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Archaeological Watching Brief

**Report for
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Summary

A watching brief undertaken while groundworks were carried out at land adjacent to 27 Gainsborough Road, Lea, did not expose any deposits of archaeological significance.

Introduction

Lindsey Archaeological Services (LAS) were commissioned by Mr. J.R. Hill to undertake an archaeological watching brief during groundworks on land adjacent to 27 Gainsborough Road, Lea. The development is for a single bungalow and garage.

The work was carried out in accordance with the general requirements set out in the Lincolnshire Archaeological Handbook (Lincolnshire County Council Archaeology Section, 1998).

The aims of the watching brief were to

- establish the presence or absence, quality and extent of any archaeological remains;
- record any archaeological deposits disturbed during groundworks.

Site Location and Description

Lea is located on the edge of the Trent Valley 3km south of Gainsborough. The plot is located on the west side of Gainsborough Road between nos. 25 and 27, in the former garden of no. 27 (Fig. 1; Pl. 1). The area measures approximately 60m in length and 15.60m in width. Until 15-20 years ago, this land had been used as a market garden. The land is almost flat, sloping slightly downwards towards Gainsborough Road.

The geology of the site comprises wind blown sands overlying boulder clay.

Archaeological Background

A Romano-British kiln producing 2-3rd century grey wares was found on the south side of Green Lane to the north of the development site. Associated pits and ditches were also recorded. An evaluation at 35 Gainsborough Road has identified further evidence of Roman pottery production.

In 1957, ten Roman pottery kilns were found at Grange Farm, which is located 400m east of the development site.

Method

The foundation trenches for a single bungalow and garage were machine-excavated using a JCB under archaeological supervision (Fig. 2). The foundation trenches measured 0.60m wide and varied in depth between 0.70m and 1m.

A representative section of the foundation trenches was cleaned by hand and recorded using colour photographs, written records and a sketch section. A plan of the excavated foundation trenches was made based on a plan provided by the developer. A full photographic record was made of the works on site.

All deposits were assigned context numbers by LAS for recording purposes. These are referred to in the following text and illustrations.

Results

The topsoil (**100**) consisted of a grey/brown sandy silt, containing occasional sub rounded and sub angular stones and modern brick fragments. This varied between 0.08m and 0.20m in depth.

The removal of the topsoil revealed an orange/brown windblown sand (**101**), visible to the base of the foundation trenches. At a depth of 0.95m in one trench light orange sand was visible (**102**) (Pl. 2).

Conclusion

No archaeological features were revealed in the machine-excavated foundation trenches. With the exception of the modern brick and rubble in the topsoil, no artefacts were recovered from any of the trenches.

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Appendix 1

Context Summary: Land adjacent to 27 Gainsborough Road, Lea, Lincs (LGB00)

Context Number	Context Type	Relationship	Description	Interpretation
100	Layer	Above 100	Grey/brown sandy silt	Topsoil
101	Layer	Below 100, above 102	Orange brown sand	Windblown sand
102	Layer	Below 101, LOE	Light orange sand	Windblown sand

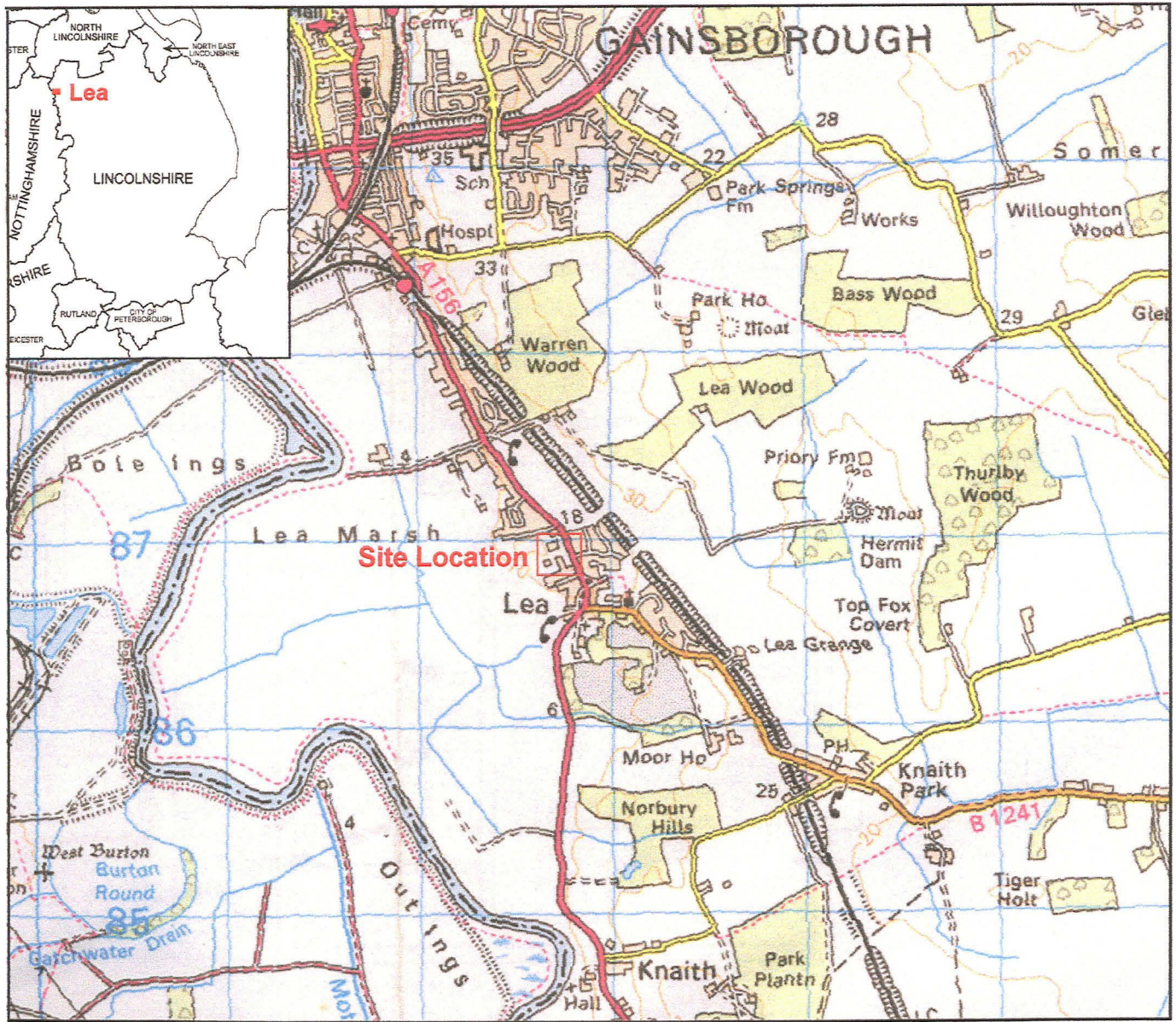
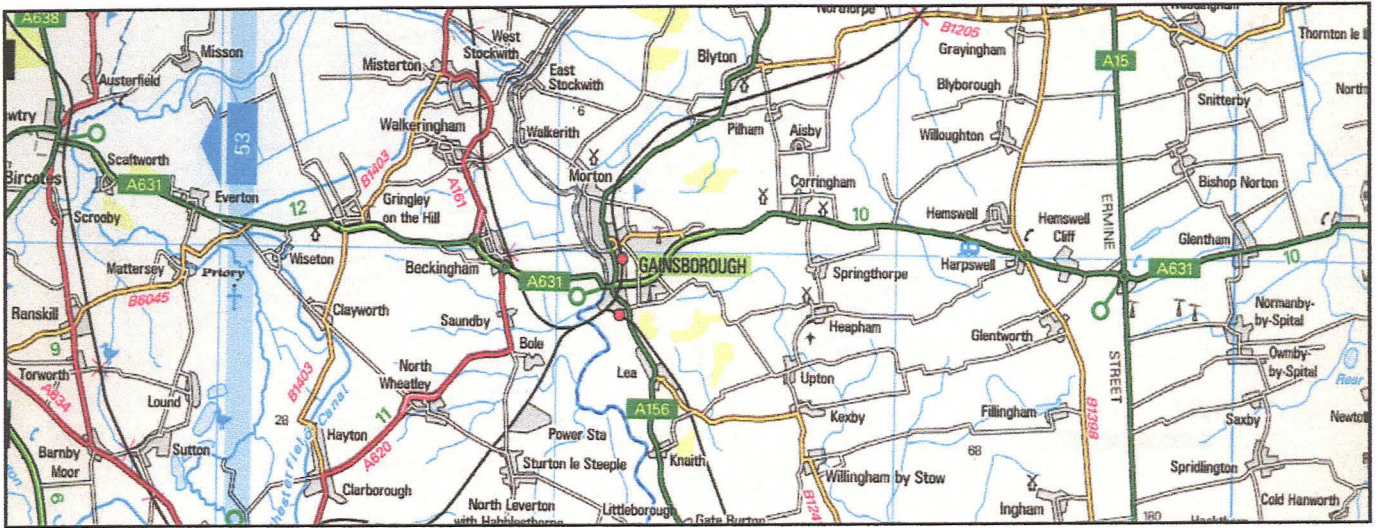


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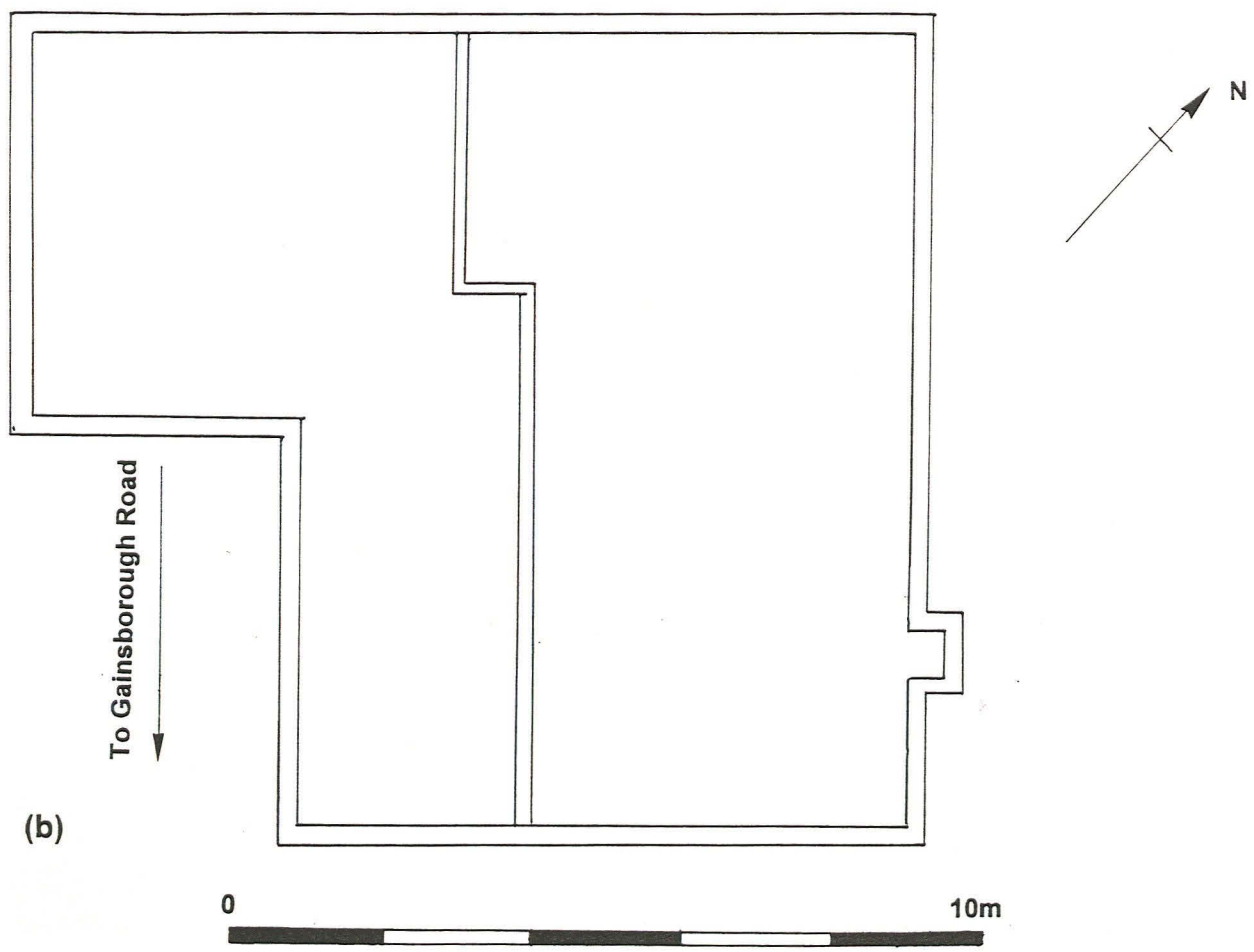
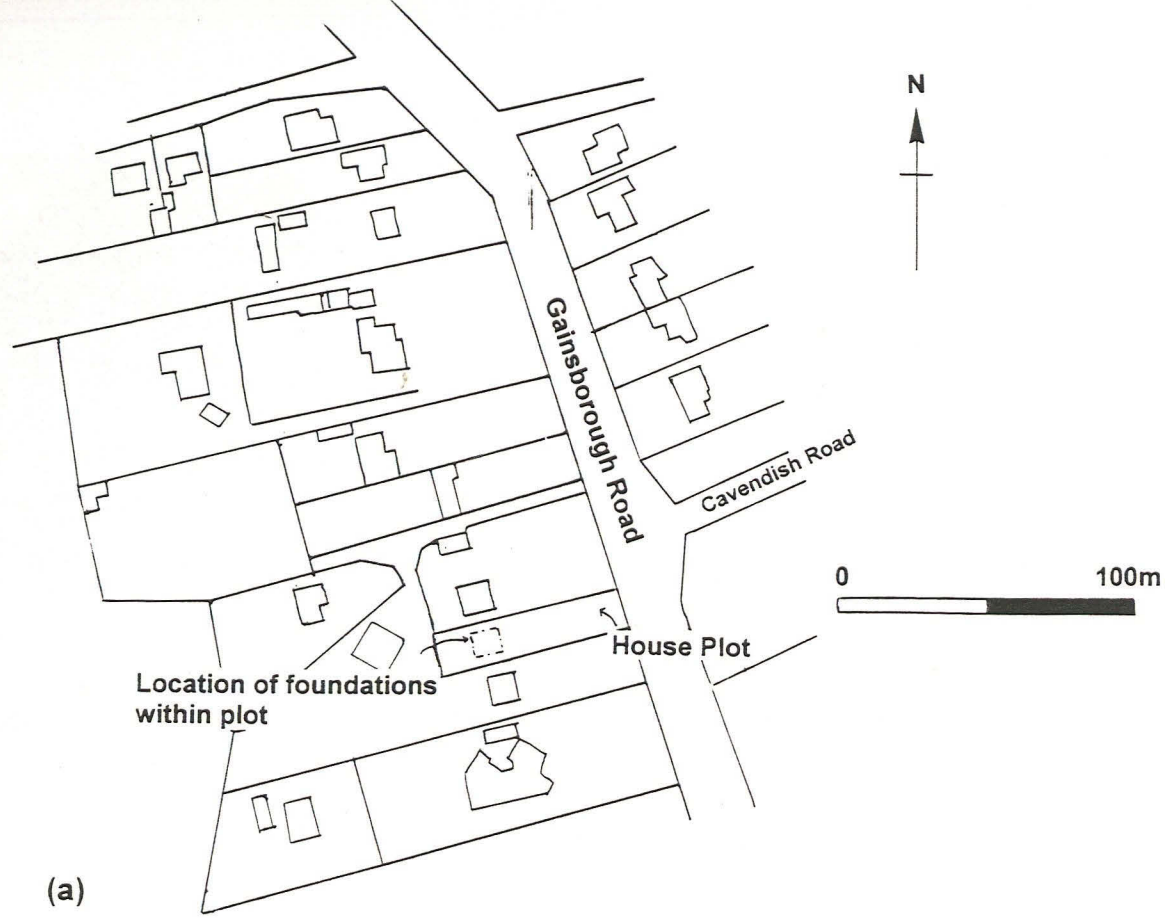


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