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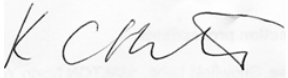
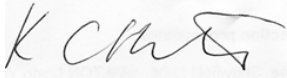
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Non Technical Summary

An Archaeological Watching Brief was undertaken by MAP Archaeological Consultancy Ltd at the Durham Ox Public House, Crayke, North Yorkshire in February 2013, in order to fulfil a condition attached to Planning Application 07/00513/FUL. The work involved monitoring the groundworks associated with the extension and alterations to the existing public house/restaurant to form function rooms to replace a marquee, and other associated alterations.

No archaeological features, deposits or finds were encountered during the Watching Brief.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report sets out the results of an Archaeological Watching Brief that was undertaken in February 2013, by MAP Archaeological Practice Ltd at the Durham Ox Public House, Crayke, North Yorkshire. The work was undertaken in accordance with a standard written scheme of investigation.
- 1.2 The Watching Brief was designed to provide an 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 Provenance Inns.

- 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 of the development is located at land immediately east of the Durham Ox, Crayke, North Yorkshire (SE 56067 70524).

3. Historical and Archaeological Background

- 3.1 The proposed development lies within the historic core of the medieval village of Crayke, The origins of the village lay in the founding of a monastery in the 7th century AD, which is known from documentary sources, and is presumed to have been situated in the Church Hill / Brandsby Street area.

4. Aims and Objectives

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

5. Methodology

- 5.1 All the groundworks associated with the foundations for the extensions and alterations to existing public house/restaurant were monitored.
- 5.2 All excavations were undertaken using a back acting mechanical excavator using a untoothed bucket, under close archaeological supervision.
- 5.3 All work was carried out in line with the Institute of Field Archaeologists Code of Conduct (IFA 2011).

- 5.4 All deposits were recorded according to correct principles of stratigraphic excavation on MAP's *pro forma* context sheets, which are compatible with the MoLAS recording system.
- 5.5 A photographic record of the monitored groundworks was maintained throughout the Watching Brief on a digital camera.

6. Results

- 6.1 All groundworks were watched under close archaeological supervision. The work involved monitoring all groundworks associated with the extension. General site reduction removed 300mm of hardcore standing varied in depth from 0.3 to 0.5 in depth with patches of subsoil. The natural clay was exposed during the reduced level dig (Pls. 1-4). The foundation trench was dug to a depth of c. 0.5m and revealed natural clay (Pls. 5-8).

7. Conclusions

- 7.1 Whilst all groundworks taking place on the site were watched under archaeological supervision, no finds or features of archaeological interest were encountered.



Figure 1. Site Location

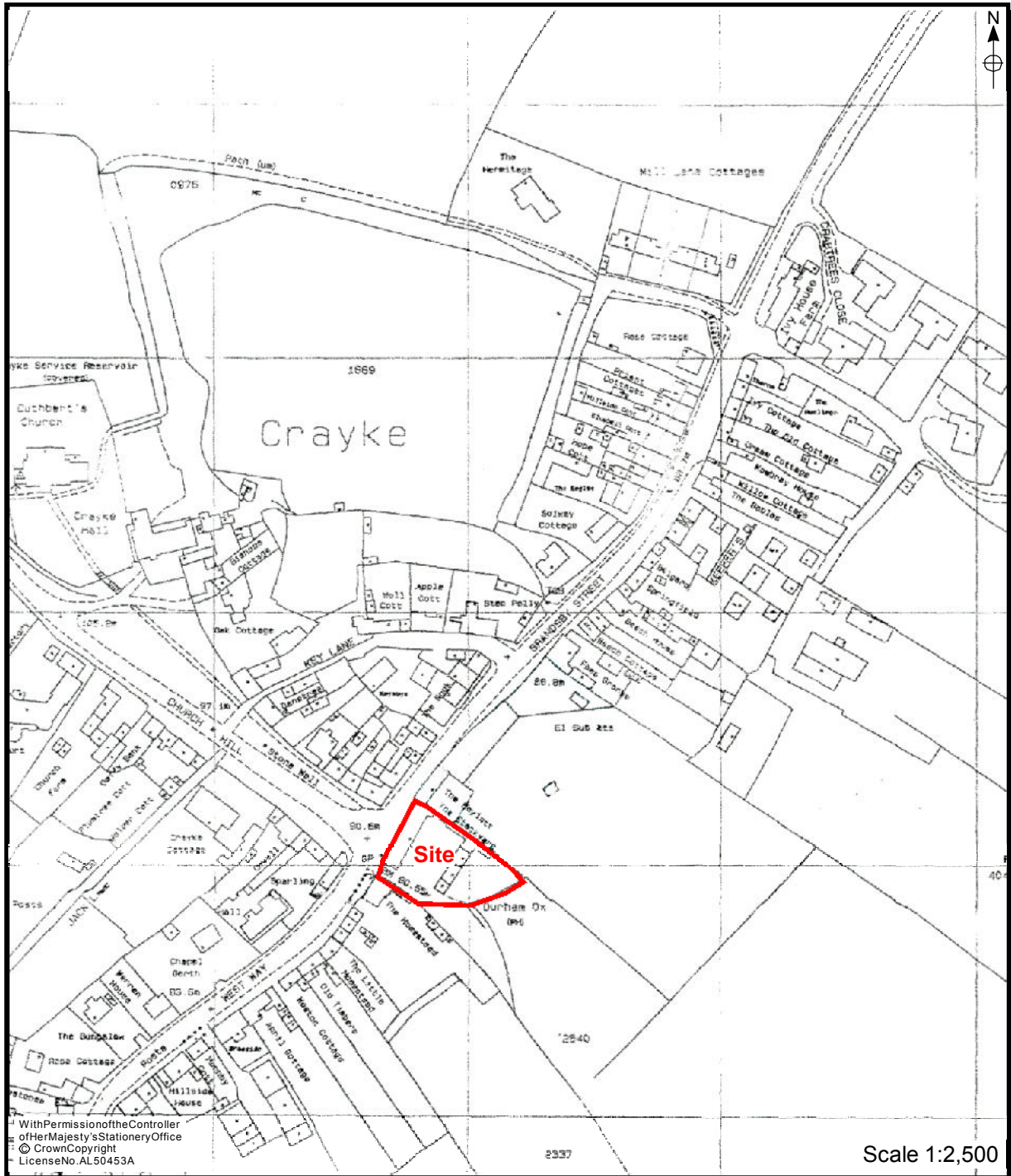


Figure 2. Area of Development



Plate 1 . Site after clearance. Facing North-east.



Plate 2. Site during ground reduction. Facing North.



Plate 3. Area of Ground Reduction, Facing East.



Plate 4. Area of Ground Reduction, Facing East.



Plate 5. Foundation Trench. Facing North.



Plate 6. Foundation Trench. Facing East.



Plate 7. Foundation Trench. Facing East.



Plate 8. Foundation Trench. Facing North

