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Fig. 2 The site, showing location of groundworks (1:500).

SUMMARY

Project Name: Land off Church Lane
Location: Kington Langley, Wiltshire
NGR: ST 9250 7700
Type: Watching Brief
Date: 28 April-9 May 2008
Planning Reference: APP/J3910/A/07/2054745
Location of Archive: To be deposited with Wiltshire Heritage Museum, Devizes
Site Code: CLK 09

An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology during groundworks associated with construction of two new houses at Land off Church Lane, Kington Langley, Wiltshire.

No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during groundworks, and no artefactual was recovered.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 In April and May 2008 Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological watching brief for Mr Pat Butler on Land off Church Lane, Kington Langley, Wiltshire (centred on NGR: ST 9250 7700; Fig. 1). The watching brief was undertaken to fulfil a condition attached to planning consent for the construction of two detached houses (planning ref: APP/J3910/A/07/2054745). 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 recommendation by Melanie Pomeroy-Kellinger, County Archaeologist, Wiltshire Council, and with a subsequent detailed Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) produced by CA (CA 2008) and approved by Melanie Pomeroy-Kellinger. 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 Field work in Wiltshire* (WCC 1995) and the *Management of Archaeological Projects* (English Heritage 1991).

The site

1.3 The site comprises approximately 1444m² and was formerly occupied by Fitzurse House, a 20th-century residential property. It is bounded by Church Lane to the north and by residential properties on its remaining sides (Fig. 2). St Peter's Church lies c. 90m to the west. The site lies at approximately 92m AOD, and occupies a slight hollow with land rising gently to the north and south.

1.4 The underlying solid geology of the area is mapped as Kellaways Sands of the Upper Jurassic geological era (BGS 1965). The natural substrate comprising sandy clay was identified at the base of foundation trenches.

Archaeological background

1.5 No archaeological remains have been recorded previously within the site. However, Mesolithic and Neolithic flint artefacts and pottery sherds dating to the Bronze Age, Romano-British and medieval periods have been recorded around Kington Langley. The village itself is identified as a medieval settlement in the Wiltshire Sites and Monuments Record (Wiltshire SMR ref. no. ST97NW453) and its current layout suggests it originated as a dispersed settlement of farms and hamlets based around

The Green and Newlands Green. There was no church in the settlement until the present building was completed in 1855.

Methodology

- 1.6 The fieldwork followed the methodology set out within the WSI (CA 2008). An archaeologist was present during intrusive groundworks, comprising the excavation of foundation trenches 0.6m in width. Where archaeological deposits were encountered, written, graphic and photographic records were compiled in accordance with CA Technical Manual 1: *Fieldwork Recording Manual* (2007).
- 1.7 The archive from the watching brief is currently held by CA at their offices in Kemble and will be deposited with Wiltshire Heritage Museum, Devizes. 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 (FIG. 2)

- 2.1 The sandy clay geological substrate was identified in all trenches at an average depth of 0.6m below present ground level. It was overlain by subsoil and topsoil, both 0.3m thick.
- 2.2 No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during groundworks and, despite visual scanning of spoil, no artefactual was recovered.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 Despite the archaeological potential of the application area (see archaeological background above), the watching brief identified no archaeological remains within the groundworks.

4. CA PROJECT TEAM

Fieldwork was undertaken by Peter Davenport, Stuart Joyce and Tim Havard. This report was written by Peter Davenport and Jonathan Hart with illustrations prepared by Lorna Gray. The archive has been compiled and prepared for deposition by Victoria Taylor. The project was managed for CA by Laurent Coleman.

5. REFERENCES

BGS (British Geological Survey) 1965 *Geological Survey of England and Wales, Sheet 265: Bath, Solid and Drift Edition, 1:50,000 series*

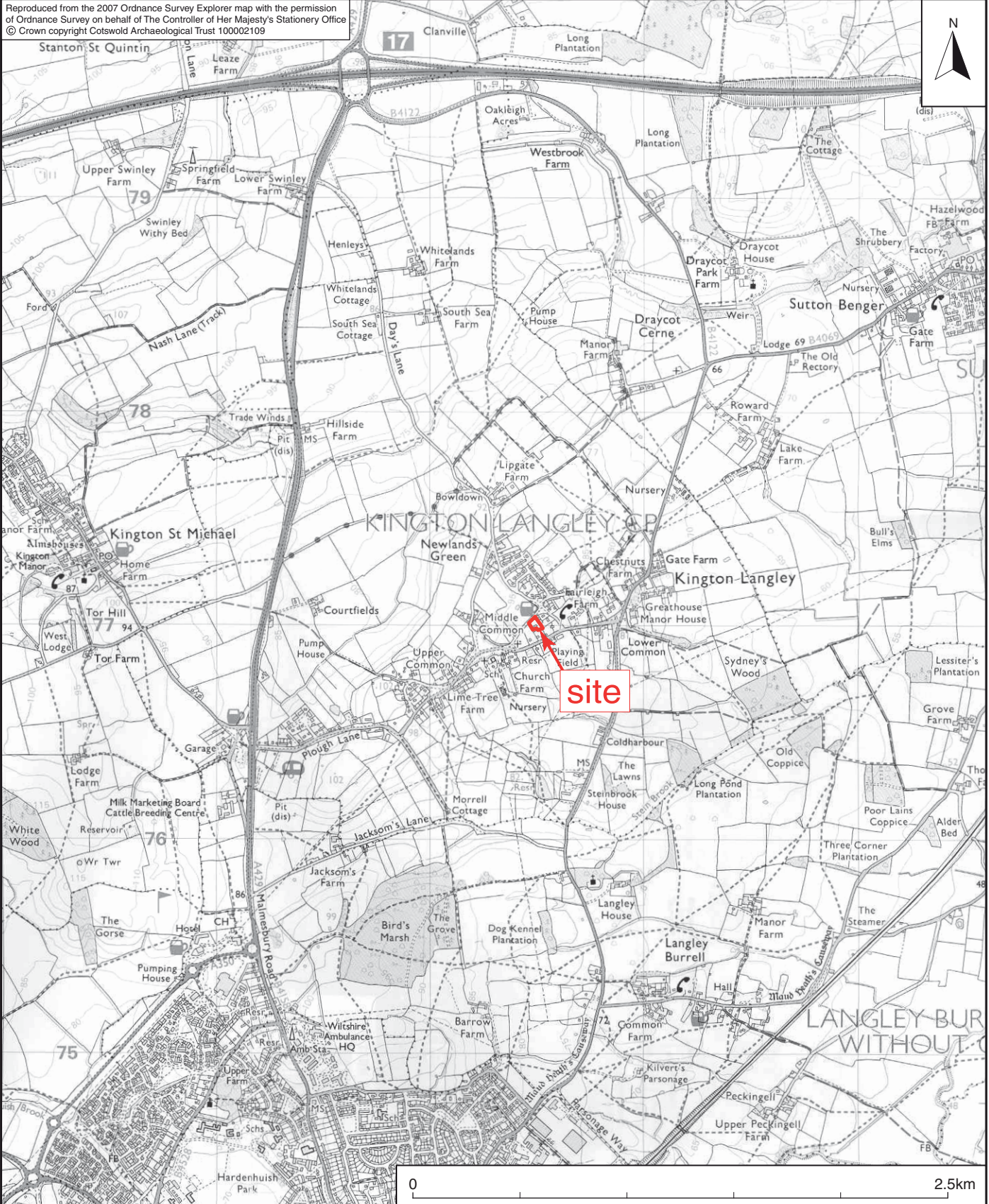
CA (Cotswold Archaeology) 2008 *Land off Church Lane, Kington Langley, Wiltshire: Written Scheme of Investigation for an Archaeological Watching Brief*


APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

No.	Type	Description	Depth (m)	Spot-date
100	Layer	Topsoil	0.30	-
101	Layer	Subsoil	0.30	-
102	Layer	Natural: sandy clay	-	-

APPENDIX B: OASIS REPORT FORM

PROJECT DETAILS	
Project Name	Land off Church Lane, Kington Langley, Wiltshire: Archaeological Watching Brief
Short description	An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology during groundworks associated with construction of two new houses at land off Church Lane, Kington Langley, Wiltshire. No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during groundworks, and no artefactual material was recovered.
Project dates	28 April-9 May 2008
Project type	Watching brief
Previous work	n/a
Future work	Unknown
PROJECT LOCATION	
Site Location	Land off Church Lane, Kington Langley, Wiltshire
Study area	1444m ²
Site co-ordinates	ST 9150 7700
PROJECT CREATORS	
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology
Project Brief originator	Wiltshire County Council
Project Design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology
Project Manager	Laurent Coleman
Project Supervisor	Peter Davenport
PROJECT ARCHIVES	
Intended final location of archive	Content
Physical	n/a
Paper	Wiltshire Heritage Museum, Devizes, plans
Digital	Wiltshire Heritage Museum, Devizes, photos
BIBLIOGRAPHY	
Cotswold Archaeology 2009 <i>Land off Church Lane, Kington Langley, Wiltshire: Archaeological Watching Brief</i> . CA typescript report 08095	



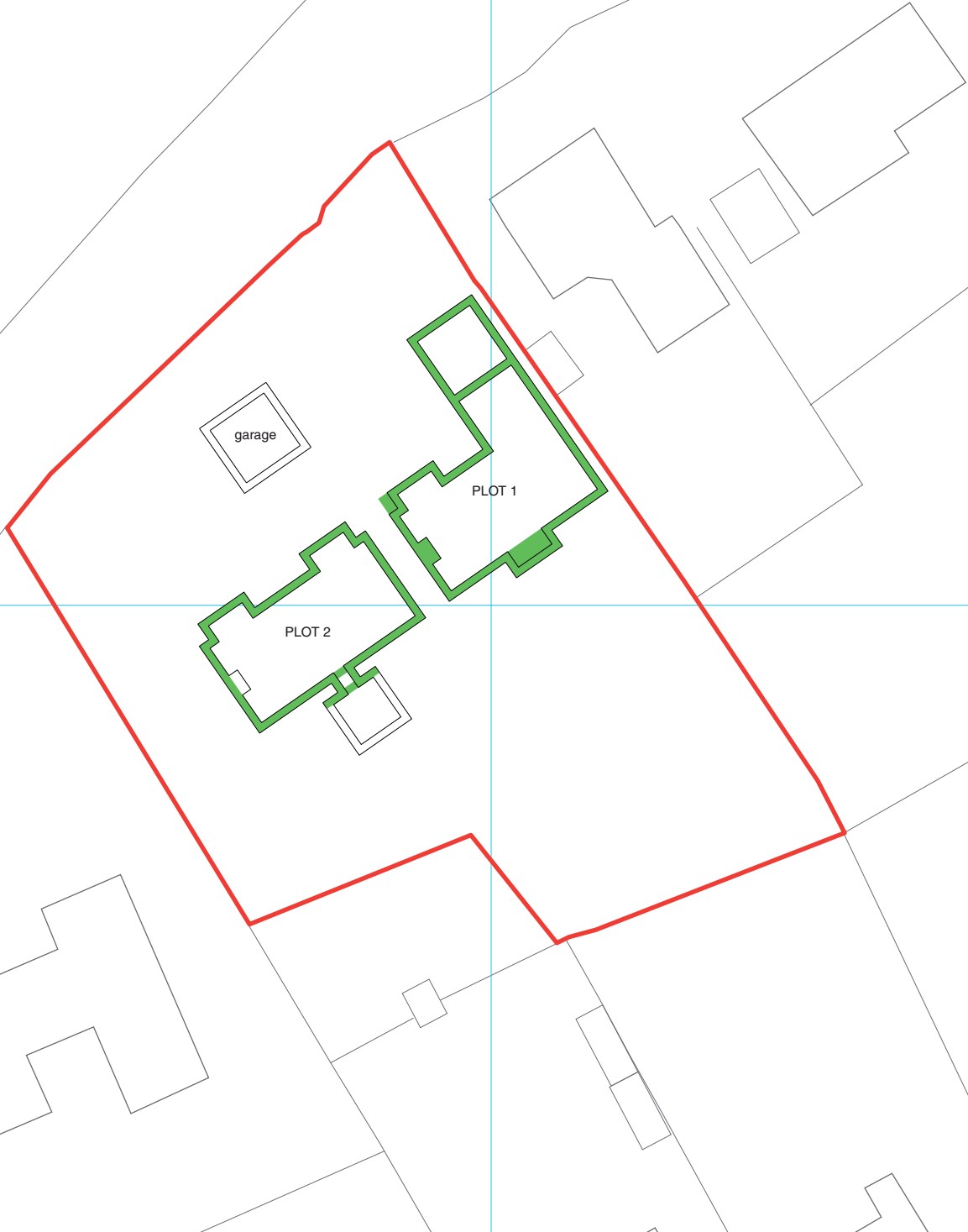
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-  site
-  building footprint
-  area of observed groundworks



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PROJECT TITLE

Land off Church Lane
Kington Langley, Wiltshire

FIGURE TITLE

**The site, showing location
of groundworks**

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