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In connection with Planning Consent No: 1/92W/1771/FULL

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- 1. On instructions from Randall Orchard Construction Ltd an archaeological watching brief was maintained during contractor's ground works in connection with the construction of a kitchen extension at the rear of 24, The Green, Richmond. This was required in response to a planning condition attached to the consent, Application No: 1/92W/1771/FULL. Fieldwork was carried out on 20th and 22nd February 2006, in line with a standard Written Scheme of Investigation produced by North Yorkshire County council, and with the Standard Procedures of this Practice.
- 2. The site (Fig. 1) lies within the mediaeval extra-mural suburb of Bargate Green, and was seen as possessing potential for the survival of mediaeval or early modern deposits.
- 3. Land at the rear of the building rose sharply to the level of a garden *circa* 2.25 metres above the floor level of the house. Because of access difficulties, this considerable depth of material was excavated by hand. It proved to consist of about 1.25 metres of loose garden black soil, containing small quantities of 19th and 20th century rubbish, and occasional lenses of ash and cinder (Fig. 2). This directly overlay natural boulder clay, the primary nature of which was put beyond doubt by excavation penetrating to about a metre's depth into it.
- 4. The results were archaeologically negative, with no deposit, feature or object of a date earlier than the 19th century. It is possible that traces have been destroyed by subsequent gardening activity. More probably, the steepness of slope at the rear of the site acted as an obstacle to mediaeval development: this notion appears to be supported by the lack of any mediaeval or early post-mediaeval material.



24, The Green,





Location showing site boundary (blue) and excavated area (red)



24, The Green,

Fig. 2

Excavated section (looking north)

