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Summary

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1. Introduction

In January2019, SuffolkArchaeologyCIC(SACIC)carriedoutanarchaeological evaluationtoassesstheimpactofa proposeddevelopmentonpotentialheritageassets onaparceloflandadjacenttoChapel Cottage,off AnneSuckling Road,Lit tleWratting, Suffolk (Fig.1) .Theprojectwascommissionedbyt hec lients MrandMrs Richardsand undertakenaccordingto aB rief(dated23/11/2018) writtenbytheLocalPlanning Authority's(LPA)ArchaeologicalAdvisor(AA)RachaelAbraham onbehalfofthe SuffolkCountyCouncilArchaeologicalService(SCCAS).Thiswasthenaddressedbya SACICWrittenSchemeofInvestigation(WSI, Boulter2019,Appendix1).

Thisevaluation wasrequiredtomeettheconditions placedonplanningapplication DC/17/1042/OUT inaccordancewithparagraph 141 oft heNationalPlanningPolicy Framework (NPPF). Theapplication isfor twodetacheddwellingsandtwodetached garages.

1.1 Sitelocation

ThesiteislocatedinWestSuffolk ,in theparishandvillageofLittleWratting , at NGR TL 6743 4673 (Fig. 1). LittleWrattingisasmallvillageonthenorth- easternedgeof HaverhillintheStEdmundsburydistrictofSuffolk.Thesitecomprisesasub- rectangular parceloflandcovering anareaof c.0.2haandiscurrentlygrasslandwithsometrees , boundedbyfurtheropenlandtothenorthandwest , existingpropertiesandAnne SucklingLanetothesouthandBoytonHallandassociatedlandtotheeastand southeast.

2. Geologyandtopology

Thesite lies c.106maboveOrdnance Datum (AOD),overlookingHaverhilltothesouth. The bedrockgeologyconsistsofLewesNodularChalkFormationandSeafordChalk Formation,formedduringtheCretaciousperiod(BGS,2019).Superficialdepositsare describedasLowestoftFormationDiamicton,formedup to2millionyearsagointhe QuaternaryPeriod,iniceageconditions(BGS,2019).

3. Archaeologyandhistoricalbackground

TheBriefsuppliedbyRachaelAbrahamstatesthat:

'Thepropos eddevelopmentislocatedinanareaofarchaeologicalinterestas recordedintheCountyHistoricEnvironmentRecord.Itissituatedadjacenttoa sitewheremedievalbuildingsarerecordedonearlymaps(HERno.HVH046)and prehistoric,Roman,Saxonandmedievalfindsandfeatureshavebeendetected duringarchaeologicalinvestigationstothenorth,eastandwestoftheproposal (WTL008,WTL009,HVH065).Asaresult,thereishighpotentialfor encounteringarchaeologicaldepositsatthislocation.'

Inadditiontothisa 1kmradiussearch(sitecentred)ofdataheld withintheSuffolk HistoricEnvironmentRecordwasrequested.T heHERsearch (Ref.9221546) has identified onelistedbuilding,fifteeneventsandtwenty -sevenhistoricmonuments . Findspotsdetailaminiature'celtic'stonehead(MSF 11907) *c.*560msouthof , a Palaeolithichandaxe *c.*1km southwestof,andanIronAgecoinhoard(MS 6030) recovered *c.*870msoutheastoftheDevelopmentArea(DA).

HVH065wasanarchaeologicalevaluationwhichtookplace *c.*325msoutheastofthe DA, aprobableLateIronAgeringditchandenclosureandanEarlyRomanboundary ditchwereidentified.Additionally, *c.*950msouth -eastof theDA anarchaeological evaluation(HVH 072)identifiedevidenceforoccupationspanningtheNeolithictothe middleIronAge.

Aser iesof archaeologicalevaluations(HVH 064/WTL 008,HVH 065/WTL 009) were previouslyconductedinthefieldsboundingtheDAtothenorth,eastandwest,this revealed amedievalsettlementpossiblyoriginatingintheLateSaxonorEarlyMedieval periodwithlanddivisionandtracksassociatedwithAldertonChapelandChapelFarm. ChapelFarmCottage (DSF9951) isaGradeIllistedbuildingadjacenttothesite within theareaofHaverhillChapel;AldertonChapel;ChapelofBlessedVirginMary,agroup ofbuilding s named HaverhillChapelinHodkinson's1783map.TheHERstatesthat thesearepossiblyassociatedwithBoytonHallandaburialplacereferredtoas'The Mount'.

TheH ERentriesaresummarisedinatable overleaf.

HERNumber	Record Type	NatureofEvidence	
ESF19650	Evaluation	Evaluation,Landnorth -westofHaverhill	
ESF21779/HVH 064	DBA	ArchaeologicalDeskBasedAssessment,Landatthe NorthWestofHaverhill	
ESF21952/HVH 064	DBA	ArchaeologicalDeskBasedAssessment,Landatthe NorthWestofHaverhill	
ESF22510/HVH 065	Excavation	Excavation- Plot1,LandadjacenttotoBoytonhall, Haverhill	
ESF19679/HVH 065& WTL 009	Evaluation	Evaluation- LandatBoytonHall,Mildenhall	
ESF20193/HVH 068	Evaluation	ChalkstoneWaySportsField,ChalkstoneWay,Haverhill	
ESF20339/HVH 072	Evaluation	EvaluationatWestfieldR eplacement/SamuelWard extension,ChalkstoneWay,Haverhill,	
ESF20339/HVH 072	Evaluation	EvaluationatWestfieldR eplacement/SamuelWard extension,ChalkstoneWay,Haverhill,	
ESF21707/HVH 072	Evaluation	ExcavationatWestfieldPrimarySchoolReplacement site,ChalkstoneWay	
ESF23017/HVH 083	Excavation	Excavation - Plot2,AnnSucklingRoad,Haverhill	
ESF23227/HVH 098	Evaluation	Evaluation- NewBarn,BoytonHallFarm,Haverhill	
ESF23227/HVH 098	Evaluation	Evaluation - NewBarn,BoytonHallFarm,Haverhill	
ESF23242/HVH 099	Evaluation	Evaluation,LandatGreatWilseyPark,Haverhill	
ESF24960/HVH 103	Evaluation	Evaluation- BoytonHallFarm,AnnSucklingRoad, Haverhill	
ESF24960/HVH 103	Evaluation	Evaluation- BoytonHallFarm,AnnSucklingRoad, Haverhill	
ESF26059/WTL 013	Excavation	Excavation - LandNorthWestofHaverhill,Haverhill	
ESF26319/WTL014	Evaluation	Evaluation- BoyntonHalltoKedingtonpipeline,Little Wratting	
ESF26543/WT L015	Evaluation	Evaluation- LandAdj.toChapelCottage,LittleWratting	
MSF35002/SUF 075	Monument	StourValleyRailwayLine.Openedbetween1849and 1865.Partsarestillopen.	
MSF11317/HVH 119	Monument	PostMedievalgasworks	
MS 33985/WTL 013	Allocated Number	OUTLINERECORD:LandatGreatWilseyPark,Little Wratting(MOLAN)EVAL	
MSF35006/HVH 101	Allocated Number	OUTLINERECORD:HaverhillRailwayStation	
MSF37336/WT L013	Allocated Number	OUTLINERECORD:LandNWofHaverhill(OAE) EXC	
MSF37793/WT L014	Allocated Number	OUTLINERECORD:BoyntonHalltoKedingtonpipeline (PCA)EVL	
MSF38013/WTL015	Allocated Number	OUTLINERECORD:LandAdj.toChapelCottage(SA) EVL	
MSF6049/HVH 113	Findspot	FindspotofPostMedievalpottery.	

HERNumber	Record type	NatureofEvidence	
MSF23907/WTL008	Monument	Partofa45haevaluationpriortohousingdevelopment thatlocatednumerousundatedfeatures,asmallamount ofPrehistoric,Romanandpostmedievalfeaturesand finds.	
MSF23908/WTL008	Monument	Partofa45haevaluationpriortohousingdevelopment thatlocatednumerousundatedfeatures,asmallamount ofPrehistoric,Romanandpostmedievalfeaturesand finds.	
MSF24525/HVH068	Monument	ChalkstoneWaySportsField,Evaluationrevea leda small,truncatedpitcontainingafewsherdsofBronze Agepotteryandtwoundatedditches.	
MSF24619/HVH072	Monument	MiddleIronAgesettlementatWestfieldPrimarySchool, ChalkstoneWay,Haverhill	
MSF23867/WTL009	Monument	LandatBoytonHall, evaluationrevealedthreelate Saxon/earlyMedievalfeatures.	
MSF23868/WTL009	Monument	LandatBoytonHall,evaluationrevealedMedieval ditches,pitsandagully.	
MSF23869/WTL009	Monument	LandatBoytonHall,evaluationrevealedvariousundated features.	
MS 23870/HVH065	Monument	PossibleLateIronAgeorRomanroundhouseatPlot1, AnnSucklingRoad	
MSF6044/HVH014	Monument. Findspot	FindspotofaPalaeolithichandaxe.	
MSF29146/HVH083	Monument	TwoRomanditchesandpossibleenclosureat Ann SucklingRoad.	
MSF35452/HVH103	Monument	PondandmedievalpotteryatBoytonHallFarm,Ann SucklingRoad,Haverhill	
MSF35452/HVH103	Monument	PondandmedievalpotteryatBoytonHallFarm,Ann SucklingRoad,Haverhill	
MSF6030/HVH001	Monument. Findspot	IronAgecoinhoard.	
MSF16576/WTH023	Monument	1993:Metaldetectorfindsofbuckles,foldingclasp, tripodfoot,coins,strapend,bronzeconnectorplateand in1998evaluationtrenching(Med)	
MSF17068/HVH033	Monument	Windmill,mappedfrom1824.	
MSF19261/HVH046	Monument	HaverhillChapel(1783);AldertonChapel;Chapelof BlessedVirginMary	
MSF23839/HVH064	Monument	Partofa45haevaluationpriortohousingdevelopment thatlocatedanareaofundatedfeatures,twopost medievalditchesan danamountofunstratifiedpottery.	
MSF11317/HVH119	Monument	PostMedievalgasworks	
MSF11907/HVH015	Monument. Findspot	Miniature`celtic'stonehead(R1).	
MSF15888/WTH018	Monument	NorneyPlantation,ancientwoodlandasdefinedin(S1).	
MSF16575/WTH023	Monument	TwoRomanfindsmetaldetected	
DSF9951/466432	Listed Building	Pairofhouses,nowsingledwelling.MidC19,converted toonehouseandrefenestratedinlateC20.GradeII listed	

Table1 SummaryofHERentries

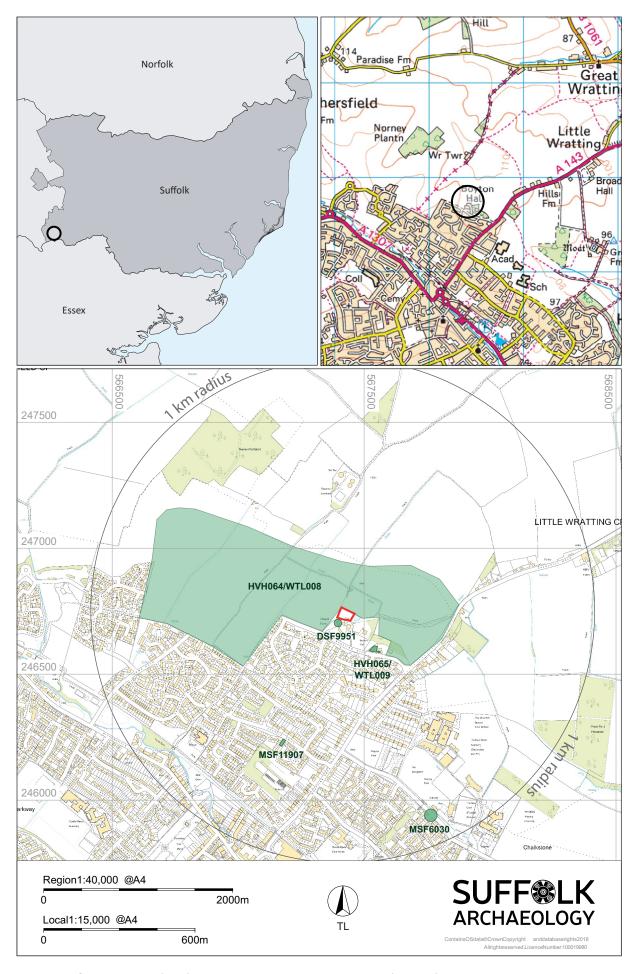


Figure 1. Sitelocation (red) with selected HER entries (green)

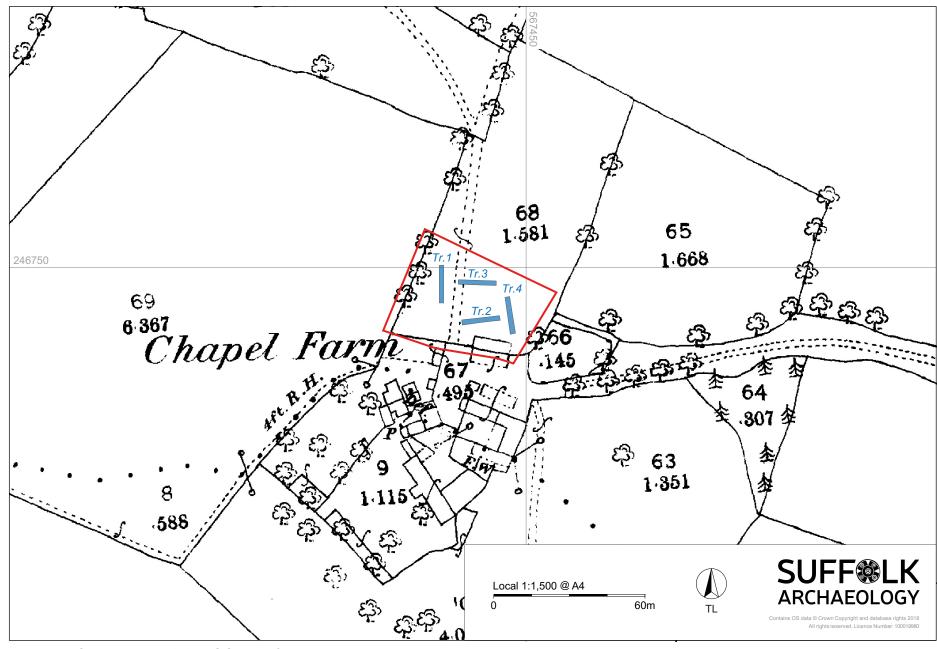


Figure 2. Site plan overlying OS data first edition, 1884

4. Projectobjectives

AsdescribedintheWrittenSchemeofInvestigation (WSI) theaimsoftheevaluation were to:

- Identifythedate,approximateformandpurposeofanyarchaeologicaldeposit, togetherwithitslikelyextent,localiseddepthandqualityofpreservation;
- Evaluatethelikelyimpactofpastlanduses,andthepossiblepres encemasking colluvial/alluvialdeposits;
- Establishthepotentialforthesurvivalofenvironmentalevidence;
- Providesufficientinformationtoconstructanarchaeologicalconservation strategy,dealingwithpreservation,therecordingofarchaeologicaldeposits, workingpractices,timetablesandordersofcost.

Theproj ectwasmanagedbySACICProjectManagerStuartBoulterandcompliedwith theSCCASstandardRequirementsforaTrenchedArchaeologicalEvaluation(2017) andRequirementsforArchaeologi calExcavation(2017),aswellasthefollowing nationalandregionalguidance:

- NationalPlanningPolicyFramework (NPPF),DepartmentofCommunitiesand LocalGovernment(DCLG)(March2012);
- CodeofConduct ,CharteredInstituteforFieldArchaeologists2014;
- StandardandGuidanceArchaeologicalExcavation,CharteredInstituteforField Archaeologists,2014;
- ManagementofResearchProjectsintheHistoricEnvironment:TheMorphe ProjectManagers'Guide,HistoricEngland,2015;
- Gurney, D2003StandardsforFieldArchaeologyintheEastofEngland, E.
 AnglianArchaeol.Occ.PaperNo.14,2003AssociationofLocalGovernment
 ArchaeologicalOfficersEastofEnglandRegion;
- ArchaeologicalArchivesinSuffolkGuidelinesforPreparationandDeposition
 SuffolkCountyCouncilArchaeologyService(revised2017)

5. Methodology

Approximately5%ofthedevelopmentarea(DA) wasinvestigated, equatingto *c*.60mof lineartrenching ,this translated four 15mlongtrenches. Trenchlocationswere markedoutusinganRTKGPSsystem. Allfourtrenchesweremovedslightlytoavoid treeswhichwerepresentonsite. The topsoil of each trenchwas metal detected prior to excavation, and the topsoil and subsoil spoil heapswere also metal detected and visually inspected following the excavation of the trenches. No premoderno bjectswere recovered. All archaeological deposits were also metal detected.

Thetr encheswereopenedunderarchaeologicalsupervisionwithamechanical excavatorfittedwitha1. 5mwidetoothlessditchingbuc ket toawidthof1.8m .Topsoil andsubsoilwereremoved and, wherenecessary, underlying madeground wasalso excavated. Topsoil andsubsoilwerekeptseparate . Eachtrenchwascleanedand examinedtoestablishifanyarchaeologicalfeatureswerepresent. Alltrenches, archaeologicalfeaturesanddepositswererecordedusingSACICproformasheetsand digitallyphotographed.R ecordedsections andplans weredrawnatascaleof1:20.A representativesectionwascleanedandphotographed in eachtrench, and additional sections recorded where significant changes were visible.

FollowingapprovalfromSCCAS ,thetrencheswerebackfilled;sequentially made ground/subsoilfirstfollowedbythe topsoiland compactedtoreinstatethegroundlevel.

ThesitedatahasbeenaddedtoanMSAccessdatabase usingthe HER code WTL 015. AnOASISformhasbeencompletedreferenceno 340700 (Appendix3) .The projectarchiveiscurrentlylocatedatSACICofficesinNeedhamMarketandwillbe transferredtothestoresatSCCAS followingthegainingofthetransferoftitle .

6. Results

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6.1 Introduction

Fourtrencheswereexcavatedtothearchaeologicalhorizonwhichwasthenatural substrate.FulldescriptionsofalltrenchesandcontextscanbefoundinS ection 6.2. Twooutofthefourexcavated trenches were blank.Trench1potentiallyhadevidence ofafarmtrackwaywhichappearsanddisappears from theOS mapssince1885,itwas difficulttodiscernfromthemadegroundalsopresentinthetrench.

Thetops oil(0001)depthwasconsistentacrossthesitemeasuringbetween0.2mand 0.25m.ltwascharacterisedasdarkgreyishbrownfirmclaysiltwithfreque ntsmall brick, glass, CBM chalk and flint inclusions. Madeground (0003) comprisingdemolition material(brick,mortar,concrete,glass,plastic,wastemetaletc.)waspresent throughoutTrenches1and2,atthewestendofTrench3andthes outhendofT rench 4. Theaveragethickness of 0003 was 0.3-0.45; it sealed the subsoiland was . itself sealedbythetopsoil. Thesubsoil(0002)depthwasconsistentacrosssite, witha thicknessof0.3m,consistingofadarkbluegreyfirmsiltyclaywithfrequentsm allflint and chalkinclusions. The depth to the natural substrate was also consistent across the siteaveraging0.7m.

6.2 Trenchresults

6.2.1 Trench1

Trench1(F ig.3;Pl.1)waslocatedattheWendofthesite; itwas15mlong,1.8mwide, rangedfrom0. 6mt o0. 7mi nde pth,a ndwasalignedN -S.Thetrenchhadtobemoved slightlyt oavoidtrees. Modernla nddrainandbui ldingm aterialw asvisibleinthetopsoil (0001).M adeground(0003)w aspr esentthroughoutthet renchseal ingt hesubsoil.A potentialf armt rack (0004)wasi dentifiedatt hen orthernendoft hetrenchextending beyond thenorthernlimito ft hetrench andc. 7.5mso uthint othet rench.Thetrackway wasm adeupdemolitionmaterialsi milart o0003,howeveri tappe aredt obeslightly morecompact an dcontainedoccasionalpatcheso fr edepositednaturalch alk;noclear cutf ort hetrackwaywasdiscernibleanditw asdi fficultt odifferentiatebetween0004 and000 3(Fig.4,Pl.2 andPl.3).An aturalfeaturewasal soinvestigatedattheso uthern endofT rench1.



Plate 1.Trench1,lookingnorth(2x1mscales).



Plate 2.Westfacingsectionthrough trackway0004andmadeground 0003 (1mscale).



Plate 3.Westfacingsectionthrough trackway0004andmadeground 0003(1mscale) .

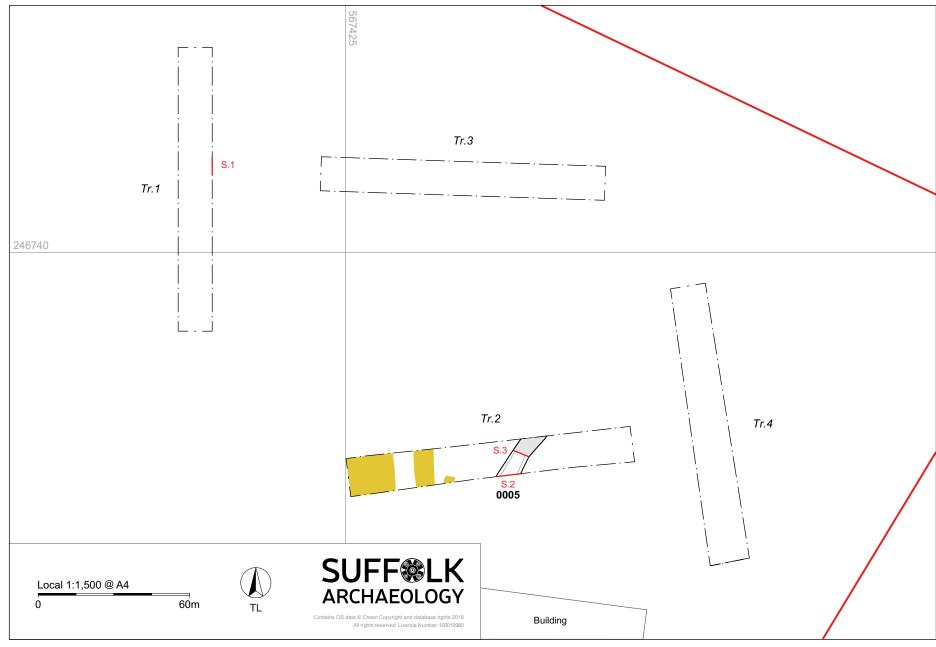


Figure 3. Trench plan showing modern features (yellow) and archaeological features

6.2.2 Trench2

Trench2(Fig. 3;Pl. 4)waslocatedatthesou thernendofthesite; itwas15mlong, 1.8mwide, rangedfrom1.2mto0.7mindepth,and wasalignedE -W. Amodernditch waspresentatthewestendofthetrenchandwasexcavatedbymachinetoadepthof 1.2m,asimilarditchwasidentified1meastofthisandafurthermodernpitwasfound c.0.5meastofthesecondditch.Thesefeatureswerecharacterisedasmodernasthey werecontemporarywiththemadegrounddeposit(0003)thatsealedthesubsoil(0002) andcontainedmoderndemolitionmaterial.



Plate 4.Trench2lookingwest(2x1mscales)

Ditch0005

Ditch0005(Fig.4;PI.5)was observed c.5.5m from the trench's eastend, just east of the modern features previously discussed. It was linear in plan, orientated NE-SW with steeps I oping is desting to a broadly flat base, as light downwards I opewas identified at the SW end of the feature. The discheme as une ed 1.7 min width and 0.56 min depth and cutthes ubsoil (0002). Single fill 000 observed, a firm midgrey - brown silty claywith occasionals mall sub-rounded stone, charcoal fleck and chalk inclusions. No finds were recovered from the fill.



Plate 5.Northfacingsectionthroughditch0005andmadeground0003(1mscale)

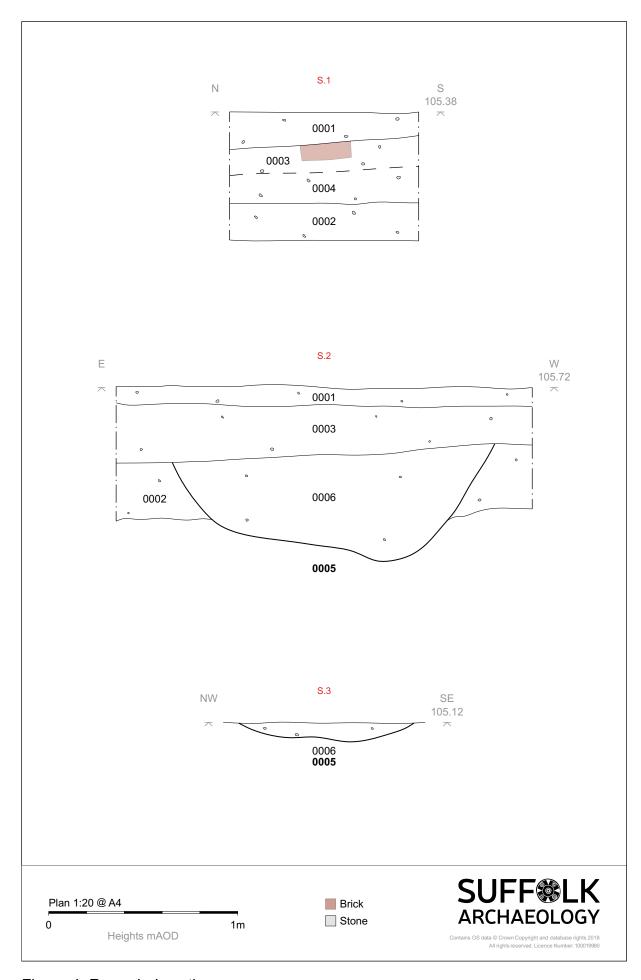


Figure 4. Recorded sections

6.2.3 Trench3

Trench3 (PI.6) waslo catedatthenorthernendofthesite; itwas15 mlo ng,1.8mwide and0.6- 0.7mdeepand aligned E-W. Madeground(0003)wasobservedfromthe westernlimitofthetrenchtoc. 5mfromtheeasternend,n oarchaeologicalfeatures wereobserved.



Plate 6.Trench3lookingwest(2x1mscales).

6.2.4 Trench4

Trench4 (Pl.7)waslocatedattheeasternendofthesite; itwas15 mlo ng,1.8mwide and 0.65-0.7mdeepand orientated N-S. Madeground (0003) was observed from the southern limit of the trench to c.7.5 m from the northernend, no archaeological features were observed.



Plate 7.Trench4lookingsouth(2x1mscales).

7. Conclusion

The possible trackway encounteredwithintheevaluation trenching doesnotappearon the OSmapsinthesameposition asobservedduringexcavation,afarmtrackisvisible on early OSmap s totheeastofthistrackbutwasnot observed intheassociated is positionedfurtherwestthenthemapwould trench.Thiscouldsuggestthatthetrack indicate, orthatthe composition of themadegroundonsite and the trackway wast oo similartodiscernthe positionofthe trackwayaccurately. ItislikelythattheearlyOS mapsarenotentirelyaccurate, this would account for the misalignment visible withthe trackwayandsiteboundary. Theother modern ditchesencountereddonotappearon anymaps, however, they are most likely of a similar dateandwouldhaveperformed fieldboundaryordrainagefunctions. Unfortunately, no evidence was encountered indicativeofwhenthoseboundarieswereestablishedbutitissuggestedthattheyare mostlikelytobepost -medievalinorigin. Theundatedditchcouldrepresentanearlier phaseofactivity, it was very leached out andwassealedbythemadeground,although itdidcutthesubsoilwhichwouldsuggestittoocouldhaveapost -medievalorigin.

Thef inaldecisiononwhether furtherworkisrequiredtomitigatetheimpactofthe developmentonheritageassetsrest swithSCCAS.

8. Archivedeposition

Theprojectarchive, consistingofallpaperanddigitalrecordswillbedepositedwith the ArchaeologicalStoreofSCCAS followingthegainingofthetransferoftitle.Until deposition,thearchivewillbekeptintheSuffolkArchaeolog yCICoffice andstore in NeedhamMarket.

Adigi talcopyofthisreportwillbeuploadedtoOASIS.

9. Acknowledgements

ThefieldworkwascarriedoutbyRhiannonGardinerandNathanGriggs.Project managementwasundertakenbyStuartBoulter,whoalsoprovidedadviceduringthe productionofthereport.ThereportillustrationswerecreatedbyRuiSantoandthe reportwaseditedbyStuartBoulter.

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Appendix 1. Written Scheme of Investigation



Land Adjacent to Chapel Cottage, Anne Suckling Road, Little Wratting, Suffolk

Written Scheme of Investigation for a Programme of Archaeological Trenched Evaluation



Summary Project Details

Site Name	Land adj. Chapel Cottage, Anne Suckling Road
Site Location/Parish	Little Wratting
Grid Reference	TL 6743 4673
Access	From Anne Suckling Road
Planning Application No	DC/17/1042/OUT
HER code	WTL 015
OASIS ref.	suffolka1-337619
Type:	Trial-trenching evaluation
Proposal	Housing
Project start date	22 nd January 2019
Fieldwork duration	Up to 2 days
Number of personnel on site	Projected as 2 SACIC staff

Personnel and contact numbers

SACIC Project Manager	Stuart Boulter	Office: 01449 900122
		Mobile: 07885 223524
Project Officer (first	Rhiannon Gardiner	Office: 01449 900125
point of on-site contact)		Mobile: 07843 019988
SCC Curatorial Officer	Rachael Abraham	Office: 01284 741238
		Mobile: 07595 089516
Consultant	N/A	-

Emergency contacts

Local Police	2 - 3 High Street, Haverhill, CB9 8AA	101 or emergency 999
Site First Aider	Rhiannon Gardiner	Mobile: 07843 019988
Location of nearest A&E	Addenbrookes, Hills Road Cambridge, Cambridgeshire CB2 0QQ	01223 245151

Hire details

Plant:	Holmes Plant	Office: 01473 890766	
		Mobile: 07860 121821	
Welfare	N/A	N/A	
Tool hire:	N/A	N/A	

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1. Background

- 1.1 Suffolk Archaeology Community Interest Company (hereafter SACIC) have been commissioned to undertake a programme of archaeological evaluation on land adjacent to Chapel Cottage, Anne Suckling Road, Little Wratting, Suffolk (Figure 1). The first element of this work involves the preparation of a Written Scheme of Investigation (this document).
- 1.2 The present stage of work is being requested by Suffolk County Council's Archaeological Service (hereafter SCCAS). The Local Planning Authority (hereafter LPA) were advised that as a condition of the consent on Planning Application DC/17/1042/OUT, a programme of archaeological work should be agreed in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (Para 141). The purpose of such work being the recording and advancement of understanding of any heritage assets present at the location before they are destroyed in the course of the development.
- 1.3 The evaluation will be conducted in adherence to a Brief prepared by Rachael Abraham of SCCAS (dated 23rd November 2018) covering this specific planning condition.
- 1.4 The Brief states (section 2.1) that the proposed development is located in an area of archaeological interest as recorded in the County Historic Environment Record. It is situated where medieval buildings are recorded on early maps (HER No. HVH 046) and prehistoric, Roman, Saxon and medieval finds and features have been detected during archaeological investigations to the north, east and west of the site (WTL 008, WTL 009 and HVH 065). As a result, there is high potential for encountering archaeological deposits at this location.
- 1.5 The development proposal is for the construction of two dwellings. The associated groundworks are liable to damage or destroy any archaeological deposits that may be survive within the site. The purpose of the trial-trenching is therefore to assess the archaeological potential of the development site prior to the commencement of construction.
- 1.6 The contents of the WSI comply with the SCCAS standard Requirements for a Trenched Archaeological Evaluation (2017) and Requirements for Archaeological Excavation (2017), as well as the following national and regional guidance:
 - *NationalPlanningPolicyFramework* (NPPF), Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) (March 2012);
 - CodeofConduct , Chartered Institute for Field Archaeologists 2014;

- StandardandGuidanceArc haeologicalExcavation, Chartered Institute for Field Archaeologists, 2014;
- ManagementofResearchProjectsin theHistoricEnvironment:TheMorphe ProjectManagers'Guide, Historic England, 2015;
- Gurney,D2003StandardsforFieldAr chaeologyintheEastofEngland , E. Anglian Archaeol. Occ. Paper No. 14, 2003 Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers East of England Region;
- ArchaeologicalArchivesinSuffolkGu idelinesforPreparationandDeposition
 Suffolk County Council Archaeology Service (revised 2017)

1.7 The research aims of the evaluation are as follows:

- Identifythedate,approximateformandpurposeofanyarchaeologicaldeposit, togetherwithitslikelyextent,localis eddepthandqualityof preservation;
- Evaluatethelikelyimpactofpastl anduses, and the possible presence masking colluvial/alluvial deposits;
- Establishthepotentialforthesurv ivalofenvironmentalevidence;
- Providesufficientinformationtoconstructanarchaeologicalconservation strategy, dealing with preservation, the recording of archaeological deposits, working practices, time tables and orders of cost.



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Figure 1. Site Location

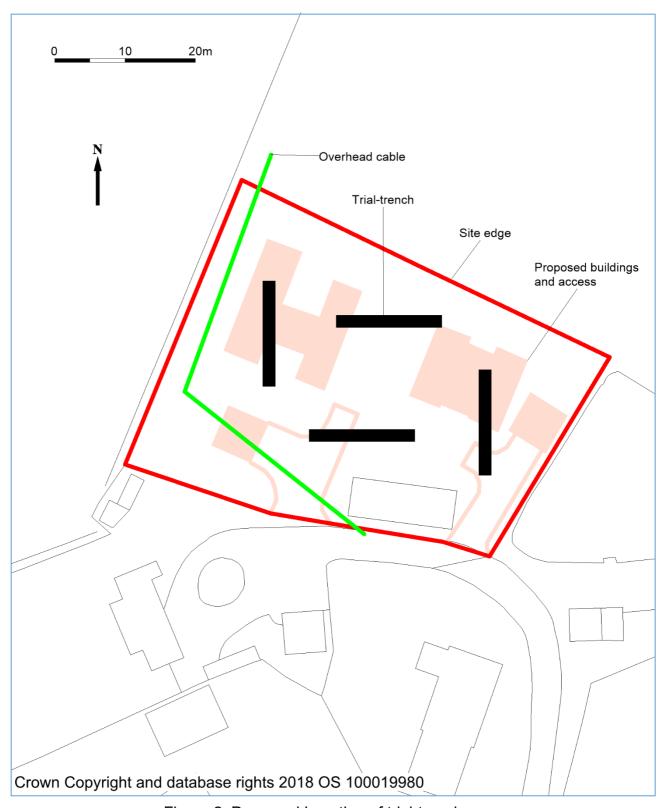


Figure 2. Proposed Location of trial-trenches

2 Fieldwork

- 2.1 The archaeological excavation fieldwork will be carried out by full-time professional employees of SACIC. The project team will be led in the field by an experienced member of staff of Project Officer grade/experience (Rhiannon Gardiner). The excavation team will comprise a Project Officer, and one experienced excavator as required. In addition, a surveyor and an experienced metal detectorist (Steve Hunt) will be used as and when required.
- 2.2 The site is currently grassed with some trees. Figure 2 is a proposed trench plan. The Brief states that 60m of 1.8m wide trenching is required; this represents a 5% sample of the entire site with the trenches placed to provide a representative sample. During the evaluation it may be necessary make minor alterations in the trench positions in order to avoid extant trees.
- 2.3 At this juncture no information has been received from the client regarding existing services other than an overhead cable that runs down the western side of the site before turning to the south-east (Figure 2). Should it be found necessary to track plant beneath the overhead cable, then goalposts will be employed. In addition, a CAT survey will be undertaken on the site of the proposed trenches prior to their excavation. However, damage to hitherto unknown services that are not identified during this survey will not be the responsibility of SACIC.
- 2.4 The following general principles will be applied for the excavation of the trial-trenches:
 - a) All mechanical excavation will be undertaken using a toothless ditching bucket for a good clean cut.
 - b) The overburden will be excavated down to the top of the first undisturbed archaeological horizon, or the upper surface of the naturally occurring subsoil.
 - c) Spoil will be removed and stockpiled adjacent to the evaluation trenches or in an area designated by the client.
 - d) Topsoil will be stored separately to any underlying colluvial material unless this is deemed unnecessary by the client.
 - e) All excavation will be under the direct supervision of an archaeologist.
- 2.5 Archaeological deposits and features will be sampled by hand excavation in order to satisfy the project aims (see section 1.7) and also comply with the SCCAS Requirements for Archaeological Evaluation (2017) and Excavation

- (2017). Where types of deposit are encountered that are suitable for mechanical excavation, this will only be undertaken following agreement with SCCAS.
- 2.6 No feature will be excavated to a depth in excess of 1.2m. If this depth is not sufficient to meet the archaeological requirements of the Brief it will be brought to the attention of the client or their agent and the Archaeological Advisor to the LPA (SCCAS). Deeper excavation can be undertaken provided suitable support is used or the sides of the trench are either battered or stepped. However, such a variation will incur further costs to the client and time must be allowed for this to be established and agreed.
- 2.7 While it is considered unlikely that there will be deep holes left open on site, where necessary high visibility safety fencing will be employed.
- 2.8 An 'overall features plan' and levels AOD will be recorded using RTK GPS survey equipment (or radio base station if required). Feature sections and plans will be recorded at a scale of 1:10, 1:20 or 1:50 as appropriate. All recording conventions used will be compatible with the County HER.
- 2.9 The site will be recorded under a unique HER number acquired from the Suffolk HER Office (WTL 015) and archaeological contexts will be recorded in a 'unique continuousnumberingsequence ' on pro forma Context Recording sheets and entered into an associated database.
- 2.10 A digital photographic record will be made throughout the excavation.
- 2.11 A metal detector search will be made at all stages of the excavation works covering the following;
 - Ground surface prior to stripping
 - The stripped surface
 - The upcast spoil
- 2.12 All pre-modern finds (with the exception of unstratified animal bone) will be kept and no discard policy will be considered until all the finds have been processed and assessed.
- 2.13 All finds will be brought back to the SACIC premises for processing, preliminary assessment, conservation and packing. Most finds analysis work will be done in house, but in some circumstances, it may be necessary to send some categories of finds to external specialists (see below).
- 2.14 Where bulk environmental soil samples are required, these will be a maximum of 40 litres each and will only be taken from suitable features and retained until an appropriate specialist has assessed their potential for palaeoenvironmental remains. Decisions can then be made on the need for further analysis following

this assessment. A suitable feature will be deemed one that is sealed and stratigraphically secure, datable and exhibits potential for the survival of palaeoenvironmental material; usually at least two of these criteria will need to be met in order for it to merit taking a sample. If necessary advice will be sought from Historic England's (formerly English Heritage's) Regional Advisor in Archaeological Science on the need for specialist environmental sampling.

2.15 In the event of human remains being encountered on the site, guidelines from the Ministry of Justice will be followed and, if deemed necessary, a suitable licence obtained before their removal from the site. Human remains will be treated at all stages with care and respect, and will be dealt with in accordance with the law. They will be recorded *in-situ* and subsequently lifted, packed and marked to standards compatible with those described in the IFA's Technical Paper 13 Excavation and post-excavation treatment of Cremated and Inhumed Human Remains, by McKinley and Roberts. Following full recording and analysis, where appropriate, the remains will be reburied.

3 Post-excavation

- 3.1 The unique project HER number (WTL 015) will be clearly marked on all documentation and material relating to the project.
- 3.2 The post-excavation finds work will be managed by SACIC's Post-excavation and Finds Manager, Richenda Goffin. Specialist finds staff whether in-house personnel or external specialists are experienced in local and regional types of material in their field.
- 3.3 Artefacts and ecofacts will be held by SACIC until analysis of the material is complete.
- 3.4 Site data will be entered on a computerised database compatible with the County HER. Site plans and sections will be digitised and will form part of the site archive. Ordnance Datum levels will be written on the section sheets. The photographic archive will be fully catalogued.
- 3.5 Finds will be processed, marked and bagged/boxed to County HER requirements. Where appropriate finds will be marked with a site code and a context number.
- 3.6 Bulk finds will be fully quantified on a computerised database compatible with the County HER. Quantification will fully cover weights and numbers of finds by context with a clear statement on the degree of apparent residuality observed.

- 3.7 Metal finds on site will be stored in accordance with ICON guidelines, initially recorded assessed for significance before dispatch to a conservation laboratory within four weeks of the end of the excavation. All pre-modern silver, copper alloy and ferrous metal artefacts will be x-rayed and coins will be x-rayed if necessary for identification. Sensitive finds will be conserved if necessary and deposited in bags/boxes suitable for long term storage to ICON standards. All coins will be identified to a standard acceptable to normal numismatic research.
- 3.8 Pottery will be recorded and archived to a standard consistent with the Draft Guidelines of the Medieval Pottery Research Group and Guidelines for the archiving of Roman Pottery, SGRP (ed. M.G. Darling, 1994) and to The Study of Later Prehistoric Pottery: General Policies and Guidelines for analysis and Publications, Occasional Papers No.1 and No. 2, 3rd Edition (Revised 2010, Prehistoric Ceramic Research Group).
- 3.9 Environmental samples will be processed and assessed to standards set by the Historic England (formerly English Heritage) Regional Scientific Advisor with a clear statement of potential for further analysis and significance.
- 3.10 Animal and human bone will be quantified and assessed to a standard acceptable to national and regional Historic England specialists.
- 3.11 An industrial waste assessment will cover all relevant material (i.e. fired clay finds as well as slag).
- 3.12 Once the fieldwork phase of the project is completed, a full site archive and report, the latter presenting the results of the evaluation will be prepared.
- 3.13 The report will contain a stand-alone summary and a description of the evaluation methodology. It will also contain a clear separation of the objective account of the archaeological evidence from its archaeological interpretation and recommendations to assist SCCAS regarding the need for and scope of any further mitigation. It will contain sufficient information to stand as an archive report should further work not be required along with the results of a formally commissioned HER search evidenced by its invoice number.
- 3.14 The report will include a summary in the established format for inclusion in the annual "Archaeology of Suffolk" section of the *ProceedingsoftheSuffolkInstitute ofArchaeologyandHistory*.
- 3.15 The Suffolk County HER is registered with the Online Access to Index of Archaeological Investigations (OASIS) project. SACIC will complete a suitable project-specific OASIS form at http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/project/oasis. The completed form will be reproduced as an appendix to the final report.
- 3.16 A draft of the interim report will be submitted to SCCAS for approval.

- 3.17 On acknowledgement of approval of the report from SCCAS hard and digital copies will be sent to the Suffolk HER.
- 3.18 Upon completion of reporting works, ownership of all archaeological finds will be given over to the relevant authority. There is a presumption that this will be SCCAS, who will hold the material in suitable storage to facilitate future study and ensure its proper preservation. If the client does not agree to transfer ownership to SCCAS, they will be required to nominate another suitable repository approved by SCCAS or provide funding for additional recording and analysis of the finds archive (such as, but not limited to, additional photography or illustration of objects).
- 3.19 The project archive shall be compiled in accordance with the guidelines issued by the SCCAS (revised 2017). The client is aware of the costs of archiving and provision will be made to cover these costs in our agreement with them. The archive will be deposited with the County Archaeology Store unless another suitable repository is agreed with SCCAS.
- 3.20 Exceptions from the deposition of the archive described above include:
 - Objects that qualify as Treasure, as detailed by the Treasure Act 1996;
 - The client (and landowner if different) will be informed as soon as any such objects are discovered/identified and the find will be reported to the Coroner within 14 days of discovery or identification. SCCAS, the British Museum and the local Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS) Finds Liaison Officer will subsequently be informed of the find.
 - Treasure objects will immediately be moved to secure storage at SACIC and appropriate security measures will be taken on site if required.
 - Upon discovery of potential treasure, the landowner will be asked if they wish to waive or claim their right to a treasure reward, which is 50% of the market value. Employees of SACIC, or volunteers etc. present on site, will not be eligible for any share of a treasure reward.
 - If the landowner waives their share, the British Museum and Coroner will be informed, and the object returned to the project archive for deposition in an appropriate repository. If the landowner wishes to claim an inquest will be held and, once officially declared as Treasure and valued, the item will if not acquired by a museum, be returned to SACIC and the project archive.
 - Human skeletal remains;
 - The client/landowner by law will have no claim to ownership of human remains and any such will be stored by SACIC, in accordance with a Ministry

of Justice licence, until a decision is reached upon their long-term future, i.e. reburial or permanent storage.

4 Additional considerations

4.1 Health and Safety

- 4.1.1 The project will be carried out in accordance with SACIC's Health and Safety Policy. A copy of this policy is provided in Appendix 1.
- 4.1.2 SACIC staff are experienced in working on sites with similar conditions to those that will be encountered on the present project and are aware of SACIC H&S policies. Permanent SACIC staff are holders of CSCS cards.
- 4.1.3 A separate Risk Assessment and Method Statement (RAMS) document will be prepared for the site and provided to the client. Copies will be available to SCCAS on request.
- 4.1.4 Site staff will be aware of the project's risk assessment and will receive a safety induction from the Project Officer.
- 4.1.5 It may be necessary for site visits to be made by external specialists or SCCAS. All such staff and visitors must abide by SACIC's H&S requirements and will be inducted as required and made aware of any relevant high-risk activities.
- 4.1.6 Site staff, official visitors and volunteers are all covered by SACIC's insurance policies. Policy details are shown in Appendix 2.

4.2 Environmental controls

4.2.1 SACIC is committed to following an EMS policy. All our preferred providers and subcontractors have been issued with environmental guidelines. On site the Project Officer will police environmental concerns. In the event of spillage or contamination reporting procedures will be carried out in accordance with SACIC's EMS policies.

4.3 Plant machinery

4.3.1 A 360° tracked mechanical excavators of *c*.5 tonnes and equipped with a full range of buckets will be required to undertake the soil-stripping. Should the plant and its operators be provided by SACIC rather than the client, the sub-contracted plant machinery will be accompanied by a fully qualified operator who will hold an

up-to-date Construction Plant Competence Scheme (CPCS) card (approved by the CITB).

4.4 Site security

- 4.4.1 Unless previously agreed with the client, this WSI (and the associated quotation) assumes that the site will be sufficiently secure for archaeological work to be undertaken.
- 4.4.2 In this instance, all security requirements including fencing, padlocks for gates etc. are the responsibility of the client.

4.5 Access

- 4.5.1 The client will secure access to the site for SACIC personnel and any subcontracted plant, and obtain all necessary permissions from any landowners and tenants. This includes the siting of any vehicles and other facilities required for the work.
- 4.5.2 Any costs incurred to secure access or are incurred as a result of access being withheld (for example by a tenant or landowner) will not be the responsibility of SACIC. Such costs or delays incurred will be charged to the client in addition to the archaeological project fees.

4.6 Site preparation

4.6.1 The client is responsible for clearing the site in a manner that enables the archaeological works to go ahead as described. Unless previously agreed the costs of any subsequent preparatory works will be charged to the client in addition to the archaeological project fees.

4.7 Backfilling

4.7.1 Full reinstatement has not been offered by SACIC for this project other than sequentially pushing the upcast material into the trench and compacting with the digger tracks.

4.8 Monitoring

4.8.1 Arrangements for monitoring visits by the LPA and its representatives (SCCAS) will be made promptly in order to comply with the requirements of the brief. The site will need to be formally signed off by SCCAS prior to any areas being handed back for development.

5 Staffing

- 5.1 The following staff will comprise the Project Team:
 - 1 x Project Manager (supervisory only, not based on site full-time)
 - 1 x Project Officer (full time)
 - 1 x Site Assistant/metal detectorist (as required)
 - 1 x Site Surveyor (as required)
 - 1 x Finds/Post-excavation manager (part time, as required)
 - 1 x Finds Specialist (part time, as required)
 - 1 x Environmental Supervisor (as required)
 - 1 x Finds Assistant or Supervisor (part time, as required)
 - 1 x Senior Graphics Assistant (part time, as required)
- 5.2 Project Management will be undertaken by Stuart Boulter and the Project Officer in charge on site is yet to be determined. Site Assistants will be drawn from SACIC's qualified and experienced staff. SACIC will not employ volunteer, amateur or student staff, whether paid or unpaid, to undertake any of the roles outlined in 5.1.
- 5.3 Post-excavation tasks, where possible, will be undertaken by SACIC staff (see below).

Name	Specialism
Ryan Wilson, Ellie Cox, Gemma Bowen, Rui Santos	Graphics and illustration
Richenda Goffin	Post Roman pottery and CBM
Stephen Benfield	Prehistoric pottery, Roman Pottery and general finds
Dr Ruth Beveridge	Small Finds
Anna West	Environmental sample processing/assessment
Dr Ruth Beveridge, Clare Wootton	Finds quantification
Jonathan Van Jennians	Finds Processing
Dr Ruth Beveridge, Clare Wootton	Archiving

5.4 In some instances, it may be necessary to employ outside specialists (see below).

Name	Specialism	Organisation
Anderson, Sue	Human skeletal remains; Post Roman pottery	Freelance
Bates, Sarah	Flint	Freelance
Batt, Cathy	Archaeomagnetic dating	University of Bradford
Blades, Nigel	Metallurgy	Freelance

Name	Specialism	Organisation
Bond, Julie	Cremated animal bone	University of Bradford
Boreham, Steve	Pollen	University of Cambridge
Breen, Anthony	Documentary Research	Freelance
Briscoe, Diana	Anglo-Saxon pottery stamps	Freelance
Brugmann, Birte	Beads	Freelance
Cameron, Esther	Mineral Preserved Organics	Freelance
Challinor, Dana	Wood and charcoal identification	Freelance
Cook, Gordon	Radiocarbon dating	SUERC
Curl, Julie	Faunal remains	Freelance
Damian Goodburn	Wood and woodworking	MOLA
Hamilton, Derek	Bayesian modelling	SUERC
Harrington, Sue	Textiles	Freelance
Hines, John	Saxon artefacts	University of Cardiff
Holden, Sue	Illustrator	Freelance
Keyes, Lynn	Metal working	Freelance
Macphail, Richard	Soil micromorphology	University College London
Metcalf, Michael	Saxon coins	Ashmolean Museum
Mould, Quita	Leather	Freelance
Park-Newman, Julia	Conservation	Freelance
Plouviez, Jude	Roman coins and brooches	Freelance
Riddler, lan	Worked bone	Freelance
Scull, Christopher	Early Anglo-Saxon settlement & cemeteries	University of Cardiff

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Appendix2. ContextList

Context Number	Trench	Feature Type	Category	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Interpretation
0001		Topsoil	Deposit	Darkgreyishbrownfirmclaysilt withbrick,glass,CBM,chalkand flintinclusions.Clearhorizonwith madeground(0003),subsoil (0002)andtrackway(0004)			0.2	Topsoilcoveringmadeground(0003)across mostofthesite
0002		Subsoil	Deposit	Darkblue- greyfirmsiltyclaywith frequentflintandchalkinclusions			0.3	Subsoil
0003		Made Ground	Deposit	Darkbrownishgreylooseclaysilt infillingdemolitionrubbleconsisting ofconcrete,modernbrickand mortar,glass,plasticandwaste metal.			0.3- 0.45	Madegroundcoveringthemajorityofthesite beneaththetopsoil(0001),itoccasionalcuts thesubsoil(0002).Demolitionwastefrom previousbuildingsonthesite(pers.comms., Client)
0004	1	Trackway	Deposit	Darkbrownishgreylooseclaysilt infillingdemolitionrubbleconsisting ofconcrete,modernbrickand mortar,plasticandgravel. Occasional redepositedchalk patches			0.16	Farmtrackway.Morecompactthen(0003)but verydifficulttodifferentiatebetweenthetwo. Unclearrelationship.
0005	2	Ditch	Cut	DitchorientatedNE -SWwithsteep sidesleadingtoaflatbase,the baseslopesdownto thewestat theSWendinsection2.Cuts subsoil(0002)	1.8+	1.7	0.56	Cutofditch,likelymodernasitcutsthesubsoil (0002),probableboundaryordrainageditch
0006	2	Ditch	Fill	Midgrey -brownfirmsiltyclaywith smallsub -roundedstone,charcoal flecksandchalkinclusions.Clear horizons, coveredbymadeground (0003)	1.8+	1.7	0.56	Naturalaccumulationfillofditch[0005]

OASISDATACOLLECTIONFORM: England

OASISID:suffolka1 -340700

Projectdetails

Project name WTL015 Land Adjacent to Chapel Cottage, Anne Suckling Road

Short description of

the project

A small evaluation, comprising four trenches, was undertaken on a plot of land adjacent to Chapel Cottage, off Anne Suckling Road in Little Wratting, Suffolk in January 2019 in advance of its development for housing. Two modern ditches and a modern pit were identified as was an undated ditch. A farm trackway visible on OS maps between 1885 and 1899, which disappears between 1903 and 1967 reappears, and then disappears again off the maps in 1991, was also

observed.

Project dates Start: 22-01-2019 End: 22-01-2019

Previous/future

work

No / No

Any associated project reference

codes

WTL015 - HER event no.

Type of project Field evaluation

Site status None

Current Land use Other 5 - Garden

Monument type DITCH Uncertain

Monument type FARMYARD CAUSEWAY Post Medieval

Significant Finds NONE None

Methods & techniques

"Sample Trenches"

Development type Rural residential

Prompt National Planning Policy Framework - NPPF

Position in the planning process

After outline determination (eg. As a reserved matter)

Projectlocation

Country England

Site location SUFFOLK ST EDMUNDSBURY LITTLE WRATTING WTL015 Land Adjacent

Chapel Cottage, Anne Suckling Road

Postcode CB9 7TA

Study area 0.2 Hectares

Site coordinates TL 6743 4673 52.093088941935 0.444365805651 52 05 35 N 000 26 39 E

Point

Height OD / Depth Min: 105m Max: 106m

Projectcreators

Name of Organisation Suffolk Archaeology CIC

Project brief originator

Local Planning Authority (with/without advice from County/District

Archaeologist)

Project design originator

Rachael Abraham

Project

Stuart Boulter

director/manager Project supervisor

Rhiannon Gardiner

Type of

sponsor/funding

body

Client

Name of

sponsor/funding

body

Mr and Mrs M Richards

Projectarchives

Physical Archive Exists?

No

Digital Archive recipient

Suffolk HER

Digital Contents

"Stratigraphic","Survey"

Digital Media available

"Database", "Images raster / digital photography", "Survey", "Text"

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