

ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING REPORT

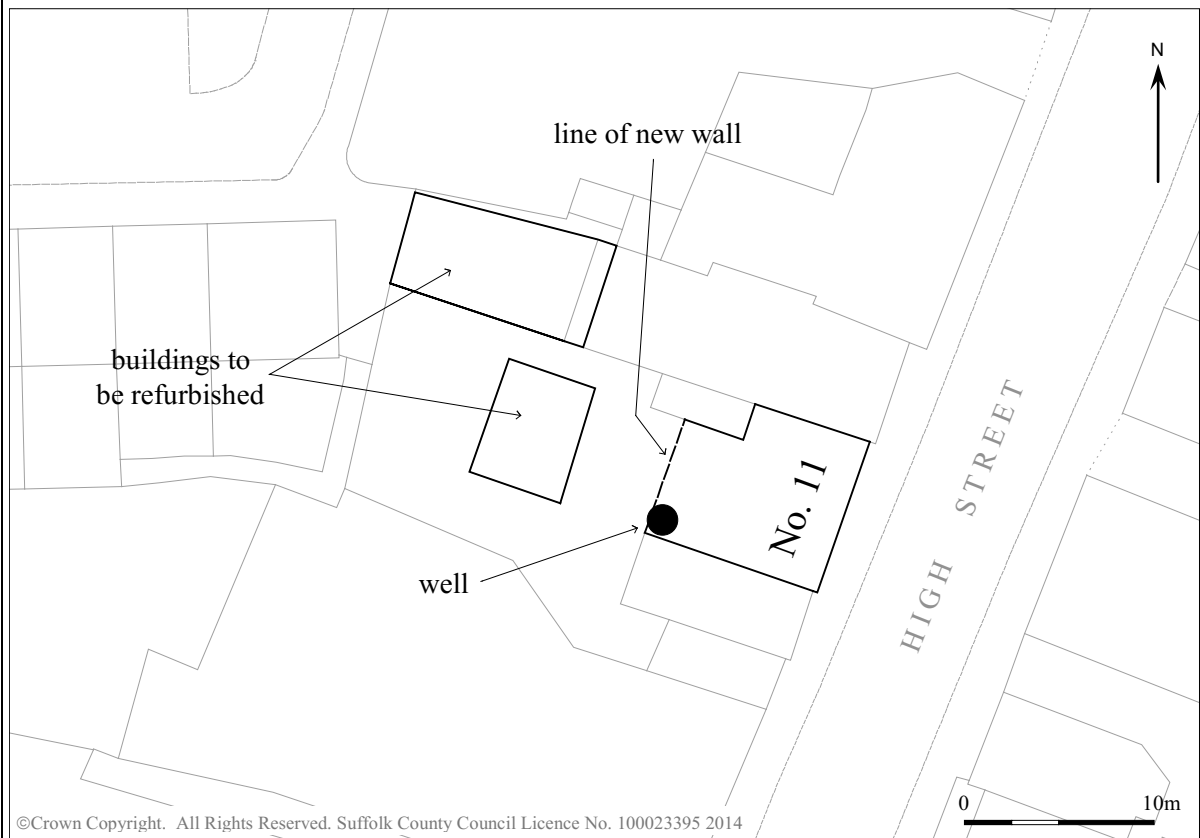
SCCAS REPORT No. 2014/015	Parish: Saxmundham
11 HIGH STREET SAXMUNDHAM	Planning Application No.: C/12/0461
	HER Event No.: SXM 033
	OASIS ref: suffolkc1-169818
Address: 11, High Street, Saxmundham, Suffolk, IP17 1DF	Grid Reference: TM 3859 63079
	Number of Site visits: 1
	Date of visits: 28th January 2014

Nature of the work: excavation of strip foundation for new rear extension to existing property.

Reason for condition: site lies within the area of archaeological interest defined for medieval Saxmundham in the County HER (ref. SXM 020).

% of total seen: 100% of the excavated foundation

Location Map and results:



Results: Groundwork at this site was archaeological monitored in response to a Brief set by Keith Wade of the SCCAS Conservation Team.

The excavation of a strip foundation for a new wall revealed the presence of a circular brick structure that has been interpreted as a well. It was constructed of soft red bricks (24 x 12.5 x 6 cm) and cemented with a hard lime mortar, off-white in colour. The internal diameter was 1.4m. It had been covered by a brick built dome although the top of this had been broken in and the well backfilled with soil. The top of the dome would have been just below ground level. It lay along the line of the former wall but its location coincided with a doorway. Water would have probably been drawn via a hand cranked pump situated within the building and consequently it does not appear on early maps. Its location in a doorway suggests it had been inserted under the existing building, probably in the mid to late 19th century. The building appeared to be late 18th or early 19th century in date, although this is not conclusive.

To facilitate construction, the well structure was to be reduced in height by about 1m and bridged with a steel girder. Further monitoring work under the existing brief is expected at this site.



Plate 1. The well and dome, camera facing southeast.

Recorded by: Mark Sommers

Date: 28th January 2014