



YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST

SITE	51 Huntington Road, York		
CLIENT NAME	Evora Construction		
YAT PROJECT #	5960	YAT REPORT #	2019/176
MUSEUM ACCESSION #	N/A	GRID REFERENCE	SE 6091 5288
PLANNING REFERENCE #	16//01835/FUL	AAI OPS NOTICE #	N/A

INTRODUCTION

A watching brief on ground works for the erection of a dwelling was undertaken by York Archaeological Trust on behalf of Evora Construction between 19th November and 26th November 2019 at 51 Huntington Road, York, NGR SE 6091 5288 (Figure 1). The objective of the watching brief was to record any archaeological deposits or structures exposed by the ground works.

METHODOLOGY

A foundation trench with a width of 600mm and depth of 900mm was excavated using a 1.5 tonne rubber-tracked mechanical excavator with a narrow tooth bucket, encircling the outer edge of the 4.4m x 11.3m area (Plate 1).

Notes and digital photographs were taken during the course of the works.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

The site lies close to the line of Roman Road 4 which approached York from Malton (RCHME 1962). There was the potential for deposits of this date to be present.

RESULTS

The earliest deposit observed was a firm, light orangish-brown silty clay natural at the base of the foundation trench between 500mm and 900mm below ground level. This was overlain by a probable make-up deposit consisting of a compact, mixed light greyish-bluish brown & light reddish-brown silty clay located at 250mm-500mm below ground level. A cobble surface was subsequently constructed on top of this make-up, this consisted of a loose homogenous dark brownish-grey sandy silt with moderate amount of large well-rounded cobbles (Plate 2).

CONCLUSIONS

Despite the proximity of the site to a Roman road, the construction of the previous building and associated landscaping had likely truncated any earlier features. Although there were no finds from the cobble surface and make-up deposit below, it was probably related to a cobble yard associated with the extant property of 51 Huntington Road to the north of the development. No finds or features of archaeological significance were discovered during the course of the works.

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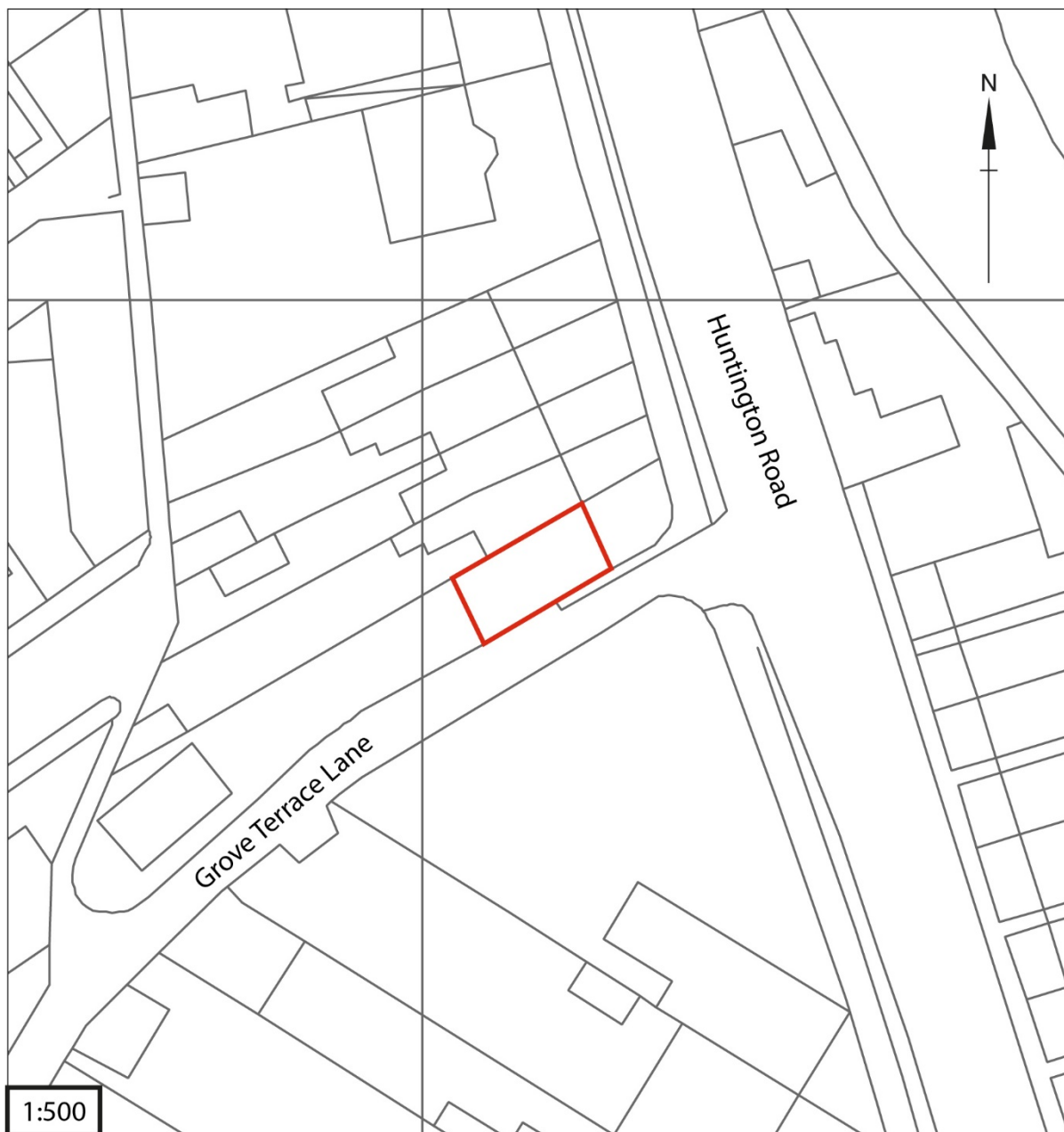


Figure 1 Site Location

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Plate 1 Site Location. Looking north-east.

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Plate 2 South-west facing representative section showing floor make-up and cobble surface. Scale unit 100mm.

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