

Site Watching Brief: 74 Castle Street, Farnham

Planning No.: unknown

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Introduction

The development, consisted of the construction of an extension in a small garden to the rear of the existing building. A very limited excavation in 1991 (SyAS 'medieval towns' volume, forthcoming) had revealed the flue of a 13th century pottery kiln under this garden. The kiln was left undisturbed, since no threat existed at that time.

Results

A rescue excavation was arranged at very short notice but, unfortunately, the site had been severely disturbed at some stage prior to this investigation and all the medieval structures had been destroyed.

The only feature noted was that of a crown post, in the roof of the existing building. Peter Gray was informed and undertook to arrange for proper recording.

Because of this particularly unfortunate example of the failures of the planning system, a new procedure has been implemented in Waverley to try to improve the situation.

David Graham

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