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1st June 2005

Dear Nick,

***WATCHING BRIEF at BEECH COTTAGE, BEDALE***

This is to confirm that on 14th April, and on instructions from Mr Steve French, I carried out a watching brief during topsoil stripping and other works at Beech Cottage, Bedale. This was required in response to a condition attached to the planning consent, number 2/04/011/0269H.

The site lies to the west of what I would take to be the historic core of Bedale, in an area between the bowling green and the Health Centre. It has been in use as garden and orchard for Beech Cottage itself, which appears to belong to the earlier 19th century.

Stripping revealed nothing but an exceptionally deep, dark garden soil (up to 60 cms thick) which bespoke a prolonged history of careful cultivation. This directly overlay the natural yellow-brown clay. Because of the depth of topsoil the strip did not entirely remove it, and the natural surface was revealed only intermittently: where it could be seen, it was devoid of any feature or deposit of possible archaeological interest.

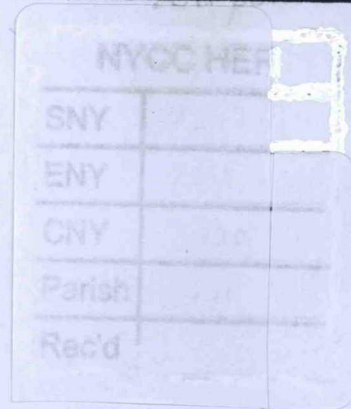
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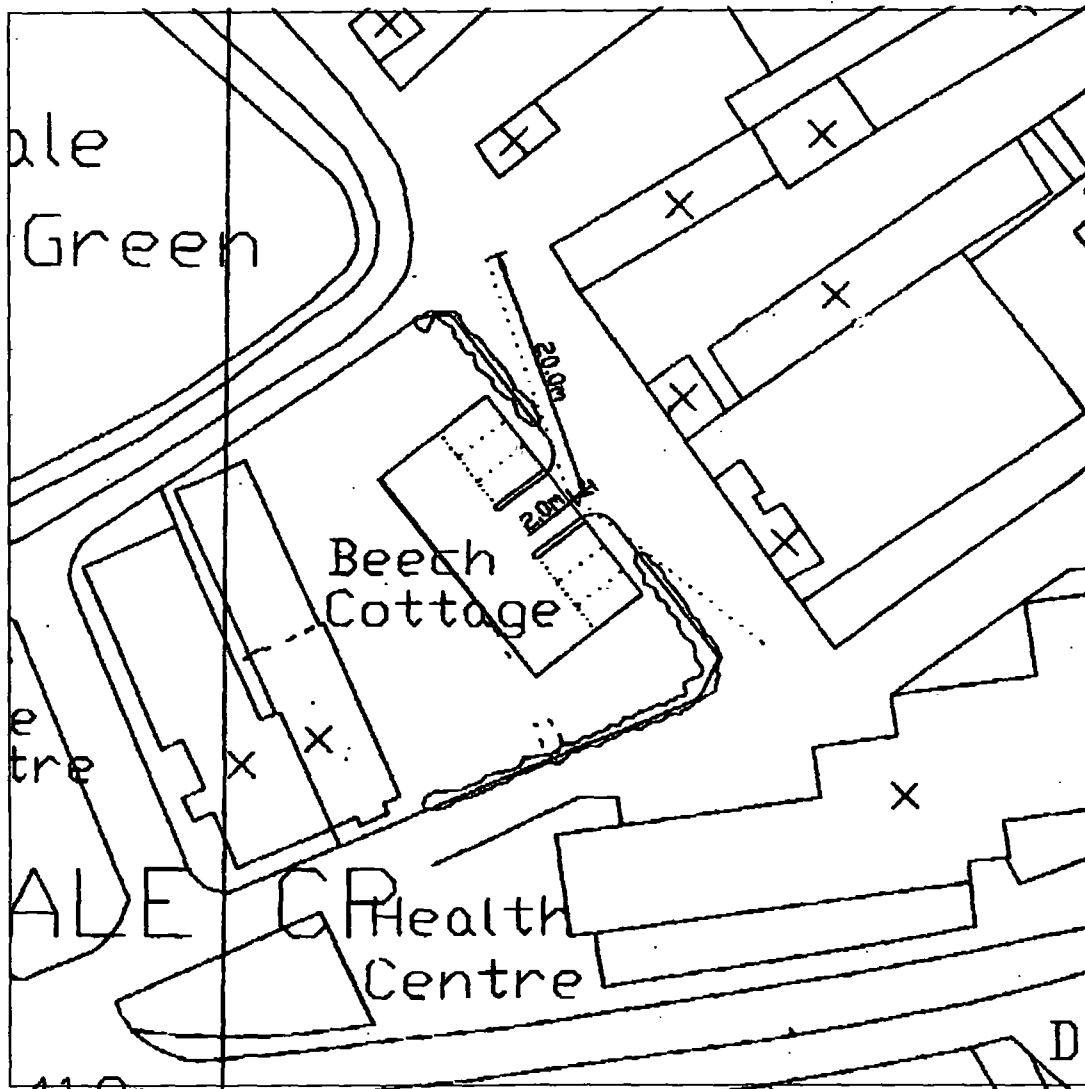
Yours sincerely,

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**Beech Cottage, Bedale**

**Location of stripped area (blue outline)**



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