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***Non Technical Summary***

*An Archaeological Strip and Record was undertaken by MAP Archaeological Consultancy Ltd at Land between Nos. 7 and Elm Tree Farm on Town Street, Settrington, on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2008, in order to fulfil a condition attached to Planning Application 07/00028/FUL. The work involved monitoring the groundworks associated with the erection of a five bedroom dwelling with detached double garage.*

*No archaeological features, deposits or finds were encountered during the site stripping.*

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 This report sets out the results of an Archaeological Watching Brief that was undertaken on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2008 by MAP Archaeological Consultancy Ltd, at Land between No. 7 and Elm Tree Farm, Town Street, Settrington, North Yorkshire (SE 83097 70815: Fig. 1). The work was undertaken in accordance with a standard written scheme of investigation, provided by North Yorkshire County Council.
  
- 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 ground works, 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 Policy C13 of the Ryedale District Local Plan.

1.3 All work was funded by Hague Builders.

1.4 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 of the development is located on the north side of Town Street in the village of Settrington in the District of Ryedale. The Proposed Development Area was formerly a field (Pls. 1 and 2).

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

3.1 The Proposed development lies within the shrunken medieval village of Settrington. Aerial photographs of the village reveal the presence of earthworks in the fields immediately south of the application site. These appear to represent the remains of tofts and crofts and other associated features.

## **4. Aims and Objectives**

4.1 The aims of the Archaeological Strip and Record were to record and recover archaeological remains, which could be affected by the ground works, and to prepare a report summarising the results of the work.

## **5. Methodology**

5.1 All the groundworks associated with the erection of the dwelling were monitored.

5.2 All excavations were undertaken using a back acting mechanical excavator using a toothed toothless bucket, 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 A photographic record of the monitored groundworks was maintained throughout the Recording Brief on a digital camera.

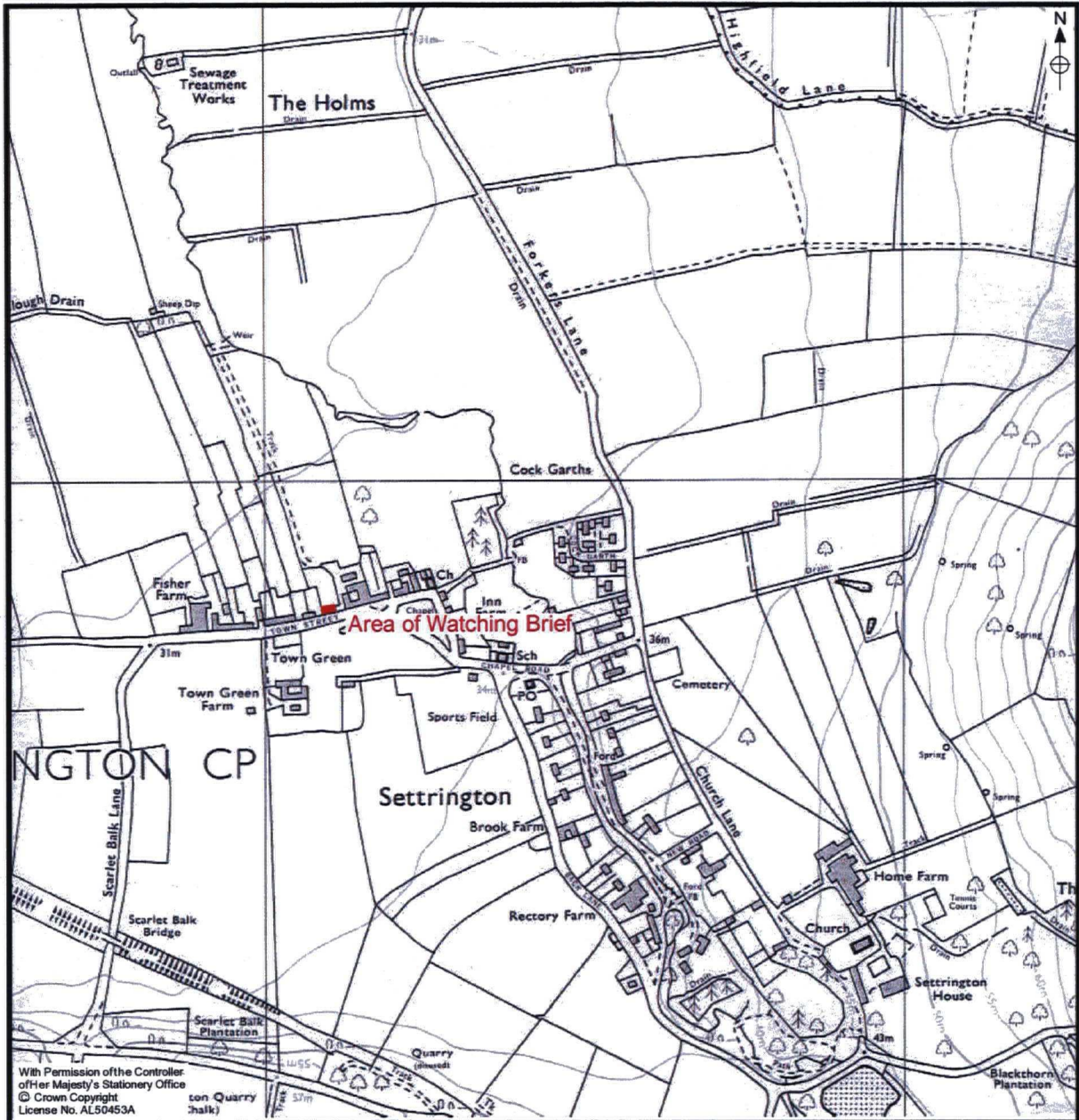
## **6. Results**

6.1 The topsoil and subsoil strip of the house footprint was watched under close archaeological supervision. The topsoil was initially stripped to a depth of c. 300mm (Pls. 3 and 4).

6.2 Natural sand and gravel was exposed under the topsoil and no archaeological finds or features were observed. The sand and gravel deposits were stripped by another 300mm under archaeological supervision and no finds or features were observed (Pls. 5 and 6).

## **7. Conclusions**

7.1 Whilst all groundworks taking place on the site were watched under archaeological supervision, no finds or features of archaeological interest were encountered.



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**SITE:** Watching Brief on Land to the West of Elm Tree Farm, Settrington.

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**TITLE:** Site Location.

**Figure 1.**

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Plate 1. Site after removal of topsoil. Facing North-east.



Plate 2. Site after removal of topsoil. Facing North-west.



Plate 3. Foundations during Excavation. Facing East.



Plate 4. Foundations after excavation. Facing South.