



YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST REPORT

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CLIENT NAME	Town Centre Securities		
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INTRODUCTION

Between 23rd July and 21st September 2012 York Archaeological Trust maintained a watching brief on buildings works at the rear of 71–73 Goodramgate, York. The excavation of a number of service trenches was observed and recorded as was the site strip for a new extension to the rear of the property. The watching brief was undertaken in order to comply with Conditions 3 and 4 of the planning permission. The area of development has already been the subject of archaeological work and these are listed at the end of this report. Recording took the form of written notes and measured sketches supplemented by a series of colour digital photographs. A total of five specimen sections were recorded and are described below.

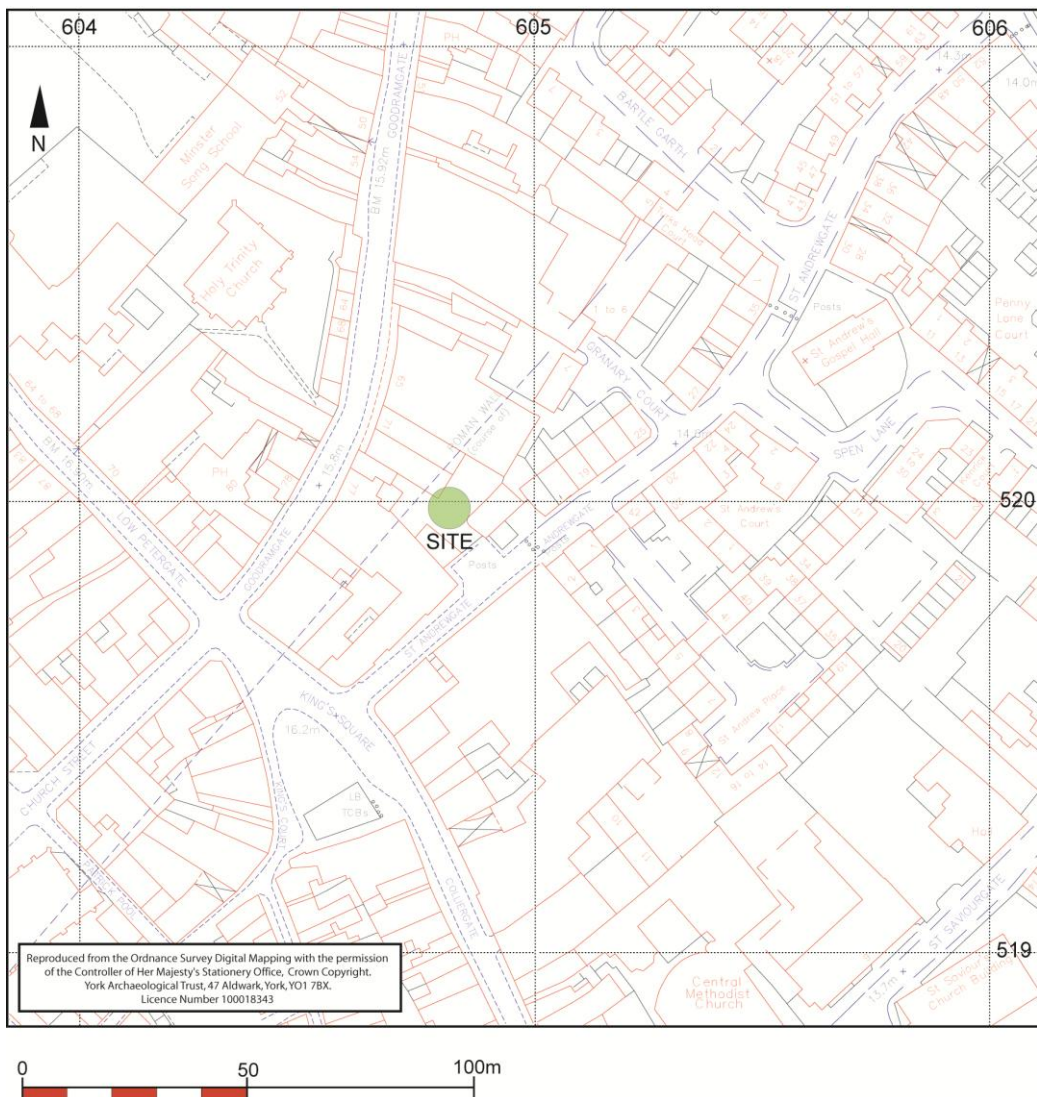


Figure 1 Site location

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RESULTS

SECTION 1

The lowest deposit recorded in this section, between 0.7m below ground level (BGL) and at least the base of the trench at 0.8m BGL, was a moist mid brown slightly clayey silt with occasional pale brown mortar (10000). Sealing this was a 0.5m deep layer of mid to dark brown very slightly clayey silt with frequent brick / tile (10001). Overlying this was a 0.05m deep deposit of pale yellow crushed limestone (10002) which formed the bedding for the existing modern ground surface of concrete (10003).

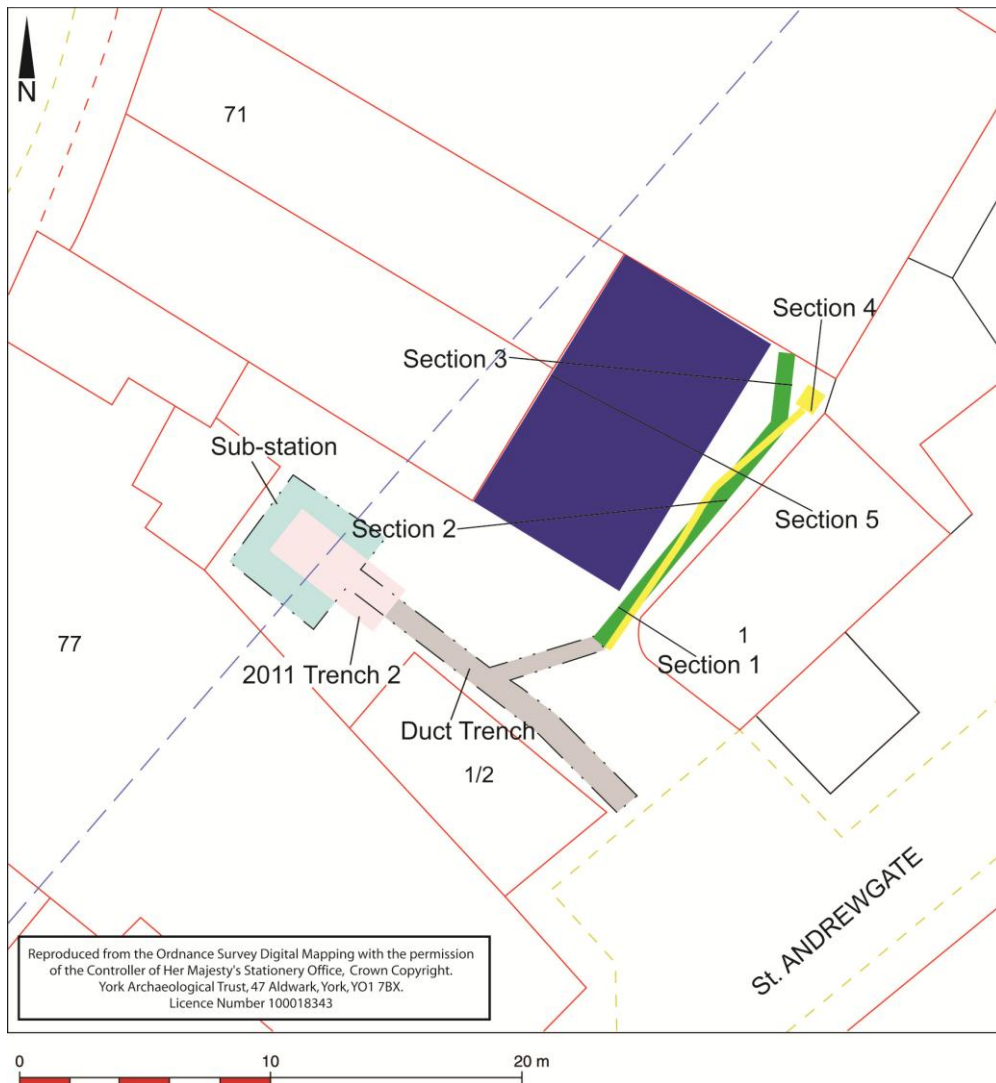


Figure 2 Location of recorded sections and new excavations, extension strip – blue, electric trench – green and water trench - yellow

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SECTION 2

The earliest deposit noted in this section, between 0.5m BGL and at least 0.7m BGL, was a very dark greyish-brown clayey silt with occasional charcoal (10004) and above it was a 0.2m deep layer of dark brown slightly clayey silt with moderate patches of mid brown clay and occasional charcoal (10005). Overlying this was a 0.15m deep deposit of pale yellow crushed limestone with moderate brick rubble (10006) which formed the make-up for the modern ground surface of concrete (10007).



Plate 1 General view of electric trench, looking north-east

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SECTION 3

In this section the lowest deposit seen, between 0.6m BGL and at least 0.75m BGL, was a dark brown very slightly clayey silt with occasional pale brown mortar (10008). It was sealed by a 0.15m deep layer of mid brown very slightly clayey silt with moderate amounts of charcoal and pale brown mortar (10009) and above this was a 0.15m deep deposit of dark brown very slightly clayey silt with moderate charcoal and pale brown mortar (10010). Overlying it was a 0.15m deep layer of pale yellow crushed limestone with occasional brick (10011) forming the bedding for the existing ground surface of concrete (10012).

SECTION 4

The earliest deposit recorded in this section, between 0.45m BGL and at least 0.5m BGL, was a very dark brown clayey silt (10013). Above this was an horizontal brick surface (10014), 0.05m thick. Overlying this was a 0.2m deep layer of dark greyish-brown clayey silt (10015). Above this was the uppermost deposit, pale yellow crushed limestone / brick rubble (10016).



Plate 2 Detail of central part of water trench, looking south-east

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SECTION 5

In this section the lowest deposit noted, between 1.1m BGL and at least 1.3m BGL, was a clean very dark brown / very dark grey slightly organic clayey silt (10017). Overlying this was a 0.85m deep mixture of dark greyish-brown slightly clayey silt and brick rubble with occasional pale yellow crushed limestone (10018). Sealing this was a 0.1m deep layer of very pale brown crushed limestone (10019) forming the make-up for a modern concrete floor (10020).



Plate 3 Detail of overall strip for extension, looking south-east

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

Very little of archaeological significance was noted during this watching brief. This was probably due to extensive disturbance of any surviving archaeology by known episodes of post-medieval and modern clearance and building activities encountered during previous archaeological work in the immediate area. However, the clean dark deposits seen in the extension clearance and the base of the electric trench may have been equivalent to the midden deposits recorded during the 2011 evaluation.

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