



# YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST REPORT

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<b>CLIENT NAME</b>	James Hodgson		
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## INTRODUCTION

Between 9<sup>th</sup> November and 8<sup>th</sup> December 2010 York Archaeological Trust undertook a watching brief on a small plot of land to the rear of 76 Bishopthorpe Road (Figure 1). The objective was to record any deposits, features or buried structures exposed during the groundworks for two new domestic dwellings fronting onto Fenwick Street. The initial work involved removal of the modern deposits covering the site. After a delay to rebuild a potentially unstable boundary wall there was further excavation for the insertion of two water attenuation tanks followed by the overall deep site strip which involved the removal of up to 0.9m of deposits. Most digging was by a tracked mini-digger although close to and around existing services excavation was by hand. The results were very uniform across the site and just a single section was recorded in detail and is described below. Recording took the form of written notes and measured sketches supplemented by a number of colour digital photographs.

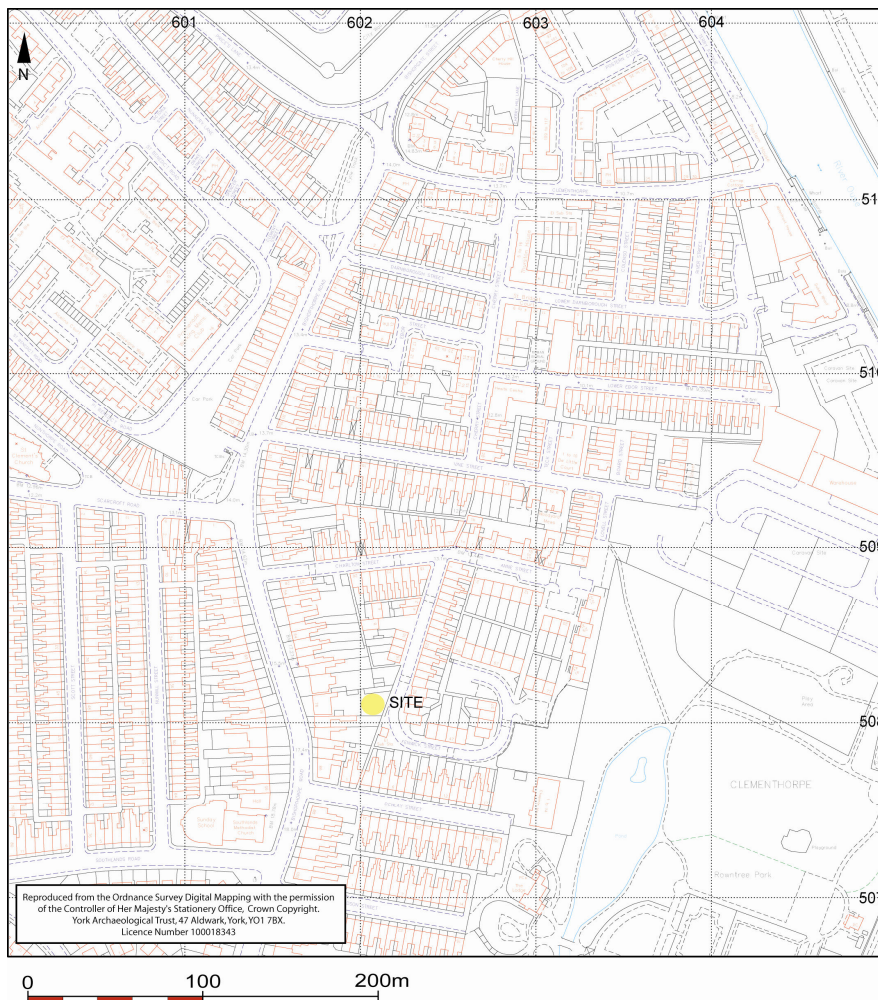


Figure 1 Site location

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## RESULTS

The earliest deposit recorded, between c.1.1m and 1.3m below the existing modern ground level, was a light yellowish-brown sand with moderate lenses and patches of mid reddish-brown sand (1000). It was sealed by a 0.6m deep layer of light to mid reddish-brown sand with frequent small patches of dark grey silt (1001). Above this was a 0.2m deep deposit of mixed mid brown sand, dark greyish-brown sandy silt and clinker / slag (1002). Overlying this was the existing modern ground surface of dark greyish-brown sandy silt capped by grass (1003).

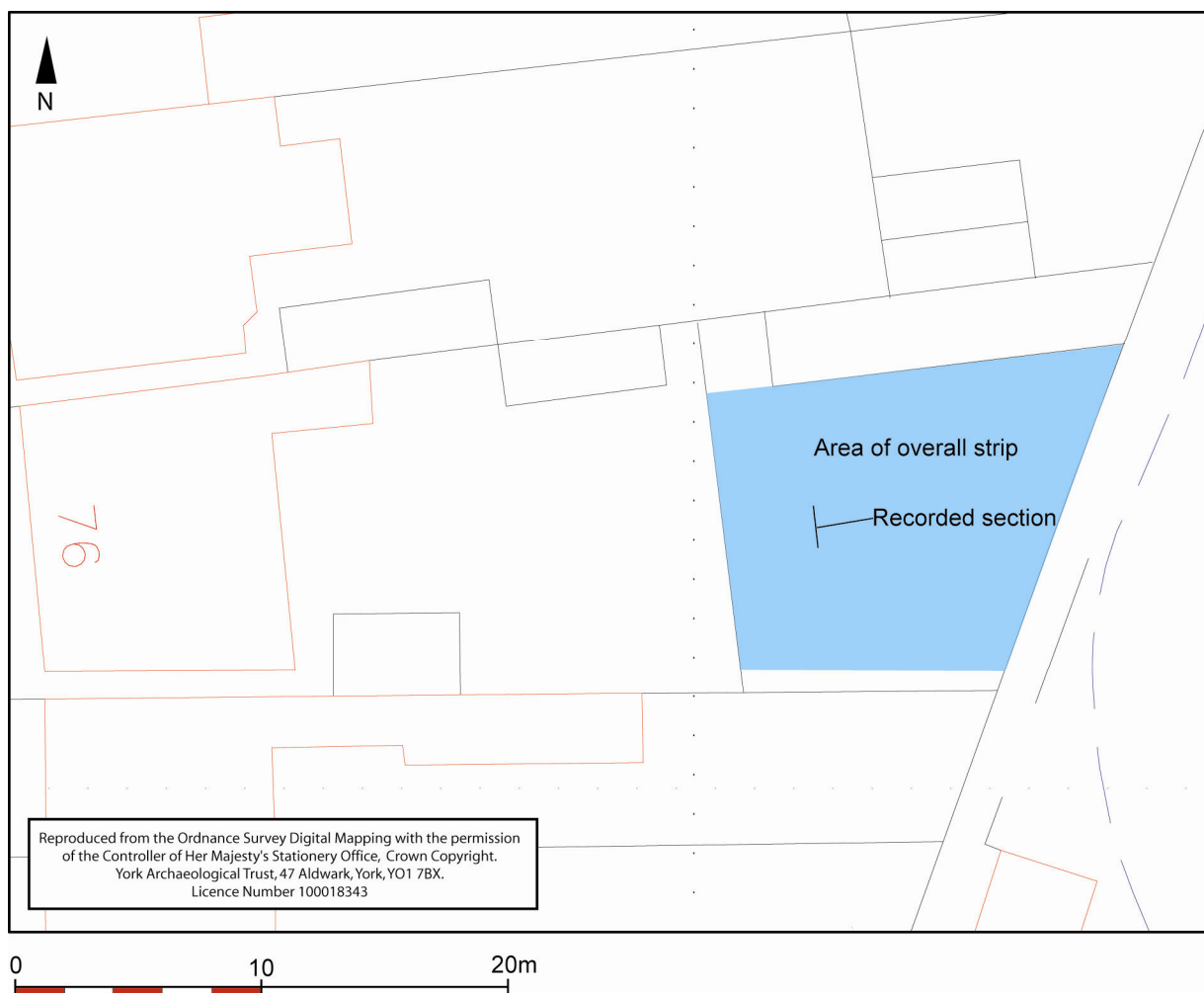


Figure 2 Location of recorded section and extent of site strip

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Plate 1 Detail of part of north facing section, looking south



Plate 2 Drain exploratory trench / recorded section, looking north-east

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Plate 3 Site strip in progress, looking north-west



Plate 4 South-west corner of site, looking south-west

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Plate 5 General view of site, looking north-west

### CONCLUSIONS

Apart from modern features, drain trenches, and deposits nothing was noted that appeared to be of any archaeological significance, although a single sherd of 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> century gritty ware was recovered from the topsoil strip. It would appear that the site has seen little activity in the past with the possible exception of agricultural activity and that nothing of archaeological significance has been disturbed on this site.

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