
SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SERVICE

**Land adjacent to Lilac Cottage, Forward Green,
Earl Stonham
SRL 016**

**Planning application no. 1774/05
Archaeological Monitoring Report no. 2006/17
OASIS ID No. 13546**

Summary

Earl Stonham, Land adjacent Lilac Cottage (TM/101598; SRL 016) Archaeological monitoring of groundworks associated with the construction of a new dwelling on land adjacent to Lilac Cottage, Earl Stonham. A single, undated pit was seen cutting the exposed natural, but no artefacts were recovered from any part of the site.

(Linzi Everett for S.C.C.A.S. and Mrs. M. Cole; report no. 2006/17)

1. Introduction

Conditional planning consent for the construction of a new dwelling adjacent to Lilac Cottage, Earl Stonham, required a programme of archaeological monitoring. The site is centred on TM 1006 5976, at a height of approximately 62m OD, and in an area of medieval settlement. Immediately east of the development area is a medieval green, and to the south, evidence of Roman activity has been identified. As such, the site has potential for the survival of archaeological deposits from these or other periods.

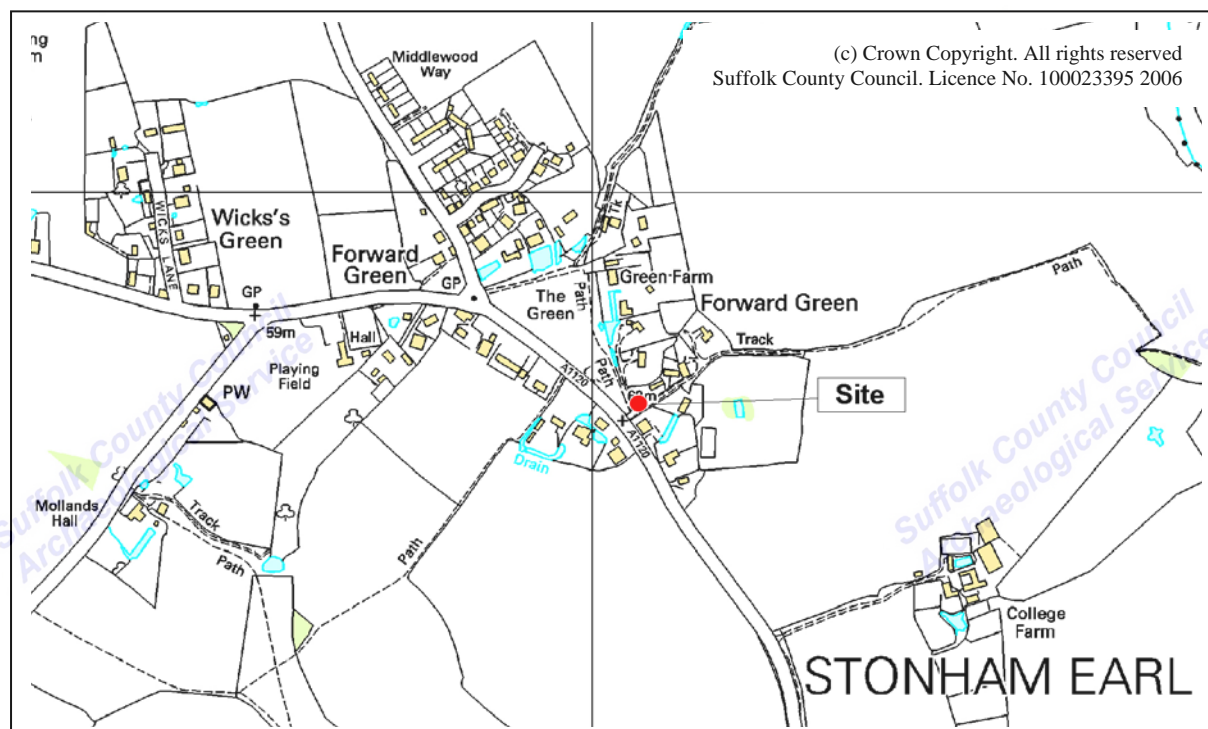


Figure 1: Site location

2. 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 machine excavated footings. The site was recorded under the SMR code SRL 016. A Brief and Specification for the archaeological work was produced by Jess Tipper of the SCCAS Conservation Team (Appendix I). The monitoring work took place in February 2006 and was funded by the owner, Mrs. M. Cole. The monitoring archive is held in the county SMR in Bury St. Edmunds.

3. Results

Footings had been excavated to a depth of c.2m. A layer of dark brown clay loam topsoil was present, measuring 300mm thick. This sealed the undisturbed natural subsoil, a chalky boulder clay into which a single feature had been cut, a small pit, c.300mm wide and 300mm deep. This was rounded in profile and was filled by a grey brown clay rich in charcoal. No finds or other inclusions were visible within the fill.



Figure 2: Location of stripped area

5. Discussion

Despite the potential of the site to contain medieval evidence, the only archaeology revealed by trenching was a small pit of uncertain date and function. This does not mean that no significant archaeological presence exists on the site, merely that the window provided by the footings was limited.

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