



## YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST REPORT

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<b>CLIENT NAME</b>	City of York Council		
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### Introduction

On 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017 a watching brief on an electric cable trench was undertaken by York Archaeological Trust (Figure 1 Site location). The objective of the watching brief was to record any archaeological deposits, features or buried structures exposed by the ground works. The site lies within York's designated Area of Archaeological Importance and the electric cable was being fed into the red tower which is a Grade I Listed Building and a Scheduled Ancient Monument.

### METHODOLOGY

The cable trench was excavated with a small rubber-tracked 360 excavator. The trench was aligned east-west, running from the path of Foss Islands Road to the Red Tower, and was 15.0m long, 0.30m to 0.40m wide and 0.45m deep (plate 1).



Plate 1: Cable trench

### RESULTS

The cable trench was excavated to a depth of 0.50m BGL. The only observed deposit was topsoil (plate 2). No archaeological features or structures were encountered during the electric cable trench at The Red Tower. Other service trenches for BT, water and foul drainage associated with these works were all excavated and backfilled before YAT were appointed to monitor the site. Work inside the tower in the form of buildings work and a trench were also completed prior to YAT involvement.

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Plate 2 representative section.

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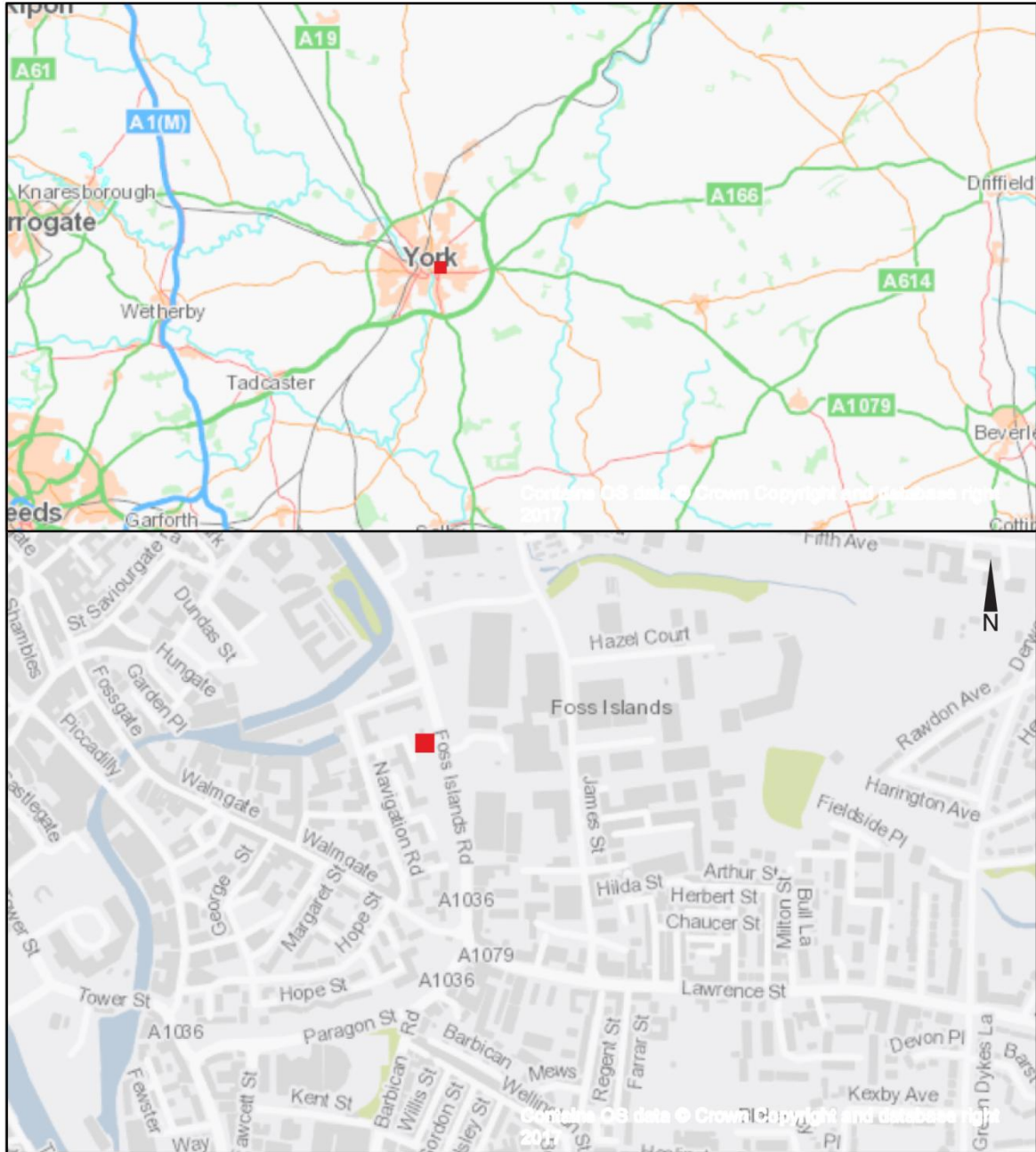


Figure 1 site location

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