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Ref.: MPP23/ AA 30890/1

Date: 14th January 1993

MONUMENT NAME

: Fleet Plantation moated site

DISTRICT

: BASSETLAW

COUNTY

: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

MONUMENT NUMBER: 23214

Dear Sir/Madam

ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979, AS AMENDED

The above-named monument is already included in the Schedule compiled and maintained by the Secretary of State under Section 1 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979, as amended. I am requested to inform you that the scheduled area of the monument has now been revised to that shown outlined in black and highlighted in red on the enclosed map extract. The monument, as revised, has been included in the Schedule. Please ensure that papers that refer to the former scheduled area of this monument are destroyed.

Please amend your records accordingly.

Yours faithfully

Scheduling Section English Heritage

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SCHEDULE ENTRY COPY

ENTRY IN THE SCHEDULE OF MONUMENTS COMPILED AND MAINTAINED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER SECTION 1 OF THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979 AS AMENDED.

MONUMENT: Fleet Plantation moated site

PARISH: RAMPTON COUNTY: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

DISTRICT: BASSETLAW

NATIONAL MONUMENT NO: 23214

NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE(S): SK81567854

DESCRIPTION OF THE MONUMENT

The monument is the moated site in Fleet Plantation near Rampton and includes a roughly square platform, measuring approximately 70m along each side, surrounded by a 10m wide ditch with a maximum depth of about 2m. Scattered brick and tile indicates that a sixteenth or seventeenth century building formerly stood on the site and this would have been preceded by a medieval timber building. The remains of a causeway across the moat are visible approximately mid-way along the north side.

ASSESSMENT OF IMPORTANCE

Around 6,000 moated sites are known in England. They consist of wide ditches, often or seasonally water-filled, partly or completely enclosing one or more islands of dry ground on which stood domestic or religious buildings. In some cases the islands were used for horticulture. The majority of moated sites served as prestigious aristocratic and seigniorial residences with the provision of a moat intended as a status symbol rather than a practical military defence. The peak period during which moated sites were built was between about 1250 and 1350 and by far the greatest concentration lies in central and eastern parts of England. However, moated sites were built throughout the medieval period, are widely scattered throughout England and exhibit a high level of diversity in their forms and sizes. They form a significant class of medieval monument and are important for the understanding of the distribution of wealth and status in the countryside. Many examples provide conditions favourable to the survival of organic remains.

The moated site in Fleet Plantation survives well and is a good example of a small domestic site. Remains of the sixteenth or seventeenth century house will be preserved on the island as will evidence of its medieval precursor.

MAP EXTRACT

The site of the monument is shown on the attached map extract outlined in black and highlighted in red. It includes a 2 metre boundary around the archaeological features, considered to be essential for the monument's support and preservation.

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SIGNED BY: C. Edwards

On behalf of The Secretary of State for National Heritage.

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SCHEDULING HISTORY

Monument included in the Schedule on 16th February 1953 as:

COUNTY/NUMBER: Nottinghamshire 51

NAME: Fleet Plantation moated site, Rampton

The reference of this monument is now: NATIONAL MONUMENT NUMBER: 23214
NAME: Fleet Plantation moated site

SCHEDULING REVISED ON 11th January 1993

SIGNED BY: C. Edwards On behalf of The Secretary of State for National Heritage.