

**GEORGE STREET, BRIDLIGTON, EAST YORKSHIRE  
RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT**

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING AND RECORDING REPORT**

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## Non-technical summary

- An archaeological recording brief was conducted during groundworks for the construction of four houses on land on the junction of George Street and Georgian Way, Bridlington, East Yorkshire.
- No archaeological or historical features were known within the immediate vicinity.
- Excavations carried out for footing trenches and also for a service trench revealed no significant archaeological features/deposits nor artefacts.



**Fig. 1:** Location of the George Street/Georgian Way development site (based on the 1:25,000 Ordnance Survey Explorer Map Sheet 295 [2000]. ©Crown Copyright. All rights reserved. PCAS License No. 100049278

## 1 Introduction

Pre-Construct Archaeological Services Ltd. (PCAS) were requested by Stamford Homes (North) to undertake an archaeological watching brief during the groundworks for a residential development at the junction of George Street and Georgian Way, Bridlington, East Yorkshire.

This work was carried out in accordance with a specification for a scheme of archaeological monitoring produced by PCAS (2010) and approved by the Humber Archaeology Partnership Sites and Monuments Record Officer, acting on behalf of the planning authority. The scheme also conformed with the requirements of:

- *IFA Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Watching Briefs* (revised 2008)
- *Code of Conduct* (Institute of Field Archaeologists, 1994)
- *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment* (MoRPHE)

The work was conducted over 5 days between 27/07/2010 and 16/08/2010, by Steve Collison.

## 2 Site location and description

The site is located to the west of the town of Bridlington, on a plot of land to the north of the junction of George Street and Georgian Way (Fig. 1). It is situated at an elevation of approximately 10m OD, and is centred on NGR: TA 1734 6640.

## 3 Planning background

Full planning permission for the construction of four affordable dwellings was granted, subject to conditions, including Condition 8:

*No development shall take place on the site until the applicant, or their agents or successors in title, has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with a written scheme of investigation which has been submitted by the applicant and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall then be carried out in accordance with that agreed scheme. This condition is imposed as the site lies within an area of archaeological interest.*

## 4 Geology and topography

The drift geology of the area is recorded as alluvium, over chalk (*British Geological Survey online geology viewer*).

Prior to the groundworks the site was flat and covered in tarmac. The foundations of the previous building had also been removed (PI. 1).

## 5 Archaeological and historical background

George Street is situated 0.5km south-east of the Bessingby Hill housing estate. During groundworks for the estate in 1949, fragments of bone and pottery were observed. The Augustian Society of Bridlington undertook informal monitoring of the excavation of some of the foundations. This work identified possible hut sites, Iron Age and 4<sup>th</sup> century Romano-British occupation material across the area of the estate. Prehistoric flint artefacts were also recovered (English Heritage/Pastscape 2007).

## **6 Aims and objectives**

The primary aim of the work was to identify and interpret any archaeological remains disturbed by the groundwork associated with the new scheme and to effectively preserve such remains by record.

### **6.1 Methodology**

The foundation trenches were excavated by machine using a toothless bucket to a depth of approximately 1m whilst being observed by a qualified archaeologist: the service trench was dug to a depth of 1.50m. The sides of the trench were then cleaned by hand.

Context numbers were assigned to all deposits (listed in Appendix 2), and appropriate records were made of them. Plans were drawn of each of the plots, as was an overall site plan. Sections were drawn separately and, although the same deposits were found to characterise the entirety of the site, separate numbers were given to each house plot. A photographic record was maintained, and selected prints have been included in Appendix 1.

## **7 Results**

The house plots were excavated fully by machine, except where modern services were encountered and these were then dug by hand. The maximum dig depth for the house plots was 1m and for the service trench 1.50m.

The site was covered with black tarmac (1000)/ (1004) except where footings of the previous structure had been grubbed out. This tarmac thickened to the north-east of the site, ranging from 0.05m to 0.20m.

Beneath the tarmac was a layer of well sorted modern building rubble (1001)/ (1005)/ (1008) laid to provide a bedding for the tarmac. This became thicker to the south-west and ranged in depth from 0.13m to 0.27m.

A layer of dark yellow sand (1002)/ (1006)/ (1009) had formed a levelling layer for the rubble. This was of uniform thickness across the site (0.20m).

The only other deposits encountered were of natural origin: a thick layer of broken chalk (1003)/ (1007)/ (1010) overlying light yellow sand (1011). The chalk was 0.60m to 0.75m thick and, in the service trench, the sand deposit was at least 0.30m thick.

## **8 Discussion**

No significant archaeological deposits, features or artefacts were observed during the recording brief. The cultural deposit sequence observed was consistent across the site, and appears to have been created prior to/in association with the construction of the earlier building. It would appear that the groundworks associated with the construction of this building had removed any existing subsoils and deposits.

## **9 Effectiveness of Methodology**

Limited machine excavation does not always produce the best conditions for identifying archaeological features, but the clarity of these deposits showed that there were no archaeological features present and suggests that the results of the watching brief indicate that the site was of low archaeological significance.

## **10 References**

English Heritage/Pastscape 2007 'Monument No. 81041' accessed 9<sup>th</sup> December 2010 [http://www.pastscape.org.uk/hob.aspx?hob\\_id=81041&sort=2&type=&typeselect=c&ratio](http://www.pastscape.org.uk/hob.aspx?hob_id=81041&sort=2&type=&typeselect=c&ratio)

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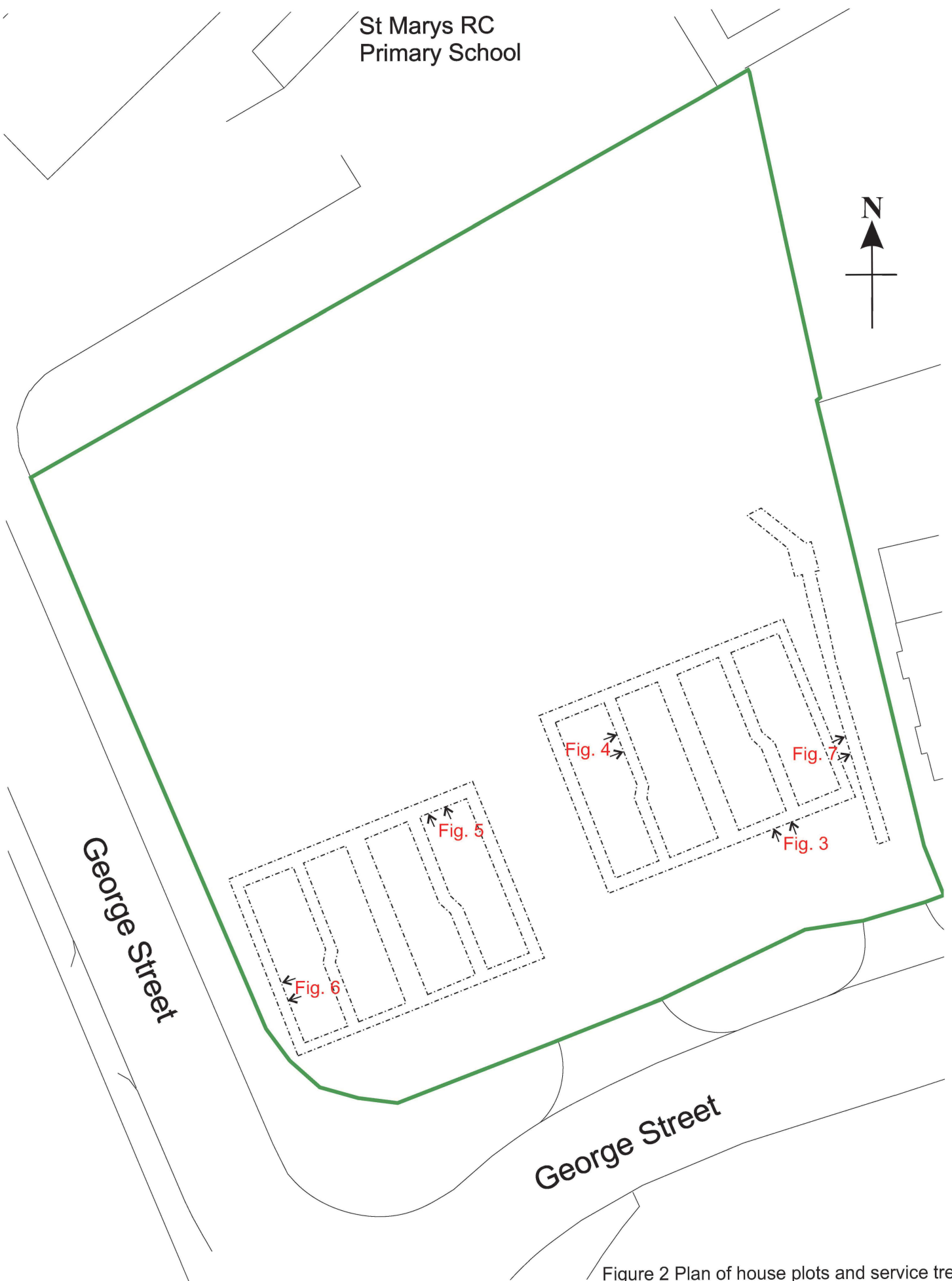
## **11 Acknowledgements**

PCAS would like to thank Stamford Homes (North) for commissioning this project.

## **12 Site Archive**

The documentary archive for this scheme is currently in the possession of Pre-Construct Archaeological Services Ltd. This will be deposited at Sewerby Hall Museum and Art Gallery.

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Figure 2 Plan of house plots and service trench  
Showing site boundary in green  
Scale 1:250



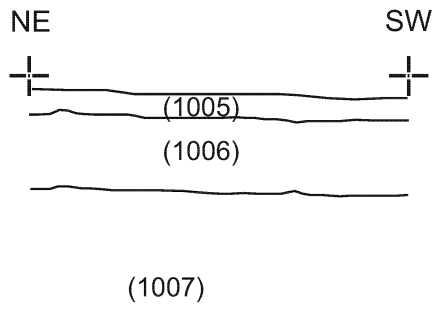


Figure 3 Northwest facing section  
in Plot 1  
Scale 1:20

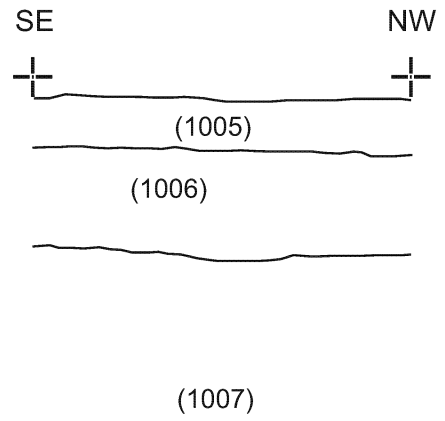


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in Plot 2  
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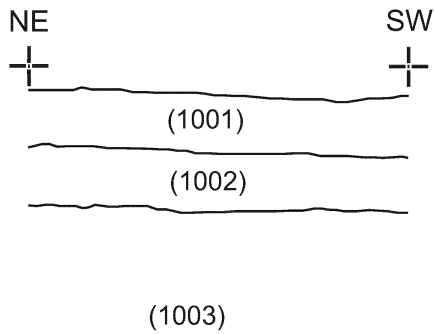


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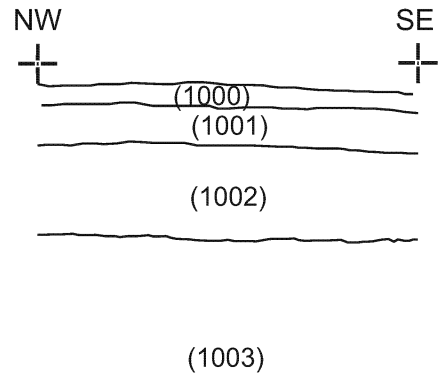


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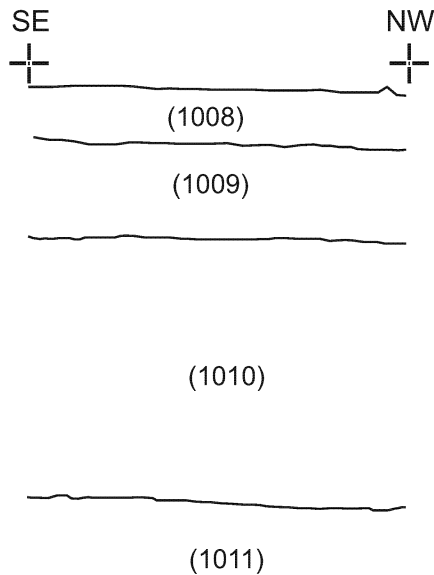
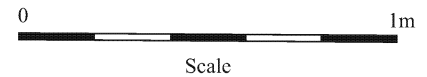


Figure 7 North-east facing section  
in service trench  
Scale 1:20



## Appendix 1 – Plates



**Plate 1** General view prior to construction works, looking southwest



**Plate 2** Plot 4 section looking northeast



**Plate 3** Plot 3 after excavation looking southeast



**Plate 4** Plot 2 after excavation looking northwest



**Plate 5** Service trench section looking west

## Appendix 2 – Context descriptions

Context	Type	Relationships	Field Description	Finds
1000	Layer	Above (1001). Same as (1004)	Tarmac	None
1001	Layer	Above (1002). Below (1000). Same as (1005) and (1008).	Brick rubble levelling layer	None
1002	Layer	Above (1003). Below (1001). Same as (1006) and (1009).	Sand levelling layer	None
1003	Layer	Below (1002). Same as (1007) and (1010).	Natural fragmented chalk	None
1004	Layer	Above (1005). Same as (1000).	Tarmac	None
1005	Layer	Above (1006). Below (1004). Same as (1001) and (1008).	Brick rubble levelling layer	None
1006	Layer	Above (1007). Below (1005). Same as (1002) and (1009).	Sand levelling layer	None
1007	Layer	Below (1006). Same as (1003) and (1010)	Natural fragmented chalk	None
1008	Layer	Above (1009). Same as (1001) and (1005).	Brick rubble levelling layer	None
1009	Layer	Above (1010). Below (1008). Same as (1002) and (1006).	Sand levelling layer	None
1010	Layer	Above (1011). Below (1009). Same as (1003) and (1007).	Natural fragmented chalk	None
1011	Layer	Below (1010)	Natural sand	None

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Monument type	NONE None
Significant Finds	NONE None
Investigation type	'Watching Brief'
Prompt	Planning condition

### Project location

Country	England
Site location	EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE BRIDLINGTON George Street, Bridlington
Postcode	YO15 3PS
Study area	1755.00 Square metres
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### Project creators

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Project supervisor W. Munford  
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