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LINCOLN**

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL
WATCHING BRIEF**

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NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY

- *Between the 19 September to 2 October 2007, Mike Jarvis Archaeological Services undertook an archaeological watching brief on behalf of the Directorate of Housing & Community Services, City of Lincoln Council, during groundwork associated with the construction of a two storey extension to the rear of 1 Anderson Lane, Lincoln.*
- *The watching brief revealed a few undated deposits probably reflecting the semi-rural nature of the area prior to the construction of housing for the working classes during the 19th century. A soak-away recorded during the watching brief may be associated with this period of activity.*
- *In conclusion, the watching brief failed to reveal dateable archaeological deposits and as a result provides little to enhance our understanding of the archaeological content of the surrounding area and although the results of this watching brief have proved largely negative, 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.*

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Between the 19 September and 2 October 2007 Mike Jarvis Archaeological Services (MJAS) undertook an archaeological watching brief on behalf of the Directorate of Housing & Community Services, City of Lincoln Council, during groundwork associated with the construction of a two storey extension to the rear of 1 Anderson Lane, Lincoln.

2.0 SITE LOCATION AND BACKGROUND (Fig. 1)

The Site is situated on the west side of Anderson Lane, the north side of 10 College Close, the east side of 6-8 Kenneth Street, and the south side of 3 Anderson Lane (National Grid Reference: SK 97590 72654). Full planning permission was granted on 7 June 2007 (Application No.: 2007/0243/F).

The Site is situated within the medieval suburb of Newport. The date of Anderson Lane is not known, but was probably in existence by 1800, certainly by 1842 (Padley map). Numbers 1-7 Anderson Lane were built in the 1960's, replacing early 19th-century houses which lay slightly further east.

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); Canabae outside east, north and west gates

Roman Colonia Era (90-410); Suburban development north and west of the upper city

Roman Colonia Era (90-410); Cemeteries

Early Medieval Era (410-850); Central elements of former Roman city and Roman network

High Medieval Era (850-1350); Houses in Newport

High Medieval Era (850-1350); Newport market

Early Modern Era (1350-1750); Houses in Newport

Early Modern Era (1350-1750); Newport market

Industrial Era (1750-1945); Working class housing of the late 18th and early 19th centuries in Newport, the Bail, the lower city and Wigford.

Industrial Era (1750-1945); Stonepits north and north-east of the upper city

An archaeological watching brief carried out in 2005 at Nos. 16 - 18 College Close during groundwork for the construction of two dwellings, recorded a stone boundary wall and deposits associated with the 19th century.

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) and the Lincoln Urban Archaeological Database (UAD).

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 looking east showing the excavation of the foundation trench.

4.0 ANALYSIS AND RESULTS (Fig. 2 & Pl. I)

The watching brief comprised two main areas of investigation: a soak-away (located at the west end of the properties garden (nominally 3m x 2m) and the footprint for the extension (approximately 11m x 5m).

Soak-away Trench

Natural limestone ([009]) was encountered 1.60m below ground level (62.40m OD) and was sealed by a 500mm thick deposit of limestone brash ([001] – 62.89m OD). An undated and extensive clayey subsoil ([002]) sealed brash [001] and was in turn sealed by a 500mm thick topsoil ([003] – ground level 64.00m OD).

The trenches joining the soak-away to the extension was shallow and did not impact upon deposits present below the sites topsoil layer.

Foundation trench

Natural limestone brash ([001]) was revealed 1.50m below ground level (62.50m OD) in the area of the extension. Sealing natural on the south side of the foundation trench was [008] an undated yellow/brown sandy silt (62.59m OD). To the east of the foundation trench (beneath the south-east corner of the existing property) lay [007] an undated raised deposit of dark brown sand silt with frequent small angular limestone inclusions (top – 63.31m OD). Sealing the above was subsoil [002] (62.30m OD). A U-shaped cut ([006]) cut into the subsoil approximately 2.5m to the east of the existing property. The fill of [006], [005], comprised frequent small-mid sized limestone fragments and was believed to be a soak-away (top of cut – 63.12m OD). Sealing [005] was [004] (63.55m OD) a narrow deposit of undated silt soil that was truncated by a north-south drainage pipe and trench ([010] & [011]). Topsoil [003] sealed the above (ground level c. 64.00m OD).

No further features or deposits were recorded during the watching brief.

Results

The genuinely sporadic & undated deposits recorded during the watching brief appear to reflect the semi-rural nature of the area prior to the construction of housing during the 19th century. The possible soak-away recorded during the watching brief may be associated with this period of activity.

In conclusion, the watching brief failed to reveal dateable archaeological deposits and as a result provides little to enhance our understanding of the archaeological content of the surrounding area and although the results of this watching brief have proved largely negative, 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

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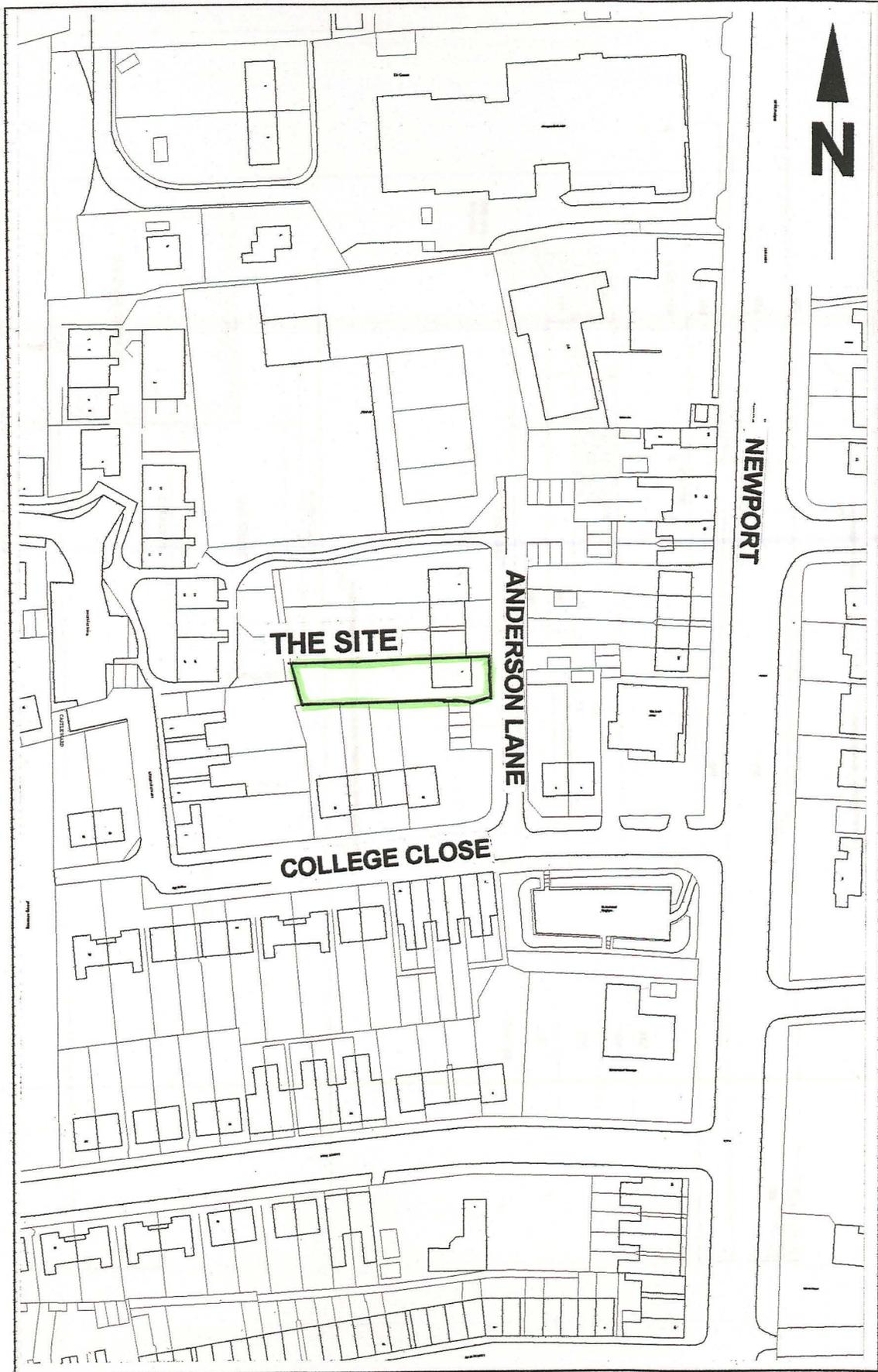


Fig. 1: Site location Map (1:1250).

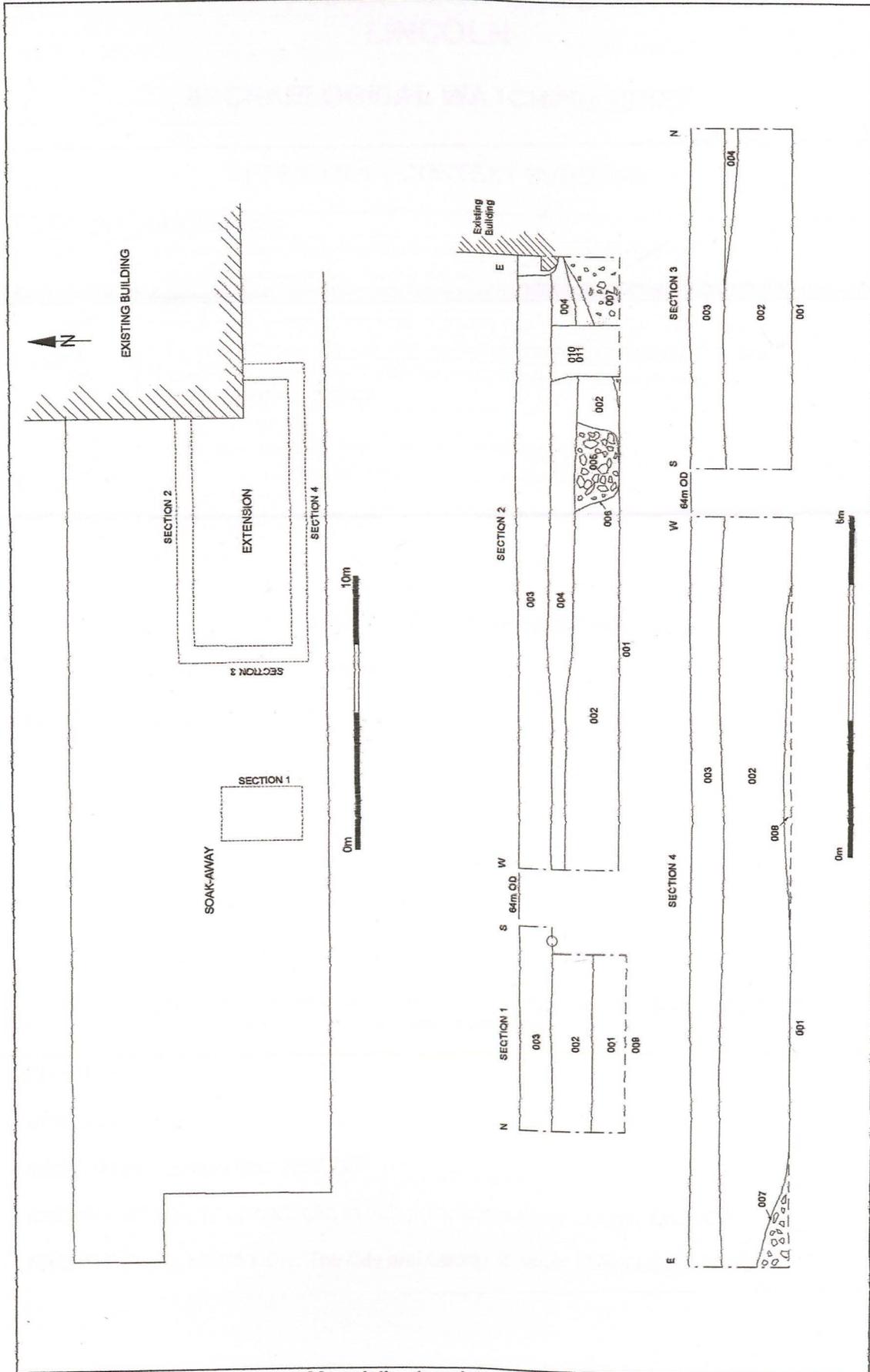


Fig. 2: Plan showing location of foundation trench and sections 1 - 4 (not to scale).

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APPENDIX 1 – CONTEXT SUMMARY

CONTEXT	DESCRIPTION
001	80% small limestone fragments with yellow/brown silt between (brash?)
002	Subsoil – yellow/brown clayey silt with frequent small angular limestone fragment
003	Friable dark brown silt topsoil with very few small angular limestone inclusions
004	Pale yellow/brown silt soil with few small limestone fragment inclusions
005	Dark brown sand silt soil with frequent small-mid sized angular limestone fragments (fill if cut [006])
006	Cut – soak-away?
007	Dark brown sand silt with frequent small angular limestone fragments
008	Friable yellow/orange/brown sandy silt (natural?)
009	Natural limestone
010	Fill of modern pipe trench
011	Cut – pipe trench

APPENDIX 2 – ARCHIVE SUMMARY

SITE NAME: 1 Anderson Lane, Lincoln

SITE CODE: LAL07

MJAS REPORT No: 549

NGR: SK 9763 7288

PROJECT TYPE: Watching Brief

PROJECT DATE: 19 September to 2 October 2007

PLANNING APPLICATION No.: 2007/0243/F

CLIENT: Directorate of Housing & Community Services, Maintenance & Investment, City of Lincoln Council, City Hall Beaumont Fee, Lincoln LN1 1DE

SMR No.: N/A

CIVIL PARISH: Lincoln

MUSEUM ACCESSION No.: 2007.227

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

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