

# **The Anchorage, Ipswich Rd, Orford**

## **SCCAS Report No. 2004/144**

### **SMR Information**

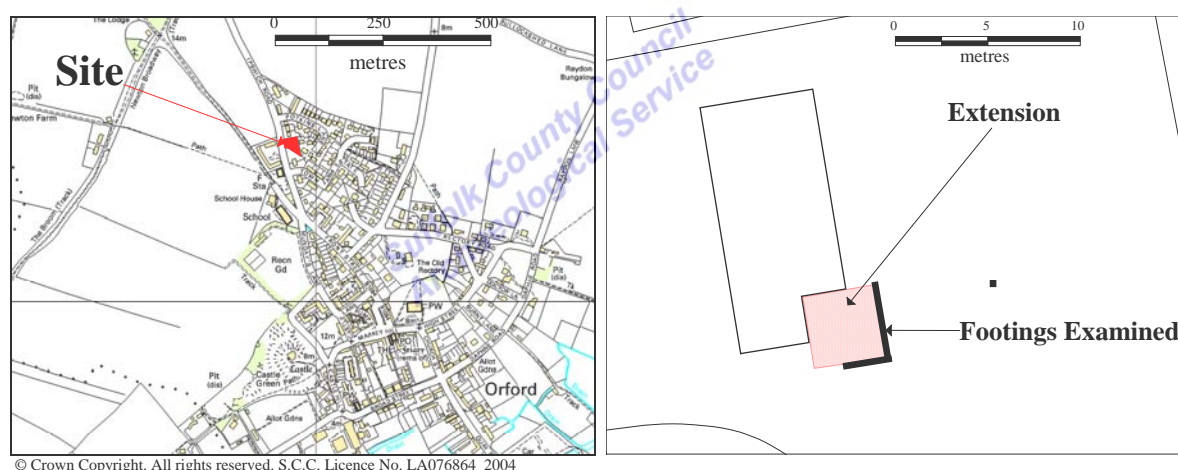
**Appe. No.:** (C/04/1040)  
**Grid Ref:** TM 4194 5036  
**SMR No.:** ORF 109  
**Funding Body:** Mr & Mrs R. K. Smith

**Finds:** None  
**Period:** No features  
**Rpt. No.** 2004/144  
**Oasis No.** Suffolkc1-4189

### **Introduction**

Planning permission was granted for the construction of an extension to the Anchorage, Ipswich Road, Orford (Fig. 1). The planning consent was conditional on the applicant (Mr & Mrs R. K. Smith) providing for a programme of archaeological monitoring

The sites archaeological potential was based on its location within the Area of Archaeological Interest for Orford which is defined in the county Sites and Monuments Record as an archaeological site of regional importance.



**Fig. 1 OS Map Extracts Showing the Location of the Site**

The Conservation Team of Suffolk County Council's Archaeological Service prepared a Brief and Specification document (appended to this report) and their Field Team was commissioned to undertake the necessary work.

### **Methodology**

A site visit was made on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2004 while the footing trench for the extension was being excavated. The trench itself was checked for the presence of archaeological features and the upcast spoil was examined for artefactual evidence.

## **Results**

An archaeologist was present while approximately 60% of the footing was excavated. The brown sandy topsoil was found to be c.0.6 metres deep, lightening in colour somewhat towards its base, overlying the naturally occurring sand and gravel subsoil.

Other than modern pipe-trenches associated with the extant buildings no features were identified in the footing trench and no artefactual evidence was recovered from the upcast spoil.

## **Conclusions**

While the site clearly lies within an area of archaeological interest, as testified by the entries on the Sites and Monuments Record, no evidence of medieval activity was found within the confines of the footing trenches.

Stuart Boulter  
Field Projects Team, Archaeological Service  
Environment & Transport Dpt., Suffolk County Council  
September 2004

## **SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL**

### **ARCHAEOLOGICAL SERVICE - CONSERVATION TEAM**

#### **Appendix I: Brief and Specification for Archaeological Monitoring**

##### **THE ANCHORAGE, IPSWICH ROAD, ORFORD**

#### **1. Background**

- 1.1 Planning permission to extend The Anchorage, Ipswich Road, Orford, has been granted conditional upon an acceptable programme of archaeological work being carried out (C/04/1040). Assessment of the available archaeological evidence and the proposed foundation methods indicates that the area affected by new building can be adequately recorded by archaeological monitoring.
- 1.2 The proposal lies within the Area of Archaeological Interest for medieval Orford defined in the County Sites and Monuments Record as an archaeological site of regional importance, and will involve significant ground disturbance.
- 1.3 As strip foundations are proposed there will only be limited damage to any archaeological deposits, which can be recorded by a trained archaeologist during excavation of the trenches by the building contractor.

#### **2. Brief for Archaeological Monitoring**

- 2.1 To provide a record of archaeological deposits which would be damaged or removed by any development [including services and landscaping] permitted by the current planning consent.
- 2.2 The main academic objective will centre upon the potential of this development to produce evidence for the medieval occupation of the site.
- 2.3 The significant archaeologically damaging activity in this proposal is the excavation of building footing trenches. These, and the upcast soil, are to be observed during and after they have been excavated by the building contractor.

#### **3. Arrangements for Monitoring**

- 3.1 The developer or his archaeologist will give the County Archaeologist (Keith Wade, Archaeological Service, Shire Hall, Bury St Edmunds IP33 2AR. Telephone: 01284 352440; Fax: 01284 352443) 48 hours notice of the commencement of site works.
- 3.2 To carry out the monitoring work the developer will appoint an archaeologist (the observing archaeologist) who must be approved by the Planning Authority's archaeological adviser (the Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service).
- 3.3 Allowance must be made to cover archaeological costs incurred in monitoring the development works by the contract archaeologist. The size of the contingency should be estimated by the approved archaeological contractor, based upon the outline works in paragraph 2.3 of the Brief and Specification and the building contractor's programme of works and timetable.
- 3.4 If unexpected remains are encountered, the County Archaeologist should be immediately informed so that any amendments deemed necessary to this specification to ensure adequate provision for recording, can be made without delay. This could include the need for archaeological excavation of parts of the site which would otherwise be damaged or destroyed.

#### 4. **Specification**

- 4.1 The developer shall afford access at all reasonable times to both the County Archaeologist and the 'observing archaeologist' to allow archaeological observation of building and engineering operations which disturb the ground.
- 4.2 Opportunity should be given to the 'observing archaeologist' to hand excavate any discrete archaeological features which appear during earth moving operations, retrieve finds and make measured records as necessary.
- 4.3 In the case of footing trenches unimpeded access at the rate of one and half hours per 10 metres of trench must be allowed for archaeological recording before concreting or building begin. Where it is necessary to see archaeological detail one of the soil faces is to be trowelled clean.
- 4.4 All archaeological features exposed should be planned at a minimum scale of 1:50 on a plan showing the proposed layout of the development.
- 4.5 All contexts should be numbered and finds recorded by context as far as possible.
- 4.6 The data recording methods and conventions used must be consistent with, and approved by, the County Sites and Monuments Record.

#### 5. **Report Requirements**

- 5.1 An archive of all records and finds is to be prepared consistent with the principles of *Management of Archaeological Projects (MAP2)*, particularly Appendix 3. This must be deposited with the County Sites and Monuments Record within 3 months of the completion of work. It will then become publicly accessible.
- 5.2 Finds must be appropriately conserved and stored in accordance with *UK Institute of Conservators Guidelines*. The finds, as an indissoluble part of the site archive, should be deposited with the County SMR if the landowner can be persuaded to agree to this. If this is not possible for all or any part of the finds archive, then provision must be made for additional recording (e.g. photography, illustration, analysis) as appropriate.
- 5.3 A report on the fieldwork and archive, consistent with the principles of *MAP2*, particularly Appendix 4, must be provided. The report must summarise the methodology employed, the stratigraphic sequence, and give a period by period description of the contexts recorded, and an inventory of finds. The objective account of the archaeological evidence must be clearly distinguished from its interpretation. The Report must include a discussion and an assessment of the archaeological evidence. Its conclusions must include a clear statement of the archaeological value of the results, and their significance in the context of the Regional Research Framework (*East Anglian Archaeology*, Occasional Papers 3 & 8, 1997 and 2000).
- 5.4 A summary report, in the established format, suitable for inclusion in the annual 'Archaeology in Suffolk' section of the *Proceedings of the Suffolk Institute of Archaeology*, should be prepared and included in the project report.
- 5.5 County Sites and Monuments Record sheets should be completed, as per the county SMR manual, for all sites where archaeological finds and/or features are located.
- 5.6 At the start of work (immediately before fieldwork commences) an OASIS online record <http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/project/oasis/> must be initiated and key fields completed on Details, Location and Creators forms.
- 5.7 All parts of the OASIS online form must be completed for submission to the SMR. This should include an uploaded .pdf version of the entire report (a paper copy should also be included with the archive).

Specification by: Keith Wade

Suffolk County Council  
Archaeological Service Conservation Team  
Environment and Transport Department  
Shire Hall  
Bury St Edmunds  
Suffolk IP33 2AR

Date: 3 August 2004

Reference: /Orford-TheAnchorage08

**This brief and specification remains valid for 12 months from the above date. If work is not carried out in full within that time this document will lapse; the authority should be notified and a revised brief and specification may be issued.**

**If the work defined by this brief forms a part of a programme of archaeological work required by a Planning Condition, the results must be considered by the Conservation Team of the Archaeological Service of Suffolk County Council, who have the responsibility for advising the appropriate Planning Authority.**