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# Archaeological Trial Trench Evaluation at land west of 'The Bungalow', Hook Drove, Wimblington, Cambridgeshire

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Location:	Land West of 'The Bungalow', Hook Drove, Wimblington, Cambridgeshire
District:	Fenland District Council
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### Summary

An archaeological trial trench evaluation was conducted for St Lawrence Hall Farms Limited ahead of the construction of four new poultry barns, a dwelling, a biomass boiler and associated landscaping at a site located west of The 'Bungalow', Hook Drove, Wimblington in Cambridgeshire.

A total of eleven evaluation trenches were excavated, ten measured 40m and one measured 80m in length. Two archaeological features were recorded - a small undated ditch running north-east/south-west and a possible undated pit. Other features that were apparent were determined to be natural. Modern land drains as well as tractors wheel ruts and drilling marks were also observed.

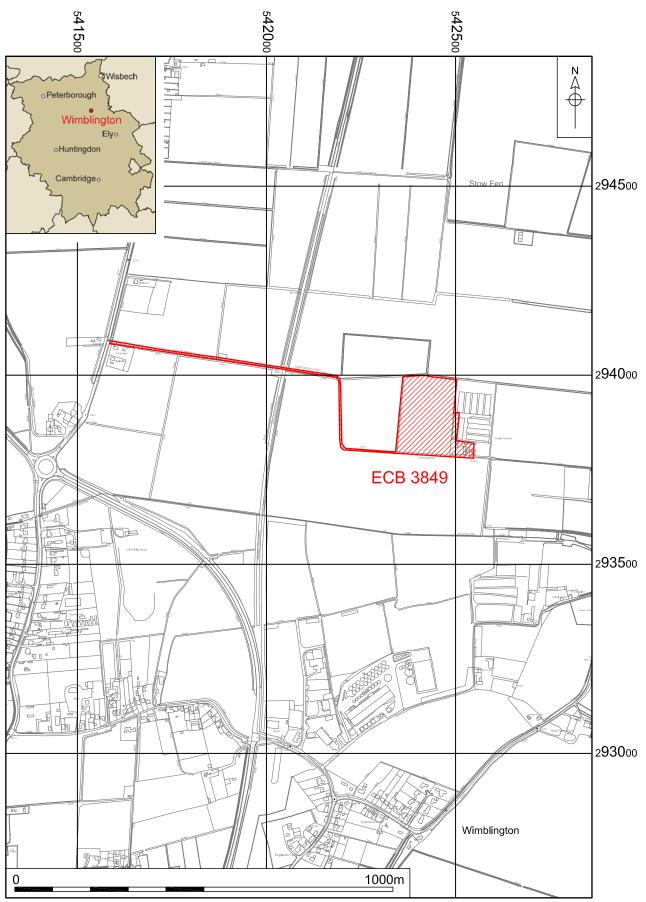
### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Prior to the construction of four new poultry barns, dwelling, biomass boiler and associated landscaping on land west of The Bungalow, Hook Drove, Wimblington, Cambridgeshire (TL 4243 9389) (Fig. 1), a programme of archaeological works was required to assess the potential effects of the development on the archaeological resource. Eleven trenches, ten measuring 40m x 1.8m and one measuring 80m x 1.8m (a total area of  $864m^2$ ), were excavated to evaluate the footprint of the proposed development.

This work was undertaken to fulfil planning requirements set by Fenland District Council (Ref: F/YR12/0452/SCOP) and a Brief issued by Cambridgeshire County Council Historic Environment Team (Ref. Dan McConnell, 17 August 2012). The work was conducted in accordance with a Project Design and Method Statement prepared by NPS Archaeology (Ref. NAU/BAU3137/DW). This work was commissioned by and funded by St Lawrence Hall Farms Limited.

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 Cambridgeshire County Archaeology Store, following the relevant policies on archiving standards.



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Figure 1. Site location. Scale 1:10,000

# 2.0 GEOLOGY AND TOPOGRAPHY

The site is located on a low island within the Fens at an average height of c.0.7m OD (Fig. 1). It was situated 1.8km north-east of the village of Wimblington, with the Old River Nene to the north and the Sixteen Foot Drain to the east.

The topsoil was a dark black peaty silt, which depth varied between 0.30m and 0.42m, whilst the subsoil was a mid grey/blue brown sandy clay between 0.08m and 0.17m deep.

The solid geology of the area consists of Ampthill Clay Formation, a Jurassic clay. The superficial deposits are a mid Pleistocene glacial till (http://mapapps.bgs.ac.uk /geologyofbritain/home.html).

The underlying natural in the trenches was very mixed, including patches of mid orange/yellow sandy clay, light grey clay with frequent small gravel and chalk inclusions.

### 3.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Records held by the Cambridgeshire County Council Historic Environment Service and historic mapping and archaeological reports held by NPS Archaeology have been consulted during the preparation of this section. Records of archaeological and historic evidence for a radius of 1km around the site have been searched and the results are summarised below.

### 3.1 Archaeological Background

#### Iron Age

Only two sites within the survey area returned evidence of Iron Age remains.

An occupation area of dark material with associated Iron Age pottery (10006A) was recorded 960m south-west of the site.

Archaeological investigations were carried out at Bridge Lane, Wimblington (1km south-west of the present site), which revealed an Iron Age ditch (11416).

#### Roman

This area is rich in Roman occupation. Extensive salt workings have been found at March to the north of Wimblington. To the east, the important site of Stonea Grange, a Roman town and possible imperial administrative centre, is located.

Roughly 1.3km north-west of the development site a settlement (CB15352) spanning the 1st century BC to the 3rd century AD has been discovered. Remains included some evidence of industrial activity.

Cropmarks (08984) interpreted as being of Roman date are located 375m south of the development site. They appear to represent a road leading to Stonea Grange with associated enclosures and a possible settlement site.

1.3km north-west of the development site, cropmarks (9009) of an enclosure and possible buildings of probable Roman date near Ranson Moor, March were also observed on aerial photographs.

An occupation area of dark material containing Roman pottery (10006) has been recorded 960m south-west of the site.

The remains of a Roman silted canal (11037) were observed on aerial photographs 770m south-east of the development site.

#### Medieval

Remains of the medieval hamlet of Eastwood End (11416B) were uncovered at Bridge Lane, 1km south-west of the proposed development site during archaeological investigations.

Medieval ridge and furrow were observed on aerial photographs (11644) 1.7km north-west of the development site.

Evidence of medieval ridge and furrow was discovered during evaluation of land south-west of 3 Eastwood End (ECB3665), located 1.1km south of the current site.

A long cross silver penny (11994) of Edward I or II (1272-1307) was found 1.5km north-west of the site.

A medieval iron ring and bronze belt buckle was found (MCB16261) 1.8km northwest of the site.

A Roman brooch and pottery were uncovered 1.1km south-west of the site (MCB16741).

#### **Post-Medieval**

Two post-medieval sites are recorded within the study area; The Old Toll House (05914) which is located 1.3km south-west of the development site, and a site at Bridge Lane where furrows and boundary ditches were uncovered.

#### 19th-20th century

The Great Northern and Great Eastern Joint Railway (03698) between March and St Ives opened in February 1848 and closed in 1967. It is located 400m west of the development site.

#### Unknown date

Site 00168 refers to cropmarks and turbaries (places where peat could be dug) between the fen edge and a roddon. These were observed on aerial photographs 575m west of the development site.

The remains of an earthwork bank (10682) running east to west for 1km were observed on aerial photographs 550m south-west of the present site.

Cropmarks of an uneven sided hexagonal enclosure (11645) were observed on aerial photographs 960m north-west of the site.

Twenty ditches and six pits (MCB17552) have been uncovered 1.3km south-west of the development site.

### 3.2 Historical Background

The village of Wimblington is somewhat dispersed with outlying settlement occurring to the north-east at Eastwood End and the Hook (Emery 2005). It has been suggested that the likely area for Saxon settlement is in the village itself

where the underlying geology is gravel. Wimblington was formerly a hamlet (like March and Benwick) and located within the parish of Doddington.

Wimblington is first mentioned in *c*.AD975 and the name derives from 'Wimbel's or Wynnbeald's farm'. It was not named in the Domesday book and has no separate manorial history from Doddington. It was bought by the monastery at Ely from Ramsey Abbey in the late 10th century (Pugh 2002). To the south-west of Wimblington village lies Manor Farm, which is built on the remains of one of the more important granges of the Bishop of Ely's moated palace (HER 33272, outside the survey area). On the foundation of the see in 1109, Doddington became one of the bishop's main residences. There are several surveys of Doddington manor, the first two (in 1222 and 1251) mention Wimblington, March and Marchford as settlements distinct from Doddington (Emery 2005). Wimblington had three guilds, the Holy Trinity, the Purification, and St Peter, which were sufficiently important to own between them two guildhalls and a chapel (Pugh 2002). One of the guildhalls had come into the possession of the lord of the manor (Sir John Peyton II) by 1635.

The Sixteen Foot Drain (which runs from near Chatteris through the east of Wimblington parish to the Nene at Upwell) was completed by 1652 and helped to instigate a period of prosperity not realised since the Dissolution. Enclosure blocks were created as 'Adventurer's Grounds or Lands or Fen', and wind-pumps were introduced to the area from the late 17th and early 18th centuries. Drainage Commissions were first set up in 1727 by groups of landowners and farmers in order to organise and maintain the drainage of blocks of fenland. On the fen islands the medieval common fields were swept away by parliamentary enclosure between 1790 and 1857. Much of the fenland of Wimblington parish was enclosed from 1791 and was divided and drained. The private and parliamentary enclosures of the 18th and 19th centuries created many of the farmsteads and fields we see today. Wimblington split from Doddington in 1847.

The first Ordnance Survey map of the 1880s shows a building at the end of Hook Drove, and also in the field adjacent to the current site (on the north side of Hook Drove), where there is now a bungalow and poultry sheds. These buildings are still visible on the 1902, 1926 and 1938-52 maps, but by the 1970s the building at the end of Hook Drove has gone, and poultry houses are now present in the field adjacent to the current site (as they are today).

### 4.0 METHODOLOGY

The objective of this evaluation was to determine as far as reasonably possible the presence or absence, location, nature, extent, date, quality, condition and significance of any surviving archaeological deposits within the development area.

A 5% sample of the development area was investigated using archaeological trenching (Fig. 2).

Machine excavation was carried out with a wheeled JCB excavator equipped with a toothless ditching bucket and operated under constant archaeological supervision.

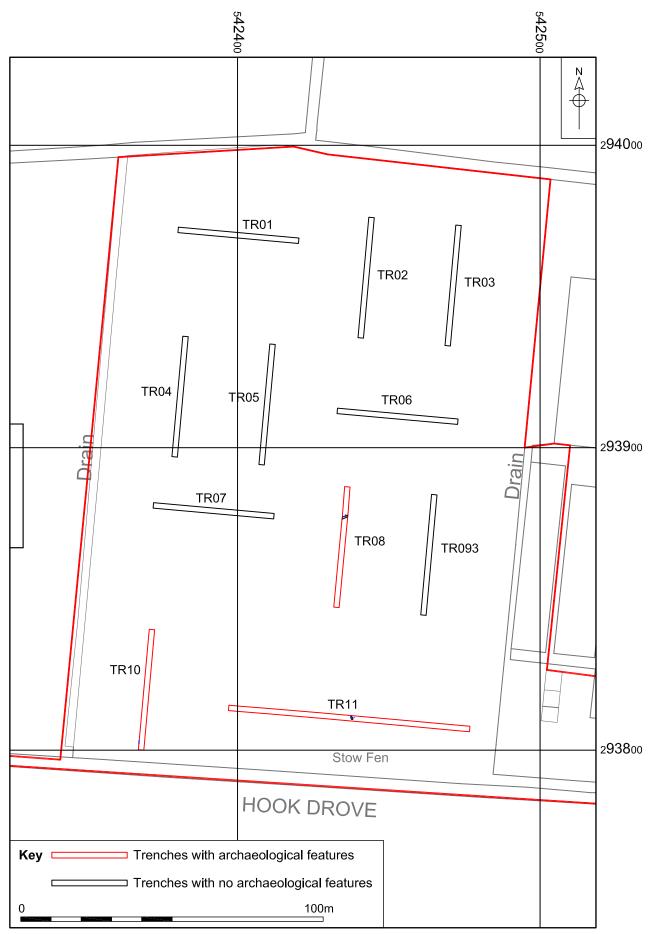
Spoil, exposed surfaces and features were scanned with a metal-detector. All metal-detected and hand-collected finds other than those which were obviously modern, were retained for inspection.

Environmental samples were not taken.

All archaeological features and deposits were recorded using NPS Archaeology pro forma. Trench locations, plans and sections were recorded at appropriate scales. Colour, monochrome and digital photographs were taken of all relevant features and deposits where appropriate.

The excavation areas were set out by the NPS Land Survey Team. The archaeological plan and all necessary levels were undertaken using a Leica Rover RTK GPS.

Site conditions were good, with the work taking place in fine weather. The natural clay was hard, making excavation difficult.



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Figure 2. Location of trenches. Scale 1:1250

## 5.0 RESULTS

### Trench 01

irench vi						
			Fig. 2			
		Location				
A ARRAY CONTRACTOR		Orientation	East-West			
			East End	542420.197, 293968.42		
A SAL GOTTEN			West End	542380.36	9, 293972.025	
A MARY MARK	Dimensions	5				
		te site	Length	40.00m		
KINA			Width	1.80m		
		Depth	0.45m			
ARE	P		Levels	Levels		
		it and	East End Top	0.637m OD		
			West End Top	0.810m OD		
Context	Туре	Description and Inte	erpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL	
15	Topsoil	Very dark black/brow	n peaty silt	0.35m	0.00–0.35m	
16	Subsoil	Mid grey/brown sand	y clay	0.10m	0.35–0.45m	
Discussion	·	·				
A modern land dra ruts were also pre		long the base of the sc	outh side of the	e trench. Fou	r modern wheel	

Other potential features were noted but on investigation all proved to be of natural origin

Trench 02						
			Fig. 2			
			Location			
			Orientation	North–South		
			North End	542444.290, 293976.144		
		South End	542440.717, 293936.309			
			Dimensions	5		
		TO SEAMAND	Length	40.00m		
			Width	1.80m		
MIMOL			Depth	0.45m		
AUN SALE		WIN W W W	Levels			
			North End Top	0.665m OD		
			South End Top	0.645m OD		
Context	Туре	Description and Int	erpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL	
15	Topsoil	Very dark black/brov	vn peaty silt	0.35m	0.00–0.35m	
16	S Subsoil Mid grey/brown san			0.10m	0.35–0.45m	
Discussion						
No archaeologica	I features or artefac	cts were present.				

Trench 03					
			Fig. 2		
Collinson and a constant			Location		
5			Orientation	North-South	
		A CALLER AND A	North End	542473.036, 293973.542	
		TEDATIN .	South End	542469.452	, 293933.725
WAR IN			Dimensions	5	
			Length	40.00m	
	and and a second		Width	1.80m	
	A that is a set	1	Depth	0.55m	
		A A	Levels	1	
1.7	The Ast		North End Top	0.657m OD	
			South End Top	0.483m OD	
Context	Туре	Description and Int	erpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
15	Topsoil	Very dark black/brow	vn peaty silt	0.45m	0.00–0.45m
16	Subsoil	Mid grey/brown sand	dy clay	0.10m	0.45–0.55m
Discussion					
A number of p	ossible features to	wards the north end of the	e trench were	excavated bu	it proved to be

of natural origin, probably tree throws. No artefacts were recovered.

Trench 04	

Туре

Topsoil

Subsoil

	Fig. 2			
	Location			
	Orientation	North-South		
	North End	542382.792, 293936.795		
	South End	542379.207, 293896.983		
	Dimensions			
	Length	40.00m		
	Width	1.80m		
	Depth	0.40m		
	Levels			
	North End Top	0.836m OD		
	South End Top	0.831m OD		
<b>Description and Interpretation</b>		Thickness	Depth BGL	
Very dark black/brow	n peaty silt	0.30m	0.00–0.30m	
Mid grey/brown sand	y clay	0.10m	0.30-0.40m	

#### Discussion

Context

15

16

Potential features were noted but on investigation all proved to be of natural origin. No archaeological artefacts were present.

Trench 05						
			Fig. 2			
			Location			
			Orientation	North-South		
			North End	542411.560, 293934.232		
			South End	542407.943	, 293894.379	
			Dimensions	Dimensions		
	A Martin Cal		Length	40.00m		
			Width	1.80m		
FILEN			Depth	0.45m		
			Levels			
			North End Top	0.746m OD		
			South End Top	0.783m OD		
Context	Туре	Description and Int	erpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL	
15	Topsoil	Very dark black/brov	vn peaty silt	0.32m	0–0.32m	
16 Subsoil Mid grey/brown san			dy clay	0.13m	0.32-0.45m	
Discussion		·				
Several tree throw	ws were excavated.	No artefacts were pre	esent.			

Trench 06						
			Fig. 2			
			Location			
		Reason and a state of the state	Orientation	East-West		
			East End	542472.793, 293908.613		
			West End	542432.951, 293912.190		
all work I'v		Dimensions	5			
Well the		BARAN	Length	40.00m		
			Width	1.80m		
			Depth	0.55m		
	States -		Levels			
			East End Top	0.445m OD		
			West End Top	0.667m OD		
Context	Туре	Description and Int	erpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL	
15	Topsoil	Very dark black/brow	vn peaty silt	0.40m	0.00–0.40m	
16	16 Subsoil Mid grey/brown sand			0.15m	0.40-0.55m	
Discussion						
Modern wheel ruts were noted crossing north to south across the trench.						
No archaeological features or artefacts were present						

Trench 07					
			Fig. 2		
			Location		
And Andrew Still & And		Manage and State of S	Orientation	East-West	
	A THE	A States	East End	542412.01	1, 293877.371
Al and the second			West End	542372.17	4, 293880.935
Ed a let		MARK -	Dimensions		
A PARAL AND A			Length	40.00m	
R. B. C.			Width	1.80m	
and the			Depth	0.55m	
NY MARS	X MARS		Levels		
			East End Top	0.722m OE	)
			West End Top	0.901m OE	)
Context	Туре І	Description and In	terpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
15	Topsoil	Very dark black/b	prown peaty silt	0.42m	0.00– 0.42m
16	Subsoil	Mid grey/brown s	andy clay	0.13m	0.42- 0.55m
Discussion	•	·			
No archaeologica	al features or artefac	cts were present.			

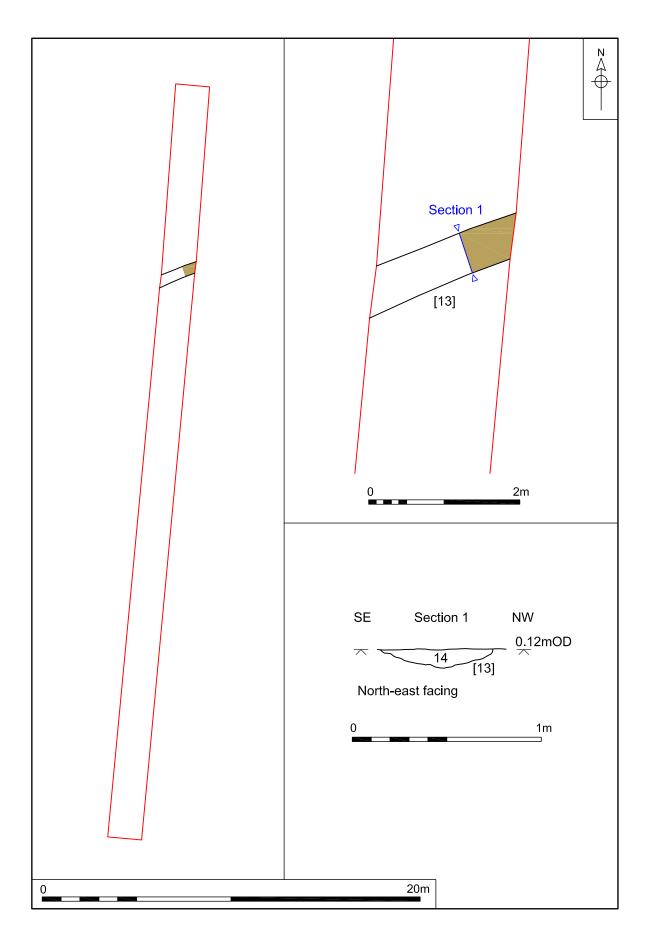
Trench 08					
			Figs 2 and 3; P	late 1	
			Location		
the plane of All Lines	A AND		Orientation	North-South	
The LAND AND THE TOP OF		Mr. Contract	North End	542436.276	, 293887.071
TANK THE		1	South End	542432.681	, 293847.238
1 A 24 44 5		ANN .	Dimensions		
		A A A A A A	Length	40.00m	
			Width	1.80m	
NHR.	and the second s		Depth	0.47m	
The second	1 And	Hora Contactor	Levels		
	- /1		North End Top	0.592m OD	
			South End Top	0.683m OD	
Context	Туре	Description and Int	terpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
13	Cut	Small ditch NE/SW		0.10m	0.47-0.57m
14	Fill	Mid grey sandy silt w inclusions	vith clay	0.10m	0.47-0.57m
15	Topsoil	Very dark black/brown peaty silt		0.30m	0.00–0.30m
16	Subsoil	Mid grey/brown sand	dy clay	0.17m	0.30-0.47m

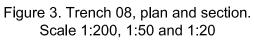
#### Discussion

Small ditch [13] ran north-east to south-west across the trench. The fill (14) contained one piece of animal bone from a small cow. A modern land drain ran east-west at the south end of the trench.

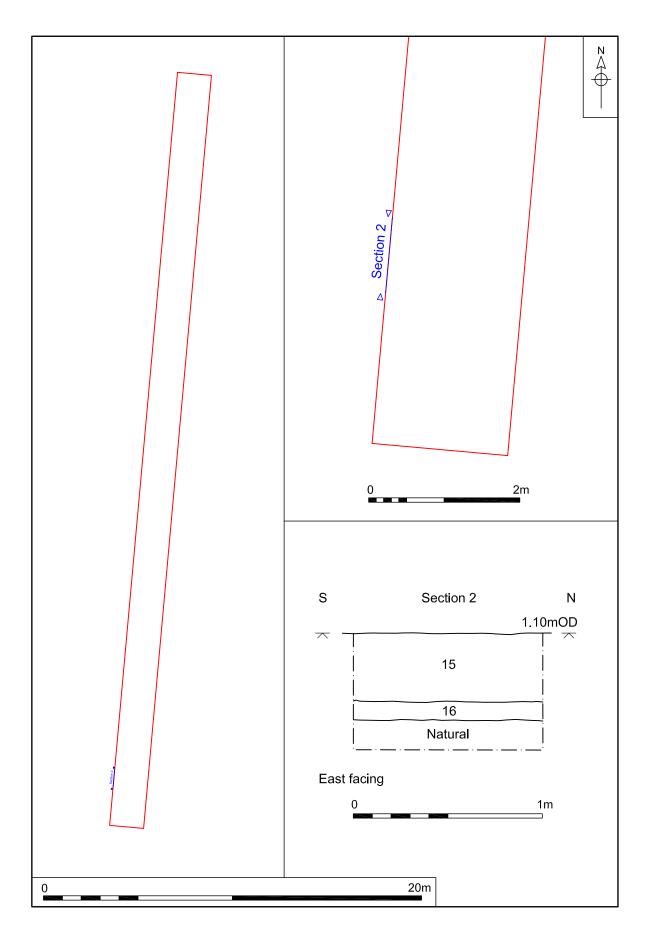


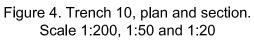
Plate 1: Ditch [13] (south-west facing section)





Trench 09					
			Fig. 2		
			Location		
			Orientation	North-South	
			North End	542465.019, 29	3884.480
			South End	542461.434, 29	3844.668
	R/N	Martin	Dimensions	1	
A CANANT			Length	40.00m	
			Width	1.80m	
	a series and	The little little	Depth	0.50m	
	The state of the second	1. Ale 1.	Levels		
2.	17 Wales		North End Top	0.513m OD	
			South End Top	0.578m OD	
Context	Туре	Description an	d Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
15	Topsoil	-	/brown peaty silt	0.34m	0.00–0.34m
16	Subsoil	Mid grey/brown	sandy clay	0.16m	0.34-0.50m
Discussion					
No archaeolog	ical features o	or artefacts were	present.		





Trench 10					
			Figs 2 and	4	
			Location		
NEW REPORT			Orientation	North-South	1
A DE RECEILE CONTRACTOR		A CONTRACTOR OF THE OWNER	North End	542371.705	, 293839.908
ANTANDAR LA STATE		Alban and a state	South End	542368.116	, 293800.074
			Dimensions	5	
			Length	40.00m	
			Width	1.80m	
NEW		V W KING	Depth	0.50m	
		IF // MARKIN	Levels	I	
			North End Top	0.806m OD	
			South End Top	1.111m OD	
Context	Туре	Description and Int	erpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
08	U/S Finds				
15	Topsoil	Very dark black/brov	vn peaty silt	0.35m	0.00–0.35m
16	Subsoil	Mid grey/brown sand	dy clay	0.15m	0.35-0.50m
Discussion					
No significant archaeological features or artefacts were present in Trench 10.					
Two modern lane	d drains ran east-w	vest and some natural f	eatures were	present.	
A shard of 10th	or early 20th_cent	invistoneware probably	, from a stora	ne iar or hottle	anda

A sherd of 19th- or early 20th-century stoneware, probably from a storage jar or bottle, and a fragment of fired clay were found in the upcast from the trench.

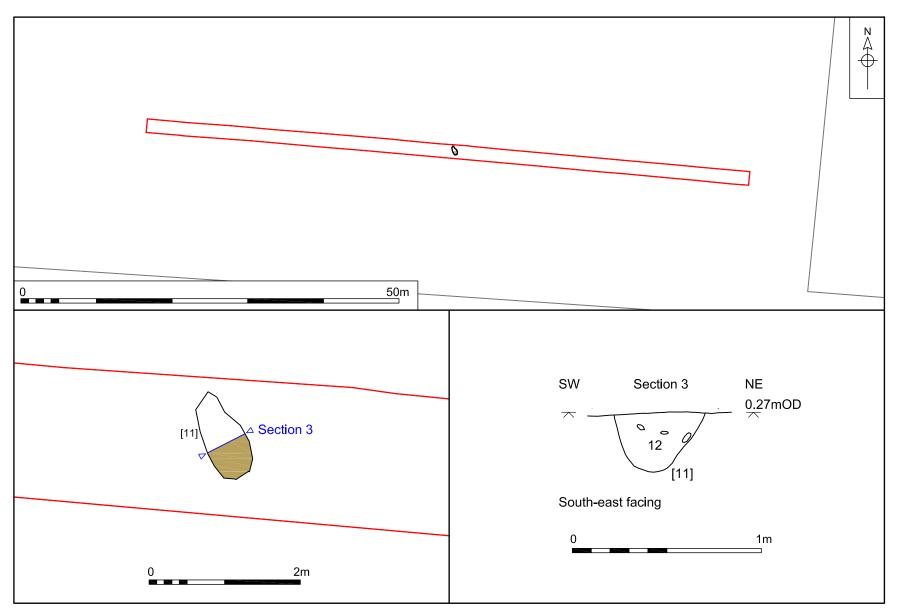


Figure 5. Trench 11, plan and section. Scale 1:500, 1:50 and 1:20

#### Trench 11



Figs 2 and 5; Plates 2 and 3				
Location				
Orientation	East-West			
East End	542476.690, 293806.713			
West End	542397.033, 293813.890			
Dimensions	·			
Length	40.00m			
Width	1.80m			
Depth	0.46m			
Levels	'			
East End Top	0.678m OD			
West End Top	0.785m OD			

Context	Туре	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
01	Cut	Modern Wheel rut	0.30m	0.46-0.76m
02	Fill	Fill of [01], dark black/brown peaty silt	0.30m	0.46-0.76m
03	Cut	Tree throw	0.22m	0.46-0.68m
04	Fill	Fill of [03], mid blue/grey sandy clay	0.22m	0.46-0.68m
05	Cut	Tree throw	0.25m	0.46-0.71m
06	Fill	Fill of [05], mid blue/grey brown sandy clay	0.25m	0.46-0.71m
07	U/S Finds	-	-	-
09	Fill	Fill of [05], pale grey orangey brown sandy clay	0.10m	0.56-0.66m
10	Fill	Fill of [05], dark brown sandy silty clay	0.25m	0.46-0.71m
11	Cut	Possible pit or Natural Feature	0.34m	0.46-0.80m
12	Fill	Mid to dark black/grey sandy clay	0.34	0.46-0.80m
15	Topsoil	Very dark black/brown peaty silt	0.38m	0.00–0.38m
16	Subsoil	Mid grey/brown sandy clay	0.38-0.46m	

#### Discussion

A possible pit [11] was uncovered (Plate 2). Oblong in shape, its fill was identical to the subsoil and contained no artefacts; it could be a natural feature.

Modern wheel ruts [01] (Plate 3) and two tree throws [03] and [05] were recorded.

An egg-shaped lead weight was found in the soil upcast from the trench.

# Trench 11



Plate 2: Possible pit [11], south-east facing section



Plate 3: Modern wheel ruts, north facing section

# 6.0 THE FINDS

#### by Rebecca Sillwood

Finds were processed and recorded by count and weight, and an Excel spreadsheet was produced outlining broad dating. Each material type has been considered separately and is described below organised by material.

A list of finds ordered by context can be found in Appendix 2a.

Finds recovery was very sparse with just four pieces being collected – a pottery sherd, a fragment of brick, an animal bone and a lead weight. Only one of the objects, the animal bone, derived from an archaeological feature

## 6.1 Pottery

A single piece of modern English Stoneware (12g) (identified by S. Anderson) was recovered from unstratified deposit (8) in Trench 10.

### 6.2 Ceramic Building Material

A single abraded fragment of probable medieval brick (96g) was recovered from unstratified deposit (8) in Trench 10.

## 6.3 The Lead

A lead weight was recovered from unstratified deposit (7) - the spoil from Trench 11. The weight is egg-shaped, and is rather battered, weighing 527g (1lb 2% oz) and with dimensions 53mm in height and 42mm in diameter at its widest part.

This weight has no central hole for suspension, and might have been a freestanding weight. This type of weight is not closely dateable, given the ubiquitous nature of the object, and the lack of context.

## 6.4 Animal Bone

The fill of ditch [13] (14) produced a single cattle tibia, which is almost complete, and shows signs of butchery (S. Anderson pers.comm).

## 7.0 CONCLUSIONS

Despite evidence of significant Roman evidence nearby, very few features and finds were recorded from the eleven trenches opened at Hook Drove, Wimblington where just one south-west to north-east orientated small ditch [13] and possible pit [11] were uncovered.

Aerial photographs of features (site 08984) located 375m south of the site indicate the presence of double-ditched linear features interpreted as tracks or roads or east-west aligned possible banks. A series of small enclosures abut these tracks and field boundaries can also be seen. Furthermore on Bridge Lane, situated c.1km south of this site is a Roman road and scatters of Roman sherds have been collected in the vicinity.

Evaluation Trench 11, on the south side of the proposed development area, was positioned in order to try to uncover the Roman road and coincides with the location of a new reservoir. No evidence of the road was present although one small pit was recorded in the trench.

The small ditch observed in Trench 8 in the centre of the development site was only 0.1m deep, with its base at sea level. The 1886-1887 Ordnance Survey map demonstrates that the boundary of the present-day site has not changed since the late 19th century. The shallow ditch did not follow the same orientation as modern boundaries and could therefore indicate that this ditch is a relict of an earlier landscape, possibly medieval or earlier.

The dearth of finds indicates that the area defined by the development boundary was not subject to much activity in the past and that ditch [13] could be interpreted as a drainage ditch.

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Context	Category	Cut Type	Fill Of	Description	Period	Trench
1	Cut	Wheel Rut	1	Cut of wheel rut	Modern	11
2	Deposit		1	Fill of [1]	Modern	11
3	Cut	Tree throw		Tree throw	Uncertain	11
4	Deposit		3	Fill of [3]	Uncertain	11
5	Cut	Tree throw		Tree throw	Uncertain	11
6	Deposit		5	Fill of [5]	Uncertain	11
7	U/S Finds			Finds from Trench 11	Uncertain	11
8	U/S Finds			Finds from Trench 10	Uncertain	10
9	Deposit		5	Fill of [5]	Uncertain	11
10	Deposit		5	Fill of [5]	Uncertain	11
11	Cut	Pit		Possible pit or natural feature	Uncertain	11
12	Deposit		11	Fill of [11]	Uncertain	11
13	Cut	Ditch		Small ditch running NE/SW	Uncertain	8
14	Deposit		13	Fill of [13]	Uncertain	8
15	Deposit	Topsoil		Very dark black/brown peaty silt	Uncertain	All
16	Deposit	Subsoil		Mid grey/brown sandy clay	Uncertain	All

# Appendix 1a: Context Summary

# Appendix 1b: OASIS Feature Summary

Period	Category	Total
Uncertain	Pit	1
	Ditch	1
	Tree throw	2
Modern	Wheel rut	1

Context	Material	Qty	Wt	Period	Notes
7	Lead	1	527g	Unknown	Weight
8	Ceramic Building Material	1	96g	Medieval	Brick fragment
8	Pottery	1	12g	Modern	English Stoneware
14	Animal Bone	1	290g	Unknown	Complete tibia of small cow

# Appendix 2a: Finds by Context

# Appendix 2b: OASIS Finds Summary

Period	Material	Total
Medieval	Ceramic Building Material	1
Modern	Pottery	1
Uncertain	Animal Bone	1
	Lead	1

Appendix 3: OASIS Summary

# OASIS DATA COLLECTION FORM: England

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#### OASIS ID: norfolka1-134312

#### **Project details**

Project name	Hook Drove
Short description of the project	An archaeological trial trench evaluation was conducted for St Lawrence Hall Farms Limited ahead of the construction of four new poultry barns, a dwelling, a biomass boiler and associated landscaping at a site located west of The 'Bungalow', Hook Drove, Wimblington in Cambridgeshire. A total of eleven evaluation trenches were excavated, ten measured 40m in length and one was 80m long. Two archaeological features were recorded - a small undated ditch running north-east/south-west and a possible undated pit. Other features that were apparent were determined to be natural. Modern land drains as well as tractors wheel ruts and drilling marks were also observed.
Project dates	Start: 05-09-2012 End: 07-09-2012
Previous/future work	No / Not known
Any associated project reference codes	BAU3137 - Contracting Unit No.
Any associated project reference codes	ECB3849 - HER event no.
Type of project	Field evaluation
Site status	None
Current Land use	Cultivated Land 3 - Operations to a depth more than 0.25m
Monument type	PIT Uncertain
Monument type	DITCH Uncertain
Significant Finds	ANIMAL BONE Uncertain
Significant Finds	LEAD WEIGHT Uncertain
Methods & techniques	"Sample Trenches","Targeted Trenches"
Development type	Farm infrastructure (e.g. barns, grain stores, equipment stores, etc.)
Prompt	Direction from Local Planning Authority - PPS
Position in the planning process	Between deposition of an application and determination

#### **Project location**

Country	England
Site location	CAMBRIDGESHIRE FENLAND WIMBLINGTON Land off Hook Drove,

#### **Project creators**

Name of Organisation	NPS Archaeology
Project brief originator	САРСА
Project design originator	NPS Archaeology
Project director/manager	David Whitmore
Project supervisor	Mick Boyle
Type of sponsor/funding body	Agricultural
Name of sponsor/funding body	St Lawrence Hall Farms Limited

#### **Project archives**

Physical Archive recipient	Cambridgeshire County Store
Physical Contents	"Animal Bones","Ceramics","Metal"
Digital Archive recipient	NPS Archaeology
Digital Contents	"Animal Bones", "Ceramics", "Metal", "Survey", "other"
Digital Media available	"Images raster / digital photography","Images vector","Spreadsheets","Survey","Text"
Paper Archive recipient	Cambridgeshire County Store
Paper Contents	"Animal Bones","Ceramics","Metal","other"
Paper Media available	"Context sheet","Plan","Report","Section"

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