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Archaeological Watching Brief

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Summary

An archaeological watching brief was undertaken during the machine excavation of foundation trenches on a parcel of land off Station Road, Long Sutton, Lincs. The stratigraphic make-up of the site consisted solely of modern industrial overburden and demolition debris directly sealing natural silt deposits. No archaeological features were observed and the only find recovered from the entire site was a single fragment of late 19th century earthenware pottery. The watching brief concluded that there is no evidence for any human activity pre-dating the 19th century on the observed area of the site.

Introduction

In March 2003 Lindsey Archaeological Services were commissioned by the James Totty Partnership to undertake an archaeological watching brief in accordance with the general requirements set out in the *Standard Brief for Archaeological Projects in Lincolnshire* (Lincolnshire County Council Archaeology Section, August 1998).

Site Location and Description

The village of Long Sutton is situated close to the border between Lincolnshire and Norfolk. At the time of excavation the site was a level surface of tarmac and rough hardcore, approximately 300m south of the parish church. The development area consists of a parcel of land located at about 3.50m A.O.D. that was until recently part of a railway depot.

Planning Background

Planning permission H11/0857/02 has been granted for the construction of a new medical centre off Station Road, Long Sutton. Condition 8 of the South Holland District Council Planning Permission document states that a recognised archaeologist should monitor all below ground works during the development.

Archaeological Background

There is no evidence for any prehistoric material from the area around Long Sutton. Two coins of Romano-British date have been found in West Street approximately 100m from the proposed development. Long Sutton is mentioned in the Domesday Survey of 1086 and is probably Saxon in origin. The church lies at the south eastern end of West Street. The site lies close to the centre of the

south eastern end of West Street. The site lies close to the centre of the shrunken medieval village, on the eastern side of the main street. During works undertaken in the Market Place in 1974 post medieval pottery was recovered.

Aims and Objectives

The aims of the watching brief were to identify, characterise and record any archaeological remains that may have been disturbed by the groundworks phase of the development.

Method

Excavation of the foundation trenches was started on the 2nd April 2003. A JCB excavator using a 500mm toothed bucket opened the footings to an overall depth of 600mm from the present ground surface and 500m in width. All machining was monitored by a fully qualified and experienced archaeologist. A full photographic record was maintained during the work.

Results

The upper layers of the site were recorded together as modern deposits **100** and had a depth of between 0.30m and 0.50m from the present ground surface. The layers making up **100** consisted of modern building footings, railway lines, drains and general demolition debris. The modern disturbance directly overlay a layer of natural, undisturbed dark grey/brown silty clay **101**. Concrete drainage ducts and two large dumps of modern hardcore were noted cutting into layer **101**. No archaeological features pre-dating the 19th century had been cut into **101** and no archaeological material or finds were recovered with the exception of a single rim sherd of brown glazed 19th century earthenware pottery found in **100**.

Conclusion

The archaeological watching brief revealed no evidence for any human activity pre-dating the 19th century in the excavated portion of the site. The entire trenched area can be simply characterised as undisturbed natural silting underlying 19th century industrial development in the form of a railway goods yard and associated buildings.

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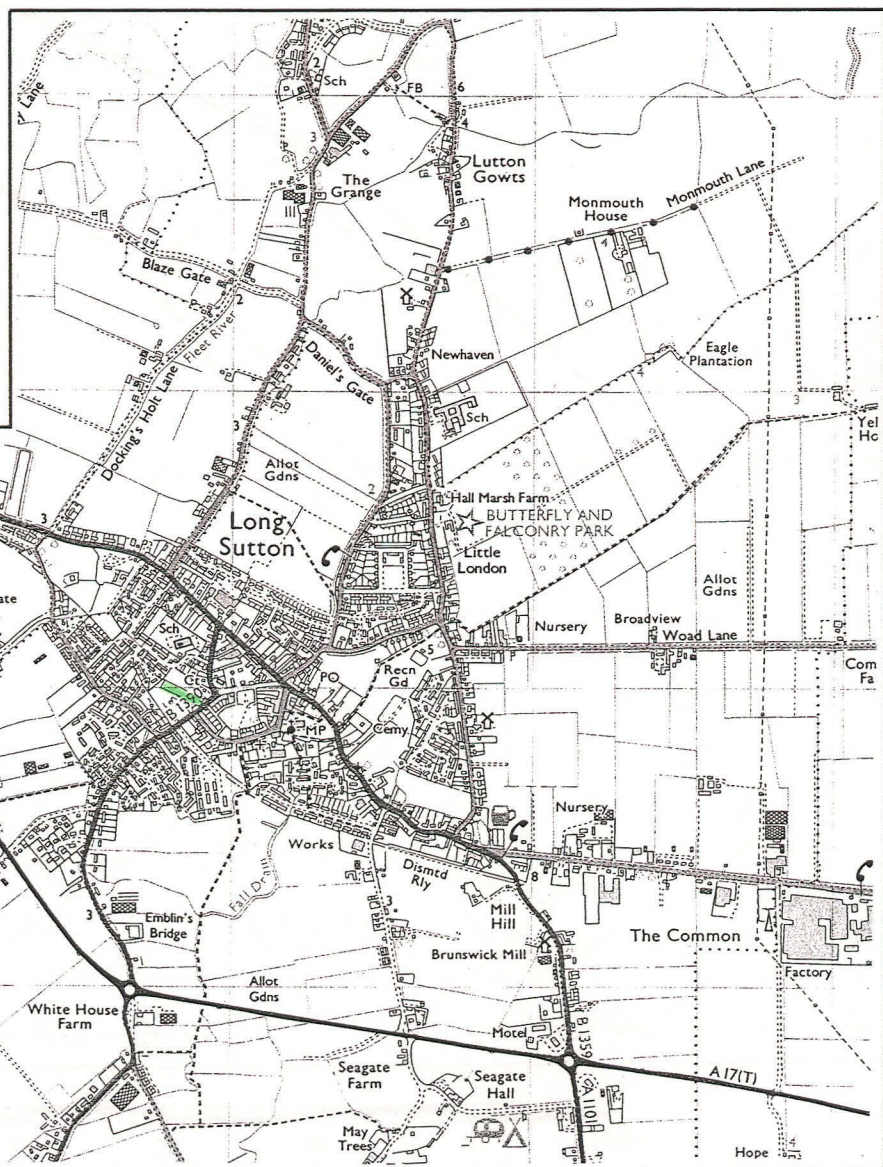
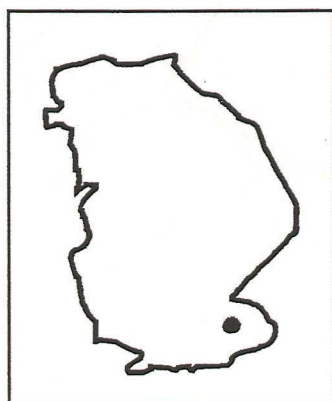
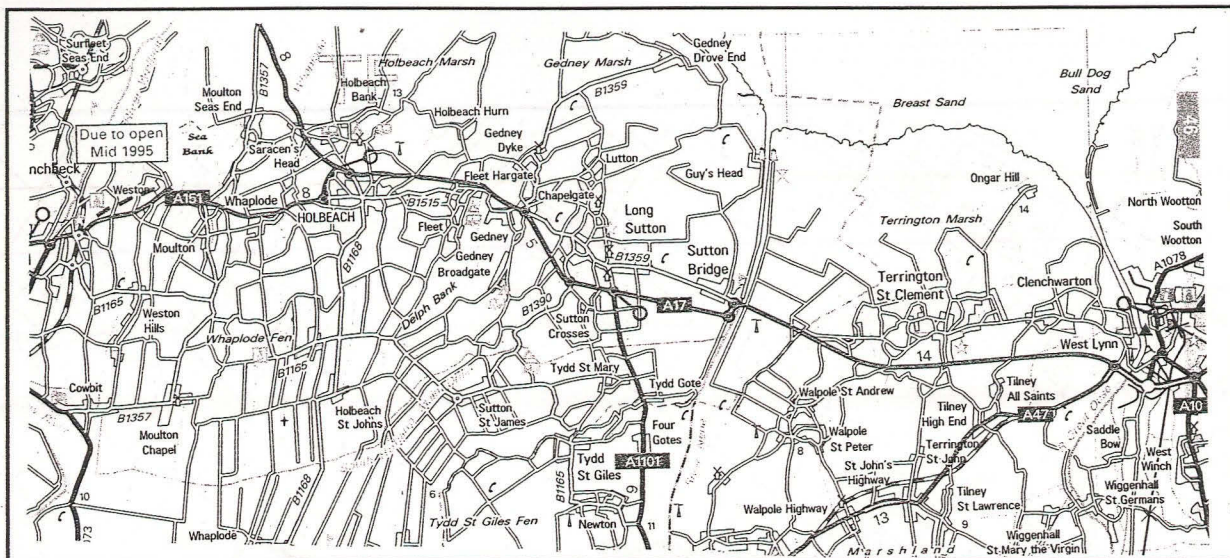


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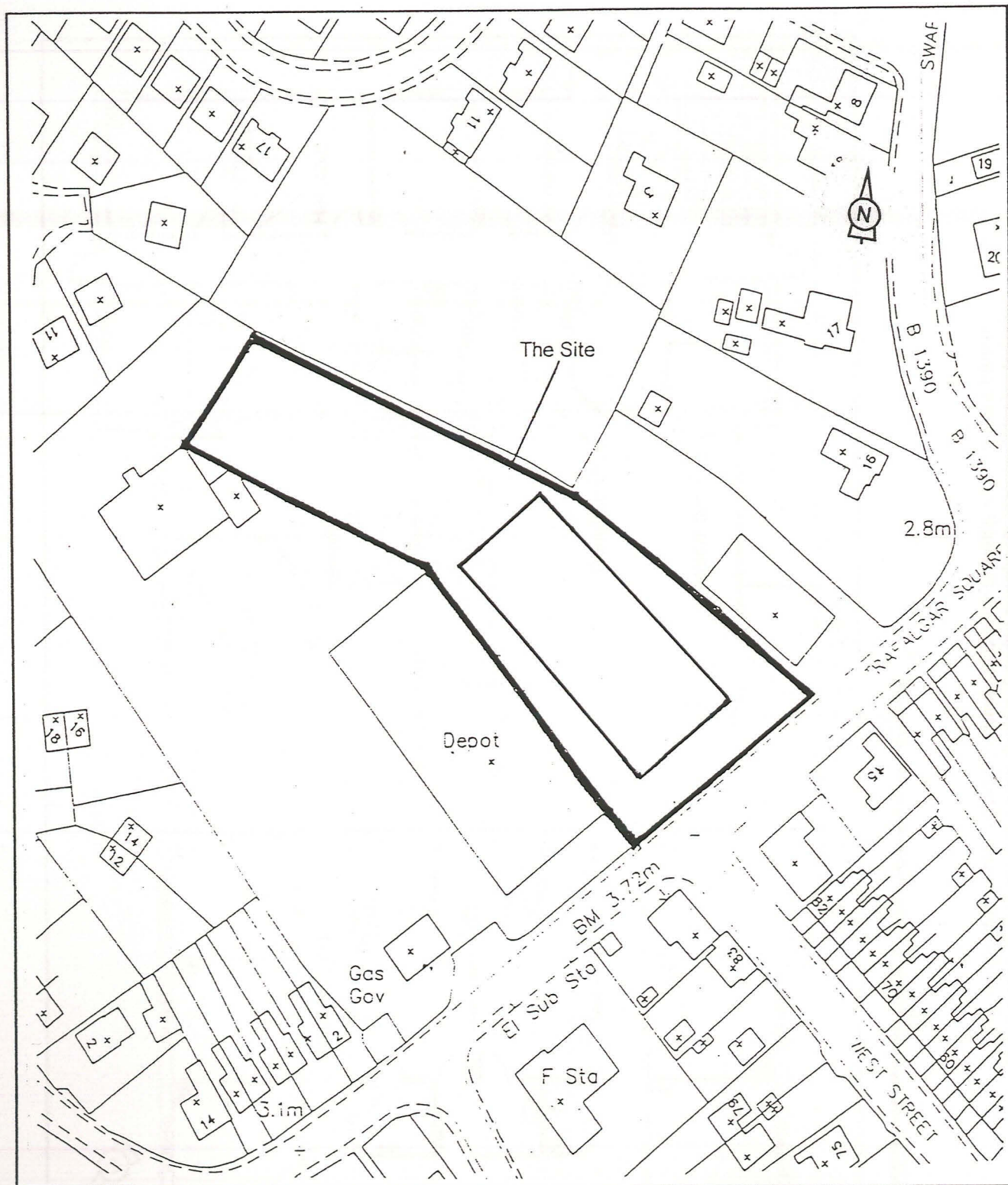


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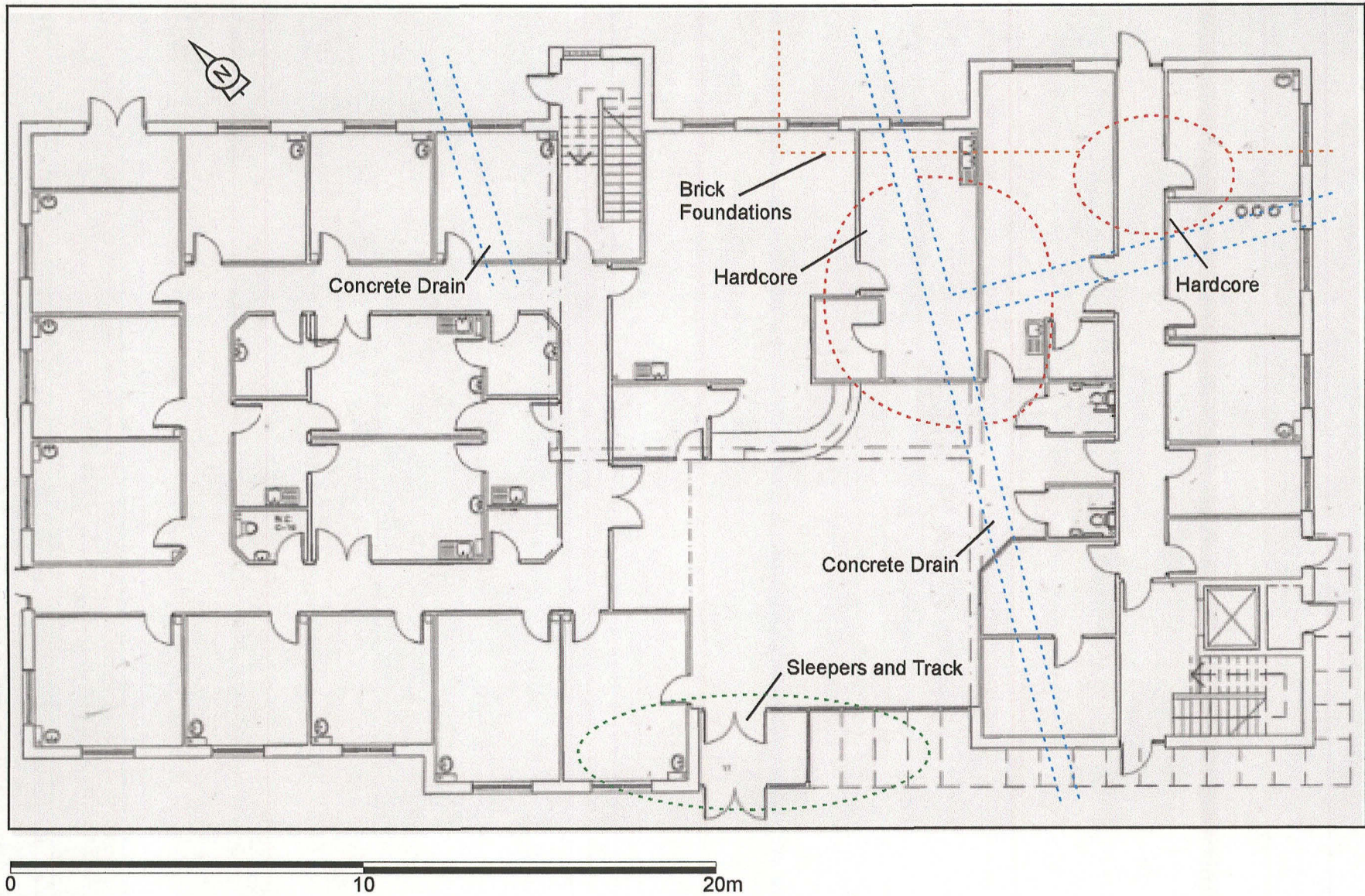


Fig. 3 Foundation plan of the new Medical Centre showing modern disturbance encountered during ground works (from a drawing supplied by James Totty Partnership)

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Pl. 2 Looking west at partially completed footings



Fig. 3 General view showing stratigraphy of the site, looking south



Fig. 4 General post excavation view of the site, looking south west