
SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SERVICE

Puddingmoor, Beccles BCC 045

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Summary

Beccles, 48-50 Puddingmoor (TM/419903; BCC 045) Conditional planning consent for the repairs to, and widening of the mooring basin at 48-50 Puddingmoor, Beccles, required archaeological monitoring of the associated groundworks. Despite the potential for the survival of waterlogged archaeological deposits, the alluvial deposits removed appeared to have been subject to modern disturbance, with occasional brick and modern rubbish mixed throughout the exposed matrix. No features or artefacts of archaeological significance were observed.

(Linzi Everett for S.C.C.A.S. and A.T. Bent Properties Ltd.; report no. 2006/144)

1. Introduction

Conditional planning consent for repairs and widening of the mooring basin at 48-50 Puddingmoor, Beccles, required a programme of archaeological monitoring. The site lies within the area of archaeological interest defined for Beccles town and is centred on TM 4191 9035, on the south bank of the River Waveney. Deep alluvial deposits in this location have the potential to contain preserved organic archaeological evidence.

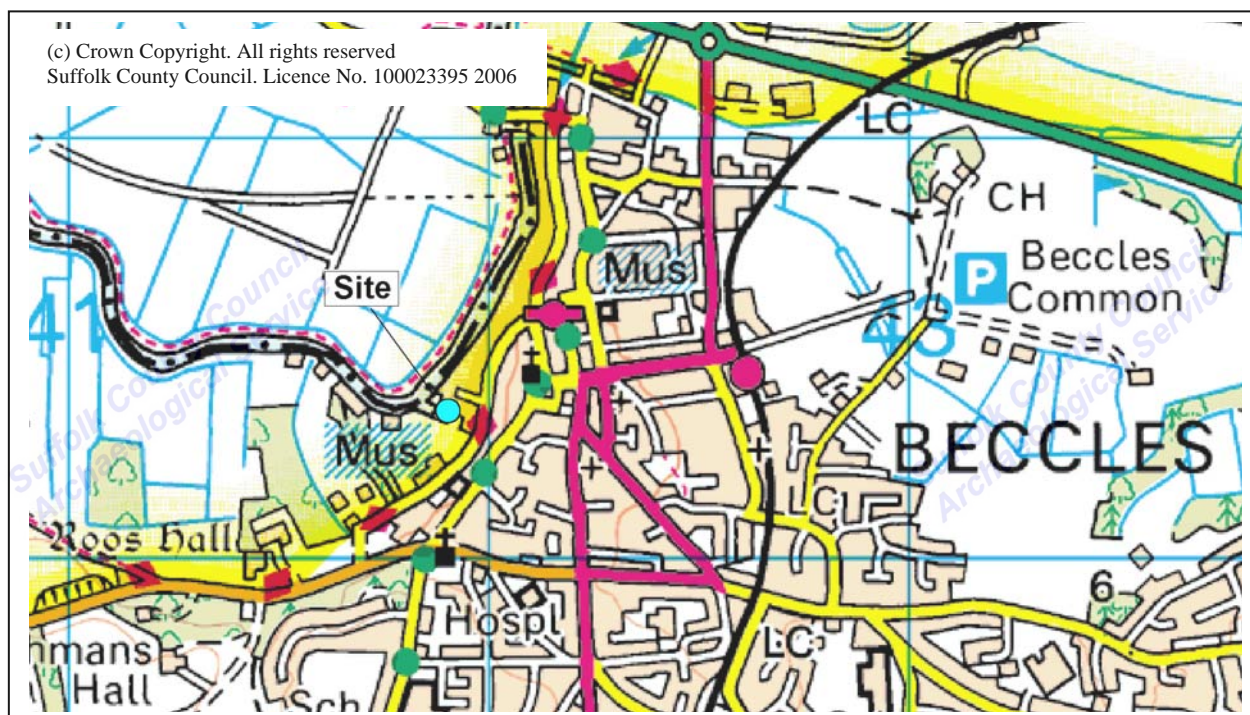


Figure 1: Site location

2. Methodology

Vists were made to the site by the Field Projects Team of Suffolk County Council's Archaeological Service (SCCAS) in order to inspect the works. The site was recorded under the SMR code BCC 045. A Brief and Specification for the archaeological work was produced by Keith Wade of the SCCAS Conservation Team (Appendix I). The monitoring work took place in March 2006 and was funded by A.T. Bent Properties Ltd.

The monitoring archive is held in the county SMR in Bury St. Edmunds.

3. Results

The removal of deposits along the northern boundary of the mooring berth was monitored. The material removed was a homogenous, dark grey silty clay alluvium into which modern material was mixed throughout. The excavated depth observed was approximately 1.5m. No archaeological interventions or artefacts were observed within the monitored area.

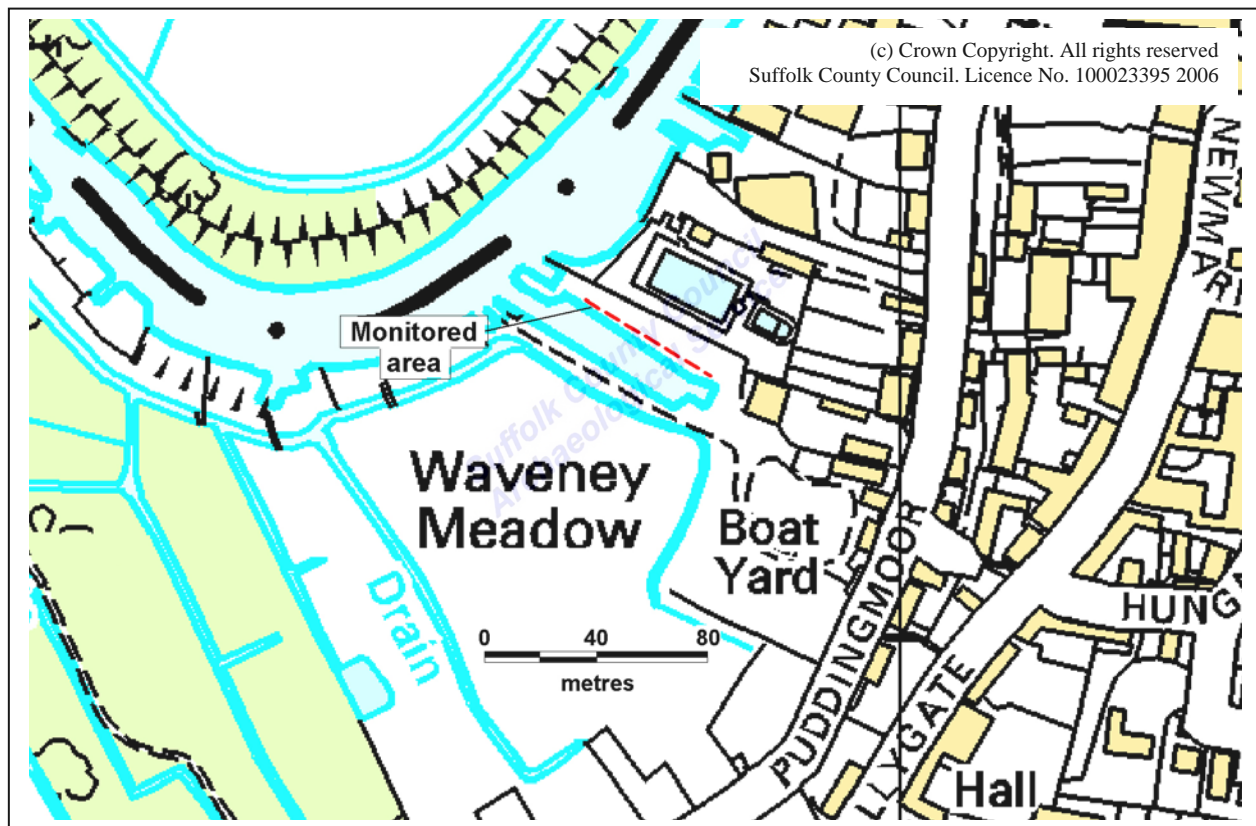


Figure 2: Location of inspected groundworks

5. Discussion

The alluvial deposits affected by the groundworks comprised a homogenous layer which showed signs of significant previous disturbance. No pre-modern artefacts were observed within the upcast spoil available for inspection, nor in the exposed sections.

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