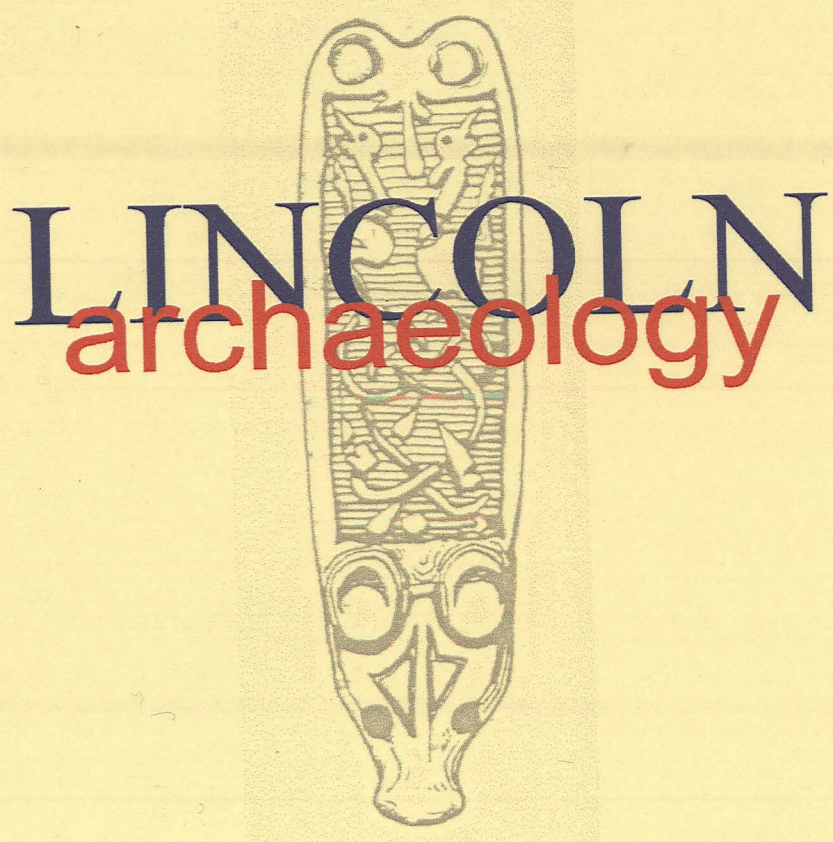


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SKEGNESS, LINCOLNSHIRE**

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Non-Technical Summary

- *On the 23rd of January 2001 the City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit carried out a topographical Survey of land to the east of Lincoln Road, Skegness, prior to the construction of a residential development.*
- *The survey revealed the site to contain extensive earthworks consistent with ridge and furrow. Although not clear, the remains probably date to the medieval or post-medieval period.*

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TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEY

1.0 Introduction

On the 23rd of January 2001 the City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit (CLAU) carried out a topographical Survey of land to the east of Lincoln Road, Skegness. The work was commissioned by Topcon (Builders & Contractors) Ltd in advance of the construction of 56 dwellings on the site. National Grid Reference TF 5503 6403 (Fig. 1).

The site is located to the west of Warth Lane; a further field also containing extensive earthworks (ridge & furrow) lies to its north. Farmland forms the southern boundary to the site whilst to its east lies a residential development (The Meadows). A rapid visual inspection of the site, carried out immediately prior to the topographical survey, revealed the site to be under rough pasture and moderately prominent remains of ridge & furrow.

The survey was carried out using a Geodolite electronic distance measurer (EDM), with survey readings taken at regular intervals across the site. The survey was plotted using DesignCad (DC26) software.

2.0 Results

The results of the survey are illustrated on Fig. 2 of this report. The following information summarises these results.

The survey revealed the site to contain extensive earthworks consistent with ridge and furrow (a method of medieval cultivation). Although not clear, the remains probably date to the medieval or post-medieval period.

The survey revealed the ridge and furrow (lands) to lie on north-south and east-west alignments. The length of individual lands varies between 50m and 150m and average between 4m to 5m wide, and although appearing to be very prominent, the actual heights between the crests of ridges with the base of furrows does not generally exceed 500mm (averaging between 200mm – 300mm).

Five differently aligned groups of lands (furlongs) are present on the site. Groups of no more than six lands are represented (the larger furlong groups are associated with the shorter, 50m, lands). Headlands and c. 20m wide balks divide the furlongs. An earthen bridge is incorporated into the main north-south balk, allowing access to the furlongs to its east and west (a further earth bridge, probably more recent on date, spans the drain at the northern end of the site, allowing access to the adjacent field).

An 8m wide, 12m long, north-south, ovoid depression lies in the southwest corner of the field. Although unclear, it is thought that this feature may represent a pond.

The drain forming the north boundary of the site is wide (c. 9m) and 2m deep and may be associated with the earthworks.

Glossary of terms used

- Balk – Lands allowed to grass over becoming common, permanent rights of way. Generally thought to be late medieval in date.
- Furlong – Groups of lands running parallel to each other.
- Headland – Area where two furlongs lying at right angles to each other meet.

- Land – Unit of cultivation (the average land size for the Midlands is 7m x 180m)

3.0 Acknowledgements

The City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit would like to thank Topcon (Builders & Contractors) Ltd for funding the survey. Thanks are also extended to Topcon's site personnel for their co-operation throughout the duration of the survey.

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Fig. 1: Site location plan.

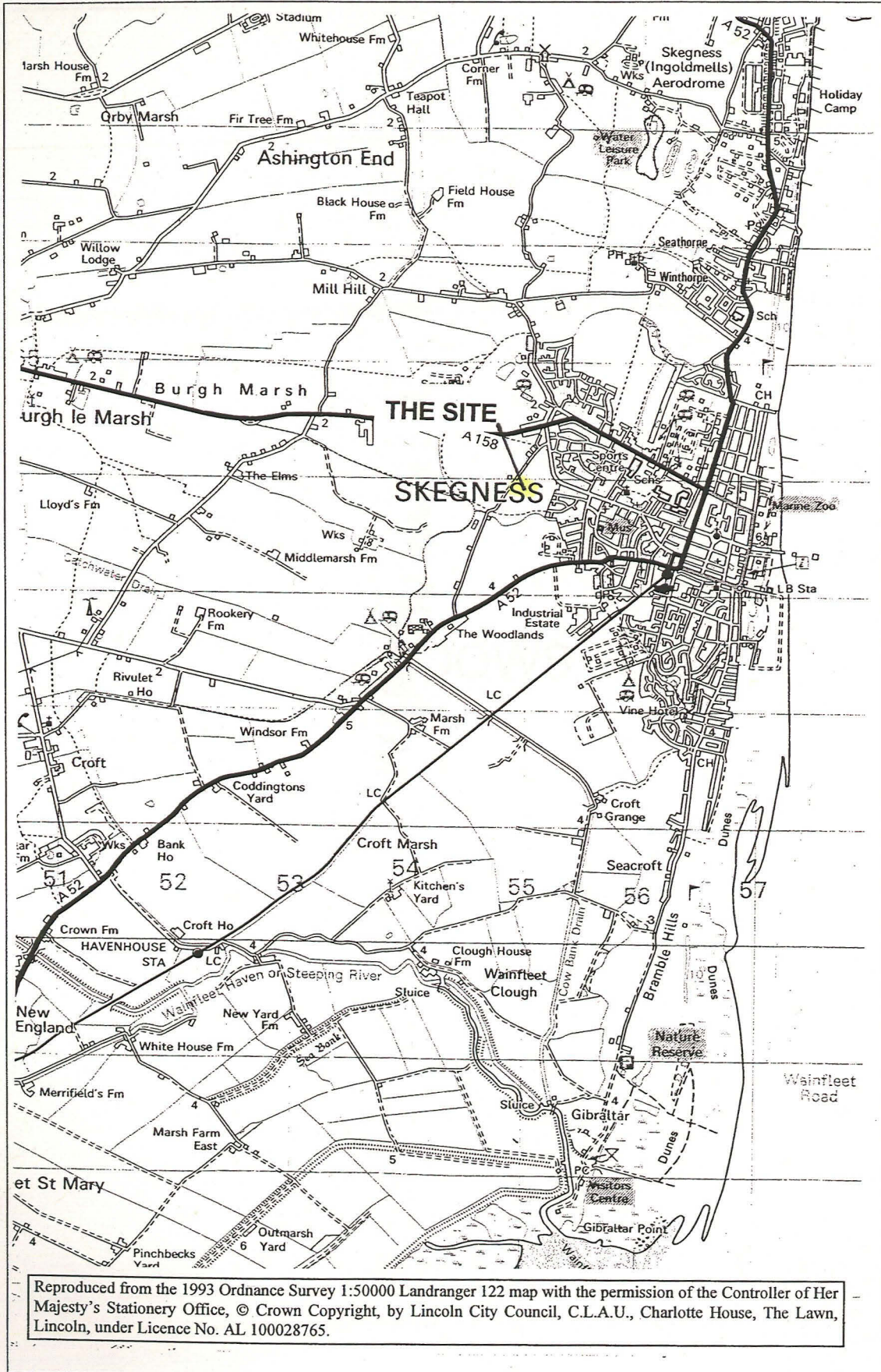
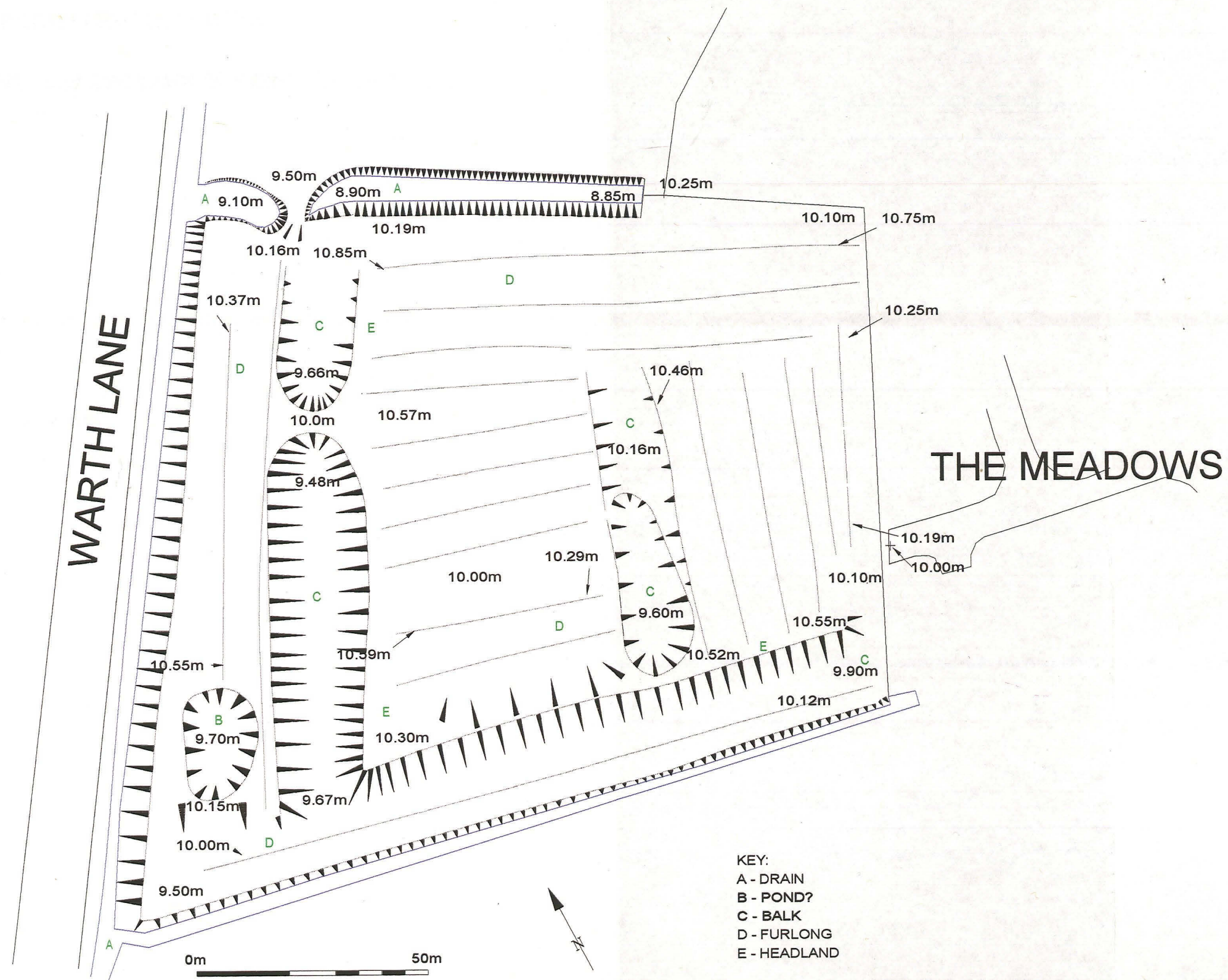


Fig. 1: Site location plan.



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APPENDIX 1 - LHA NOTE & ARCHIVE DETAILS

LHA NOTE DETAILS

CLAU CODE: SKGA00

CLAU REPORT No.: 454

PLANNING APPLICATION NO.: N/A

FIELD OFFICER: Michael Jarvis

NGR: TF 5503 6403

CIVIL PARISH: Skegness

SMR No.: -

DATE OF INTERVENTION: 23rd January 2001

TYPE OF INTERVENTION: Topographical Survey

UNDERTAKEN FOR: Topcon (Builders & Contractors) Ltd, 20a Dudley Street, Grimsby, DN31 2AB

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.: 2001.20

ACCESSION DATE: -