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**York Hotel  
Back Lane  
Easingwold  
North Yorkshire**

**SE 5298 6985**

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**Introduction**

This summary report has been prepared by MAP Archaeological Consultancy Ltd, on behalf of Harvest Homes (Yorkshire) Limited to fulfill a condition (2/99/041/0621B) attached to a planning consent for land at the rear of the York Hotel, Back Lane, Easingwold (SE 5298 6985 : Fig. 1).

The Watching Brief was undertaken during the week ending May 27th, 2000.

**2. Results**

Groundworks consisted of the removal of the existing yard surface and subsoil to a maximum depth of 0.30m.

Removal of the yard surface revealed a mid brown grey silty sand deposit containing considerable quantities of building rubble (brick and tile) and Nineteenth century pottery, including Blue and White transfer, Earthen wares and clay pipe bowls. The deposit was seen to be heavily disturbed by a number of modern drainage pipes.

Two drainage trenches associated with the new access road were excavated. Both trenches measured 10m in length, 0.5m wide and excavated to a maximum depth of 0.75m. The cut illustrated that the rubble deposit described above was 0.25m deep and sealed a natural white silty sand layer, 0.30m deep.

A small area of floor surfacing was observed 13m from the rear wall of the hotel along the southern yard boundary. The surface, 2m x 1.60m, was made up of limestone fragments measuring 0.30m x 0.40, the eastern side edged with red bricks 0.10m x 0.20m x 0.05m in size. Excavation showed that the flag surface was found to seal sherds of Eighteenth-Nineteenth century pottery. It is therefore likely that the

deposit represents the remains of the floor of a Nineteenth century workshop or outbuilding which has been subsequently demolished.

No evidence for medieval or earlier occupation on the site was observed.

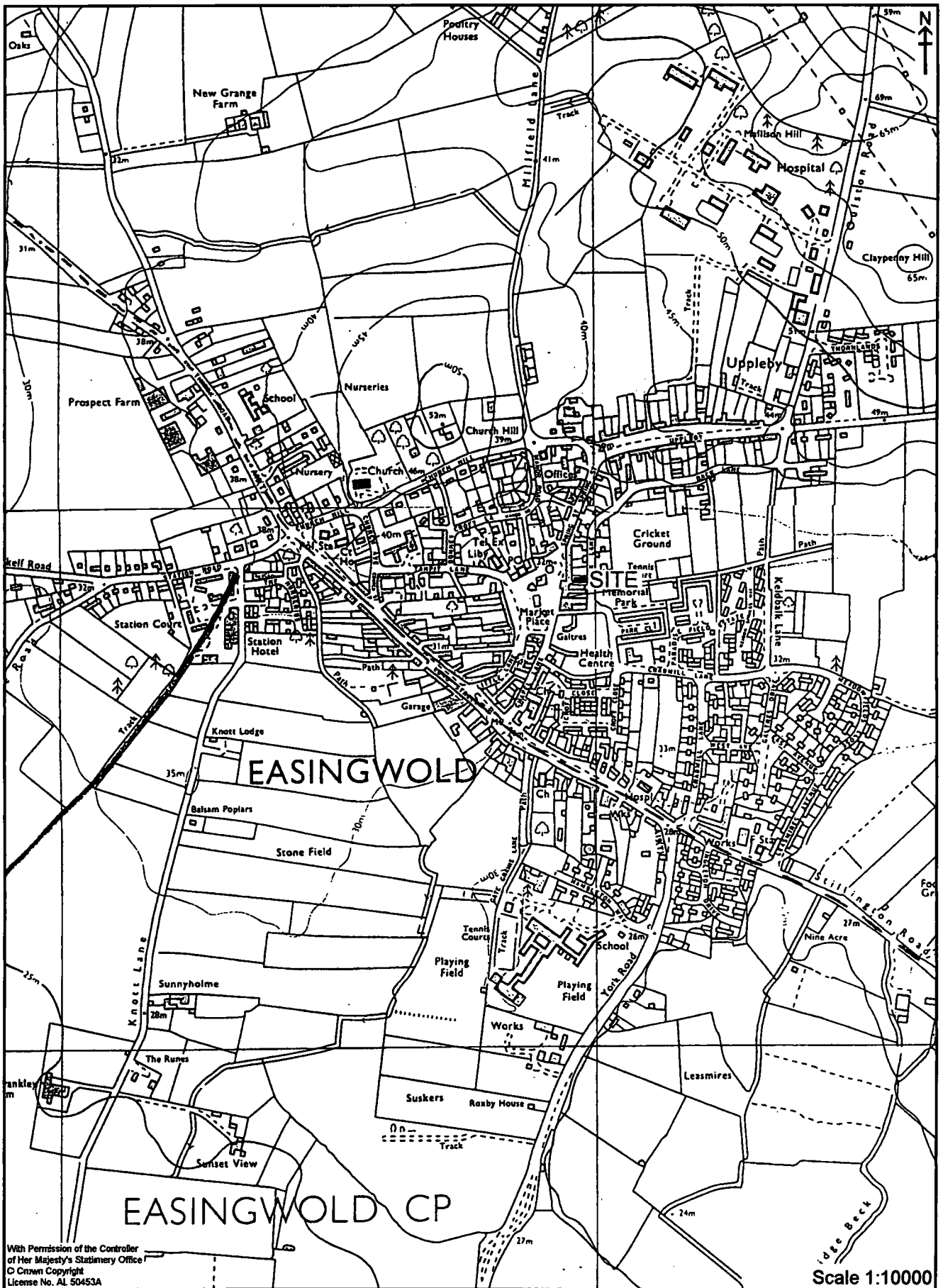


Figure 1. Site Location.