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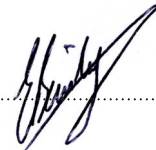
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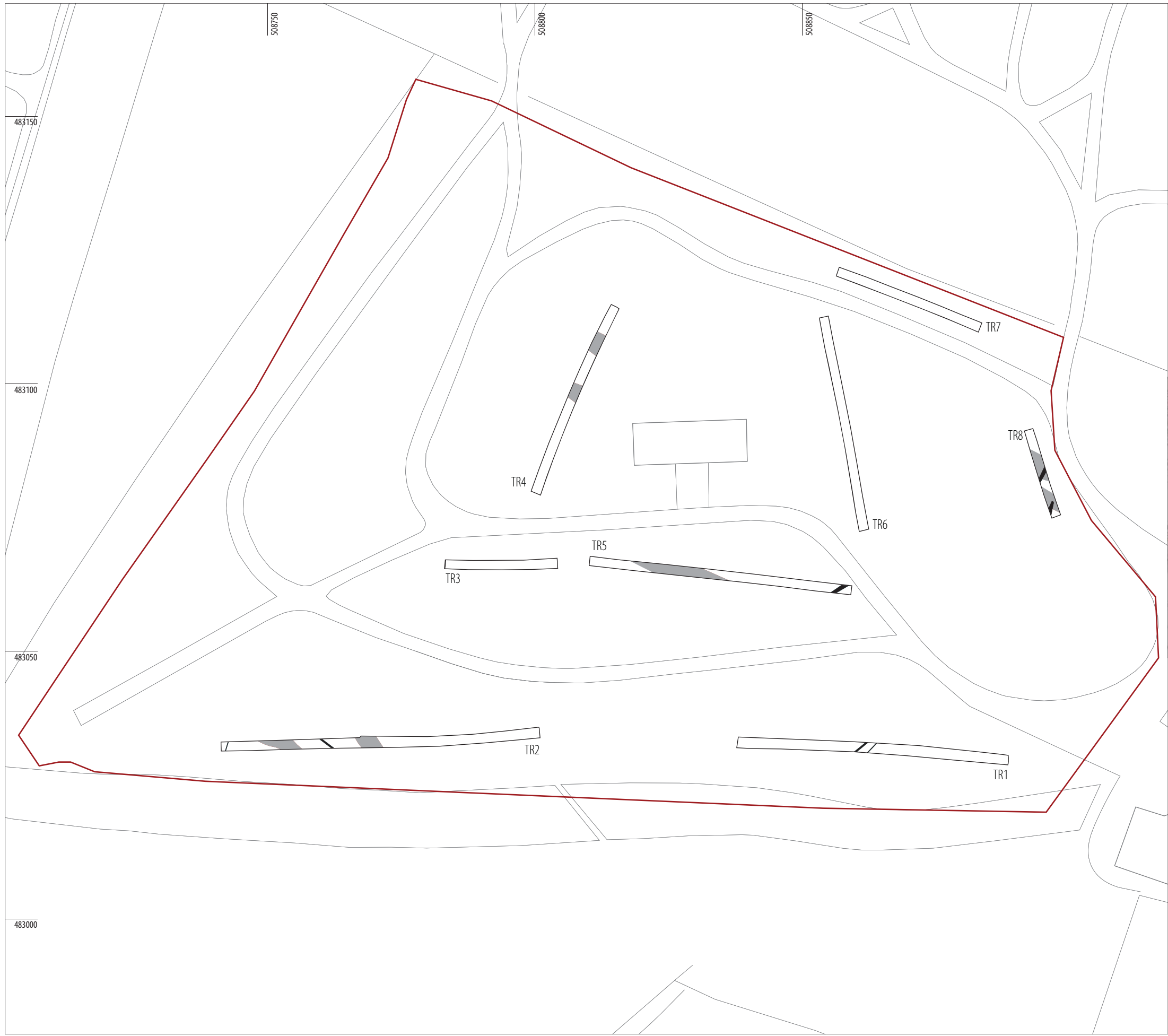
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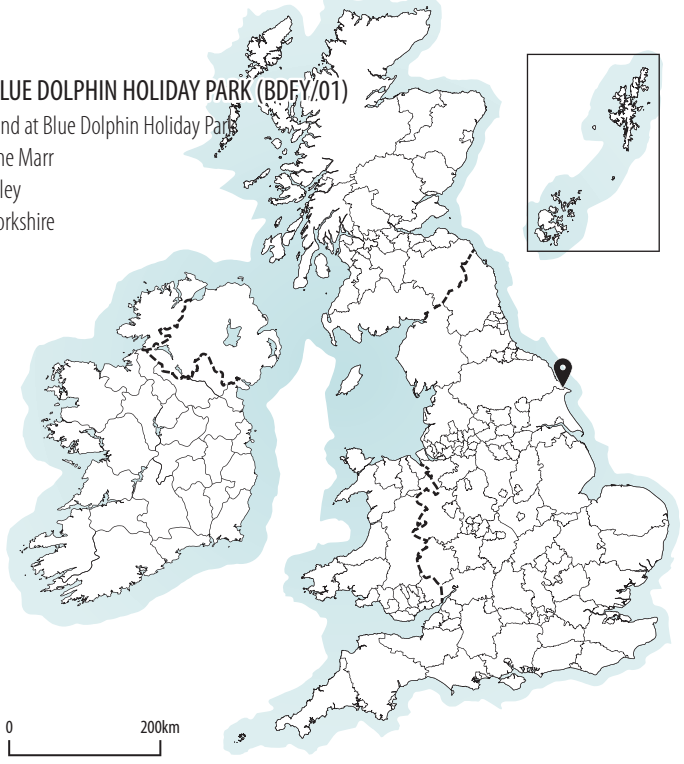
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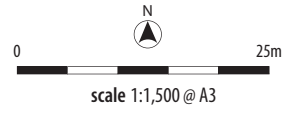
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## Archaeological Evaluation

An area within Blue Dolphin Holiday Park designed to be converted from a mobile to a static caravan site was evaluated through trial trenching. Eight trenches from 17m to 60m long by 1.6m wide, were excavated across the site, exposing orange brown sandy clay at between 0.2m to 0.6m below current ground surface.

Broad cultivation furrows were exposed in several trenches indicating that the area had been utilised for agriculture activity in the past.

An extensive deposit of 19th and 20th century rubble and other debris was exposed at the south-east corner of the site. The deposit is probably linked to the Cliff House Farm steading just outside the development area.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

The Blue Dolphin Caravan Park is situated on the coast of North Yorkshire between Filey, 2km to the south-east and Scarborough some 5km to the north-west (Illus 1).

The proposed development site is located in the south-west corner of the caravan park (National Grid Ref TA 088 832, site centre) and covers approximately 1.2 ha. The development comprises the conversion of a mobile caravan site to a static caravan site. The area is currently grassed over with several tarmac pathways and roads and up until recently has been used as a mobile caravan park (Illus 2). The concrete platform for the former service block, now demolished, is located in the middle of the area. It is bounded by to the north, east and west by the caravan park and open fields to the south.

Planning permission has been granted for the development subject to conditions, including a condition that required the implementation of a programme of archaeological works in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI). Headland Archaeology was commissioned by the client to agree a programme of archaeological work with North Yorkshire Historic Environment Team who advise Scarborough Council on archaeology matters and to encapsulate that programme within a WSI.

The evaluation was carried out to provide further information about the archaeological resource, to enable appropriate decisions to be reached regarding the most effective mitigation strategy. The work was carried out in accordance with a WSI written by Headland Archaeology (Headland Archaeology 2014).

The fieldwork was carried out from the 22nd to the 23rd December 2014 and on the 6th January 2015.

## 2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

A Desk Based Assessment related to the development was carried out in December 2006 (WYAS 2006). The study area comprised land within a 500m radius of the site. Nine sites were identified during this study, the majority of these being structures recorded on the 1st edition OS map surveyed in 1849-50. The most significant sites were two Bronze Age round barrows (Mon. 80146 and 80131) located to the north and north-east of the current development. One of these (Mon. 80146) lies only some 220 m to the north of the current development. The study did not identify any sites within the current development boundary.



ILLUS 2

View towards SE corner of site and Trenches 7, 8 and 6 (left to right)

ILLUS 3

Furrows aligned SE-NW exposed in Trench 4. Facing SSW

ILLUS 4

Deep deposits of rubble at east end of Trench 1. Facing S

In 2010 a geophysical (magnetometer) survey was carried out at two locations of two undeveloped areas one some 150m to the north, the other immediately to the south of the current development. The survey did not identify any anomalies that could be interpreted as archaeological features (WYAS 2010).

### 3 OBJECTIVES

The aims of the evaluation was to:

- a. establish the location, extent, nature and date of archaeological features or deposits that may be present within the areas proposed to be disturbed during the development.
- b. establish the integrity and state of preservation of archaeological features or deposits that may be present within the areas proposed to be disturbed during the development.

### 4 METHOD

A total of eight evaluation trenches were excavated using a JCB with a 1.6m wide straight edge bucket (Illus 1). Due to a complex network of services across the site the trenches were located in areas with low the risk of disturbing services. The trenches varied in length from 17m to 60m. All trenches were excavated by under direct archaeological supervision.

The location of the trenches and features within them was recorded using a differential GPS. In addition to the trench plan the profile of each trench was also recorded.

### 5 RESULTS

The most significant archaeological features identified during the evaluation were a series of shallow broad linear features interpreted as cultivation furrows. A total of seven furrows were recorded, two in Trenches 2, 4 and 8 and one in Trench 5 (Illus 1). The furrows were all aligned north-west to south-east and were between 2.5 m and 4.5m wide (Illus 3). Pairs of furrows were 2m to 9.5m apart.

In addition to the furrows several intermittent plough marks were noted cutting into the clayey subsoil.

An extensive deposit of rubble was exposed in Trench 1 at the south-east corner of the site towards the Cliff House Farm steading just outside the development area (Illus 4). The rubble contained 19th and 20th century debris.



Several modern features were also recorded comprising service trenches and rubble drains.

## 6 DISCUSSION

The evaluation did not identify any significant archaeological features within the site boundary. Remains of rig and furrow cultivation was recorded in several trenches and it is likely that the whole site was once covered in rig. Plough furrows were seen cut into the subsoil indicating extensive ploughing which will have removed above ground evidence of rig as well as probably some of the furrows. Any landscaping carried out for the creation of the mobile caravan site would have further eroded these cultivation remains.

The rubble exposed in the south-east corner is likely to be related to activities at Cliff House Farm some 30m to the South-east.

## 7 REFERENCES

Headland 2014 *Blue Dolphin Holiday Park; Written Scheme of Investigation for Archaeological Evaluation*. Unpublished client report.

WYAS 2006 *Blue Dolphin Holiday Park, Filey, North Yorkshire; Archaeological Desk-base Assessment*. Unpublished client report for Dacre, Son and Hartley.

WYAS 2010 *Blue Dolphin Holiday Park, Filey, North Yorkshire; Geophysical Survey*. Unpublished client report for Bourne Leisure Ltd.



## 8 APPENDICES

### APPENDIX 1 TRENCH REGISTER

TR	Alignment	Dimensions	Depth (m)	Details
1	E-W	1.6m x 50m	0.2 – 1.4	The trench was located on a west-facing slope near the south-east corner of the site. Deep deposits of rubble up to 1.5m deep, were exposed in the east end of the trench. The deposits extended some 30m along the trench petering out towards the west. An electric cable and a rubble drain cut across the trench about half way. At the west end of the trench the topsoil was 0.2m deep on to natural subsoil comprising light orange brown stony sandy clay.
2	E-W	1.6m x 60m	0.2 – 0.4	The trench was located on level ground in the south-west part of the site. The topsoil was up to 0.3m deep over orange brown sandy and stony clay. Two furrows 3.5 to 4.5m wide and aligned roughly north-west to south-east, were exposed in the west half of the trench. The distance between the furrows were some 9.5m. An electric cable ran across the west end of the trench.
3	E-W	1.6m x 20m	0.2 – 0.3	The trench was located on level ground in the west half of the site. The topsoil was up to 0.3m deep over orange brown sandy clay. No features were exposed in the trench.
4	NNE-SSW	1.6m x 38m	0.2 – 0.5	The trench was located on a gentle south-facing slope in the west half of the site. The topsoil was up to 0.4m deep over orange brown sandy clay. Two furrows 3.5 to 4m wide and aligned roughly north-west to south-east, were exposed in the north half of the trench. The distance between the two furrows were about 6.5m.
5	E-W	1.6m x 49m	0.2 – 0.4	The trench was located on a gentle east-facing slope near the middle of the site. The topsoil was up to 0.3m deep over orange brown sandy clay. A furrow was exposed in the west half of the trench. It was some 4.5m wide and aligned roughly north-west to south-east cutting obliquely across the trench. A modern drain was cutting across the east end of the trench.
6	NNW-SSE	1.6m x 40m	0.3 – 0.6	The trench was located on a gentle south-facing slope in the east half of the site. The topsoil was up to 0.4m deep over orange brown sandy clay. No features were exposed in the trench.

TR	Alignment	Dimensions	Depth (m)	Details
7	ESE-WNW	1.6m x 28m	0.2 – 0.25	The trench was located on a gentle east-facing slope towards the north-east corner of the site. The topsoil was up to 0.25m deep over light orange brown sandy clay. No features were exposed in the trench.
8	NNW-SSE	1.6m x 17m	0.25 – 0.3	The trench was located on a gentle south-facing slope along the east edge of the site. The topsoil was up to 0.3m deep over orange brown sandy clay. Two furrows aligned north-west to south-east, 2.5m and 3.8m wide, were exposed in the trench. and The distance between the two furrows were 2m. The two furrows were cut by modern drains.

### APPENDIX 2 PHOTOGRAPHIC REGISTER

Photo	File name	Facing	Description
01	BDFY14-01-Pic01.JPG	S	Trench 1. Deep deposits of rubble at east end of trench
02	BDFY14-01-Pic02.JPG	W	Trench 1. Working shot
03	BDFY14-01-Pic03.JPG	W	Trench 1
04	BDFY14-01-Pic04.JPG	E	Trench 1
05	BDFY14-01-Pic05.JPG	W	Trench 2
06	BDFY14-01-Pic06.JPG	E	Trench 3
07	BDFY14-01-Pic07.JPG	SSW	Trench 4
08	BDFY14-01-Pic08.JPG	NW	Trench 2. Slot into furrow at west end of trench
09	BDFY14-01-Pic09.JPG	E	Trench 5
10	BDFY14-01-Pic10.JPG	W	Trench 5
11	BDFY14-01-Pic11.JPG	S	Trench 6
12	BDFY14-01-Pic12.JPG	N	Trench 6
13	BDFY14-01-Pic13.JPG	ESE	Trench 7
14	BDFY14-01-Pic14.JPG	WNW	Trench 7
15	BDFY14-01-Pic15.JPG	SSE	Trench 8
16	BDFY14-01-Pic16.JPG	NNW	Trench 8
17	BDFY14-01-Pic17.JPG	SE	View towards south-east corner of site and Trenches 7 (left), 8 (middle) and 6 (right).

Photo	File name	Facing	Description
18	BDFY14-01-Pic18.JPG	S	View towards Trench 4 (foreground) and Trench 3 (in the background). Concrete platform for former service block to the left.
19	BDFY14-01-Pic19.JPG	E	View across south part of site. Trench 3 to the left
20	BDFY14-01-Pic20.JPG	ENE	View towards east part of site and Trenches 3 and 5 (foreground), 6 (middle) and 8 (background)







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