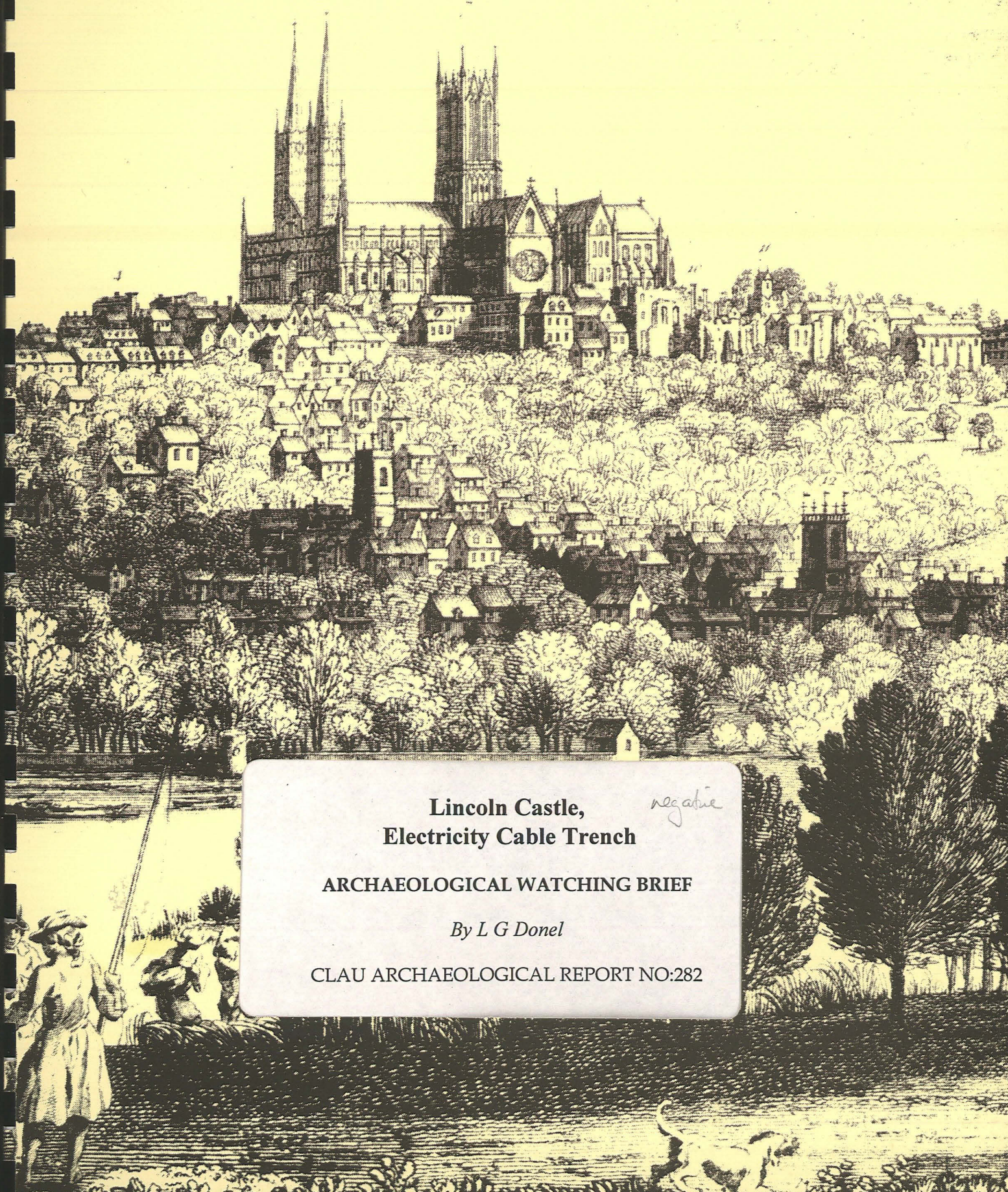


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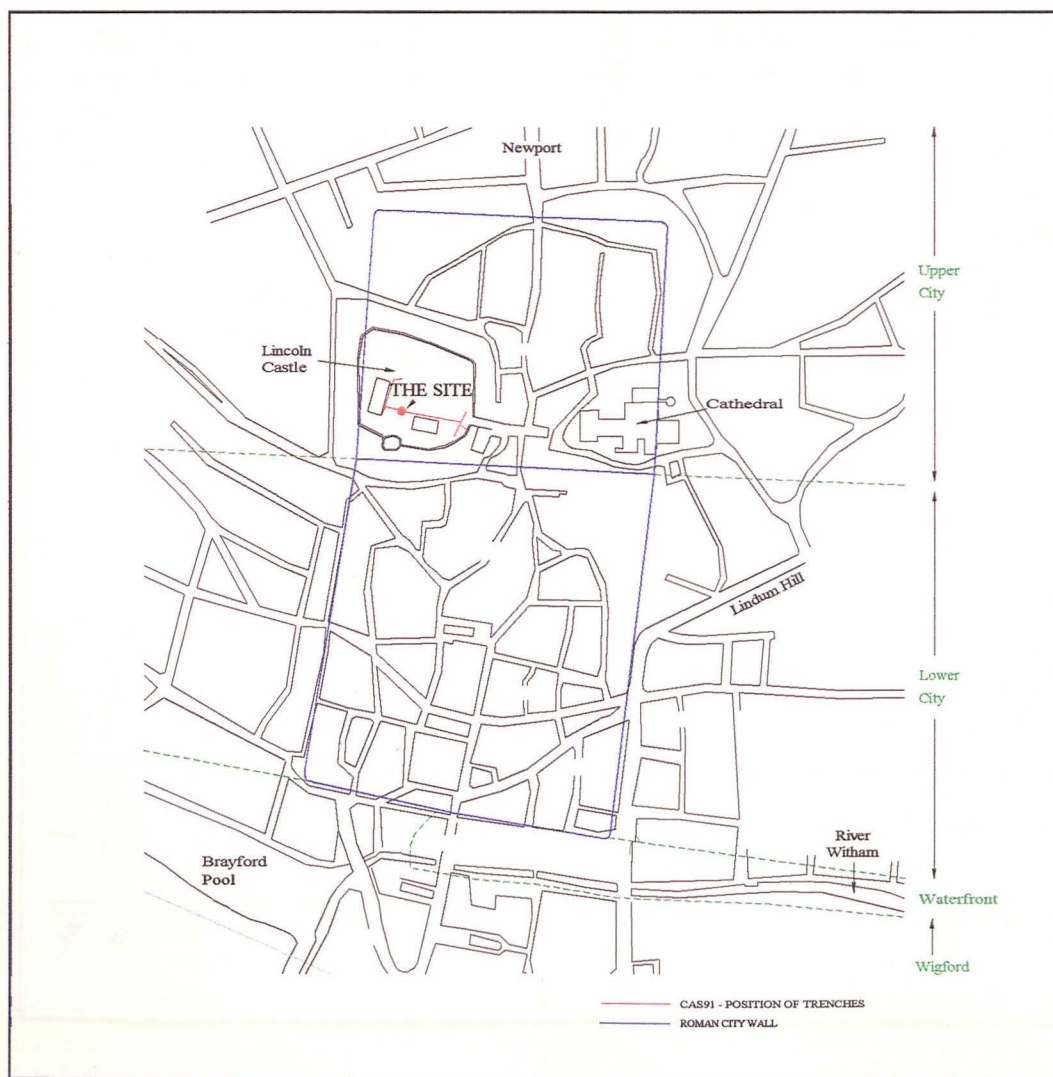
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

As a condition of a Class V of the Ancient Monuments (Class Consents) Order 1981 as amended by the Ancient Monuments (Class Consents) Order 1984, where Class V relates to "Works which are essential for the purpose of health and safety", the City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit (CLAU) was commissioned by Lincolnshire County Council to undertake archaeological recording of the groundworks associated with electricity installations at Lincoln Castle (Fig.1).

Groundworks consisted of the re-excavation of an East-West service trench, situated in the lawn between the prison and court buildings, in order to gain access to the previously installed electricity cable (1991 -1992) so that repairs could be made to the existing system which had been damaged by the insertion of tent pegs into the ground.

Fig.1 - General site location plan also showing the site in its historical context.



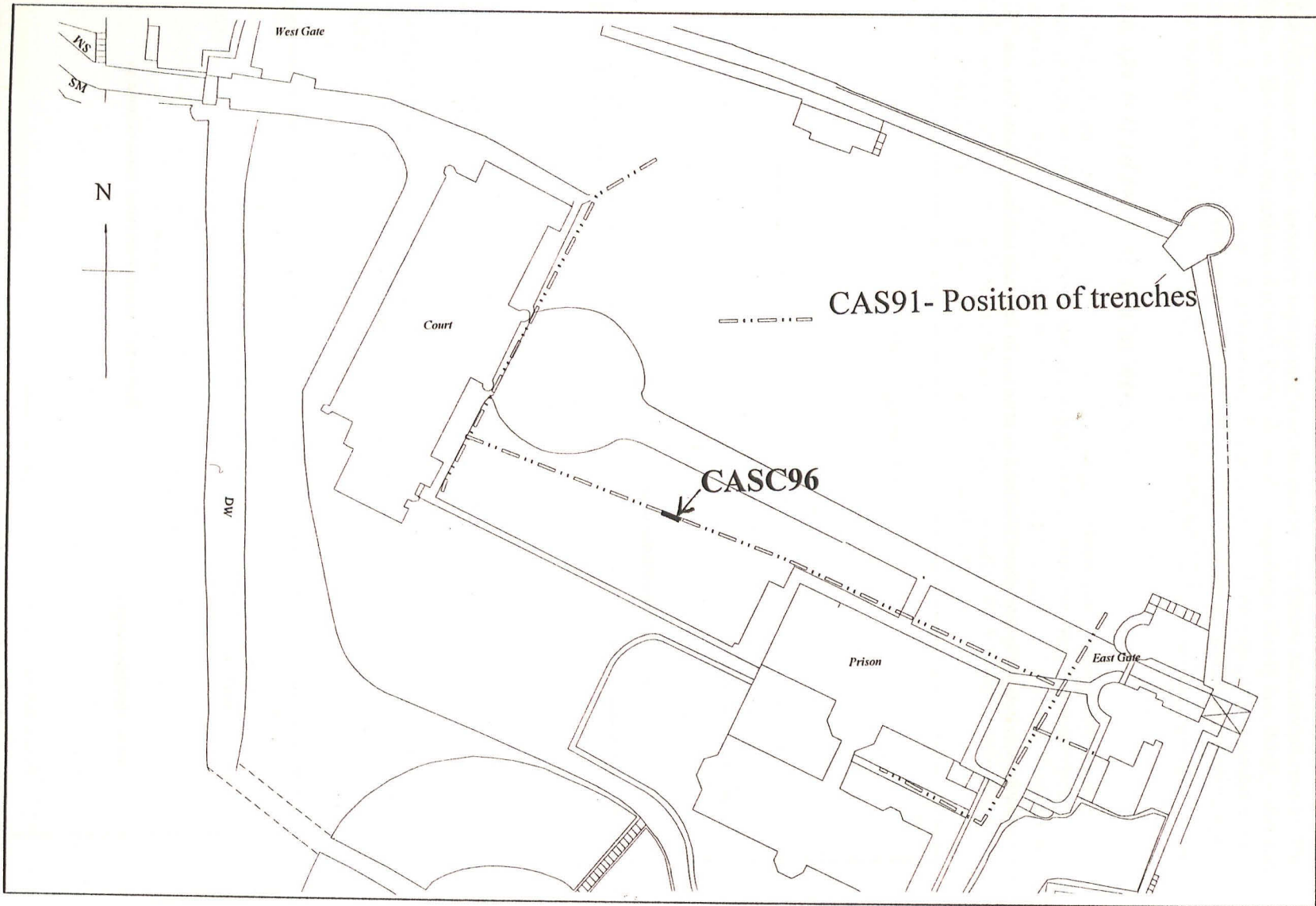


Fig.2 - Trench location plan - CASC96 and CAS91

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2.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

In 1992, following the excavation of several evaluation pits (Donel 1992), service trenches were excavated (Donel 1993) over a large part of the castle (Fig.2). The East-West trench which lay between the prison and Crown Court buildings was excavated to a depth of 1.6 metres. Evidence of 18th and 19th century use was recorded in the form of a surface which was uncovered at c.550mm below present ground level and various deposits of dumped material which probably represented landscaping, but no earlier deposits were uncovered in this area (Fig.3).

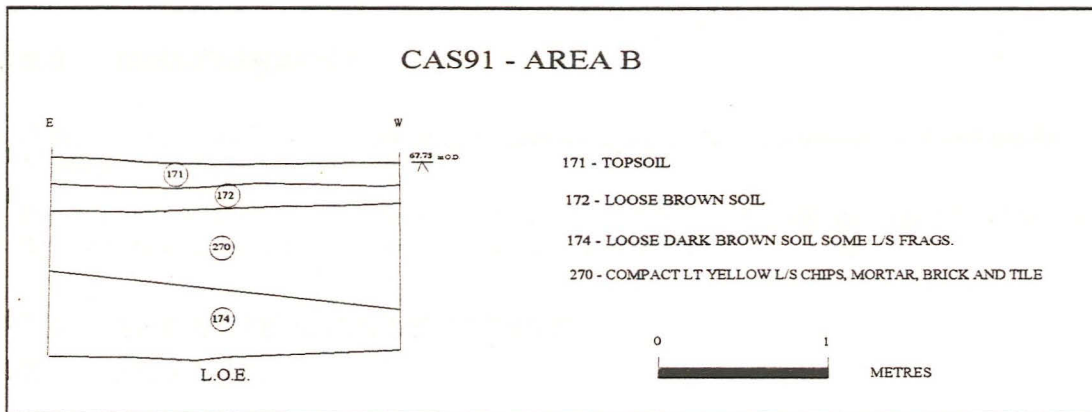


Fig.3 - East West Section 1992

3.0 RESULTS

A trench measuring c3m. by c500mm by c750mm was excavated. The stratigraphy sequence consisted of a yellow sand which covered the various services. This sand had formed part of the required backfill during the installation of the service trenches in 1992. Sealing the sand was topsoil (Fig.4).

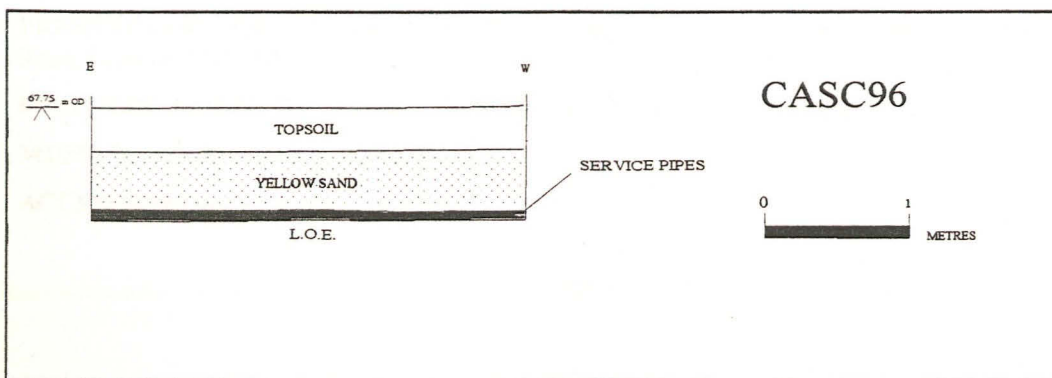


Fig.4 - East - West Section 1996

4.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The castle is a monument of recognised national historical and archaeological importance and as such is County Scheduled Ancient Monument No.1. Although in this instance the excavation only uncovered a previously excavated trench, it is important to note that the main part of this lawn area has not been excavated and may still retain features which might require preservation and recording should they be disturbed.

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7.0 LHA NOTE/ARCHIVE DETAILS

7.1 LHA NOTE

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7.2 ARCHIVE DETAILS

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

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