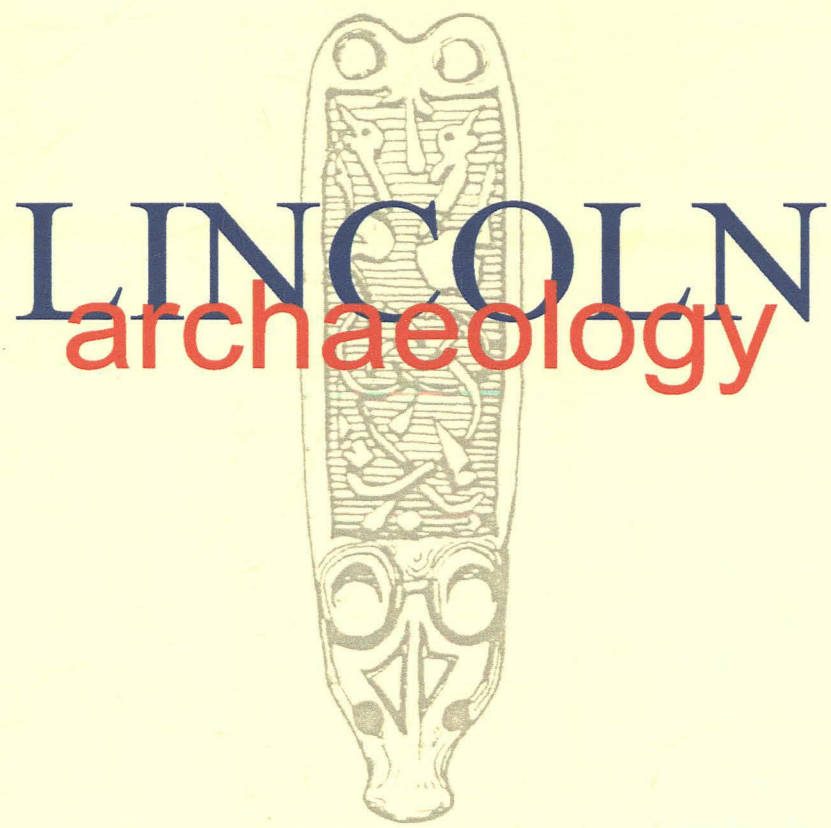


**A Report to
The UK Golf Group
December 2001**



**Clubhouse
Moor Lane, Thorpe-on-The-Hill,
Lincolnshire**

Archaeological Watching Brief

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF

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NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY

- *On the 31st October 2001, a representative from the City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit undertook a watching brief on behalf of the UK Golf Group, during the groundwork associated with the construction of a clubhouse at Moor Lane, Thorpe-on-the-Hill. The clubhouse formed one element of a proposed golf academy extending over an area of approximately 17 hectares.*
- *The watching brief revealed no archaeological features or deposits. However, whilst negative, this information could be of value for future decision-making with regard to the management of the archaeological resource in this area of North Kesteven.*

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF

1.0 INTRODUCTION

On 31st October 2001, a representative from the City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit (CLAU) undertook a watching brief on behalf of the UK Golf Group, during the construction of a clubhouse at Moor Lane, Thorpe-on-the-Hill, Lincolnshire. The watching brief was carried out in response to a brief set out by the Heritage Officer to North Kesteven District Council (Hambly 2001). The brief required the implementation of a watching brief during groundwork associated with the development in accordance with a condition of planning consent (Planning Application N/64/0563/01).

The site (**Fig. 1**) lies in the parish of Thorpe-on-the-Hill, approximately 2 miles south of the city of Lincoln (see Fig. 1). To the north of the site lies Moor Lane, while agricultural land is located to its east and west. The village of Thorpe-on-the-Hill is located to the south-west. Topographically, the site lies at approximately 15m OD with underlying geology consisting of sand and gravel over lower lias clay.

1.1 Summary Archaeological Background

The following information has been extracted from the *Brief for Archaeological Observation and Recording* produced by the Heritage Officer for North Kesteven District Council (Hambly 2001).

The Roman road, the Fosse Way, traverses the landscape approximately 400m south-west of the western limits of the proposed development area. The Fosse Way was a major Roman road constructed in the second half of the 1st century AD by the Roman army to connect the legionary fortress of Exeter with Lincoln.

Field survey was carried out prior to the upgrading of the Fosse Way within a 1km corridor along the length of the highway. Two significant concentrations of Roman pottery were recorded within 200m and 400m south-west of the area of proposed development.

Two prehistoric stone axes have been recorded from Thorpe-on-the-Hill. The village itself is of medieval origin.

2.0 AIMS & METHODOLOGY

The aims of the watching brief were:

- A. to produce an archive record of deposits and remains generally within the constraints of the groundwork contractors' working methods and programme as related to the project design, with due regard to current Health and Safety legislation.
- B. to produce a report on the potential archaeological importance of the discoveries.
- C. to produce a project archive from which the potential for further study and academic research could be assessed.
- D. to provide information for accession to the County Sites and Monuments Record (SMR).

The archaeological record was secured by means of trench-side notes. A photographic record of the groundworks was also compiled.

3.0 RESULTS

Excavation of the foundation trenches (**Fig. 2**) for the clubhouse revealed no archaeological features or deposits. Sands and gravels occurred 300mm-400mm below the level of topsoil (Context [001] – a friable, dark brown coarse sandy soil with occasional-frequent small rounded pebbles).



Plate 1: General view looking north-east, showing the excavation of foundation trenches for the clubhouse.

Although the results of the monitoring of the groundwork were negative, this information could be of value for future decision-making with regard to the management of the archaeological resource in this area of North Kesteven.

4.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit would like to thank the UK Golf Group for funding the fieldwork and post-fieldwork analysis. Thanks are also extended to the site contractor Doland Plant and to Joanna Hambly (Heritage Officer to North Kesteven District Council).

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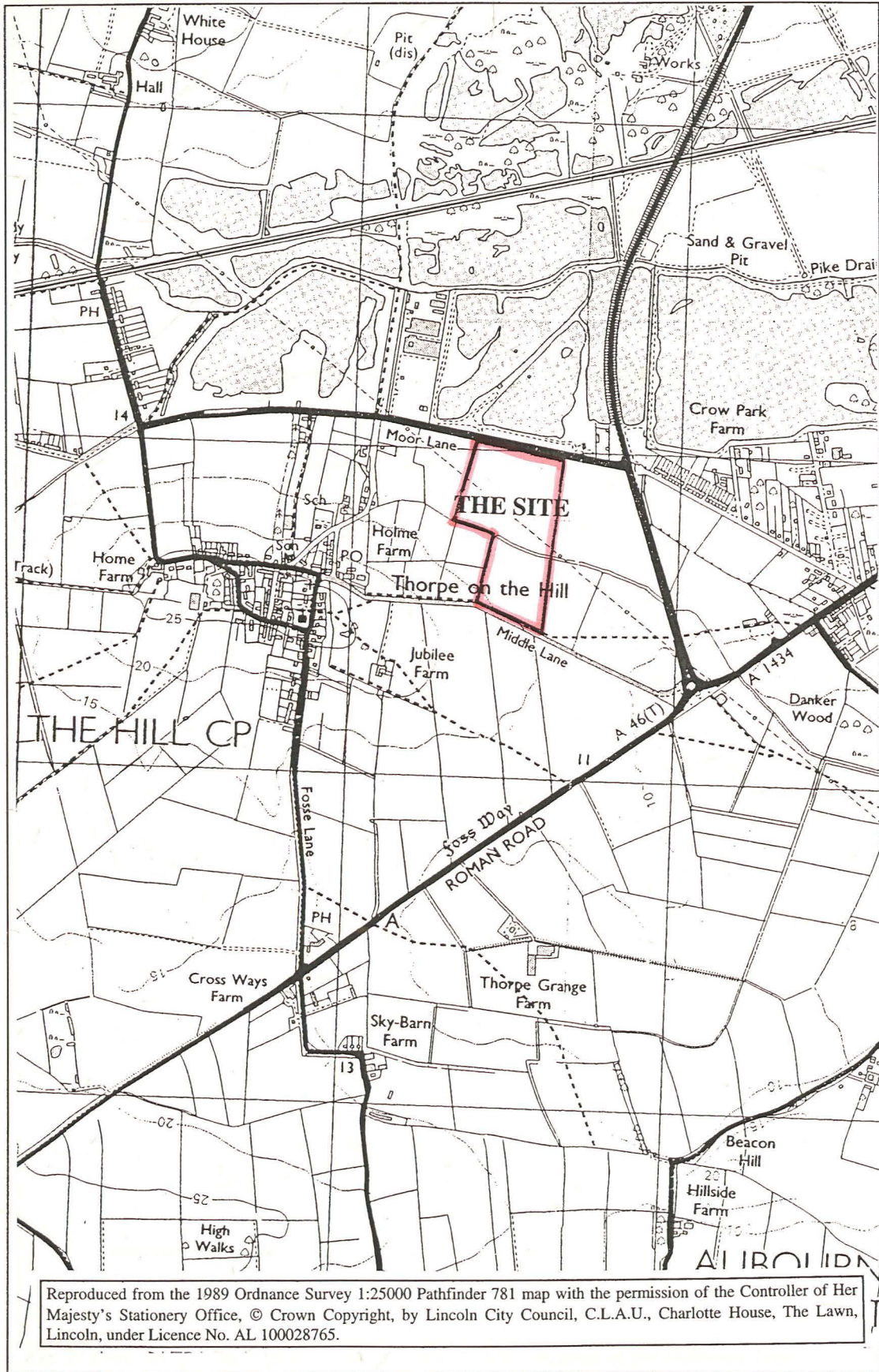


Fig. 1: Site location plan.

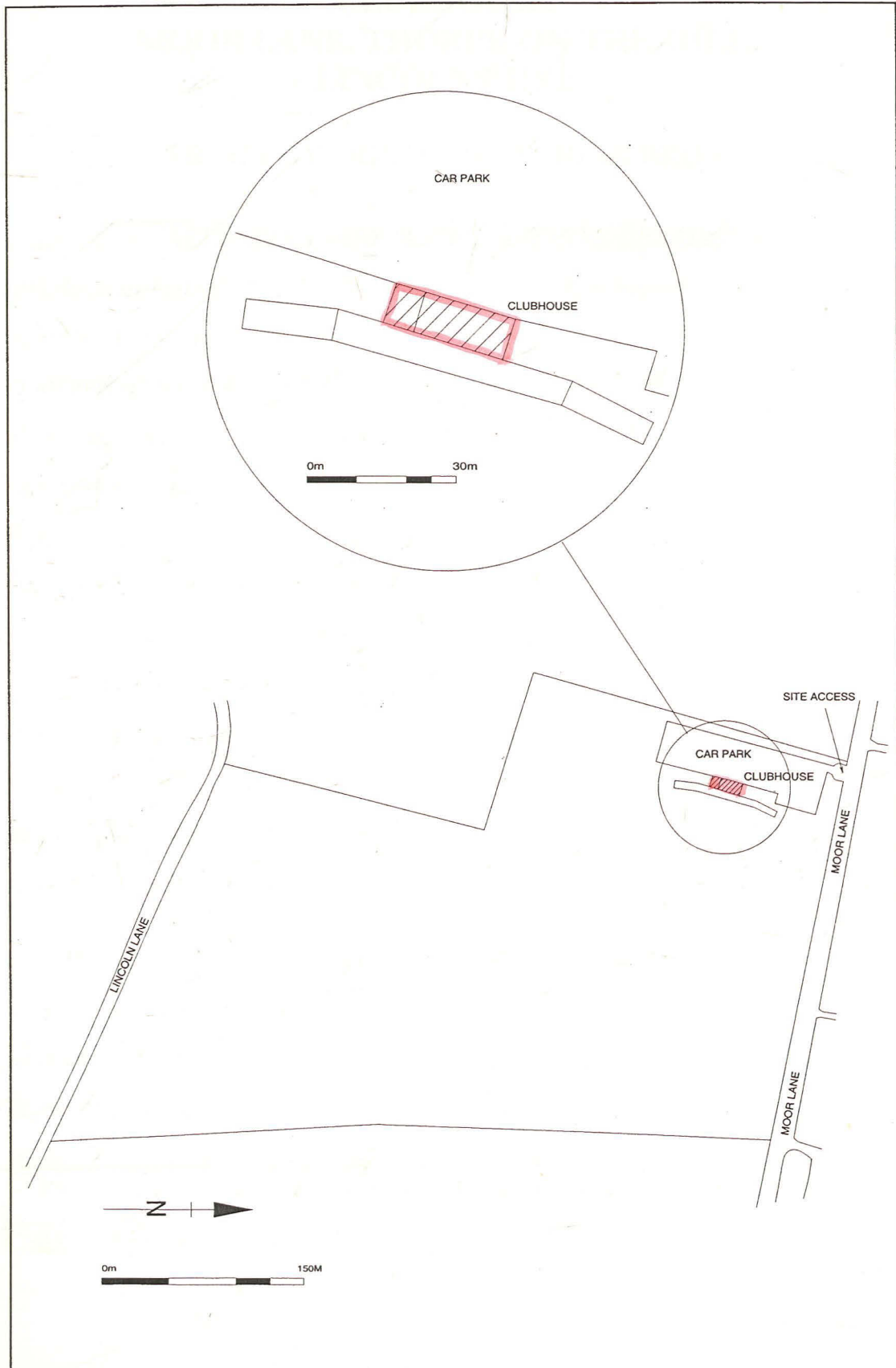


Fig. 2: Plan showing the proposed Golf Academy and the location of the clubhouse (based upon D. Welbourn Architectural Design Drawing: 2K01/16 Dwg No. 2). Not to scale.

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APPENDIX 1 - LHA NOTE & ARCHIVE DETAILS

LHA NOTE DETAILS

CLAU CODE: TAHO01

CLAU REPORT No.: 478

PLANNING APPLICATION NO.: N/64/0563/01

FIELD OFFICER: Michael Jarvis

NGR: SK 91515 65771

CIVIL PARISH: Thorpe-on-the-Hill

SMR No.: -

DATE OF INTERVENTION: 31st October 2001

TYPE OF INTERVENTION: Archaeological Watching Brief

UNDERTAKEN FOR: UK Golf Group

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.: 2001.375

ACCESSION DATE: -

CONTEXT SUMMARY

<i>Context</i>	<i>Description</i>
001	Topsoil – a friable, dark brown coarse sandy soil with occasional-frequent small rounded pebbles.
002	Natural sands and gravels.