

# **Continuous Archaeological Recording on Land at Doveden Hall Whepstead Suffolk**

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## **Summary**

Continuous Archaeological Recording was carried out on land at Doveden Hall Whepstead, during which time, no archaeological features or finds were discovered.

The work was carried out in response to an archaeological brief written by Abby Antrobus of the Suffolk County Council Archaeological Services Conservation Team, dated the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2013 and English Heritage who have granted Scheduled Monument Consent on the proposed development.

## 1. Introduction

An application was been made by the client, Mr Michael Whatley for the construction of a garden room annexe to Doveden Hall, Whepstead Suffolk (TL 821 589).

The Planning Authority has been advised by English Heritage that any consent should be conditional upon an agreed programme of archaeological investigation work taking place before development begins in accordance with the National Planning and Policy Framework (NPPF, DCLD 2012) which replaces Planning Policy Statement 5: Planning for the Historic Environment (PPS5, DCLG 2010). This sets out the requirements for developers to provide sufficient information on the archaeological impact of development to enable a reasonable planning decision to be made. The *Local Plan Policy B22*, while stating that there should be a presumption in favour of the preservation of nationally important archaeological features and sites, outlines the process to be followed in order that the archaeological importance of a site may be determined and mitigation strategies put in place if necessary. This is also the requirement of the Deposit Joint Replacement Structure Plan (Policy 7, June 1998). As a result of the application, and to comply with English Heritage' request and planning policy, archaeological monitoring was commissioned from Archaeoserv – DP Archaeological Services. Research was undertaken at the Suffolk Records Office Ipswich and the Suffolk Historic Environment Record office was consulted. A copy of this report will be deposited with the Suffolk HER and English Heritage, an on-line report will be made available with the Archaeological Data Service/Project Oasis.

## 2 Site Location and Description

**Grid Reference: TL 915 490**

The site is located within the grounds of Doveden Hall, a 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> century Hall House (Listed building No. 1230459) and moat which is a Scheduled Ancient Monument (SAM: 1019819).

Doveden Hall is situated approximately 1 km north-west of the historic core of Whepstead. The site is within the historic moated area, and is located to the north of Chedburgh Road Whepstead, a dispersed village settlement.



**Figure 1. Site Location**

### **3. Results**

#### **3.1 Fieldwork**

A plan of the trench was drawn to a scale of 1:50

A metal detector survey was carried out at all stages of the project.

All artefactual evidence was retained for dating and analysis.

A full photographic archive was produced consisting of colour slide, monochrome print and digital at 10 million pixels resolution, and will form part of the site record to be curated at Shire Hall, Bury St Edmunds.

Site plans were digitized to archive standard, reduced versions of which are included in this report.

Levels were recorded at Ordnance Datum.

All features were described in detail with an overall statement of the potential for further work.

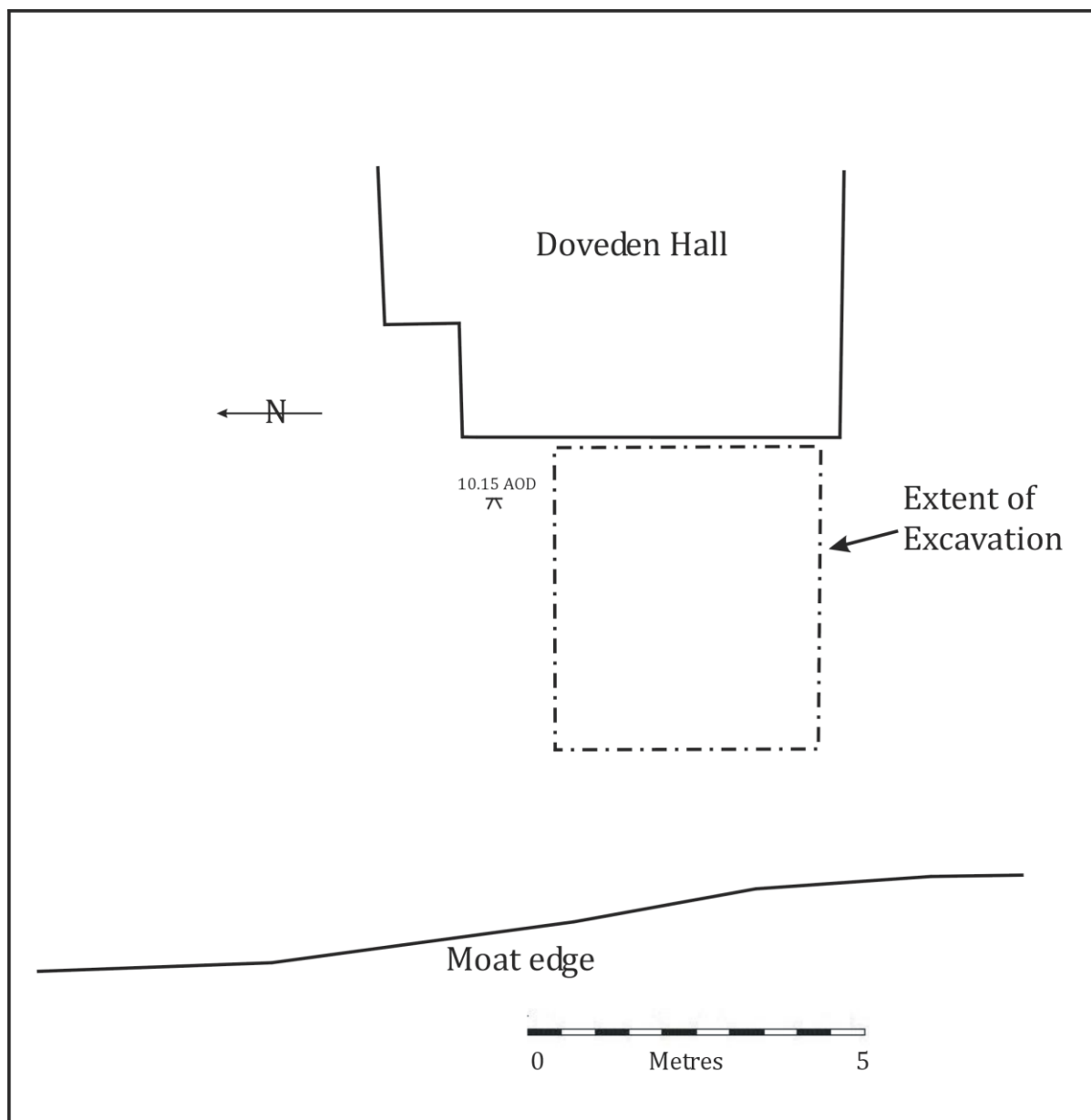
#### **4.2 The Archaeological Recording**

Recording of the groundworks commenced on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2014. A slab foundation trench/area of 0.50m deep was excavated by mechanical digger.

The top soil was removed (1000) to reveal a mixed subsoil with crushed building material (1001). The material in (1001) appeared to be the remains of a redundant modern drain.

The reduced, machined level was hand cleaned, which revealed no archaeology or finds other than those mentioned.





***Figure 2. Plan of excavation***

## **5. Discussion**

In spite of Doveden Hall being, originally an open hall house dating from the fifteenth century; although *Pevsner* gives it as c.16<sup>th</sup> c.; the site of a Scheduled Monument (LE No. 1019819). no archaeological remains were discovered in the area under inspection. Although buried heritage assets may still be preserved at this location, none were found on this occasion.

## **6. Conclusion**

The evaluation was successful in showing that no archaeology will be compromised by the current development .

No further work on this site is required in reference to this current project.

## **7. Archive Deposition**

The paper and photographic archive will be held at the County Store, Suffolk County Council Archaeology, Shire Hall, Bury St Edmunds.

A digital record and copies of the report can be viewed at The Historic Environment Record office, Shire Hall, Bury St Edmunds and online at:

<http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/project/policy.html>.

The finds archive is held at the County Store, Suffolk County Council Archaeology, Shire Hall, Bury St Edmunds.

## **8. Acknowledgements**

The author would like to thank Mr Michael Whatley, the owner of Doveden Hall, who commissioned and funded the archaeological work.

This report for archaeological recording was written by Dennis Payne BA (Hons) AlfA (Archaeoserv), who also managed the project and carried out the field-work.

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## Appendix I: Digital Images



*Plate 1. Pre-excavation, from the south*



*Plate2. Mid-excavation of slab area, from the east*



*Plate 3. Post-excavation of slab area, from the north*

# **Specification for Continuous Archaeological Monitoring on land at Doveden Hall Whepstead Suffolk**

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## **Summary**

This is a written scheme of investigation for continuous archaeological recording in advance of the erection of an extension to Doveden Hall (NGR: TL 821 589), the site of a Scheduled Monument (LE No. 1019819). It has been written in response to an archaeological brief written by Abby Antrobus of the Suffolk County Council Archaeological Services Conservation Team, dated the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2013 and English Heritage who have granted Scheduled Monument Consent on the proposed development.

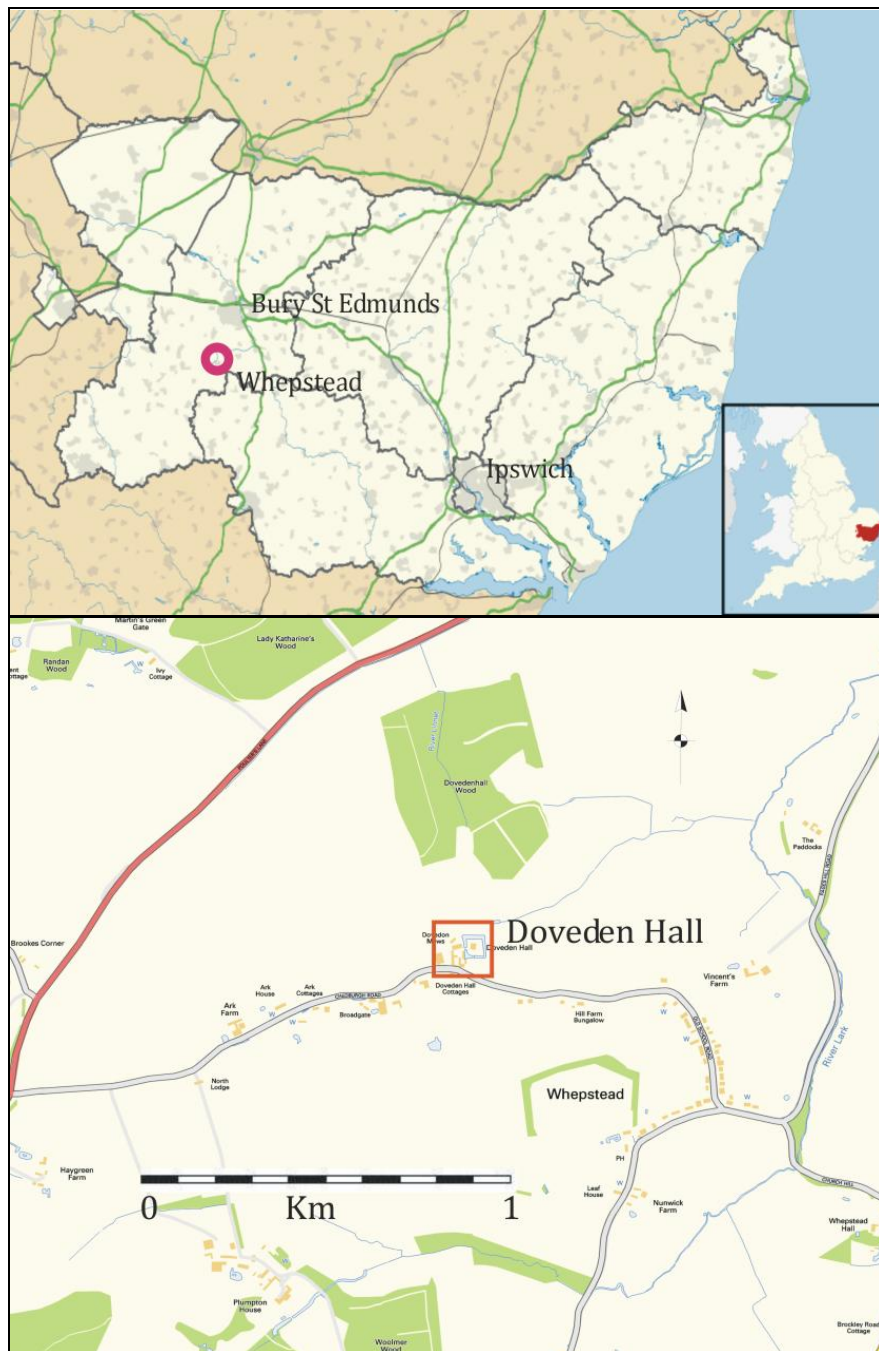
Detailed standards, information and advice to supplement this brief will be sought in standards for 'Field Archaeology in the East of England,' (East Anglian Occasional papers 14, 2003). In addition, this brief has been compiled respecting the following standards: Regional Research Framework (East Anglian Archaeology Occasional Paper 3, 1997, 'Research and Archaeology: A Framework for the Eastern Counties, 1. resource assessment'; Occasional Paper 8, 2000, 'Research and Archaeology: A Framework for the Eastern Counties, 2. research agenda and strategy'; and Revised Research Framework for the Eastern Region, 2008 and Medlycott, M, 2011.

## 1. Site Location

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**Figure 1. Site Location**



## 2. Geology

The underlying geology consists of boulder clay (BGS 189).

## 3. Planning Background

The planning application, SE/11/1394 to St Edmundsbury Borough Council was received for the erection of an extension to be used as a garden room at Doveden Hall Chedburgh Road Wepstead.

Scheduled Monument Consent (ref: S00029660) was granted with the following condition, which was advised and requested by English Heritage: 3.2 Scheduled Monument Consent is conditional upon an agreed programme of work taking place before development begins. The conditions set out in the notice of the SMC are:

- (i) The works to which this consent relates shall be carried out to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State, who will be advised by English Heritage. At least 2 weeks' notice (or such shorter period as may be mutually agreed) in writing of the commencement of work shall be given to John Ette, Inspector of Ancient Monuments in order that an English Heritage representative can inspect and advise on the works and their effect in compliance with this consent.*
- (ii) Detailed drawings showing a) the extent of excavation for the existing above and below ground structures to be removed and b) excavation for new foundations, c) the new footings, slab, groundworks and cantilevered walkway to a scale of 1:50 shall be submitted and approved before the start of the works.*
- (iii) No building works shall take place until the applicant has confirmed in writing the commissioning of a programme of archaeological work before and during the development in accordance with a written scheme of investigation which has been submitted to and approved by the Secretary of State advised by English Heritage.*
- (iv) All those involved in the implementation of the works granted by this consent must be informed by the owner, occupier and/or developer that the land is designated as a scheduled monument under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979 (as amended); the extent of the scheduled monument as set out in both the scheduled monument description and map; and that the implications of this designation include the requirement to obtain Scheduled Monument Consent for any works to a scheduled monument from the Secretary of State prior to them being undertaken.*

In accordance with the above SMC, an archaeological brief was written by A. Antrobus of the SCC-ACT, which stated: *There is high potential for archaeological deposits to be disturbed by this development. The proposed works would cause significant ground disturbance that has potential to damage any archaeological deposit that exists.* The brief, also the subject of this written scheme of investigation, was prepared by A. Antrobus of SCC-ACT to ensure that an acceptable scheme of work is in place.

## 4. Brief for Archaeological Monitoring

At the start of work (immediately before fieldwork commences) an OASIS online record <http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/project/oasis/> will be initiated and key fields completed on Details, Location and Creators forms.

A risk assessment is to be carried out in consultation with the site architects (J.A.P. Architects), English Heritage and the Conservation team of SCCAS (SCCAS/CT) to ensure that all potential risks are minimised.

To provide a record of archaeological deposits which are damaged or removed by any development (including services and landscaping) permitted by the current planning consent and SMC: S00029660. The excavation of land surfaces during levelling, holes for posts, footings trenches, service trenches and internal floors, as well as any other works that might disturb below-ground archaeological remains will be observed during stripping and after they have been excavated. Where necessary, (if appropriate) one section of the trenches will be hand-cleaned by trowel to allow adequate recording of any archaeological features. All deposits removed by excavation will be metal-detected by DPAS for any possible finds.

All finds will be collected and processed (unless variations in this principle are agreed with SCCAS/CT and English Heritage during the course of the monitoring). All relevant finds will be ordered in an archive and deposited with St Edmundbury Museum or the County Store.

The data recording methods and conventions used will be consistent with, and approved by SCCAS/CT and English Heritage.

Proper respect will be accorded any disturbed human remains encountered. Possible human remains will be cleaned to allow positive identification. Any remains observed remains will be related to the relevant authorities. The client will make contingency for a Licence to disturb the remains.

All work will be undertaken to the Institute for Archaeologists (IFA) and Museum of London Archaeology Service (Molas) standards.

A professional standard will be maintained during the project, observing the requirements maintained by the 'Institute for Archaeologists' *Standard and Guidance for an Archaeological watching brief* (revised 2001).

The fieldwork and post-excavation work will be undertaken by Dennis Payne. Additional personnel may be appointed if required.

A photographic record will be compiled, comprising an overview of the site prior to work starting, as well as after completion of the work using black and white photographs, colour transparencies and digital images, and will include any excavated features, sections and other relevant details that aid interpretation.

## 5. Methodology: Continuous Archaeological Monitoring

### *Monitoring of Groundworks*

Archaeological monitoring will be undertaken of ground works for all trenches and any other work that might disturb archaeological deposits. In this case, a slab foundation of 0.50m deep (fig.2) is proposed and the monitoring of the excavation will cover the entire area for the slab or area as marked on the plan. An opportunity to reveal archaeological features is therefore more likely than footings trenches. Should archaeology be revealed, time will be required to fully investigate any features located either by half sections or single context, where appropriate. Where high levels of archaeology and stratigraphy are revealed, this will be reported to the SCCACT and EH to establish a strategy for investigation or preservation in-situ.

The developer shall afford access at all reasonable times to all parties concerned with the archaeology of the site (SCCAS/CT, English Heritage, Archaeoserv 'the observing archaeologist' or their agents), to allow archaeological observation of building and engineering operations which will disturb any ground surface and to the depth of archaeological layers that may be present.

Opportunity must be given to the 'observing archaeologist' to hand excavate any discrete archaeological features which appear during earth moving operations, retrieve finds and make measured records as necessary. Where it is necessary to see archaeological detail, at least one of the soil faces will be trowelled clean and recorded fully. Time must be allowed during ground-works for this to be carried out.

All archaeological features exposed will be planned at a minimum scale of 1:50 on a plan showing trench locations and recorded sections within the proposed layout of the development.

All sections cleaned will be drawn to either 1:10 or 1:20 scale depending on the size and detail of the features revealed.

All contexts will be numbered and finds recorded by context. All levels will relate to Ordnance Datum.

All contexts will be recorded using numbered context sheets containing descriptions and sketches of the deposits and finds that might be encountered.

Archaeological contexts will, where possible, be sampled for palaeoenvironmental remains.

provision will be made for this. Advice on the appropriateness of the proposed strategies will be sought from Helen Chappel, English Heritage Regional Adviser for Archaeological Science (East of England). A guide to sampling archaeological deposits (Murphy, P.L. and Wiltshire, P.E.J., 1994, *A guide to sampling archaeological deposits for environmental analysis*) is available for viewing from SCAS.

Sampling of Environmental contexts: for most features, a minimum of 40ltrs will be taken from the context in a sealable container and sent for flotation at SCC, or an alternative specialist. Monolith samples will also be taken if deemed necessary from waterlogged organic deposits.

Metal detector searches of the site will be undertaken at all stages of the monitoring. All finds will be collected and processed (unless variations in this principle are agreed with SCCAS/CT during the course of the monitoring).

The data recording methods and conventions used will be consistent with, and approved by, the County HER.

Proper respect will be accorded any disturbed human remains encountered. Possible human remains will be cleaned to allow positive identification. Any remains observed will be related to the relevant authorities. The client will make contingency for a Licence to disturb the remains, and DPAS will inform SCCA/CT before any removal takes place.

All work will be undertaken to Institute for Archaeologists (IFA) and Museum of London Archaeology Service (Molas) standards.

The fieldwork will be undertaken by Dennis Payne of ARCHAEOSERV, any additional personnel may be appointed if required.

The Post excavation work will be carried out in part by Dennis Payne along with the appropriate specialists that may be appointed for this project.

A photographic record will be compiled, comprising an overview of the site prior to work starting, as well as after completion of the work using black and white photographs, colour transparencies and high resolution digital images, and will be included with any excavated features, sections and other relevant details that aid interpretation. All relevant finds will be ordered in an archive.

Best practice will allow for sampling of interpretable and datable archaeological deposits and



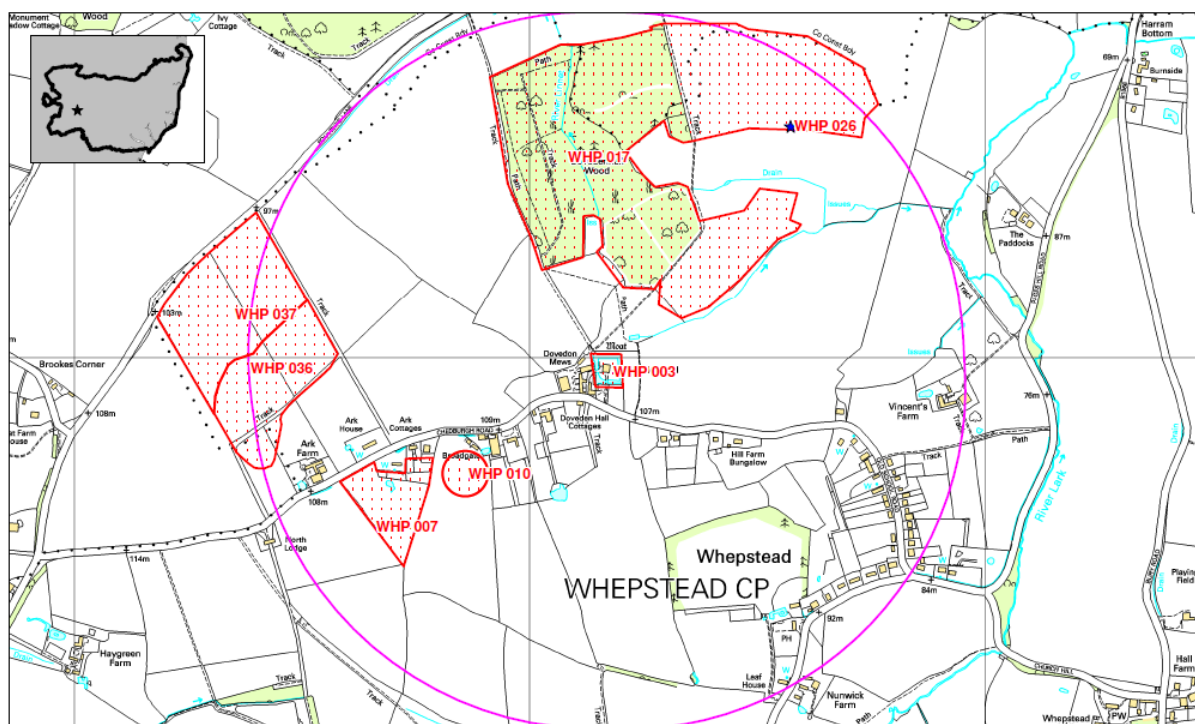
**Figure 2. Location plan of extension**

## 6. Archaeological and Historical Background

There are no archaeological interventions recorded within Whepstead.

The site lies within the area defined by the medieval moat around the listed building of Doveden Hall (LB 405377), which has 15th century origins.

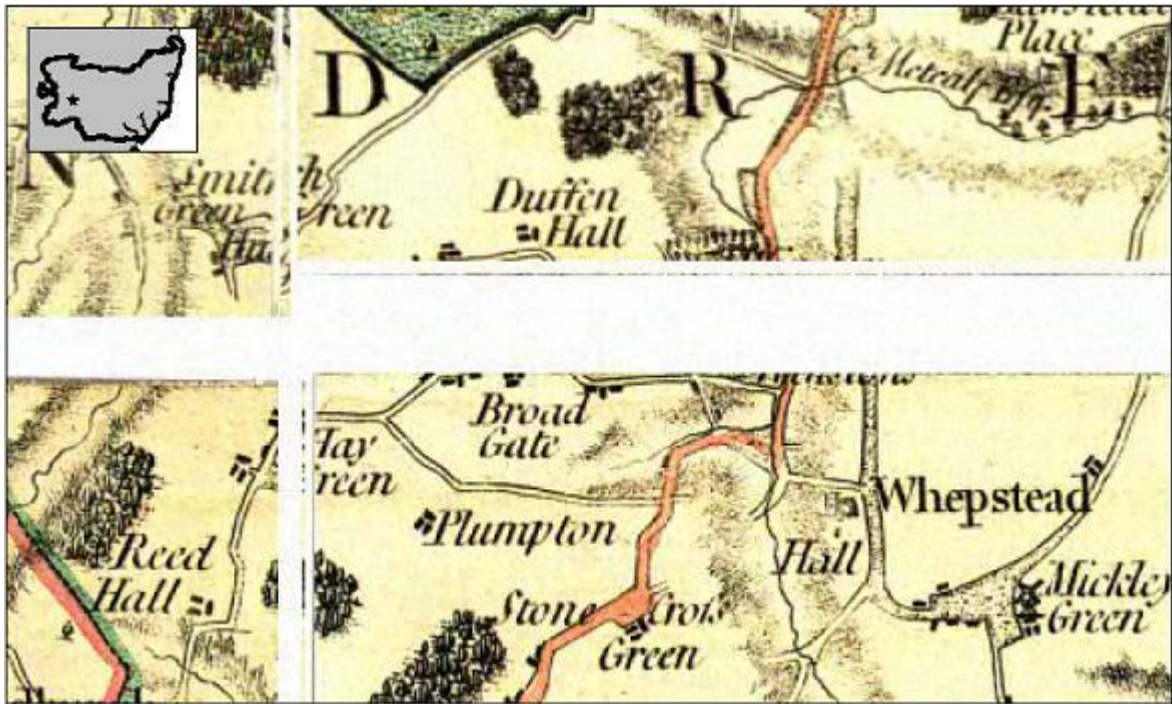
The moated site is a Scheduled Monument (ref: 1019819). There is potential for archaeological remains relating to early occupation to be present on the site, aspects of the proposed development will involve groundworks that have the potential to cause significant damage or destruction to any archaeological deposits that exist.



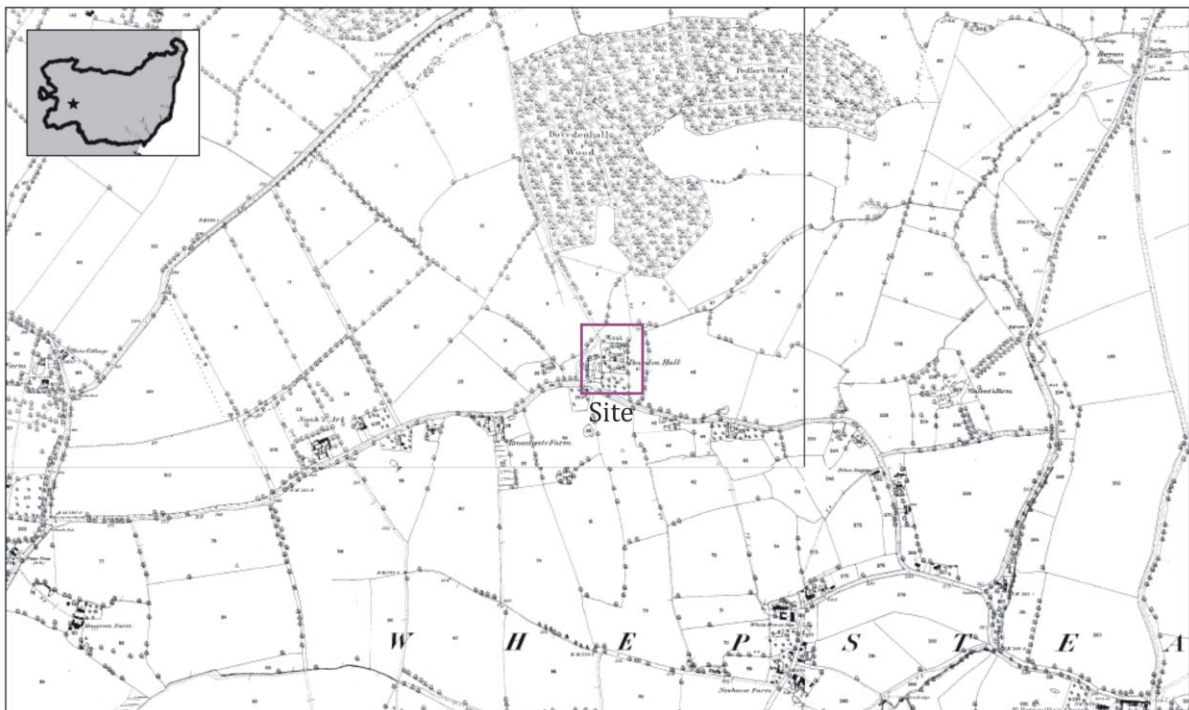
**Figure 3. Historic Environment Map**



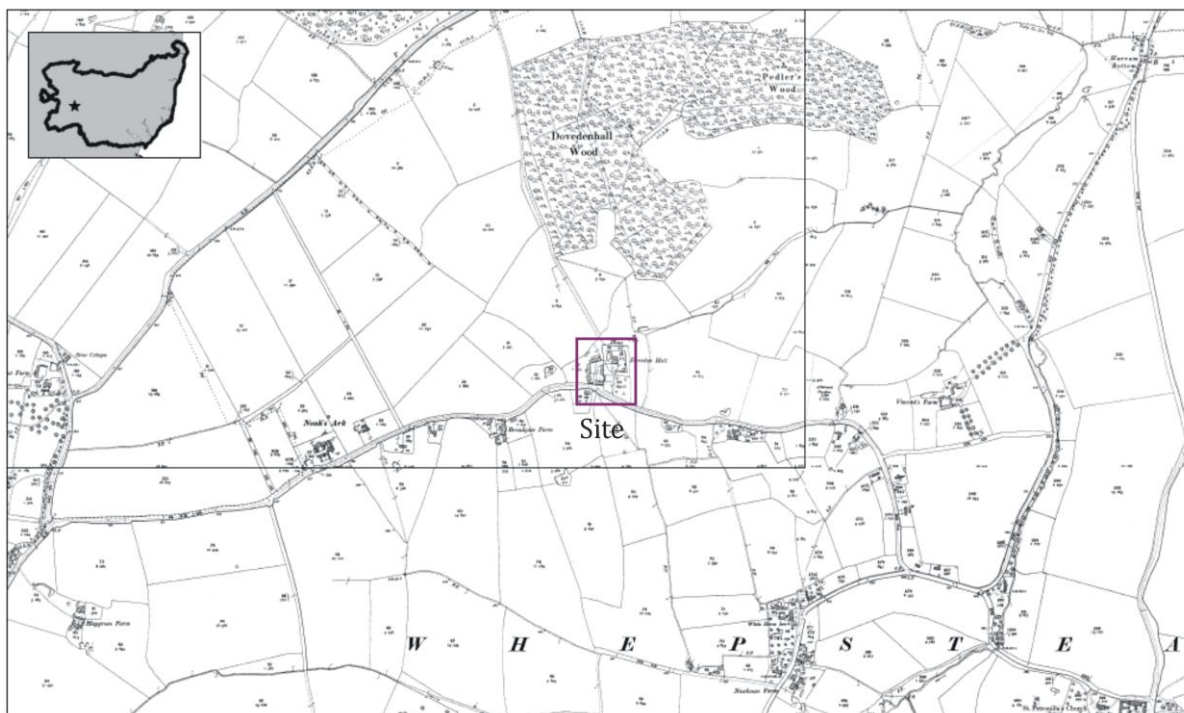
## 7. Map Information



*Figure 4. Hodskinson's map of Whepstead, 1783*



*Figure 5. Ordnance Survey map of Whepstead, 1880s*



*Figure 6 .Ordnance Survey map of Whepstead, 1940*

## 8. Aims and Objectives of the Project

To provide as much information about the archaeological resources within the proposed development site, the platform area of the moated house.

To comply with SCCAS/CT request for archaeological monitoring as part of the planning process for the new development.

To comply with Scheduled Monument Consent requested by English Heritage.

To obtain information about the archaeological resources within the development site, with particular regard to any which are of sufficient importance to merit preservation in situ.

To identify and establish the approximate form and purpose of any archaeological deposit within the application area together with its likely extent localized depth and quality of preservation.

To evaluate the likely impact of land uses in the past and the possible presence of colluvial/alluvial deposits.

Assess the condition, nature, character, quality and date of any archaeological remains encountered.

To preserve by recording, any evidence of the potential for survival of any environmental deposits of the area.



## **9. Health, Safety and Environment**

A risk assessment strategy covering all activities will be carried out during the lifetime of the project.

All work will be carried out in accordance with current health and safety legislation.

Every care will be taken to minimise the environmental impact.

## **10. Ownership of Finds, Storage and Curation of Archive**

All artefactual material recovered will be held in long term storage by the archaeological service Suffolk County Council (SCCAS/CT) and ownership of all such archaeological finds will be given over to SCC to facilitate future study and ensure proper preservation of all such artefacts. In the unlikely event that artefacts of significant monetary value are discovered, and if they are not subject to the Treasure Act (1996), separate ownership arrangements may be negotiated.

## **11. Monitoring Arrangements**

Curatorial responsibility lies with Suffolk County Council Archaeology. They are to be notified of each stage of work. They will be notified in advance of the date of works on the site (minimum of five days).

Access is required to the site at all reasonable times to allow for monitoring by SCCA/CT or their agents; English Heritage and ARCHAEOSEV, the contracted archaeologist.

Internal monitoring will be the responsibility of Dennis Payne (Archaeoserv).

## **12. Archive Preparation and Deposition**

The archive will be presented to the Suffolk County Council Archaeology Department, Shire Hall, Bury St Edmunds, to the standards as laid out in their specification/brief. This will respect the ``SCCAS Archive guidelines, 2010`` for the county store, being the intended depository.

## **13. Reporting Procedures**

The report will be completed within three months after the finalisation of the fieldwork. Any delays will be related to the relevant authorities.

A summary report will be produced with the final report. A draft of the report will be submitted to Abby Antrobus (SCCAS/CT) and English Heritage for approval.

The report will reflect the aims of the WSI by giving an objective account of the archaeological evidence, clearly distinguished from its interpretation.

A discussion and interpretation of the archaeological evidence including environmental and palaeoenvironmental recovered from palaeosoils and cut features and its conclusions will include a clear statement of the archaeological potential of the site, and the significance of that potential in the context of the Regional Framework (East Anglian Archaeology, Occasional Papers 3&8, 1997 and 2000) and Medlycott, M, 2011).

Reports on specific areas, for example, ceramic or bone evidence will be included within the report to allow for a fully informed interpretation of any archaeology encountered. Sufficient detail will be placed upon the specialists findings to permit a detailed of assessment of the finds, including tabulation of data by context, including non-technical summaries.

One copy will be sent to the client.

One copy will be sent to Suffolk County Council, Archaeology Conservation team.

One copy will be sent to the St Edmundsbury Borough Council planning officer.

One copy to English Heritage

#### **14. Publication and Dissemination**

The deposition of the site archive will be in accordance with guidelines outlined in the specification written by Abby Antrobus of the Suffolk County Council, Archaeological Service Conservation Team.

#### **15. Other Factors (including contingency)**

Contingency will be made for operational delays including weather.

Contingency will be expected of the client for significant archaeology discovered as a result of the evaluation.

Contingency will be expected of the client for any specialist report that the relevant authority deems appropriate that cannot satisfactorily be produced by Dennis Payne or his agents.

Contingency will be expected of the client in the event that human remains are discovered in the course of the trench excavations.

#### **16. Resources**

The monitoring will be undertaken by Dennis Payne (Archaeoserv) and additional staff as necessary using standard archaeological field techniques.

Recognised specialists will be sought in the event that other data are retrieved in the course of the foundation excavations.

## **17. Copyright**

Copyright will remain that of the author. Licence will be given to the client to present any reports, copyright of the author, to the planning authority in good faith of satisfactory settlement of account.

## **18. Ownership**

It will be asked of the client, at the outset, that the ownership of any portable objects discovered in the course of the brief be donated with the archive.

All material deemed Treasure Trove will be subject to the investigations of the Coroner.

## **19. Insurance**

ARCHAEOSERV is insured for public liability and professional indemnity with Towergate Insurance Ltd for the total sum of £1,000,000.

## **Bibliography**

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## **Appendix 1: Consultant Specialists**

Post-excavation analysis will be undertaken by Archaeoserv-DPAS and where required, specialist analysis and advice from:-

Barnett, Dr. Sarah	Luminescence Dating
Biddle, Justine	Animal Bones
Bishop, Barry	Lithics
Boreham, Steve	Pollen and soils (Geoarchaeologist Holly, Duncan
Cowgill, Jane	Slag /metal working residues
Crummy, Nina	Roman Metalwork
Doig, T	Drainpipes, underground structures, social history
Duhig Corrinne	Human bones
Fletcher, Carol	Medieval ceramics
Fosberry Rachel	Environmental
French, Dr. C.A.I	Soil micromorphology
Goffin, Richenda	Post Roman Pottery
Murphy, Peter	Environmental advice
Percival, Sarah	Prehistoric pottery
Precious, B	Roman Ceramics
Seeley, Paul	Iron Age pottery
Spoerry, Paul	Medieval ceramics
Atkins, Robert	Medieval-post-medieval bricks

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## Project details

Project name	DOVEDEN HALL WHEPSTEAD SUFFOLK MONITORING
Short description of the project	MONITORING FOR THE SLAB AREA FOR A NEW ANNEXE TO DOVEDEN HALL DID NOT REVEAL ANY ARCHAEOLOGY
Project dates	Start: 30-03-2014 End: 04-07-2014
Previous/future work	No / No
Type of project	Recording project
Site status	Scheduled Monument (SM)
Current Land use	Other 5 - Garden
Monument type	NA Medieval
Significant Finds	NONE None
Investigation type	"Recorded Observation","Watching Brief"
Prompt	Scheduled Monument Consent

## Project location

Country	England
Site location	SUFFOLK ST EDMUNDSBURY WHEPSTEAD DOVEDEN HALL WHEPSTEAD
Postcode	IP29 4UB
Study area	20.00 Square metres
Site coordinates	TL 821 589 52.1977469455 0.664819776747 52 11 51 N 000 39 53 E Point
Height OD / Depth	Min: 15.00m Max: 15.50m

## Project creators

Name of Organisation	ARCHAEOSERV
Project brief originator	English Heritage/Department of Environment
Project design originator	ABBAY ANTROBUS
Project director/manager	DENNIS PAYNE

Project supervisor DENNIS PAYNE

Type of sponsor/funding body Developer

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### Project archives

Physical Archive Exists? No

Digital Archive recipient St Edmundsbury Museum

Digital Contents "none"

Digital Media available "Survey"

Paper Archive recipient St Edmundsbury Museum

Paper Contents "none"

Paper Media available "Diary","Drawing","Notebook - Excavation',' Research',' General Notes","Photograph","Plan","Report"

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