

**Marfield Quarry  
Masham  
North Yorkshire**

**Phase I  
Archaeological Watching Brief**

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**Introduction**

The site of Marfield Quarry is situated in the parish of Masham, North Yorkshire, to the north-west of the town of Masham and the A6108, Ripon to Leyburn road (SE 8277 2110 : Fig. 1).

Phase 1 of the quarry extension is located north of existing quarry workings, 0.9km south-east of Low Ellington village, and covers an area of approximately 4.4 ha.

The present quarry and the proposed extension are located on soils of the East Keswick Association. This association comprises of deep fine loamy brown earths (541x). The soils are naturally well drained and are well suited to grass land. (Mackney et al 1983).

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**Work Programme**

The aim of the brief was to enable the recording and recovery of archaeological remains which may be have been affected by the proposed development.

Overburden was removed by machine, using a 360° excavator fitted with a toothless ditching bucket under archaeological supervision.

**Results**

The topsoil strip located no archaeological features/deposits nor any artefacts.

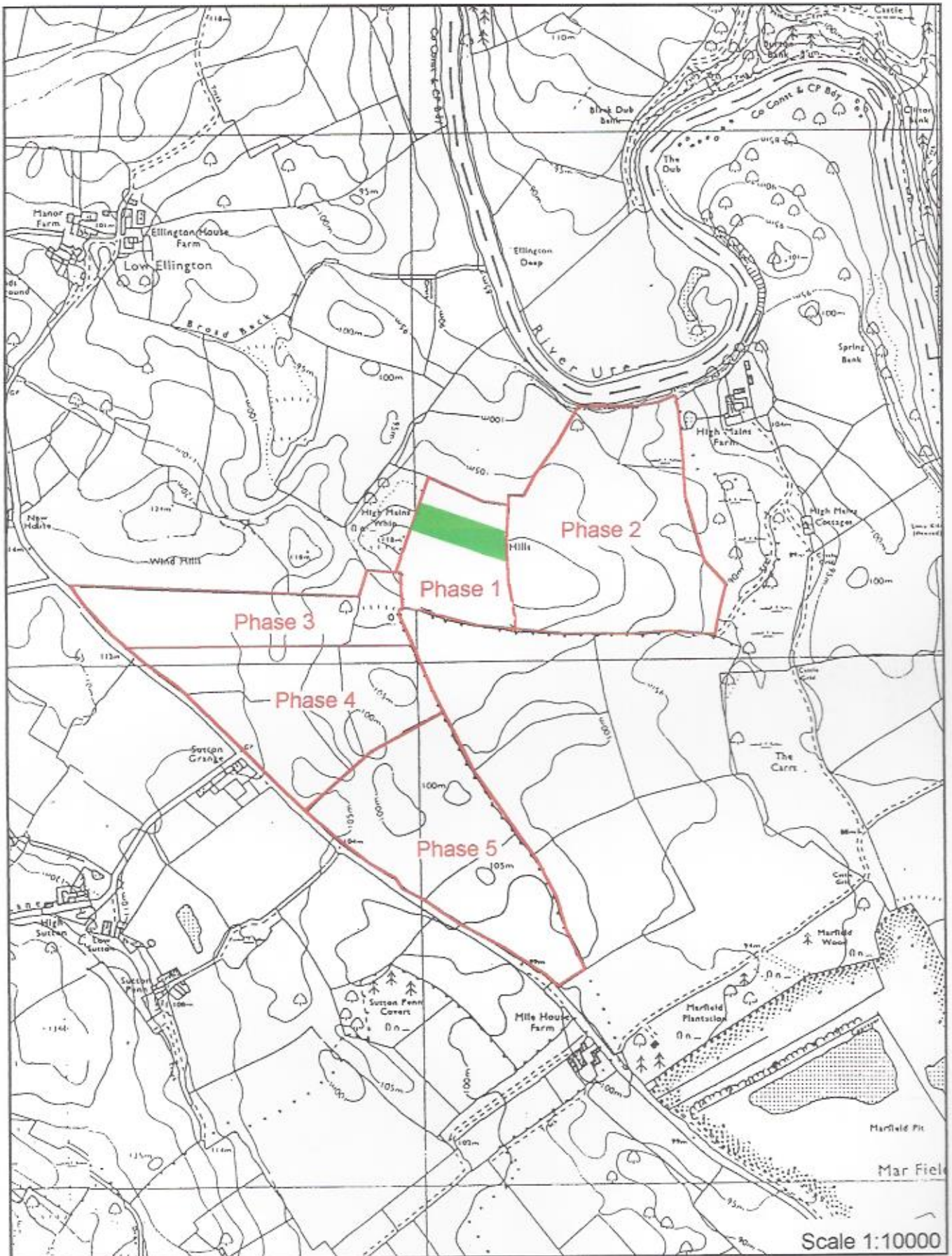


Figure 1. Location of Phase 1 Second Stage Top Soil Strip.