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# INTRODUCTION

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Between September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> a watching brief was undertaken by York Archaeological Trust to observe landscaping works in the front garden of 19 Mount Parade, York, YO24 4AP. The work involved the ground level of the garden being reduced by up to 800mm and was monitored under archaeological conditions as the site lies within York's designated Area of Archaeological Importance.

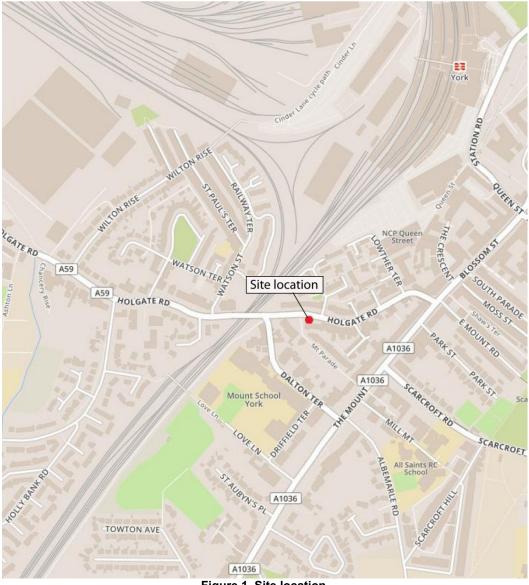


Figure 1. Site location

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#### METHODOLOGY

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Excavation was carried out by a one ton mechanical excavator equipped with a 0.60m wide toothless bucket. The excavated area measured approximately 10m x 5m and was reduced to a depth of approximately 800mm below ground level (BGL). The area between the door on the east face of the building and the front garden was excavated to slope gently into the main excavated area (Plate 1).



Plate 1. South facing view of excavation works.

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### RESULTS

A uniform sequence of deposition was observed across the whole of the excavation area. The uppermost deposit was a layer of topsoil around 250mm in depth, overlaying a 350mm thick deposit of friable mid-orange brown sandy clay silt. Below this, a 200mm thick layer of loose dark-grey black sandy silt with frequent 19<sup>th</sup> century CBM rubble was observed (Plate 2, Figure 2).



Plate 2. East facing representative section showing typical deposition (0.50m scale).

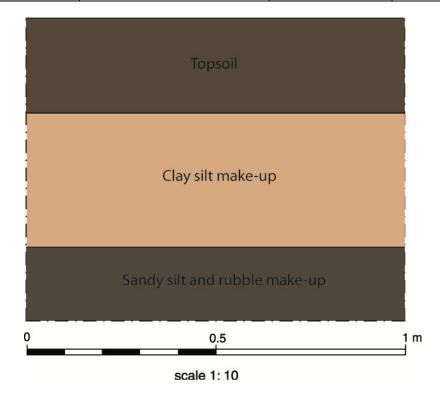
At the maximum excavated depth, a sequence of very clean layers of soft mid-yellow brown sandy clay, soft mid-grey brown silty sand and loose mid-orange brown silty sand were observed, appearing to slope gently to the north-east (Plate 3).

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# DISCUSSION

No deposits of archaeological significance were observed during the watching brief. All excavated deposits proved to be 19<sup>th</sup> century or later layers of make-up and topsoil. At the maximum excavated depth, a sequence of cleaner deposits may represent natural glacial deposition or further raising of the ground level utilising re-deposited natural silts and clays.

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Plate 3. Cleaner deposits at maximum excavated depth.

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