# Archaeological Evaluation on land at South Entrance Saxmundham Suffolk

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### Summary

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Five linear trenches 20.00m long x 1.8m were excavated to cover the area of the new development. The trenches were positioned to target the building footprints as per the trench design (fig.5)

During the evaluation, one feature was recorded, a ditch (undated) which was likely to be 19th century.

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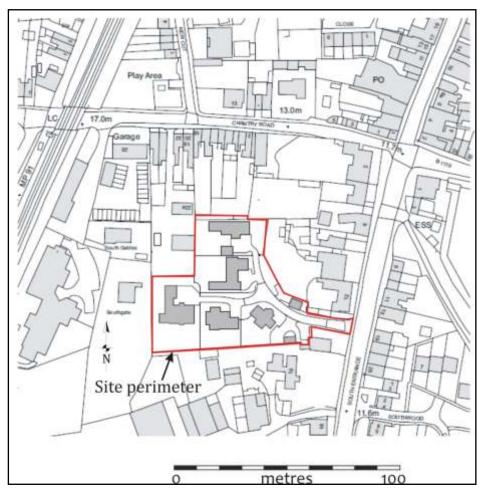
- 1.1 **Geology:** The underlying geology of the site comprises of glaciofluvial drift over Cretaceous sand and or Crag (deep sands). (BGS 191).
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Figure 1. Site location in Saxmundham

### 2. Planning Background

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Figure 2. Block plan showing site location

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(Brief for a Trenched Archaeological Evaluation, dated 15th December 2015, Dr A Antrobus).

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# 4. Cartographic Information



Figure 3. Hodskinson's map of Saxmundham, 17



Figure 4. Ordnance Survey of Saxmundham, 1880's, showing site as open ground with tree growth

#### 5. Results

#### 5.1 Fieldwork

- 5.11 Five trenches were excavated across the footprints of the proposed new dwellings, each were excavated at 20m length by 1,80m width.
- 5.12 Each trench was drawn to a scale of 1:50; sections of the trench were drawn to a scale of 1:10.
- 5.13 A metal detector survey was carried out at all stages of the project.
- 5.14 A digital image archive was produced and will form part of the site record to be curated at Hollow Road, Bury St Edmunds.
- 5.15 Site plans and sections were digitized to archive standard, reduced versions of which are included in this report.
- 5.16 The evaluation was carried out using standard practices in archaeology to ClfA standards. The work also considered the eastern counties frameworks standards as laid down in : Medlycott, M. 2011 Research and Archaeology Revised: A Revised Framework for the East of England East Anglian. Archaeology. Occ. Paper. 24

#### 5.2 The Evaluation Trenches

Trench 1, was devoid of any archaeology. The top soil (1000) was 0.50m deep; the subsoil (1001) was 0.40m deep; the natural (1002) was exposed to a depth of 0.10m.

Trench 2, was devoid of any archaeology. The top soil (1000) was 0.15m deep; the subsoil (1001) was 0.30m deep; the natural (1002) was exposed in plan.

Trench 3 contained a small ditch [1004], filled by (1005), a silty sand. The width was 1m, length exposed, 1.15m, depth, 0.27m. The top soil (1000) was 0.45m deep; the subsoil (1001) was 0.24m deep; the natural (1002) was exposed in plan.

Trench 4, was devoid of any archaeology. The top soil (1000) was 0.35m deep; the subsoil (1001) was 0.20m deep; the natural (1002) was exposed in plan.

Trench 5, was devoid of any archaeology. The top soil (1000) was 0.30m deep; the subsoil (1001) was 0.30m deep; the natural (1002) was exposed in plan.

# 5.3 Contexts Table 2.

Context No.	Description	Comments
(1000)	Top soil	n/a
(1001)	Sub soil	n/a
(1002)	Natural sandy clay	n/a
[1003]	Cut of ditch	Boundary -undated
(1004)	Fill of ditch	disuse

#### 5.4 Plan and Sections

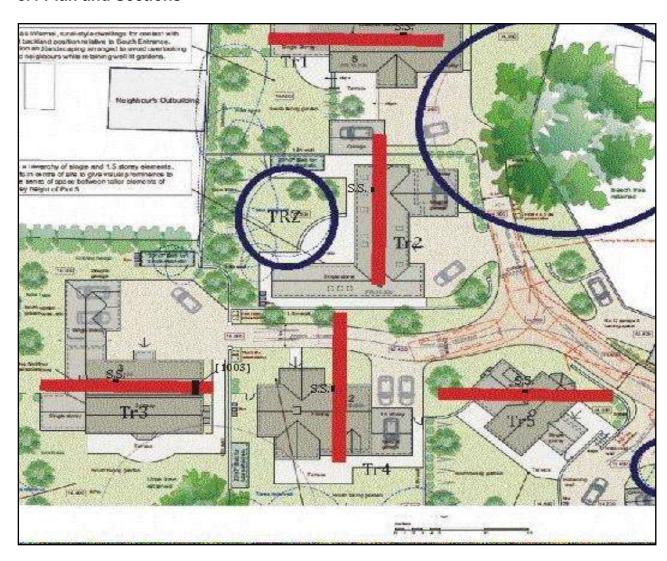


Figure 7. Trench location plan-post-excavation (showing sample sections and ditch feature in Tr 3)

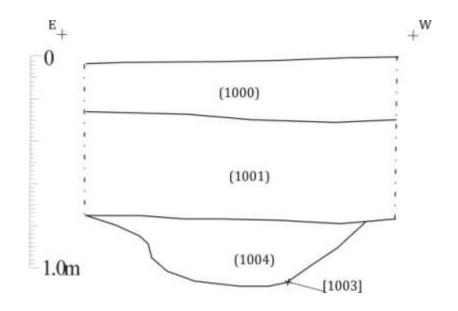


Figure 8. Ditch [1003] section in Tr 3

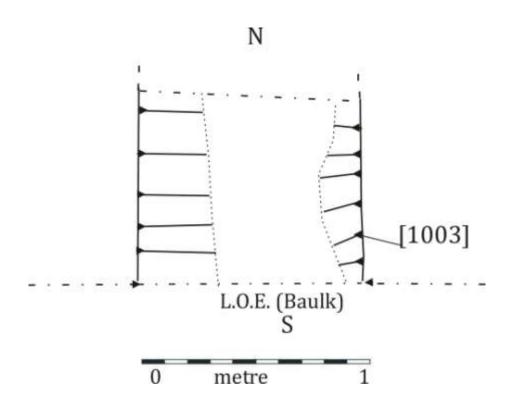


Figure 9. Plan of ditch [1003], scale, 1:10

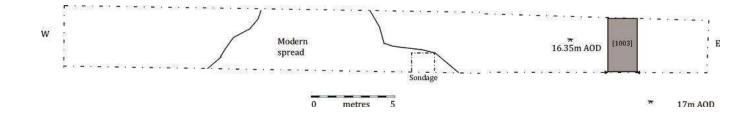


Figure 10. Tr 3 post-excavation plan, scale: 1:50

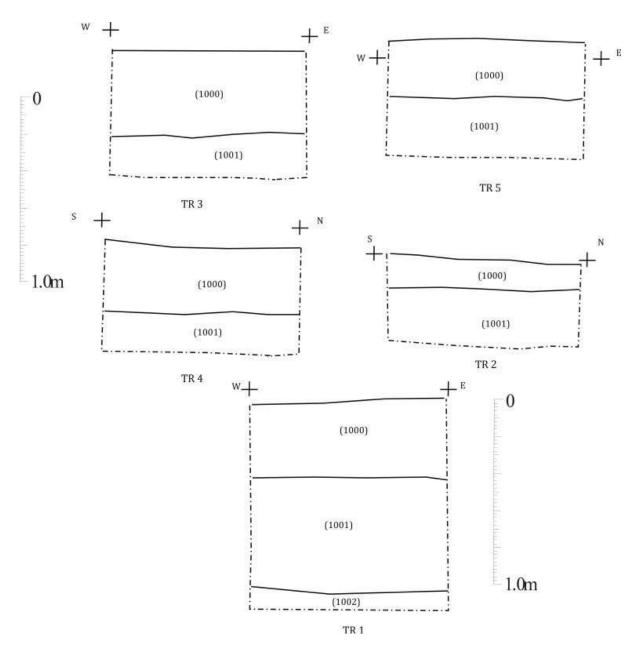


Figure 11. Sample sections, scale 1:10

#### 6. Interpretation and Discussion

6.1 Only one trench produced any archaeology, Tr 3, which contained a single linear ditch [1003], undated with no finds. The trench also contained a spread or layer, which was investigated by a small sondage trench, which only produced modern finds. None of the other trenches (trenches 1, 2, 4, & 5) produced any archaeology or finds.

6.2 This evaluation was designed to locate any archaeological features within the development area. Only one feature was located and not datable.

#### 7. Conclusion

The evaluation was successful in demonstrating that no significant archaeology was present within the development and therefore little or no archaeology will be compromised by the proposed development there.

#### 8. Archive Deposition

The paper and photographic archive will be held at the County Store, Hollow Road, Bury St Edmunds.

A digital record and copies of the report can be viewed at The Historic Environment Record office, Hollow Road, Bury St Edmunds and online at: http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/project/policy.html.

### 9. Acknowledgements

The author would like to thank Jonathan Woodruff of Geoestates Ltd who funded the project and commissioned this work.

This report for archaeological evaluation was written by Dennis Payne BA (Hons) ACIfA (Archaeoserv), who also managed the project and carried out the field-work. Hannah Cutler of the SCCA/CT produced the brief for this project.

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# Appendix I: Digital Images



Plate 1. Ditch section [1003]



Plate 2. Ditch [1003]



Plate 3. Tr 3. Sample section, Tr 3



Plate 4. Trench 3, post-excavation, view from the east



Plate 5. Tr 4, sample section



Plate 6. Tr 4, Post-excavation, veiw from the north



Plate 7. Tr 5. sample section



Plate 8. Trench 5, veiw from the east



Plate 9. Trench 2, sample section



Plate 10. Trench 2, post-excavation, veiw from the south



Plate 11. sample section



Plate 12. Trench 1. veiw from the east

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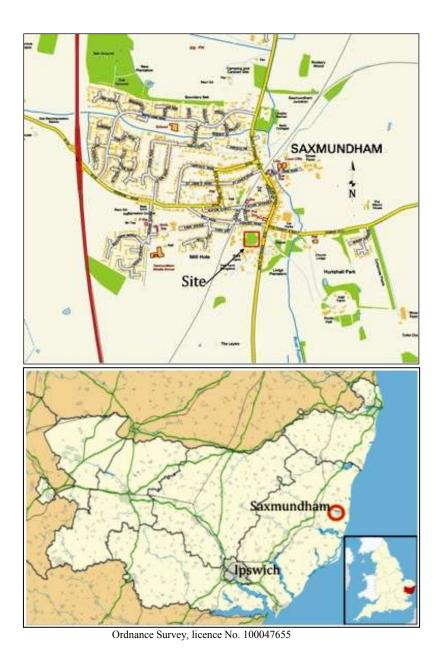
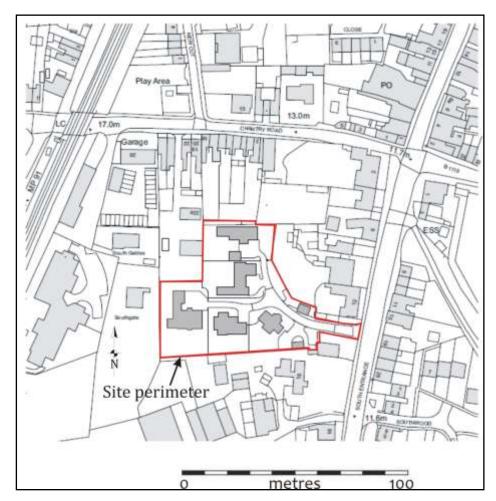


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#### 5. Methodology of Evaluation

- 5.1 This specification has been prepared in response to the above referred to SCCA/CT brief, incorporating information of the available sources from the Suffolk Records Office and the Historic Environment Record.
- 5.2 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.
- 5.3 A risk assessment will be carried out in consultation with the site owner to ensure that all potential risks are minimised.
- 5.4 In order to inform the archaeological mitigation strategy, the following work will be carried out: to provide a record of archaeological deposits which might be damaged or removed by any development (including services and landscaping) permitted by the current planning consent. The results of this evaluation will enable the archaeological resource, both in quality and extent, to be accurately quantified. Decisions on the need for and scope of any mitigation measures, should there be any archaeological find of significance, will be based upon result of the evaluation and will be subject to an additional specification.
- 5.5 This evaluation will identify the date, approximate form and purpose of any archaeological deposit within the application area, together with its likely extent, localised depth and quality of preservation. Evaluate the likely impact of past land uses, and the possible presence of masking colluvial/alluvial deposits. Also, to establish the potential of the survival of environmental evidence. Sufficient information to construct an archaeological conservation strategy, dealing with preservation, the recording of archaeological deposits, working practises, timetables and orders of costs.
- 5.6 This project will be carried through in a manner broadly consistent with English Heritage's *Management of Archaeological Projects*, 1991 (*MAP* 2). Field evaluation is to be followed by the preparation of a full archive and report with an assessment of any potential archaeological or environmental evidence. Any further excavation required as mitigation will be the responsibility of SCCAS/CT to advise. Each stage will be subject of a brief and updated project design; this document covers only the evaluation stage. The developer or DPAS will give SCCAS/CT (address as above) five working days notice of the commencement of ground works on the site, to enable the archaeological work to be monitored.

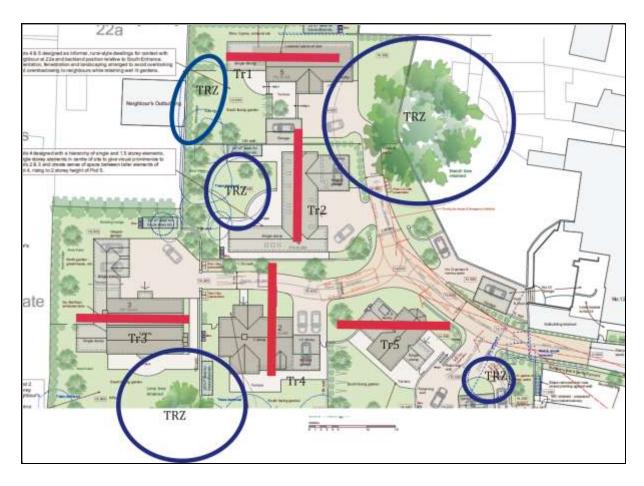


Figure 5. Trench location plan (TRZ: Tree Root Protection Zones)

#### The Evaluation Trenches

- 5.7 Five linear trenches 20.00m long x 1.8m wide will be excavated to cover the area of the new development. The trenches will be positioned to target the building footprints as per the trench design (fig.5) and will allow for spoiling and access by staff and visitors.
- 5.8 The Excavation will be by mechanised using a toothless 'ditching bucket'. A scale plan showing the proposed location of the trial trenching shown above and the detailed trench design must be approved by SCCAS/CT before field work begins. The top soil will be mechanically removed using an appropriate machine with a backacting arm down to the interface layer between topsoil and subsoil or other visible archaeological surface.
- 5.9 All machine excavation is to be under the direct control and supervision of an archaeologist. The topsoil will be examined for any archaeological material.
- 5.10 The top of the first archaeological deposit will, if necessary, be initiated by machine, but further cleaning will be done by hand. The excavation of any archaeological deposits will be continued by hand unless it can be shown that there will be no loss of evidence by using a machine. The decision as to the proper method of excavation will be made by the senior project archaeologist, taking into account the nature of the deposit.

- 5.11 As in all evaluation excavation work there is the need to cause the minimum of disturbance to the site so that significant archaeological features e.g. solid or bonded structural remains, building slots or post holes, should be preserved intact even if fills are sampled.
- 5.12 For linear features, 1.00m wide slots (min) will be excavated across their width.
- 5.13 For discrete features such as pits, 50% of their fill will be sampled (in some instances 100% may be requested).
- 5.14 Sufficient excavation will be made to give clear evidence for the period, depth and nature of any archaeological deposit. The depth and nature of colluvial or other masking deposits will be established. All archaeological features exposed will be planned at a minimum scale of 1:50 or 1:20 on a plan. Any stratigraphic sequences encountered will be recorded in section at a scale of 1:10 or 1:20. Any structures, for example, hearths, kilns and other significant finds will be excavated and recorded in plan and by single context recording where required. In the event that no stratigraphic sequences are encountered, sections and features in plan will be hand cleaned and will be drawn to either 1:10 or 1:20 scale depending on the size, and details of any features and deposits will be fully recorded.
- 5.15 All contexts will be numbered and finds recorded by context.
- 5.16 All levels will relate to Ordnance Datum.
- 5.17 All contexts will be recorded using numbered context sheets containing descriptions and sketches of the deposits and finds that might be encountered.
- 5.18 Best practise will be employed to allow for the sampling of archaeological deposits. All archaeological contexts will, where possible, be sampled for the potential of the site, taking, at a minimum, 40 litre bulk samples (using sealable containers designed for the purpose) or 100% of smaller features. These containers, before leaving site, will be clearly marked by the site team showing from which context they were taken. Environmental samples will be sent to the relevant specialist for flotation and analysis resulting in the specialists report for inclusion into the final report. Where waterlogged 'organic' features are encountered, advice will be sought from a geoarchaeologist or environmental specialist, and if necessary, will be invited to the site to consider all options available. This should include the extraction of monolith samples, whether by the site team or the specialist. If rich or unusual features are encountered, further advice will be sought from the RSA before any attempt to remove them is made.
- 5.19 Should it be deemed necessary, the guide to sampling Archaeological deposits (Murphy, P.L & Wiltshire., P.E.J., 1994). A guide to Sampling Archaeological deposits for environmental analysis) will be consulted. Copy held for viewing by SCCAS/CT. Advice will also be sought from Zoe Outram, English Heritage Regional adviser for Archaeological science (East of England), should the need arise.

- 5.20 Any natural subsoil surface revealed will be hand cleaned and examined for archaeological deposits and artefacts. Sample excavation of any archaeological features revealed may be necessary in order to gauge their date and character
- 5.21 Metal detector searches of the site will be undertaken at all stages of the excavation.
- 5.22 All finds will be collected and processed (unless variations in this principle are agreed with SCCAS/CT during the course of the evaluation).
- 5.23 The data recording methods and conventions used will be consistent with, and approved by, the County HER
- 5.24 Any human remains discovered during the course of the evaluation will be left in situ unless it can be shown that removal is necessary. In the event that human remains have to be removed, then proper respect will be accorded any remains encountered. Possible human remains will be cleaned to allow positive identification and fully recorded upon skeleton context sheets. Any remains observed will be related to the relevant authorities before removal takes place. The client will make contingency for a Licence to disturb the remains, and DPAS will also inform SCCA/CT before any removal takes place. The Ministry Of Justice states the following guidelines for encountering human remains: . In the event of discovery of any human remains the archaeological contractor should inform the client, the County Archaeological Service, the Coroner, the Police and the Ministry of Justice via the submission of an application form for the 'Archaeological/Accidental/Site Investigation Licence regarding the disturbance of human remains'. The Human remains should be left in-situ, covered and protected. Where a licence for their excavation is issued by the Ministry of Justice, the requirements of that licence should be followed. Where the Ministry of Justice is unable to issue a licence and it is reasonably determined that the remains are likely to be subject to further unavoidable disturbance or deterioration the archaeological contractor should inform the client and Ministry of Justice of their intention to excavate the remains with due decency and in accordance with the general 5 conditions formerly attached to licences issued for excavation of human remains under similar circumstances. (MOJ)
- 5.25 All work will be undertaken to Institute for Archaeologists (ACIfA) and Museum of London Archaeology Service (Molas) standards.
- 5.26 The project will be managed and undertaken by Dennis Payne BA (Hons) ACIfA with extensive experience in undertaking archaeological evaluations. One further site assistant, with the relevant experience, will be appointed as deemed necessary.
- 5.27 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.

- 5.28 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.
- 5.29 Finds will be conserved where required and ordered into an archive.

#### 6. Aims and Objectives of the project

- 6.1 To provide as much information about the archaeological resources within the proposed development site.
- 6.2 To comply with SCCAS/CT request for an archaeological evaluation as part of the planning process for the new development.
- 6.3 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.
- 6.4 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.
- 6.5 To evaluate the likely impact of land uses in the past and the possible presence of colluvial/alluvial deposits.
- 6.6 Assess the condition, nature, character, quality and date of any archaeological remains encountered.
- 6.7 To preserve by recording, any evidence of the potential for survival of any environmental deposits of the area.
- 6.8 Research questions allied to this project will focus upon the potential for finding Iron Age, Roman and or early medieval and successive period deposits relating to the numerous small finds made in the locality of the current development. The proximity of the church to the current site suggests that buried deposits relating to the early development of Saxmundham may be present at this location.

# 7. Health, Safety and Environment

- 7.1 A risk assessment strategy covering all activities will be carried out during the lifetime of the project.
- 7.2 All work will be carried out in accordance with current health and safety legislation and every care will be taken to minimise the environmental impact.

#### 8. Back Filling & Reinstatement

Backfilling of trenches is included in the cost unless otherwise agreed with the client (Jonathan Woodruff) of Geoestates Ltd.).

#### 9. 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.

#### 10. Monitoring arrangements

- 10.1 Curatorial responsibility lies with Suffolk County Council Archaeology (Conservation Team). 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).
- 10.2 Access is required to the site at all reasonable times to allow for monitoring by SCCA/CT or their agents and ARCHAEOSERV -DPAS.
- 10.3 Internal monitoring will be the responsibility of Dennis Payne.

### 11. 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, 2015`` for the county store, being the intended depository.

# 12. Reporting Procedures

- 12.1 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 Dr Abby Antrobus (SCCAS/CT) for approval.
- 12.2 The report will reflect the aims of the WSI by giving an objective account of the archaeological evidence, clearly distinguished from its interpretation.
- 12.2A 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).

- 12.3 An opinion may be given within the report for further evaluation or excavation work based upon the findings. A mitigation strategy will be written to how best preserve any archaeological deposits or finds encountered.
- 12.4 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.
- 12.5 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 Suffolk Coastal District Council Conservation officer.

In addition a summary report will be submitted into the OASIS project.

A CD Rom will be submitted of the report.

#### 13. 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.

### 14. Other factors (including contingency)

- 14.1 Contingency will be made for operational delays including weather.
- 14.2 Contingency will be expected of the client for significant archaeology discovered as a result of the evaluation.
- 14.3 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.
- 14.4 Contingency will be expected of the client in the event that human remains are discovered in the course of the trench excavations.

#### 15. Resources

- 15.1 The evaluation will be undertaken by Dennis Payne BA (Hons) ACIfA and additional staff as necessary using standard archaeological field techniques.
- 15.2 Recognised specialists will be sought in the event that other data are retrieved in the course of the trench excavations.

#### 16. Insurance statement

Public and professional indemnity of £2,000,000 with Towergate Insurance is in place for this project.

### 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

- 18.1 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.
- 18.2 All material deemed Treasure Trove will be subject to the investigations of the Coroner.

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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

Bates, Sarah 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

Curl, July Human bones

French, Dr. C.A.I Soil micromorphology

Goffin, Richenda Post Roman Pottery; medieval 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

West, Anna Environmental