

ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVALUATION REPORT

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LAND ADJACENT A14 PIPPS FORD, CODDENHAM

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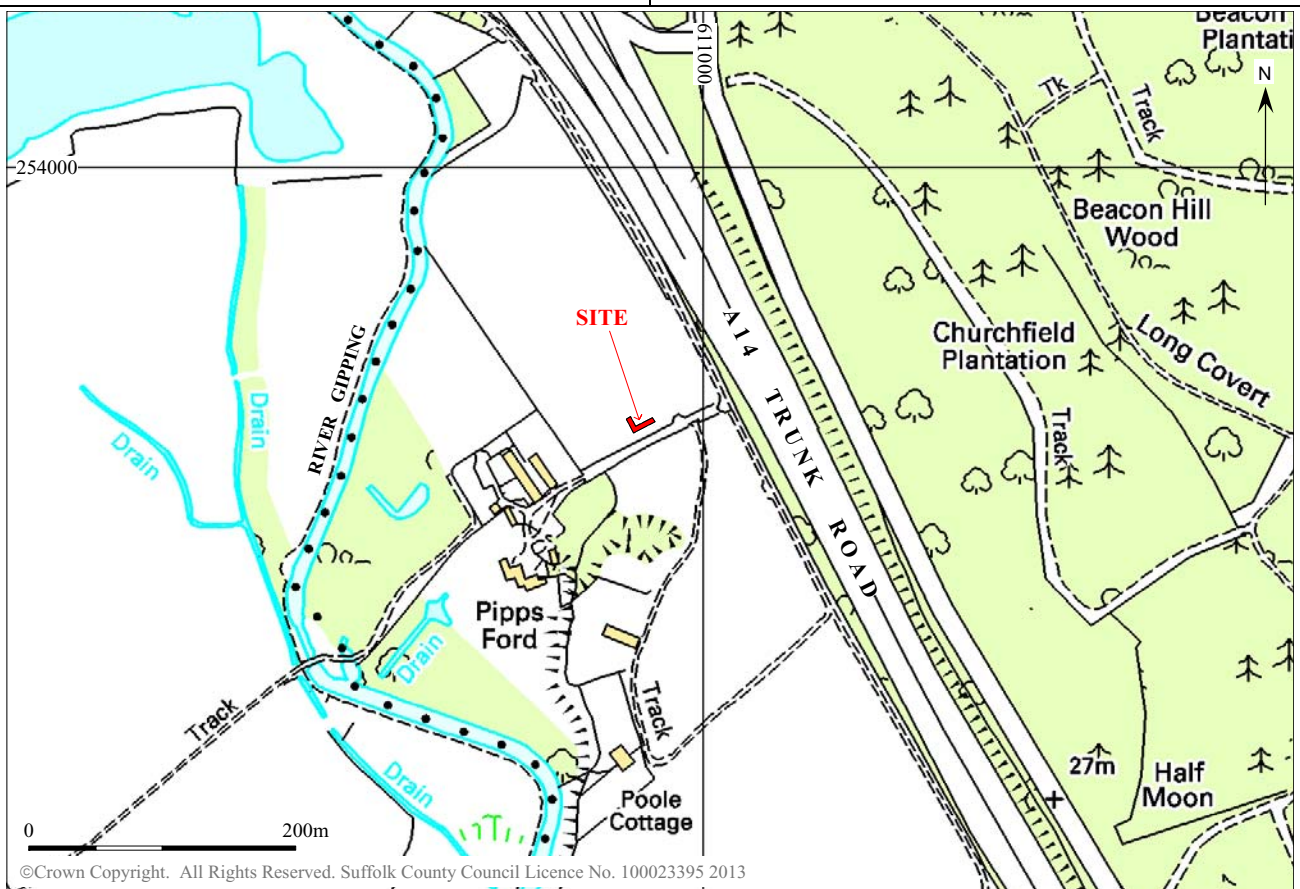


Figure 1. Site location

Introduction: An archaeological evaluation was undertaken in advance of the construction of a stable block and tack room, to be built within an area of open pasture in the parish of Coddendam (see Fig. 1 for a location plan).

Planning consent was granted but, due to the proximity of significant prehistoric, Roman and Anglo-Saxon archaeological sites in the immediate locality, a condition was attached calling for an agreed programme of archaeological work to be put in place; the first stage of

which was a trenched evaluation to establish the significance of any archaeological remains that may be present.

A Written Scheme of Investigation, based on a Brief and Specification by Jude Plouviez of the SCC Conservation Team, detailing the methods to be employed was produced. This was approved by the Conservation Team.

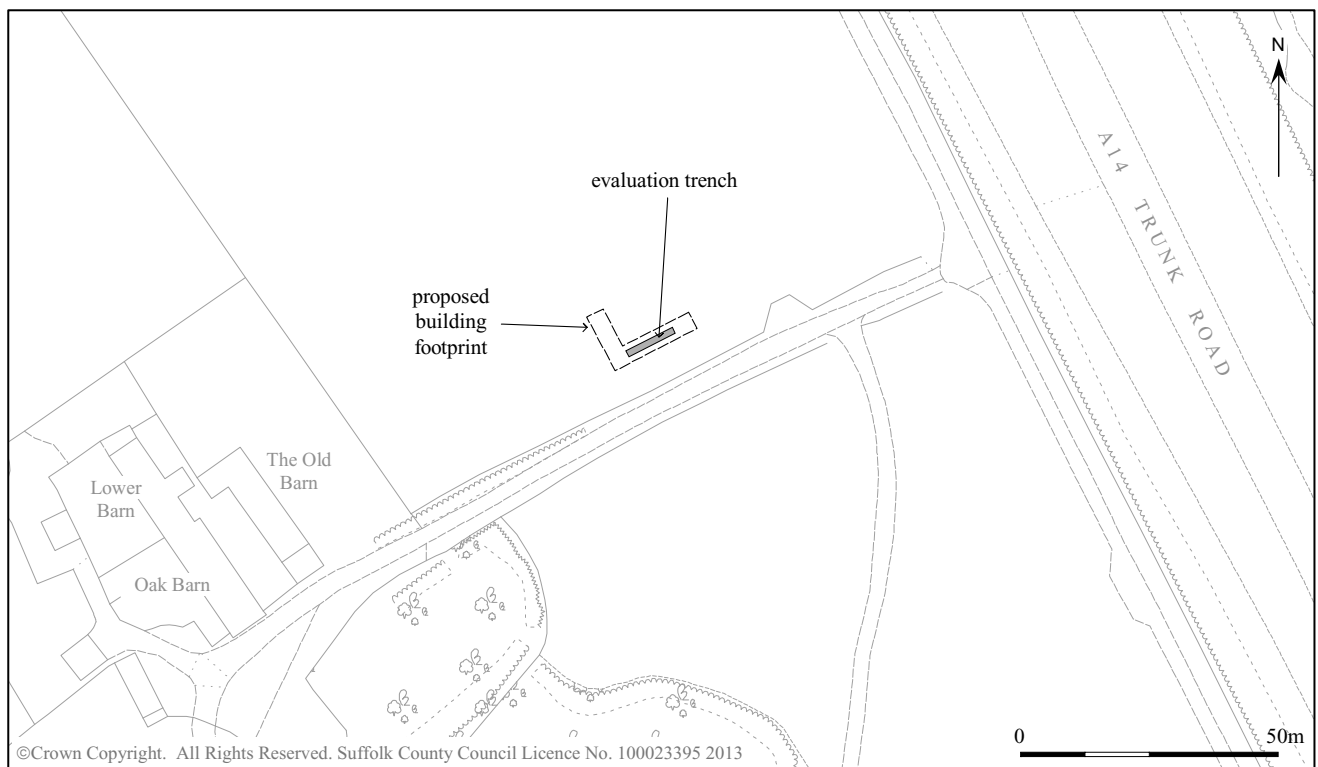


Figure 2. Trench location

Results: A single trench, 10m in length and located within the footprint of the proposed structure (Fig. 2), was mechanically excavated using a small tracked excavator fitted with a ditching bucket. This revealed a natural subsoil of hard chalk or dense yellow sand and gravel at a depth of c. 400mm below the present ground level. This was overlain by a layer of brown sandy topsoil with occasional flint (plates 1 and 2).

No features of archaeological significance were identified within the trench and no artefacts were recovered from the spoil. A single linear slot ran along the trench but this was undoubtedly the result of modern agricultural machinery. It was confirmed by the landowners that the area had previously been ploughed arable land.

Upon completion of the evaluation the trench was backfilled.

Plates:



Plate 1. Stratigraphy as revealed by the evaluation trench



Plate 2. General view of the evaluation trench, camera facing east

