



ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING REPORT

SACIC REPORT No. 2019/017	Parish: Eriswell
Lordswell Field, Eriswell ERL 236	Planning Application No.: N/A
	OASIS No. 338469
	HER Event No.: ERL 263
Address: Suffolk Forest Heath, Lordswell Field, Eriswell, Suffolk, IP27 9NR	Grid Reference: TL 72578018
	Number of Site visits: 1
	Date of visits: 20/02/2019
Introduction One visit was made to the site to monitor and record the slight groundworks at Lordswell Field, Eriswell in Suffolk (Fig 1). The work was carried out as part of a brief issued by Rachael Abraham of Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service, the archaeological advisor to Natural England with the aim of encouraging certain plant species as part of the 'Shifting Sands' HLF project. The groundworks undertaken consisted of an area of approximately 120mx10m with approximately 0.05m of topsoil and vegetation pared off. The area was mapped, recorded, photographed and inspected for any finds or exposed archaeological deposits. Prior to the monitoring an archaeological Rapid Identification Survey (RIS) was undertaken here and across several other locations in the Breaklands (Sommers 2018). Lordswell Field is located in an area of extremely high archaeological potential, in closer proximity to many archaeological investigations in and around the airbase (see summary in Sommers 2018).	
Trenching An area of 120mx10m was excavated and recorded, covering an area of 1,200sqm. The area was machined to a depth of approximately 0.05m. No soil profiles were recorded as the excavation did not truncate the topsoil.	

Location Map:

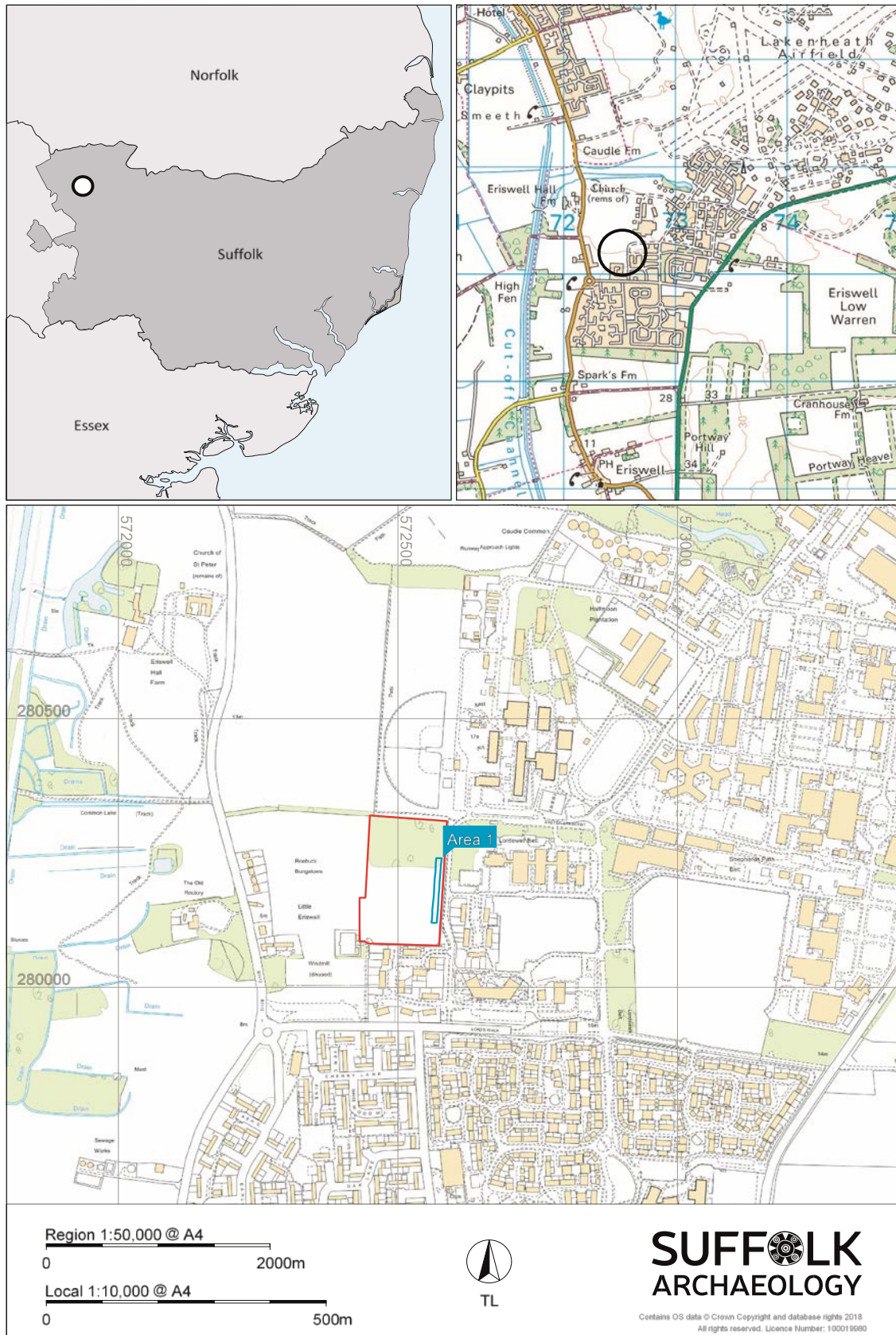


Figure 1. Site location (red), with location of area stripped (blue)

Results

As the topsoil deposit was not fully removed, no potential archaeological features were exposed, and no finds were recovered. The area was examined after the removal of 0.05m of topsoil.

The topsoil consisted of a mid-dark greyish-brown loose silty-sand. Although the area was not truncated below the topsoil level, there was frequent animal disturbance and towards the southern end of the strip modern disturbance, most likely connected to a now unused entrance onto the RAF property. The area and spoil heap were both metal detected and monitored for any finds, but none were recovered.

Recorded by: Rebecca Smart

Date: 21/02/2012

References

Sommers, M., 2018, Shifting Sands HLF Project: Barnham, Eriswell, Icklingham, Lakenheath and Tuddenham, Suffolk. SACIC Report No. 2018/039.

Appendix 1. Oasis Form

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Project details

Project name	Lordswell Field
Short description of the project	Monitoring of 1,200sqm area excavated to a depth of 0.05m on Lordswell Field, Eriswell, Suffolk, was carried out on behalf of Natural England with the aim of encouraging certain plant species as part of the 'Shifting Sands' HLF project. The topsoil on site was not truncated and so no archaeological deposits or finds were recovered.
Project dates	Start: 20-02-2019 End: 20-02-2019
Previous/future work	Yes / No
Any associated project reference codes	ERL 263 - HER event no.
Type of project	Recording project
Site status	None
Current Land use	Grassland Heathland 1 - Heathland
Monument type	N/A None
Significant Finds	N/A None
Investigation type	""Watching Brief""
Prompt	Voluntary/self-interest

Project location

Country	England
Site location	SUFFOLK FOREST HEATH ERISWELL Lordswell Field
Postcode	IP27 9NR
Study area	1200 Square metres
Site coordinates	TL 7257 8018 52.391971165543 0.536413307042 52 23 31 N 000 32 11 E Point

Project creators

Name of Organisation	Suffolk Archaeology CIC
Project brief originator	Local Authority Archaeologist and/or Planning Authority/advisory body
Project design originator	John Craven
Project director/manager	John Craven
Project supervisor	Rebecca Smart
Type of sponsor/funding body	Local Authority
Name of sponsor/funding body	Natural England

Project archives

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Paper Archive Exists?	No

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