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Dear Gail,					

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WATCHING BRIEF AT THE VILLAGE HALL, MANFIELD (NZ 2080 1341) 4 21 824 513433

This is to confirm that, on instructions from Randall Orchard Construction Ltd, I have on the 20th and 21st of December 2000 carried out a watching brief at the above site, on land immediately south of the village hall at Manfield, as required by a condition attached to the planning consent for erection of a new bungalow. The results were archaeologically negative. I enclose a drawing to show the location of the development site (shown highlighted). The site is on the edge of the historic core of the village, and appears to have been undeveloped at the time of the First Edition OS map (1857).

Excavation work was carried out by a JCB machine and applied to two areas. An area towards the rear (western) limit of the site, intended for a garage, was first stripped and the foundations excavated: nothing was found here, the natural boulder clay proving entirely clean and undisturbed. Additional excavations for the foundations of the bungalow, at the front of the site, proved similarly negative: here it appeared that the level of the ground had been previously lowered by 20 cms or so below the levels of the adjacent plots. The south-eastern part of the site had been entirely destroyed by a very large and deep brick-built cess-pit. No sherd of pottery or other artefact of a date earlier than the past century or so was found.

With best wishes,

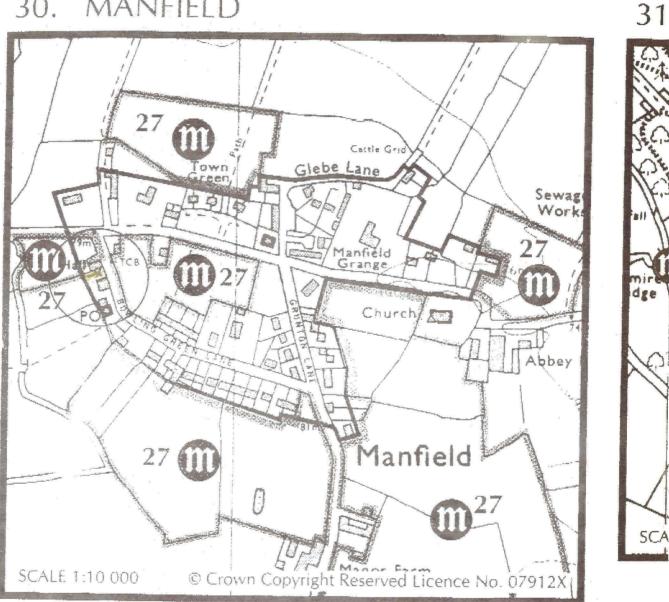
Yours sincerely,

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