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**Archaeological monitoring during groundworks on land  
behind 8 Bridle Road, Burton Latimer,  
Northamptonshire**

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### Summary

A watching brief on the foundations of two new houses demonstrated that there had been no use of the land before the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century other than for agriculture or horticulture. The site was devoid of archaeology.

### Introduction

Mr D Shaw of D S Developments was given Planning Consent by Kettering Borough Council for three new chalet-style houses on land behind 8 Bridle Road, Burton Latimer, NN15 5QP (NGR: SP 8922 7482; Fig 1. Application No: KET/2016/0714). The permission included two conditions on archaeology, for the pre-commencement production of a Written Scheme of Investigation (6) and production of a report on the same (7).

The archaeological scope for archaeological monitoring during groundworks was indeed set out in a Written Scheme of Investigation, dated 15 January 2017 and approved by the Assistant Archaeological Advisor for Northamptonshire County Council.

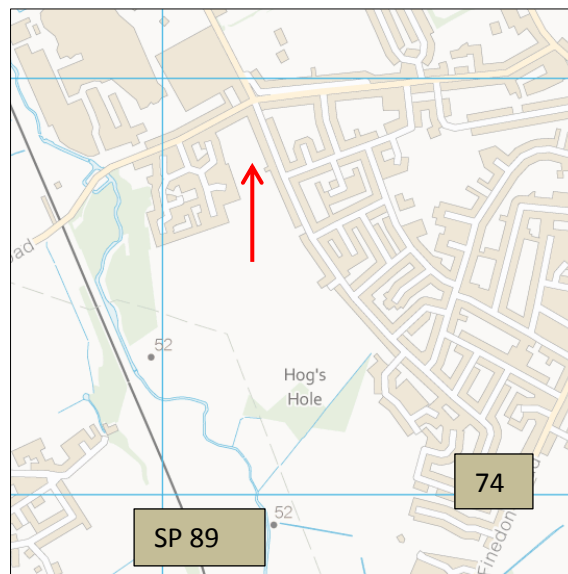


Fig 1: Site location (arrowed).

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## Fieldwork

Attendance took place on 21 February 2017 in fine but cold, overcast weather.

The foundation trenches of two of the three houses were watched following the removal of vegetation and undergrowth. Trenches were dug using a 12 ton tracked excavator fitted with a toothless bucket, working under archaeological control.

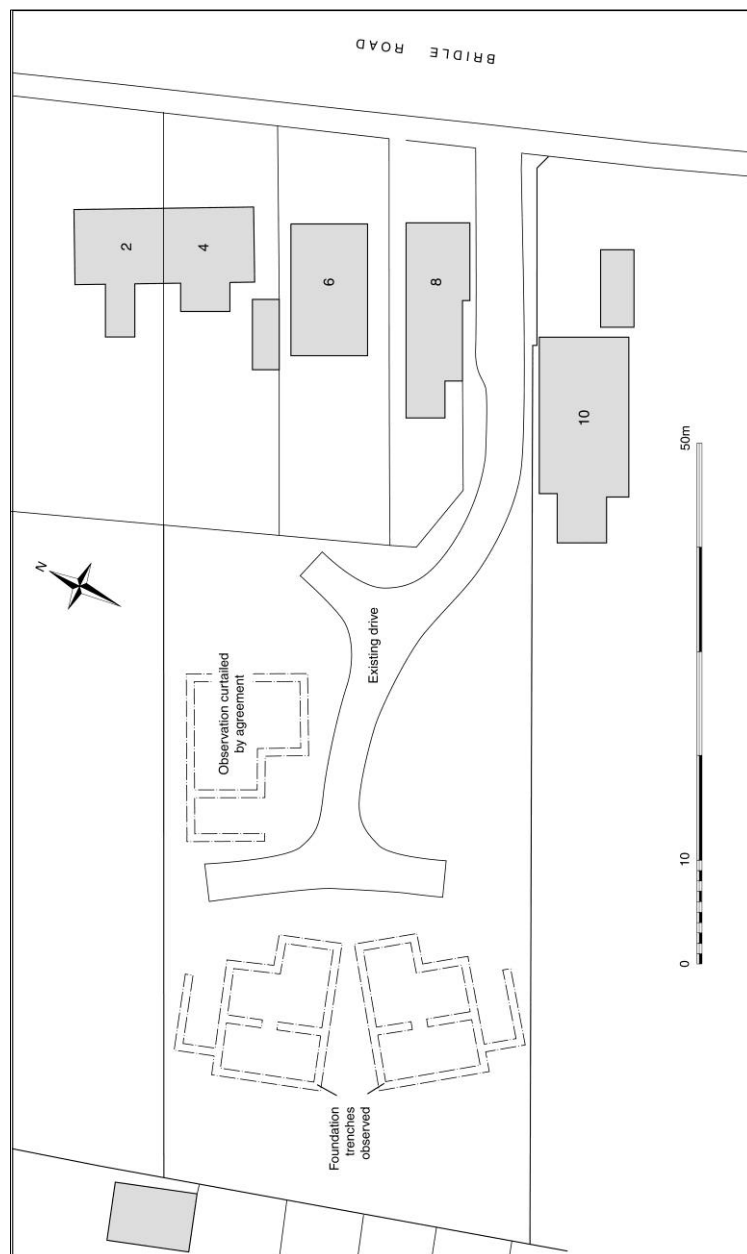


Fig 2: Location of the new houses on the plot behind 8 Bridle Road (Andy Isham)

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### Results

In neither of the foundations to the two houses was there any archaeology of any period. Nor were there any finds of any date. Owing to this dearth of archaeology, it was agreed with Northamptonshire County Council while still on site that the programme of observation could be curtailed and the third set of house foundations dug without any further archaeological input.

The fieldwork was therefore curtailed.



Fig 3: Foundation trenches of the first plot completed. The scale standing in the trench is an upright 2m rod. Three quarters of the depth dug is natural ironstone



Fig 4: The second plot during machining. Note the ironstone natural geology only just below the modern surface

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### Conclusion

This site has apparently not been used for any discernible purpose before its creation as a garden/orchard in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. There was very little topsoil or other growing medium over the free-draining natural ironstone.

### Appendix

#### *OASIS data*

Project Name	8 Bridle Road, Burton Latimer
OASIS ID	iainsode1-279737
Project Type	Watching Brief
Originator	Iain Soden Heritage Services Ltd
Project Manager	Iain Soden
Previous/future work	No
Current land use	Garden
Development type	Residential
Reason for investigation	Planning Condition
National grid reference	SP 8922 7482
Start/end dates of fieldwork	21 February 2017
Archive recipient	Northamptonshire Archive
Study area	1500 sq m



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