



YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST

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CLIENT NAME	Hungate (York) Regeneration Ltd		
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INTRODUCTION

A watching brief on ground works for the installation of an attenuation sewer was carried out by York Archaeological Trust on behalf of Hungate Regeneration Ltd between 22nd March and 5th April 2019 at Palmer Lane, Hungate Development, York, YO1 7NZ NGR SE 60741 51822 (Figure 1). The objective of the watching brief was to record any archaeological deposits or structures exposed by the ground works.

METHODOLOGY

The works consisted of the excavation of three test pits, to locate existing services, and the excavation of a trench for a new attenuation drain (Figure 2). The test pits measured approximately 1.0m wide and to a maximum of 1.0m in depth, depending on the location of the existing services. The attenuation drain trench was excavated along the southern side of Palmer Lane (Figure 2), and measured approximately 3.0m in width by 2.0m in depth.

The test pits were excavated by a mini excavator equipped with a 0.8m wide bucket. The attenuation drain trench was excavated by a 21 tonne 360 excavator equipped with a 1.8m wide bucket.

Due to safety considerations trenches were inspected from the top. Recording was undertaken in the form of digital photographs, notes and sketch sections as per the WSI.

RESULTS

Within the test pits, modern make-up deposits and disturbance relating to previous services were encountered (Plate 4-6). The earliest deposit encountered was a horticultural soil at 0.4m BGL. The area to the west, along the front of the student accommodation block was too shallow to reach beyond modern made ground deposits.

Within the attenuation drain trench the earliest deposit encountered was light, brownish grey, sandy silt deposit (Plate 2). This was located at a depth of approximately 2.0m BGL at the base and towards the western end of the trench. This probably represents a leveling deposit.

Above the leveling deposit was a probable agricultural soil (Plate 1 and Plate 2 underneath concrete drain). This consisted of a friable, dark brown grey, sandy silt. The deposit contained inclusions of CBM fragments, charcoal and oyster shells as well as occasional animal bone. The top of this deposit was found at a depth of approximately 1.7m BGL, and was approximately 0.30m in thickness.

At the eastern side of the trench a brick structure was seen in the south facing section (Plate 1). This is possibly the remains of a structures along Palmer Lane depicted on the 1852 OS map.

The material above these deposits had been extensively disturbed by a variety of previous and current services, and consisted of modern made ground.

CONCLUSIONS

No significant archaeological deposits or structures were encountered during the course of the

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watching brief.



Plate 1 Brick structure and horticultural soil, looking north-west.

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Plate 2 South facing section of attenuation drain trench



Plate 3 Working shot looking west.

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Plate 4 Trial pit 1 looking south-east. Scale unit 0.5m.

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Plate 5 Trial pit 2 looking south east.

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Plate 6 Trial pit 3 looking south. Scale Unit 0.5m.

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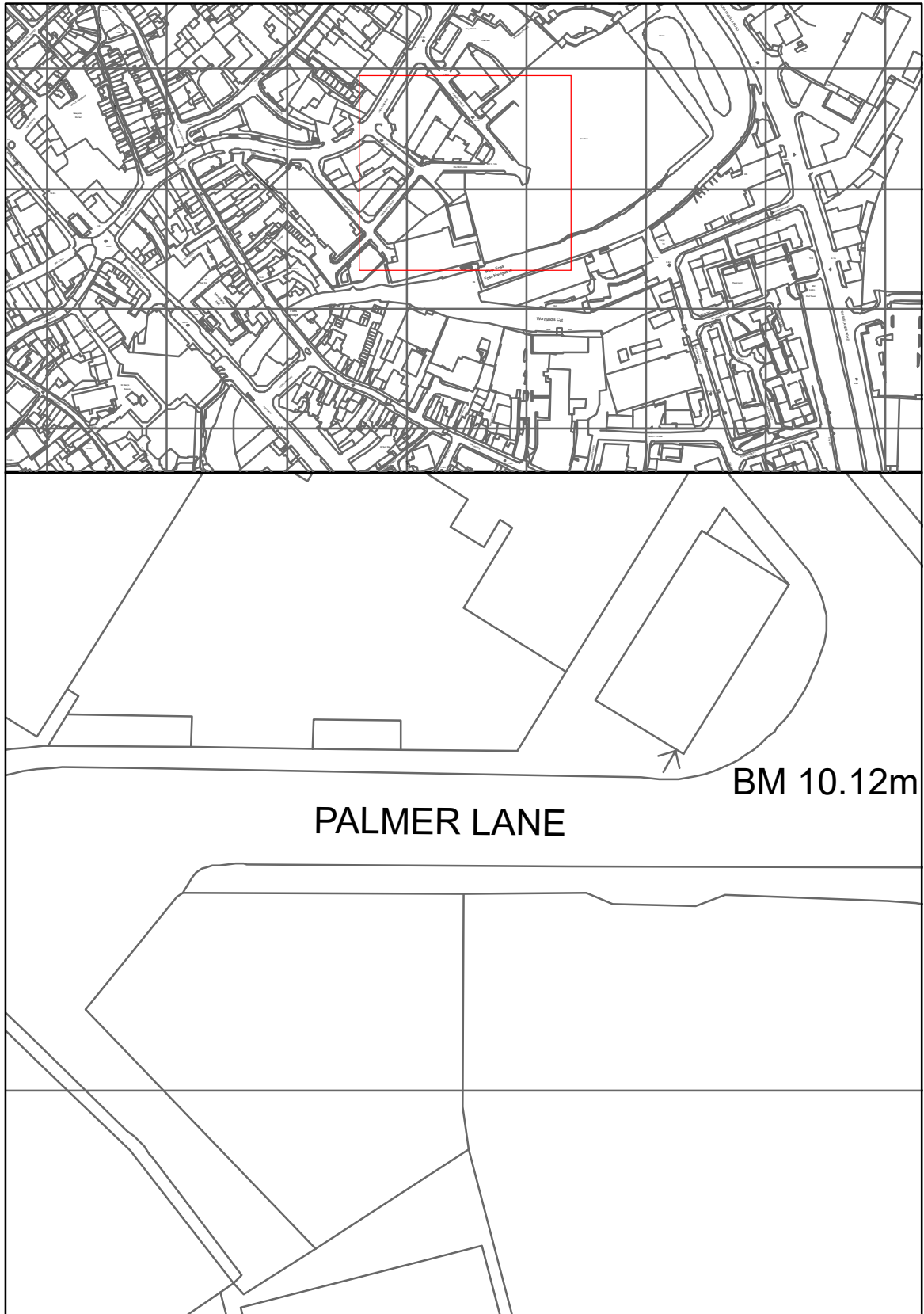
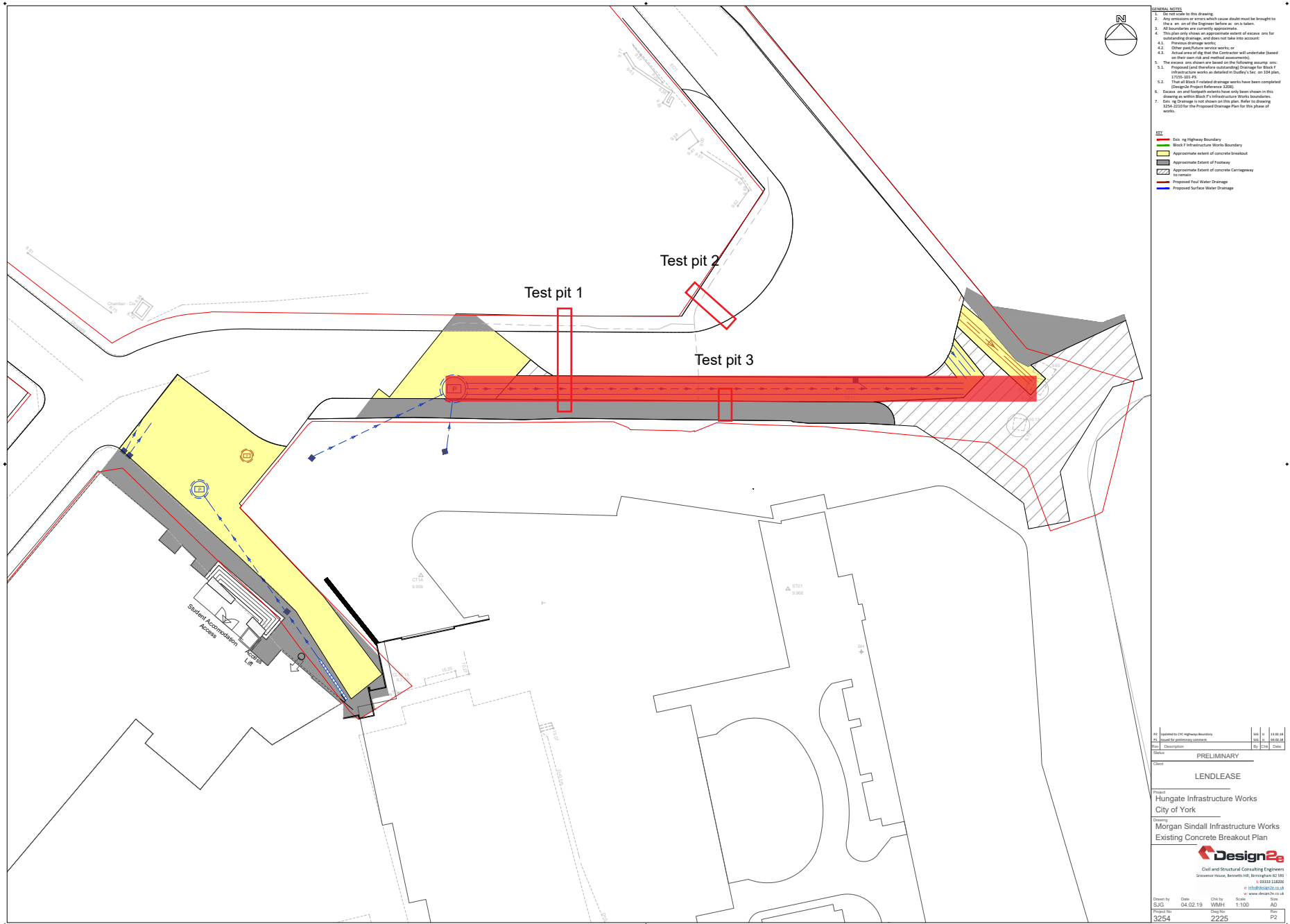


Fig. 1 Site location at 1:400 and 1:5000



Extent of attenuation drain trench

Fig. 2. Location of intrusive works (after drawing supplied by client)



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