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NAA report in box M7/2 on
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Bicker Fen Substation, near Boston, Lincolnshire

NEGATIVE WATCHING BRIEF REPORT

Site name: Bicker Fen substation

Grid reference: SE 604 524

TF196 385

Parish: Bicker

District: Boston

Administrative authority: Boston Borough Council

Development: New electricity substation

Client: National Grid

Site supervisor: Dave Bartlett

Project manager: Richard Fraser

Date(s): 13/03/07

Report number: 07/94

NAA project number: 630

Site code: BFA06

Reasons for watching brief:

The excavation of the pile cap for a transformer forming part of the new electricity substation was likely to encounter a layer of peat identified during geotechnical drilling. The aim of the monitoring was to attempt to identify this layer, establish the date of the deposit and whether there was any evidence of human activity.

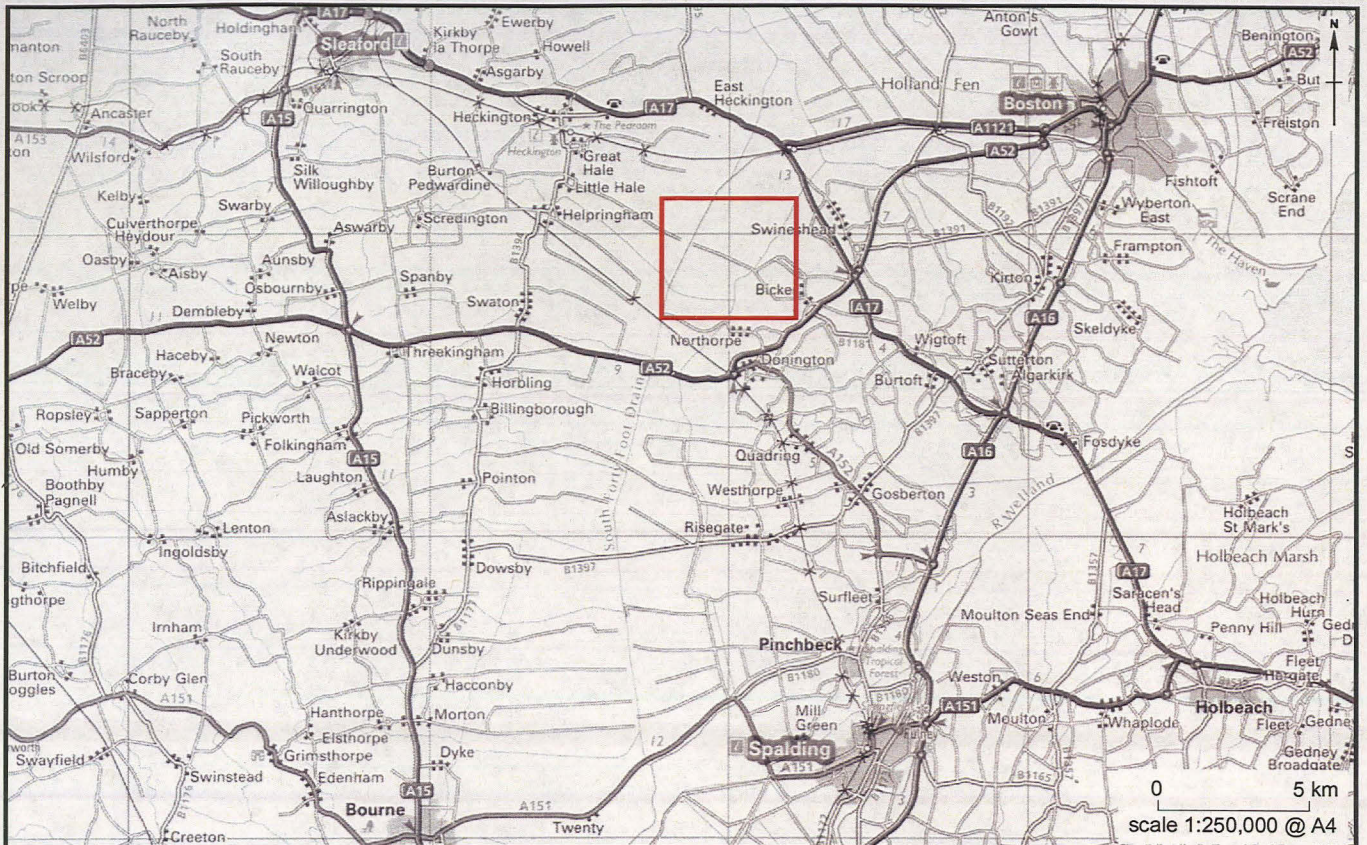
Results:

The pile cap was machine-excavated to a depth of 2.5m. A number of soil layers were identified, none yielded any artefactual material. On one face of the trench a 0.07m–0.28m thick peat horizon was identified at a depth of between 1.8m and 2.2m. The deposit was not present for the full length of the trench, having been truncated by previous activity, possibly the piling operation or as part of earlier drainage. As the deposit had been disturbed, no sample was retained. On the other sides of the trench the peat was not visible and the deepest deposit was a firm yellow-grey clay encountered at a depth of 2m. Overlying this, and the peat horizon, was a band of light grey clay, overlain by 1.6m of brown silty clay which had been identified during earlier excavations (NAA 2007).

Archive deposition The documentation will form part of the main archive for the site (NAA 2007).

Reference

Northern Archaeological Associates (2006) *Bicker Fen Substation, Lincolnshire: Archaeological Monitoring Report* NAA report 07/5



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Figure 1 Bicker Fen Substation: site location