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Non-technical Summary

An Archaeological Recording brief was undertaken by MAP Archaeological Consultancy Ltd during works for the construction an extension to a dwelling on land to the rear of 5 Athol Square, Norton North Yorkshire. The work was carried out on the 21st of August 2009. No archaeological features, deposits or finds were identified or recovered during the works.

1. Introduction

1.1 An Archaeological Watching Brief was undertaken by MAP Archaeological Consultancy Ltd. at land to the rear of 5 Athol Square Norton, North Yorkshire, on the 21st August 2009. The work was undertaken in order to fulfil a condition attached to a Planning Application Consent (Ref No:) and was designed to mitigate the archaeological impact of the proposed redevelopment of the site. The development involved the construction of an extension to the dwelling at 5 Athol Square

1.2 All work was funded by Lee Wales.

1.3 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 The site is located in the rear garden of the house at 5 Athol Square, which is on flat ground and a lawn.

- 2.2 The site lies on soils of the Landbeach Association, permeable calcareous coarse loamy soils affected by groundwater over chalky gravel. Some deep, in part non-calcareous fine and coarse loamy soils affected by groundwater (Mackney *et al.*).

3. Historical and Archaeological Background

- 3.1 The Roman fort and *vicus* (civilian settlement) at Malton lies c. 600m north-west of the site, across the river Derwent. Additional Roman settlement spread southwards across the river to cover a substantial area of what is now the modern town of Norton.
- 3.2 From its origins as a medieval village, modern Norton greatly expanded in the mid-19th and 20th centuries to form a large residential and industrial area. Successive building works associated with the growth of the town lead to the uncovering of substantial Roman remains (Wenham, 1974).
- 3.3 In 1852 excavations connected to an extension to an old parish school in Commercial Street, uncovered 3 skeletons and a Roman brooch. An urn containing burnt bones was found under a slab during demolition of a house next to the Hyde Park Garage on Commercial Street (Robinson 1978). Both these findings are in close proximity of the site.

4. Methodology

- 4.1 The foundation trenches for the extension were mechanically excavated under direct archaeological supervision. A photographic record was made of all deposits encountered.

5. Results

- 5.1 No archaeological features, deposits, or finds were identified or recovered during the excavation of the foundation trenches. Three trenches were excavated, two measured 6.5m long, one 5m long, all were 0.6m wide and 1m deep. The only deposits recorded were 0.35m of topsoil (context 001) that overlay 0.65m of natural silty sand (context 002).

6. Conclusions

- 6.1 No archaeological features, deposits or finds were encountered on the development plot. All that was recorded was topsoil and a natural silty sand deposit.

7. References

Mackney, D *et al* 1983 Soils of England and Wales.

Robinson, J F 1978 The Archaeology of Malton and Norton

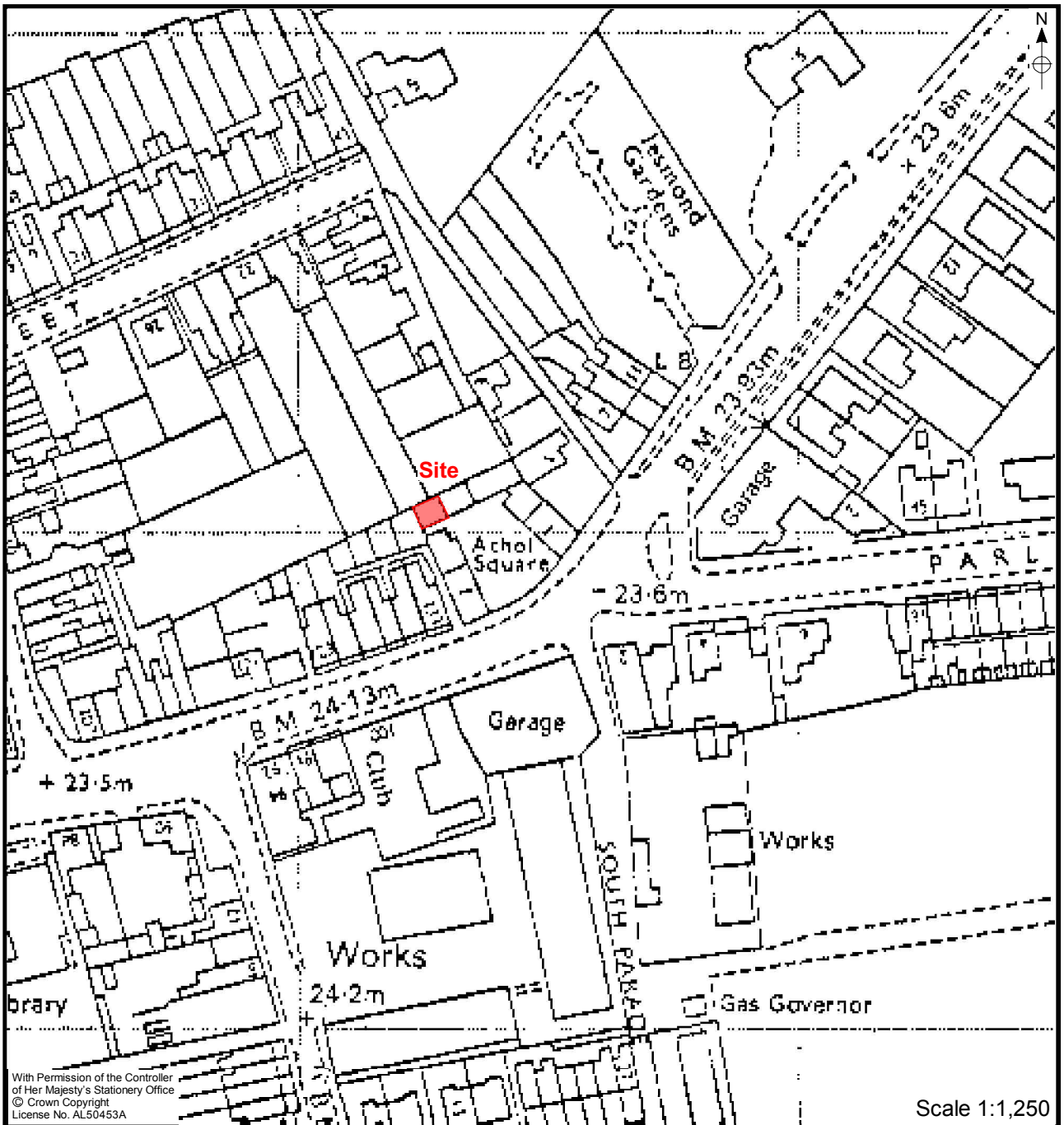


Figure 1. Site Location.



Plate 1. Overall Shot of Plot. Facing South-west.



Plate 2. Foundation Trench. Facing South.

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APPENDIX 1

Context Listing

001	Topsoil
002	Natural silty sand

Appendix 2

Photographic Archive Listing

Digital Camera

Frame	Description	Facing	Scale	Facing
1	Foundation Trench	Facing	1x1m	South
2	Foundation Trench		1x1m	East
3	Foundation Trench	Facing	1x1m	South
4	Overall shot of plot	North-west	N/A	South-west
5	Overall shot of plot	North-west	N/A	South-west

APPENDIX 3

Project Team Details

Fieldwork

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Post-excavation

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