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West Moneylaws Farm, Northumberland

Results of an Archaeological Evaluation

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PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET (WMF 06)

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Summary

Headland Archaeology was commissioned by Mrs E Annett to undertake an archaeological evaluation in connection with planning condition issued by Northumberland County Council (ref 06/B/0486).

This work consisted of trial trenching 5% of the application area. No archaeological features were encountered.

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Figure 1: Site and trench location map

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Mrs E Annett commissioned Headland Archaeology Ltd to undertake a programme of archaeological evaluation at West Moneylaws Farm, Northumberland in advance of a planning application submitted to Northumberland County Council. The programme consisted of an on-site evaluation to test for any existing remains through trial trenching. The work was undertaken in accordance with an agreed WSI submitted by Headland Archaeology in response to a brief prepared by Northumberland County Council (Planning Reference 06/B/0486).
- 1.2 The proposed development area contains no known archaeological sites, however, it lies in a wider area containing significant prehistoric, Roman and medieval sites (SMR Nos. 731, 755 and 786).
- 1.3 The site is located at West Moneylaws Farm, south of Cornhill-on-Tweed. It is bordered by open arable fields to the south and east, a farm track to the west and concrete hard standing to the north.

2. METHOD

Trial Trenching

- 2.1 Four trenches were excavated across the site using a JCB mechanical excavator equipped with a 1.50 m wide toothless ditching bucket, under direct archaeological supervision. The combined length of the trenches was 20 m, equating to 30 m² and forming a 5% sample of the area.
- 2.2 Colour transparencies and negative photographs were taken and unique numbers given to all trenches. An overall site plan was created and linked to the National Grid and relative to Ordnance Datum.

3. RESULTS

Trial trenching (Figure 1)

- 3.1 No archaeological features were identified within the trenches excavated. A dark brown gravel subsoil was encountered beneath 0.65 – 0.80 m of topsoil within each trench.

4. DISCUSSION

- 4.1 The archaeological evaluation at the proposed development site has identified no archaeological features. The area appeared to be undisturbed and little or no truncation could be identified. The potential for archaeological activity in this area was high but no remains were identified within this site.

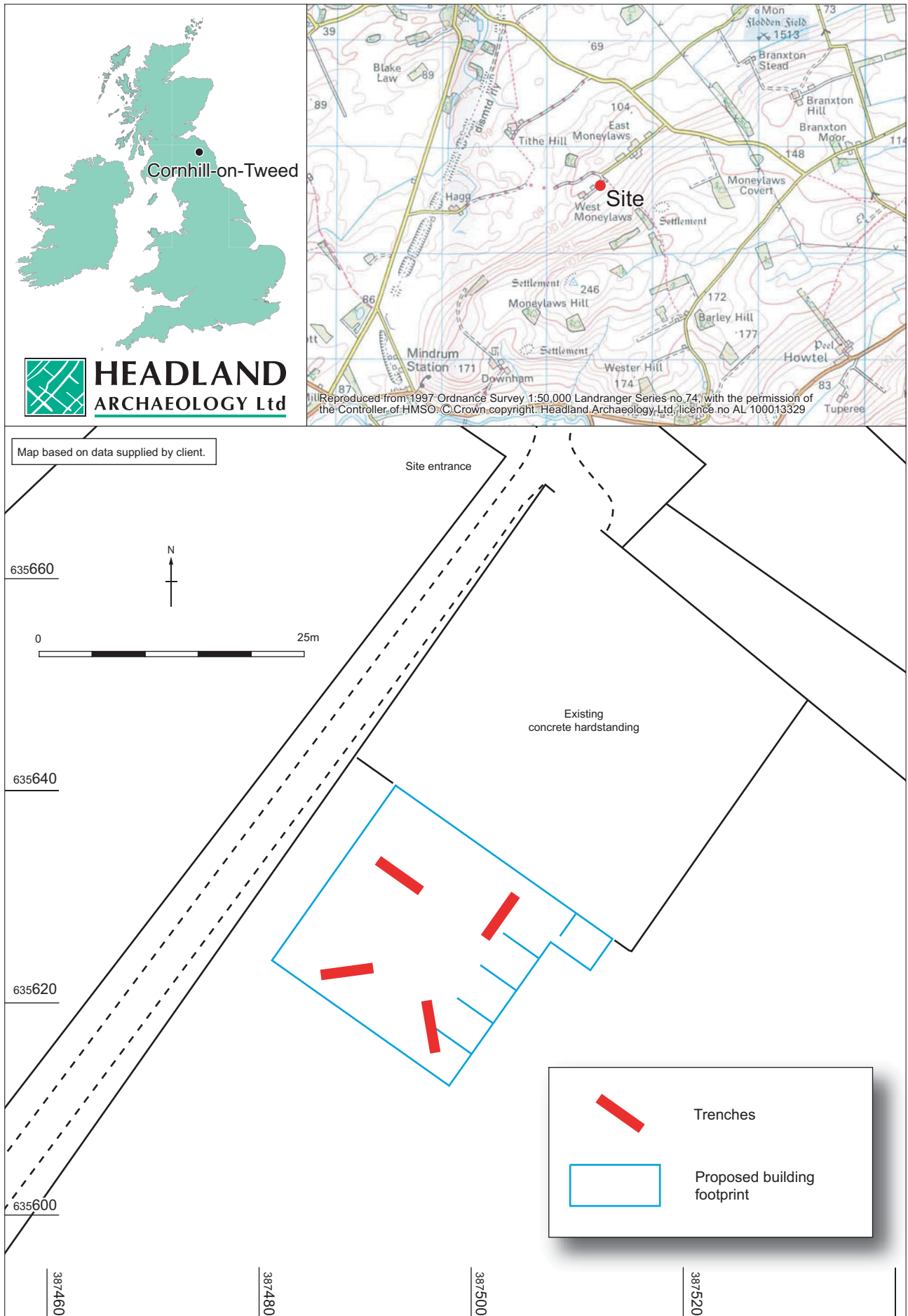


Figure 1 - West Moneylaws Farm, Cornhill-on-Tweed: Trench locations