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SUMMARY

Project Name: Upper Farm Barn
Location: Coln Rogers, Gloucestershire
NGR: SP 0870 0970
Type: Watching Brief
Date: 17 April 2007
Planning Reference: 06/00868/FUL
Location of Archive: To be deposited with Corinium Museum
Site Code: UFB 07

An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology during groundworks associated with the development of existing agricultural buildings to residential dwellings at Upper Farm Barn, Coln Rogers, Gloucestershire.

No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during groundworks, and no artefactual material pre-dating the modern period was recovered.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In April 2007 Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological watching brief for Mr J. Davies at Upper Farm Barn, Coln Rogers, Gloucestershire (centred on NGR: SP 0870 0970; Fig. 1). The watching brief was undertaken to fulfil a condition attached to a planning consent for development of existing agricultural buildings to residential dwellings (Planning ref: 06/00868/FUL). The objective of the watching brief was to record all archaeological remains exposed during the development.
- 1.2 The watching brief was carried out in accordance with a detailed Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) produced by CA (2007) and approved by Cotswold District Council (CDC) acting on the advice of Charles Parry, Senior Archaeological Officer, Gloucestershire County Council (GCC), the archaeological advisor to CDC. The fieldwork also followed the *Standard and Guidance for an Archaeological Watching Brief* issued by the Institute of Field Archaeologists (2001), the *Statement of Standards and Practices Appropriate for Archaeological Fieldwork in Gloucestershire* (GCC 1995) and the *Management of Archaeological Projects* (English Heritage 1991).

The site

- 1.3 The site is bounded to the east by St Andrew's Church, to the south by Upper Farm, to the west by the road between Coln Rogers and Fossebridge, and to the north by agricultural land (Fig. 2). The site lies at approximately 120m AOD.
- 1.4 The underlying solid geology of the area is mapped as Great Oolite of the Middle Jurassic era (BGS 1998).

Archaeological background

- 1.5 Archaeological interest in the site arose its proximity to St Andrew's Church which is of Anglo-Saxon origin, and the existence of the remains of a possible 14th-century priest's house amongst the buildings of Upper Farm (Verey and Brooks 1999).

Methodology

- 1.6 The fieldwork followed the methodology set out within the WSI (CA 2007). An archaeologist was present during intrusive groundworks comprising the excavation of three trenches for wall footings associated with the development (Fig. 2).
- 1.7 Where archaeological deposits were encountered written, graphic and photographic records were compiled in accordance with CA Technical Manual 1: *Fieldwork Recording Manual* (2007).
- 1.8 The archive from the watching brief is currently held by CA at their offices in Kemble. The site archive will be deposited with Corinium Museum. A summary of information from this project, set out within Appendix B, will be entered onto the OASIS online database of archaeological projects in Britain.

2. RESULTS

- 2.1 The natural geological substrate 103 consisting of limestone brash, was revealed at an average depth of c. 0.65m below present ground level (bpgl) within trench 1. This was overlain by crushed limestone 102, gravel 101 and garden soil 100.
- 2.2 In trenches 2 and 3, a dark grey silty clay deposit containing fragments of modern brick 202/302 was revealed at an average depth of c. 0.9m bpgl. This was overlain by make up layers 201/301 and 200/300.
- 2.3 No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during groundworks and, despite visual scanning of spoil, no artefactual material pre-dating the modern period was recovered.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 Despite the archaeological potential of the application area, the watching brief identified no archaeological remains within the area of observed groundworks.

4. CA PROJECT TEAM

Fieldwork was undertaken by Neil Wright. The report was written by Katharine Aston. The illustrations were prepared by Jemma Elliot. The archive has been compiled by Katharine Aston, and prepared for deposition by Kathryn Price. The project was managed for CA by Laurent Coleman.

5. REFERENCES

- BGS (British Geological Survey) 1998 *Geological Survey of Great Britain (England and Wales) Solid and Drift*, Sheet 235: Cirencester
- CA (Cotswold Archaeology) 2007 *Upper Farm Barn, Coln Rogers, Gloucestershire: Written Scheme of Investigation for an Archaeological Watching Brief*
- Verrey, D. and Brooks, A. 1999 *The Buildings of England, Gloucestershire 1: The Cotswolds*

APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS**Trench 1**

No.	Type	Description	Depth (m)
100	Layer	Garden soil	0.28
101	Layer	Compacted stone gravel for current parking	0.20
102	Layer	Make up layer of crushed limestone under 101	0.17
103	Layer	Natural limestone brash	n/a

Trench 2

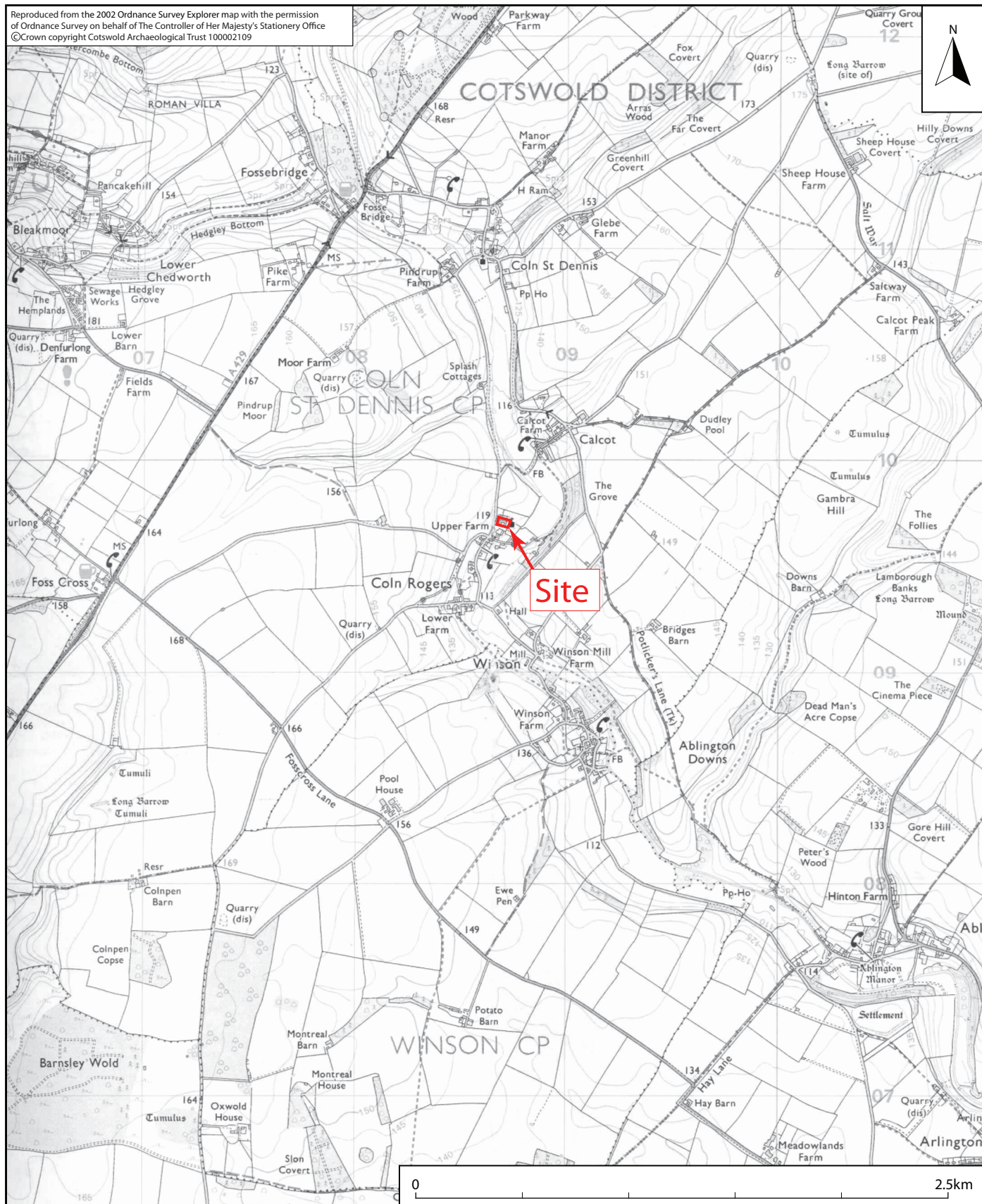
No.	Type	Description	Depth (m)
200	Layer	Mid brown silty clay with occasional red brick and blue/white china	0.10
201	Layer	Light orange and mid reddish orange silty clay with infrequent red brick fragments	0.75
202	Layer	Dark greyish black silty clay with occasional red brick	>0.10

Trench 3

No.	Type	Description	Depth (m)
300	Layer	Mid brown silty clay with occasional red brick and blue/white china	0.25
301	Layer	Light orange and mid reddish orange silty clay with infrequent red brick fragments	0.75
302	Layer	Dark greyish black silty clay with occasional red brick	>0.10

APPENDIX B: OASIS REPORT FORM

PROJECT DETAILS		
Project Name	Upper Farm Barn	
Short description (250 words maximum)	<p>An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology during groundworks associated with the development of existing agricultural farm buildings to residential dwellings at Upper Farm Barn, Coln Rogers, Gloucestershire.</p> <p>No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during groundworks, and no artefactual material pre-dating the modern period was recovered.</p>	
Project dates	17 April 2007	
Project type (e.g. desk-based, field evaluation etc)	Archaeological watching brief	
Previous work (reference to organisation or SMR numbers etc)		
Future work	Unknown	
PROJECT LOCATION		
Site Location	Upper Farm Barn, Coln Rogers, Gloucestershire	
Study area (M ² /ha)	0.39ha	
Site co-ordinates (8 Fig Grid Reference)	SP 0870 0970	
PROJECT CREATORS		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Brief originator		
Project Design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Manager	Laurent Coleman	
Project Supervisor	Neil Wright	
PROJECT ARCHIVES	Intended final location of archive (museum/Accession no.)	Content (e.g. pottery, animal bone etc)
Physical	n/a	None
Paper	Corinium Museum	Trench recording forms, plan, digital photographic register
Digital	Corinium Museum	Digital photos
BIBLIOGRAPHY		
<p>CA (Cotswold Archaeology) 2007 <i>Upper Farm Barn, Coln Rogers, Gloucestershire: Archaeological Watching Brief</i> Report No. 07180</p>		



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PROJECT TITLE

**Upper Farm Barn, Coln Rogers
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Site location plan

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FIGURE NO.

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Upper Farm Barn, Coln Rogers
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**The site, showing location of
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FIGURE NO.

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site

groundworks excavated under
archaeological supervision