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Archaeological watching brief at 6 Chapel Street  
Long Lawford, Warwickshire  
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Project title	Archaeological Watching brief at 6 Chapel Street, Long Lawford, Warwickshire, September 2011	
Short description	An archaeological watching brief was carried out by Northamptonshire Archaeology on land at 6 Chapel Street, Long Lawford, Warwickshire of foundation trenches for a extension to the existing property. The deposits observed were mid orange-brown sandy clay subsoil overlaid by modern made ground. No archaeological features were observed and no finds were recorded.	
Project type	Watching Brief	
Previous work	None	
Current land use	Garden	
Future work	Unknown	
Monument type and period	None	
Significant finds	None	
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>		
County	Warwickshire	
Site address	6 Chapel Street, Long Lawford, CV23 9BH	
Easting Northing	SP 4709 7593	
Area (sq m/ha)	55.60 sq m	
Height aOD	120 mOD	
<b>PROJECT CREATORS</b>		
Organisation	Northamptonshire Archaeology (NA)	
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<b>ARCHIVES</b>	<b>Location (Accession no.)</b>	<b>Contents</b>
Physical	NA offices	Site records (1 small archive box)
Paper		
Digital		Client report PDF
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**Abstract**

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**1 INTRODUCTION**

An archaeological watching brief was carried out by Northamptonshire Archaeology (NA) at 6 Chapel Street, Long Lawford, Warwickshire (NGR SP 4709 7593 Fig 1). The work was commissioned by Mrs G Kendal and was undertaken as a condition of planning consent for the construction of a house extension and garage (Warwickshire Planning Ref No: R09/054/PLN).

The scope of works was outlined in a brief issued by the Planning Archaeologist, Warwickshire County Council (WM 2011) and detailed in the specification prepared by Northamptonshire Archaeology (NA 2011). The objectives of the watching brief were to determine the presence of any archaeological features or deposits within the application area and to date and characterise their extent, depth of burial and state of preservation.

**2 BACKGROUND**

**2.1 Location and geology**

The development area is located on level ground within the garden to the south at 6 Chapel Street, Long Lawford, Warwickshire (Fig 2).

Long Lawford lies approximately 4.2 km west of Rugby. The underlying geology has been mapped by the British Geological Survey of Great Britain as comprising Lias mudstones, siltstones, limestone and sandstone overlain by superficial deposits of sand and gravel ([bgs.ac.uk/GeoIndex/](http://bgs.ac.uk/GeoIndex/)).

**2.2 Historical and archaeological background**

The site lies within an area of particular archaeological interest. A search of the Warwickshire Historic Environment Record provided by Warwickshire Museum has shown important archaeological remains immediately adjacent to the planned development. In particular, trial trench evaluation, followed by excavation on land to the west of the Caldecott Arms revealed Roman and Anglo-Saxon activity (MWA 10276 and 10277; Jones and Thompson 2005) as well as remains relating to the medieval and post-medieval village (MWA 12844; Thompson and Wright 2010).

### 3 OBJECTIVES AND METHODOLOGY

All groundworks were excavated by a 360° excavator with a 1m wide ditching bucket to remove overburden to the required depth for the development. The area was cleaned sufficiently to enable the identification and definition of archaeological features if any had been present.

Recording followed standard NA procedures as described in the *Fieldwork Manual* (NA 2006). Deposits were described on *pro-forma* sheets to include measured and descriptive details of the context, its relationships, interpretation and a checklist of associated finds. Photography was with 35mm black and white film and colour slides, supplemented with digital images. Spoil heaps and features were scanned with a metal detector to maximise the recovery of metal objects.

All works were conducted in accordance with the Institute for Archaeologists' *Code of Conduct* (IfA 2010) and *Guidance for an archaeological watching brief* (IfA 1994, revised 2008).

### 4 THE EXCAVATED EVIDENCE

The groundwork comprised the excavation of foundation trenches for an extension to the existing property. The foundations were excavated without archaeological observation but were sufficiently cleaned to enable identification of any archaeological features. The foundation trenches were 1.0m wide by up to 1.0m deep below modern ground surface.

The underlying geology was overlaid by between 0.20m and 0.30m of mid orange-grey sandy clay, which was overlaid by 0.10m of mid grey-brown sandy clay with frequent brick and concrete fragment inclusions.



Fig 3: 6 Chapel Street, Long Lawford, looking north-west



Fig 4: The development area, looking

## 5 THE SITE ARCHIVE

The site archive comprises:

RECORD	NUMBER
Watching brief logs	1
Colour slides	10
Black and white contacts and negatives	10
Digital photographs	4

During observation of the works the digital camera malfunctioned, corrupting the files of most of the pictures taken.

## 6 DISCUSSION

The archaeological watching brief identified no archaeological features within the development area. The underlying geology was observed during the groundwork. A layer of make-up material was present, but whilst no dating evidence was recovered it was probably modern and deposited as a levelling layer for the existing properties garden area.

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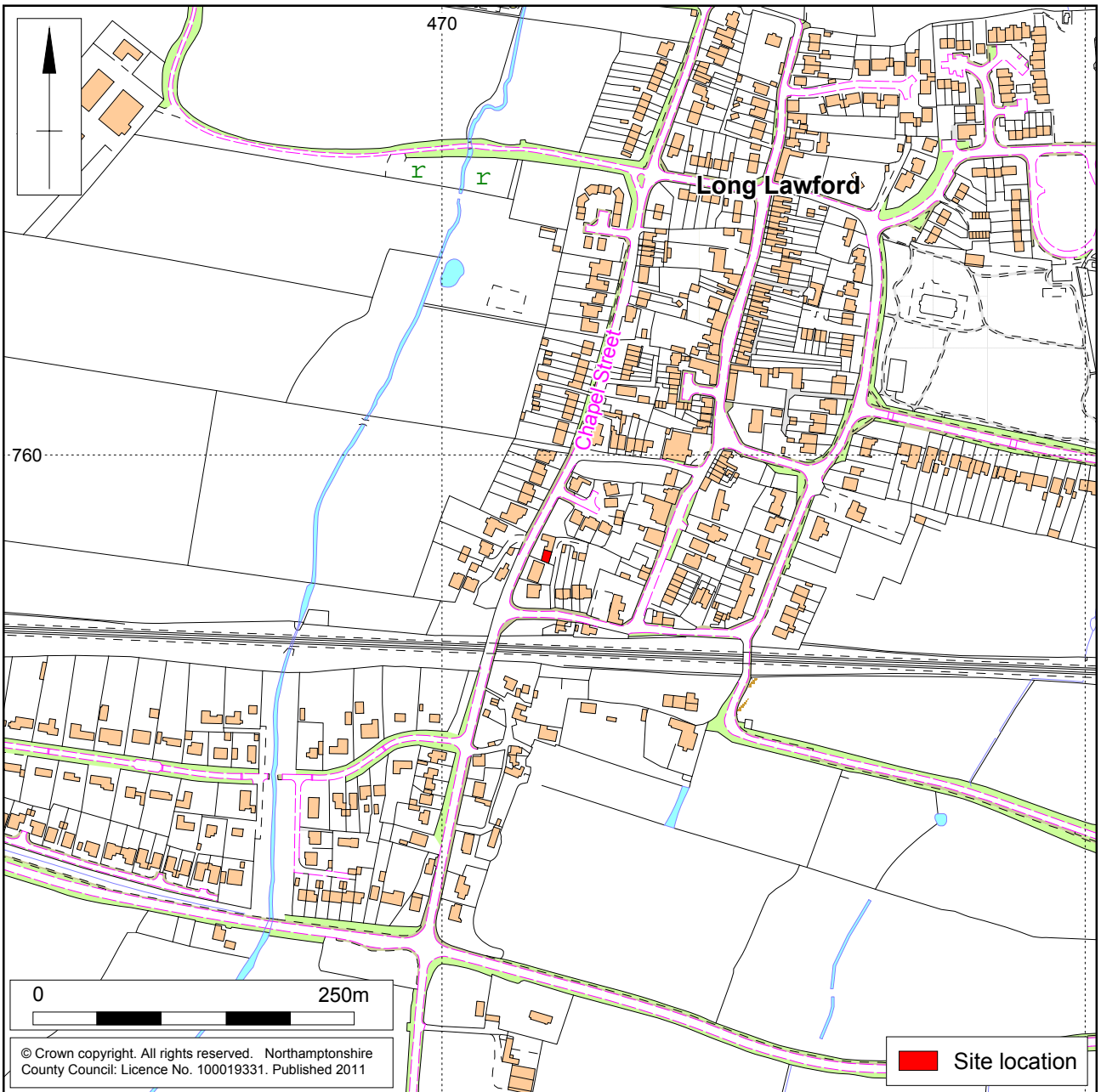
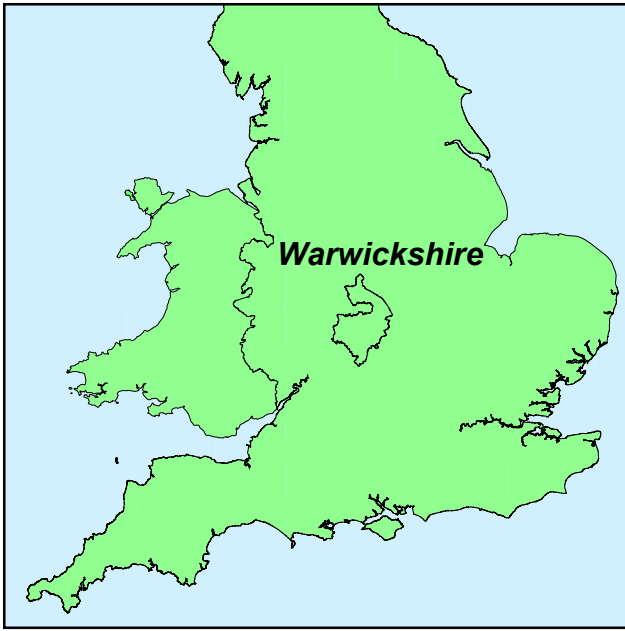
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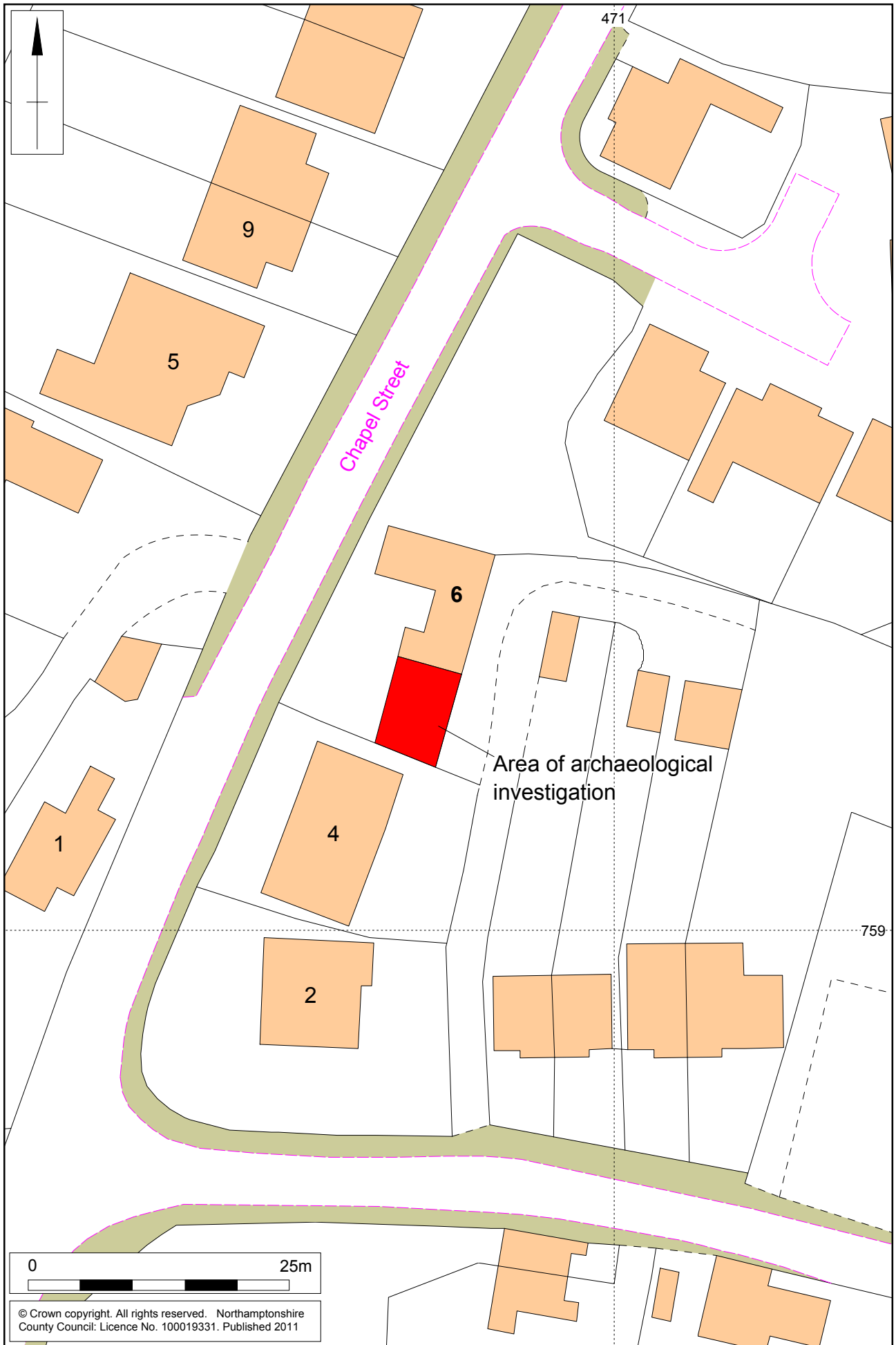
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Scale 1:5000

Site location Fig 1



1:500

Area of archaeological investigation Fig 2

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