



ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING REPORT

SACIC REPORT No. 2016/071	Parish: Butley
Ferry Farm BUT 090	Planning Application No.: DC/16/0768/FUL
	OASIS No. Suffolka1- 262678
	HER Event No.: BUT 090/ESF24278
Address: Ferry Farm, Butley, IP12 3NJ	Grid Reference: TM 3876 4830
	Number of Site visits: 1
	Date of visits: 10/08/2016
<p>Archaeological monitoring of groundworks was required as part of a planning application for the erection of a new extension to Ferry Farm, Butley. To begin with, there would be monitoring of the ground clearance and levelling, with the potential for further monitoring of the excavated footings should undisturbed natural layers not be encountered during the stripping.</p> <p>Burrow Hill (immediately to the north of Ferry Farm house) is the site of a known Anglo-Saxon cemetery and settlement (BUT 001) and it was felt that the proposed work had the potential to encounter important evidence related to this site.</p> <p>An irregular area measuring some 13m by 9m was stripped around the north-eastern corner of the existing building, to a depth of approximately 0.4m under constant monitoring, to clear the ground under the proposed new extension (shown in red on Figure 1).</p>	

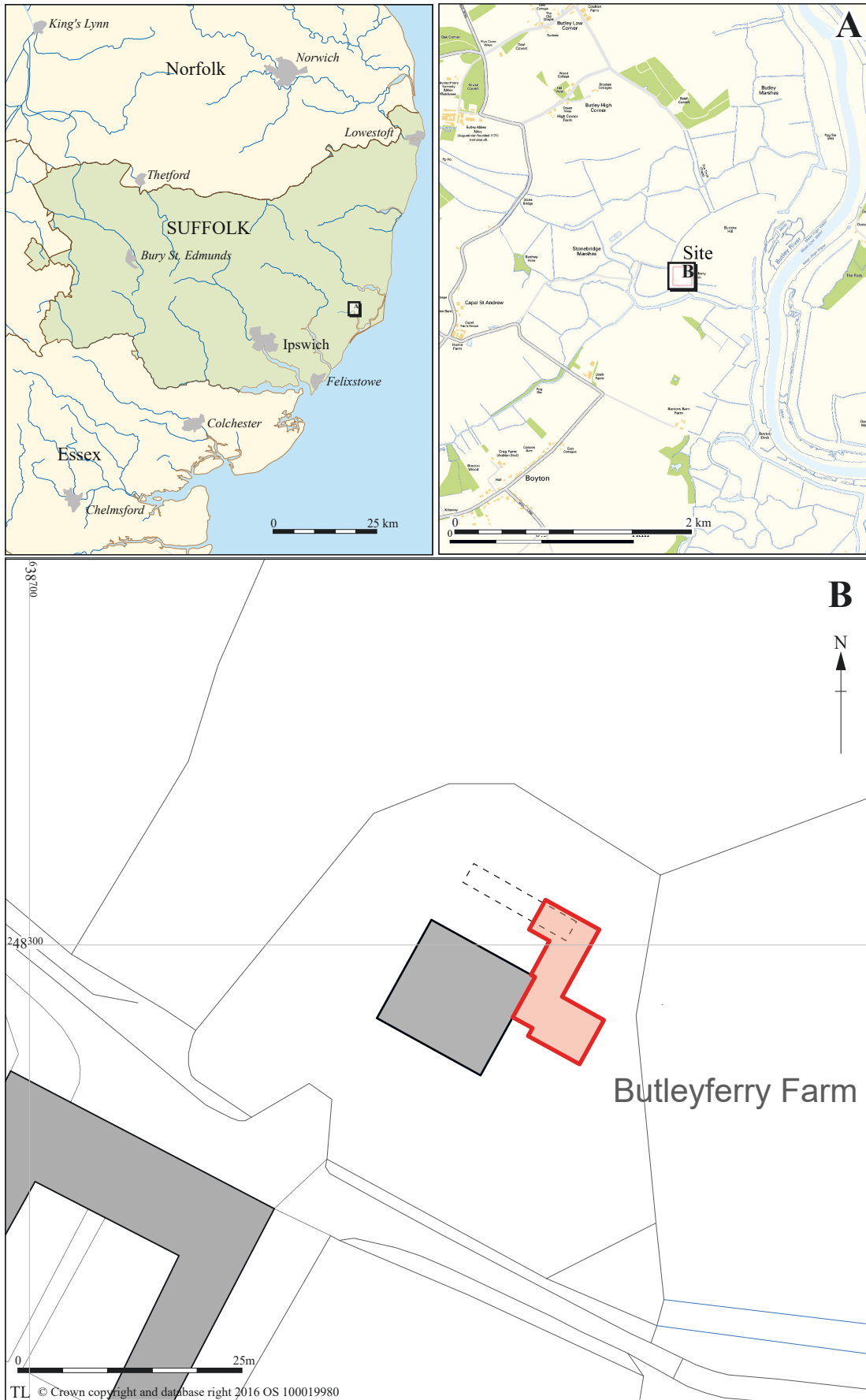


Figure 1. Site location showing areas of new extension (red) and extant structures (grey infill) with recently demolished outhouse (dashed line).

Results:

During the ground clearance and levelling strip, it became apparent that the present Ferry Farm house was located within a probable old sand extraction pit, with up to c.3m of sand already removed from the original hillside slope at the northern end of the pit, down to an estimated c.0.9m of sand removed by the front wall of the building (based on surviving ground levels surrounding the house). The material recovered from the topsoil appears to indicate only modern (post-1800) activity as would be expected in the area so close to the house. It would appear likely that, had any Anglo-Saxon remains been present in this area, they would have been removed during this (undated) quarrying event. While the date of construction of Ferry Farm is uncertain, the present building appears to be shown on the 1880 first edition Ordnance Survey map of the area (Fig. 2), which also records a sand pit just to the north of the house.

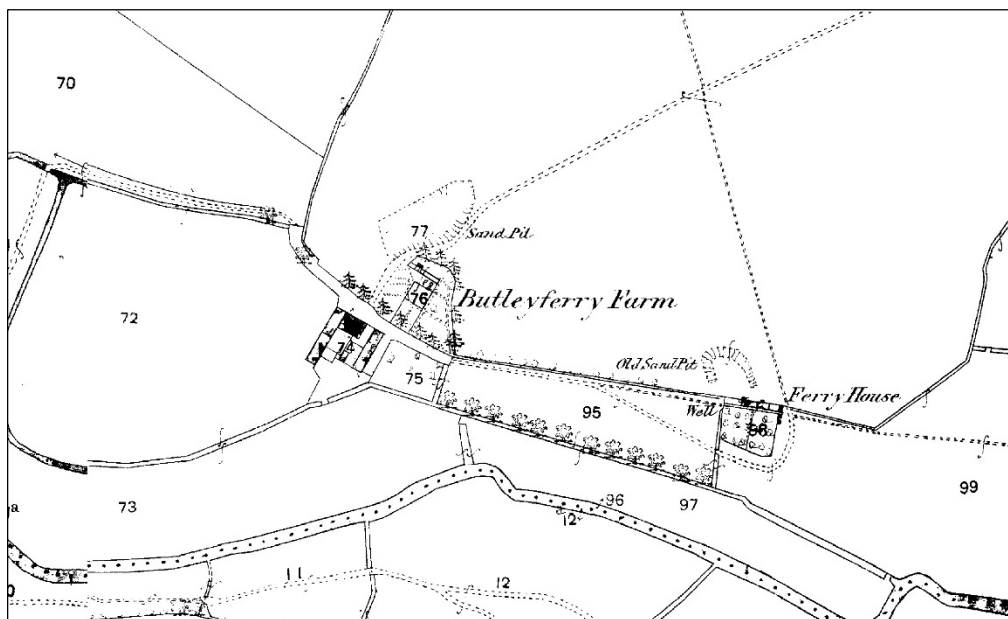


Figure 2. First Edition Ordnance Survey map of Butleyferry Farm.



Plate 1. Stripped soil level to the side of the house (facing south)



Plate 2. General site view showing house within quarry pit (facing southeast)

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