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LOW LANE, WESTOW.

REPORT ON AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF

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Report Summary.

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1.0 Abstract.

An archaeological watching brief was carried out during the machine excavation of one 16m x 30m trench associated with the proposed erection of a circular agricultural livestock building to the south of Low Lane, Westow. The trench was excavated at the top of a slope in the field and involved the excavation of material that was then tipped down slope in a levelling exercise.

2.0 Site Location, Topography and Land Use.

The proposed development site lies in a field to the south of Low Lane, Westow. The large field slopes steeply at the western end, with the gradient of slope easing toward the eastern end. The site of the proposed structure is at the top of the slope toward the northwest corner of the field. At the time of the visit cattle were grazing the field.

3.0 Archaeological Background.

In the past aerial photographs have revealed a linear settlement of probable prehistoric/Romano-British date close to the proposed development area.

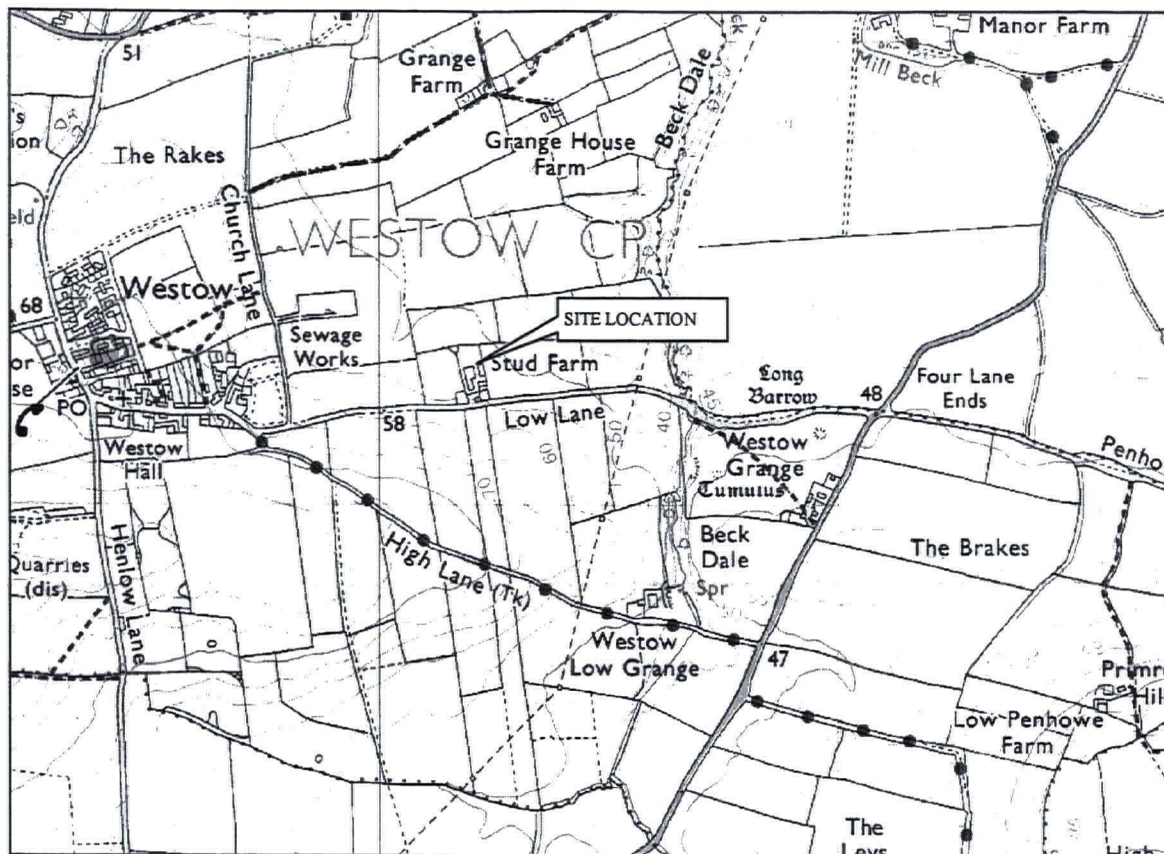


Figure 1. Site Location (NGR SE 762 653).

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4.0 Results.

The machining was carried out by a mini tracked excavator fitted with a ditching bucket. No archaeological features or remains were discovered.

Within the trench (Plate 1) natural soft yellow clayey sand (101) was exposed throughout the trench at an average depth of 0.20m below the existing ground surface. Sealing the natural was a thickness (avg 0.35m) of mid reddish brown silty loam topsoil (100).

No archaeological features or deposits were observed during the watching brief, and as such, potentially, erection of a structure within the confines of the observed trench could be undertaken without fear of damage to archaeology.

5.0 Appendix 1 ~ List of Contexts.

Context no.	Description	Thickness	Extent
100	Mid reddish brown silty loam topsoil	0.35	Tr.
101	Soft yellow clayey sand - natural	Un-ex	Tr.

6.0 Appendix 2 ~ Archive Index.

6.1 Drawing Register.

Dwg No	Description	Scale	Date	Initials
1	Tr 1 Plan (Sketch)	1.50	18/03/11	TPR

6.2 Photographic Register.

Frame	Description	Scale	Date	Initials
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1	Tr, east facing section.	1m	18/03/11	TPR
2	Tr, east facing section.	1m	18/03/11	TPR
3	Tr, east facing section.	1m	18/03/11	TPR
4	Tr looking south.	N/A	18/03/11	TPR
5	Working shot looking north.	N/A	18/03/11	TPR
6	Working shot looking north.	N/A	18/03/11	TPR
7	Tr looking south-east.	N/A	18/03/11	TPR
8	Tr looking south.	N/A	18/03/11	TPR
9	Tr looking south-east.	N/A	18/03/11	TPR
10	Tr looking south-east.	N/A	18/03/11	TPR
11	Working shot looking north.	N/A	18/03/11	TPR
12	Tr looking south-east.	N/A	18/03/11	TPR
13	Tr looking north.	N/A	18/03/11	TPR
14	Tr looking north-east.	N/A	18/03/11	TPR
15	Tr, east facing section.	N/A	18/03/11	TPR
16	Tr, east facing section.	1m	18/03/11	TPR

7.0 Appendix 4 ~ The Plates.



Plate 1. General view of excavation area.