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Monitoring Report

14 Mundays Lane, Orford
Planning Application C/05/2051/FUL

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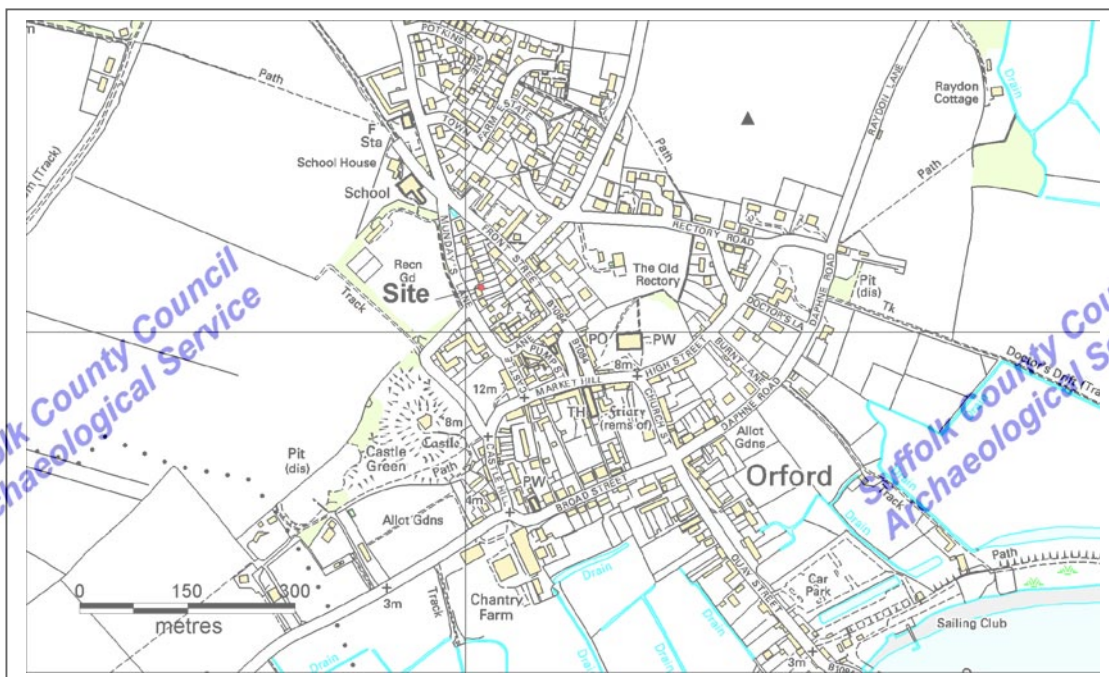
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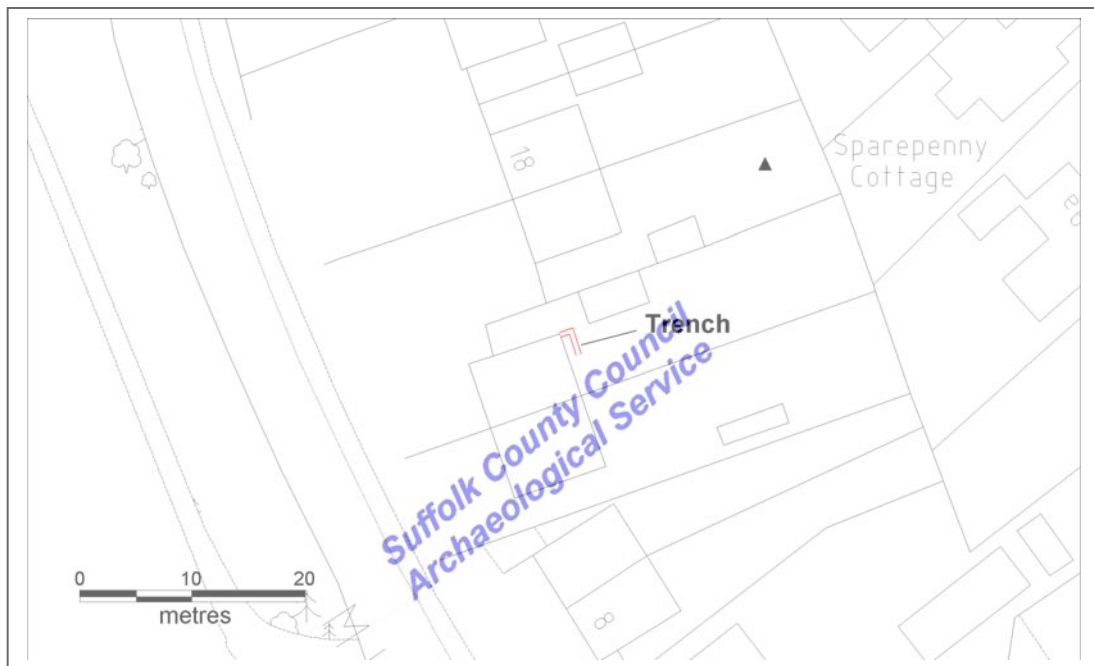
Summary

Archaeological monitoring was carried out at 14 Mundays Lane, Orford as a condition of planning application C/05/2051/FUL. Funding for the monitoring is to be provided by Mrs. M. Ballentyne. The proposal consists of a small extension to the rear of the property, which entails digging around 3.30metres of strip foundation trenches. The site is centred on TM 4202 5006 and falls within an area of archaeological importance in relation to the medieval town as defined by the County Sites and Monuments Record.



Methodology

A single visit to the site was made on 5th June 2006 when it was possible to examine the full length of the trenches, together with the upcast soil. A measured sketch plan was prepared on site and soil descriptions were noted. Some cleaning of the trench sides was carried out in order to clarify soil profiles and to search for any archaeological features. The building contractor had already been able to collect a good sample of pottery from the trench due to the fact that the all of the digging had been carried out by hand.



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Results

The trench was 0.50m. wide and averaged around 0.80m. in depth. Natural yellow-orange sand was exposed within the base of the trench at 0.80m. depth. All of the soil above the natural deposits consisted of redeposited homogeneous mid-dark brown sandy 'garden soil' with regular tile and brick fragments. The pottery from this deposit was all nineteenth century or later in date, none was retained. No archaeological features were observed within the trench. Considering how close the extension footings are to the present house, it seems most likely that the trenched area had already been heavily disturbed during the original building works.

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