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Non Technical Summary

An Archaeological Watching Brief by MAP Archaeological Consultancy Ltd was undertaken on the 31st March 2004 during groundworks on land adjacent to Glenford, East Lutton.

No archaeological features were observed during the Watching Brief

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report sets out the results of an Archaeological Watching Brief carried out by MAP Archaeological Consultancy Ltd. on a plot of land adjacent to Glenford, East Lutton, North Yorkshire (SE 9320 6930) on the 31st of March 2004.
- 1.2 The site code for the project was MAP 06.03.04
- 1.3 All work was funded by Deansbury Homes Ltd.
- 1.4 All maps within this report have been produced from the Ordnance Survey with the permission of the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office, Crown Copyright, Licence No. AL 50453A.

2. Site Description

- a. The proposed development site lies on the west side of the village of East Lutton, North Yorkshire (Fig. 1). The site covers an area of approximately 46m by 26m and at the time of the Watching Brief had been used as farmland.

- 2.2 The site stands on soils of the Andover 1 Association (343h) shallow well-drained calcareous silty soils over a solid geology of chalk (Mackney 1983, 283-4).

3. Historical and Archaeological Background

- 3.1 The Domesday Book records a single settlement at *Ludton (Luda's Farm* – Smith 1937, 122). Within a generation the contemporary documents refer to two settlements *duabus Luttunis*. In the 13th century the settlements were called Estlutton and Westlutton or sometimes *altera Lutton* (Morris 1982, 182).

- 3.2 East Lutton was previously located within the parish of Weaverthorpe and the Wapentake of Buckrose. In 1875 East and West Lutton joined together to form the parish of Luttons Ambo (Buhner 1892 : www.genuki.org.uk).

- 3.3 Aerial reconnaissance of the Wolds has illustrated the degree of previous settlement and land use (Stoertz 1997). The village of East Lutton is flanked to the east and west by a series of cropmark features consisting of enclosures and trackways representing early settlement activity. The development site stands in an area where a continuation of these features may survive.

4. Methodology

- 4.1 The excavation area had been stripped of topsoil prior to the arrival of the archaeologist (Pl. 1). The foundation trenches were excavated in shallow spits by a back-acting excavator using a toothless blade, under close archaeological supervision.

- 4.2 All work was carried out in line with the Institute of Field Archaeologists Code of Conduct (IFA 1998).

- 4.3 All deposits were recorded according to correct principles of stratigraphic excavation on MAP's *pro forma* context sheets, which are compatible with the MoLAS recording system.

5. Results

5.1 Foundations

5.1.1 The foundation trenches measured 0.60m in width and were excavated to a depth of 0.60m (Pis. 2 & 3). The stratigraphy exposed was consistent across the whole of the site. Soil profiles consisted of approximately 0.14m of dark brown silty clay topsoil (1000) sealing a deposit of mid brown silty clay (1001) measuring up to 0.58m in depth (Pl. 4). Undisturbed natural chalk deposits were also seen at 0.60m from the existing ground level. No archaeological features were observed during the Watching Brief

6. Conclusions

6.1 Natural deposits were reached in all of the foundation trenches, and *in situ* subsoil deposits were also observed. No archaeological features were recorded, and the lack of any pottery other than the 19th/20th century factory-made earthenwares, which were only observed in very small amounts, suggests that activity only commenced on this site during this period.

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