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Tower Place, York

NEGATIVE WATCHING BRIEF REPORT

Site name: Tower Place, York.

Grid reference: SE 604 514

District: City of York

County: City of York

Administrative authority: City of York Council

Development: Sewer Repair

Client: Yorkshire Water

Contractor: Drain Aid

Planning application reference: N/A

Site supervisor: Stuart Ross

Project manager: Oliver Cooper

Date(s): 26/6/06

Report number: 06/98

NAA project number: 772

Site code: None Allocated

Reasons for watching brief:

The ground works were located within Tower Gardens, a public park area directly to the southwest of Tower Place. The excavated area was sited 10m outside the standing medieval city walls.

Results:

Tower Gardens is located within the city centre of York at a distance of 100m to the southwest of Clifford's Tower and 100m to the west of the Castle Museum. The site was located at the north-western extremity of the public area, at a distance of approximately 25m from the River Ouse. A single trench was excavated to expose an existing sewer pipe allowing access for inspection and repair. The trench measured 1.8m x 1.6m with a maximum depth of 1.63m. The deposits within this trench were composed of gravels, silts and sands in varying amounts, all representing modern redeposited material. At a depth of 1.5m a sewer pipe of brick construction with sandstone flagstones covering a previous repair was encountered. Excavations continuing to the north side of the sewer to expose the damaged area allowing repair. Ceramic building material of the same type as that used to construct the brick sewer, modern pottery fragments and ceramic drain pipe were unearthed throughout. No archaeological features were encountered.

Documentation: A location map is attached.

Archive deposition: The documentation will be internally archived.