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**Report on an Archaeological Watching Brief at
Marsh Farm, North Wootton.**

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Summary

An archaeological watching brief was undertaken to monitor the stripping of soil for a new road on Marsh Farm, North Wootton. Nothing of archaeological significance was observed or retrieved from the site.

1.0 Introduction

The proposed new road runs south-east from Marsh Road to a farm track which runs from the village of North Wootton. The excavated width of the track was approximately 3.90m, and at a maximum depth of 0.70m where it cut through the Sea Bank; elsewhere, the depth of excavation was approximately 0.30m.

The report was commissioned and funded by Wootton Marsh Farms Ltd.

This archaeological watching brief was undertaken in accordance with a Method Statement prepared by the Norfolk Archaeological Unit and a Brief issued by Norfolk Landscape Archaeology. North Wootton is situated in West Norfolk.

The watching brief was necessary because the course of the proposed road runs through a Sea Bank, and through areas where it is expected that significant archaeological remains may exist.

The site archive is currently held by the Norfolk Museums and Archaeology Service, in accordance with the relevant policy on archiving standards.

The objective of this watching brief was to record any archaeological evidence revealed during the groundwork's for the new road. The Brief required that the work was to be conducted under constant supervision of an archaeologist.

The contractors used a tracked 360° excavator to remove top soil in preparation for the road.

2.0 Observations

Nothing of archaeological significance was observed or retrieved from the site.

3.0 Conclusions

The track appears not to have crossed an area of archaeological remains. Alternatively, its construction may not have penetrated deeply enough into the soil to affect any remains which may have been sealed below.

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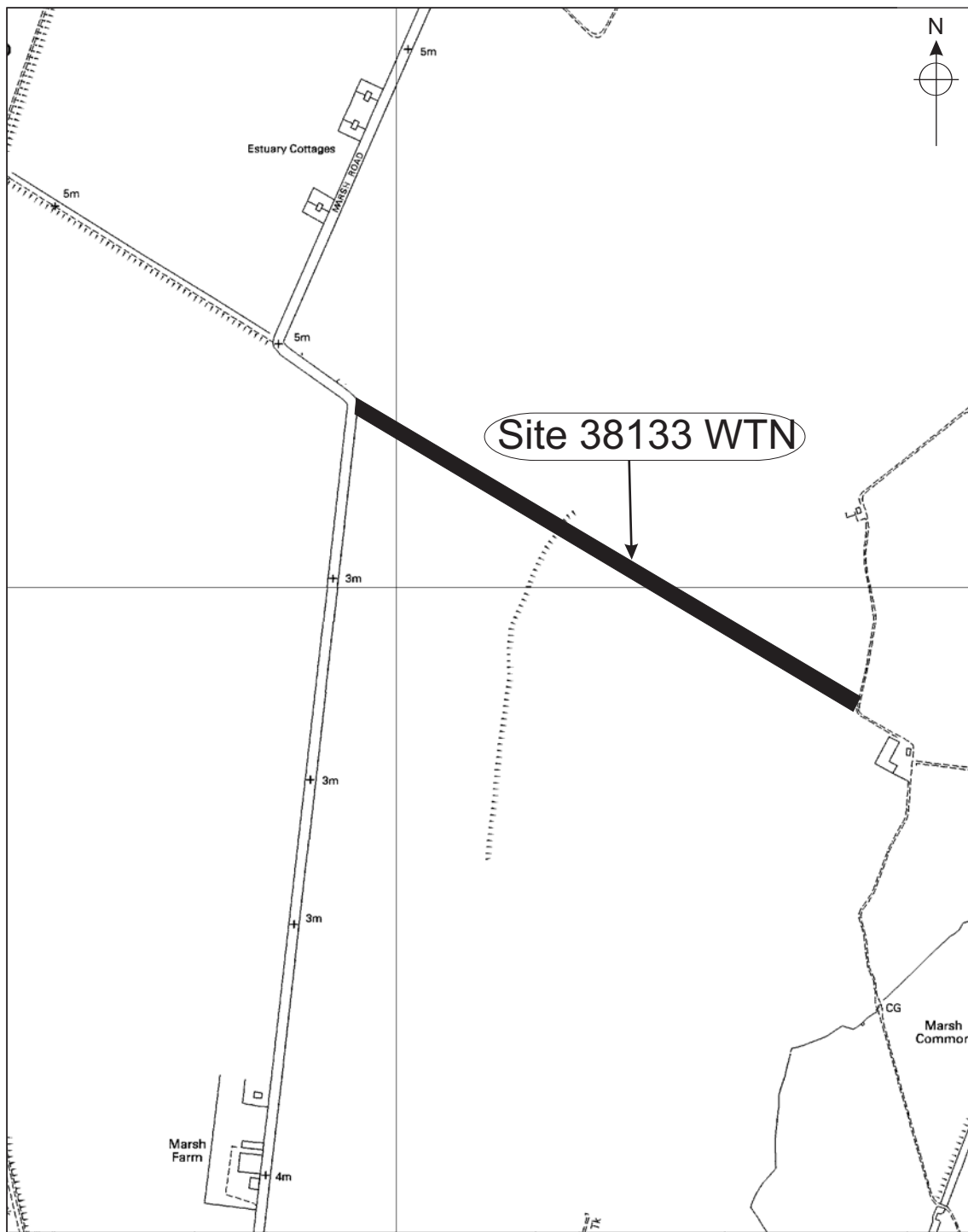


Figure 1. Site location. Scale 1:10,000

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