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INTRODUCTION

Between July 23rd and August 6th 2014 York Archaeological Trust undertook a watching brief at Fulford School, Fulfordgate, York. The objective was to record any deposits, features or buried structures exposed during works associated with the construction of a new electricity substation and associated supply and distribution trenches around the school. The site does not lie within any of the City of York Areas of Archaeological Importance and the watching brief was required as a condition of planning. Recording was by means of written notes and measured drawings and sketches supplemented by a number of colour digital photographs. A total of thirteen lengths of section were recorded, as many of these showed little variation a selection of five are described below in tabular form. The original site archive currently remains with York Archaeological Trust.

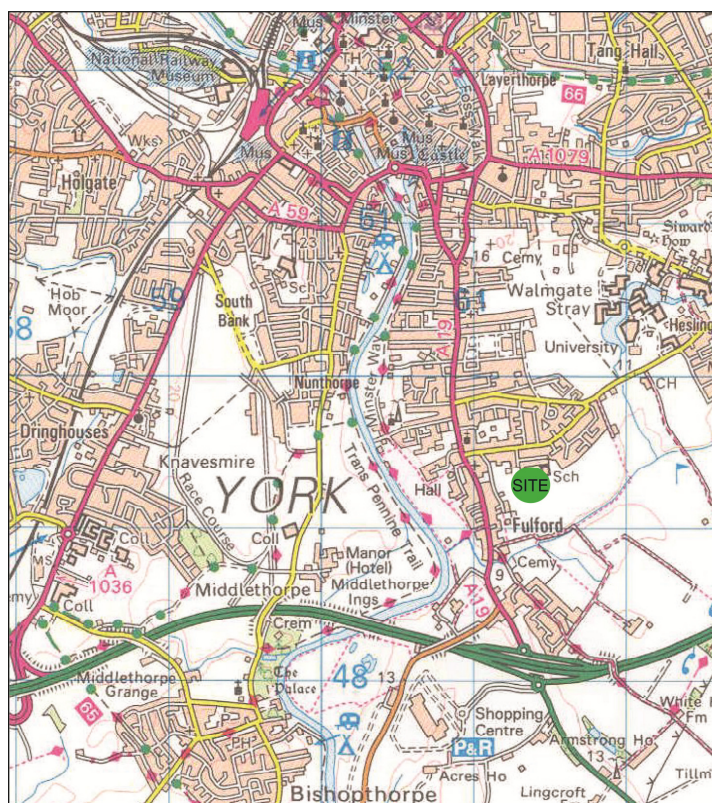


Figure 1 Location of site
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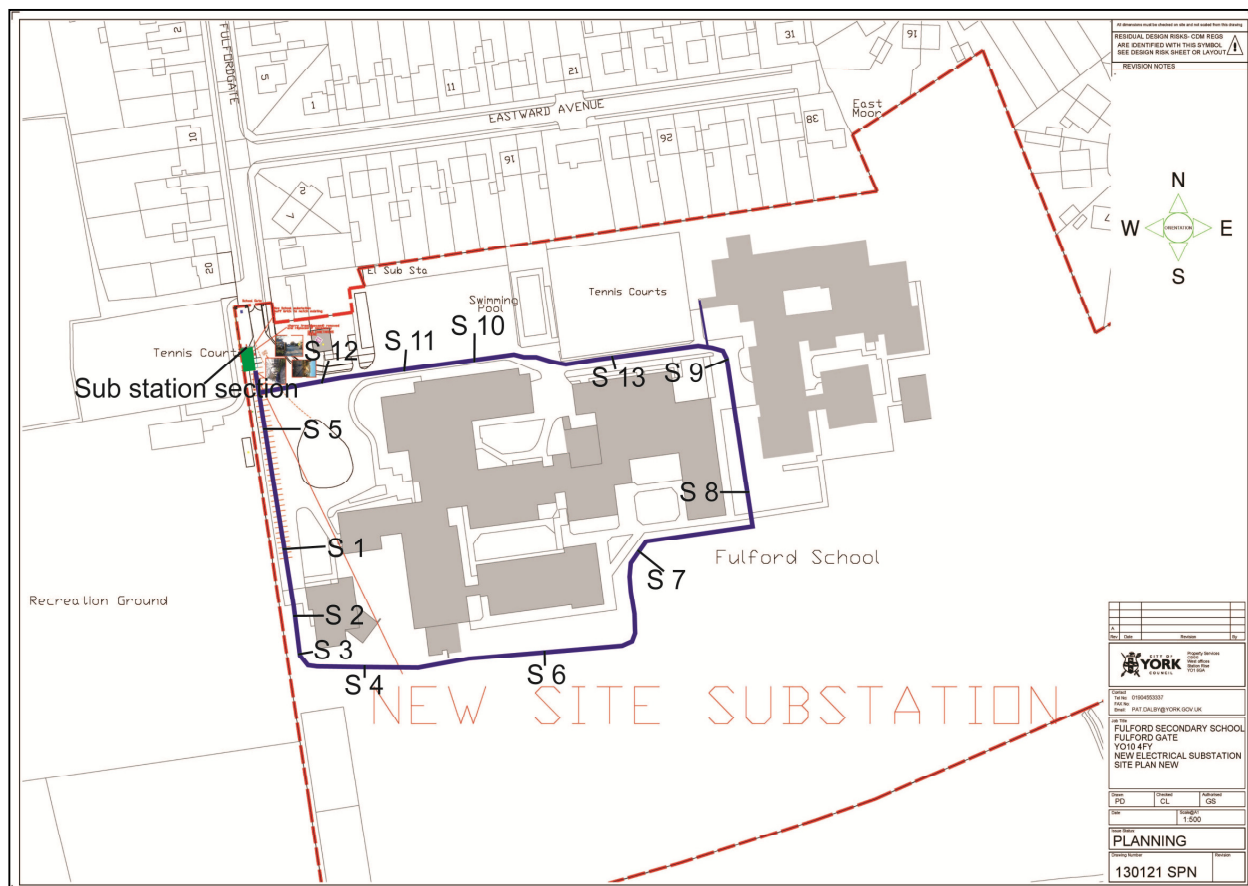


Figure 2 Location of sub-station excavation, observed trench and recorded sections

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SUB-STATION SECTION

Context	Depth below ground level	Description	Notes
1000	0 – 0.4m	Soft, dark greyish-brown clayey silty sand	Modern landscaping
1001	0 – 0.1m	Tarmac	Modern surface
1002	0.1 – 0.25m	Crushed limestone	Modern levelling deposit
1003	0 – 0.14m	Concrete kerb	Modern
1004	0.05 – 0.35m	Concrete	Foundation for 1003
1005	0.4 – 1.1m	Soft mid reddish-brown fine grained silty sand	Natural
1006	1.1 – 1.35m	Friable pale grey sandy silt / yellowish-brown sandy silt / mid brown silty sand with frequent iron staining and occasional gravel	Natural

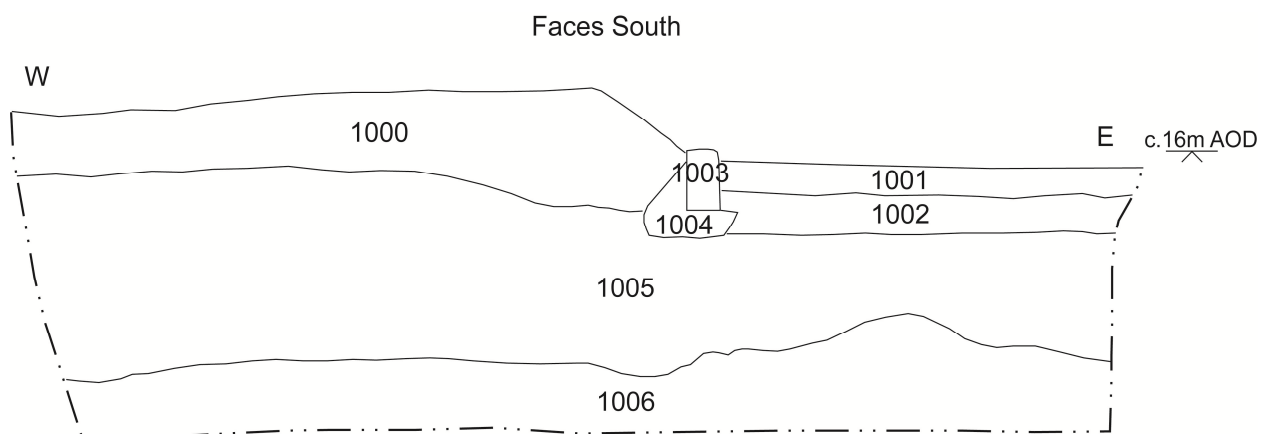


Figure 3 Sub station section

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SECTION 1

Context	Depth below ground level	Description	Notes
1007	0 – 0.15m	Tarmac	Modern surface
1008	0.15 – 0.25m	Fine crushed limestone	Modern levelling deposit
1009	0.25 – 0.4m	Fine loose humic dark brown silty sand	Build-up deposit
1010	0.4 – 0.75m	Loose fine mid greyish-brown slightly humic silty sand	Build-up deposit
1011	0.75 – 0.95m	Moist mid grey sand with frequent patches of yellowish-grey clay	Natural

SECTION 6

Context	Depth below ground level	Description	Notes
1012	0 – 0.3m	Friable mid greyish-brown sandy clay with occasional small stones and charcoal flecks	Modern topsoil
1013	0.3 – 0.5m	Soft mid reddish-brown clayey sandy silt with occasional manganese flecks	Build-up deposit
1014	0.5 – 0.7m	Pale grey and mid orange-brown silty clayey sand with occasional manganese flecks and small pebbles	Natural
1015	0.7 – 0.85m	Stiff pale grey clay with streaks of mid reddish-brown clay	Natural
1016	0.85 -1m	Fine pale grey sand with patches of mid orange-brown silty sand and occasional small pebbles	Natural

SECTION 8

Context	Depth below ground level	Description	Notes
1017	0 – 0.25m	Friable dark grey silty sand with very occasional pebbles capped by grass	Modern topsoil
1018	0.25 – 0.4m	Friable dark grey sandy silt	Build-up deposit
1019	0.4 – 0.6m	Firm dark grey silty clay	?Build-up deposit

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1020	0.6 – 0.8m	Firm mid brownish-red clay	Natural
1021	0.8 – 1.05m	Firm mid reddish-brown clay	Natural

SECTION 10

Context	Depth below ground level	Description	Notes
1022	0 – 0.35m	Concrete and make-up	Modern surface
1023	0.35 – 0.7m	Soft dark greyish-brown clayey sand	Build-up deposit
1024	0.7 – 0.8m	Soft mid reddish-brown sandy clay	Natural
1025	0.8 – 0.95m	Soft mid yellowish-brown sandy clay	Natural
1026	0.95 – 1m	Firm mid brownish-red clay	Natural



Plate 1 Sub station excavation, looking north

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Plate 2 Trench in vicinity of Section 6, looking north



Plate 3 General view of trench in vicinity of Section 8, looking north

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Plate 4 View of trench south of tennis courts, looking east

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Plate 5 Trench in vicinity of Section 13, looking north

DISCUSSION

In all parts of the trench and sub-station excavation modern deposits appeared to directly overlie natural. Although the trench was examined in some detail no features of archaeological significance were noted and no archaeology of significance was noted during the works.

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