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Non Technical Summary

An Archaeological Watching Brief was undertaken by MAP Archaeological Practice Ltd during excavation of foundation trenches for two detached houses and garages at Willow House, Main Street, Normanby (Planning Ref. 13/00817/FUL).

The Work was undertaken in January 2014 with the archaeological observation during the excavation of the foundation trenches.

No archaeological features, deposits or finds were encountered during the excavation down to natural deposits.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report sets out the results of an Archaeological Watching Brief that was undertaken on the 7th and 30th January 2014 by MAP Archaeological Practice Ltd, at Willow House, Main Street, Normanby, North Yorkshire (SE 7345 8169: Fig. 1). The work was undertaken in accordance with a written scheme of investigation, sent to the Ryedale District Council Planners (Ref. 13/00817/FUL).
- 1.2 The Archaeological Watching Brief was designed to provide the appropriate level of recording for archaeological remains, deposits or

finds that might be affected by the development, in accordance with the recommendations of the National Planning Policy Framework (March 2012).

- 1.3 All work was funded by A and D Sturdy Ltd.
- 1.4 All maps within this report have been produced from the Ordnance Survey with the permission of the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office, Crown Copyright, Licence No. AL 50453A.

2. Site Description

- 2.1 The site was a building plot on the east side of Main Street, Normanby; located to the north of the Sun Inn and St. Andrew's Parish Church (Fig. 2).
- 2.2 The Development Site lies on Soils derived from the Foggathorpe 2 Soil Association (712i), described as "slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged stoneless clayey and fine loamy over clayey soils" and overlies geology of River Alluvium and Glaciolacustrine clay (Mackney *et al.* 1984).

3. Historical and Archaeological Background

- 3.1 Normanby is located in the District of Ryedale in County of North Yorkshire, and was formerly in the Wapentake of Ryedale in the North Riding of the County of York.
- 3.2 The place-name Normanby derives from the Old Norse meaning village of the Norwegians. "Normanebi" was noted in the Domesday Book in 1086. The Church of St. Andrew in Normanby dates from the twelfth century, with remodeling in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries and is a Grade II* Listed Building. In the early thirteenth century, King John licensed the Abbot of St. Mary's in York to inclose and impark the Abbey's wood called Gauthsoon, creating a Deer Park.

- 3.3 A Stray Find comprising a Coin Hoard and Silver Ingot has been attributed to Normanby Hill and dates from the Medieval Period.
- 3.4 A Ford at Normanby across the River Rye is noted on the North Yorkshire Historic Environment Record, according to local tradition.
- 3.5 In 2010, an Archaeological Watching Brief on Land north of the Sun Inn had negative results (MAP 2010).

4. Aims and Objectives

- 4.1 The aims of the Archaeological Watching Brief were to observe, record and recover any archaeological finds, deposits or remains, which could be affected by the ground works, and to prepare a report summarising the results of the work.

5. Methodology

- 5.1 The foundation trenches for the house and garage were excavated by mechanical excavator, under archaeological supervision.
- 5.2 All work was carried out in line with the Institute for Archaeologists Code of Conduct.
- 5.4 A photographic record was maintained throughout the Watching Brief on a digital camera.

6. Results (Fig. 1: Pls. 1-4)

- 6.1 The foundation trenches were excavated by a mechanical excavator under close archaeological supervision. The trenches were 700mm wide and c. 850mm deep. The topsoil was c. 350mm deep and overlay natural of clay.

6.2 No archaeological finds or artefacts were uncovered during the excavation of the foundation trenches for the houses and garages.

7. Conclusions

7.1 During the Watching Brief, no finds or features of archaeological interest were encountered.

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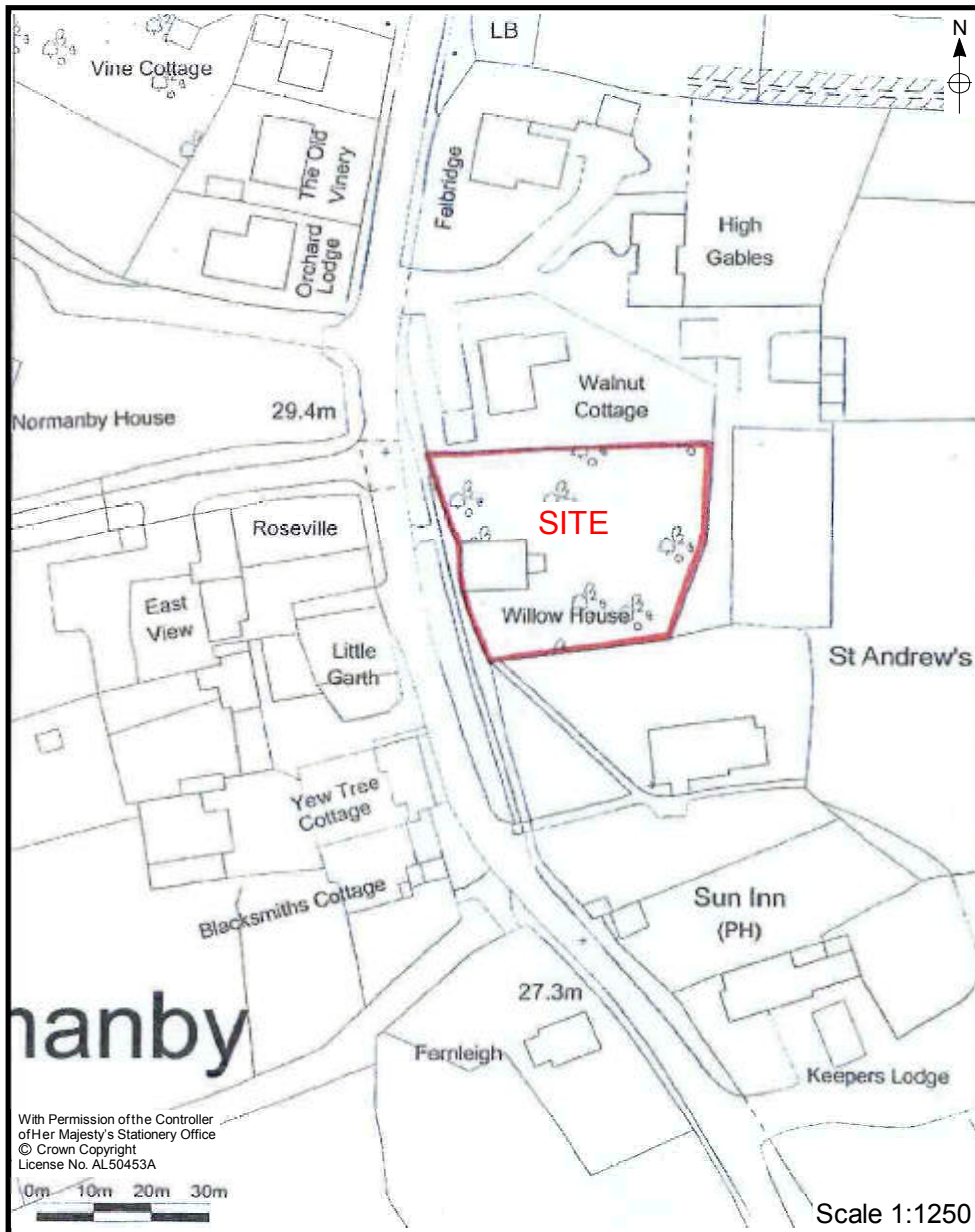


Figure 1. Site Location



Plate 1. Foundation Trenches.



Plate 2. Foundation Trenches.



Plate 3. Foundation Trenches.



Plate 4. Foundation Trenches.

