



YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST REPORT

SITE ADDRESS	Utility trench, Highcliffe Court, adj. 110 Clifton, York		
CLIENT NAME	CE Electric UK		
YAT PROJECT #	5470	YAT REPORT #	2011/1
MUSEUM ACCESSION #	n/a	GRID REFERENCE	SE 5942 5295
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INTRODUCTION

On 6th January 2011 York Archaeological Trust undertook a watching brief at the south-west end of Highcliffe Court, Clifton, York (Figure 1). The objective was to record any archaeological remains exposed during the excavations for a new electricity supply to a telephone cabinet in the pavement adjacent to 110 Clifton (Figures 2 and 3). The excavation was not observed but the site was visited at a point when the main part of the trench was open. Recording was by means of written notes and measured sketches supplemented by a number of colour digital photographs.

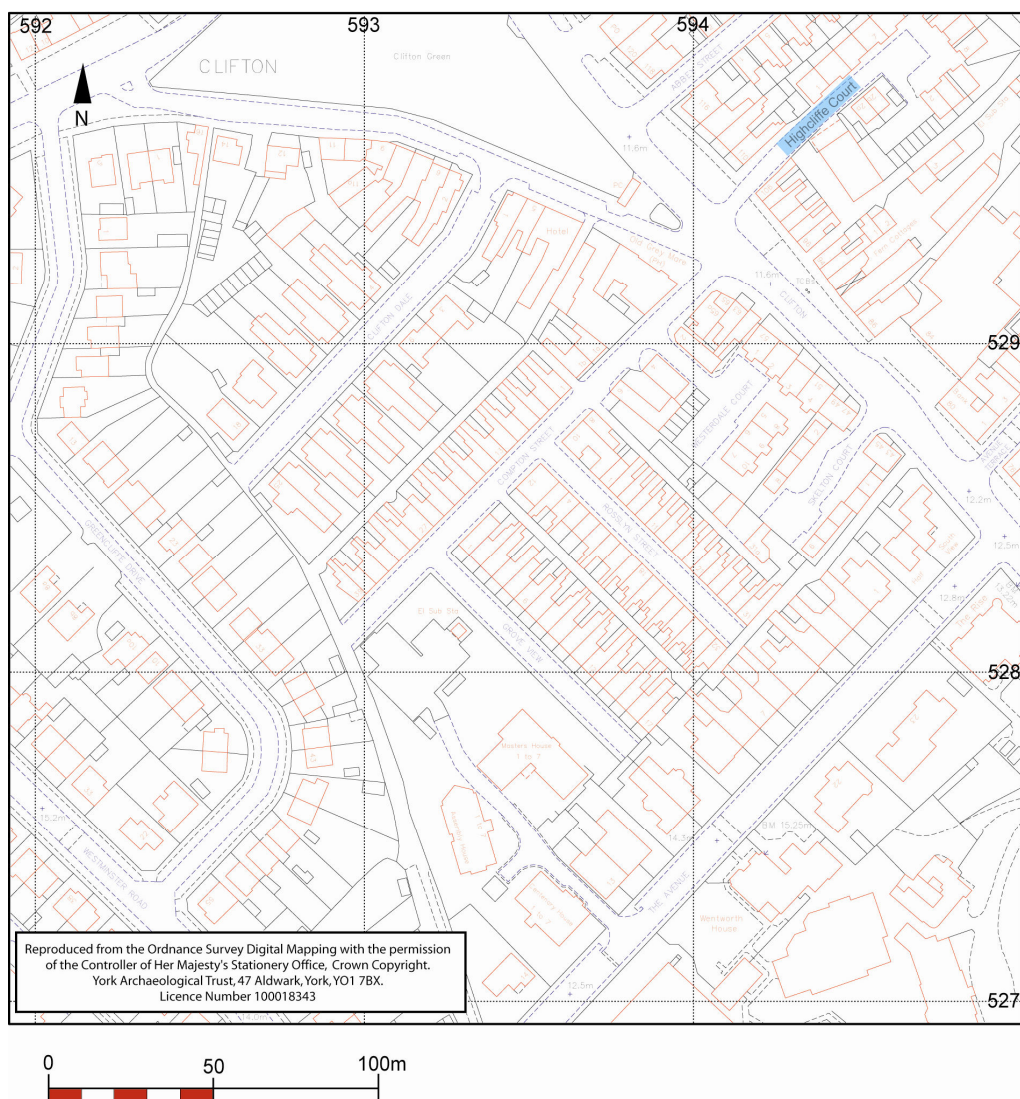


Figure 1 Site location (highlighted)

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Figure 2 Location of works

RESULTS

A single specimen section was recorded towards the north-east end of the trench. Here, between 0.35m below ground level (BGL) and at least the base of the trench at 0.6m BGL, there was a firm mid brown clay (1000). This was overlain by a 0.2m deep layer of mid brown silt with moderate pale brown mortar and brick / tile (1001). Sealing this was a 0.1m deep deposit of pale grey crushed limestone (1002) which formed the make-up for the existing pavement surface of tarmac (1003).

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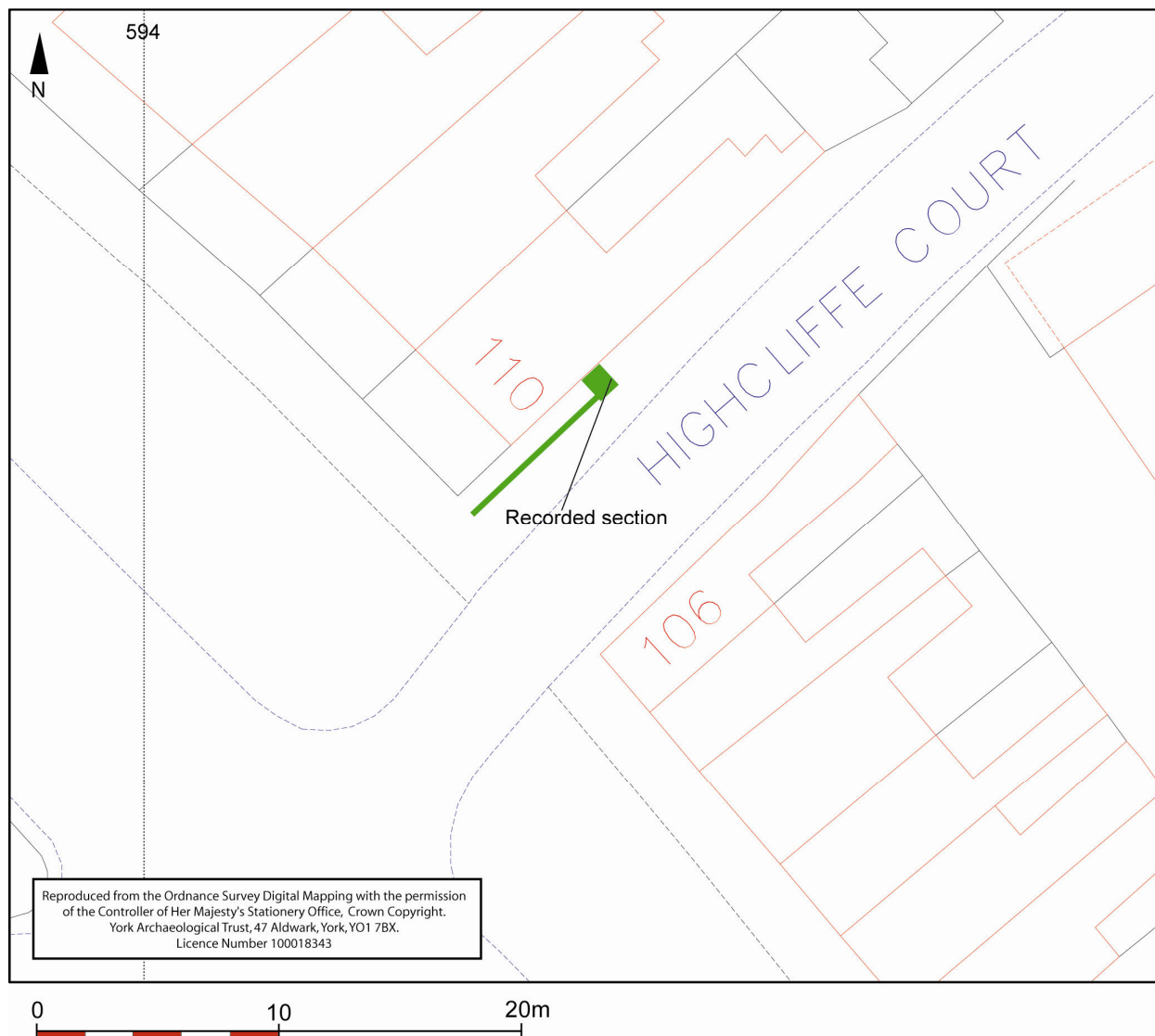


Figure 3 Location of trench and recorded section

CONCLUSIONS

Although relatively close to the modern ground surface the firm, mid brown clay (1000) seen towards the base of the trench was probably natural. No features were seen to be cut through and none of the overlying layers were deemed to be of any great age or archaeological significance and were probably or definitely modern.

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Plate 1 North-east end of trench, looking north-east



Plate 2 General view of works, looking north-east

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