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Summary

An Archaeological Strip, Map and Sample was undertaken to ascertain whether any archaeological deposits would be disturbed by the proposed two storey front and side extension to the domestic building at Old Barn Farm, Husbands Bosworth (NGR: SP64197 82301). Leicestershire County Council, Historic and Natural Environment Team as archaeological advisors to the planning authority required the work to be undertaken to assess the location, extent, significance and character of any buried archaeological remains in the area of the proposed extension (Planning Application 14/01135/FUL).

No deposits of clear archaeological origin were observed or disturbed by the groundworks. The archive will be held by Leicestershire Museums Service under the Accession Number X.A5.2015.

Introduction

This report presents the results of an archaeological strip, map and sample at Old Barn Farm, Husbands Bosworth (Figs 1-2). The work was carried out in accordance with National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Section 12 Conserving and Enhancing the Historic Environment (DCLG 2012). A strategy for a programme of archaeological work was set out in the Written Scheme for Investigation (Score 2015) and approved by Leicestershire County Council, Historic and Natural Environment Team.

Aims and Methods

The main objectives of the archaeological work were:

- To identify the presence/absence of archaeological deposits.
- To establish the character, extent and date range for any archaeological deposits to be affected by the proposed ground works.
- To record any archaeological deposits to be affected by the ground works.
- To produce an archive and report of any results.

Methodology

All work followed the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA) Code of Conduct (2012) and adhered to their *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological excavations* (2008). Staffing, recording systems, health and safety provisions and insurance details are detailed in the WSI.

The area to the west of the existing dwelling (Fig. 3) was marked out and measured 10m in width and 12.50m in length and was excavated using a 5 tonne 360 degree digger using a 1.20m ditching bucket.

Location and Geology

The site lies to the south of the village of Husbands Bosworth on the western side of Welford Road (NGR: SP64197 82301; Fig.1). The British Geological Survey indicates that the Bedrock geology comprises Dyrham Formation Siltstone and Mudstone, overlain with Mid Pleistocene Diamicton Till.

Archaeological and Historical Background

The Historic Environment Record (HER) shows the area contains remains from the prehistoric period onwards including the Neolithic Causewayed Enclosure at Wheler Lodge Farm to the west (MLE8358) as well as other ring ditches, cremations, flint scatters and Iron Age activity.

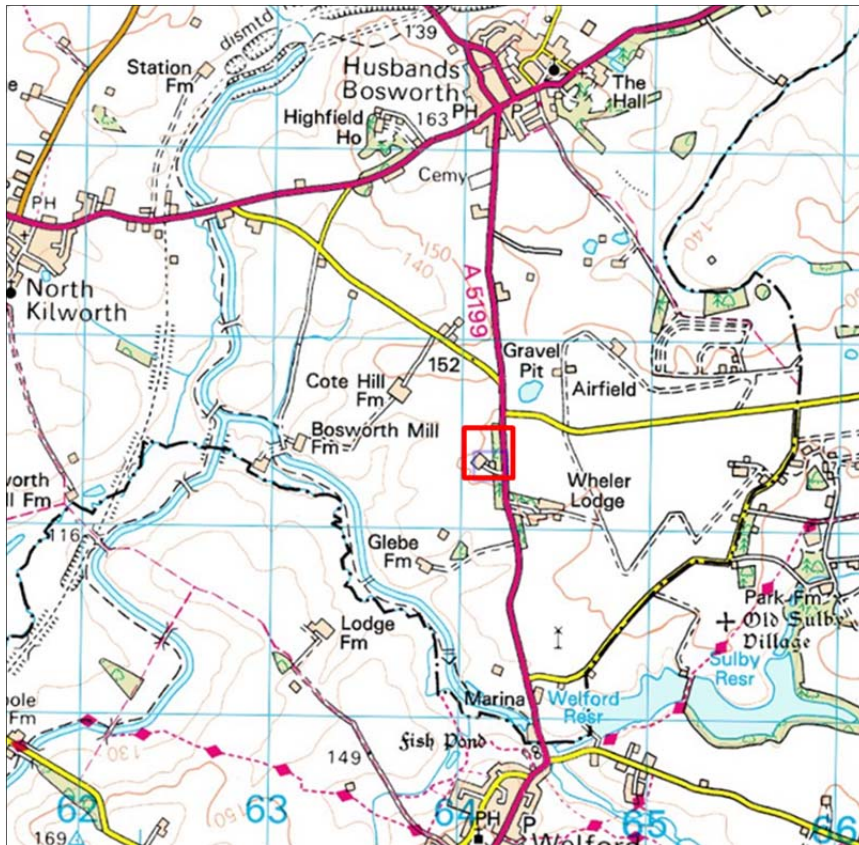


Figure 1 OS map

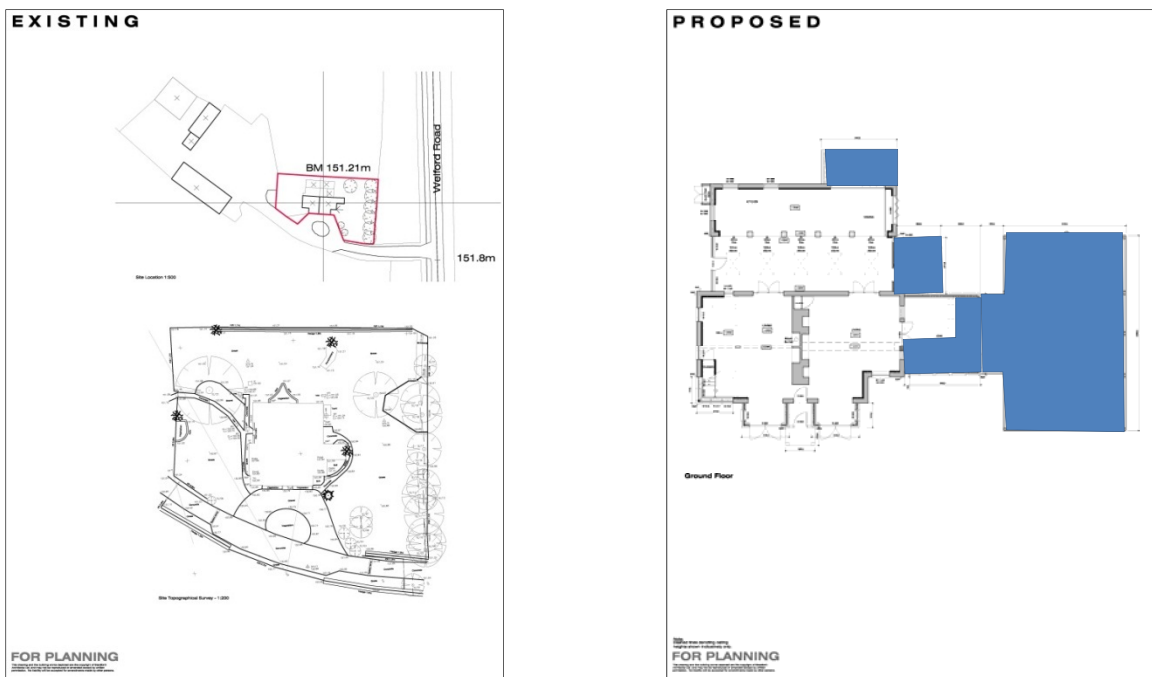


Figure 2 Developer plans for site (Provided by client)

Results

The site was visited on the 8th and 9th of January 2015 and the following was observed. The topsoil, a dark brown silty-sand, was removed first and was measured at a depth of 0.31m. This depth was consistent in the excavated area and appeared to have been previously landscaped (Fig. 4).

The subsoil, a mid-brown silty-clay, was then excavated to a depth of 0.45m. Like the topsoil this depth was consistent across the area. Finds of modern brick, glass and nails give further indication that the area had previously been landscaped.

The natural substratum, a brown-yellow clay with patches of sand and gravel was excavated to a depth of 0.62m.

An electric cable was found running north-east – south-west from the existing dwelling to an old boiler room positioned to the south-west of the stripped area. The ground beneath the cable was examined by hand and the cable left in situ (Fig. 5).

No archaeological deposits, features or finds were observed or disturbed by the excavation.



Figure 3 Area to be stripped. Facing north



Figure 4 Area being stripped. Facing south-east



Figure 5 Stripped area facing south

Conclusion

An archaeological Strip, Map and Plan was undertaken at Old Barn Farm, Husbands Bosworth prior to the building of a two storey extension on the west side of the existing farmhouse. It was evident from stripping the topsoil and subsoil and from observing the natural substratum that previous ground landscaping had taken place and further groundworking would cause no damage to any archaeological deposits.

Archive

The site archive will be held by Leicestershire Museums, with the Accession No. X.A5.2015. The archive contains:

- Watching Brief sheets (2),
- Site notes
- A CD containing digital photos

Publication

A summary of the work will be submitted for publication in a local archaeological journal in due course. The report has been added to the Archaeology Data Service's (ADS) Online Access to the Index of Archaeological Investigations (OASIS) database held by the University of York.

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ID	OASIS entry summary
Project Name	Old Barn Farm, Welford Road, Husbands Bosworth, Leicestershire LE17 6JL
Summary	<i>An Archaeological Strip, Map and Sample was undertaken to ascertain whether any archaeological deposits would be disturbed by the proposed two storey front and side extension to the domestic building at Old Barn Farm, Husbands Bosworth (NGR: SP64197 82301). Leicestershire County Council, Historic and Natural Environment Team (LCCHNET) as archaeological advisors to the planning authority required the work to be undertaken to assess the location, extent, significance and character of any buried archaeological remains in the area of the proposed extension (Planning Application 14/01135/FUL). No deposits of clear archaeological origin were observed or disturbed by the groundworks. The archive will be held by Leicestershire Museums Service under the Accession Number <u>X.A5.2015</u>.</i>
Project Type	Strip, Map and Plan
Project Manager	Vicki Score
Project Supervisor	Donald Clark
Previous/Future work	
Current Land Use	Garden
Development Type	Two storey extension of residential building
Reason for Investigation	
Position in the Planning Process	
Site Co ordinates	SP 64197 82301
Start/end dates of field work	8 th and 9 th January 2015
Archive Recipient	Leicestershire Museums
Study Area	
Associated project reference codes	

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