

NORTHERN ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATES

Barrasford Quarry, Hexham, Northumberland

NEGATIVE WATCHING BRIEF REPORT

Site name: Barrasford Quarry

Grid reference: NY 9210 7520 (Fig. 1)

Parish: Chollerton

District: Castle Morpeth

County: Northumberland

Administrative authority: Northumberland County Council

Development: Quarry extension

Client: Lafarge Tarmac Ltd.

Planning application reference: N/A

Site supervisor: Matt Town, Gav Robinson

Project manager: Matt Town

Date(s): 1st-4th and 7th April 2015

NAA project number: 1246

Site code: N/A

Reasons for watching brief: Strip, Map and Record undertaken in support of a planning application for extensions of the workings at the quarry.

Results: No archaeological remains were encountered.

The site works comprised the stripping of topsoil and subsoil within an area measuring approximately 170m by 35m (Fig. 2). The removal of overburden (topsoil and subsoil) was undertaken using a mechanical excavator fitted with a toothless bucket. All soil removal was carried out under archaeological supervision.

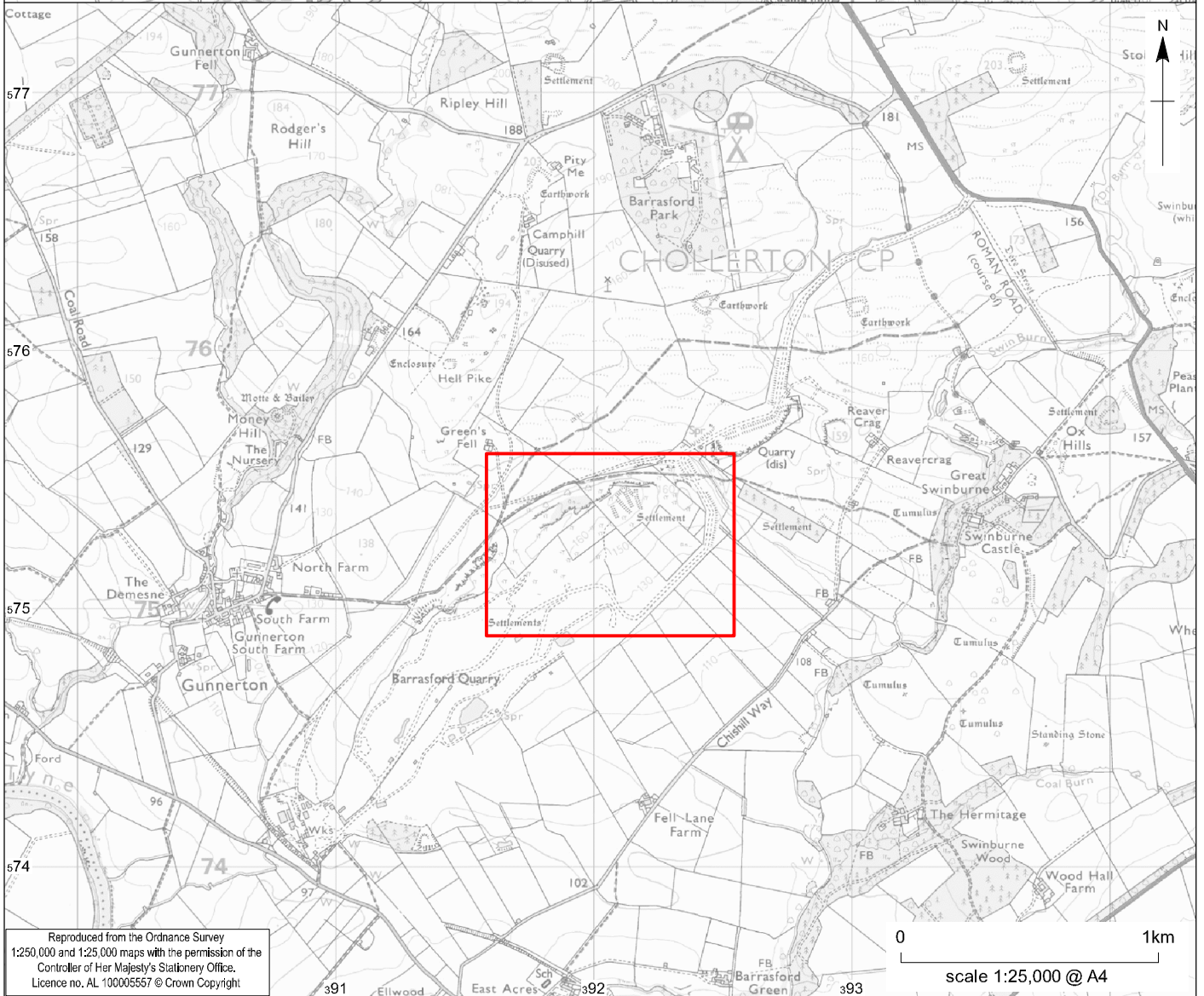
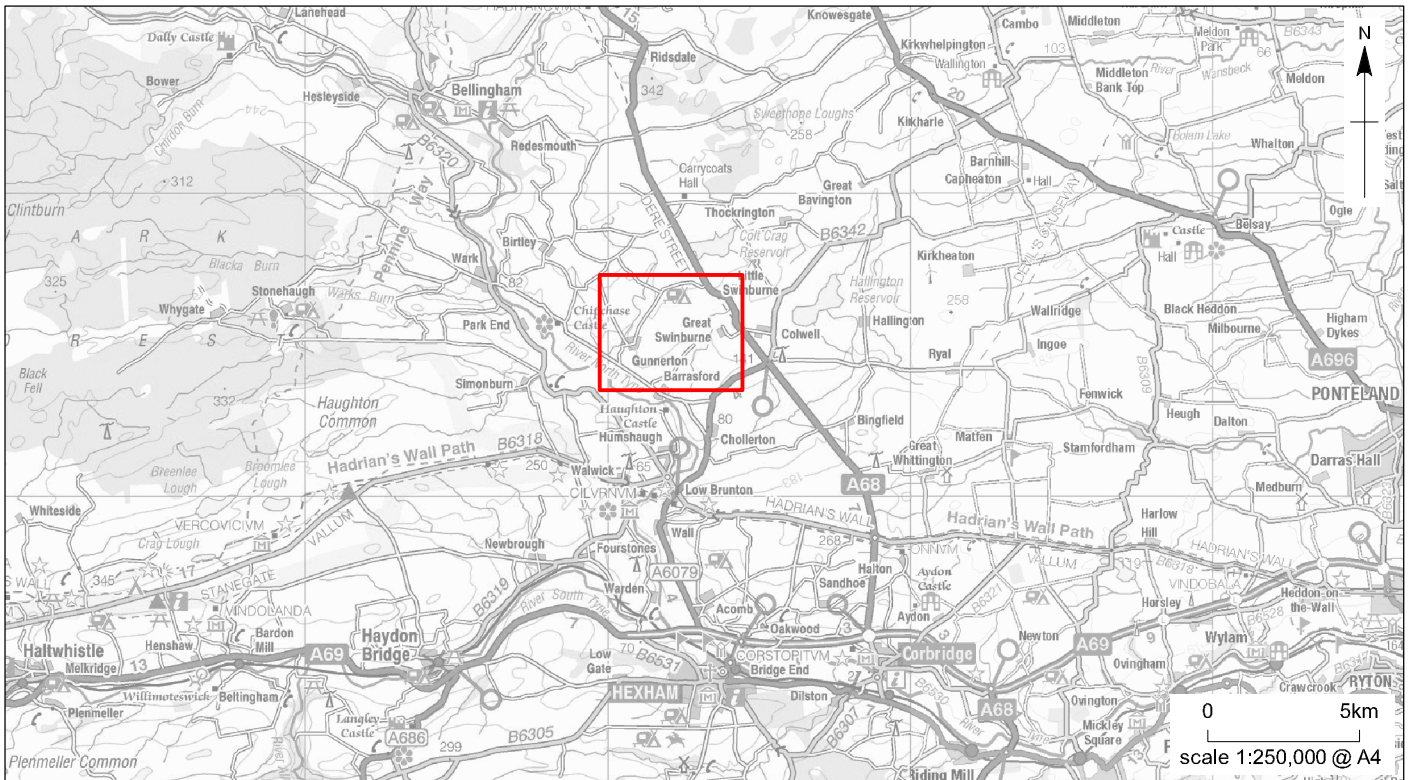
Natural bedrock was encountered immediately beneath the turf in the northern and western parts of the site (Plate 1). To the east the turf overlay topsoil and subsoil that increased in depth to approximately 1m. Below this was boulder clay and sand/gravels within a channel cut into the bedrock (Plate 2).

Several clay/soil-filled features were investigated; all proved to be natural glacial solution features

Archive deposition: N/A

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Barrasford Quarry: site location

Figure 1



Based on archaeological survey by:
The Archaeological Practice
ref: Barrasford Quarry (Fig.1), 1989
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Barrasford Quarry: landscape features and proposed extraction area

Figure 2



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*Barrasford Quarry: bedrock below shallow topsoil
at north western half of site*

Plate 1



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Barrasford Quarry: deeper overlying soils to the south and east

Plate 2