

ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING REPORT

BARN CONVERSION PROJECT WEATHERHILL FARM, ICKLINGHAM IKL 157

A REPORT ON THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING OF GROUNDWORKS

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Summary

An archaeological monitoring of footing trenches revealed a cultivated soil over subsoil with no evidence of archaeological features and no finds.

Introduction

The conversion of redundant barn buildings into 4 dwellings with attendant parking at Weatherhill Farm, Icklingham was subject to an archaeological monitoring during the excavation of footings. The conditions were set out in a Brief and Specification by Jess Tipper (Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service, Conservation Team) to fulfil a planning condition on application F/2005/1003. The work was funded by the developer Mr Browning. The site is situated on south facing gently rising ground above the floodplain of the River Lark (c. 25m OD). Interest in the site is focused on the location of a Roman road which passes through the field to the south of the farm and the attendant Roman settlement.

Methodology and Results

The site was visited on three occasions during the building works during September 2006. Footings were observed during the southern part of Building 2 and the eastern end of Building 3 (marked in green on figure 1). This amounted to c.40m of trench. The footings associated with building 2 were slightly disturbed by a post-medieval wall excavation. The ground consisted of c.0.3m-0.4m of light ploughsoil over gravel and sand subsoil. There was no evidence of archaeological features and no finds were seen.

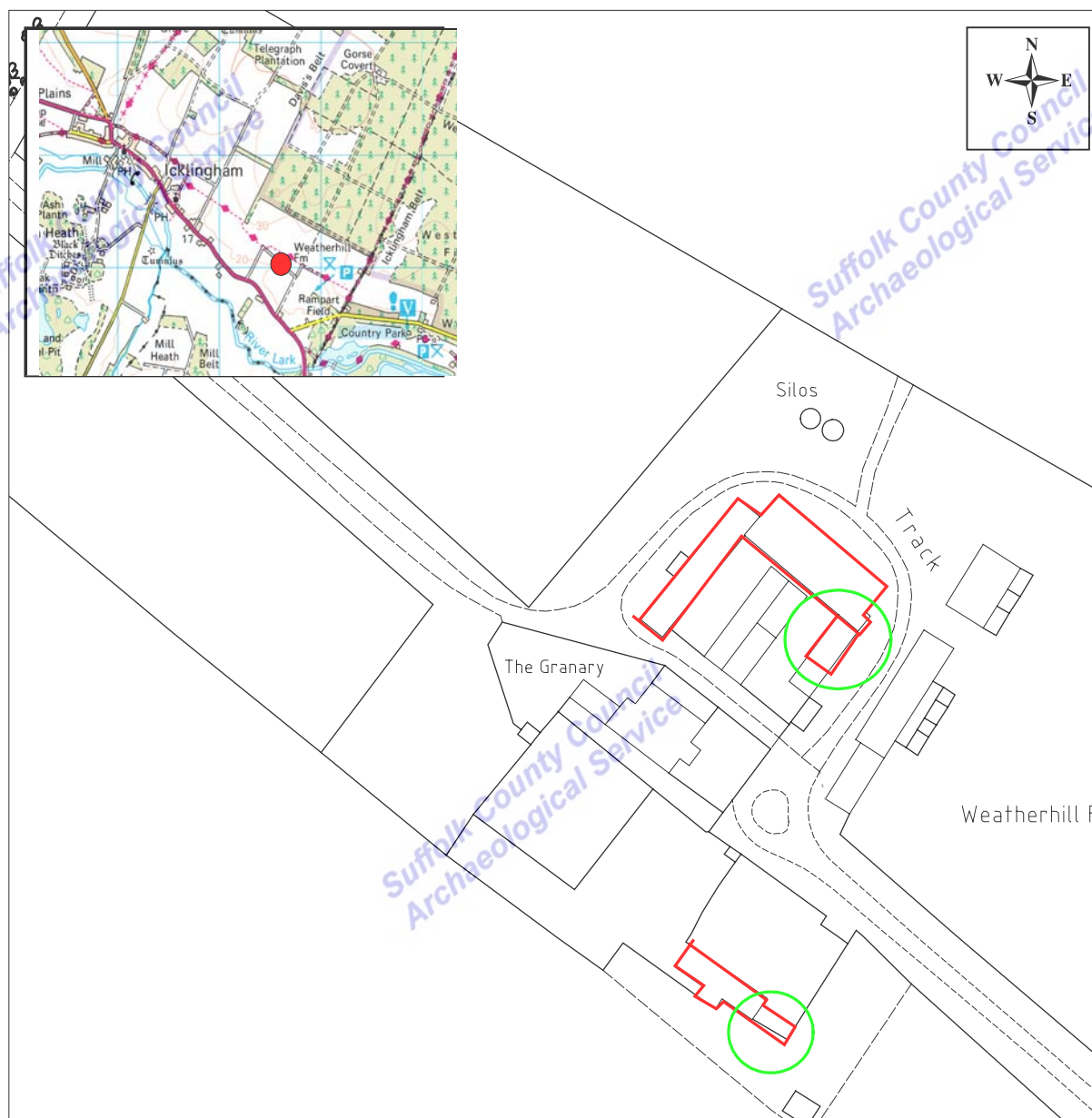


Figure 1. Site location plan

Discussion

There was no evidence of any archaeological layers or of features. In both areas of footing the ploughsoil was directly over subsoil which suggests that the ground has been truncated due to cultivation. It should be noted however that the damage was probably done before the adjoining farm buildings were built.

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