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Dear Gail

RE: ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF, LAND ADJACENT TO MEADOW RISE, MIDDLETON-ON-LEVEN, NORTH YORKSHIRE

The watching brief at Meadowrise, Middleton-on-Leven, was carried out on 23/07/01 and was undertaken by Jenny Proctor of Pre-Construct Archaeology Limited.

The area investigated comprised a trench measuring 11m x 8m in the footprint of the proposed new building. Topsoil was removed across this area using a 180° mechanical excavator employing a toothless ditching bucket.

The topsoil comprised friable, dark brown grey, silty clay (40:60) with occasional inclusions of fine and medium pebbles and modern drainpipe fragments. The topsoil varied in depth from 0.20m to 0.30m. The underlying natural boulder clay comprised stiff, dark brown, clay with moderate inclusions of degraded sandstone and small and medium angular stones. Very occasional larger boulders were also noted.

A modern linear intrusion measuring 3.60m x 1.70m was located in the centre of the trench. This contained fragments of building debris, ceramic drainpipe, modern ceramic wall tiles and modern pottery. A plastic drainpipe also ran across the length of the trench in the central area.

No archaeological features were present within the area investigated and the topsoil did not contain any residual artefactual material of significance. It would, therefore, seem that further archaeological investigation at the site is unnecessary prior to its development.

Yours sincerely

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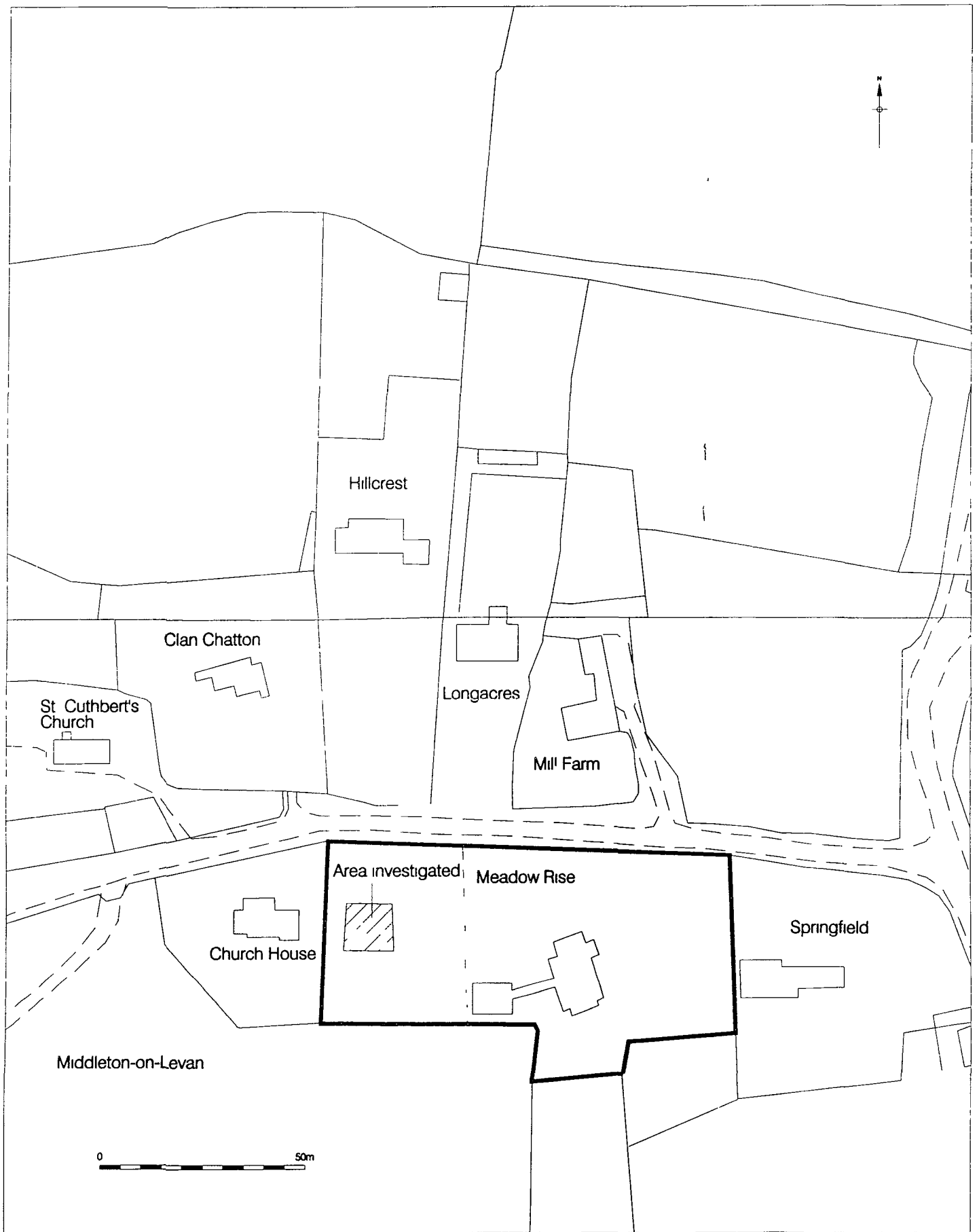


Figure 2
Area of Investigation
Meadow Rise, Middleton-on-Levan
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