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**Report to**  
***Grogan-Culling Architects***

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## **ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION**

### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

During February 1995 the City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit (C.L.A.U.) was commissioned by Grogan Culling Architects, on behalf of the developer Cablestone Ltd, to carry out a watching brief on groundworks connected with the redevelopment of the above property, to the east of Burton Road (see Fig.1).

The planned redevelopment of the site entailed demolition of existing garages, and the removal of concrete hardstanding, to be followed by consolidation prior to the construction of 7 new dwellings.

The information in this document is presented with the proviso that further data may yet emerge. The Unit, its members and employees cannot, therefore, be held responsible for any loss, delay or damage, material or otherwise, arising out of this report. The document has been prepared in accordance with the terms of the Unit's Articles of Association, the Code of Conduct of the Institute of Field Archaeologists, and *The Management of Archaeological Projects 2* (English Heritage, 1991).

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

The site lies in an area of known archaeological importance lying to the north-west of the Roman and medieval city walls, and is located to the east of a Roman road believed to follow roughly the line of the modern Burton Road. In view of this, the area is believed likely to contain evidence of

Roman and medieval suburban occupation and land-use.

Evaluation excavations were carried out to the south, at Cuthbert's Yard (to the north-east of the Burton Road/Westgate junction), during 1989-90 in order to locate and investigate the Roman defences. These works revealed evidence of the first defensive ditch, wooden palisade and rampart bank (belonging to the legionary fortress), together with later modifications (associated with the Roman *Colonia*), including infilling and repositioning of the ditch, and replacement of the wooden palisade with a stone wall.

Adjacent to Burton Road two north-south gullies were also revealed, possibly associated with a medieval or even Roman predecessor of Burton Road.

### **3.0 RESULTS**

Only one deposit was present across the site, comprising a moderately compacted, very mixed, mid-light yellow-brown to mid grey-brown sandy earth and clay layer. This was seen to be at least 1.0m thick to the limit of excavation (L.O.E.), and contained large amounts of modern bricks, concrete and limestone pieces, degraded limestone, and other assorted rubbish.

This deposit sealed the remains of a rough limestone wall, aligned with the northern boundary of the site, consisting of two rough, unbonded, courses of limestone blocks, which continued to L.O.E.

### **4.0 CONCLUSIONS**

Notwithstanding the potential of the site, as related above, the results from this watching brief have proved to be largely negative, with no evidence of any archaeological features or finds predating the 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. The only feature recorded across the site is probably the remnant of the structure shown in this location on the First Series Ordnance Survey map of 1887, possibly a barn or similar building, with the widespread mixed dump deposit also related to the demolition of this, and neighbouring, structures.

However, while the above is true for the area covered by this development, this has only

been confirmed at the depths investigated during this project, and does not therefore preclude the survival of archaeological remains in other locations.

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### **5.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit would like to thank the following for their assistance during this project: Mr S.Culling, of Grogan-Culling Architects, 19 Chestnut Street, Lincoln, LN1 3HB.

### **6.0 BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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### **7.0 LHA NOTE/ARCHIVE DETAILS**

#### **7.1 LHA NOTE DETAILS**

CLAU CODE: ON551

PLANNING APPLICATION NO.:  
LC12/0650/94

FIELD OFFICER: K.Wragg

NGR: SK 9725/7240

CIVIL PARISH: Lincoln

SMR No.:

DATE OF INTERVENTION: 21/02/95-  
28/02/95

TYPE OF INTERVENTION: Watching Brief

UNDERTAKEN FOR: Grogan Culling  
Architects

#### **7.2 ARCHIVE DETAILS**

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.: -

<b>CITY OF LINCOLN ARCHAEOLOGY UNIT</b>		
SITE CODE: ON551	PLANE/ELEV/SECTION NO:	
CLIENT: Grogan-Culling Architects		
DESCRIPTION: <b>Site Location Plan</b>		
SCALE: 1:500	ARCHIVE NO:	
DRAWN BY:	CHECKED:	DATE: 29/03/96
MUSEUM ACCESSION NO:		



**KEY**  
 Location of Site



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Fig.1