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New Hartley, Blyth

Client

Barratt David Wilson Homes
North East

Location

Northumberland

Services Provided

Agreement of scope of works
and evaluation

Date of Completion

March 2014

Key Issues

Potential for sub-surface
archaeology.

Avoidance of disruption
to existing land-users pre-
determination of application.



Picture: Targeted trenching in February 2014

A proposed planning application for approximately 280 homes on 10ha of agricultural land to the east of Blyth near Newcastle prompted a request for archaeological evaluation from the Local Planning Authority (LPA) prior to determination. Barratt David Wilson Homes approached CgMs to establish the likely scope of this work and provide costs. They were concerned about any intrusive works that might cause disruption to the current land-user, as part of the area was used for exercising horses.

To address the client's concerns, CgMs negotiated an initial phase of non-intrusive geophysical survey. The survey showed some potential archaeological features were present and CgMs proposed a targeted programme of trial trenching to test them; most importantly this approach reduced the sample percentage of the area trenched from 5% to 2% and meant that the area used by horses was completely avoided. The works were undertaken to the satisfaction of the LPA and the client and no further archaeological work will be required in connection with the application.

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