



YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST REPORT

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Between 22nd February and 15th March 2010, York Archaeological Trust undertook a watching brief on utility works along Gillygate, York (Figure 1). The objective was to record any deposits, features or buried structures exposed during the replacement of a gas main along the south-eastern side of Gillygate from its junction with Bootham to outside 60 Gillygate. The main work consisted of a continuous trench, c.0.7m wide and between 1m and c.1.5m deep. A number of trenches were also dug to expose the feeder pipes into individual properties along the south-eastern side of Gillygate and these varied in size from around 0.7 x 0.7m to 2.5 x 0.9m but all were approximately 0.8m deep. A total of twelve specimen sections (Figures 2 and 3) were recorded in detail and are described below. Recording took the form of written notes and measured sketches supplemented by a number of colour digital photographs. The works were monitored on a regular basis, usually twice a day, when excavation work was in progress.

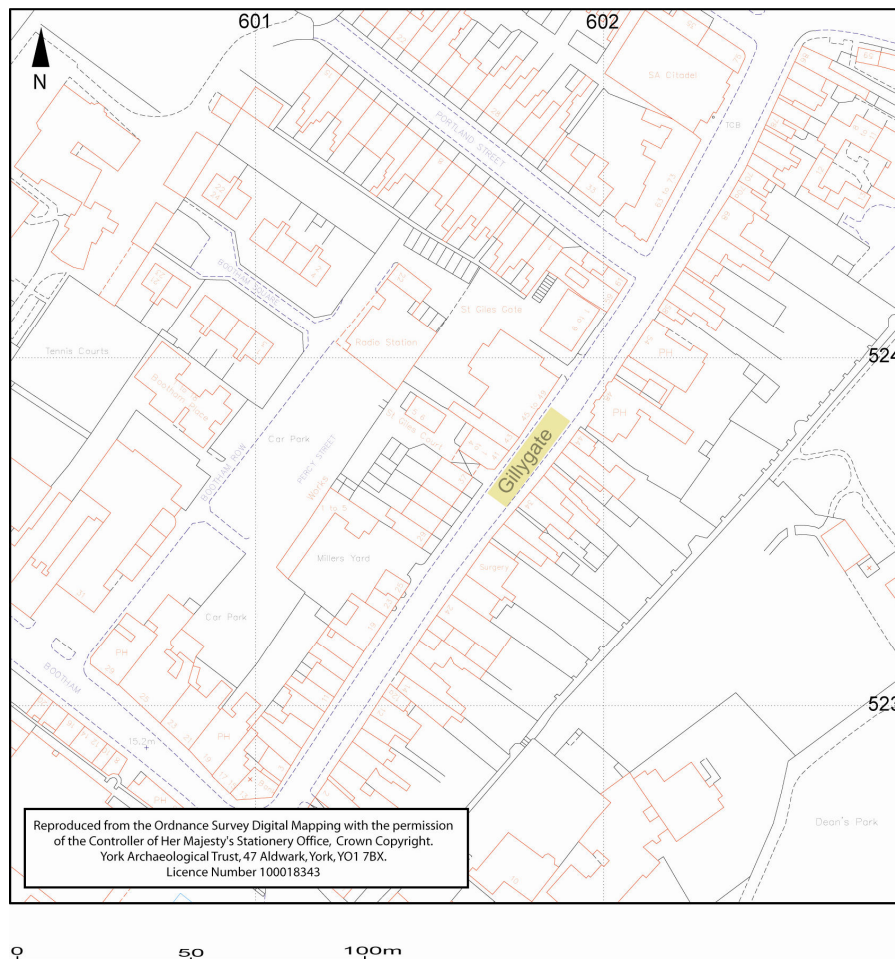


Figure 1 Location of Gillygate

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SECTION 1

In this section the earliest deposit seen, between 0.8m BGL and at least the base of the trench at 1.3m BGL, was a mid brown slightly clayey silt with occasional pebbles (1000). Overlying it was a 0.3m deep layer of loose, mid brown silt with moderate limestone, pebbles and brick / tile (1001). All the other contexts were modern and consisted of levelling / backfill deposits (1002 and 1003) and the modern road surface (1004).

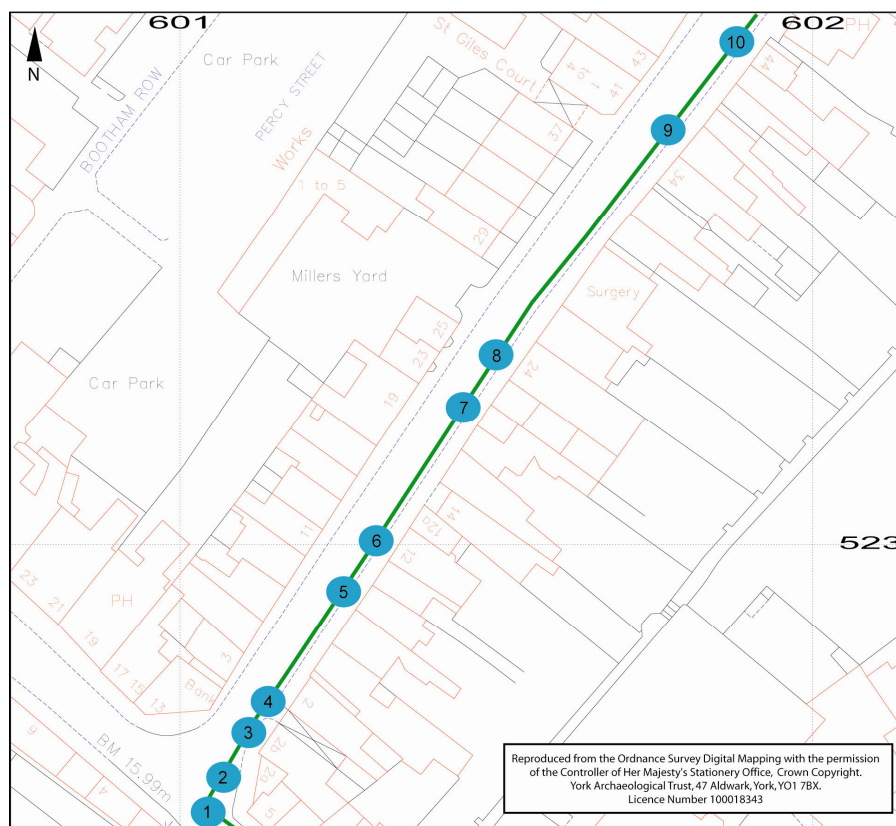


Figure 2 Location of gas main and Sections 1 - 10

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SECTION 2

The lowest deposit noted in Section 2, between 0.8m and at least 1.1m BGL, was a very dark greyish-brown slightly clayey silt (1005). Above it was a 0.2m deep layer of dark greyish-brown slightly clayey silt with occasional white mortar and brick / tile (1006). Sealing it, between 0.35m and 0.6m BGL, was a mid greyish-brown silt with lenses of mid reddish-brown silt / sand and occasional pale brown mortar (1007). All higher contexts were clearly modern and were levelling / backfill deposits (1008 and 1009) or the existing road surface (1010).

SECTION 3

The earliest deposit noted in this section, between 1m and at least 1.3m BGL, was a very dark grey clayey silt (1011). Overlying this was a 0.5m deep layer of dark brown slightly clayey silt with occasional charcoal (1012). Both Contexts 1011 and 1012 were probably build-up deposits. Above Context 1012 was a 0.2m deep deposit of compact very dark greyish-brown very slightly clayey silt with moderate brick / tile and pale brown mortar (1013) which may have been a disturbed and compressed build-up deposit. Over this was a modern concrete levelling deposit (1014) and the existing road surface of tarmac (1015).

SECTION 4

In this section the lowest deposit, seen between 1m and at least 1.3m BGL, was a firm, mid brown slightly sandy clay (1016) which may have been natural. Overlying it was a 0.4m deep layer of mid brown silt with moderate mid brown sand (1017), possibly a build-up deposit. All remaining contexts above this were thought to be modern and were levelling / backfill deposits (1018 and 1019) or the road surface (1020).

SECTION 5

The lowest deposit recorded, lying between 0.7m and at least 1m, was a dark brown slightly clayey silt (1021) and above this was a 0.4m deep layer of very dark greyish-brown slightly clayey silt with occasional brick / tile and limestone (1022), both possible build-up deposits. The only other contexts were a modern levelling deposit (1023) and the current road surface (1024).

SECTION 6

In this section the earliest recorded deposit, lying at between 0.9m and at least 1.1m BGL, was a firm, mid brown clay (1025), possibly natural. Sealing this was a 0.3m deep layer of mixed dark brown silt and mid brown sand (1026). Above it was a 0.3m deep deposit of very dark brown slightly clayey silt with occasional pebbles (1027). Contexts 1026 and 1027 may both have been build-up deposits. The remaining contexts were obviously modern and comprised a levelling deposit of concrete (1028) and the road surface of tarmac (1029).

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Plate 1 Possible build-up deposits in Section 5, looking north-west



Plate 2 Possible natural at base of Section 6, looking north-west

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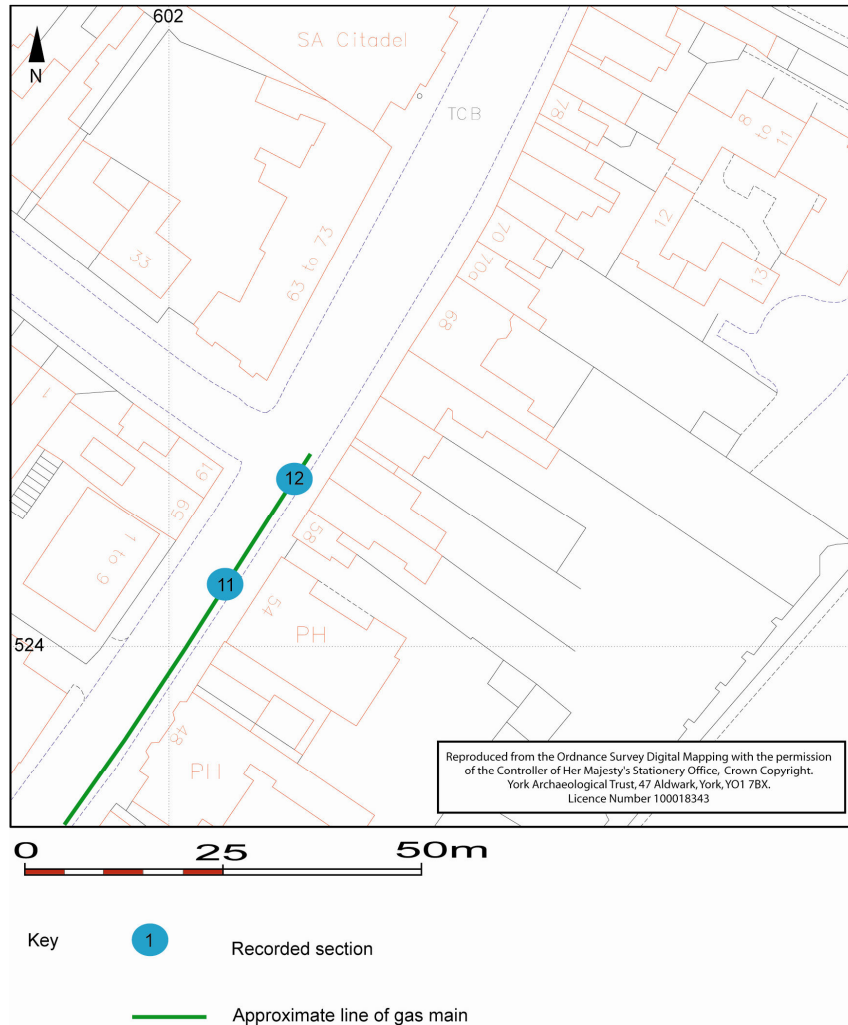


Figure 3 Location of gas main and Sections 11 - 12

SECTION 7

The lowest deposit in this section, seen between 0.8m and at least 1.2m BGL, was a dark brown clayey silt (1030). Above this was a 0.3m deep layer of dark greyish-brown slightly clayey silt with occasional brick / tile (1031). Both of these contexts were probably build-up deposits. Overlying Context 1031 was a 0.2m deep deposit of mid brown silt with moderate to frequent small fragments of limestone (1032), probably a modern levelling / backfill deposit. The other contexts in this section were definitely modern and comprised a levelling deposit (1033) and the current road surface (1034).

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SECTION 8

In this section the earliest deposit recorded, at between 0.6m and at least 1.1m BGL, was a mid to dark greyish-brown sandy silt with occasional brick / tile (1035). The remaining contexts were thought to be modern and consisted of levelling / backfill deposits (1036 and 1037) and the road surface (1038).

SECTION 9

The earliest deposit, a probable build-up deposit, in this section, noted between 0.35m and at least 1m BGL, was a very dark greyish-brown very slightly clayey silt (1039). All other contexts were believed to be modern and comprised levelling / backfill deposits (1040 and 1041) and the road surface (1042).

SECTION 10

In this section the lowest deposit recorded, at between 0.7m and at least 1m BGL, was a very dark greyish-brown slightly clayey silt with occasional limestone and brick / tile (1043). It was sealed by a 0.3m deep layer of dark brown slightly clayey silt (1044). These were both thought to be build-up deposits. The remaining contexts were probably or definitely modern and consisted of levelling / backfill deposits (1045 and 1046) and the existing road surface (1047).

SECTION 11

The lowest deposit in this section, seen between 0.6m and at least 1m BGL, was a mid brown very slightly clayey silt with moderate flecks of pale brown mortar (1048) which was sealed by a 0.25m deep layer of dark brown silt with occasional lenses of light brown sand (1049). Both of these may have been build-up deposits. The other contexts were modern and were a levelling / backfill deposit (1050) and the road surface (1051).

SECTION 12

In this section, between 1.3m and at least 1.5m BGL, the earliest deposit noted was a mid brown clay (1052), possibly natural. Overlying this was a 0.4m deep layer of very dark grey slightly clayey silt (1053), possibly a build-up deposit. Above this there was a 0.55m deep deposit of dark brown very slightly clayey silt with occasional brick / tile (1054), also a possible build-up deposit. Sealing this was a modern levelling deposit (1055) and above that the existing road surface (1056).

Most of the observed deposits were clearly modern in origin although a number of contexts towards the Bootham end of the works were likely to be intact build-up deposits. The brown clay seen at the base of Sections 4, 6 and 12 may be natural but this could not be confirmed. Overall it is believed that little damage was done to any archaeology along the line of the works.

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