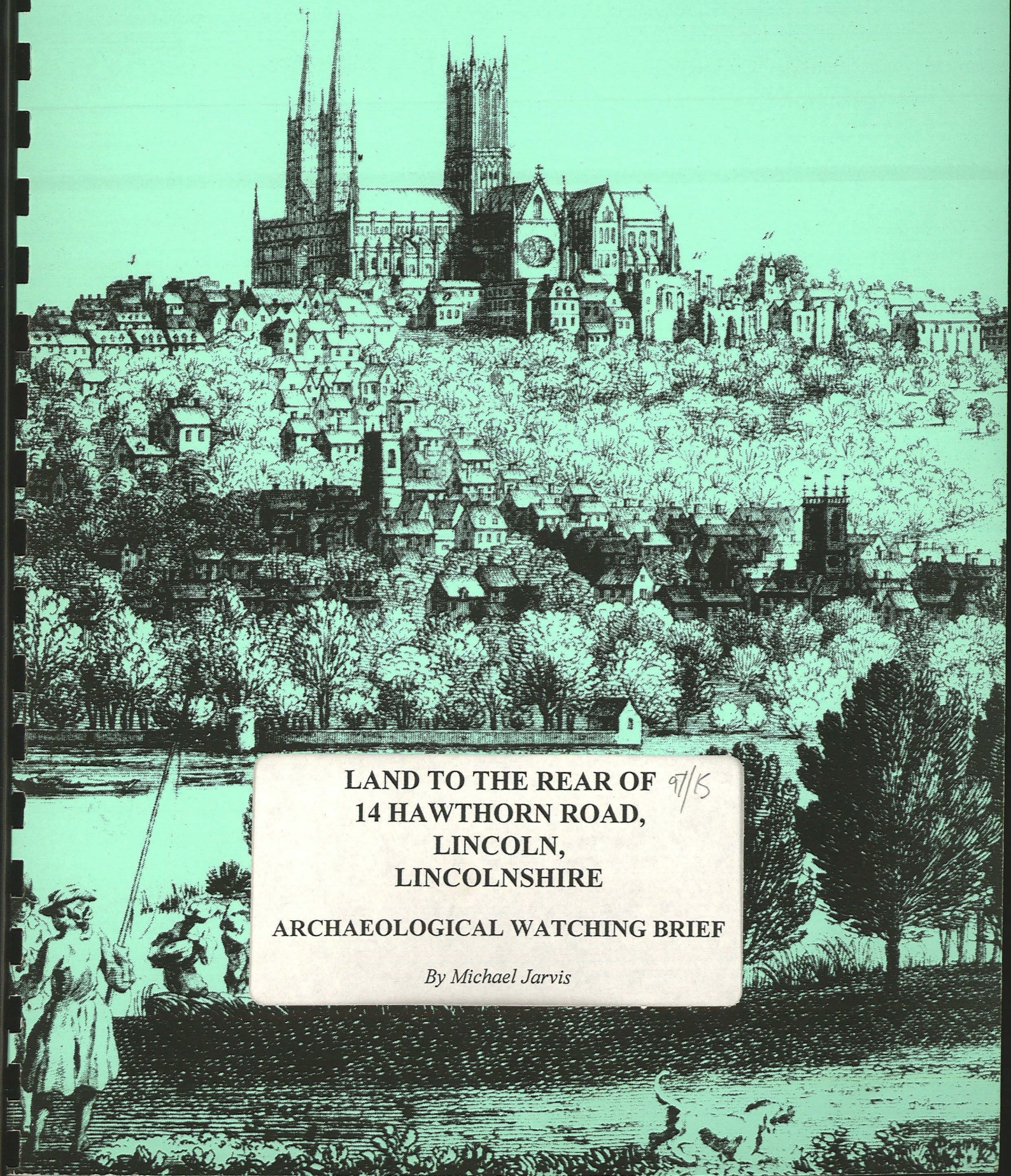


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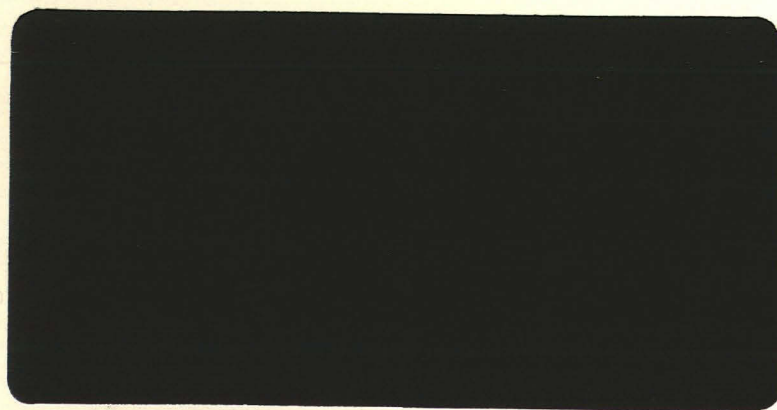


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**NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY**

*Between February and October 1997, the City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit undertook a watching brief during the excavation of foundation trenches associated with the construction of two residential dwellings on land to the rear of the above property. Previous archaeological work in the vicinity of the site had revealed evidence for ancient land use in the form of prehistoric ditch systems and possibly Roman occupation.*

*The watching brief revealed no evidence to suggest that the site contained archaeological deposits or features. Deposits of natural clay were encountered c.700mm below ground level.*

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



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## ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF

### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Between February and October 1997, a representative from the City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit (CLAU) undertook a watching brief during the excavation of foundation trenches associated with the construction of two residential dwellings on land to the rear of the above property. The work was undertaken as a requirement for the granting of planning permission (Planning Application Nos. LD01/0627/96 & LD01/0628/96). Previous archaeological work in the vicinity of the site has revealed evidence for ancient land use in the form of prehistoric ditch systems and possibly Roman occupation.

### 2.0 SITE LOCATION

The site lies on at the north-east edge of the city of Lincoln, to the south of Hawthorn Road. Grid Reference TF 0025 7297 (see Fig. 1).

### 3.0 AIMS & METHODOLOGY

The aims of the watching brief were:

- A. to produce an archive record of deposits and remains generally within the constraints of the groundwork contractors' working methods and programme as related to the project design, with due regard to current Health and Safety legislation.
- B. to produce a report on the archaeological importance of the discoveries.
- C. to produce a project archive from which the potential for further study and academic research could be assessed.
- D. to provide information for accession to the County Sites and Monuments Record.

The archaeological record was secured by means of trench side notes. Scaled drawings were made and a full photographic record was also compiled.

### 4.0 ANALYSIS/CONCLUSIONS

*This watching brief revealed no evidence to suggest that the site contained archaeological deposits or features (see Fig. 2).*

The foundation trenches to these two properties were excavated by mechanical excavator to a depth of c.800mm(see Plate I). Natural geology (a friable, yellow/grey clay, context [001]) was encountered at relatively shallow depths (700mm ) in both of the examined plots. A 300mm thick deposit of heavy, clay/sand earth [002], also of probable natural origin, sealed [001]. A 400mm thick top/plough-soil overlay [002]. No evidence was recorded in all of the foundation trench sections examined to suggest that any archaeological deposits or features were present on the site.



Due to the financial circumstances of the development programme, the complete excavation of all foundation trenches for Plot 2 was not undertaken. Instead, only the foundation trenches supporting the principal external walls to the property were excavated. The remainder, and associated service trenches, were to be completed upon sale of the property, the contractor's priority being the completion of the properties' 'outer shell'. The contractor could give no time-scale as to the completion of this final element of the development. It was therefore decided, after consultation with the City Archaeology Officer, to complete the archaeological programme at this stage, bearing in mind the negative results of watching brief to date.



Plate 1: General view of Plot 1 looking east, showing mechanical excavation of foundation trenches.

In conclusion, although the results from this watching brief have proved negative, an 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 with regard to the management of the archaeological resource in this area of Lincoln.

#### **5.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit would like to thank Mr. J. Harrod for funding the fieldwork and post-fieldwork analysis. Thanks are also extended to Ian George (Lincoln City Council Archaeology Officer) for his advice & guidance.

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Fig. 1: General Site Location Plan.



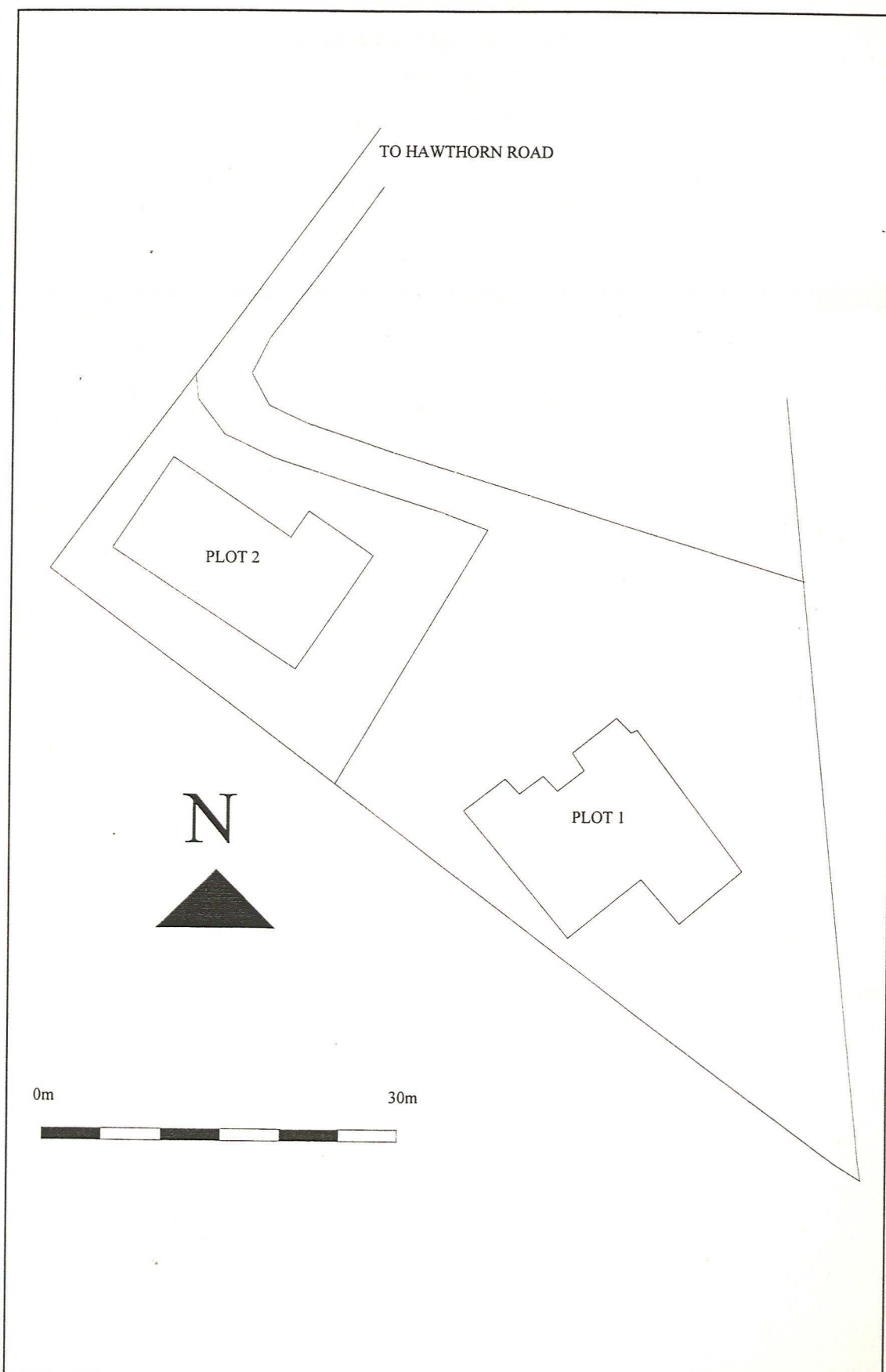


Fig. 2: Building Plot Location Plan.



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**LHA NOTE & ARCHIVE DETAILS**

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PLANNING APPLICATION NO.: LD01/0627/96 & LD01/0628/96

FIELD OFFICER: Michael Jarvis

NGR: TF 0025 7297

CIVIL PARISH: Lincoln

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DATE OF INTERVENTION: , 24/02/97-24/10/97

TYPE OF INTERVENTION: Watching Brief

UNDERTAKEN FOR: Mr. J. Harrod, 117 Grange Crescent, Lincoln, Lincolnshire

**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.: 35.97

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