwork appears to be identical (Pls 2 and 3). Outbuildings along this side, currently comprise a later stable block and possible wash house, now in separate ownership, along with the farmhouse (Pl. 4). There is an inserted, or possibly enlarged, entrance through the boundary wall between the stable block and the wash house (Pl. 5). Further outbuildings flanked the southern boundary of the crewyard. A derelict stable block was demolished and the kitchen for the new bungalow at No. 8 constructed on its foundations (Pls 6 and 7). The outbuildings to the west of the new bungalow belong to the farmhouse. An asbestos roof used to cover the east end of the crewyard between the two stable blocks (Mr Walker pers. comm.).

The Barn

The barn is contemporary with the farmhouse and probably of early 19th century date (Pl. 8). It is of three bays and is constructed in hand-made brick measuring 210 x 102-110 x 63-65mm. The buff lime mortar beds are 15mm thick and the walls are 1 ½ bricks thick (0.34m). The pantile roof is hipped at both ends. There is a dentil course below the eaves of alternate headers that protrude from the face, with a header course above (Pl. 9). This is present on all four elevations. The south and east elevations are obscured by later buildings.

Exterior

S. Gable

This is mainly obscured by the cart shed. There is a blocked window at first floor level, visible in the roof space of the cart shed (Pl. 10).

E. Elevation

The door opening has a wood lintel beneath a brick relieving arch. The upper hinge pintles are attached to the lintel (Pl. 11). Granite slabs on either side of the double doors provide a pivot for the lower pintles which are integral with the lower door hinges (Pl. 12). There are two rows of vents on this elevation, one just below the eaves and one at c.1.80m above ground level (Pl. 13). North of the doors is a large crack in the brickwork which extends the full height of the building, at the point where the interior cross-wall is located (Pl. 13). The whole north end of the barn is slowly falling towards the road. There is a window at the north end of the elevation providing light to the upper floor of the north

bay and a stain on the wall below the window marks the former position of a building which must have abutted the barn (the vent in the lower row has been blocked) (Pl. 13)

N. Gable

This elevation has been much repaired. There is a blocked opening 0.77m wide x 0.60m high at 1.70m above existing ground level and 2.12m west of the north-east angle of the building (Pl. 14). There is also an inserted door with a concrete threshold 1.9m high x 0.90m wide and 0.85m from the north-west angle of the building (Pl. 15). It is 0.89m above existing ground level. It has a wood lintel and there is a patch of modern brickwork above

W Elevation.

This is partially obscured at the north and south ends by the stable block (see below) and the new extension which replaced the derelict stable block (Pl. 16).

There is a window at the north end of the elevation providing light to the first floor of the north bay (as on the east elevation). The vents on this elevation have mostly been blocked. The double entrance which is opposite to that on the east elevation, has been blocked and filled with a smaller entrance. It was originally much taller than that on the east elevation and the wood lintel lies beneath the eaves with a course of soldier headers above.

Interior

The barn originally comprised 3 bays, open internally at ground level, with central opposing entrances. There were stores above the north and south bays but the southernmost first floor has been removed (Pl. 17). The north bay has been partitioned off with a brick wall with 11 steps leading up to a door providing access but the floor inside this area has collapsed (Pls 18 and 19). As this area lies outside the proposed development area it was not viewed. The rafters and the king post trusses do not appear to be original; there are no visible carpenters' marks on the trusses (Pl. 20).

The Cart Shed

Exterior

The cart shed had been converted to domestic use at the time of the site inspection (Pls 21 and 22). It abuts the south gable of the barn and is later clearly later in construction. Its red bricks are larger than those of the barn (220x100x70mm) and are machine-cut. The pantile roof is new. The east elevation was originally open, with the return of the gable wall at the south-east angle extending only 0.69m along the east elevation. This side of the cart shed was originally open and has been infilled as part of the conversion, with a window in each of the bays, separated by original cast-iron columns (5" diameter) sitting on granite stone bases, 0.23m square (Pl. 23). The bays are of unequal width (2.70m, 2.95m and 3.15m centre to centre from south to north). A window has been inserted on the south gable and a door and 2 windows on the west elevation.

Interior

The ground floor has been converted into a lounge and bedroom with access to the roof space through a trap door in the bedroom. There are two king-post trusses with bolted braces (PI. 24). Truss 1, to the south is stamped with a I (PI. 25) but there are no visible marks on Truss 2.

The Stable Block

This is a single storey structure abutting the north boundary wall of the crewyard (PI. 26). It has a pantile roof and is constructed in machine-cut red bricks, probably of late 19th or early 20th century date, very similar to those of the cart shed. It was originally a covered shed but partition walls were inserted to create two stables and a central store. Each cell has split stable doors and a window to the west of the west and east stables. There is no window in the centre store (PI. 27). A feeding trough survives along the north wall of the west stable (PI. 28). The east stable was locked and not inspected internally. The roof timbers are all nailed (PI. 29).

Discussion

Construction of the new bungalow at 8 Church Rd has affected three buildings which were part of a larger farm complex of which the barn is an original element, probably of early 19th century date. The demolished stable block may have been contemporary, judging by the brickwork visible on the photographs (see PI. 6). The cart shed and north stable blocks are built with larger, machine-cut bricks and are probably late 19th century or beginning of the 20th century in date. The main features of architectural interest in the cart shed have been retained in the conversion (PIs 21 and 23). The barn which has yet to be converted will contain further bedrooms at ground and first floor levels, within the south bay of the building. The remainder of the barn will be unaffected by the conversion.

Naomi Field
December 17th 2007

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Any associated project reference codes LACR 07 - Contracting Unit No.

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Type of project Building Recording

Current Land use Other 2 - In use as a building

Monument type BARN Post Medieval

Monument type CART SHED Post Medieval

Methods & techniques 'Annotated Sketch', 'Photographic Survey', 'Survey/Recording Of Fabric/Structure'

Prompt Direction from Local Planning Authority - PPG16

Project location

Country England

Site location LINCOLNSHIRE WEST LINDSEY LAUGHTON Barn adjacent to 8 Church Rd, Laughton, Lincs

Study area 150.00 Square metres

Site coordinates SK 8501 9720 53.4644153812 -0.719343589131 53 27 51 N 000 43 09 W Point

Height OD Min: 8.00m Max: 8.00m

Project creators

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Project supervisor	Naomi Field
Type of sponsor/funding body	Developer
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Digital Media available	'Images raster / digital photography', 'Text'
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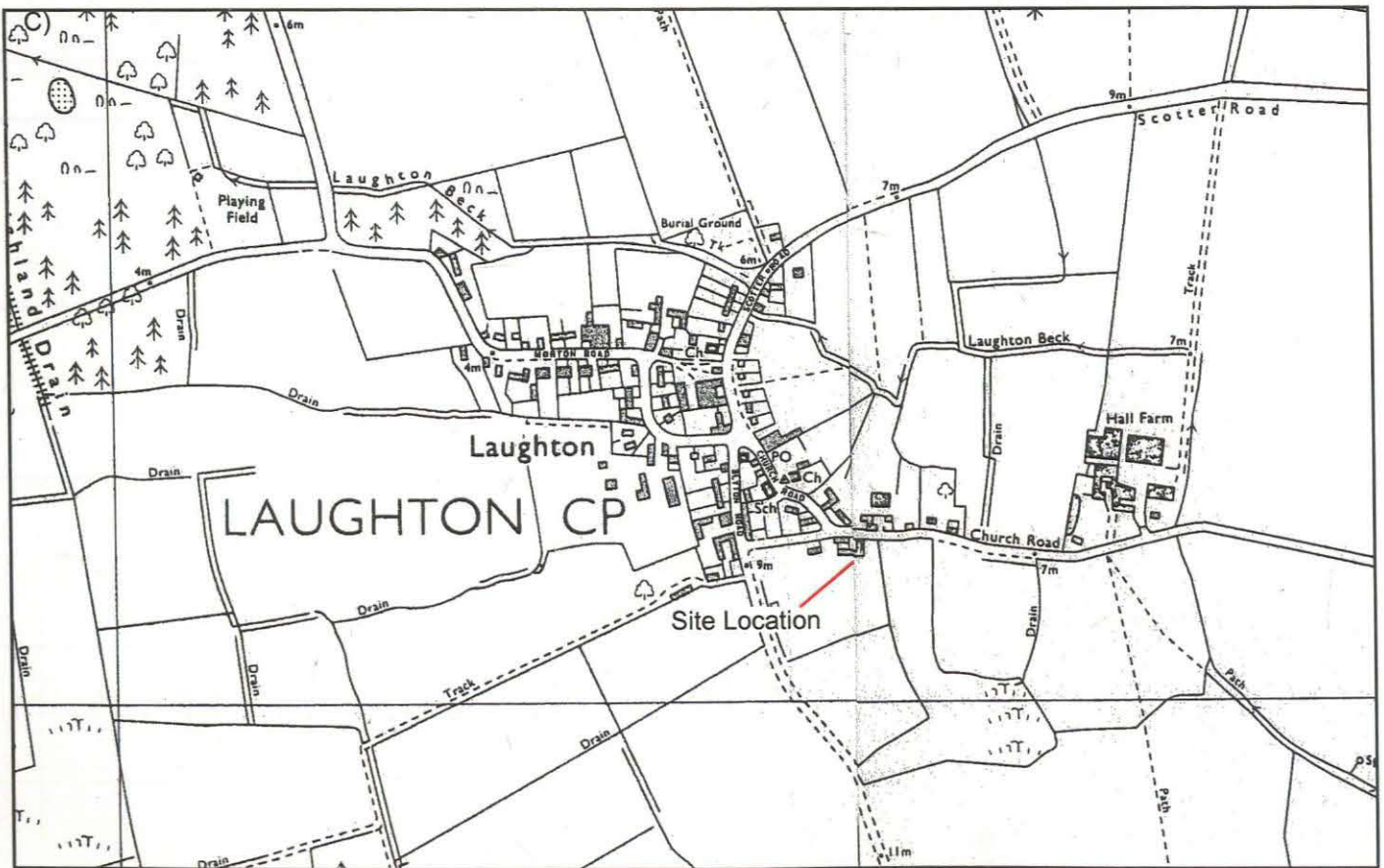
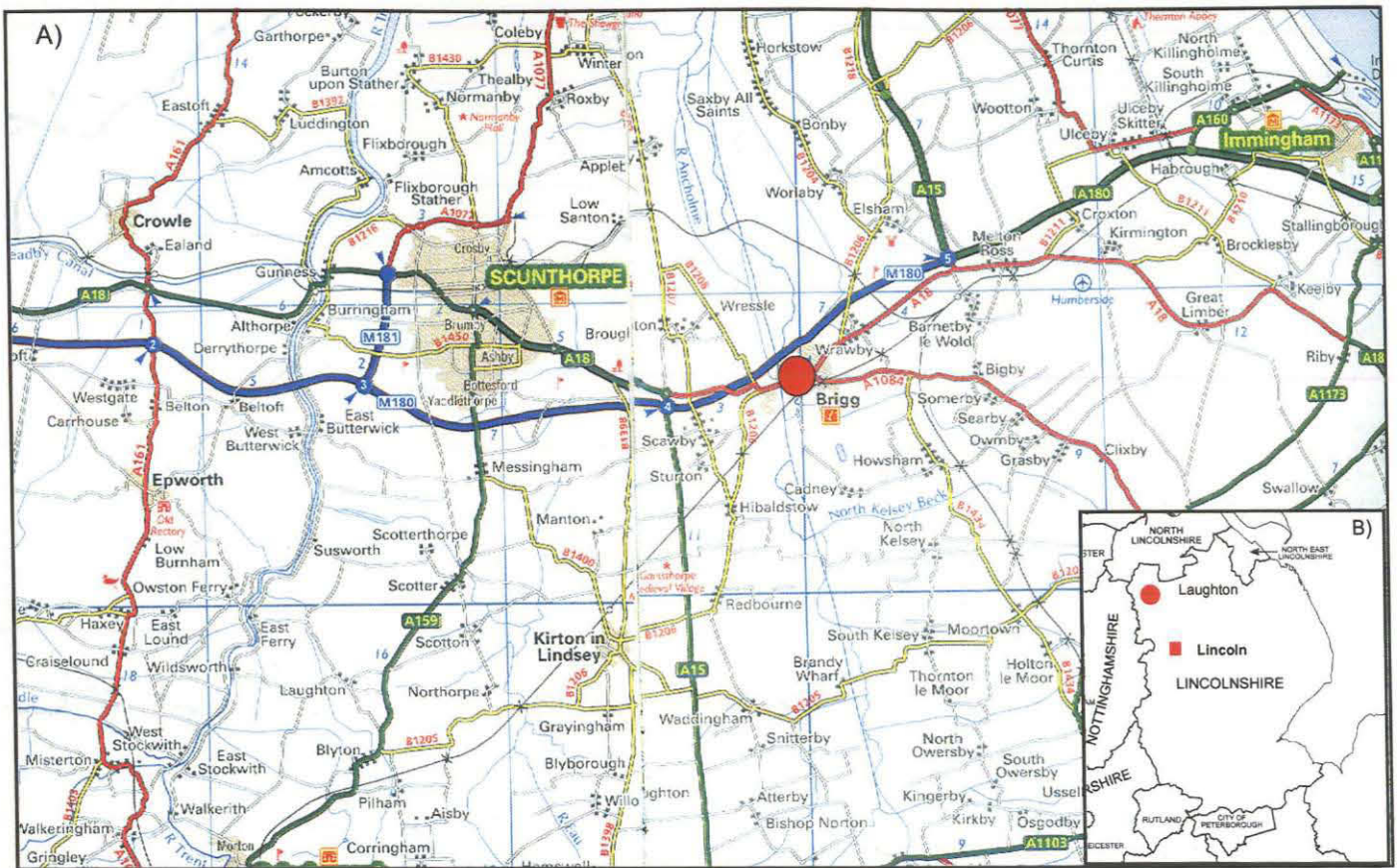


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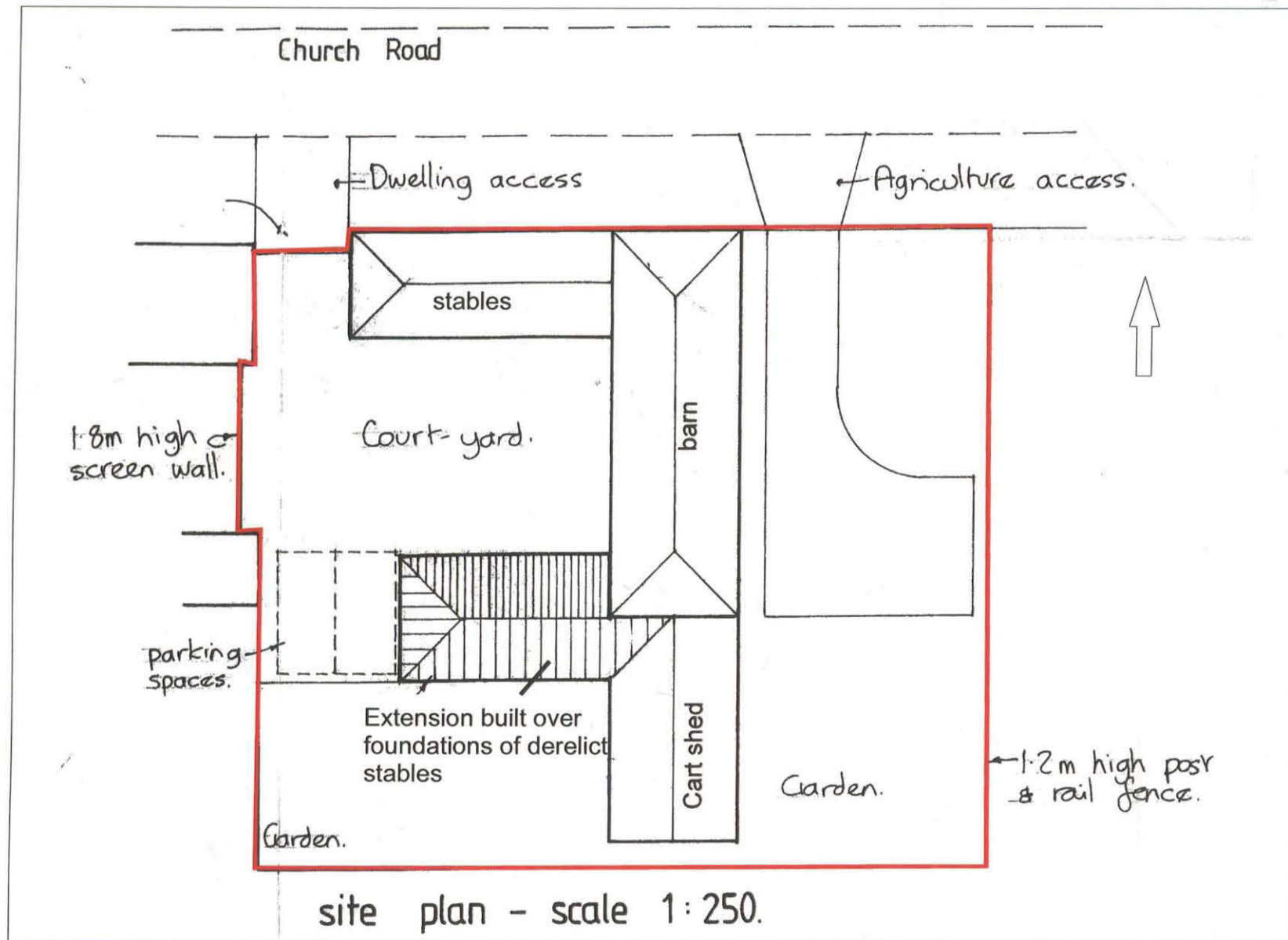


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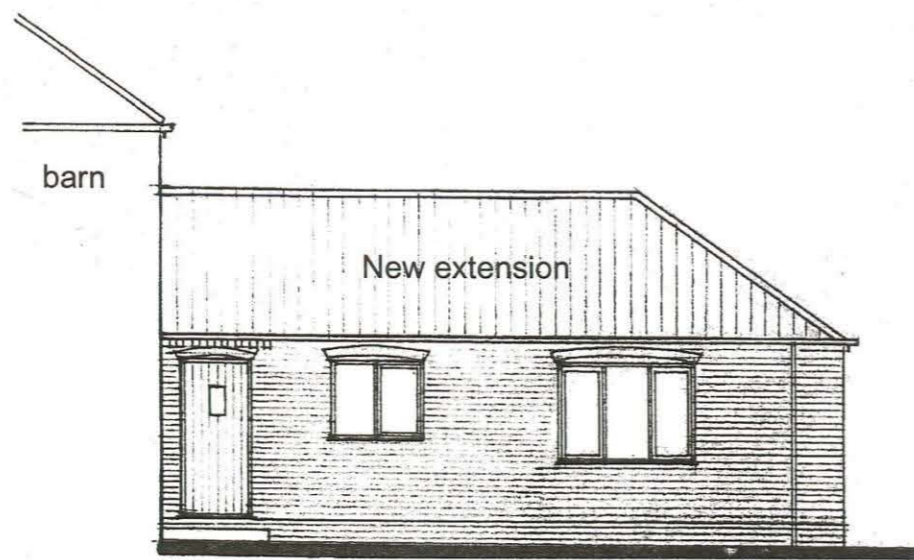
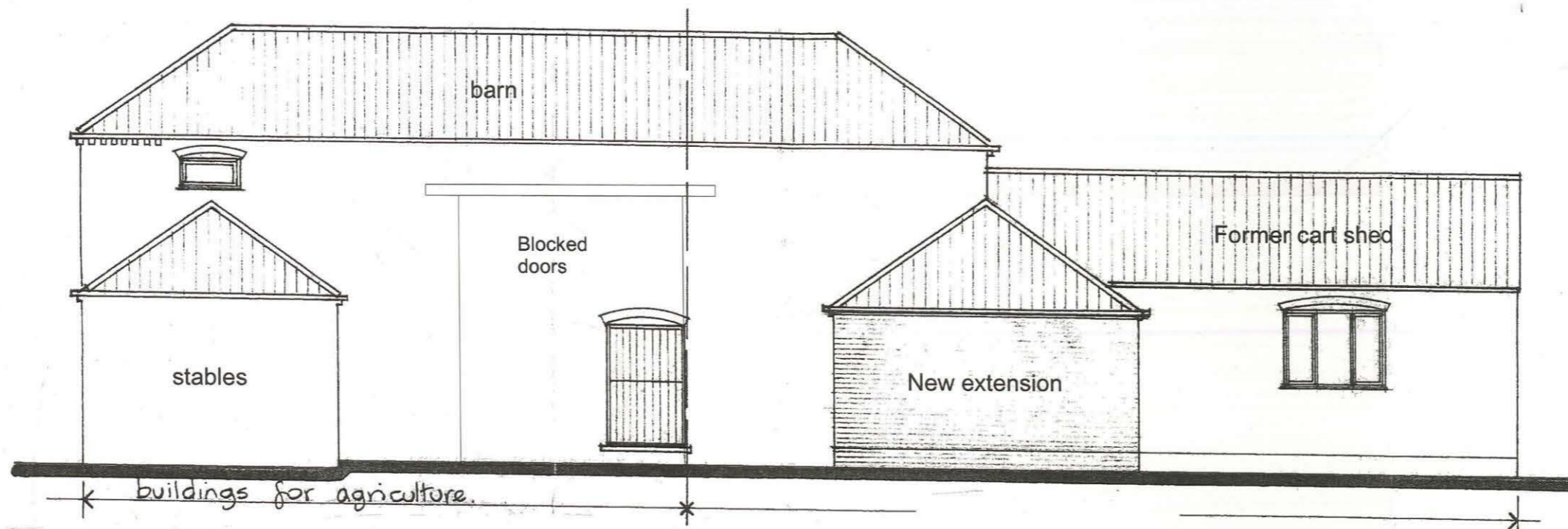


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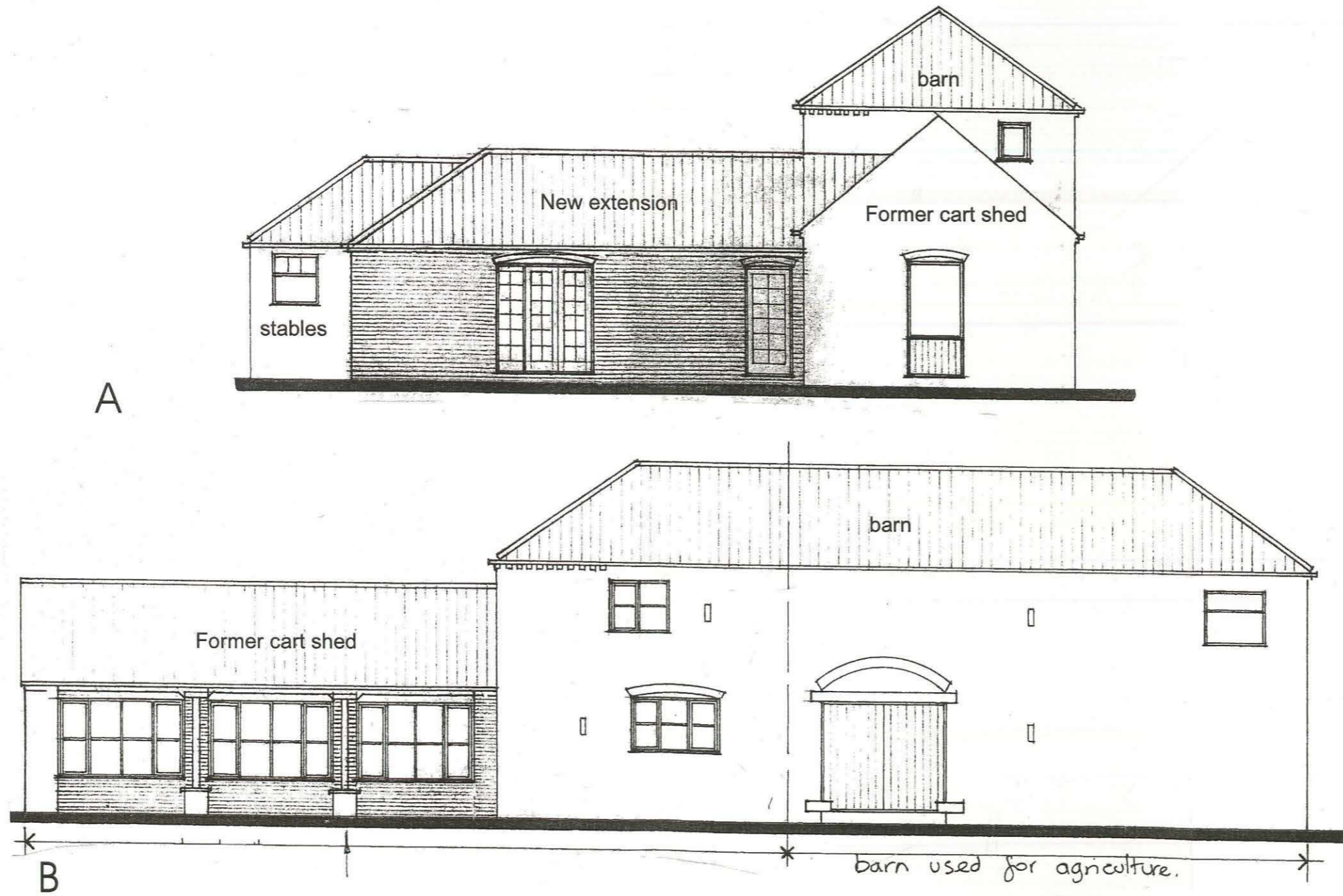


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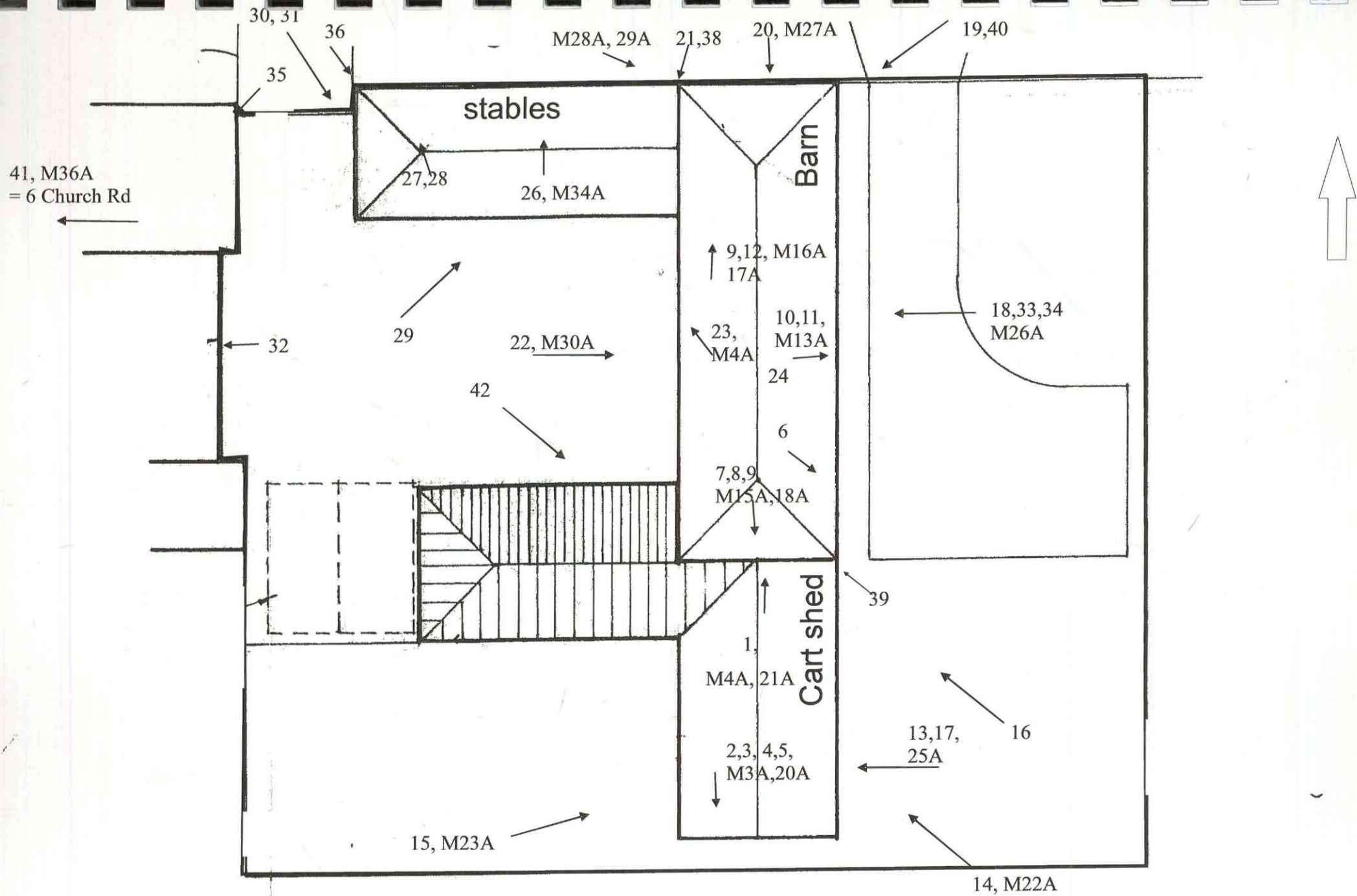


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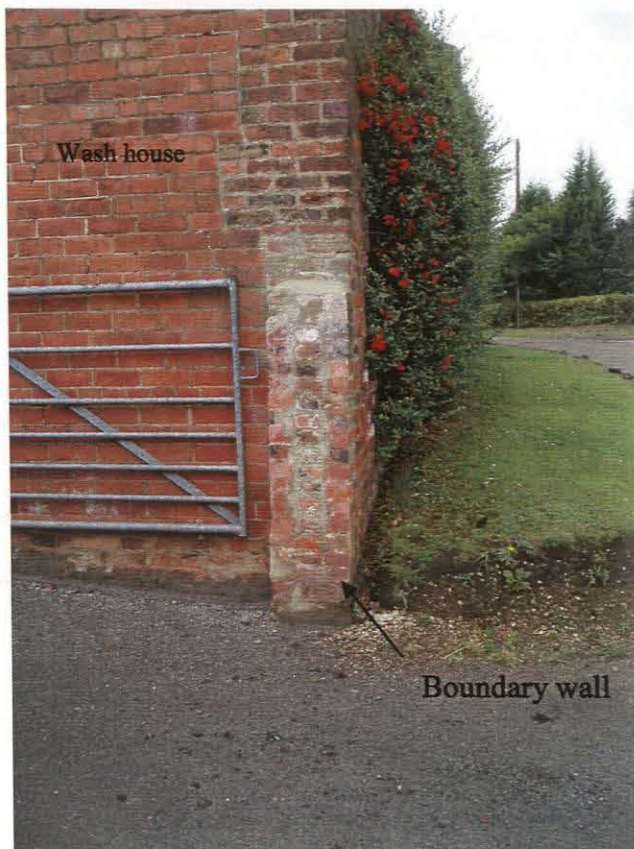
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