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Summary

Site name and address:	Robson Court, Waterbea	ch, cambridgeshire							
County:	Cambridgeshire	District:	Southern cambridgeshire						
Village/town:	Waterbeach	Parish:	Waterbeach						
Planning reference:	S/2064/12/FL	NGR:	TL 4940 6577						
Client name and address:	Sanctuary Group, Sanctu	Sanctuary Group, Sanctuary Housing East.							
Nature of work:	Amenity apartments	Current land use:	Shared amenity apartments						
Site Status:	None	Reason for investigation:	Direction of LPA (NPPF)						
Position in planning process:	Planning condition	Project brief originator:	Local Authority						
Size of affected area:	c. 1800m ²	Size of area investigated:	$c.120\text{m}^2$						
Site code:	HN1046	Alternate reference:	n/a						
Organisation:	Heritage Network	Site Director:	David Hillelson						
Project type, methods etc	Trial trench evaluation	Archive recipient:	Cambridgeshire County Archaeological Store						
Start of work:	11/03/2013	Finish of work:	14/03/2013						
Related HER nos:	n/a	Periods represented:	Post medieval, Modern						
OASIS UID:	heritage1-143554	Significant finds:	None						
Monument types:	Ditch								
Physical archive:	None								
Previous summaries/reports:	None								

Synopsis:

In order to characterise the archaeological potential of a proposed redevelopment of Robson Court, Waterbeach, Cambridgeshire, the Heritage Network was commissioned by the owners to undertake an archaeological field evaluation by trial trenching. This work was a requirement of the planning consent granted by the local planning authority.

Six trial trenches were excavated revealing natural clay overlain by subsoil, and extensive made ground. Two ditch features, in trenches 3 and 6 were identified. These features appear to be late post-medieval linears that relate to field boundaries, which survived up until the second half of the 20th century, when this part of Waterbeach was developed.

There was no evidence of activity earlier than the late post-medieval on the site.

On the basis of the results of the evaluation, the risk that the proposed development might disturb further archaeological remains may be considered to be *Low* for all periods except the post-medieval period, where the risk should be considered *High*. The significance of such post-medieval remains may, however, be considered to be *Low*.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This report has been prepared at the request of the Sanctuary Group as part of a programme of archaeological work to be carried out as part of a proposed development at Robson Court, Waterbeach, Cambridgeshire.
- 1.2 The planning consent for the proposed development (ref: S/2064/12/FL) has been granted by South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) subject to a standard archaeological condition issued under the provisions set out in the Department of Communities and Local Government's *National Planning Policy Framework*. Condition 13 of the planning consent states that:

No development shall take place on the application site until the implementation of a programme of archaeological work has been secured in accordance with a written scheme of investigation which has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

- 1.3 The scope of work required was defined in a *Brief for Archaeological Evaluation* issued by the Historic Environment Team (HET) of Cambridgeshire County Council (ref: DMC 25/01/2013) acting as archaeological adviser to SCDC. A full specification for the work is contained in the Heritage Network's approved Project Design, dated February 2013.
- 1.4 The site is located within the northern half of Waterbeach village, to the west of Waddelow Road, centred on NGR TL 4940 6577. The site is bounded to the east by Waddelow Road, to the north by 1-6 Jubilee Close, to the west by 53-69 Winfold Road, and to the south by the access road from Waddelow Road (Figure 1).
- 1.5 The site lies directly adjacent to a site investigated in 1996 that revealed Saxon industrial remains, including a sunken feature building and a three-sided post-built structure (HER MCB14602).
- 1.6 The aim of the evaluation has been to consider the location, extent, date, character, condition, significance and quality of any remains that are liable to be threatened by the development, and to provide a local and regional, archaeological and historical context for them, in accordance with the current published regional research agenda (Glazebrook 1997, Brown and Glazebrook 2000, Medlycott and Brown 2008, Medlycott 2011), should they be discovered. It was considered that such investigation had the potential to identify archaeological deposits which might contribute to an understanding of the origins and development of Waterbeach from the Saxon period onwards.
- 1.7 The proposed development entails the demolition of 35 shared amenity apartments for the homeless and the erection of 30 self-contained apartments for the homeless with associated parking and amenity space.

2 Fieldwork

TOPOGRAPHY AND GEOLOGY

- **2.1** Waterbeach is located 9.7km to the north-east of Cambridge on the Fen edge. The site is situated on a low plateau at approximately 6m AOD. The river Cam lies 900m to the east.
- 2.2 The underlying solid geology consists of mudstone bedrock of the Gault Formation (British Geological Survey website) overlain by river terrace deposits of quaternary sand and gravels with lenses of clay.

METHODOLOGY

- **2.3** All fieldwork was carried out in accordance with the approved Project Design, current health and safety legislation, and the appropriate IfA and ALGAO guidance documents.
- **2.4** The overburden was removed, under close supervision, to the first significant archaeological horizon, or to the natural geological horizon, as appropriate using a 3-tonne tracked mechanical excavator fitted with a 1.2m wide toothless bucket.
- **2.5** Spoil from the machining was scanned visually and using a metal detector for archaeological artefacts.
- **2.6** The exposed area was cleaned by hand, and potential archaeological features and deposits were sampled to ascertain their nature, depth, date, and quality of preservation.
- 2.7 All identified contexts were photographed and recorded using the appropriate proforma. Scaled plans and sections were drawn on drafting film at scales of 1:10 and 1:20.

CONTRAINTS

2.8 Robson Court remained occupied for the duration of the project. Access for the residents had to be maintained and all services across the site were live.

RESULTS

2.9 Six trial trenches were opened across the site. These were located within the footprint of the proposed new buildings and with reference to known constraints across the site (Figure 2).

Trench 1

2.10 Trench 1 was located on grass to the south of the main building, and was oriented eastwest. It measured 5m long by 3m wide (Figures 2 & 3, Plate 1).

Recorded data:

Length (m):	5.0	Width (m):		3.0	Maximum Depth (m):	c.1.2	Orientat	ion		E-W
Level at W	End of Tren	ch (mOD)	Тор	6.65	Level at E E	nd of Tr	ench (mO	D)	Тор	6.69
Contout	Truns		Base	5.58			D	imen	<u>Base</u> sions (r	5.53 n)
Context	Type			Descripti	on		Length	W	idth	Depth
-	Layer	Turf over n			brown, 10YR ragments.	4/3,	5.0	3	3.0	0.70
-	Layer		Subsoil. Yellowish brown, 10YR 5/4, Sticky clay andy silt with occasional sub angular gravel 5.0 3.0					0.30		
-	Layer	Natural cla clay.	atural clay. Light yellowish brown, 10YR 6/4,						> 0.10	

- **2.11** The stratigraphy in this area of the site demonstrates a deep layer of made-ground containing debris from the construction of Robson Court.
- **2.12** A sondage, 0.20m deep, was excavated in the south-eastern corner of this trench to clarify the natural horizon.
- 2.13 No archaeological features, deposits or finds were encountered in this trench.

Trench 2

2.14 Trench 2 was located on grass to the south of Nos. 1 to 4 of Robson Court and was oriented east-west. It measured 5m long by 3m wide (Figures 2 & 3, Plate 2).

Recorded Data

Length (m):	5.0	Width (m):	1 30 1		Maximum Depth (m):	1.10	Orientat	ion 1		E-W	
Level at W	End of Tren	ch (mOD)	Тор	6.70 5.94	Level at E E	nd of Ti	rench (mOD)		Top	6.66 5.96	
Context	Туре		Base	Description 1	0 n		D	imen	Base sions (1		
Context	Type			Descripti	UII		Length	\mathbf{W}	idth	Depth	
-	Layer	3/4, friable	Curf and topsoil. Dark yellowish brown, 10YR /4, friable/ loose silty clay with occasional sub ngular gravel inclusions.					5	5.0	0.40	
-	Layer		Subsoil. Yellowish brown, 10YR 5/4, Sticky clay andy silt with occasional sub angular gravel 5.0 5.0 nclusions.					0.35			
-	Layer	Natural cla clay. Some			brown, 10YR	6/4,	5.0	5	5.0	> 0.25	

- **2.15** The stratigraphy in Trench 2 comprised modern concrete overlying a layer of overburden up to 0.20m thick. Below the overburden was natural sand.
- **2.16** A sondage, 0.25m deep, was excavated in the south-eastern corner of this site to clarify the natural horizon.
- 2.17 No archaeological features, deposits or finds were encountered in this trench.

Trench 3

2.18 Trench 3 was located on grass to the south of a path between the main block and nos. 1 to 4 of Robson Court. This trench was orientated north-south and measured 6m long by 5m wide. Due to live electricity services in the northern half of the trench, this trench was reduced in size to 2.68 long by 2.95m wide, (Figures 2 & 3, Plates 3 & 4). Because of other constraints, it was not possible to extend the trench to compensate for the area lost.

Length (m):	6.00	Width (m):		5.00	Maximum Depth (m):	1.93	Orientat	ion		N-S	
Level at N E	and of Tren	ich (mOD)	Top	6.46	Level at S Er	ıd of Tr	ench (mO)	D)	Top	6.50	
2010100112		1	Base	5.12	20101 40 5 21	1			Base	5.26	
Context	Type			Descript	ion				nsions (m)		
	J 1	T 0 1					Length	W	idth	Depth	
301	Layer		se sand	y silty clay	own, 2.5YR 3/4 with occasion		6.00	5	.00	0.13	
302	Layer	brown, gre	ey and y brick fra	yellowish	of dark reddis brown sandy si teel and moder	lt.	2.68	2	.95	0.60	
303	Layer		Dark grey, Gley 1 3/N, silty clay with occasional 2.68 2.95							0.48	
304	Fill		Upper ditch fill. Reddish brown, 2.5 YR 4/2, clayey silt with frequent pebble inclusions 2.68+							0.26	
305	Fill				2.5YR 4/1, silonal charcoal fl		2.68+	2.95+		0.52	
306	Fill				own, 2.5YR 3/2 one inclusions	, silty	2.68+	1	.53	0.15	
307	Fill		1 6/6/1,	with very	rm clay, green frequent small		2.68+	0.	54+	0.14	
308	Fill		Ditch base Fill. Loose, gravelly sand, yellow brown, 2.5Y 8/3.						0.15		
309	Cut		Linear ditch cut. Orientated N-S, concave profile with 5 fills. Extends beyond trench. 2.68+ 2.95+						95+	94.00	
310	Layer		Subsoil. Dark greyish brown, 2.5Y 4/2, clayey silt with moderately frequent pebbles 2.68 2.95						0.21		
311	Layer	Natural. Li clay with c			n 7.5 YR 8/4, s	sandy	2.68	2	.95	-	

- **2.19** The stratigraphy in Trench 3 demonstrates an overburden consisting of made-ground associated with the construction of Robson Court.
- 2.20 A large linear ditch [309] was observed in the southern half of the trench, cutting a fragment of the subsoil [310]. This feature was orientated north-south, and measured over 3m wide and c.1m deep. It extended beyond the limits of the evaluation trench. The concave profile contained five fills (304-308). The upper fills were indicative of the feature silting up, but fills in the ditch base (307 & 308) are indicative of alluvial deposits, indicative of a water channel. The evidence suggests that this is a large field drainage ditch, but no evidence was retrieved to date it. The feature was not observed in Trench 4 to the north.

- 2.21 Layer [303] seals the ditch. This layer is suggestive of material cleaned out of a water course, such as the ditch. It is likely that it represents material from the maintenance of the ditch that has subsequently been redistributed after the feature had fallen out of use.
- 2.22 No other archaeological features, deposits or finds were encountered in this trench.

Trench 4

2.23 Trench 4 was located on grass to the north of a path between the main block and nos. 1 to 4 of Robson Court. This trench was orientated north-south and measured 4.5m long by 4m wide. Live services crossed the southern edge of this trench. (Figures 2 & 3, Plate 5).

Length (m)	: 4.50	Width (m):		4.0	Maximum Depth (m):	1.6	Orientat	ion		N-S
Loyal at N I	End of Tren	sh (mOD)	Тор	6.49	Level at S E	ad of Tw	onah (mOl	D)	Top	6.54
Level at N I	end of Trend	en (mod)	Base	5.52	Level at S El	iu oi i r	ench (moi	(ע	Base	5.26
Comtont	T			Dogovinski	-		D	imen	sions (1	m)
Context	Type			Descripti	on	Γ	Length	W	idth	Depth
-	Layer	loose sand	Turf and topsoil. Dark brown, 10YR 3/3, friable/ loose sandy silty clay with occasional sub angular gravel inclusions. 4.50 4.0 0.1							0.10
-	Layer	Made grou with sand,			OYR 4/3, clay ents.	silt	4.50	4	4.0	0.60
-	Layer		Subsoil. Dark yellowish brown, 10Y 6/4, clayey silt with occasional pebble and chalk fleck 4.50 4.0 0.20 inclusions						0.20	
-	Layer	Natural. Li	ght yell	owish brow	vn, 10YR 7/6,	clay.	4.50	4	4.0	-

- **2.24** The stratigraphy in this trench demonstrates an overburden consisting of made-ground associated with the construction of Robson Court.
- 2.25 No archaeological features, deposits or finds were encountered in this trench.

Trench 5

2.26 Trench 5 was located on hard standing to the east of the main block of Robson Court. This trench was orientated north-south and measured 4.5m long by 4m wide. Live services crossed the southern edge of this trench and a well monitoring point was located in the northern half. A water main not indicated on published service plans and running through the southern end of this trench, was struck during machining resulting in the flooding of the trench (Figures 2 & 3, Plates 6 & 7).

Length (m):	7.40	Width (m):	1 3 ()		Maximum 1 Depth (m):	.05	Orientation		N-S	
Lovel of N I	End of Tuon	sh (mOD)	Top	6.43	Level at S End of Trench (mOD)			(0)	Top	6.45
Level at N I	and of Trend	in (mod)	Base 5.88 Level at 8 End of 11				enen (moi	(U	Base	5.27
Context	Tymo		Description				Dimensions (m)			
Context	Type			Description	OH .		Length	W	idth	Depth
-	Layer	Reinforced	Reinforced concrete surface.					3	3.0	0.10
-	Layer		Inde ground. Grey brown, 10YR 3/2, clay silt ith brick fragments, and concrete fragments. 7.40 3.0 0.35						0.35	

-	Layer	Subsoil. Dark brown, 10Y 3/3, compact clayey sandy silt. Humic deposit, possibly due to leeching.	7.40	3.0	0.15
-	Layer	Subsoil. Dark olive brown, 5Y 4/3, compact clayey silt.	7.40	3.0	0.25
-	Layer	Natural. Light yellowish brown, 10YR 7/6, clay.	7.40	3.0	-

- 2.27 The stratigraphy in this trench demonstrates an overburden consisting of made-ground associated with the construction of Robson Court. The sub-soils above the natural clay may represent material imported for levelling purposes as they were heavily compacted.
- **2.28** A sondage, 0.50m deep, was excavated in the south-eastern corner of this trench to clarify the natural horizon.
- 2.29 No archaeological features, deposits or finds were encountered in this trench.

Trench 6

2.30 Trench 6 was located on grass to the east of nos. 31 to 34 of Robson Court. This trench was orientated north-south and measured 4.3m long by 3m wide. Live services crossed the southern edge of this trench. (Figures 2 & 3, Plates 8 & 9).

Length (m):	4.30	Width (m):	1 30 1		Maximum Depth (m):	1.6	Orientat	Orientation		N-S	
Level at N End of Trench (mOD)			Top Base	6.50 5.48	Level at S Er	nd of Tr	ench (mOl	D)	Top Base	6.53 5.17	
Context	Туре			Descripti	on				sions (n		
Content	- JPC						Length	W	idth	Depth	
-	Layer		silty cl		, 10YR 3/3, fricasional sub a		4.30	3	3.0	0.10	
-	Layer	Made grou clay silt wi fragments.		4.30	3	3.0	0.65				
-	Layer				3, clayey silt w leck inclusion		4.30	3	3.0	0.45	
-	Layer	Natural. Li	clay.	4.30	3	3.0	-				
601	Cut	Linear ditch cut, orientated E-W. Steep sides with rounded base.						, orientated E-W. Steep sides with 3.0+ 0.50+		0.80	
602	Fill		Single ditch fill. Yellowish brown, 10YR 5/6, clay sandy silt, with sub angular gravel inclusions. 3.0+ 0.50+						0.80		

- **2.31** The stratigraphy in this trench demonstrates an overburden consisting of made-ground associated with the construction of Robson Court.
- 2.32 A linear ditch [601], orientated east-west, ran along the southern baulk of this trench. This ditch cut through the subsoil and had steep sides with a rounded base. Within the single clay sandy silt fill (602), fragments of late post-medieval CBM and an abraded piece of brown glazed pottery were noted, but not recovered. This feature extended beyond the limits of the evaluation trench.
- 2.33 No other archaeological features, deposits or finds were encountered in this trench.

FINDS ASSESSMENT

Finds Concordance

2.34 No finds were recovered over the duration of this project.

3 Discussion

Archaeological Background

- **3.1** Robson Court lies in an area of known archaeology dating from the prehistoric period onwards. A search of the records held by the Cambridgeshire Historic Environment Record (CHER) for a radius of 1km around the site produced the following results:
 - A number of Neolithic polished stone axe heads (CHER 00343) were found approximately 150m to the northeast.
 - An evaluation to the rear of number 30 High Street (CHER MCB17348), approximately 200m east of the present site, revealed a soil layer containing late Bronze Age / early Iron Age pottery.
 - Approximately 1km to the southwest of the present site is the route of the Car Dyke, a Romano-British waterway (CHER 05405)
 - Possible Romano-British enclosure boundaries (CHER MCB17241) have been found approximately 300m to the northeast, and Romano-British pottery (CHER 05312a) and a 2nd century disc brooch (CHER 09702) have also been found in the village.
 - Approximately 100m to the southwest of the proposed development, an evaluation in 1996 (CHER CB14602) revealed substantial Anglo-Saxon remains including a grubenhaus and a three sided post built structure. Anglo Saxon remains had previously been reported from The Lodge (CHER 05312) approximately 600m to the southwest.
 - The evaluation to the rear of number 30 High Street (CHER MCB17348) revealed medieval and post-medieval pits.
 - Approximately 80m to the east of the proposed development is the site of a post-medieval park and garden (CHER 12229) called 'The Rookery'. This had an unusual circular shape, but has now been built over.

Research Design

- **3.2** The aims of the evaluation have been:
 - to establish the likely presence or absence of archaeological remains on the site, and characterise them in terms of location, depth, extent, date, character and condition should they be present;
 - to consider the local and regional archaeological and historical context of such remains, and their significance and quality, in relation to the current published regional research agenda (Brown and Glazebrook 2000, Medlycott and Brown 2008, Medlycott 2011);
 - to provide sufficient information to ensure that an appropriate strategy for the mitigation of damage or destruction of such remains by the development is adopted.
- 3.3 It was considered that the site had the potential to provide evidence that would contribute to an understanding of the development of Waterbeach, from the Saxon period onwards. Evidence that might clarify the location and extent of Saxon buildings in the near

vicinity, and the extent and nature of the settlement in the Saxon period, was considered to be of particular interest.

Collected Data

- 3.4 Six trenches were excavated on site. The stratigraphy demonstrated deep layers of made-ground associated with the construction of Robson Court. The natural clay horizon lies approximately 0.80-0.90m beneath the surface.
- 3.5 Only Trenches 3 and 6 contained archaeological features:
 - Context [309] was a large ditch cut, orientated broadly north-south. This feature was over 3m wide and nearly 1m deep. The nature of water-borne deposits in the base of this ditch suggests this feature suggested it was a field ditch used for drainage, or a small water course. The higher fills were indicative of this feature going out of use and silting up. No artefacts were recovered from this feature, but the ditch does cut through the subsoil indicative of a post medieval date. This feature was sealed by a layer of greenish grey clay, typical of waterlogged material resulting from maintaining a water course. This ditch was not observed in trench 4 to the north. This may be due to either the feature turns, terminates.
 - Context [601] was a linear ditch, orientated east-west. This feature ran along the southern baulk of the trench and measured over 0.50m wide and 0.80m deep. The single silty fill of this feature (602) contained late post medieval CBM and pottery fragments. This ditch, which appears to be a field boundary, dates from the 19th-20th centuries.
- 3.6 At the time of the evaluation, all excavated features filled with groundwater, indicating a high water table and the need to manage it in order to exploit the land.
- 3.7 From the 1970s onwards, Waterbeach began to expand with the construction of an industrial estate and an increase in housing. Ordnance Survey mapping shows the site of Robson Court and the surrounding estate as fields during the first half of the 20th century. The site itself was located at a junction of several different fields.
- 3.8 There was no evidence of activity earlier than the late post-medieval on the site. In the context of the specific research questions for the present project, the data collected indicates that the Anglo-Saxon remains from the south-west of the site do not appear to extend into the study area.

Conclusion

- 3.9 Six trial trenches were excavated revealing natural clay overlain by subsoil, and extensive made-ground. Two ditch features, in Trenches 3 and 6 were identified. These features appear to be late post-medieval linears that relate to field boundaries, which survived up until the second half of the 20th century, when this part of Waterbeach was developed.
- 3.10 There was no evidence of activity earlier than the late post-medieval on the site.
- 3.11 On the basis of the results of the evaluation, the risk that the proposed development might disturb further archaeological remains may be considered to be *Low* for all periods except the post-medieval period, where the risk should be considered *High*. The significance of such post-medieval remains may, however, be considered to be *Low*.

Confidence Rating

3.12 During the course of the fieldwork, the conditions were challenging with areas constrained by live services, poor weather and a high water table. Within each of the evaluation trenches, the conditions were generally acceptable for the identification of potential features and deposits, and for their investigation. On this basis, the confidence rating for the work may be considered to be *Moderate*.

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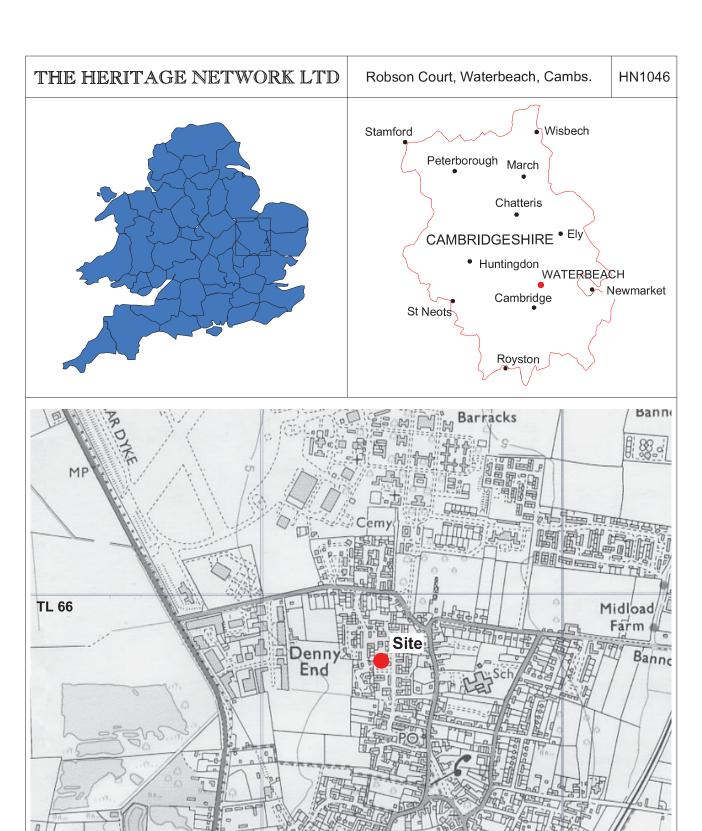
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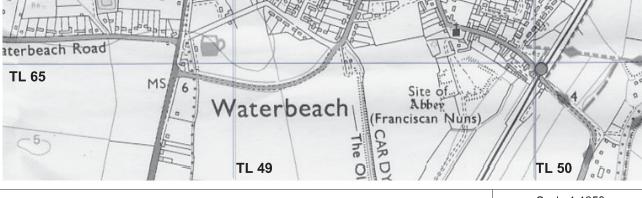
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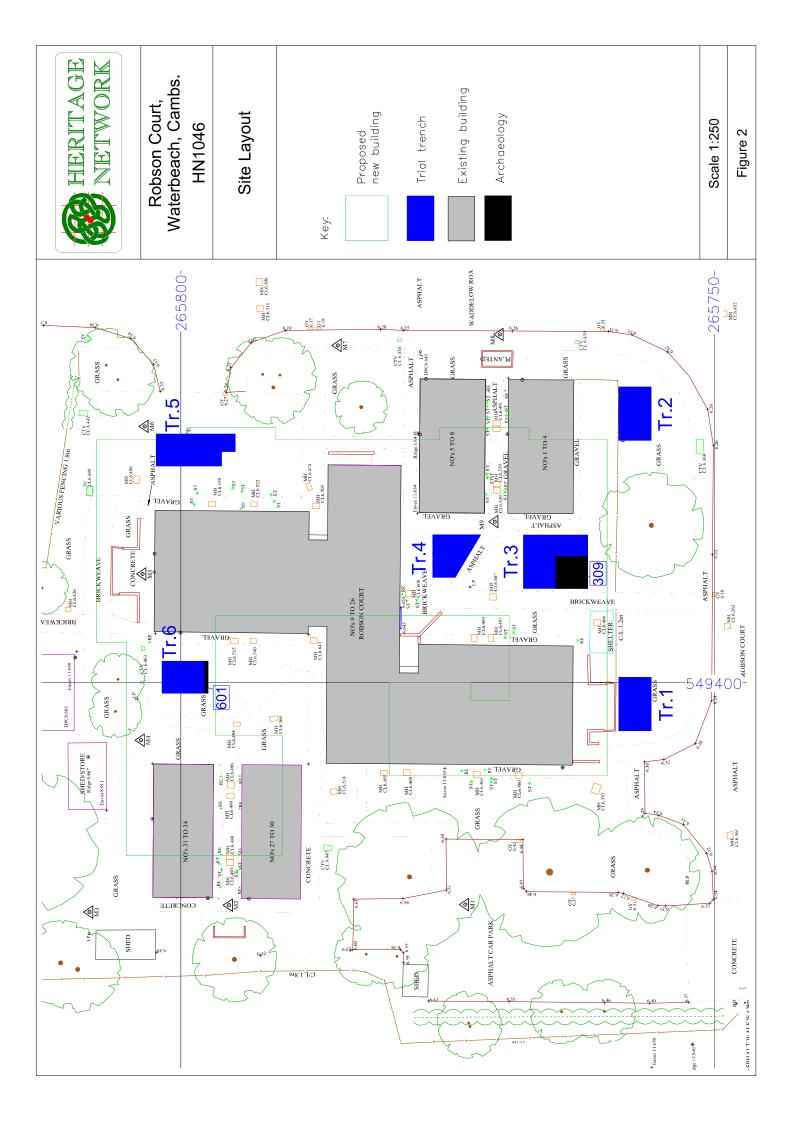


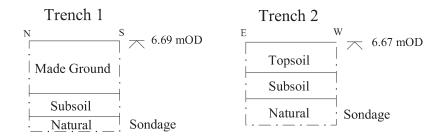


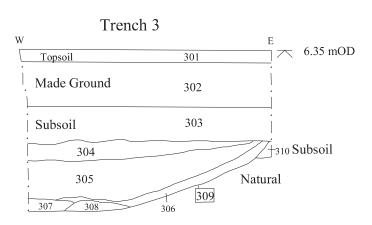
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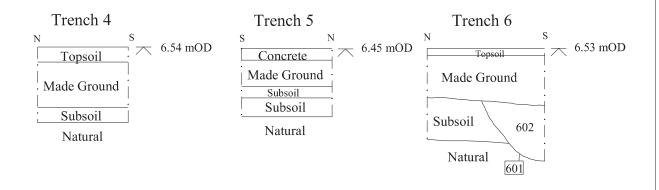
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Figure 1









Trench Sections	Scale 1:50
Tremen decirons	Figure 3

HN1046: Robson Court, Waterbeach, Cambs.



Plate 1-Trench 1, looking east



Plate 2-Trench 2, looking east

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Plate 3-Trench 3,looking west



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Plate 5-Trench 4, looking east



Plate 6-Trench 5, flooded

HN1046: Robson Court, Waterbeach, Cambs.



Plate 7-Trench 5, looking south



Plate 8-Trench 6, looking south

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Plate 9-Trench 6, ditch cut 601

Appendix

Oasis Summary Sheet

OASIS DATA COLLECTION FORM: England

OASIS ID: heritage1-143554 Project details		
Short description of the project	In order to characterise the archaeological potential of a proposed redevelopment of Robson Court, Waterbeach, Cambridgeshire, the Heritage Network was commissioned by the owners to undertake an archaeological field evaluation by trial trenching. This work was a requirement of the planning consent granted by the local planning authority. Six trial trenches were excavated revealing natural clay overlain by subsoil, and extensive made ground. Two ditch features, in trenches 3 and 6 were identified. These features appear to be late post-medieval linears that relate to field boundaries, which survived up until the second half of the 20th century, when this part of Waterbeach was developed. There was no evidence of activity earlier than the late post-medieval on the site. On the basis of the results of the evaluation, the risk that the proposed development might disturb further archaeological remains may be considered to be <i>Low</i> for all periods except the post-medieval period, where the risk should be considered <i>High</i> . The significance of such post-medieval remains may, however, be considered to be <i>Low</i> .	
Project dates	Start: 11/03/2013 End: 14/03/2013	
Previous/future work	No / Not known	
Any associated project reference codes	HN1046 - Contracting Unit No.	
Any associated project reference codes	ECB3923 – Event No. Museum accession ID	
Type of project	Field evaluation	
Site status	None	
Current Land use	Rural residential	
Monument type	DITCH Post Medieval	
Significant Finds	None	
Methods & techniques	"'Targeted Trenches"	
Development type	Rural residential	
Prompt	National Planning Policy Framework - NPPF	
Position in the planning process	After full determination (eg. As a condition)	
Project location		
Country	England	
Site location	CAMBRIDGESHIRE, CAMBRIDGESHIRE SOUTH, WATERBEACH, Robson Court	
Postcode	CB25 9LE	

Study area	1800 Square metres
Site coordinates	TL 4940 6577 Point
Project creators	
Name of Organisation	Heritage Network
Project brief originator	Local Authority Archaeologist and/or Planning Authority/advisory body
Project design originator	Heritage Network
Project director/manager	David Hillelson
Project supervisor	James Snee
Type of sponsor/funding body	Developer
Project archives	
Physical Archive recipient	Cambridgeshire County Archaeological Store
Physical Archive ID	ECB3923 – Event No
Physical Contents	None
Digital Archive recipient	Cambridgeshire County Archaeological Store
Digital Archive ID	ECB3923 – Event No
Digital Contents	"other"
Digital Media available	"Images raster / digital photography","Text"
Paper Archive recipient	Cambridgeshire County Archaeological Store
Paper Archive ID	ECB3923 – Event No
Paper Contents	"other"
Paper Media available	"Context sheet","Diary","Plan","Report"
Project bibliography 1	
Publication type	Grey literature (unpublished document/manuscript)
Title	Robson Court, Waterbeach, Cambshire. Archaeological Evaluation Report
Author(s)/Editor(s)	Turner C.
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