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#### Abstract

From the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015, Britannia Archaeology Ltd (BA) undertook a trial trench evaluation on land at 83 Moorfield Road, Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire (TL 47940 47100), as part of a scheme of pre-planning archaeological works in advance of the construction of 18 houses and associated works. A design brief issued by Cambridgeshire County Council Historic Environment Team (CCC HET) required an evaluation comprising of 7 trenches each measuring 25.00m x 1.80m.

Background research for the project indicated that evidence for late Iron Age and Roman activity was most likely to be encountered. Significant Iron Age and Roman pottery production sites exist close to the area of works, with further evidence of Roman agricultural activity in the immediate area.

No archaeological features were identified and no finds were recovered from the site. It is likely that no archaeology is present on the area of works, given the lack of any archaeological material scattered by ploughing in the agricultural subsoil.



#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

From the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015, Britannia Archaeology Ltd (BA) undertook a trial trench evaluation on Land at 83 Moorfield Road, Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire (TL 47940 47100), (Fig. 1) as part of a scheme of pre-planning archaeological works in advance of the construction of 15 houses and associated works. A design brief issued by Cambridgeshire County Council Historic Environment Team (CCC HET) (Thomas, A. 20<sup>th</sup> October 2015) required an evaluation comprising of 7 trenches each measuring 25.00m x 1.80m.

#### 2.0 SITE DESCRIPTION

The site is located on the southern edge of the village of Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire. The site lies directly north of the A505 road on a single parcel of land which is currently an open field not under plough, (Fig. 1). The bedrock geology is described as Holywell Nodular Chalk Formation, a sedimentary Bedrock formed approximately 89 to 100 million years ago in the Cretaceous Period (BGS, 2015).

Superficial deposits at the site are described as Lowestoft Formation - Diamicton. These superficial deposits formed up to 2 million years ago in the Quaternary Period when the local environment was previously dominated by ice age conditions. (BGS, 2015).

#### 3.0 PLANNING POLICIES

The archaeological investigation was to be carried out on the recommendation of the County Council (CCC HET), following guidance laid down by the *National Planning and Policy Framework* (NPPF, DCLD 2012) which replaced *Planning Policy Statement 5: Planning for the Historic Environment* (PPS5, DCLG 2010) in March 2012. The relevant local planning policy is the *South Cambridgeshire Local Development Framework* (2007).

#### 4.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND (Figures 2 & 3)

The following archaeological background utilises the Cambridgeshire Historic Environment Record (HER) (1.1km search centred on the site), Historic England PastScape (www.pastscape.org.uk), and the Archaeological Data Service (www.ads.ahds.ac.uk) (ADS) (Fig. 2 & 3). No listed building records were returned within 100m of the site.



The site is located in the village of Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire, which is located approximately 20km south of the city of Cambridge.

The CHER search returned 12 relevant entries to the current site dating to the prehistoric period.

Significant evidence of earlier prehistoric activity is noted in the CHER search area. The earliest record (MCB 18239) relates to a group of Late Mesolithic flints recovered from a tree throw recovered during an evaluation at the Red Lion, Whittlesford Bridge in 2008, and is located 430m north east of the site.

Neolithic activity (11306A) is recorded at Hinxton Quarry 600m east of the site where an extremely high density of surface lithics and burnt flint were recovered. Further investigations at Hinxton Quarry have revealed a ditch with a V-shaped profile which contained a Bronze Age scraper and two Neolithic flakes. A late Neolithic transverse arrowhead was found on one of the spoil heaps which is at best indicative of land use in Neolithic times.

Evidence for later prehistoric activity is located 350m north east of the site where a single inhumation accompanied by a Bronze Age beaker (04105) was discovered. 04093 and 10483 located 500m and 800m respectively south west of the site both date to the Bronze Age. 04093 relates to the discovery of a spearhead found in 1944, while 10483 refers to program of evaluations in fields to the east of Duxford airport. The work comprised of field walking and trial trenching. The trial trenching revealed a Bronze Age ditch system and enclosure. Remains dating to the Iron Age are scant, however two records were returned by the CHER search.

The closest record to the site (MCB20152) relates to a pottery production site and agricultural use on land east of Moorfield Road, Duxford. The site was primarily used for agriculture, with two adjoining curvilinear enclosures surrounded by large ditches which were recut or replaced by new ditches. The excavations revealed a large quantity of middle Iron Age to 1st Century AD pottery.

Eight records are present within the search area dating to the Roman period. The most significant record (MCB19677) relating to the site refers to the pottery production site at Moorfield Road where along with the Iron Age remains a significant Roman pottery



production site was discovered. The site, which had six pottery kilns, contained large pottery assemblages and kiln plates used to create suspended floors. The pottery recovered suggests a short time span of AD50-80. All the kilns consisted of a stokehole leading into a circular kiln chamber giving a 'keyhole' shape and were aligned roughly east to west. They were all cut into the natural chalk and a thick layer of clay lining applied to the walls. Both the pottery production and use of the site for agriculture came to an abrupt end in the later 1st century. Further Roman remains are located further to the south approximately 200m where excavations revealed a number of Romano-British ditches which may be part of a *temenos*, a boundary surrounding the sacred space around a temple. Roman remains in the wider search area include Romano-British field systems (09741) approximately 400m west of the site and a Roman Farmstead and corn drying Kiln (09738) located in Hinxton 700m south east of the site.

Two records relevant to the site are Anglo-Saxon in date. 11892 refers to a record 400m to the east and relates to an area identified as a possible Anglo Saxon hundred or wapentake meeting place. 700m to the south east, the excavations at Hinxton Quarry (11306B) revealed evidence for Anglo-Saxon occupation in the form of two grubenhäuser and a series of pits. Material recovered from the features included pottery, worked bone, animal bone, clay loom weights and fragments of lava quern stones.

The medieval period is represented by 11 monument records returned by the CHER search making it the best represented period in the 1km search area. The most relevant records to the current site returned by the search are 01007A and 01263. 01007A is located directly south of the site, and relates to excavations revealed a Saxo-Norman manorial complex. 01263 is located 600m directly south of the site and is a moated manorial site. The remains of a dry double-moated enclosure are present. The moat has been partially destroyed on the western side by modern housing. The remaining parts of the moat are 112m long, 10m wide and 1.60m deep. No remains are located where the manor house is believed to have stood.

The post-medieval period returned 5 monument records from the CHER. The closest post medieval monument record to the site (01007) is a post-medieval *paterre* located 200m south of the site. One record 04094 located 350m to the west relates to a brick kiln present on an 1812 enclosure map eventually cleared away in 1870.



Given the above records the site has a specific potential for **late Iron Age** and **Roman** features and finds, relating to the adjacent Late Iron Age and Roman pottery production site to the south.

#### 5.0 PROJECT AIMS

The CCC HET brief stated that the evaluation should aim to determine the location, extent, date, character, condition, significance and quality of any surviving archaeological remains liable to be threatened by the proposed development and an adequate representative sample of all areas where archaeological remains are potentially threatened should be studied. Additionally the evaluation was required to define the nature and extent of any mitigation works that may be required. (Thomas, A. Brief, Section 3.1 & 3.2).

All aspects of the evaluation will be undertaken in accordance with the CIfA Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Field Evaluations, 2014.

#### 6.0 PROJECT OBJECTIVES

Specific objectives outlined in the brief state that a particular importance be placed on:

- · the amount of truncation to buried deposits,
- the presence or absence of a palaeosol or 'B' horizon,
- the preservation of deposits within negative features,
- · site formation processes.

An assessment of the environmental potential of the site through examination of suitable deposits must also be arranged with a suitably qualified specialist. Attention should be paid:

- to the retrieval of charred plant macrofossils and land molluscs from former dryland palaeosols and cut features, and to soil pollen analysis;
- to the retrieval of plant macrofossils, insect, molluscs and pollen from waterlogged deposits located.



 provision for the absolute dating of critical contacts should be made: eg the basal contacts of peats over former dryland surfaces; distinct landuse or landmark change in urban contexts

#### 7.0 FIELDWORK METHODOLOGY

In accordance with the CCC HET brief, 175.00 meters of trial trenching was excavated in advance of the construction of 15 dwellings and associated works, covering 5% of the site area, with the trenches arranged in a systematic grid array. This resulted in 7 trenches measuring 25.00m x 1.80m (Fig. 4), excavated with a 360° mechanical excavator fitted with a toothless ditching bucket. These trenches were excavated down to the first archaeological horizon.

The archaeology was recorded using pro-forma record sheets, drawn plans and section drawings. Appropriate photographs were taken.

#### 8.0 DESCRIPTION OF RESULTS (Figures 4 - 6)

The trenches were located on the area of the proposed developments (Fig. 4). Trench 1 and Trench 2 were located in the west of the site, with Trench 1 orientated north to south, while Trench two was orientated east to west. Trenches 3, 4 and 5 were located in the centre of the site with 3 orientated north to south and 4 and 5 orientated east to west. Trenches 6 and 7 were located in the east of the site with 6 orientated east to west and 7 orientated north to south. All trenches measured 25.00 x 1.80m.

#### 8.1 Trench 1

Trench 1 was orientated north to south and was excavated to a maximum depth of 1.20m. No archaeological features or finds were present in the trench.

Topsoil layer 1000 was present to a maximum depth of 0.26m. This layer overlay subsoil layer 1001 which was a maximum of 0.20m thick to a depth of 0.41m. Subsoil 1001 overlay colluvium 1003, which had a maximum thickness of 0.84m to a depth of 1.20m.



#### 8.2 Trench 2

Trench 2 was orientated east to west and was excavated to a maximum depth of 0.93m. No archaeological features or finds were present in the trench.

Topsoil layer 1000 was present to a depth of 0.27m. This layer overlay subsoil layer 1001 which was up to 0.18m thick to a maximum depth of 0.38m. Subsoil 1001 overlay colluvium 1003, which in trench 2 had a maximum thickness of 0.60m to a depth of 0.93m.

#### 8.3 Trench 3

Trench 3 was orientated north to south and was excavated to a maximum depth of 1.12m. No archaeological features or finds were present in the trench.

Topsoil layer 1000 was present to a depth of 0.20m. This layer overlay subsoil layer 1001 which was up to 0.15m thick to a maximum depth of 0.32m. Subsoil 1001 overlay colluvium 1003, which was present to a maximum thickness of 0.82m in trench 3 and to a depth of 1.12m in the middle of the trench. This layer was notably less deep at the ends of the trench.

#### 8.4 Trench 4

Trench 4 was orientated north-west to south-east and was excavated to a maximum depth of 0.60m. No archaeological features or finds were present in the trench.

Topsoil layer 1000 was present to a depth of 0.27m. This layer overlay subsoil layer 1001 which was a maximum of 0.21m thick to a depth of 0.44m. Subsoil 1001 overlay colluvium 1003, which had a maximum thickness of 0.37m to a depth of 0.60m.

#### 8.5 Trench 5

Trench 5 was orientated east to west and was excavated to a maximum depth of 1.18m. No archaeological features or finds were present in the trench.

Topsoil layer 1000 was present to a maximum depth of 0.33m. This layer overlay subsoil layer 1001 which was up to 0.20m thick to a depth of 0.41m. Subsoil 1001 overlay

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colluvium 1003 which was up to 0.82m thick to a depth of 1.18m at the deepest point of the trench, the midpoint.

#### 8.6 Trench 6

Trench 6 was orientated north to south and was excavated to a maximum depth of 0.85m. No archaeological features or finds were present in the trench.

Topsoil layer 1000 was present to a maximum depth of 0.26m. This layer overlay subsoil layer 1001 which was a maximum of 0.26m thick to a depth of 0.49m. Subsoil 1001 overlay colluvium 1003, which was present in all but the very north of the trench and was 0.60m thick at the southernmost point to a depth of 0.85m.

#### 8.7 Trench 7

Trench 7 was orientated east to west and was excavated to a maximum depth of 0.80m. No archaeological features or finds were present in the trench.

Topsoil layer 1000 was present to a maximum depth of 0.21m. This layer overlay subsoil layer 1001 which was up to 0.20m thick to a depth of 0.30m. Subsoil 1001 overlay colluvium 1003 which was up to 0.45 thick to a depth of 0.80m.

#### 9.0 DEPOSIT MODEL (Figure 5 & 6)

The deposit model was consistent across all the trenches.

In all trenches at the top of the stratigraphic sequence was topsoil layer 1000, comprising dark grey brown, firm sandy silt to a maximum thickness of 0.33m in sample section 9.

Beneath Topsoil 1000 was subsoil layer 1001, comprising of dark grey brown, firm sandy silt, with occasional small chalk inclusions. This layer was present to a maximum depth of 0.45m in sample section 11.

Colluvium 1003 was present in all trenches below subsoil 1001. Colluvium 1003 was comprised of mid orange brown sandy silt with frequent chalk inclusions and was present



to a maximum thickness of 0.84m. The only sample section where colluvium 1003 was absent was sample section 12 at the north end of trench 5. All other sample sections contained this deposit to varying depths depending on the location of the trench and the slope of the site. Areas where colluvium 1003 was deepest were the south end of trenches 1 and 6 and all of trench 5, consistent with the gentle sloping down of the site towards the south. However, another relatively deep band of colluvium (up to 0.82m) was encountered in the middle of trench 3, while at the southern end of the trench, the band of colluvium in sample section 5 was a mere 0.09m thick. These measurements are not fully consistent with the slope of the site and potentially suggest a more complex pattern of glacial scarring of the superficial geology.

At the base of the stratigraphic sequence in all trenches was natural geology 1002, comprising of compact light grey white chalk.

#### 10.0 DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

The archaeological background suggested that the site had a specific potential for late Iron Age and Roman archaeology given the presence of a transitional period pottery production site adjacent to the area of works. However, no archaeological features were identified and no finds were recovered from the site. It is likely that no archaeology is present on the area of works, given the lack of any archaeological material scattered by ploughing in the agricultural subsoil 1001.

A consideration when looking at colluvial layer 1003 was whether the wide bands of the deposit could in fact be the fills of large, shallow quarry pits, given the extensive quarrying of chalk in the local area. However, it was concluded that the mid orange brown deposit did not represent a fill and was more likely a colluvial layer deposited in the glacial scarring present in the superficial geology.

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#### APPENDIX 1 - DEPOSIT TABLES

#### **Deposit Tables**

#### TRENCH 1

Trench No	Orienta	tion N-S		Height AOD 26.84m		Shot ID Sample Section 1		
Sample Section No		Locatio	n		Facing			
1			W Side	N End		E Facing		
Context No	Depth		Deposi	t Description				
1000	0.00 - 0	.26m	Topsoil:	Dark grey brown, f	firm, sand	ly silt.		
1001	0.26 - 0	.41m	Subsoil:	Dark grey brown,	firm, sand	ly silt.		
1003	0.40 - 0	.55m	Colluviu	um: Mid Orange Brown, firm, sandy silt.				
1002	0.55m +	-	Natural: Light grey white, compact, chalk.					
Trench No	Orienta	tion		Height AOD		Shot ID		
1		N-S		26.20m		Sample Section 2		
Sample Section No		Locatio	n		Facing			
2			E Side	S End		W Facing		
Context No	Depth		Deposi	t Description				
1000	0.00 - 0	.15m	Topsoil: Dark grey brown, firm, sandy silt.			ly silt.		
1001	0.15 - 0	.34m	Subsoil: Dark grey brown,		firm, sandy silt.			
1003	0.34 - 1	.14m				own, firm, sandy silt.		
1002	1.14m +	-	Natural:	Light grey white, o	compact,	chalk.		

#### TRENCH 2

Trench No	Orientation E-W			Height AOD 26.64m		Shot ID Sample Section 3	
Sample Section No		Location		W End	Facing	s	
Context No	Depth		Deposi	t Description			
1000	0.00 - 0	).27m	Topsoil:	Dark grey brown, f	firm, sand	ly silt.	
1001	0.27 - 0	).35m	Subsoil:	Dark grey brown,	firm, sand	ly silt.	
1003	0.35 - 0	).93m	Colluviu	m: Mid Orange Bro	n: Mid Orange Brown, firm, sandy silt.		
1002	0.93m +	+	Natural:	ural: Light grey white, compact, chalk.			
Trench No	Orienta	tion		Height AOD		Shot ID	
2		E-W		27.04m		Sample Section 4	
Sample Section No		Location	n		Facing		
4			S Side	E End		NE Facing	
Context No	Depth		Deposi	t Description			
1000	0.00 - 0	).22m	Topsoil:	Topsoil: Dark grey brown, firm, sandy silt.			
1001	0.22 - 0			Subsoil: Dark grey brown, firm, sandy silt.			
1003	0.38 - 0	).72m	Colluvium: Mid Orange Brown, firm, sandy silt.				
1002	0.72m +	-	Natural:	: Light grey white, o	compact,	chalk.	

#### TRENCH 3

Trench No	Orientation		Height AOD		Shot ID	
3		N-S		26.70m		Sample Section 5
Sample Section No		Locatio	n		Facing	
5			E Side	N End		E Facing
Context No	Depth Deposi		sit Description			
1000	0.00 - 0	0.00 - 0.20m Topsoil: Dar		Dark grey brown, firm, sandy silt.		ly silt.
1001	0.20 - 0	0.20 - 0.33m Subsoil:		Subsoil: Dark grey brown, firm, sandy silt.		
1003	0.33 - 0	0.33 – 0.40m Colluviu		olluvium: Mid Orange Brown, firm, sandy silt.		sandy silt.
1002	0.40m +		Natural	Natural: Light grey white, compact, chalk.		chalk.



Trench No 3	Orientation N-S		Height AOD 27,20m		Shot ID Sample Section 6	
Sample Section No 6		<b>Location</b> W Side		Facing S End		W Facing
Context No	Depth Deposi		Deposi	t Description		
1000	0.00 - 0	0.00 - 0.20m Topsoil:		psoil: Dark grey brown, firm, sandy silt.		y silt.
1001	0.20 - 0	0.20 - 0.32m Subsoil		Subsoil: Dark grey brown, firm, sandy silt.		
1003	0.32 - 0	2 – 0.45m Colluviu		Colluvium: Mid Orange Brown, firm, sandy silt.		
1002	0.45m +	-	Natural:	Natural: Light grey white, compact, chalk.		chalk.

#### TRENCH 4

Trench No 4	Orienta	tion E-W		Height AOD 27,17m		Shot ID Sample Section 7	
Sample Section No		Locatio		W End	Facing	N Facing	
Context No	Depth			t Description		N I duling	
1000	0.00 - 0	.12m	Topsoil:	Dark grey brown,	firm, sand	ly silt.	
1001	0.12 - 0	.22m	Subsoil:	Dark grey brown,	firm, sand	ly silt.	
1003	0.22 - 0	.45m	Colluvium: Mid Orange Brown, firm, sandy silt.				
1002	0.57m +	-	Natural: Light grey white, compact, chalk.			chalk.	
Trench No	Orienta	tion		Height AOD		Shot ID	
4		E-W		27.66m		Sample Section 8	
Sample Section No		Locatio	n		Facing		
8			N Side	e E End	S Facing		
Context No	Depth		Deposit	t Description			
1000	0.00 - 0	.27m	.27m Topsoil: Dark grey brow		grey brown, firm, sandy silt.		
1001	0.27 - 0	- 0.44m Subso		Subsoil: Dark grey brown, firm, sandy silt.			
1003	0.44 - 0	.60m	Colluviu	olluvium: Mid Orange Brown, firm, sandy silt.			
1002	0.60m +	-	Natural:	tural: Light grey white, compact, chalk.			

#### TRENCH 5

Trench No 5	Orienta	tion E-W		Height AOD 26.52m		Shot ID Sample Section 9		
Sample Section No		Locatio		W End	Facing	S Facing		
9			N Side	W End		5 Facing		
Context No	Depth		Deposit	t Description				
1000	0.00 - 0	.33m	Topsoil:	Dark grey brown, f	firm, sand	y silt.		
1001	0.33 - 0	.41m	Subsoil:	Dark grey brown,	firm, sand	ly silt.		
1003	0.41 - 0	0.41 - 0.85m Colluviu		Colluvium: Mid Orange Brown, firm, sandy silt.				
1002	0.85m +	-	Natural: Light grey white, compact, chalk.					
Trench No	Orienta	tion		Height AOD		Shot ID		
5		E-W		26.83m		Sample Section 10		
Sample Section No		Location	n		Facing			
10			S Side	E End		N Facing		
Context No	Depth		Deposit	t Description				
1000	0.00 - 0	.11m	Topsoil: Dark grey brown, f		firm, sandy silt.			
1001	0.11 - 0	.29m			: Dark grey brown, firm, sandy silt.			
1003	0.29 - 0	.64m	Colluviu	m: Mid Orange Bro	wn, firm,	sandy silt.		
1002	0.64m +	-	Natural:	Light grey white, o	compact, o	chalk.		



#### TRENCH 6

Trench No	Orientation N-S		Height AOD 26.54m		Shot ID Sample Section 11		
Sample Section No		Location	n		Facing		
11			W Side	S End		E Facing	
Context No	Depth		Deposi	t Description			
1000	0.00 - 0	).19m	Topsoil:	Dark grey brown, f	firm, sand	ly silt.	
1001	0.19 - 0	.45m	Subsoil:	Dark grey brown,	firm, sand	ly silt.	
1003	0.45 - 0	.85m	Colluviu	m: Mid Orange Bro	wn, firm,	sandy silt.	
1002	0.85m +	-	Natural:	Light grey white, o	ht grey white, compact, chalk.		
Trench No	Orienta	tion		Height AOD		Shot ID	
6		N-S		27.54m		Sample Section 12	
Sample Section No		Location	n		Facing		
12			E Side	N End		W Facing	
Context No	Depth		Deposit Description				
1000	0.00 - 0	.26m	Topsoil: Dark grey brown, firm, sandy silt.			y silt.	
1001	0.26 - 0	.49m	Subsoil: Dark grey brown, firm, sandy silt.			ly silt.	
1002	0.49m +	-	Natural:	Light grey white, o	compact,	chalk.	

#### TRENCH 7

Trench No	Orienta	ition E-W		Height AOD 26,87m		Shot ID Sample Section 13
Sample Section No		Location		20.07111	Engine	Sample Section 15
Sample Section No		Location		W End	Facing	N Facing
Context No	Depth		Denosi	t Description		
1000	0.00 - 0	).20m		Dark grey brown, f	irm, sand	lv silt.
1001	0.20 - 0			Dark grey brown,		
1003	0.31 - 0	).80m		m: Mid Orange Bro	wn, firm, sandy silt.	
1002	0.80m +	+		Light grey white, o		
Trench No	Orienta	tion		Height AOD		Shot ID
7		E-W		27.17m		Sample Section 14
Sample Section No		Locatio	n		Facing	
14			N Side	e E End	_	S Facing
Context No	Depth		Deposit Description			
1000	0.00 - 0	).21m	Topsoil: Dark grey brown, firm, sandy silt.			ly silt.
1001	0.21 - 0	).30m	Subsoil: Dark grey brown,			
1003	0.30 - 0	- 0.43m Colluvium: Mid Orange Bro			wn, firm,	sandy silt.
1002	0.43m +	+		Light grey white, o		



### APPENDIX 2 - OASIS SHEET



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#### OASIS ID: britanni1-230655

#### Project details

Project name Land at 83 Moorfield Road, Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire

of the project

Short description Trial trench evaluation on land at 83 Moorfield Road, Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire (TL 47940) 47100), as part of a scheme of pre-planning archaeological works in advance of the construction of 15 houses and associated works. A design brief issued by Cambridgeshire County Council Historic Environment Team (CCC HET) required an evaluation comprising of 7 trenches each measuring 25.00m x 1.80m. Background research for the project indicated that evidence for late Iron Age and Roman activity was most likely to be encountered. Significant Iron Age and Roman pottery production sites exist close to the area of works, with further evidence of Roman agricultural activity in the immediate area. No archaeological features were identified and no finds were recovered from the site. It is likely that no archaeology is present on the area of works, given the

lack of any archaeological material scattered by ploughing in the agricultural subsoil.

Project dates Start: 09-11-2015 End: 11-11-2015

Previous/future work

P1124 - Contracting Unit No. Any associated

No / No

project reference codes

Any associated ECB4597 - Sitecode

project reference codes

Type of project Field evaluation

Site status None

Current Land use Other 5 - Garden Monument type NONE None Monument type NONE None Significant Finds NONE None Significant Finds NONE None Methods &

techniques

"Sample Trenches"

Development

type

Rural residential

Prompt National Planning Policy Framework - NPPF

Pre-application Position in the

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planning process

Project location

Country England

CAMBRIDGESHIRE SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE WHITTLESFORD Land at 83 Moorfield Road. Site location

Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire

Postcode CB22 4AG Study area 0.7 Hectares

Site coordinates TL 5479 2470 51.898847121964 0.250041731146 51 53 55 N 000 15 00 E Point

Lat/Long Datum Unknown

Height OD / Min: 25m Max: 27m

Depth

Project creators

Name of Britannia Archaeology Ltd Organisation

Project brief originator

Local Authority Archaeologist and/or Planning Authority/advisory body

Project design

originator

Dan McConnell

Project

Dan McConnell director/manager

Project

Adam Leigh

supervisor

Type of

body

Developer sponsor/funding

Name of

sponsor/funding

body

Carter Jonas incorporating Januarys

Project archives

Physical Archive No

Exists?

Digital Archive recipient

Cambridgeshire HER

Digital Archive ID ECB4597 Digital Contents "none"

Digital Media

available

"Images raster / digital photography", "Text"

Paper Archive

recipient

Cambridgeshire HER

Paper Archive ID ECB4597 Paper Contents "none"

Paper Media available

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