

ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING REPORT

75 High Street, Lakenheath LKH 260

A REPORT ON THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING OF GROUNDWORKS ASSOCIATED WITH HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT 75 HIGH STREET, LAKENHEATH

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Summary

An archaeological monitoring of service trenches associated with new housing to the rear of 75 High Street, Lakenheath did not locate any archaeological deposits.

Introduction

Two visits were made to the site on 3rd and 6th March 2006 to monitor the excavation of service trenches associated with two new houses. The footing trenches for the houses themselves had been concreted prior to the site visits and could not be observed. The work was carried out to a Brief and Specification issued by R.D.Carr (Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service, Conservation Team) to fulfil a planning condition on application F/2005/0955/FUL. The work was funded by the developer, C J Developments Ltd.

Interest in the site was based upon its general location. Lying within 200m of the parish church the site was within the area of archaeological interest of Lakenheath (Fig. 1), defined in the County Sites and Monuments Record as an archaeological site of regional importance. There was potential therefore for any ground disturbance to affect multi-period archaeological deposits.

Methodology and Results

A single service trench measuring c.0.5m wide and up to 0.7m deep was observed, running through the centre of the site. The western half of the trench showed only a thick layer of topsoil and modern deposits, the natural subsoil, or potential archaeological levels, was not reached. From the centre of the trench, through the eastern half of the site, this layer thinned to 0.6m thick, under which the subsoil of orange gravel could be seen. A possible large pit, of a post-medieval date and measuring c.1.5m wide and 0.6m deep with a fill with charcoal and rubble was seen towards the eastern end of the trench.

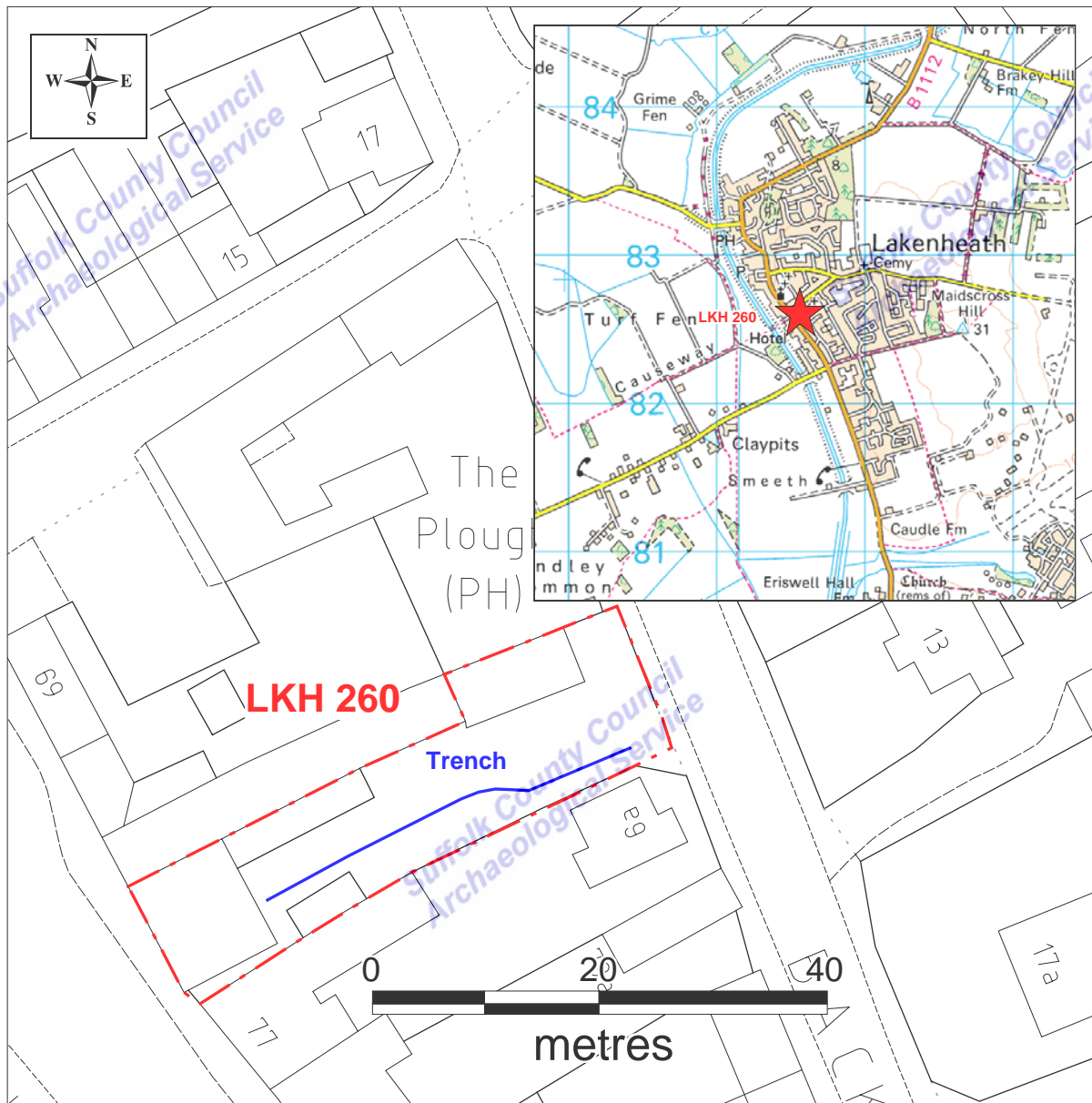


Figure 1. Site location

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Discussion

No archaeological features of interest were seen within the trench, the post-medieval feature being a 19th or 20th century rubbish pit. However this single narrow trench offered only a very limited amount of archaeological observation and there is still potential for archaeological deposits to exist on the site or elsewhere in the plots behind the properties on the High Street frontage.

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