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ORAN LANE

CATTERICK VILLAGE

ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF

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WATCHING BRIEF AT ORAN LANE, CATTERICK VILLAGE

BACKGROUND

The site due for development is on the south side of Oran Lane, towards the southern end of the village of Catterick to the east of the old Great North Road, at NGR SE 24229781 (see plan 1). The historic core of the medieval village is to the north, and extensive Roman occupation is known nearby to the west of the Great North Road under the Catterick Bypass as well as further north at Cataractonium.

An archaeological watching brief on the current development of a dwelling house was therefore requested by the County Archaeology Section, and this was carried out on Friday 29th January 1993.

THE WATCHING BRIEF

The site sloped slightly to the northeast towards the road. Topsoil was removed prior to the watching brief. The subsoil showed signs of disturbance throughout the site. The proposed dwelling covered a good deal of the L-shaped site, with a garage at the eastern end and the main block of the house starting about 5 m. back from the kerb. Foundations were machine dug to a depth of between 140 cm. and 60 cm.

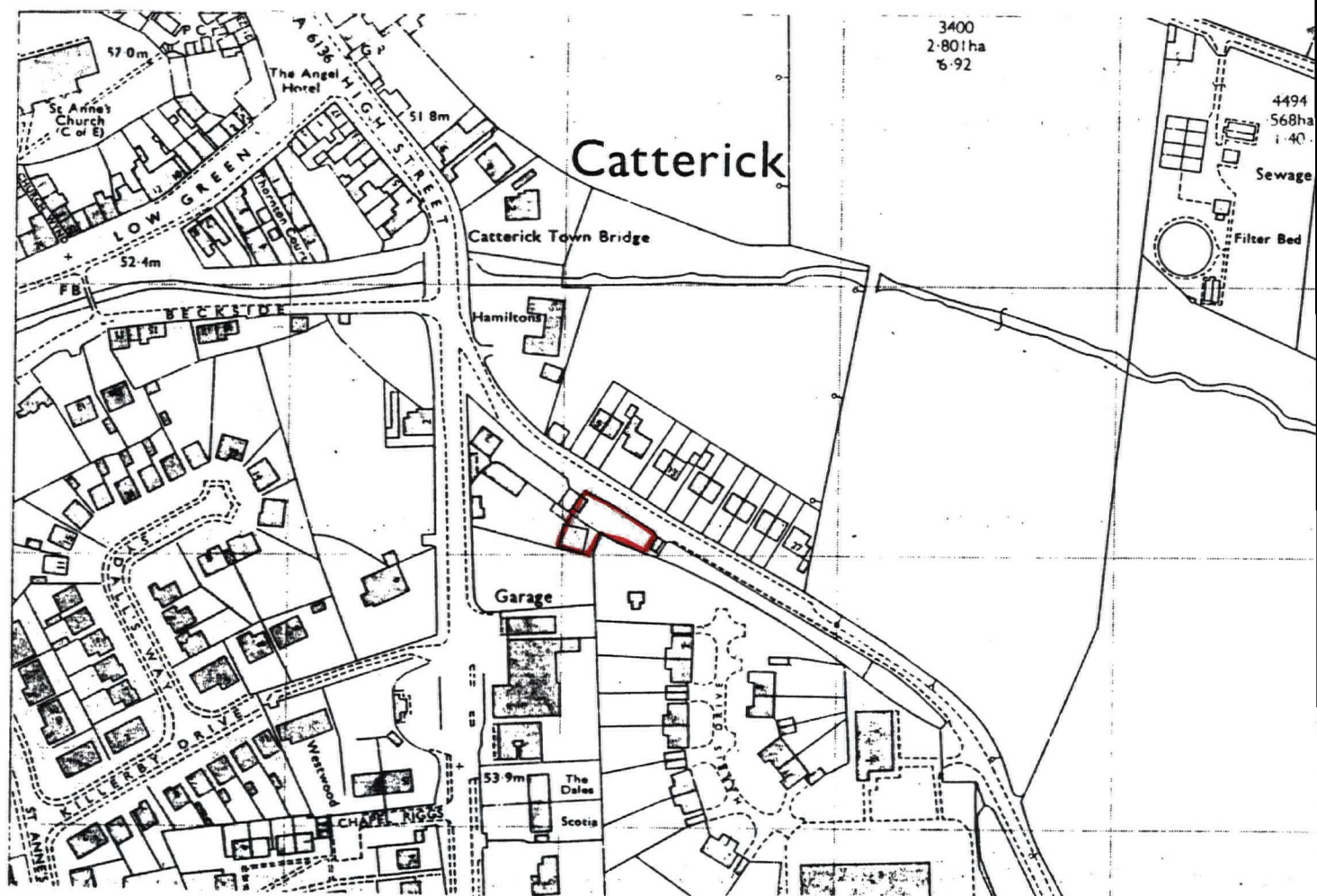
Throughout the depth reached by the machine there was modern disturbance, ranging from disturbed sandy silt containing modern pottery, to a brick-lined cellar with a slate floor at a depth of 125 cm. below the base of the topsoil (see plan 2). An old foul water drain ran across the site from south to north at a depth of 140 cm. This had been diverted prior to the development round the edges of the site. The building of which the cellar was exposed is marked on the OS 1:2500 map, covering the rear half of the site.

The whole site had obviously been heavily disturbed prior to the current development. Both the drain and the previous building had caused disturbance to a considerable depth, and the watching brief showed that a build up of modern material extended to a depth of between at least 60 cm and 80 cm. over the rest of the site. No evidence was observed to show occupation of the site earlier than the 20th century.

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PLAN 1

SITE LOCATION

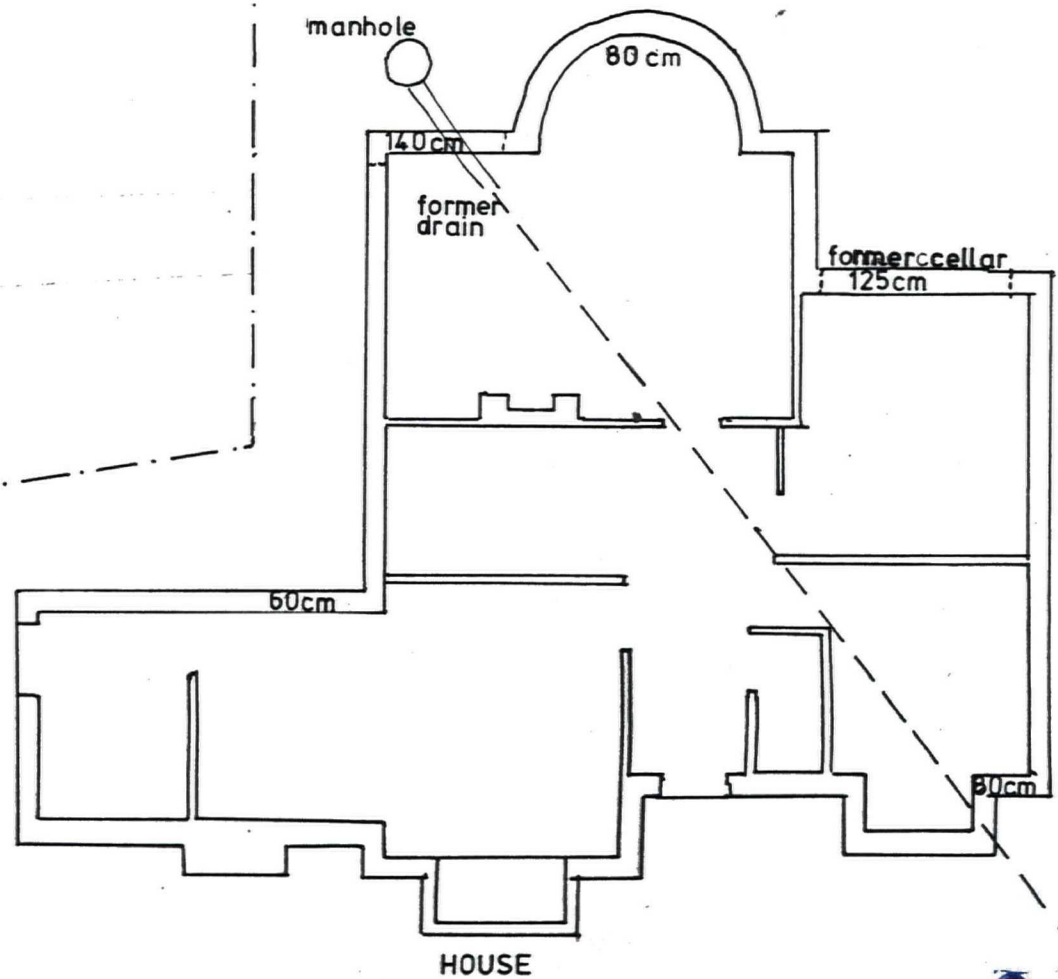
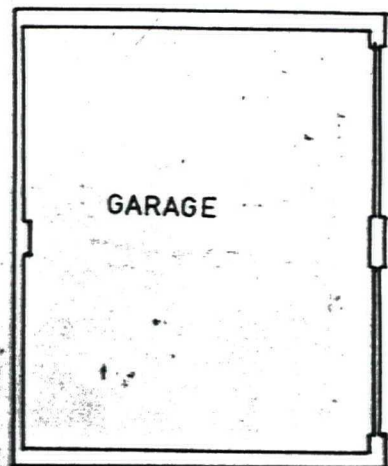
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PLAN 2

PROPOSED DWELLING

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