# Firs Plantation Scampston Estate Scampston North Yorkshire

### Desk Based Assessment SE 8630 7458

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#### **Non Technical Summary**

This report has been prepared by MAP Archaeological Consultancy Ltd under instruction from Jennifer Hubbard (Town Planning Consultant) acting on behalf of the Scampston Estate, to assess the Historical and Archaeological background and the impact of the proposed development on an area of land at Firs Plantation (A) and the adjacent arable field to the south (B) and the field to the east (C). The area is bisected by the Mill Lane.

The Site is currently an area of forestry plantation and arable fields. The plantation has been established since the late nineteenth century. The arable field to the east originally formed part of the eighteenth century Scampston Hall Parkland. The field to the south appears to have been in agricultural production since the medieval period

The Site is adjacent to Scampston Hall and its Park, which is an English Heritage Registered Park and Garden (GD 1326, Grade II\*). There are no Scheduled Ancient Monuments, Registered Battlefields, or Listed Buildings within the Proposed Development Area. 110m west of Firs Plantation is the Scheduled Ancient Monument, an Iron Age Barrow Cemetery in East Field (Scheduled Monument 1117). The southern part of the Proposed Development Area has a number of Aerial Photographic Cropmarks listed on the Wolds National Mapping Project. There are three sites on North Yorkshire Historic Environment Record within the eastern and southern parts of the Proposed Development Area, which are described as Round Barrows. It is unlikely that there are any nationally important archaeological remains on the site that would prevent its change of use.

#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 This Desk-based Assessment was commissioned by Jennifer Hubbard acting on behalf of Scampston Estate, and was undertaken by MAP Archaeological Consultancy Ltd for a Proposed Development on Land at Firs Plantation, Scarborough Road and Mill Lane, Scampston, North Yorkshire (Planning Ref. 07/01055/MFUL: SE 8630 7458, Fig. 1).
- 1.2 Archaeological, Historical and Architectural remains are protected by means of Statutory Instruments (including Scheduled Ancient Monument Legislation and Planning Policy Guidance Nos. 15 and 16), and by the Ryedale District Council Local Plan (2002: Chapter 9: Policies C1-C5; C7-C11, C13-C15) and North Yorkshire County Council Heritage Strategy.
- 1.3 There are no Scheduled Ancient Monuments, Listed Buildings or Battlefields within the Proposed Development Area. The eastern part of the Proposed Development Area (Area C) is located within the English Heritage Registered Park and Garden (GD 1326, Grade II \*).
- 1.4 All work was funded by Scampston Estate. MAP would like to thank the following for their help and co-operation in the production of this report: Jennifer Hubbard, Steve Keyworth of the Scampston Estate and Stephen Bean Associates.
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### 2. Site Description

2.1 The Proposed Development Area is located south of the A64 York to Scarborough Road and to the east and west of Mill Lane, 800m east of Rillington and 500m south of Scampston Hall. (Fig. 1).

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- 2.2 The Proposed Development Area currently consists of conifer forestry plantation known as "Firs Plantation", and two arable fields (Fig. 2). Access to the Plantation is from Mill Lane, a Public Footpath crosses the south-western corner of the Proposed Development Area, from Scampston Mill and across East Field to Rillington. North and East of the Proposed Development Area are the York-Scarborough (A64) and Mill Lane, and beyond is Scampston Park. To the west and south are agricultural fields and areas of Plantation.
- 2.3 The site is divided into three areas:- Area A is a rectangular plantation c.15 Ha in size; Area B is a rectangular field with plantation through the middle on a north-south alignment c.10.5 Ha in size, and Area C is a field with plantation around the edges c. 6.7 Ha in size. The site stands at heights of between 30m AOD and 35m AOD. The underlying geology of the Scampston Estate consists mainly of Jurassic clays. The Soils are of the Newport 1 Soil Association and consists of freely drained medium and occasionally coarse sandy soils formed in glaciofluvial sands and gravels.

### 3. Planning Background

3.1 There have been no recent planning applications lodged for the Proposed Development Area, but pre-planning consultations have been held with the North Yorkshire County Council Heritage and Environment Section and English Heritage.

## 4. Aims and Objectives

- 4.1 The aim of the Assessment is to:
  - Identify recorded features of archaeological significance within the study area
  - Establish the potential for hitherto unrecorded and unknown sites
  - Assess the relative importance of the sites
  - Assess the likely impact of the proposed development on the sites
  - Make recommendations to mitigate any impact of the development on the sites

### 5. Methodology

- 5.1 The Desk-based Assessment reviewed the following sources of information for a target area that extended for a radius of 1km from the study site: -
  - North Yorkshire Historic Environment Record (HER)
  - National Monuments Record
  - Listed Building/Conservation records.
  - Aerial Photographs
  - Scheduled Monuments List
  - English Heritage Register of Historic Parks and Gardens and Register of Battlefields
  - Visual inspection of the site, including interiors and exteriors of the standing buildings & their setting.
  - o Geotechnical data
  - Plans and maps of the site and its environs, including historical pictorial and surveyed maps and including pre- and post war Ordnance Surveys up to the present day.
  - o Place and street name evidence
  - o Trade and Business Directories
  - Historical documents and photographs
  - Appropriate archaeological and historical journals and books

#### 6. Results

6.1 There are no archaeological sites known in Firs Plantation (Area A). The eastern part of Area B has a number of Aerial Photographic Cropmarks noted on the Wolds National Mapping Project as a Barrow Cemetery (Fig. 4). The eastern part of the Proposed Development Area (Area C) is within the English Heritage Registered Park and Garden at Scampston Hall (GD1326 Grade II\*: Fig. 3). There are three sites on the North Yorkshire Historic Environment Record (HER) within the Proposed Development Area. In Area B, to the south of Firs Plantation, there are two sites (MNY 5105 and 5106). In Area C, there is one site (MNY6153). All three are described as possible Round

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- Barrows. Two in Area B are interpreted from aerial photographic evidence. The one in Area C is interpreted from a soilmark seen in 1987 (MNY6153).
- 6.2 There is a further site of national importance within 1km of the Proposed Development Area. 100m to the west of the Proposed Development Site is a Scheduled Ancient Monument SMNY 1117, an Iron Age Barrow Cemetery on East Field, Rillington (Fig. 3).
- 6.3 There are 183 HER sites within one kilometre. Details of the Historic Environment Record are summarised in Table 1 below and illustrated on Figure 4.
- 6.4 No known archaeological fieldwork has been undertaken on the Proposed Development Site. The southern route of the Proposed A64 Rillington Bypass (ENY 1758) was proposed through Firs Plantation and Scampston Hall Deer Park.

Table 1 Archaeological Sites on the North Yorkshire Historic Environment Record located on the site

| SMR No.              | NGR          | Description                            | Period        |
|----------------------|--------------|--|---------------|
| MNY4643 SE 8600 7512 |              | Aerial Photographic Late Iron Age      |               |
|                      |              | Cropmarks – Ditched                    |               |
|                      |              | Enclosure                              |               |
| MNY4644              | SE 8607 7512 | Aerial Photographic Prehistoric        |               |
|                      |              | Cropmarks – Ring Ditch                 |               |
|                      |              | Feature                                |               |
| MNY4624              | SE 8541 7532 | Aerial Photographic                    | Prehistoric   |
|                      |              | Cropmarks – Hollow                     |               |
|                      |              | way/Trackway                           |               |
| MNY4623              | SE 853 752   | Aerial Photographic                    | Prehistoric   |
|                      |              | Cropmarks – Ditched                    |               |
|                      |              | Enclosure                              |               |
| MNY4670 SE 86114     |              | St. Martin's Church,                   | Post-medieval |
|                      | 75470        | Scampston – Built in 1842              |               |
| MNY4668 SE 86 75     |              | Saxon Cemetery at Anglo-Saxon          |               |
|                      |              | Scampston Park Rillington              |               |
| MNY4695 SE 8620 7548 |              | House - Town Street                    | Post-medieval |
|                      |              | Scampston                              |               |
| MNY4667              | SE 8615 7546 | Scampston Village Roman to Modern      |               |
| MNY4696              | SE 8621 7544 | House – Town Street                    | Post-medieval |
|                      |              | Scampston                              |               |
| MNY4669 SE 8615 7546 |              | Scampston Village/Manor in Anglo-Saxon |               |
|                      |              | Domesday Book 1086                     |               |

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|          |              | meaning Skammel's Farm   |                           |
|----------|--------------|--|---------------------------|
| MNY4672  | SE 8667 7512 | Scampston Hall – 3   | Post-medieval             |
|          |              | connected Fishponds fed by<br>Wintringham Beck                               |                           |
| MNY4673  | SE 8667 7544 | Scampston Hall – Low Fish Pond   | Post-medieval             |
| MNY4674  | SE 8663 7505 | Scampston Hall – Middle<br>Fish Pond   | Post-medieval             |
| MNY4675  | SE 8675 7472 | Scampston Hall – High Fish Pond  | Post-medieval             |
| MNY4677  | SE 8670 7529 | Scampston Hall - Icehouse  | Post-medieval             |
| MNY4678  | SE 871 745   | Scampston Hall - Deerpark  | Post-medieval             |
| MNY4679  | SE 8644 7523 | Scampston Hall - Ditch   | Post-medieval             |
| MNY4680  | SE 8649 7547 | Scampston Hall - Sundial   | Post-medieval             |
| MNY4681  | SE 8651 7544 | Scampston Hall – Garden Wall   | Post-medieval             |
| MNY4684  | SE 8675 7438 | Scampston Mill - Watermill   | Post-medieval             |
| MNY4685  | SE 8681 7436 | Scampston Mill Pond  | Post-medieval             |
| MNY4686  | SE 8675 7438 | Scampston Mill Race  | Post-medieval             |
| MNY4688  | SE 8615 7552 | Aerial Photographic<br>Cropmark – Linear<br>Marks/Ditch                      | Prehistoric               |
| MNY4687  | SE 8672 7480 | Scampston Bridge   | Post-medieval –<br>Modern |
| MNY4689  | SE 8652 7522 | Aerial Photographic<br>Cropmark - regular and<br>irregular rings             | Prehistoric               |
| MNY6153  | SE 8663 7475 | Ploughed Out Round Barrow  | Prehistoric               |
| MNY4690  | SE 8620 7481 | Milestone (A64 North side)   | Post-medieval             |
| MNY4691  | SE 8624 7482 | Scampston Hall Lodge Gate  | Post-medieval             |
| MNY4692  | SE 8622 7483 | Scampston Hall Lodge<br>House  | Post-medieval             |
| MNY4693  | SE 8626 7552 | Scampston Hall Gate  | Post-medieval             |
| MNY4694  | SE 8681 7545 | Scampston Hall Field Post-mediev Building                                    |                           |
| MNY4639  | SE 86 75     | Findspot (Saxon Urn)   | Anglo-Saxon               |
| MNY13346 | SE 8553 7504 | Rillington Manor   | Post-medieval             |
| MNY13347 | SE 8546 7503 | Rillington Manor   | Post-medieval             |
| MNY13352 | SE 8725 7447 | ŭ  |                           |
| MNY4697  | SE 8723 7420 | Linton Mill - Watermill  | Post-medieval             |
| MNY4698  | SE 8736 7409 | Linton Mill Millpond   | Post-medieval             |
| MNY5096  | SE 8705 7486 | Aerial Photographic<br>Cropmark - Barrow<br>Cemetery (also MNY5097-<br>5104) | Prehistoric               |
| MNY5105  | SE 8648 7446 | Aerial Photographic<br>Cropmark - Barrow                                     | Prehistoric               |
| MNY5106  | SE 8650 7439 | Aerial Photographic<br>Cropmark - Barrow                                     | Prehistoric               |
| MNY5112  | SE 8595 7360 | Aerial Photographic<br>Cropmark - Ditch and Ridge<br>and Furrow              | Roman – Medieval          |
| MNY5022  | SE 8565 7382 | Aerial Photographic Prehistoric Cropmark – Ditched Enclosure                 |                           |
| MNY5025  | SE 8553 7385 | Windmill Mound   | Medieval                  |
| MNY5026  | SE 8553 7385 | Pit  | Medieval                  |
| MNY5358  | SE 87 75     | Findspot - Beaker  | Prehistoric               |
| MNY5344  | SE 8615 7442 | Aerial Photographic  | Prehistoric               |

|                       |                   | Cropmark - Barrow                 |                    |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
|                       |                   | Cemetery (also MNY5345-           |                    |
| MNIV4007 CF 0540 7407 |                   | 5348)                             |                    |
| MNY4997               | SE 8540 7427      | Inhumation in Rillington          | Prehistoric        |
| 32 33 7 7 7           |                   | (Stray Find 08/1980)              | 1 Tornotorio       |
| MNY5028               | SE 8568 7488      | Aerial Photographic               | Prehistoric        |
|                       |                   | Cropmark – Ditched                |                    |
|                       |                   | Enclosure                         |                    |
| DNY641                | SE 8587 7431      | Iron Age Barrow Cemetery          | Prehistoric        |
| MNY5297               |                   | Cropmarks within SMNY             |                    |
|                       |                   | 1117 (MNY5250-MNY5296 &           |                    |
|                       |                   | MNY5298-MNY5343)                  |                    |
| DNY898/GD             | SE 8642 7502      | Scampston Hall Registered         | Post-medieval      |
| 1326                  |                   | Park and Garden                   |                    |
|                       |                   | Grade II*                         |                    |
| ENY2552               | SE 97610          | Wolds National Mapping            | Prehistoric-Roman- |
|                       | 67540             | Project – Aerial Photographic     | Medieval           |
|                       |                   | Interpretation                    |                    |
| MNY 24314             | SE 86604          | Archaeological Watching           | Prehistoric        |
|                       | 74147             | Brief at Ellis Patents Factory,   |                    |
|                       |                   | Rillington – Iron Age             |                    |
| NANIX/04004           | 05.00000          | Features                          |                    |
| MNY24364              | SE 83988          | Parish Record for Rillington      |                    |
| MNY24367              | 75409<br>SE 86738 | 3106 Parish Record for Scampston  |                    |
| WIN 1 24301           | 76441             | 3114                              |                    |
| MNY24378              | SE 85873          | Parish Record for Thorpe          |                    |
| WIIN 1 2437 0         | 72306             | Bassett 3138                      |                    |
| ENY1758               | SE 85284          | A64 Rillington Bypass Route       |                    |
| 2.11                  | 74239             | Options                           |                    |
| ENY1019               | SE 85618          | Three trial trenches at           | Prehistoric        |
|                       | 74407             | Rillington East Field in 1980     |                    |
|                       |                   | (YAJ 1983)                        |                    |
| ENY1737               | SE 92228          | Route Proposals for Malton        |                    |
|                       | 77296             | to Seamer Bypass                  |                    |
| ENY1758               | SE 85284          | Route Proposals for               |                    |
|                       | 74239             | Rillington Bypass                 |                    |
| ENY1927               | SE 85978          | Watching Brief at Rillington.     |                    |
|                       | 74051             | No Archaeology found. YAT         |                    |
| ENIVO000              | 05.05000          | 2003                              |                    |
| ENY2029               | SE 85932          | Geophysical Survey at             |                    |
|                       | 74085             | Rillington (University of Durham) |                    |
| ENY3026               | SE 85479          | Watching Brief at Rillington.     |                    |
| LINI JUZU             | 74465             | No Archaeology found. MAP         |                    |
|                       | 7 7700            | 2005                              |                    |
| ENY3038               | SE 85408          | Geophysical Survey at             |                    |
|                       | 75009             | Rillington Manor -                |                    |
|                       |                   | Landscape Research Centre         |                    |
|                       |                   | 2005                              |                    |
| ENY3097               | SE 85529          | Geophysical Survey at             |                    |
|                       | 74424             | Rillington - Landscape            |                    |
|                       |                   | Research Centre 2006              |                    |
|                       | _1                |                                   | l .                |

6.4 **Prehistoric** 

6.4.1 There are three archaeological sites on the North Yorkshire Historic

Environment Record within the Proposed Development. They are described

as Barrows (MNY 5105, MNY 5016 and MNY 6153: Fig. 4).

National Mapping Project shows Aerial Photographic Cropmarks in the

Proposed Development Area (Area B) and to the west of Firs Plantation (Fig.

6). The Cropmarks in the Proposed Development Area are interpreted as a

Barrow Cemetery. In East Field Rillington, a series of Aerial Photographic

Cropmarks, are interpreted as an Iron Age Barrow Cemetery. This is a

Scheduled Ancient Monument (SMNY 1117).

6.4.2 Excavations were undertaken on East Field in Rillington in 1980 (Turnbull

1983, 1-9). In 1884, a Bronze Age Beaker was found in Scampston Parish

(NMR SE 87 SE 9). In Rillington, fragments of Iron Age pottery are noted on

the National Monuments Register (SE 87 SE 36).

**Potential: Medium** 

6.5 Romano-British Activity

6.5.1 No archaeological sites of Roman date are recorded within the Proposed

Development Area. Roman pottery has been found in Rillington (NMR SE 87

SE 2).

**Potential: Low** 

6.6 Medieval Activity

6.6.1 The Proposed Development Area lies 500m south of the village of Scampston

in Scampston Parish in the Ryedale District of North Yorkshire, formerly in the

Parish of Rillington in the Wapentake of Buckrose in the East Riding of

Yorkshire. The Place name 'Scampston' derives from 'Skammel's farm' from

a personal name "probably a diminutive of Old Scandinavian nickname

Skammr or Skammi " (Smith 1937, 138-9) with a derivation from various

sources of Scameston(a) in 1086 (Domesday), Scamastuna in 1122-37,

Scanton in 1193 and 1194, Scameliston in 1202, Scameton in 1229,

Skameleston in 1244, Scham(e)ston in 1276, Scampston and Skampston in 1351, 1369, 1399, and Scampton als. Scampston in 1500.

- 6.6.2 Evidence for Pre-Conquest Activity in Scampston includes a Cemetery in Scampston Park and an Anglo-Saxon Urn (North Yorkshire HER MNY 4668 and MNY 4639).
- 6.6.3 Scampston has four entries in the Domesday Survey of 1086, under the Land of the King, the Land of Ralph de Mortemer and the Holdings of Robert de Brus. The land of the King (William 1) is listed as "In SCAMPSTON, 4 carucates taxable; a jurisdiction of RILLINGTON. In the same place Ormr, 1½ carucates taxable. Land for 1 plough" (Faull and Stinson 1986, 1E43-44). The Land of Ralph de Mortemer is listed as "In SCAMPSTON, Ormr had 4 carucates of land taxable. There is land for 2 ploughs. Now Ralph has it. Waste. 1½ leagues long and 1 wide" (ibid, 15E13), and "in Scampston, 4 carucats. The King in the same place 5½ carucates" (ibid, SE Sc 8-9). The Holdings of Robert de Brus is listed as "in SCAMPSTON, 5 carucates" (ibid, 31E2).
- 6.6.4 A medieval manor probably was located on the same location as Scampston Hall (D. Turnbull in the Scampston Estate Management Plan 2003, 4).

**Potential: Low** 

#### 6.7 Post-medieval/ Modern

6.7.1 William Hustler acquired the medieval manor of Scampston in 1610. William Hustler was a wealthy Bridlington Draper. The estate was sold to Sir William Quintin of Harpham in the early Eighteenth century, who built a new house with pleasure gardens designed by Charles Bridgeman (Neave 1992, 62-64). In 1736, the York to Scarborough road was diverted to the south (the present alignment of the A64). Alterations were made to Scampston Hall in the 1750's and 1770's. The Park and Gardens were redesigned in the late eighteenth century by Capability Brown. In 1803 the House was 'considerably altered' to the designs of Thomas Leverton. (See Elizabeth Banks Associates 1992 and Historic Landscape Management 2003 for detailed development of

the Hall and Parkland). Scampston Park is a Listed on the English Heritage Register of Parks and Gardens (GD 1326; Grade II\*). There are no Listed buildings within the Proposed Development Area, but there are fourteen Listed Buildings within the Registered Landscape, and a further six within one kilometre (Four in Scampston village and two in Rillington.

Table 2. Listed Buildings within One Kilometre of Firs Plantation

| Gates, Gate Piers, Flanking<br>Walls and railings south of the<br>Lodge to Scampston Hall | Grade II<br>SE 87 SE 8/39          | Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century timber and cast iron gates, sandstone ashlar gate piers, tooled sandstone walls and cast iron railings.   |
|---|------------------------------------|--|
| Milestone approximately 40m west of the gates to Scampston Hall                           | Grade II<br>SE 87 SE 8/38          | Probably early 19 <sup>th</sup> century. Sandstone with painted cast iron plague attached. Round headed monolith.  |
| Scampston Bridge (A64)  | Grade II<br>SE 87 NE 8/41          | c. 1775, widened in 1933. Probably designed by Capability Brown or Henry Holland for Sir William St. Quintin. Red brick in English Garden Wall and sandstone ashlar with Sandstone parapet and dressings and cast iron railings. |
| Lodge to Scampston Park   | Grade II<br>SE 87 SE 8/40          | Early to mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century. Stuccoed sandstone on plinth with slate roof. Overhanging eaves with pyramidal roof.  |
| Sableyard buildings and attached wall, gates and gateposts                                | Grade II<br>SE 87 NE 4/53          | Carriage house with loft, stables, workshop, yard walls, gates and gateposts. 1780 on datestone.   |
| Scampston Hall and Gateways, walls and terminal piers attached to south front             | Grade II*<br>SE 87 NE 4/48         | Country House. Late 17 <sup>th</sup> century built for William Hustler. Altered in late 18 <sup>th</sup> century for Sir William Thomas St Quintin.  |
| Pump House  | Grade II<br>SE 87 NE 4/52          | 1778 on datestone. Brick in English Garden Bond with tooled sandstone base and stone coping.   |
| Bridge in Scampston Park  | Grade II*<br>SE 87 NE<br>1466/4/51 | Palladian Bridge and garden pavilion. C. 1775 by Lancalot Capability Brown. Tooled Sandstone.  |
| Ice House   | Grade II<br>SE 87 NE 4/55          | Late 18 <sup>th</sup> or early 19 <sup>th</sup> century. Brick in English Garden Wall bond.  |
| Entrance Gate and Gate Piers  | Grade II<br>SE 87 NE 4/54          | Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century of rusticated sandstone and sandstone ashlar and cast iron gates  |
| Field Building  | Grade II<br>SE 87 NE 4/56          | Mid to late 18 <sup>th</sup> century stable and loft.  Brick in English garden wall bond.  |
| Garden wall, gate and gate piers  | Grade II<br>SE 87 NE 4/50          | Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century Piers of rusticated sandstone and sandstone ashlas, garden wall of rusticated sandstone, early wrought iron gate  |
| Sundial   | Grade II<br>SE 87 NE 4/49          | Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century. Dial by Thomas Heath of London. Sandston ashlar with copper dial and gnomon.   |
| Deer Park House   | Grade II<br>SE 87 SE 8/47          | Deer House. C 1780 with 19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> century extensions.  |
| Church of St. Edmund, Scampston   | Grade II<br>SE 87 NE 4/42          | c. 1870 Dressed sandstone church now redundant.  |
| Cottages, Town Street,  | Grade II                           | Two cottages, early 19 <sup>th</sup> century with later  |

| scampston                    | SE 87 NE 4/58 | alterations and extensions. Brick.               |
|------------------------------|---------------|--|
| Church of St. Martin, Town   | Grade II      | 1845 by G.T. Williams for Sir William St.        |
| Street, Scampston            | SE 87 NE 4/57 | Quintin. Dressed sandstone.                      |
| Keeper's Cottage, Town       | Grade II      | Early to mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century in English |
| Street, Scampston            | SE 87 NE 4/59 | Garden wall bond.                                |
| Rillington Manor, Sands Lane | Grade II      | 1913 by Sidney Kitson for W.H.                   |
| Rillington                   | SE 87 SE 4/47 | Hudleston. Red Brick in Flemish bond             |
| Satble Block at Rillington   | Grade II      | 1913 by Stanley Kitson for W.H.                  |
| Manor                        | SE 87 SE 4/48 | Hudleston. Red brick in Flemish bond.            |

- 6.7.2 A 1766 Plan of the Manor of Scampston by D. Luccock shows the Proposed Development Area (Areas A, B and C) as part of Scampston Field south of the York to Scarborough Road, and the Wintringham Road between Areas B and C (Fig. 6).
- 6.7.3 A Plan of Scampston village and Estate by Edward Page in 1829 (Fig. 7) shows Areas A and B as two agricultural fields with plantation to the west and the York-Scarborough Road to the north and the Wintringham Road to the east. Area C is shown as part of the parkland with planting and lakes to the east.
- 6.7.4 The First Edition Ordnance Survey Map dates to 1853 (Fig. 8) and shows Areas A and B as two fields with two areas of plantation, and Area C is shown with a Sand Pit with access from the York-Scarborough Road, and a small area of Plantation.
- 6.7.5 The Second Edition Ordnance Survey Map dating to 1891 and the 1913 Edition Ordnance Survey Map show Area A as "Firs Plantation", Area B as a field with a footpath crossing it into Firs Plantation, and Area C as part of Scampston Park with the Old Sand Pit in the north-western corner surrounded by plantation (Figs. 9 and 10).
- 6.7.6 The 1989 Edition Ordnance Survey Map (Fig. 1) still shows Area A as "Firs Plantation". Area B is two fields with a central north-south band of plantation, and Area C is shown as a field with a small area of plantation in the north-western corner.

Potential: Low in Areas A and B. High in Area C.

#### 6.8 Site Walkover

- 6.8.1 The site was visited on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2008. The entire area was appraised (Pls. 1-22). Area A, consisted of the Plantation of Scots and Corsican pines some 45-55 years old, intermixed with cleared areas and new plantings. There was little evidence of old plough scars or deep furrows. However, the area has been managed woodland for at least a hundred years, so successive planting may well have removed any archaeological deposits or features. Only one feature of interest was noted in Area A and this consisted of a north-south aligned ditch within the plantation. This feature is within the planted buffer zone between the Bridle Path and the Proposed Cabins Cartographic evidence suggests that this feature may originate as part of an earlier area of plantation (Fig. 7).
- 6.8.2 Area B, located no visible archaeological features, the field consisted of a level area of arable cultivation with a crop growth of c.10cms.
- 6.8.3 Area C, located the sandpit, a deep area of excavation measuring some 10m by 40ms and 1m depth located in the north-west quadrant of the field. No other archaeological features were located and the field was in weathered ploughed condition.

#### 6.9 Potential for Unrecorded Sites

6.9.1 The potential for unrecorded sites is low.

#### 6.10 Evidence of Previous Disturbance

6.10.1 Whilst the cropmarks in the adjoining fields to the west and south indicate the possible continuation of archaeological features into Area A. The Plantation has probably caused significant disturbance during successive plantings and fellings to any archaeological deposits that may exist in this area. In Area B, the Aerial Photographic Data has shown the presence of extensive archaeological features in the western part of the field, however these features have been affected by centuries of agricultural practice. Area C is within the Historic Parkland Landscape and has also been subjected to sand

quarrying in the past and agricultural practice. In the recent past, Area C had been used for the rearing of pigs.

#### 7. Impact of the Development

- 7.1 The following potential impacts upon the archaeological resource are considered:
  - Loss of, or damage to, archaeological sites and remains
  - Settings and views of and from upstanding remains, Listed Buildings,
     Scheduled Monuments and other archaeological sites
  - Changes to ground conditions as a result of changes to the drainage regime which could affect archaeological remains
  - Loss of landscape features, structures and areas with historic and cultural heritage associations
  - Other possible impacts such as noise, vibration, compressions and other changed ground conditions

#### 7.2 Loss of, or damage to, archaeological sites and remains

7.2.1 The proposed development will require minimal groundworks for the insertion of the road and creation of the ponds. The Log Cabin Park in Area A will be screened behind the existing plantation and all cabins will be located on the existing surface. The creation of the ponds may have an impact on archaeological deposits but a scheme of archaeological works in advance of any development would mitigate this impact. The insertion of the access road in Area B has been designed to cause minimum disturbance, the road would be constructed to maximum depth of 325mm. The change in use from agricultural land to Parkland would protect any below ground archaeological deposits from further plough damage. Before any new planting in Area C, it is suggested that a Geophysical survey is undertaken to avoid any significant archaeological deposits.

# 7.3 Settings and views of and from upstanding remains, Listed Buildings, Scheduled Monuments and other archaeological sites

7.3.1 There are no Scheduled Monuments or Listed Buildings within the Proposed Development Area. Area C is within the Scampston Park Registered Landscape (GD 1326 Grade II\*). There are three sites listed on the North Yorkshire Historic Environment Record, two Barrows in Area B and a possible Barrow in Area C. In the eastern part of Area B there is a number of Aerial Photographic Cropmarks on the Wolds National Mapping Project, interpreted as a Barrow Cemetery.

# 7.4 Changes to ground conditions as a result of changes to the drainage regime which could affect archaeological remains

7.4.1 The proposed development is not envisaged to have an effect on the prevailing local drainage conditions.

# 7.5 Loss of landscape features, structures and areas with historic and cultural heritage associations

7.5.1 The development has been designed to have minimum impact on any features, structures and areas with historic and cultural heritage associations.

The Proposed Development will re-instate the parkland landscape in Area C.

# 7.6 Other possible impacts such as noise, vibration, compressions and other changed ground conditions

7.6.1 The groundworks and construction programme associated with the development proposals will have a short-term impact in terms of noise and vibration in the immediate environment of the application site. It is unlikely that these will have an impact on features of archaeological or historic environment importance.

#### 8. Conclusions and Recommendations

8.1 The Area of the Proposed Development is currently areas of plantation and agricultural fields. There are no known archaeological sites from the HER, Listed Buildings or Scheduled Ancient Monuments within Firs Plantation (Area

- A). Areas B and C are within a Prehistoric Landscape, noted on Aerial Photographs and the North Yorkshire HER.
- 8.2 The assessment has shown no evidence of nationally important remains on the site that would prevent development in line with Planning Policy Guidance 16 (PPG16). In Area A, the Plantation may have removed any evidence of archaeological deposits. However there is the possibility that isolated pockets of archaeology may survive. Archaeological features have been noted in Areas B and C. However, in these areas the only development is the proposed access road in Area B. Accordingly, any disturbance should be mitigated by a Condition attached to any planning consent.

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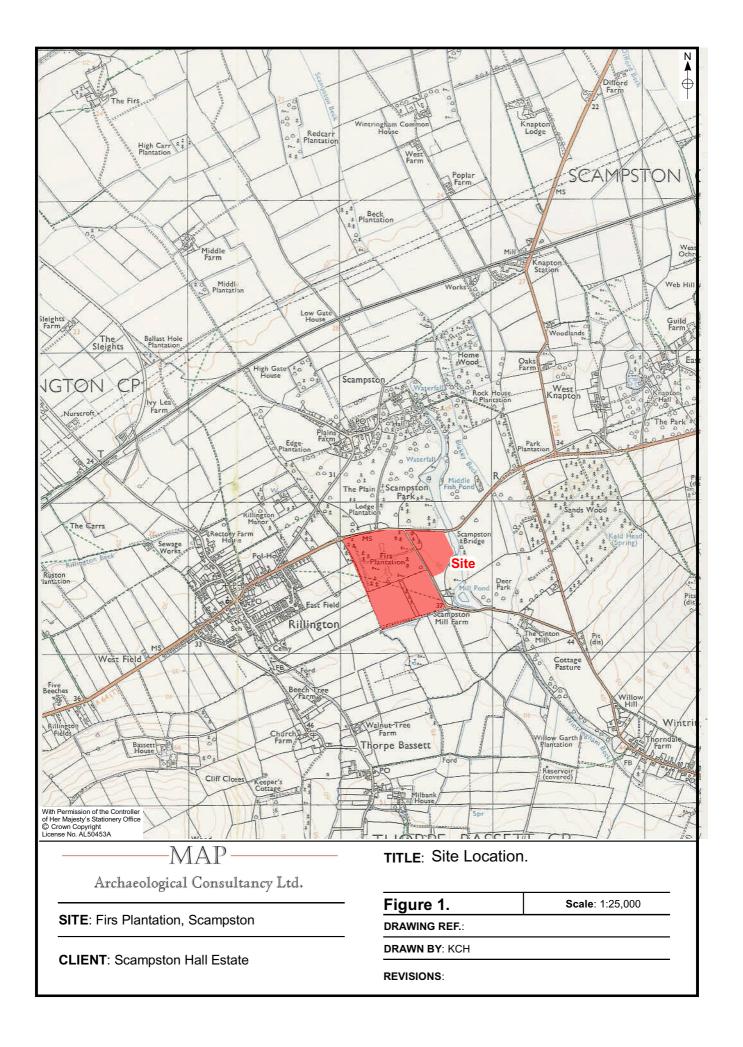
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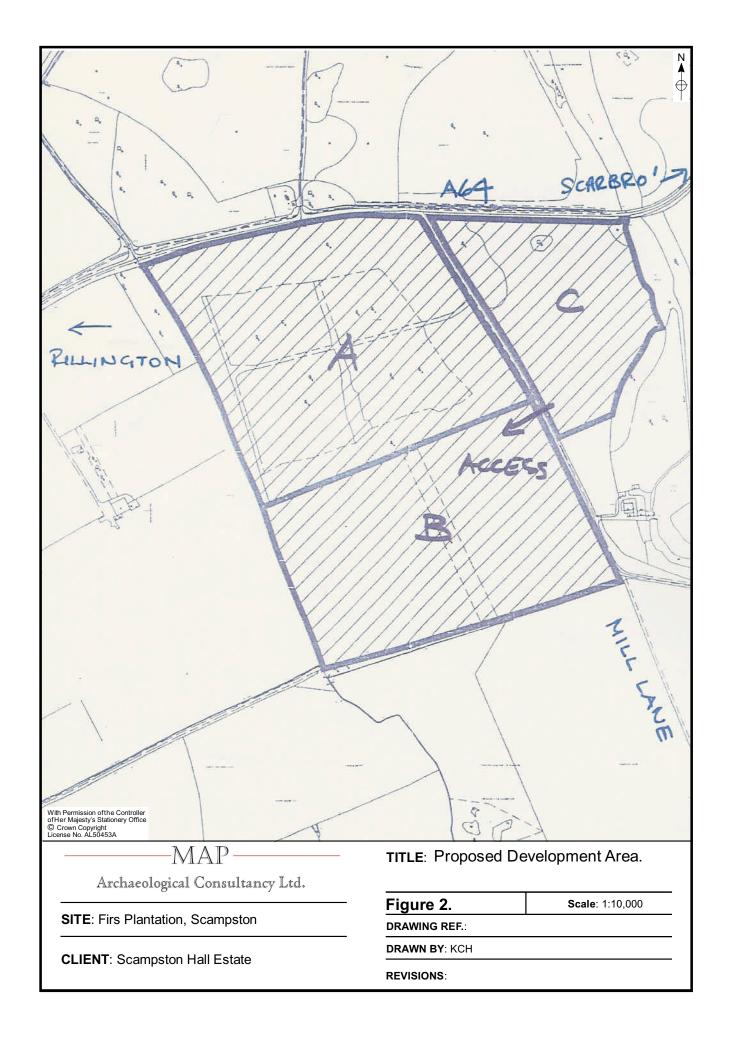
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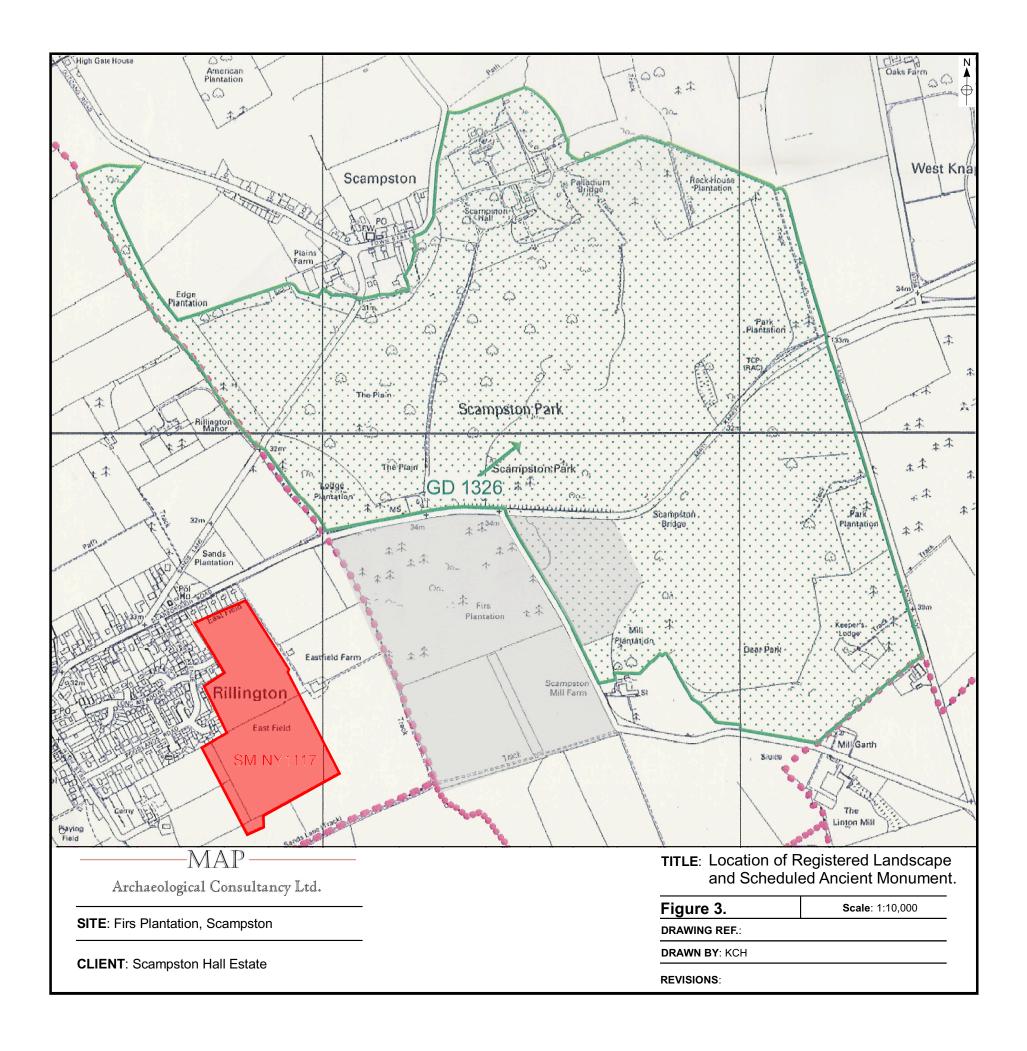
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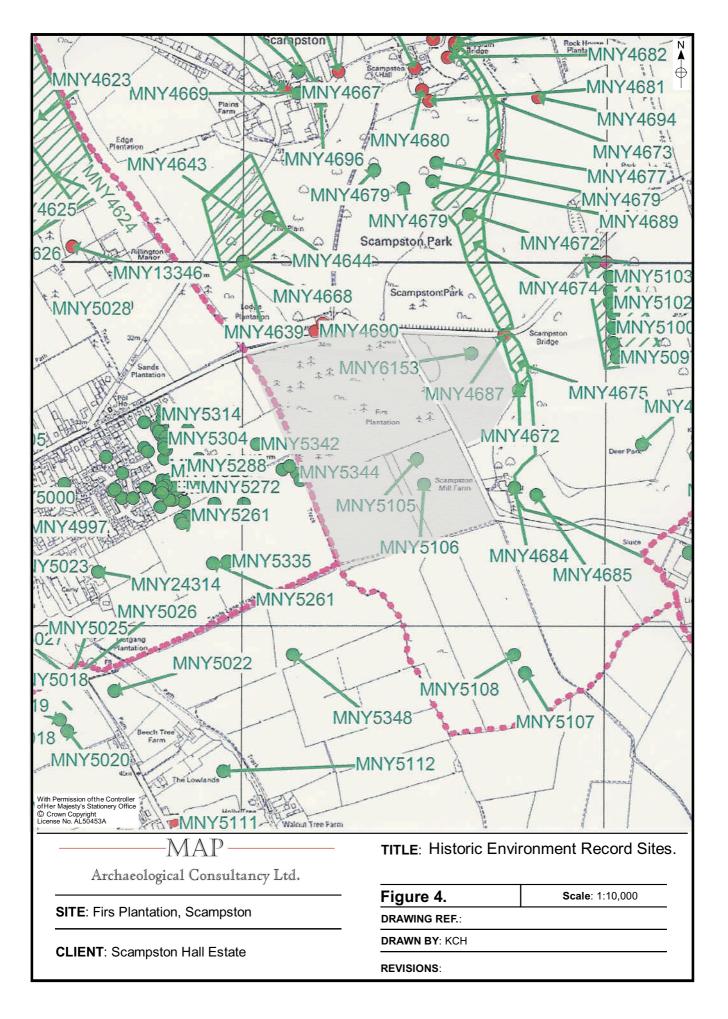
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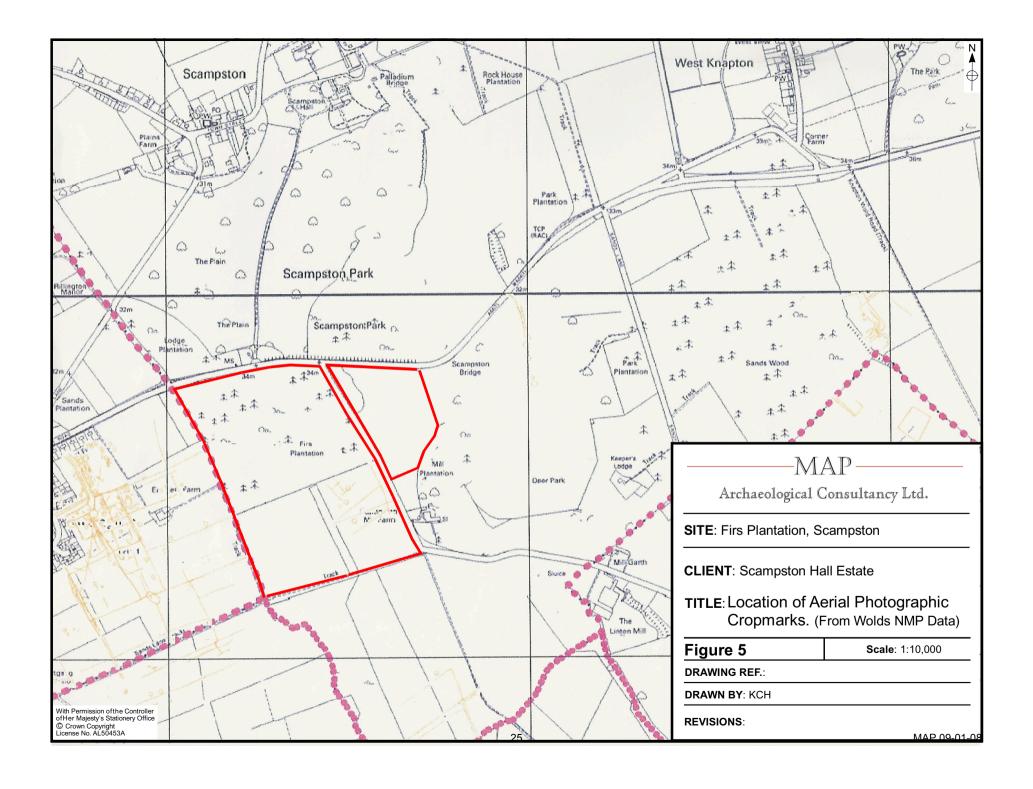
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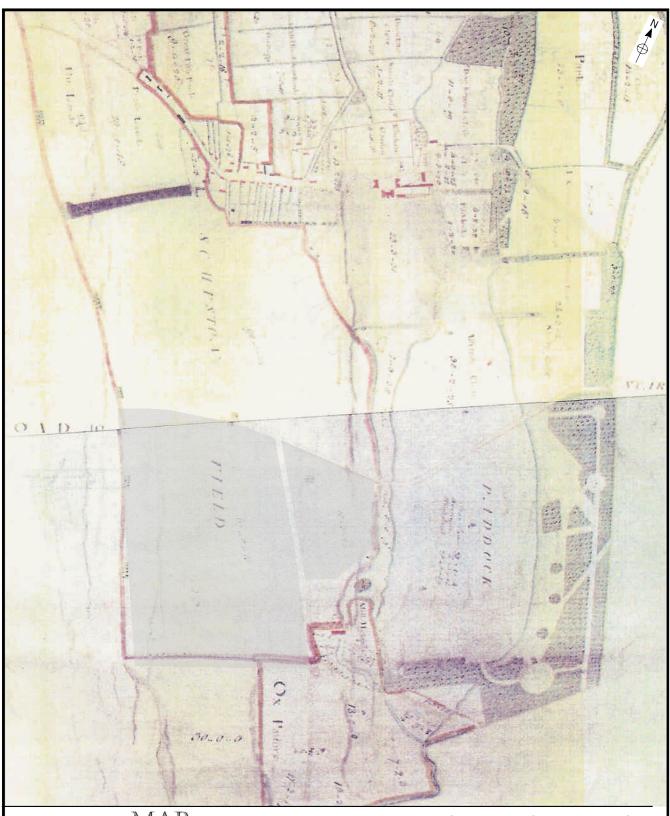












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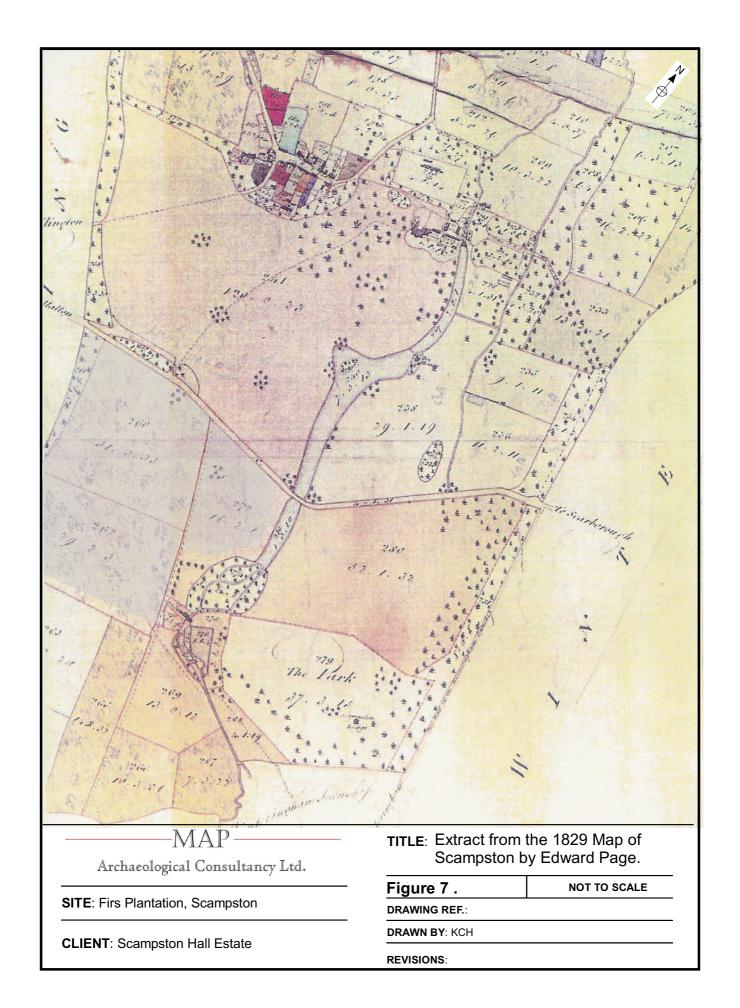
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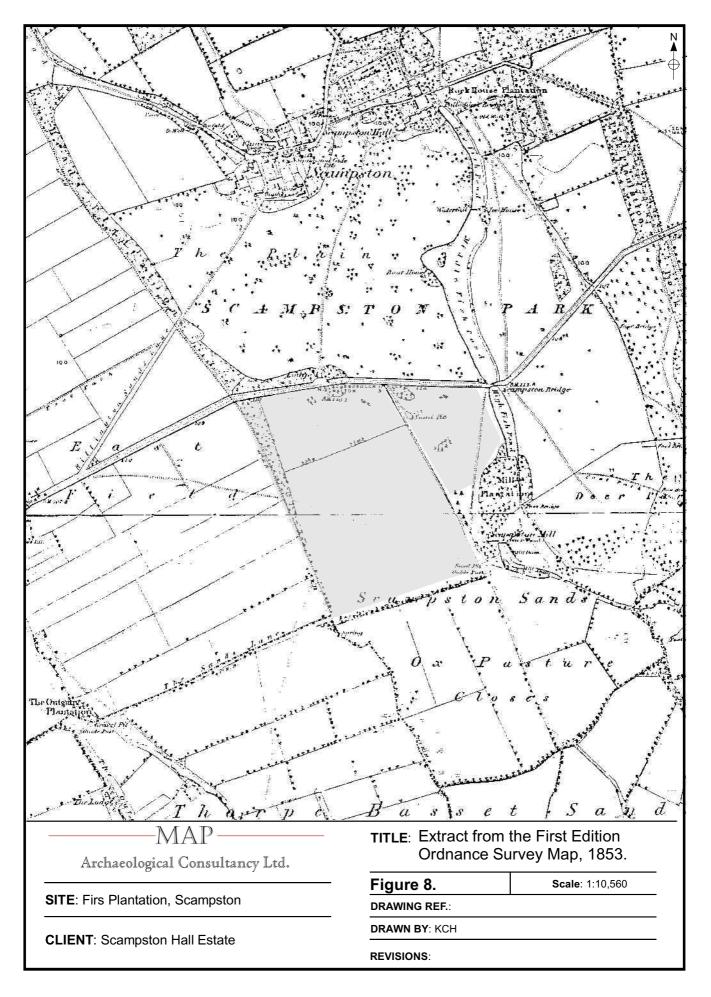
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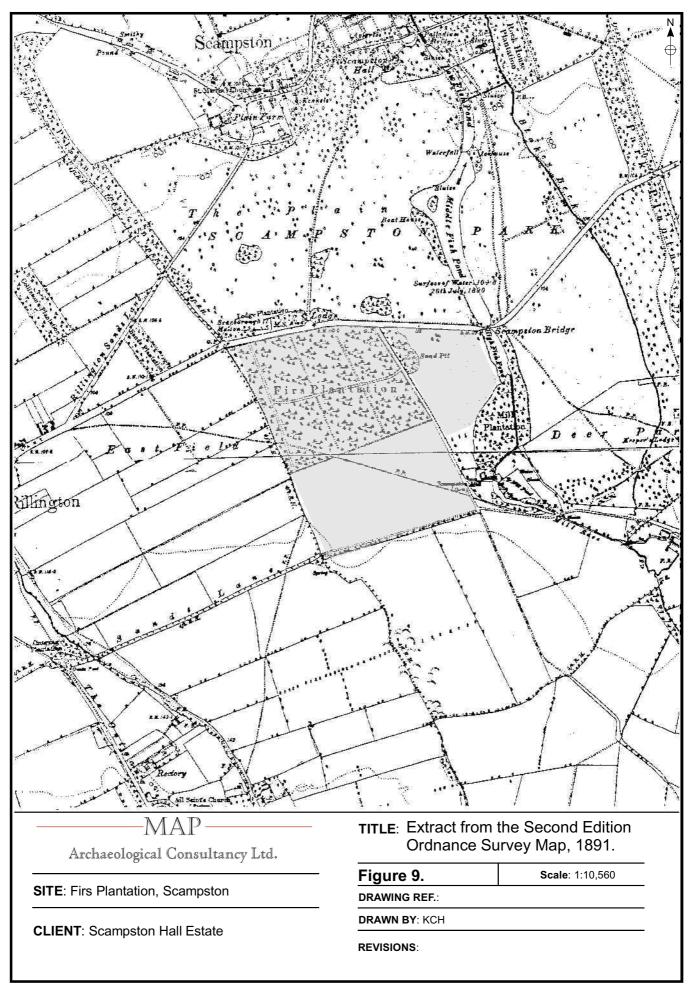
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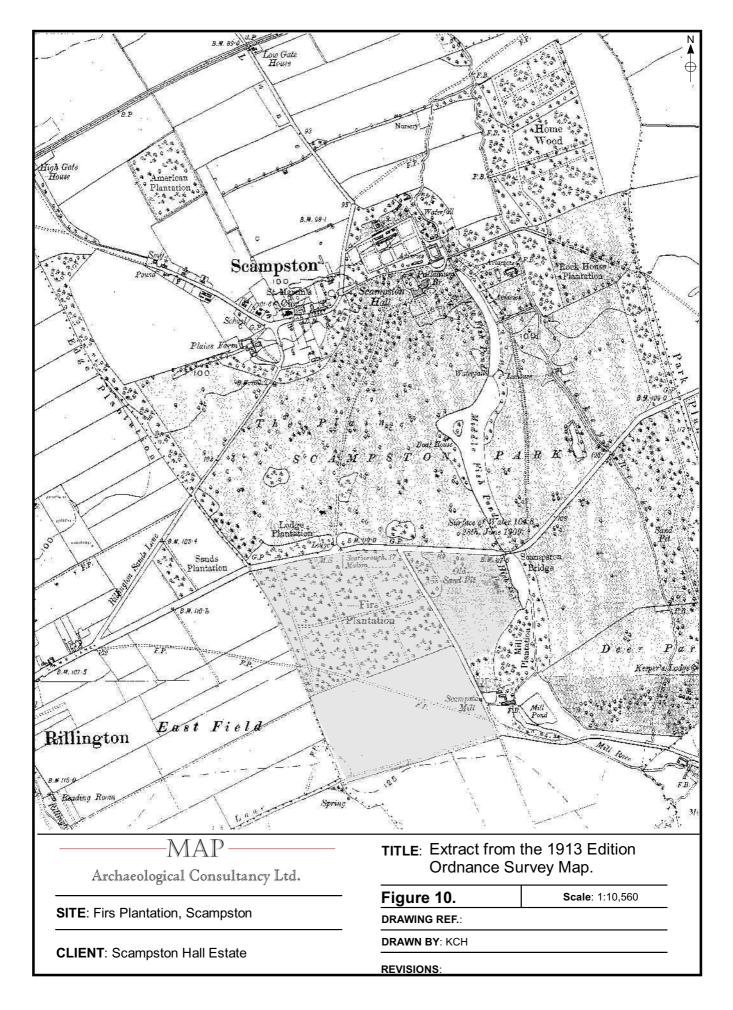






Plate 1. General View of Plantation.



Plate 2. Edge of Plantation. Facing South-west.



Plate 3. Edge of Plantation by A64. Facing East.



Plate 4. Wintringham Road. Facing South-west.



Plate 5. Adjacent Field. Facing South.



Plate 6. Edge of Plantation. Facing West.



Plate 7. Edge of Plantation. Facing North-west.



Plate 8. General View of Plantation. Facing South-west.



Plate 9. General View of Plantation.



Plate 10. Footpath through Plantation Bank. Facing East.



Plate 11. General View of New Plantation.



Plate 12. Plantation Clearing. facing South.



Plate 13. View of Plantation to the west.



Plate 14. Track through Plantation.



Plate 15. Track through Plantation.



Plate 16. General View of Plantation. Facing North.



Plate 17. Ditch Running through Plantation on North-south alignmen.



Plate 18. Ditch Running through Plantation on North-south alignment.



Plate 19. General View of Sandpit. Facing North-east.



Plate 20. Sand Pit. Facing East.



Plate 21. View across the field. Facing South-west.



Plate 22. View across the field to A64. Facing North.