

**LAND ADJACENT TO
1 AND 2 THE COMMON
LITTLEBURY
ESSEX**

ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF



Essex County Council
Field Archaeology Unit

February 2008

EHER SUMMARY SHEET

Site Name/Address: Land adjacent to 1 & 2 The Common, Littlebury, Essex	
Parish: Littlebury	District: Uttlesford
NGR: TL 5178 3963	Site Code: LITCW 08
Type of Work: Watching Brief	Site Director/Group: Andrew Robertson ECC FAU
Date of Work: 12/02/2008	Size of Area Investigated: 260m ²
Location of Finds/Curating Museum: Saffron Waldon	Funding Source: D & C Carr
Further Work Anticipated? No	Related EHER Nos: 17091, 17338, 18558, 4191, 6597, 6680, 6598, 3478-8
Final Report: EAH Summary	
Periods Represented:	
SUMMARY OF FIELDWORK RESULTS: <p>A planning application for the construction of a residential property with associated car parking on the land adjacent to 1 and 2, The Common, Littlebury, Essex was submitted to Uttlesford District Council. In line with PPG 16 the archaeological advisor to Uttlesford District, Essex Historic Environment Management (ECC HEM), placed an archaeological condition for a watching brief on the proposal. The fieldwork was carried out by Essex County Council Field Archaeology Unit (ECC FAU) and was monitored by ECC HEM.</p> <p>The proposed development is situated within the centre of the historic village of Littlebury, which has Saxon origins. The development is thought to be situated in a presumptive Saxon enclosure as well as lying in close proximity to a number of Late Iron Age and Roman cremation burials. No known archaeological investigations have taken place on the development area.</p> <p>The watching brief was maintained on two areas. The southern area, the location for car parking bays, was stripped of vegetation but not reduced below topsoil. In the north eastern area, adjacent to the existing buildings, foundation trenches were excavated by mechanical excavator to 1.1m. No archaeological remains were identified in either area.</p> <p>It seems unlikely that any significant archaeological remains exist within the boundaries of the proposed site, therefore no future work is anticipated.</p>	
Previous Summaries/Reports: N/A	
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Figure 1 - Location archaeological investigation