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Dear Miss Figrato ach 14.4.98 VJF

Re: Archaeological Watching Brief, Derwent House, Old Malton Road, Malton

On 5th March I observed the excavations for the foundations of a new double-garage at the above site (formerly 'Ryedale House') in Malton Parish, North Yorkshire (Fig. 1 - SE 7906 7198). The site is adjacent to Pye Pitts quarry, the assumed site of a Roman cemetery from which many artefacts were recovered in the 18th century; the Roman fort lies c.200m to the south. The proximity of these significant remains led to the need for an Archaeological Watching Brief on the construction work.

The excavation was carried out by a rear-acting JCB excavator, under archaeological supervision. The garage was c.11m x 6m in size, the foundation trenches being c.0.6m wide and of the same depth. No archaeological deposits or features were present. Two sherds of Roman Greyware, and a Black Burnished sherd were recovered from the modern topsoil.

Yours sincerely

M R Stephens

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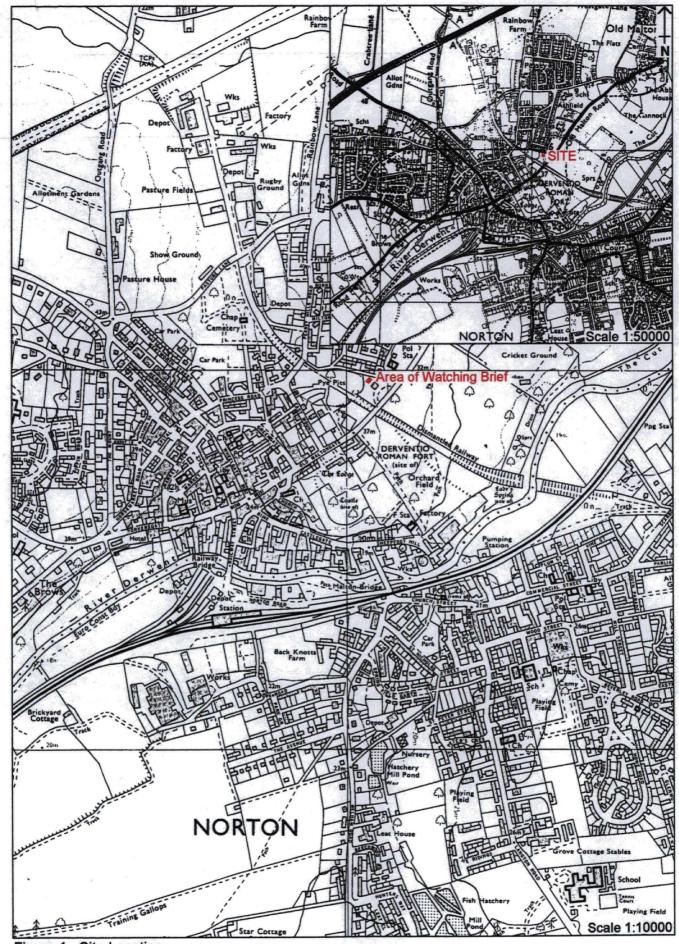


Figure 1. Site Location.