

# ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING OF

**Extension to White Lion Hotel,  
Market Cross, Aldeburgh  
ADB 162**

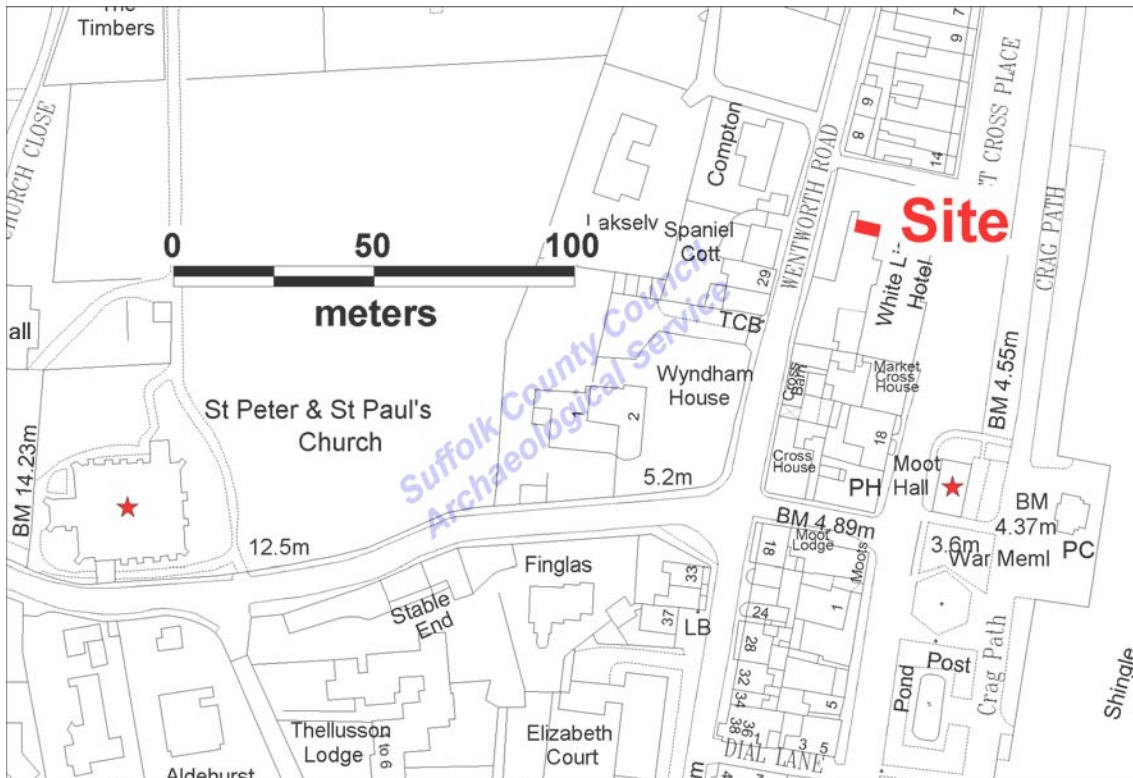
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Location of monitoring visits and position of the Moot Hall and the Church of St Peter & Paul

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## Summary

Laid surfaces observed in the side of the trench were probably early hotel yard surfaces. No evidence for the earlier settlement of Aldeburgh was noted.

## Introduction

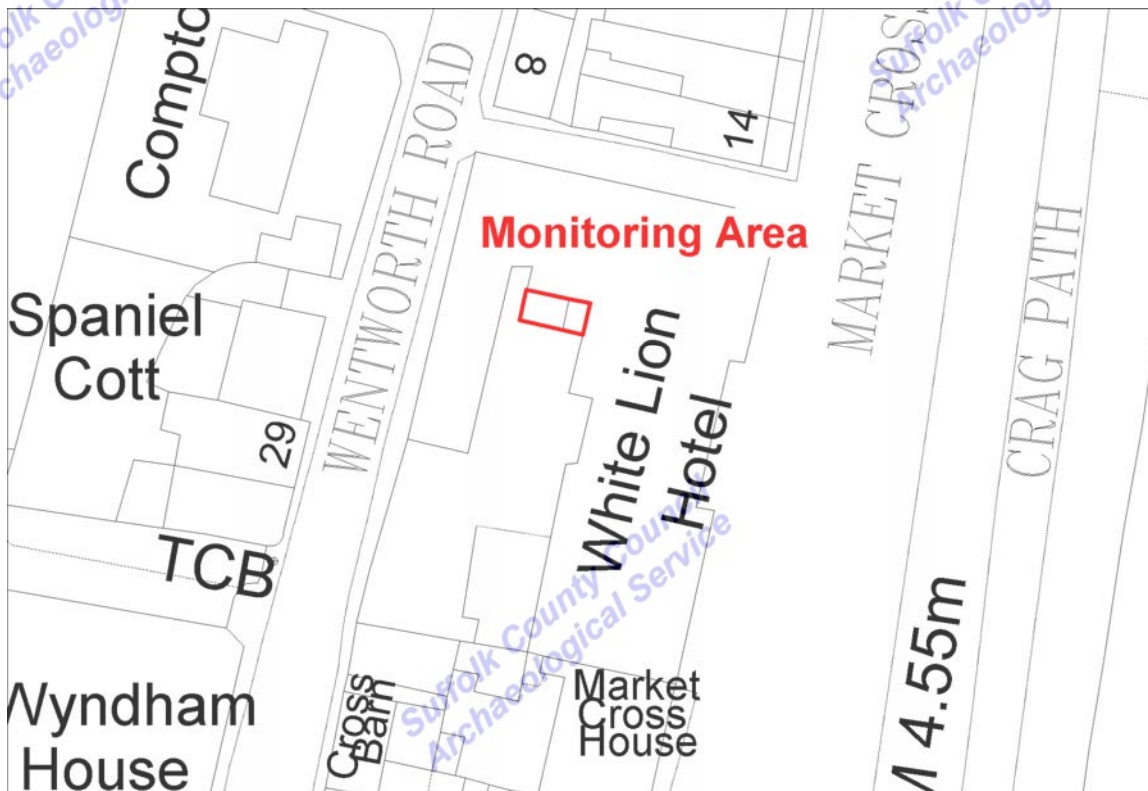
The planning permission granted for an extension to the property was conditional upon archaeological monitoring visits made during the excavation of the footing trenches.

The archaeological potential of this site centres on its proximity to the medieval and early post-medieval core of the village, including the Church of St Peter and St Paul and the fine 17<sup>th</sup> century Moot Hall.

Monitoring visits were made on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of January 2005.

## Results

Only modern deposits could be seen during the first visit, but during the second visit c.400mm of laid tarmac and other surfaces could be recognised in the north-facing section. The basal surface consisted of beach pebbles laid as cobbles. Under this layer was sand of probable natural or beach origin. No finds of earlier than 20<sup>th</sup> century date could be observed in the excavation or within the spoil.



Location of monitoring visits

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## Conclusions

The horizontal strata observed probably represent earlier yard surfaces for the hotel. The large cobbles at the base being the earliest. These stones appear to be set on top of beach or natural sand and probably indicate a degree of truncation over the whole site. No remains of the medieval or post-medieval (e.g. before 1800) were observed.

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