



# YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST REPORT

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<b>CLIENT NAME</b>	Harris Construction		
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## Introduction

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of September 2017 a watching brief took place during the excavation of a raft foundation and other ground works for a detached building to the rear of 38 Clarence Street, York. The site lies within an Area of Archaeological Importance and the City of York Central Historic Conservation Area.

The watching brief followed an Archaeological Scheme of Investigation as prepared by York Archaeological Trust linked with the planning application (16/01151/FUL).



Figure 1: Site location plan

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### Methodology

The previous structure and associated hard standing on the site had been demolished prior to commencing these works. The foundations, hard standing and clearly loose overburden were then cleared using a small 360° tracked excavator.

The excavator was then used to excavate 0.5m wide strip foundation for a garden wall forming the rear boundary of the development plot (to a maximum depth c.300mm below ground level). The proposed buildings raft foundation was excavated to a maximum depth of c.500mm below ground level. The removal of a previously standing structure, prior to the commencement of these works, had nearly established the formation depth towards the front of the plot.

Deposits encountered were recorded on a watching brief day sheet alongside a representative section drawing. Digital photographs were taken at intervals during the watching brief. The monitoring of these ground works ceased once it had become apparent that no archaeological deposits were going to be disturbed due to the shallow depth of the intervention.

### Results

The wall foundation strip and the ramp foundation strip revealed a consistent sequence of topsoil overlying subsoil (Plate 1). The topsoil was between 250mm and 300mm thick and comprised a friable, dark brownish grey, sandy silt. This overlay a subsoil which was exposed to a maximum thickness of 200mm and comprised a friable, mid brownish grey, sandy silt. Both deposits were heavily disturbed by roots and contained moderately frequent inclusions of modern brick and tile.

See **Figure 2** for the layout of excavations and **Plate 1** for the representative section (below).

The area which had previously been occupied by a building was heavily disturbed but nothing significantly different to the sequence described above could be observed within its footprint.

Naturally occurring deposits were not encountered during these ground works.

### Discussion & Conclusions

The site revealed the anticipated sequence of the construction horizon for the previously standing property, with its associated garden soil, sealing in an earlier subsoil. No natural type deposits were encountered.

No further archaeological work is suggested for this site.

Thanks must be given to the client and contractors for their assistance and cooperation during the watching brief.

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Plate 1: Deposit sequence visible in garden wall trench footing (looking south-east)

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Figure 2: Layout of excavations at 1:250 Scale (Area enclosed by dashed line not observed)

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