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The planning permission granted for an extension to the property was conditional upon an archaeological monitoring visit made during the excavation of the footing trenches.

The archaeological potential of this site centres on its proximity to the church of St. Mary and is thus probably within the medieval core of the village. There is high potential for this site to contain evidence for medieval settlement in this location.

The monitoring visit was made on the afternoon of the 14th December 2004.

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During the visit all trenches were observed open except for the trench running along the north-eastern edge of the site, which had not yet been dug. The trenches were

c.1.2m deep and revealed a thick deposit of topsoil and subsoil. The rich dark topsoil was c.500mm thick and the underlying mid brown silty sand was c.700mm. The bottom of the trench revealed undisturbed yellow sand natural.

No archaeological features or finds were recognised. A small amount of modern (20th century) pottery and building material was noticed within the topsoil but none of this was collected.

Conclusions

No evidence for medieval or other settlement was apparent despite the thickness of 'made-ground'. The thick soils are probably the result of an accumulation of 'hillwash' deposits (colluvium) caused by the ground sloping down from the north-west to south-east running road, The Street, towards the parallel running watercourse, The Gull.

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