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Report on an Archaeological Watching Brief



Site prior to excavation, looking north



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SUMMARY

- This report describes an archaeological watching brief undertaken during the excavation of footings for a small wall at Heritage Mews, High Pavement, Nottingham (SK 57555 39621).
- Archaeological monitoring work was conducted on behalf of Mr Gavin Stafford and performed in accordance with stipulations laid out in the approved Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) (TPA Report No. 028/2016, Johnson 2016).
- The watching brief was carried out on the 8th August 2016, by T .Hooley from Trent & Peak Archaeology.
- The watching brief identified no evidence of archaeologically significant material. or deposits, within the area impacted by excavation, to a depth of 0.6m below the modern ground-level.
- Two modern services intersected the trench excavated for the wall-footings, both of which were laid within made-ground (1004).

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1.1. An archaeological watching brief was conducted by Trent & Peak Archaeology during the excavation of footings for the construction of a small wall, to the north of Heritage Mews, High Pavement, Nottingham (SK 58152 15044) (Figure 1).
- 1.1.2. The work took place on the 8th of August 2016, archaeological monitoring and recording was carried out by T. Hooley of Trent & Peak Archaeology (TPA) in accordance with the Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) (P. Johnson 2016 TPA Report No. 028/2016), approved by the Nottingham City Archaeologist.

2. SITE LOCATION, TOPOGRAPHY AND GEOLOGY

- 2.1.1. Heritage Mews is situated off High Pavement, in the Lace Market, within the Medieval core and Saxon Burgh of Nottingham city centre.
- 2.1.2. The bedrock geology of the site comprises Nottingham Castle Sandstone Formation, formed approximately 246 to 251 million years ago in the Triassic Period.

3. ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

- 3.1.1. The scheme lies within an area of archaeological and historical interest in the Medieval core of Nottingham, within the Saxon Burgh.
- 3.1.2. The proposed development is situated adjacent to an area of known caves, cut into the sandstone bedrock.
- 3.1.3. As the site lies within the historic core of Nottingham the site has the potential to reveal deposits or structures relating to the development of the town from the early-Mediaeval to post-Mediaeval/Modern periods.

4. OBJECTIVES

4.1. Archaeological objectives

- 4.1.1. To identify the presence of any archaeological remains to be affected by any intrusive aspects of the development and to achieve an appropriate level of *preservation by record* in accordance with *NPPF paragraph 128*.
- 4.1.2. Where practical (within the constraints of the watching brief and development), this will include an assessment of the overall extent, date and state of preservation of archaeological remains.
- 4.1.3. To record any features of geoarchaeological significance and obtain an appropriate level of paleoenvironmental sampling where possible.

5. METHODOLOGY

5.1. Fieldwork

Archaeological Watching Brief

- 5.1.1. TPA provided continuous archaeological monitoring of intrusive groundworks (foundations) with the potential to impact on features and layers of archaeological significance.
- 5.1.2. All features, materials, and deposits were cleaned by hand and recorded by the attending archaeologist.

5.2. Recording policy

- 5.2.1. Recording, as a minimum, included the location and extent of deposits/features within areas of excavation, and their depth/elevation both by scale drawing (section and/or plan where applicable) and photograph (monochrome prints/digital).
- 5.2.2. This report, includes the results of the watching brief as descriptions of the deposits and features encountered, along with drawn/photographic records thereof.

5.3. Plans

5.3.1. Plans of all contexts including features were drawn on drafting film in pencil at a scale of 1:20 or 1:50, and showed at least:

- context numbers,
- all colour and textural changes,
- principal slopes represented as hachures,
- levels expressed as O.D. values, or levelled to permanent features if benchmark absent,
- sufficient details to locate the subject on a 1:500 plot of the area of ground-works and OS 1:2500 map (i.e the national grid).

5.4. Sections

5.4.1. Sections were drawn to show the same information, but levelling information is given in the form of a datum line with O.D./arbitrary value; the locations of all sections are shown on the plan.

5.5. Photographs

5.5.1. Photographs of each context were taken as monochrome prints and digital images (as per Brown 2007), together with general views illustrating the principal features of the excavations.

5.5.2. Written records were maintained as laid down in TPA recording manual (as accepted by all regional county archaeologists).

5.6. Sampling (Palaeoenvironmental & Industrial residues)

5.6.1. No deposits were identified as necessitating sampling for palaeoenvironmental potential or for the identification of residues or debris from industrial processes.

6. RESULTS

- 6.1.1. The excavation was situated to the north of 11 Heritage Mews, and spanned from the Victorian chapel of what is now the Pitcher and Piano bar, to the Victorian boundary wall to the east and was c 2m in length (Figure 2).
- 6.1.2. The width of the foundation cut varied between 0.3 and 0.5m, due to the removal of flagstones, and was excavated to a depth of 0.6m.
- 6.1.3. The surface of the excavation area consisted of modern flagstones [1001], to a depth of 0.06m, with a bed of sand (1002) 0.14m in depth.
- 6.1.4. The flagstones and their bedding were laid directly on a tarmac path (1003), which extended to a depth of 0.1m.
- 6.1.5. Below the tarmacadam was a deposit of made ground (1004), with evidence of modern rubbish within the deposit, extending below the 0.6m limit of excavation, and therefore beyond the impact depth of the works.
- 6.1.6. Two modern services were present towards the western side of the excavation, within deposit (1004), with no clear cuts observed.
- 6.1.7. At the western extent of the excavation the foundations [1005] of the Victorian chapel were observed, extending to a depth of 0.5m and consisting of a concrete /aggregate mix.
- 6.1.8. The Victorian wall to the east extended beyond the limit of the base of the excavation, with no cut or foundation visible.
- 6.1.9. No features of archaeological significance were present within the excavated footings

7. DISCUSSION

- 7.1.1. The excavation of the footings at Heritage Mews demonstrated no archaeological features, deposits or structural remains , other than the foundations [1005] for the Victorian chapel being used as the Pitcher and Piano bar.
- 7.1.2. The makeup of the ground observed, primarily made ground (10004), indicated that the area had been heavily disturbed and that the potential for archaeology within the impact depth of 0.6m is low.

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9. Appendix A Context Register

Table 1: Context register

Context no.	Category	Description	Drawing
0001	Layer	Modern flagstones	2,3
0002	Layer	Yellow packing sand	2,3
0003	Layer	Tarmac	2,3
0004	Layer	Brown sandy loam. Made ground	2,3
0005	Structure	Chapel foundation	3

10. Appendix B Archive Statement

An OASIS form has been filled out for this site and can be referenced as follows: Trentpea1-261535. An archive index is provided below:

Table 2: Archive index

<i>Field Records</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Number</i>
Context Sheet	Record of each intervention	5
Watching Brief Day Sheet	Overall review of all actions taken on each day	1
Registers	Registers	4
A3 Drafting Film	Scale plans and Sections	3
Photographs	All views	17 x Colour (digi)
<i>Documents</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Number</i>
Health & Safety	Safe working statement & risk assessment	1
Report to client	Report of findings.	1

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11. Appendix C Oasis Form

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Project details

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Short description of the project	An archaeological watching brief was conducted on an excavation of footings for a small wall at Heritage Mews, High Pavement, Nottingham. During the excavation, to a depth of 0.6m below ground level, no evidence of archaeologically significant material or deposits were found.
Project dates	Start: 08-08-2016 End: 08-08-2016
Previous/future work	No / No
Any associated project reference codes	HMN - Sitecode
Type of project	Field evaluation
Site status	Area of Archaeological Importance (AAI)
Current Land use	Industry and Commerce 2 - Offices

Project location

Country	England
Site location	NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NOTTINGHAM NOTTINGHAM Heritage Mews, High Pavement, Nottingham
Postcode	NG1 1HN
Study area	2 Square metres
Site coordinates	SK 457515 339602 52.900811948381 -1.319752734692 52 54 02 N 001 19 11 W Point

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Project design originator	Dr. Paul S. Johnson
Project director/manager	Dr. Paul S. Johnson
Project supervisor	Tom Hooley
Type of sponsor/funding body	Landowner

Project archives

Physical Archive Exists?	No
Digital Archive recipient	Nottinghamshire HER
Digital Contents	"Stratigraphic"
Digital Media available	"Database","Images raster / digital photography","Spreadsheets","Text"
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12. Plates



Plate 1: Site prior to excavation, looking north

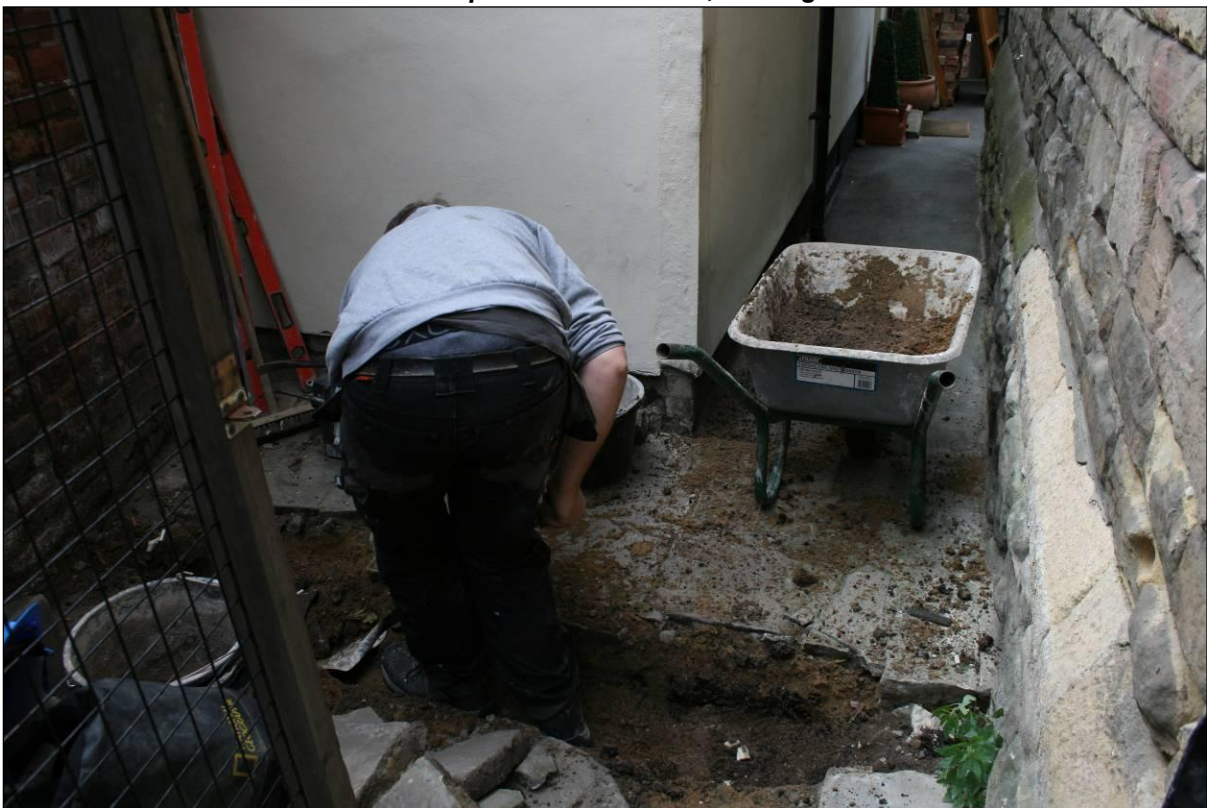


Plate 2: Mid excavation of site



Plate 3: Post excavation, general shot

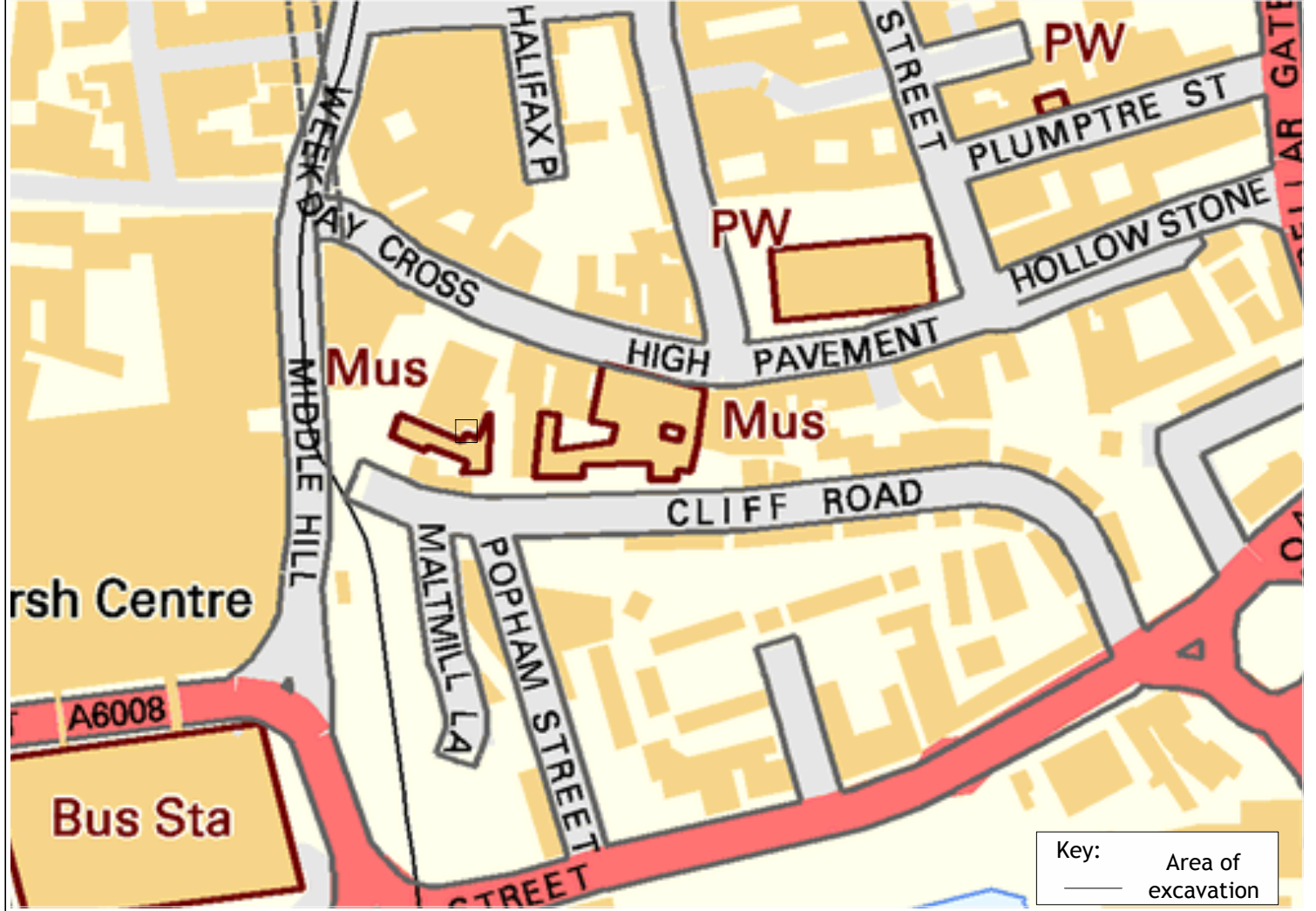
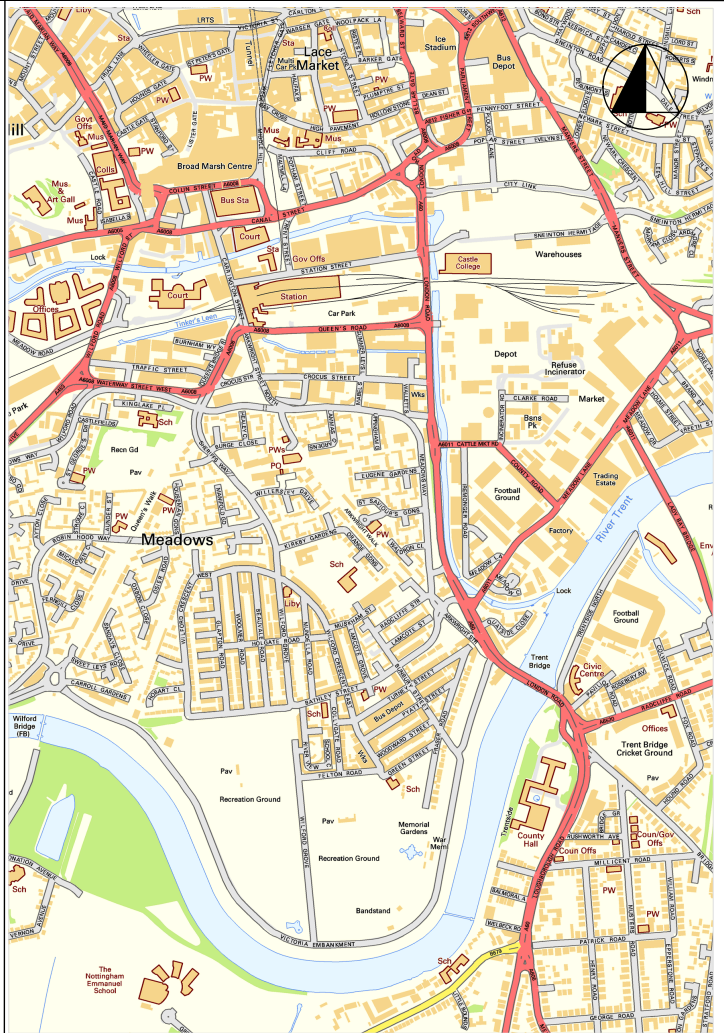



Plate 4: Representative section

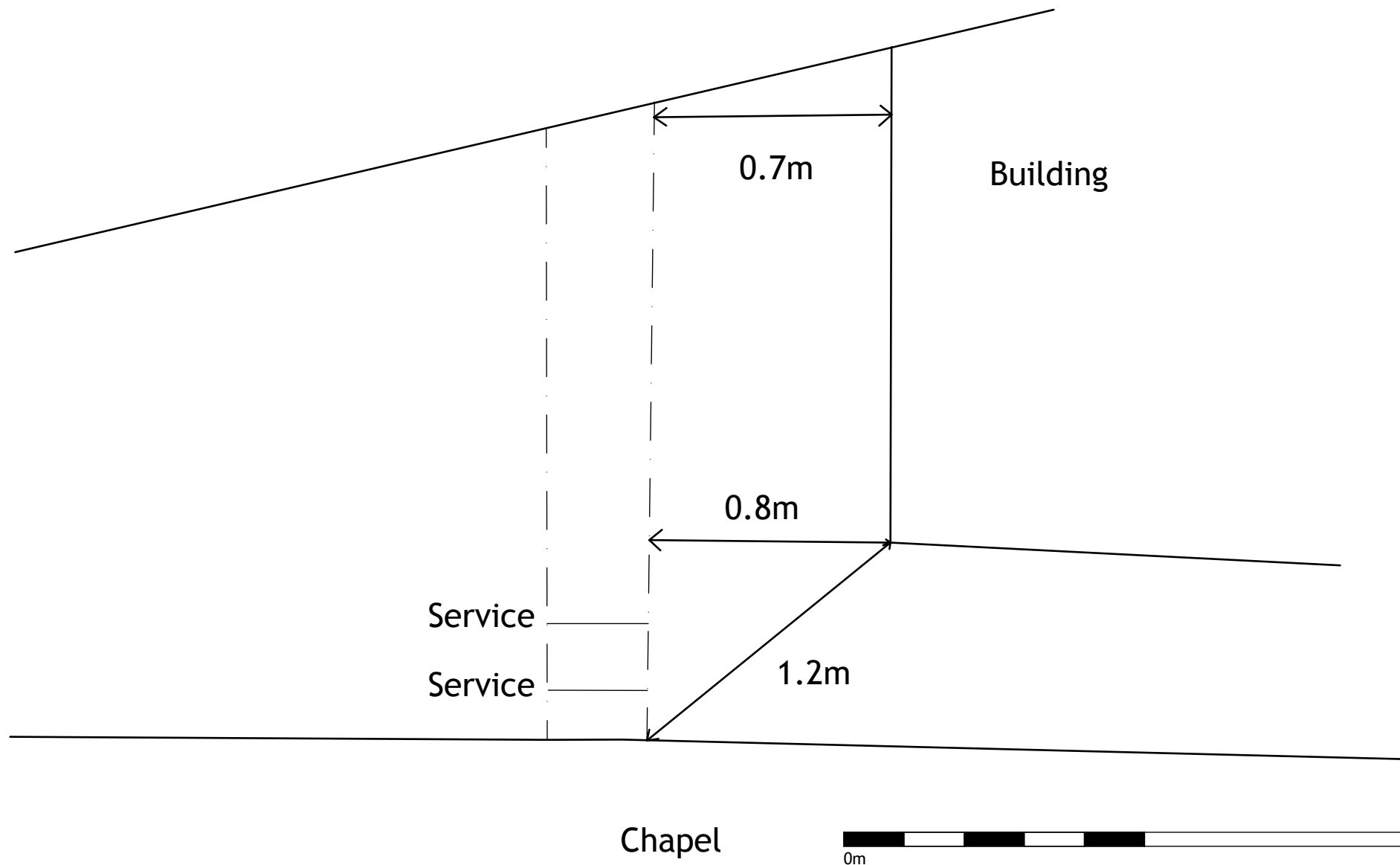
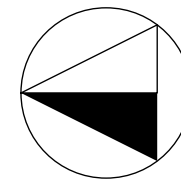


Plate 5: Foundations for chapel

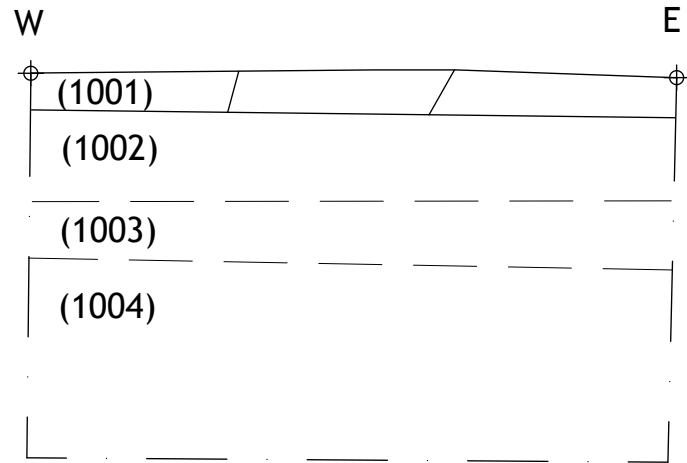
13. Figures



Key:
 Area of excavation



Dr.2 Representative section



Dr.3 Chapel foundation

