

## THE BRIGANTIA ARCHAEOLOGICAL PRACTICE

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Dear Gail,

***WATCHING BRIEF at WADDINGTON BUILDINGS LTD,  
STATION ROAD, BROMPTON ON SWALE.***

This is to confirm that I have, on instructions from Waddington Buildings Ltd, carried out the first stage of the required watching brief in connection with groundworks for the creation of two new industrial units and associated office block on land on the north side of Station Road to the west of the village of Brompton on Swale (NGR SE 22320 99875). This watching brief was required by a condition attached to the planning consent (Richmondshire District Council) 1/12/198M/FULL.

The results were archaeologically entirely negative and it is clear that the site has been extensively truncated by modern landscaping and further disturbed by the provision of modern service trenches, which extend both east to west and south to north across the site. An initial observation indicated that the site was partially covered by very sparse and patchy vegetation which indicated fairly recent disturbance. The first stage of the groundworks, which involved the stripping of the entire site, exposed a thin (maximum 10cm) layer of orange brown soil associated with areas of vegetation and largely limited to the eastern section of the site. This immediately overlay the orange brown natural clay, which included large quantities of gravel and river cobbles. No object was found of a date other than modern and even these finds were limited to a few nails, and very modern Yale key.

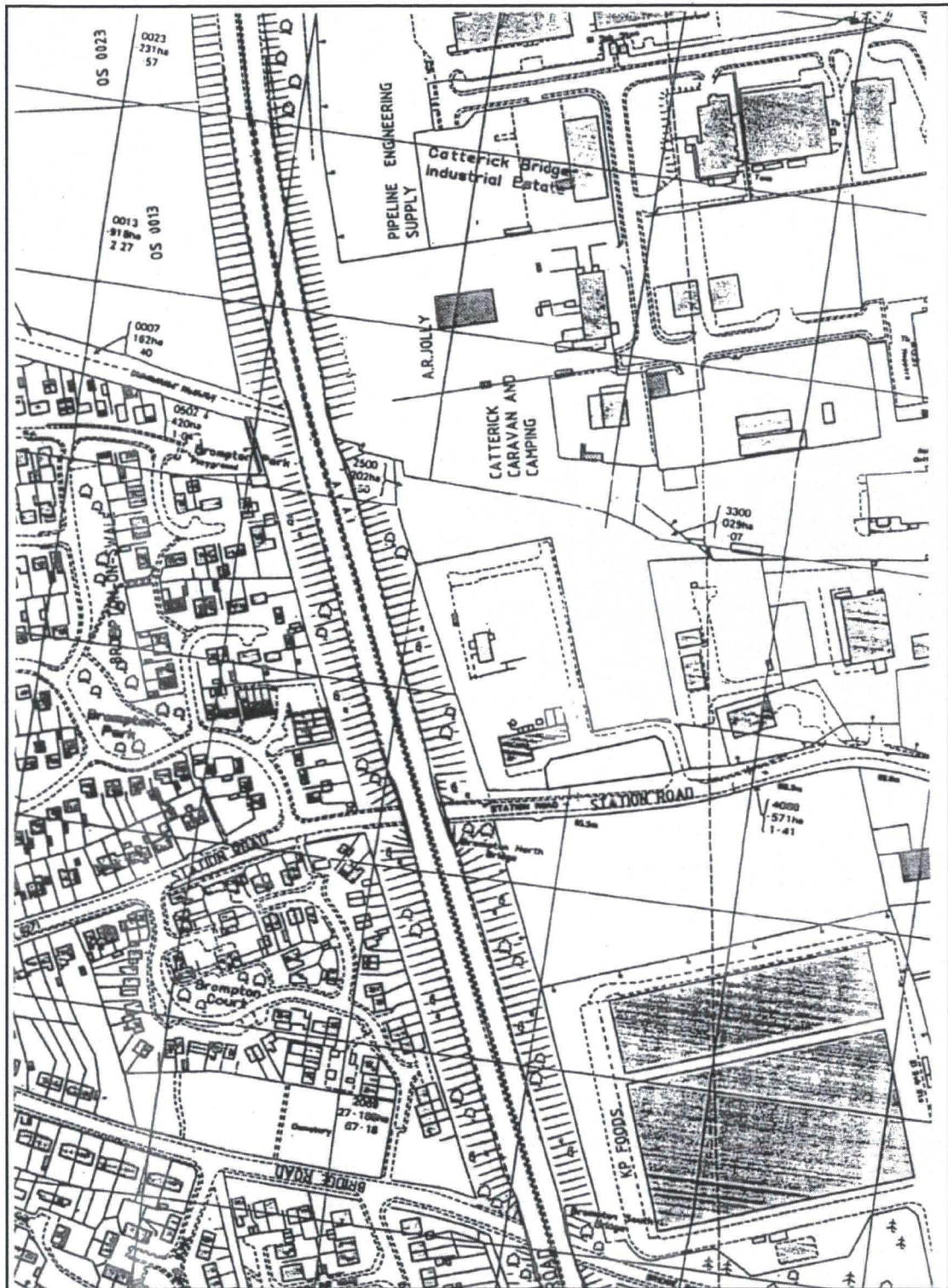
An exposed section through the natural slope (P.5) was visible approximately 10m north of the north east boundary of the site which had been cut for the provision of a recent access road. This indicated that the surface of the natural ground lay approximately 75cm above the level of the site, with the ground level falling gradually to the west. The lower 50cm of the section exposed the natural clay, gravel and river cobbles. It is therefore clear that relatively recent developments have completely truncated the site and that any potential archaeological deposits are likely to have been entirely removed. This is supported by the lack of any feature visible in plan on the exposed (truncated) natural surface.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

*D.M. Walsh*

Deborah Walsh.



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**Land at Waddington Buildings Ltd.,  
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**Figure 1.**

**Location Plan (site outlined in red).**



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**P.1 Eastern section of site prior to  
excavation.**

**P.2 Western section of site prior to  
excavation.**



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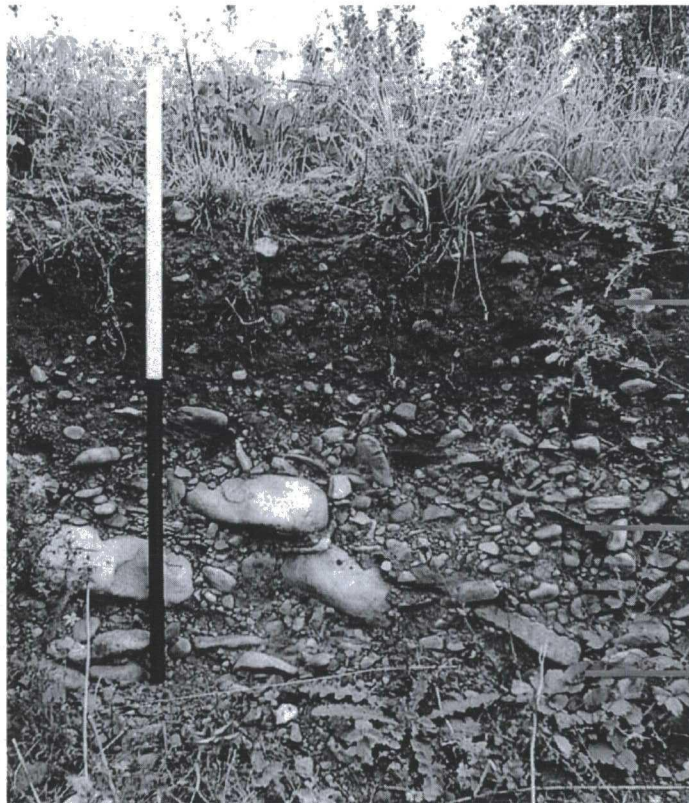
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**P.3 and 4 Site during excavation.**



Mid to dark  
brown garden  
type soil

Natural clay,  
gravel and river  
cobbles

Level of surface  
of site

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**P.5 Section through bank adjacent to site.**