

NEW CAR PARK, BRIDGE ROAD, BROMPTON ON SWALE

ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING

Site name: Bridge Road Car Park

Grid reference: SE 2245 9940

Parish: Brompton-on-Swale

District: Richmondshire

County: North Yorkshire

Administrative authority: North Yorkshire County Council

Development: New Car Park

Client: Thomas Armstrong (Construction) Ltd

Project Officer: Ben Turner

Project manager: Oliver Cooper

Date: 23/03/2015

NAA project number: 1206

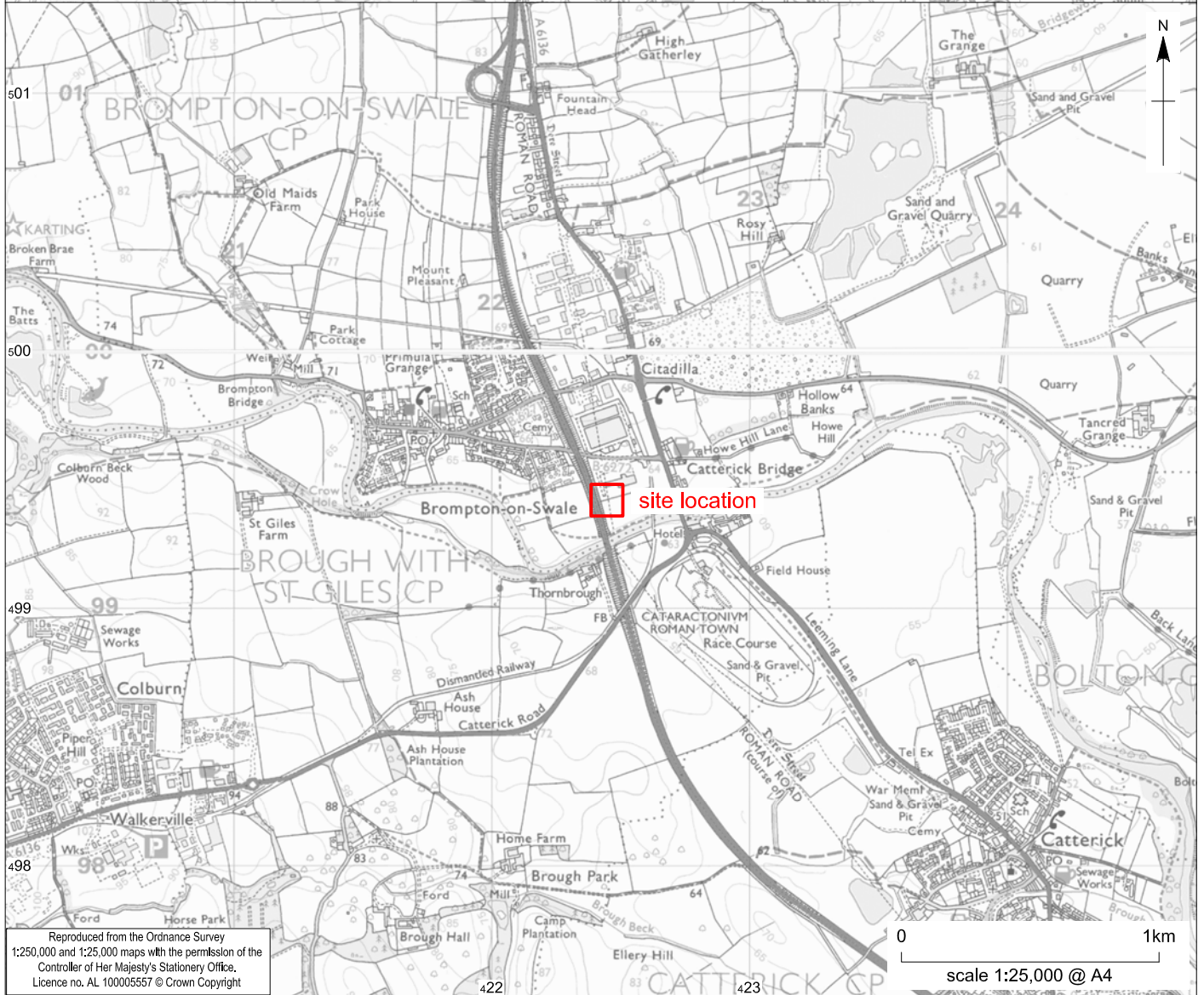
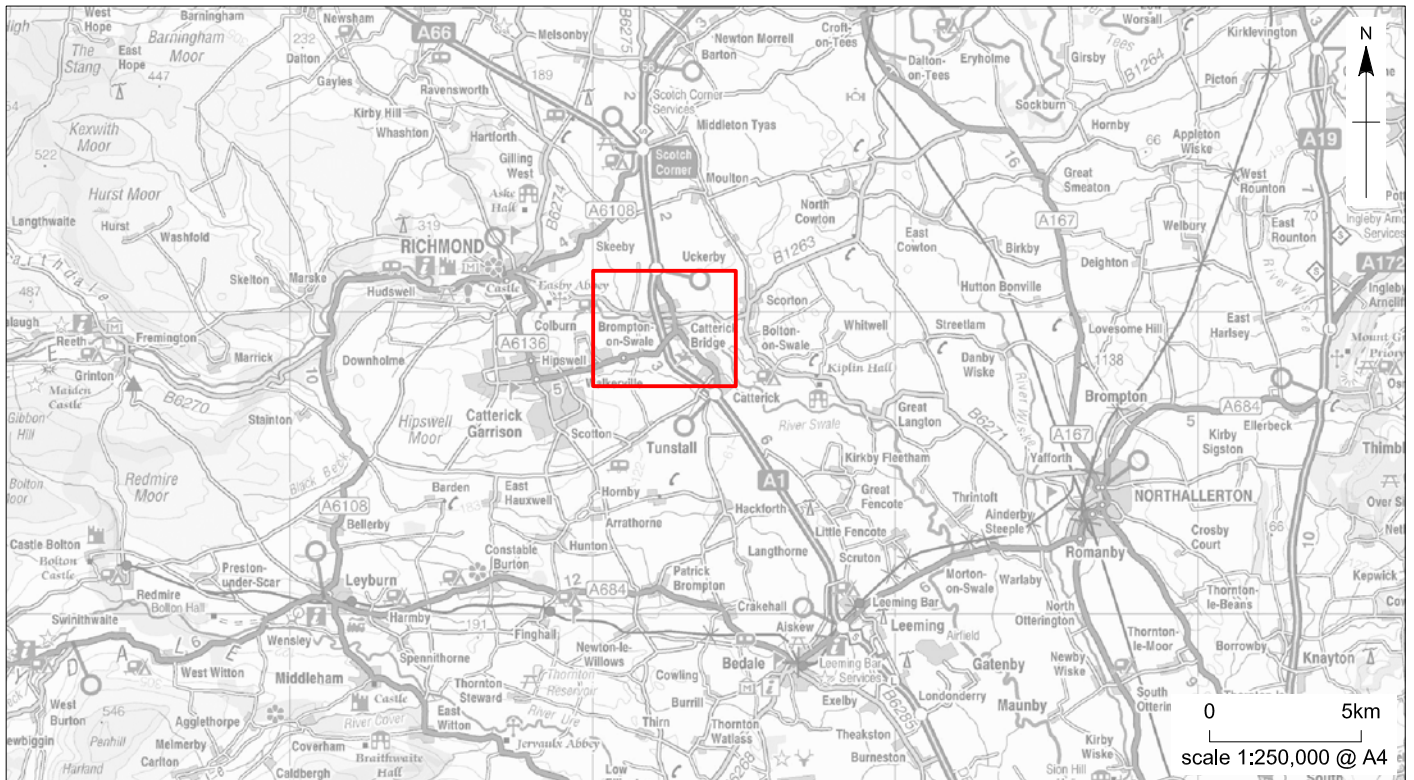
Reasons for monitoring: To record any underlying archaeology present during topsoil stripping ahead of the building of a new car park on land to the south of the current Thomas Armstrong Blocks compound (Figure 1). Archaeology has been proven to exist up to 2m in depth directly beneath the proposed car park development through a series of trenches excavated during the 1970s. The site sits adjacent to a recently completed phase of excavation undertaken by NAA as part of the A1 development, which has shown significant amounts of archaeology on land to the west of the proposed car park development.

Results:

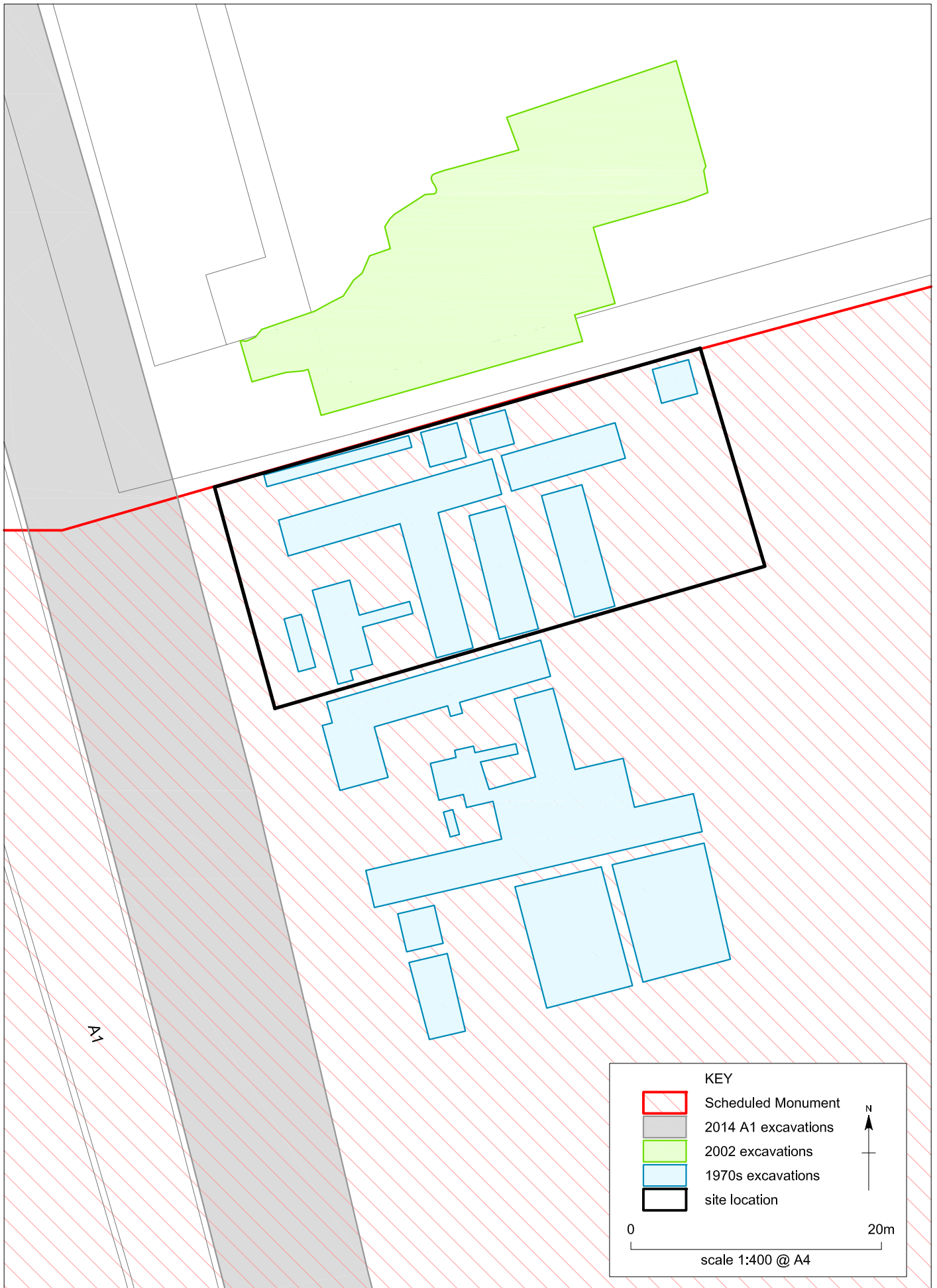
A watching brief was carried out on 23 March 2015 for the stripping of topsoil up to a depth of 300mm. No archaeology was present within the trench, as the works did not go deep enough to disturb any underlying archaeology. A number of the 1970s trenches were uncovered during the soil stripping and their locations have now been more accurately plotted (Figure 2). A few unstratified finds were uncovered during the monitoring of the soil stripping, all of which came out of the back-fills of the 1970s trenches and were not within a secure archaeological context. These included Roman pot sherds and brick and tile fragments.

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Bridge Road, Brompton: general view of soil stripping

Plate 1



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*Bridge Road, Brompton: old trenches
and paler unexcavated area*

Plate 2