



NEGATIVE WATCHING BRIEF
REPORT

GOOLE BUSINESS
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EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE

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Parish	Goole
Authority	East Riding of Yorkshire Council
Planning Ref	19/01430/STPLF
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Development: New business and innovation centre

Reasons for watching brief:

Previous investigation of the surrounding area had identified that post-medieval warping deposits (a method of tidal land-reclamation) had sealed and preserved an earlier land-surface. In an area to the south-west of the current site this stratigraphic horizon was represented by peat deposits formed between the Neolithic and Bronze Age (Davies *et al.* 2017). The Written Scheme of Investigation for the scheme highlighted the specific potential to identify evidence for the process of warping and enhance understanding of the palaeoenvironment in the area during the prehistoric period (Aspden 2020, 9).

Archaeological monitoring was required as part of a planning conditions on all groundworks, to determine the presence or absence, character, extent, depth and complexity of potential archaeological remains within the archaeological investigation area, and to provide a post-excavation assessment of the results and dissemination of the findings.

Results:

The footprint of the office and carpark development was an uneven area of scrubland located at the northern side of the A161 Tom Pudding Way, opposite the Oakhill Nature Reserve (Fig. 1). A rectangular area extending to 8287m² was excavated by a 360° back-acting tracked excavator under archaeological supervision. To achieve formation level the area was stripped to a depth of c.0.50m (Plates 1 and 2).

Across the area, a layer of topsoil up to 0.20m in depth covered a redeposited mixture of soil and clay. This contained large amounts of broken Tarmacadam, concrete, plastics, metal strapping, orange netting, broken kerbstones and objects such as plastic traffic cones and fire extinguishers (Plates 3 and 4). The conclusion was this area had been a works compound used during construction of the A161 Tom Pudding Way, and which is visible on the 2012 Google Earth photographic coverage of the area. Undisturbed deposits were not observed within the stripped area during the watching brief and no archaeological finds or features were uncovered.

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Goole Business and Innovation Centre: working shot during machine stripping

Plate 1



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Goole Business and Innovation Centre: view facing south-west across site

Plate 2



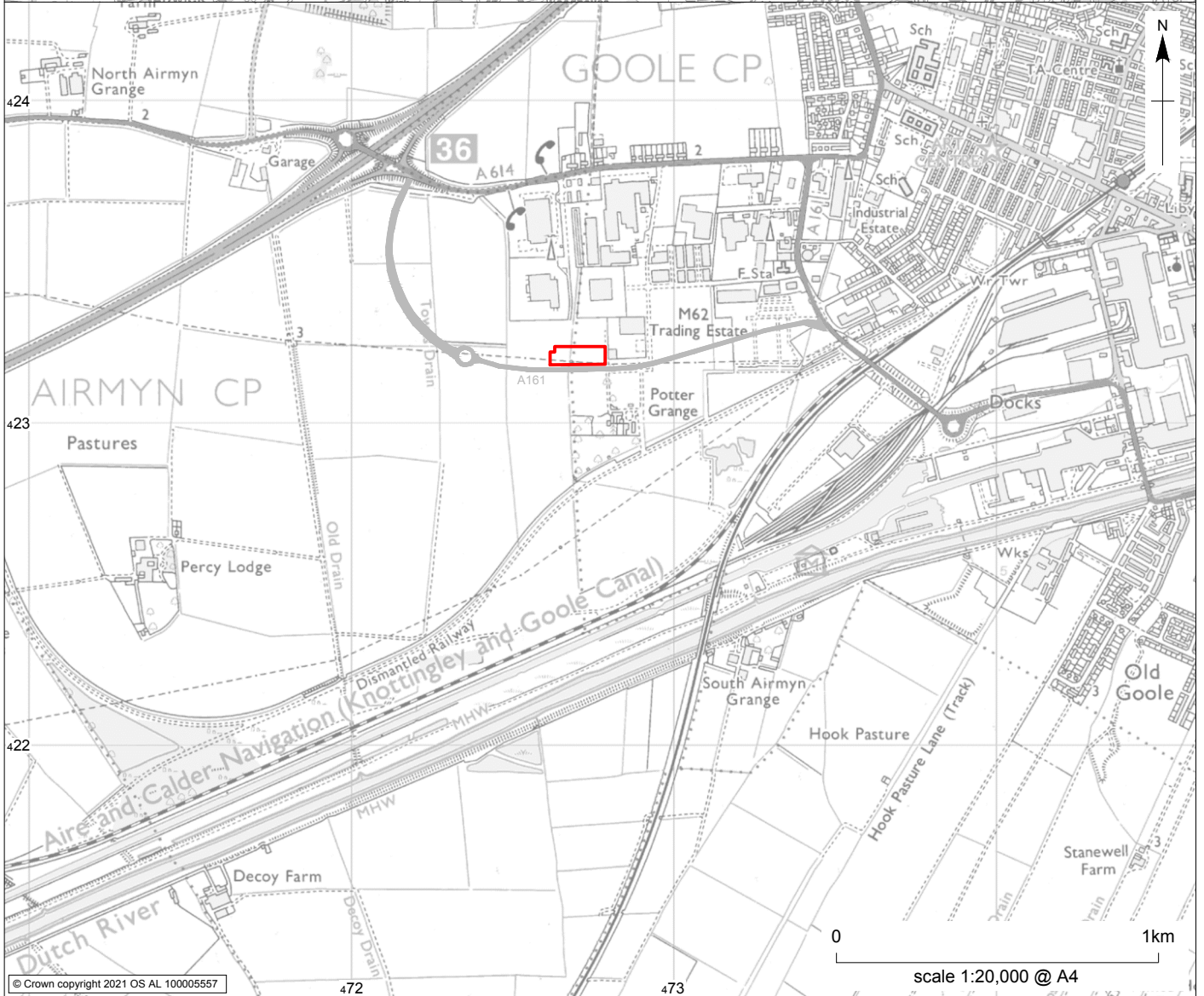
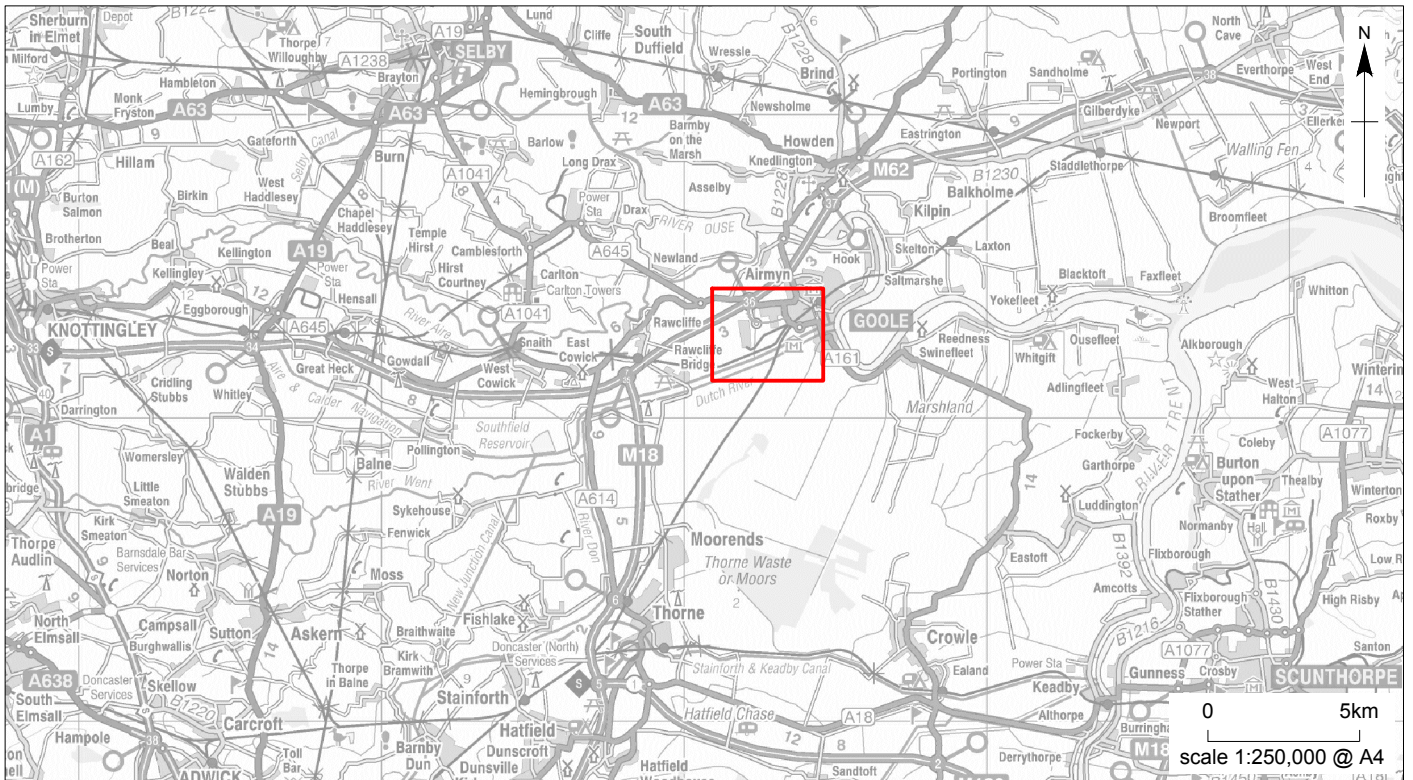
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Goole Business and Innovation Centre: in situ plastic sheeting Plate 3



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Goole Business and Innovation Centre: in situ tarmac Plate 4



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Figure 1