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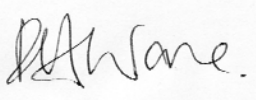
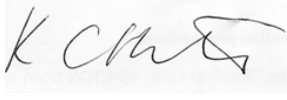
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**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 An Archaeological Watching Brief was undertaken by MAP Archaeological Practice Ltd at The West Park Hotel, West Park, Harrogate, North Yorkshire (SE 30286 54833, Fig. 1) during November 2013. The work involved monitoring the groundworks associated with the construction of a rear extension with the excavation of foundation trenches and a cellar at the West Park Hotel, West Park, Harrogate, North Yorkshire (Planning Application Decision 12/02298/FUL).
- 1.2 The Archaeological Watching Brief was designed to provide the appropriate level of recording for archaeological remains, deposits or finds that might be affected by the development, in accordance with the recommendations of the National Planning Policy Framework (March 2012).
- 1.3 All work was funded by Providence Inns Ltd.
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## **2. Site Description**

- 2.1 The site lies within Harrogate City Centre and within the Harrogate Designated Conservation Area. The West Park Hotel is located on the East side of West Park (Figs. 1 & 2).

## **3. Aims and Objectives**

- 3.1 The aims of the Archaeological Watching Brief were to record and recover any archaeological remains that were affected by the development, and to prepare a report summarising the results of the work.

## **4. Methodology**

- 4.1 The monitored groundworks involved the stripping of the area of the rear extension, the excavation the foundation trenches and the cellar.
- 4.2 All excavations were undertaken by a back-acting mechanical excavator, operating under archaeological supervision.
- 4.3 A written and photographic record was made of all deposits encountered during the groundworks.

## **5. Results**

- 5.1 The overburden in the area of the area of the extension was removed to reveal natural clay. The excavation of the foundation trench and the cellar was into the natural clay,
- 6.2 No archaeological features, deposit or finds were present in either the wind turbine base or associated infrastructure.

## **6. Conclusions**

- 6.1 All groundworks taking place on the site were watched under archaeological supervision, no finds or features of archaeological interest were encountered.

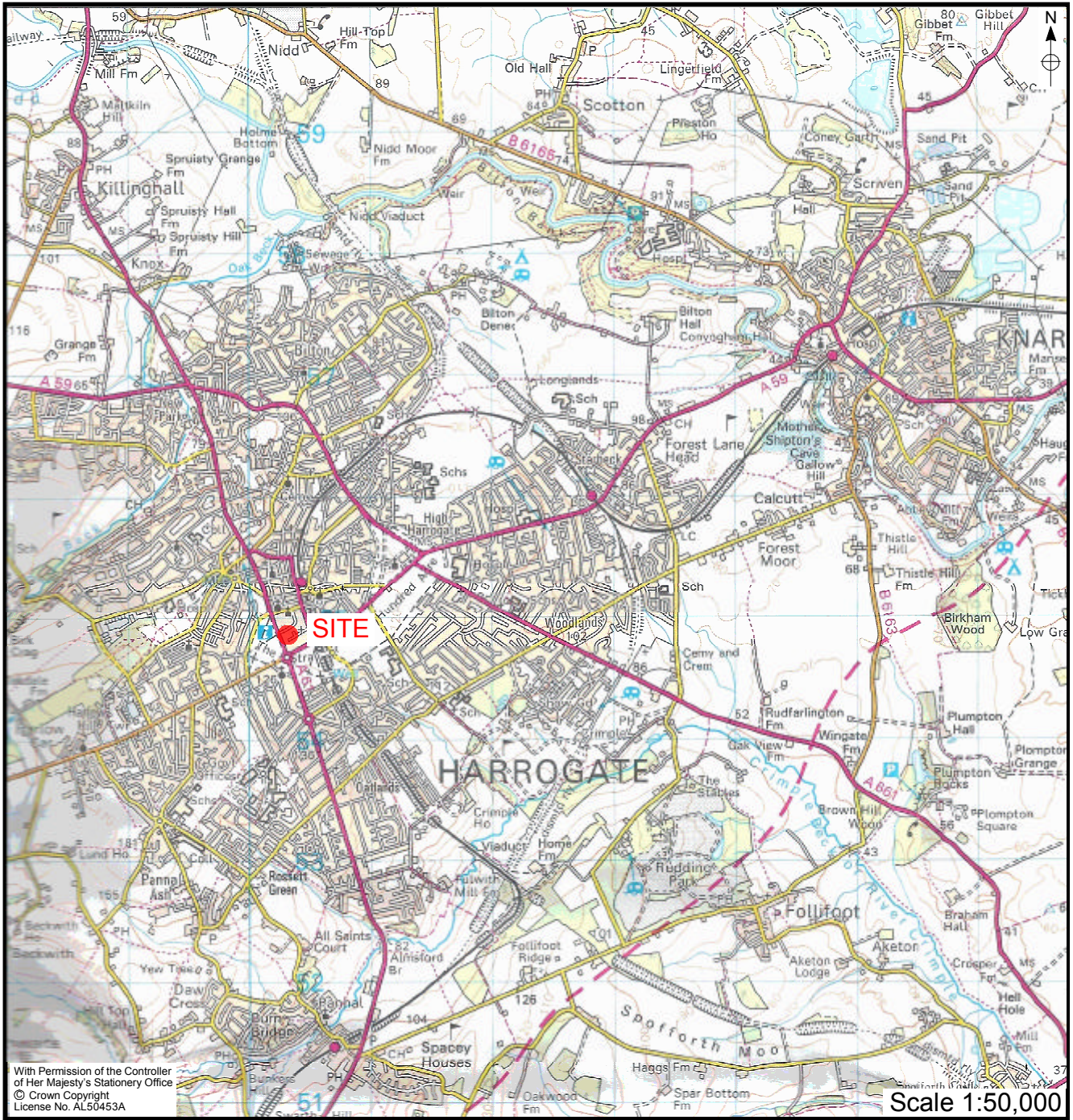


Figure 1. Site Location.

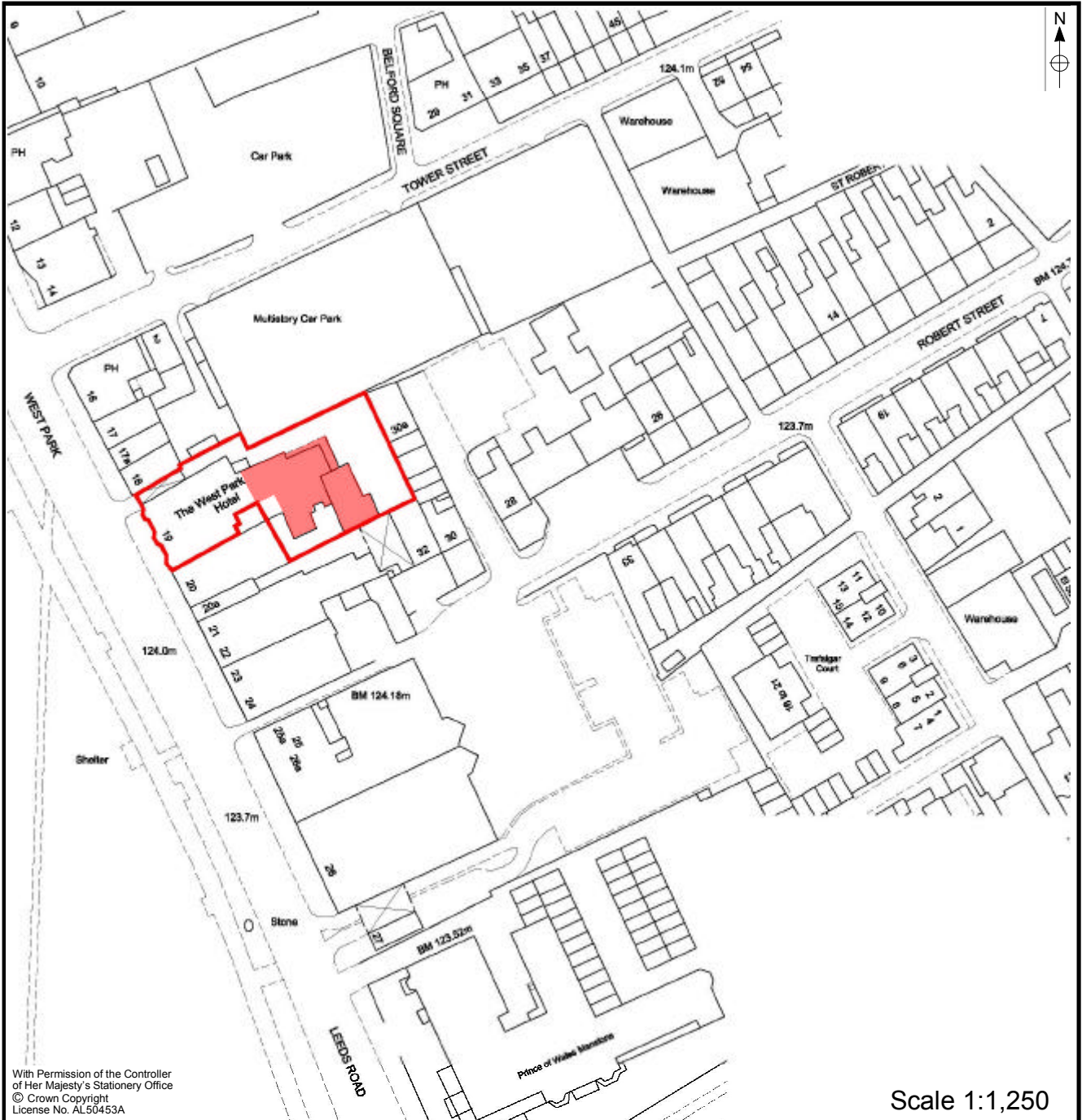


Figure 2. Location of Archaeological Watching Brief Area.



Plate 1. View of Site. Facing West.



Plate 2. Foundation Trench. Facing North.



Plate 3. Interior of The West Parl Hotel. Facing North.



Plate 4. Excavation of Cellar. Facing North.



