

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING REPORT

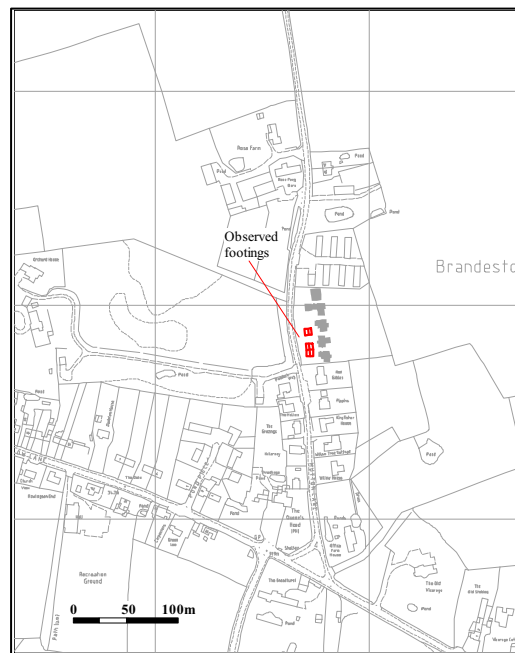
SCCAS REPORT No. 2013/138	Parish: Brandeston
<b>Office Farm, Mutton Lane</b>  <b>BRN 013</b>	Planning Application No.: 11/1144
	OASIS No. Suffolkc1-163030
	HER Event No.: BRN 013
Address: Office Farm, Mutton Lane, Brandeston,	Grid Reference: TM 2495 6078
	Number of Site visits: 2
	Date of visits: 31/10 – 11/11/2013

After initial evaluation of the site revealed ditches dating to the Roman period, archaeological monitoring of intrusive ground works near to Mutton Lane was required as part of the mitigation strategy for this development. Footings for three garages were observed (shown in red on the trench plan below), measuring 0.6m wide and 2.0m deep. The house footings were not observed as they lay outside the area of interest.

Location Map:



Trench plan:



## Results:

Minimal topsoil removal had occurred prior to arrival on site for the monitoring of the garage footings, with approximately 0.1m of topsoil and turf removed across the area of interest. Footings were observed with clean edges whilst dry, although significant churning of the stripped layer prevented any inspection of the stripped soil for stray finds. An access road laid for the construction work was built up above the topsoil on geotextile matting using imported hardcore and as such did not penetrate to the archaeological horizon. The stratigraphy observed in the footings consisted of approximately 0.2m of topsoil over natural sandy silt patches and blue/grey chalky clays (interpreted as geological weathering of the recorded deep clay/chalky till of the Hanslope Series). No features or deposits of archaeological relevance were observed and there was no trace of a charcoal-rich deposit noted in the previous evaluation trench nearby. A single tree-bole was observed in the southernmost set of garage footings, close to the road, only appearing in one side of the footing.



Plate 1. Garage footings (facing south-west)



Figure 3. Detail of footings and tree bole location

Finds: None

Retained N/A

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