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1. Introduction

Archaeological Building Recording Services (ABRS) were commissioned by Mr C. Jackson to undertake archaeological standing building recording (photographic survey) of The Old Cow Shed, 6A Church Lane, Old Dalby, Leicestershire (NGR SK 67250 23550 (*Figures 1 & 2*)). Planning Permission has been granted by Melton Borough Council for demolition of the building and the redevelopment of the site to residential use (Planning Application No 21/00398/FUL). The building is a traditionally built redundant agricultural building, believed to date from the early 20th century. The building is located to the south west of Church Lane, at the south western edge of the historic settlement core of Old Dalby. The Planning Archaeologist, Leicestershire County Council, as advisor to Melton Borough Council has recommended that archaeological standing building recording (photographic survey) be carried out prior to the commencement of the works.

The building is not listed. The building is located within the Old Dalby Conservation Area and is recorded by the Leicestershire & Rutland Historic Environment Record (HER (HER Ref MLE24347)).

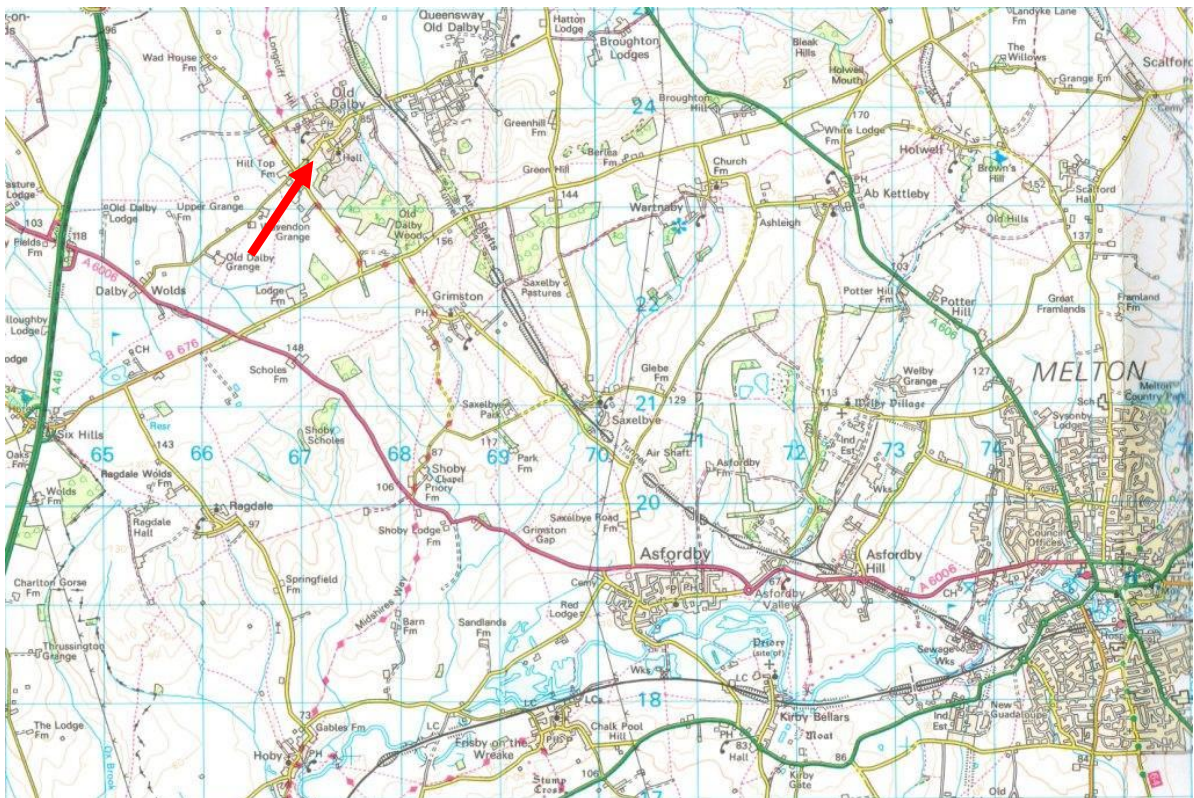


Figure 1
Site Location

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Figure 2
Proposed Development Area in Detail.
(Provided by client. 1:1250)

The Old Cow house is thought to have been built in around 1920 by Bakers of Loughborough. The single storey building is largely timber framed atop a partial brick plinth, clad in weatherboarding along the lower half and applied square timber framing with asbestos cement panels to the upper half (*Figures 3, 4 & 5*). The roof is asbestos cement tiles with chamfered corners with ventilation lanterns along the ridges. There are large square metal framed, top opening, 12 light windows and traditional plank stable doors. There is a projecting, brick-built chimney breast on the south east facing gable of north east range.

The north west range, (5) houses eight timber double cow stalls with a feeding passage (*Figure 6*). Interestingly, there are rails, most probably for mucking out along the south east wall (*Figure 7*); an innovative feature suggesting the building was well designed. The south west range, (8), (9) and (10) along the south westernmost bays of the north west range, (6) and (7) houses a series of loose boxes or calf/heifer pens. The north east range houses a series of processing rooms with tiled floors and storage tanks, (2) and (3). The south

easternmost room, (1) is lined with matchboard cladding with a built in cupboard and cast iron fireplace (*Figure 8*) and domestic four panelled doors. The room clearly originally had a domestic purpose.

There is a large, later lean to abutting the north east long elevation, the change in ground level suggests this may have served as a covered midden. There is a smaller lean to abutting the south east facing gable of the south west range, both are timber framed and clad in corrugated asbestos cement sheets.

A photographic survey was to be undertaken following standards as defined in *Understanding Historic Buildings: A guide to good recording practice* (Historic England 2016). The photographic survey addressed the requirements detailed in written advice issued by the Planning Archaeologist, Leicestershire County Council.

The project was completed following an approved Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) for *Historic Building Inspection and Recording (Photographic Survey) The Old Cow Shed, 6A Church Lane, Old Dalby, Leicestershire* (ABRS 2021-CODL_WSI), the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA) *Code of Conduct*, and adhered to their *Standards and Guidance for Archaeological Investigation and Recording of Standing Buildings or Structures* (2020).

2. Aims and Methodology

The aim of the survey was to provide a permanent photographic record of the building in its current state, prior to alteration or repair, to standards set down by Historic England (2016).

The photographic survey was undertaken by Gerwyn Richards on September 8th 2021. Photographs, in 35mm monochrome negative and digital format taken as raw image files and converted to TIFFs (Tagged Image File Format) were taken.

Orientation: The building is approximately “U”-shaped in plan, with the long axes aligned north east – south west and north west – south east forming a yard to the south east. Where the terms ‘left’, ‘right’, ‘front’ and ‘back’ etc are used in the report, this is in relation to the principal elevations as viewed from the yard.

All maps and drawings are reproduced with north to top of page, following Ordnance Survey standards unless indicated otherwise with appropriate north arrow and key.

As far as is known, no previous historic building recording has been undertaken of the building. Historic England prepared a listing consultation report for the building in August 2019.



Figure 3
North East Range Principal Elevation, General View (Looking North East).



Figure 4
South West Range Principal Elevation, General View (Looking South East).



Figure 5
North West Range Principal Elevation, General View (Looking North West).



Figure 6
(5), General View, Showing Stalls & Feeding Passage (Looking South West).

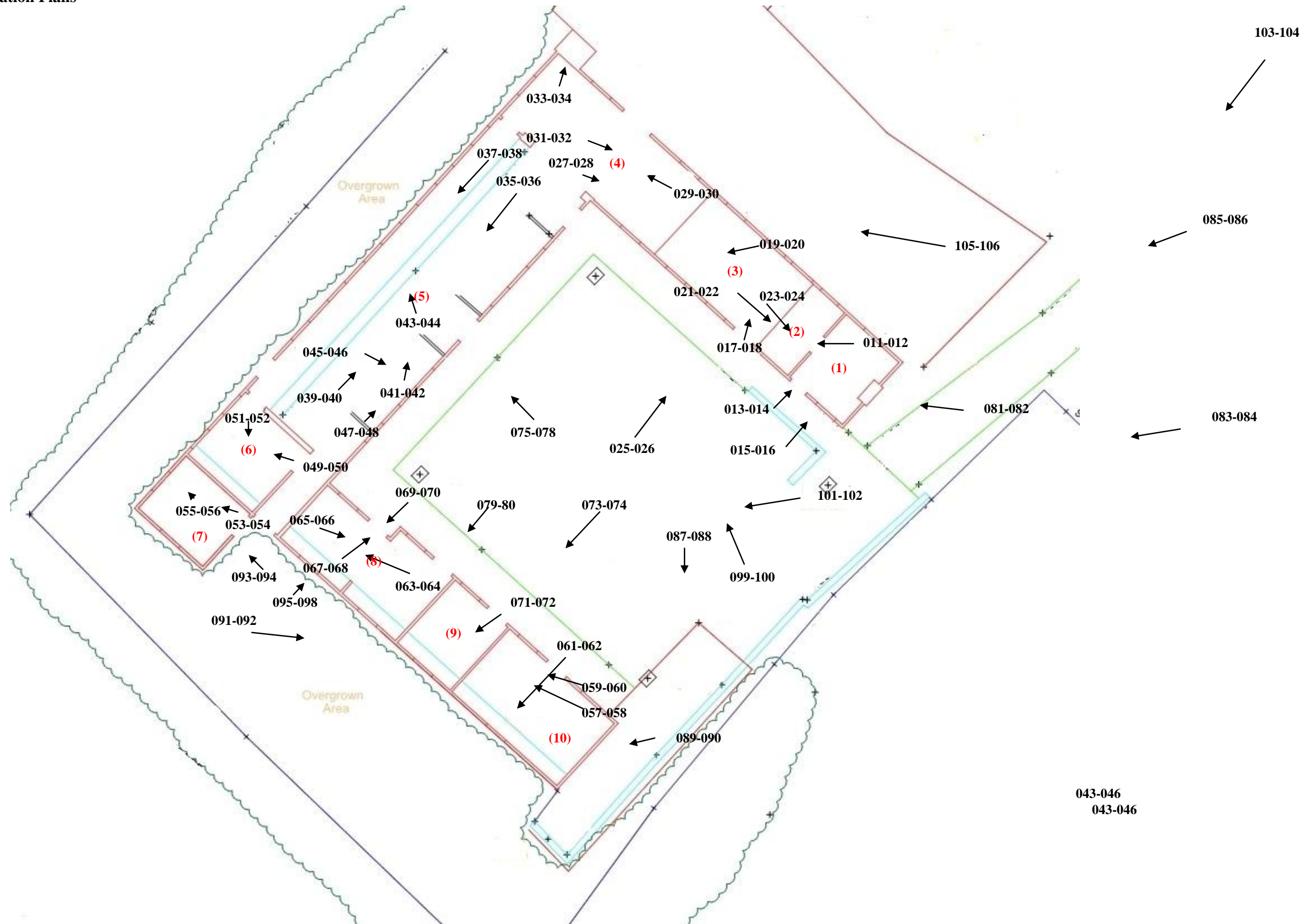


Figure 7
(5) Rails (Looking North East).

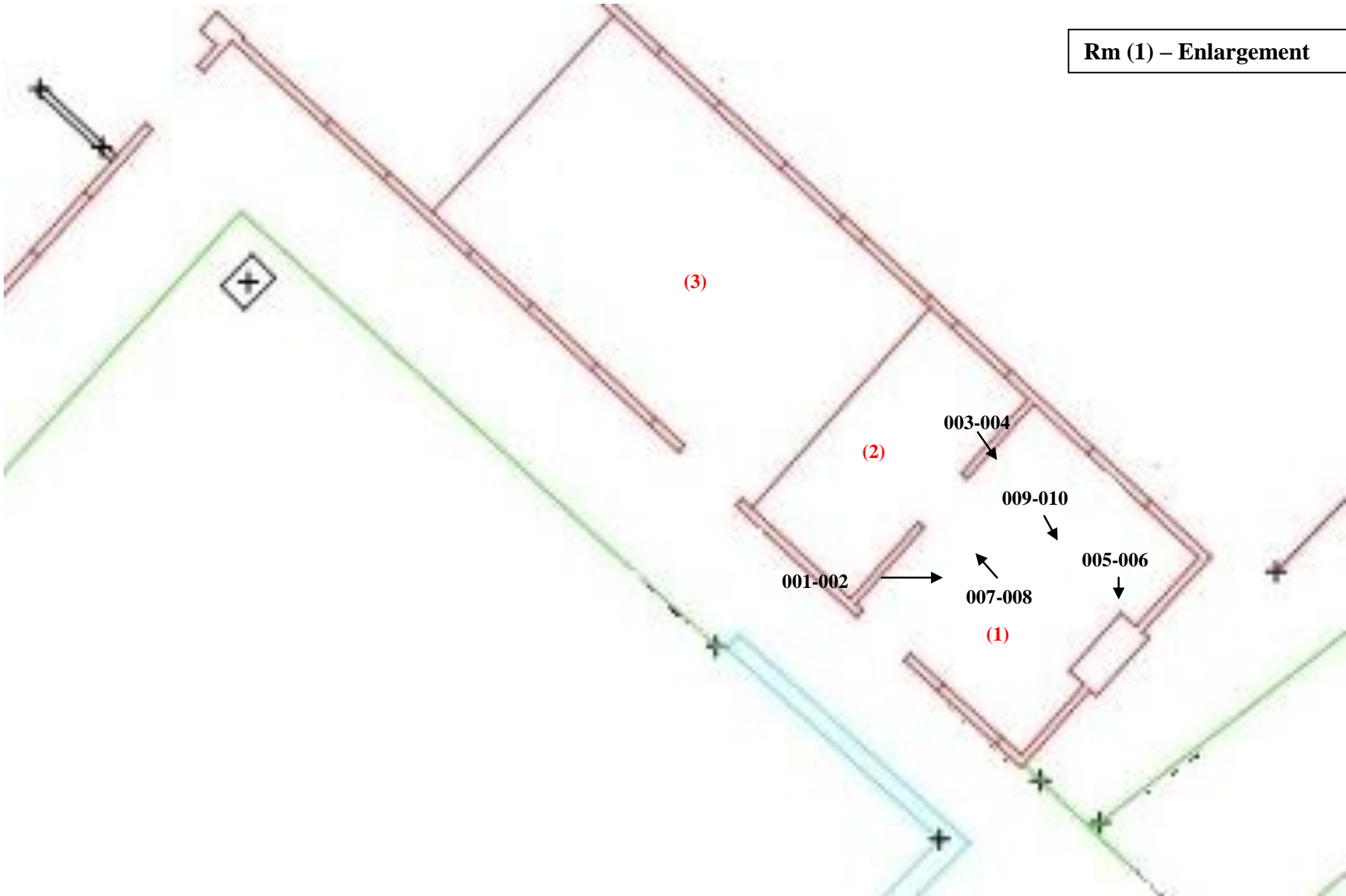


Figure 8
(1), Fireplace & Fitted Cupboard on South East Gable (Looking South East).

3. Photograph Location Plans



Rm (1) – Enlargement



4. Photographic Index

B&W	Digital	Build/Rm ID	Description	Dir
001	001	(1)	General View, Internal.	SE
002	002	(1)	General View, Internal.	SE
003	003	(1)	Fireplace & Alcove Cupboard.	SE
004	004	(1)	Fireplace & Alcove Cupboard.	SE
005	005	(1)	Corniche & Wall Panelling, Detail.	S
006	006	(1)	Corniche & Wall Panelling, Detail.	S
007	007	(1)	Door, Internal.	NNW
008	008	(1)	Door, Internal.	NNW
009	009	(1)	Tiled Floor.	
010	010	(1)	Tiled Floor.	
011	011	(2)	General View, Internal.	WNW
012	012	(2)	General View, Internal.	WNW
013	013	(1)	Door, External.	NE
014	014	(1)	Door, External.	NE
015	015	(1)	Window, External.	NE
016	016	(1)	Window, External.	NE
017	017	(3)	General View, Internal.	N
018	018	(3)	General View, Internal.	N
019	019	(3)	General View, Internal.	WNW
020	020	(3)	General View, Internal.	WNW
021	021	(3)	Tiled Floor & Skirting.	SE
022	022	(3)	Tiled Floor & Skirting.	SE
023	023	(2)	Ltd View of Tanks & Roof Above.	SE
024	024	(2)	Ltd View of Tanks & Roof Above.	SE
025	025	(1), (2) & (3)	Principal Elevation, General View.	NE
026	026	(1), (2) & (3)	Principal Elevation, General View.	NE
027	027	(4)	General View, Internal.	SE
028	028	(4)	General View, Internal.	SE
029	029	(4)	General View, Internal.	NW
030	030	(4)	General View, Internal.	NW
031	031	(4)	Roof Truss.	SE
032	032	(4)	Roof Truss.	SE

033	033	(4)	Mash Pot.	NE
034	034	(4)	Mash Pot.	NE
035	035	(5)	General View, Internal.	SW
036	036	(5)	General View, Internal.	SW
037	037	(5)	Feed Passage.	SW
038	038	(5)	Feed Passage.	SW
039	039	(5)	General View, Internal.	NE
040	040	(5)	General View, Internal.	NE
041	041	(5)	Roof Structure.	NNE
042	042	(5)	Roof Structure.	NNE
043	043	(5)	Manger.	N
044	044	(5)	Manger.	N
045	045	(5)	Wall Structure Visible Internally on Principal Elevation.	E
046	046	(5)	Wall Structure Visible Internally on Principal Elevation.	E
047	047	(5)	Rails.	NE
048	048	(5)	Rails.	NE
049	049	(6)	General View, Internal.	WNW
050	050	(6)	General View, Internal.	WNW
051	051	(6)	Ceramic Manger.	SW
052	052	(6)	Ceramic Manger.	SW
053	053	(7)	General View, Internal.	NW
054	054	(7)	General View, Internal.	NW
055	055	(7)	Makers Stamp on Manger.	NW
056	056	(7)	Makers Stamp on Manger.	NW
057	057	(10)	General View, Internal.	NW
058	058	(10)	General View, Internal.	NW
059	059	(10)	Roof Structure.	WNW
060	060	(10)	Roof Structure.	WNW
061	061	(10)	Concrete Manger.	SW
062	062	(10)	Concrete Manger.	SW
063	063	(8)	General View, Internal.	NW
064	064	(8)	General View, Internal.	NW
065	065	(8)	Roof Truss.	SE
066	066	(8)	Roof Truss.	SE
067	067	(8)	Door, Internal View.	NE

068	068	(8)	Door, Internal View.	NE
069	069	(8)	Door, External.	NW
070	070	(8)	Door, External.	NW
071	071	(9)	General View, Internal.	SW
072	072	(9)	General View, Internal.	SW
073	073	(8), (9) & (10)	Principal Elevation, General View.	SW
074	074	(8), (9) & (10)	Principal Elevation, General View.	SW
075	075	(5)	Principal Elevation, General View.	NW
076	076	(5)	Principal Elevation, General View.	NW
077	077	(5)	Roof Cupola & Lantern Vent.	NW
078	078	(5)	Roof Cupola & Lateran Vent.	NW
079	079	(8)	Lantern Vent.	SW
080	080	(8)	Lateran Vent.	SW
081	081	(1)	SE Facing Gable.	WNW
082	082	(1)	SE Facing Gable.	WNW
083	083		Landscape View.	WNW
084	084		Landscape View.	WNW
085	085		Modern Lean To Abutting NE Facing Long Elevation.	WNW
086	086		Modern Lean To Abutting NE Facing Long Elevation.	WNW
087	087		Modern Lean To Abutting SE Facing Gable.	S
088	088		Modern Lean To Abutting SE Facing Gable.	S
089	089	(10)	SE Facing Gable.	W
090	090	(10)	SE Facing Gable.	W
091	091	(8), (9) & (10)	SW Facing Long Elevation.	ESE
092	092	(8), (9) & (10)	SW Facing Long Elevation.	ESE
093	093	(7)	SE Facing Elevation, External.	NW
094	094	(7)	SE Facing Elevation, External.	NW
095	095	(8)	Window, External.	NE
096	096	(8)	Window, External.	NE
097	097	(8)	Window, Detail.	NE
098	098	(8)	Window, Detail.	NE
099	099	(1), (2), (3) & (5)	General View.	N
100	100	(1), (2), (3) & (5)	General View.	N
101	101	(5), (8), (9) & (10)	General View.	W
102	102	(5), (8), (9) & (10)	General View.	W

103	103		Landscape View.	SW
104	104		Landscape View.	SW
105	105	(1), (2) & (3)	NE Facing Long Elevation, External.	W
106	106	(1), (2) & (3)	NE Facing Long Elevation, External.	W

5. Contact Sheets



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6. Archive & Publication

The site archive consists of

- 1 A3 paper plans showing photo locations
- 3 DVDs containing 106 digital images
- 4 A4 contact sheets
- 106 Black & White negatives and contact prints
- 4 A4 photo record sheets

An unbound copy of this report

The archive will be held by Leicestershire County Council under the Accession Number X.A93. 2021.

A version of the summary (above) will be submitted to the editor of the local journal Transactions of Leicestershire Archaeological and Historical Society for inclusion in the next edition.

6.1 OASIS Record Summary

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Project Manager	Gerwyn Richards
Previous/Future Work?	No/No
Current Land Use	In Use As Building
Development Type	Residential
Prompt	NPPF
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