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## 6.0 Discussion

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As medieval archaeological features were directly below the garage construction layer it is likely that these features were truncated during the construction of the garage. The site appears to have been levelled in order to lay the concrete raft foundations. The lack of post medieval pottery on the western half of the site also indicates that the upper layers of the site were removed during the construction of the garage.

The cellars excavated in Test Pit 1 are likely to derive from buildings demolished in 1911 during the widening of the eastern end of Allhallowgate. This cellar appears to be very similar to those in the extant buildings fronting Stonebridgeway. The two cellars under number 4 Stonebridgeway are orientated west to east while the excavated cellar appears to have been orientated north to south and so was probably part of a building fronting onto Allhallowgate.

The earliest deposits on the site were a series of make up layers. These layers were apparently intended to level the ground surface, which naturally sloped down steeply to the northeast. Over 1.2m of re-deposited natural had been laid over the western end of the site. It is likely that the purpose of this levelling was so that buildings could be constructed on the site.

The western half of the site appeared to have been intensively used. Among the excavated features were a number of large pits, which were probably used for depositing refuse, and a stone lined well. These suggest a residential use for the site, although there was no evidence of any buildings within the excavated areas.

There was very little organic material preserved on the site. Several deposits contained small amounts of charcoal and a few fragments of animal bone, recovered from fills (1007) and (2017). There are several possible explanations for the lack of organic materials. Firstly the site was mainly composed of sands and gravels derived from drift deposits. These are likely to have been acidic resulting in poor survival of organic materials. A second possibility is that although there were a large number of features on the site, few of them contained domestic rubbish. This hypothesis was supported by the small amounts of pottery recovered from the site.

A particularly interesting aspect of the site was that despite the depth of archaeological deposits and apparent intensive use of the site during the medieval period, only 9 pottery sherds were recovered (Appendix 3).

Due to the small number of sherds recovered from each context the dating of individual features must be approached with caution. All the pottery can indicate is a *terminus post quem* or earliest possible date of deposition.

Five of the pottery sherds came from pit fills. Pit [1054] contained one sherd in each of its two fills (1034) and (1035) dating from the late 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> century. Pit [2001] contained one

sherd in its fill (2000) dating from the same period. Pit [1064] had two sherds in its fill (1063). One of these sherds was of a North Yorkshire whiteware fabric that dates from the late 12<sup>th</sup> to the late 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> centuries. The three other sherds were recovered during the mechanical excavation of the Inspection Pit 0002 and so were un-stratified. This assemblage includes a piece of Humber ware dating from the late 13<sup>th</sup> to late 14<sup>th</sup> centuries, which suggests the presence of slightly later medieval activity.

All the pits containing pottery were large and are likely to have been refuse pits with the exception of pit [2001], which was a small and shallow feature. These pits also all came from the top of the stratigraphic sequence and so were the latest surviving archaeological features at the western end of the site.

The pottery assemblage as a whole suggests a very close date range for the construction and use of the site between the late 11<sup>th</sup> and the late 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> centuries. This date range is narrowed further by a sherd of late 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> century pottery being retrieved from one of the earliest levelling layers (1031). This suggests that the site was in intensive use between the late 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> centuries, a period of only 150 years.

The postulated levelling of the site during the late 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> centuries appears to fit the pattern of development in Ripon proposed by Whyman (1997, p160). He suggested that Stonebridgegate and Allhallowgate were part of a 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> century settlement reorganisation. The present site augments evidence from the Deanery Gardens and Low St Agnesgate that the street layout and settlement patterns of Ripon were being reorganised in this period. There is little evidence to suggest whether this was a deliberate process as Whyman (1997, p160) proposes or if the development was sporadic and depended on individual needs.

The large amounts of re-deposited natural deposits and lack of archaeological components led to interpretative problems during the initial stages of the site. If an assessment of the sites archaeological potential had been based only on a surface cleaning of the site then most of the features would have been interpreted as natural. It was only through a careful cleaning of a large area of the Inspection Pit section that the scale of the archaeological features emerged. If a smaller exploratory trench had been used then these layers might reasonably have been interpreted as being banding within the periglacial drift geology.



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## 7.0 Conclusions

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The information derived from this site has increased our understanding of the archaeology of Ripon in two ways. Firstly the closely dated pottery sequence allowed for a better understanding of the development of Ripon. Secondly it allows future excavations to be approached with a better understanding of some of the problems associated with artefact poor sites.

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## 9.0 Appendix 1 ~ List of Contexts

### 9.1 Trench 1 (including Area A & Trench 3)

Context	Description	Interpretation
1000	Concrete, brick, plastic, metal and other building debris	Building materials from demolition of garage
1001	Loose dark yellowish brown clayey sand with occasional brick pieces	Fill of pit 1021
1002	Loose mid reddish yellow clayey sand with frequent sub-rounded stones <0.1m	Layer
1003	Loose mid reddish yellow clayey sand with very frequent small stones	Layer
1004	Loose dark yellowish brown clayey sand with occasional small stones	Layer
1005	Loose mid yellowish brown clayey sand with occasional stones <0.05	Layer
1006	Loose light yellowish white sand	Layer
1007	Loose dark brown silty sand with occasional small stones and 5% charcoal flecks	Fill of pit 1020
1008	Loose dark yellowish pink sandy clay (40:60) with frequent stones	Fill of 1023
1009	Loose mid yellowish brown sandy clay with very frequent stones < 0.05m	Fill of 1023
1010	Loose mid yellowish brown sandy clay with 1% stones	Fill of 1023
1011	Loose mid yellowish brown sandy clay with frequent small stones	Fill of 1023
1012	Loose mid brownish yellow clayey sand with occasional small stones in fill and 50% stones < 0.14m concentrated at its base	Fill of pit 1022
1013	Loose mid yellowish brown clayey sand with 2% small stones	Fill of 1024
1014	Loose mid yellowish pink clayey sand with 5% stones	Fill of pit 1025
1015	Loose mid yellowish pink sand	Fill of pit 1025
1016	Loose mid pinkish grey clay with frequent small stones	Fill of pit 1025
1017	Loose mid yellowish pink clayey sand with 40% stones < 0.05m	Layer
1018	Loose mid yellowish red clayey sand with 5% stones <0.05m	Layer
1019	Loose mid yellowish brown clayey sand with 2% stones <0.1m	Layer
1020	Vertical, straight sided cut with a flat base	Pit
1021	Shallow, concave sided cut with a concave base	Pit
1022	A moderately steep, concave sided cut with a concave base	Pit
1023	Steep, straight sided circular cut	Well shaft
1024	A moderately steep, stepped sided cut	Well shaft
1025	A moderately steep, straight sided, V shaped cut	Pit or ditch
1026	Mid yellowish brown clayey sand (20:80) with occasional small stones and 2% charcoal	Fill of pit 1052
1027	Mid pinkish brown sandy clay (40:60)	Fill of pit 1052
1028	Mid brown sandy clay (30:70) with occasional stones	Fill of pit 1052
1029	Firm pinkish yellow clayey sand (10:90) with occasional pebbles <0.05m	Layer
1030	Dark pinkish yellow clayey sand (30:70) with frequent stones	Layer
1031	Mid yellowish pink clayey sand (20:80) with frequent stones	Layer
1032	Mid yellowish brown clayey sand (30:70) with occasional stones	Fill of pit 1053
1033	Mid pinkish brown clayey sand (10:90) with very frequent stones	Fill of pit 1053



1034	Loose mid brown clayey silt (30:70) with 8% stones <0.05m and 2% charcoal flecks	Fill of pit 1054
1035	Mid yellowish brown sandy clayey silt (10:30:60) with 30% sub-rounded pebbles <0.05m	Fill of pit 1054
1036	Light reddish brown clayey silt (10:90) with 5% pebbles <0.01m and occasional charcoal flecks and very occasional mortar flecks	Layer
1037	Mid brownish red silty clay (10:90) with 5% pebbles <0.7m	Layer
1038	Mid yellowish brown sandy clay (10:90) with occasional pebbles	Layer
1039	Soft mid yellowish brown silty sand (40:60) with occasional pebbles <0.02m	Fill of pit 1055
1040	Soft mid yellowish brown clayey sand (20:80) with 5% sub-rounded stones <0.05m	Fill of pit 1067
1041	Soft yellowish brown clayey sand (30:70) with 60% sub-rounded pebbles <0.15m and lenses of pinkish clay <0.05m deep	Fill of pit 1067
1042	Soft mid reddish yellow silty sand (20:80) with 10% sub-rounded pebbles <0.03m	Fill of pit 1055
1043	Soft mid reddish yellow clayey sand (10:90) with 1% sub-rounded pebbles <0.1m and 1% charcoal flecks	Fill of pit 1103
1044	Soft mid brownish pink silty sand (5:95) and 70% rounded pebbles average 0.05m	Fill of pit 1055
1045	Soft mid reddish yellow clayey sand (10:90) with 10% sub-rounded pebbles <0.1m	Fill of pit 1104
1046	Soft dark brownish pink silty sand (10:90) with 40% pebbles <0.05	Fill of pit 1105
1047	Firm light pinkish yellow sandy silt (30:70) with occasional small pebbles <0.02m	Fill of pit 1105
1048	Firm yellowish brown sandy silt (40:60)	Fill of pit 1105
1049	Firm dark yellowish brown silty clay (40:60) with 1% pebbles <0.05m	Fill of 1056
1050	Firm mid brownish yellow sandy silt (30:70) with 10% pebbles <0.1m	Natural
1051	Soft mid yellowish brown clayey sand (30:70)	Fill of pit 1105
1052	A moderately steep, concave sided oval cut with a concave base	Pit
1053	A moderately steep concave sided cut	Pit
1054	Steep concave sided cut	Pit
1055	A steep irregular sided cut	Pit
1056	Steep, straight sided cut	Pit
1057	Wall consisting of sub-rounded cobbles mortared in rough rows	Cellar wall
1058	Magnesian limestone blocks average 0.32 x 0.29 x 0.22m and bricks	Cellar steps
1059	Loose mid grey ash with 3% burnt materials	Fire rakings and household rubbish
1060	Light reddish brown silty sand (10:90) with 1% pebbles average 0.02m	No plan
1061	Vertical, straight sided rectangular cut with a flat base	Cellar foundation
1062	Firm mid reddish brown clay with occasional sub-angular pebbles <0.01m	Layer
1063	Dark brown clayey silt (40:60) with sub-angular pebbles <0.05m, angular limestone lumps <0.04m and charcoal pieces	Fill of pit 1064
1064	Oval cut	Refuse pit
1065	Firm dark brown silty clay with sub-rounded pebbles and 50% brick and concrete pieces	Fill of pit 1066
1066	Vertical straight sided, rectangular cut with a flat base	Pit
1067	A moderately steep, concave sided cut with a concave base	Pit
1068	Soft mid greyish yellow silty sand (20:80) with 2 large stones on surface, occasional sub-rounded pebbles <0.02m and occasional burnt clay flecks	Fill of pit 1069

1069	oval cut	Pit
1070	oval cut	Post hole
1071	Compact mid yellowish brown silty sand (20:80) with 50% angular gravel and containing a modern wooden post	Fill of posthole 1070
1072	square cut	Posthole
1073	Loose mid brownish yellow silt with 50% sub-angular stones <0.06m and a modern wooden post	Fill of 1072
1074	oval cut	Foundation cut
1075	Mid dark brown silty clay (30:70) mixed with 40% mid brown yellow sand with 50% stones and lumps of concrete and brick	Fill of 1074
1076	Very soft mid brownish red silty sand (5:95) with 3% pebbles <0.02m	Layer
1077	circular cut	Pit
1078	Firm mid yellowish brown sandy clay (10:90) with 6% sub rounded stones and pebbles	Fill of pit 1077
1079	oval cut	Pit
1080	Firm mid reddish brown silty clay (10:90) with 1% sub-angular pebbles <0.02m	Fill of pit 1079
1081	Stiff mid reddish brown clay with 60% sub-rounded stones <0.12m	Fill of
1082	Firm mid brown clay with 30% sub-rounded stones <0.1m	Fill of
1083	oval cut	Pit
1084	Soft dark greyish brown silty sandy clay (5:25:70) with 5% sub-rounded stones <0.06m	Fill of pit 1085
1085	Soft mid brownish red clay	Fill
1086	Soft mid greyish brown silty sandy clay (10:20:70) with sub-angular pebbles <0.1m	Layer
1087	Firm dark greyish black silt	Fill of well 1088
1088	Un-mortared sandstone blocks <0.36m in rough courses forming a circle with an internal diameter of 0.88m	Well lining
1089	Soft mid brown sandy silt (5:95) with 1% sub-rounded pebbles <0.03m and occasional charcoal flecks	Fill of 1090
1090	oval cut	Pit or post hole
1091	Soft mid brown sandy clayey silt (5:30:65) with very occasional pebbles <0.02m and 1% coal pieces <0.02m	Fill of 1092
1092	oval cut	Small pit or post hole
1093	circular cut	Pit
1094	Soft mid yellowish brown clayey silt (20:80) with 50% sub-rounded stones <0.2m and occasional charcoal and CBM fragments	Fill of pit 1093
1095	Loose dark brownish red silty sand (30:70) with 90% pebbles <0.2m	Layer
1096	Firm mid pinkish red clayey silt	Layer
1097	Firm dark greyish brown silty clay (5:95) with 1% sub-angular pebbles <0.03m, occasional fragments CBM <0.02m and 1% charcoal <0.01m	Fill of pit 1098
1098	oval cut	Pit
1099	Firm mid yellowish brown silty clay (40:60) with occasional sub-angular pebbles <0.01m and occasional coal and CBM fragments	Fill of pit 1069
1100	Very soft mid brownish red silt with 60% sub-rounded pebbles <0.12m	Layer
1101	Soft light greyish yellow sand with 1% sub-rounded stones <0.1m and some mixing from above.	Natural
1102	Concrete slab	Modern footings
1103	A moderately steep concave sided cut with a sloping base	Pit base
1104	A moderately steep irregular sided cut with a sloping base	Pit base
1105	Steep straight sided cut	Large pit



1106	No record	Fill of pit 1105
1107	Mixed deposits	Multiple fills

## 9.2 Trench 2

Context	Description	Interpretation
2000	Soft mid greyish brown sandy silty clay (10:30:60) with 1% pebbles <0.04m and occasional wood charcoal flecks	Fill of pit 2001
2001	Moderately steep, concave sided oval cut	Small pit
2002	Loose mid yellowish brown silty sand (5:95) with 10% sub rounded gravel < 0.02m and occasional sub rounded pebbles < 0.12m	Fill of pit group 2003
2003	Mostly steep, straight sided irregular cuts	A group of shallow pits and a possible linear all filled by 2002
2004	Firm mid brown sandy clayey silt (10:30:60) with 1% charcoal flecks	Fill of ditch 2005
2005	Moderately steep, straight sided linear cut with a concave base	Ditch
2006	Firm mid brownish red sandy clay (20:80) with 1% pebbles <0.03m	Fill of 2007
2007	Moderately steep, concave sided cut	Possible gravel quarry
2008	Mixed fills containing plastic, oil residues, modern wood and metal.	Fills of pits 2009
2009	Shallow cuts	Pits created during the use or demolition of the bus garage
2010	Firm dark yellowish brown silty clay (10:90) with occasional pebbles <0.08m	Fill of 2007
2011	Soft mid brownish yellow silty sand (30:70) with 1% sub rounded pebbles < 0.04m	Fill of probable pit 2012
2012	A moderately steep, concave sided cut	Probably a pit
2013	A steep, straight sided linear cut	Bus garage inspection pit
2014	Firm mid reddish brown sandy clay (30:70)	Fill of 2007
2015	Loose mid yellowish brown sandy silt (30:70) with 50% sub rounded pebbles < 0.1m	Fill of pit 2007
2016	A steep, concave sided cut	Ditch and probable pit group
2017	Firm mid reddish brown silty clay (40:60) with frequent sub angular pebbles < 0.12m	Fill of ditch and pit group 2016
2018	A steep, straight sided, circular cut	Post hole
2019	A moderately steep, concave sided, linear cut	Possibly the terminus of a beam slot
2020	Firm light brownish yellow silty sand (5:95) with occasional sub rounded pebbles < 0.05m	Fill of linear 2019
2021	A steep, straight sided, oval cut	Large pit
2022	Soft mid brownish grey silty sand (20:80) with 5% pebbles < 0.03m	Fill of large pit 2021
2023	Firm mid reddish grey sandy silt (35:65) with 60% sub-angular pebbles < 0.08m	Fill of pit 2039
2024	Loose mid brownish red silty sand (10:90) with 90% pebbles < 0.08m	Layer of possibly re-deposited natural
2025	Firm mid brownish grey silty sandy clay (5:40:55) with occasional pebbles < 0.02m	Fill of possible quarry 2042
2026	A shallow, straight sided cut	Cut or tip line
2027	Concrete slab	Bus garage wall footings
2028	A moderately steep, straight sided circular cut	Cut or tip line
2029	Firm mid yellowish brown sandy silt (10:70) with occasional sub rounded pebbles	Fill of pit 2028
2030	A steep, concave sided linear	Foundation cut for bus garage
2031	A steep, straight sided cut	Possibly a pit
2032	Compact dark reddish brown sandy clayey silt (5:20:75) with frequent pebbles and large stones	Fill of possible pit 2031
2033	A steep, concave sided cut	Possible posthole



2034	Strongly cemented mid brownish grey silty clay (10:90) with 95% pebbles < 0.1%	Fill of possible posthole 2033
2035	Soft dark yellowish brown silty sand (35:65)	Layer
2036	A vertical, straight sided linear cut	Service trench
2037	Compact mid greyish brown sandy clay (30:70) with frequent pebbles < 0.1m	Fill of service trench 2036
2038	Red silt	Fill of possible post hole 2045
2039	A moderately steep, straight sided cut	Pit
2040	Firm mid reddish brown silty clay (30:70) with 1% sub rounded pebbles < 0.02m	Layer
2041	A mixed deposit containing modern rubbish and building debris	Debris from the demolition of the bus garage
2042	A steep, concave sided cut	Possible quarry
2043	No record	Fill of pit 2044
2044	A moderately steep, concave sided cut	Pit
2045	A vertical, straight sided, oval cut	Possible posthole
2046	A moderately steep, concave sided cut	Pit
2047	No record	Fill of pit 2046

## 10.0 Appendix 2 ~ Archive Index

### 10.1 Drawing Register

Drawing No	Description	Scale	Date
1	East facing section of Inspection Pit	1:20	02/12/99
2	South facing section of Inspection Pit	1:20	02/12/99
3	West facing section of Inspection Pit	1:20	02/12/99
4	Plan of north end of site	1:20	06/12/99
5	Plan of cellar steps	1:20	11/12/99
6	Plan of centre of site	1:20	07/04/00
7	Plan of south end of site	1:20	07/04/00
8	Plan of Trench 2 showing cuts 2001, 2005, 2003	1:20	06/06/00
9	Plan of Trench 2	1:20	07/06/00
10	Plan of Trench 1	1:20	07/06/00
11	Plan of Trench 2 showing cuts 2018, 2021	1:20	09/06/00
12	Plan of Trench 2 showing cuts 2019, 2026	1:20	09/06/00
13	Plan of Trench 2 showing cuts 2007, 2028, 2016	1:20	09/06/00
14	East facing section of Trench 2	1:10	10/06/00
15	South and west facing sections of Trench 2	1:10	10/06/00
16	Plan of Trench 2 showing cut 2036	1:20	30/10/00

### 10.2 Photographic Register

Frame	Description	View	Scale	Date
<b>Film # -/291199/1420 B+W</b>				
1	Identification shot			29/11/99
2	Cellar wall	S	0.5m	29/11/99
3	Cellar wall	E	0.5m	29/11/99
4	Cleaned cellar wall	N	0.5m	30/11/99
5	Cleaned cellar wall	W	0.5m	30/11/99
6	Cleaned cellar wall	S	0.5m	30/11/99
7-8	Cleaned cellar wall	E	0.5m	30/11/99

9-13	East facing section of inspection pit	W	3m markers	30/11/99
14	Well	W	0.5m	30/11/99
15-20	West facing section of inspection pit	E	3m markers	03/12/00
21-22	Inspection pit- general shot	N	3m markers	03/12/00
23	Surface features	N	1m	06/12/99
24	Stone filled pit	N	1m	06/12/99
25	Surface features	W	1m	06/12/99
26	Inspection pit section	W	1m + 0.5m	06/12/99
27	Inspection pit section	N	1m + 0.5m	06/12/99
<b>Film # -/291199/1425 C. N.</b>				
1-3	Cellar wall	E	0.5m	29/11/99
4-5	Cellar wall	N	0.5m	29/11/99
6	Identification shot			29/11/99
7-9	Cleaned cellar wall	N	0.5m	30/11/99
10-12	Cleaned cellar wall	W	0.5m	30/11/99
13-15	Cleaned cellar wall	S	0.5m	30/11/99
16-18	Cleaned cellar wall	E	0.5m	30/11/99
19-21	Cleaned cellar wall	E	0.5m	30/11/99
22-33	East facing section of inspection pit	W	Photo arrows	30/11/99
34	Well			30/11/99
<b>Film # -/021299/0845 C. N.</b>				
1	Identification shot			03/12/99
2-16	West facing section of inspection pit	E	3m marks	03/12/99
17-19	South facing section of inspection pit	N	3m marks	03/12/99
20-21	General shot of inspection pit	N	3m marks	03/12/99
22-24	Surface features	N	1m	06/12/99
25-27	Stone filled pit	N	1m	06/12/99
28-30	General shot of surface	W	1m	06/12/99
31-33	Inspection pit section	W	1m + 0.5m	06/12/99
34-36	Inspection pit section	N	1m + 0.5m	06/12/99
<b>Film # -/060300/0735 B + W</b>				
21	Site central area	W	2m + 1m	07/04/00
22	Site southern area	SW	2m + 1m	07/04/00
23	Site southern area	W	2m + 1m	07/04/00
<b>Film # -/160500/1427 B+W</b>				
24	Trench 1	NE	2m	02/06/00
25	Trench 2, North end	E	1m	03/06/00
26	Trench 2	S	2m	05/06/00
27	Cut 2001	SW	0.5m	06/06/00
28	Cut 2005	S	1m	06/06/00
29	Trench 2 cut 2007	N	1m	06/06/00
30	Trench 2 cut 2002	W	1m	06/06/00
31	Trench 2 arbitrary cleaning	E	0.5m	07/06/00
32	Trench 2 builders	NE	0.5m	08/06/00
33	Trench 2 manhole	W	1m	08/06/00
34	Trench 2	S	0.5m	08/06/00
35	Trench 2	E	0.5m	08/06/00

**Film # 2/310500/1645 C. T.**

30	Trench 1	NE	2m	02/06/00
31-33	Trench 2 north end	E	1m	05/06/00
34-35	Trench 2	S	2m	05/06/00

**Film # 2/060600/0846 C. T.**

1	Identification shot			06/06/00
2-4	Cut 2001	SW	0.5m	06/06/00
5	Trench 2 after rainstorm	S	-	06/06/00
6-8	Trench 2 cut 2005	E	1m	06/06/00
9-11	Trench 2 cut 2007	N	1m	06/06/00
12-14	Trench 2 cut 2002	W	1m	06/06/00
15-17	Trench 2 arbitrary cleaning	E	0.5m	07/06/00
18-20	Trench 2 builders	NE	-	08/06/00
21-23	Trench 2 manhole	W	1m	08/06/00
24-26	Trench 2	S	0.5m	08/06/00
27-29	Trench 2	E	0.5m	08/06/00
30-32	Trench 2 fill 2016	E	1m	09/06/00
33-35	Trench 2	E	0.5m	09/06/00
36-38	Trench 2	W	1m	10/11/00

**Film # -/080600/1424 B + W**

1	Identification shot			08/06/00
2	Trench 2	E	0.5m	09/06/00
3	Trench 2 A right	W	1m	10/06/00
4	Trench 2 under 2027	E	1m	10/06/00
5	Trench 2 A centre	W	1m	10/06/00
6	Trench 2 A left	W	1m	10/06/00
7	Trench 2 B right	E	2m	10/06/00
8	Trench 2 B centre	E	2m	10/06/00
9	Trench 2 B left	E	1m	10/06/00
10	Trench 2 C right	N	1m	10/06/00
11	Trench 2 C left	N	1m	10/06/00
12	Trench 2 B	N	2m	10/06/00
13	Trench 2 C	E	1m	10/06/00

**Film # 2/100600/0930 C. T.**

1	Identification shot			10/06/00
2-4	Trench 2 under 2027	E	1m	10/06/00
5-7	Trench 2 A centre	W	1m	10/06/00
8-10	Trench 2 A left	W	1m	10/06/00
11-13	Trench 2 B right	E	2m	10/06/00
14-16	Trench 2 B centre	E	2m	10/06/00
17-19	Trench 2 B left	E	1m	10/06/00
20-22	Trench 2 C right	N	1m	10/06/00
23-25	Trench 2 C left	N	1m	10/06/00
26-28	Trench 2 B	N	2m	10/06/00
29-31	Trench 2 C	E	1m	10/06/00



## 11.0 Appendix 3 ~ Pottery from Ripon, North Yorkshire.

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### 11.1 Summary

The excavation at Ripon carried out by On Site Archaeology produced 9 sherds of pottery (HARGM: 9925). These sherds range in date from the later 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> centuries and the late 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> centuries.

### 11.2 Description

The pottery came from six contexts. All the assemblages were very small, ranging from one to three sherds, and consequently each context can only be assigned a *terminus post quem* (i.e. earliest possible date for deposition). These are summarised in Table 1.

Table 1

Context:	Description:
0002	L13TH C OR LATER
1031	L12-13TH C
1034	L11TH - 13TH C
1035	L11TH - 13TH C
1063	L12TH - 13TH C
2000	L11TH - 13TH C

### 11.3 Medieval Pottery

The earliest pottery is Yorkshire Gritty ware (YG), of which four jar sherds were recovered and one jug sherd. One of the jars had the standard off-white fabric but the other three were light orange coloured. Two of these sherds {contexts (0002) and (1034)} joined. The jug had a different appearance to the jars and probably came from another source.

Yorkshire Gritty ware was first produced in the later 11<sup>th</sup> century and is the most common fabric used in much of Yorkshire until the mid 13<sup>th</sup> century.

Most of the remaining sherds were of North Yorkshire whiteware (NYWW). The four sherds differed in appearance and may come from different sources. NYWW was first produced in the 12<sup>th</sup> century but the height of production was in the later 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> centuries. One vessel from context (1031) has a yellow glaze. The second, which has a fine white fabric, has glaze both internally and externally. The external glaze contains copper, a feature that dates the vessel to the late 12<sup>th</sup> century or later. The final two sherds had a light cream to orange fabric with a mottled apple-green (copper-stained) glaze.

Finally, a sherd of a Humber ware jug with a ridged neck was recovered from context (0002). Humber ware, a silty or sandy red glazed earthenware, became particularly common in North

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Yorkshire in the later 14<sup>th</sup> century but the first vessels were probably produced in the later 13<sup>th</sup> century, to which period this example may belong.

#### **11.4 Recommendations**

The pottery from Ripon is of medieval date and indicates activity on the site between the late 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> and the later 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> centuries. The pottery should be retained in an archaeological repository since advances in knowledge mean that in future it may be possible to both refine the dating and establish more precisely the source of the sherds.

#### **11.5 Acknowledgements**

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*Appendix One*

Context	Cname:	Form:	Nosh	NoV:	PART:	Description:
0002	HUMB	JUG	1	1	BS	RIDGED NECK; THIN-WALLED SLIGHTLY GRITTY HUMBER-TYPE FABRIC
0002	NYWWF		1	1	BS	EXT CU GLAZE; THICK INT GLAZE; FINE WHITE FABRIC
0002	YG?		1	1	B	SHL=1034
0002	ZDATE				BS	L13TH C OR LATER
1031	NYWW	JUG	1	1	BS	YELLOW GLAZE
1031	ZDATE				BS	L12-13th C
1034	YG?	JAR	1	1	BS	EXT SOOT; SHL=0002; SPOTS OF SPLASHED GLAZE; GREY FABRIC; LIGHT ORANGE EXT
1034	ZDATE				BS	L11TH - 13TH C
1035	YG	JAR	1	1	BS	SOOTED; UNGLAZED WHITE; HANDMADE
1035	ZDATE				BS	L11TH - 13TH C
1063	NYW	JUG	1	1	BS	LIGHT CREAM/ORANGE FABRIC MOTTLED APPLE GLAZE
1063	YG	JUG	1	1	BS	NECK; WHEEL THROWN; LIGHT FIRING FABRIC
1063	ZDATE				BS	L12TH - 13TH C
2000	YG?	JAR	1	1	B	ORANGE FABRIC; SOOTED
2000	ZDATE				BS	L11TH - 13TH C