

NORTHERN ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATES
AELFLEDA TERRACE, WHITBY, NORTH YORKSHIRE

Negative Watching Brief Report

Site name: Aelfleda Terrace, Whitby **Grid reference:** NZ 9016 1099

Parish: Whitby **District:** Scarborough **County:** North Yorkshire

Administrative authority: Scarborough Borough Council

Development: Re-routing of water main **Planning application reference:** N/A

Client: J N Bentley on behalf of Yorkshire Water **Contractor:** J N Bentley

Site supervisor: Chris Pole **Project manager:** Oliver Cooper

Date(s): 26 March - 5 April 2013

NAA project number: 1129 **Site code:** AEW 13

Reasons for watching brief:

The site was located on the east side of Whitby (Figure 1), close to the Scheduled Monument of Whitby Abbey (Figure 2). During the monitoring of borehole starter pits in advance of the water main re-routing (NAA 2013), archaeological deposits, including a wall possibly located within the medieval abbey precinct, were noted.

Archaeological monitoring was recommended for all subsequent work due to the potential for encountering further remains in the area, including pits, potholes and ditches, cut into the natural boulder clay.

Results:

Archaeological monitoring was conducted during the excavation of a pipeline trench, to a depth of approximately 2m below ground level (Figure 2; Plate 1). No archaeological features were identified, although the cut for a revetment wall facing Aelfleda Terrace to the south was noted.

The natural boulder clay was located approximately 1.3m below ground level (Plate 2), and consisted of light grey mottled mid-yellow and reddish brown sandy clay. This was overlain by between 0.8m and 1.2m of colluvial subsoil, a firm mid grey brown slightly clayey silt-sand. Sealing this was between 0.4m and 0.6m of loose, dark brown grey silty sand topsoil.

A number of finds of 19th-century date were recovered from the topsoil and subsoil layers. The assemblage mostly consisted of pottery, including numerous sherds of blue

and white printed transfer ware, black-and-white banded ware, mocha ware, green-glazed red earthenware, and stoneware bottles, including one stamped 'Whitby'. Other finds included clay pipe stems, a glass ink bottle, a copper alloy chest lock-plate and two copper alloy military buttons (one of general army service, with the royal cypher illegible, the other a naval button displaying the 'fouled anchor').

A number of pieces of jet-working waste were recorded, including a brooch mount and a cross-shaped pendant. These derived from the Victorian jet workshops located in the surrounding area, such as those encountered during archaeological investigation to the north in 2010-11 (NAA 2011).

References:

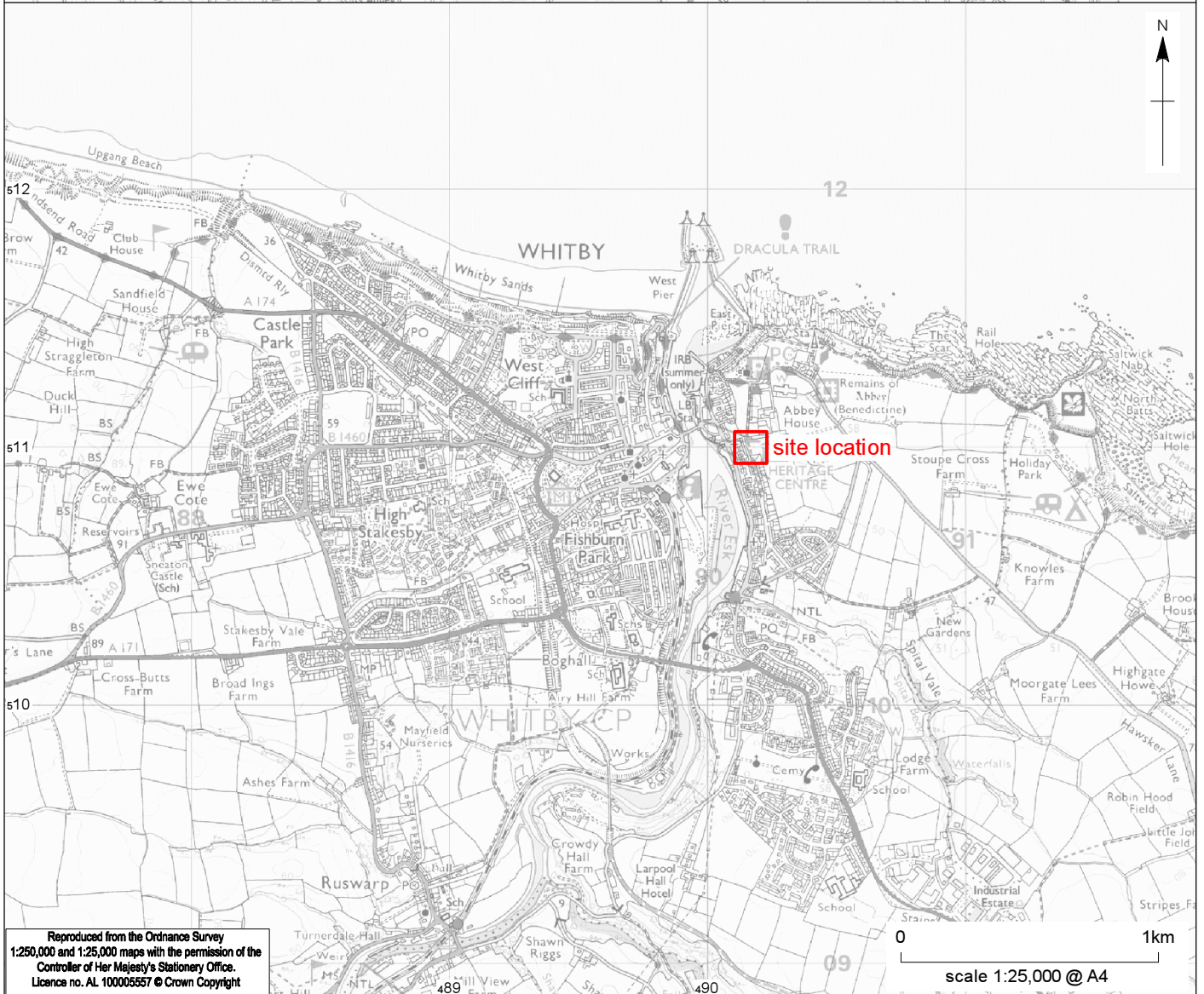
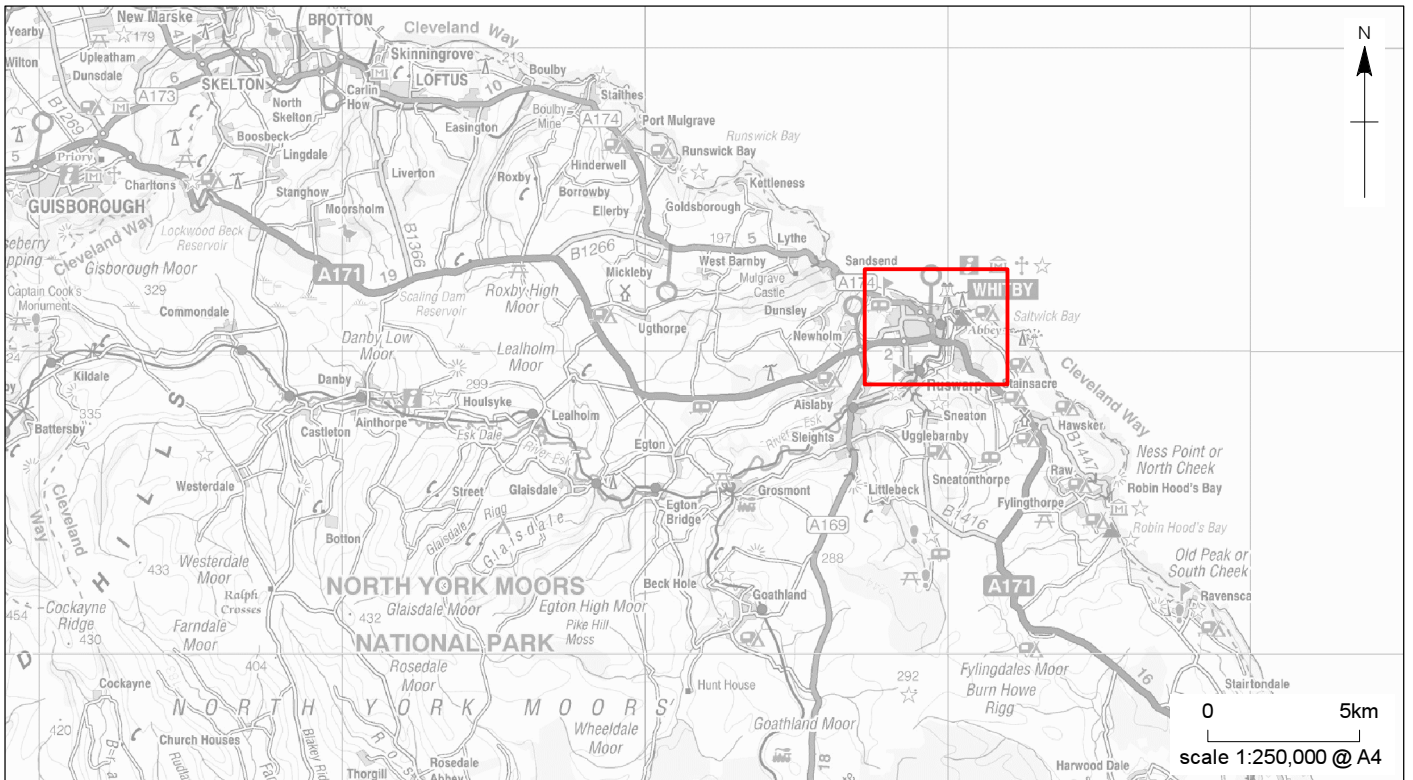
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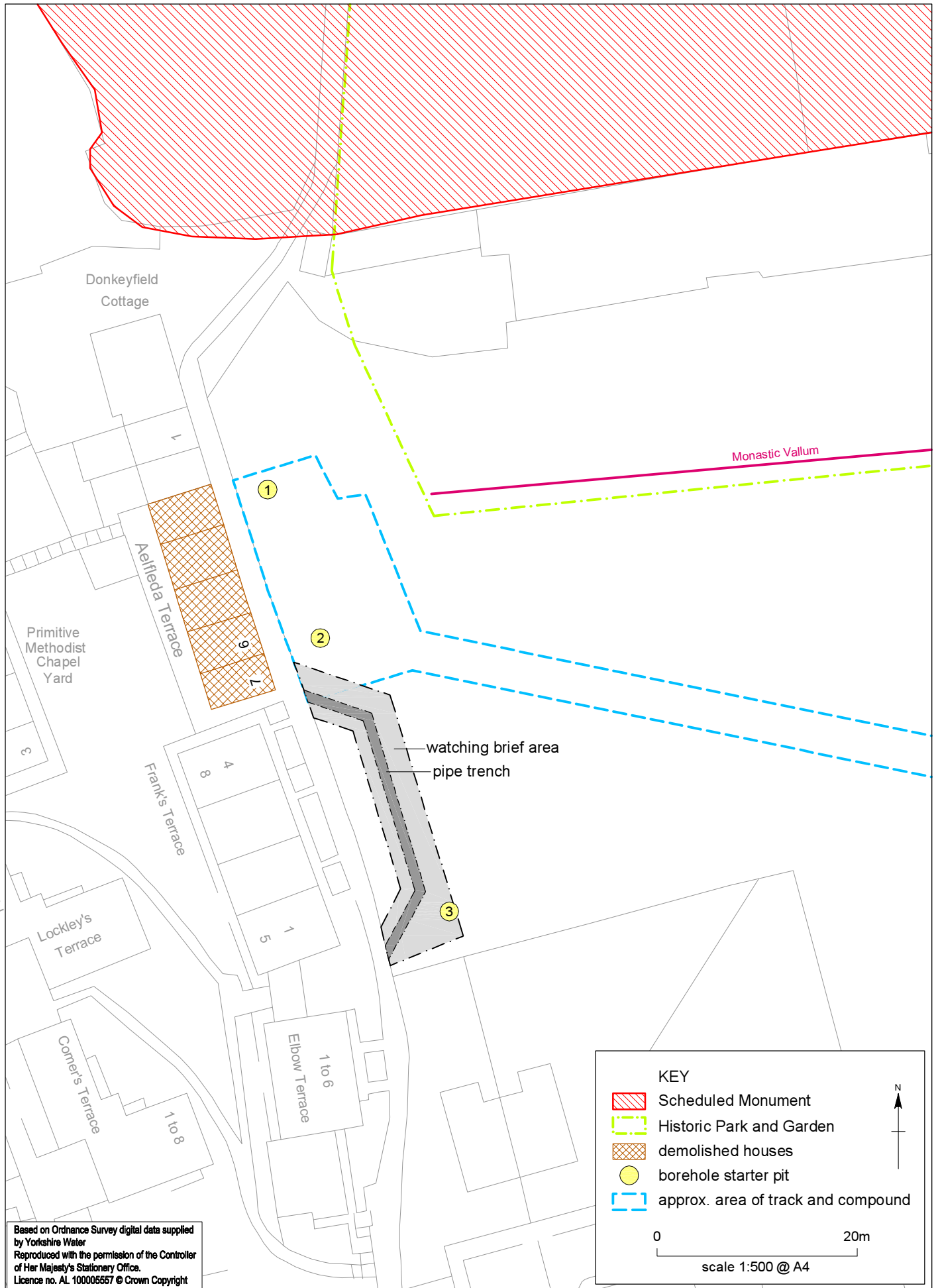


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Aelfleda Terrace, Whitby: site location

Figure 1



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Aelfleda Terrace, Whitby: watching brief area

Figure 2



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Aelfleda Terrace, Whitby: general view of works

Plate 1



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Aelfleda Terrace, Whitby: section of trench showing deposits

Plate 2