

REPORT ON THE WATCHING BRIEF CARRIED OUT AT FRINGFORD LODGE.

Method

Four site visits were made to record any archaeological deposits in three areas at the N of Fringford Lodge which was being redeveloped as accommodation. The drive area had already been stripped when the site visit occurred. The foundations in the barn required two visits. The trench for the septic tank had likewise already been excavated by the time the site visit occurred. The contractors seemed unwilling to contact us to arrange site visits perhaps at the instigation of the landowner.

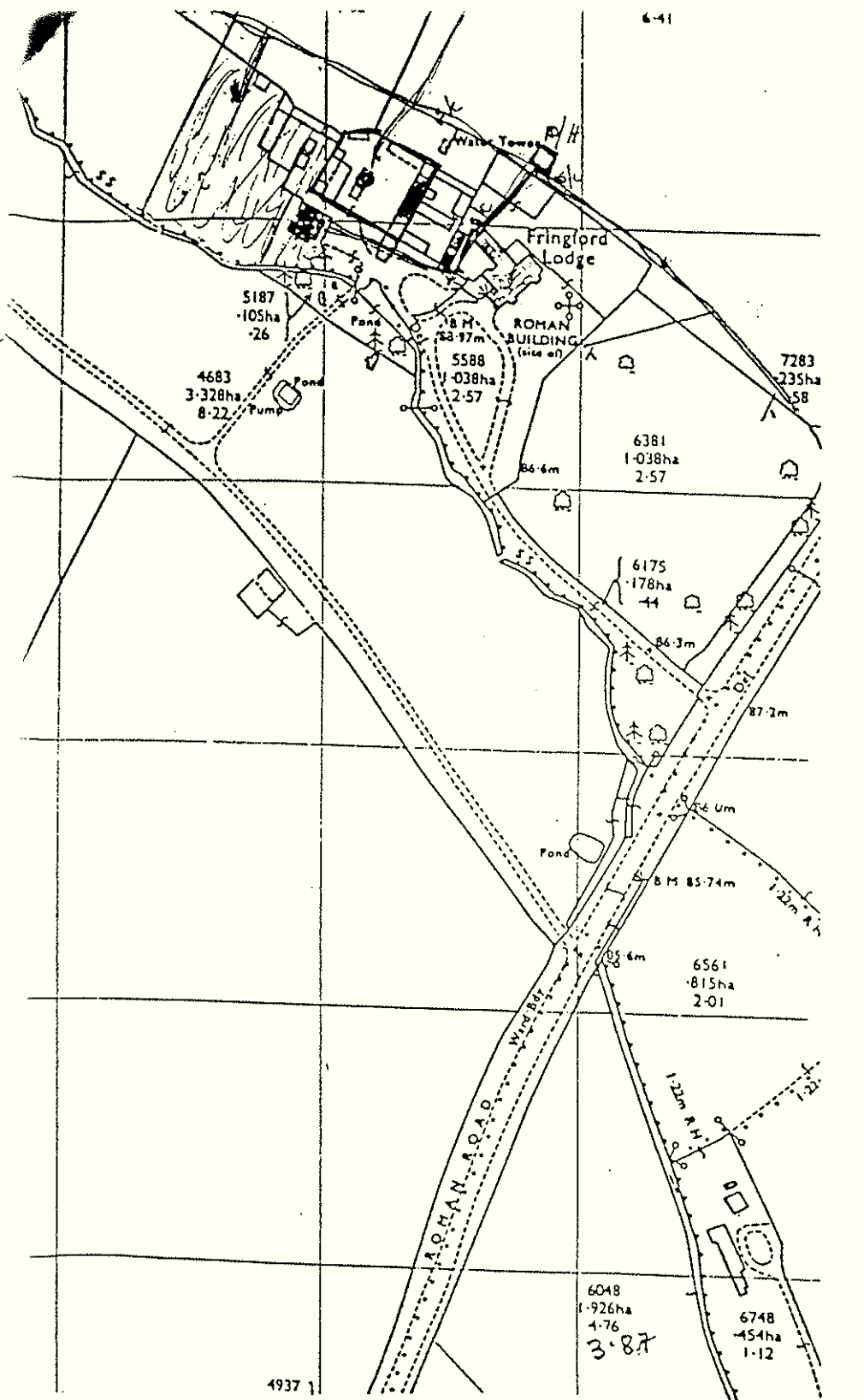
Background

In the 1870's a tessellated pavement with an underground chamber reached by 2 or 3 steps was found to the SE of Fringford Lodge 70 m to the SE of the site. There were also two human burials and abundant pottery. The field to the NW of the site had many Roman coins 'as if the field had been broadcast'.

Results

The drive was not stripped cleanly or deeply (0.10 m) enough to reveal much/any subsoil. The 1.2 m deep trench in the barn revealed no archaeological deposits over the cornbrash. The trench for the septic tank revealed a similar sequence of layers none of which contained finds or appeared to be archaeological. A ditch was seen in a pipe trench to the N of the drive but this was undated and could have been recent. No finds were recovered from the monitored spoil.

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Title DYMOCKS FARMHOUSE, FRINGFORD LODGE, NR. BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE

Scale 1:2500

Berrys

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MAIN SERVICES
INTAKE:
approximate
positions

F I E L D S

GAS
(PROVISIONAL SUM)
IF NOT POSSIBLE TRUCKED GAS
TO BE INSTALLED IN STOKES

KITCHEN

GARDEN

WATER

DEMOLISH EXISTING
WATER
TOWER -
NO LONGER
IN USE
REMOVE FROM SITE
PRIVATE MAINS WATER INTAKE

POSSIBLE PORTION
FOR GAS STORAGE
TANK

STABLES

TAKE OF EXISTING RE-ROOF
IN INSULATED SLATES TO DETAIL
ON EXISTING BATTENS AND BOARDING
TAKE OF ALL EXISTING SLATES
AND BATTENS
-SET ABOVE GOOD
SLATES FOR RE-
USE.

TIMBER & TONGUED
PLANED ROOF

BARN

ELECTRICITY &
BT
REDUCE STONE WALL IN
HEIGHT TO ENGINEERS
INSTRUCTION -
9 X 11'S THICKNESS
OR APPROX 3 METERS
TOP WITH SAND / CENTRAL COPING
WITH WATER
RUN OFF.

STORE

RECESSED EL - METER
NEAR ELECTRICAL
INTAKE IF EXISTING
NOT ADEQUATE.

CARPORT STORE

MAKE GOOD BASE OF PORTS
AND DEPTH ENDS TO DRAIN
REUSE ROOF WITH NEW
CORROGATED METAL AND
REUSE GUTTERS

NEW TINDER 1500 MM HIGH
SORTED - TREATED - GRATES
ON NEW PORTS (STAINED) GRAVEL

NEW PAVED PATH
ON GRASS
PROTECT GRASS
AS FAR AS POSSIBLE & FILL
- MAKE GOOD AND
RESSESS AT
END OF CONTRACT.

REMOVE
EXISTING &
GATES & SET
ASIDE
MAKE GOOD &
REPAIRS AT
THE END.

100mm HEPALITE
DRAINAGE

ENGLISH STAIR
300MM STAIR
GRAVEL
GRAVEL SIZE WITH
ALLOW 250MM
GRAVEL AROUND
DEMOLISH ROOF
BRICK PILES AND ASJ
MAKE GOOD

LAY NEW RE-
CAST SUBGRASS
STONE PAVING
ON EXISTING
CONCRETE

SUPPLY &
FIT NEW TREATED
SOFTWOOD CAR
AND RESEAL
GATES STAINED

BT
INTAKE

TERRACE

COTTAGE

SITE LINE

REMOVE EX-
ISTING GATE

STABLES

DRIVE

SITE
LINE

CONSTRUCT NEW THARGE
DRIVE TO ROAD
STANDARD

GET RE USED FOR
SITE WORKS
(LEAVE UPON
COMPLETION)

CARRY OUT A POROSITY TEST
BEFORE INSTALLING A
CONCRETE SEPTIC
TANK TO
MANUFACTURERS
DETAILS
CAPACITY 3600 LITRES

EDGED WITH
PRE-CAST
CURVED CONC
EDGING

NEW TREE
PLANTED
BY OTHERS

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