

**Archaeological Evaluation on Land adjacent to Pottery House
Pottery Hill
Wattisfield
Suffolk**

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Site References

Site Code:		NGR	TM013745
Planning Ref	DC/18/01797/FUL	OASIS	321466
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Summary

An archaeological evaluation was carried out by way of trenching in advance of the erection of a single new dwelling adjacent to Pottery House Wattisfield Suffolk. It has been written in response to an archaeological brief written by Hannah Cutler of the Suffolk County Council Archaeological Services Conservation Team, dated 11th of June 2018.

A single trench was excavated to the extent of 15m by 1.80m width to cover the area of the development.

During the evaluation no archaeology was noted, nor any finds made from the up-cast spoil.

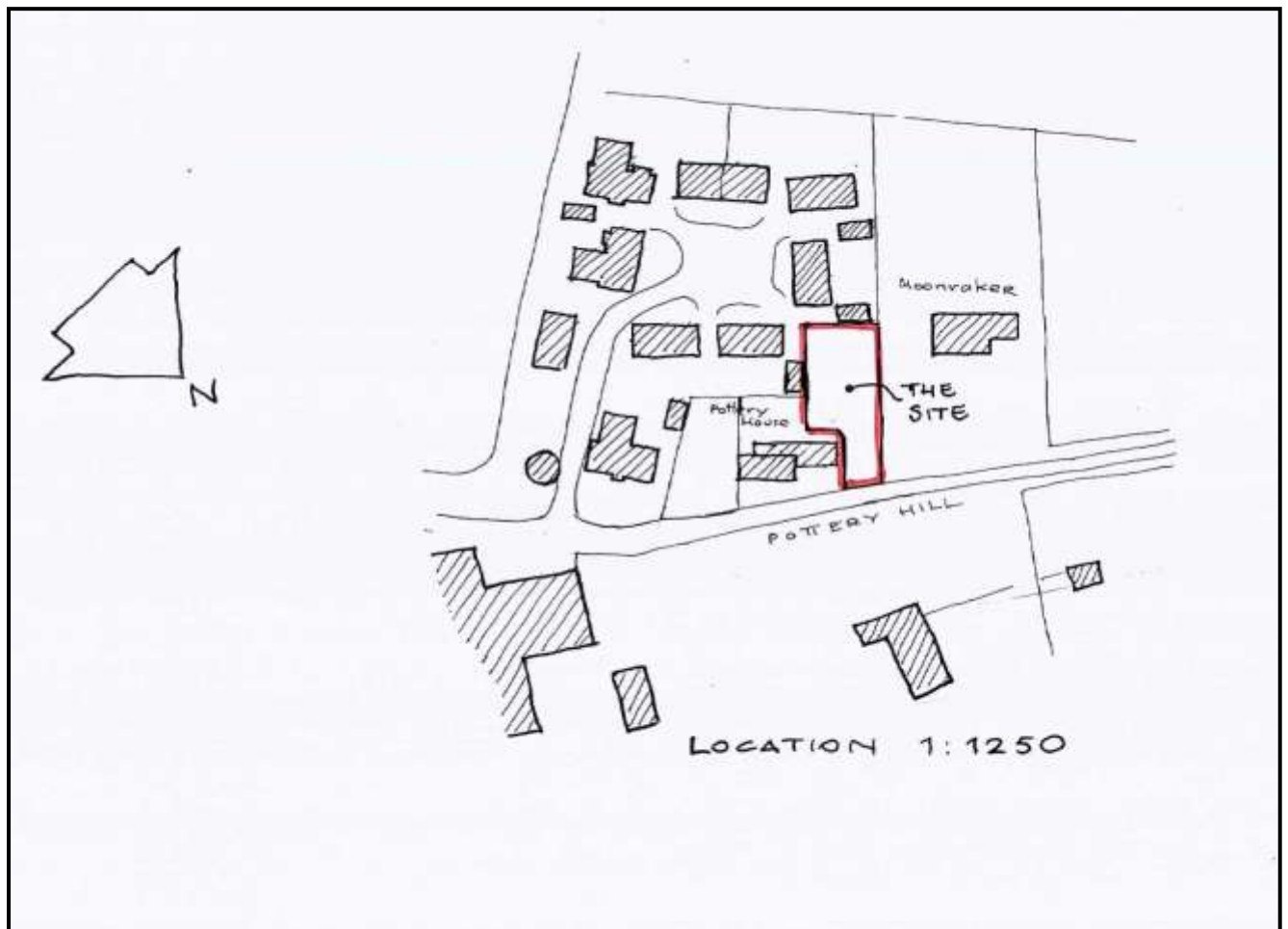
1. Site Geology Location and Description

1.1 The superficial geology is heterogeneous sand and gravel and silt (BGS. 190).

1.2 The site is located on Pottery Hill Wattisfield, at 47m AOD.

2. Planning Background

2.1 The planning application No. DC/18/01797/FUL was granted by Mid Suffolk District Council, for the erection of 1 new dwelling on land adjacent to Pottery House Pottery Hill Wattisfield Suffolk.



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Figure 2. Block plan showing site location

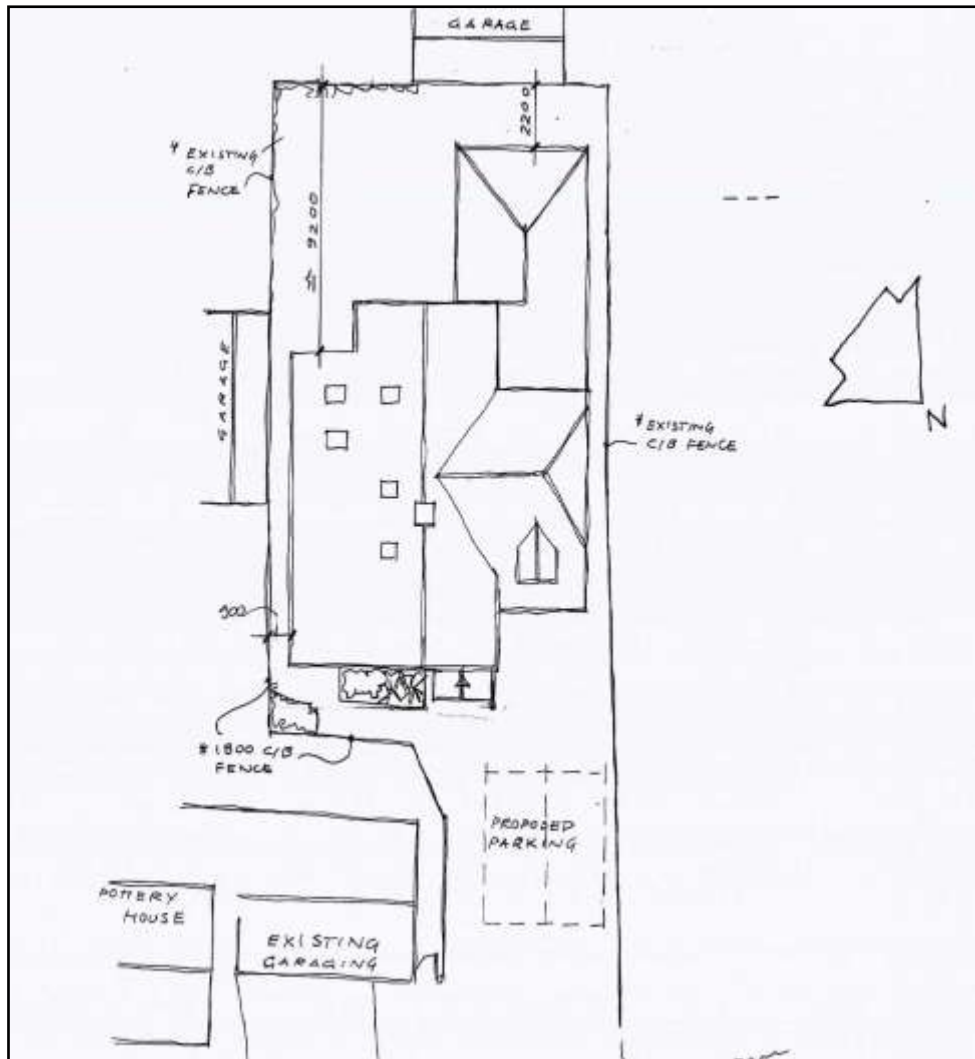


Figure 2. Plan showing the proposed development

2.2 In order to ensure that satisfactory arrangements are made for the investigation, retrieval and recording of any possible archaeological remains on the site and to comply with Policy of the Council's Local Plan, the conditions state *"No development shall take place within the application site until the implementation of a programme of archaeological work has been secured, in accordance with a written scheme of investigation which has been submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Local Planning Authority.*

Reason: To safeguard archaeological assets within the approved development boundary from impacts relating to any groundworks associated with the development scheme and to ensure the proper and timely investigation, recording, reporting and presentation of archaeological assets affected by this development. This condition is required to be agreed prior to the commencement of any development to ensure matters of archaeological importance are preserved and secured early to ensure avoidance of damage or loss due to the development and/or its construction. If agreement was sought at any later stage there is an unacceptable risk of loss and damage to archaeological and historic assets. (MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL grant of permission ref: (DC/18/01797/FUL.)

This condition is in accordance with the National Planning and Policy Framework (NPPF, DCLD 2012) which replaces Planning Policy Statement 5: Planning for the Historic Environment (PPS5, DCLG 2010).

3. Archaeological and Historical Background

3.1 Archaeological Background

The SCCA/CT Brief for this application states: *This site lies in an area of archaeological potential recorded on the County Historic Environment Record. Wattisfield is an area of dense archaeological records. There are numerous finds and features found nearby of Roman age (WSF 018, 033, 017, 003, 037, 047). There are also prehistoric remains (WSF 051, 039, 020, 040) and significant post medieval remains structures and remains associated with pottery and brick making (WSF 003, 056, 061). Thus, there is high potential for the discovery of below-ground heritage assets of archaeological importance within this area, and groundworks associated with the development have the potential to damage or destroy any archaeological remains which exist. (SCCA/CT Brief 2018).*

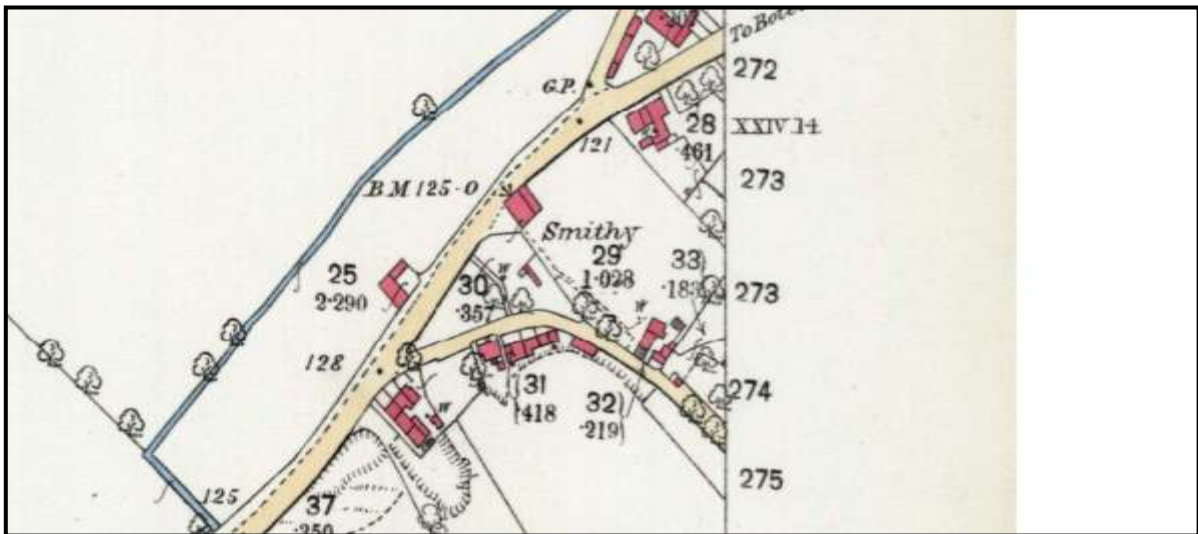
3.2 Historical background

The site lies within part of the medieval and post-medieval core of the village. Pottery lane has long since been associated with pottery production, as the name would suggest. Close to this location there have been pottery kilns found dating back to the Roman period and the site continued to be favoured for pottery production through to the 19th century; a 19th c. kiln can still be seen at Henry Watsons Potteries, immediately east of the current development.

4.0 cartographic Information



Figure 3. Hodkinson's map of Wattisfield, 1783



**Figure. 4 The 1st ed. Ordnance Survey of Wattisfield (Pottery Hill)
(6 inch series)**

5.0 Results

5.1 A single trench was excavated across the footprint of the proposed new dwelling, the trench was 15m in length by 1.80m in width.

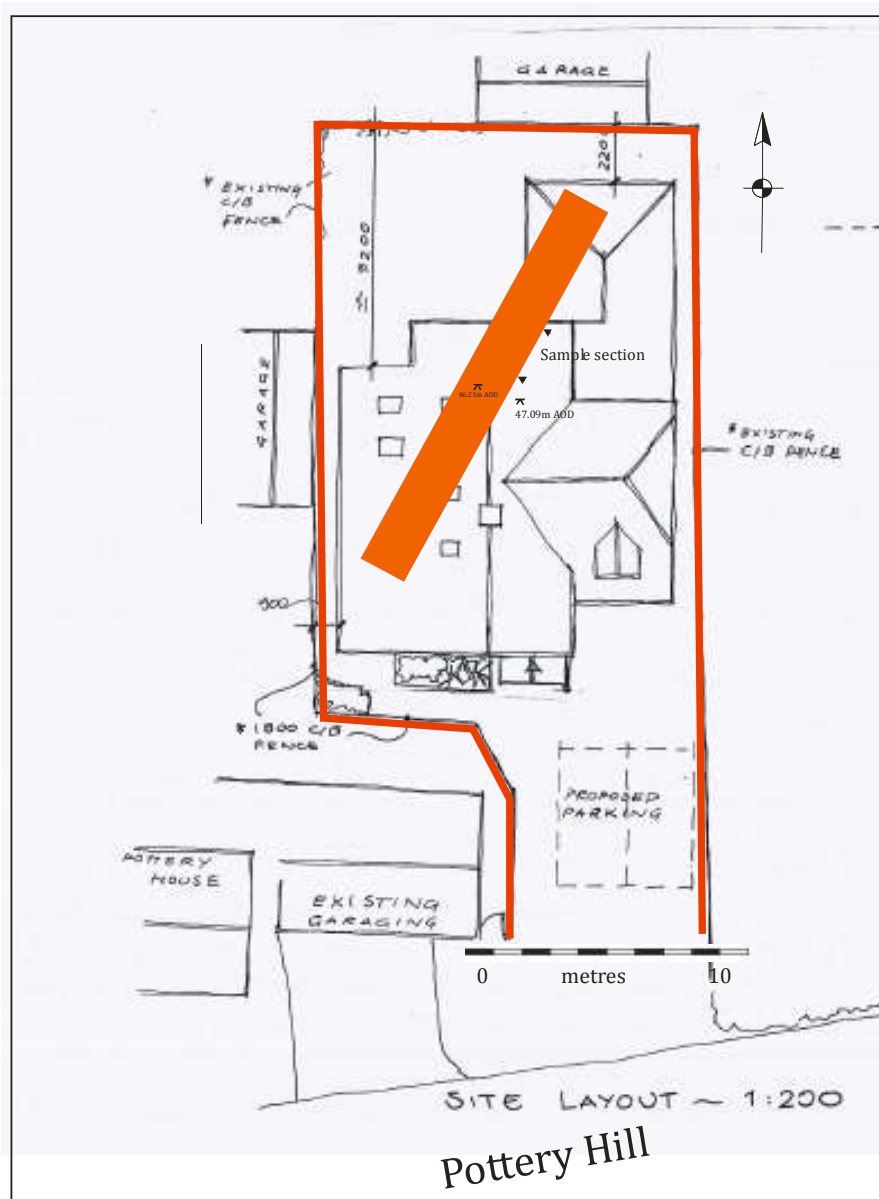
Within the trench, the ground had been disturbed down to the natural level/horizon where considerable 20th century building debris was noted. In some areas the building debris was sunk into pits containing further modern waste products. No archaeology was seen throughout the trench or within the up-cast soils.

5.2 Contexts

Context No.	Description	Comments
(1000)	Top soil ; 0.10m deep	n/a
(1001)	Sub-soil, 0.70m deep (maximum)	Much disturbed old plough soil with modern building debris
(1002)	Natural sandy clay	n/a

Table 1.

5.4 Plans & Sections



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Figure 5. Trench location plan-post-excavation

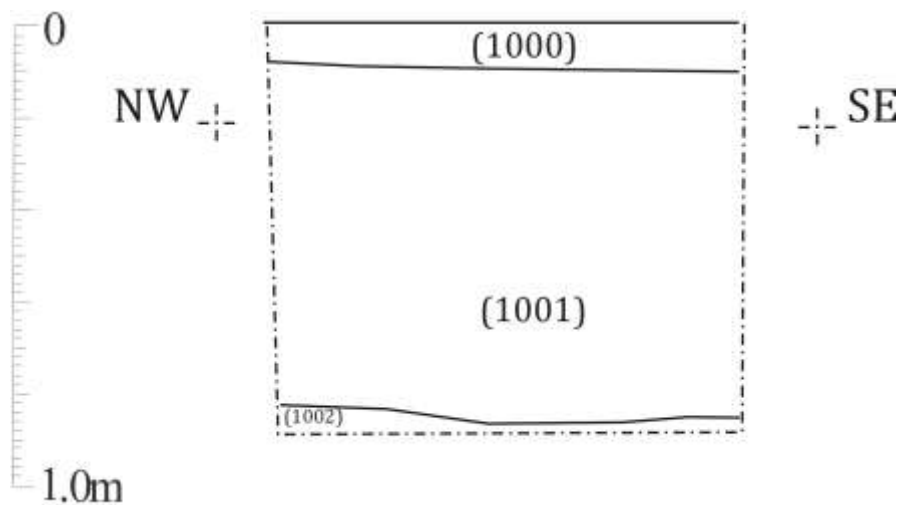


Figure 6. Sample Section

6. Interpretation and Discussion

6.1 This evaluation was designed to locate any archaeological features within the development area. No features were seen throughout the 15m of trenching, nor any finds made within the up-cast soils.

7. Conclusion

The evaluation was successful in demonstrating that no archaeology was present within the development and therefore no archaeology will be compromised by the proposed development . No further work is expected on this site.

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

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Appendix I: Digital Images



Plate 1. Pre-excavation view of the site, from the east



Plate 2. Post-excavation Trench , from the south-west



Plate 3. Sample section, viewed from the south
