

NORTHERN ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATES LTD
RUDSTON SRE ENABLING WORKS

Negative Watching Brief Report

Site name: Rudston SRE Enabling Works	Development: Water main renewal
Grid refs: TA 125 679 & TA 118 640	Dates: 12/3/13 to 21/3/13
Parishes: Boynton & Burton Agnes	County: East Riding of Yorkshire
Administrative Authority: East Riding of Yorkshire Council	
Client: Yorkshire Water Services Ltd	Contractor: Morrison Utility Services Ltd
Monitoring Archaeologist: Kevin Collins	Project Manager: Oliver Cooper

Reasons for watching brief: This scheme involved excavating two short sections of trench (Figure 1). A desk-based appraisal (NAA 2012) had identified thirteen heritage assets (archaeological and historic sites and find-spots) recorded within 500m of the trench locations. The locations of the heritage assets are illustrated on Figure 2; while further details are included in Table 1, overleaf.

The first trench was along the verge of the B1253 at Caythorpe, in the parish of Boynton, some 2.5km to the east of Rudston, within an area containing extensive evidence for activity within the prehistoric, Roman and medieval periods (HA01–08). The field immediately to the south of the road is a Scheduled Monument (HA01), while the B1253 Rudston to Bridlington road is considered to follow the route of a Roman road (HA06 or 07).

The second trench was in a lay-by on the A614, just outside Thornholme village, in Burton Agnes parish. Prehistoric and Roman remains are recorded within 500m of the site (HA10), while the village has medieval origins (HA12). It was therefore considered that excavation at either site had the potential for encountering archaeological remains.

Results

Rudston

Excavations took place along the verge of the B1253 to the east of Caythorpe (Figure 2), comprising a trench measuring 14m long, 0.5m wide and 0.9m deep. In the base of the trench the natural chalk bedrock was encountered. Overlying this was up to 0.4m of whitish-brown silty sand, sealed by 0.5m of dark yellowish-brown silty sand topsoil. There was no evidence for an earlier road surface, either Roman or later, and no other archaeological features or artefacts were identified.

Thornholme

This section of trench was excavated in the lay-by to the east of the village of Thornholme (Figure 2). An L-shaped trench was excavated over a distance of 5.3m, measuring 1.2m wide, and with a maximum depth of 1.2m. The tarmac was up to 0.3m deep; below this, the trench encountered only backfill from previous excavations for the installation of an earlier water main. The site had also been heavily disturbed by previous excavations for other services. Again, there were no features or finds of archaeological interest.

Reference

Northern Archaeological Associates (2012) *Rudston SRE Enabling Works, Rudston and Thornholme, East Riding of Yorkshire: Desk-based Cultural Heritage Appraisal*. NAA report 12/133

Table 1. Heritage assets identified within 500m of works

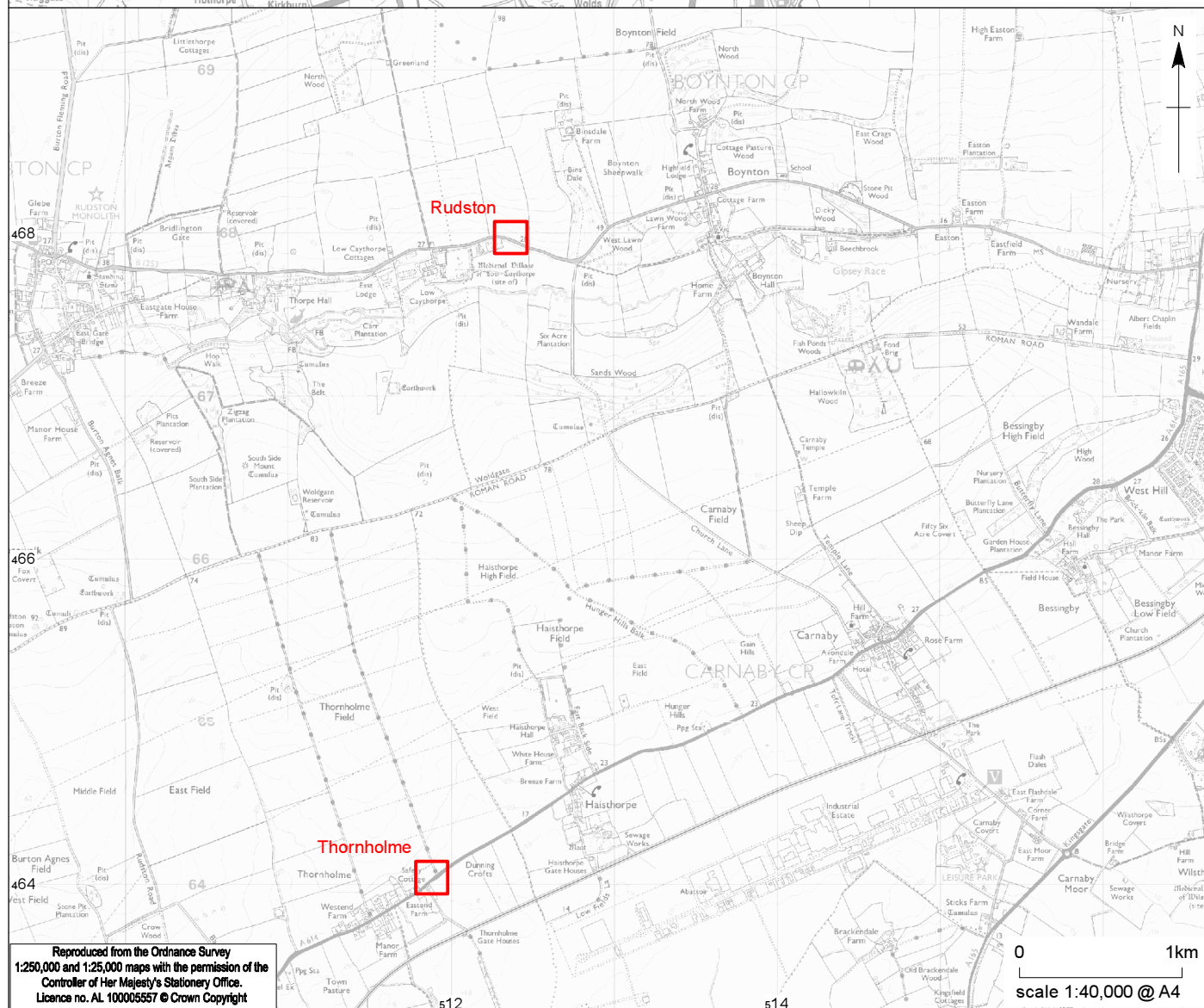
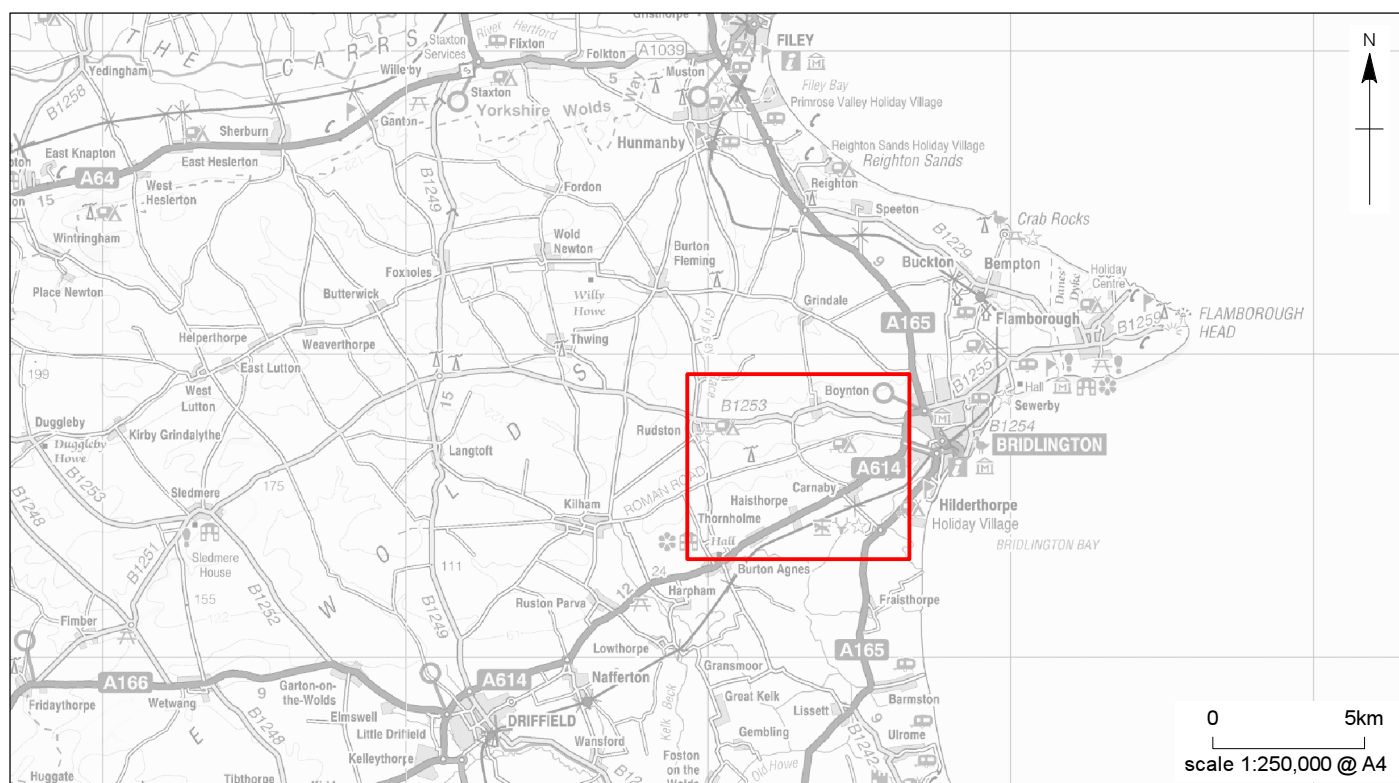
HA	HER/ NMR	Grid ref			Description	Period/ date	Grade
					<i>Rudston</i>		
01	1005207	TA	126	678	Settlement	Iron Age to Romano-British	1
02	1013618	TA	120	677	Low Caythorpe deserted settlement	Medieval	1
03	n/a	TA	125	681	Round barrow burial mounds	Neolithic to Bronze Age	2
04	11228	TA	122	685	Settlement, trackway and field system	Prehistoric to Romano-British	2
05	7240	TA	122	678	Settlement	Iron Age to Romano-British	2
06	7672	TA	121	679	Road	Roman	3
07	7672	TA	051	690	Road	Roman	3
08	n/a	TA	125	678	Settlement	Anglo-Saxon	2
09	15090	TA	1260	6787	Milestone (site of)	19th century	3
					<i>Thornholme</i>		
10	6945	TA	1180	6394	The Cottage	1782	LBII
11	n/a	TA	115	635	Settlement	Iron Age to Romano-British	2
12	3261	TA	1180	6410	Linear boundary/ trackway	Prehistoric	3
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13	10027	TA	1150	6380	Thornholme shrunken village	Medieval	3
14	8811	TA	125	639	Bridlington Branch Railway	1845	3

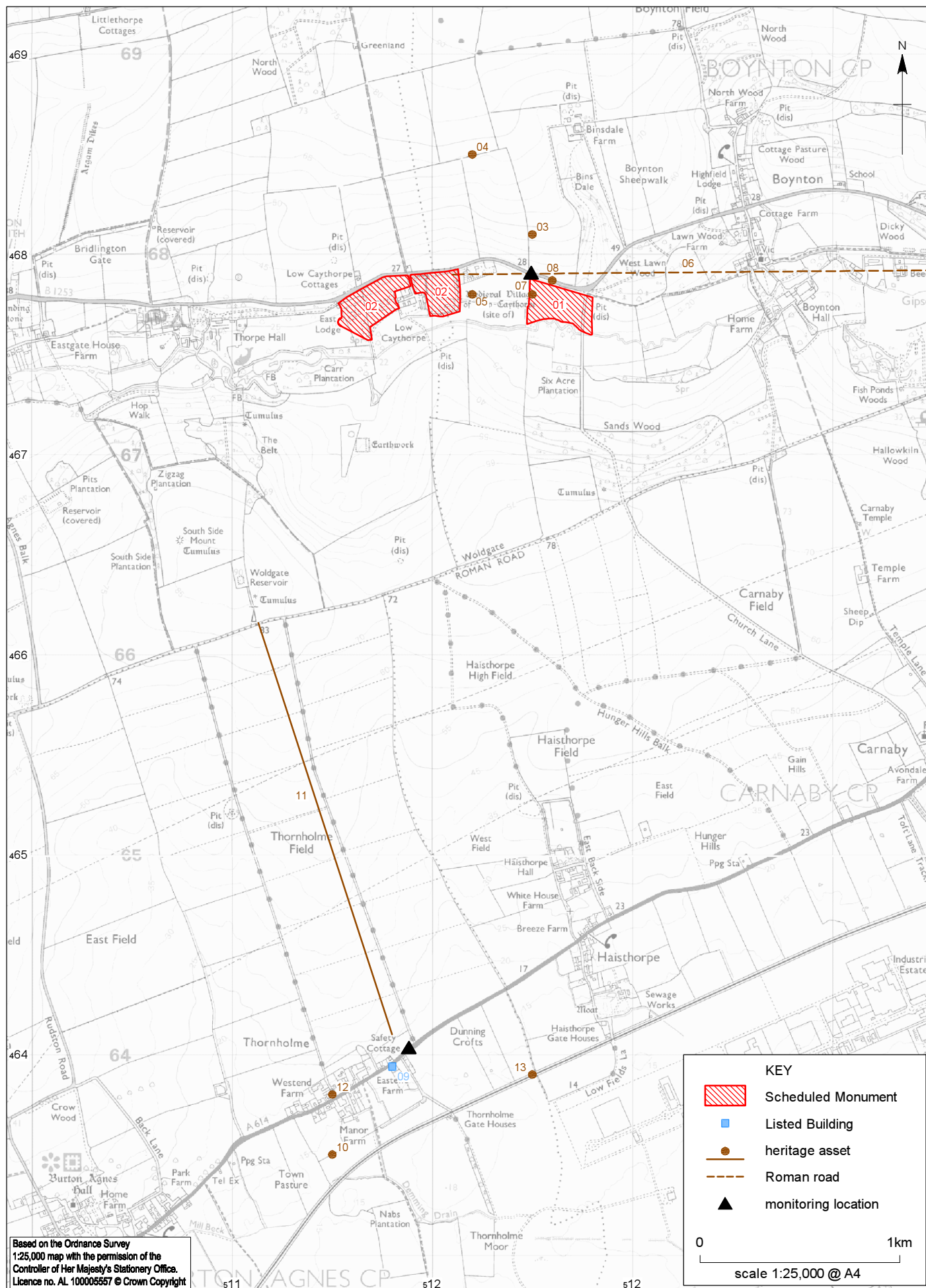
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Rudston SRE: heritage assets in vicinity of works

Figure 2