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## INTRODUCTION

The excavation of two trial pits was observed by York Archaeological Trust on behalf of Jane Mortimer on April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019 at Oak Trees, Elvington, York, NGR SE 68597 48175 (Figure 1). The objective of the watching brief was to record any archaeological deposits or structures exposed by the ground works.

## METHODOLOGY

Two trial pits measuring 3.00m x 0.40m were excavated to a depth of 1.00m BGL by a backhoe loader 3CX equipped with a toothless bucket. To gain a baseline understanding of the nature and survival of archaeological deposits across the site, one trial pit was excavated to the front of the newly built property and one to the rear (Figure 2).

## RESULTS

Trial Pit 1 was located to the north of the new building and was aligned roughly north-south. A 0.10m thick deposit of topsoil was observed to overlie a 0.35m thick make-up layer of soft, mid brownish grey silty clay with frequent brick, stone, mortar and concrete rubble dated to the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Below this, at 0.45m BGL a deposit of soft, mid yellowish brown slightly silty clay continued beyond the limit of excavation. This deposit may represent the top of natural geological material (Plate 1).

Trial Pit 2 was located to the south of the new building and was aligned roughly north-south. A north-east/south-west aligned service trench filled with crushed limestone covered much of the trial pit, however, a 1m section of less disturbed material was also recorded. The uppermost deposit was 0.40m thick and comprised a dark grey black clayey silt topsoil. Below this, a 0.40m thick make-up deposit of mid yellow grey clay and dark grey brown silty clay with a moderate amount of 20<sup>th</sup> century brick and mortar rubble was observed to overlie possibly natural clays which ran beyond the limit of excavation.

## CONCLUSIONS

The archaeological sequence observed in both trial pits was very similar, with 20<sup>th</sup> century services and make-up deposits overlying what appeared to be natural geological clays at between 0.45m BGL and 0.80m BGL. The construction of the recently demolished buildings that occupied the site in the 20<sup>th</sup> century appears to have caused a great deal of disturbance, so it is highly unlikely that the present development has had an adverse effect on any significant archaeological deposits.

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Plate 1. West facing view of Trial Pit 1 (0.50m scale)

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Plate 2. West facing view of Trial Pit 2 (0.50m scale).

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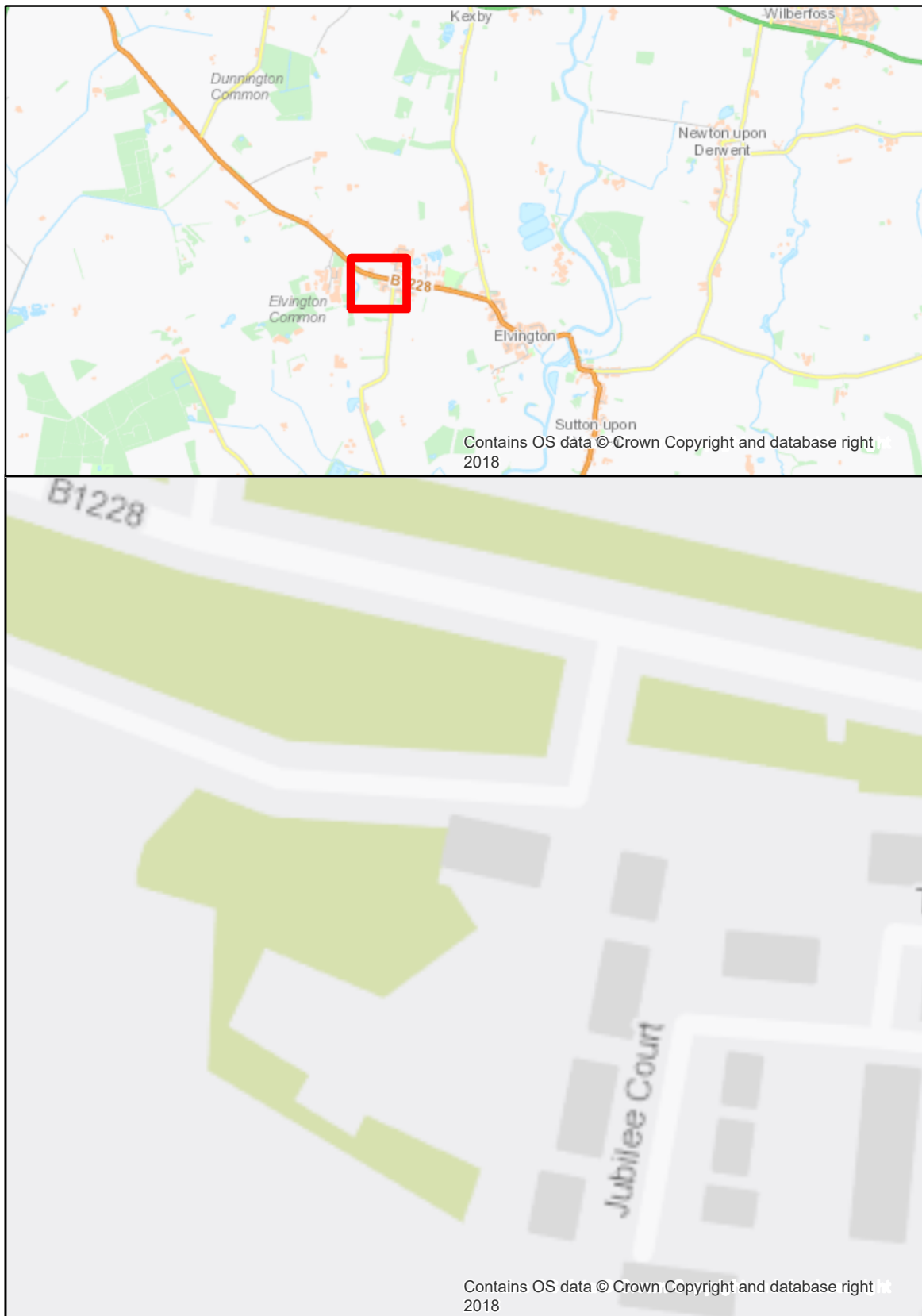


Figure 1 Site location (1:60000 and 1:1250)

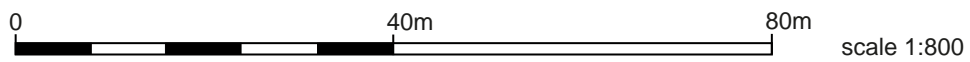
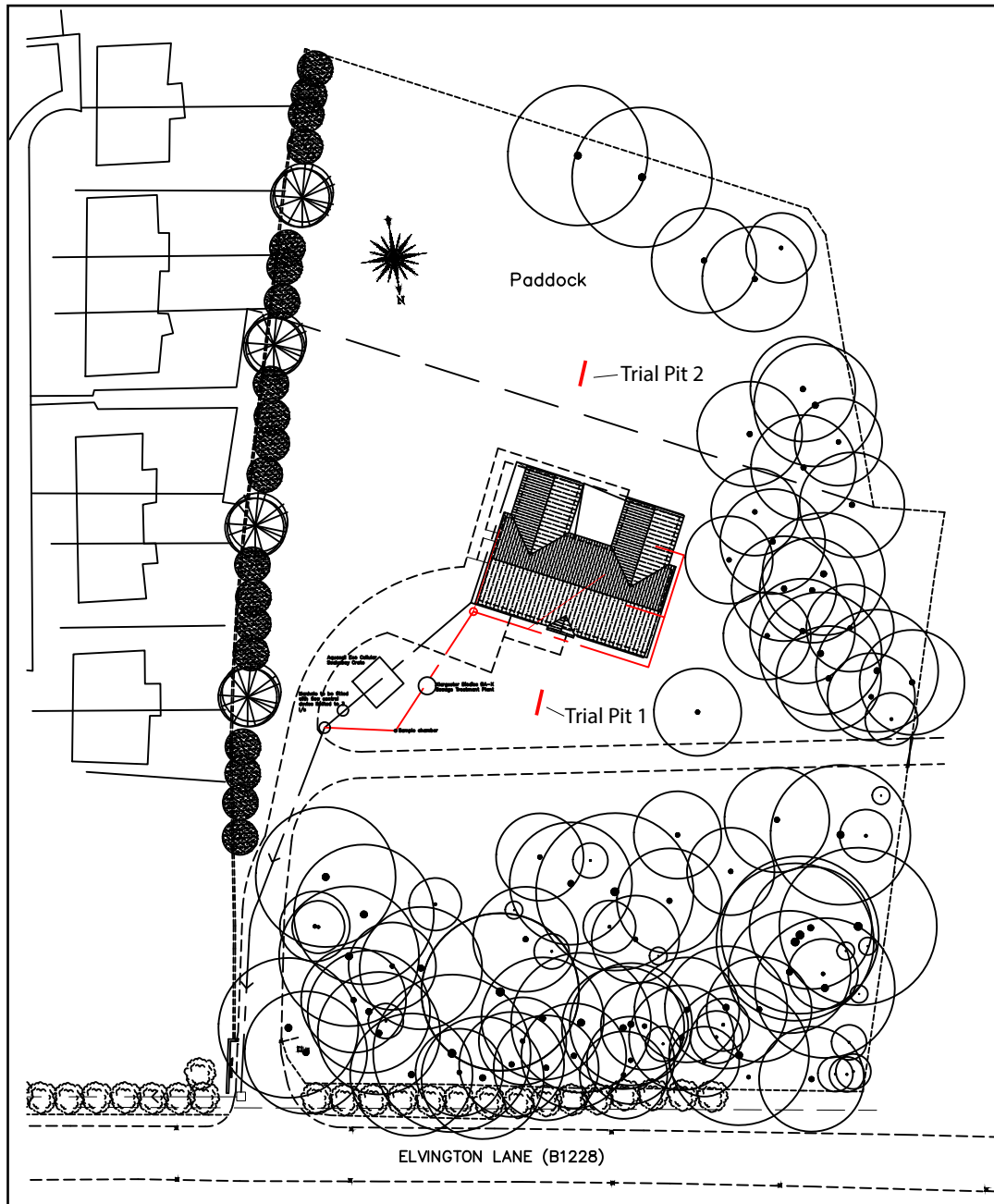


Figure 2 Trial pit locations