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**Archaeological Trial Trench Evaluation and  
Watching Brief at Walpole Old Hall Farm,  
Halesworth Road, Walpole, Suffolk.**

WLP 017



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Location:	Walpole Old Hall Farm, Halesworth Road, Walpole, Suffolk
District:	Suffolk Coastal
Grid Ref.:	TM 368 749
Planning Ref.:	C/12/0552
HER No.:	WLP 017
OASIS Ref.:	132347
Client:	Hillfairs Farmers Ltd
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## **Summary**

*An archaeological evaluation and watching brief was conducted for the Hillfairs Farmers Ltd in advance of and during the construction of two poultry breeder units and associated landscaping at Walpole Old Hall Farm.*

*No archaeological features or artefacts were encountered during this project.*

*The very deep deposits of colluvium encountered within the development area were probably created by the sandy natural geology and long standing arable landuse.*

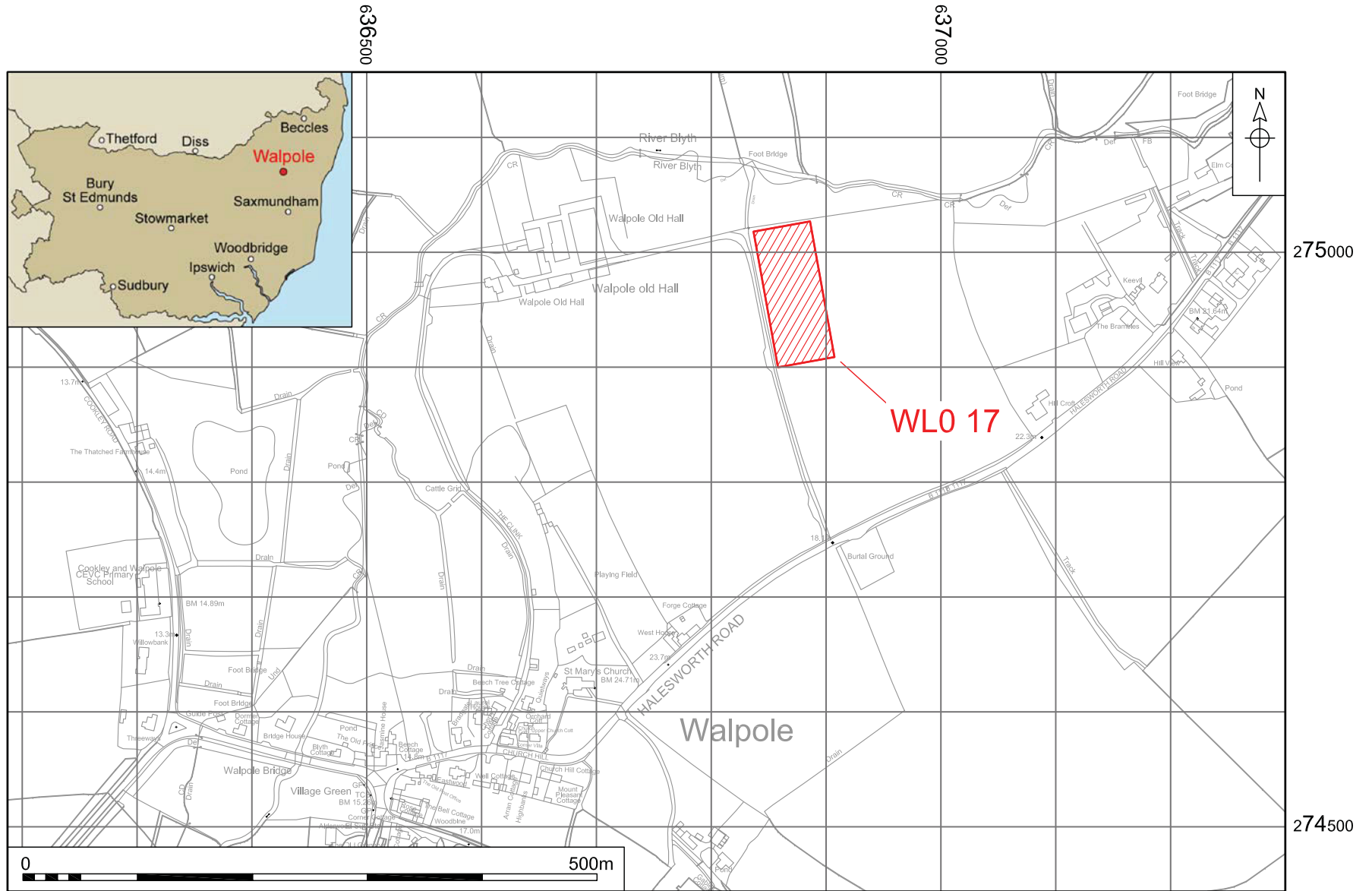
## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

An archaeological evaluation was prior to the construction of two poultry breeder units and associated landscaping activity at Walpole Old Hall Farm, Halesworth Road, Walpole in Suffolk. As there was a great depth of colluvium covering the site, an archaeological watching brief also took place during the reduction of the 0.6ha site to its formation level.

This work was undertaken to fulfil planning requirements set by Suffolk Coastal District Council (Ref. C/12/0552) and a Brief issued by Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service Conservation Team. The work was conducted in accordance with a Project Design and Method Statement prepared by NPS Archaeology (Ref. NAU/BAU3070/DW). This work was commissioned by the Derek Salisbury Practise and funded by Hillfairs Farmers Ltd.

This programme of work was designed to assist in defining the character and extent of any archaeological remains within the proposed redevelopment area, following the guidelines set out in *National Planning Policy Framework* (Department for Communities and Local Government 2012). The results will enable decisions to be made by the Local Planning Authority about the treatment of any archaeological remains found.

The site archive is currently held by NPS Archaeology and on completion of the project will be deposited with Suffolk Historic Environment Record, following the relevant policies on archiving standards.



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Figure 1. Site location. Scale 1:5000