

Archaeological Monitoring at Bungay and Waveney Valley Golf Club Bungay Suffolk

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Summary

Archaeological monitoring (continuous recording) was carried out in advance of the extension to an existing car park at the Waveney Valley Golf Club Bungay (TM 3310 9004). The project was carried out in response to an archaeological brief written by Dr Richard Hoggett of the Suffolk County Council Archaeological Services Conservation Team, dated 25th of February 2015.

During the course of the monitoring no archaeological features or finds were discovered.

1. Introduction

An application made by the client, Tony Webster for the construction of a car park extension at Waveney Valley Golf Club Bungay Suffolk (TM 3310 9004).

The Local Planning Authority (Broads Authority) granted planning consent conditional upon an agreed programme of archaeological investigation work taking place before development in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation which has been submitted to and approved in writing by the LPA. In this instance it was considered that archaeological monitoring of the groundworks was appropriate.

2. Site Location and Description

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2.1 Bungay, a small market town, lies in the Waveney valley, 5.5 miles (9 km) west of Beccles on the edge of The Broads, and at the neck of a meander of the River Waveney, which borders with the county of Norfolk. The site lies along the main A143 to Lowestoft road, just to the south of the junction to the town centre and is known as Outney Common. The topography of the location consists of low-lying fen or Broadland and forms part of the Waveney valley and the Norfolk Broads.

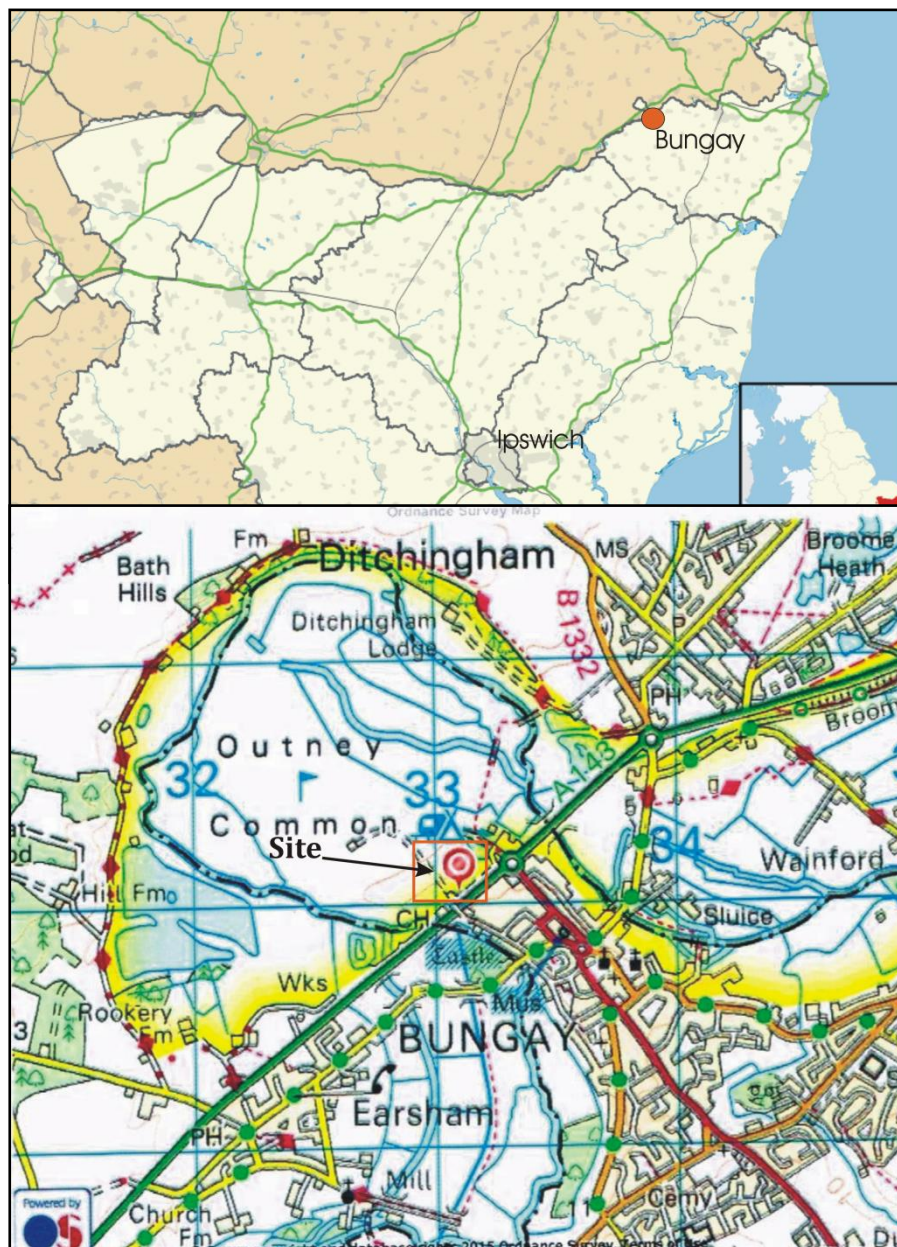


Figure 1. Site location

3. Results

Fieldwork

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

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

3.3 A digital image archive was produced at 10 million pixels resolution, and will form part of the site record to be curated at Suffolk County Council.

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

3.5 Levels were recorded at Ordnance Datum.

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

The Archaeological Recording

3.7 Recording of the groundworks commenced on the 23rd of April 2015. The area for the car park extension, measuring 29.70m by 21.20m was stripped down to the level required to create the hard base for the car park surface by mechanical digger.

3.8 The top soil was removed (1000) down to 0.20m to reveal a mixed subsoil, which was largely made-up (1001) to a further depth of 0.20m. Any archaeology on this site would have existed below (1001). The made-up layer revealed the natural in a small area only where the land rose slightly revealing orangey brown sand, being the natural (1002).

3.9 A further re-cutting of a boundary ditch to the northern perimeter of the car park was also observed, during which time no archaeology was observed.

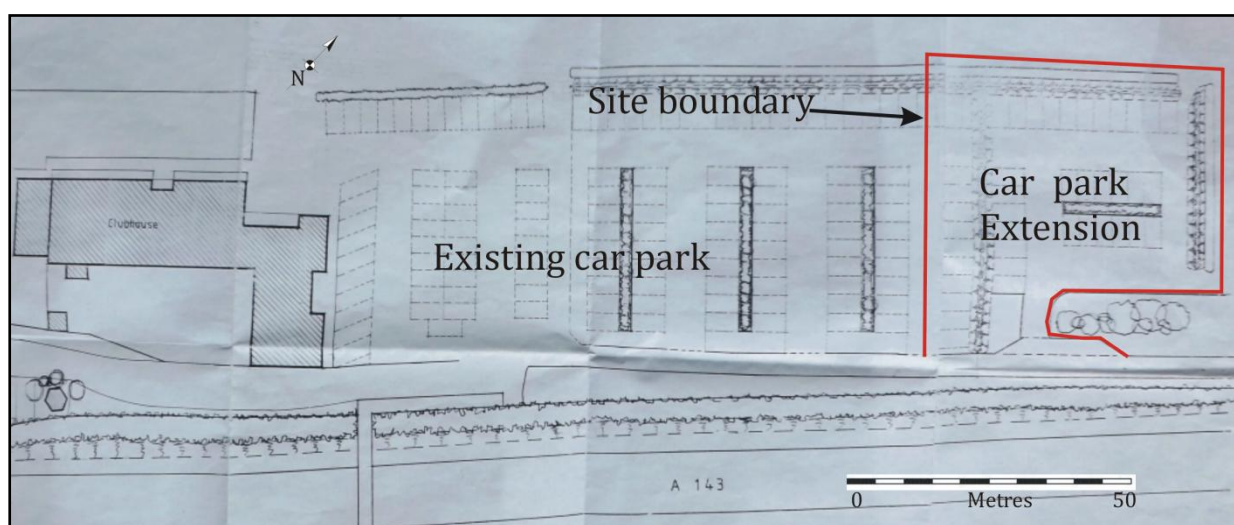


Figure 2. Plan of excavation area/car park extension

4. Discussion

The area under development for the car park had been subjected to previous disturbance, apparently during WW II, when gravel extraction took place here by the USAF for the building of a nearby airfield (pers.comm Mr T webster). Any archaeology that existed here at that time would have been damaged or removed by that process.

6. Conclusion

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

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

Archaeoserv would like to thank Mr Tony Webster of the Waveney Valley Golf Club for commissioning this work.

This report for archaeological recording was written by Dennis Payne BA (Hons) ACIfA (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 north-west



Plate 2. Mid-excavation of car park area, from the west



Plate 3. Post-excavation showing surface (1001), from the west



Plate 4. (1001) from the west



Plate 5. Sample section



Plate 6. Stripped area from the east



Plate 7. Ditch re-cut from the west



Plate 8. Ditch re-cut along northern boundary

