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## INTRODUCTION

A watching brief on ground works for a welfare compound was undertaken by York Archaeological Trust on behalf of City of York Council on the 12<sup>th</sup> February at Explore York Library, Library Square, Museum Street NGR SE 6004 5206 (Figure 1). The objective of the watching brief was to record any archaeological deposits or structures exposed by the ground works.

The reason for this was that the proposed site is located within the York Area of Archaeological Importance (AAI) and the York Central Historic Core Conservation Area. It is also located on the Scheduled Ancient Monument of St Leonard's Hospital (Scheduled Monument Consent no S00206333). The site lies within close proximity to another Scheduled Ancient Monument, that of the City Walls including the Multiangular tower (list entry no 1004910).

## METHODOLOGY

The area of works consisted of a rectangular area, around 7m x 7m in area. Turf within this area was removed by a mechanical cutter and by hand (Plate 1). The depth of the intervention was only approximately 0.05m.

Recording was carried out by digital photography and written notes.

## RESULTS

The only observable deposit was topsoil (Plates 2). No archaeological features or finds were encountered.

## CONCLUSIONS

No evidence of archaeology was uncovered during the course of the watching brief.

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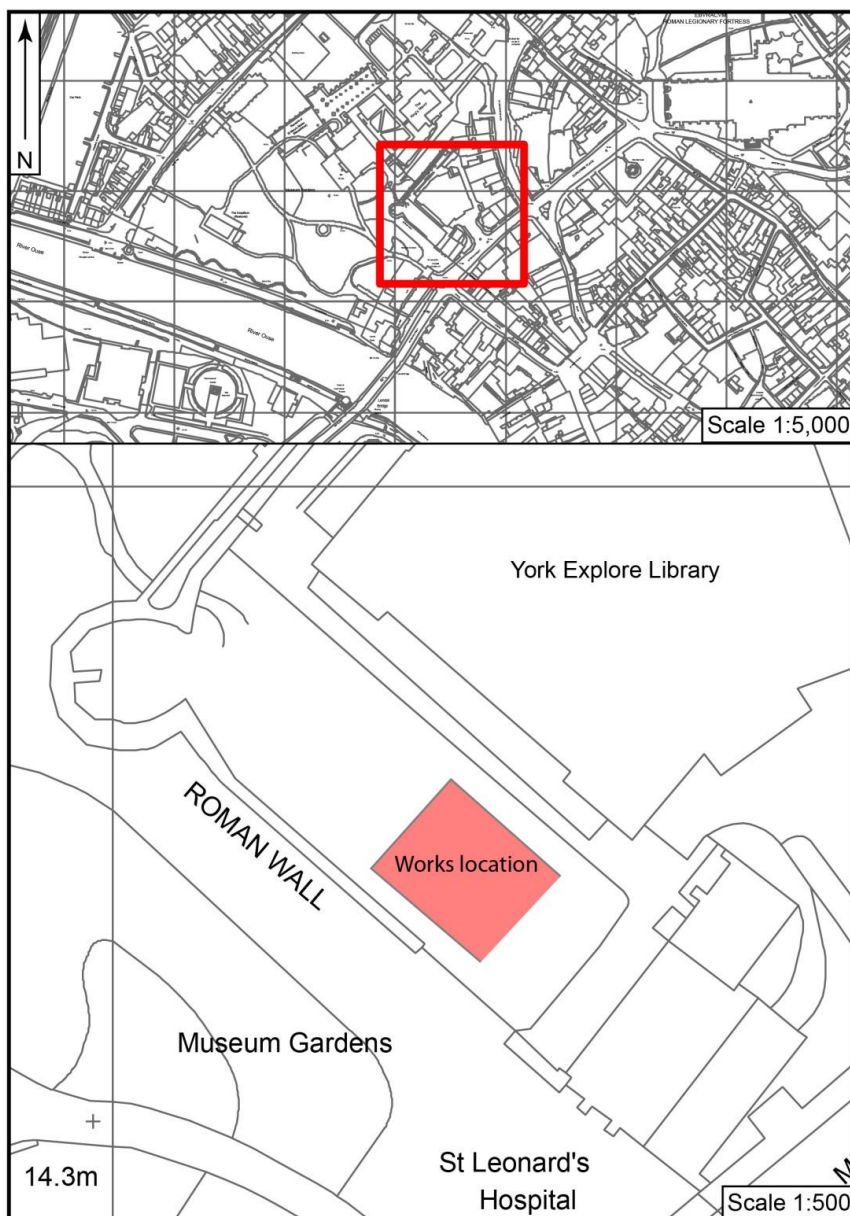


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**Plate 1** Area pre-excitation, facing north west



**Plate 2** After removal of the turf, facing north east

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