

**Land To The Rear of 202 & 204 High Street,
Wickham Market, Suffolk**

Planning application: DC/14/0216/FUL

HER Ref: WKM 043

Monitoring Report on the excavation of test pits

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Site details for HER

Name: Land to the rear of 202 & 204 High Street, Wickham Market, Suffolk, IP13 0RF

Client: Park Properties Anglia Ltd

Local planning authority: Suffolk Coastal DC

Planning application ref: DC/14/0216/FUL

Development: Erection of two detached dwellings

Date of fieldwork: 13 May, 2014

HER ref: WKM 043

OASIS ref: johnnewm1-179013

Grid ref: TM 3040 5642

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Site location (with planned new house footprints & test pit locations)

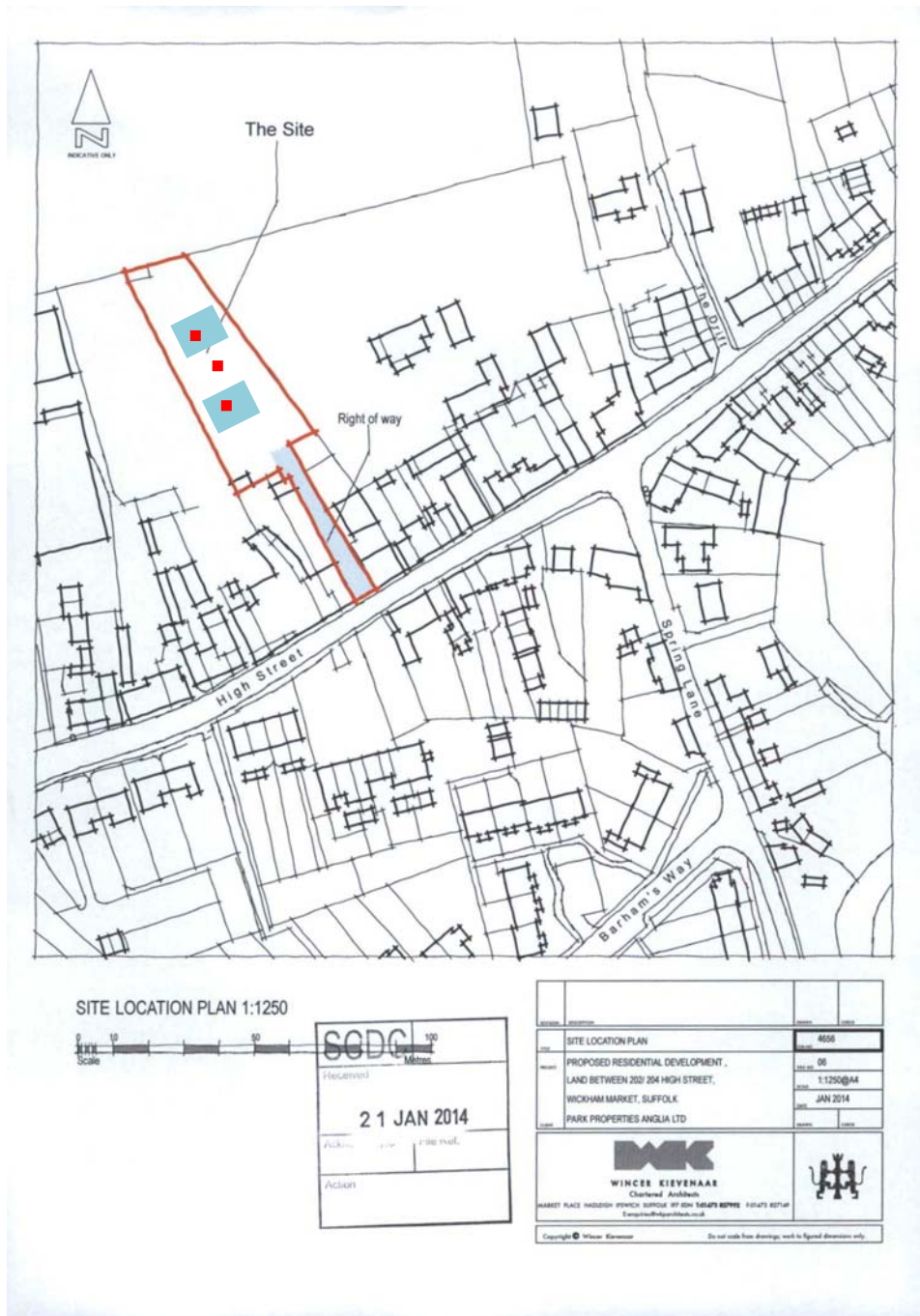
Site images

Summary: Wickham Market, land to the rear of 202 & 204 High Street (WKM 043, TM 3040 5642) Monitoring of three test pits excavated to test the ground at the site revealed a substantial depth of top and subsoil ranging from 1500mm to 1900mm which contained on small medieval sherd and occasional small fragments of Post medieval brick/tile. This depth of overburden suggesting that the site has been quarried for sand and stone in the past. (John Newman Archaeological Services for Park Properties Anglia Ltd).

John Newman Archaeological Services

SUMMARY SHEET

Site name/Address: Land to the rear of 202 & 204 High Street, Wickham Market	
Planning application: DC/14/0216/FUL	
Parish: Wickham Market	District: Suffolk Coastal DC
NGR: TM 3040 5642	Site Code: WKM 043 OASIS ref: johnnewm1-179013
Type of Work: Watching brief on the mechanical excavation of three test pits opened to examine the nature of the deposits at the site.	Site Director/Group: John Newman Archaeological Services
Date of Work: 13 May, 2014	Size of Area Investigated: 740m ² Current land use: <i>Overgrown</i> waste ground
Location of Finds/Curating Museum: NA	Funding source: Park Properties Anglia Ltd
Further Seasons Anticipated?: No	Archaeological interest: The site is close to areas where evidence for Roman and medieval period has been recorded and is also in a topographic location overlooking the River Deben to the north where past activity might be anticipated.
Final Report:	
Periods Represented: Medieval (one small sherd), Post medieval (probable quarry pit & associated small brick/tile fragments).	
SUMMARY OF FIELDWORK RESULTS: (See also Fig & images below) Monitoring of three mechanically excavated test pits revealed similar deposits across the site with 400mm of topsoil over 1100mm to 1500mm of mid brown sandy subsoil which contained occasional small fragments of Post medieval brick/tile. The northern and central test pits were 1500 and 1600 deep respectively while the southern pit was 1900mm to the natural sand with flints. Below this the local naturally occurring deposit is orange sand with flints. With such a depth of overburden it is suggested that this plot of land has been quarried for sand and stone in the relatively recent past to a depth of 1500mm to 1900mm thereby truncating the original ground surface.	
Conclusion: Evidence for a probable Post medieval quarry pit of some size was recorded.	
Author of Summary: John Newman	Date of Summary: 14 May, 2014



Site location (planned footprints- light blue, test pits- red)
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Images



General view from south



Northern test pit



Central test pit



Southern test pit

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Project details

Project name	Land To The Rear Of 202-204 High Street, Wickham Market, Suffolk-Archaeological Monitoring Report
Short description of the project	Wickham Market, land to the rear of 202 and 204 High Street (TM 3040 5642) Monitoring of three test pits excavated to test the ground at the site revealed a substantial depth of top and subsoil ranging from 1500mm to 1900mm which contained on small medieval sherd and occasional small fragments of Post medieval brick/tile. This depth of overburden perhaps suggesting that the site has been quarried for sand and stone in the past.
Project dates	Start: 13-05-2014 End: 13-05-2014
Previous/future work	Yes / No
Any associated project reference codes	DC/14/0216/FUL - Planning Application No.
Type of project	Recording project
Site status	Conservation Area
Current Land use	Other 13 - Waste ground
Monument type	QUARRY PIT Post Medieval
Significant Finds	BRICK/TILE Post Medieval
Investigation type	""Test-Pit Survey""
Prompt	Planning condition

Project location

Country	England
Site location	SUFFOLK SUFFOLK COASTAL WICKHAM MARKET LAND TO THE REAR OF 202-204 HIGH STREET
Postcode	IP13 0RF
Study area	800.00 Square metres
Site coordinates	TM 3040 5642 52.1573294073 1.36876516082 52 09 26 N 001 22 07 E Point
Height OD / Depth	Min: 13.00m Max: 14.00m

Project creators

Name of Organisation	John Newman Archaeological Services
Project brief originator	Highways Agency
Project design originator	John Newman
Project director/manager	John Newman
Project supervisor	John Newman
Type of sponsor/funding body	Developer

Project archives

Physical Archive recipient	Discarded
Physical Contents	"Ceramics"
Digital Archive recipient	Suffolk CC Archaeological Service
Digital Contents	"Ceramics"
Digital Media available	"Images raster / digital photography", "Text"
Paper Archive recipient	Suffolk CC Archaeological Service
Paper Contents	"Ceramics"
Paper Media available	"Report"

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