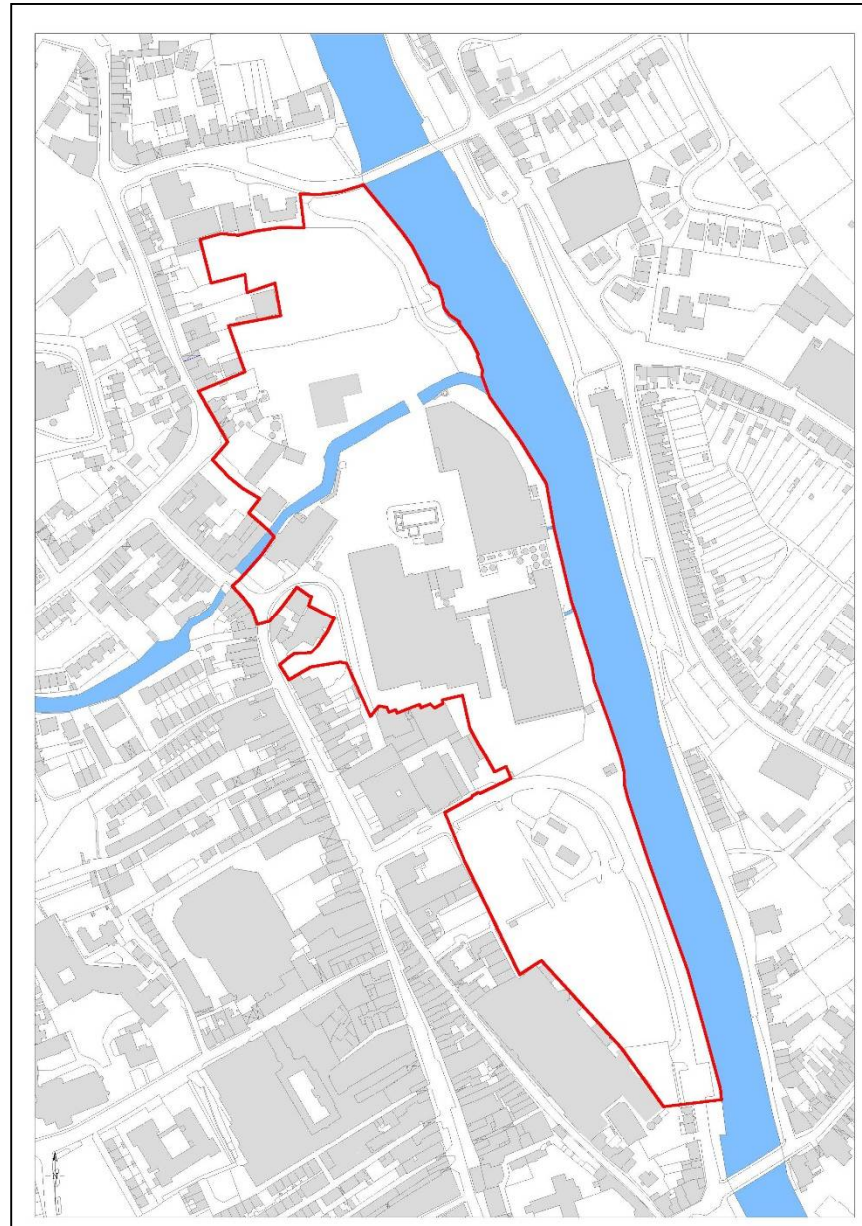


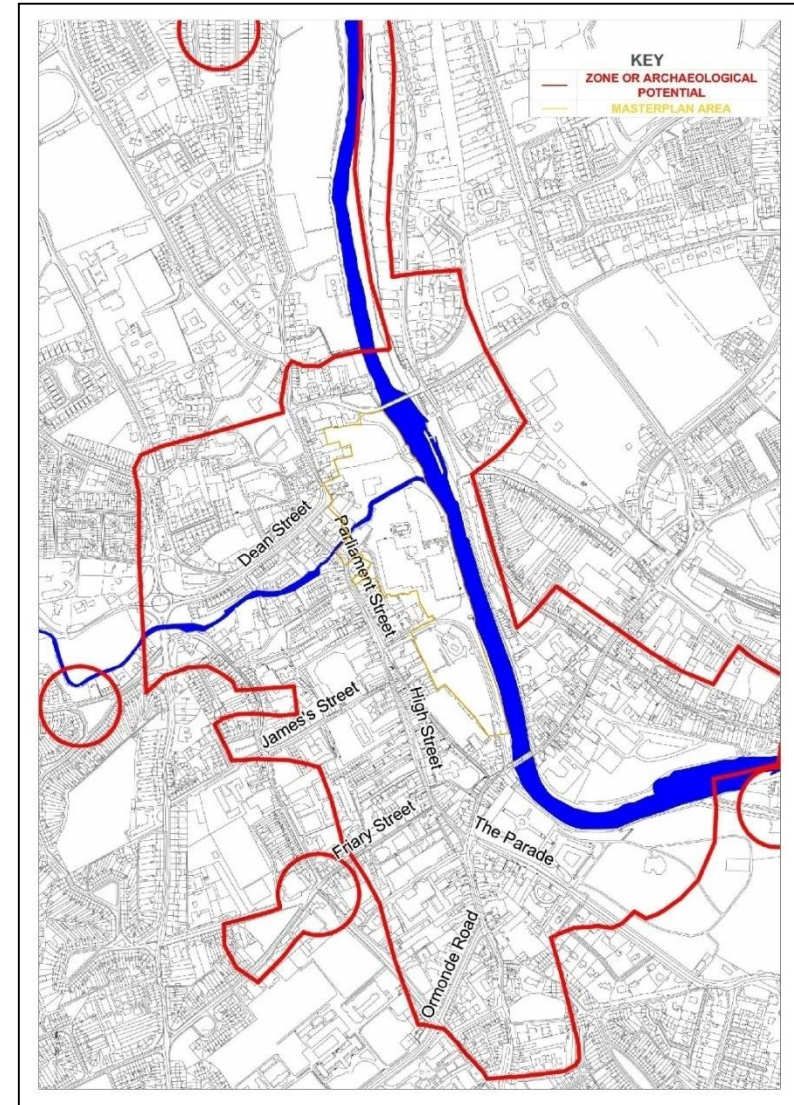
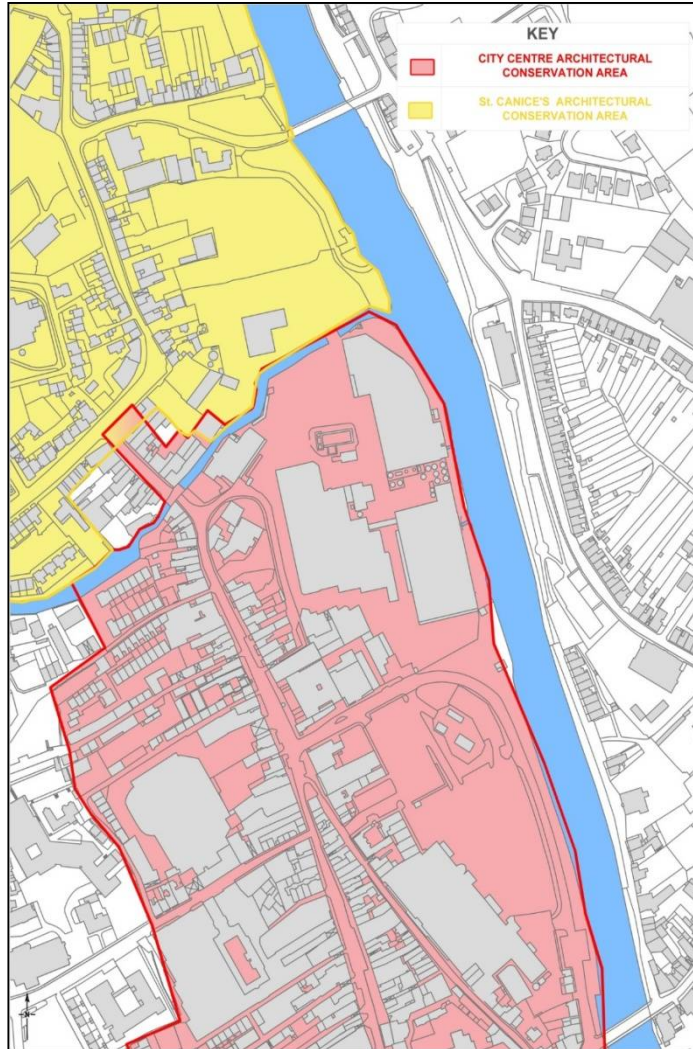
Summary of Archaeological Review (working draft)



The Plan Area



The Plan Area



The Masterplan Process

As part of the Masterplan process an **archaeological report** was commissioned in order to:

- **Enhance the understanding of the historic development of the site.**
- **Create a record of the existing knowledge base.**
- **Inform the Masterplan process so future decisions can be based on all available archaeological and historical information.**

Work associated with the redevelopment of the plan area seeks to protect the historic character, the monuments, their setting, views and prospects.

Archaeological Review - Deliverables

- Prepare a baseline historical and cartographical study and engage with relevant stakeholders.
- Produce a scaled drawing of previous site investigations.
- Undertake a review of all standing buildings and their fabric to include a preliminary conservation assessment of the historic structures.
- Compile geo-technical and deposit information from previous archaeological investigations and monitoring reports.

Archaeological Review - Deliverables

- Review OPW excavation archive.
- Identify further archaeological investigations required and indicate at what stage in the development process that these would take place.
- Make recommendations as to all necessary mitigation measures for inclusion in the Masterplan.

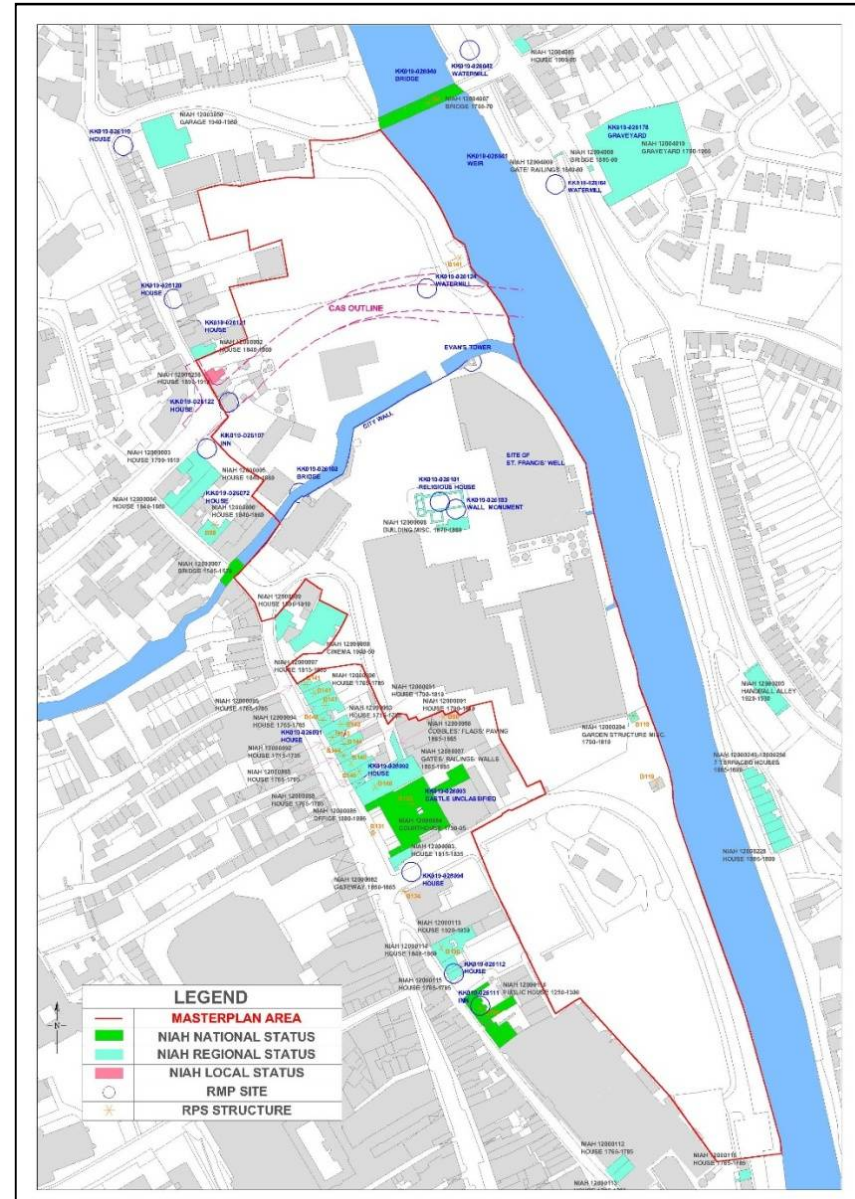
Understanding: Documentary and cartographic sources

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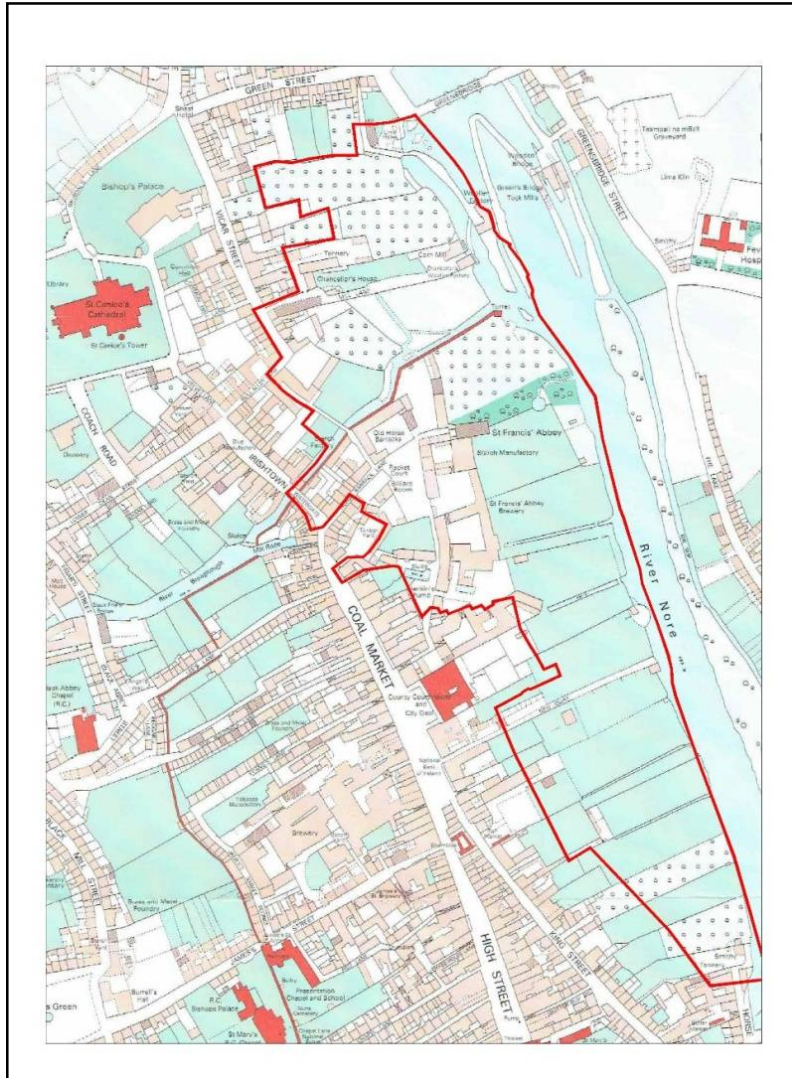
- St Francis Abbey encompassing
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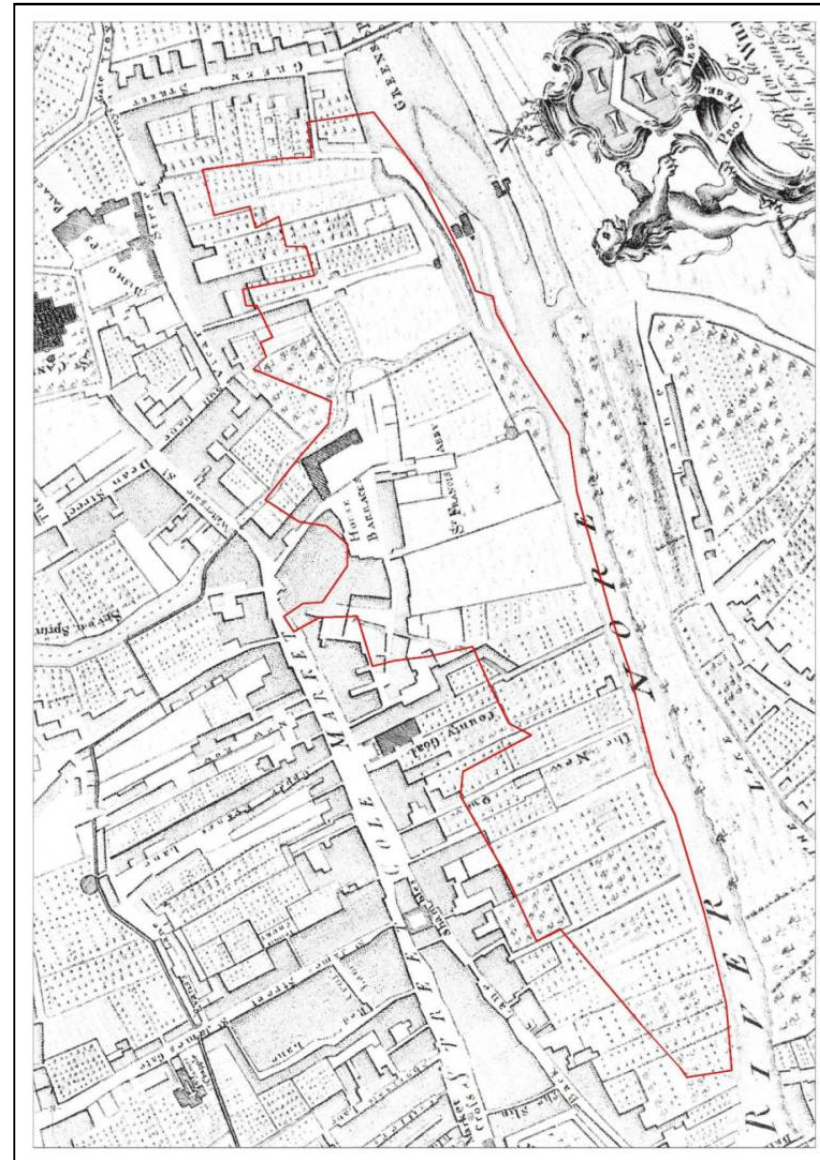
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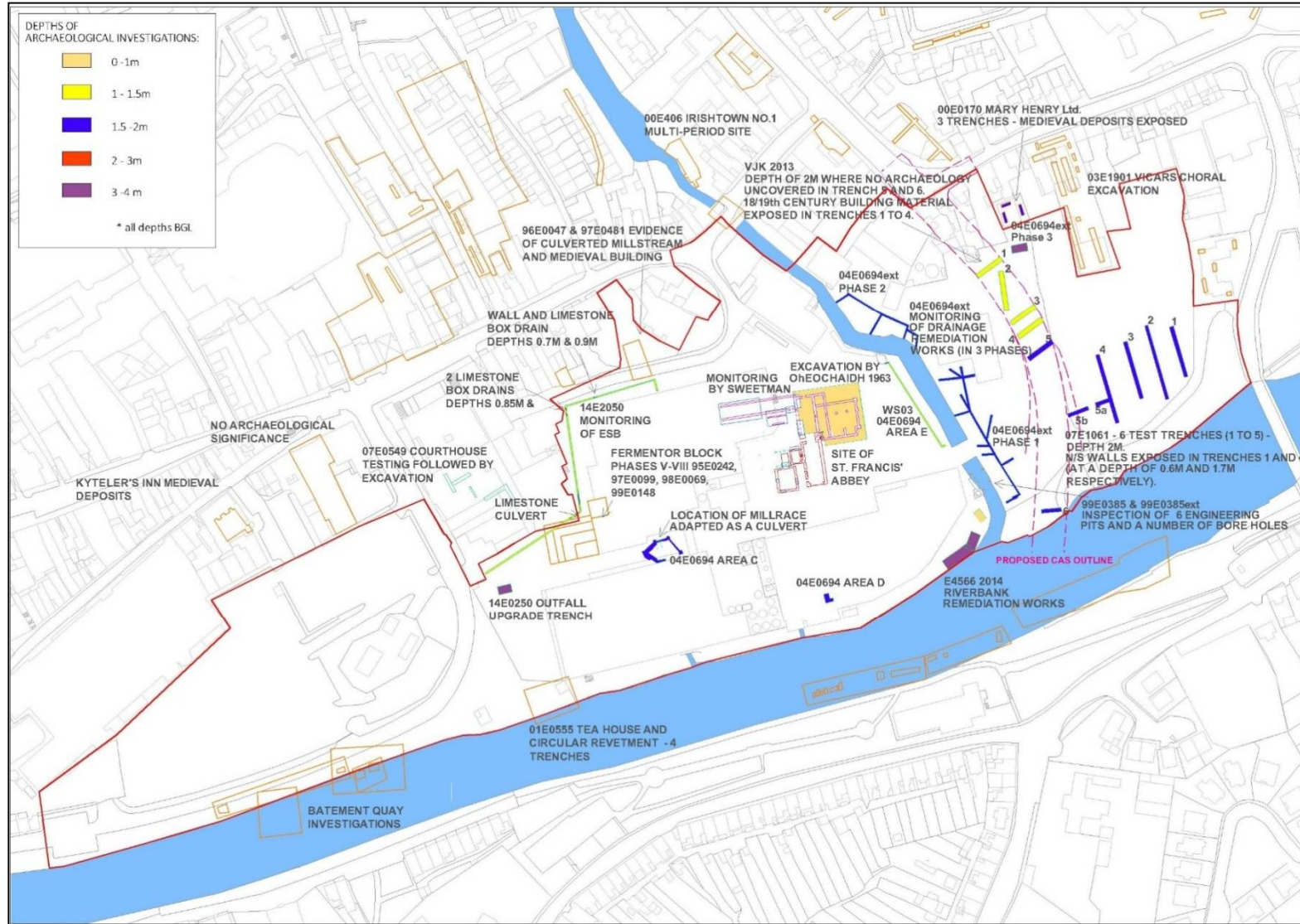


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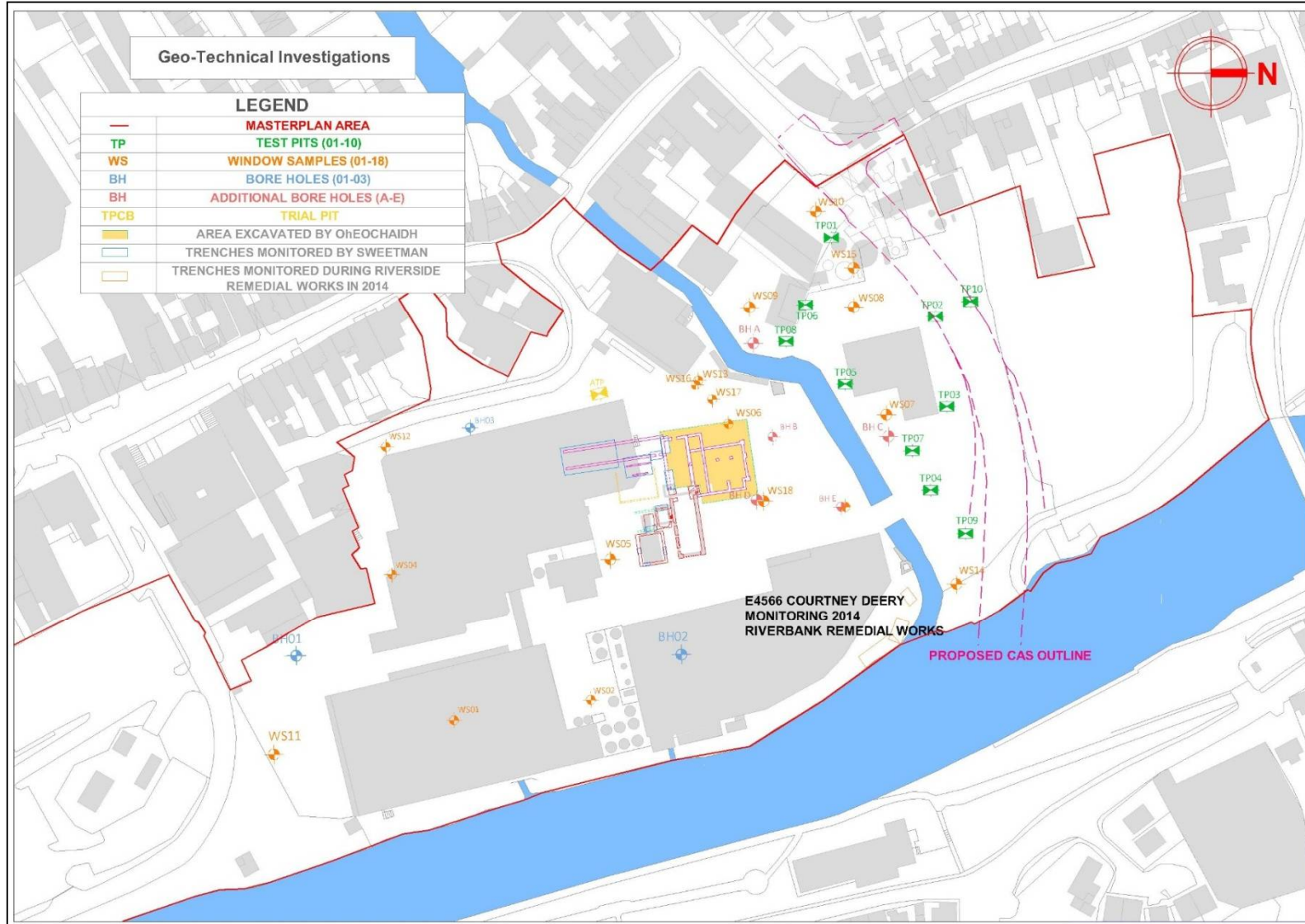


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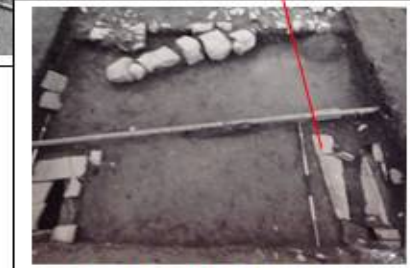
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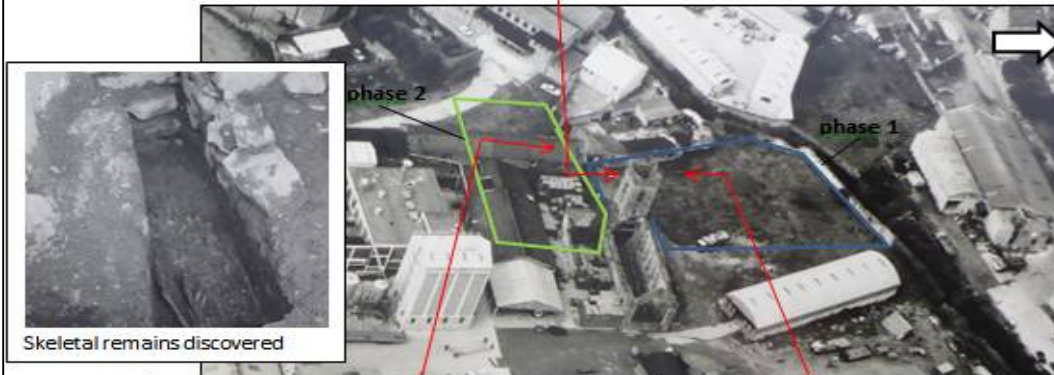
Phase 1 excavation, looking north



Approximate areas of the 1960's excavations
shown on 1950's aerial photograph



Possible stone lined graves?



Skeletal remains discovered



Phase 2 Monitoring, looking north



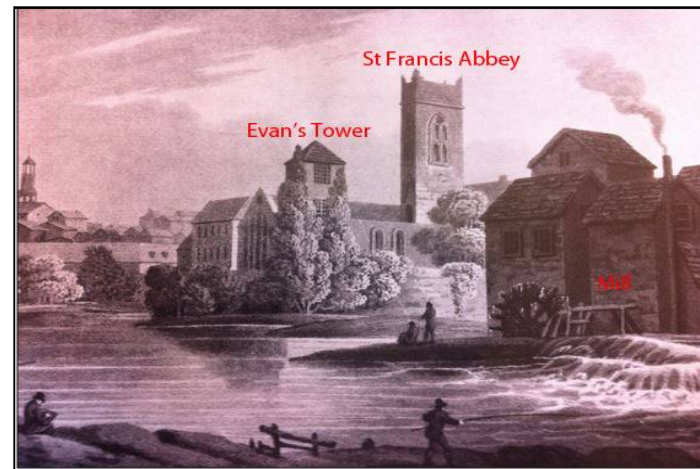
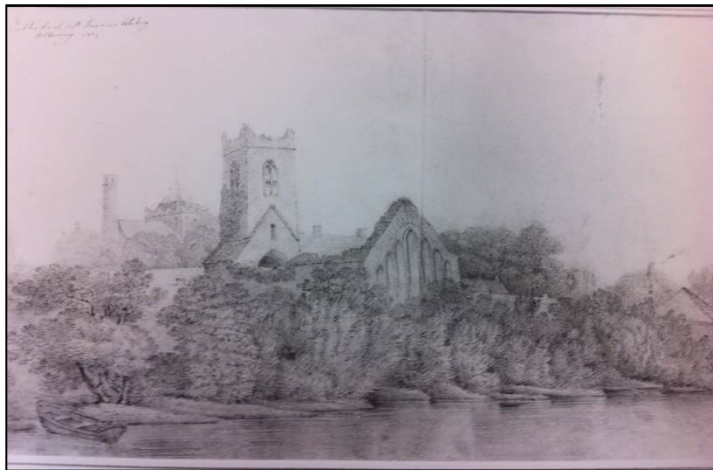
Phase 1 excavation, looking south

Archaeological Strategy

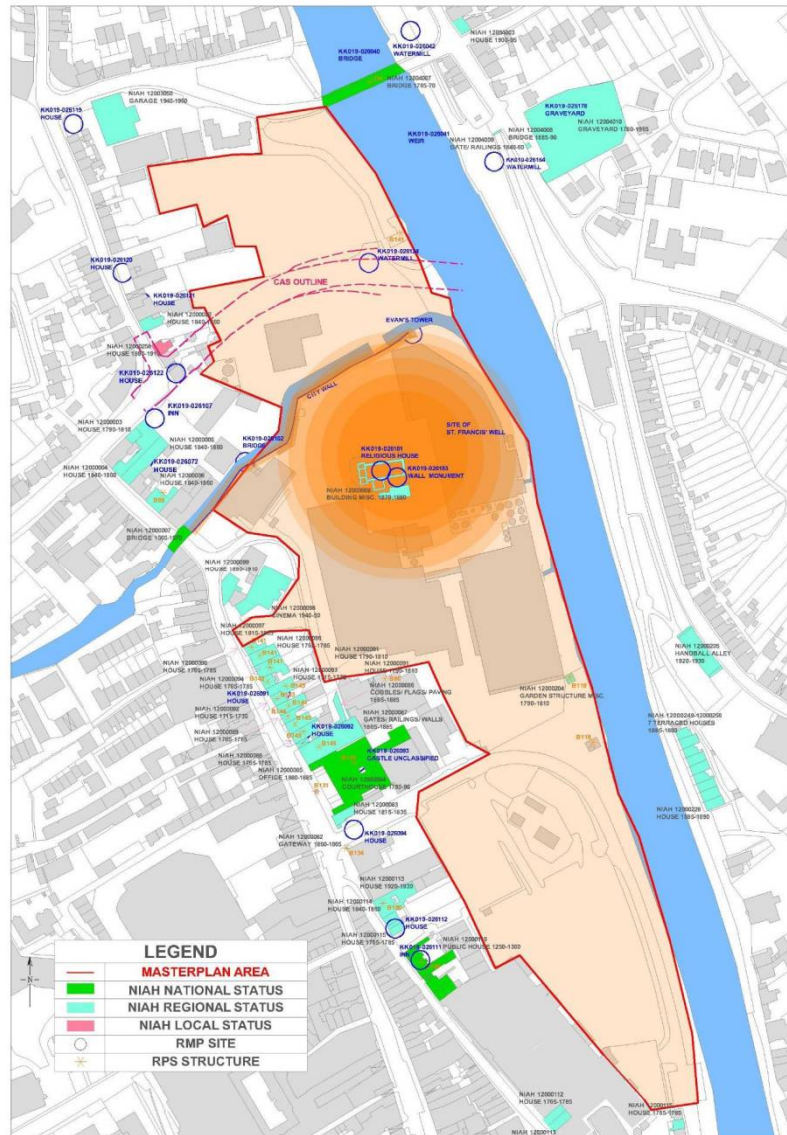
The objective is to retain and celebrate the historic quality of the plan area.

To promote its significance through interpretation and appropriate presentation.

Manage the change appropriately and to place the Abbey and surrounding monuments at the centre of the development.



Archaeological Strategy



Targeted Archaeological excavations



Archaeological Strategy

The approach to large scale excavation on site and the re-investigation of the transept, nave and cloister should consider partnerships with academic institutions in order to deliver a research excavation and structured learning experience educating interested parties & 3rd level volunteers.



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- Theatre
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- Animation artists
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Archaeological Strategy

- Develop a centralised **digital archive** so all information is maintained and accessible. All future archaeological work associated with the plan area can in turn be informed by and add to this archive.
- The approach favours **preservation *insitu*** so the Masterplan area can be developed and maintained in such a manner that it will retain the significance of the place, facilitate public access and add to the social and cultural infrastructure of Kilkenny City.
- It is proposed that new buildings within the plan area will be constructed above ground, on **piled foundations**. The proposed design principal of piling seeks to minimise the impact on the below ground archaeology by minimising the amount of excavation required.

Archaeological Strategy

A **heritage and conservation plan** will be prepared for St. Francis Abbey, Evans Turret, City Walls and St. Francis Well in collaboration with the relevant stakeholders including the Heritage Council of Ireland, The Office of Public Works, the National Monuments Service and the Department of Arts, Gaeltacht and Heritage.

Archaeological Strategy

The existing **ground level in and around the historic monument of St Francis' Abbey** will be largely reproduced throughout the Abbey precinct area to provide a cohesiveness for this area and connecting topographically the various historical elements while distinctly setting the precinct area within the wider Masterplan area.

Creation of **new views**: River Nore & Saint Francis' Abbey, Evans Tower.

Both **soft and hard landscaping proposals** will present and interpret archaeological findings, the extent of archaeological features/structures and enhance the visitor experience.

Interpretation & Presentation



Conservation, Interpretation & Presentation



All historic monuments will be retained, conserved and sensitively incorporated into the Masterplan area.