

**Site Watching Brief:** Land to rear of 15 Lodge Hill Road, Farnham.

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## **Introduction**

The development consisted of the erection of a new dwelling in the garden to the rear of the existing house. An archaeological clause was placed on the planning consent, in view of the area involved in the development.

## **Results**

The initial earthmoving works consisted of cutting a rectangular platform approximately 9m wide into the eastern slope of the slight hill that lies to the rear of the existing house. This resulted in a section ranging in height from 1.5m at the maximum depth of the cut to zero where the platform reached the natural slope of the hill. The section consisted of an overlying layer of light grey sandy topsoil resting on a black podzol level, in turn overlying the natural yellow greensand.

No finds were recovered and the only feature noted, occurred in the north west corner of the house platform cut. This consisted of a pit 1.4m wide and 60cm deep which had been dug through the podzol level and into the underlying yellow sand. The base of this pit contained the skeleton of a medium sized dog and, while no dating evidence was recovered, it is likely to be a relatively recent deposit.

No further work is recommended.

David Graham

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