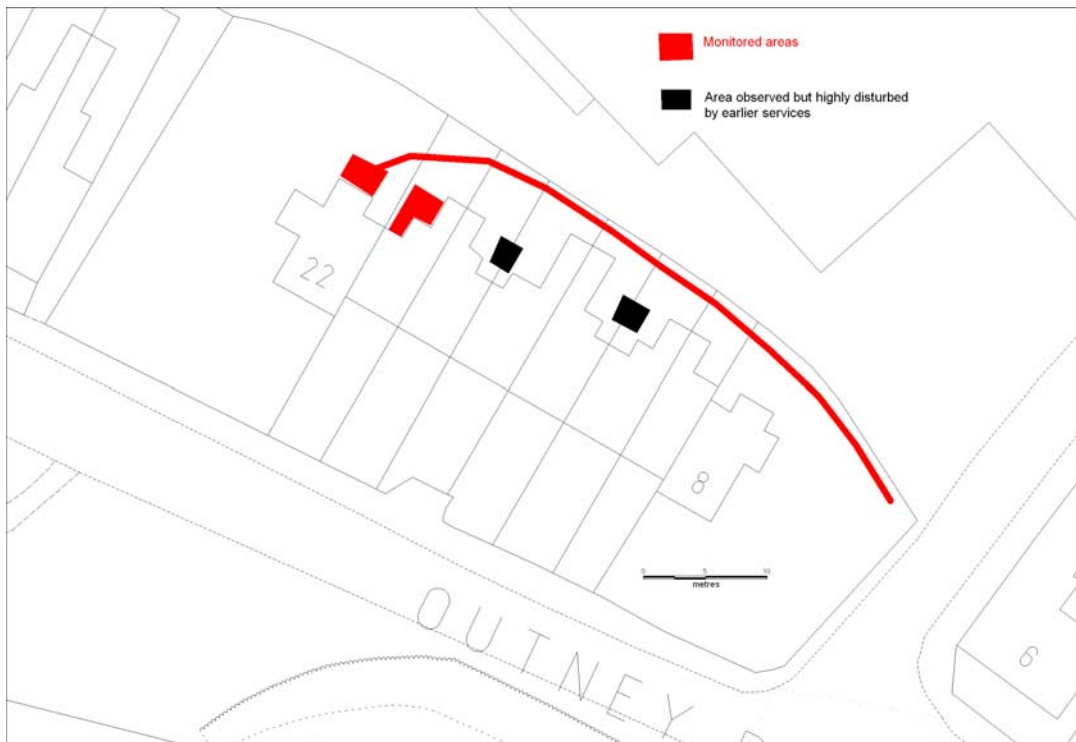


ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING REPORT

SCCAS REPORT No. 2013/129	Parish: Bungay
<p style="text-align: center;"> St Edmund House Outney Rd Bungay BUN 104 </p>	Planning Application No.: W/14884/2
	OASIS No. suffolkc1-160399
	HER Event No.: BUN 104
	Grid Reference: TM 3325 8990
	Number of Site visits: 2
	Date of visits: 23 & 29/07/2013



Two monitoring visits were made. During the first of these on the 23rd of June, a pipe trench was observed and footings at the western end of the buildings seen (marked red on the plan above). A follow-up visit on the 29th of June was made to see footing trenches across the central area of the buildings (marked in black) but these were found to be highly disturbed by earlier services.

Results

Along the pipe trench >0.8m of deep humic topsoil was observed and this was directly over very clean (probably truncated) sand and gravel natural geological deposits. No features or finds of archaeological significance were recognised. A similar situation could be seen in the footings at the western end of the buildings. Here the ground level had already been reduced by c.0.3-0.4m, leaving c.0.4m of topsoil remaining. As in the pipe trench, this deposit was directly over truncated clean natural. Other footings observed along the back of the buildings were highly disturbed by earlier services and earlier and natural deposits could not be observed. No further visits were made due to the high level of disturbance and truncation seen.

Conclusions

Although the site is close to the historic core of Bungay (located c.250m to the north-west of Bungay castle), significant landscaping in the past has probably removed any archaeological remains and resulted in the truncation of natural sand and gravel deposits. St Edmund House is now being operated as sheltered housing for the elderly but has the appearance of Victorian alms houses. These buildings are not on the first edition of the Ordnance Survey map of c.1880 but they are on the second edition map of c.1900. It is likely that the development of these buildings along Outney Road in the late 19th century resulted in severe landscaping of the site.

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