



YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST REPORT

SITE ADDRESS	Utility trench, Lendal Cellars, Lendal, York		
CLIENT NAME	Northern Powergrid		
YAT PROJECT #	5587	YAT REPORT #	2012/17
MUSEUM ACCESSION #	n/a	GRID REFERENCE	SE 6017 5196
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INTRODUCTION

Between 17th and 23rd January 2012 York Archaeological Trust undertook a watching on works in St Helen's Square, York. The objective was to record any deposits, features or buried structures exposed during the excavation of a trench for a new electricity supply to the premises known as Lendal Cellars. The trench was visited on a regular, daily, basis until the actual excavation work had been completed. Recording was by means of written notes and measured sketches. A single representative section was recorded and is described below.

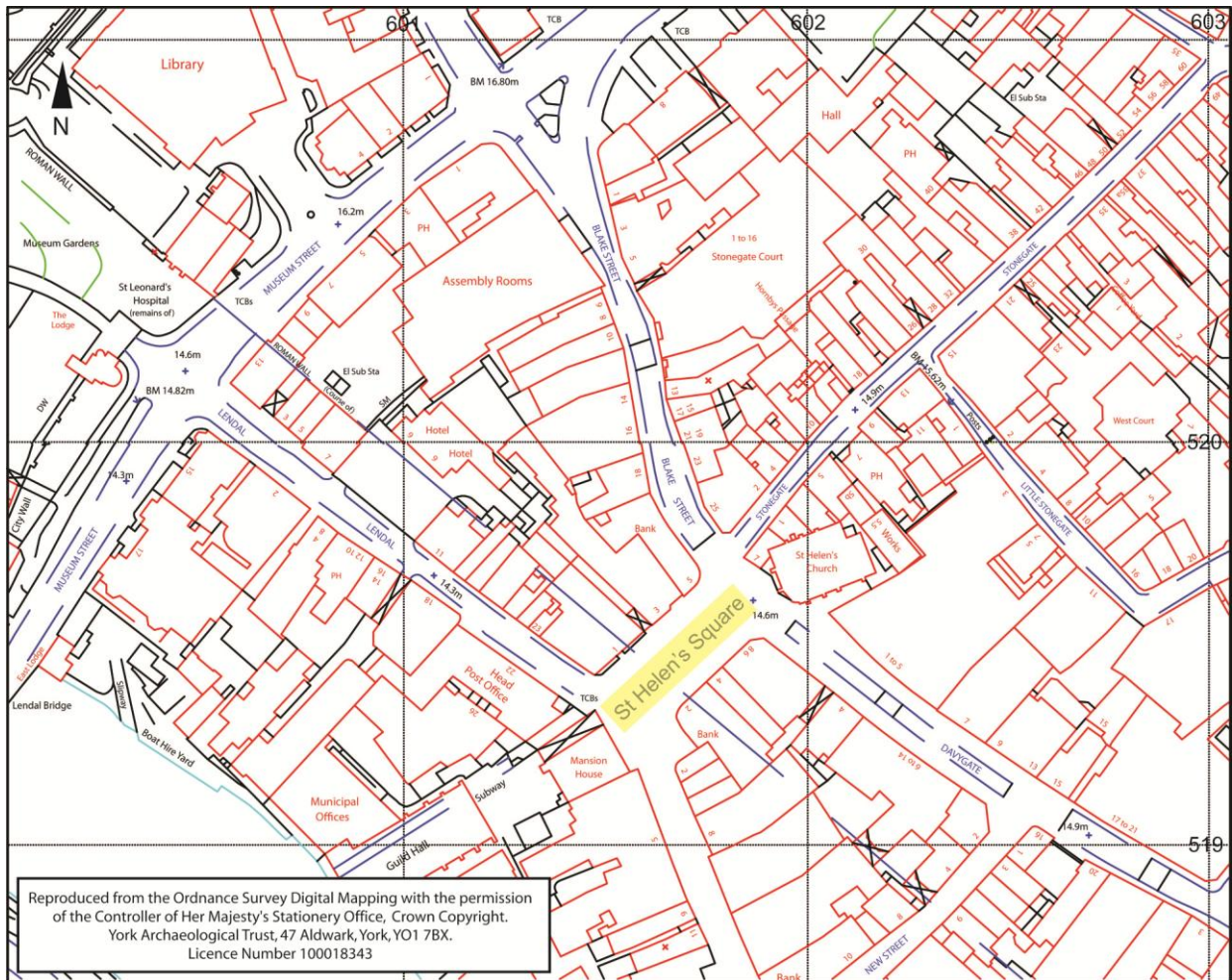


Figure 1 Site location

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RESULTS

The earliest deposit noted, at between 0.35m and at least the base of the trench at 0.6m below modern ground level, was a mid greyish-brown silt with occasional cobbles and fragments of limestone (1000). Overlying it was a 0.15m deep layer of pale brown crushed limestone (1001). This was sealed by a 0.15m deep surface of concrete (1002) which formed the bedding for the modern ground surface of stone slabs (1003).

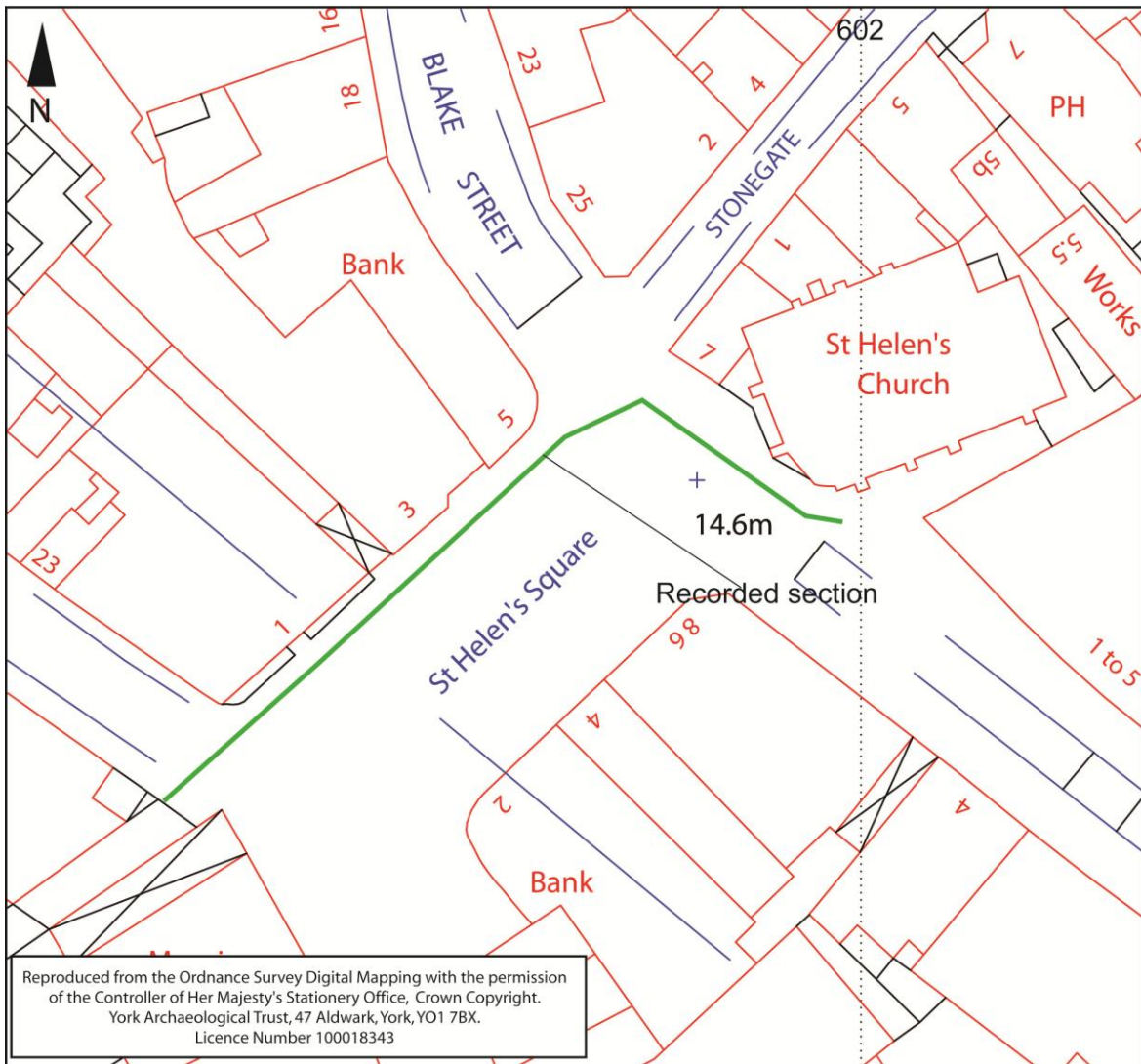


Figure 2 Location of trench and recorded section

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DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

Although the trench was visited on a regular, usually daily, basis no convincing archaeology of any significance was noted and thus only the one typical section recorded. All of the deposits seen within the trench were thought to be modern and are probably to be associated to the extensive remodelling of St Helen's Square in the 1980s.

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