

THE BRIGANTIA ARCHAEOLOGICAL PRACTICE

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Dear Gail,

**WATCHING BRIEF:
LAND ADJOINING 7, RIVERSIDE ROAD, RICHMOND**

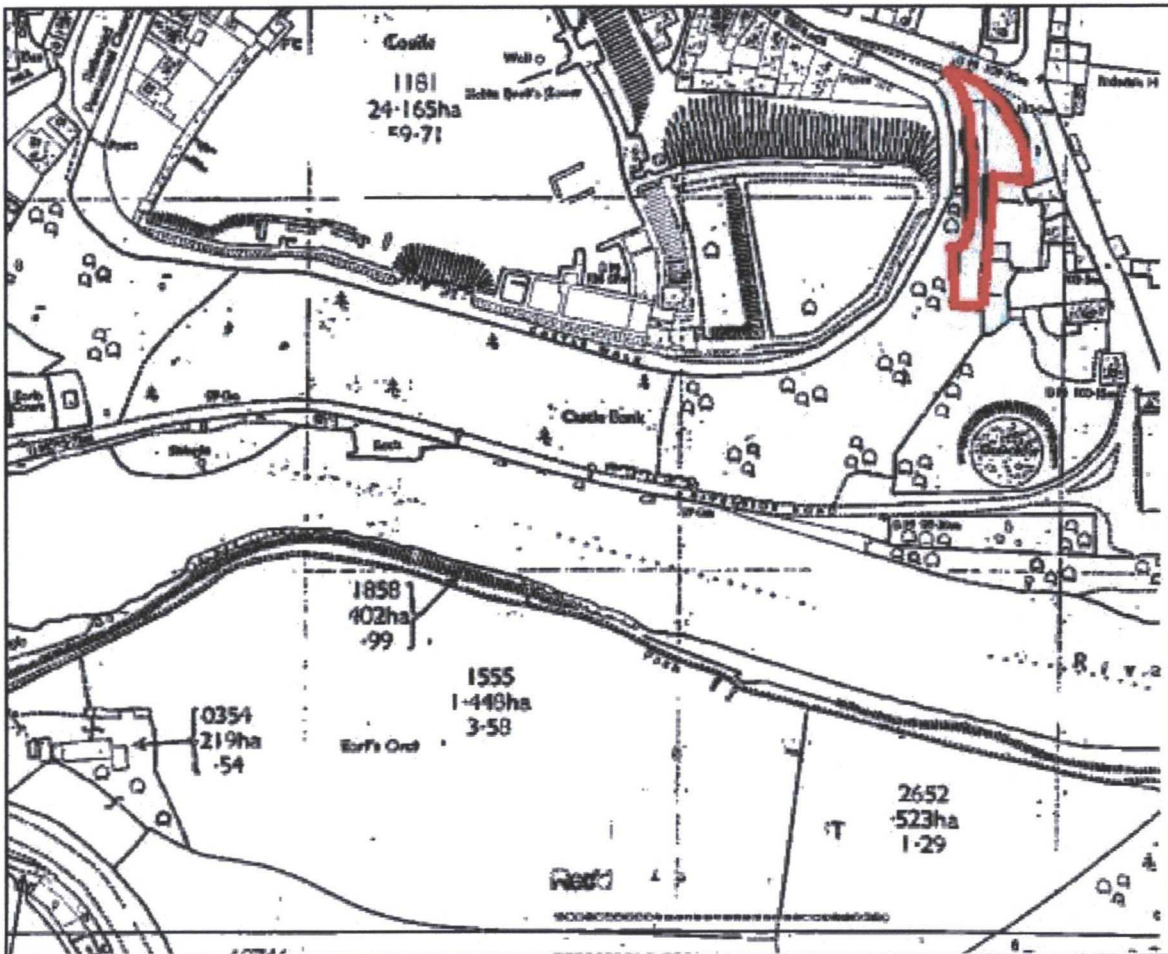
This is to confirm that, on 20th February, I carried out the required watching brief during contractors' ground works to excavate and prepare the above site for redevelopment, in compliance with a planning condition attached to consent no. 1/92W/1324A/PA/F.

The site occupies a steeply-sloping piece of land immediately below the Castle wall: before work began, this was covered by a dense growth of brambles and other weeds. In order to provide a level platform for the new bungalow, removal was necessary of a considerable bulk of material (by a 360-degree back-acting machine fitted with an edentate bucket). The upper part of this material consisted of a thick, loose topsoil, from 1 metre to 1.4 metres thick, containing only modern rubbish: the deposit was thinner to the west (towards the foot of the Castle wall). At the base of this deposit was a distinct horizon formed by a large dump of early twentieth-century pottery and glass: this in turn directly overlay the natural boulder clay. Excavation continued for a further metre or so into the natural clay. No structure, deposit or object of archaeological interest was encountered. It appeared that this site has never been developed in the past, and that the original and natural slope was even steeper than at present, the profile having been modified in modern times by the dumping of rubbish and organic matter.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Percival Turnbull
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Location



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TOPSOIL

MODERN RUBBISH



NATURAL CLAY

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Stratigraphy



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