

ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING REPORT

NEVILLES LODGE, GRINDLE GARDENS, BURY ST EDMUNDS

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A REPORT ON THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING OF GROUNDWORKS

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Summary

An archaeological monitoring of trenching at Nevilles Lodge, Grindle Gardens revealed a brown garden soil with no archaeological features.

Introduction

The building of a conservatory to Nevilles Lodge, Grindle Gardens was monitored on the 15th February 2007. The work was carried out to a Brief and Specification issued by Robert Carr (Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service, Conservation Team) to fulfil a planning condition on application SE/06/2776. The work was funded by the owner, Mr Laing. The site is located close to the site of the South Gate just off a footpath known as The Grindle which is thought to mark the line of the medieval town defences. The condition was prompted by the potential for evidence of the early history of the town. The site is set at c. 38m OD.

Methodology and Results

The location of the extensions is shown in Figure 1. The site was visited on the 15th February after c. 75% of the footing had been excavated. The trenches were c.0.5m deep and in excess of 0.45m wide (due to the central area containing loose material). The outer section and base of the trench were clean. These revealed dark topsoil over brown silt/sand to a depth of approximately 0.5m at which point a subsoil layer of fine pale brown sand was exposed. There was no evidence of any archaeological features in the trench and no finds were recovered from scanning the spoil within the skip.

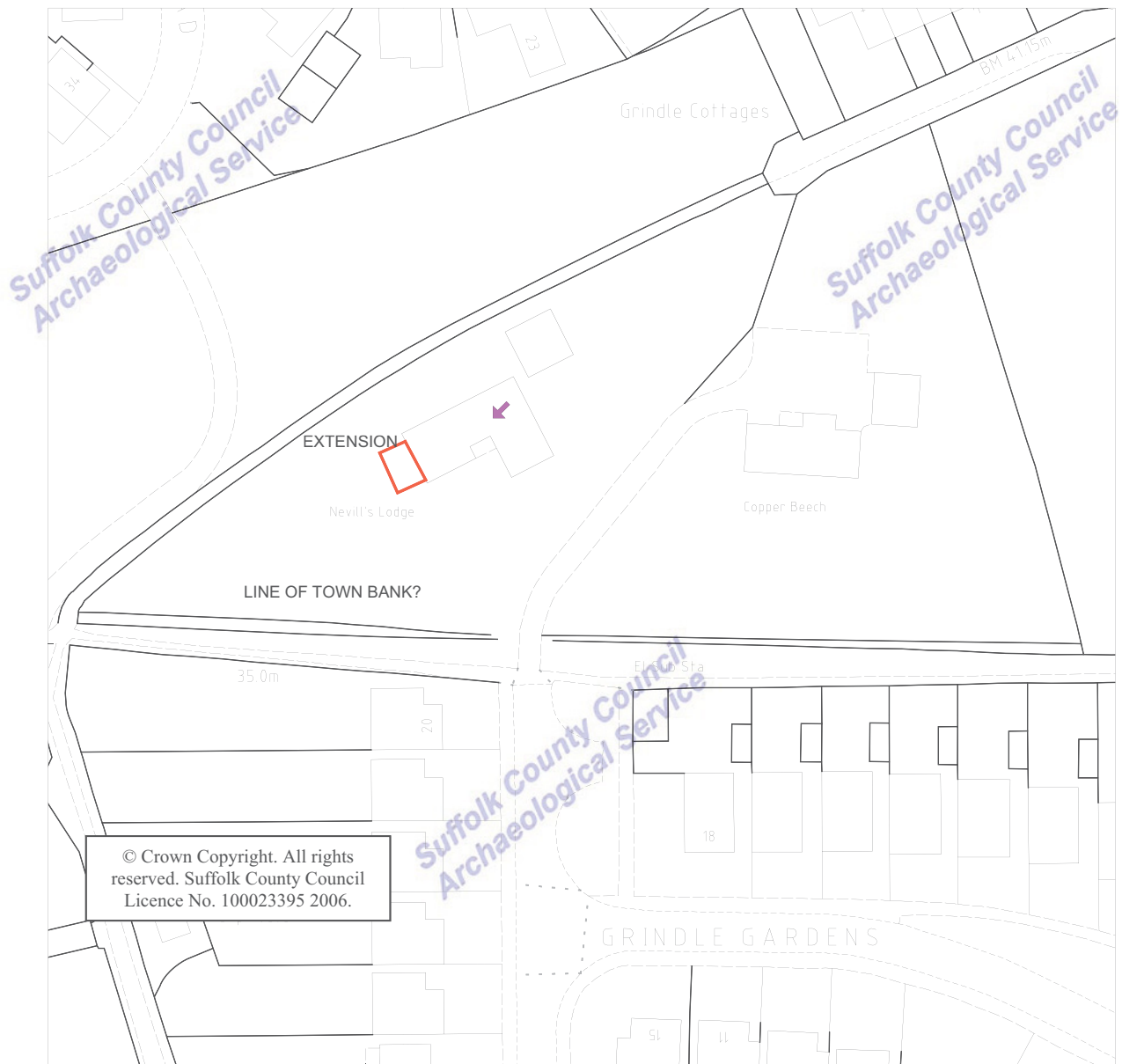


Figure 1. Site location plan

Discussion

The failure to recover any finds was to be expected given the level of disturbance on the site. However the clean section suggests there is no complex archaeology within the immediate area this area.

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