



## YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST REPORT

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### Introduction

On the 7<sup>th</sup> April to the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016, York Archaeological Trust undertook a watching brief at 11 Park Street off Blossom Street, York. The objective was to record any archaeological deposits, features or buried structures exposed during works associated with the construction of a conservatory at the property. The site lies within the City of York Area of Archaeological Importance. The work was carried out on behalf of Linda Wilkinson.

The work involved hand excavation of a 4.0m x 4.0m area within the backyard of the property to a depth of 600mm.

These works were monitored by an inspection on commencement of work, followed by a visit during the course of the excavation. No archaeological remains were encountered, and the excavations would not impact below thick build-up deposits. At this point it was agreed with the City Archaeologist John Oxley that no further monitoring of works was required.

The site was recorded by means of written notes, sketch sections and digital photographs. No artefacts were recovered and no samples were taken.

### Results

The earliest deposit encountered was soft, grey brown, clayey silt with occasional CBM flecks. This was found at a depth of 400mm below the present ground level, and was 300mm thick. This was interpreted as a build-up deposit. Above this is a further build up deposit, a dark, grey, clayey silt with occasional CBM flecks. This deposit was found at 100mm below present ground level.

A manhole and ceramic drain was found to have truncated the deposits in the south-east of the excavated area.

Above these deposits was a compact, grey, sandy mortar bedding layer, measuring 70mm thick. This was bedding for overlying paving stones that were 20mm in thickness, that formed the present ground surface.

### Discussion

No archaeological features were encountered during the works monitored. The deposits recorded consist of build up layers. These deposits had been truncated in the south-eastern part of the excavated area by a manhole and ceramic drain.

No further work is recommended based upon the results of this watching brief.

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Plate 1 Excavated area with paving stones removed looking north east

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Plate 2 Shot of section looking north east 0.50 scale

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Plate 3 Works area during excavation looking north east

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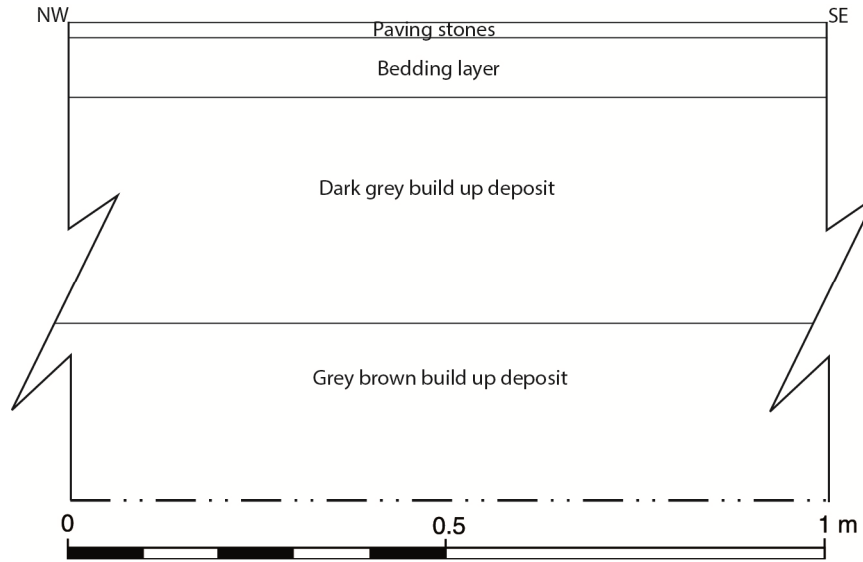


Figure 1 Representative section south west facing

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Figure 2 Location of site

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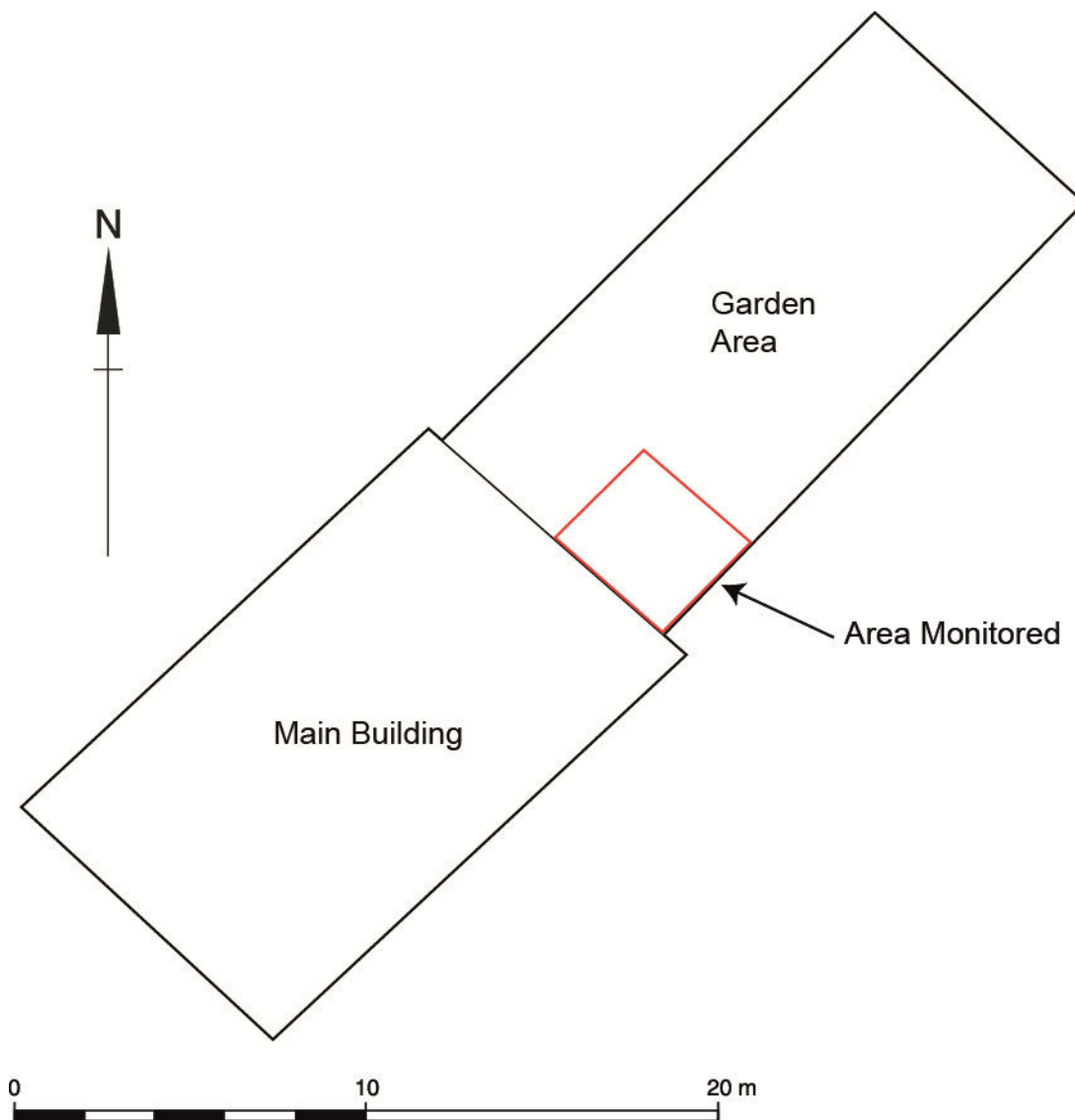


Figure 3 Areas monitored during watching brief

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