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Introduction

The Archaeological Watching Brief on the installation of the drains and septic tanks, and the construction of two garages during the redevelopment of existing agricultural buildings to residential units at Grange Farm, Great Broughton (NZ 5514 0550 . Figs. 1 & 2 Pls 1 & 2) was undertaken by MAP Archaeological Consultancy Ltd in February and March 2001

The Watching Brief was in accordance with a condition attached to planning by Hambleton District Council (Planning Ref 2/99/057/0318) Grange Farm is believed to be a grange of Rievaulx Abbey, therefore there was the potential for in situ medieval features/deposits to be disturbed by the proposed redevelopment

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Results

Observation of the drainage trenches showed that below a 0.10m thick deposit of topsoil mixed with building rubble, was a 0.25m deep deposit of light brown sandy clay. This material sealed a grey brown clay. All excavation ceased at 0.45m below ground. No features were observed in any of the drain runs and no finds were recovered.

Excavation of the main drain (S1 - Pl 3) was to a greater depth and illustrated the nature of deposits up to 1.75m below present ground level. Below the modern topsoil and rubble, measuring 0.30m - 0.04m in depth, was a light brown sandy clay (up to 0.35m deep) which sealed a grey brown clay with occasional sandstone fragments. There was no sign that these

deposits had been previously disturbed, in addition no finds were recovered from the excavation. Sections cut during the excavation of the septic tank pits were identical to the S1 drainage run.

The footings for the two garages were observed and the excavation to a depth of approximately 0.45m revealed identical stratigraphy to that shown in the foul and surface water trenches (Fig 2).

Conclusions

No archaeological features were observed during the groundworks for the redevelopment of Grange Farm. The complete absence of features and finds suggests that any medieval activity is located elsewhere on the site, if it survives.

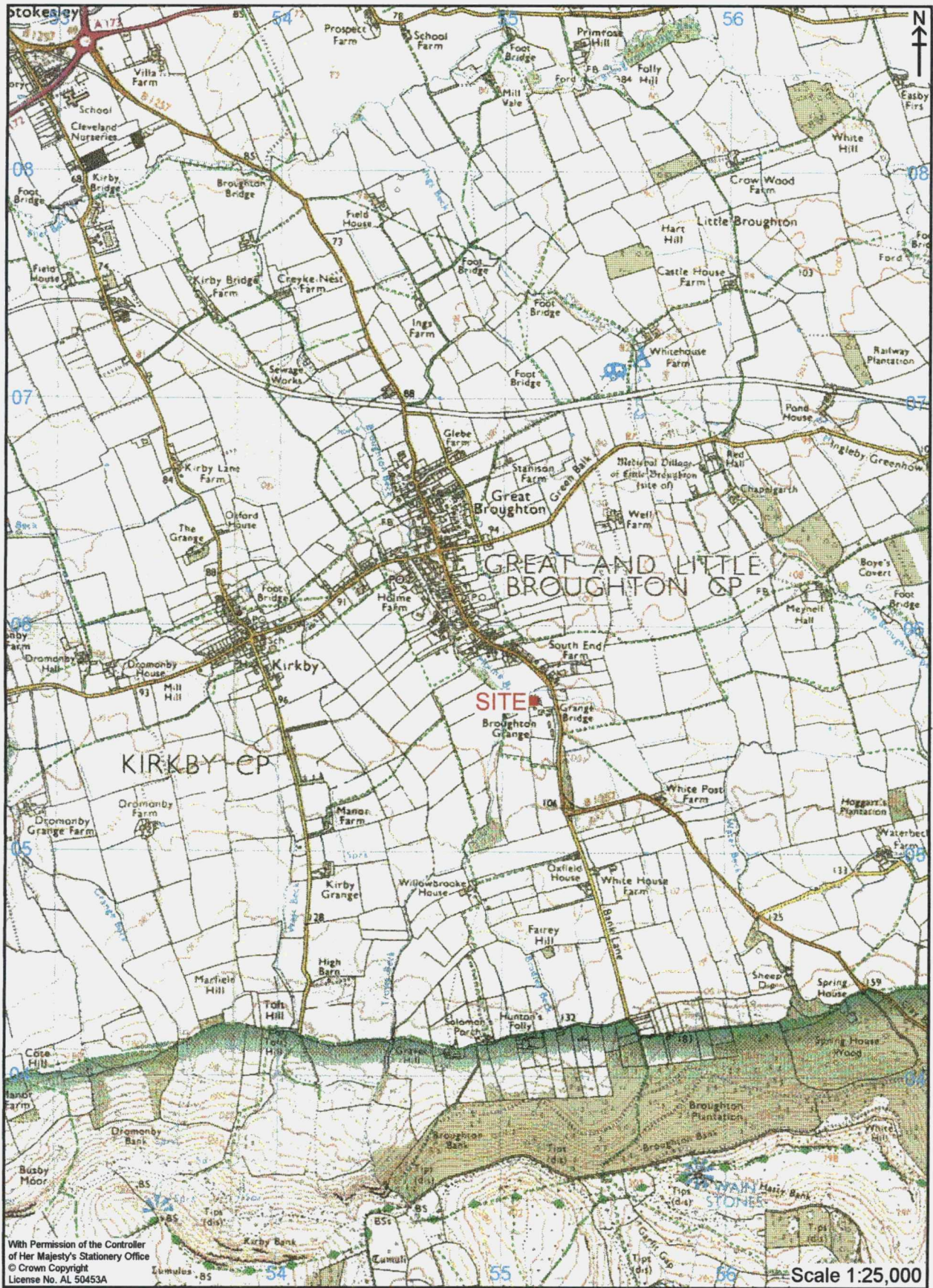


Figure 1. Site Location.

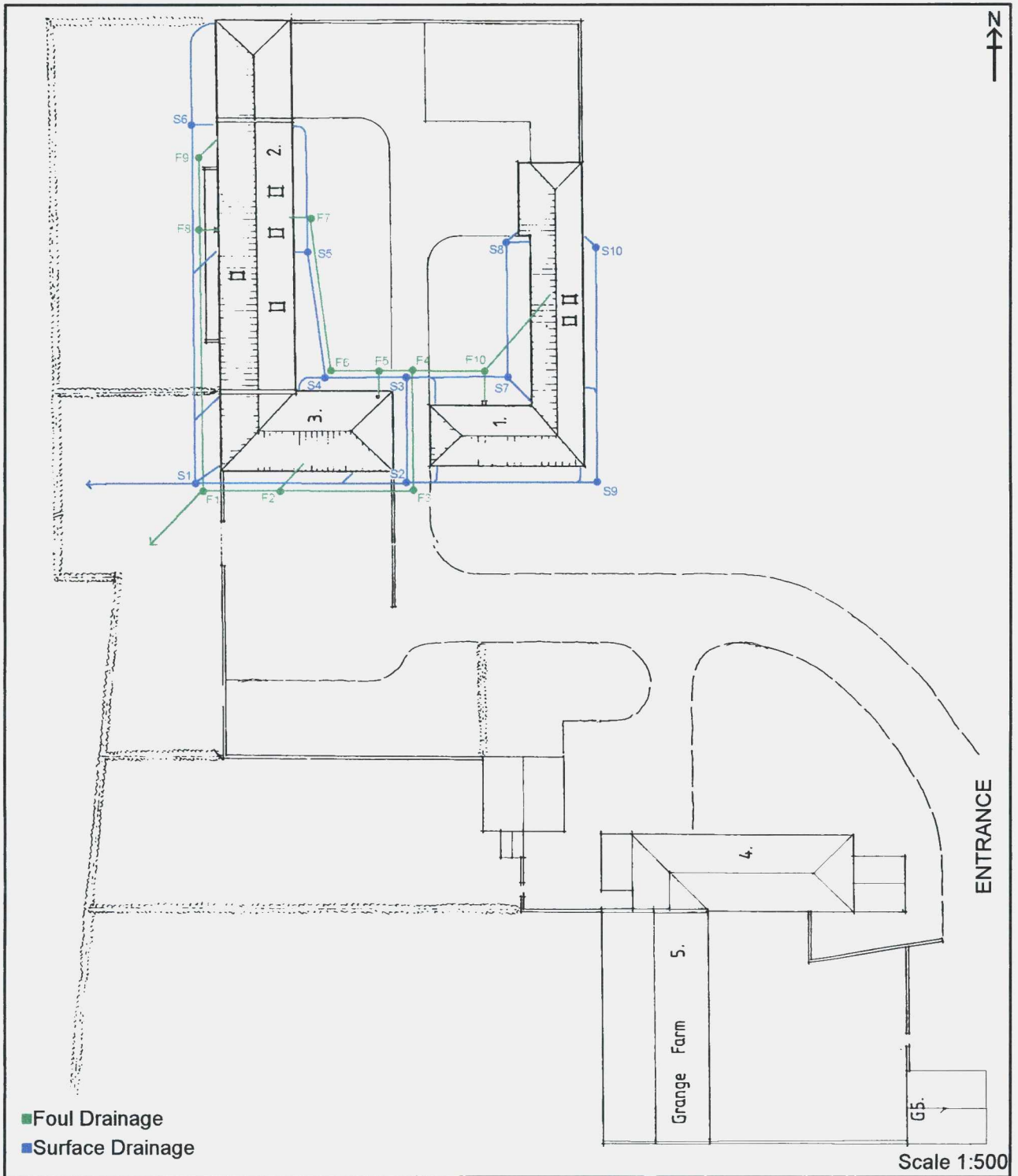


Figure 2. Development Plan.



Plate 1. View of area to west of buildings 2 and 3. Facing north.



Plate 2. View of area to west of Buildings 2 and 3. Facing north.



Plate 3. View of Drainage Run S1. Facing west.