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North Yorkshire  
(SE 9469 6930)**

**Archaeological Watching Brief**

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***Non Technical Summary***

*An Archaeological Watching Brief was undertaken by MAP Archaeological Consultancy Ltd during August 2004 at The White House, East Lutton, North Yorkshire. The work involved monitoring groundworks associated with the construction of two residential properties on the site.*

*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 at The White House, East Lutton, North Yorkshire (SE 9469 6930) in August 2004, during the construction of two residential dwellings.
- 1.2 All work was funded by Mrs C. Thomson.
- 1.3 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**

- 2.1 The development site was situated on the north-east side of the village of East Lutton, North Yorkshire, to the north of main Road and the Gypsy Race (Fig. 1). The site was approximately 40m x 25m in size and at the time of the

Watching Brief was covered by modern rubble deposits associated with the demolition of a previous property.

- 2.2 The site stands on soils of the Andover 1 Association, which are characterised by 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 13<sup>th</sup> century the settlements were called Eastlutton 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 (Bulmer 1892 : [www.genuki.org.uk](http://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 foundation trenches in both areas were excavated in shallow spits by a back-acting mechanical excavator, operating 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 *Plot 1*

The foundation excavations in Plot 1 consisted of 0.66m wide strip trenches that were excavated to a depth of 0.84m. The stratigraphy exposed was consistent across the whole of the site. Soil profiles consisted of approximately 0.29m of dark brown silty clay topsoil (context 1001) that sealed a deposit of mid brown silty clay (context 1002) up to 0.69m in depth. Undisturbed natural gravel deposits (context 1003) were also seen at 0.84m from the existing ground level. No archaeological features were observed during the Watching Brief

### 5.2 *Plot 2*

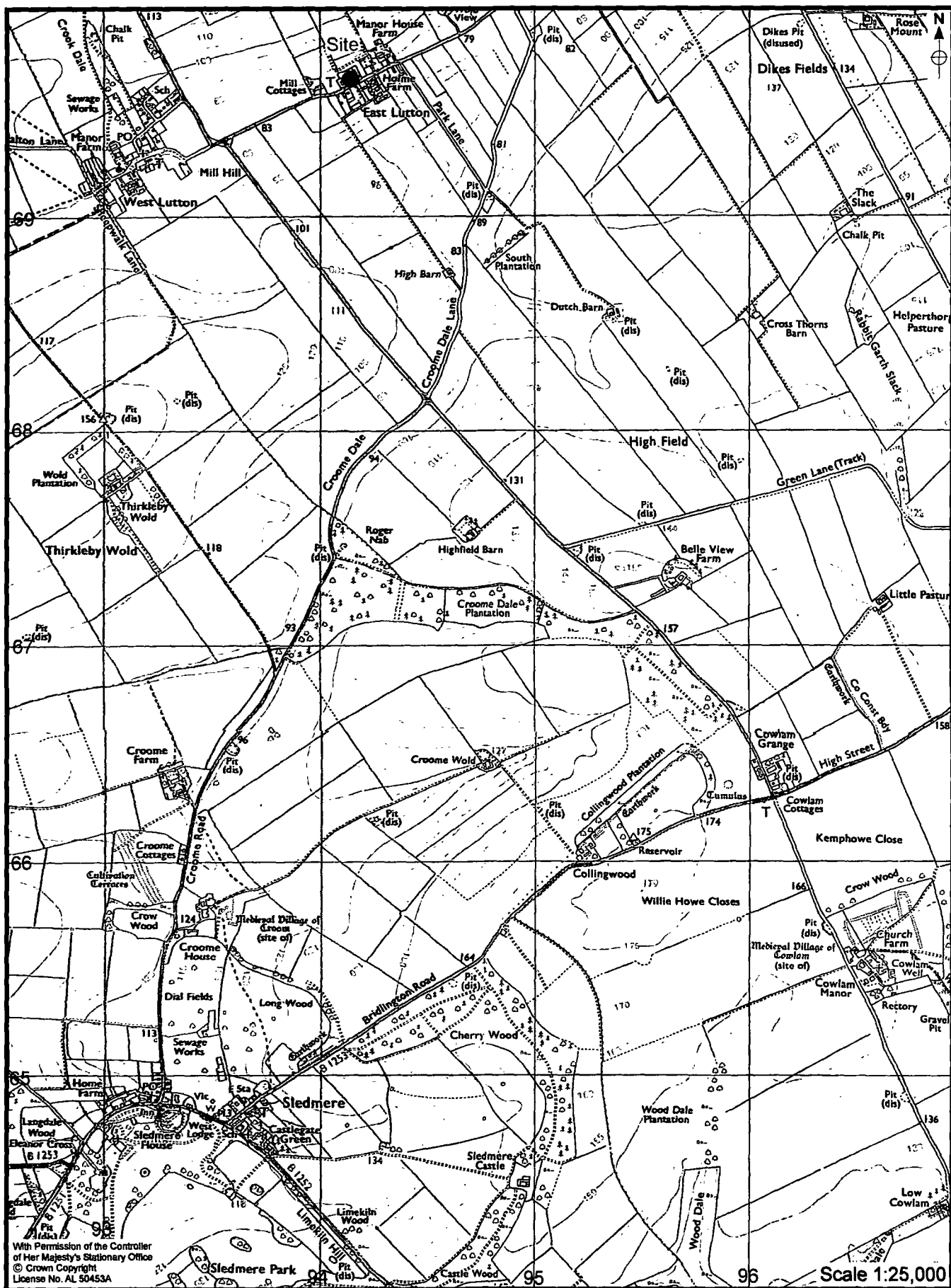
The foundation excavations in Plot 2 consisted of 0.60m wide strip trenches that were excavated to a depth of 0.60m. The stratigraphy exposed was consistent across the whole of the site. Soil profiles consisted of approximately 0.14m of dark brown silty clay topsoil (context 2000) sealing a deposit of mid brown silty clay (context 2001) measuring up to 0.58m in depth. 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 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> century factory-made Earthenwares, which were only observed in very small amounts, suggests a lack of earlier activity on this site.

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**Figure 1. Site Location**



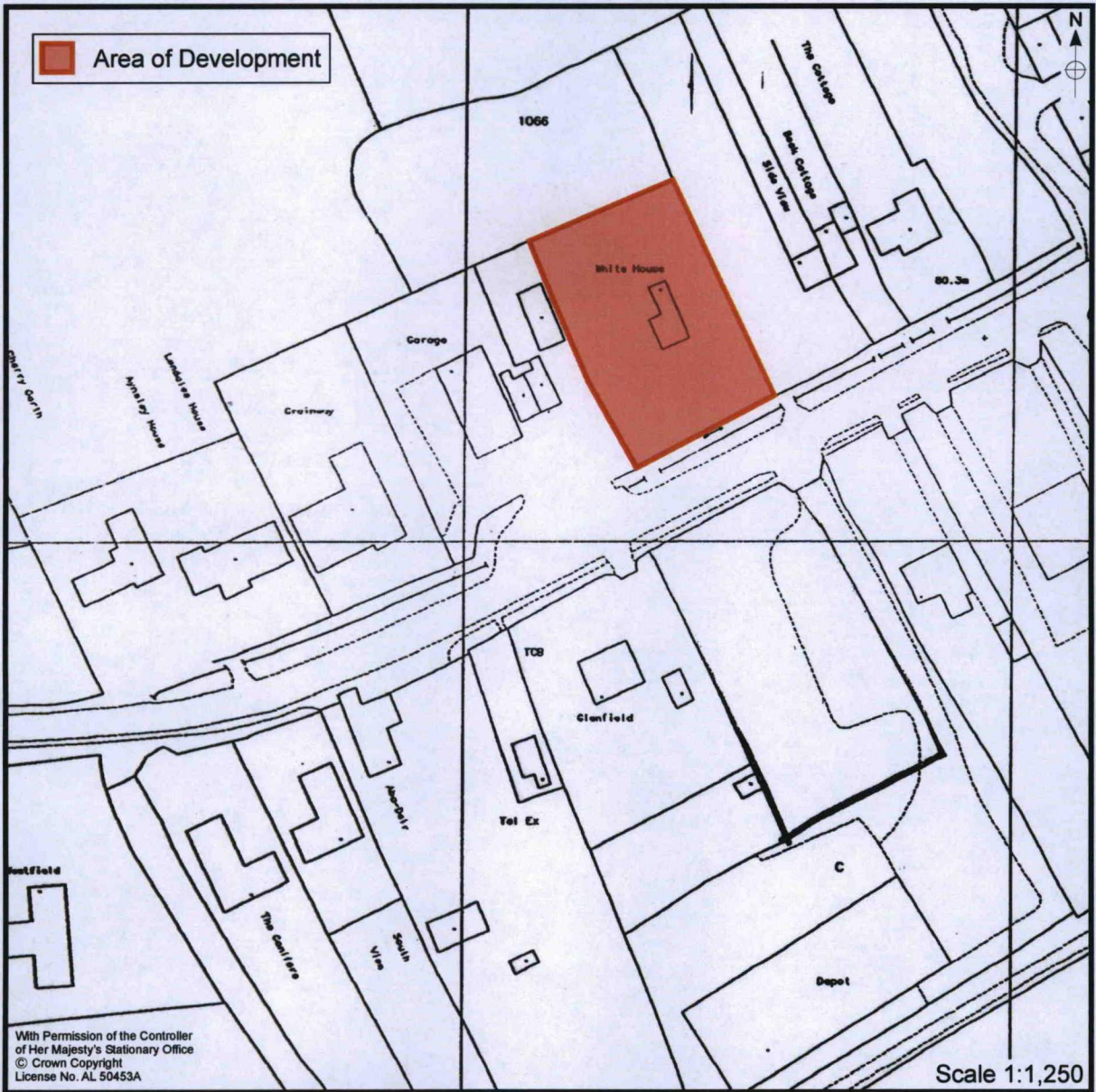


Figure 2. Area of Development

## APPENDIX 1

### Context Listing

<i>Context</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Munsell</i>	<i>Description</i>
1000	Deposit	10yr 2./1	Deposit; Demolition layer
1001	Deposit	10yr 4/2	Deposit; 10YR 4/2; Topsoil
1002	Deposit	10yr 5/3	Deposit; 10YR 5/3; Subsoil
1003	Deposit	10yr 6/3	Deposit; 10YR 6/3; Natural Gravel
2000	Deposit	10yr 2./1	Deposit; Demolition layer
2001	Deposit	10yr 4/2	Deposit; 10YR 4/2; Topsoil
2002	Deposit	10yr 5/3	Deposit; 10YR 5/3; Subsoil

## APPENDIX 2

### Finds catalogue

<i>Context No:</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Weight (kg)</i>	<i>Spot date</i>
1000	Pottery	2	2 body sherds	0.011	19th-20th century
	CBM		6 tile fragments	0.213	
1001	Pottery	10	7 body sherds 1 rim sherd 2 base sherds	0.012	19th-20th century
1002	Pottery	1	1 body sherd 1 base sherd	0.003	19th-20th century
	Bottles		1 glass bottle	0.665	19th-20th century
			1 metal bottle?		

## APPENDIX 3

### The White House, East Lutton: Project Team Details

#### Fieldwork

Plots 1 and 2 Charles Rickaby

#### Post-excavation

##### REPORT

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