Watching brief

In many cases the small scale of the disturbance associated with the development, or the low probability that archaeological remains will have once existed, or survived on the site, will mean that a much lower level of observation and recording is required. Known as a Watching Brief, this is the timetabled attendance of a suitably qualified archaeologist at the point when digging is underway. Any archaeological deposits encountered will be quickly recorded and any finds collected, without undue disruption to the construction work. The Tyne and Wear Archaeology Service will provide the specification for the Watching Brief.