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**VICTORIA TERRACE,
LINCOLN**

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL
WATCHING BRIEF**

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF

NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY

- On the 29 December 2004 and 15 March 2005, Mike Jarvis Archaeological Services undertook a watching brief during groundwork associated with the construction of a residential dwelling to the rear of 14 Victoria Terrace, Lincoln.
- The results of this watching brief proved negative and no archaeological deposits or features were revealed during the course of the groundwork programme.

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF

1.0 INTRODUCTION

On the 29 December 2004 and 15 March 2005, Mike Jarvis Archaeological Services (MJAS) undertook a watching brief during groundwork associated with the construction of a single residential dwelling on land to the rear of 14 Victoria Terrace, Lincoln (National grid Reference: SK 97250 71675). The watching brief was undertaken on behalf of Mr Andrew Cambell, 12 Rookery Lane, Lincoln.

2.0 SITE LOCATION AND BACKGROUND (Fig. 1)

The following background information has been extracted from the brief for Archaeological Attendance and Recording (Archaeological Watching Brief) produced by the Heritage Team, City of Lincoln Council.

Full planning permission was granted on 28 January 2000 (**Application No.: 99/646/F**).

The site is located at the north end of the garden of 14 Victoria Terrace, immediately to the south of a lane known as Victoria Passage.

The Lincoln Archaeological Research Assessment (LARA) has classified the site as having the following potential research agendas:

Prehistoric Era (-10000 – 60); Limestone uplands

Roman Military Era (60-90); Northern hill slope area with springs and possible secular occupation

Roman colonia Era (90-410); Suburban development north and west of the upper city

Roman colonia Era (90-410); Cemeteries

Early Medieval Era (410-850); Central elements of former Roman city and Roman network

High Medieval Era (850-1350); The Bishop's Garden Willingthorpe

High Medieval Era (850-1350); Common "diggings" in the cliff faces north-west and south of the city

Early Modern Era (1350-1750); Common quarries in the cliff faces north-west and south of the city

Early Modern Era (1350-1750); The Butts

Industrial Era (1750-1945); City's arable fields

Industrial Era (1750-1945); Enclosed pasture and meadow east and west of the city

Industrial Era (1750-1945); Working-class housing estates c.1850-1945 in Newport, Newland, Butwerk Wigford and elsewhere

3.0 AIMS AND METHODOLOGY

The aims of the watching brief were:

- To produce an archive record of deposits and remains generally within the constraints of the groundwork contractors' programme and working methods with due regard to current health and safety legislation.
- To produce a report on the archaeological importance of the discoveries.
- To produce a project archive from which the potential for further study and academic research could be assessed.
- To provide information for accession to the Historic Environment Record (HER).

The watching brief required observing groundbeam excavations associated with the construction of the proposed dwelling.

The archaeological record was secured by means of trench-side notes, scale drawings and photographs.



Plate 1: General view looking south-east during groundwork.

4.0 RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS (Fig. 2 and Pl. 1)

RESULTS

The watching brief revealed natural clay ([005]) 300mm below existing ground level at the northern end of the site (32.15m OD). Above natural clay lay brick foundations and an associated brick floor ([003] and [004]) sealed by an extensive deposit of clay soil containing abundant modern building debris ([008]). The north section of the groundbeam revealed natural sealed by a narrow deposit of ash and clinker ([002]) that probable represented a

make-up deposit associated with the tarmac surface of Victoria Passage ([007]). No archaeological deposits were revealed during the course of the watching brief.

CONCLUSIONS

In conclusion, this watching brief revealed no evidence of archaeological deposits on the site, and whilst the results of the watching brief have proved to be negative, this information will be of value to future decision making regarding the management of the archaeological resource in this area of Lincoln.

5.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mike Jarvis Archaeological Services would like to thank Mr Andrew Cambell for his interest and cooperation throughout the duration of the watching brief, and to Mr Michael Jones (City Archaeologist – City of Lincoln Council) for his advice and guidance.

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NOTE

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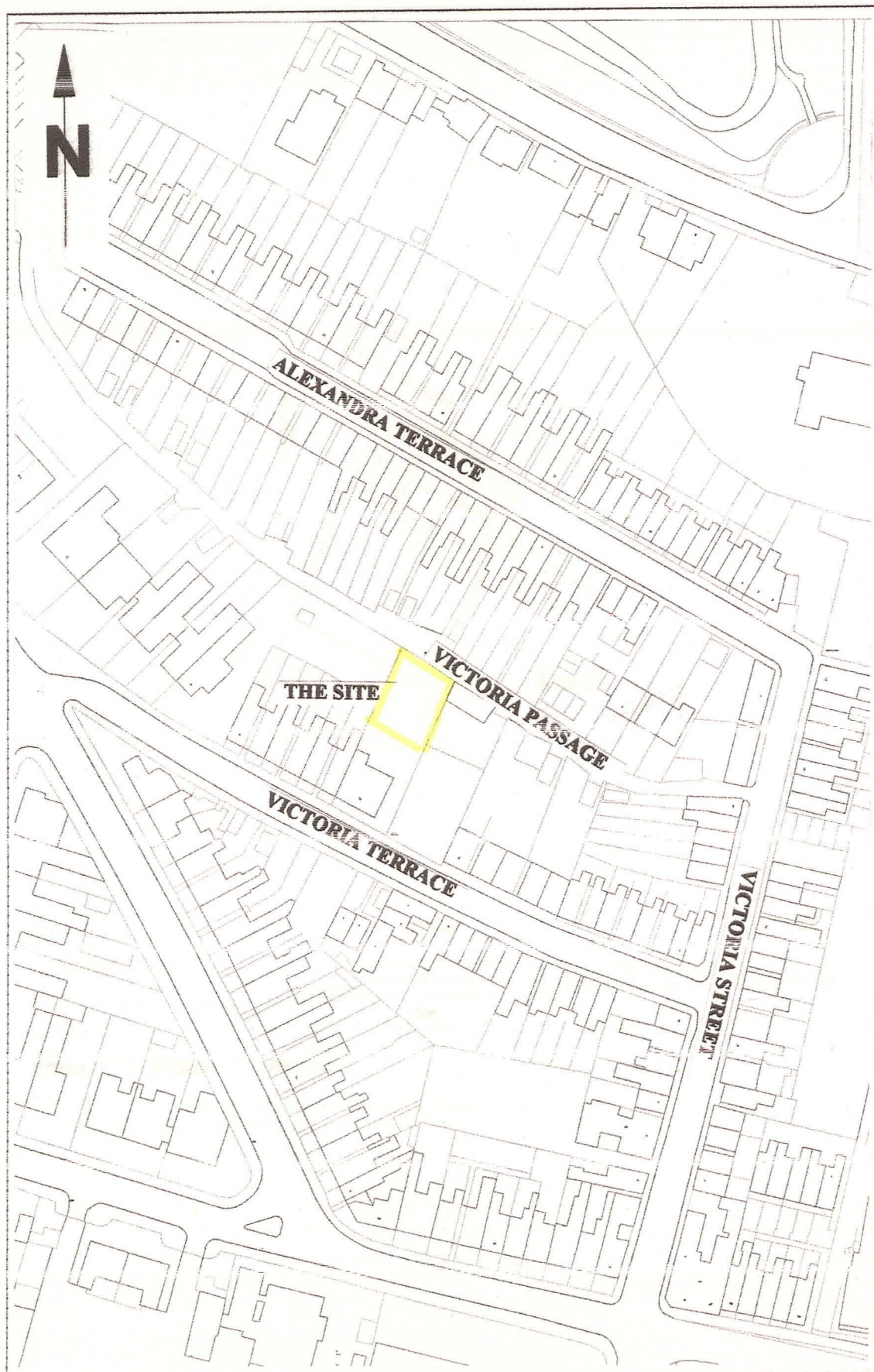


Fig. 1: Site location map (1:1250).

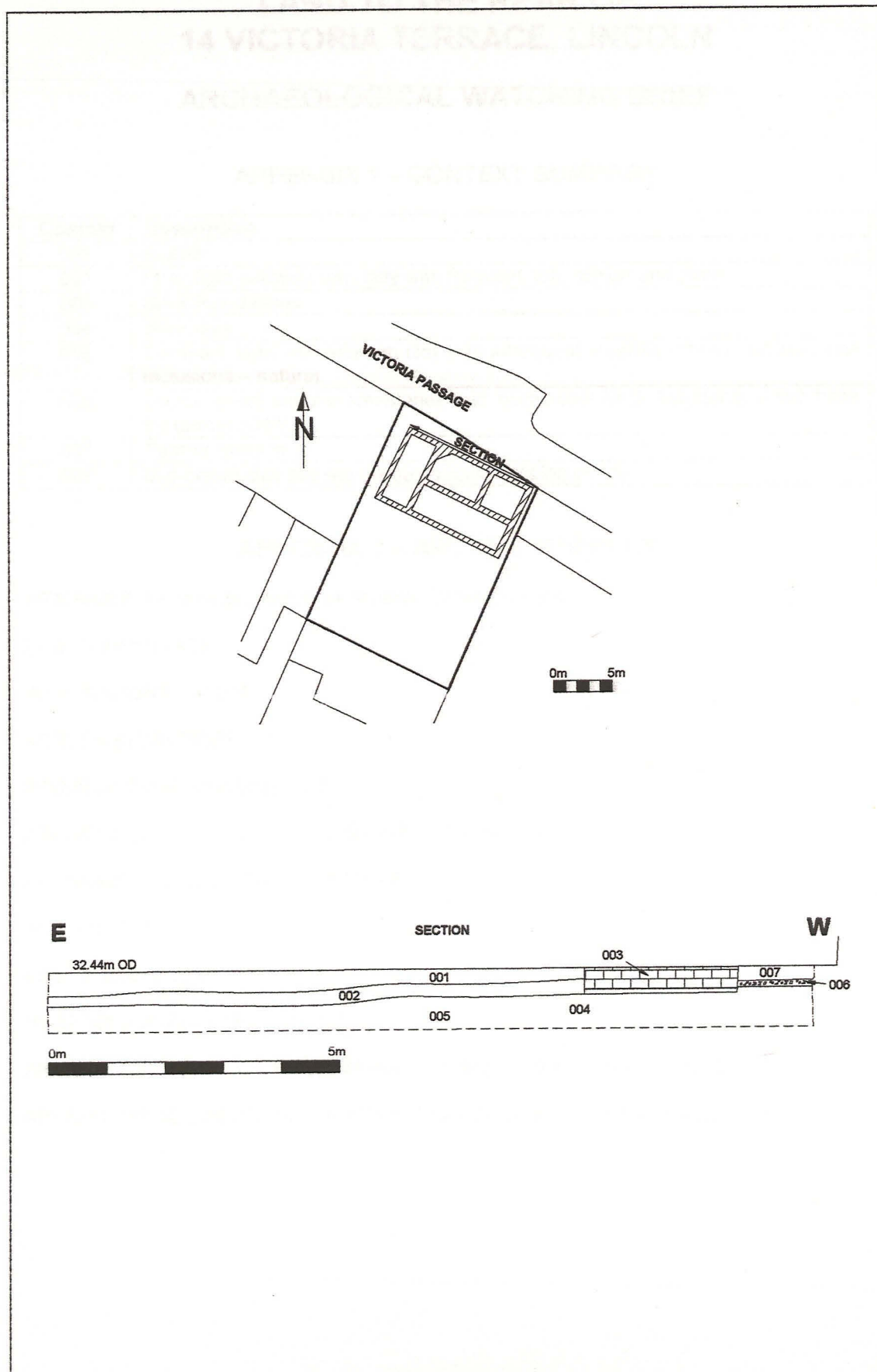


Fig. 2: Plan showing location of new building and section (scales 1:500 & 1:100).

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APPENDIX 1 – CONTEXT SUMMARY

Context	Description
001	topsoil
002	Firm, light yellow/brown clay with frequent ash, clinker and glass.
003	Brick foundations
004	Brick floor
005	Compact, light yellow/brown clay with infrequent small limestone and ironstone inclusions – natural.
006	Loose, small angular limestones and occasional brick fragments – sub-base for tarmac [007].
007	Tarmac surface.
008	Mid-brown clay soil with frequent brick building debris.

APPENDIX 2 – ARCHIVE SUMMARY

SITE NAME: Land to the rear of 14 Victoria Terrace, Lincoln

SITE CODE: VTA05

MJAS REPORT No: 531

NGR: SK 97250 71675

PROJECT TYPE: Watching Brief

PROJECT DATE: 29 December 2004 and 15 March 2005

PLANNING APPLICATION No.: 99/646/F

SMR No.: N/A

CIVIL PARISH: Lincoln

MUSEUM ACCESSION No.: 2004.271

ARCHIVE PRESENT LOCATION: MJAS, 1 Torrington Road, Lincoln, LN2 2DP

ARCHIVE FINAL LOCATION: The City and County Museum, Friars Lane, Lincoln