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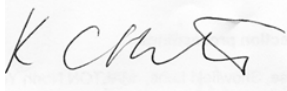
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Summary

An Archaeological Strip and Record was carried out by MAP Archaeological Practice Ltd. on land at Old Orchard Farm, Hillam Road, Gateforth, North Yorkshire (SE 454658 429188) on the 29th January 2014. The work involved monitoring the groundworks associated with the erection of an extension to the existing lean to building. Groundworks for the general purpose agricultural storage building on site had been undertaken prior to planning (2013/0111/FUL).

No archaeological features, finds or deposits were encountered during the Strip and Record.

1. Introduction

1.1 This report sets out the results of an Archaeological Strip and Record that was carried out on the 29th January 2014 during the groundworks associated with the erection of an extension to the existing lean to building on land at Old Orchard Farm, Hillam Road, Gateforth, North Yorkshire, (SE 454658 429188, Fig. 1). The Strip and Record was undertaken to fulfil an archaeological condition attached to the Planning Application Consent (Ref: 2013/0111/FUL). The groundworks for the new general purpose agricultural storage building on site, associated with the development, had been undertaken prior to planning and checked by a Local Planning Officer during the application process.

- 1.2 The Archaeological Strip and Record 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 Mr Wright.
- 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 lies to the north-west of the small village of Gateforth, approximately 6km south-west of Selby and 2km south of Hambleton. The application site is accessed along Hillam Road, leading out from the main village and is bounded by a farm yard to the north, a grass paddock to the south and east and Hogg House to the west (Figs. 1 & 2).
- 2.2 The application site is c. 0.646 hectares in size and stands on relatively level ground at an approximate height of between 7 - 8m AOD.

3. Historical and Archaeological Background

- 3.1 The site lies within an archaeologically sensitive area. Evidence from aerial photography in the form of cropmarks have been plotted as part of the English Heritage National Mapping Programme for the Vale of York. This survey indicates the presence of an Iron Age or Roman settlement within fifty metres north-east of the application site, consisting of ditched enclosures containing round houses, with some further enclosures to the west which may be part of a field system.

4. Aims and Objectives

- 4.1 The aims of the Archaeological Recording Brief were to record and recover any archaeological remains that were affected by the development, and to prepare a report summarising the results of the work.

5. Methodology

- 5.1 The installation of the extension to the existing lean to building involved the preliminary topsoil strip of an area 9.2m by 5.5m by a 360^o tracked excavator using a broad, toothless ditching bucket, operating under close archaeological supervision. Machining ceased at the top of archaeological or naturally-formed deposits, depending upon which was located soonest.
- 5.2 All work was carried out in line with the Institute of Field Archaeologists Code of Conduct (IFA 1998).
- 5.3 A photographic record of the monitored groundworks was maintained throughout the Strip and Record on a high resolution digital camera.

6. Results (PI. 2)

- 6.1 The new extension to the existing lean to building measured approximately 5.5m north to south and 9.2m east to west. The extension for the building was only excavated 0.39m deep from existing ground level in order to stone up for the insertion of small concrete pads to create a steel portal frame building.
- 6.2 A deposit of mid greyish brown sandy clay topsoil lay directly above the subsoil, and had a maximum depth of 0.39m. The subsoil was a strong

brown clayey sand. Natural deposits of sand and clay were intermittently revealed in the base of the extension.

6.3 No archaeological features, deposits or finds were encountered throughout the archaeological strip and record.

7. Conclusions

7.1. No archaeological finds, features or deposits were encountered within the groundworks for an extension to the existing lean to building due to the depth of the excavations which only reached the subsoil level or occasionally grazed the natural sand and clay.

8. Bibliography

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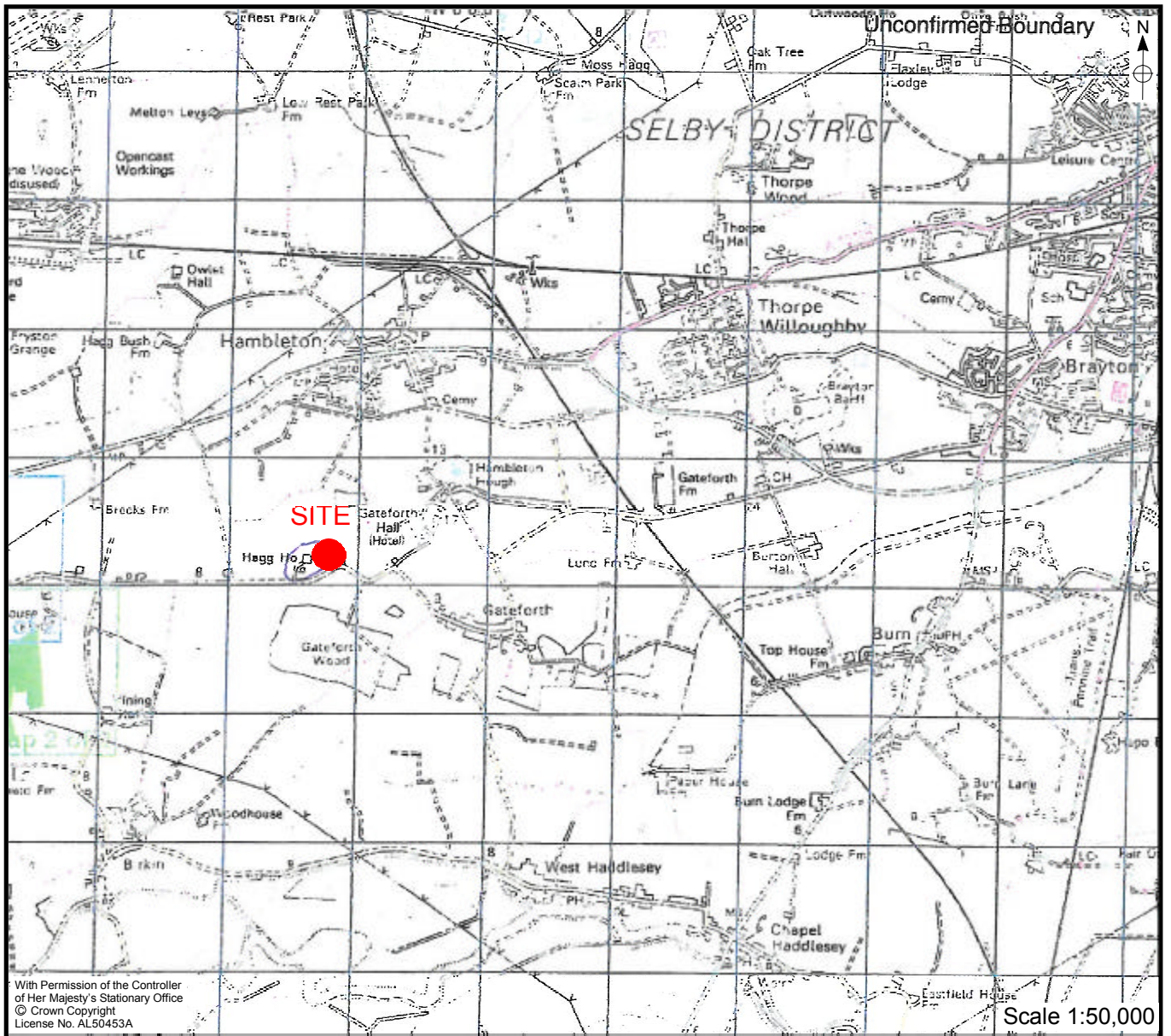


Figure 1. Site Location

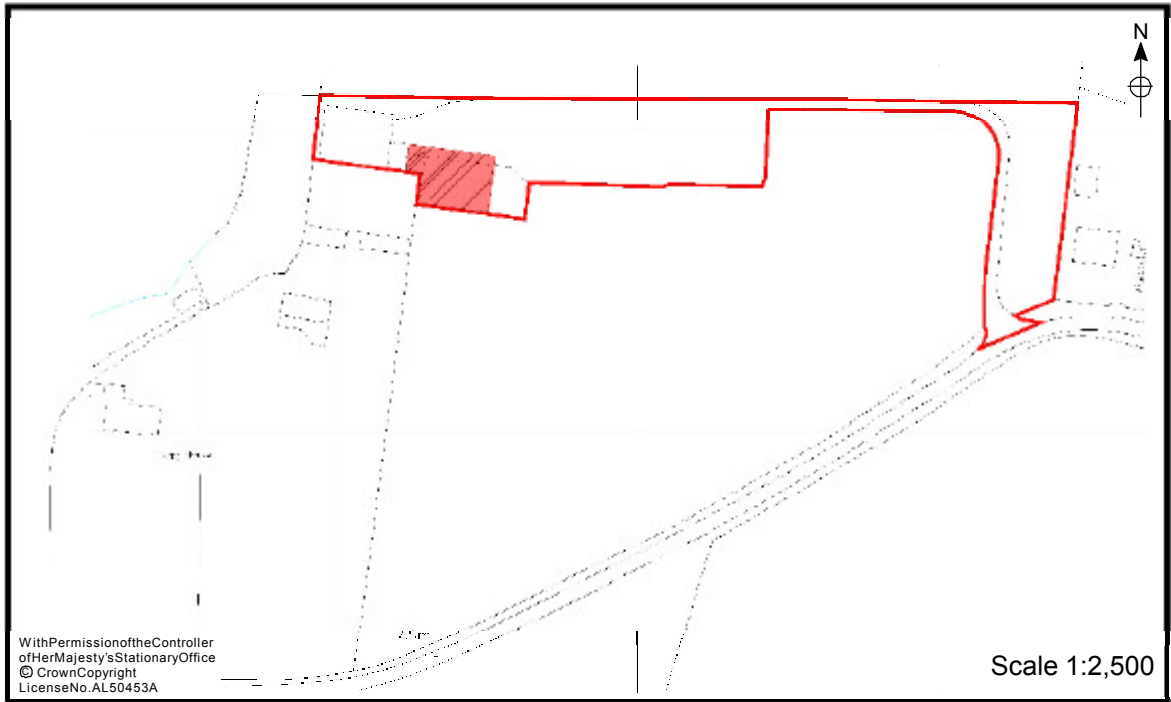


Figure 2. Area of Archaeological Watching Brief.



Plate 1. General View of Site. Facing North-west.



Plate 2. Lean to Extension after Topsoil Strip. Facing East.

