

**A REPORT TO  
Mr & Mrs T Chadderton**

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**199 NEWPORT  
LINCOLN**

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL  
WATCHING BRIEF**

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### ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF

#### NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY

- *Between the 21 and 22 June 2007, Mike Jarvis Archaeological Services undertook an archaeological watching brief on behalf of Mr and Mrs T Chadderton, during groundwork associated with the construction of a single storey extension to the rear of 199 Newport, Lincoln.*
- *The watching brief revealed only a few undated deposits and as a result has provided only limited information regarding the nature of the sites archaeological content. A layer of limestone revealed lying above natural may represent up-cast material deposited in the medieval period during the digging of the Newport boundary ditch similarly this material may be associated with 18<sup>th</sup> century limestone quarrying.*
- *Although the results of this watching brief have proved largely negative, an overall enhancement of knowledge of the area has been achieved with regard to the survival and extent of archaeological deposits. This information will be of value in future decision making in the management of the archaeological resource in this part of Lincoln.*

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### ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF

#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Between the 21 and 22 June 2007, Mike Jarvis Archaeological Services (MJAS) undertook an archaeological watching brief on behalf of Mr and Mrs T Chadderton, during groundwork associated with the construction of a single storey extension to the rear of 199 Newport, Lincoln.

#### 2.0 SITE LOCATION AND BACKGROUND (Fig. 1)

The site is located towards the north end of Newport opposite Bishop Grosseteste College (National Grid Reference: SK 9763 7288).

Full planning permission was granted on 7 June 2007 (**Application No.: 2007/0243/F**).

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); Legionary 'Prata' and 'Territorium'

Roman Colonia Era (90 – 410); Area of centuriation around the city

Early Medieval Era (410 – 850); Land around city potentially useable for settlement and agriculture

High Medieval Era (850 – 1350); Lincoln common fields

High Medieval Era (850-1350); Newport market

High Medieval Era (850-1350) Newport Boundary Ditch

High Modern Era (1350-1750) Newport Boundary Ditch

Early Modern Era (1350-1750); Newport market

Early Modern Era (1350 - 1750); City's arable fields

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

Industrial Era (1750 – 1945); Elementary schools

Industrial Era (1750 – 1945); Diocesan Training College (Bishop Grosseteste College)

Investigations immediately opposite the site to the west side of the Bishop Grosseteste college complex, revealed extensive evidence for Roman and medieval occupation. The site lies adjacent to and just within the line of the northern boundary of the medieval Newport ditch and market.



### 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) and the Lincoln Urban Archaeological Database (UAD).

The watching brief required observing all groundwork associated with the redevelopment of the site and the construction of the new sports hall building.

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



Plate 1: General view looking south showing the excavation of the foundation trench (Scale is 1m).

### 4.0 ANALYSIS AND RESULTS (Fig. 2 & Pl. 1)

The earliest deposit recorded was [004], a natural subsoil/brash clay silt containing frequent small limestone fragments (top – c. 63.46m OD – approximately 800mm below ground level). Above natural was [005], a narrow undated sandy clay deposit containing large amounts of small to mid sized angular limestone fragments (top – c. 63.58m OD). Sealing [005] was



undated pale brown clay silt ([003]) containing occasional mussel shell and charcoal fleck inclusions (top – c. 63.84m OD). In the northern part of the foundation trench, [003] was sealed by [002] a further undated clay silt layer similarly containing occasional mussel shell inclusions. Lying above [002] and [003] was topsoil [001] that formed the present ground level (c. 64.20m OD). A modern drain ([006]) cut into topsoil on the north side of the site.

No further features/deposits were encountered during the watching brief.

In conclusion, the few undated deposits revealed during the watching brief have provided only limited information regarding the nature of the sites archaeological content. The limestone layer revealed lying above natural may represent up-cast material associated with the digging of Newport boundary ditch during the medieval period similarly this material may be associated with 18<sup>th</sup> century limestone quarrying.

Although the results of this watching brief have proved largely negative, an overall enhancement of knowledge of the area has been achieved with regard to the survival and extent of archaeological deposits. This information will be of value in future decision making in the management of the archaeological resource in this part of Lincoln.

## 5.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MJAS would like to thank Mr and Mrs T Chadderton for funding the watching brief and post-fieldwork analysis. Thanks are also extended to the City Archaeologist (Mr M J Jones) for his advice and guidance.

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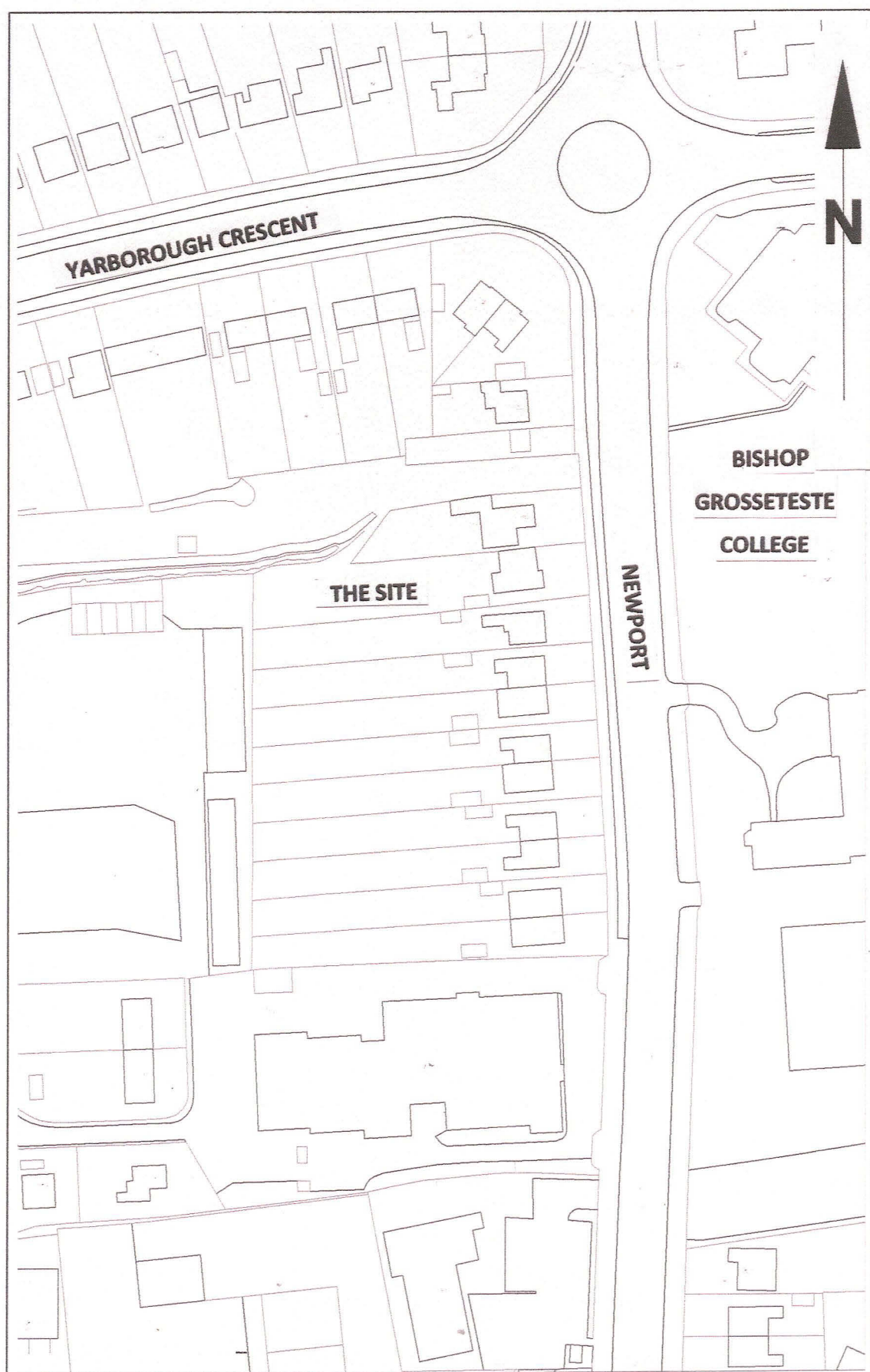


Fig. 1: Site location Map (1:1250).



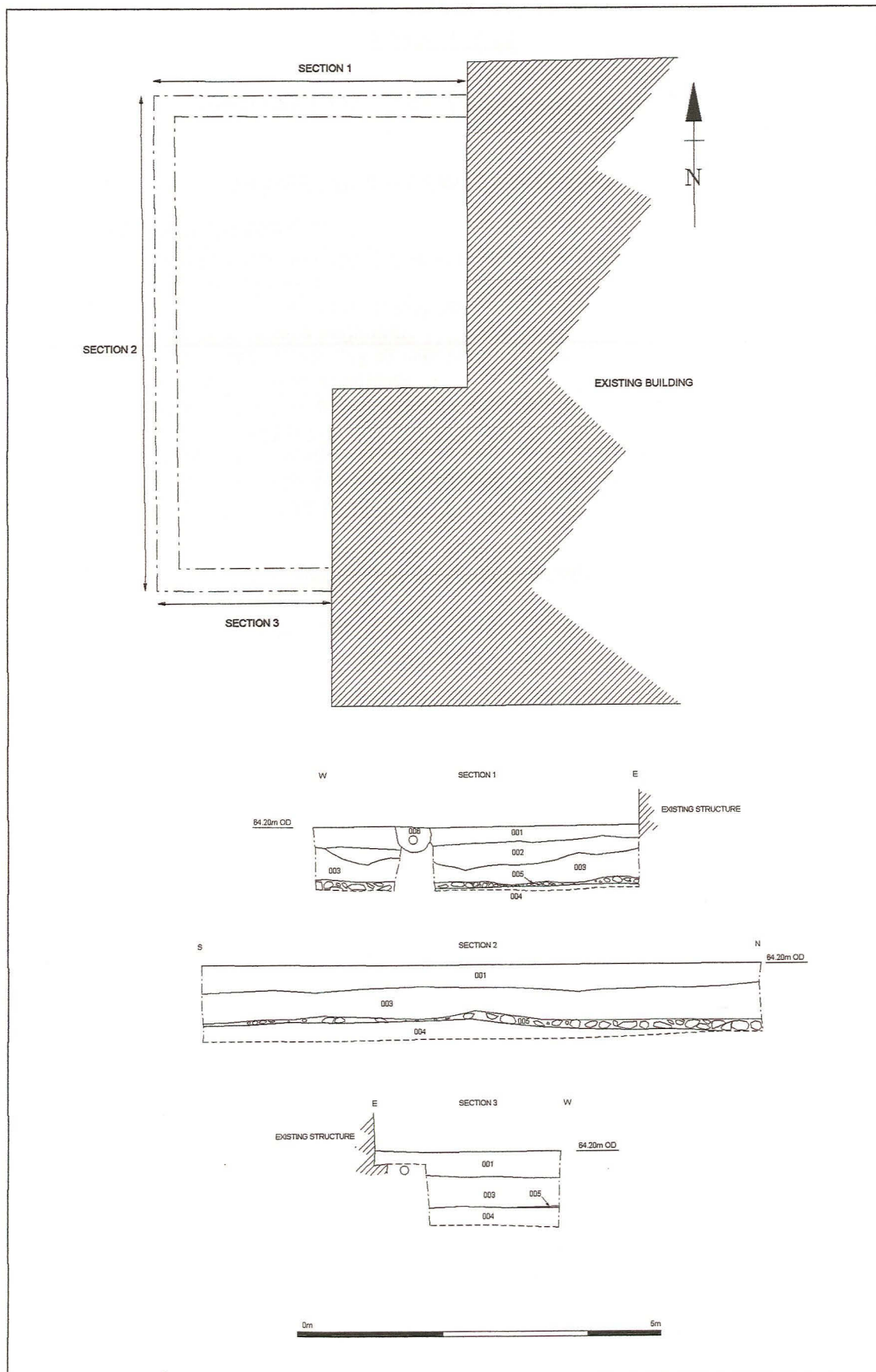


Fig. 2: Plan showing location of foundation trench and sections 1 - 3 (not to scale).



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#### APPENDIX 1 – CONTEXT SUMMARY

CONTEXT	DESCRIPTION
001	Topsoil – firm, dark grey/brown clay silt with occasional brick and small angular limestone fragments.
002	Layer – pale yellow/brown clay silt with occasional mussel shell and small angular limestone fragments.
003	Layer – pale brown clay silt with occasional shell/charcoal flecks and small angular limestone fragments.
004	Layer – light olive brown clay silt with occasional – frequent small angular limestone fragments.
005	Layer – compacted layer of light grey/brown sandy clay with very frequent small – mid sized limestone fragments – possibly up cast from boundary ditch.
006	Modern drain pipe and cut.

#### APPENDIX 2 – ARCHIVE SUMMARY

**SITE NAME:** 199 Newport, Lincoln

**SITE CODE:** LNP07

**MJAS REPORT No:** 547

**NGR:** SK 9763 7288

**PROJECT TYPE:** Watching Brief

**PROJECT DATE:** 21 – 22 June 2007

**PLANNING APPLICATION No.:** 2007/0243/F

**CLIENT:** Mr & Mrs T Chadderton, 199 Newport, Lincoln LN1 3DX

**SMR No.:** N/A

**CIVIL PARISH:** Lincoln

**MUSEUM ACCESSION No.:** 2007.124

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

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