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Ulceby Cross Service Station watching brief

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B) Section seen in the side of the Septic tank.

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Summary

Groundworks associated with the construction of a new service station and shop at Ulceby Cross Service Station did not reveal any archaeology. It was decided that the later phases of the groundwork, in an area already disturbed by the present service station, did not require a watching brief.

Introduction

Lindsey Archaeological Services was commissioned by Eric Cooper Architects Ltd on behalf of Mrs J. Marsh in February 2005 to undertake an archaeological watching brief at the above site (Fig. 1). The work was carried out in accordance with the brief and general requirements set out in the *Lincolnshire Archaeological Handbook* published by the Archaeology Section, Lincolnshire County Council (1998). Work commenced and was completed 07/02/2005.

Site Location and Description

The Ulceby Cross Service station is located on the roundabout at the junction between the A16, the A1104 and the A1028. It is situated on the edge of the Lincolnshire Wolds, overlooking the Marsh and is c.4miles west of Alford.

Planning Background

Planning permission was granted to build a new service station and shop on the site of the existing garage, subject to an archaeological watching brief being carried out during the groundworks phase of construction. This is set out in condition 8 of the planning permission.

Archaeological Background

Ulceby Cross lies north-west of the village of Ulceby and the roundabout is close to the line of a Roman road and major Roman settlement.

Aims and Objectives

The purpose of the watching brief was to record any archaeology disturbed during groundworks.

Method

The groundworks were monitored by an experienced archaeologist. A full written (single context) and photographic record was made of the site, including 1:50 site plans along with 1:10 section.

The Watching Brief (Fig. 2)

Work on the septic tank, c.2m to the north of the current shop, began by removing 0.28m of topsoil, **1**. This sealed a 0.82m deep plastic red brown clay, **2**, which was above limestone brash, **3**. No archaeology was noted in plan or section.

Since the septic tank produced no archaeology it was decided by the Built Environment Officer, Dr Beryl Lott, that the later phases of the service station and shop groundwork did not require a watching brief because they overlay areas already disturbed by the present service station.

Conclusion

Much of the area affected by the new service station and shop at Ulceby Cross Service Station was already disturbed by the presence of the former service station and its fuel tanks. In spite of its proximity to known archaeological sites nothing of archaeological interest was exposed.

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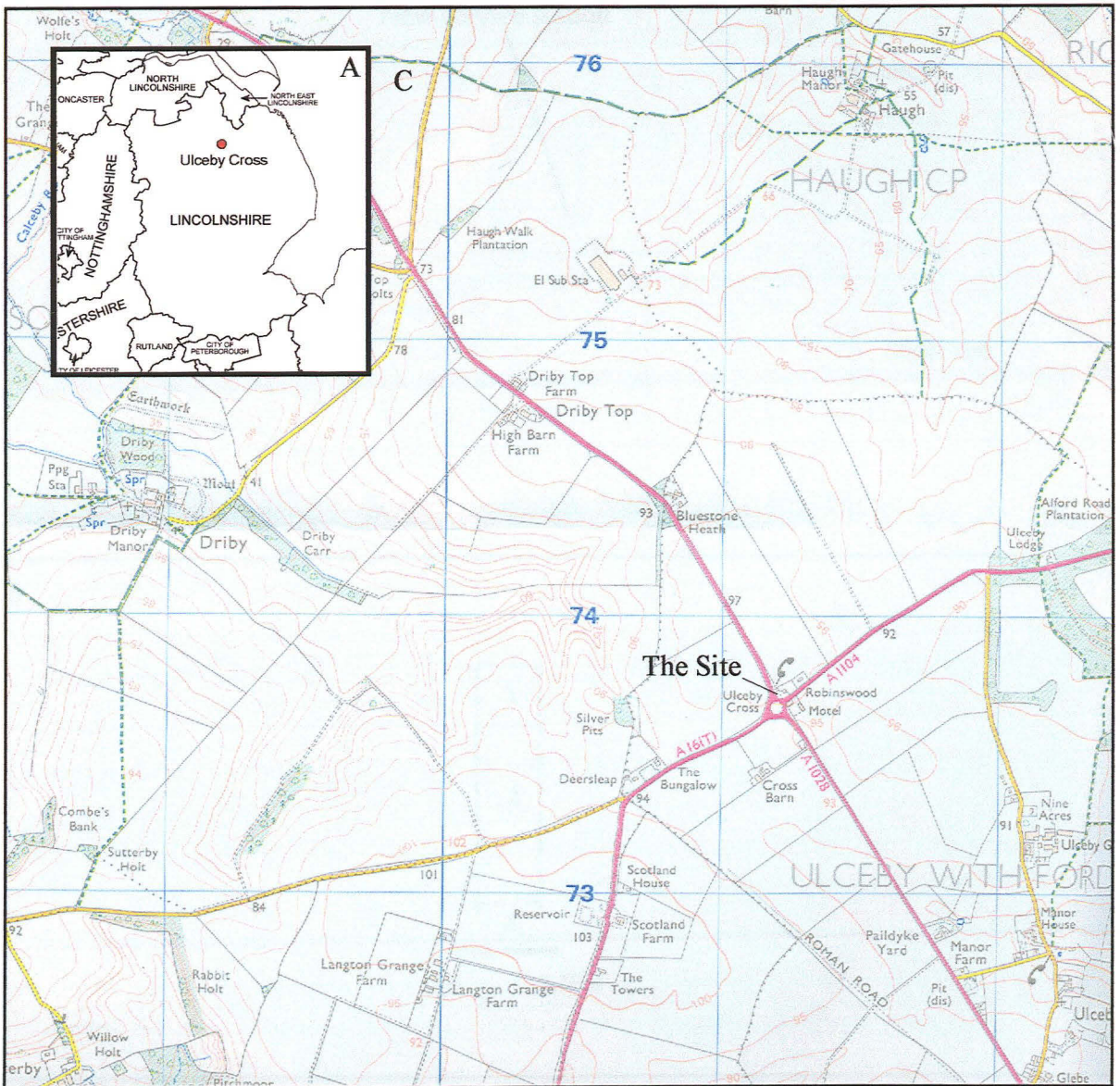
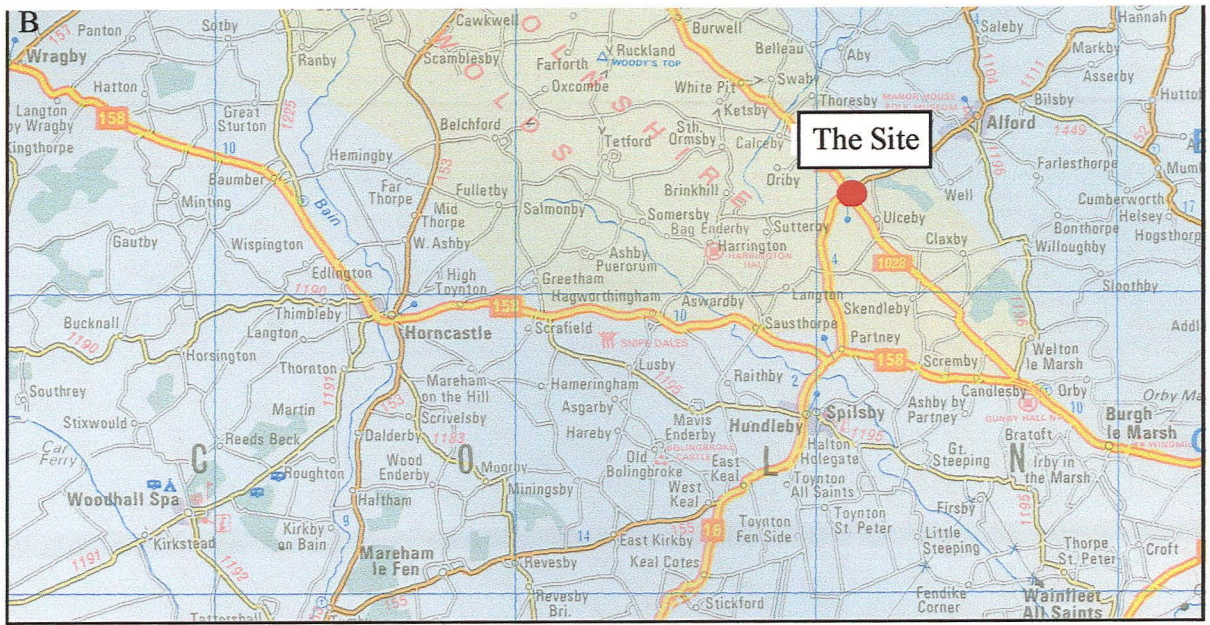


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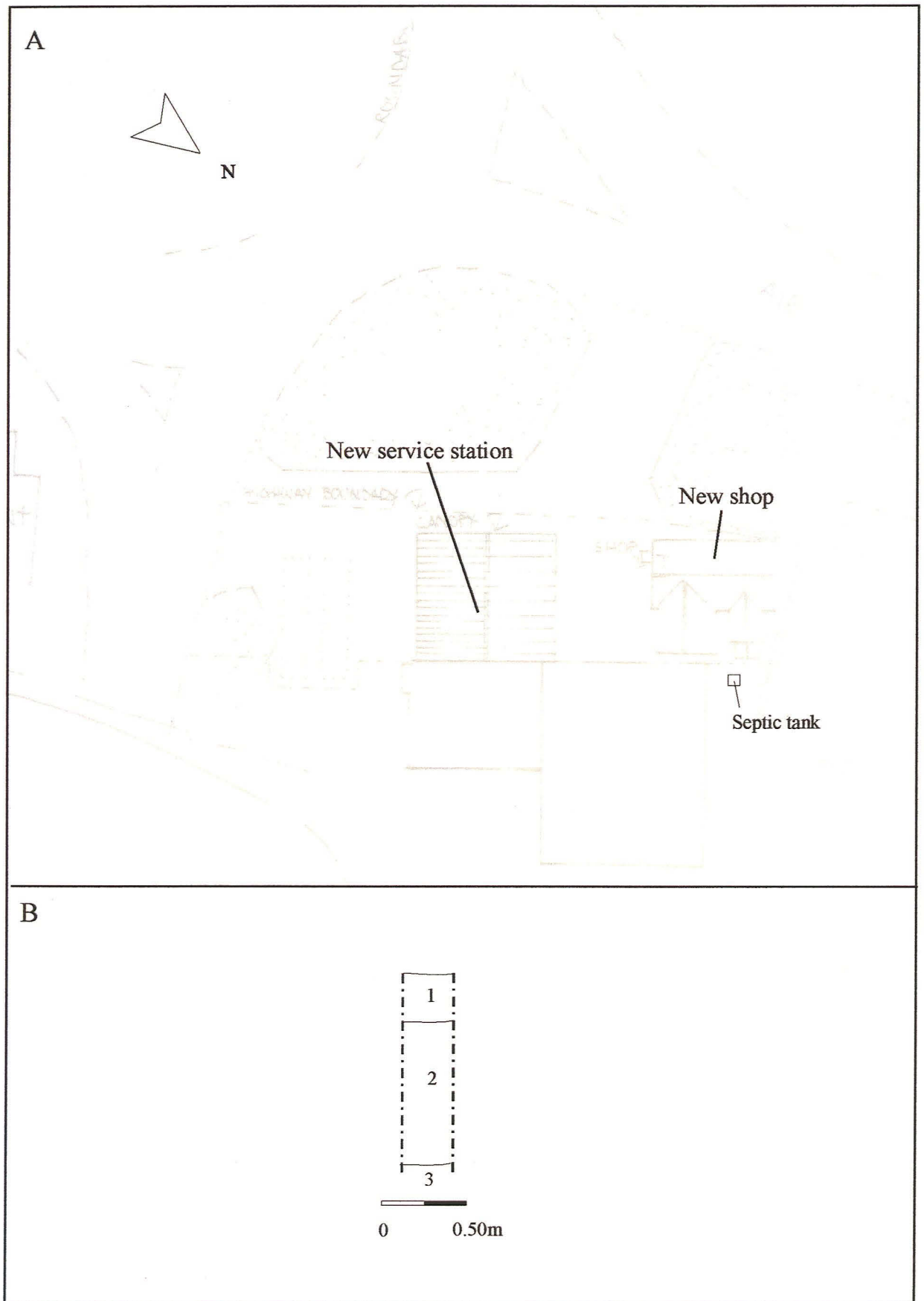


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