

**Notes on the vertebrate remains from Elmbank Hotel, The Mount, York
(site code OSA99WB06)**

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A small bag of bone, recovered during a watching brief at Elmbank Hotel, was received from Nick Pearson of On-Site Archaeology. No dating was supplied. A total of 16 fragments of bone were recovered from a single context. Overall preservation was poor, colour was described as beige and angularity (appearance of broken surfaces) was recorded as battered. Most fragments showed evidence of fresh breakage. Of the 16 fragments, two were animal bone and the rest human. Although the human material was very fragmentary it was possible to determine (on the basis of bone size) that at least two individuals were represented. A radius and humerus originated from a small and gracile (although adult) individual, whilst a femoral head represented a larger, more robust individual. The small amount of material recovered and its poorly preserved, fragmentary nature, renders it of no interpretative value.

Context 3001

- 1 human tibia shaft
- 1 human femoral head
- 1 human femur shaft fragment
- 1 human proximal radius
- 1 human distal humerus
- 1 human manual phalanx
- 1 human metacarpal
- 7 miscellaneous human bone fragments
- 2 unidentified animal bone fragments

Weight = 133.5 g