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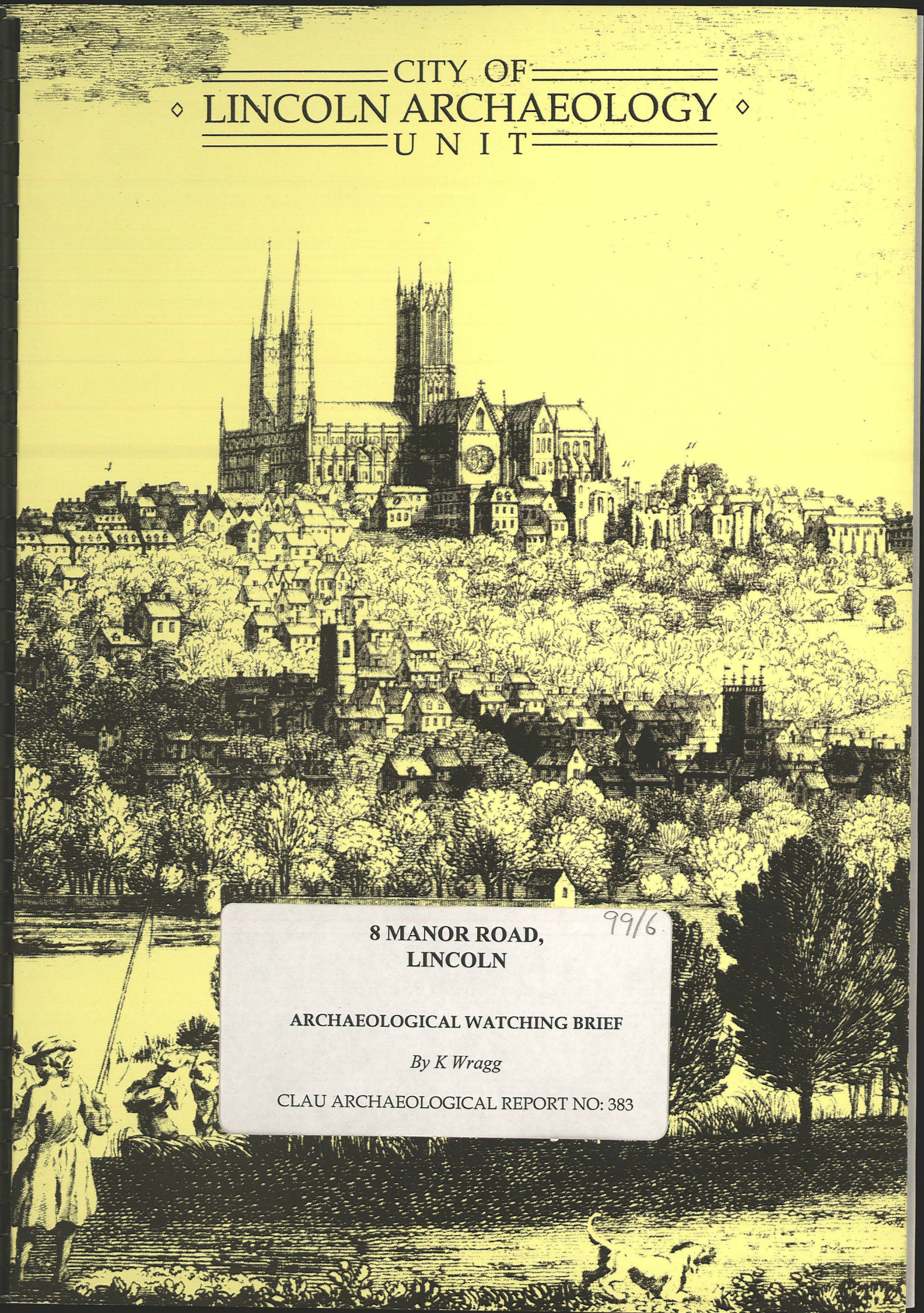
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# 8 MANOR ROAD, LINCOLN

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF

### *NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY*

This project was prompted by plans to construct a kitchen extension and new conservatory at the above property, which lies to the west of Nettleham Road (see Figs.1 & 2).

In view of the archaeological importance of this general area of the city, it was decided by the Lincoln City Council Planning Department that the groundworks should be monitored archaeologically, and planning permission was conditioned accordingly.

As a result, the City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit was commissioned in November 1998 by Mrs M.Gurnhill to carry out a watching brief on the site.

Observation was carried out on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November 1998, but notwithstanding the potential of this site, the results of this watching brief were largely negative.

The only deposits revealed during the course of the groundworks have related to either the natural (i.e., geological) strata, or to more recent garden material.

The negative results of this particular project do not, however, preclude the possibility of archaeological discoveries in the surrounding area.

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## ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF

### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

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In view of the archaeological importance of this general area of the city (see 2.0 below), it was decided by the Lincoln City Council Planning Department that the groundworks should be monitored archaeologically, and planning permission was conditioned accordingly.

As a result, the City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit was commissioned in November 1998 by the owner/developer, Mrs M.Gurnhill, to carry out a watching brief on the site. Observation was carried out on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November 1998.

The information in this document is presented with the proviso that further data may yet emerge. The Unit, its members and employees cannot, therefore, be held responsible for any loss, delay or damage, material or otherwise, arising out of this report. The document has been prepared in accordance with the terms of the Unit's Articles of Association, the Code of Conduct of the Institute of Field Archaeologists, and *The Management of Archaeological Projects 2* (English Heritage, 1991).

### 2.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The site is located in an area known to contain remains of Roman suburban occupation and land use. Roman burials have also been recorded in this general area.

In particular, the site is in close proximity to the known line of the Roman aqueduct. This and adjacent features, including a wide road to its west, have been identified at various locations, running parallel to the modern Nettleham Road, between the *Safeway* site in the north and the Roman walled city to the south (Thompson, 1955; Wachter, 1995).

### 3.0 RESULTS

The development comprised a small network of hand-excavated trenches, situated immediately to the rear of the existing property (see Fig.2).

Limited ground level reduction was undertaken within this network, but was primarily restricted to the removal of an existing 'crazy-paved' patio area.

New drainage trenches were also required, along the western side of the new extension, but in general were of minimal depth (in most cases less than the foundations themselves).

The individual foundation trenches were between 500mm and 600mm wide, and were excavated to depths of between 400mm and 650mm.

Only two deposits were revealed during the course of this excavation (see Fig.2), comprising a layer of friable sandy limestone 'brash', [101], overlain by a mid-dark grey-brown sandy silt topsoil [100].

No archaeological finds or features were revealed during the course of the trenching.

### 4.0 DISCUSSION OF RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS

Notwithstanding the potential of this site, as related above, the results of this watching brief have been largely negative.

The only deposits revealed during the course of the groundworks have related to either the natural (i.e., geological) strata, or to more recent garden material.

The negative results of this particular project do not, however, preclude the possibility of

archaeological discoveries in the surrounding area.

## 5.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit would like to thank the following for their assistance during this project: Mr M.Gurnhill, 8 Manor Road, Lincoln, for kindly funding this project; Mr R.Bradley, of Robin Bradley Building Design, Greetwell Place, 2 Limekiln Way, Greetwell Road, Lincoln, LN2 4US; Mr Ian George, Lincoln City Council Archaeology Officer, Lincoln City Council, City Hall, Beaumont Fee, Lincoln LN1 1DH; Mr L.Kovacs (building contractor), and all on-site staff.

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## 7.0 LHA NOTE/ARCHIVE DETAILS

### 7.1 LHA NOTE DETAILS

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PLANNING APPLICATION NO.: n/a

FIELD OFFICER: K.Wragg

NGR: SK 9805/7245

CIVIL PARISH: Lincoln

SMR No.: n/a

DATE OF INTERVENTION: 10/11/98

TYPE OF INTERVENTION: Watching Brief

UNDERTAKEN FOR: Mrs M.Gurnhill, 8 Manor Road, Lincoln.

### 7.2 ARCHIVE DETAILS

PRESENT LOCATION: City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit, Charlotte House, The Lawn, Union Road, Lincoln, LN1 3BL.

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

MUSEUM ACCESSION No.: 231.98

ACCESSION DATE: -

**APPENDIX A - ARCHIVE  
DEPOSITION**

The archive consists of:

No.	Description
1	Site diary
1	Report
2	Context records
2	Scale drawings
1 set	Colour slides

The primary archive material, as detailed above, is currently held by :

**The City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit,  
Charlotte House,  
The Lawn,  
Union Road,  
Lincoln,  
Lincolnshire,  
LN1 3BL.**

It is intended that transfer to the City and County Museum, Friars Lane, Lincoln, in accordance with current published requirements, under Museum Accession Number 231.98, will be undertaken following completion of this project.




**APPENDIX B - COLOUR PLATES**



*Plate 1: General view of site, following foundation trenching - looking west*



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 Location of Site

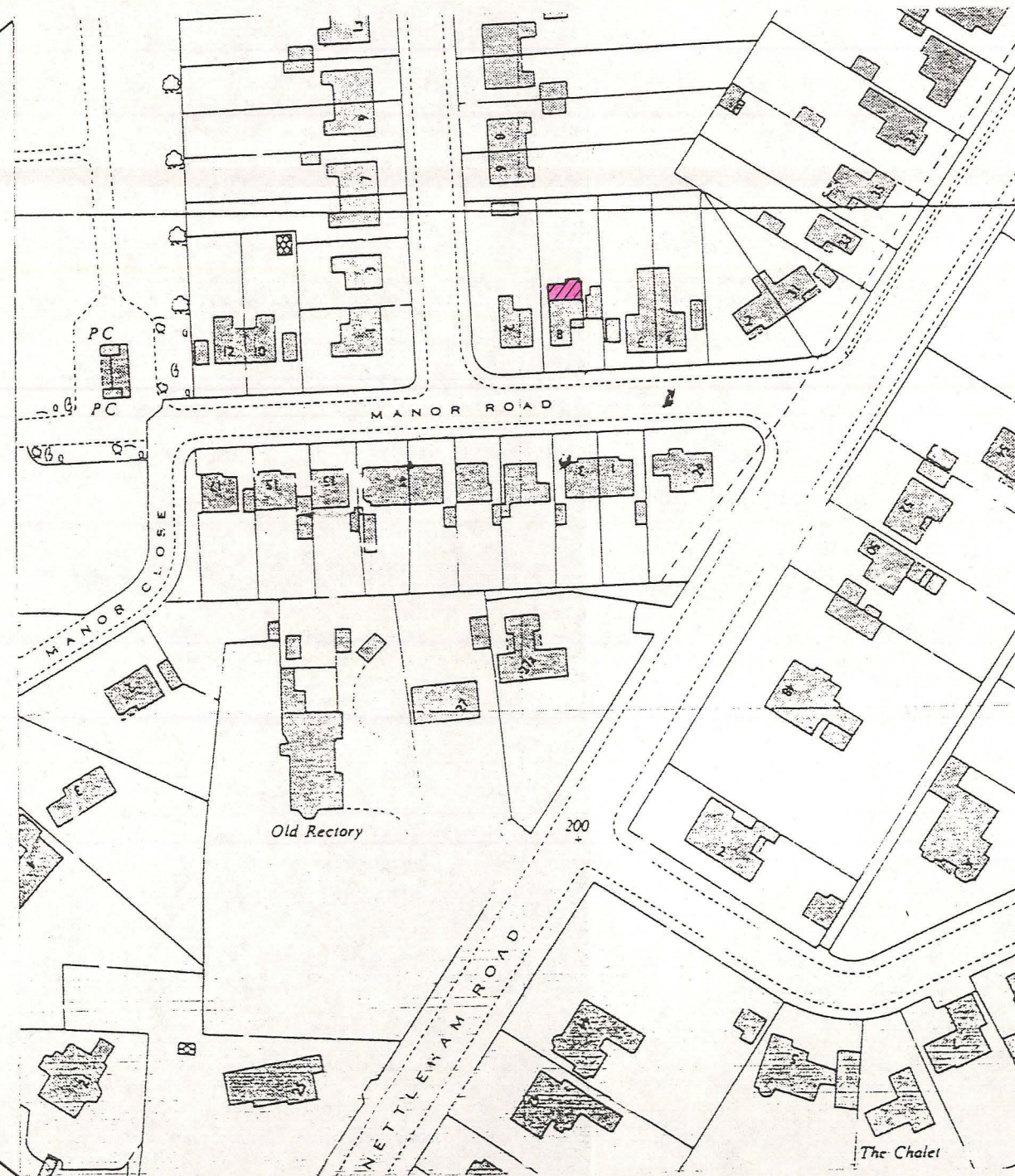
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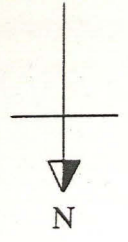


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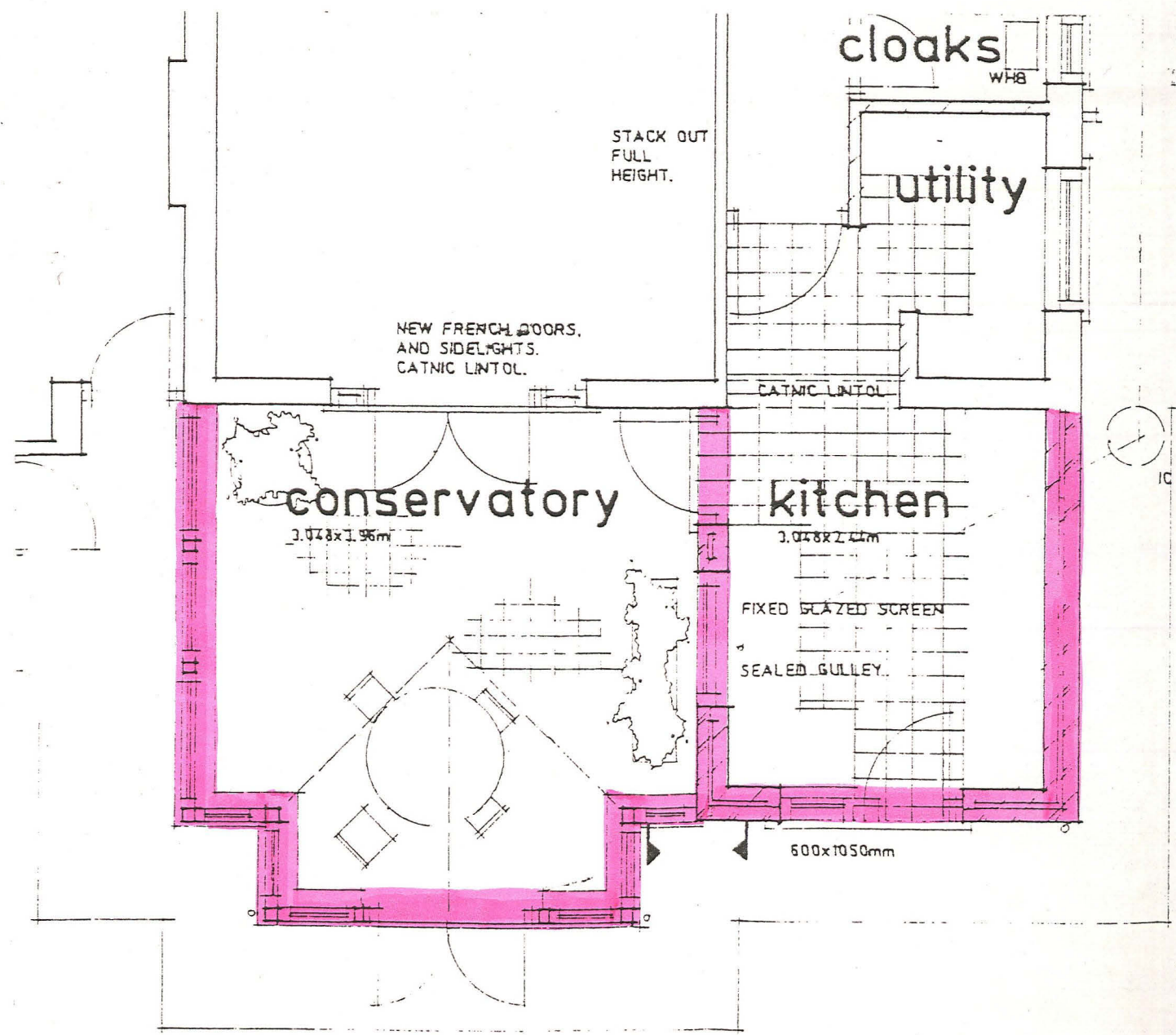
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Fig.1

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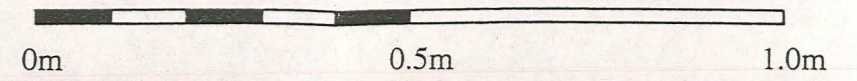
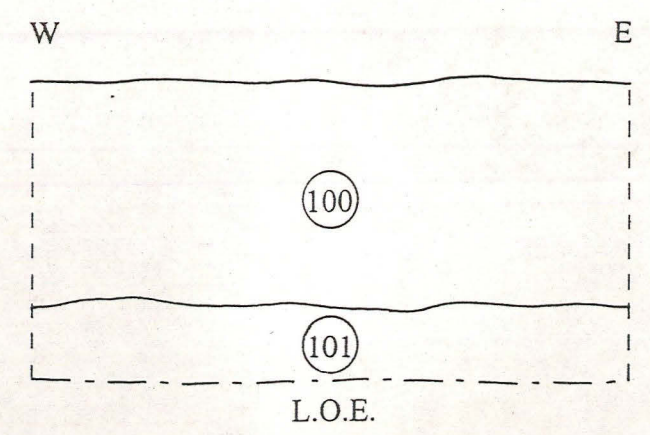
Trench Location Plan 1:50



KEY

- Location of Trench
- Location of Section

South-Facing Section 1:10



Based upon Robin Bradley Building Services drawing No. 37/L/94/1



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Dear Mrs Gurnhill

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**Archaeological Watching Brief**  
**CLAU Project: MR98 Museum Acc No. 231.98**

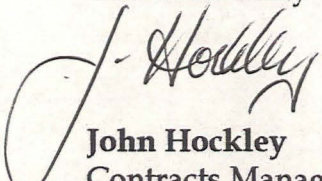
Please find enclosed two copies of our Archaeological Report No. 383 describing the results of the watching brief carried out in conjunction with construction groundwork at the above site.

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 negative the costs are less than our original estimate. We enclose our invoice for your prompt approval and payment.

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

Yours faithfully

  
**John Hockley**  
Contracts Manager

Lincolnshire County Council  
Archaeology Section

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