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**LAND AT 109 YARBOROUGH CRESCENT, LINCOLN,
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Archaeological Monitoring and Recording

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING AND RECORDING

SUMMARY

This report presents the results of archaeological monitoring and recording undertaken on land at 109 Yarborough Crescent, Lincoln, Lincolnshire. The project was commissioned by Mrs Kim Buckthorpe to fulfil a condition of planning permission granted by The City of Lincoln Council for the construction of an extension to the existing house.

The site lies in an archaeologically sensitive area, approximately 100m west of the line of the Roman road Ermine Street. Burials of possible late Roman date are known from the area of Bishop Grosseteste which lies 300m to the east. Newport formed a northern suburb of the city during the medieval period, and excavations in the vicinity have recorded remains associated with one of the two churches (St John's) as well as evidence of 12th century occupation.

Archaeological monitoring and recording during the excavation of foundation trenches for the extension revealed only a sequence of natural limestone overlain by subsoil and topsoil.

No traces were identified of Roman or medieval remains and no artefacts were retrieved from the site.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report presents the results of archaeological monitoring and recording undertaken on land at 109 Yarborough Crescent, Lincoln, Lincolnshire. The project was commissioned by Mrs Kim Buckthorpe to fulfil a condition of planning permission for the construction of an extension to the existing dwelling. Fieldwork was carried out on the 1st December 2015 inclusive, in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation compiled by Witham Archaeology and approved by the local planning authority.

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2.0 SITE LOCATION, TOPOGRAPHY & GEOLOGY (see Fig. 1)

The site is located at 109 Yarborough Crescent, Lincoln, 1.2 km north of the historic core of the city as defined by the cathedral. The site is centred on NGR SK 97569 72987.

Topographically the site lies on level terrain on the north side of the opening through the Lincolnshire limestone ridge known as the Witham gap.

The underlying geology at the site is bedrock of the Lincolnshire Limestone Formation (BGS online Geology of Britain Viewer <http://mapapps.bgs.ac.uk/geologyofbritain/home.html>)

3.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL & HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The site lies approximately 100m west of Newport which follows the line of the Roman road between Lincoln and York. There is no record of Roman settlement in the immediate vicinity of the site but burials of possible Roman date are known from the area of Bishop Grosseteste, situated 300m to the east.

Newport formed a northern suburb of Lincoln during the medieval period (Hill, 1990). The area is thought to have been bounded by an earthwork enclosure which extended from the city defences to just south of Yarborough Crescent (Hill, 1990).

The suburb had two churches, St. John the Baptist and St. Nicholas. The former was located towards the northern end of the suburb and its location has been confirmed by excavation. Excavations in the area of Bishop Grosseteste College have recorded evidence of occupation dating to the twelfth century (Jones, Stocker and Vince 2003).

4.0 AIMS & OBJECTIVES

The principal objectives of the project, as set out in a Witham Archaeology Written Scheme of Investigation dated 3rd November 2015, were to:

- Allow the preservation by record of any surviving archaeological deposits and artefacts exposed by the development groundwork within the constraints imposed by the contractor's working methods, programme and development design.
- Produce a project archive for deposition with the appropriate museum together with a client report.
- Provide information for accession to the Lincolnshire Historic Environment Record.

5.0 METHODOLOGY

The project specification provided for the monitoring of all sensitive groundworks associated with construction of the extension.

An archaeological record was made of any remains revealed by the excavations. These comprised written context descriptions on *pro forma* recording sheets, together with monochrome print and colour digital photographs. These included overall views detailing general site circumstances as well as specific views of individual archaeological deposits and/or features. Section drawings, showing the general stratigraphic sequence were produced at a scale of 1:10. Plans were drawn at a scale of 1:50.

6.0 RESULTS

The earliest deposit (003) encountered in the foundation trenches was geological in origin. It was over 0.15m thick across the plot and comprised loose to compact limestone fragments interpreted as limestone brash.

Overlying the brash was deposit (002), a moderately compact to somewhat friable layer of light yellowish-brown clayey silt. This subsoil layer was up to 0.15m thick and was recorded throughout the excavated footings.

The subsoil was in turn sealed by topsoil (001), comprising a 0.30m thick layer of mid to dark greyish-brown sandy silt.

No archaeological features were recorded and no artefacts were retrieved during the monitoring.

7.0 DISCUSSION & CONCLUSION

Archaeological monitoring and recording of the excavation of the extension footings trenches revealed a simple sequence of subsoil and topsoil overlying natural limestone.

No traces were identified of any Roman or Medieval remains such as those recorded elsewhere in the general area. No artefacts were retrieved during the monitoring.

8.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The author of this report would like to thank Mrs Kim Buckthorpe for her support in ensuring that the project was brought to successful conclusion.

9.0 BIBLIOGRAPHY

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10.0 PROJECT/ ARCHIVE DETAILS

10.1 Project Information

SITE CODE: LNYC15

PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER: 2015/0776/F

FIELD OFFICER: R Trimble

NGR: SK 97569 72987

CIVIL PARISH: Lincoln

DATE OF INTERVENTION: 1st December 2015

TYPE OF INTERVENTION: Monitoring and Recording

UNDERTAKEN FOR: Mrs Kim Buckthorpe

10.2 Archive Details

PRESENT LOCATION: Witham Archaeology, 2 High Street, Ruskington, Sleaford, Lincolnshire NG34 9DT

FINAL LOCATION: The Collection, Lincoln

MUSEUM ACCESSION No.: LCNCC:2015.230

ACCESSION DATE: TBC

The Site Archive Comprises:

Context Records	3
Plans at Scale 1:50	1
Section Drawings at Scale 1:10	1
Black and White photographs	12
Digital Photographs	22
Set of Site Notes	1

It is intended that transfer of the archive in accordance with current published requirements will be undertaken following completion of this project.

COLOUR PLATES



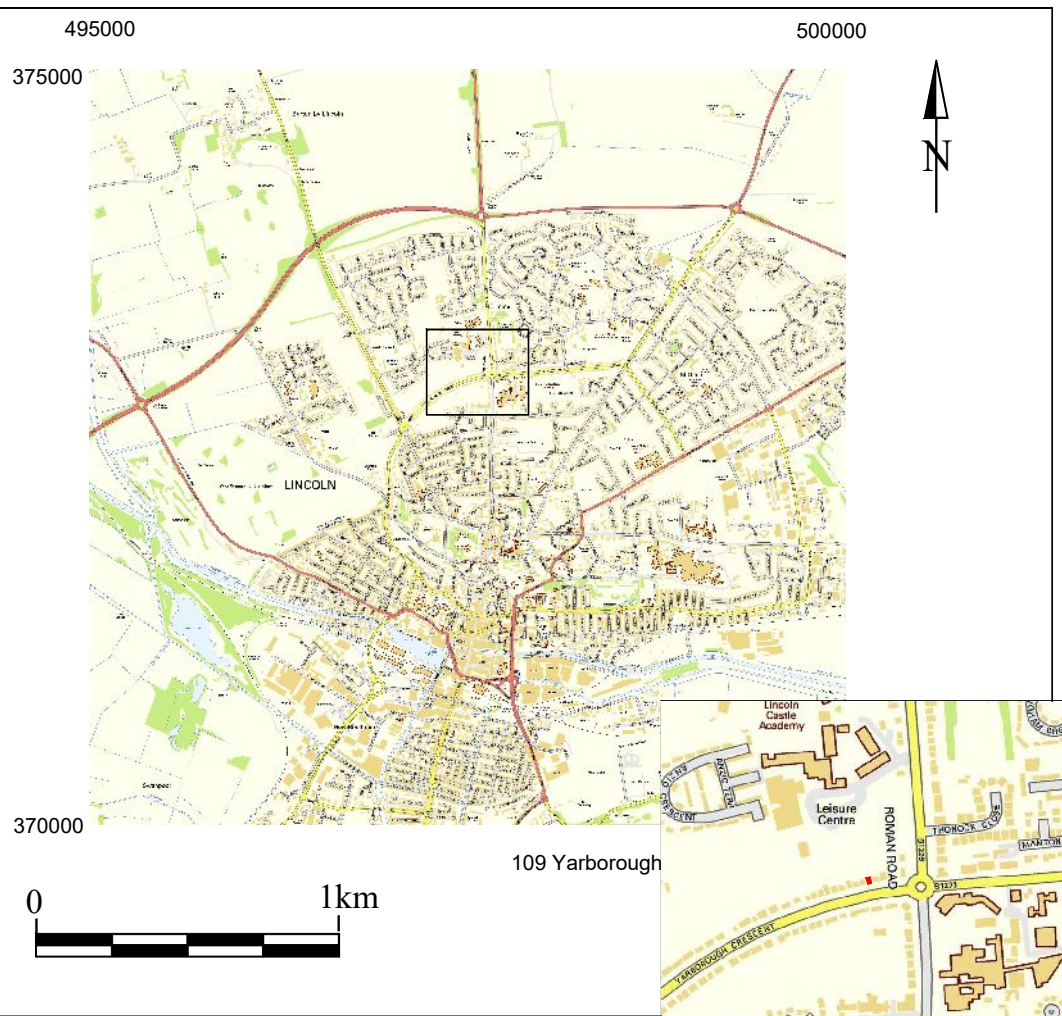
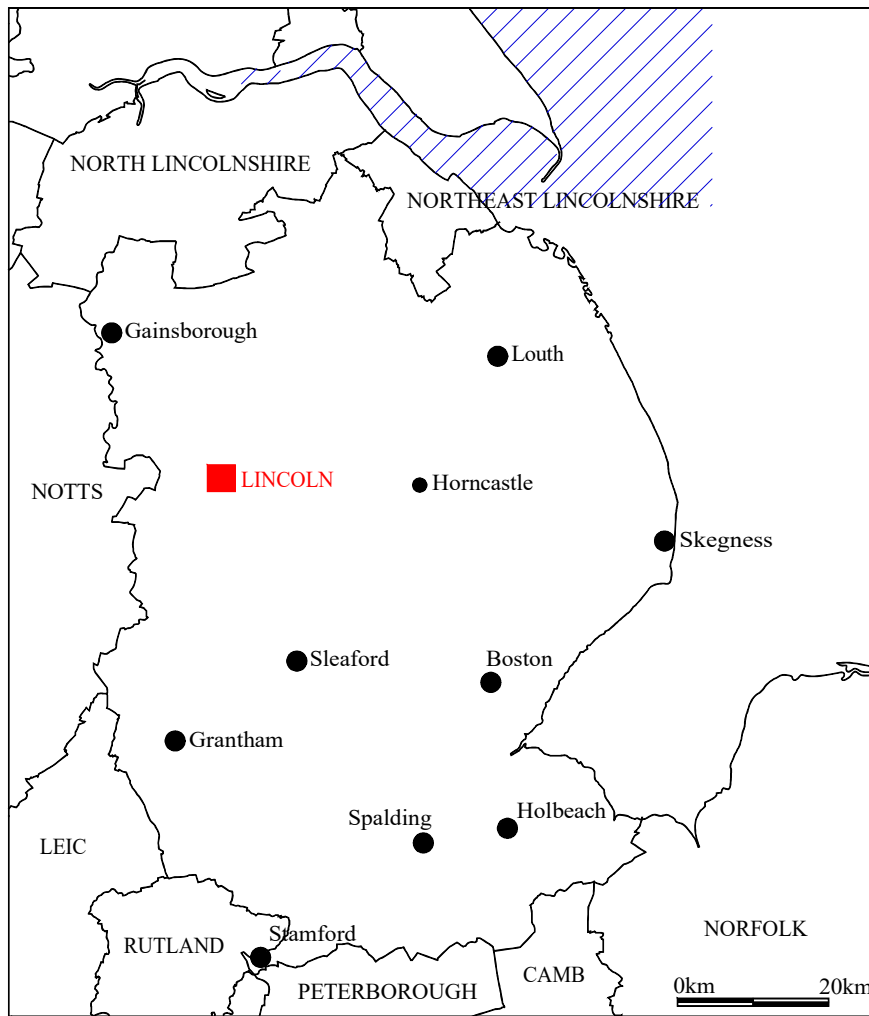
Plate 1: General view of footings from northeast, Scale 1m



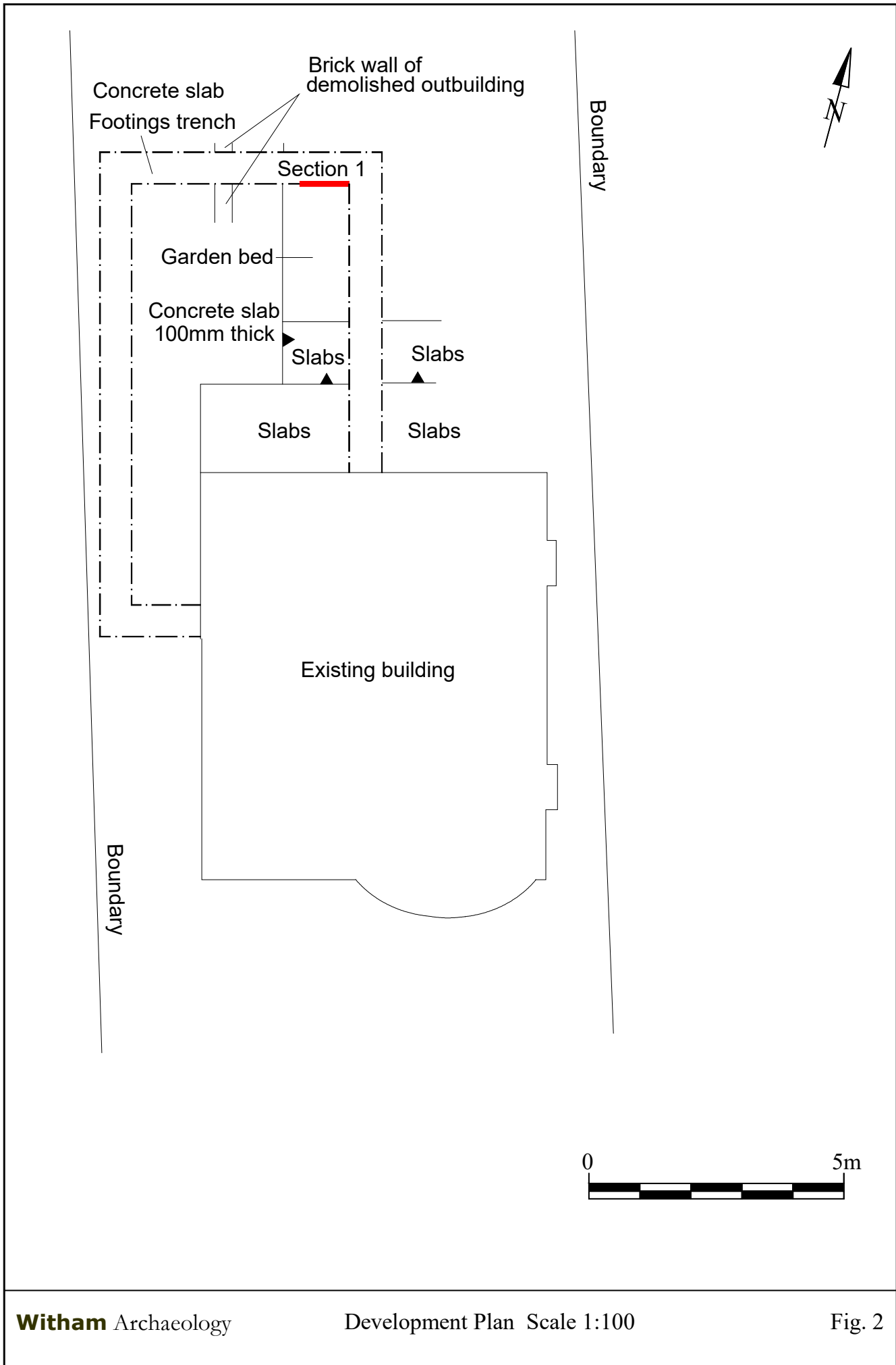
Plate 2: General view of footings from northwest, Scale 1m



Plate 3: Representative Section 1 from north, Scale 1m

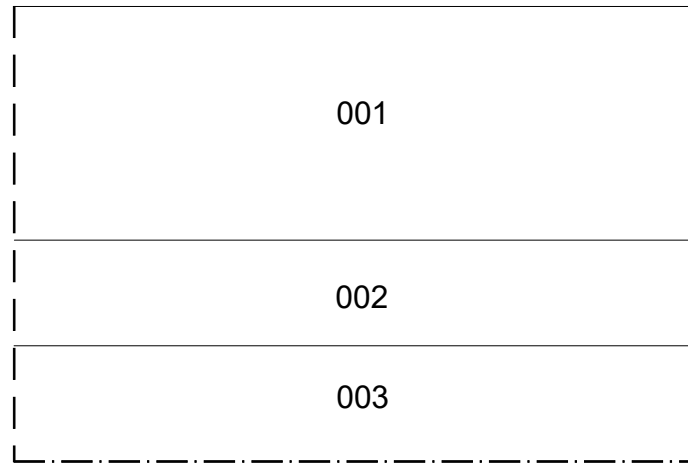


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APPENDIX A - CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

<i>Context</i>	<i>Interpretation</i>	<i>Description</i>
001	Topsoil	Soft to friable mid to dark greyish-brown sandy silt with frequent roots up to c.3mm diameter, 0.30m thick across plot
002	Subsoil	Moderately compact to compact to malleable light yellowish-brown clayey silt with occasional roots up to c.3mm diameter, 0.15m thick across plot
003	Natural	Loose to moderately compact mix of grey to cream powdered limestone and limestone fragments up to 50mm across, becoming more solid fractured limestone towards base of trench, at least 0.15m thick across plot

APPENDIX B
OASIS DATA FORM

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Project details

Project name	Archaeological Monitoring and Recording at 109 Yarborough Crescent, Lincoln
Short description of the project	A programme of archaeological monitoring and recording was undertaken at 109 Yarborough Crescent, during groundworks relating to a new extension to the rear of the existing building. The stratigraphic sequence present throughout the foundation trenches comprised natural limestone overlain by subsoil and then topsoil and/or modern concrete and slabs. There were no finds or archaeologically significant features/deposits.
Project dates	Start: 01-12-2015 End: 01-12-2015
Previous/future work	No / No
Any associated project reference codes	LNYC15 - Sitecode
Any associated project reference codes	LCNCC:2015.230 - Museum accession ID
Any associated project reference codes	2015/0776/F - Planning Application No.
Type of project	Recording project
Site status	None
Current Land use	Residential 1 - General Residential
Monument type	NONE None
Significant Finds	NONE None
Investigation type	"Watching Brief"
Prompt	National Planning Policy Framework - NPPF

Project location

Country	England
Site location	LINCOLNSHIRE LINCOLN LINCOLN 109 Yarborough Crescent, Lincoln, Lincolnshire
Postcode	LN1 3NE

Study area 50 Square metres
 Site coordinates SK 97569 72987 53.244640123073 -0.537677003041 53 14 40 N 000 32 15 W
 Point

Project creators

Name of Organisation Witham Archaeology
 Project brief originator Local Authority Archaeologist and/or Planning Authority/advisory body
 Project design originator Dale Trimble
 Project supervisor Russell Trimble
 Type of sponsor/funding body Developer
 Name of sponsor/funding body Mrs K. Buckthorpe

Project archives

Physical Archive Exists? No
 Digital Archive recipient The Collection, Danes Terrace, Lincoln LN2 1LT
 Digital Archive ID LCNCC 2015.230
 Digital Contents "Stratigraphic"
 Digital Media available "Images raster / digital photography","Text"
 Paper Archive recipient The Collection, Danes Terrace, Lincoln LN2 1LT
 Paper Archive ID LCNCC 2015.230
 Paper Contents "Stratigraphic"
 Paper Media available "Context sheet","Notebook - Excavation',' Research',' General Notes","Photograph","Report","Section"

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