NORTHERN ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATES LTD WATER MAIN RENEWAL, THORNHOLME, EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE Negative Watching Brief Report

Site name: Thornholme	Grid reference: TA11914/64050
Parish: Burton Agnes	County: East Riding of Yorkshire
Administrative authority: East Riding of Y	orkshire Council Development: Water main renewal
Client: Yorkshire Water Services Ltd	Contractor: Morrison Utility Serviced Ltd
Planning application reference: N/A	
Site supervisor: Kevin Collins	Project manager: Oliver Cooper
Fieldwork Date(s): 15/10/2019 to 4/11/19 NAA project number: 2029	
NAA report number: 19/121	Report date: 11 December 2019

Reasons for watching brief

Archaeological monitoring was specified by Humber Archaeology Partnership, archaeological advisors to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council, for groundwork associated with the installation of new water meters, pipework and ancillary services within the layby and adjoining field just outside Thornholme village on the A614 (Fig. 1). The site is situated within an extensive prehistoric to medieval landscape and is located on the Thornholme to Bridlington road (B1253), which lies along the route of a known Roman road (Margary 810) running from Stamford Bridge to Bridlington. A field to the south-west of the site had been archaeologically excavated as part of an earlier water main installation (NAA 2007), revealing a hitherto unknown Roman settlement. The earlier excavations extended up to the southern side of the hedge crossing the current scheme, and so was excluded from the archaeological monitoring.

Results

Trench 1, Pit 1

An initial trench was excavated, orientated east to west and running from the grass verge alongside the layby into the adjacent field (Fig. 2), which involved the partial removal of the existing hedgerow. The trench measured 11m x 3.50m and was excavated to a depth of 0.30m, but only revealed backfill and disturbance from the installation of previous services. At the

western end of the trench a 2m x 1.50m x 1.20m depth pit was excavated but again only showed modern backfill from previous works (Plate 1).



Plate 1: Trench 1 showing Pit 1 in the foreground containing modern backfill.

Trench 2, Pit 2

A second pit was excavated within the layby itself and measured 2.5m x 2.5m and was 1.5m deep. The modern Tarmac surface extended to a depth of 0.5m, below which was modern backfill relating to the installation of the existing water main. An L-shaped trench was subsequently dug to connect the two pits and measured 8m x 1m and 1.5m depth. This trench was again filled by modern backfill above existing services (Plate 2).



Plate 2: Trench 2, Pit 2 showing tarmac surface, existing water main and modern backfill.

No archaeological finds or features were encountered during the works and no further work is required.

Documentation: N/A

Archive deposition: Internal at NAA

References

Northern Archaeological Associates (2007) *Bridlington to Haisthorpe Water Improvement Scheme: Interim Report.* NAA report **07/81**

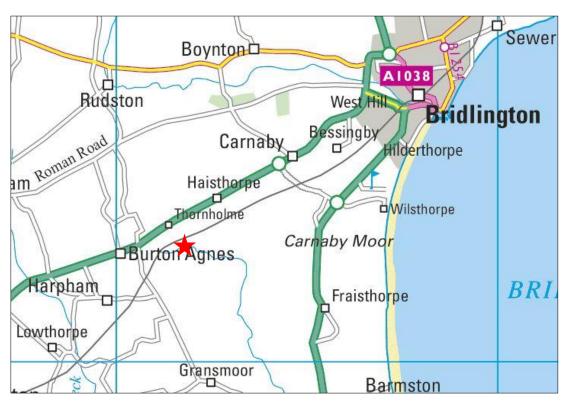


Figure 1. Site Location



Figure 2. Location of archaeological monitoring, overlain on Google Earth view of previous pipeline scheme. © 2019 Google © Getmapping plc