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NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY

- *Between the 21 October 2004 and 22 March 2004, Mike Jarvis Archaeological Services undertook an archaeological watching brief on behalf of Bishop Grosseteste College, during groundwork associated with the construction of a new sports hall and car parking facilities at their Lincoln Complex.*
- *Other than a small cluster of 19th – 20th century pits and post-holes in the south-west corner of the site, the watching brief revealed no evidence of earlier occupation.*
- *In conclusion, the results of this watching brief have provided only limited information regarding the archaeological content of the site, an overall enhancement of knowledge of the area has been achieved with regard to the survival and extent of archaeological deposits. This information will be of value in future decision making in the management of the archaeological resource in this part of Lincoln.*

The site is located to the south-west of the college complex, facing in present days street and adjacent to the road (National Grid Reference: SK 5750 7200).

The Lincoln Archaeological Research Assessment (LARA) has identified the site as having the following potential research agendas:

Prehistoric Era (c. 10000 – 4000) Linear stone remains

Roman Military c. 43 (AD – 400), Legation House and Temple

Medieval Castle c. 1066 – 1100; Area of archaeological interest

Early Medieval c. 1000 – 1066; Large stone wall, possibly related to military and agricultural

High Medieval c. 1066 – 1300; Large stone wall

Early Modern c. 1300 – 1700; 13th/14th wall base

Industrial c. 1750 – 1945; City walls and walls

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Industrial c. 1750 – 1945; Lincoln Teaching College (Bishop Grosseteste College)

Earlier investigations in the west side of the college complex, facing on to the road of present, revealed extensive evidence for Roman and medieval occupation.

3.0 AIMS AND METHODOLOGY

The aims of the watching brief were:

- *To produce an accurate record of deposits and results generated within the constraints of the groundwork contractors' programme and working methods with due regard to health and safety legislation.*

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Between the 21 October 2004 and 22 March 2004, Mike Jarvis Archaeological Services undertook an archaeological watching brief on behalf of Bishop Grosseteste College, during groundwork associated with the construction of a new sports hall and car parking facilities.

2.0 SITE LOCATION AND BACKGROUND (Fig. 1)

The following background information has been extracted from the brief for Archaeological Attendance and Recording (Archaeological Watching Brief) produced by the Heritage Team, City of Lincoln Council.

Full planning permission was granted on 11 August 2004 (Application No.: 2004/0489/F).

The site is located to the south-east of the college complex, taking in present open areas and footpaths (National Grid Reference: SK 97890 72892).

The Lincoln Archaeological Research Assessment (LARA) has classified the site as having the following potential research agendas;

Prehistoric Era (-10000 – 60); Limestone uplands

Roman Military Era (60 – 90); Legionary 'Prata' and 'Territorium'

Roman Colonia Era (90 – 410); Area of centuriation around the city

Early Medieval Era (410 – 850); Land around city potentially useable for settlement and agriculture

High Medieval Era (850 – 1350); Lincoln common fields

Early Modern Era (1350 - 1750); City's arable fields

Industrial Era (1750 – 1945); City's arable fields

Industrial Era (1750 – 1945); Elementary schools

Industrial Era (1750 – 1945); Diocesan Training College (Bishop Grosseteste College)

Earlier investigations to the west side of the college complex, fronting on to the road of Newport, revealed extensive evidence for Roman and medieval occupation.

3.0 AIMS AND METHODOLOGY

The aims of the watching brief were:

- To produce an archive record of deposits and remains generally within the constraints of the groundwork contractors' programme and working methods with due regard to current health and safety legislation.

- To produce a report on the archaeological importance of the discoveries.
- To produce a project archive from which the potential for further study and academic research could be assessed.
- To provide information for accession to the Historic Environment Record (HER).

The watching brief required observing all groundwork associated with the redevelopment of the site and the construction of the new sports hall building.

The archaeological record was secured by means of trench-side notes, scale drawings and photographs.



Plate 1: General view showing the excavation of groundbeams for the new sports hall (looking east).

4.0 ANALYSIS AND RESULTS (Fig. 2)

Natural deposits ([011] – clay & [012] – limestone brash) were encountered approximately 200mm below ground level (c. 60.50m OD). A small cluster of randomly placed shallow pit and post-hole features ([013] – 020]) cut in to the natural in the south-west corner of the site (see fig. 2). Pottery and tile recovered from their fills ([001] – [008] - mid-brown clay with occasional pot and tile fragments) suggests that they are 19th to 20th century in date, although a small quantity of residual medieval and post-medieval material was present. A topsoil, [009] sealed all of the above (existing ground level c. 6.70m OD).

No further features/deposits were encountered during the watching brief.

In conclusion, this watching brief has revealed that for the most part the site is archaeologically sterile. A small cluster of features present in the south-west part of the site are of uncertain function and appear to date to the modern period although they do contain a little residual medieval and post-medieval pot and tile, the origin of which is presently unclear.

although the results of this watching brief have provided only limited information regarding the archaeological content of the site, an overall enhancement of knowledge of the area has been achieved with regard to the survival and extent of archaeological deposits. This information will be of value in future decision making in the management of the archaeological resource in this part of Lincoln.

5.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MJAS would like to thank Bishop Grosseteste College for funding the watching brief and post-fieldwork analysis and in particular Mrs Jennifer Tarling (College Services Manager) for her full cooperation and interest throughout the duration of the watching brief. Thanks are also extended to UCS/Linpave (site contractor) and the City Archaeologist (Mr M J Jones) for his advice and guidance.

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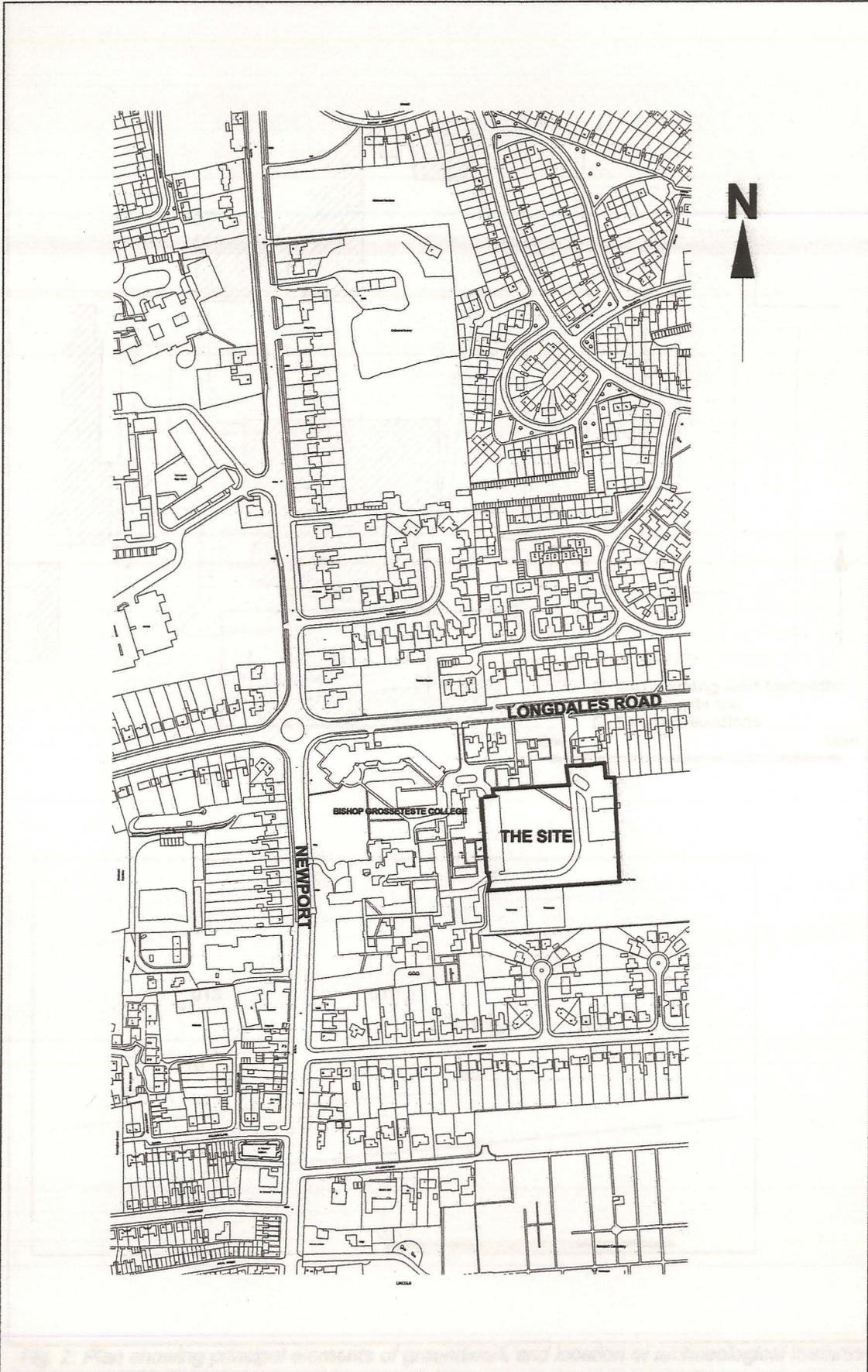


Fig. 1: Site location Map (1:2000).

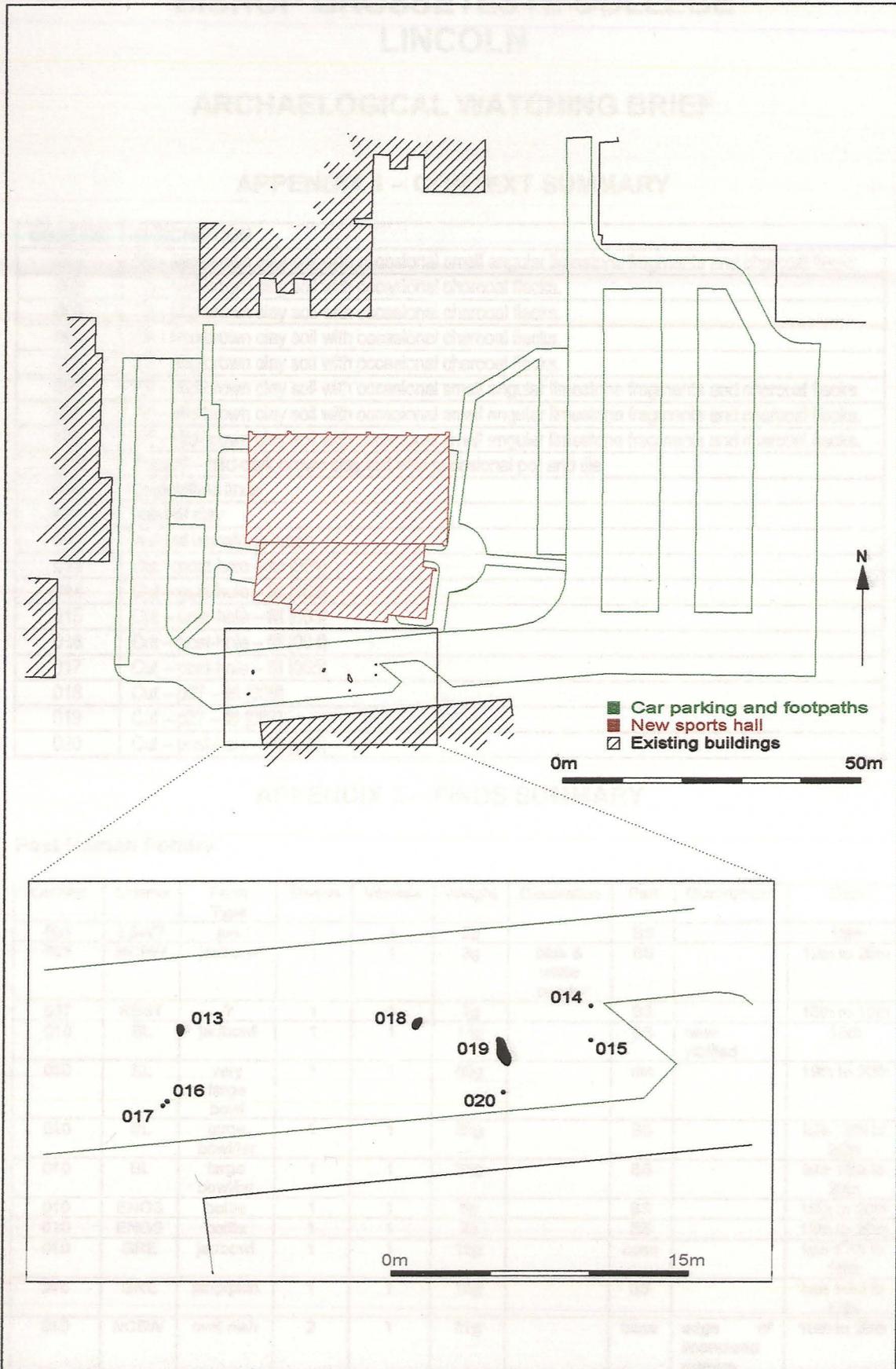


Fig. 2: Plan showing principal elements of groundwork and location of archaeological features (scale - 1:1000 – enlarged area not to any scale).

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APPENDIX 1 – CONTEXT SUMMARY

CONTEXT	DESCRIPTION
001	Fill - Mid-brown clay soil with occasional small angular limestone fragments and charcoal flecks.
002	Fill - Mid-brown clay soil with occasional charcoal flecks.
003	Fill - Mid-brown clay soil with occasional charcoal flecks.
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006	Fill - Mid-brown clay soil with occasional small angular limestone fragments and charcoal flecks.
007	Fill - Mid-brown clay soil with occasional small angular limestone fragments and charcoal flecks.
008	Fill - Mid-brown clay soil with occasional small angular limestone fragments and charcoal flecks.
009	Topsoil – mid-dark brown clay soil with occasional pot and tile.
010	Unstratified finds
011	Natural clay
012	Natural limestone brash
013	Cut – post-hole – fill [001]
014	Cut – post-hole – fill [002]
015	Cut – post-hole – fill [003]
016	Cut – post-hole – fill [004]
017	Cut – post-hole – fill [005]
018	Cut – pit? – fill [006]
019	Cut – pit? – fill [007]
020	Cut – post-hole – fill [008]

APPENDIX 2 – FINDS SUMMARY

Post Roman Pottery

Context	Cname	Form Type	Sherds	Vessels	Weight	Decoration	Part	Description	Date
001	LSW2	jug	1	1	2g		BS		13th
001	NCBW	jar/bowl	1	1	3g	blue & white bands	BS		19th to 20th
007	REST	?	1	1	1g		BS		18th to 19th
010	BL	jar/bowl	1	1	14g		BS	near vitrified	18th
010	BL	very large bowl	1	1	69g		rim		19th to 20th
010	BL	large bowl/jar	1	1	35g		BS		late 18th to 20th
010	BL	large bowl/jar	1	1	31g		BS		late 18th to 20th
010	ENGS	bottle	1	1	6g		BS		19th to 20th
010	ENGS	bottle	1	1	2g		BS		19th to 20th
010	GRE	jar/bowl	1	1	19g		base		late 17th to 18th
010	GRE	jar/pipkin	1	1	15g		BS		late 16th to 17th
010	NCBW	oval dish	2	1	31g		base	edge of impressed makers mark on underside	19th to 20th
010	NCBW	jar?	1	1	5g	white band	BS		19th

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						with blue mocha design			
010	NOTS	jar	1	1	18g		BS		18th to 19th

Tile

Context	Cname	Fabric	Sub Type	Frag	Weight	Description	Date
001	PNRDISC	1		4	29g	flat roofer; coated in mortar	13th to 16th
001	PNR	light firing		1	17g	flat roofer	18th to 20th
005	PNRDISC	1		1	32g	flat roofer; mortar	13th to 16th
006	PNR	1		1	41g	flat roofer	13th to 15th
007	PNRDISC	1		7	45g	scraps; coated in mortar	13th to 16th
009	PNRDISC	1		5	137g	flat roofer; coated with mortar	13th to 16th
009	NIB	1/7	moulded & cut	1	41g	odd nib; squashed?	13th
009	PNR	1/7		1	64g	flat roofer	13th
010	PNRDISC	1		8	231g	flat roofer; coated in mortar	13th to 16th
010	RTILDISC			1	11g	possible TEG	Roman
010	PNR	7		2	78g	same tile; flat roofer	mid 12th to mid 13th
010	PNR	1/7		1	33g	flat roofer	13th
010	PNR	1/7		1	63g	flat roofer; thick tile	13th

APPENDIX 3 – ARCHIVE SUMMARY

SITE NAME: Bishop Grosseteste College, Lincoln

SITE CODE: BGC04

MJAS REPORT No: 528

NGR: SK 97890 72892

PROJECT TYPE: Watching Brief

PROJECT DATE: 21 October 2004 and 22 March 2004

PLANNING APPLICATION No.: 2004/0489/F

CLIENT: Bishops Grosseteste College, Lincoln LN1 3DY

SMR No.: N/A

CIVIL PARISH: Lincoln

MUSEUM ACCESSION No.: 2004.229

ARCHIVE PRESENT LOCATION: MJAS, 1 Torrington Road, Lincoln, LN2 2DP

ARCHIVE FINAL LOCATION: The City and County Museum, Friars Lane, Lincoln