

Archaeological Monitoring at 5-9 London Road, Faversham, Kent

NGR: 600816mE 160695mN
Site Code LRF/WB/13



Application SW/10/0504
Report for Mrs Wake

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Plate 1. Aerial view of site (red circle) showing the site prior to development.

(GoogleEarth 2013).

1.0 Summary

1.1. From 26th April to 11th May 2013 Swale and Thames Archaeological Survey Company (SWAT Archaeology) carried out an Archaeological Watching Brief on ground works involved in the build of an extension to an existing residential care home at 5-9 London Road, Faversham, Kent (Fig. 1 & Plate 1).

1.2. The works were carried out on behalf of the owners and instructions received from FDA Chartered Architects.

1.3. An Archaeological Watch was kept during the machine digging and levelling (Plate 3-4). The archaeological work was undertaken in one phase.

Phase 1: Excavation of a level platform for the new building, foundations to be piled.

1.4. The Archaeological Watching Brief was to watch for any archaeological below ground impact.

1.5. The Planning Application Number for the development is: SW/10/0504.

1.6. Although the archaeological potential was low to medium the Archaeological Watching Brief revealed no buried archaeological features and no archaeological finds were retrieved.

2.0 Introduction

2.1 Planning Background

Planning application SW/10/0504 was submitted to the Local Planning Authority. Kent County Council Heritage and Conservation (KCCHC), on behalf of the Local Planning Authority (LPA) requested that an Archaeological Watching Brief be undertaken in order to record any archaeological remains uncovered during the development work. The following condition (3) was attached to the planning consent:

No development shall take place until the applicant(s), or their agents or successors in title, has secured the implementation of a watching brief to be undertaken by an archaeologist approved by the District Planning Authority so that the excavation is observed and items of interest and finds are recorded. The watching brief shall be in accordance with a written specification and timetable which has been submitted to and approved by the District Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that features of archaeological interest are properly examined and recorded

3.0 Schedule of Visits

An archaeologist attended the site and monitored the excavation works from 26th April to 11th May 2013.

4.0 Aims and Objectives

4.1. The reason for the monitoring and recording, were to:

“Contribute to knowledge of the area through the recording of any archaeological remains exposed as a result of excavations in connection with the ground works. Particular attention will be paid to the character, height below ground level, condition, date and significance of the deposits.”

4.2. The ground works were to demolish existing structures and walls and level the site for piling (Plates 3-4).

4.3. A full programme of proposed works by the contractor were made available to SWAT Archaeology before the on-site monitoring took place (Fig. 2).

4.4. Confidence Rating

No factors hindered the recognition of archaeological and deposits during the monitoring and recording exercise.

5.0 Archaeological and Geological Background

5.1. The underlying geology at the site according to the British Geological Survey map is Bedrock geology of Seaford Chalk-Chalk and Superficial deposits of Clay & Silt (BSG website 1: 50,000). The geology revealed on site silt & clay.

5.2. The application site consisted of an area of back garden adjacent to London Road and to the west of Faversham town. The site itself is generally level at a height of about 21m aOD.

5.3. The site lies within an area of known archaeological potential associated with archaeological remains presently recorded in the HER. The site is adjacent to the Roman road called Watling Street and west of the known Anglo-Saxon cemetery of Kings Field. To the west is the Late Medieval village of Ospringe and just beyond the Roman town of Durolevum.

6.0 Methodology

6.1. The Watching Brief was conducted in accordance with the Archaeological Specification compiled by KCC and it also complied with the Institute of Field Archaeologists' Standards and Guidance for Archaeological Watching Briefs (IfA: 1994, revised Oct 2008).

6.2. The works comprised the observation of all ground works, including the inspection of subsoil and natural deposits for archaeological features and finds.

6.3. The Watching Brief was carried out in one phase according to the needs of the building contractors from 26th April to 11th May 2013.

6.4. Excavation of the area was carried out by contractors using a 360 degree machine equipped with a toothless bucket necessary to remove the topsoil (Figs 3-4).

6.5. All excavation was carried out under the constant supervision of an experienced archaeologist.

6.6. Where possible the areas of excavation were subsequently hand-cleaned with the intention of revealing any observed features in plan and section.

6.7. If found archaeological features under threat were to be excavated to enable sufficient information about form, development date and stratigraphic relationships to be recorded without prejudice to more extensive investigations, should these prove to be necessary.

6.8. The archaeological watching brief was carried out in accordance with current IfA Standards and Guidance, (IfA: 2008), and generic methodology discussed with Archaeological Officers, KCC.

7.0 Results

7.1 General

No archaeological features or finds were revealed or recovered. The subsoil encountered across the site sand, silt and clay overlaid by topsoil. No archaeological features revealed in the natural geology (Fig. 4).

8.0 Finds

No buried archaeological features were located in the Archaeological Monitoring phase and no finds were retrieved.

9.0 Discussion

The development site is in an area of high archaeological potential. The archaeological team were somewhat disappointed that no archaeology was revealed on the development site.

10.0 Conclusion

The Archaeological Monitoring has fulfilled the primary aims and objectives of the Specification. As far as it is known no buried archaeological features have been affected as a result of the development.

11.0 Acknowledgments

SWAT Archaeology would like to thank Mrs Wake for commissioning the project.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Wilkinson". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. The text is contained within a thin black rectangular border.

Dr Paul Wilkinson, FRSA., MIfA.

References

HER data (KCC 2013)

IFA (1994 & 2008) Standards and Guidance for Archaeological Watching Briefs

KCC Generic Archaeological Watching Briefs

SWAT Archaeological Watching Brief (2013)

Appendix 1

Kent County Council HER Summary Form

Site Name: Development site at 5-9 London Road, Faversham, Kent

SWAT Site Code: LRF/WB/13

Site Address: As above

Summary:

Swale and Thames Survey Company (SWAT) carried out Archaeological Monitoring on the development site above. The site has planning permission for a new care home extension whereby Kent County Council Heritage and Conservation (KCCHC) requested that Archaeological Monitoring be undertaken to determine the possible impact of the development on any archaeological remains.

The Archaeological Monitoring consisted of site visits which encountered no buried archaeological features or artefacts.

District/Unitary: SBC **Parish:** Faversham

Period(s):

NGR (centre of site to eight figures) 600816mE 160695mN

Type of Archaeological work: Archaeological Monitoring

Date of recording: April-May 2013

Unit undertaking recording: Swale and Thames Survey Company (SWAT. Archaeology)

Geology: Underlying geology is Clay and Silt overlaying Chalk.

Title and author of accompanying report: Wilkinson P. (2012) Archaeological Monitoring at 5-9 London Road, Faversham, Kent

Summary of fieldwork results (begin with earliest period first, add NGRs where appropriate)

See above

Location of archive/finds: SWAT. Archaeology. Graveney Rd, Faversham, Kent. ME13 8UP

Contact at Unit: Paul Wilkinson

Date: 11/07/2013

Plates



Plate 2. General view of site with area being levelled, facing north-west



Plate 3. The site showing demolition of garden walls (facing north)



Plate 4. Demolition complete and site levelled (facing north)

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160740.0mN



London Road

Upper St Ann's Road



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160665.0mN

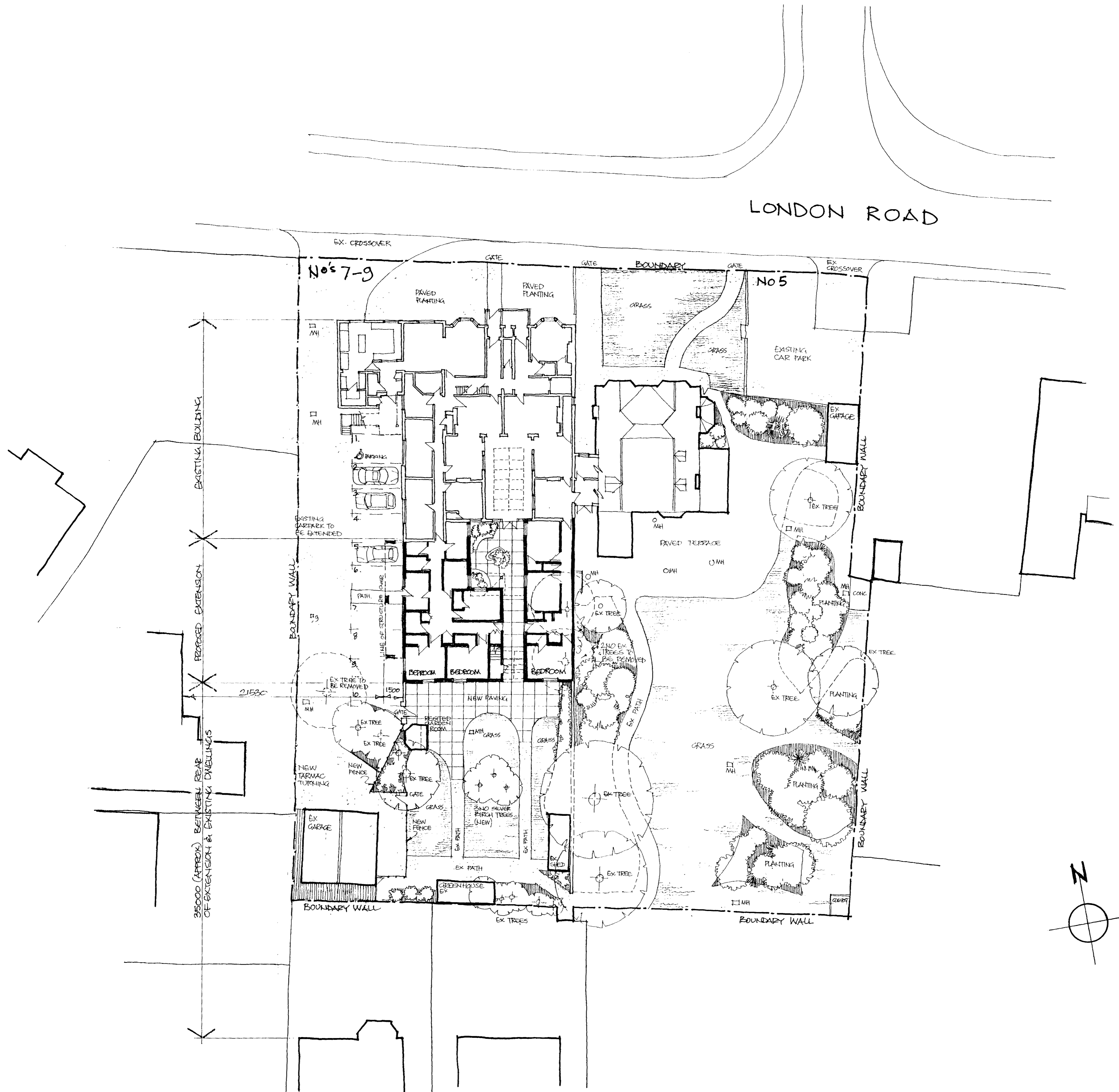
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Figure 1: Location of site

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16 APR 2010
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TO FIRST FLOOR AMENDED. JAN 07 BH

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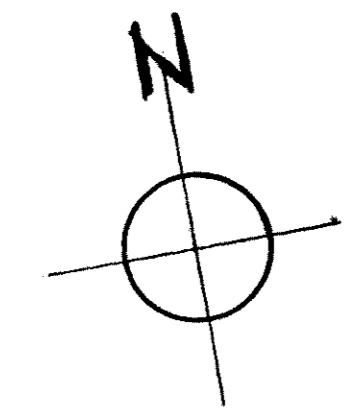
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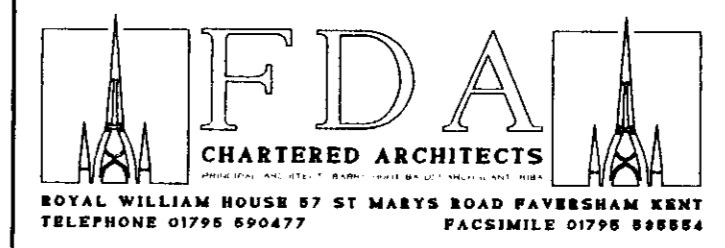


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B	WEST ELEVATION - WINDOWS REMOVED	20/01/10	BH		BH
A	DRAWING RENUMBERED	05/01/08	BH		BH

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PROJECT:
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HOME 5-9 LONDON
ROAD, FAVERSHAM,
KENT

TITLE:
AXONOMETRIC
PROJECTION
FROM REAR OF BUILDING.

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