

ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVALUATION REPORT

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Land North of 24, Hollesley Road, Alderton ADT 071

HER Information

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Summary

An archaeological evaluation was carried out land north of 24, Hollesley Road, Alderton (TM 3431 4206; ADT 071) in advance of the submission of a planning application to re-develop the site. A thick layer of subsoil was present throughout the site from which a single Later Prehistoric flint was recovered. No cut features were identified within the trenches but a few sherds of medieval pottery were collected from the topsoil.

1. Introduction

The site is centred on approximately TM 3431 4206 and comprises a total of approximately 0.74 hectares.

The site lies in an area of high archaeological importance, recorded in the County Historic Environment Record (HER), within a known area of extensive archaeological activity. It was felt therefore that the development work would cause ground disturbance with the potential to destroy archaeological deposits were they present. Initially, Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service (SCCAS) commissioned ArchaeoPhysica Ltd. to carry out a geophysical survey of the site (report no. HAS101), which was followed by an archaeological evaluation by trial trench, as outlined in a Brief and Specification produced by Jess Tipper of the SCCAS Conservation Team (Appendix I). The SCCAS Field Team was commissioned to carry out the work by the developer, Ashby Lawrence Homes Ltd.

2. Geology and topography

The site lies to the north of the village core, on the eastern side of Hollesley Road at approximately 10-15m OD, sloping gently down eastwards towards the coastal floodplain. The geology underlying the site comprises glaciofluvial drift over cretaceous sand or crag (deep sand).

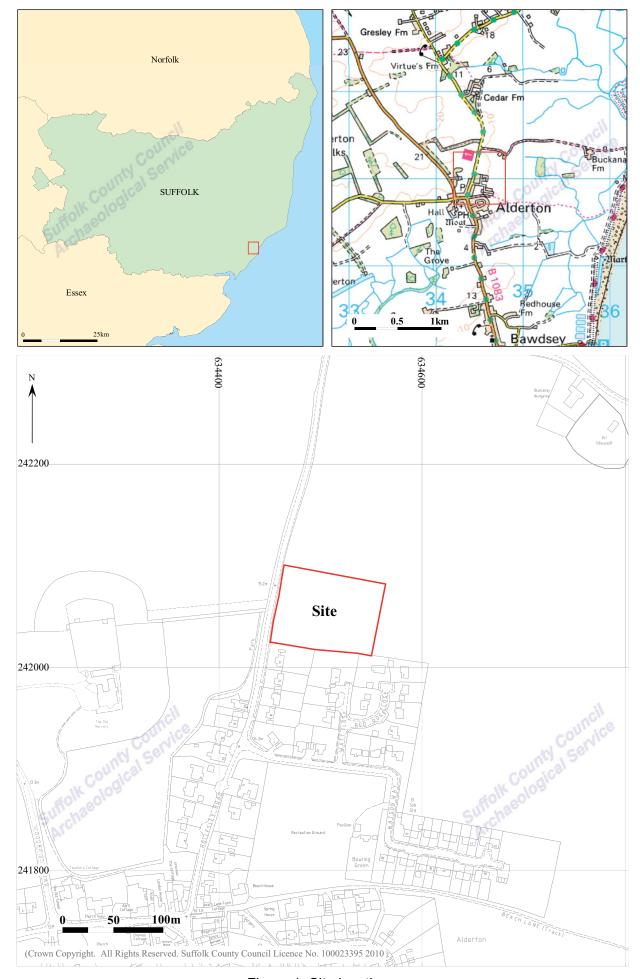


Figure 1. Site location