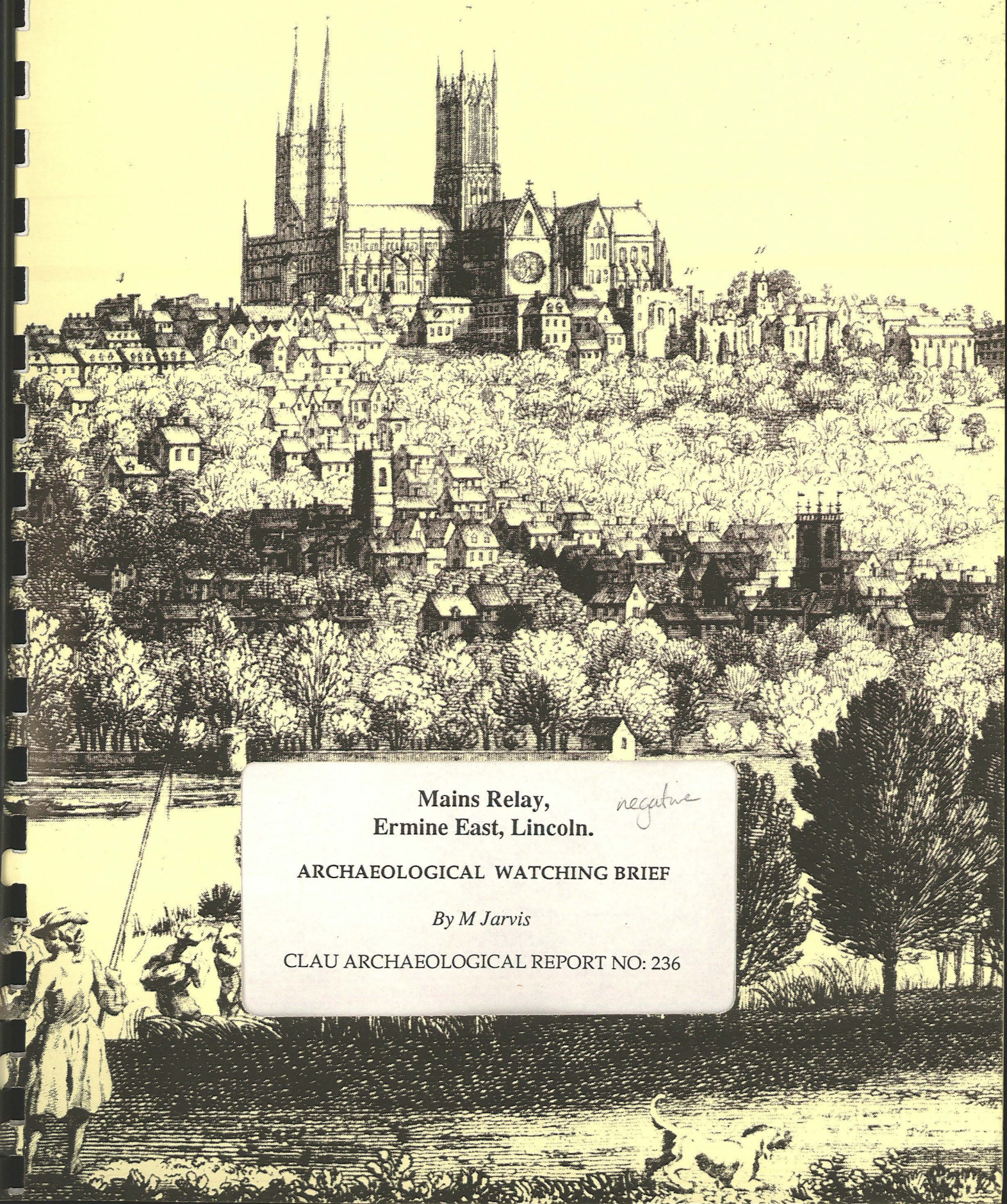


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## **ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF**

### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

Between August and October 1995, representatives from the City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit, on behalf of Anglian Water, intermittently monitored the excavation of pipe trenches associated with the installation of a new mains water relay, along the line of Breedon Drive, Ermine East, Lincoln (Fig. 1).

### **2.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

Little is known of the archaeological history of this area of Lincoln. However, the proximity of the scheme to Burton Road (believed to be built on the line of a Roman road, heading north-west from the west gate of the Upper Roman city) meant that a possibility did exist, on certain areas of the pipeline route, for disturbance to archaeological deposits associated with extra-mural activity.

### **3.0 RESULTS**

The installation of the mains relay required the laying of 1877m of 180mm water pipe to a depth of c.1m. The majority of archaeological monitoring was carried out towards the Breedon Drive junction with Burton Road, where the potential for discovering archaeological deposits was highest.

The exposed trench sections showed a deposit of natural limestone brash occurred c.500mm below existing ground level. A deposit of mid brown clay/sand soil, mixed with frequent limestone brash inclusions sealed natural and was in turn overlain by deposits associated with the construction of the road (Breedon Drive).

Observations of the pipeline trenches revealed no definite archaeological deposits and/or

features in the area of the Breedon Drive/Burton Road junction, therefore it was decided to terminate the watching brief on further pipeline work.

### **4.0 CONCLUSIONS**

The findings from the watching brief, whilst negative, have provided information to further enhance our understanding of archaeological survival in this part of Lincoln.

### **5.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit would like to thank Anglian Water for funding the watching brief and post-fieldwork analysis. Thanks are also extended to the site contractor, M. P. Burke PLC, for their co-operation throughout the archaeological programme.

### **6.0 LHA NOTE/ARCHIVE DETAILS**

#### **6.1 LHA NOTE DETAILS**

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DATE OF INTERVENTION: October 1995  
TYPE OF INTERVENTION: Watching Brief  
UNDERTAKEN FOR: Anglian Water

#### **6.2 ARCHIVE LOCATION**

PRESENT LOCATION: City of Lincoln  
Archaeology Unit, Charlotte House, The  
Lawn, Union Road, Lincoln, LN1 3BL.

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

MUSEUM ACCESSION No:  
ACCESSION DATE:



Fig. 1 Site Location Plan

