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CASTLE HILL ILKLEY

Negative Watching Brief Report

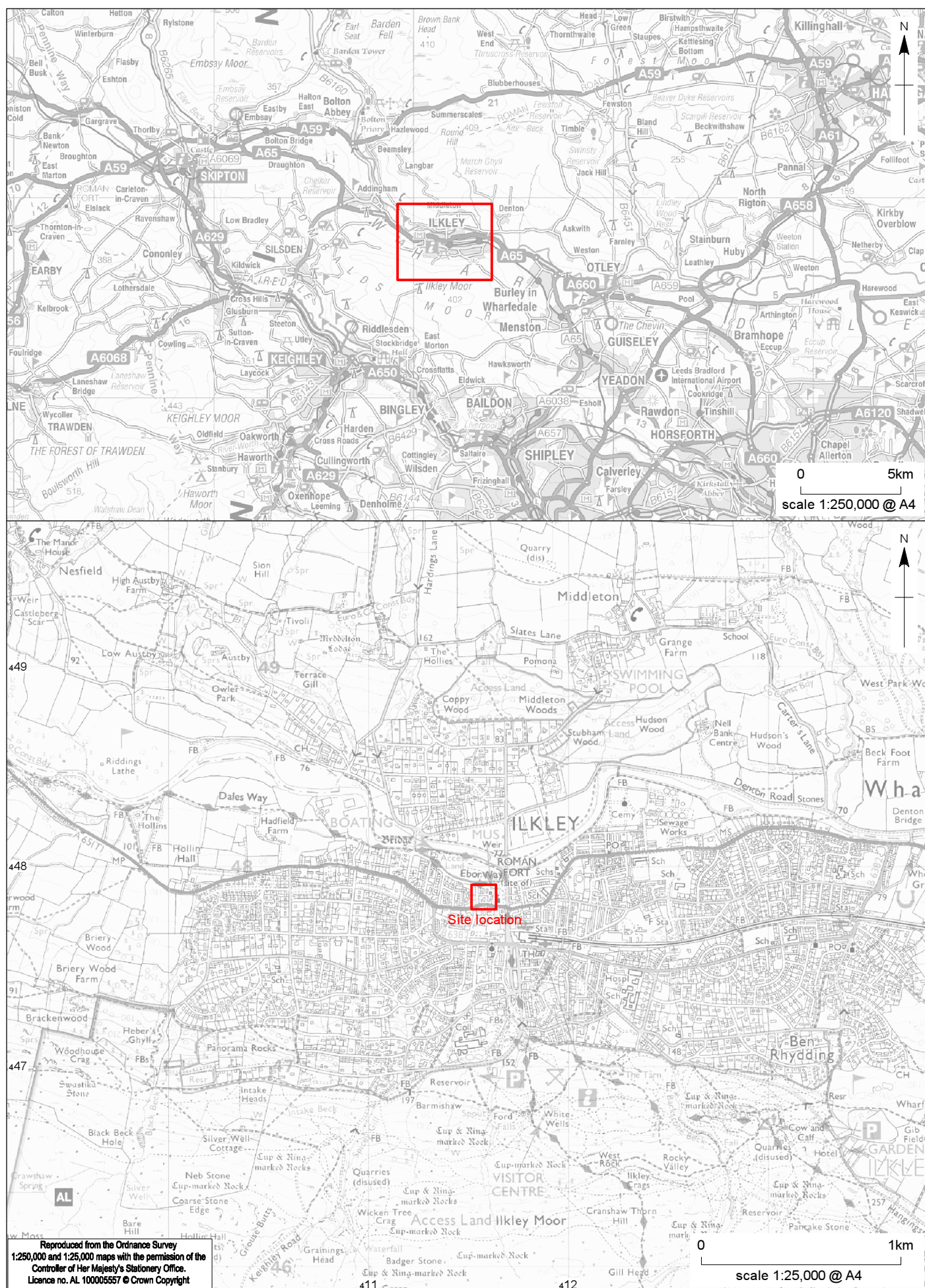
Site name: Rear of no 2 Castle Hill, Ilkley **NAA project no:** 1126
Grid reference: SE 115 478 **Parish:** Ilkley **County:** West Yorkshire
Administrative Authority: Metropolitan Borough of Bradford
Development: Repairs to sewer pipe **Date:** 28/1/13
Client: Yorkshire Water Services Ltd **Contractor:** Lumsden & Carrol
Monitoring Archaeologist: Kevin Collins **Project Manager:** Oliver Cooper

Reasons for watching brief: Archaeological monitoring was required as a blocked/leaking sewer was located immediately adjacent to the Roman fort (Figure 1), which is a Scheduled Monument (EH UID 1013674). The line of the fort ditch, if extrapolated, would run beneath the area of sewer repair, so there was the potential for the excavations encountering archaeological features or finds.

Results: The excavations took place under a lean-to outbuilding, which was located in a small courtyard to the rear of number 2 Castle Hill (Figure 2). A pit 0.9m square and 0.80m deep was hand-excavated until the glazed sewer pipe was reached. The soil encountered was dark grey brown silty sand, which contained sewer pipe fragments, along with post-medieval or later ceramic brick and roof tile. The pipe, although blocked, was found not to be the source of the leak, and work ceased until a repair solution could be found. Further work within this area was subsequently abandoned.

Finds: No Roman material was encountered; a small assemblage of late 19th- and 20th-century pottery was identified but not retained.

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Castle Hill, Ilkley: site location

Figure 1

