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Dear Mr Wishart

ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF AT "THE GRANGE", HUNTINGTON ROAD, YORK

I can confirm that our watching brief has been completed on the above site to our satisfaction. A report on the results of this watching brief was sent to your company on the 18th November 1993, but for your information I enclose a copy of our file copy of this report.

Yours sincerely

M. Stockwell

Martin Stockwell
Senior Field Officer

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The Grange, Huntington Road 1993.1020

1. Introduction.

During early October 1993 the construction of a new access road at The Grange, Huntington Road (NGR SE 60855298) was the subject of a watching brief conducted by the York Archaeological Trust for Sisk Ltd. In this area the ground rises quite steeply from the River Foss/Huntington Road before levelling out at c.13.50m AOD. The new road, designed to be of an even gradient, would cut up to c.3.00m deep into any archaeological deposits close to the Foss whilst elsewhere would require excavation to the depth of c.1.00m in an area close to a known Roman road (RCHMY 1, 4) and the possible site of a medieval water mill.

2. The Watching Brief.

Machine stripping in the observed area of c.50m x 10m quickly located the natural subsoil which was generally an orange-brown clay, sandy in places. This lay between 0.40m and 0.60m below modern ground level. The single deposit overlying natural was a dark grey loam containing some brick rubble and appeared to be entirely modern in date. No stratified archaeological deposits were identified and just one feature was noted in section c.10m from Huntington Road. This was c.6.00m across and penetrated 0.60m into the natural clay. It had moderately sloping, c.45 degrees, sides and was backfilled with apparently the same material that covered the natural sub-soil. The few pieces of dating evidence recovered, exclusively 19th/20th century pottery, were all unstratified and were not retained.

3. Conclusions.

Despite known remains of the Roman to medieval periods in the surrounding area no structures or deposits of archaeological significance were identified during the watching brief. With the topsoil consisting of modern make-up it would appear likely that extensive earth moving operations, possibly in connection with the construction of The Grange, have removed most, if not all, of the archaeological evidence in the immediate vicinity. This does not, however, preclude the existence of significant structures and deposits in the surrounding area.

All records relating to this work are stored with York Archaeological Trust under the Trust and Yorkshire Museum accession code 1993.1020.

River Foss

Huntington Road

alterations to access road onto Huntington Road to be agreed with highways authority
alterations to existing boundary wall
new road in cut with banked areas all to satisfaction of highways authority

vehicle driveway for servicing of student recreation

existing covered area to be refurbished for use as cycle shed

location of feature

STUDENT RECREATION (former chapel)

THE GRANGE

THE HOSPITAL

courtyard

flat

parking for 48 cars

PRIVATE ROAD

SEE DRAWING NO. 152 FOR
DETAIL OF JUNCTION WITH
HUNTINGTON ROAD AND AREA
AROUND ENTRANCE ROAD

Scale 1:500

= WORK OBSERVED

extent of adopted road

hard apron

proposed sub-station

