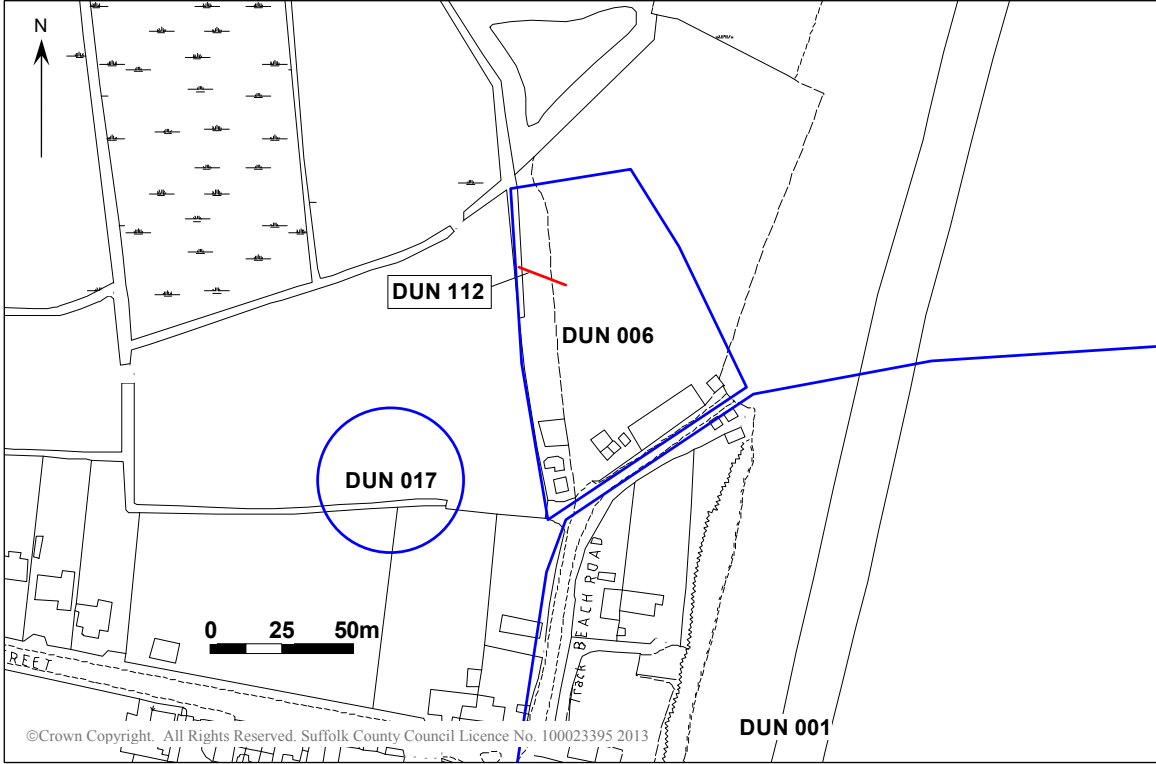


ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING REPORT

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| SCCAS REPORT No. 2013/121 | Parish: Dunwich |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Dunwich car park (Maison Dieu hospital) DUNWICH</p> | Scheduled monument consent: S00061743 |
| | HER Event No: DUN 112 |
| | <i>OASIS ref: suffolkc1-159130</i> |
| Address: Beach Road, Dunwich, Suffolk. | Grid Reference: TM 4787 7073 |
| | Number of Site visits: 1 |
| | Date of visits: 16th September 2013 |
| Nature of the work: Monitoring of excavations to open up an existing drainage channel connecting the car park and adjacent drainage ditch, as a condition of scheduled monument consent. | |
| % of total seen: 100% of the machine excavated trench. | |
| Location Map: | |
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| <p>Figure 1. Location of monitored trench (red line) showing HER entries</p> | |

Results:

The trench measured 17m long, 0.45m wide and up to 0.5m deep, sloping down towards a drainage ditch which forms the western boundary of the car park. A reed covered bank was noted on the eastern side of this drainage ditch. The trench cut through a gravel/hardcore surface in the car park changing to light vegetation, revealing up to 0.5m of a uniform, very dark brown humic silt throughout. The bank material which had been built up on this layer, consisted of up to 0.5m of mid-dark brown clay loam (Plate 3). Whilst the base of the trench was not visible due to waterlogging, it felt like a firm, gravelly material. No archaeological features were exposed in the trench, nor were any pre-modern finds recovered from the sections or the available spoil.



Plate 1. Looking west down the excavated trench

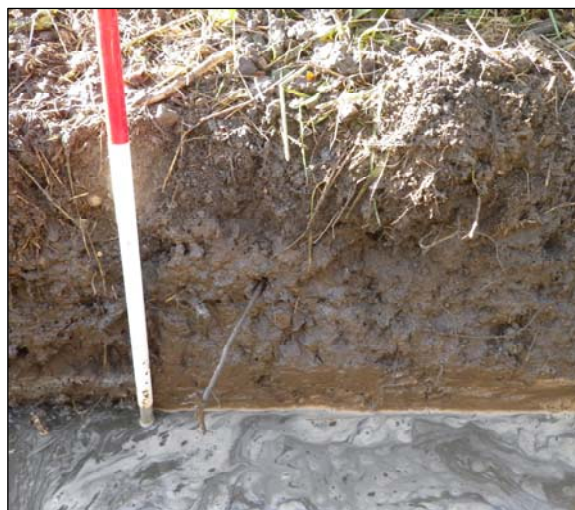


Plate 2. Soil profile



Plate 3. Profile where the trench cuts through the bank

Finds: None

Recorded by: Linzi Everett

Date: 1st October 2013