



The Swan Hotel Lavenham, Suffolk

Client:

TA Hotel Collection

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<http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/catalogue/library/greylit>

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1. Introduction

This document is an addendum to the LVM 080 Swan Hotel Assessment Report (Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service (SCCAS) No. 2013/148, OASIS reference suffolkc1-165553). It is designed to address specific concerns with the Assessment Report, as raised by the SCCAS Conservation Team and not as the final stage of works as recommended therein.

2. Environmental strategy

Strategy as put forward in the Assessment Report:

Plant macrofossils and other remains - additional samples will be analysed by an archaeobotanist and integrated with the existing results.

Detailed strategy:

A further six samples (1, 8, 14, 15, 17 and 18) are proposed for analysis by Val Fryer. These results will be integrated with the seven samples that have already been assessed, resulting in a total of thirteen of the original nineteen samples being analysed. The samples to be newly appraised include a series of fills from some of the well dated medieval pit features that had previously not been assessed (pits 0060, 0271, 0283 and 0288) and a further furnace rake out sample (oven 0240). The remaining samples not proposed for analysis comprise:

1. Further furnace fills/rake outs – similar to those already assessed
2. An ashy deposit thought to be furnace related/a rake-out deposit
3. Material from a gully that is undated and appears to be filled with naturally-derived material

3. Timescale

The anticipated timescale for the completion of the analysis report and journal article is six to twelve months, although this is dependent on the completion of works by specialists and the opportunity to publish the results in a suitable journal.

4. Archive deposition

The paper and digital archive will be prepared for archive and deposition within the SCCAS stores in Bury St Edmunds following the completion of the analytical report and journal article. The photographic archive has already been entered into the SCCAS digital archive under the following references: HYH 23-99, HYI 1-99 and HYJ 1-18. The finds archive for the excavation is currently within the SCCAS archive in Bury St Edmunds and the SACIC offices in Needham Market for temporary storage, but further analysis by the specialists detailed in the assessment report will be required prior to final deposition.

TA Hotel Collection (the owners of The Swan Hotel) have expressed an interest in creating a public display of some of the finds archive within their premises. The exact finds for this have not yet been specified and typically it is desirable to keep archives together. However, in agreement with SCCAS Conservation Team it may be possible to arrange for a long-term loan of certain finds.

5. Further points for consideration

As requested by SCCAS Conservation Team, further work/revision to the work as presented in the Assessment report will feature in the Analysis report including:

1. A review of the back yard structure, to detail more clearly its form, evolution over time, the likely nature of the above ground structure, etc. (e.g. materials, type of construction, roofing, etc.) and how it related and compared to the street frontage property. Back yard buildings of this type were typically very industrial/craft related and this example will be put into context, considering the results of the whole site and more widely.
2. Review of graphics to clearly identify the different areas of the site currently labelled 'Staff', 'Upper' and 'Basement' (which relate to the areas depicted on the architectural plans for the new development). Creation of a figure depicting all of the features, to accompany the phased layout plans already produced.
3. Research into oven features similar to 0244.
4. Presentation of the monitoring results.

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