



NEGATIVE WATCHING BRIEF
REPORT

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Negative Watching Brief Report

Site name: Eldon Hall Farm **Grid reference:** NZ424750 527300

Parish: Bishop Auckland **District:** Wear Valley **County:** Durham

Administrative authority: Durham County Council

Client: Green Property Developments **Contractor:** John Taylor Architects LTD

Planning application reference: DM/16/02862/FPA

Site supervisor: Ben Turner **Project manager:** Matthew Town

Fieldwork Date(s): 31/1/2018 **NAA project number:** 1419 **Site code:** EHF18

NAA report number: 2018-13 **Report date:** 1/2/2018

Reasons for watching brief

The farm lies adjacent to the remains of Eldon deserted medieval settlement, which is arranged along both sides of a village green, with traces of the deserted buildings visible as well-preserved earthworks.

As a result of the potential for remains of the village, a targeted programme of archaeological monitoring of this area was requested by Durham County Council to fully characterise the site's archaeological interest. The principal objective of the archaeological monitoring was to carry out a targeted watching brief during the proposed groundworks. The aim was to identify the existence, nature and extent of any sub-surface archaeological remains present (NAA 2017).

Results

Drainage trenches within the footprint of the proposed development were monitored (Fig. 2). The watching brief demonstrated that bedrock was present at a very shallow depth across the lower tier of the site and no archaeological features were present within the development area (Plates 1 and 2). No artefacts were encountered during the watching brief and it was not necessary to obtain environmental soil samples.



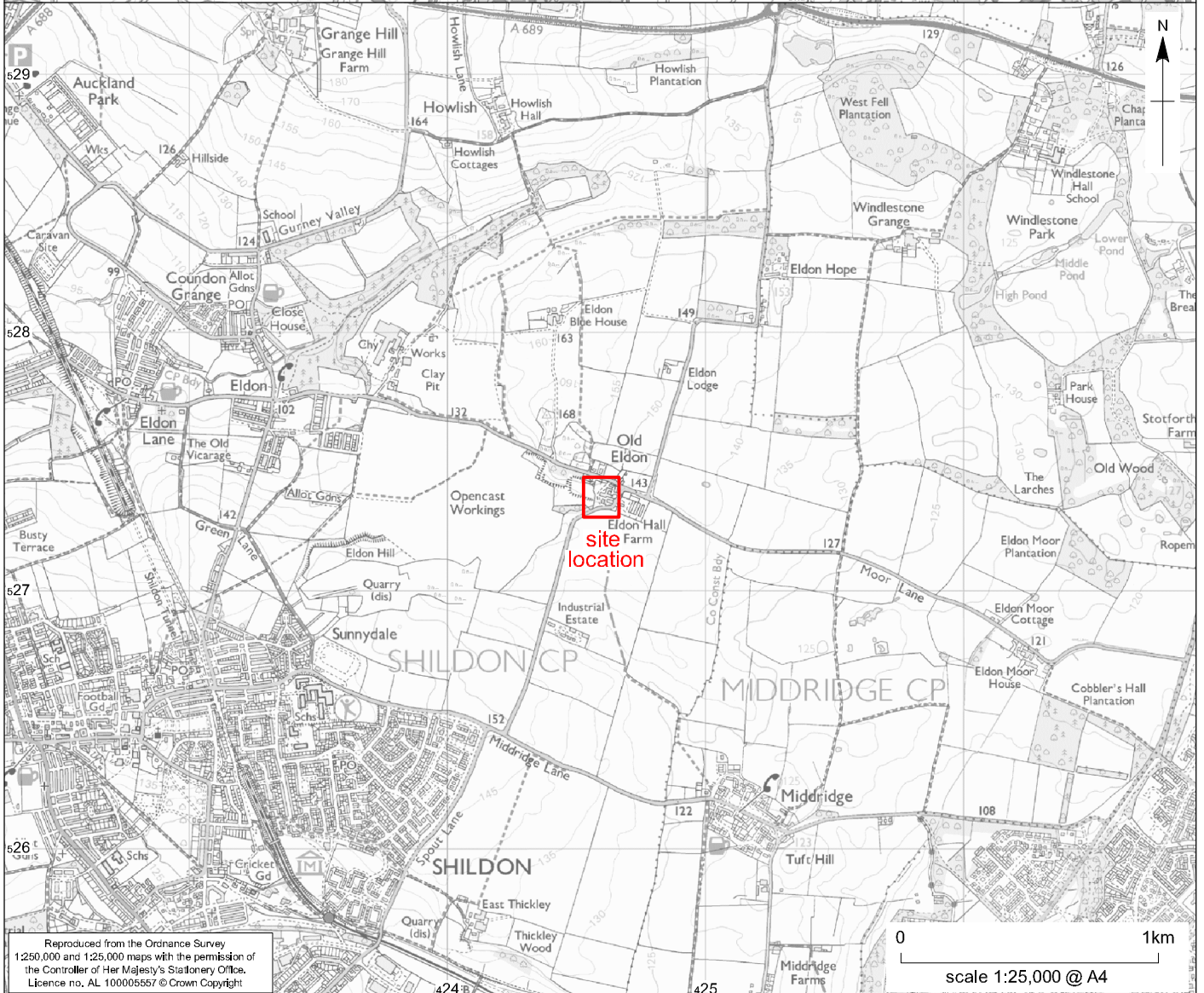
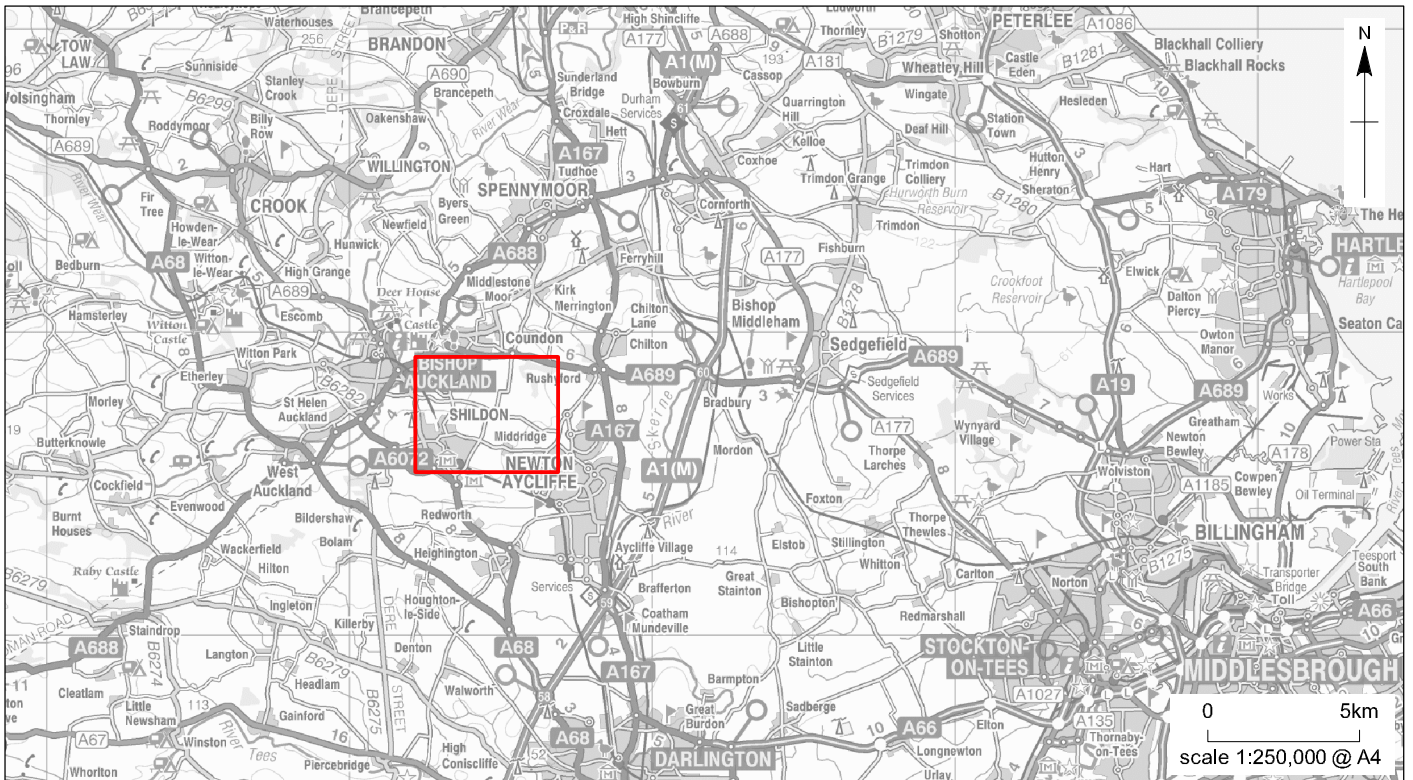
Plate 1: Service trench cut through fragmented bedrock.



Plate 2: Further service trench excavated to the depth of adjacent manhole.

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