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Archaeological Watching Brief**

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**Summary**

*An archaeological watching brief was conducted during excavation of a foundation trench for a retaining wall. A thick topsoil layer was recorded. Further groundworks were not monitored. Several architectural fragments from an unknown building were seen in the garden borders, including a City of Lincoln crest.*

**Introduction**

Lindsey Archaeological Services was commissioned by Oakwell Construction to conduct an archaeological watching brief during groundworks at The Mount, Wragby Road, in accordance with the planning permission granted in April 10<sup>th</sup> 2006 and the general requirements set out in the *Standard Brief for Archaeological Projects in Lincolnshire* (Lincolnshire County Council Archaeology Section, August 1998). Archaeological monitoring by R. Pullen took place on May 3rd and 4th 2006, but was suspended while the foundations were redesigned. The building was later constructed on a raft foundation which was not monitored.

**Site Location and Description**

The development site is on the western side of The Mount, a detached nineteenth century building set in its own grounds to the east of Wragby Road and south of Greetwell Road, Lincoln (Pls. 1 and 2). The site lies within Conservation Area No. 3 (Lindum & Arboretum).

**Planning Background**

Planning permission was granted in April 2006 for the erection of a two-storey and single-storey side extension, (in accordance with agent's correspondence dated 23rd March 2006) at The Mount, Wragby Road Lincoln, subject to a number of conditions including a requirement for an archaeological watching brief during all groundwork (Figs. 1 and 2).

**Archaeological Background**

The site lies within an area of known archaeological remains characterised as having significant archaeological potential in the Lincoln Archaeological Research Assessment. The site lies east of the upper Roman city but there is potential for the presence of Roman burials in the vicinity; cremations and inhumation burials were recorded nearby during the eighteenth - century. This was an area of extensive quarrying in the medieval quarrying in the medieval period, both below-ground and on the surface. There was potential for disturbed ground and/or tunnels/galleries on the site.

The Mount was built in 1874, with a lodge on the main road.

## **The Watching Brief**

### ***Aims and Objectives***

The purpose of the Watching Brief was to record any archaeological deposits disturbed during groundworks at the above site and to provide results for accession to the County HER and the Lincoln UAD.

### ***Results***

Hand-excavation of a 0.4m deep foundation trench for a low retaining wall was monitored. The trench cut through turf and topsoil into a dark grey/brown loam (Pl. 3). No finds were made. A small trial hole was excavated beside the existing building to assess ground conditions for the new extension foundations. This showed that the dark soil extended below the trench base (Pl. 4).

A site inspection visit by the Building Inspector resulted in a requirement for a revised foundation design for the extension, because of the disturbed deposits presumed to represent backfilled quarry pits. The intended foundations were replaced with a 0.4m deep raft foundation which remained within the dark soil. Groundworks for the raft were conducted without archaeological monitoring.

During monitoring of the retaining wall trench, several pieces of carved stone were seen in the garden, including pieces of window moulding and a City of Lincoln crest (Pls. 5-8). The source of these architectural fragments is not known.

### **Conclusion**

Insufficient of this development was monitored to determine whether any archaeological features were disturbed by the groundworks.

### **Acknowledgements**

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### **Site Archive**

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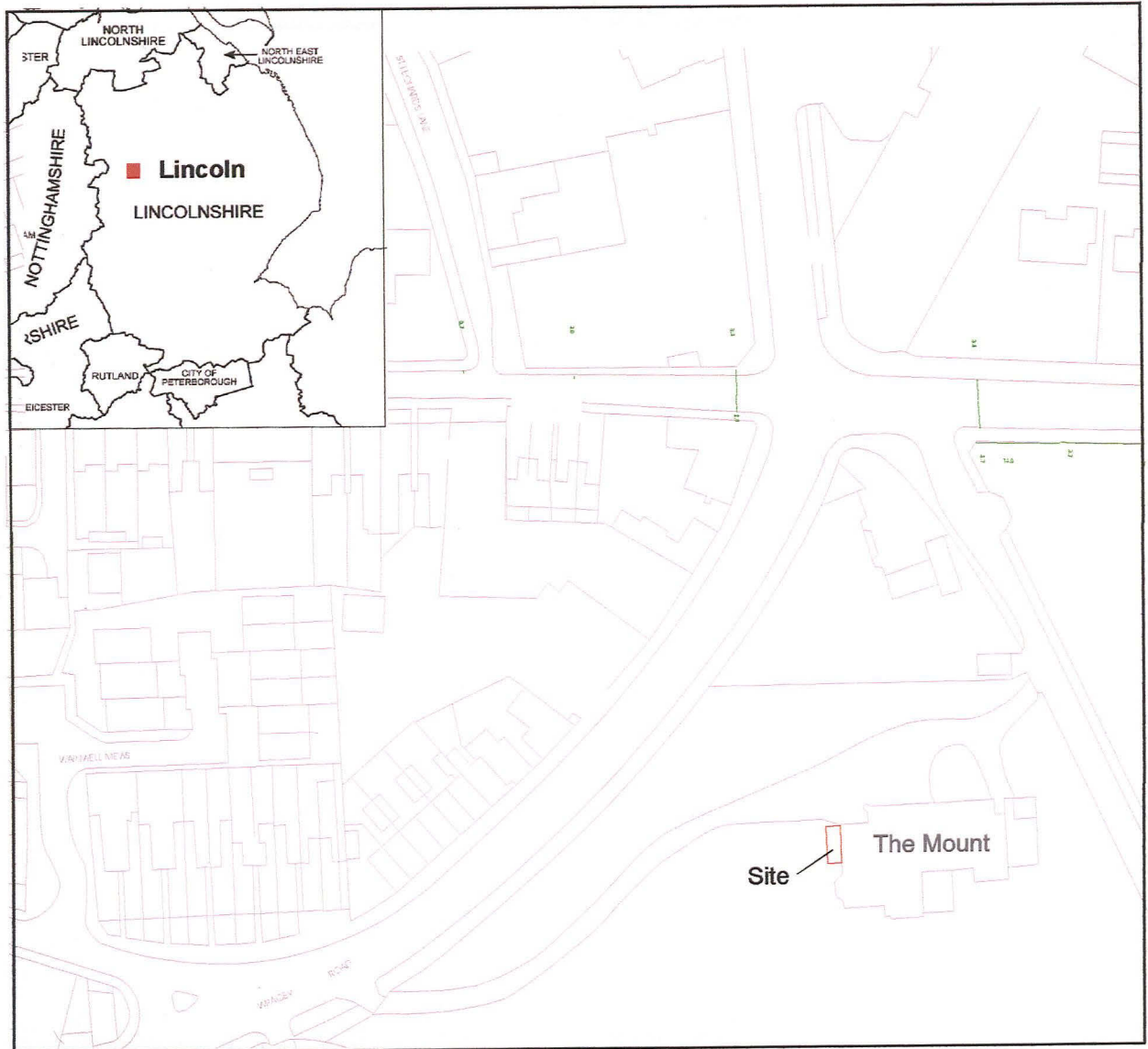


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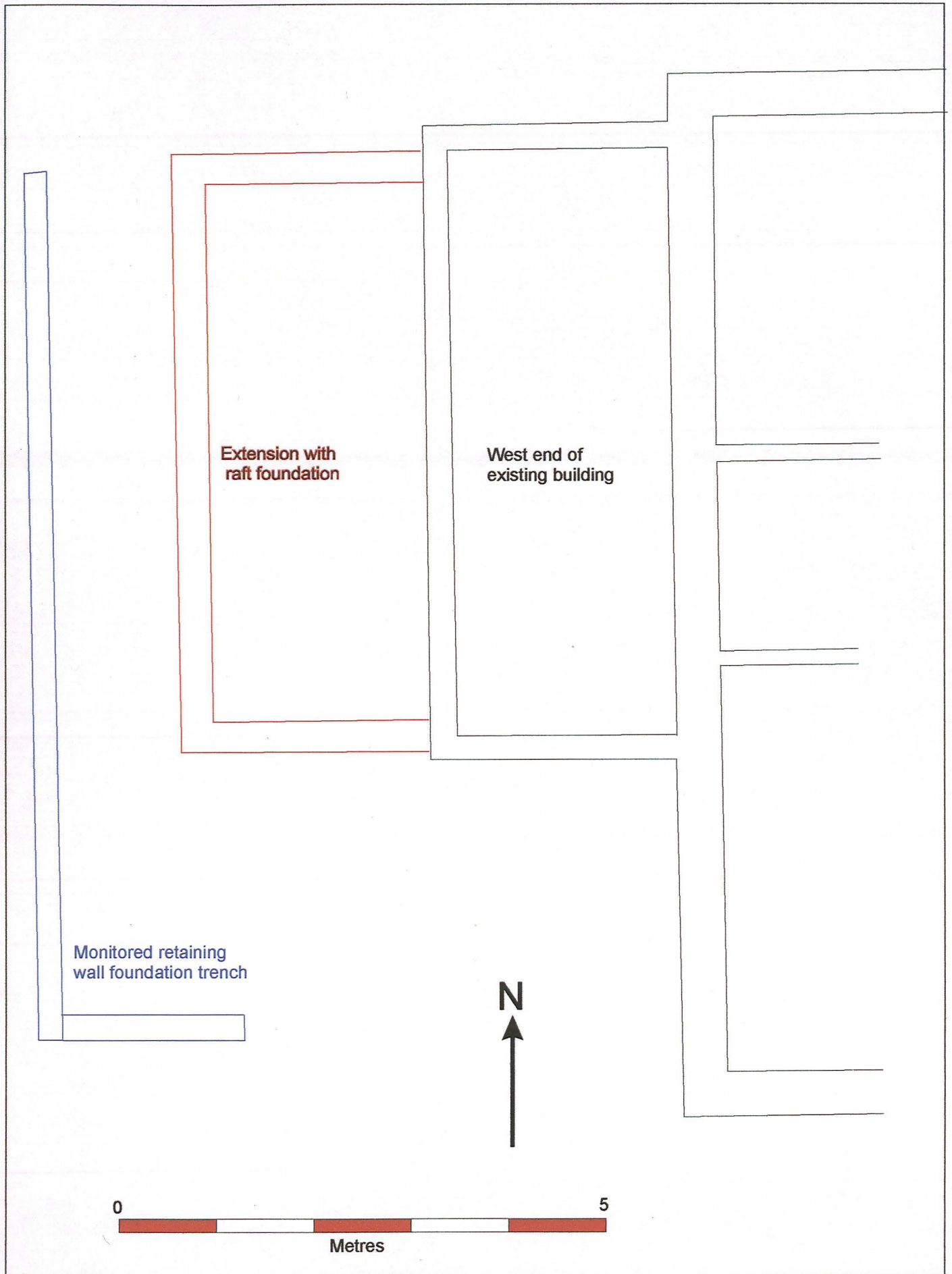


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