



YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST REPORT

SITE ADDRESS	Pocklington Carpets, 102 Commercial Street, Norton, Malton, North Yorkshire		
CLIENT NAME	Moor Lane Construction Ltd.		
YAT PROJECT #	5475	YAT REPORT #	2011/51
MUSEUM ACCESSION #	n/a	GRID REFERENCE	SE 7974 7146
PLANNING REFERENCE #	08/00529/FUL	AAI OPS NOTICE #	n/a

INTRODUCTION

Archaeological investigations were carried out by York archaeological Trust on 21st January 2011, at 102 Commercial Street, Norton, Malton (Plate 1) during ground works for the construction of a new combined Pocklington Carpets shop and dwelling premises on behalf of Moor Lane Construction Ltd.

The site was considered to be of potential archaeological significance because a Roman road runs adjacent to the proposed development area, and Roman burials have been found in the vicinity. The development required that the ground level of the site be raised, rather than reduced, after the demolition of the old premises. As a result the 'strip map and record' archaeological condition which had been imposed upon the development could not be undertaken. Instead, where previously undisturbed archaeological deposits were disturbed by digging for foundations these were monitored and recorded.

RESULTS

The majority of the groundworks disturbed made-up ground consisting of rubble and the brick foundations of the recently demolished structures. However, in one of the deeper 1m square, 1m deep pits which were dug on the western edge of the site to accommodate part of the concrete foundations, a number of archaeological deposits were disturbed and it was possible to observe and record the deposit sequence.

The earliest stratigraphic deposit in the sequence consisted of a 0.02m thick layer of very light grey silty clay with frequent mortar flecks, occasional pebbles and occasional charcoal flecks (1004). Deposit 1004 was overlain by a 0.12m thick layer of mid- grey silty clay with frequent mortar flecks, occasional pebbles (1003) which was in turn overlain by a 0.20m thick layer of light grey silty clay with frequent mortar flecks with occasional pebbles (1002). Above these there was a 0.20m deep 'v' shaped cut containing layer of soft dark grey-brown sandy silt clay containing decayed modern wooden post remains and a single fragment of blue and white transfer-printed willow pattern pot (1001) (modern). The uppermost layer was 0.50m deep and consisted of a soft mid-grey-brown sandy silt clay with occasional pebbles, moderate charcoal flecks, mortar flecks (1000).

No dating evidence was recovered from deposits 1002-1004. Finds from Contexts 1000-1002 indicate that the upper 0.90m of the site has been largely disturbed during the 20th century. Nothing of archaeological significance was otherwise observed because only very minor disturbance to archaeological deposits was caused by the groundwork operations.

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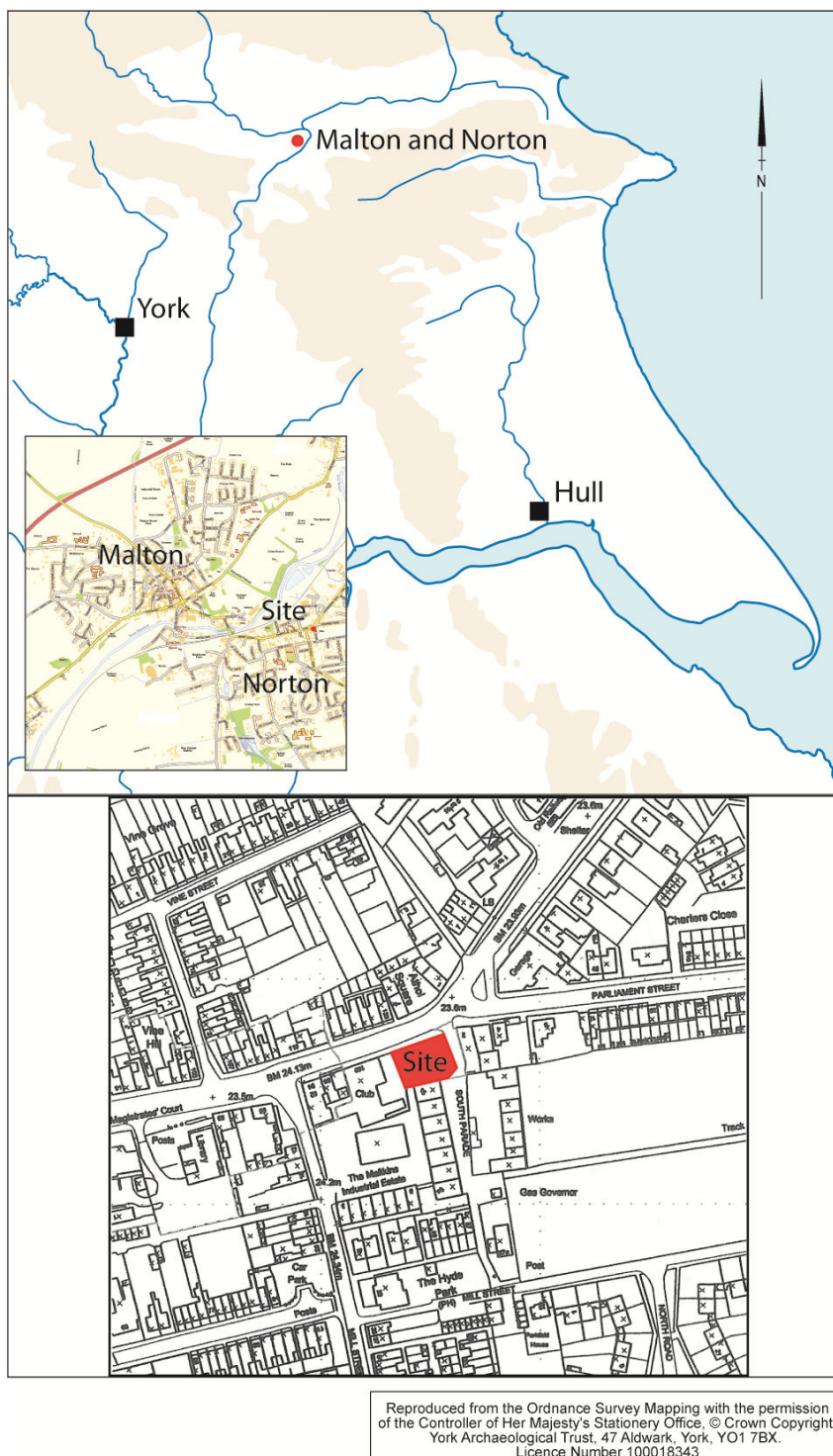


Figure 1 Site location

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Plate 1 *The site, having been stoned-up prior to groundworks*



Plate 2 *Section within foundation pit*

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Plate 3 Top of foundations of the demolished shop building

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