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On 22nd and 28th July 2009 J.M. McComish undertook a watching brief for York Archaeological Trust on the cutting of a number of services trenches and on the construction of a road to either side of Goodricke College, Heslington East, York (Figure 1).

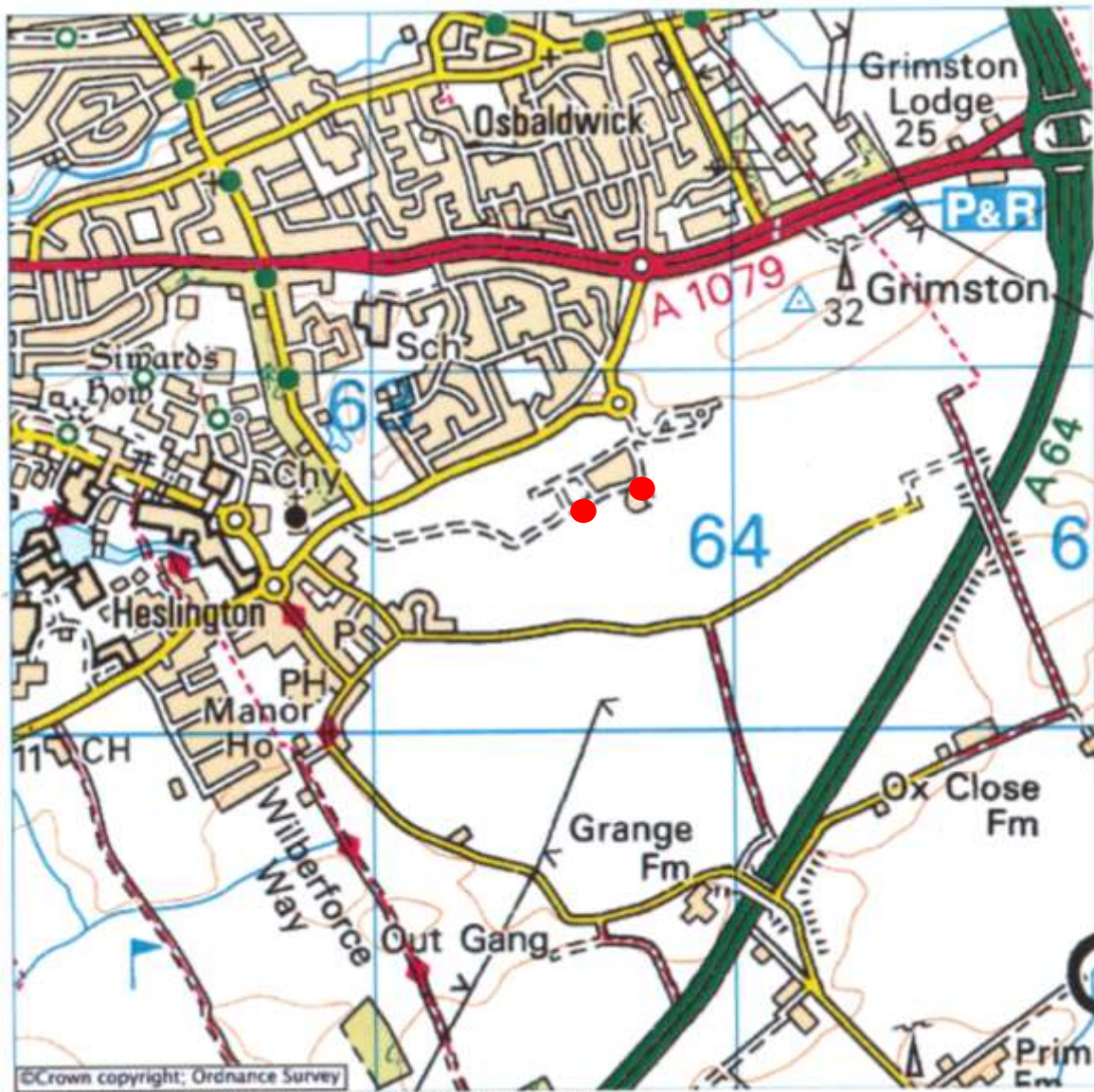


Figure 1 Location of the watching brief (indicated in red)

On 22nd July 2009 a visit was made to observe the excavation of the easternmost of the service trenches in the services corridor to the east of Goodricke College. The ground in this area had been built up by the dumping of limestone rubble in order to raise the surface levels prior to inserting the

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services trench. The observed portion of trench was c.38m long, 1.1m wide and 0.7-0.8m deep. Only the lowest 0.15m of deposits were of natural origin, the uppermost deposits being modern dumping associated with the present works. The natural deposits were clean light brown slightly clayey sand (Plate 1 and 2). No archaeological features were observed. The photographs are stored on IADB as photo numbers 5112-2564 to 5112-2582.

On 28th July 2009 a visit was made to observe the services corridor to the east of Goodricke College, however, since no work had been undertaken on this since the previous visit there was nothing to observe in this area. It was, however, possible to observe that an area of topsoil had been stripped on the site of the proposed road to the west of Goodricke College (Plate 3). The area concerned was c.30m long, up to 7m wide and had been stripped to a depth of between 0.6m on the western, southern and northern sides, and 1.35m on the eastern side (the eastern side had been deliberately built up by modern dumping associated with the present construction works). The stripped topsoil consisted of dark brown silty clay above natural light orange brown silty clay with no inclusions. No archaeological features were seen. The photographs are stored on IADB as photo numbers 5112-2583 to 5112-2596.



Plate 1 Services trench to the east of Goodricke College, facing south.

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Plate 2 Services trench to the east of Goodricke College on completion, facing south.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

The observed deposits were all either of natural origin, or were modern dumping associated with the construction works for Goodricke College. No features of archaeological interest were observed, and no artefacts were recovered.

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Plate 3 Stripped area to the west of Goodricke College, facing south.

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