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# Long Sutton Town Centre Refurbishment Scheme

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### Summary

*An intermittent watching brief during the groundworks for street improvements in Market Street and West Street identified no deposits of archaeological significance. The shallow works remained within the backfill of existing disturbances for service trenches or previous pavement bedding layers.*

### Introduction

Lindsey Archaeological Services (LAS) was commissioned by Lincolnshire County Council (Highways and Planning Directorate) in January 2002 to conduct a watching brief during the mechanical excavation of pavements, street furniture and street lighting features in Market Street, the Market Place, and other town centre locations in Long Sutton, as part of town centre enhancement works funded by Lincolnshire County Council, South Holland District Council, Long Sutton Parish Council and the European Regional Development Fund (Figs. 1 and 2). A Project Brief was set by the Senior Built Environment Officer, Lincolnshire County Council, and the project specification prepared by LAS (dated 8th January 2002) was approved.

Monitoring was conducted by G. Tann on 14th and 18th January 2002; two visits were made.

### Site Location and Description

The small Lincolnshire town of Long Sutton lies south of The Wash, between the Rivers Welland and Nene, and 20km west of King's Lynn. The town centre has now been bypassed.

The present scheme comprises relaying of pedestrian areas, with associated drainage runs and street lighting in the Market Place, Bull Lane, High Street and Market Street. In total, approximately 1600 sq. m of footway will be excavated and repaved, 500 sq. m of roadway will be resurfaced, and new kerbs (c. 300m length) laid at the entrances to Market Place and Bull Lane. In addition, cables will be laid for street lights.

### Archaeological Background

There is no evidence for prehistoric material from the area. At least two fourth century Roman coins have been found in West Street (SMR 22325). Long Sutton is mentioned in the Domesday Survey of 1086 and the present settlement is of Saxon origin; the parish church, which lies east of West Street, is thirteenth century in date (SMR 20492, 22308, 22326). Post-medieval pottery was found during sewerage works in the town centre between 1975 and 1977 (SMR 23045-7).

### **The Watching Brief (Fig. 2)**

The monitored works consisted of the removal of existing paving slabs and tarmac pathways, and the creation of a level surface for laying of the replacement pavements. Excavation depth was less than 0.2m below the existing surface. On the east side of the Market Place, the groundworks remained within the sand bedding layer for the removed paving slabs, except where brickwork of the cellars of adjacent properties was exposed. On the north side of Market Street, the tarmac covered the silt and rubble fill of a backfilled service trench, with a thin skim of tarmac covering earlier deposits either side of the backfill. Two fragments of post-medieval roof tile were collected from below the Market Street footpath, but have since been discarded.

After these two visits, contact was made with Jim Bonnor, Lincolnshire County Council Built Environment Team, to determine whether further monitoring was required. The remaining works consisted of further minor excavations for new pavements, road re-alignments, kerbing and the installation of replacement lighting columns. Mr Bonnor decided that the archaeological monitoring could cease, as it appeared unlikely that any deposits would be exposed that were not of recent date.

### **Acknowledgements**

LAS is grateful to Peter Fender, Lincolnshire County Council (Lincolnshire Development), and the team from Eastern Counties Contractors for their co-operation. Further help was provided by Jim Bonnor, Lincolnshire County Council (Built Environment Team).

The tile was examined by Jane Young. The report was collated and produced by Jane Frost.

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### **Archive Summary**

correspondence

developer's site plans

photographs: colour prints LAS film nos. 02/2/34; 02/4/16-17, including those used in this report

## THE FIGURES

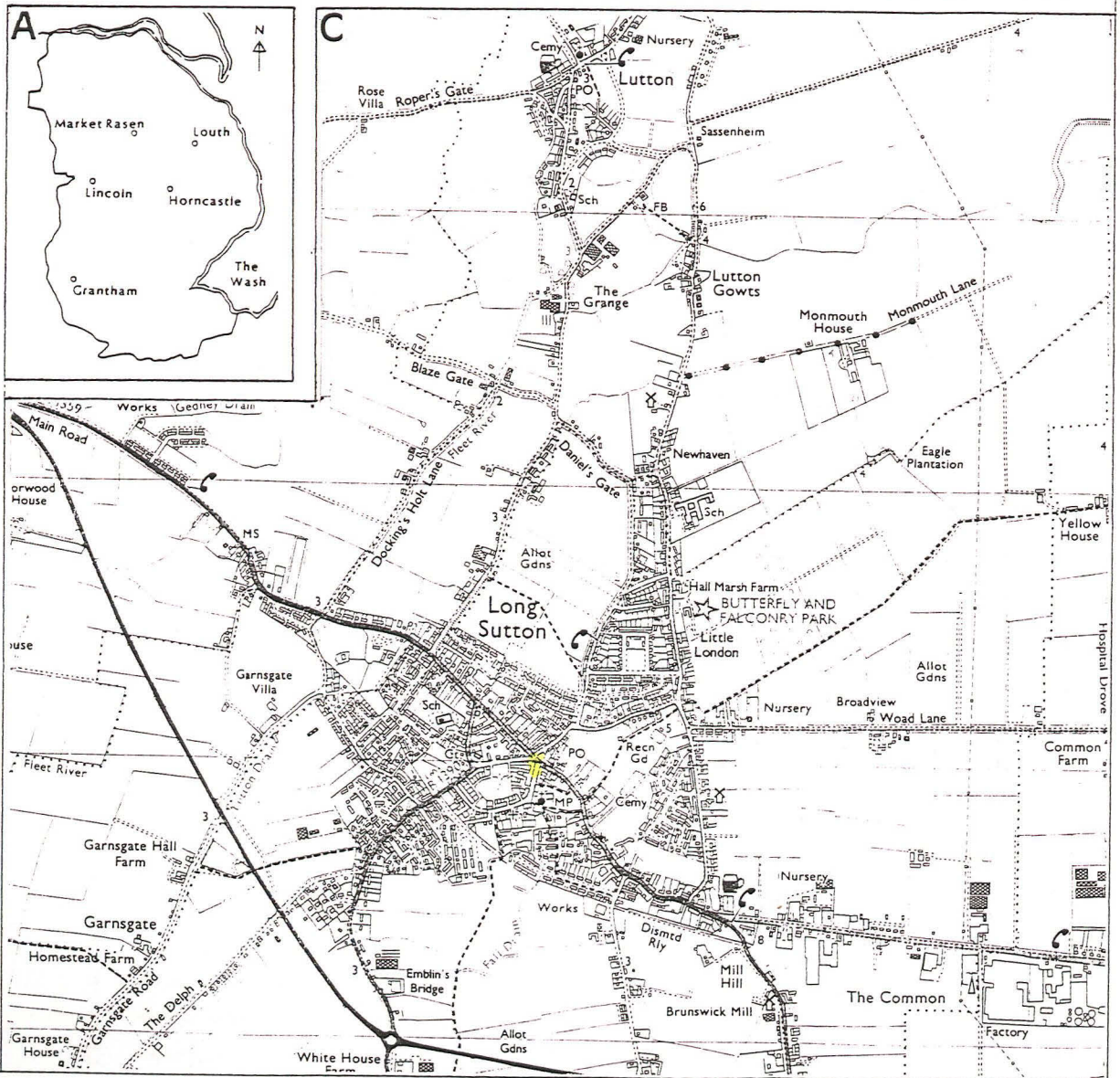
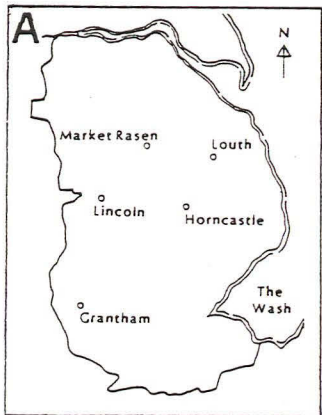
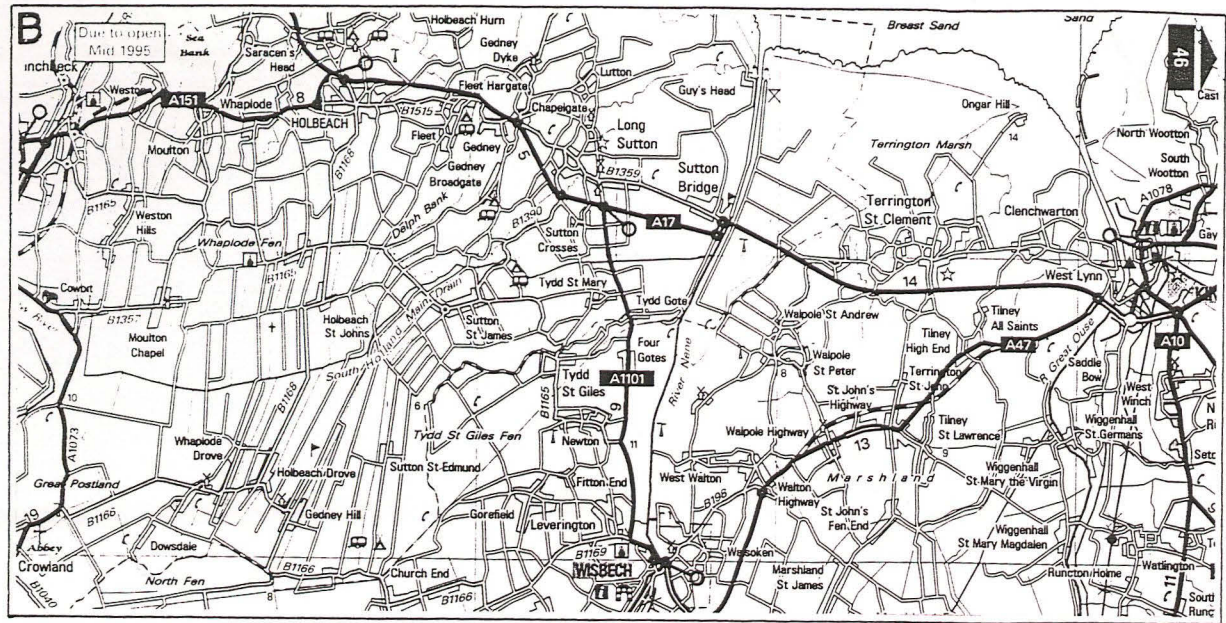
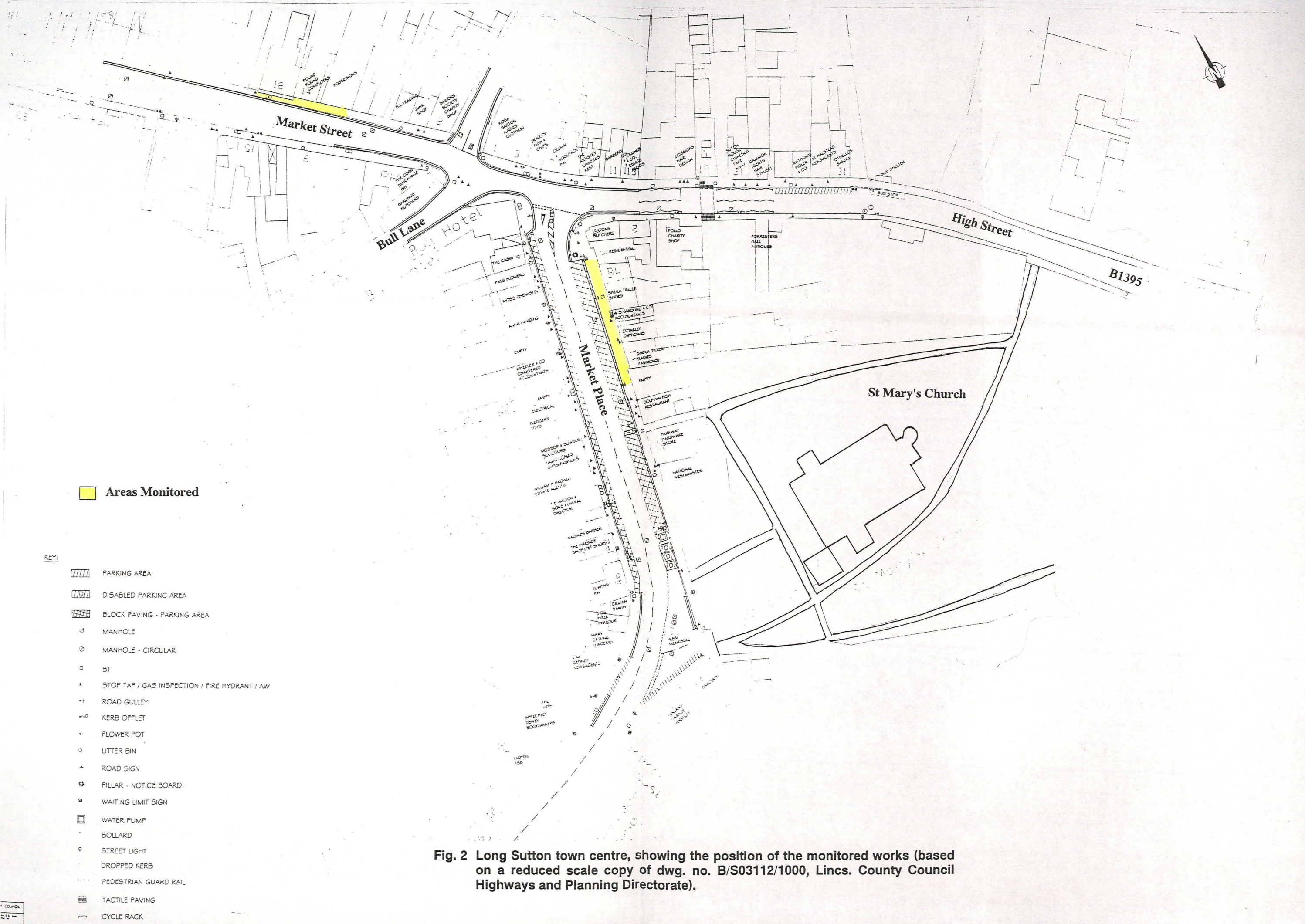


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Areas Monitored

**KEY:**

- PARKING AREA
- DISABLED PARKING AREA
- BLOCK PAVING - PARKING AREA
- MANHOLE
- MANHOLE - CIRCULAR
- BT
- STOP TAP / GAS INSPECTION / FIRE HYDRANT / AW
- ROAD GULLEY
- KERB OFFLET
- FLOWER POT
- LITTER BIN
- ROAD SIGN
- PILLAR - NOTICE BOARD
- WAITING LIMIT SIGN
- WATER PUMP
- BOLLARD
- STREET LIGHT
- DROPPED KERB
- PEDESTRIAN GUARD RAIL
- TACTILE PAVING
- CYCLE RACK

**Fig. 2 Long Sutton town centre, showing the position of the monitored works (based on a reduced scale copy of dwg. no. B/S03112/1000, Lincs. County Council Highways and Planning Directorate).**

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