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## **Faldingworth Water Mains**

**(Faldingworth and Snarford)**

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## **Archaeological Watching Brief**

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## **Summary**

*Monitoring of small trenches in Faldingworth for a new main found no evidence for archaeological deposits or features.*

## **Introduction**

Lindsey Archaeological Services (LAS) was commissioned by Anglian Water Services Ltd in December 2000 to conduct an archaeological watching brief during directional drilling for a replacement water main in Snarford and Faldingworth, Lincs. (Fig. 1). This process involved small access trenches at intervals of 50-100m, with the remainder of the pipe laid by moling underground. Monitoring of specific sections had been requested by the County Archaeological Officer in a letter to the Conservation Section of Anglian Water Services Ltd, dated 26th October 2000. Monitoring at Faldingworth by Geoff Tann took place on January 23rd 2001. Works at Snarford took place without notification to LAS, and arrangements to inspect the reconnection holes were unsuccessful.

## **Archaeological Background**

Prehistoric and Romano-British finds have been reported from land beside Stocks Lane, Faldingworth. At Snarford, a larger medieval settlement extends below the present farm and farm house, and earthworks of the individual building sites survived until levelling in the 1950s. Part of a Roman glass vessel was found in 1999 during development behind Hall Farm House (Tann, G. 1999 *Snarford, Hall Farm: Archaeological Watching Brief during Groundworks for an Extension to the Farmhouse*. LAS Report No. 342, January 1999).

## **The Watching Brief**

Numbers were assigned to the monitored trenches by LAS for recording purposes, and are marked on Fig. 2.

### *Stocks Lane, Faldingworth*

Two small access trenches were inspected in Faldingworth. In Stocks Lane **1**, the trench at the western edge of the road was partly obscured by surplus water from the moling technique (Pl. 1). The modern road surface appeared to have been laid over undisturbed natural deposits.

At the junction of Stocks Lane and the road to Spridlington **2**, the thick tarmac layer covered a red/brown sandy clay layer (Pls. 2 and 3).

### **Conclusion**

Despite the close proximity of known archaeological features to the monitored sections of this scheme, no archaeological remains were found.

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### **Archive Summary**

Anglian Water Services plans

Annotated copies of AWS plans

Photographs (colour prints, LAS film no. 01/9/7-9, including those used in this report)

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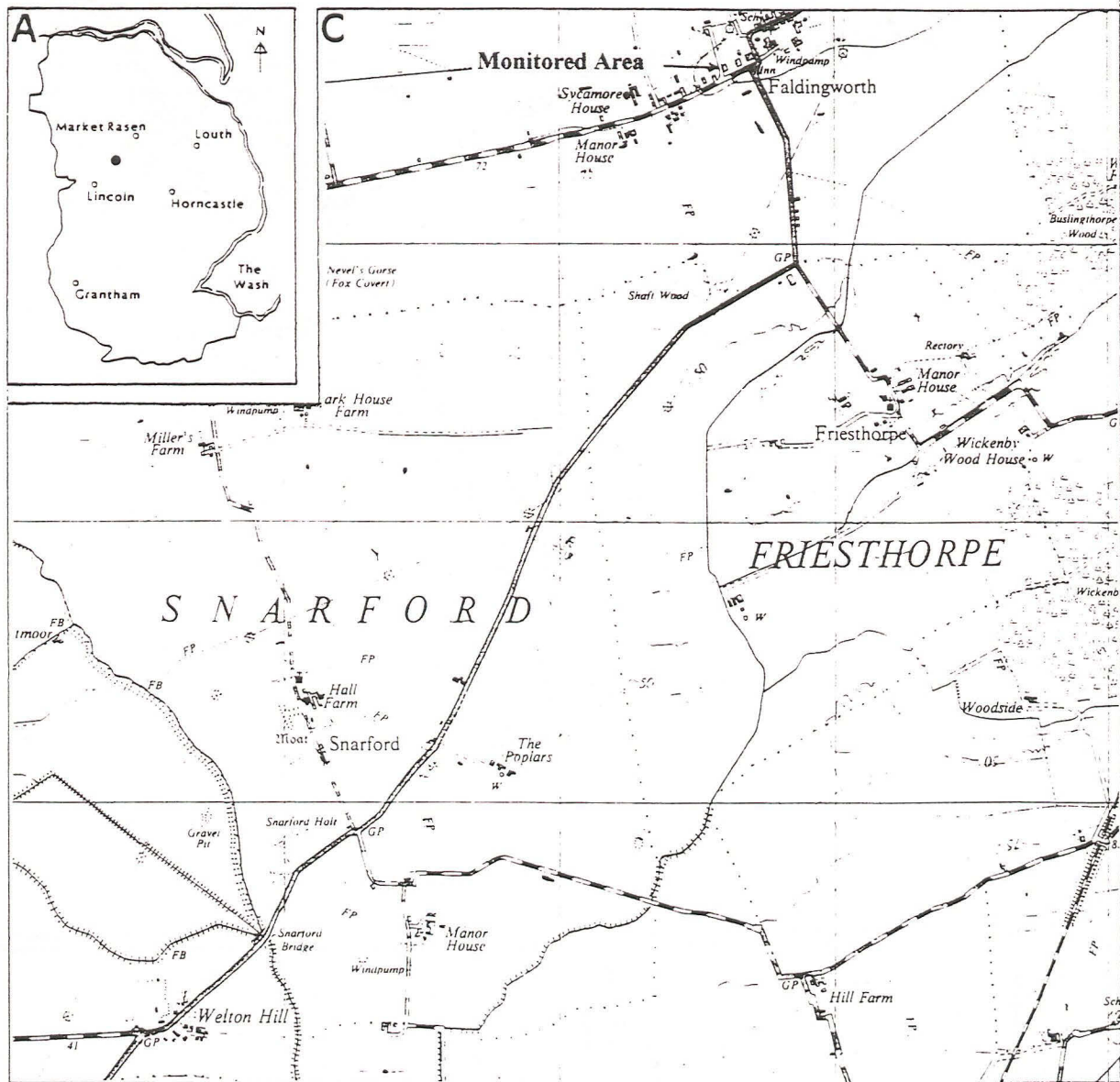
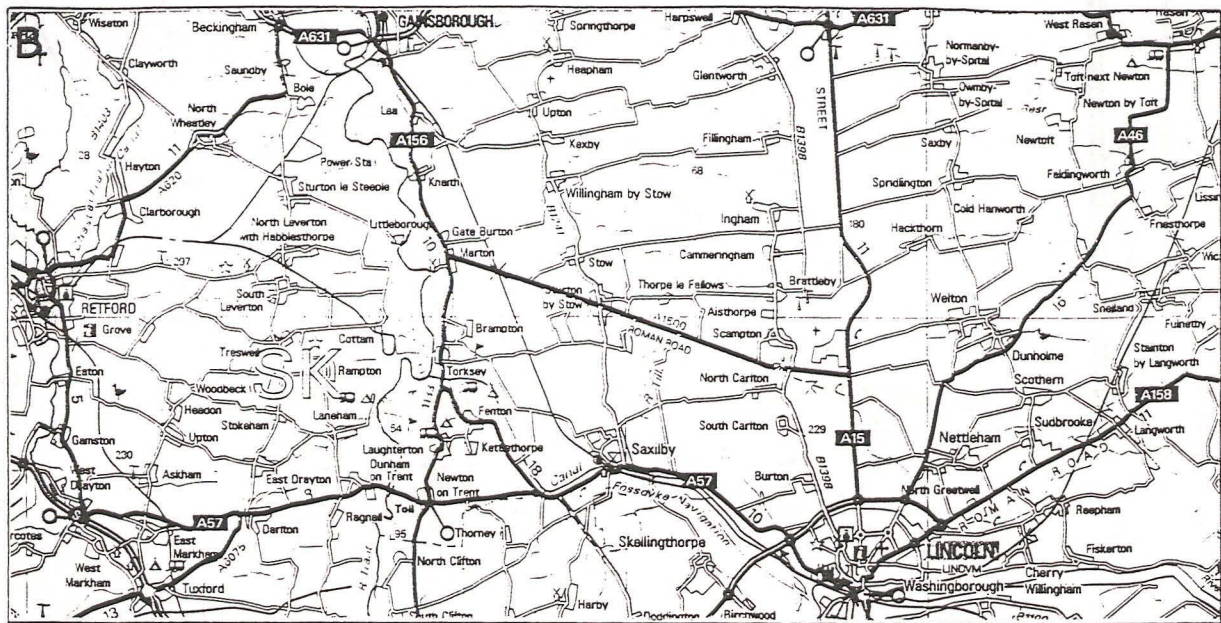


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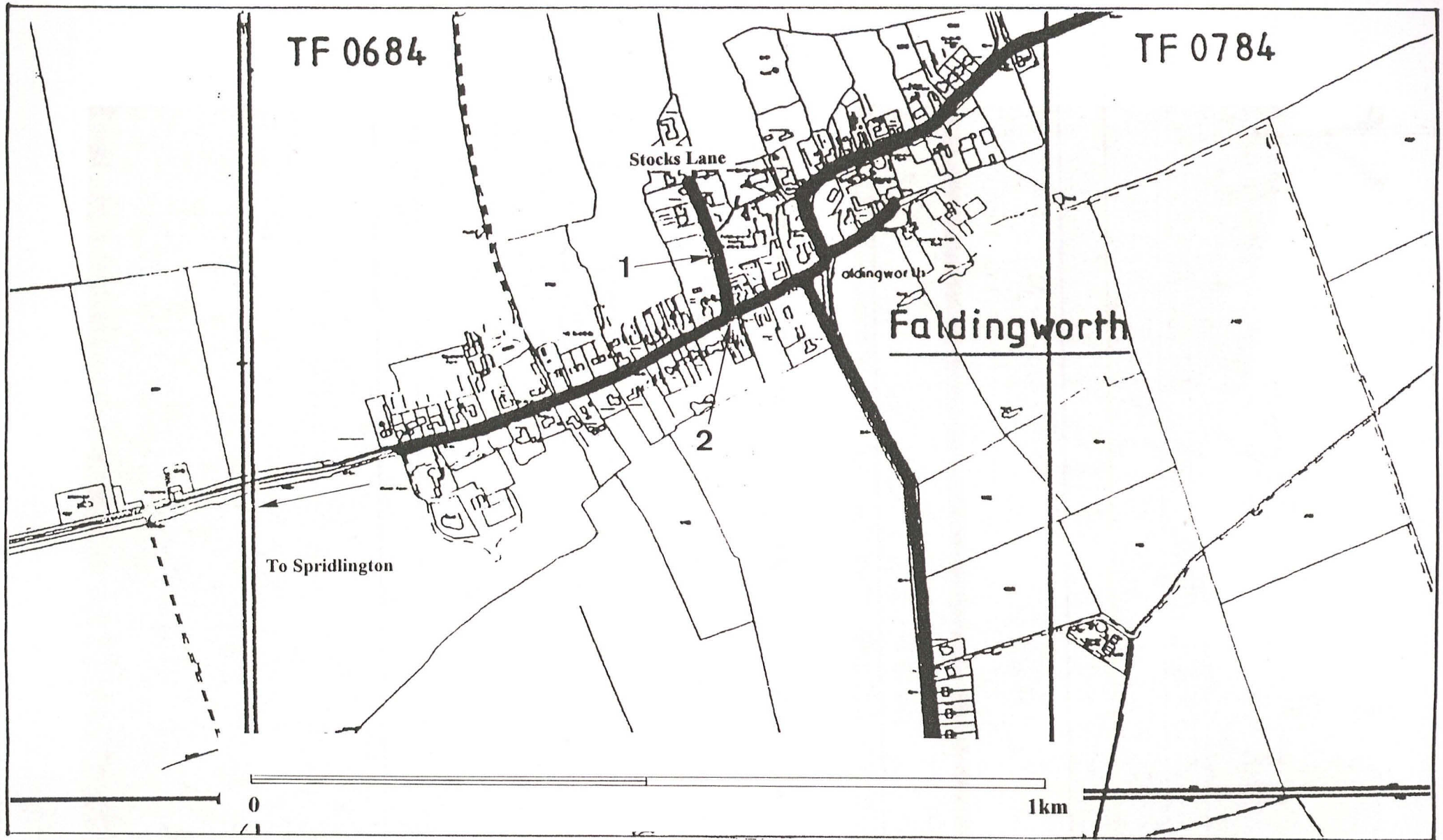


Fig. 2 Stocks Lane, Faldingworth, showing the position of the two monitored trenches (based on an enlarged scale extract of a plan supplied by Anglian Water Services Ltd, dwg. no. WAT-03011/1).



PI. 1 Position of the monitored trench, Stocks Lane, Faldingworth (looking north).

PI. 2 Stocks Lane, Faldingworth (looking south to the junction with the Spridlington road).





**Pl. 3** Moling access trench at the junction of Stocks Lane and the Spridlington road).