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Pl. 2 Clay deposits and backfill of earlier service trenches, in the western side of Trench 1.

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Summary

Monitoring of a small trench for a new main found no evidence for significant archaeological deposits or features.

Introduction

Lindsey Archaeological Services (LAS) was commissioned by Anglian Water Services Ltd in January 2000 to conduct an archaeological watching brief during excavation of a pipe trench for a replacement water main in Main Street, Dry Doddington (Fig. 1). Monitoring had been requested by the County Archaeological Officer in a letter to the Conservation Section of Anglian Water Services Ltd, dated 26th August 1999. The trench was excavated on 25th April 2000.

Archaeological Background

Close to the medieval church, which stands on a raised site, there was the potential for medieval settlement remains and possibly burials (Pl. 1).

The Watching Brief

Method

The monitored trench was excavated by machine, close to existing services. Prior to this, another trench had been opened and backfilled to the north. Trench numbers were assigned by LAS for recording purposes.

1. A single trench was opened in the roadside verge to the NE of St. James' Church in order to connect two existing pipes. Most of the trench cut through the backfill of the two existing pipe trenches, and the fill of an adjacent telephone cable duct. Where deposits had not been disturbed, the topsoil was about 0.3m thick, above a mixed yellow/brown clay with pebbles (Pl. 2). Shaley rock was encountered 0.85m below the surface.

To the north of the church, the ground is artificially raised, sloping down towards Hill Top Farm House. Part of this area may have been used as the medieval burial ground, but no archaeological features or finds were seen in the trench.

2. A trench at the junction of Manor House Lane and Main Street was not monitored.

Conclusion

No archaeological remains were found. The watching brief found that the monitored ground had been considerably disturbed in the past when existing services had been installed.

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Archive Summary

Anglian Water Services plans

Annotated copies of AWS plans

Photographs (colour prints, LAS film nos. 00/48/6-8, including those used in this report)

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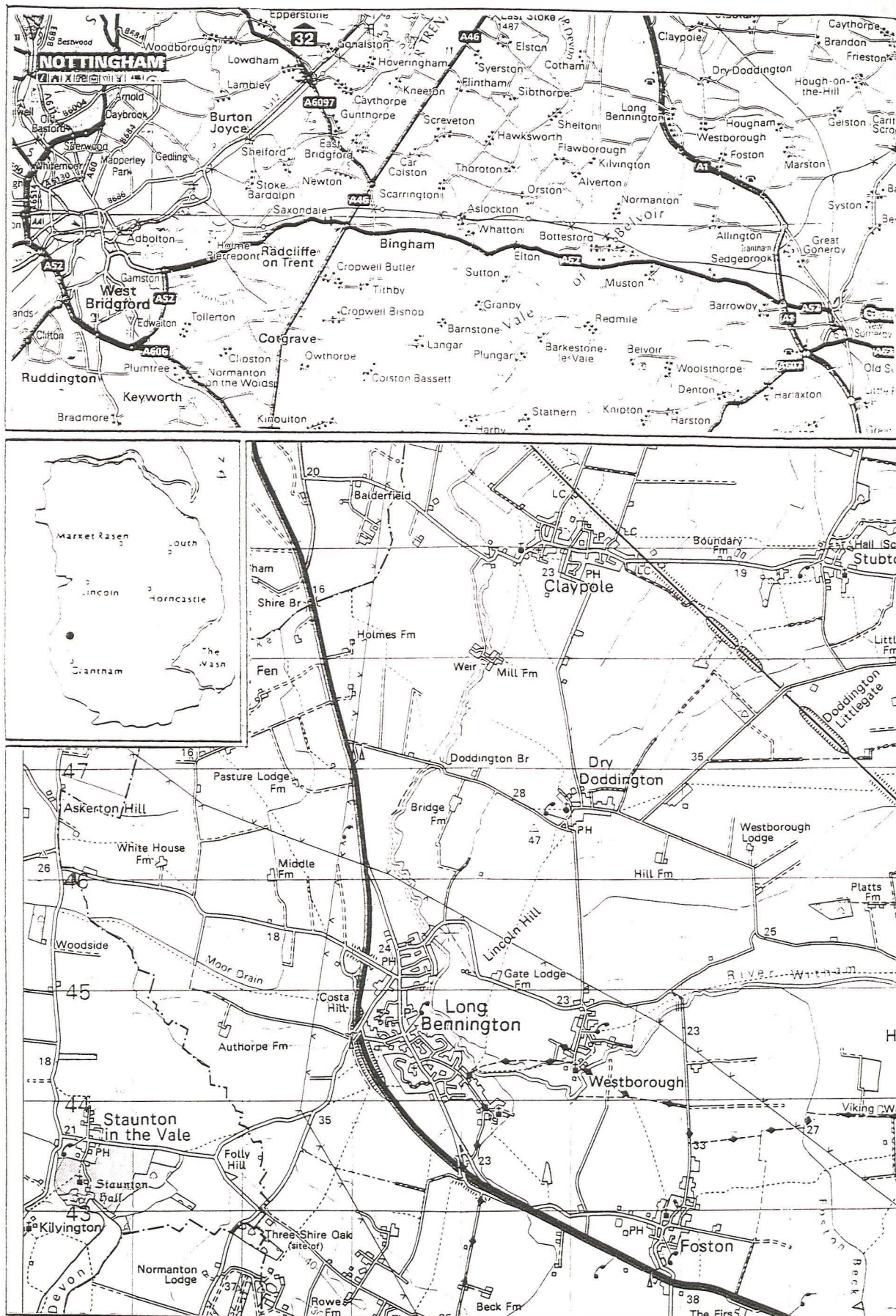


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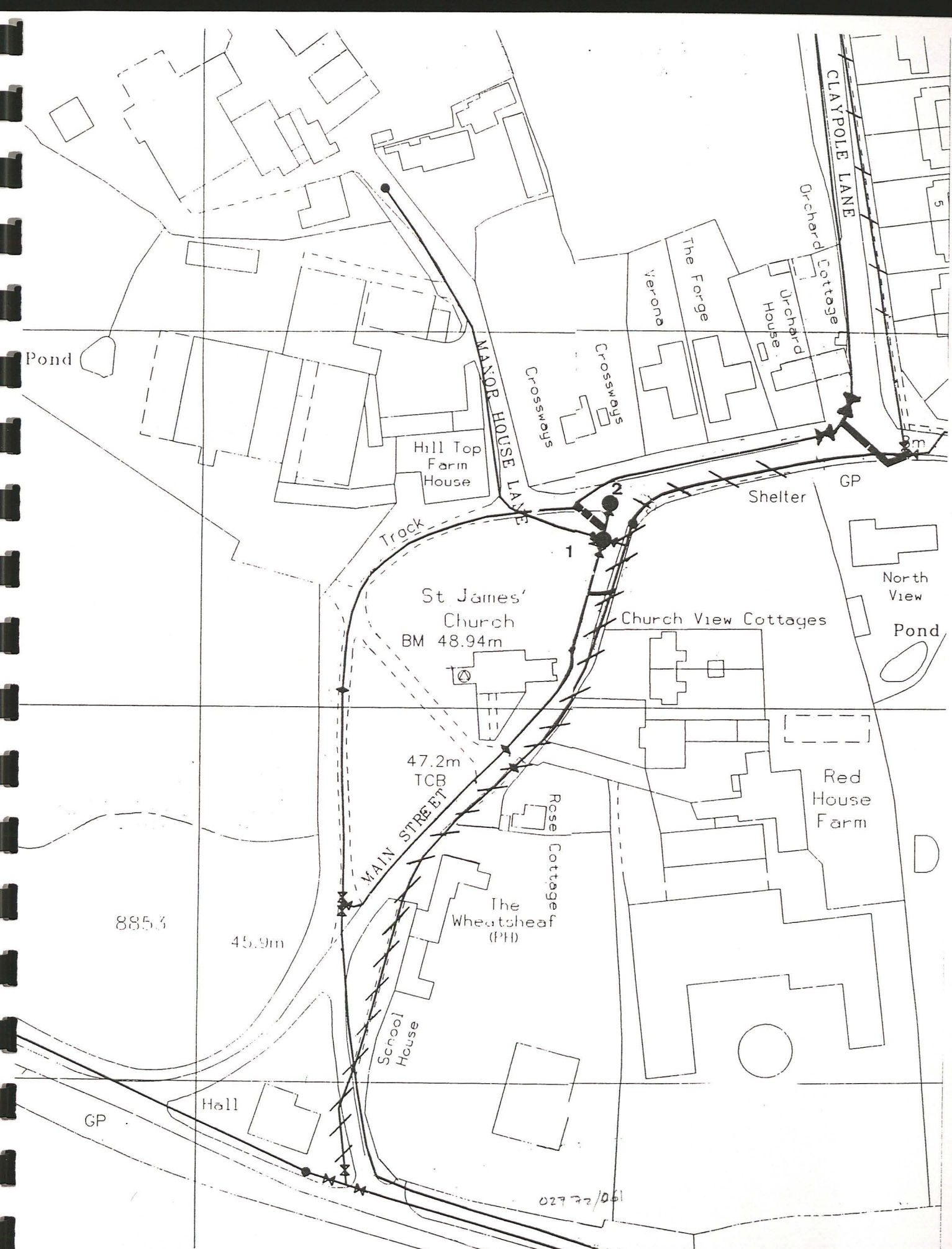


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