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1st June 2005

Dear Nick.

WATCHING BRIEF at CHAPEL HOUSE FARM, DALTON on TEES

This is to confirm that, on the 23rd May and on instructions from Mr and Mrs Ramsden, I carried out the required watching brief during contractors' groundworks in connection with the erection of two small extensions to the above premises. This was required as a condition attached to planning consent number (Richmondshire District Council) 1/97/100/FUL.

Chapel House farmhouse was constructed in 1950: it is immediately surrounded by large well-kept gardens, beyond which is a considerable complex of earthworks, with a well-defined moat to the west.

Two areas were excavated by a J.C.B. mini-excavator, in the locations shown on the attached plan Fig. 1. The southern area, intended for a conservatory, revealed only a thick, black garden soil up to 50 cms in depth, directly overlying thick, yellow natural clay (Fig. 2). The western extension (for a 'utility room) involved the breaking-up of an existing concrete slab: here, 40 cms of concrete and hard-core directly overlay the natural clay (Fig. 3). In neither area was any object or deposit of possible archaeological significance discovered.

With best wishes,

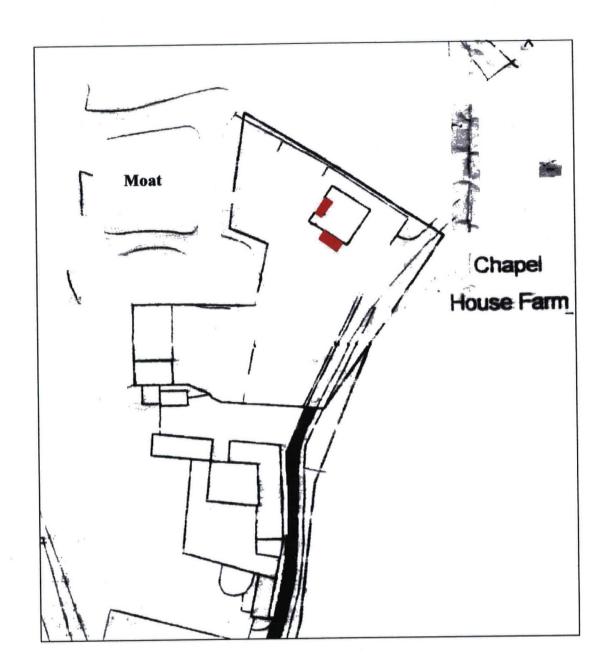
Yours sincerely,

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Chapel House Farm

Fig. 1

Location of Extensions





Chapel House Farm

Fig. 2

The southern extension excavated





Chapel House Farm

Fig. 3

The western extension excavated