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Dear Mr. Wilson,

**Chavey Down Road, Bracknell, Berkshire.
Archaeological Watching Brief.**

This letter documents the results of a watching brief carried out between 12th October 1993 and 20th June 1994 at Chavey Down Road, Bracknell, Berkshire (SU 895708). The watching brief comprised monitoring of the initial topsoil stripping of the site followed by a series of subsequent visits monitoring the excavation of the foundation plots and service trenches. In all some eleven visits were made.

The watching brief was required by the Archaeological Consultant advising the County Council (Mr. P. Fasham, Babbies) due to the presence of Iron Age coins in the area as documented in the Sites and Monuments Record (SMR nos 482, 3450). These may indicate the possibility of more substantial archaeological deposits being present at or near the development site. This possibility is further enhanced by a recent excavation at Fairclough Farm, (SU 871710) c. 2.5 Km. to the west. This excavation has produced evidence of an Iron Age settlement site.

The initial visit to monitor the topsoil clearance of the site was hampered due to the fact that not all of the topsoil had been stripped and a small amount remained over most of the site. Therefore, no clean subsoil surface was visible to monitor possible archaeological deposits. Observation was further hampered by wet weather conditions causing the passage of machinery to churn up the soil surface.

Subsequent to the initial topsoil strip the excavation of the foundation plots and service trenches were monitored, totalling a number of 8 visits, to fit in with the schedule of works. The foundation trenches were c. 1.5 m. deep and c. 1 m. wide and revealed a

clay subsoil. The presence of any archaeological deposits would have been easily observable in section.

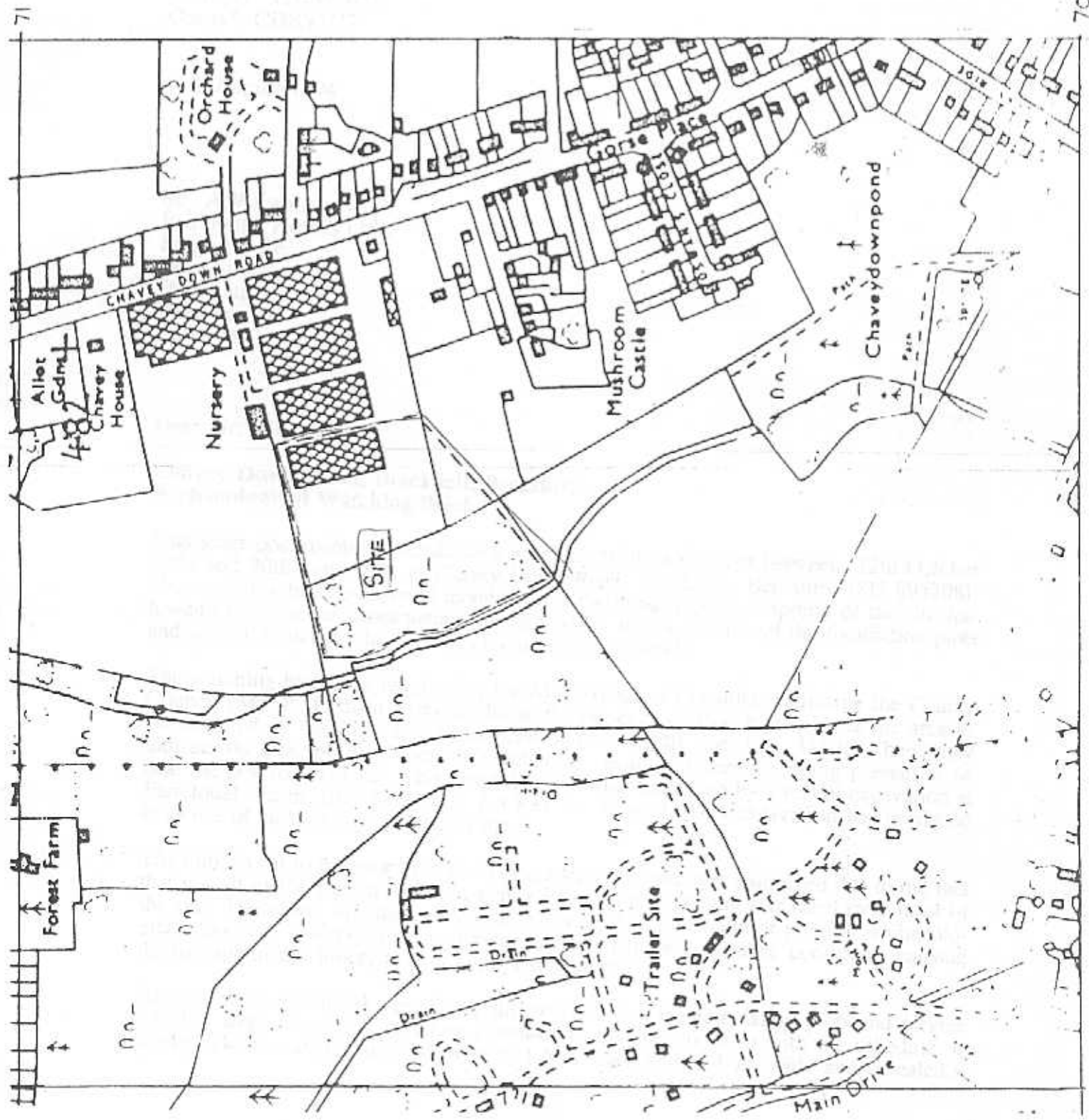
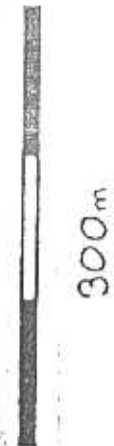
The monitoring of the initial topsoil strip and associated spoil revealed no archaeological remains or deposits. A second phase of topsoil strip at the northern end of the site also failed to reveal any archaeological remains or deposits. Similarly, the monitoring of the foundation plots and service trenches also failed to reveal any archaeological deposits.

Yours sincerely,

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