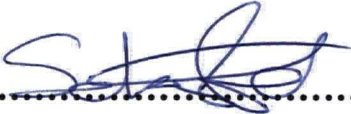


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Non-Technical Summary

An Archaeological Recording Brief was conducted by MAP Archaeological Consultancy Ltd on land to the north of Malton Motors Ltd, Malton, North Yorkshire (SE 7740 7090) on the 8th October 2007. The work involved monitoring the groundworks associated with the erection of five electricity pylons.

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

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report sets out the results of an Archaeological Recording Brief that was conducted on the 8th October 2007 by MAP Archaeological Consultancy Ltd. on a plot of land to the north of Malton Motors Ltd, York Road, Malton, North Yorkshire (SE 7740 7090, Figs.1 and 2).
- 1.2 The Recording Brief was designed to provide an appropriate level of recording for archaeological remains, deposits or finds that might be affected by the development, following the archaeology policy issued by the Secretary of State for the Environment contained in *Planning Policy Guidance 16 'Archaeology and Planning'* (PPG 16), and in accordance with Policy C13 of the Ryedale District Local Plan.
- 1.3 The site code for the project was MAP 01.10.07

- 1.4 All work was funded by Distribution power lines and Alfred McAlpine.
- 1.5 All maps within this report have been produced from the Ordnance Survey with the permission of the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office, Crown Copyright, Licence No. AL 50453A.

2. Site Description

- 2.1 The site is situated c.1.5km south west of the market town of Malton, on the northern side of the Malton to York road (B 1248 York Road). The development site covers an area of approximately 660m and is bounded by Malton Motors car dealership to south-east, the B 1248 York Road to the south and Castle Howard Road to the north
- 2.2 The site is at the merger of shallow well-drained calcareous fine loamy soils of the Elmton 2 Association, and the stone less clayey fine silty soils of the Fladbury 3 Association. The underlying geology is oolitic sandstone and river alluvium respectively (Mackney et al 1983).
- 2.3 Immediately prior to the Recording Brief the site had been in use as an arable field.

3. Historical and Archaeological Background

- 3.1 The Roman fort and vicus (civilian settlement) at Malton lies north of the river Derwent, with further settlement spreading southwards across the river to cover a substantial area of what is now the modern town of Malton.
- 3.2 The development site is situated c. 1.5km south-west of the Roman fort and settlement at Malton. The Roman fort supported a substantial civilian settlement and lay at the centre of a network of roads. A section of the minor Roman road leading from Malton north-westwards towards Hovingham was excavated in 1992 at West Lodge, c. 800m north-east of the proposed development area (MAP 1992). Wenham believed that another Roman road ran from Malton to the Roman villa at Musley Bank (c. 1km west of the development site: Wenham 1774, 44). The course of this road would have

followed the present B 1248, perhaps joining with the road surface recorded at a depth of c. 1m in Yorkersgate (Robinson, 1978, no. 49).

- 3.3 Focussing on the immediate location of the proposed development, there are two known archaeological elements: the find spot of a Roman coin, and a group of crop marks.
- 3.4 The Ordnance Survey recorded that a coin was found on the site of York Road garage (then 'Wrays Garage'). However, Robinson (Robinson 1978, no. 131) believes this to be the denarius of Octavian discovered in 1936 or 1937 "about three fields away" from the garage at SE 7720 7982 (i.e. 200m west of the proposed development site).
- 3.5 The crop marks of a number of features exist in the immediate vicinity of the site, an ancient enclosure or field system. A major prehistoric north-west to south-east aligned boundary is defined by a ditch that is flanked on both sides by pit alignments. Other ditches run off this boundary to form a small enclosure, which has an internal ring ditch that probably represents a hut circle (Robinson 1978, no. 46). Several phases of activity are indicated, most likely spanning the Iron Age and Roman periods, and representing land division, settlement and agriculture. (Robinson 1978, no. 47).
- 3.6 The projected course of the north-west to south-east boundary mentioned above passes directly through the development area. The fact that it has not been observed from the air at this point could well be due to a build up of hill-wash at the base of the slope.

4. Aims and Objectives

- 4.1 The aims of the Archaeological Observation, Investigation and Recording Brief were to locate, sample, record any interpret any archaeological remains that were affected by the development, and to prepare a report summarising the results of the work.

5. Methodology

- 5.1 The monitored groundworks consisted of the excavation of five trenches for replacement pylons.
- 5.2 All excavations were undertaken by a 360⁰ mechanical excavator, operating under close archaeological supervision.
- 5.3 All work was carried out in line with the Institute of Field Archaeologists Code of Conduct (IFA 1998).
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- 5.5 All 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.
- 5.6 A photographic record of the monitored groundworks was maintained throughout the Recording Brief using a digital camera.

6. Results

- 6.1 The pylon trenches consisted of five rectangular pits that measured approximately 3m x 0.50m, which were excavated to a depth of 2.10m (Psl. 3 and 4). The trenches were spaced 140m apart along a north to south line across the field, the northernmost trench being situated approximately 100m to the south of Castle Howard Road.
- 6.2 Undisturbed deposits of naturally-formed bedrock (context 1002) were seen in the base of all five trenches at a maximum depth of 2.10m below existing ground level, the bedrock level rising slightly towards the north. Situated immediately above Deposit 1002 was a deposit of sandy chalk subsoil (context 1001). Deposit 1001 was

sealed by modern agricultural ploughsoil (context 1000). No archaeological features, deposits or finds were observed during the Recording Brief.

7. Conclusion

7.1 A Recording Brief carried out by MAP Archaeological Consultancy in 2006 at the Malton Motors showroom, to the east of the present site, revealed a Romano-British ditch that ran in a northerly direction from York Road. No continuation of the ditch was identified during the Recording Brief.

7.2 The negative results on site show the scattered nature of Roman and medieval activity in this area, and reflect the relatively limited extent of the monitored groundworks.

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Figure 1. Site Location

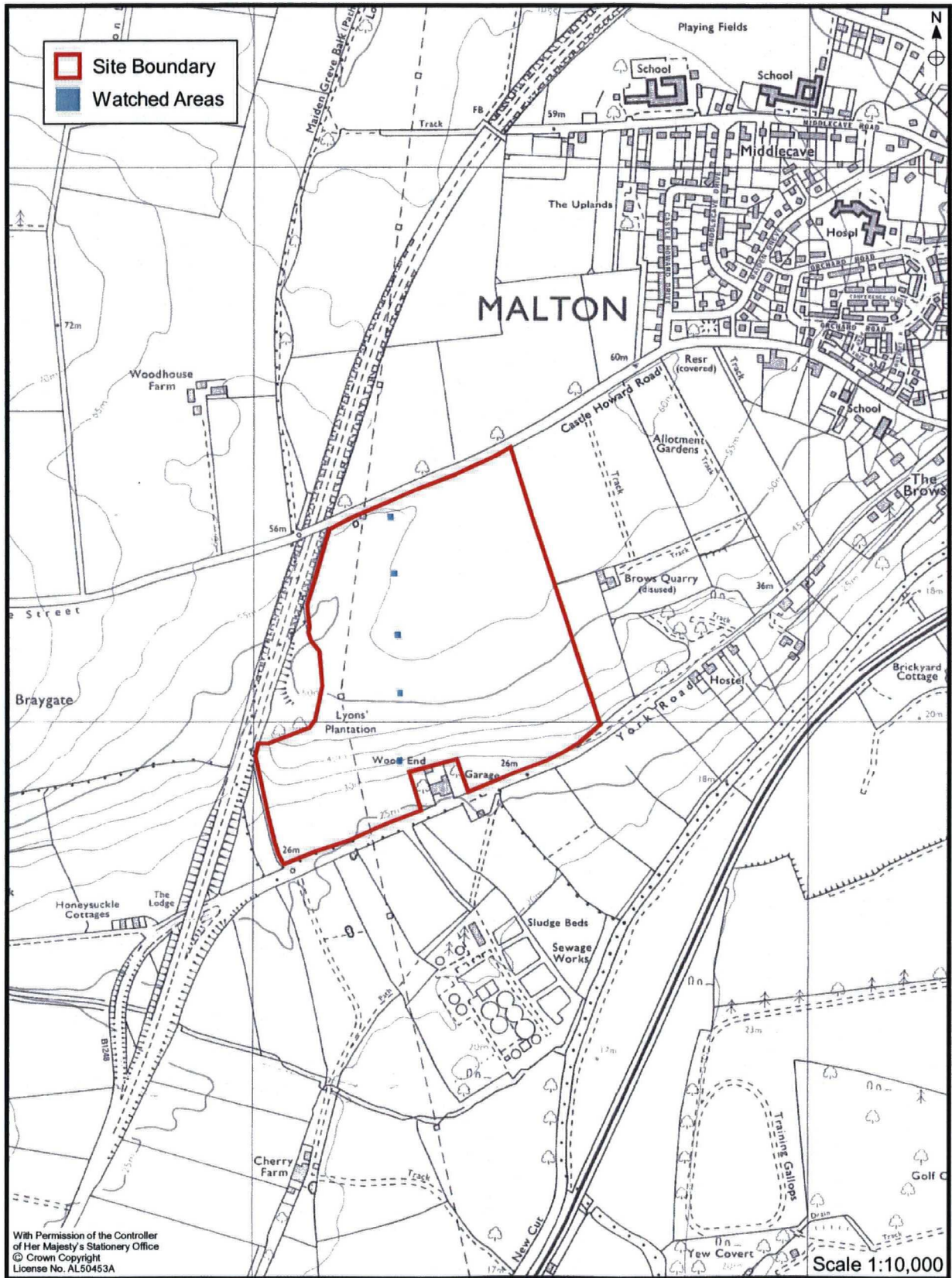


Figure 2. Area of Watching Brief



Plate 1. Pre-Excavation View of Site. Facing North



Plate 2. Pre-Excavation View of Site. Facing East



Plate 3. Post-Excavation View of Pylon Trench Three. Facing North



Plate 4. Post-Excavation View of Pylon Trench Four. Facing North

APPENDIX 1

The Fields to the rear of Malton Motors (Site Code 00.00.00)

Context Listing

Context	Description
1000	Deposit 10YR 4/3, clay loam, Topsoil
1001	Deposit 10YR 4/3; sandy chalk, Subsoil
1002	Deposit 10YR 6/4; fragmented bedrock, natural

APPENDIX 2

Photographic Archive Listing

Digital camera

Frame	Description	Scale	Facing
1	Pre-excavation photograph of site	N/A	North
2	Pre-excavation photograph of site	N/A	East
3	Pre-excavation photograph of site	N/A	South
4	Overall photo of pylon trench one	N/A	East
5	Overall photo of Pylon Trench two	N/A	North
6	Overall photo of Pylon Trench three	N/A	North
7	Overall photo of Pylon Trench four	N/A	South
8	General working shot	N/A	West

APPENDIX 3

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