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## ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF AT DAUBY LANE, KEXBY, NEAR YORK.

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### 1.0 *Introduction*

*An archaeological watching brief was carried out by On-Site Archaeology at Dauby Lane, Kexby on behalf of Pam Beavers. The work was undertaken in order to fulfil the archaeological condition attached to a planning application for the construction of a new dwelling with associated garage.*

*The watching brief took place on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2003 and comprised the observation of the excavation of the foundation trenches for the new buildings. No archaeological deposits or features were revealed during the works.*

### 2.0 *Site Location*

The site was situated at Dauby Lane, Kexby in a field on the west side of the lane with a farmyard to the north and pasture to the south and west. Roman features had been discovered during a previous watching brief at Mill House farm, to the north of the site, indicating that similar features could be found here.

### 3.0 *Methodology*

The foundations trenches were dug using a 360 excavator with a 0.60m toothed bucket. The foundations were excavated to a depth approximately 1 m below the present ground level. As these were excavated close archaeological supervision was maintained in order to identify the presence or absence of any surviving archaeological deposits.

### 4.0 *Results*

In all of the foundation trenches the topsoil was a dark greyish brown clay silt with rare stones and cbm fragments, 0.3m in depth deep. Below this was a soft yellow and grey silty sand sub-soil with no inclusions, 0.40 – 0.50m in depth. The natural deposit was a firm dark reddish grey clay with patches of light grey clay. No archaeological features or finds were seen. The deposits were also very even across the site.

### 5.0 *Conclusions*

In all the foundation trenches natural deposits were encountered. Above the natural there was a natural soil profile. There was no evidence for any archaeological deposits ore features in any in any of the foundation trenches.