



YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST REPORT

SITE	City Fibre cable trench, High Petergate, York		
CLIENT NAME	City Fibre		
YAT PROJECT #	5896	YAT REPORT #	2016/17
MUSEUM ACCESSION #	N/A	GRID REFERENCE	SE 6014 5222
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A watching brief was maintained during the excavation of a cable trench in the carriageway of High Petergate, York. Periodic visits were made between 23rd and 29th February 2016 during the stretch of works between 5 High Petergate and the junction of High Petergate and Bootham at Bootham Bar (Figure 1, Plate 1).

The cable trench was between 350mm and 420mm wide, with the road surface saw-cut and broken by pecker, and deposits excavated by mini-digger to a depth of 550mm – 580mm. In High Petergate a drain was encountered running along the line of the cable trench at the ultimate depth of 550mm below ground level. Above this was 240mm of friable, dark grey very sandy silt with frequent stone fragments and CBM, interpreted as the fill of the drainage trench. This was sealed by a 220mm thick layer of concrete and the 90mm thick tarmac surface of the road (Plate 2).

Beneath the archway of Bootham Bar the cable trench was slightly deeper, at 580mm below ground level. At the base of the trench a 180mm thick layer of friable, mid brown/grey sandy silt with frequent CBM, pebbles and gravel was revealed. This deposit continued below the depth limit of the excavation and was interpreted as ground make-up. Above this was a 100mm thick layer of concrete, sealed by a 200mm thick layer of coarse tarmac and then the 100mm thick tarmac surface of the road (Plate 3). Beneath the archway of the bar the concrete was variable in thickness but was interpreted as relating to the modern substructure of the road.

No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed and no finds were retained. The records are held by YAT.

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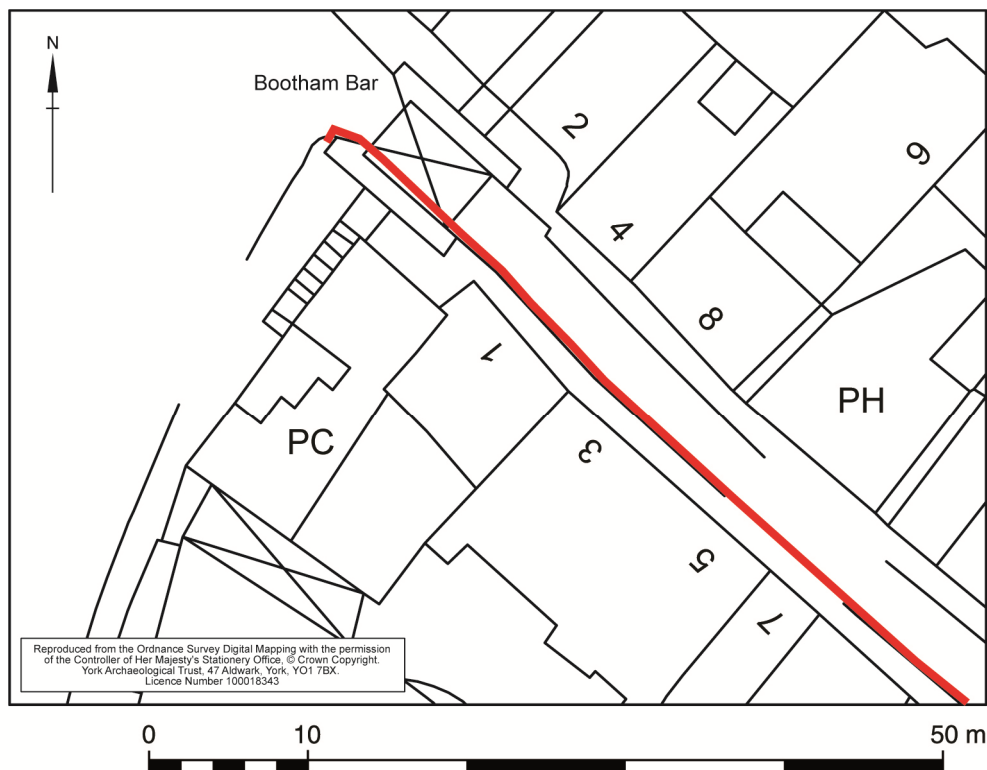


Figure 1: Location of site works

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Plate 1: View of works looking SE beneath Bootham Bar



Plate 2: Section of trench in High Petergate, looking SW

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Plate 3: Section of trench beneath Bootham Bar, looking SW

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