



YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST

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CLIENT NAME	Mr & Mrs Miller		
YAT PROJECT #	6036	YAT REPORT #	2018/15
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INTRODUCTION

A watching brief on ground works for a double detached garage was undertaken by York Archaeological Trust on behalf of Mr & Mrs Miller on the 30th January 2018 at 79 Main Street, Fulford, York YO10 4PN, NGR SE 6110 4915 (Figure 1). The objective of the watching brief was to record any archaeological deposits or structures exposed by the ground works.

A watching brief on ground works for an extension of the Black Cat Barn was also undertaken by York Archaeological Trust on behalf of Mr & Mrs Miller on the 23rd October 2018 located approximately 10m north of the aforementioned double detached garage of 79 Main Street, Fulford, York YO10 4PN (NGR SE 6110 4916; Figure 1).

METHODOLOGY

A foundation trench with a width of 600mm and a depth of 900mm was excavated using a 1.5 tonne rubber-tracked mechanical excavator with a narrow ditching bucket, encircling the outer edge of the 6.41m x 6.20m double detached garage (Plate 3).

A foundation trench with a width of 600mm and a depth of 900mm below ground level was excavated using a 1.5 tonne rubber-tracked mechanical excavator with a narrow ditching bucket, encircling the outer edge of the 5.00m x 7.60m extension to the east side of the extant Black Cat Barn.

Digital photographs were taken during the course of the works (Plate 4).

RESULTS

The sequences of deposits were relatively consistent within the observed foundation trenches of both the double detached garage and the property extension.

This included a 200mm thickness of firm, mid orangey brown, sandy clay natural at the base of the trench, overlain by a 300mm thickness of firm, mid greyish brown clayey silt subsoil, overlain by a 300mm thickness of compacted, dark blackish grey, clayey silt horticultural enriched topsoil. This has recently been capped by a modern sequence of compacted made ground with a thickness of approximately 100mm (Figure 2; Plate 5).

CONCLUSIONS

The results of the watching brief offered a clear view that this area was previously used as arable agricultural farmland prior to the 19th & 20th -century development of Fulford, when it is presumed this area would have been subsequently used as the rear gardens of the extant properties to the west.

No features of archaeological significance were discovered and no accessionable finds were

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recovered during the course of the works.

York Archaeological Trust gives thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Miller and the contractors of Jorvik Construction on site for their cooperation during the works.

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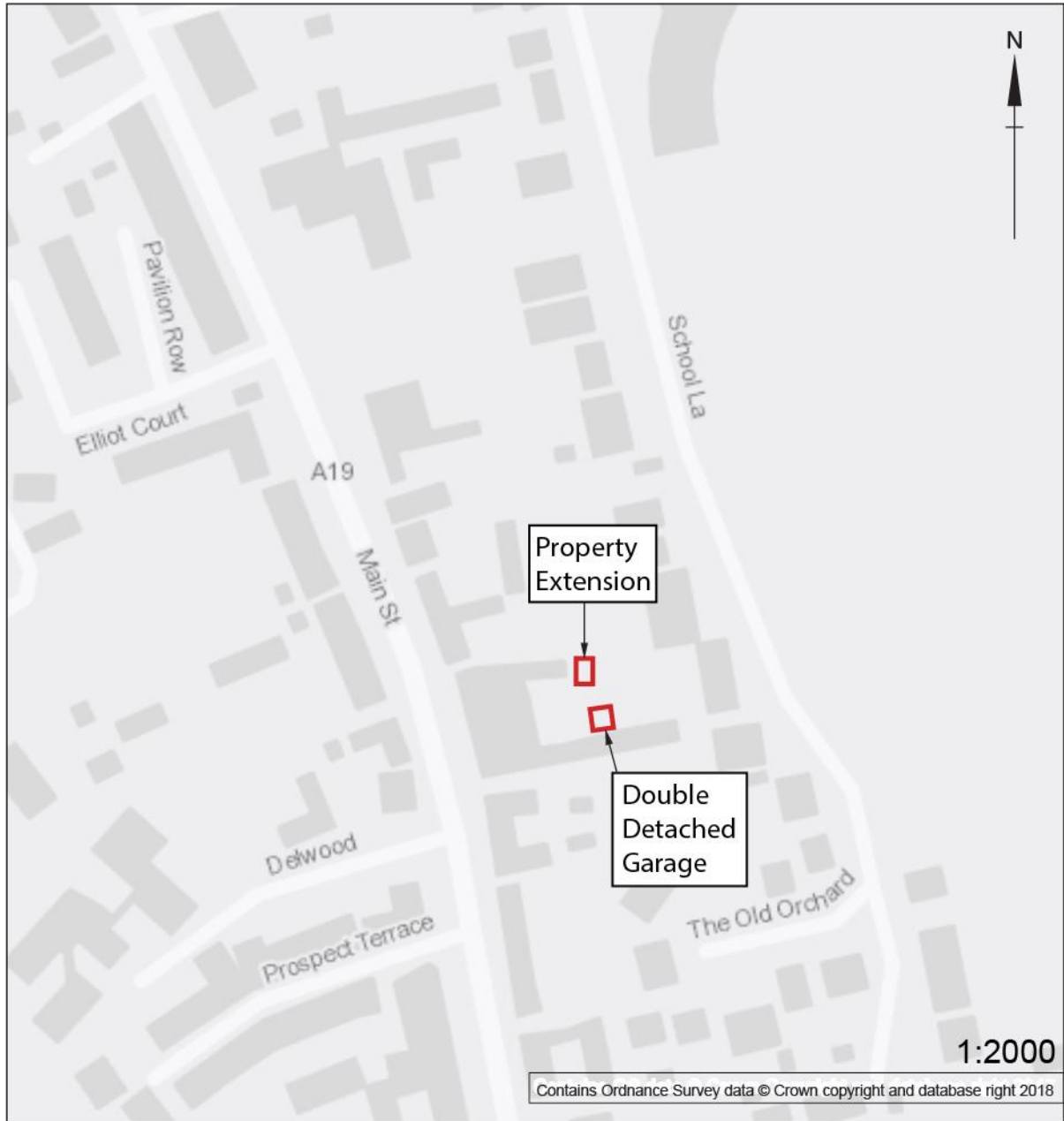


Figure 1 Site Location

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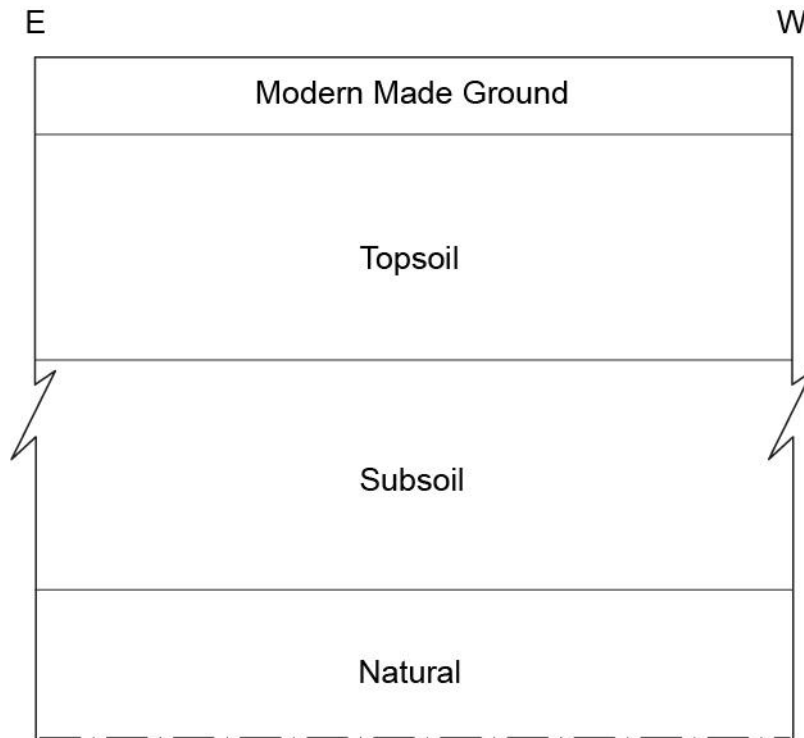


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Figure 2 North-facing representative section of the foundation trench for the double detached garage.

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Plate 1 Site prior to excavation of double detached garage, viewing south-west.

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Plate 2 Site before excavation of property extension, viewing north-west.

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Plate 3 After excavation of double detached garage, viewing north-west

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Plate 4 Area after excavation of the property extension, viewing north-east.

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Plate 5 North facing representative section of the foundation cut for the double detached garage.
Scale unit 100mm

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