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***Non-Technical Summary***

*An Archaeological Watching Brief was conducted by MAP Archaeological Consultancy Ltd on a plot of land at Westfield Way, Norton Grove Industrial Estate, Norton, North Yorkshire, (SE 8049 7169) on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2007. The work involved monitoring groundworks associated the erection of a garage workshop (Ref: 07/001251/FUL).*

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

**1. Introduction**

1.1 This report sets out the results of an Archaeological Watching Brief that was conducted on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2007 by MAP Archaeological Consultancy Ltd. on a plot of land at Westfield Way, Norton Grove Industrial Estate, Norton, North Yorkshire, (SE 8049 7169, Figs.1 and 2). The Watching Brief was undertaken to fulfil an archaeological condition attached to a Planning Application Consent (Ref: 07/001251/FUL).

1.2 The Watching 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 04.10.07.
- 1.4 All work was funded by Mr M Nelson.
- 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 at the eastern fringe of the town of Norton, to the east of Hugden Way and to the south-east of Westfield Way, at SE 8049 7169. At the time of the Watching Brief the site had been stripped of topsoil, a layer of commercial hardcore had been put down and a steel frame for the new garage workshop had been erected.
- 2.2 The site lies on soils of the Landbeach Association, which are characterised by coarse loamy soils over a geology of glaciofluvial sand and gravel (Mackney *et al.* 1984).

## **3. Historical and Archaeological Background**

- 3.1 The development site lies within a known archaeological landscape. Aerial photography has identified a number of prehistoric linear boundaries or "dykes" within Langton Parish. Of these, the Norton "Three Dikes" exist as a series of four earthwork banks and three ditches that are visible approximately 300m to the east of the development site (Robinson 1978, no. 219). The projected alignment of the Three Dikes runs from north to south, close to Norton Grove Industrial Estate, and it is believed that the hedge boundary flanking the western side of Westfield way follows the line of the Three Dikes. To the north of Scarborough Road, the Three Dikes can be traced as crop-marks.

3.2 The application site lies at the eastern edge of the known area of Romano-British settlement in Norton. There are finds of Romano-British date recorded in the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century from the area of Priorpot Bridge (Robinson no. 364) including a number of beads and a small amber bracelet. In addition, the course of the Roman road from Malton to Filey passes immediately to the south of the development area.

3.3 Before the enclosure of Norton (1769-1772) the site lay within 'East Field', one of the three open fields of Norton (Hudleston 1962, fig. facing p.156). The present Parliament Street and its eastward continuation formed the 'Outgang' that allowed the passage of stock through the open field to the rough pasture beyond. The Outgang also formed the major route from Norton to Scarborough prior to the formation of the relevant turnpike trust in 1752 (Robinson no. 389). The name 'Outgang' was corrupted to 'Hugden' and was subsequently attached to the farm that was built immediately to the south of the site after the enclosure of Norton.

#### **4. Aims and Objectives**

4.1 The aims of the Archaeological Watching 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 The monitored groundworks consisted of the excavation of a series of strip foundation trenches for exterior walls between the existing steel uprights of the newly erected building frame.

5.2 All excavations were undertaken by a 360<sup>0</sup> mini 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).
- 5.4 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.
- 5.5 A photographic record of the monitored groundwork's was maintained throughout the Watching Brief on a digital camera.

## 6. Results (Fig. 3)

- 6.1 The foundation trenches were excavated to depths of between 0.40m and 1.0m (Pls. 2,3,4). Excavations revealed natural subsoil (context 1001) that underlay modern hardcore laid down during the current development (context 1000).
- 6.2 No archaeological features, deposits or finds were encountered during the Watching Brief.

## 7. Conclusions

- 7.1. The lack of any archaeological features or finds reflect both the previously undeveloped nature of the site, on the periphery of the Village of Norton, and the limit extent of the monitored groundworks.

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