

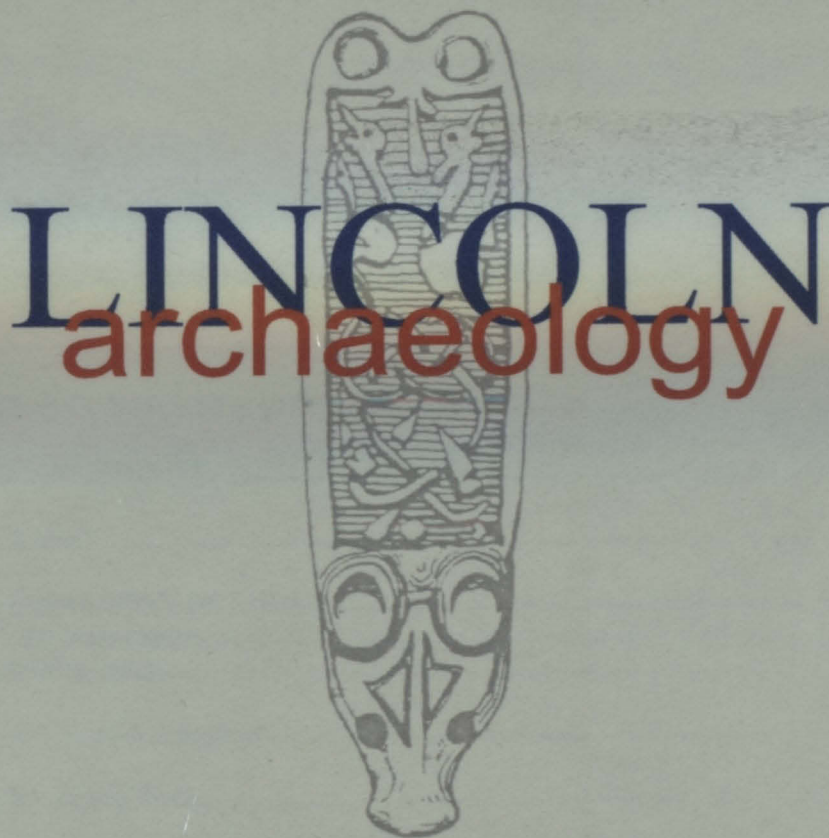
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Archaeological Watching Brief

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EXTENSION TO 33 NETTLEHAM ROAD, LINCOLN

ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF

NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY

- This project was prompted by plans to erect a two-storey extension at the above property in uphill Lincoln. The site is located on the north-west side of Nettleham Road, close to the junction with Manor Road. The new extension was to be situated on the area previously occupied by a driveway to the south-west of the existing property.
- In view of the known archaeological importance of this general area, an archaeological condition had been attached to the full planning consent. This provided for a watching brief on the construction groundworks, in accordance with a brief supplied by the Heritage Team, Department of Planning, Lincoln City Council.
- The City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit (C.L.A.U.) were commissioned on the 30th of January 2001 to provide an intermittent watching brief.
- Attendance on the site was carried out on the 23rd and 24th of April 2001, but no evidence for previous occupation or any earlier archaeological activity was revealed. The very basic stratigraphic sequence revealed comprised only either recent garden deposits or natural (*i.e.*, geological) layers. The few artefacts uncovered by the groundworks dated from the 18th/19th century or later.
- Notwithstanding the negative nature of the results of this particular project, however, it is still possible that important archaeological remains might be preserved in the surrounding area, or indeed on other parts of the site itself.

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According to the archaeological brief supplied by the Lincoln City Council Department of Planning, Planning Team, the archaeological/historical background of the site and its environs, and the significance of the proposed development, is as follows:

The site is situated on the line of the Broad Aqueduct which has been identified archaeologically on the north side of Nettleham Road. At that location, it may pass to the north of the site, but not the site has been established on the ground. In addition, a road surface, 1000m deep and the proposed building is to be built on the site, which is situated further north at nos. 35, 37 and 39 the junction that distance between nos. 35 and 39 Nettleham Road. It lay only 300mm below the present ground surface. The proposed building was to be built directly across the site.

In view of the archaeological significance of the aqueduct, any information which may be obtained from the watching brief will be valuable.

EXTENSION TO 33 NETTLEHAM ROAD, LINCOLN

ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This project was prompted by plans to erect a two-storey extension at the above property in uphill Lincoln. The site is located on the north-west side of Nettleham Road, close to the junction with Manor Road (see Fig. 1). The new extension was to be situated on the area previously occupied by a driveway to the south-west of the existing property (see Fig. 2).

In view of the known archaeological importance of this general area (see 2.0, below), an archaeological condition had been attached to the full planning consent (*ref.*: 2000/0185/F). This provided for a watching brief on the construction groundworks, in accordance with a brief supplied by the Heritage Team, Department of Planning, Lincoln City Council. (*ref.*: AW/MJJ/2000/0185).

The City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit (C.L.A.U.) were approached by the owner/developer, Mr P. Wass, to provide a quotation for the required archaeological work, and were duly commissioned on the 30th of January 2001 to provide an intermittent watching brief. Attendance on the site was carried out on the 23rd and 24th of April 2001.

NOTE

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2.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

According to the archaeological brief supplied by the Lincoln City Council Department of Planning Heritage Team, the archaeological/historical background of the site and its environs, and the significance of previous discoveries, is as follows:

The site lies close to the line of the Roman aqueduct which has been recorded at several points on the north side of Nettleham Road. At this location, it may pass to the north of the site, but this line has not been established archaeologically. In addition, a road surface, laid down after the aqueduct had ceased to be used, has been observed further north at nos. 101, 87 and in the playing field entrance between nos. 91 and 95 Nettleham Road. It lay only 300mm below the modern ground surface. The projected line of this road passes directly across the site.

In view of the national significance of the aqueduct, any information which may add to the understanding of its workings will be valuable.

3.0 RESULTS

Groundworks for this project comprised three main elements, as follows: 1) Site enabling works, including breaking out of the existing driveway and ground level reduction in advance of foundation trenching; 2) Excavation for the main foundation trench network; and 3) Excavation for the site drainage, including a new soakaway located in the lawned garden close to the Nettleham Road frontage and connecting drain trenches (see Fig. 2).

Initial work on the site involved the machine removal of the concrete driveway and subsequent reduction of the ground-level in the area of the new-build 'footprint' by c. 300mm. The new soakaway, measuring approximately 3m (NE-SW) x 1m (NW-SE), was then machine-excavated to a depth of c. 1m.

All subsequent trenching work was then carried out by hand, including the c. 600mm wide main foundation edge beam, the c. 450mm wide internal wall foundations, and the c. 300mm wide drainage trenches. In general the foundation trenches were only c. 300mm deep below the already stripped ground level (*i.e.*, a total of c. 600mm below the original ground level).

Archaeological observation was undertaken from the trench side, and recording was carried out by both graphic and photographic means, with each deposit identified with a unique *Context Number* (*e.g.*, [100]).

The stratigraphic sequence revealed by the groundworks was very basic, and comprised only two deposits. The earliest of these was [101], a layer of shattered limestone pieces, clay and degraded limestone. This limestone 'brash' deposit is common throughout Lincoln, and represents the uppermost natural (*i.e.*, geological) strata. The 'brash' was between 600mm and 700mm thick to the limit of excavation (L.O.E.), and was present across the site.

[101] was then overlain by [100], a 300mm-400mm thick layer of dark-mid grey-brown sandy, clayey silt topsoil. This deposit contained only roots, occasional small limestone flecks/pieces, and pebbles, and was again present across the site (including the area originally covered by the concrete driveway).

A few fragments of bone china and other pottery were recovered during the hand excavation, but all appeared to be quite late in date.

There was no sign of any other archaeological finds or features.

4.0 DISCUSSION OF RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS

No evidence for previous occupation or any earlier archaeological activity was revealed during this project. The very basic stratigraphic sequence revealed comprised only either recent garden deposits or natural (*i.e.*, geological) layers. The few artefacts uncovered by the groundworks dated from the 18th/19th century or later.

Notwithstanding the negative nature of the results of this particular project, however, it is still possible that important archaeological remains might be preserved in the surrounding area, or indeed on other parts of the site itself.

5.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit would like to thank the following for their assistance during this project: Mr P. Wass, 33 Nettleham Road, Lincoln, LN2 1RW for funding this project; Mr Dean Ellis, of D.G. Ellis Builders, 64 Kesteven Street, Lincoln (main groundworks contractor); Messrs M. Jones (City Archaeologist) and J. Herridge (Heritage Information Officer), Department of Planning, Lincoln City Council, City Hall, Beaumont Fee, Lincoln, LN1 1DF.

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7.0 LHA NOTE/ARCHIVE DETAILS

7.1 LHA NOTE DETAILS

CLAU CODE: NRG01

PLANNING APPLICATION NO.: 2000/0185/F

FIELD OFFICER: K. Wragg

NGR: SK 98153/72499

CIVIL PARISH: Lincoln

SMR No.:

DATE OF INTERVENTION: 23 - 24/04/2001

TYPE OF INTERVENTION: Archaeological Watching Brief

UNDERTAKEN FOR: Mr P. Wass, 33 Nettleham Road, Lincoln, LN2 1RW

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.: 2001.98

ACCESSION DATE: -

APPENDIX A - ARCHIVE DEPOSITION

The archive consists of:

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

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 2001.98, will be undertaken following completion of this project.

APPENDIX B - COLOUR PLATES



Plate 1: General view of foundation trench network - looking north



Plate 2: General view of stratigraphic sequence, soakaway trench - looking south-east

APPENDIX C - LINCOLN UAD DATA SUMMARY

Report

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<i>Start & End Dates of Intervention</i>	23 rd to 24 th April 2001
<i>Reporter</i>	K. Wragg
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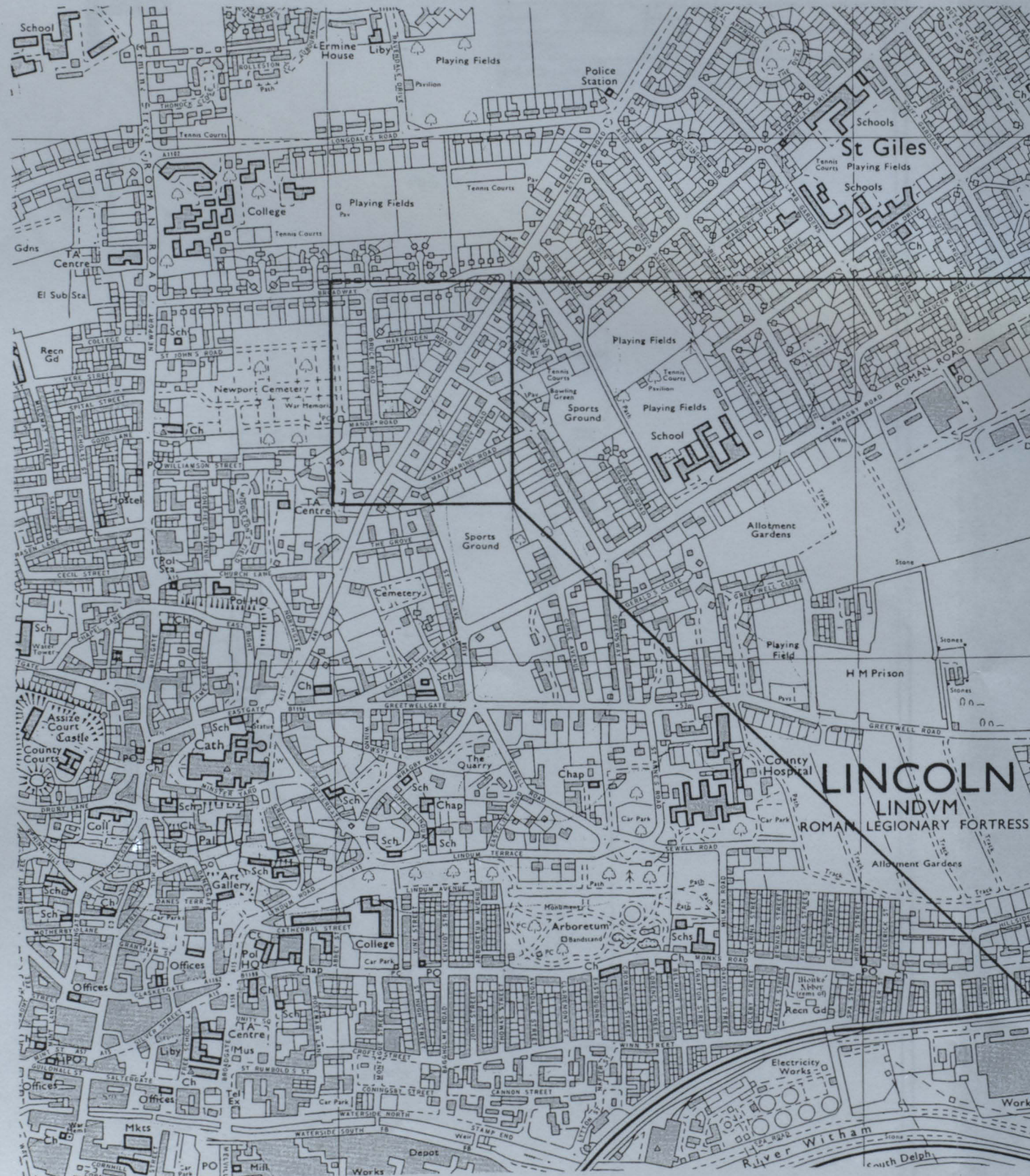
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<i>Surface Code</i>	LLIM
<i>Height</i>	59.14m O.D.


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 Location of Site

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Fig.1

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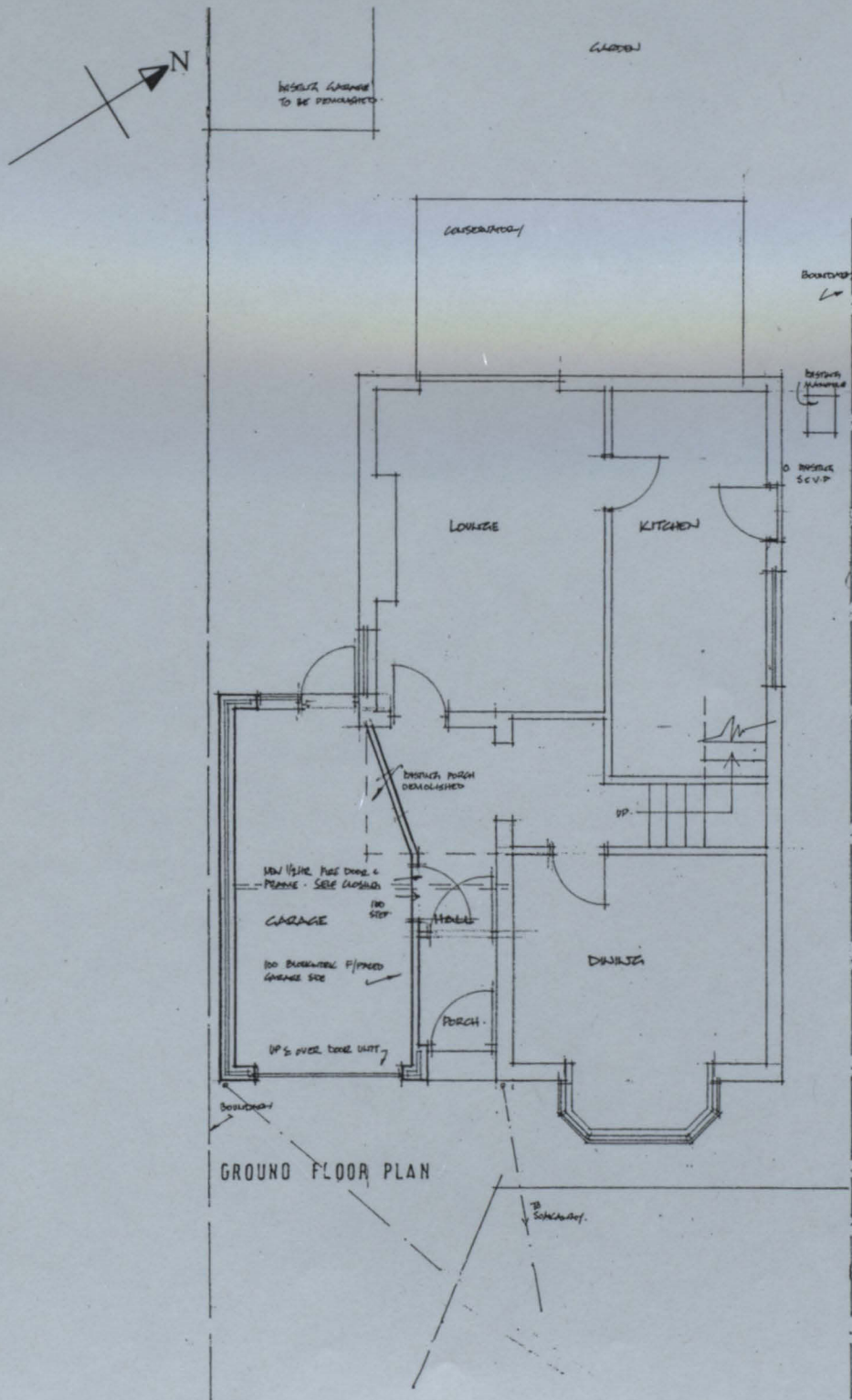
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