



YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST

SITE	Dalton Terrace, York		
CLIENT NAME	Northern Power Grid (NPG)		
YAT PROJECT #	6038	YAT REPORT #	2018/16
MUSEUM ACCESSION #	N/A	GRID REFERENCE	SE593511
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INTRODUCTION

A watching brief on ground works for an electrical service trench was undertaken by York Archaeological Trust on behalf of Northern Power Grid on the 30th of January at Dalton Terrace south-east of English Martyrs Church, NGR SE593511 (Figure 1). The objective of the watching brief was to record any archaeological deposits or structures exposed by the ground works.

The reasoning for the watching brief was due to its location within the Area of Archaeological Importance for York. Also a previous evaluation immediately adjacent found well preserved archaeological features (YAT report number: 2014/38).

METHODOLOGY

A roughly rectangular area was excavated, measuring 3m long by 0.5m wide, located within the north-east pavement of Dalton Terrace (Plates 2 & 3). The excavation process was not observed as the area was stripped to a depth of 0.5m and left open for observations, it was mechanically excavated (Figure 2, Plate 2). This included removal of the pavement tarmac and concrete.

The excavated area had digital photographs taken of it with a 0.5m scale, and notes and sketches were taken of location of the trench and deposits found.

RESULTS

The AOD for the top of the pavement on Dalton Terrace is roughly 20.20m AOD. The sequence of deposits and their depths were very similar to those found in the evaluation (YAT report number: 2014/38).

The earliest deposit observed in the trench was an orange-brown, silty sand, plough soil observed at 20.10m AOD, it extended beyond the excavated depth of the trench 19.70m AOD and was roughly 0.4m thick. Above this was a tarmac and concrete mixed deposit making up the pavement surface and boundary to the buildings roughly 0.1m thick.

CONCLUSIONS

No evidence of significant archaeology was encountered during these works.

Archaeology was limited to plough soil, a twentieth century service relating to the previous electrical supply and a pavement surface and its construction makeup deposits.

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

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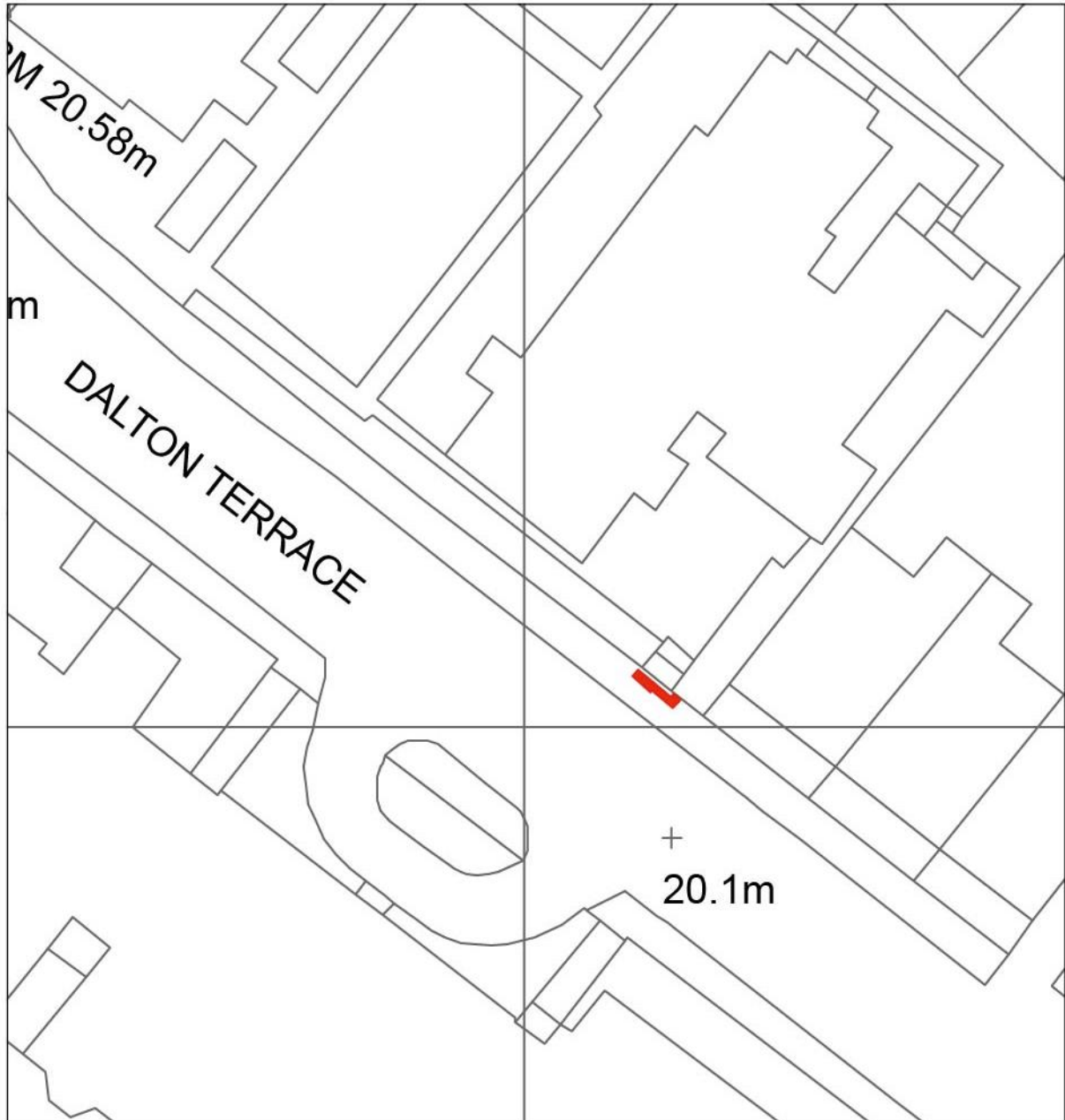


Figure 1 Site location, scale 1:400

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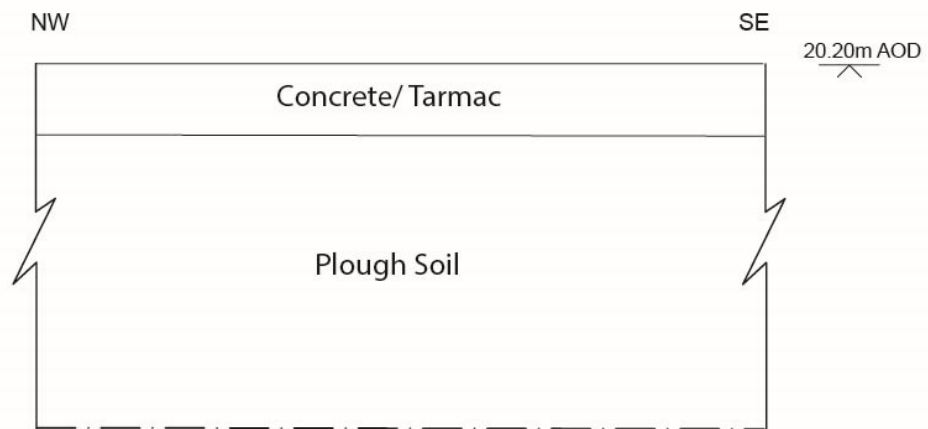


Figure 2 Section, scale 1:10

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Plate 1 Dalton Terrace, looking south-east

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Plate 2 Section with 0.5m scale, looking north-east

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Plate 3 Excavated trench 0.5m scale, looking south-east

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