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**Land to the rear of the Blue Anchor Pub
33 Anchor Street, Lincoln
Archaeological Watching Brief and Recording
NGR: SK97276 70597
Site Code: LAS 05
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**Report for
Wynbrook Homes**

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Summary

A watching brief was undertaken at 33 Anchor Street in April 2005 during excavation for a lift shaft. No archaeological remains were detected.

Introduction

Lindsey Archaeological Services was commissioned by Wynbrook Homes to undertake an archaeological watching brief at the above site in accordance with a brief set by the city archaeologist dated August 11th 2003. The general requirements are set out in the Lincolnshire Archaeological Handbook published by the Archaeology Section, Lincolnshire County Council (1998).

Site Location

The site is located to the rear of the properties numbered 127-133 High Street. It is bounded to the north by Tanner's Lane and to the south by Anchor Street. The site was previously used as a car park for the Blue Anchor public house. It is currently being developed for residential use.

Planning Details

Outline planning permission was granted in May 2002 for residential development, subject to a series of conditions. Condition 4 states

"no development, geotechnical investigation, site clearance or other enabling work shall take place on the site until details of the measures to be taken to evaluate, preserve and/or record the archaeological content of the site, which shall include a timescale for the investigation, have been submitted to and approved by the local Planning Authority. All archaeological work shall thereafter proceed in accordance with the approved programme". Future planning permission was granted.

Archaeological Background

In the 19th century the development site was occupied by housing on the north side of Anchor Street and small workshops or stables in the yard behind the Blue Anchor. The western part of the car park was formerly a garage. Evaluation of the site in 2004 revealed medieval

deposits at a depth of 1.20m below the existing ground surface. It was thought possible that deeper excavations for the lift might encounter archaeological remains.

Objectives

- The purpose of the Watching Brief was to record any archaeological deposits that would be disturbed during the ground works at the above site and to provide results for accession to the County SMR and the Lincoln UAD.

Method

An experienced archaeologist monitored the groundworks during machine excavation of the lift pit.

Results and conclusion

Building foundations were piled and some groundbeams were laid prior to attendance on the site by the archaeologist. However, a lift shaft remained to be excavated. It measured c.1.50 x 1.70m and was machine excavated to a depth of 1.40m. This was 0.20m deeper than the evaluation excavations and it was thought possible that undisturbed deposits might be present. The layers encountered still contained modern brick rubble and there was also disturbance from the recently inserted piles.

No archaeological remains or deposits were observed in the specific area whilst this watching brief took place. Some modern brick rubble and building debris was apparent suggesting that any archaeology at this level previously may have been disturbed.

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Site Archive

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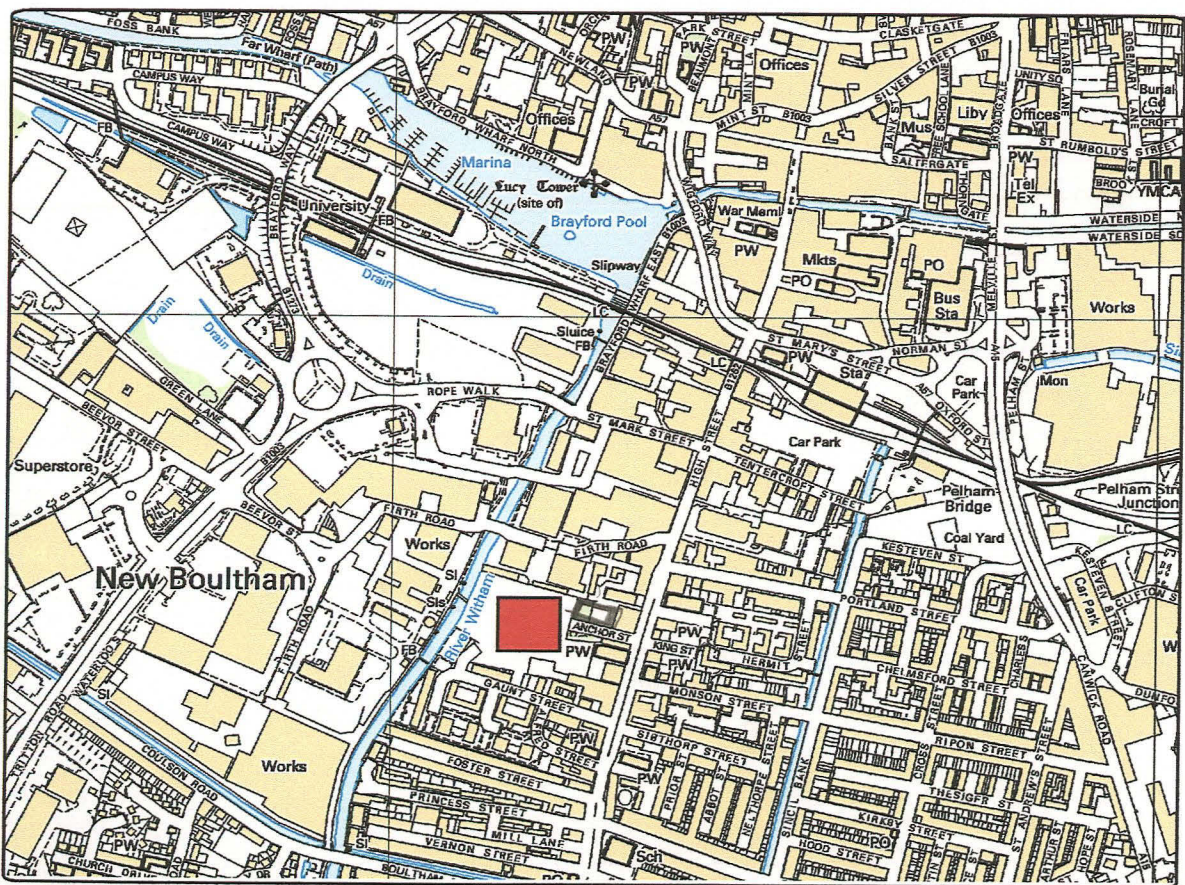
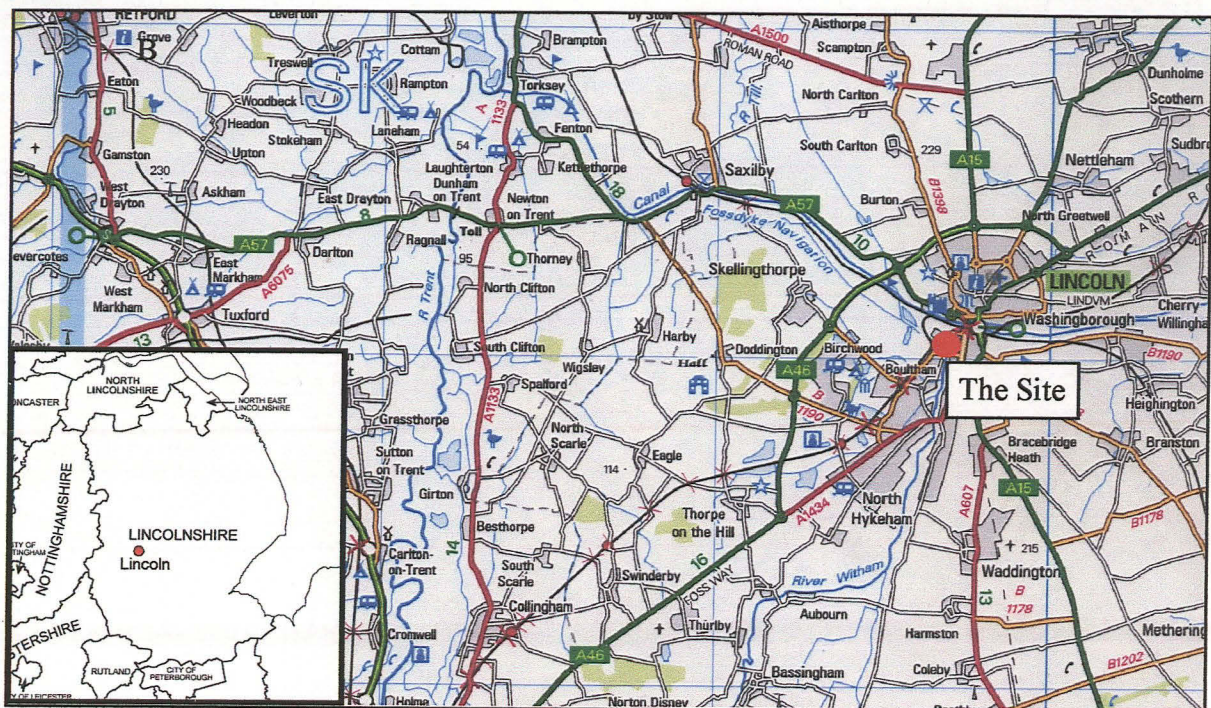


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