

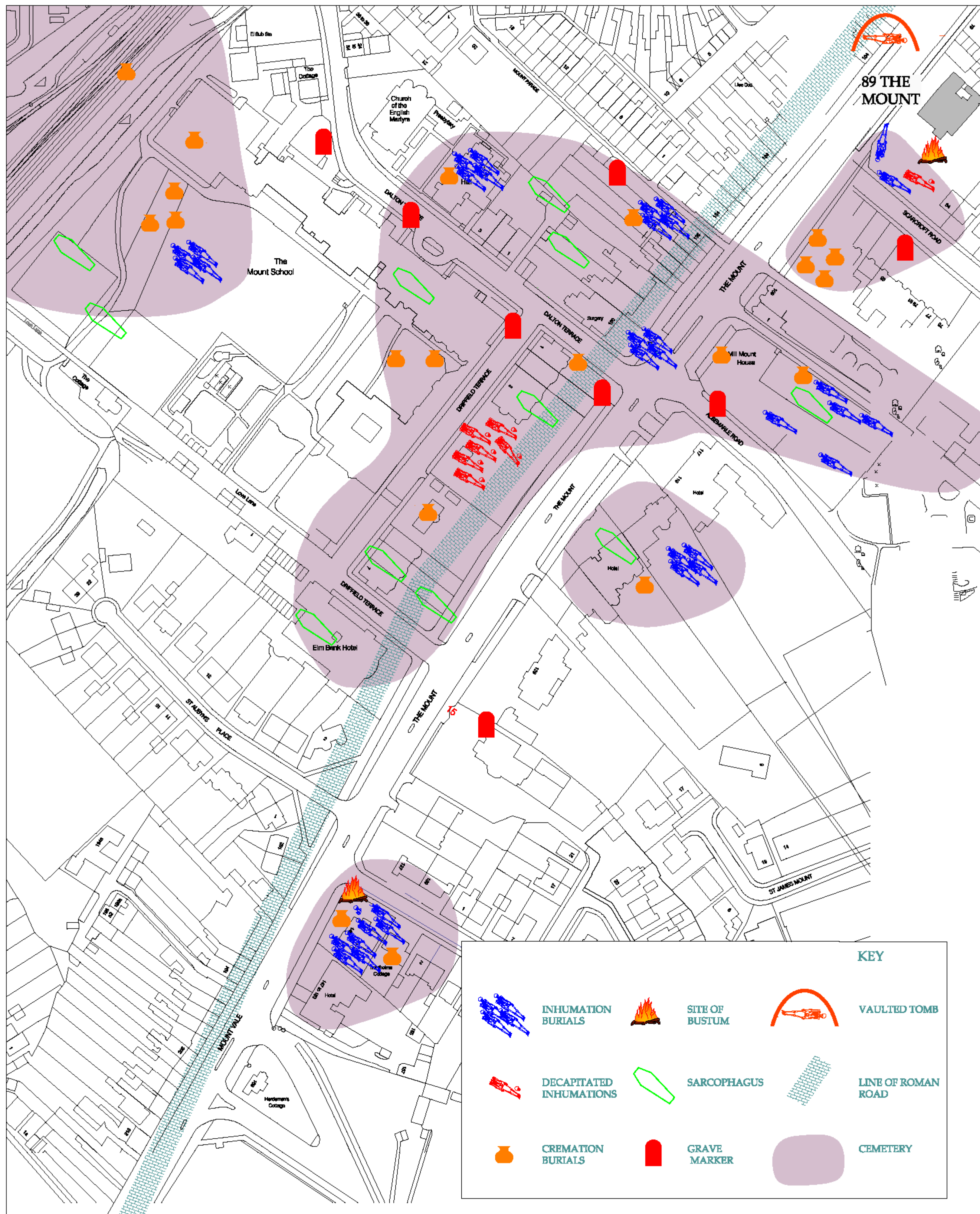
The Roman Way of Death - The Mount Cemetery

The Mount is littered with the remains of the once extensive Roman cemetery.

The burials of the wealthiest of Eboracum's citizens lined the approach road from Calcaria. These would have been marked by many fine monuments and buildings and the highest point on the Mount, nearest to the road, would have been very prestigious.

89 The Mount lies someway behind the line of the main Roman road. The form of the cremation burial, the bustum, is normally associated with someone of wealth, though not necessarily rank.

The inhumation cemetery which replaced the cremation cemetery seems to reflect a lower status of burial.



The poor were buried away from the most prestigious areas, over the hill and out of sight. The Trentholme Drive cemetery was packed full of burials, literally layer upon layer.

Just as the burials seem to become poorer as you move along the road and away from the city so they become less extravagant as you move away from the road.