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**Archaeological Watching Brief Report**

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**1. Introduction**

An Archaeological Watching Brief was undertaken by MAP Archaeological Consultancy Ltd, on behalf of Darren Wass of BadgerWass Homes, to fulfil a Condition on Planning Permission on the construction of an extension to The Chantry, Church Street, West Tanfield, North Yorkshire, and in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation supplied by the County Heritage Section, North Yorkshire County Council (Planning Application No. 06/02250/FUL: Fig. 1).

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**2. Site Description**

The Chantry is a nineteenth century stone and brick built cottage fronting onto Church Street with extensive gardens down to the River Ure. The proposed extension was on the west end of The Chantry fronting onto Church Street to the north, and with the garden of the Chantry to the south and west.

The Site stands at a height of c. 49m AOD.

**3. Aims and Objectives**

The aim of the proposed work was to record and recover any archaeological remains affected by the excavation of foundation trenches for an extension, comprising an east-west trench c. 7m long by 0.6m wide to a depth of 1.8m deep, and a north-south trench c. 4/5m long by 0.6m wide and stepped between 0.7 and 1.6m deep. The foundations were tied to the existing boundary wall and north wall of an existing extension, which had been partially demolished and the west wall of the cottage.

**4. Method Statement: Archaeological Watching Brief**

The programme of works on the site involved the observation and recording of all ground disturbance works by an archaeologist. All excavation was undertaken by a mechanical excavator (mini digger) with a toothless ditching bucket for topsoil removal and a 60cm bucket for the foundation trenches to a depth of between 0.70m and 1.8m deep.

5. **Results**

Excavation revealed topsoil, services for the previous extension and natural sands and gravels. Topsoil measured up to 0.7m in depth, an was deepest against the north garden wall. In the area of the previous extension, which measured 4.5m by 3m, there was a concrete floor with 0.2m of disturbance by water and drainage services. Below these deposits were undisturbed sands and gravels

No archaeological deposits or finds were observed during the watching brief.



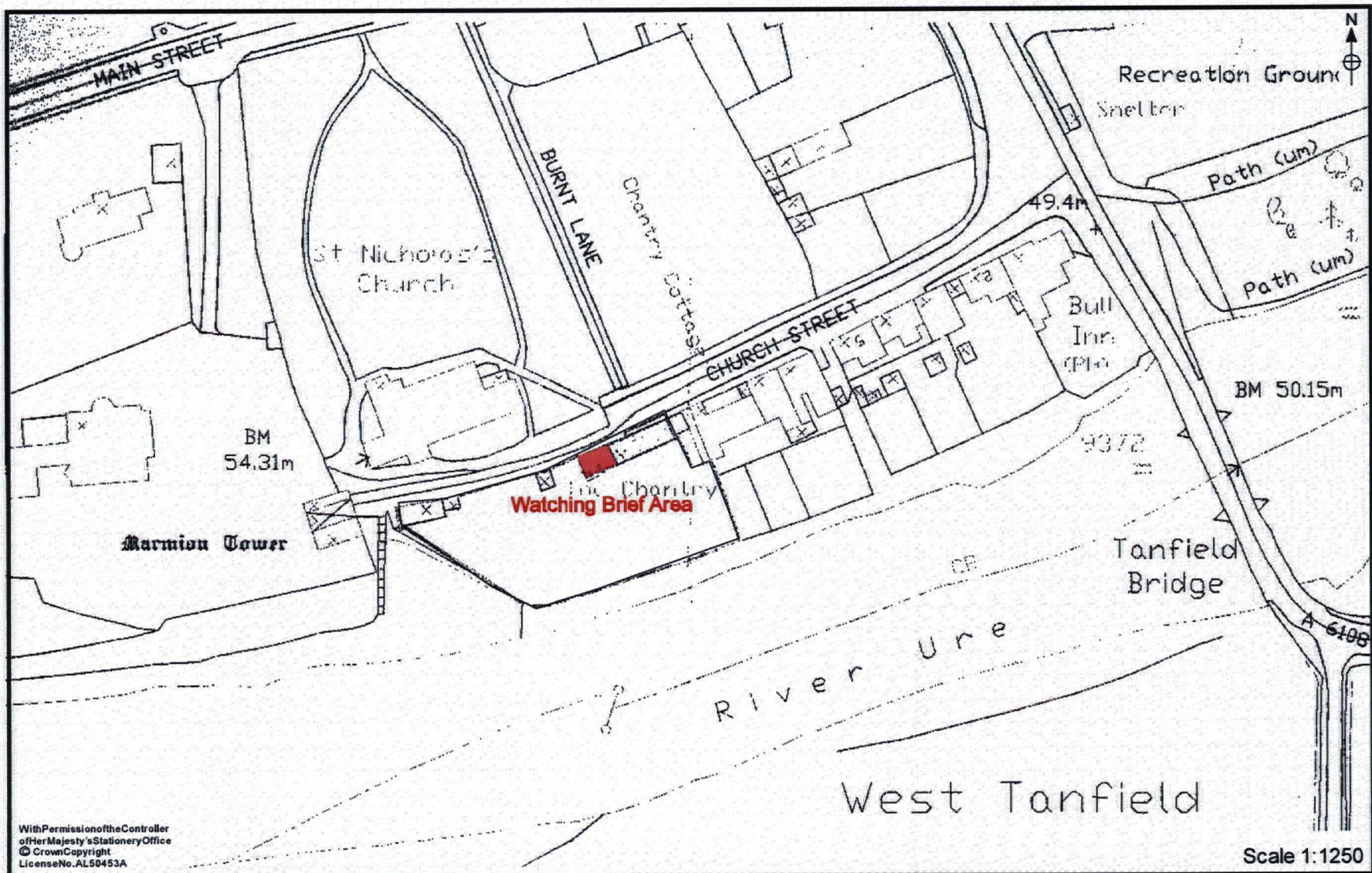


Figure 1. Site Location





Plate 1. Watching Brief Area. Facing East.



Plate 2. Foundation Trench cut through sand and gravel. Facing North.



Plate3. Foundation Trench cut through sand and gravel. Facing East.