



**CAM ARC Report Number 939**

## **Land between Park Lane and East Chadley Lane, Godmanchester, Cambridgeshire**

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### **Archaeological Monitoring**

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## CAM ARC OASIS Report Form

OASIS Number: **Cambridg1-25685**

| <b>PROJECT DETAILS</b>  |   |         |   |         |
|---|---|---------|---|---------|
| Project name  | Archaeological Monitoring: Land Between Park Lane and East Chadley Lane, Godmanchester, Cambridge   |         |   |         |
| Short description   | <p>The monitoring was carried out during excavation of a combined cycleway and footpath following the route of the existing path.</p> <p>The excavation did not penetrate beneath the topsoil and no archaeological remains were encountered.</p> |         |   |         |
| Project dates   | Start   | 13.2.07 | End   | 14.2.07 |
| Previous work   | None  |         | Future work   | unknown |
| Associated project reference codes                              | GOD ECL 07 ECB 2431   |         |   |         |
| Type of project   | Watching Brief  |         |   |         |
| Site status   | NONE  |         |   |         |
| Current land use (list all that apply)                          | Footpath  |         |   |         |
| Planned development   | New Cycleway  |         |   |         |
| Monument types / period (list all that apply)                   | None  |         |   |         |
| Significant finds: Artefact type / period (list all that apply) | None  |         |   |         |
| <b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>   |   |         |   |         |
| County  | Cambridgeshire  | Parish  | Godmanchester   |         |
| HER for region  |   |         |   |         |
| Site address (including postcode)                               | Land Between Park Lane and East Chadley Lane, Godmanchester, Cambridge  |         |   |         |
| Study area (sq.m or ha)   | 130 sq m  |         |   |         |
| National grid reference   | <b>TL 2465 7074</b>   |         |   |         |
| Height OD   | Min OD  | 10mOD   | Max OD  | 10mOD   |
| <b>PROJECT ORIGINATORS</b>                                      |   |         |   |         |
| Organisation  | CAM ARC   |         |   |         |
| Project brief originator  | Kasia Gdaniec CAPCA   |         |   |         |
| Project design originator                                       | Stephen Macaulay CAM ARC  |         |   |         |
| Director/supervisor   | Alex Howe   |         |   |         |
| Project manager   | Stephen Macaulay  |         |   |         |
| Sponsor or funding body   | Cambridgeshire County Council   |         |   |         |
| <b>ARCHIVES</b>   |   |         |   |         |
|   | Location and accession number   |         | Content (e.g. pottery, animal bone, database, context sheets etc) |         |
| Physical  |   |         | none  |         |
| Paper   |   |         | Report  |         |
| Digital   | CAM ARC offices   |         | Digital location map, report, digital photos                      |         |
| <b>BIBLIOGRAPHY</b>   |   |         |   |         |
| Full title  | Archaeological Monitoring: Land Between Park Lane and East Chadley Lane, Godmanchester, Cambridge   |         |   |         |
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**Archaeological Monitoring  
Land Between Park Lane and East Chadley Lane,  
Godmanchester, Cambridge  
(TL 2465 7074)**

**Site Code:** GOD ECL 06  
**HER No.** ECB 2431  
**Excavated:** 12<sup>th</sup> February 2007  
**Report Number:** 939  
**Excavator:** Alexandra Howe  
**Client:** Cambridgeshire County Council

## **SUMMARY**

On the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2007, CAM ARC, Cambridgeshire County Council carried out an archaeological watching brief at East Chadley Lane, Godmanchester (TL 2465 7074). The monitoring was carried out during excavation of a combined cycleway and footpath following the route of the existing path.

The excavation did not penetrate beneath the topsoil and no archaeological remains were encountered.

### **1 GEOLOGY AND TOPOGRAPHY**

The site lies on 2<sup>nd</sup> Terrace River gravels and was 10m OD, the land is currently under grass and is an open public space.

### **2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND**

Godmanchester is an area of known archaeological importance not only from the Roman period but from the earliest habitation in Cambridgeshire. Known archaeological investigations close to the proposed development site have identified remains from the Neolithic, Bronze Age as well as Roman, Saxon and medieval archaeology.

Investigations undertaken by CCC AFU at The Parks (MCB12007-9) and further excavations at the Cricket Ground (MCB14699) discovered areas of Roman remains which included quarrying and rubbish pits from nearby settlements. In addition several pottery kilns (Godmanchester was a key ceramic production centre during the early Roman period in Cambridgeshire), cremations and a larger inhumation cemetery (62 graves c4th C AD) are known from the site. It was also during these investigations that earlier Neolithic and Bronze Age pits were recorded.

The proximity of the known medieval monuments of St Mary's church (with a Saxon foundation) and a moated manor also attest to the longevity of the occupation in the area (Macaulay 2006).

### **3 METHODOLOGY**

The objective of this watching brief was to determine as far as reasonably possible the presence/absence, location, nature, extent, date, quality, condition and significance of any surviving archaeological deposits within the development area.

The existing footpath was constructed from a compacted layer of hardcore approximately 0.1m thick, which was removed by machine. The trench excavated for the new cycleway was machined to a depth of 0.18m in the centre with two narrow trenches at the sides excavated to a depth of 0.27m. The excavations did not penetrate the full thickness of the topsoil.

### **4 RESULTS**

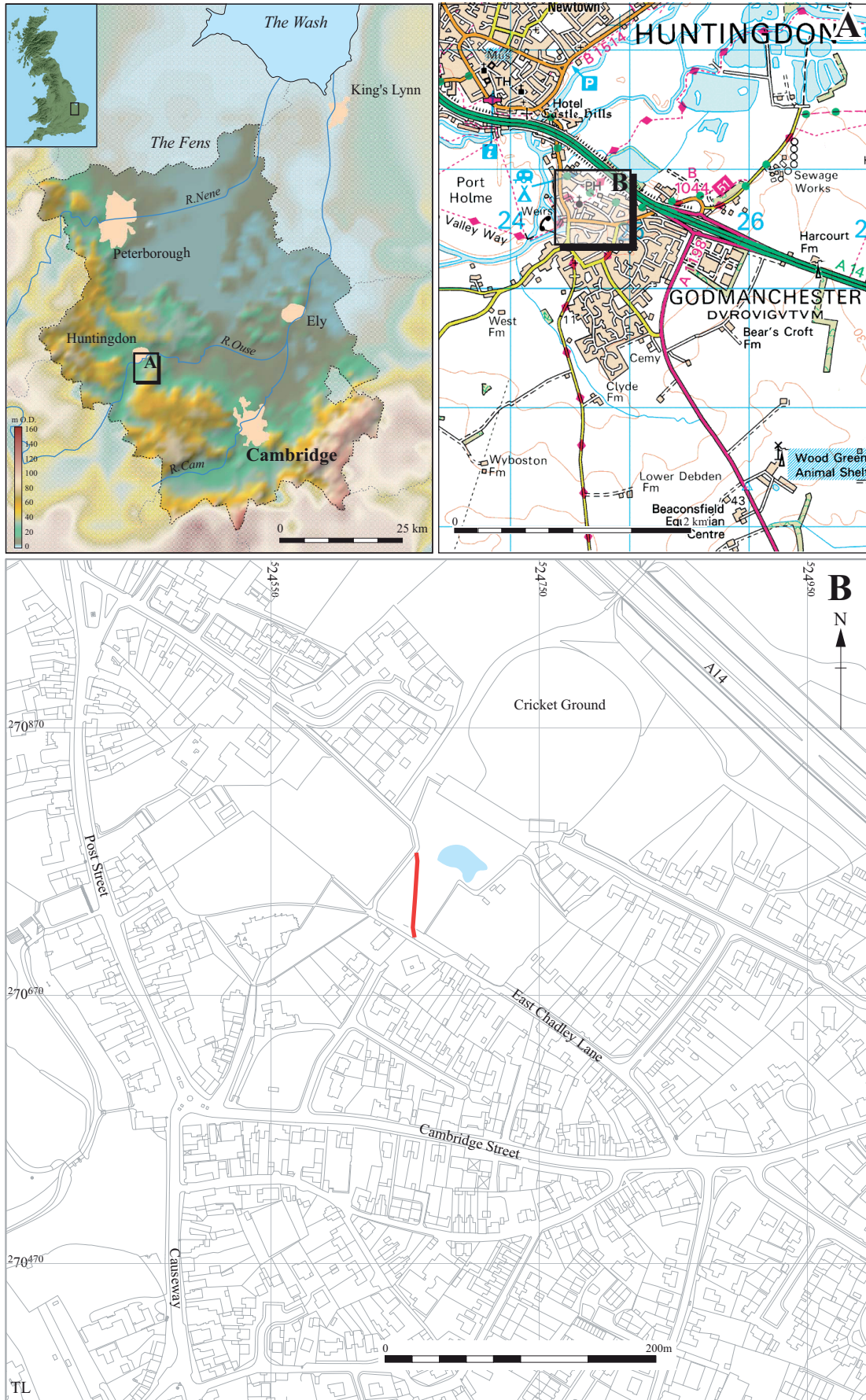
No archaeological remains were observed along the length of the trench. The subsoil was not exposed therefore no cut features were visible. No finds were recovered from the topsoil.

### **5 DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION**

The excavation of the cycleway was not at a sufficient depth to expose any archaeological remains. However any archaeology present within the development area would be preserved in situ.

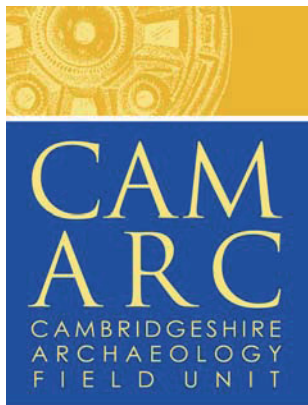
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Figure 1 Location of the cycleway (red)



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