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**Old Mill Cottage, Newick Lane,  
Mayfield, East Sussex**

**Archaeological Watching Brief**

**by Felicity Howell**

**Site Code: OMC13/167**

**(TQ 58906 24415)**

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Mayfield, East Sussex**

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**For RAW Technology Ltd**

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Thames Valley Archaeological Services Ltd

Site Code OMC 13/167

**August 2013**

## Summary

**Site name:** Old Mill Cottage, Newick Lane, Mayfield, East Sussex

**Grid reference:** TQ 58906 24415

**Site activity:** Watching Brief

**Date and duration of project:** 29th – 30th August 2013

**Project manager:** Sean Wallis

**Site supervisor:** Felicity Howell

**Site code:** OMC 13/167

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**EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL  
NEGATIVE RESULT  
ACCESS WATCHING-BRIEF REPORT SHEET**

<b>Site Name &amp; Location</b> Old Mill Cottage, Newick Lane, Mayfield		<b>Grid Ref.</b> TQ 58906 24415		
<b>Planning Ref.</b>		<b>District :</b> Wealden		
<b>ESCC Monitoring Officer</b>  Greg Chuter		<b>Parish :</b> Mayfield		
<b>Archaeologist Details</b> Thames Valley Archaeological Services Ltd 77a Hollingdean Terrace, Brighton, BN1 7HB TVAS Site Code : OMC 13/167		<b>Date of visits</b> 29th and 30th August 2013  <b>Author of Report :</b> Felicity Howell		
<b>Developer</b> RAW Technology Ltd		<b>Nature of development</b> Ground works and repair following an oil spill		
<b>Land Owner/Tenant (if different from above)</b> Mr M O'Neil		<b>Site contact</b> 01435 872471		
<b>Geology (solid &amp; drift)</b> Weald Clay		<b>Soil (general)</b> N/A		
<b>Archaeological Potential (if known)</b> Old Mill Cottage is a Grade II listed building dating to at least the 18 <sup>th</sup> century, but may be older. The site has a potential for earlier archaeological remains relating to medieval settlement and Tudor iron smelting.  <b>Relevant ESHER Refs. (if known)</b>		<b>Nature of groundworks (Refer to development plan)</b> Floor surfaces to be removed where the oil spill had taken place. These areas are to be excavated down to the natural clay in order to reinstate with new, uncontaminated surfaces. <b>Site topography – Land use</b>		
<b>Topsoil levels</b>		<b>OS Benchmark</b> c. 55m AOD		
<b>Recording Checklist (tick) – Attach to this sheet</b>	<b>Context Register</b>	<b>Written Record</b>	<b>Drawn Record: plans sections</b>	<b>Photographic</b>
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**Stratigraphic Descriptions (Describe all deposits exposed by the groundworks)**

The removal of floor surfaces and subsequent excavation in the hallway, kitchen and dining room was observed during the course of this watching brief. An earlier brick floor surface was uncovered in the dining room. The fact that the bricks were frogged suggests that this surface was laid in the late 19th or 20th century and, as a result, it was not recorded in detail. No archaeological surfaces or deposits were observed in any of the areas where excavation down to the natural clay was carried out. In general the stratigraphy revealed beneath the existing concrete floor and its associated bedding layer consisted of about 0.2m of mid grey brown silty clay subsoil, which lay above the natural sandy clay geology.

*Subsoil depth and thickness : 0.20-0.40m*  
*Natural Substrate depth exposed : 0.40-0.50m*

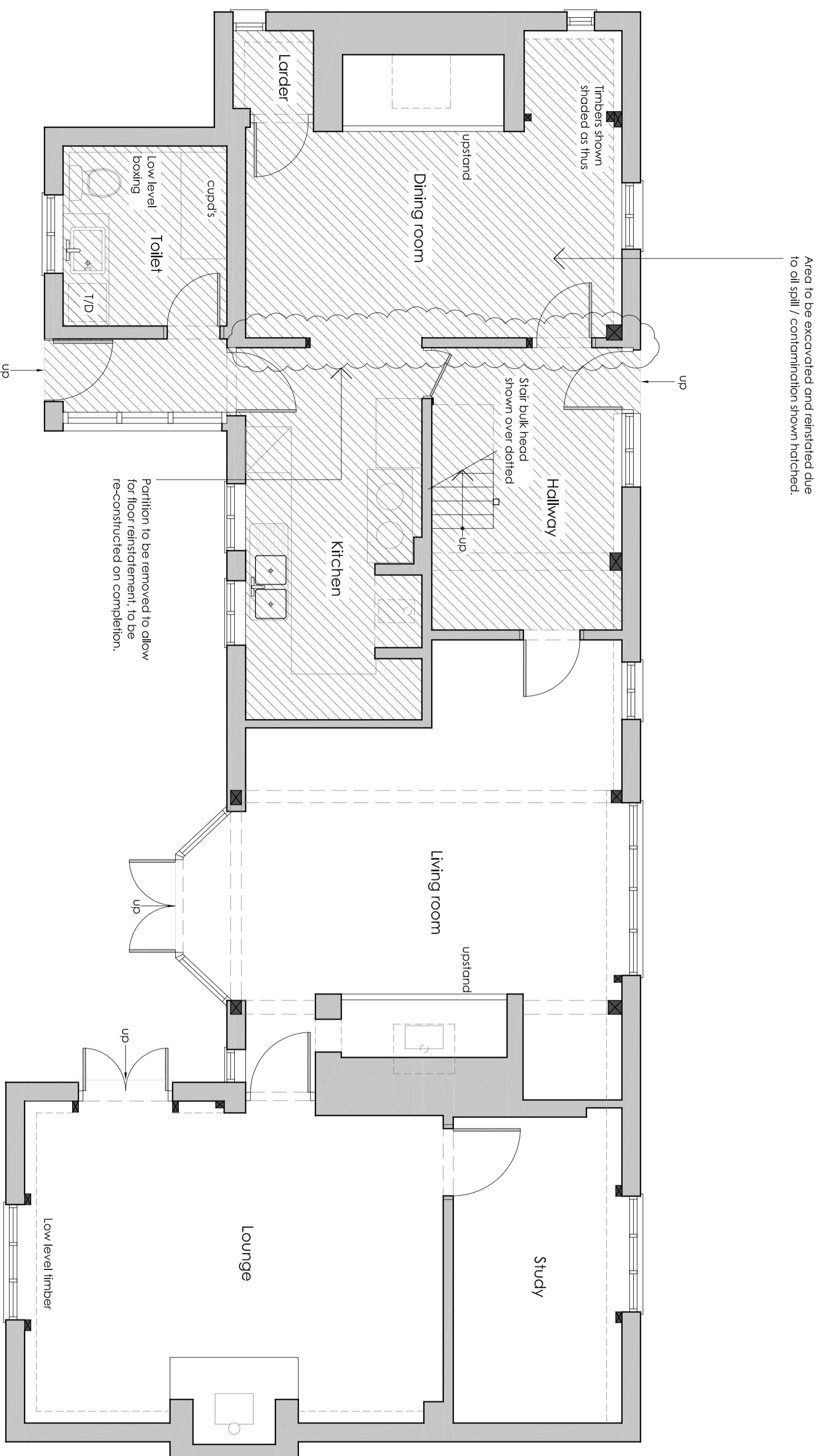
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***Sketch Location Plan of site – areas monitored***

*(Attach developer plans etc.)*

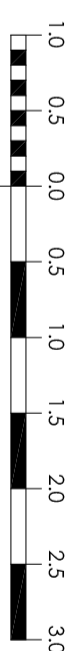
See architects plan attached, which shows the area to be excavated and reinstated due to oil spill..

***Sketch Plans, Sections & other notes***



Ground floor plan

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Title **GROUND FLOOR PLAN PROPOSED WORKS**

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Date February 2013 Checked

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## TIME CHART

	<b>Calendar Years</b>
Modern _____	AD 1901
Victorian _____	AD 1837
Post Medieval _____	AD 1500
Medieval _____	AD 1066
Saxon _____	AD 410
Roman _____	AD 43
Iron Age _____	BC/AD 750 BC
Bronze Age: Late -----	1300 BC
Bronze Age: Middle -----	1700 BC
Bronze Age: Early -----	2100 BC
Neolithic: Late .....	3300 BC
Neolithic: Early .....	4300 BC
Mesolithic: Late .....	6000 BC
Mesolithic: Early .....	10000 BC
Palaeolithic: Upper .....	30000 BC
Palaeolithic: Middle .....	70000 BC
Palaeolithic: Lower .....	2,000,000 BC





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