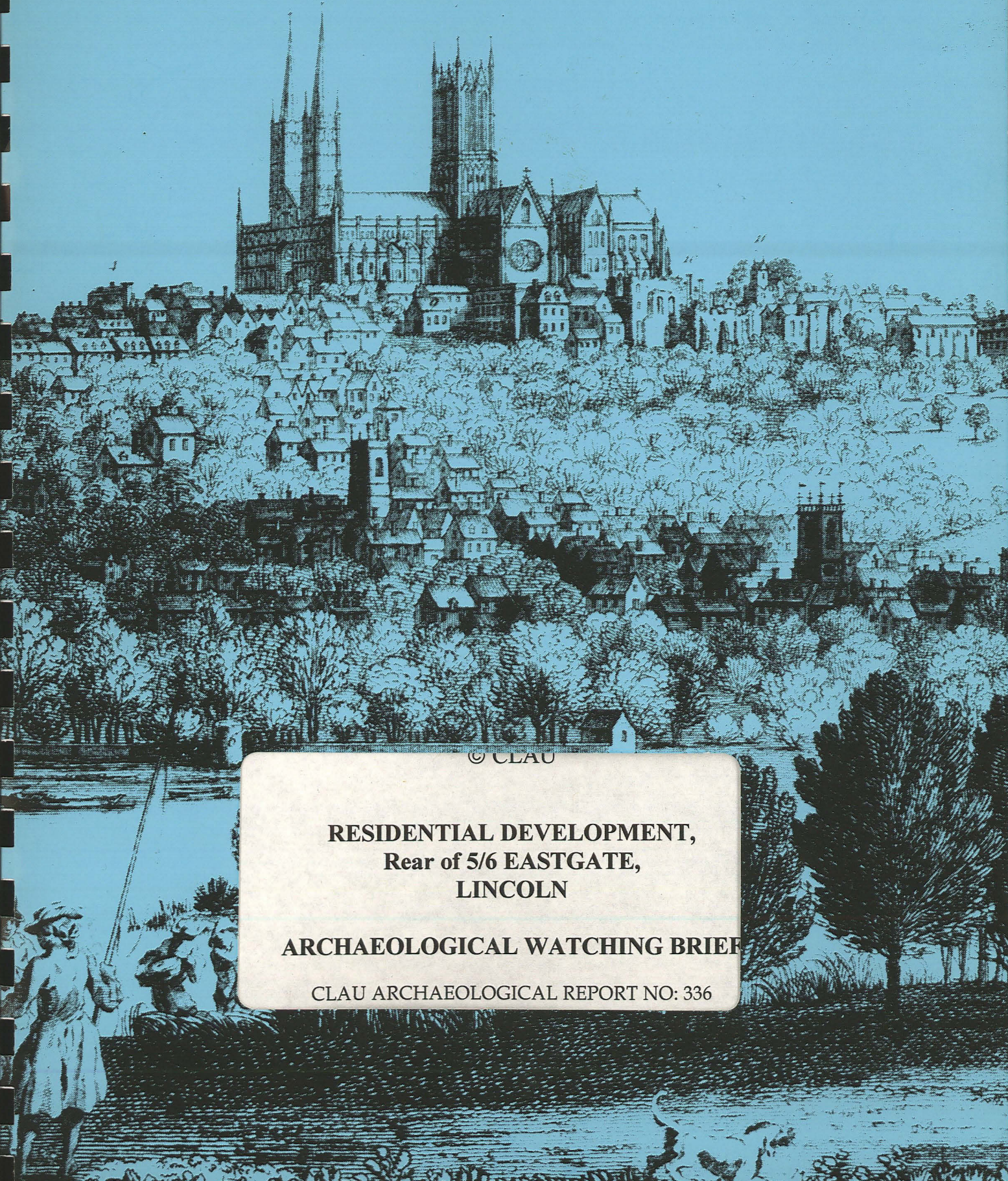


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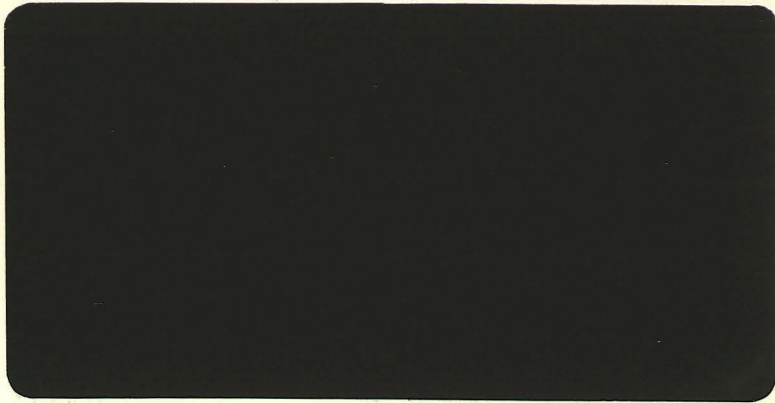


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NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY

Between March and October 1998, a representative from the City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit (CLAU) undertook an intermittent watching brief during groundworks associated with the construction of two residential dwellings on land to the rear of the above properties. Previous archaeological work on the site has revealed evidence for extensive and potentially important remains dating from the Roman through to the medieval periods.

This watching brief revealed no evidence to suggest that groundworks associated with the development impacted on the important archaeological remains found during the site's earlier evaluation. Although the results from this watching brief have proved negative, an enhancement of knowledge of the area has been achieved with regard to the survival and extent of archaeological deposits.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Between February and October 1997, a representative from the City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit (CLAU) undertook a watching brief during groundworks associated with the construction of two residential dwellings on land to the rear of the above properties. The work was undertaken for Mrs M Walch and Mr A Rudman, as a requirement for the granting of planning permission (Planning Application Nos. LC08/0482/97 - 3 February 1998). Previous archaeological work on the site had revealed evidence for extensive and potentially important remains dating from the Roman through to the post-medieval periods (for further archaeological & historical background see CLAU Report No. 300).



Plate 1: General view of the site, looking east, during the reduction of ground level, prior to the casting of the floor slab.

2.0 SITE LOCATION

The site lies in a roughly triangular area of land to the rear of properties fronting on to the modern street of Eastgate; National Grid Reference SK 9767 7191 (see Fig. 1).

3.0 AIMS & METHODOLOGY

The aims of the watching brief were:

- A. to produce an archive record of deposits and remains generally within the constraints of the groundwork contractors' working methods and programme as related to the project design, with due regard to current Health and Safety legislation.
- B. to produce a report on the archaeological importance of the discoveries.
- C. to produce a project archive from which the potential for further study and academic research could be assessed.
- D. to provide information for accession to the County Sites and Monuments Record (SMR) and the Lincoln Urban Archaeological Database (UAD).

The archaeological record was secured by means of trench side notes. A full photographic record was also compiled.

4.0 ANALYSIS/CONCLUSIONS

This watching brief revealed no evidence to suggest that groundworks associated with the development impacted on the important archaeological remains found during the site's evaluation.



Plate II: General view of the combined service trench. Looking south towards Eastgate.

Foundation Trenches (Fig. 2 & Plate I)

Foundation design for the new development was crucial if the buried archaeology was not to be disturbed. A thickened edge beam and floor was the eventual option. This required the removal of no more than 400mm of topsoil across the footprints of the properties (well within the limit of more

recent archaeological overburden identified during the site's 1997 evaluation). The topsoil strip failed to reveal archaeological deposits.

Combined Service Trench (Fig. 2 & Plate II)

Excavation of trenches for buried services was by far the most likely to impact on buried remains. In an attempt to minimise the disturbance to archaeological remains, a combined service trench, containing all of the site services, was chosen as the best option. This trench, whilst extensive (running across and beyond the site through its access, southwards through the narrow arched access on to Eastgate), remained for the most part within the previously established limit of recent overburden and as such revealed no features or deposits of archaeological significance.

The narrow, and shallow, nature of the trench outside of the site, along the narrow access passageway leading from Eastgate, meant that here interpretation was difficult. The continuation, below ground, of the site's eastern boundary wall, was noted in the trench section. Deposits present to the east of this wall were discrete and did not assist with their interpretation. Here, a mid-brown clay soil (no finds or large inclusions were noted) was the earliest deposit encountered. This was overlain by a 100-200mm thick deposit of similar looking soil, containing a moderate quantity of small-medium sized limestone pieces. A small quantity of stone sets was also noted in this deposit (these sets can still be seen *in situ* further towards the street of Eastgate). No further features and/or deposits were noted during the groundwork programme.

In conclusion, although the results from this watching brief have proved negative, an 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 with regard to the management of the archaeological resource in this area of Lincoln.

5.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit would like to thank Mrs M Walch & Mr A Rudman for funding the fieldwork and post-fieldwork analysis. Thanks are also extended to Peter H Slinger (architect), Ian George (Lincoln City Council Archaeology Officer) for his advice & guidance and the site contractor, Frazer Hughes.

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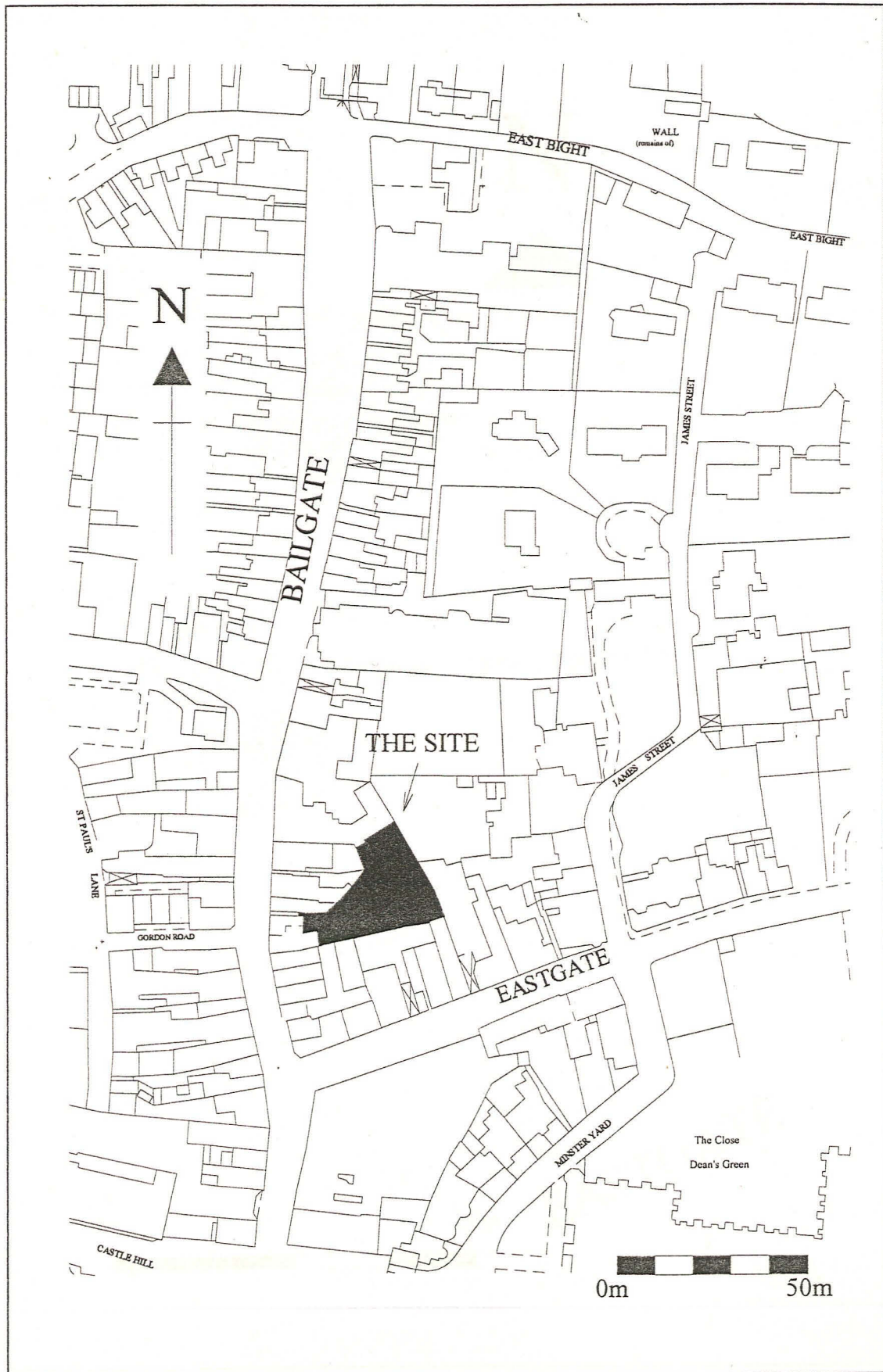


Fig. 1: General Site Location Plan.

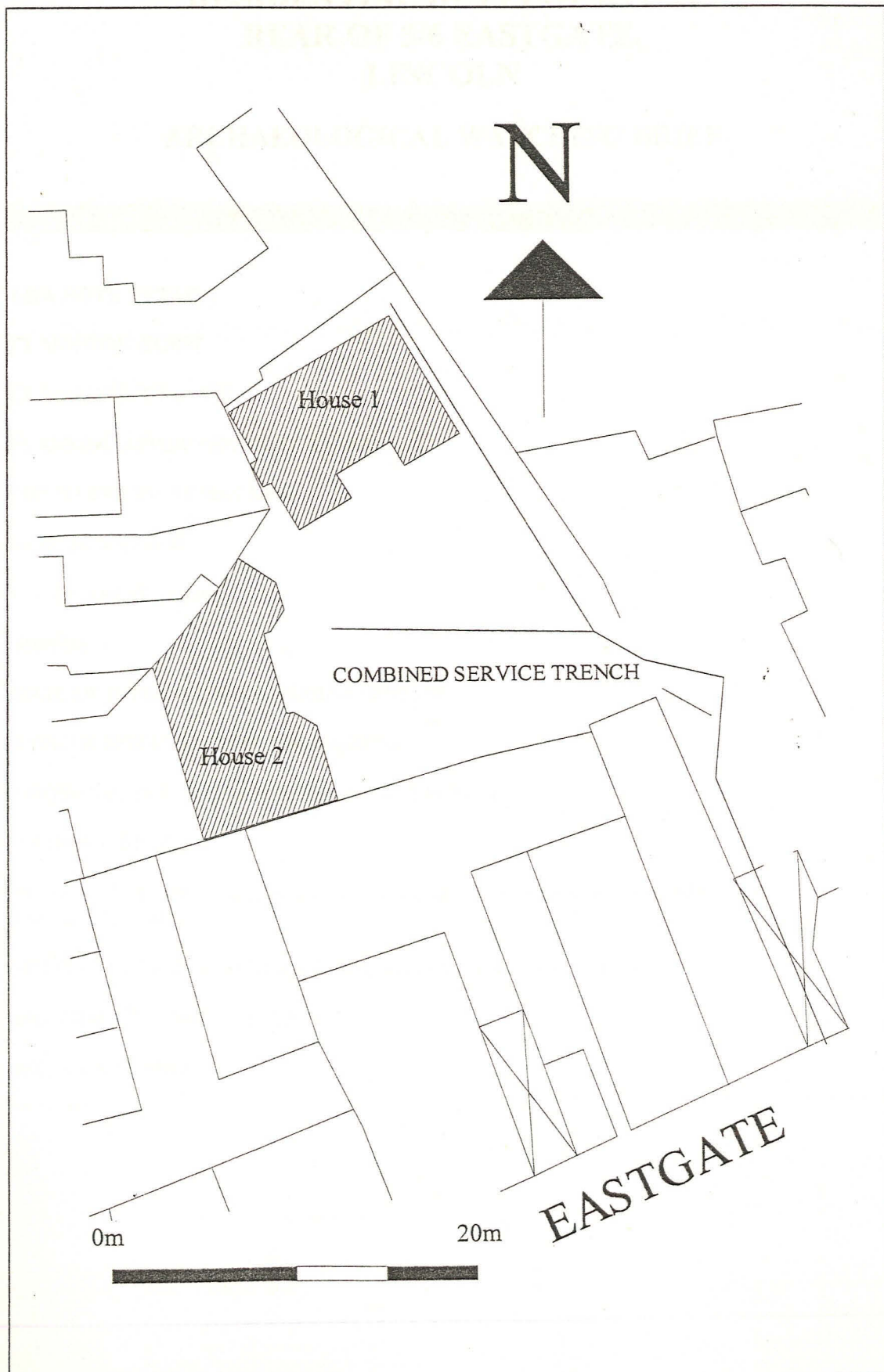


Fig. 2: Plan showing location of building plots and the combined service trench.

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APPENDIX 1 - LHA NOTE & ARCHIVE DETAILS

LHA NOTE DETAILS

CLAU CODE: EGB97

CLAU REPORT No.: 336

PLANNING APPLICATION NO.: LC08/0482/97

FIELD OFFICER: Michael Jarvis

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CIVIL PARISH: Lincoln

SMR No.: -

DATE OF INTERVENTION: 03/02/98 - 07/10/98

TYPE OF INTERVENTION: Watching Brief

UNDERTAKEN FOR: Mrs M Walch and Mr A Rudman

ARCHIVE DETAILS

PRESENT LOCATION: City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit, Charlotte House, The Lawn, Union Road,
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FINAL LOCATION: The City and County Museum, Friars Lane, Lincoln

MUSEUM ACCESSION No.: 75.98

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30 December 1998

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Dear Sirs

Residential Development - Rear of 5/6 Eastgate, Lincoln
Archaeological Watching Brief
CLAU Project: EGB98 Museum Acc No. 75.98

Please find enclosed two copies of our Archaeological Report No. 336 describing the results of the watching brief carried out in conjunction with construction groundwork at the above site.

Copies of the report are being deposited with the local planning authority and the Lincolnshire Sites and Monuments Record Office. A further copy will be lodged with the City and County Museum as part of the project archive in due course.

As the archaeological result was substantially negative the final costs (being considerably less than our original estimate) are reflected in the enclosed invoice.

We would take this opportunity to thank all parties concerned for their interest and co-operation.

Yours faithfully



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Contracts Manager

Lincolnshire County Council
Archaeology Section

21 JAN 99

cc **County Sites & Monuments Record Office**
Mr I K George, Lincoln City Council