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**An Archaeological Watching Brief at
8 Fitzgerald Road,
Lewes,
East Sussex.**

By
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NEGATIVE RESULT LEVEL 1 WATCHING-BRIEF REPORT SHEET

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| Site Name & Location 8 Fitzgerald Road, Lewes, East Sussex Planning Ref. SDNP/13/05235 | | Grid Ref. (8 Figure) TQ 41894 11205 | |
| ESCC Monitoring Officer Greg Chuter | | District SDNP Parish West Malling | |
| Archaeologist Details CBAS Ltd, Unit 12 Mays Farm, Selmeston, East Sussex. BN26 6TB | | Date of visits: 5 th and 6 th June 2014 Author of Report: David Atkin | |
| Developer Mr and Mrs. Nealie | | Nature of development Reduction and insertion of new floor level in existing kitchen. | |
| Land Owner/Tenant (if different from above) N/A | | Site contact Owner | |
| Geology (solid & drift) Chalk | | Soil (general) Silty-clay (see contexts below) | |
| Archaeological Potential (if known) Roman and Saxon Relevant ESHER Refs. (if known) N/A | | Nature of groundworks (Refer to development plan) Single storey side extensions-footings. Site topography – Land use Garden. | |
| Topsoil levels N/A | | OS Benchmark N/A | |
| Recording Checklist (tick) – Attach to this sheet | Context Register X See attached. | Finds Record | Drawn Record |
| | | | Photographic X |

Stratigraphic Descriptions (Describe all deposits exposed by the groundworks)

Context 1 was the topsoil in the rear garden for the soakaway and drainage excavation. It was a firm, dark grey deposit and was a very fine silty-clay with occasional inclusions of ceramic building material (CBM) 10mm in size, fire cracked flint at <1% and chalk flecks at 1%. It was 230mm to the limit of excavation.

Context 2 was the hard, white, natural chalk present in all excavations. It was excavated to a depth of 770mm maximum.

Context 3 was a modern concrete deposit adjacent to the house and uppermost in the stratigraphic record at this location. It was 400mm overall and consisted of 160mm concrete and 240mm hardcore laid directly on Context 2.

No archaeological finds or features were present.

***Sketch Location Plan of site – areas monitored
(Attach developer plans etc.)***

Photo showing area monitored-Soakaway and area adjacent to house.





West facing section of soakaway; Contexts 1 & 2.



North facing section showing Contexts 2 and 3

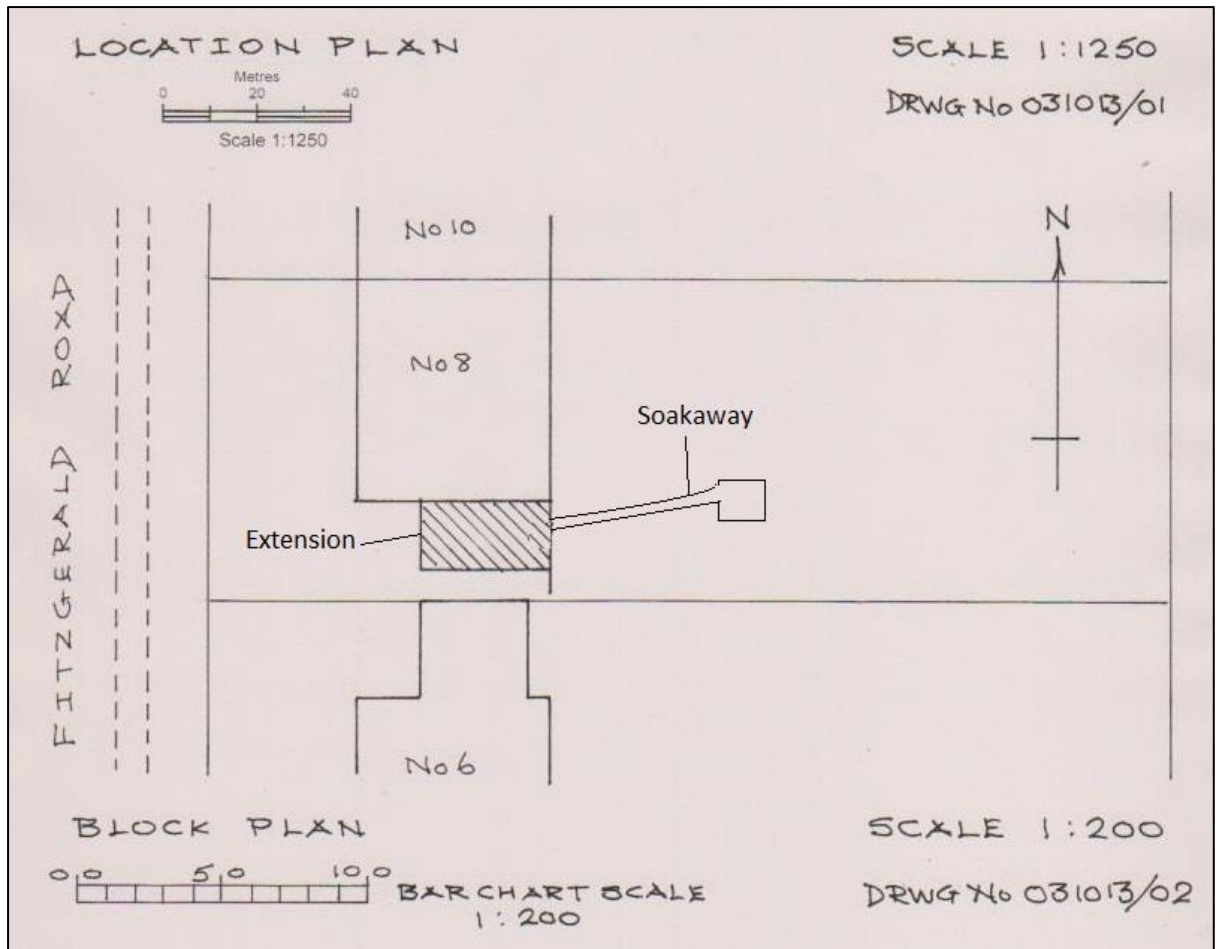


Fig. 1: Site plan showing area monitored

Context Register

- Context 1: Topsoil
- Context 2: Natural Chalk
- Context 3: Modern made-ground.

Finds Record

None.

Photographic Register

- SDC13999 Context 1- General view after reduction.
- SDC13400 West facing shot showing area monitored.
- SDC13401 Working shot looking south-west.
- SDC13402 North facing section showing Contexts 2 and 3.
- SDC13403 West facing shot showing made ground.
- SDC13404 West facing shot showing depth of foundation trench.

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Chris Butler has been an archaeologist since 1985, and formed the Mid Sussex Field Archaeological Team in 1987, since when it has carried out numerous fieldwork projects, and was runner up in the Pitt-Rivers Award at the British Archaeological Awards in 1996. Having previously worked as a Pensions Technical Manager and Administration Director in the financial services industry, Chris formed **Chris Butler Archaeological Services** at the beginning of 2002.

Chris is a Member of the Institute of Field Archaeologists, and is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London. He was a part time lecturer in Archaeology at the University of Sussex, and until recently taught A-Level Archaeology at Bexhill 6th Form College having qualified (Cert. Ed.) as a teacher in 2006. He continues to run the Mid Sussex Field Archaeological Team in his spare time.

Chris specialises in prehistoric flintwork analysis, but has directed excavations, landscape surveys and watching briefs, including the excavation of a Beaker Bowl Barrow, a Saxon cemetery and settlement, Roman pottery kilns, and a Mesolithic hunting camp. He has recently undertaken large landscape surveys of Ashdown Forest and Broadwater Warren and is Co-Director of the Barcombe Roman Villa excavation project.

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