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**1 Introduction**

1 1 MAP Archaeological Consultancy Ltd was commissioned to undertake an Archaeological Watching Brief at the Whitemoor Farm, Cliffe Common, Cliffe, North Yorkshire (NGR SE 5885 5010 Figs 1 & 2) The work was carried out for Mr and Mrs S Headley to fulfil a condition attached to Planning Consent (Ref 8/17/120F, 2006/1575/FUL) for the proposed extensions and alterations

1 2 Work was undertaken on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> May 2007 and the watching brief was carried out in accordance with the Standard Written Scheme of Investigation For Limited Archaeological Recording (Watching Brief supplied by the Heritage Unit, North Yorkshire County Council, the Institute of Field Archaeologists Code of Conduct and the Institute of Field Archaeologists Standards and Guidance for an archaeological watching brief

1 3 All work was conducted on behalf of and funded by Mr & Mrs S Headley

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**2 Site Description**

2 1 Whitemoor Farm is a modern brick built residential house with large garden and pond to the south and three farm buildings to the north, with access from Lowmoor Road to the east Both proposed

extensions were on an area of lawn, on the west and south sides of the house respectively

- 2.2 The Victoria County History for Yorkshire East Riding (Volume 3, Allison 1976, 55-60) for Cliffe and Lund states "*There were also extensive assarts north of the open-field land, including the medieval Whitemoor farm, but much of the northern part of Cliffe was occupied by commons. The open fields, meadows, and commons were inclosed only in 1863*" (<http://www.british-history.ac.uk>)

### 3 **Aims, Objectives and Methodology**

- 3.1 All groundworks were to be carried out under direct supervision of an archaeologist from MAP Archaeological Consultancy Ltd. The excavation was carried out by a back acting mechanical excavator with toothless bucket.
- 3.2 All work was carried out in line with the Institute of Field Archaeologists Code of Conduct (IFA 1998)

### 4 **Results**

- 4.1 The watching brief was undertaken to observe all ground disturbance. The strip foundation trenches were excavated to a maximum depth of 600mm. The trenches were 550mm wide. The excavation exposed natural sand with occasional patches of clay below the topsoil deposit.
- 4.5 No archaeological deposits or artefacts were seen during the excavation foundation trenches.

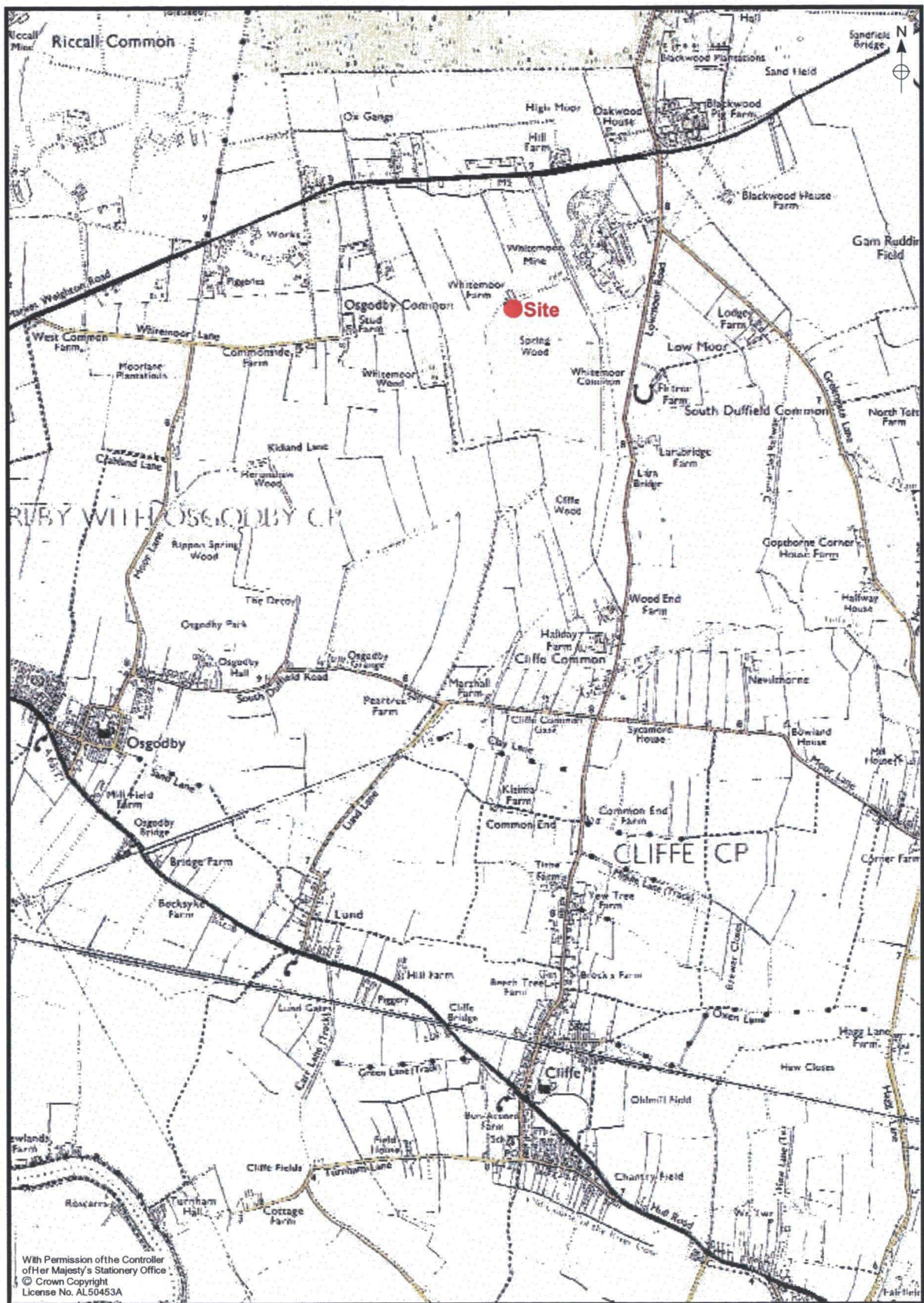


Figure 1. Site Location. Scale 1:25,000.

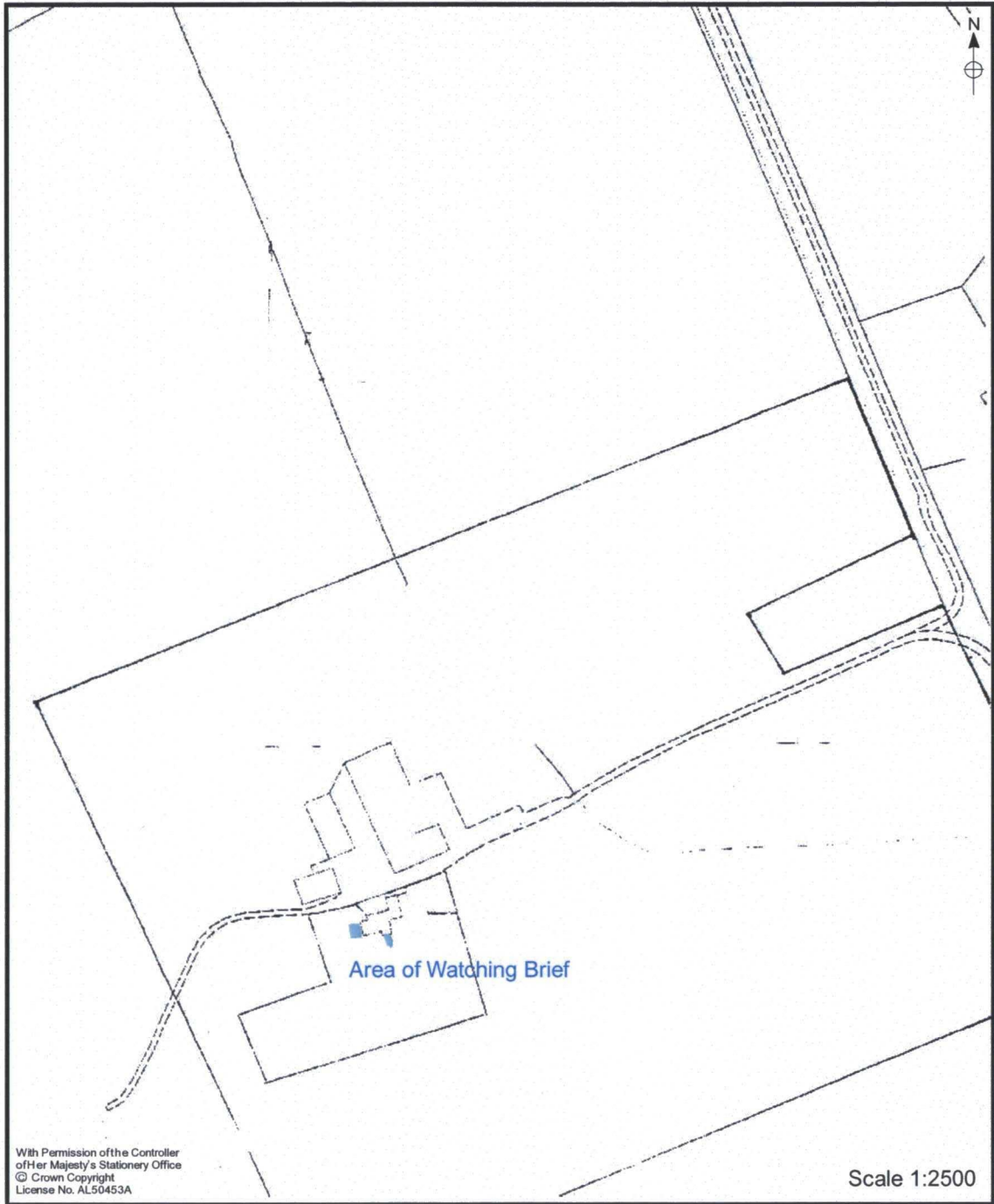


Figure 2. Location of Watching Brief Area.



Plate 1. Western Extension Area. Facing South.



Plate 2. Southern Extension Area. Facing North.



Plate 3. Western Foundation, Facing East.



Plate 4. Southern Foundation, Facing North.