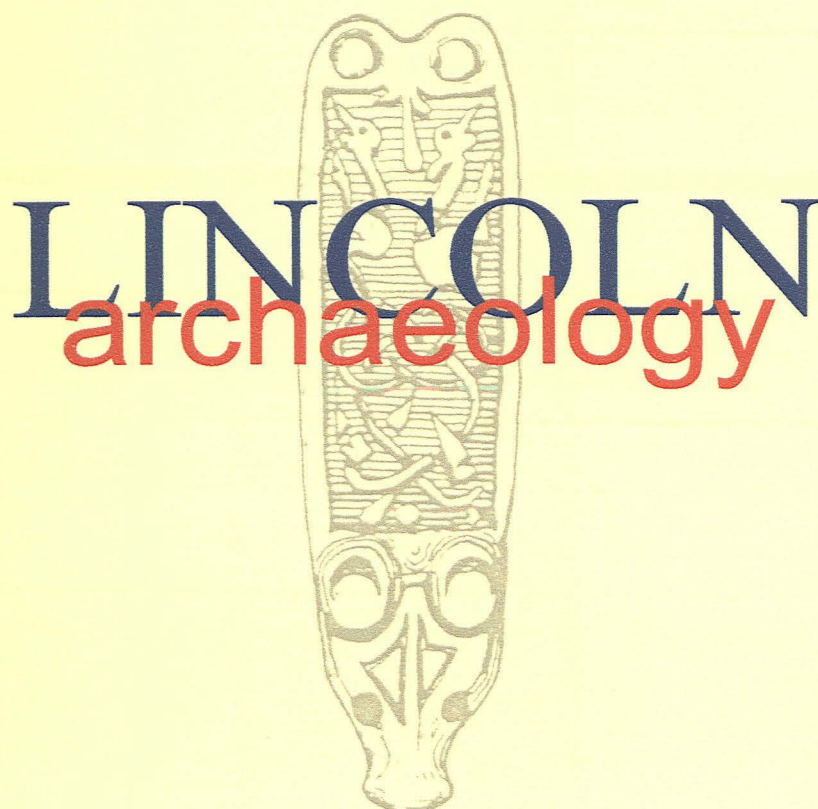


**A Report to
Mr and Mrs A. J. Wilson**

April 2002



**35 Nettleham Road,
Lincoln**

Archaeological Watching Brief

Report No.: 490

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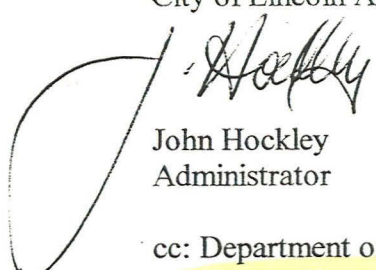
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Please find enclosed two copies of our Archaeological Report No.490 describing the results of the archaeological watching brief carried out for the above project. Copies of the report are being deposited with the local planning authority and the Lincolnshire Sites and Monuments Record Office. A further copy will in due course be lodged with the City and County Museum with transfer of the project archive. To facilitate this we enclose a museum transfer form for your completion and return to ourselves. A description of the finds recovered from the site can be found in the Finds Archive (Appendix 3) within the report.

We also enclose a statement of the final account for this project which reflects the final project costs including expenditure from contingency. We hope this meets with your approval. An invoice for this will be raised by Lincoln City Council and forwarded to you shortly.

We would take this opportunity to thank you for your positive interest and co-operation throughout this project.

Yours faithfully
City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit

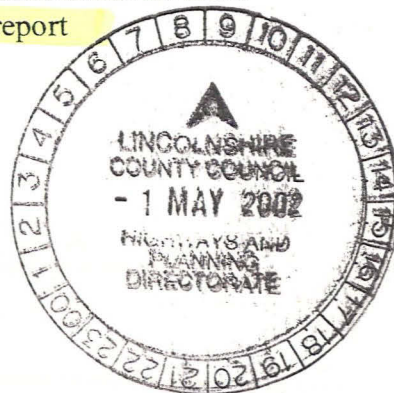

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NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY

- *Between the 20th February and 1st March 2002 a representative from the City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit undertook an archaeological watching brief on behalf of Mr and Mrs A. J. Wilson, during groundwork associated with the construction of two extensions and the excavation of a soakaway at 35 Nettleham Road, Lincoln.*
- *The results of the monitoring of the groundwork were generally negative with no archaeological deposits or features predating the 18th - 19th centuries.*
- *Although negative, this information could be of value for future decision-making with regard to the management of the archaeological resource in this area of Lincoln.*

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Between the 20th February and 1st March 2002 a representative from the City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit (CLAU) undertook an archaeological watching brief on behalf of Mr and Mrs A. J. Wilson, during groundwork associated with the construction of two extensions and the excavation of a soakaway at 35 Nettleham Road, Lincoln (hereafter *the site*). The watching brief was carried out in response to a condition on the granting of full planning permission by the City of Lincoln Council (Application No. 2001/0185/F).

2.0 SITE LOCATION AND BACKGROUND

The site lies on the west side of Nettleham Road close to its junction with Manor Road. To its north lies 37 Nettleham Road and to its south 33 Nettleham Road. National Grid Reference SK 98159 72508 (Fig. 1).

The following archaeological background information has been extracted from the *Brief for Archaeological Attendance* produced by the Heritage Team, Department of Planning, City of Lincoln Council (Jones 2001).

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 AIMS AND METHODOLOGY

The aims of the archaeological recording 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 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) and the Lincoln Urban Archaeological Database (UAD).

Extent of Archaeological Observations

Groundwork for this project involved the excavation of foundation trenches for the two extensions and the excavation of a further trench (soakaway) to the rear of the property (Fig. 2).

All archaeological features and deposits were recorded, where appropriate, on CLAU pro-forma context record sheets. Scale drawings of sections and plans of archaeological features were made and a full photographic record compiled.

4.0 RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS

Results

Rear Extension (Figs. 2 and 3: Sections 1-3 & Pl. I)

Natural limestone brash ([002]) was encountered at 61.20m OD, approximately 500mm below existing ground level. An undated deposit of mid-dark brown clayey soil ([008]) overlay natural in the southern part of the foundation trench, and cutting into the natural against the north corner of the foundation trench was a pit ([010]). Its primary fill [006], a mid-dark brown sandy soil, contained occasional fragments of recent building debris (base of cut 60.70m OD). The secondary fill of the pit [007], yellowy brown slightly clayey sand with occasional small angular limestone inclusions, contained a single fragment of residual Roman tile and a clay tobacco pipe stem of 18th or 19th century date. A thin layer of mid-dark brown loamy sand ([003]) with occasional fragments of modern building debris overlay the pit in the north section of the trench. A deposit of clay ([005]: redeposited natural?) was recorded in the north section of the foundation trench, against the existing foundations of 35 Nettleham Road. Clay [005] was sealed by [004], a localised deposit of loose ash and clay soil. Topsoil [001] sealed [004] (61.70m OD). Two fragments of Roman or post-medieval tile were recovered from the topsoil.



Plate I: General view showing the machine excavation of the foundation trench for the rear extension (looking north).

Side Extension (Figs. 2 and 3: Section 5)

The side extension lay against the north side of the existing property in an area occupied by a concrete driveway. Excavation by mini-digger revealed natural limestone brash ([002]) to lie 800mm below ground level, at 60.90m OD. Sealing natural was [013], a grey/brown clay soil with occasional limestone inclusions. Overlying [013] was [012], a mixed deposit of mid-brown/grey clayey soil with frequent inclusions of brick rubble and small limestone fragments. Above [012] was [011], a layer of concrete forming a bedding layer for a brick driveway to 37 Nettleham Road.

Soakaway (Figs. 2 and 3: Section 4)

The soakaway was located 4m to the north-west of the rear extension and measured 2m x 2m and c. 1.5m deep. Natural limestone brash ([002]) was revealed 600mm below ground level at 61.10m OD, overlain by a localised deposit of concreted gravel and sandy mortar/cement ([009]); this in turn was sealed by topsoil [001] (61.70m OD).

Conclusions

Although the results of the monitoring were generally negative (no archaeological deposits or features were found predating the early 18th - 19th centuries), it is still possible that archaeological remains might be preserved in the surrounding area, or indeed on other parts of the site itself (suggested by the presence of Roman tile). In conclusion, this information could be of value for future decision-making with regard to the management of the archaeological resource in this area of Lincoln.

5.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit would like to thank Mr and Mrs A. J. Wilson for funding the watching brief and post-fieldwork analysis. Thanks are also extended to the site contractor for their co-operation throughout the duration of the archaeological works.

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External specialists

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	Ceramic building material

6.0 BIBLIOGRAPHY

Jones, M, 2001 *Brief for Archaeological Attendance and Recording (Archaeological Watching Brief) during the erection of a two-storey extension to the side of 35 Nettleham Road, Lincoln* Heritage Team, Department of Planning, City of Lincoln Council.

NOTE

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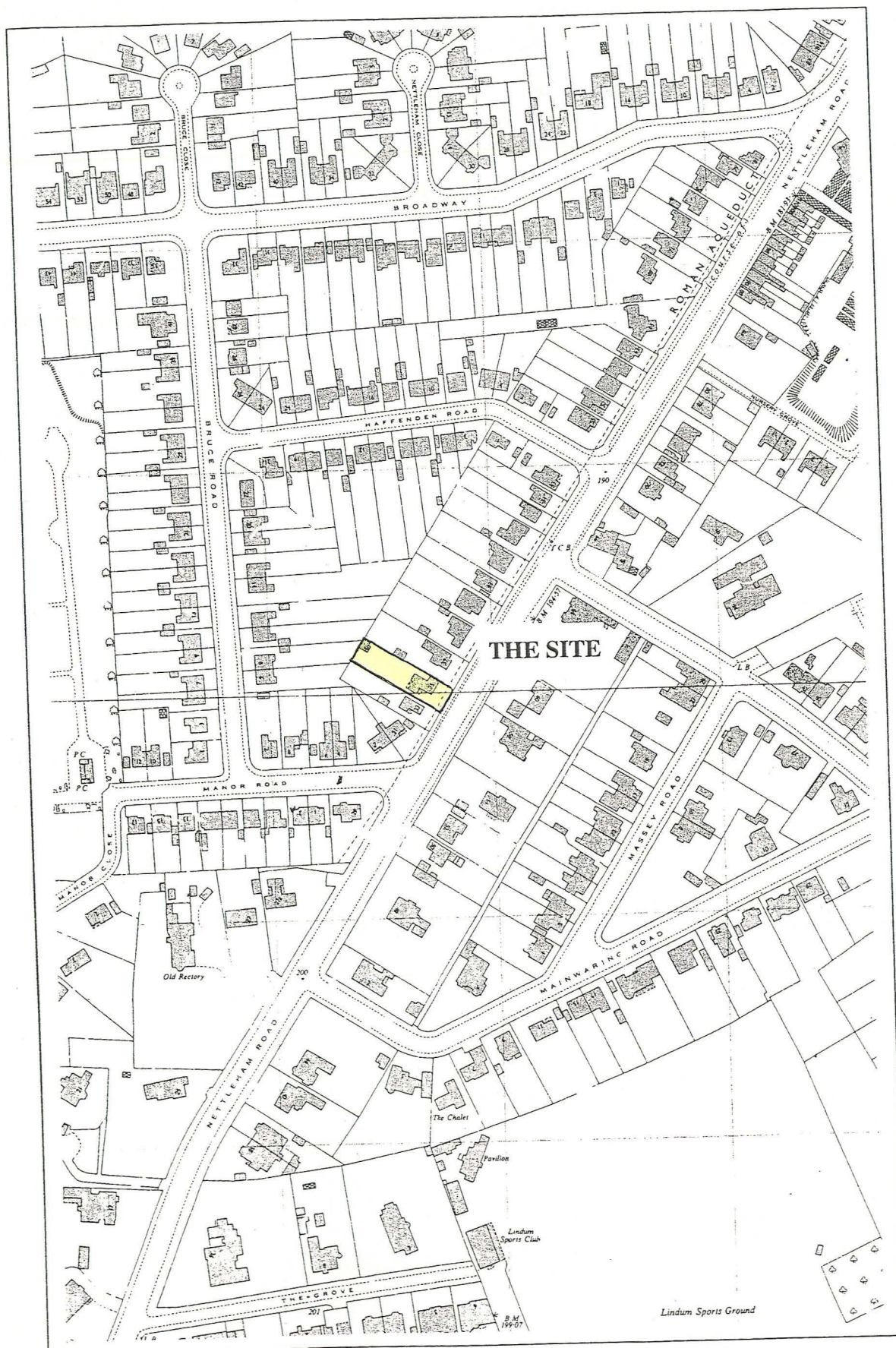


Fig. 1: Site location map (1:2500).

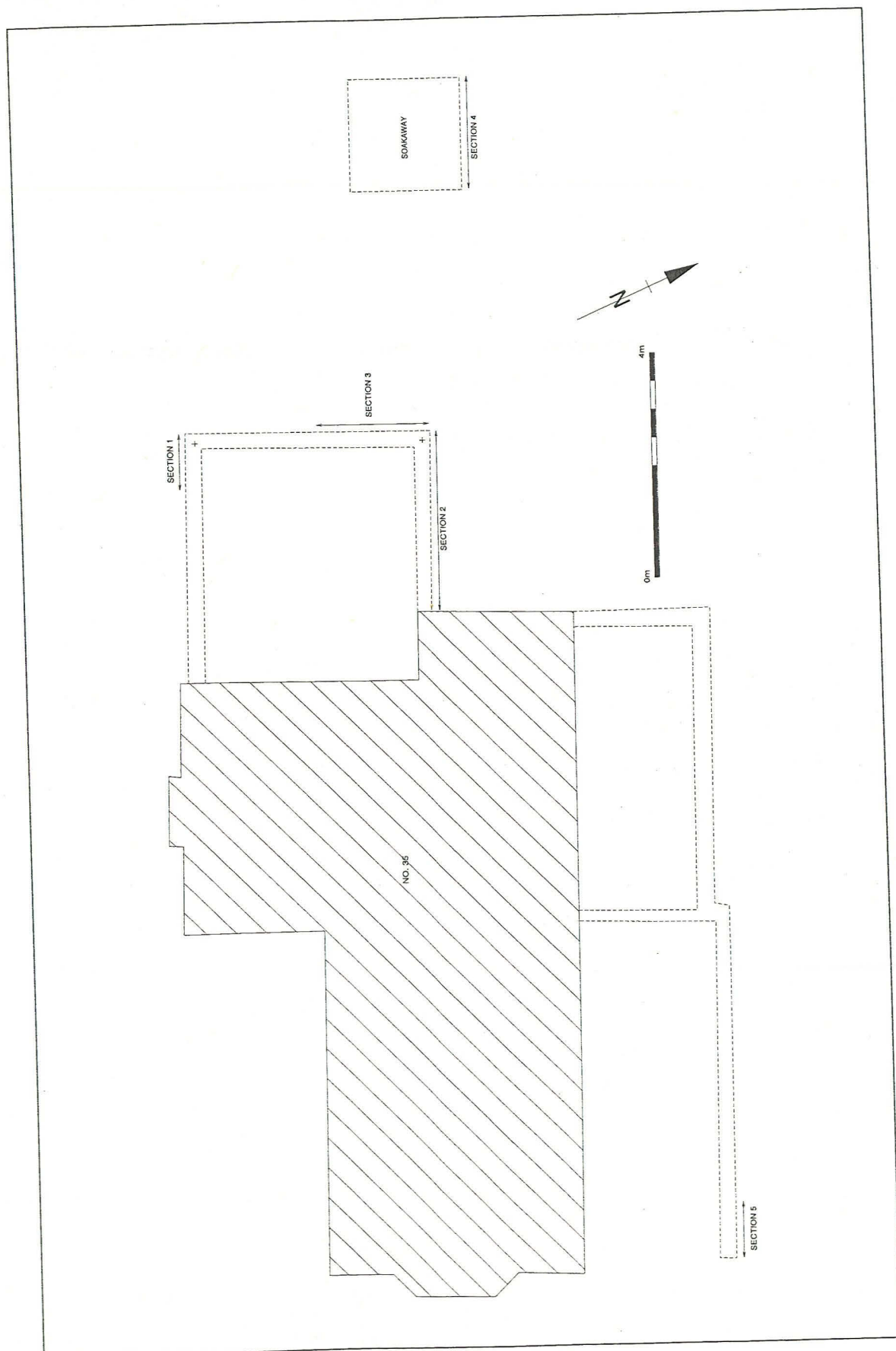


Fig. 2: Section Location Plan (scale 1:100).

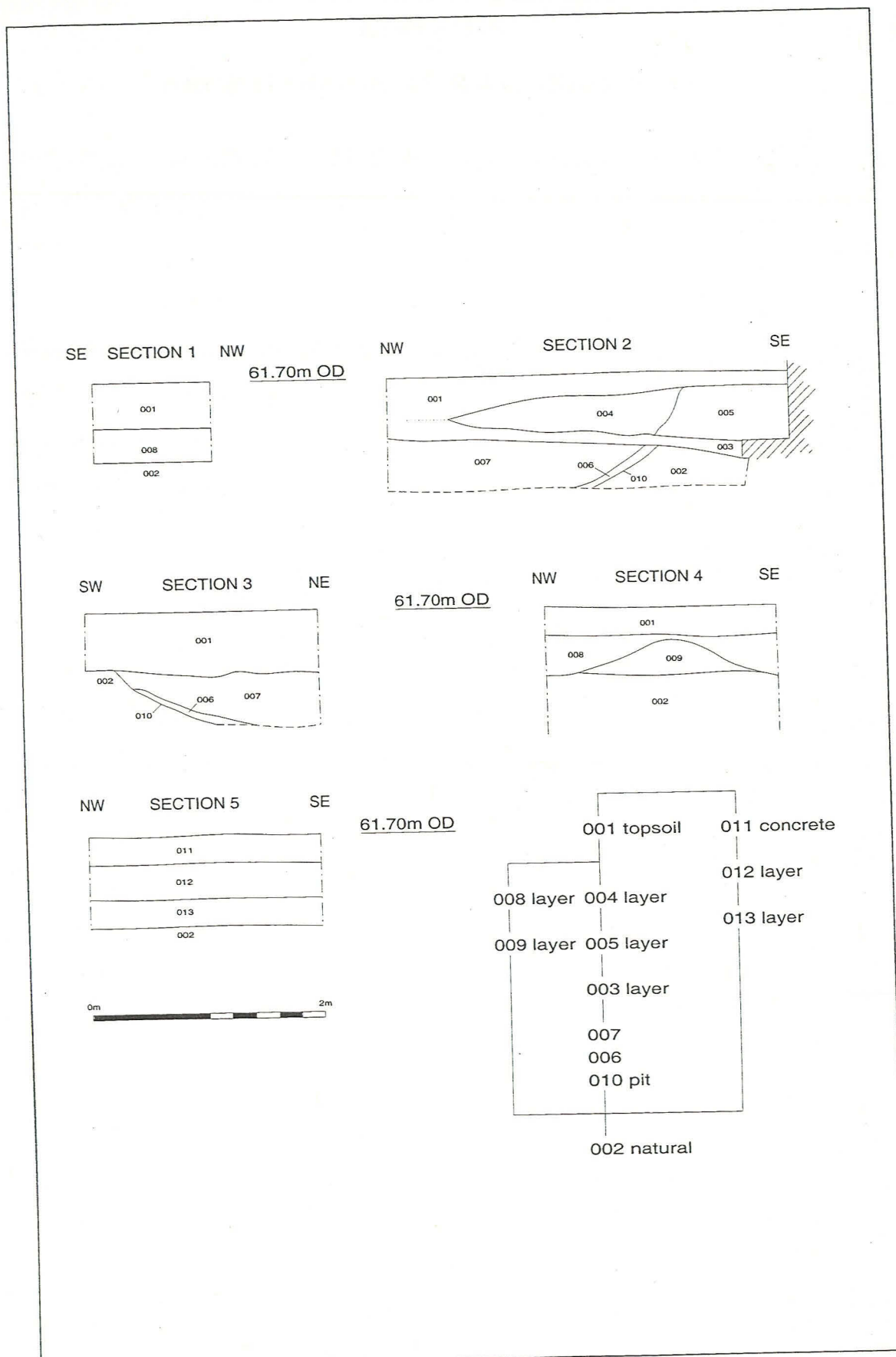


Fig. 3: Sections 1 – 5 (scale 1:50) and Stratigraphic Matrix.

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APPENDIX 1 – LHA NOTE & ARCHIVE DETAILS

LHA NOTE DETAILS

CLAU CODE: NRI02

CLAU REPORT No.: 490

PLANNING APPLICATION NO.: 2001/0185/F –3rd April 2001

FIELD OFFICER: Michael Jarvis

NGR: SK 98159 72508

CIVIL PARISH: Lincoln

SMR No.: -

DATE OF INTERVENTION: 20th February – 1st March 2002

TYPE OF INTERVENTION: Archaeological Watching Brief

UNDERTAKEN FOR: Mr and Mrs A. J. Wilson, 35 Nettleham Road, Lincoln

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.: 2002.100

ACCESSION DATE: -

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APPENDIX 2 – CONTEXT SUMMARY

<i>Context</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Description</i>
001	Topsoil	Loose compaction, mid-dark brown loamy sand soil with occasional small angular limestone fragments, occasional building debris and frequent rootlets.
002	Natural	Natural limestone brash in a slightly clayey yellow/brown soil matrix.
003	Buried topsoil	Loose compaction, mid-dark brown loamy sand soil with occasional small angular limestone fragments, occasional building debris and frequent rootlets.
004	Layer	Loose compaction, pale grey ash/clay soil with occasional small angular limestone fragments.
005	Layer	Firm compaction, yellow clay.
006	Fill of pit [010]	Loose compaction, mid-dark brown loamy sand soil with occasional small angular limestone fragments, occasional building debris and frequent rootlets, infrequent charcoal flecks.
007	Fill of pit [010]	Firm, slightly clayey yellow/brown soil with a few small angular limestone inclusions.
008	Layer	Loose compaction, mid-dark brown clayey soil with infrequent small angular limestone inclusions.
009	Layer	Very firm concretion of gravel and sandy mortar/cement.
010	Cut - pit	Sub-circular in plan with 45 degree slightly concave side and a gently U-shaped base.
011	Layer	Concrete forming a bedding layer for a brick driveway at 37 Nettleham Road.
012	Layer	Loose compaction, mixed mid brown/grey clayey soil with frequent small angular limestone fragments and brick debris.
013	Layer	Firm compaction, grey/brown clay soil with occasional small angular limestone fragments.

APPENDIX 3 – THE FINDS ARCHIVE

Bulk

<i>Context</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>Date/Comments</i>
007	Clay pipe	1	Post-med/modern; 18 th /19 th century stem fragment (discarded)

Tile

<i>Context</i>	<i>Cname</i>	<i>Full name</i>	<i>Frgs</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Date</i>
001	RTMISC	Roman or post-Roman tile	1	28g		Roman or post-medieval
001	RTMISC	Roman or post-Roman tile	1	42g	Abraded	Roman or post-medieval
007	RTIL	Roman tile	1	3g		Roman