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ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVALUATION

Proposed 9 Hole Golf Course

Kirby Misperton

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1. Introduction

The site of a proposed nine hole golf course is situated within a reversed 'L' shape block of land which stands to the west of the village of Kirby Misperton (NGR SE 7765 7915). The site borders the Kirby Misperton to Little Barugh road in the north and Habton road in the south (Fig. 1).

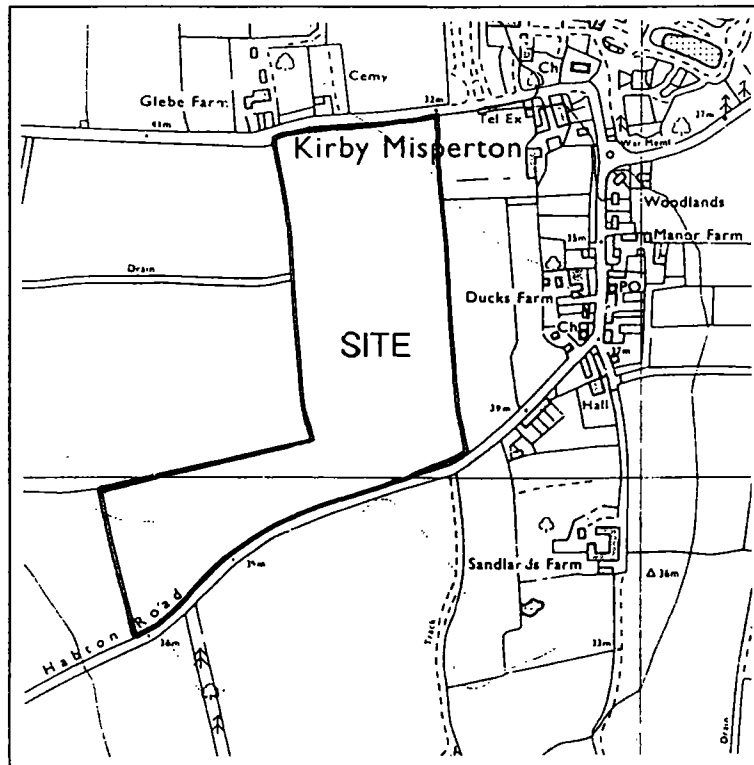


Fig. 1. Scale 1:10000

Current land use is predominantly arable, but a portion of the site approximately 120m x 200m bordering the Barugh road forms a caravan park and area for a pitch and putt course.

The underlying geology of the site is boulder clay till derived from Palaeozoic and Mesozoic sandstone and shale (Soil survey of England & Wales 1983).

2. Archaeology and history of the site

As mentioned previously (p. 3) the site stands to the west of the village, excavations undertaken by R Hayes at Calf Garth (Hayes 1977) and M Stephens on land adjoining Orchard House (Stephens 1989) provided evidence on the nature of medieval settlement within this part of the village. Both pieces of work were confined to land to the west of Habton Road and although earthworks to the north of Orchard House did continue into the field immediately to the west they were not seen to extend into the next plot of land which immediately borders the golf course site.

Aerial reconnaissance of the site is limited. Photographs of the village do not extend far enough west to cover the site (AP ref: NMR 1741:295) and the photographs of the plot of land to the west of Sandlands Farm, and south-east of the site concentrate on the superb example of extent medieval ridge and furrow. Although a small portion of the southern area of the site does appear on these photographs no crop mark features are visible (AP ref: NMR 1741:299 - Fig. 2).

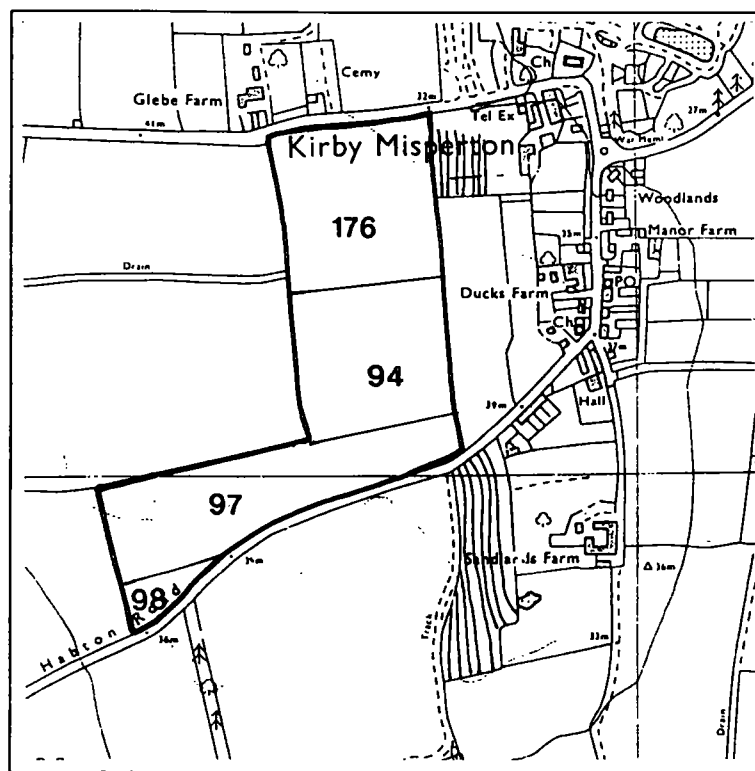


Fig. 2. Scale 1:10000

There are no tithe maps for the parish of Kirby Misperton and the only non OS map would appear to be concerned with the church glebe but even this has no fixed date. The 1889 1:2500 county series (sheets 107.2, 107.5, & 107.6) shows that the site covers OS parcels 176, 94, 97, and 98. Parcel 176

is in part currently used for the pitch and putt course and caravan park. In 1889 parcels 94 (to the south of 176, and 98 (to the south of 97 and north of Habton Road) were given over to agriculture and parcel 97 was used for allotments. This land division is further confirmed by the 1958 1:10560 map of the area (SE 77NE). By 1974 the parcels of land have being amalgamated into one parcel (OS parcel 5200) and all of the land has been given over to agriculture, the land then later being subdivided by the construction of the pitch and putt course and the caravan park.

3. Archaeological potential

The negative nature of the archaeological and historical evidence suggested an evaluation of the site through rapid field walking. The results confirmed the historical information. In the area which had been previously allotments there was a lot of brick, odd sherds of late 19th – early 20th century pottery and numerous cobbles. The distribution and nature of the cobbles suggested redeposition through ploughing as opposed to forming a disturbed or a number of disturbed features, i.e. floors, surfaces, paths. In the areas where agriculture had been practised only occasional deposits of cobbles were seen in a random distribution pattern.

The edges of the site were checked for extent earthworks and in particularly the eastern edge of the site to clarify if any of the features recorded in the 1989 excavations continued into the site. No earthworks were noted.

4. Development impact and recommendations

Based on the available sources and the on site assessment there is no evidence for surface archaeology, sub-surface remains may exist but there is no definite evidence to confirm this assumption. The development plan of the village of Kirby Misperton in the medieval period would tend to suggest that the site for the proposed golf course once formed part of the open fields and there is no evidence for structures on the site.

In view of the above any ground movement or excavation on the site during the course of the construction of the golf course is unlikely to cause damage necessitating further archaeological supervision and evaluation. Therefore it is recommended that no further archaeological assessment is required.

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