



NEGATIVE WATCHING BRIEF  
REPORT

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*LAND EAST OF HUMSHAUGH, NORTHUMBERLAND*  
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**Site name:** Humshaugh

**Grid reference:** NGR NY 3920 5709

**Parish:** Humshaugh

**District:** Tynesdale

**County:** Northumberland

**Administrative authority:** Northumberland County Council

**Development:** Residential

**Client:** Duchy Homes

**Planning application reference:** 15/03843/FUL

**Site supervisor:** Therese Falk and Ben Turner

**Project manager:** Richard Fraser

**Date(s):** 27th-29th July and 2nd-3rd August

**NAA project number:** 1289

**Site code:** HUM 16

**Reasons for watching brief:** A programme of strip, map and record was required over part of the site in order to test the archaeological potential of a glacial knoll in advance of residential development.

**Results:**

An area of 0.256ha was stripped using a 23 tonne 360° excavator fitted with a toothless ditching bucket. The site was excavated in two halves, with the eastern part of the site stripped, recorded and backfilled first. Topsoil and colluvial subsoil were removed separately, exposing a variable natural soil horizon comprising glacial sand and gravel deposits (Plates 1 and 2).

Six north-west to south-east aligned plough furrows were observed running across the higher level of the site (Fig. 2). They were all c. 1m wide and spaced approximately 3m apart. One was excavated and shown to have a depth of 0.15m, with a fill consisting of silty gravel (Plate 3).

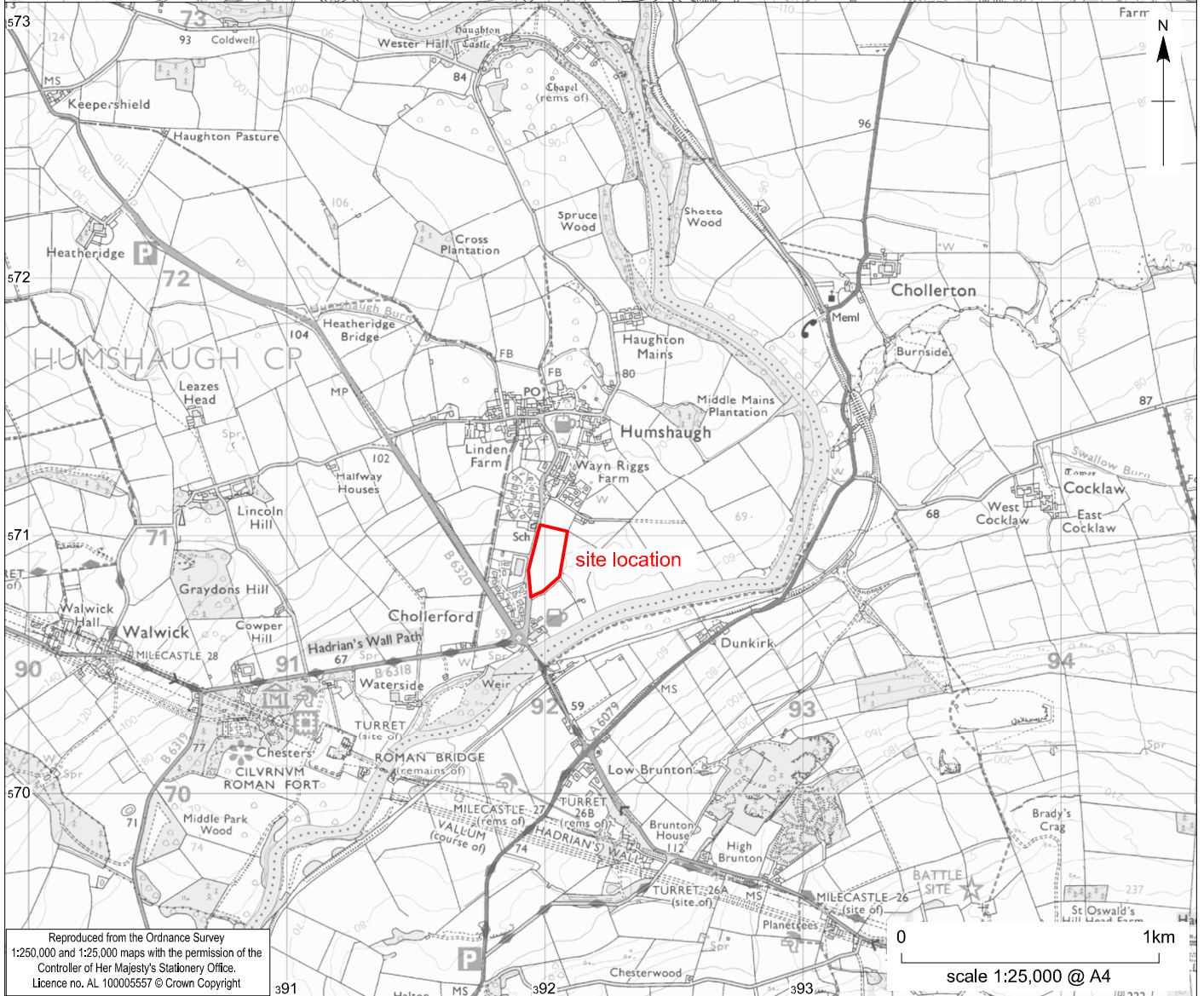
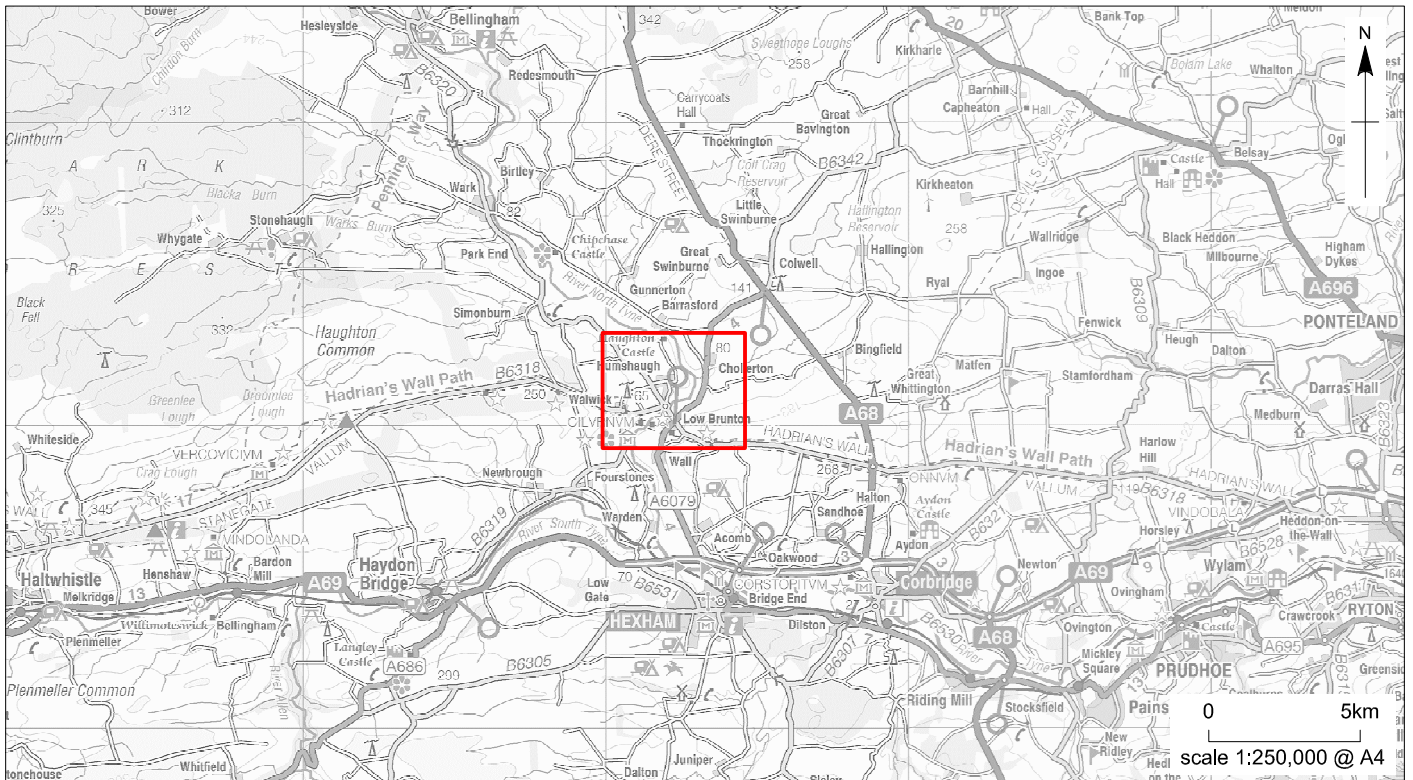
No other archaeological features, deposits or finds were encountered.

**Documentation:** The archive consists of five context sheets, 37 digital photographs and nine 35mm monochrome prints.

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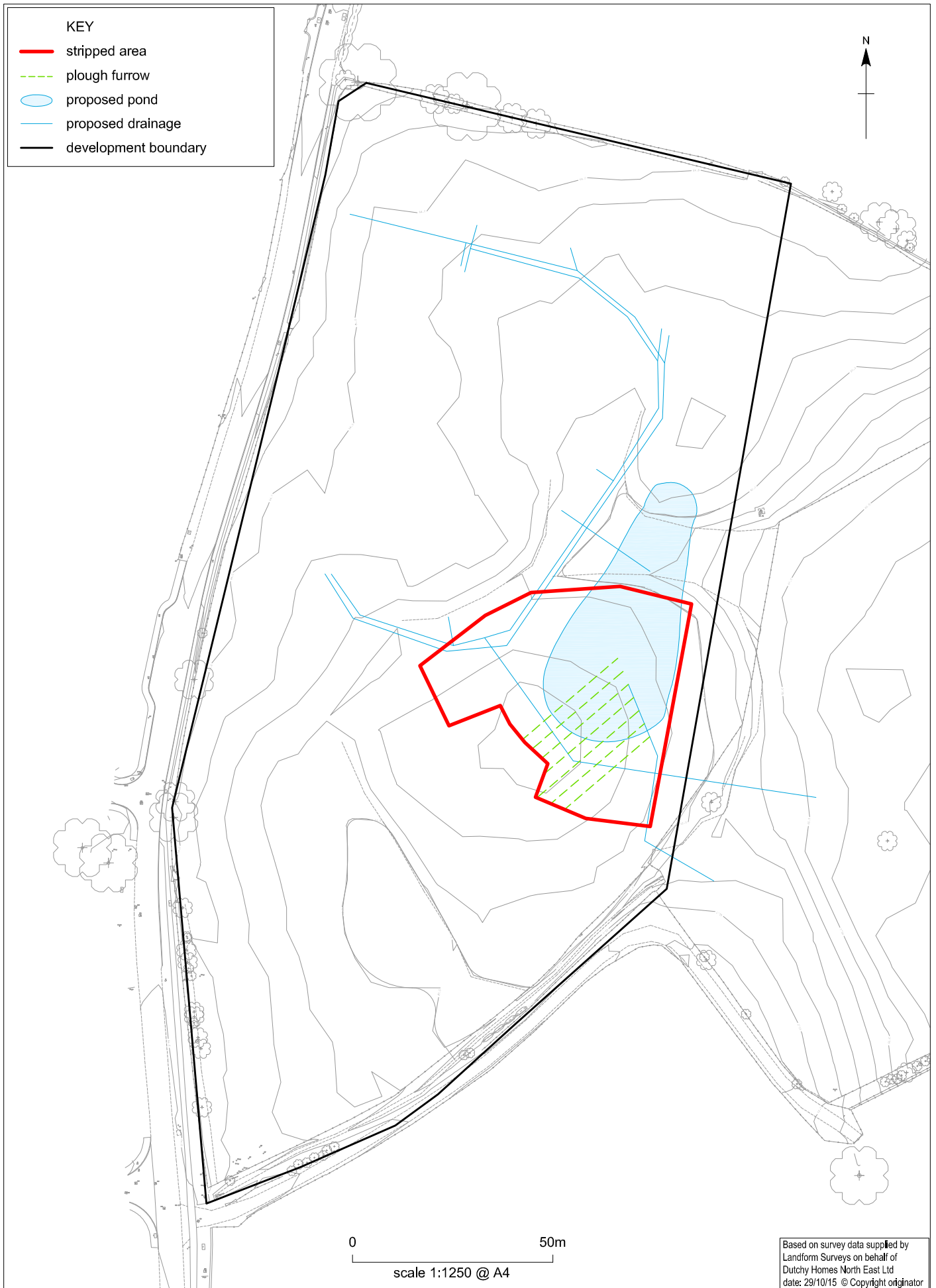


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Humshaugh: site location

Figure 1







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Humshaugh: eastern area of the site, looking north-east

Plate 1



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Humshaugh: western area of site, looking south-west

Plate 2





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Humshaugh: excavated furrow, looking south-west

Plate 3