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# ArcheType

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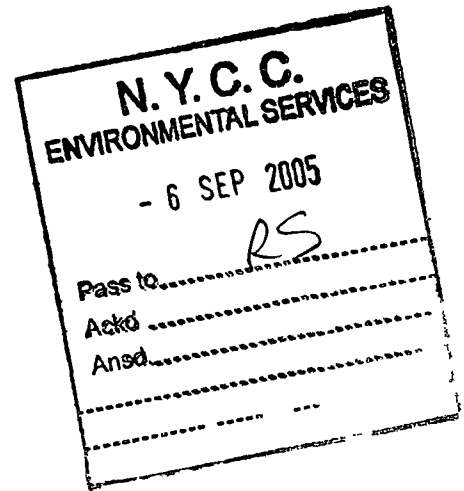
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My ref HF/08/05

5<sup>th</sup> September 2005

Dear Sylvina,

re **Watching Bnef at Harelands Farm, Melsonby**  
**Planning Applicabon no 1/32/158D/FULL**



1) Ground works associated with the access and car parking for the above development took place on Saturday August 27th 2005 and were completed within one day. The work was undertaken by mechanical excavator under the supervision of myself, Vivienne Metcalf.

2) An archaeological watching bnef was required because the development site lies within an area of considerable archaeological significance north of the line of a Roman road which roughly follows the course of the present A66 road. Extensive remains of prehistoric and Romano-British field systems and settlements have been discovered in the fields around the Gatherley Moor and Melsonby area by aerial photography and archaeological fieldwork. There was the potential for the ground-disturbing works to encounter hitherto unknown archaeological remains of this period.

3) In addition, the application site lies immediately west of a section of Scots Dyke, which is designated as a scheduled ancient monument under the 1979 Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act (National Monument no 28254). This is a site of national archaeological importance and there was the potential for evidence of associated features and activity to be present within the application area.

4) The area of the driveway access and car park (see accompanying plan) was excavated by mechanical excavator to a depth of between 20cm and 60cm, increasing in depth towards the west. Removal of the plough soil revealed a thin subsoil composed of sands, clays and gravels originating from glacially-derived

deposits, directly overlying a yellowy stony clay subsoil derived from the underlying sandstone, which outcropped in places to lie immediately beneath the ploughsoil. No earth-cut features were identified.

5) A small number of finds were recovered during the excavations, mostly from the area immediately inside the gateway. These included a fragment of brick, a sherd of blue-and-white pottery of probably twentieth century date, a piece of green bottle glass, a length of aluminium strip, and various fragments of plastic including a crisp packet and fertiliser bag. Further towards the west two fragments of modern ceramic field drain were noted. All were discarded.

6) In summary, the area directly affected by the present development access and car park contained no features or artefacts of archaeological significance. An examination of the area to be affected by drainage works showed that the ground level had been reduced and disturbed during the construction and use of the now redundant farm buildings, to an extent that made the survival of archaeological features, if any, unlikely. ArcheType will be notified of the commencement of the drainage works by the developer.

7) The field in which the development is situated is presently under pasture, but has been ploughed regularly since the 1950s. While the presence of archaeological remains elsewhere in the field cannot be discounted, it is possible that any more ephemeral archaeological features have been destroyed by ploughing.

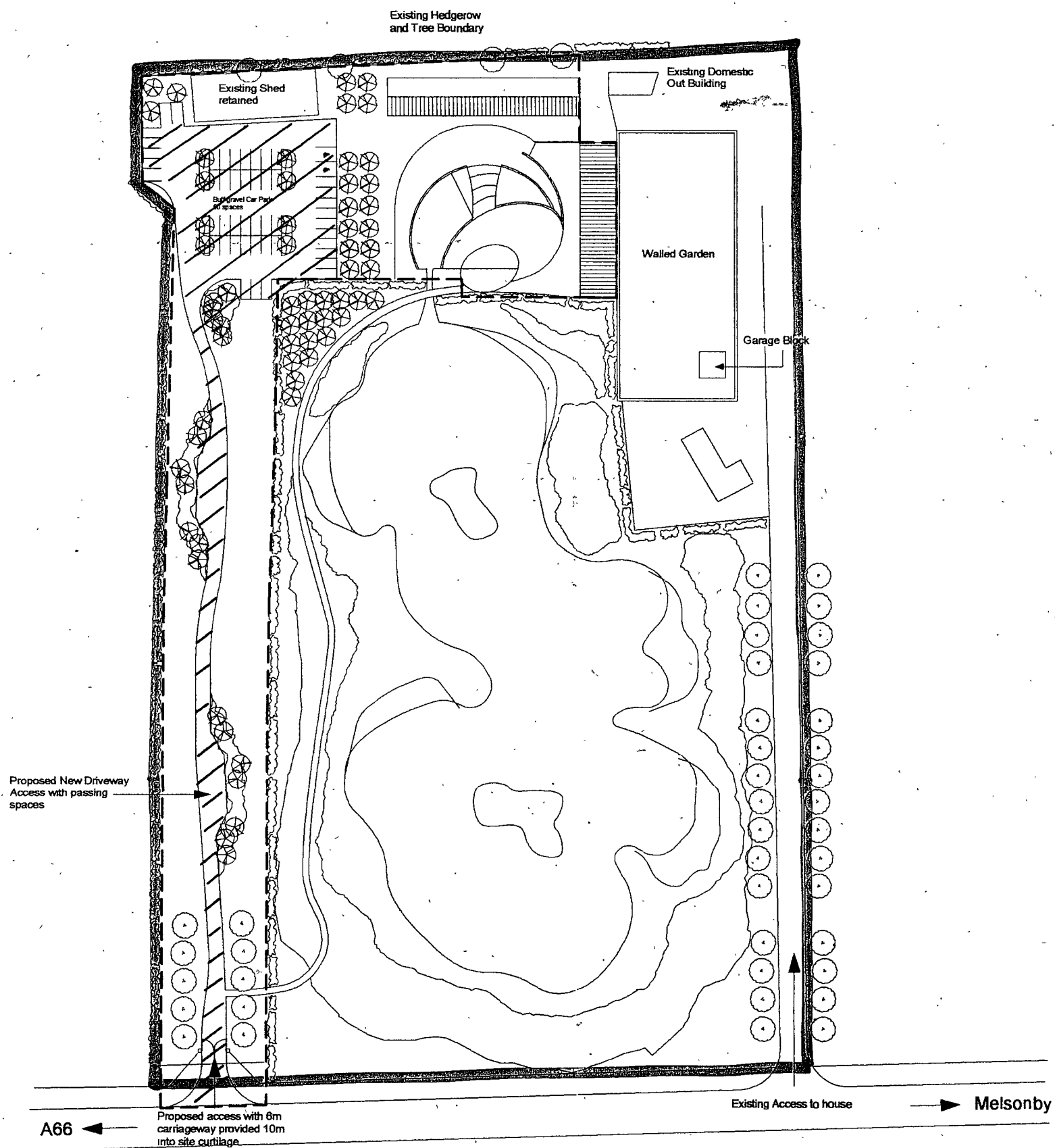
If you require any further details, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Vivienne Metcalf

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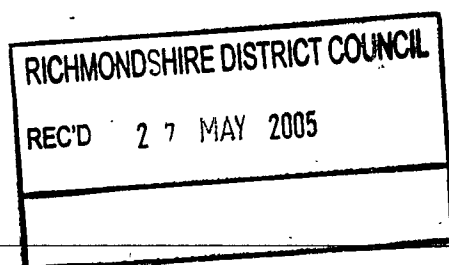
### Proposed Site Plan

Refer to dwg YA04013A-1.09-5006  
for 1:500 detail of courtyard area

----- Site Boundary

/// area of  
watching brief

Note:  
Proposed works to be verified by dimensional,  
level and condition survey prior to implementation



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