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Dear Gail,

OAK HOUSE YARD, BEDALE

This is to let you know that I have now completed the required watching brief at the above site, in connection with the planning condition attached to consent number 06/00164/FUL: results were archaeologically negative. The monitoring of the foundation trenches was in fact carried out over two days at the beginning of April, but I have been awaiting the excavation of a service trench along the passage from the south-west corner of the development to the street, finally accomplished at the end of May.

The site shows signs of having been long in use as a yard, formerly surrounded by minor buildings comprising old sheds, stables and a warehouse. Our usual check of surrounding walls for significant re-used masonry was fruitless. All foundation trenches, and the short lengths of service trench which did not follow the line of earlier services, proved to contain 30-40 cms of an undifferentiated, dirty black soil, containing pottery and rubbish of the 19th and 20th centuries and directly overlying the natural gravely clay. There were in places traces of disturbed cobbled surfaces over this deposit, which is typical of farm- and stable-yards; it may in fact be a much-disturbed version of an earlier garden soil. No sherd of pottery or other object was found of a date other than modern.

I would be grateful if you could now ask for discharge of this condition.

With best wishes,

Percival

Percival Turnbull
(Copied to Swift Timber Homes Ltd)

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