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**WATCHING BRIEF:
16 STATION ROAD
STOKE GOLDING
LEICESTERSHIRE**

on behalf of Mr W Hendrie



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Site Data

<i>ASC site code:</i>	SGS	<i>Project no:</i>	776
<i>SMR Event No:</i>	-		
<i>County:</i>	Leicestershire		
<i>Village/Town:</i>	Stoke Golding		
<i>Civil Parish:</i>	Stoke Golding		
<i>NGR (to 8 figs):</i>	SP 3970 9715		
<i>Extent of site:</i>	c.15m x c.20m		
<i>Present land use:</i>	Garden of existing dwelling		
<i>Planning proposal:</i>	The construction of a bungalow and associated access		
<i>Local Planning Authority:</i>	Hinckley and Bosworth District Council		
<i>Planning application ref/date:</i>	05/00823/FUL		
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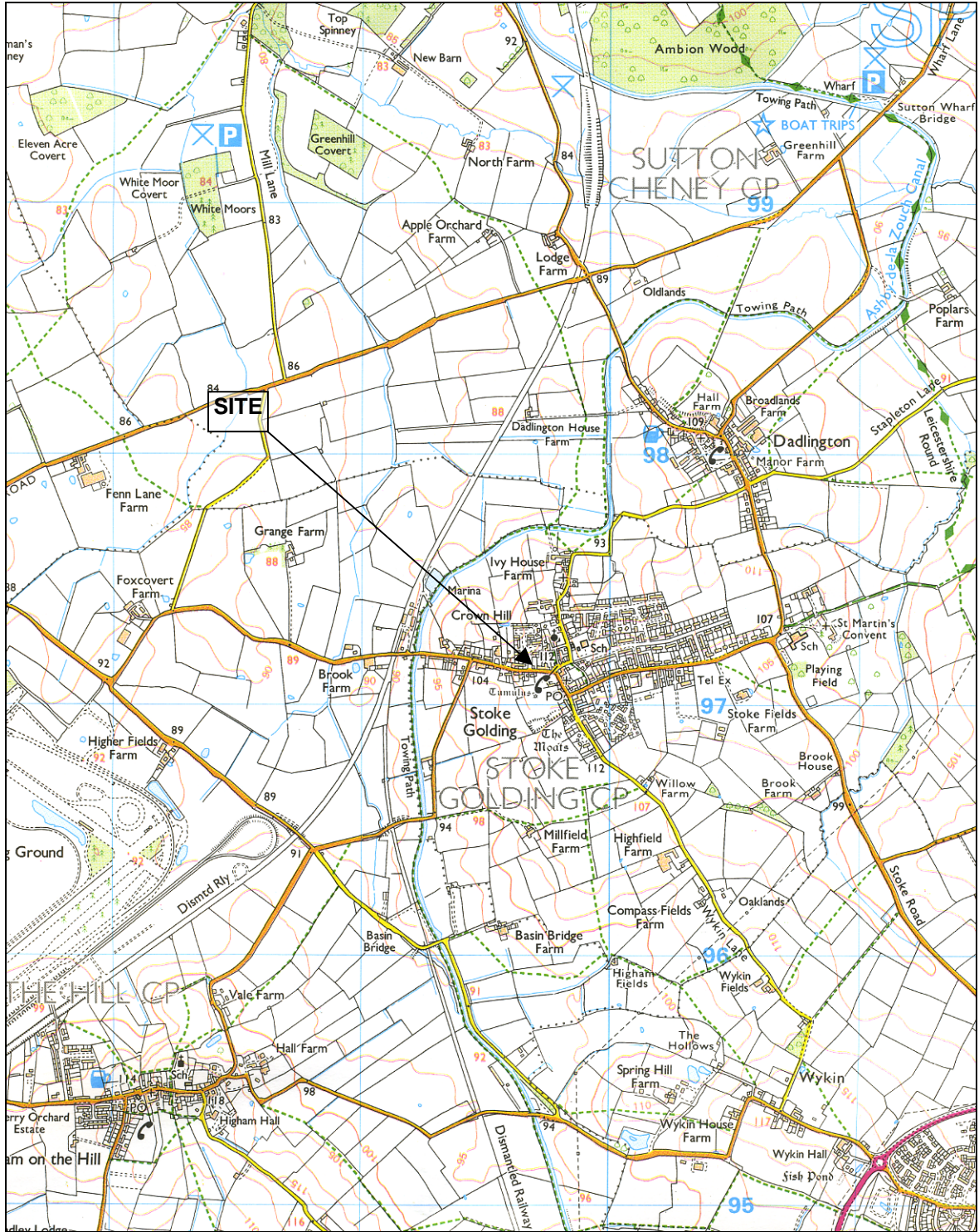


Figure 1: General location (scale 1:25,000)

Summary

On the 10th and 11th of May 2006, ASC undertook an archaeological watching brief at 16 Station Road, Stoke Golding, Leicestershire. The watching brief was required in advance of the construction of a bungalow and associated access on the site. One shallow linear feature was observed in the western half of the development, from which one sherd of green glazed pottery was recovered. The pottery is of probable medieval date, and in turn dates the linear feature to this period. No other finds or features were observed during the watching brief.

1 Introduction

1.1 In May 2006 *Archaeological Services and Consultancy Ltd* (ASC) carried out a watching brief at 16 Station Road, Stoke Golding, Leicestershire (NGR SP 3970 9715: Fig. 1). The project was commissioned by Mr W. Hendrie, and was carried out according to a project design prepared by ASC (Rouse, 2006), and a brief (Clark, 2006) prepared on behalf of the local planning authority (LPA), *Hinckley and Bosworth District Council*, by their archaeological advisor (AA), *Leicestershire Historic and Natural Environment Team*. The relevant planning application reference is 05/00823/FUL.

1.2 *Planning Background*

This watching brief has been required as a planning condition under the terms of *Planning Policy Guidance Note 16* (PPG16), in response to proposals for the construction of a bungalow and associated access.

1.3 *Location*

The development site is located in the town and parish of Stoke Golding, Leicestershire, at NGR SP 3970 9715 (Fig. 1). The site covers an area *c.*15m x *c.*20m. Access to the site is from Station Road, which runs to the south of the site.

1.4 *Description*

The development site is located in the garden of 16 Station Road. The southern part of the site is occupied by the extant dwelling, which was unaffected by the development.

1.5 *Geology & Topography*

The soils of the area are of the *Beccles 3 Association*, which are described as *slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged fine loamy over clayey soils and similar soils with only slight seasonal waterlogging. Some calcareous clayey soils especially on steeper slopes over chalky till* (Soil Survey, 1983, 711t). The site lies at an elevation of *c.*110m AOD.

1.6 ***Historical & Archaeological Background***

The site is situated within an area of potential archaeological significance, as highlighted by the Historic Environment Record (HER). The site lies within the historic core of medieval Stoke Golding, and is shown as undeveloped on 19th century maps. The town itself was not mentioned in the Domesday Survey, which implies that it came into existence after the Norman Conquest.

St Margaret's Church is located c.150m to the north east of the development site, and is described as one of the most beautiful churches in Leicestershire (Pevsner, 1960, 395). It was built before the late 13th century, and is of the two-naved design, typical of west Leicestershire (*ibid.*).

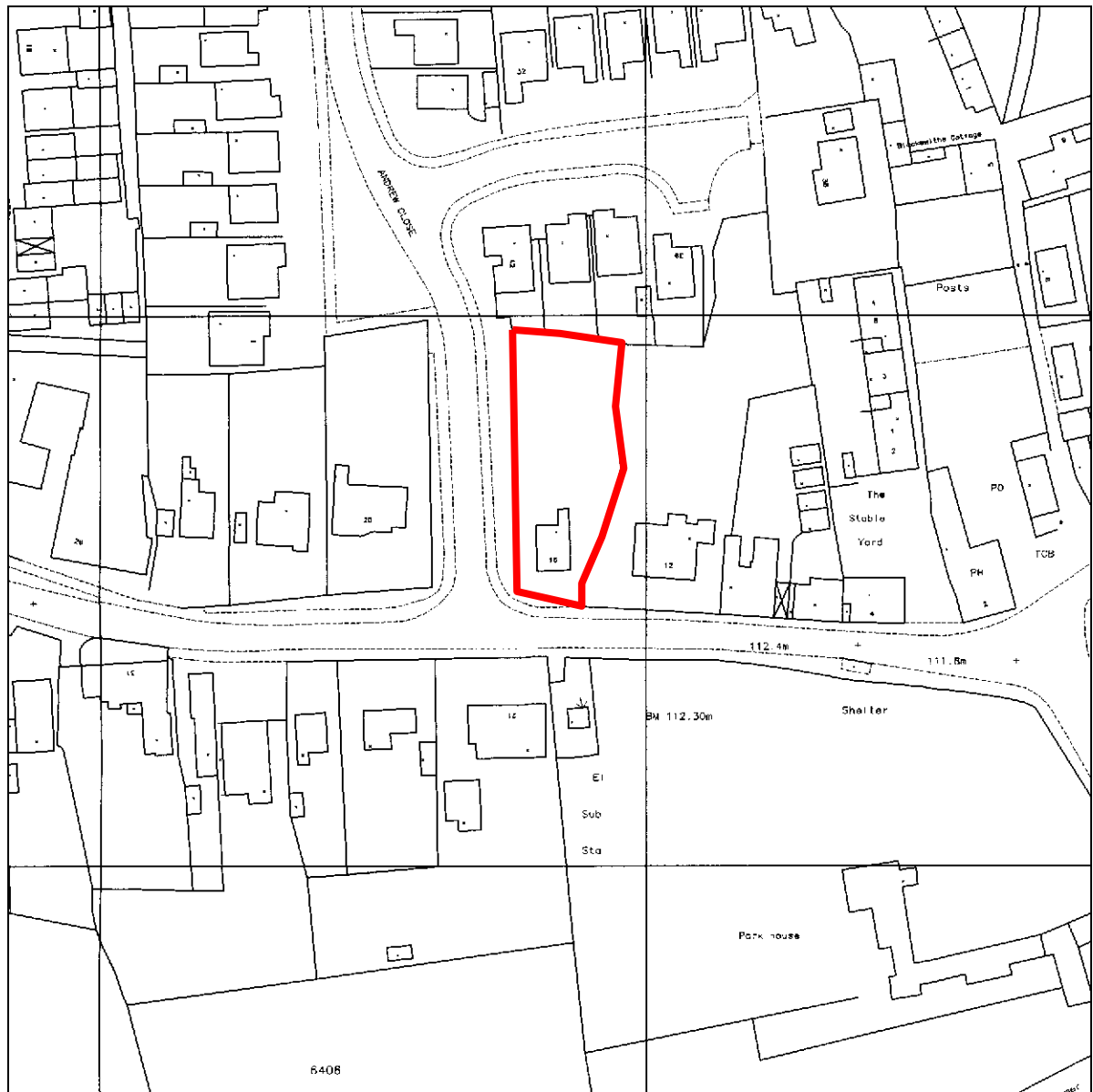


Figure 2: Site plan (scale 1:1250)

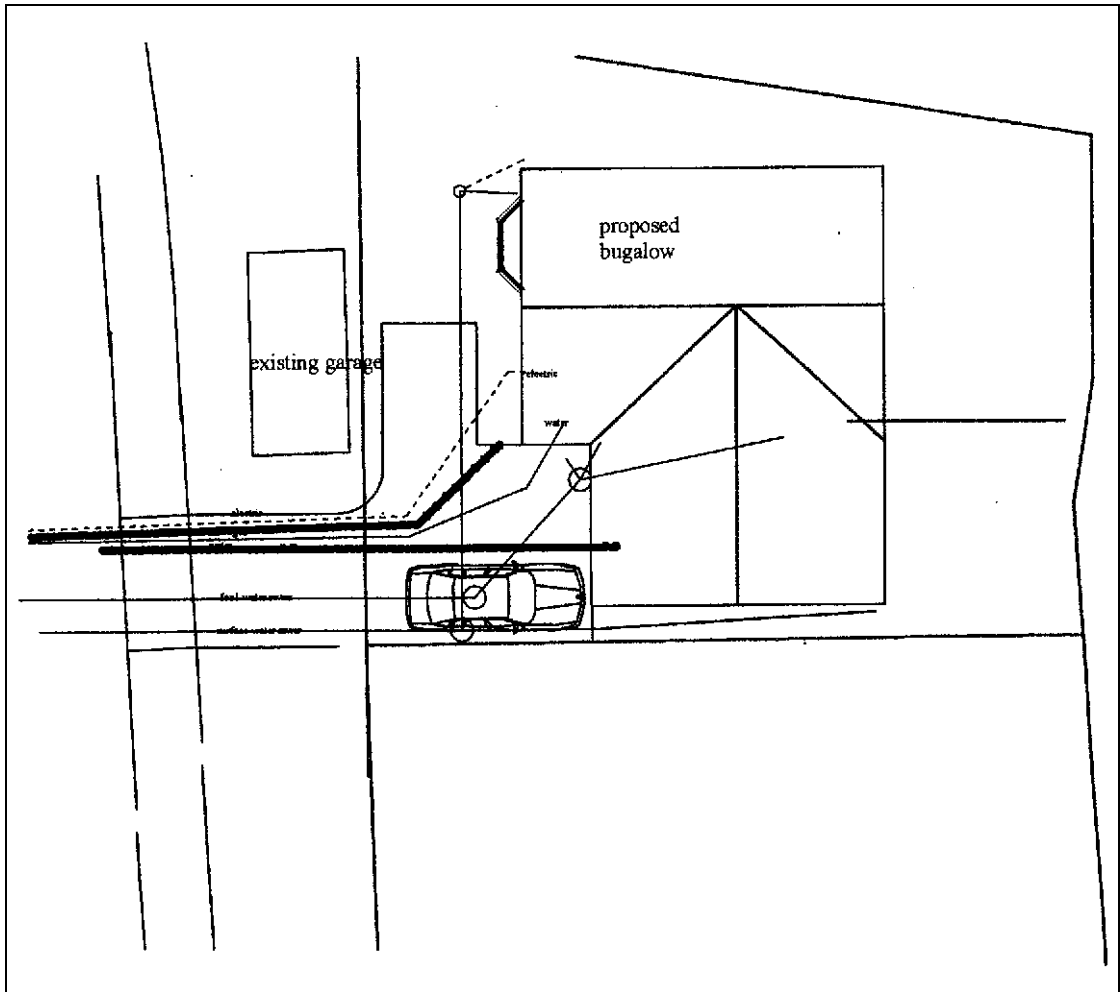


Figure 3: Proposed development (*scale 1:200*)

2 Aims & Methods

2.1 Aims

As described in the brief (Section 5), the aims of the watching brief were:

- To identify and record archaeological deposits during development

2.2 Standards

The work conformed to the project design, to the relevant sections of the Institute of Archaeologists' *Code of Conduct* (IFA 2000) and *Standard & Guidance Notes* (IFA 2001), and to the relevant sections of ASC's own *Operations Manual*.

2.3 Methods

The work was carried out according to the brief (Section 6), which required:

- An 'intensive' watching brief, requiring the archaeologist to be present during all sensitive groundworks (e.g. foundations, services and landscaping).

4 Results

- 4.1 Two visits were made to the site on the 10th and 11th of May 2006. During these visits, the vast majority of the foundations excavated for the new bungalow and its associated access were observed (Plate 3).
- 4.2 The foundation trenches were a uniform 0.65m wide and 1m deep (Plates 1 & 4), with the exception of the bay area, which was *c.*1.3m wide. The upper 0.25m consisted of topsoil, while below that was a very smooth, stoneless brown clay (Plate 2).
- 4.3 One shallow linear feature (Context 001) was noted in the western half of the site, running along a north-south alignment (Plate 5). This ditch was 1.5m wide, and 0.5m in depth, and was filled by a dark grey silt with occasional burning and pebbles (Plate 6). One fragment of green glazed pottery was recovered from this feature.



Plate 1: Northern footing looking eastwards



Plate 2: North west corner of foundations



Plate 3: General view looking south east



Plate 4: View looking eastwards



Plate 5: View north looking along alignment of shallow linear feature



Plate 6: Detail of linear feature looking north

5. Conclusions

- 5.1 The development at 16 Station Road was identified as an area of archaeological potential as it is located within the historic core of Stoke Golding, and has remained undeveloped during recent years.
- 5.2 One linear feature was observed during the watching brief. One sherd of green glazed pottery of probable medieval date was recovered from it, indicating that the feature itself dates to this period. This is further supported by the positioning of the site within the historic core of the village.
- 5.3 Aside from this, no other features were observed within the area subjected to development. A single unstratified body sherd of probable medieval date was noted on the site and subsequently discarded. The lack of disturbance within the subsoil also indicates that the site is unlikely to have been subjected to any significant development before this time.

6. Acknowledgements

The writer is grateful to M W. Hendrie for commissioning this work. The project was monitored by Richard Clark of Leicestershire Environment and Heritage Services. The fieldwork was undertaken for ASC by Jonathan Hunn BA PhD MIFA. This report was prepared by Calli Rouse BA PIFA and Jonathan Hunn, and edited by Bob Zeevat BA MIFA.

7. Archive

7.1 The project archive will comprise:

1. Brief
2. Project Design
3. Initial Report
4. Clients site plans
5. Site Monitoring Sheets
6. Finds records
7. Finds
8. List of photographs/slides
9. Colour slides
10. B/W prints & negatives
11. CDROM with copies of all digital files.

7.2 The archive will be deposited with Leicestershire Museums Service.

8. References

Standards & Specifications

Clark, R. 2006. *A Brief for Archaeological Attendance for Inspection & Recording (A Watching Brief) at 16 Station Road, Stoke Golding, Leicestershire*. Leicestershire County Council.

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IFA 2001 Institute of Field Archaeologists' *Standard & Guidance documents (Desk-Based Assessments, Watching Briefs, Evaluations, Excavations, Investigation and Recording of Standing Buildings, Finds)*.


Rouse, C 2006 *Project Design for a Watching Brief at 16 Station Road, Stoke Golding, Leicestershire* ASC 776/SGS/1

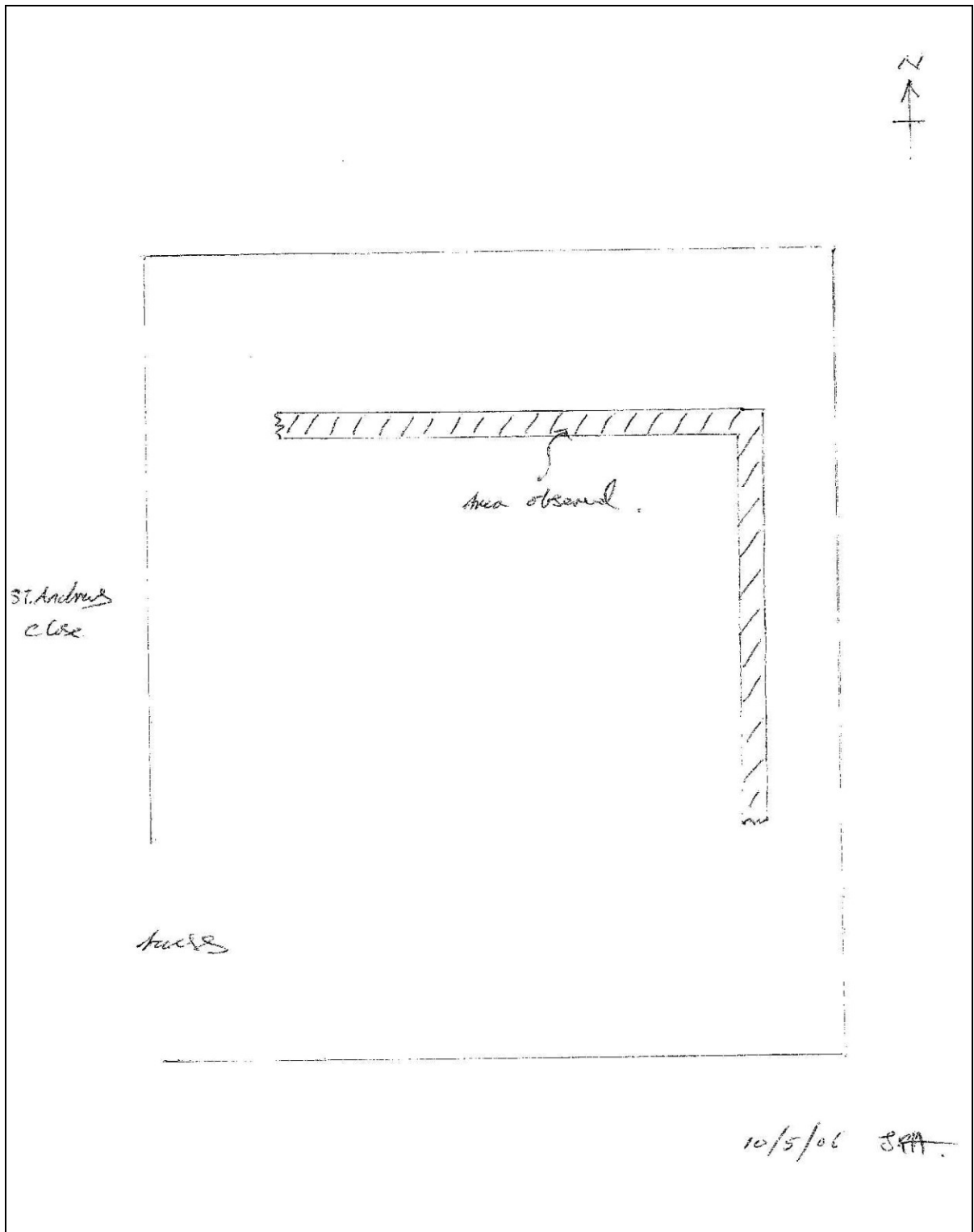
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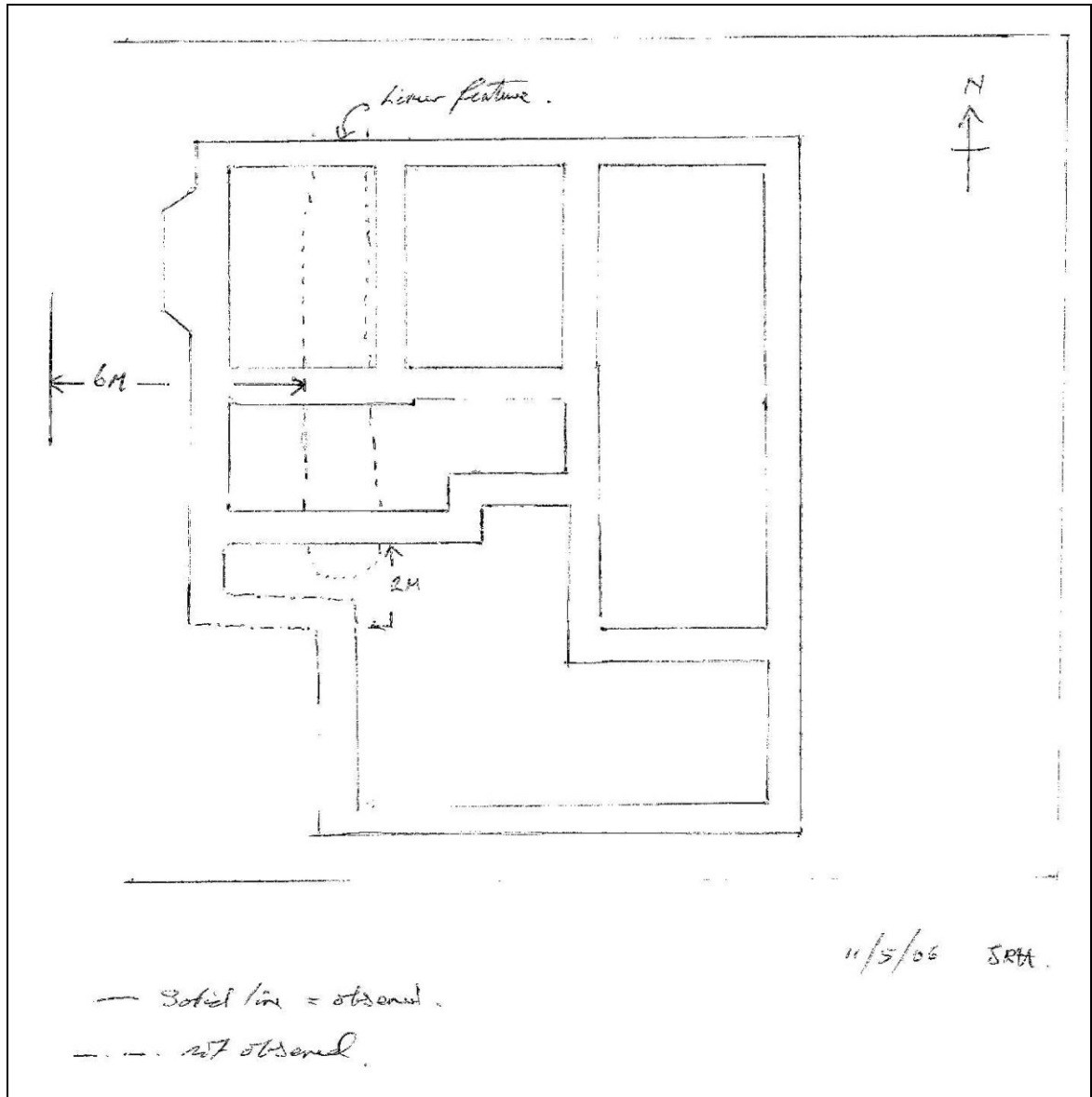
Soil Survey 1983 *1:250,000 Soil Map of England and Wales, and accompanying legend* (Harpenden).

Appendix 1: Monitoring Sheets

 A.S.C. LTD		ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD MONITORING RECORD	
Project: <i>16 Station Road</i> <i>Stoke Golding, Leics</i>		Project No/Code: <i>776 1 8GS</i>	Sheet: <i>1</i> of <i>2</i>
Client/Developer: <i>W. Hendrie Esq</i>		Date of visit: <i>10/5/06</i>	
Contact: <i>Pete Berra</i>		Phone: <i>07966-039348</i>	
Duration of Visit (inc. travel):	Start: <i>1.10pm</i>	Finish: <i>4.40pm</i>	
Completed by: <i>JHB</i>			
Development Type:			
Footings <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Services	Roads	Levelling
			Quarrying
			Pipelines
			Other (specify):
Site & weather conditions: <i>Dry & Sunny</i>			
Observations: <i>Around the foundations on the north east corner</i> <i>side of the proposed bayolow. These were 0.65m wide</i> <i>and 1.0m deep (2.0m in length approx). The upper 0.25m or</i> <i>so was the topsoil; beneath this was a very smooth, stoneless</i> <i>brown clay (from 75 yr 4/2). There was no obvious evidence</i> <i>for any man made features or artefacts.</i>			
Comments: <i>When the topsoil had been exposed this was inspected.</i> <i>No artefacts or other disturbing elements were observed.</i>			



 A.S.C. LTD		ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD MONITORING RECORD				
Project: 16, Station Road Stoke Golding		Project No/Code: 7761SGS		Sheet: 2 of 2		
Client/Developer W. Henbrie Esq		Date of visit: 11/5/06				
Contact: Pete Benn		Phone: 07966-039348				
Duration of Visit (inc. travel):		Start: 12.05		Finish:		
Completed by: JMT						
Development Type:						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Footings	<input type="checkbox"/> Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Roads	<input type="checkbox"/> Levelling	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarrying	<input type="checkbox"/> Pipelines	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):
Site & weather conditions: Dmy & Sunny						
Observations: Observed virtually all the remaining foundation of the new building. Depths as before (0.65m wide x 1m deep; the bay is about 1.5m wide). Mostly clean except for what appears to be a shall feature (1.5m wide x 0.5m deep) which runs north-south through the eastern central area of the building. It was filled by a dark grey silt with some burning present and some pebbles. One fragment of green-glaze pottery came from this feature.						
Comments: Apart from shallows here no other features observed. The site was relatively free of artefacts. One probable med. Shall found.						



Appendix 2: Finds Concordance

Context	Pottery		Bone		Flint (no)	Shell (g)	Stone (no)	Other Finds	
	(no)	(g)	(no)	(g)				Type	(no)
001	1	5							

Appendix 3: List of Photographs

SITE NAME: 16 Station Rd, Stoke Golding, Leicestershire				SITE NO/CODE: 776/SGS
Shot	B&W	Slide	Digital	Subject
1			✓	Eastern foundation 10/05/06
2			✓	No.16 Station Rd 10/05/06
3			✓	Northern footing 10/05/06
4			✓	North Western foundation 10/05/06
5			✓	Site entrance 10/05/06
6			✓	Working shot 11/05/06
7			✓	Detail view north 11/05/06
8			✓	General view NW 11/05/06
9			✓	General view SE 11/05/06
10			✓	General view W 11/05/06
11			✓	SW corner 11/05/06
12			✓	View East 11/05/06
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Appendix 4: ASC OASIS Form

PROJECT DETAILS						
Project Name:	16 Station Road, Stoke Golding, Leicestershire					
Short Description:	<i>On the 10th and 11th of May 2006, ASC undertook an archaeological watching brief at 16 Station Road, Stoke Golding, Leicestershire. One shallow linear feature was observed in the western half of the development, from which one sherd of green glazed pottery was recovered. The pottery is of probable medieval date, and in turn dates the linear feature to this period. No other finds or features were observed during the watching brief.</i>					
Project Type: (indicate all that apply)	DBA	FW	Geophys	Survey	Bldg Rec	Post-Exc
	<u>WB</u>	Strip&Rec	Trenching	Test pits	Exc	Other
Site status: (eg. none, SAM, Listed)	None		Previous work: (eg. SMR refs)		None	
Current land use:	Domestic Garden		Future work: (yes / no / unknown)		No	
Monument type:	N/a		Monument period:		N/a	
Significant finds: (artefact type & period)	1x probable medieval green glazed pot sherd					
PROJECT LOCATION						
County:	Leicestershire		OS reference: (to at least 8 figures)		SP 3970 9715	
District:	-		Parish:		Stoke Golding	
Site address: (with postcode if known)	16 Station Road, Stoke Golding, Leicestershire					
Study area: (sq. m. or ha)	c.15m x c.20m		Height OD: (metres)		c.110m	
PROJECT CREATORS						
Organisation:	Archaeological Services & Consultancy Ltd					
Project brief originator:	Richard Clark		Project design originator:		C. Rouse	
Project Manager:	Jonathan Hunn		Director/Supervisor:		Bob Zeepvat	
Sponsor / funding body:						
PROJECT DATE						
Start date:	10/05/2006		End date:		11/05/2006	
PROJECT ARCHIVES						
	Location (Accession no.)		Content (eg. pottery, animal bone, files/sheets)			
Physical:	Leicestershire Museums Service		1x pottery			
Paper:			Brief/PD/Report/Record Sheets/Plans			
Digital:			CD with all digital files			
BIBLIOGRAPHY (Journal/monograph, published or forthcoming, or unpublished client report)						
Title:	Watching Brief at 16 Station Road, Stoke Golding, Leicestershire					
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Author(s):	Calli Rouse BA PIFA and Jonathan Hunn BA PhD MIFA					
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