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28th September 1994

Mr N Robertson
 25 Mount Street
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Dear Sir

5 ST JOHNS ROAD, NEWPORT, LINCOLN

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. LC04/0680/93

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SCHEME OF INVESTIGATION - WATCHING BRIEF

We refer to the archaeological condition of the planning permission granted in respect to the above application and confirm that groundwork has been monitored by staff of the Unit and archaeological observation and recording has been completed in compliance with the planning condition.

A useful record of deposits exposed by the groundwork has been secured for incorporation into the Urban Archaeological Database and documentary archive. A copy of our archive report is enclosed for your records. Copies of the report will also be lodged with the Local Planning Authority and the County Sites and Monuments Record Office

Our invoice covering the cost of attendance, recording and archive accession is enclosed. Your early attention in arranging prompt payment would be greatly appreciated.

We would take this opportunity to thank all parties concerned for their interest and co-operation.

Yours faithfully,

for and on behalf of
 City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit

John Hockley
 Projects Officer

c.c. Director of Planning, Lincoln City Council.
 County Sites and Monuments Record Office, Lincoln.

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ARCHIVE REPORT

5 St. Johns Road, Newport, Lincoln.

CLAU CODE : ON503 PLANNING APPLIC. LC04/0680/93 FIELD OFFICER: K.WRAGG

NGR: SK 9775/7260 CIVIL PARISH: Lincoln SMR No.: 70075

DATE OF INTERVENTION: 25-26/05/94 TYPE OF INTERVENTION: Watching brief

UNDERTAKEN FOR: Mr R.W. Asher, on behalf of Mr N. Robertson

Owing to the proximity of Roman and later archaeological discoveries, this site was subject to an archaeological condition included in the planning consent, requiring an archaeological watching brief on all groundworks. The City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit was commissioned by the applicant to provide the necessary attendance and recording, in order to produce a record of any archaeological features disturbed by development.

The project involved the demolition of an existing derelict residential property, followed by the construction of a new dwelling. Groundworks involved machine excavation of trenches for both concrete strip foundations and for associated services. The network of foundation trenches enclosed an area measuring approximately 11m (N-S) x 15m (E-W), and excavation continued until stable ground conditions were encountered (to the satisfaction of the local authority building inspector), resulting in depths of between 0.9m and 4.0m.

The earliest deposit recorded was a layer of natural limestone "brash", seen across the whole site at the limit of excavation, which was cut in at least two places by large pits. One of these cuts was approximately 1.7m deep but was unfortunately only visible at the eastern end of the trench and therefore its shape in plan was not revealed. The other pit, however, was located towards the central area of the foundation network, and appeared to be oval in shape (measuring at least 12m N-S x 10m E-W) reaching a maximum depth of between 3.2m and 4.0m. From their scale, these are both likely to represent quarry pits.

Both of the aforementioned cuts were then sealed by a substantial dump/fill layer consisting of a mid brown clayey earth, which formed the modern surface deposit for the area of the development. This layer was between 0.9m and 4.0m thick, and contained pottery and roof tile fragments, small pieces of limestone, and isolated areas of human remains. The human bone did not appear to be contained in formal graves, and seemed to simply make up part of the back-fill of a large stone pit/quarry working of uncertain date.

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.: - ACCESSION DATE : -

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