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## INTRODUCTION

A watching brief on ground works for an extension by York Archaeological Trust (YAT) on behalf Mr & Mrs M. Dean on 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 2018 at 46 Dale Street, NGR SE 59843 51224 (Figure 1). The objective of the watching brief was to record any archaeological deposits or structures exposed by the ground works.

The reason for the watching brief is the site lies within York's Area of Archaeological Importance. Also in the immediate vicinity there have been a number of archaeological investigations that have turned up significant archaeological deposits. One evaluation by Field Archaeology Specialists (FAS) at Moss Street Depot found remnants of marsh or swamp with Roman finds associated, and a single grave with remains of three individuals within it again Roman in date (EYO4206). Also during a watching brief by YAT at 32A Dale Street a single inhumation was revealed and believed to be Roman in date (YAT Gaz. 1995.0354).

## METHODOLOGY

A rectangular area, around 2m long and 1.8m wide was excavated at the south east end of the garden, close to the proposed extension to the house. It was initially excavated by a small tracked excavator with a 0.4m bucket. It was first stripped to a depth of 0.5m BGL then a smaller area was stripped within, roughly 2m long and 0.8m wide, this went down another 0.5m. In the base of this a small hand dug hole was excavated to see if the depth of natural could be found. Further work is set to take place on the site, but this will possibly fall under a separate watching brief.

Notes and measured sketches were taken in a note book and plans drawn on a scaled map of the site. Also digital photographs were taken throughout, and photos with a 0.5m scale were taken of the section and area once fully excavated.

## RESULTS

The earliest deposit was natural that was encountered at 1.3m BGL, it was a firm, light grey, sandy clay. This was followed by a buried soil deposit encountered at 0.8m BGL, it was a firm to friable, dark grayish brown, sandy silty clay. Above this was a horticultural deposit encountered at 0.4m BGL, it was friable, dark grayish brown, clayey sandy silt. It was followed by a mixed dumping deposit that was encountered 0.2m BGL, it was a friable, brownish dark grey, sandy silt. The uppermost deposit was garden soil, this was a loose, dark grey, sandy silt.

In the north-east corner of the excavated area there was the very edge of a modern drain cut for the houses of Dale Street that was running north-east, south-west.

## CONCLUSIONS

No evidence of significant archaeology was encountered during these works.

Archaeology was limited to a series of garden deposits, mixed dumping deposits and horticultural deposits. The only cut features were modern drain runs related to Dale Street buildings.

Many thanks to the client and groundwork contractor staff onsite for their co-operation and assistance during these works.

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**Figure 1** Site location & excavation location

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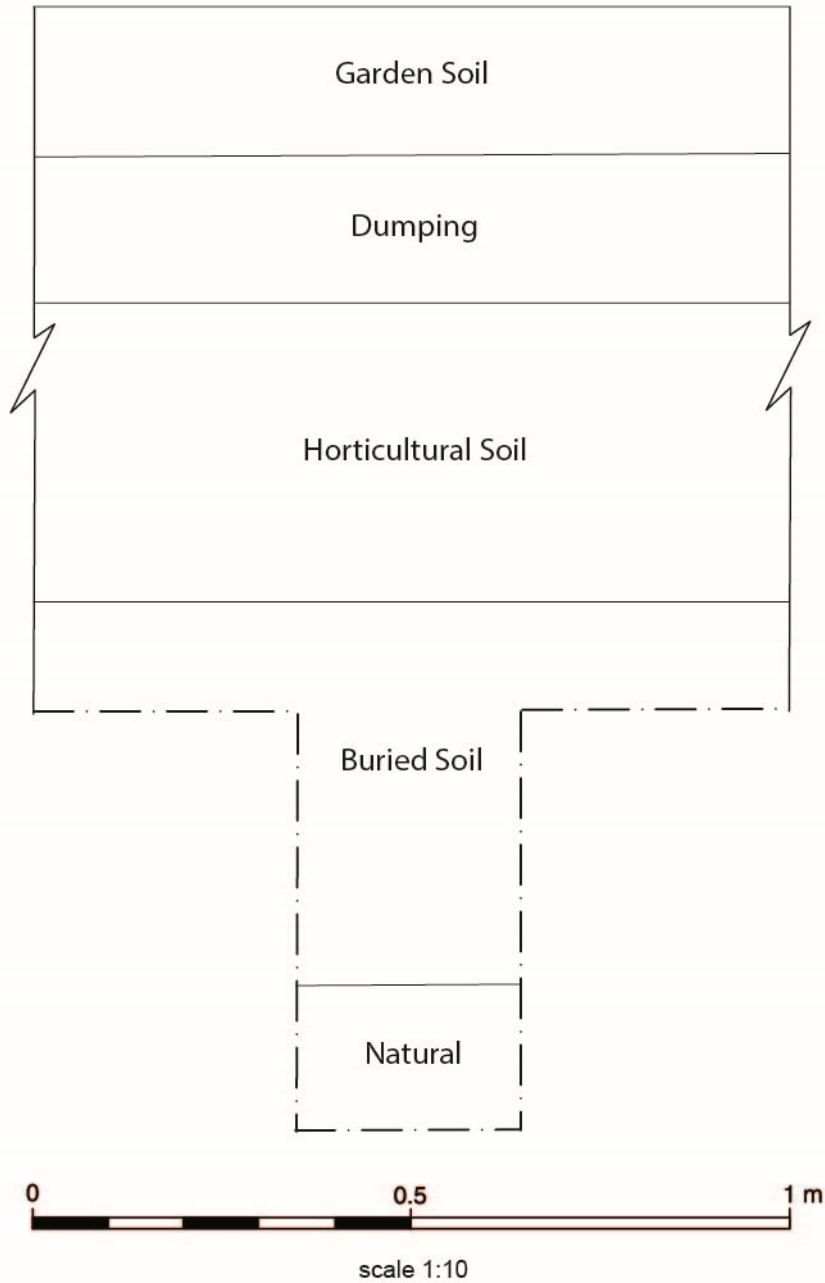


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**Figure 2** Section, facing south west

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**Plate 1** Area as excavation started, looking north-west

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**Plate 2** Area after excavation, scale 0.5m, looking north-west

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**Plate 3** Upper portion of section, scale 0.5m, looking north-east

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**Plate 4** Lower portion of section, scale 0.5m, looking north-east

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