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Non-Technical Summary

An Archaeological Watching Brief was undertaken by MAP Archaeological Consultancy Ltd at Buttercrambe, Cottage, West Lutton, North Yorkshire (SE 9341 6932), during June 2007. The work was undertaken in order to fulfil a condition attached to a Planning Application Consent and involved monitoring groundworks associated with the erection of a detached garage building and an extension to the existing residential property.

No archaeological features, deposits or finds were encountered during the Watching Brief.

1. Introduction

- 1 1 An Archaeological Watching Brief was conducted by MAP Archaeological Consultancy Ltd at Buttercrambe, Cottage, West Lutton, North Yorkshire (SE 9341 6932), from the 6th to 8th June 2007. The work was undertaken in order to fulfil a condition attached to a Planning Application Consent and involved monitoring groundworks associated with the erection of a detached garage building and an extension to the existing residential property.
- 1 2 All work was undertaken in compliance with a *Written Scheme of Investigation for Limited Archaeological Recording* that was prepared by the Senior Archaeologist, North Yorkshire County Council, for MAP Archaeological Consultancy Ltd.
- 1 3 All work was funded by A Dukes Builders Ltd.

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1.5 The project was assigned the MAP site code 05-06-07.

2. Site Description

2.1 The site lies in the village of West Lutton, to the north of the minor road from Duggleby to Weaverthorpe, at SE 9341 6932. The site covers an area of 66m x 19m and is bounded to the south by the Duggleby to Weaverthorpe road, to the west and north by residential properties and by arable land to the east.

2.2 The site stands on soils of the Andover 1 Association, which are characterised by shallow, well-drained calcareous silty soils over a solid geology of chalk (Mackney 1984, 283-4).

2.3 The monitored groundworks were situated immediately to the east of the existing house, in a part of the grounds that consisted of a hardcore driveway and car-parking area.

3. Historical and Archaeological Background

3.1 The village of West Lutton is situated approximately 7km to the west-south-west of Weaverthorpe, and 16.3km to the south-east of Malton. The Domesday Book records a single settlement at *Ludton* - '*Luda's Farm*' (Smith 1937, 122). Within a generation the contemporary documents refer to two settlements, *duabus Luttunis*. By the 13th century the settlements were called 'East Lutton' and 'West Lutton' or sometimes *altera Lutton* (Morris 1982, 182).

3.3 West Lutton was previously located within the parish of Weaverthorpe and the Wapentake of Buckrose. In 1875 East and West Lutton joined together to form the parish of Luttons Ambo (Bulmer 1892 : www.genuki.org.uk).

3 4 Aerial reconnaissance of the Wolds has illustrated the degree of previous settlement and land use (Stoertz 1997) The village of West Lutton is flanked to the north and south-east by a series of cropmark features that possibly represent early settlement activity

4. Aims and Objectives

4 1 The aims of the Archaeological Recording Brief were to record and recover archaeological remains, which could be affected by proposed development, and to prepare a report summarising the results of the work

5. Methodology

5 1 All work was undertaken by a 360⁰ mechanical excavation that was fitted with a toothless bucket All excavations took place under full archaeological supervision

5 2 All work was carried out in line with the Institute of Field Archaeologists Code of Conduct (IFA 1998) All archaeological deposits were recorded according to correct principles of stratigraphic excavation on MAP's *pro forma* context sheets, which are compatible with the MoLAS recording system

5 3 The full extent of archaeological deposits and features were recorded in plan on drawing film

5 4 A digital photographic record was maintained throughout the Watching Brief

6. Results

6 1 The monitored groundworks consisted of two sets of strip foundation trenches, one for the extension and one for the new garage building, which together covered an area of 60 sq m The foundation trenches were 0.70m wide and were excavated to a depth of 0.60m

6.2 Excavations revealed naturally-formed chalky clay (context 1002) in the base and sides of the trenches (context 1002). Deposit 1002 was sealed by a 0.30m deep deposit of chalky clay subsoil (context 1001), above which was a 0.24m deep deposit of modern hardcore.

6.3 No archaeological features, deposits or finds were encountered during the Watching Brief.

7. Conclusion

7.1 The negative results of the Watching Brief reflect the former use of the site as undeveloped domestic garden within the bounds of the village.

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