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Dear Ms Paddon,

### **ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING OF EARTHWORKS: BOSTON HOUSE**

Some time has passed since I undertook the above project. I must apologise for not having reported back sooner but I'm sure as you have realised by now that nothing of significance was observed at the site. I present a short summary of the monitoring below.

In accordance with the National Monuments conditions for demolition of the rear of the building (permit 60/96/10/036/21), I was appointed to monitor any below ground excavations. The monitoring was conducted by periodic site visits during April and May 1997 while demolition and earthworks were in progress. It was immediately evident that a considerable amount of disturbance had occurred over the years preceding the current work and that there was little chance of any *in situ* archaeological deposits being preserved. The area alongside the Parkade was characterised by recent soil fills while the ground floor rooms at the front contained sterile beach deposits (from the old shoreline) above Malmesbury shale bedrock. Not a single piece of artefactual material was observed during any of the site visits.

I would like to thank you for asking us to participate and wish you success with the project.

Yours sincerely

Dave Halkett