



YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST

SITE	St Sampson's/Feasegate AAI		
CLIENT NAME	Northern Powergrid		
YAT PROJECT #	6042, 6043	YAT REPORT #	2018/37
MUSEUM ACCESSION #	N/A	GRID REFERENCE	6030 5180
PLANNING REFERENCE #	N/A	AAI OPS NOTICE #	18003, 18005

INTRODUCTION

Two watching briefs on ground works for the installation of a two way link box was undertaken by York Archaeological Trust on behalf of Northern Powergrid on the 9th and 12th March. These consisted of two separate operation notices at 18-19 Feasegate 18003 and St Sampson's Square/Feasegate 18005 (Figure 1).

The works were monitored as they are within the Central York Area of Archaeological Importance (AAI), and therefore present a possibility of disturbing archaeological remains. The objective of the watching brief was to record any archaeological deposits or structures exposed by the ground works.

METHODOLOGY

The groundworks were conducted by MWW Maintenance using a 1-2 tonne JCB mini excavator, equipped with a 0.3m toothless bucket. A linear trench measuring 5m x 1m was opened under the pavement at the junction of St Sampson's Square/Feasegate (Figure 1). The maximum depth of the trench was 0.6m bgl.

Recording proceeded by written notes and digital photography.

RESULTS

At 18-19 Feasegate 18003 a brick vault was encountered at 0.3m bgl. Above this a bedding and concrete deposit for the present ground surface was found. Due to the presence of the brick vault operations were curtailed.

At St Sampson's Square/Feasegate the earliest deposit exposed consisted of a friable, mid grey, clayey silt at 0.6m bgl. This could be a build-up deposit or backfill associated with the electric services found during the works. Due to the limited width of the trench further interpretation was not possible.

A significant portion of the trench was occupied by electric cables serving the shops along St Sampson's Square and Feasegate (Plate 2). Above this was found a layer of concrete and makeup for the paved surface (Plate 3).

No significant archaeological deposits, structures or artefacts were encountered during the course of the watching brief.

CONCLUSIONS

No evidence of significant archaeological deposits, structures or artefacts were encountered during the duration of the groundworks.

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PLATES



Plate 1 Brick vault at 18-19 Feasegate

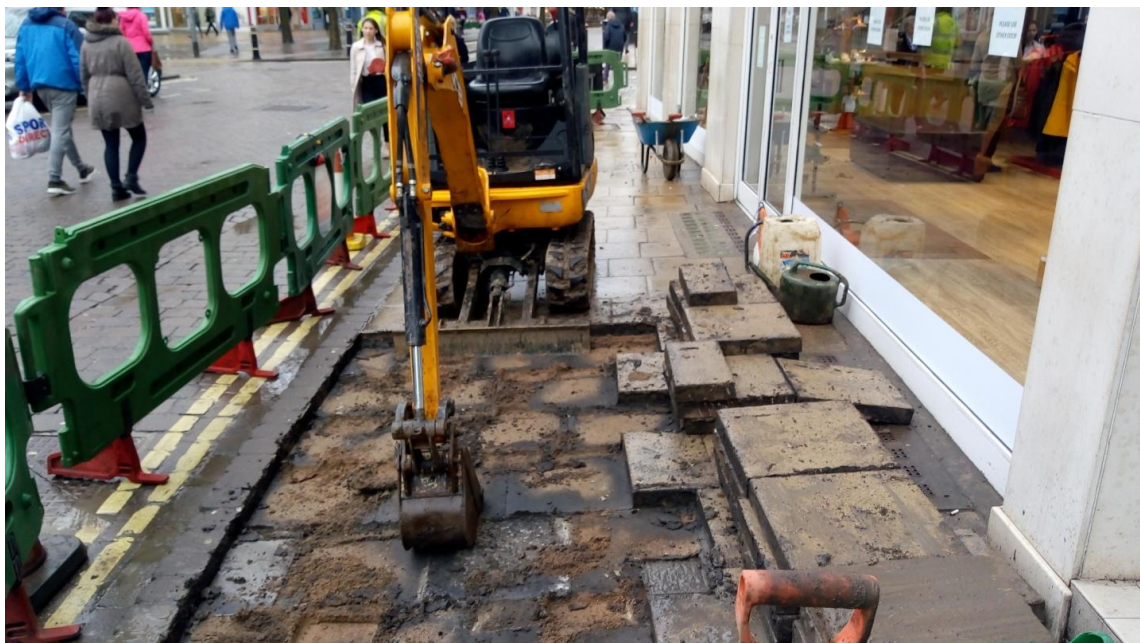


Plate 2 Opening of trench at St Sampson's Square/Feasegate

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Plate 3 Trench at St Sampson's/Feasegate



Plate 4 Trench at St Sampson's/Feasegate 0.5m scale

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FIGURES



Figure 1 Site Location (1:10000 and 1:1000)

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