

ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING REPORT

9 THE HAWTHORNS, THURSTON THS 015

A REPORT ON THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING OF GROUNDWORKS

Planning Application No. SE/2690/06

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Summary

An archaeological monitoring of footing trenches revealed undisturbed ground with no evidence of archaeological features.

Introduction

The building of a conservatory on the side of 9 The Hawthorns, Thurston was subject to an archaeological monitoring as set out in a Brief and Specification by Robert Carr (Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service, Conservation Team) to fulfil a planning condition on application SE/2690/06. The work was funded by the owners, Mr & Mrs Goodall. The site is located on the northern side of Thurston at a height of 46m OD in a built-up area. It lies close to the suggested line of a regionally important Roman road and prehistoric occupation sites

Methodology and Results

The site was visited on the 4th January when the footing trenches were excavated (Fig. 1). The sections were observed and notes taken. The footings were c. 0.75m deep and revealed topsoil of variable depth but generally insubstantial (c.0.25m) over a subsoil layer of red/brown sand with some gravel. The red colour was probably due to iron panning. Below this layer was yellow sand with some gravel. This soil profile is consistent with the history of the area as open heathland with little evidence of ploughing. No evidence of any archaeological features was found.

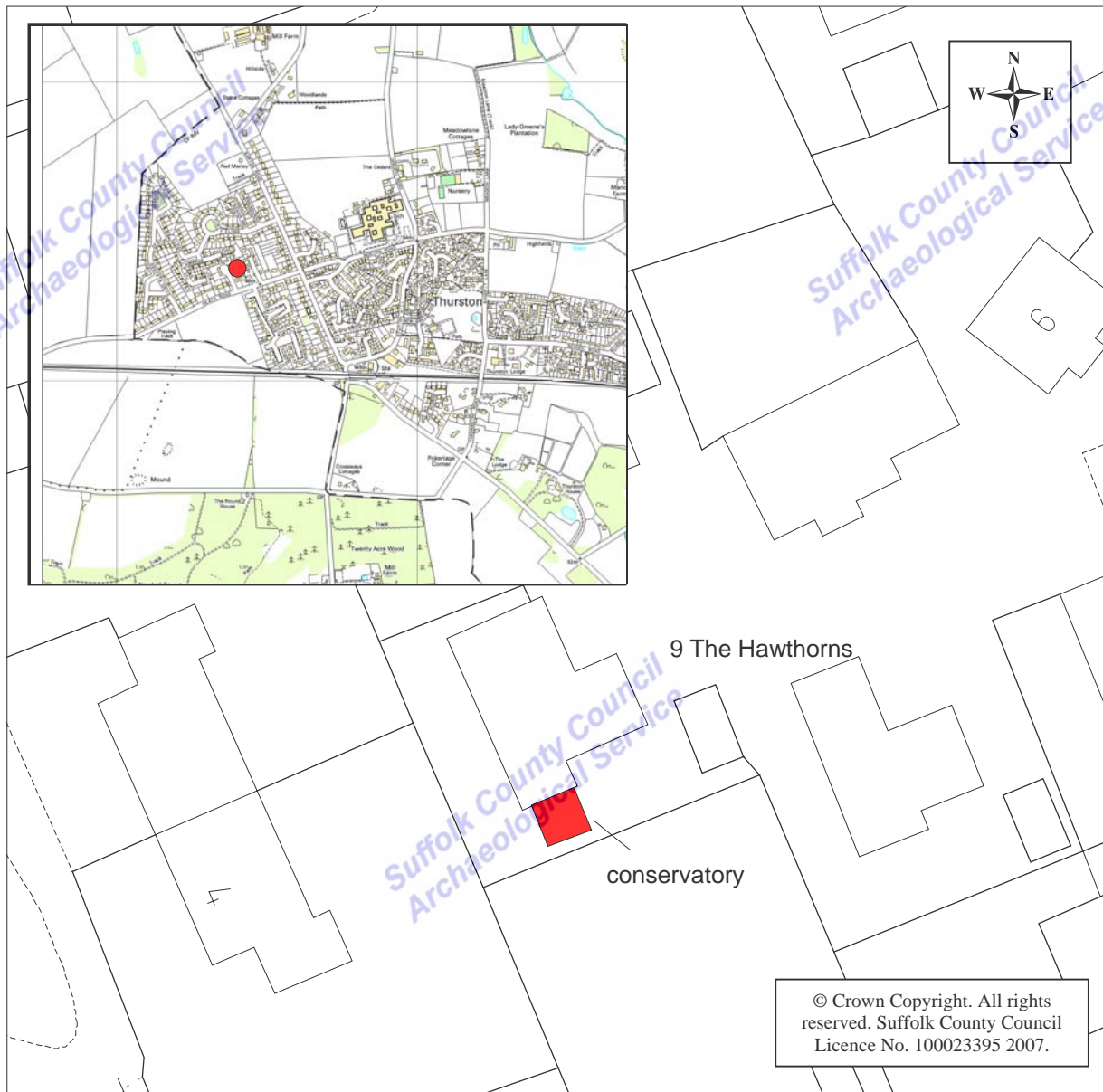


Figure 1. Site location plan

Discussion

No features of archaeological interest were identified and no finds were recovered from the site. The soil profile was of a well developed podsol and is indicative of open heathland. There was no evidence of ploughing prior to the building of No. 9.

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