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Summary

An Archaeological Watching Brief was carried out by MAP Archaeological Practice on 11 and 12 July 2012 at a development site situated at South Parade Industrial Estate, Norton, Malton, North Yorkshire. The work was carried out during the excavation of a large soakaway and the foundation for a boundary wall. No archaeological features, deposits or finds were revealed during the Watching Brief.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report sets out the results of an Archaeological Watching Brief that was carried out on July 11th and 12th 2012 during the excavation of a large soakaway and a foundation trench for a boundary wall at South Parade Industrial Estate, Norton, Malton, North Yorkshire (SE 7967 7134, Figs. 1 and 2).

- 1.2 The ground-works had the potential to affect archaeological remains, and so the advice of the Heritage Unit of North Yorkshire County Council was that an Archaeological Watching Brief should be carried out at the site (Planning ref. 01/00840/FUL: 06/02184/OTH). MAP Archaeological Practice were appointed to undertake the Archaeological work.

- 1.3 All works were funded by the developer, Sinco Ltd.
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2. Topography and Geology

- 2.1 The site lies on the eastern side of South Parade, a lane that runs southwards from the junction of Commercial Street and Scarborough Road, Norton (Figs. 1 and 2; Pl 1). The site had formerly been occupied by outbuildings.
- 2.2 The underlying geology of the site consists of glacially-fluvial sand and gravel (Mackney *et al* 1983).

3. Archaeological and Historical Background

- 3.1 South Parade is situated on the eastern fringe of the former Roman settlement at Norton. The course of the Roman road from Norton to Settrington runs on a south-eastward alignment c. 100m south of the site (Robinson no. 295). Roman settlement and industrial activity has been recorded further to the south in the Howe Road Area (Robinson 1978, nos. 330-353) as well as at many other locations in Norton. Roman inhumation burials were recorded immediately to the west of the site (*ibid.* nos. 248-251) including cremation and inhumation burials under Russell and Sons former malt kiln, which forms the western boundary of South Parade.
- 3.2 The site apparently lay immediately outside the eastern extent of the medieval settlement at Norton, within one of the units of the village's Open Field system known as East Field (Hudleston, 1962), and was depicted as

open land on the 1854 First edition Ordnance Survey map. The site formed part of a Council Depot in the middle of the 20th century.

4. Methodology

- 4.1 The groundwork's were carried out by a rear-acting JCB excavator, which was fitted mainly with a ditching bucket, but changing to a toothed bucket where ground conditions in the form of hard-packed rubble was encountered. The soakaway formed a large pit, 6m x 3m in size and 2m deep. The foundation for the boundary wall was c. 10m in length, with a width varying from 1.20m at its northern end to 0.90m at the south, and with a depth of 0.50m.

- 4.2 The groundwork's were observed at all times by an archaeologist, and the exposed surfaces and trench sides inspected for archaeological features and deposits. A series of digital images were taken for record purposes.

5. Results

- 5.1 Natural deposits consisted of yellowish sand and gravel, and were identified at a depth of c. 0.50m from the existing ground surface.

- 5.2 A c. 0.50m deep deposit of mixed soil and rubble overlay the natural, and was clearly of modern origin due to the presence of plastic and other recent debris (Pls. 2-4).

- 5.3 No archaeological features, deposits or finds were encountered.

6. Discussion

- 6.1 The area of the Watching Brief had been truncated in modern times, and this process may have removed any archaeological deposits that may have been formerly present.

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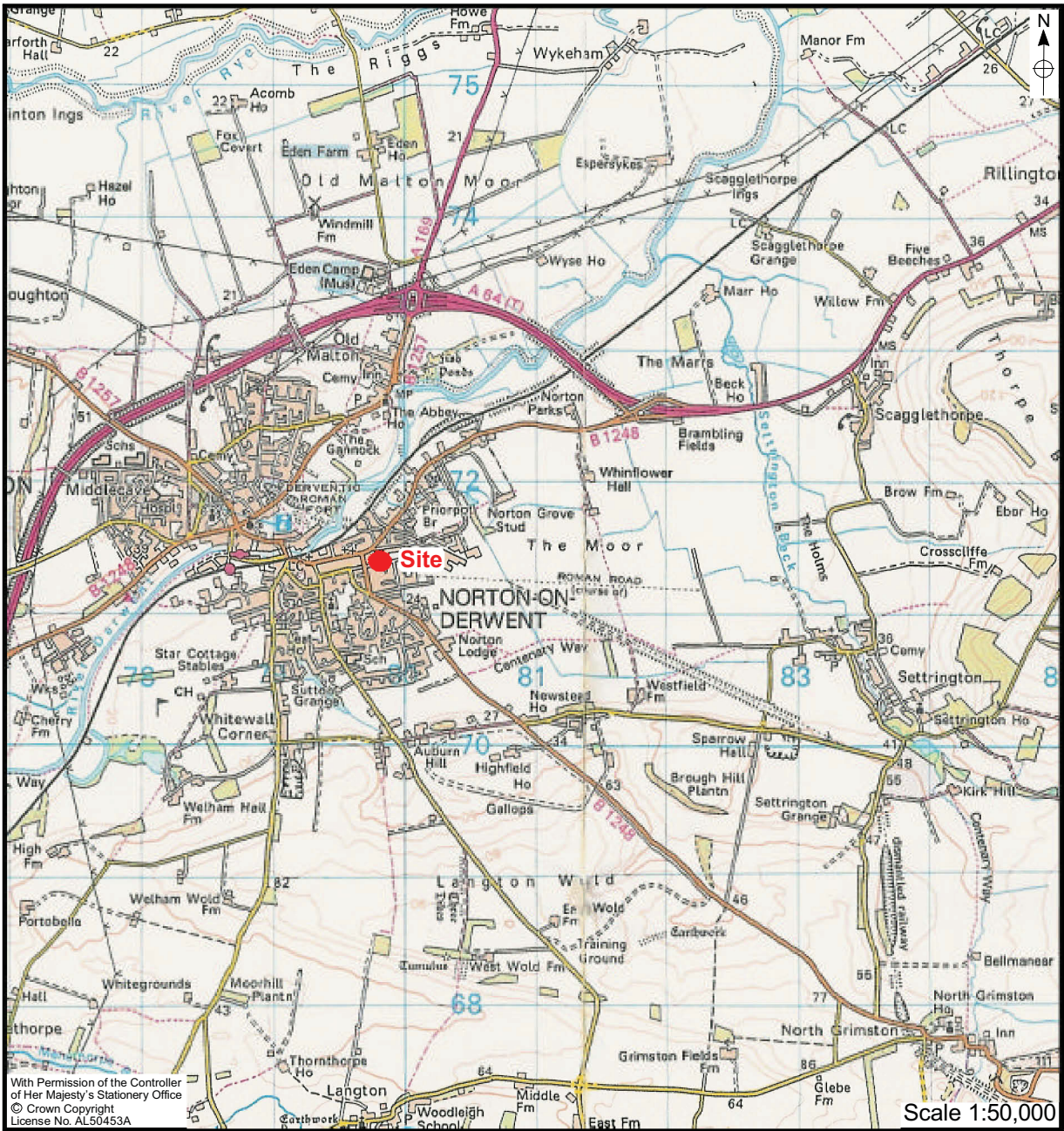


Figure 1. Site Location.

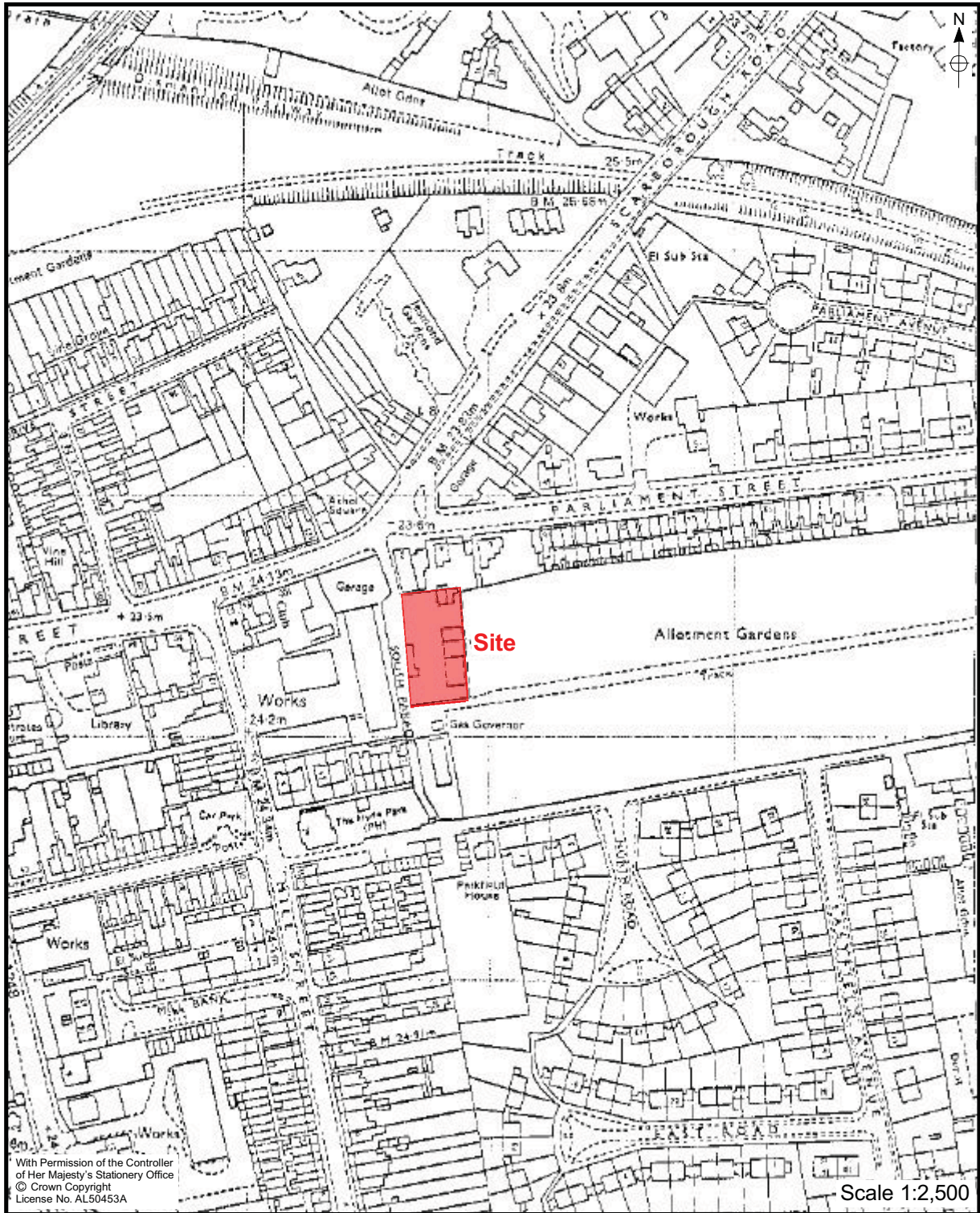


Figure 2. Archaeological Watching Brief Area.



Plate 1. General View of Site. Facing North-west.



Plate 2. Soakaway. Facing North-west.



Plate 4. Foundation of Boundary Wall. Facing South.



Plate 3. Foundation of Boundary Wall. Facing South-east.

