

Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Totnes	National Grid Reference SX 8039960406	Number: (Leave blank for HES to fill in)
Subject: Archaeological monitoring of the excavation of foundation trenches at 41 Fore Street Totnes		Photo attached? N
Planning Application no: 56/3204/11/F	Recipient museum: RAMM	
OASIS ID: peninsul1-127860	Museum Accession no: RAMM 12/10	
Contractor's reference number/code: PA-T12-1	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 29 May 2012 – 30 th May 2012	
<p>Description of works.</p> <p>The groundworks (See Fig 1, A) were associated with the construction of a single story extension at the rear of the property. In 1982 building work (See Fig 1 B) at the adjacent property, (39 Fore Street) had revealed a substantial assemblage of local and imported post-medieval pottery (Griffiths & Griffith, 1984, DAS Proceedings, pp77-100).</p> <p>Approximately 15 metres of foundation trenches were excavated to a depth of 0.70m (See Fig 2) and the ground level within the footprint of the extension was reduced by 0.30m. Apart from a modern drain, no archaeological features were observed during these excavations. The area exposed within the footprint of the extension was a compacted yard surface composed of a dark clay silt (7.5 YR 5/2) in which there were numerous pieces of roofing slate, brick and other CBM fragments, mortar and charcoal and clinker pieces. Finds from this deposit were made up of numerous animal bone fragments, small amounts of blue glazed 19th – 20th century pottery and broken glazed floor tiles. A single coin was recovered, a penny of George III dated 1804. The yard surface varies in depth between 0.3m to 0.5m and overlies the natural subsoil, a loose pale yellow silty sand (10YR 8/3)</p> <p>Across the area subject to archaeological monitoring the general stratigraphy consisted of the following:</p> <p>0 – 0.1m Modern concrete paving slabs and gravel bedding 0.1 – 0.3 / 0.5m Dark compacted clay silt (7.5 YR 5/2) in which there were numerous pieces of roofing slate, brick and other CBM fragments, mortar and charcoal and clinker pieces. Yard Surface. 0.3 / 0.5 – 0.7m. Natural subsoil, a loose pale yellow silty sand (10YR 8/3)</p>		
<p>A plan as well as any other relevant drawings must be attached showing the location and extent of site, areas investigated and features exposed.</p>		
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Fig 1 Location of 41 (A) and 39 (B) Fore Street

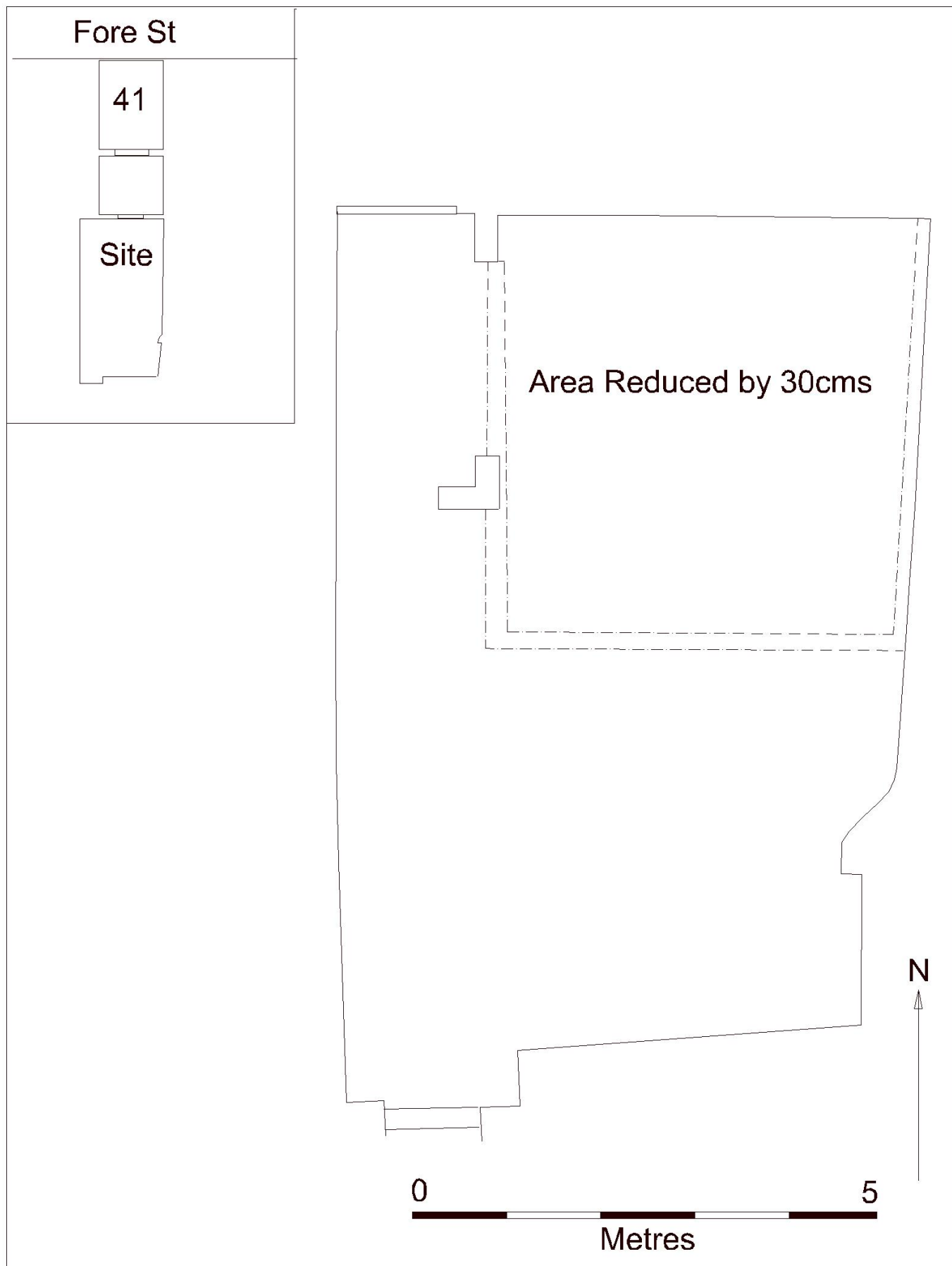


Fig 2. Location of Foundation Trenches and Extension Footprint