

**Land to rear of The White Horse PH, Finningham
(FNN 013)**

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Introduction

Conditional planning consent for the construction of a new house and garage to the rear of The White Horse public house, Finningham, (Fig. 1) required the archaeological monitoring of services and foundations. The site is centred on TM 064 690, at approximately 50m OD, south west of the core of the village of Finningham. Early Anglo-Saxon brooch fragments discovered close to the proposed development suggest activity of this date in the vicinity, possibly the site of a cemetery.

A Brief and Specification for the archaeological work was produced by Jude Plouviez of the SCCAS Conservation Team. The monitoring work was carried out by the SCCAS Field Projects Team and was funded by the developer, Hadenleigh Ltd.

Methodology

Visits were made to the site during September 2004 in order to observe the various machine excavated groundworks and record any archaeological deposits revealed. The site was recorded under the SMR code FNN 013.

The monitoring archive is held in the county SMR in Bury St. Edmunds.

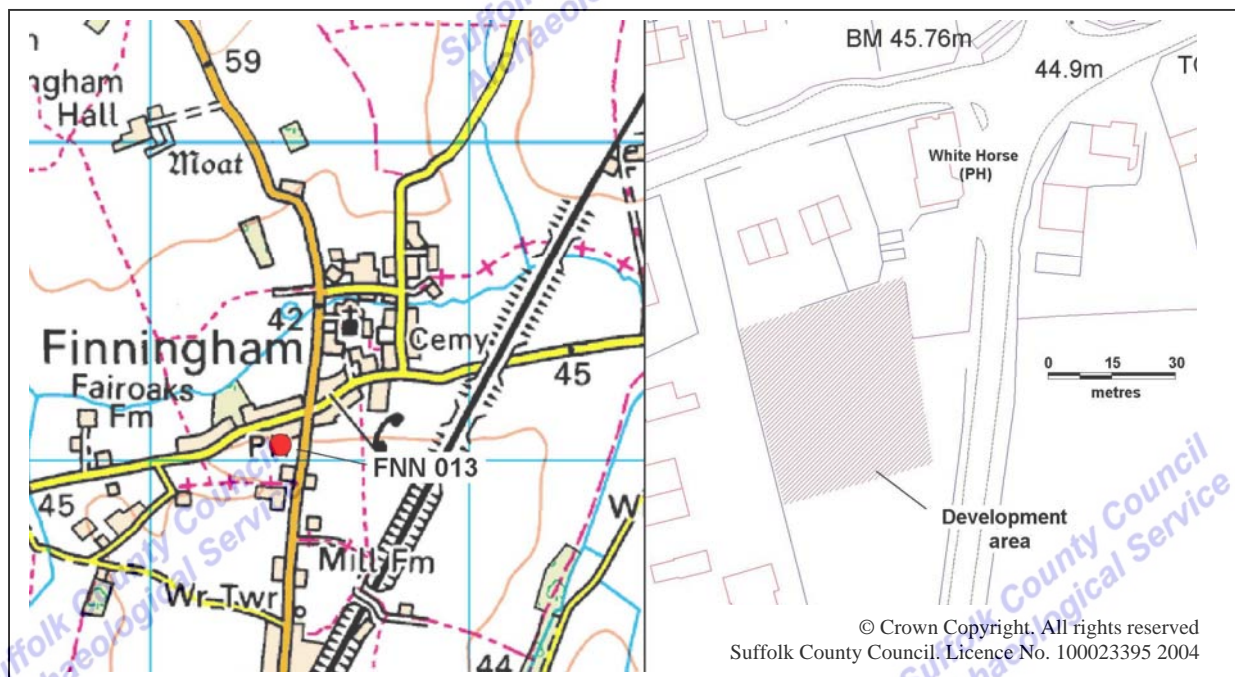


Figure 1: Site location

Results

Footings for the house and garage were excavated to over a metre in depth and the exposed sections studied for interventions by an archaeologist. (Fig 2) The sections comprised a layer of dark brown clay loam topsoil, c.500mm thick, overlying the natural chalky clay subsoil. Interventions were noted in locations shown by Figure 2 but were all of post-medieval or modern origin.

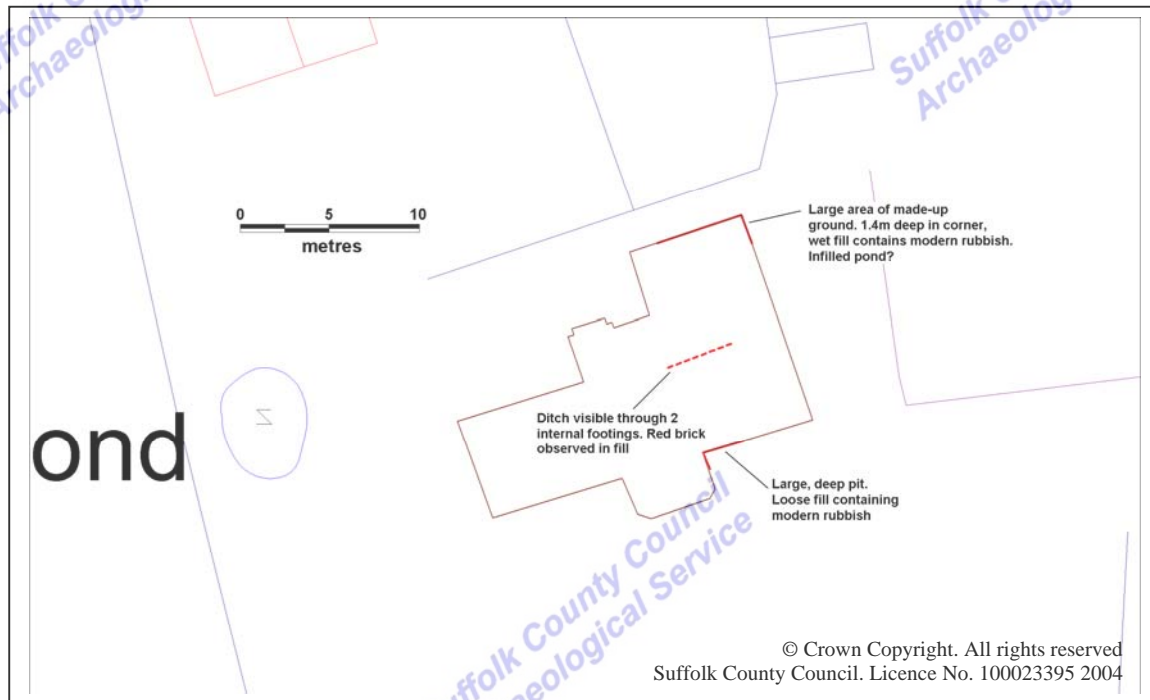


Figure 2: Plan of footings and features

Discussion

Despite the potential of the site and the number of groundworks observed, no finds were recovered nor archaeological deposits recorded. Where features were present, they were post-medieval or modern in date.

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