



YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST REPORT

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CLIENT NAME	BT Openreach		
YAT PROJECT #	5393	YAT REPORT #	2010/74
MUSEUM ACCESSION #	n/a	GRID REFERENCE	SE 6047 5174
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INTRODUCTION

On 30th June 2010 York Archaeological Trust undertook a watching outside 9–11 Piccadilly, York (Figure 1). The objective was to record any deposits, features or buried structures of archaeological interest exposed during the excavation of a trench to install a length of cable ducting. The trench was no more than c.0.3m wide and 0.3m deep. Initial excavation was by mini-excavator but hand excavation took place at all times in the immediate vicinity of existing services. A single specimen section along the central part of the south-west facing side of the trench was recorded in detail. As well as the written notes and measured sketch recording a single colour digital photograph was taken.

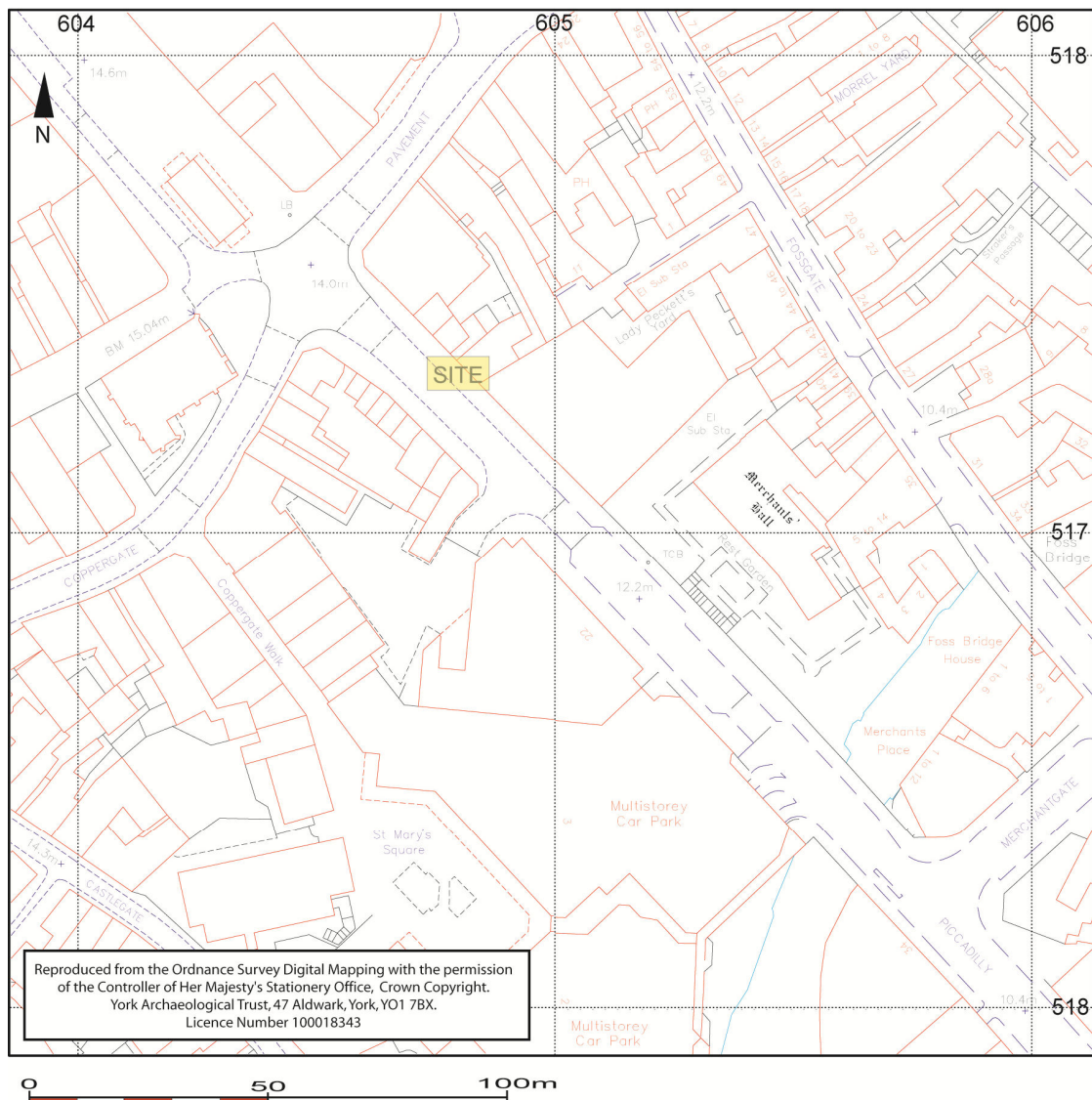


Figure 1 Site Location

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RESULTS

The earliest deposit noted, at between 0.2 and at least 0.3m below modern ground level, was a dark brown very slightly clayey silt (1000). Above this was a 0.1m deep mixture of concrete fragments, pale yellow crushed limestone and mid brown sand (1001). This was sealed by a 0.05m deep layer of mid brown sand (1002) forming the bedding for the modern pavement surface of concrete flags (1003).

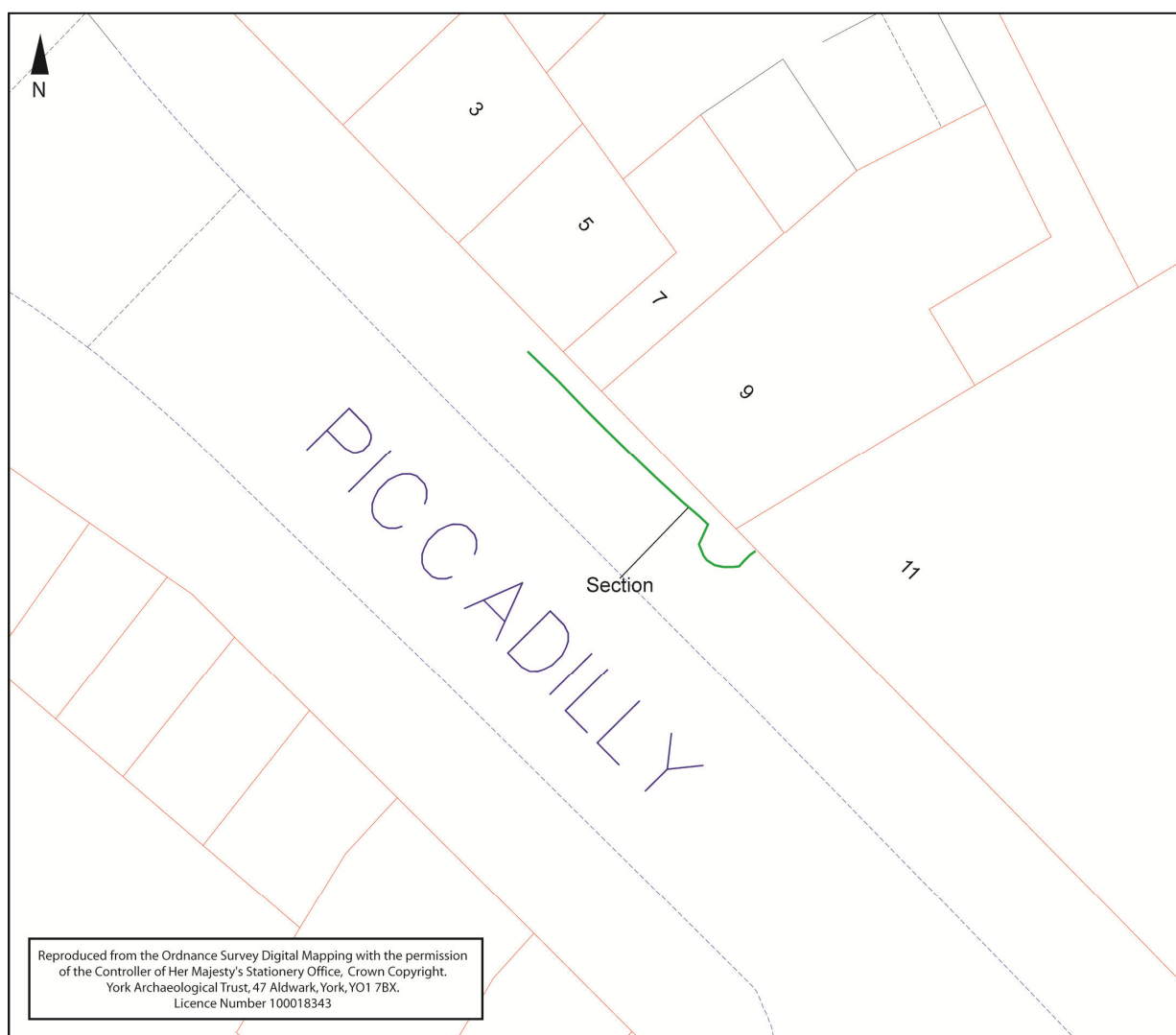


Figure 2 Location of trench and recorded section

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Plate 1 The duct trench, looking south-east

CONCLUSIONS

All the deposits recorded were clearly of modern origin and comprise a mixture of levelling deposits for the current pavement surface and backfill deposits within modern service trenches. No archaeological remains were disturbed during the work.

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