

**No 112 Angel Street, Hadleigh,
Suffolk**

Planning application: B/15/00563

HER Ref: HAD 149

Archaeological Monitoring Report

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Site details for HER

Name: No 112 Angel Street, Hadleigh, Suffolk, IP7 5BZ

Client: Seka Trading

Local planning authority: Babergh DC

Planning application ref: B/15/00563

Development: Erection of pair of semi-detached dwellings

Date of fieldwork: 24 & 25 September, 2015

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Grid ref: TM 0308 4291

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Summary: Hadleigh, 112 Angel Street (HAD 149, TM 0308 4291) monitoring of ground works for a pair of new semi-detached dwellings on the eastern side of the area defined as the historic town revealed extensive disturbance on the road frontage from a mid 20th century bungalow that stood on the site previously. To the rear of the bungalow area three or four relatively large pits of later 19th or early 20th century date were revealed in the foundation trenches (John Newman Archaeological Services for Seka Trading).

1. Introduction & background

1.1 Seka Trading commissioned John Newman Archaeological Services (JNAS) to undertake the archaeological monitoring of ground works required under a condition for a programme of archaeological works of the planning decision notice for application B/15/00563. The monitoring requirements were set by DR A Antrobus of the Suffolk CC Archaeological Service to satisfy this condition and in response JNAS produced the relevant Written Scheme of Investigation (see Appendix II) in order that conditional discharge could be gained from the LPA and ground works commence on site. This development concerns the erection of a pair of semi-detached dwellings following the demolition of a bungalow of mid 20th century date at No 112 Angel Street, Hadleigh.

1.2 Hadleigh is a small market town, the market being established by 1252, in south Suffolk to the west of Ipswich that had been established by the mid to late Saxon period at least and flourished as a local centre through the medieval period. The town is focused on the area around the parish church and the main historic street lines, High Street, Angel Street and George Street; the regular rectilinear pattern of these main streets perhaps being indicative of an original grid plan to the town. A smaller medieval/Post medieval suburb also lies to the north of the River Brett with Bridge Street forming the link between the High Street and this suburb. The proposed development site is on the southern side of Angel Street (see Fig 1) and is c600m north-east of the parish church at 30m OD in an area of well drained sands and gravels.

1.3 Archaeological interest has been generated in this planned development due to its location within the area of archaeological interest for medieval Hadleigh as defined in the Babergh Local Plan with No's 147, 149 and 151 Angel Street diagonally opposite and to the north-west of No 112 being grade II listed buildings of 17th to 18th century date reinforcing this definition of the historic core area of the town. As a result, there was considered to be a high potential for encountering heritage assets at the site of the planned new houses and the proposed works would cause significant ground disturbance that would have the potential to damage any archaeological deposit that might be present leading to a condition for an archaeological programme of monitoring of ground works.

2. Monitoring methodology

2.1 Two visits were made to the site to observe the excavation of the foundation trenches for the new dwellings. This work was undertaken using a medium sized 360 machine which was under continuous archaeological supervision with weather conditions being dry and sunny giving good site visibility. Upcast spoil was inspected closely as the work progressed. The foundations were recorded in relation to nearby mapped features and a small number of digital images were taken in order to record the monitoring (see Appendix I).

3. Results

3.1 The foundation trenches were 700mm wide and between 1000mm and 1200mm deep with the substantial foundations for the demolished bungalow being left in situ and in total some 70m of trenching was monitored. Across the northern half of the new build area (see Fig. 2) where the bungalow had stood the deposit profile was 250mm to 350mm of clean mid brown sandy subsoil above the locally occurring natural glaciofluvial deposit which was river terrace type orange sand with flints. Across the southern, or rear, part of the new build area which had formerly been back garden the deposit profile comprised 300mm to 350mm of topsoil over 250mm of mid brown sandy subsoil above orange sand with flints.

3.2 The only features revealed during the monitoring were three, or possibly four, pits along the line of the southern foundation trench (see Fig. 2). These pits were 1000mm to 1200mm across and up to 500mm deep below the subsoil deposit. Examination of the fill of each of these features confirmed a later 19th century or early to mid 20th century date as each contained occasional glazed white ware pottery sherds, fragments of c1900 glass bottles, fragments of roofing slate and iron sheet fragments and two also contained early/mid 20th century graphite battery cores.

4. Conclusion

4.1 From the results of this monitoring it is clear that this site at No 112 Angel Street some 600m from the parish church lies close to the eastern edge of the historic town of Hadleigh and it did not see any intense activity until a phase of pit digging around 1900 followed by the construction of a bungalow in the mid 20th century period.

4.2 In conclusion it can be concluded that the construction of a pair of semi-detached dwellings at No 112 Angel Street, Hadleigh did not cause disturbance to any deposits of archaeological significance.

(Acknowledgements: JNAS is grateful to Simon Holland and everyone on site for their close cooperation during the monitoring)

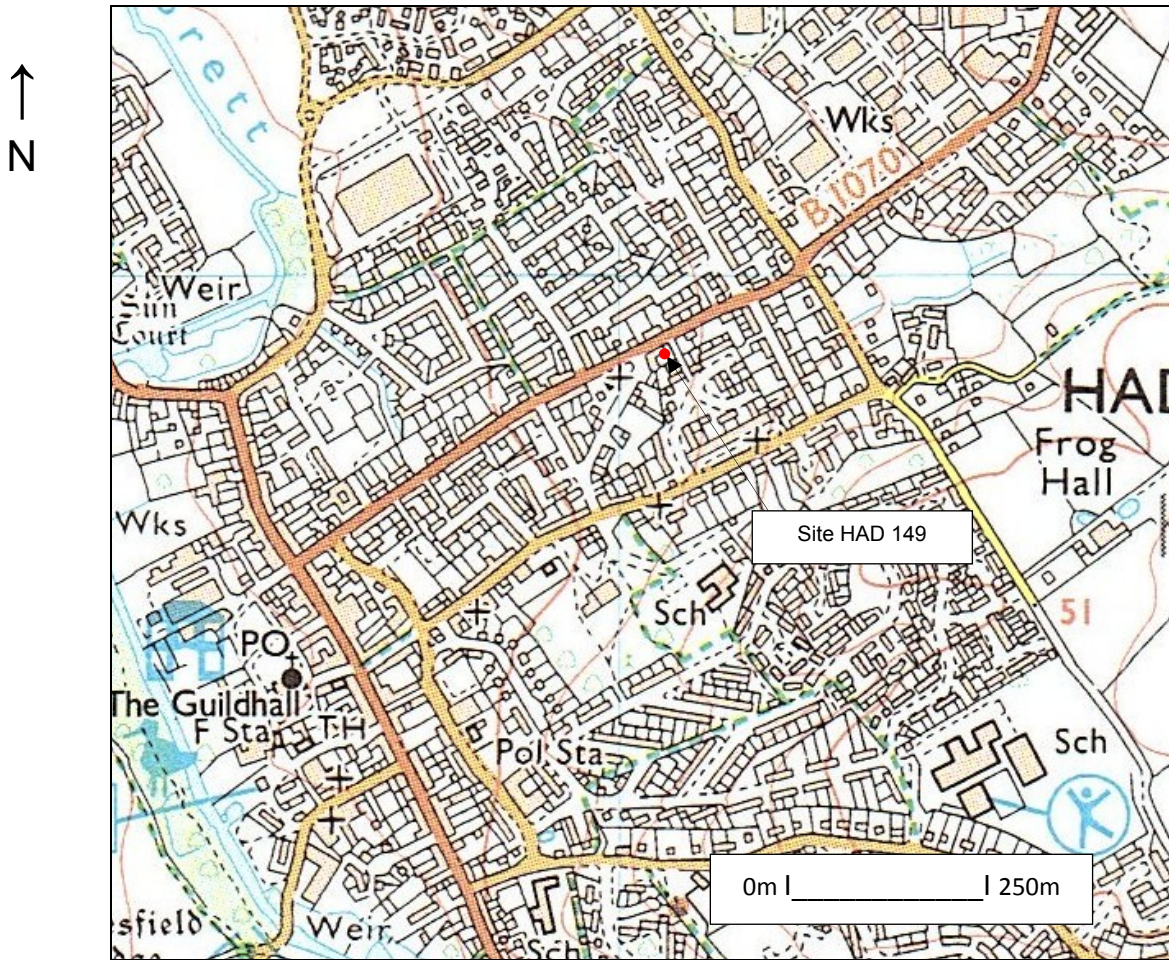


Fig. 1: Site location (Ordnance Survey © Crown copyright 2008
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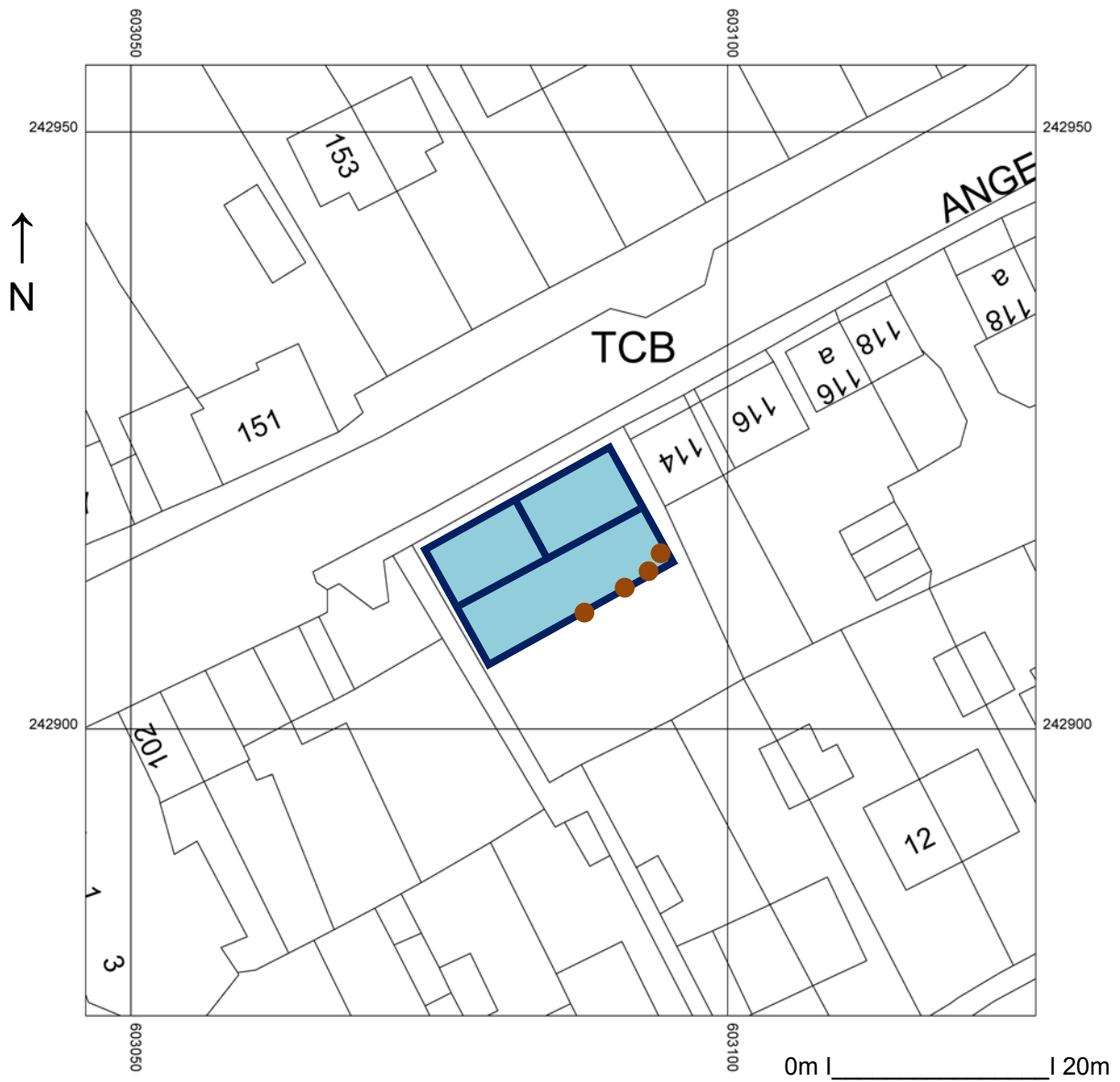


Fig. 2: Monitored new dwelling area (dark blue- foundation trenches, brown- late Post medieval pits)
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Appendix I- Images



General view from southeast with listed building across street



General view from northeast



Eastern foundation trench from south



Pits in southern foundation trench



Southern foundation trench from east



Deposit profile in southwest corner

**No 112 Angel Street,
Hadleigh, Suffolk**

Planning application: B/15/00563

**Written Scheme of Investigation for
Continuous Archaeological Monitoring**

Site details

Name: No 112 Angel Street, Hadleigh, Suffolk, IP7 5BZ

Client: Seka Trading

Local planning authority: Babergh DC

Planning application ref: B/15/00563

Proposed development: Demolition of bungalow and erection of a pair of semi-detached dwellings

Proposed date for ground works: tbc

Grid ref: TM 0308 4291

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1. Introduction

1.1 Seka Trading has commissioned John Newman Archaeological Services (JNAS) to undertake the archaeological monitoring of ground works required under a condition for a programme of archaeological works of the planning decision notice for application B/15/00563. This written scheme of investigation (WSI) details the background to the archaeological condition and how JNAS will implement the requirements of the Brief set by Dr A Antrobus of the Suffolk CC Archaeological Service to satisfy the condition. The WSI will also set out how potential risks will be mitigated. This proposed development concerns the demolition of the existing bungalow and the erection of a pair of semi-detached dwellings at 112 Angel Street, Hadleigh.

1.2 The monitoring will be carried out to the standards set regionally in the *Standards for Field Archaeology in the East of England (EAA Occ. Papers 14, 2003)* and nationally in *Standards and Guidance for Archaeological Watching Briefs (Institute for Archaeologists 1994, revised 2001)*.

2. Location, Topography & Geology

2.1 Hadleigh is a small market town, the market being established by 1252, in south Suffolk to the west of Ipswich that had been established by the mid to late Saxon period at least and flourished as a local centre through the medieval period. The town is focused on the area around the parish church and the main historic street lines, High Street, Angel Street and George Street; to the south of the River Brett, the regular rectilinear pattern of these main streets perhaps being indicative of an original grid plan to the town. A smaller medieval/Post medieval suburb also lies to the north of the river with Bridge Street forming the link between the High Street and this suburb. The proposed development site (PDS) is on the southern side of Angel Street and is c500m east of the parish church at 30m OD in an area of well drained sands and gravels.

3. Archaeological & Historical Background

3.1 Archaeological interest has been generated in this planned development due to its location within the area of archaeological interest for medieval Hadleigh as defined in the Babergh Local Plan and will cause significant ground disturbance. As a result, there is high potential for encountering heritage assets at this location. The proposed works will cause significant ground disturbance that has potential to damage any archaeological deposit that exists.

3.2 The relevant Brief confirms that while this development may reveal deposits of archaeological significance this potential disturbance to local heritage assets can be mitigated by their investigation and recording as ground works progress through a programme of continuous monitoring by an archaeologist with subsequent full reporting.

4. Aims of the Site Monitoring

4.1 As outlined in section 3 above the site lies in a location with high archaeological potential, in this case to reveal evidence for medieval and earlier Post medieval activity within the area of the historic town. Site monitoring arrangements with the relevant ground works contractor will allow for unimpeded access to the foundation and service trenches before other works progress to allow for detailed investigation and recording work. This monitoring will aim to record all possible details to the exposed overburden and depth of deposit as revealed within the ground works and evidence for the character and date of any past activity that is revealed.

5. Methodology

5.1 The construction method to be used on the site will be trench foundations. The excavation of the trench footings and any related service trenches will be observed once they are underway and then through to completion and any up cast spoil examined for finds. Notice of ground works starting and then any unexpected findings will be reported back to the relevant Suffolk CC Archaeological Office. Time will be available to hand clean sections as necessary and investigate any possible archaeological deposits.

5.2 Site records will be made under a continuous and unique numbering system of archaeological contexts under overall site event and HER numbers supplied by Suffolk CC. All contexts will be numbered and finds recorded by context. Conventions compatible with the county HER will be used throughout the monitoring. Site plans will be drawn at 1:20 or 1:50 as appropriate and sections at 1:10 or 1:20 (all on plastic drawing film) and related to OS map cover with the monitored footings shown. Sections will be levelled to a datum OD. A photographic record of high resolution digital images will be made of the site and exposed features.

5.3 As necessary and to define archaeological deposits exposed surfaces will be trowelled clean before recording. Archaeological deposits will be fully hand investigated and recorded within the constraints of the trench foundations with sections recorded related to

the trench sides, if possible, and with levels OD. Even if no archaeological deposits are revealed every effort will be made to gain a record of the natural occurring deposits and overburden that could help in the understanding of the general history of land use and topography in the town. Where appropriate palaeoenvironmental samples (40 litres if possible) will be taken for processing and assessment by a specialist conversant with regional archaeological standards and research agendas if relevant archaeological deposits are revealed. If human burial evidence is revealed the SCC Archaeological Officer will be informed and a Ministry of Justice licence obtained before excavation, recording and removal of the remains. The possibility of modifying the ground work design to leave any such remains in situ will also be examined (the potential of this site to contain burials is assessed as being medium low).

5.4 All finds will be collected and processed unless any variation is agreed with the relevant SCC Archaeological Officer. Finds will be assessed by recognised period specialists and their interpretation will form an integral part of the overall report. Finds will be stored according to ICON guidelines with specialist advice/treatment sought for fragile ones. Every effort will be made to gain the deposit of the site finds to the SCC Archaeological Store under their relevant HER code and site numbering for future reference. If this is not possible then the SCC Archaeological Officer will be consulted over any requirements for additional recording. Any Finds that qualify under the Treasure Act will be reported to the local Finds Liaison Officer within 14 days of their discovery and any discard policy of other finds will be discussed and agreed with the relevant Archaeological Officer at Suffolk CC.

5.5 An archive of all records and finds will be prepared consistent with the principles in *Management of Archaeological projects* (MAP2) and particularly Appendix 3 and this will be deposited with the Suffolk CC HER within 3 months of working finishing on site under the relevant HER number. As necessary the site digital archive will be deposited with the Archaeology Data Service (ADS) within the agreed allowance for the monitoring and reporting works.

5.6 The monitoring report will be consistent with the principles of MAP2 (particularly Appendix 4) and this report will summarise the methodology employed and relate the archaeological record directly to the level of visibility allowed by the operation of plant given the nature of the underlying natural deposits. The report will also give an objective account of the deposits and stratigraphy recorded and finds recovered with an inventory of the latter. Any interpretation of the monitoring results will be clearly separated from the objective account of the monitoring

and its results. The report will give a clear statement regarding the results of the site monitoring in relation to both the more detailed aims in section 2 above and their significance in the context of the Regional Research Framework (EAA Occ. Papers 3, 8 & 24 1997, 2000 & 2011) and in relation to nearby recorded archaeological sites and finds. An unbound draft copy of the report will be presented to the Archaeological Service at Suffolk CC within 3 months of the completion of the site works. Once accepted a bound hard copy will be provided plus another for the County HER, a copy will be sent to the client so they can gain discharge of the relevant condition. The project will be registered on the OASIS online archaeological record followed by submission of the final draft in .pdf format. An HER summary sheet will be completed and a summary prepared of any positive results for inclusion in the annual PSIAH round-up.

6. Risk Assessment

6.1 Protective clothing will be worn on site (hard hat, high visibility vest/coat, steel-toe cap boots & ear muffs if required). A safe working method will be agreed with the contractors on site in order to maximise access to disturbed ground and up cast spoil while at the same time allowing efficient use of plant. Suitable clothing will be available to mitigate against extremes of weather.

6.2 Vehicles will be safely parked away from work areas and lines of access.

6.3 Before work on site starts any special requirements regarding potential site contamination will be discussed with the client and any ground test reports examined. Gloves and hand wash/wipes be available and any information on possible ground contamination will be passed to finds and environmental specialists. The potential for services in the area will be discussed with the client and their contractor.

6.4 A fully charged mobile phone will be carried and a first aid kit will be taken to site.

6.5 Deep holes/trenches will only be entered if assessed to be safe and after consultation with the contractor on site, they will not be entered if no-one else is in the vicinity.

6.6 JNAS holds full insurance cover for archaeological site works from the specialist provider Torgate Risk Solutions covering Public & Products Liability, details can be supplied on request.

7. Specialists

Conservation:	Conservation Services
Faunal remains:	J Curl (Sylvanus Archaeology)
Human remains:	S Anderson (Freelance)
Palaeoenvironmental samples:	V Fryer (Freelance)
Pre-historic flint:	S Bates (Freelance)
Pre-historic pottery:	S Percival (Freelance)
Post Roman ceramics & CBM:	S Anderson (Freelance)
Roman period ceramics	S Benfield (CAT)
Post Roman small finds:	JNAS

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Project details

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Type of project	Recording project
Site status	Conservation Area
Current Land use	Residential 1 - General Residential
Monument type	PIT Modern
Significant Finds	POTTERY Modern
Significant Finds	GLASS VESSEL Modern
Investigation type	""Watching Brief""
Prompt	Planning condition

Project location

Country	England
Site location	SUFFOLK BABERGH HADLEIGH No 112 ANGEL STREET
Postcode	IP7 5BZ

Study area 240 Square metres
 Site coordinates TM 0308 4291 52.046805044727 0.961872971606 52 02 48 N 000 57 42 E
 Point
 Height OD / Depth Min: 29m Max: 30m

Project creators

Name of Organisation John Newman Archaeological Services
 Project brief originator Local Authority Archaeologist and/or Planning Authority/advisory body
 Project design originator John Newman
 Project director/manager John Newman
 Project supervisor John Newman
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