

**CHURCH OF NAZARENE, CHURCH LANE,
ADWICK-LE-STREET, DONCASTER,
SOUTH YORKSHIRE:
AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING
BRIEF**



On behalf of West Street Properties Ltd

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Frontispiece: view across the site from Church Street

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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report is in response to a condition placed on planning consent by Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council in respect of the proposed new build (**Figure 2**).
- 1.2 An archaeological watching brief was undertaken of the site during August 2018 on behalf of West Street Properties Ltd, to meet a condition of planning consent (App. No. 17/02188/FUL Cond. 8) and will help to inform future archaeological management decisions.
- 1.3 The foundation trenches were exposed over two days, during fine dry weather, no significant archaeology was revealed in the form of definitive features, although early post mediaeval pottery was recovered.
- 1.4 Therefore no further archaeological mitigation is recommended.

2. INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 *Site Name:* Site of the Church of Nazarene,
- 2.2 *Location:* Church Lane, Adwick-le-Street, Doncaster, South Yorkshire DN 7AQ.
- 2.3 *Grid reference:* SE 542086
- 2.4 *Area of site:* 0.1 Ha
- 2.5 CS Archaeology undertook the watching brief on the 14th and 28th August 2018.

3. ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

- 3.1 no further significant archaeological and historical information was revealed despite the archaeological potential of the site as outlined in the brief Appendix 1.

4. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 4.1 To ensure that any archaeological remains present, are investigated in order to provide a better understanding of their nature, extent and significance. The evaluation results will inform future archaeological management decisions about the site.
- 4.2 The results of this watching brief will be prepared for public accessibility in the form of an archive via deposition with Doncaster Museum.

5. METHODOLOGY

- 5.1 This has been carried out in accordance with a project design issued by CS Archaeology (3/2018: Appendix 1).
- 5.2 In addition to this specification, all exposed surfaces and spoil were examined for pottery and worked stone.
- 5.3 A mechanical excavator with a toothed bucket had to be used to remove the over burden, but a sufficiently good view of exposed surfaces was maintained throughout the excavations.

6. RESULTS

- 6.1 The site was cleared (**Plate 1**) revealing a dark loam rich soil with featuring a range of modern artefacts. The site was then marked out into two plots which faced onto the Church Lane facing northwest (**Plate 2**). The northeast plot 1 (**Plates 1-4, 10**) and the southwest plot 2 (**Plate 5-9**). The trenches were excavated over two days (14th and 28/8/2018). Excavated trenches were 0.7m wide xc. 0.8m deep (**Plates 3-4**).
- 6.2 The excavated material was characterised by disturbed ground/ garden or plough soil which was 0.45m deep and featured transfer decorated pottery, clay pipe stems and oyster shell. It therefore dates activity to the 19th century. This upper C19th soil lay

directly above the natural clays (**Plate 9**) suggesting to CS Archaeology that the area was historically used as a garden or orchard (depicted on the 1st Ed OS map 1854), certainly no evidence of any building was revealed.

- 6.3 Unstratified post medieval pottery was recovered from plot 1 (eastern corner) suggesting there is potential evidence for earlier activity in the site's vicinity.
- 6.2 Excavated material was stored temporarily, then removed from site.

7. CONCLUSIONS

- 7.1 The watching brief was significant in that despite the high archaeological potential, little was revealed/recovered to further shed light onto this area of the historic settlement which extends to the Anglo-Saxon period.

8. MITIGATION

- 8.1 **No further archaeological mitigation is recommended.**

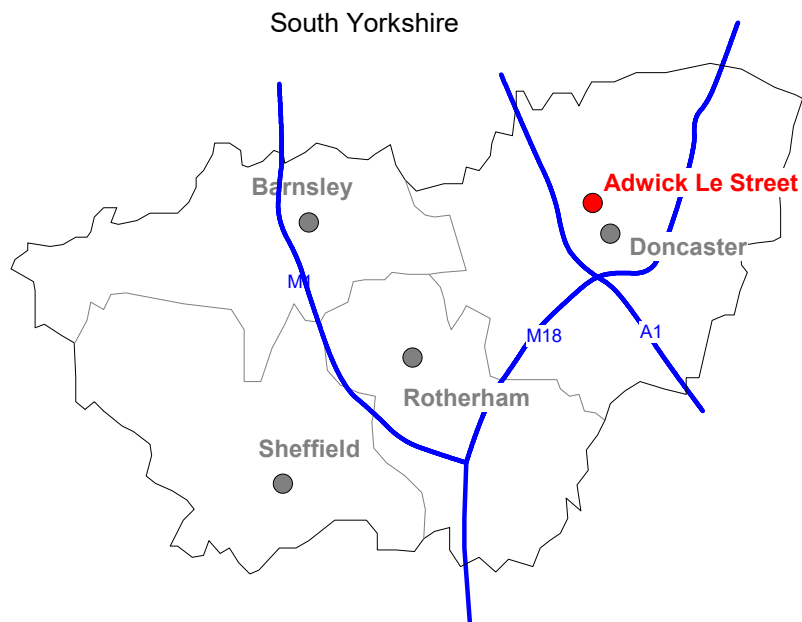
9. REFERENCES

CS Archaeology 2018, *Project Design for An Archaeological Watching Brief, Church of Nazarene, Adwick-Le-Street, Doncaster, South Yorkshire DN6 7AQ*, unpublished contractor's report

10. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to Mr S Carmody and Mr R Saxton for commissioning and facilitating the works.

FIGURES



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
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Figure 1: Location Map

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 Site of Church

 Site Boundary



PLATES



Plate 1: Pre-excitation view of the site, looking south



Plate 2: Pre-excitation view of the site plot 1, looking southeast



Plate 3: Start of the trench excavations (plot 1), looking southeast



Plate 4: working view plot 1, looking east



Plate 5: pre-excitation view of plot 2, looking southeast



Plate 6: post-excitation view of plot 2, southwestern trench, looking southeast



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Plate 9: detail view of the characteristic stratigraphy (Plot 2), looking southwest



Plate 10: view of the construction phase (plot 1), looking north northwest

APPENDICES

**PROJECT DESIGN FOR AN
ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF,
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Planning App. No. 17/02188/FUL Cond. 8

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1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 There is reason to believe that archaeological remains could exist within the proposed development site of the Church of the Nazarene, but little is known as to the archaeological character, extent and state of preservation.
- 1.2 South Yorkshire Archaeology Service (SYAS) has advised that the archaeological implications of the proposal cannot be adequately assessed on the basis of the available information. It has been recommended, therefore, that an archaeological watching brief will be undertaken. This is because *'some potential for important buried remains to exist on this site and any groundworks associated with the development could destroy finds and features of potential archaeological importance'*. This recommendation is in line with government guidance as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (DCLG 2012). All archaeological work undertaken will comply with:
- The "Regional statement of good practice for archaeology in the development process, Yorkshire, the Humber & the north east"
 - relevant English Heritage/Historic England best practice guidance documents;
 - relevant ClfA Standard and Guidance documents.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Details

- 1.1.1 *Site Name:* Church of Nazarene, Adwick-Le-Street, Doncaster (**Figure 1**)
- 1.1.2 *Location:* Church of Nazarene, Adwick-Le-Street, Doncaster DN6 7AQ
- 1.1.3 *Status:* none
- 1.1.4 *Grid reference:* SE542086
- 1.1.5 *Area of site (hectares):* 457m²

1.2 Archaeological Background

- 1.2.1 Romano- British archaeology is suggested by the proximity of the Roman road from Doncaster (*Danum*) to York (*Eboracum*) which climbs up onto the magnesian limestone at Adwick Le Street and historically served as the parish boundary. The place name Adwick le Street, either derives from 'Adda's Dairy farm or that it was originally a Roman village lying just 4 miles north of *Danum*.

- 1.2.2 "The site is within the historic core of Adwick le Street. The settlement has a long history as indicated by the discovery of an Anglo-Saxon cemetery in 2007. Burials within the cemetery were dated to the 7th-8th centuries AD. Continuity of settlement is suggested by common alignment of historic features on a SW-NE axis such as the Anglo-Saxon cemetery, Norman church, field boundaries and road system. This alignment is shared by a ditched enclosure in the field opposite the proposed application area, some 20m away. This enclosure is thought to represent a high status medieval moated site- possibly the location of a hall. The surrounding field is recorded as containing earthworks, possibly relating to the medieval village. The extent of the moated site and any associated features is unknown but they could extend into the proposed application area as buried archaeological deposits. Buildings are shown within the application area on the 1851 first edition OS map although the nature and function of these is unclear. The western area of the plot is currently occupied by a modern timber clad church building, constructed on brick footings. It is thought highly unlikely that any burials are associated with the church. Some disturbance to any buried archaeological deposits that may exist on site can be expected from the church building foundations, although this is unlikely to be comprehensive' SYAS 2018.



1st Ed OS map 1848-1852, showing the site to the SE of Church Lane

1.3 Planning Background

- 1.3.1 This Project Design (PD) has been written in response to request for archaeological observation and recording in accordance with condition 8 of planning application (No. 17/02188/FUL). South Yorkshire archaeological Service (SYAS) note that 'there is likely to be some disturbance from 20th century development on the site, that any investigation should comprise a watching brief on groundworks'.

2 OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 To ensure that any archaeological remains present, are investigated in order to provide a better understanding of their nature, extent and significance.
- 2.2 The evaluation results will be prepared for public accessibility in the form of an archive via deposition with Doncaster Museum.

3 FIELDWORK METHODOLOGY

- 3.1 The work will be carried out by appropriately qualified and experienced staff. Details of staff numbers, their roles and relevant experience will be provided to SYAS. Staff CVs will be submitted (unless already supplied to SYAS in previous project specifications). Any sub-contracted specialists will be subject to the same provisions.
- 3.2 Reasonable prior notice (at least 14 days) of the commencement of the development is to be given to CS Archaeology. A minimum of one week's notice of the commencement of fieldwork must be given by CS Archaeology to SYAS, to arrange monitoring visits.
- 3.3 Access to the site must be afforded to CS Archaeology at all reasonable times.
- 3.4 All groundworks, including those associated with the construction of foundations and service trenches, must be undertaken under archaeological supervision, to allow for the identification and recording of any archaeological material that might be uncovered.
- 3.5 Where structures, features or finds of potential archaeological interest are exposed or disturbed by construction works, sufficient time will be allowed for the archaeological contractor to clean, assess and, where appropriate, hand excavate, sample and record these features and finds.
- 3.6 All record photographs will be on black and white film and 35mm colour slide film.
- 3.7 Digital photography can only be used to supplement the photographic record; it must not form any part of the primary archive.
- 3.8 Any human remains that are revealed must initially be left *in situ* and, if removal is necessary, this must comply with the relevant Ministry of Justice (formerly Home Office), Diocesan and other regulations, as appropriate.
- 3.9 All finds that are 'treasure' (in terms of the Treasure Act 1996) will be reported to the Coroner and appropriate procedures then followed.
- 3.10 Heavy plant or excavators must not be operated in the immediate vicinity of archaeological remains until the remains have been recorded and the archaeological contractor on site has given explicit permission for operations to recommence at that location.
- 3.11 Where archaeological remains are observed or suspected by contractors or plant operators, they must immediately cease work and notify CS Archaeology.
- 3.12 If it becomes clear during the monitoring that little of archaeological interest is likely to survive on the site, CS Archaeology should discuss their work with SYAS. A joint decision will then be made on reducing the work to an intermittent watching brief or ceasing observation of groundworks.

4 POST-EXCAVATION

- 4.1 For all categories of material recovered, including finds, palaeo-environmental, industrial and other specialist samples, an assessment by an appropriately experienced specialist will be undertaken. Samples must be processed and sorted, and any artefacts recovered provided to the appropriate specialist(s) to be considered alongside the hand-recovered material. Basic stratigraphic information will be supplied to the project specialists.
- 4.2 All finds are to be treated in accordance with current EH best practice, including 'Investigative Conservation'. Finds are to be cleaned and marked according to accepted principles and in line with appropriate period/ material guidelines.
- 4.3 The site archive will be prepared in accordance with the UKIC's document *Guidelines for the Preparation of Excavation Archives for Long Term Storage* and the IfA's "Standard And Guidance for the creation, compilation, transfer and deposition of archaeological archives".

5 DEPOSITION OF ARCHIVE AND FINDS

- 5.1 The monitoring will result in a report including background information (with planning application details, where appropriate), methods, detailed results, discussion and conclusions.
- 5.2 Illustrations to be included are:
- a detailed location map;
 - a detailed site plan, as excavated;
 - detailed plans of relevant features, as excavated;
 - detailed sections of relevant features, as excavated;
 - an overall site plan showing all (phased) archaeological features recorded;
 - selection of photographs of work in progress;
 - select artefact illustrations and/or photographs.
- 5.3 The results of assessment/analysis of all find categories, by appropriate specialists, will be included in the report.
- 5.4 The results of assessment/analysis of palaeo-environmental, industrial and other samples, by appropriate specialists, will be included in the report.
- 5.5 The results of any scientific dating undertaken will be included in the report.
- 5.6 The report will include a phased interpretation of the site, if possible, and consider the results in their local and regional context.
- 5.7 The report will include a detailed context index and an index to the archive.
- 5.8 A printed and bound copy of the report must be supplied to SYAS for incorporation into the South Yorkshire Sites and Monuments Record. A digital copy of the report must also be supplied to SYAS and to the EH Science Advisor.
- 5.9 A summary report of an appropriate length, accompanied by illustrations (at 300dpi resolution), must be prepared and submitted in digital format, for publication in the appropriate volume of *Archaeology in South Yorkshire*.
- 5.10 Provision will be made for publicising the results of the work locally, e.g. by presenting a paper at South Yorkshire Archaeology Day and talking to local societies.
- 5.11 The archaeological contractor must complete the online OASIS form at <http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/project/oasis/>.
- 5.12 A contingency will be made for the preparation and publication, in a local, regional or national journal, of the results of the monitoring.

6 DEPOSITION OF ARCHIVE AND FINDS

- 6.1 Arrangements for the deposition of the finds and site archive will be made with the relevant museum service **in advance of commencement of fieldwork**. The relevant

service can be found via the 'Archaeological Collections Areas Database and Map' on the ADS website.

- 6.2 "Archaeological Archive Deposition Policy for Museums in Yorkshire and the Humber" created a uniform region-wide approach to the preparation and deposition of archaeological archives. The resulting formal process requires the completion and submission of forms to the relevant museum service at the project initiation, mid-point review and completion stages (template forms are available for download from the SYAS website).
- 6.3 CS Archaeology will contact the museum's archaeological curator or collections manager to discuss archaeological archiving requirements at the initial stage of preparation of the project design. Following agreement with the client, details of archiving arrangements will be incorporated into the project design. This will include confirmation that a budget to cover the museum's deposition charge has been allowed for.
- 6.4 The museum services do not accept digital archives; digital archiving will need to be discussed with ADS (or equivalent service) and appropriate costs allowed for.
- 6.5 Archiving will be carried out as specified, in a timely manner. On completion, confirmation of deposition will be supplied to SYAS.

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