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Report Summary

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SITE NAME: 48 Honeypot Lane,
Catterick.

COUNTY: North Yorkshire.

NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE: SE 2220 9950

ON BEHALF OF: Mr. and Mrs. Thompson.
48 Honeypot Lane
Catterick
North Yorkshire.

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5th February 2002.
Post excavation & report preparation
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1.0 Introduction.

An archaeological watching brief was carried out by On-Site Archaeology on the site of a bungalow and garden on Honeypot Lane in Catterick. An extension was to be built on the bungalow by its owners, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson.

The watching brief comprised the observation of the digging of foundation trenches for the extension. The work was carried out on 5th February 2002.

2.0 Site Location.

The site is situated at NGR SE 2220 9950, at the south end of Honeypot Lane. The site of the proposed development is on a cul-de-sac in a housing estate just outside the town of Catterick and very close to the A1. The site is bounded to the north, west and east by residential land and to the south by farm land. The extension is to be situated on the west side of the existing bungalow.

3.0 Archaeological Background.

Catterick was a Roman Garrison and therefore remains of this date and possibly later are likely to be encountered during any excavation. However, the owner of the land suspects that it has been the site of an archaeological investigation and building work in the past and so is likely to have been disturbed.

no record of this in SMR.

*It is within the SAM of Cataractonium Roman Town.
& work is a requirement of SMC.*



Figure 1. Site Location (NGR SE 2220 9950)
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4.0 Methodology.

The topsoil was stripped from the area by a back acting machine with a 1.2m wide ditching bucket. The foundations were then excavated by the same machine using a 0.6m wide toothed bucket, as the ground was very stony. The foundation trenches were 0.6m wide and 0.8m deep.

5.0 Results.

The topsoil [1000] across the site consisted of friable dark greyish brown sandy silt with occasional stones and CBM fragments. It had already been removed before the start of the watching brief so depth is unknown. The subsoil [1001] was loose mid yellowish brown sandy silt with moderate small stones and pebbles and was 0.3m deep. One or two modern bricks were found in the subsoil along with some plastic tubing. Below this was the natural, which varied across the site. Roughly half of the site had a mid brownish yellow gravel with frequent small – medium boulders [1002]. The other half of the site had a very firm orange sandy clay with occasional small stones as the natural deposit [1003]. No archaeological finds or features were encountered any of the layers.

6.0 Context Index.

Context	Description	Interpretation	Maximum depth
1000	Friable dark greyish brown sandy silt with occ. Stones and CBM frags.	Topsoil	Unknown
1001	Loose mid yellowish brown sandy silt with moderate small stones occ CBM frags.	Subsoil	0.3m
1002	Loose mid brownish yellow gravel with frequent small – medium boulders.	Natural	Unknown
1003	V. firm orange sandy clay with occ small stones	Natural	Unknown



Figure 2. Detailed location plan and site plan showing proposed extension. Not to scale.