



YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST REPORT

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CLIENT NAME	BT Openreach		
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INTRODUCTION

On 20th January 2011 York Archaeological Trust undertook a watching brief during excavations in the pavement outside the Jet Garage, 128 Lawrence Street, York (Figure 1). The objective was to record any archaeological remains, buried features structures or deposits, exposed during the digging of a trench for a telecommunication duct (Figure 2). All excavation was by hand and the recording, one single specimen section, took the form of written notes and measured sketches supplemented by a single colour digital photograph.

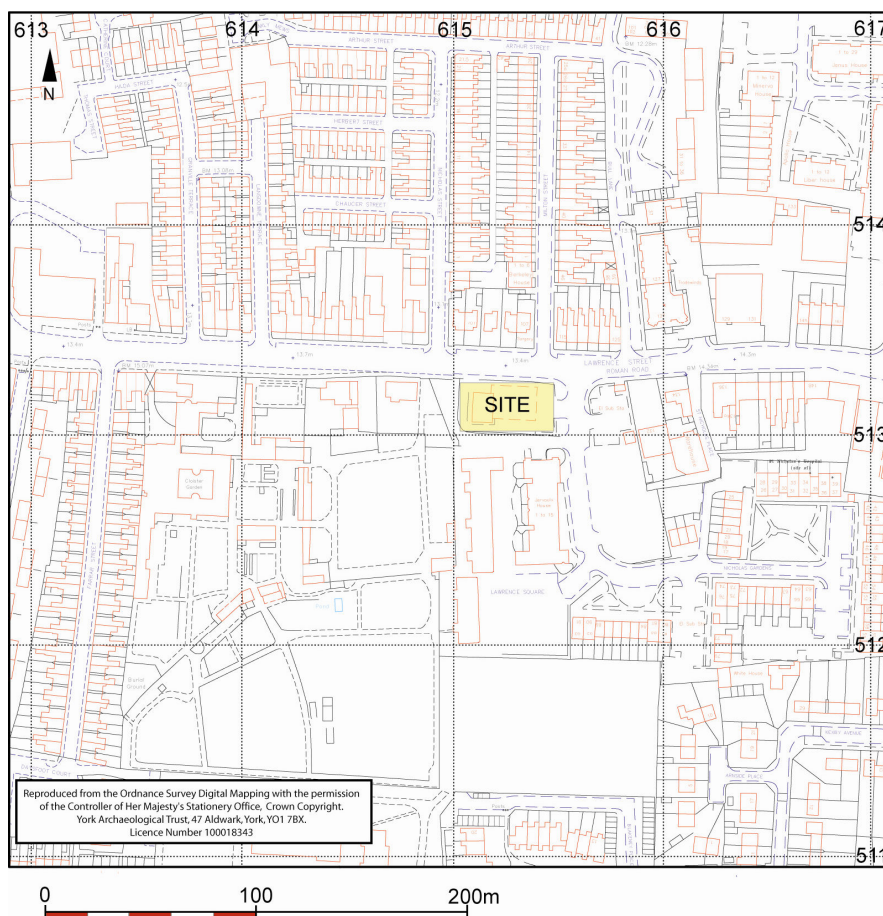


Figure 1 Site location

RESULTS

Between 0.55m and the base of the trench at c.0.6m below ground level (BGL) there was a mid orange fine sandy gravel (1000) and above this a 0.05m deep layer of dark greyish-brown silt (1001). This was sealed by a 0.3m deep deposit of dark greyish-brown silt / clinker (1002) and above this was a 0.15m deep layer of tarmac pieces (1003). This was capped by the modern pavement surface of tarmac (1004).

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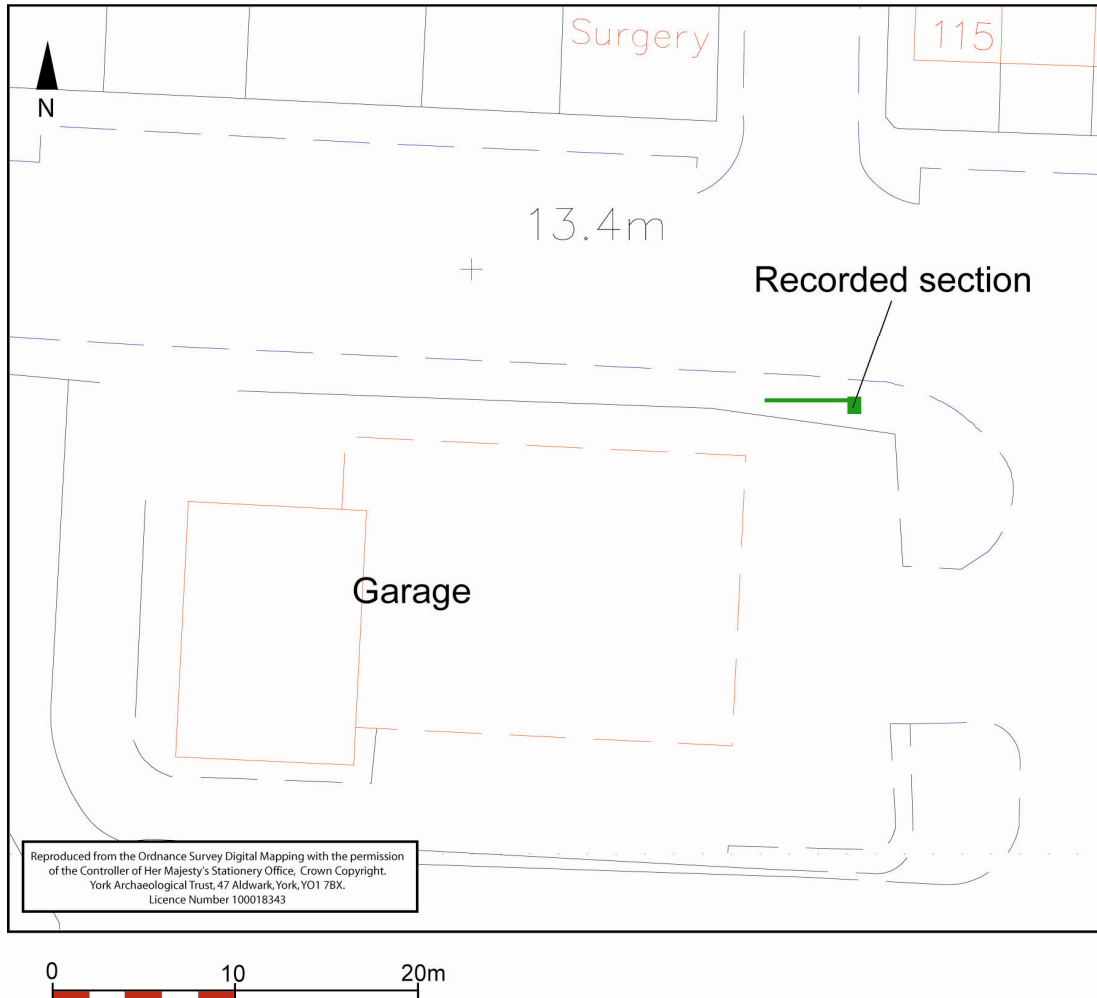


Figure 2 Location of trench and recorded section

CONCLUSIONS

The sandy gravel seen towards the base of the trench is likely to be natural. No features were seen cut into it but given the very restricted area exposed this is not, perhaps, surprising. The dark silt above this was probably a pre-modern agricultural soil of uncertain date and its thinness may suggest a degree of modern truncation. All other deposits seen were clearly of modern origin. It is believed that no significant archaeology was disturbed during these works but this observation indicated the potential for archaeology to survive in the area only c.0.5m below the existing modern ground level and any future or large scale works in the vicinity would be worthy of monitoring.

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Plate 1 Eastern end of trench, looking south

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