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***Non Technical Summary***

*An Archaeological Recording Brief was conducted by MAP Archaeological Consultancy Ltd on Commercial Street, Norton, North Yorkshire (SE 7957 7145) from 20<sup>th</sup> November 2006 through to 24<sup>th</sup> November 2006. The work involved monitoring the groundworks associated with the erection of sixteen lampposts and associated electrical mains.*

*No archaeological features, deposits or finds were encountered during the Watching Brief.*

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 This report sets out the results of an Archaeological Watching Brief that was conducted in November 2006 by MAP Archaeological Consultancy Ltd, on Commercial Street, Norton, North Yorkshire (SE 7957 7145). The work was undertaken in accordance with a standard written scheme of investigation, North Yorkshire County Council.
- 1.2 The Watching Brief was designed to provide an appropriate level of recording for archaeological remains, deposits or finds that might be affected by the services works, following the archaeology policy issued by the Secretary of State for the Environment contained in *Planning Policy Guidance 16 'Archaeology and Planning' (PPG 16)*, and in accordance with Policy C13 of the Ryedale District Local Plan.
- 1.3 All work was funded by North Yorkshire County Council.



- 1.4 All maps within this report have been produced from the Ordnance Survey with the permission of the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office, Crown Copyright, Licence No. AL 50453A.

## **2. Site Description**

- 2.1 Commercial Street is located in the town of Norton south of the River Derwent.

## **3. Historical and Archaeological Background**

- 3.1 Norton is a settlement in the Buckrose Wapentake of the East Riding of Yorkshire, and it is listed in the Domesday Book of 1086 as Norton(e) and Nortun(a), and Yorkshire Charters in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. Norton meaning 'North farm' (Smith 1937, p. 140).
- 3.2 Malton and Norton are important centres of Roman activity including the *vicus* and fort in Malton and Roman Roads, industrial activity including pottery production, settlement and burials in Norton.
- 3.3 The expansion in Norton eastward along Commercial Street in the late nineteenth century uncovered segments of the Roman Road on an approximate north-east to south-west alignment during excavations for sewers (Robinson, 1978: 239), and a possible Roman kiln (pottery, partly burnt clay and ashes) during the construction of the Primitive Methodist Chapel in 1862 (*ibid*, 245).
- 3.4 A mid nineteenth century map of the proposed Railway routes through Malton and Norton shows a series of strip plots from the Commercial Street Frontage to the west with buildings on the frontage and a large field behind.
- 3.4 The First Edition Ordnance Survey Map Town Series Edition dates to the late nineteenth century and shows the development along Commercial Street including Plum Street, Piccadilly behind the public house and the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel to the west and the Primitive Methodist Chapel to the east.

#### **4. Aims and Objectives**

- 4.1 The aims of the Archaeological Watching Brief were to record and recover archaeological remains, which could be affected by services works, and to prepare a report summarising the results of the work.

#### **5. Methodology**

- 5.1 All the groundworks were monitored.
- 5.2 All excavations were undertaken by hand, under close archaeological supervision.
- 5.3 All work was carried out in line with the Institute of Field Archaeologists Code of Conduct (IFA 1998).
- 5.4 All deposits were recorded according to correct principles of stratigraphic excavation on MAP's *pro forma* context sheets, which are compatible with the MoLAS recording system.
- 5.5 A photographic record of the monitored groundworks was maintained throughout the Recording Brief on a digital camera.

#### **6. Results**

- 6.1 The groundworks monitored were situated along the length of Commercial Street, Norton. The groundworks consisted of sixteen holes for the lampposts, twelve trenches for the mains extensions and four trenches for mains connections.
- 6.2 The holes for the lampposts were excavated to a depth of 1.20m whilst the trenches for mains extensions went to a depth where the mains cable was located.
- 6.3 No archaeological features, deposits or finds were encountered during the Watching Brief.



HOLE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	WIDTH (m)	LENGTH (m)	DEPTH (m)	TARMAC DEPTH (m)	DESCRIPTION
1	Lamppost	0.40m	0.44m	1.20m	0.10m	Tarmac surface, down onto yellow natural sand.
2	Electricity main.	1.08m	1m	1.20m	0.10m	Tarmac surface, sand and rubble down onto yellow natural sand.
3	Lamppost	0.47m	0.40m	1.20m	0.18m	Tarmac surface, sand and rubble down onto yellow sand.
4	Electricity Main	1.30m	0.95m	1.20m	0.10m	Tarmac surface, rubble and sand down onto grey sand.
5	Lamppost	0.50m	0.43m	1.20m	0.10m	Tarmac surface, rubble and sand.
6	Lamppost	0.48m	0.40m	1.20m	0.10m	Tarmac surface, rubble, brown sand down onto yellow natural sand.
7	Electricity Main	1.46m	1.10m	0.80m	0.10m	Tarmac surface, rubble and sand mix.
8	Electricity Main	1.28m	0.80m	1.20m	0.10m	Tarmac surface, rubble and sand down onto natural yellow sand.
9	Lamppost	0.41m	0.41m	0.80m	0.10m	Tarmac surface, rubble and sand.
10	Electricity Main	1.17m	0.83m	0.70m	0.10m	Tarmac surface, rubble and sand.
11	Lamppost	0.44m	0.44m	1.20m	0.08m	Tarmac surface, brown sand down onto yellow natural sand.
12	Lamppost	0.42m	0.50m	1.10m	0.10m	Tarmac surface, rubble and sand mix down onto grey sand.
13	Lamppost	0.40m	0.36m	1.10m	0.14m	Tarmac surface down onto natural yellow sand.
14	Electricity Main	1.40m	0.96m	0.60m	0.10m	Tarmac surface down onto grey sand.
15	Lamppost	0.43m	0.50m	1.10m	0.10m	Tarmac surface, rubble, down onto natural yellow sand.
16	Electricity Main	1.48m	0.95m	0.80m	0.10m	Tarmac surface down onto natural yellow sand.
17	Electricity Main	1.70m	0.94m	0.80m	0.08m	Tarmac surface, grey sand down onto natural yellow sand.
18	Lamppost	0.40m	0.40m	1.20m	0.10m	Tarmac surface down onto natural yellow sand.
19	Lamppost	0.43m	0.40m	1.10m	0.06m	Tarmac surface, light grey sandy clay, dark grey sand onto natural yellow sand.
20	Electricity Main	1.63m	1.16m	0.70m	0.09m	Tarmac surface, hardcore down onto sand and rubble.
21	Lamppost	0.44m	0.46m	1.10m	0.09m	Tarmac surface, hardcore, rubble and sand.
22	Lamppost	0.40m	0.40m	1.10m		Grass topsoil, brown sandy soil, down onto tallow sand.
23	Lamppost	0.43m	0.43m	1.10m	0.09m	Tarmac surface, rubble, down onto natural yellow sand.
24	Mains	0.30m	11.70m	0.35m		Grass topsoil, brown sandy

	Connection trench					soil.
25	Electricity Main	0.79m	1m	0.43m	0.09m	Tarmac surface onto brown sandy soil.
26	Hole to disconnect lamppost	0.70m	0.80m	0.60m	1.10m	Tarmac surface down onto very light brown sand.
27	Lamppost	0.44m	0.45m	1.10m		Grass, brown sandy soil down onto natural yellow sand.
28	Mains Connection trench.	0.30m	10.30m	0.40m		Grass topsoil, dark brown sandy soil onto light brown sandy soil.
29	Electricity Main	0.70m	1m	0.60m	0.09m	Tarmac surface down onto natural yellow sand.
30	Lamppost	0.42m	0.43m	1.20m	0.10m	Tarmac surface down onto sand and rubble.
31	Electricity Main	0.60m	1.65m	0.65m	0.11m	Tarmac surface down onto sandy soil and rubble.
32	Mains Connection Trench.	0.35m	15.40m	0.60m	0.10m	Tarmac surface down onto natural yellow.
33	Mains Connection Trench.	0.35m	16.40m	0.60m	0.10m	Tarmac surface down onto natural yellow.

## 7. Conclusions

- 7.1. No archaeological features or finds were encountered during the groundworks.  
All excavated holes came down onto natural or modern disturbance rubble.



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