

**Lark Rise Dunwich Road,
Blythburgh
(BLB 062)
Planning application no. C/04/0987
Archaeological Monitoring Report, 2005/154
OASIS ID No. 10538**

Summary

Blythburgh, Lark Rise, Dunwich Road (TM/454751; BLB 062) An application to extend Lark Rise, Blythburgh, required archaeological monitoring of the groundworks. No features were seen cutting the exposed natural, nor were any artefacts recovered from the upcast spoil. (Linzi Everett for S.C.C.A.S. and Mr. D. Wilson; report no. 2005/154)

Introduction

Conditional planning consent for extensions to Lark Rise, Blythburgh, required a programme of archaeological monitoring. The site is centred on TM 4537 7507, at a height of c.10m OD and lies within the area of archaeological interest for Blythburgh as defined in the County Sites and Monuments Record. Medieval pottery has been recovered from adjacent plots and there is high potential for this site to contain occupational debris associated with earlier activity.

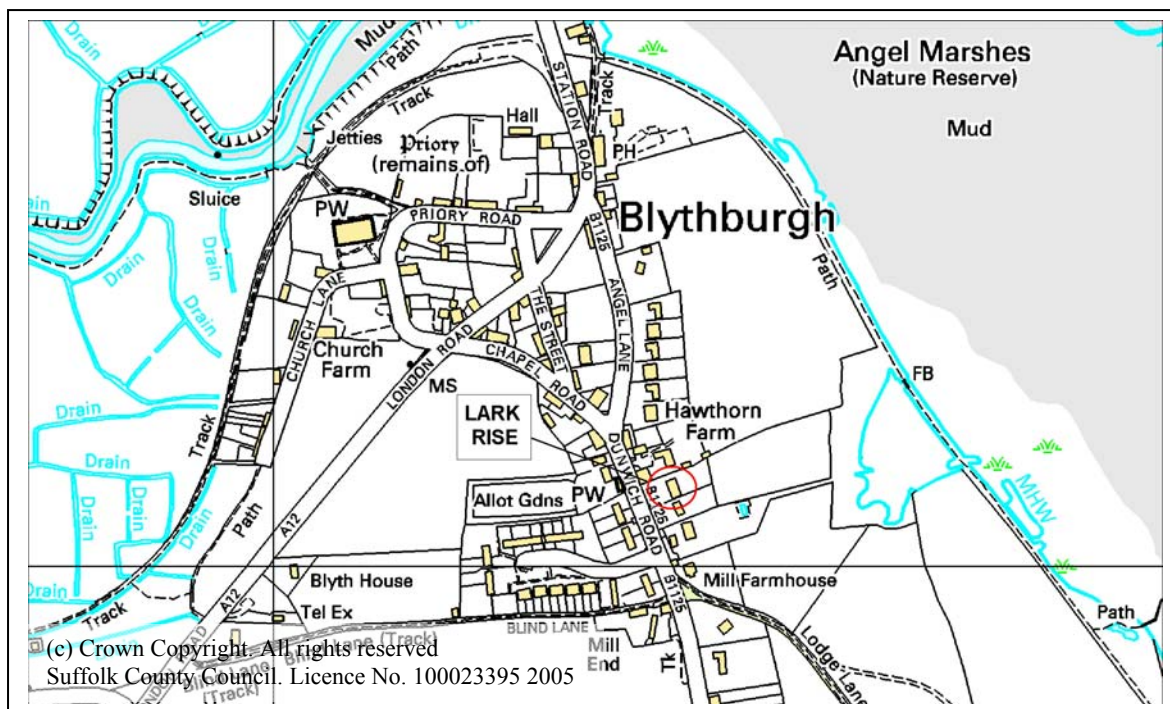


Figure 1: Site location

Methodology

One visit was made to the site by the Field Projects Team of Suffolk County Council's Archaeological Service (SCCAS) in order to inspect the excavated foundation trenches. The site was recorded under the SMR code BLB 062. A Brief and Specification for the archaeological work was produced by Keith Wade of the SCCAS Conservation Team. The monitoring work took place on July 21st 2005 and was commissioned by the owner, Mr. D. Wilson. The monitoring archive is held in the county SMR in Bury St. Edmunds.

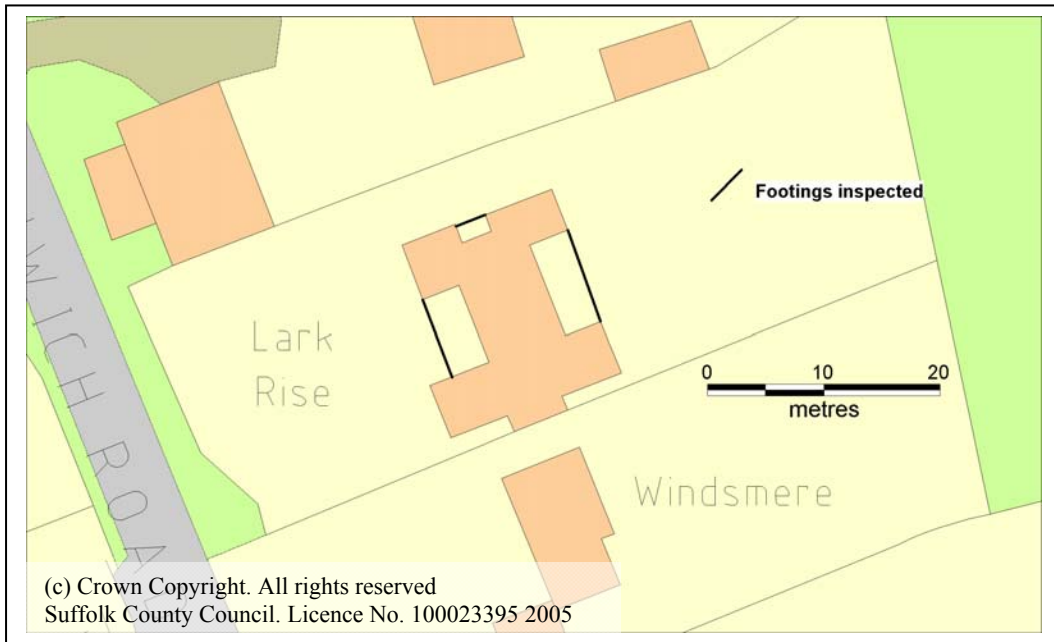


Figure 2: Location of trenches

Results

Trenching was undertaken to a depth of over a metre in three areas, revealing the composition of the soil in the exposed sections. Some disturbance was evident and very little topsoil survived. Where topsoil was present, it comprised a dark brown loamy sand. This sealed a clean, orange sand natural subsoil which was sterile and virtually stoneless. No finds were recovered from the little spoil available for inspection but the evidence from the open trenches did not suggest that any archaeological deposits survived around the house.

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