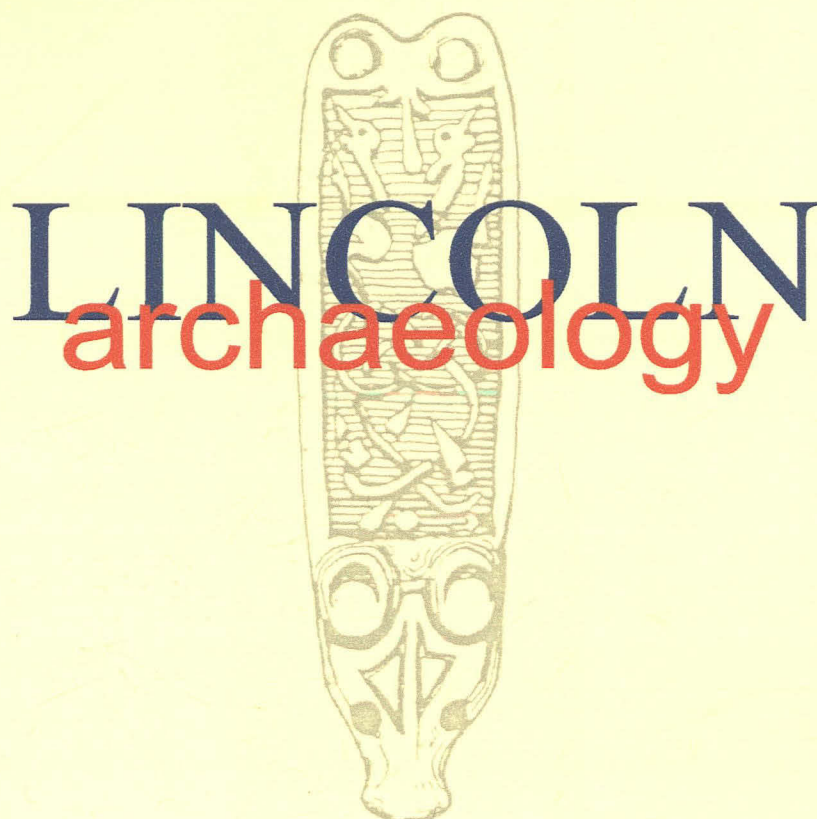


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Lincoln**

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF

NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY

- *Between 22nd March and 9th April 2002, representatives from the CLAU undertook an archaeological watching brief during the excavation of a lift pit at 2/26 Corporation Street, Lincoln.*
- *The watching brief failed to reveal archaeological deposits predating the 18th - 20th centuries, and although negative, this information may 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 22nd March and 9th April 2002, representatives from the City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit (CLAU) undertook an archaeological watching brief during groundwork associated with the excavation of a lift pit at 2/26 Corporation Street, Lincoln. The watching brief was commissioned by Colliers Conrad Ritblat Erdman (CRE), Chartered Surveyors and International Property Consultants, in order to comply with a condition on the granting of full planning permission by the City of Lincoln Council (Application No. 2001/0648/F 20th November 2001).

2.0 SITE LOCATION AND BACKGROUND

The site is located in the south-east corner of the retail/office building 2/26 Corporation Street, and to the west of 245 High Street (**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 in the central core of the Lower Roman, and medieval, city, c. 19m to the west of the main north-south thoroughfare of Ermine Street/High Street. Public and domestic buildings from the Roman period onwards are known to have fronted this major street. Notable is the Roman baths complex on the site of the Job Centre, 280-281 High Street and Kings Arms Yard, and partially preserved in its basement (currently Po Na Nas night club).

*Corporation Street was laid out in 1895 to link Clasketgate with West Parade. Its construction required the demolition of 247-247 High Street, including the Flying Horse Public House, 247 High Street, and a passageway (seemingly unnamed) running west flanked with dwellings. A large stone dwelling house with Tudor windows and late-17th century panelling, known from contemporary photographs and article (*Lincs Notes and Queries*, 5, 1902, p.65) was also removed. It probably stood on the site of, or slightly south of, modern 11 and 13 Corporation Street at the east end of Hungate Passage.*

The building first occupying the north side of Corporation Street was an imposing structure of shops and offices and the Monson Arms Hotel Tap PH on the Hungate corner. It was removed in the early 1960's and replaced by the present block.

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 and Methodology

This project involved archaeological monitoring of all groundwork associated with the excavation of a lift pit. The archaeological record was secured by means of trench-side notes and drawings.

4.0 RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS

The earliest deposit encountered was [002], an extensive deposit of brick rubble (dated by an unusual hand-made brick to the 18th – 20th century) contained within a loosely compacted, mid-dark brown sandy soil (top of [002] 14.20m OD). Cutting through [002] were several north-south aligned services (electricity, water, telecommunications etc.). Above deposit [002] lay context [001], a c. 600mm thick layer of concrete that was in turn sealed by [003], the present-day shop floor (c. 15m OD – **Fig. 2**).

Although the results of the monitoring were generally negative (no archaeological deposits or features were found pre-dating the 18th - 20th centuries), it is probable that important archaeological remains are preserved in the surrounding area, or indeed within the site itself (at a lower level than that reached during the watching brief). In conclusion, while 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.

5.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit would like to thank Colliers CRE for funding the watching brief and post-fieldwork analysis. Thanks are also extended to the site contractor, Halls Construction Group (Hull), for their full co-operation throughout the duration of the archaeological works.

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6.0 BIBLIOGRAPHY

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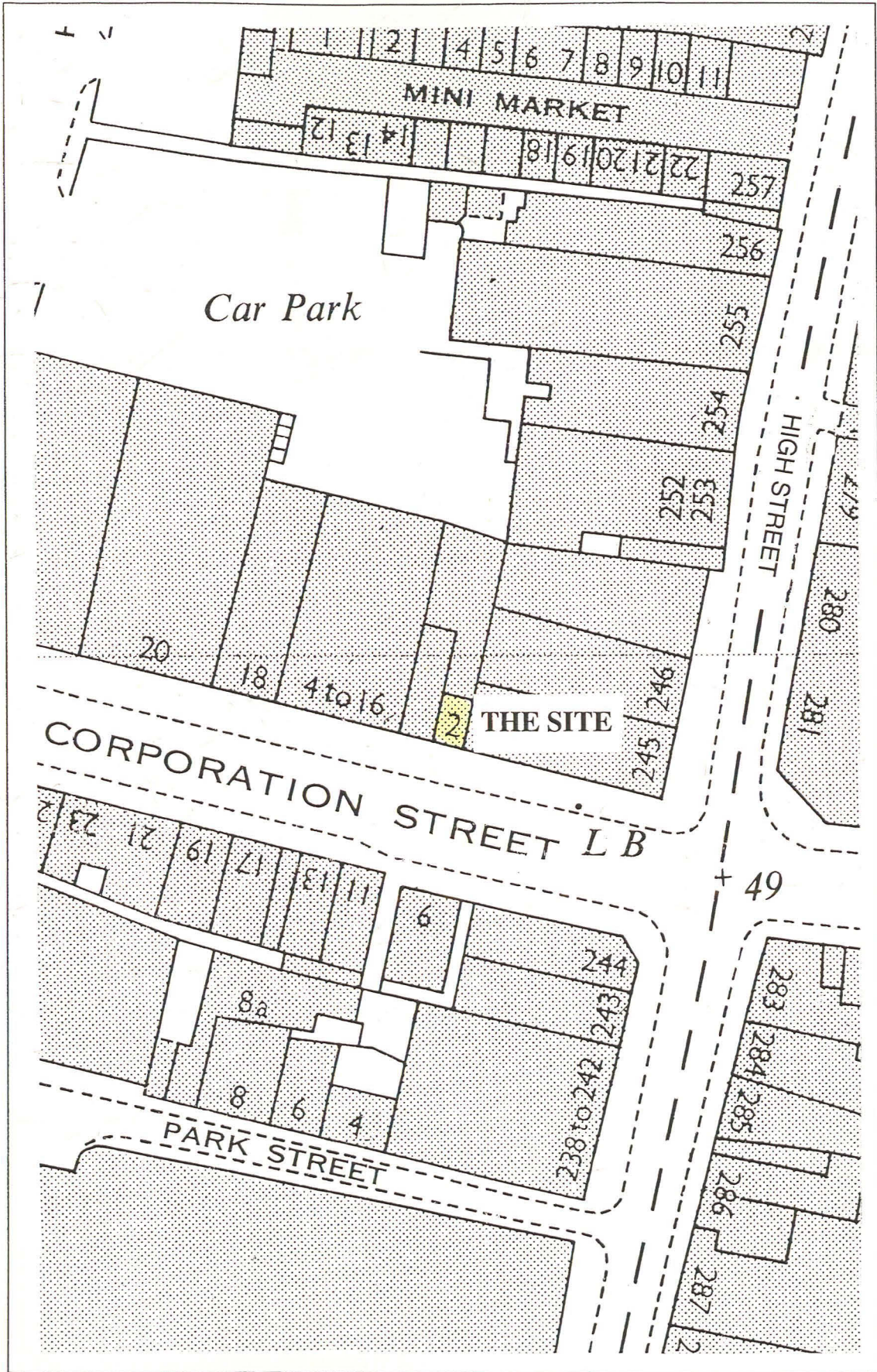


Fig. 1: Site location map (1:500).

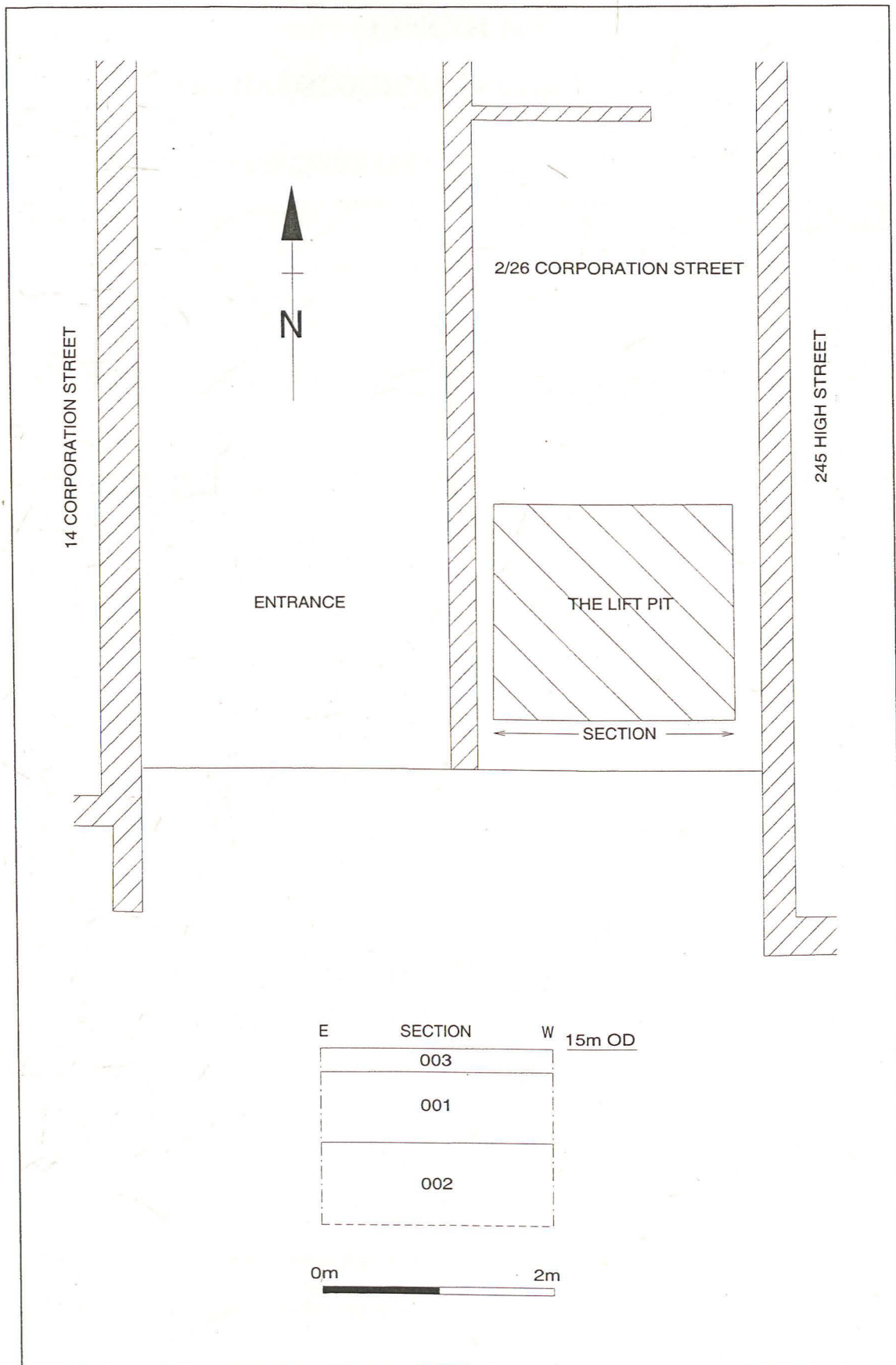


Fig. 2: Lift pit location plan and section (1:50).

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APPENDIX 1 - CONTEXT SUMMARY

<i>Context</i>	<i>Description</i>
001	Concrete (600mm thick).
002	Loose compaction, mid-dark brown sandy soil with frequent (70%) modern brick rubble (c. 700mm thick).
003	Concrete (c. 200mm thick) forming the present-day floor level.

APPENDIX 2 – THE FINDS ARCHIVE

Brick Archive

<i>Context</i>	<i>Cname</i>	<i>Fabric</i>	<i>Frag</i> s	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Date</i>
002	BRK	Hard red coal-measure fabric with common white inclusions	1	2015g	Very unusual brick; 215mm+ x 140mm x 30-50mm; slightly wedge shape; thinner edge plain thicker edge & upper/lower surfaces have multiple rough finger grooves widthways on flat & width/lengthways on edge; hand wedged but no evidence left of moulds/slab construction	18 th – 20 th

APPENDIX 3 - LHA NOTE & ARCHIVE DETAILS

LHA NOTE DETAILS

CLAU CODE: CPS02

CLAU REPORT No.: 496

PLANNING APPLICATION NO.: 2001/0648/F 20th November 2001

FIELD OFFICER: Michael Jarvis

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CIVIL PARISH: Lincoln

SMR No.: -

DATE OF INTERVENTION: 22/03/02 – 09/04/02

TYPE OF INTERVENTION: Archaeological Watching Brief

UNDERTAKEN FOR: Colliers CRE, Aquis House, 12 Greek Street, Leeds LS1 5RU

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.: 2002.136

ACCESSION DATE: -