

NORTHERN ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATES

38 Lord Mayor's Walk, York

NEGATIVE WATCHING BRIEF REPORT

Site name: 38 Lord Mayor's Walk, York.

Grid reference: SE 604 524

District: City of York

Administrative authority: City of York Council

Development: Sewer Repair

Client: Yorkshire Water

Contractor: Drains Aid

Planning application reference: N/A

Site supervisor: Dave Bartlett

Project manager: Oliver Cooper

Date(s): 23/10/06

Report number: 06/154

NAA project number: 772

Site code: None Allocated

Reasons for watching brief:

The ground works were located opposite number 38 Lord Mayor's Walk, within part of the moat alongside the medieval city walls. Lord Mayor's Walk lies along the north-eastern part of the city wall, close to York Minster.

Results:

A single pit was excavated to expose an existing sewer pipe, allowing access for inspection and repair. The pit measured 1.7m x 1.3m with a maximum depth of 1.1m. Only one corner of the pit (the north-western) appeared to contain an undisturbed soil sequence. Beneath 0.3m of loamy topsoil was a dark brown sandy clay containing post-medieval brick and tile, and 19th- to 20th-century pottery sherds. This deposit was interpreted as the gradual fill of the moat. Above this was a discontinuous layer of yellow-brown clay up to 0.15m thick, which appeared to have been deliberately deposited, possibly during consolidation work on the walls.

No archaeological features were identified, and the modern artefacts were not retained.

Documentation: A location map is attached.

Archive deposition: The documentation will be internally archived.