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Report to
David Glew, Architect & Surveyor, Lincoln

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

As a condition of Planning consent, the City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit (C.L.A.U.) was commissioned by David Glew, Architect & Surveyor, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. A. Syson, to carry out a watching brief, during May 1996, on groundworks connected with the erection of an extension at the above property.(Fig.1).

The structural elements of the proposed development of the site consisted of the demolition of two out-buildings to the west and north-west of the existing structure, followed by the erection of a two storied extension.

Groundworks entailed the excavations for foundation trenches together with trenching for associated services. The archaeological monitoring of these works was carried out intermittently between 21st May to 28th May 1996.

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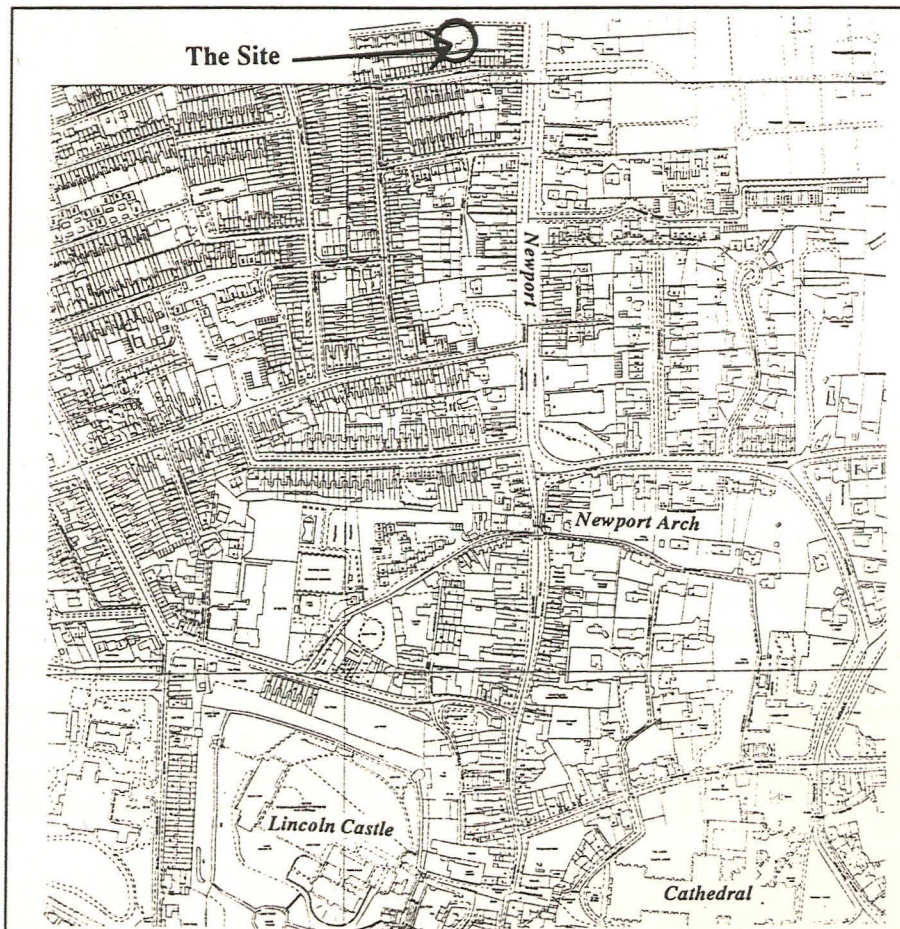


Fig. 1 Location of site

2.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The site lies to the west of Newport which follows approximately the line of the Roman Ermine Street. Development along Ermine Street has been identified by the discovery of the remains of substantial Roman and medieval occupation (the latter apparently associated with the post-Norman conquest suburb of Newport and the so-called "Newport earthwork") during excavations in the grounds of Bishop Grosseteste College in 1937, in the 1970's and in the 1990's. Between 1992 and 1995 evidence for the graveyard of the medieval church of St. John the Baptist together with evidence for quarrying activity have been identified in several locations north and north east of the site of the proposed development.

Closer to the Newport Arch earlier finds suggested the presence of a Roman cemetery in the area of Rasen Lane and in 1995 part of a Roman trader's house was identified north of Lilleys Road. It is possible that at times the whole frontage of Ermine Street/Newport was built up almost as far as the Riseholme Road roundabout (MJ Jones pers comm).

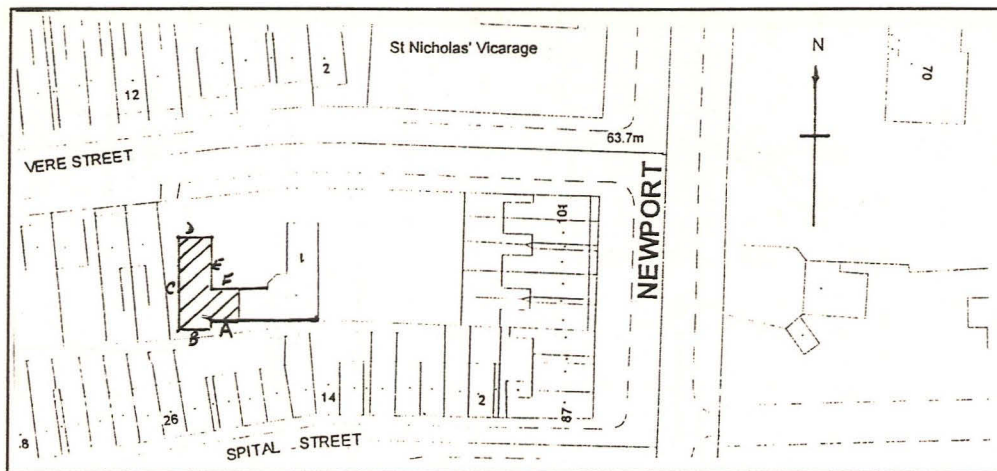


Fig 2 Location of trenches

3.0 RESULTS

Six foundation trenches were excavated: trenches A to F (Fig.2). Originally, three drainage trenches were also to be excavated but an old service pipe was identified and subsequently only two drainage trenches were excavated, DT1 and DT2. Trench depth varied from 1.4m to 1.9m deep.

All the deposits appeared to be dump/in fill material (Fig 3). In the deeper trenches (Trenches E and F), the earliest deposits, recorded were a yellow clay (111) and an orange clay (115). (111) was sealed by (110) a dark grey earth which was subsequently sealed by a series of ash and clay deposits, (109), (108), (107) and (106). These were sealed by (105) a dark grey sandy earth. (115) was cut into by clay deposit (116) and a dark grey clayey earth (114). These deposits were then overlain by (113) a light brown clayey earth. Sealing (113) was topsoil (100).

A dark grey earth with limestone inclusions (104), (110), (119) was recorded at the limit of excavation (L.O.E.) in Trenches A,B,C, and D. This deposit was sealed by a layer of dark grey soil with some limestone fragments(103) and a dark brown clay (102). Sealing this was topsoil (100). Finds were recovered from these later deposits, but only consisted of modern brick and tile.

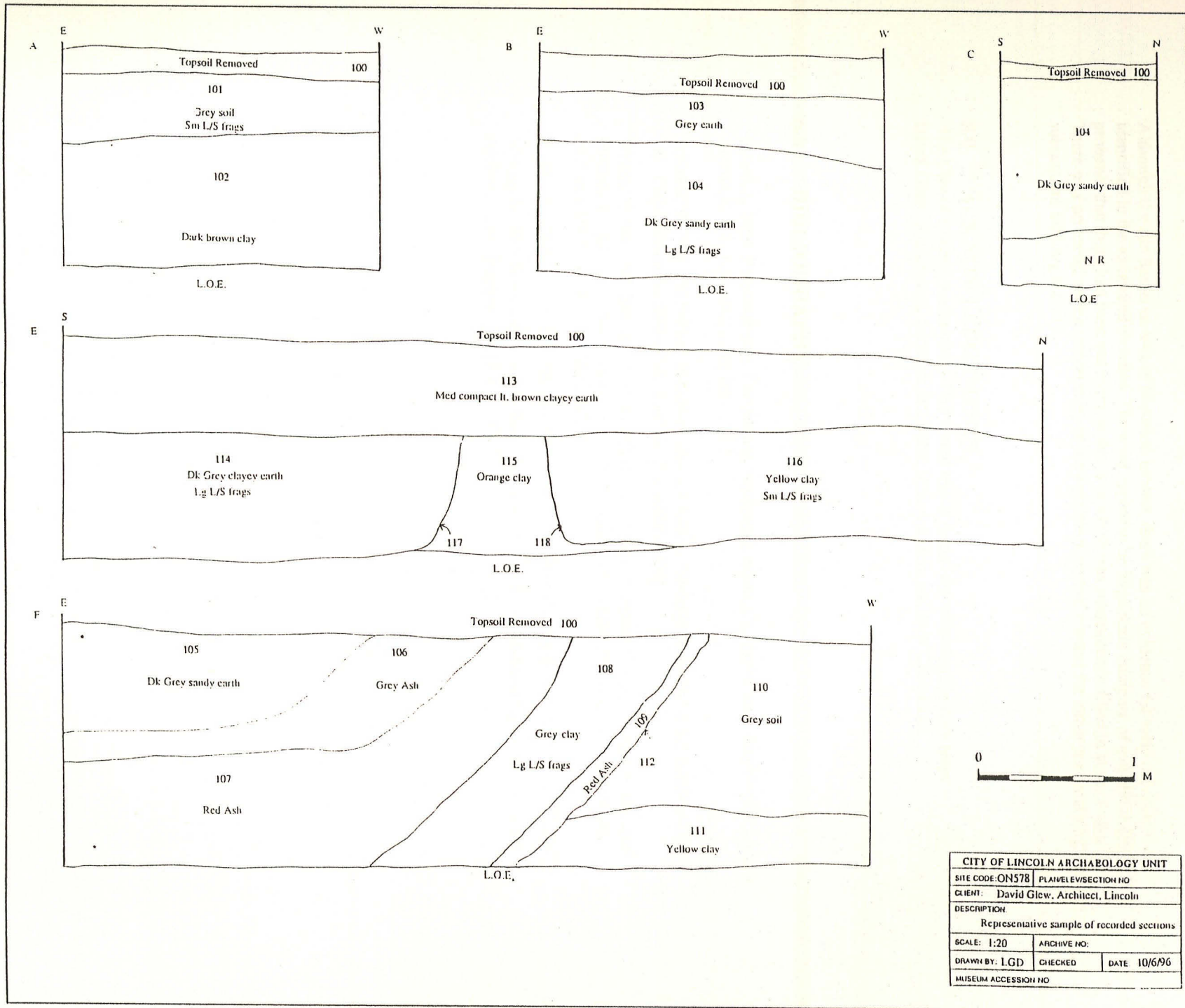


Fig. 3 Representative sample of recorded sections

4.0 CONCLUSIONS

Although the site lies in an area of historical interest, there was no evidence for early occupation identified in the excavated trenches. There did appear to be large scale dumping of soil and stone. It is probable that there had been quarrying in this area which was subsequently filled in at some date. There was no useful dating information on the possible historical context for either the quarrying or the subsequent infilling activity.

5.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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7.0 LHA NOTE/ARCHIVE DETAILS

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FIELD OFFICER: L Donel

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CIVIL PARISH: Lincoln

SMR No.:

DATE OF INTERVENTION: 21/05/96 - 28/05/96

TYPE OF INTERVENTION: Watching Brief

UNDERTAKEN FOR: DAVID GLEW Architect & Surveyor, 20 West Parade, Lincoln,
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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.: -

ACCESSION DATE: -

2nd July 1996

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For the attention of Mr. S Spikings

Dear Sir,

EXTENSION TO 1 VERE ST, LINCOLN

PLANNING APPLICATION NO.LC05/0306/96

ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF

Please find enclosed 2 copies of our Archaeological Report No.254 describing the results of the watching brief carried out in conjunction with development groundwork at the above site.

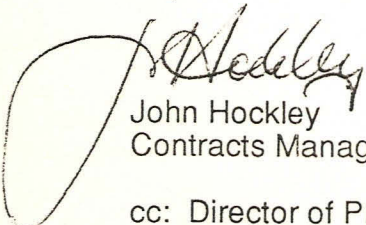
A copy of the report has also been forwarded to the Director of Planning, Lincoln City Council. Further copies will be lodged with the Lincolnshire Sites and Monuments Record Office and with the City and County Museum as part of the project archive in due course.

We also enclose our invoice for the costs of site attendance, report preparation and archive accession. Your early attention in arranging prompt payment would be greatly appreciated.

We would take this opportunity to thank all parties concerned for their interest and co-operation.

Yours faithfully,

For and on behalf of the
City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit


John Hockley
Contracts Manager

cc: Director of Planning, Lincoln City Council
County Sites and Monuments Record Office