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#### Summary

Site name and address:	Land at Purdis Farm Lan	e, Ipswich, Suffolk IP3 8UA	Α
County:	Suffolk	District:	Ipswich
Village/town:	Ipswich	Parish:	Ipswich
Planning reference:	C/12/1381	NGR:	TM 2040 4267
Client name and address:	Taylor Wimpey East Ang 1JF.	glia, Tartan House, Etna Roa	d, Bury St Edmunds, IP33
Nature of work:	Residential development	Former land use:	Domestic gardens
Site status:	None	Reason for investigation:	Direction of LPA (NPPF)
Position in planning process:	After full determination (as a condition)	Project brief originator:	Local authority
Size of affected area:	c.19000m <sup>2</sup>	Size of area investigated:	c.940m <sup>2</sup>
Site code:	PFM021	Museum Ref:	HN1116
Organisation:	Heritage Network	Site Director:	David Hillelson
Project type, methods etc.:	Field Evaluation	Archive recipient:	Ipswich Museum
Start of work:	18/03/13	Finish of work:	29/07/15
Related HER Nos:	n/a	Periods represented:	Modern, unknown
Oasis UID:	heritage1-145115	Significant finds:	None
Monument types:	Ditch		
Material archive:	None		
Previous reports: Ashworth, H. 2014 Land at Pur Jones, G. 2013 Land at Purdis Jones, G. 2014a Land at Purdis Jones, G. 2014b Land at Purdis	Farm Lane, Phase 1: inter Farm Lane, Phase 2 (ii):	im summary. Heritage Netw interim summary. Heritage 1	ork report no. 789 Network report no. 841

Jones, G. 2014b Land at Purdis Farm Lane, Phase 2 (iii): interim summary. Heritage Network report no. 865 Jones, G. 2015 Land at Purdis Farm Lane, Phase 2 (iv): interim summary. Heritage Network report no. 951

#### Synopsis:

As the result of a condition on the planning permission for residential development on land at Purdis Farm Lane, Ipswich, Suffolk, the Heritage Network was commissioned by Taylor Wimpey East Anglia to undertake a programme of archaeological investigation.

To fit in with the client's programme, and with the agreement of the Suffolk County Council Archaeology Service, the archaeological evaluation works on the present site were undertaken in two phases, each being fulfilled in sub-phases as the land became available.

Phase 1 of the archaeological investigation on the site, consisted of the evaluation of the land to the south of Purdis Farm Lane, while Phase 2 involved the evaluation of land to the north of Purdis Farm Lane. Twenty four trenches in all were excavated, 6 under Phase 1 and 18 under Phase 2.

A similar stratigraphy was encountered across the entire study area, consisting of a silty sandy topsoil, over a sandy subsoil, which in turn sealed the soft sand natural substrate. A number of undated linear features, all of which appear to represent the remains of either hedgerows or field boundary ditches, were revealed during both phases of the evaluation. Ordnance Survey mapping from 1881 onwards was consulted, but no field boundaries are shown within the present study. This suggests that the field boundaries were no longer extant by the 1880s. No datable finds were recovered from the fills of the features

No other archaeological deposits, features or finds were encountered during the course of the evaluation.

### 1 Introduction

*1.1* This report has been prepared at the request of Waterman EED, acting on behalf of Taylor Wimpey East Anglia, to cover a programme of archaeological work undertaken as part of the development of land at Purdis Farm Lane, Ipswich, Suffolk (Figure 1).

**1.2** Planning consent for the proposed development (ref: C/12/1381) was granted by Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC), subject to a standard suite of archaeological conditions issued under the provisions set out in the Department of Communities and Local Government's *National Planning Policy Framework*.

**1.3** The scheme of archaeological investigation on the present site has formed an incremental process that has included field investigation, followed by analysis and report preparation, leading to the publication of the findings and the deposition of the project archive with an approved repository. The field investigation across the site has been phased.

1.4 The development area is located approximately 3.5km to the south-east of the historic core of Ipswich. It is centred on NGR TM 2040 4267, and formerly consisted of four detached dwellings and their grounds. The site straddles Purdis Farm Lane, and is bounded by Ipswich golf course to the north and west, Bucklesham Road to the south, and private houses, fronting Purdis Farm Lane, to the east (Figure 1).

1.5 The study area consists of former heathland, which formed part of a larger medieval estate that was sold off in the early part of the  $20^{th}$  century. There are no known archaeological remains on the site, but there are remains dating from the Anglo-Saxon and medieval periods in close proximity.

*1.6* The proposed development has entailed the erection of 27 dwellings, with garages, associated access, car parking and landscaping, and followed the demolition of the four earlier dwellings.

1.7 Phase 1 of the investigation covered the garden of no.121 Bucklesham Road, on the south side of Purdis Farm Lane, centred on NGR TM 2053 4258. Six trial trenches were focused on the footprints of the proposed new dwellings (Figure 2). Trenches 1 - 4 were excavated between March 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 2013, and Trenches 5 - 6 were excavated between May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 2013 (Jones 2013).

**1.8** Phase 2 of the investigation covered three properties, 'Cranleigh', 'Timbertops' and 'The Chase', to the north of Purdis Farm Lane, centred on TM 2055 4268 (Figure 2). Eighteen trial trenches were focused on the footprints of the proposed new dwellings. Trench 7 was opened between  $20^{th}$  and  $21^{st}$  January 2014 (Ashworth 2014), Trenches 8 – 18 were excavated between February  $10^{th}$  and  $14^{th}$  2014 (Jones 2014a), Trenches 19 – 23 were excavated between June  $3^{rd}$  and  $4^{th}$  2014 (Jones 2014b). Trench 24 and the foundation trenches for Plot 24 were excavated between May 5<sup>th</sup> and July 29<sup>th</sup> 2015 (Jones 2015).

### 2 Fieldwork

#### GEOLOGY AND TOPOGRAPHY

**2.1** The site lies in an area of glacial sand and gravels. The bedrock is Red Crag Formation, sedimentary deposits formed in the Neocene Period, overlaid by sand and gravels of the Kesgrave Catchment Subgroup formed in the Quaternary Period (British Geological Survey 1:50000). Geotechnical boreholes indicate that there is approximately 0.30-0.50m of topsoil lying over gravels with sub-angular flints.

2.2 The site lies at a level of around 30 - 35m AOD. The southern area, to the south of Purdis Farm Lane, is relatively flat with the ground rising slightly to the north. The northern area rises gradually to the north.

#### **METHODOLOGY**

*2.3* All fieldwork was carried out in accordance with the approved Project Design, current health and safety legislation, and the appropriate CIfA and ALGAO guidance documents.

2.4 A total of 24 trial trenches were located across the study area using survey grade GPS (Figure 2). Excavation of the footings for Plot 24 was undertaken under archaeological supervision as an alternative to a trial trench in this area.

2.5 Within the trenches, the topsoil was removed using a 20 tonne tracked 180-degree excavator fitted with a toothless ditching bucket. The trenches were machined to the first significant archaeological horizon, to the natural geological horizon, or to maximum safe depth possible, as appropriate, and spoil from the machining was scanned visually and with a metal detector for the retrieval of archaeological artefacts.

**2.6** The open trenches were cleaned by hand, and inspected for any potential archaeological features and deposits. Where the natural or archaeological horizon could not be reached by machine a sondage was excavated to examine these layers.

2.7 The stratigraphy within the trenches was photographed and recorded using the appropriate pro-forma. Plans of potential features and deposits were drawn on drafting film at a scale of 1:50, and sections at a scale of 1:50.

#### RESULTS

**2.8** The stratigraphy was similar across the entire site, to both north and south of Purdis Farm Lane, and consisted of silty sand topsoil, between 0.10m and 0.50m in depth. This overlay sandy silt subsoils, between 0.10m and 0.75m in depth, and a natural sand substrate. In general, the overburden was deeper on the northern side of Purdis Farm Lane.

#### <u>**Phase 1**</u> (Figure 3)

**2.9** The Phase 1 investigation covered the garden of no.121 Bucklesham Road, on the south side of Purdis Farm Lane, centred on NGR TM 2053 4258. Six trial trenches were opened, focused on the footprints of the proposed new dwellings.

2.10 Trench 1 was located in the south-eastern corner of the site. It was aligned north-west to south-east and measured 10m in length, 3.2m in width and 0.95m in depth.

Length (m):	10	Width (m):		3.2	Maximum Depth (m):	0.95	Orientati	ion	Ν	W-SE
Level at N E	nd of Tren	ch (mOD)	Top Base	27.73 26.89	-Level at S En	nd of Tro		·	Top Base	27.78 27.05
Context	Туре			Descripti	on				sions (n idth	/
Content	- 7 P*	D 11	(1017	-			Length	Depth		
-	Topsoil	sub-angula	Dark brown (10YR 3/3) silty sand with occasional bub-angular gravel.							0.25
-	Subsoil	occasional	trong brown (7.5YR 4/6) soft silty sand with >10 >3.2							0.50
101	Cut	Irregular cu concave ba			es and shallow		>1.30	>(	0.60	0.09
102	Fill	gravel to 51	nm. Ro	ot. Fill of			>1.30	>(	0.60	0.09
103	Cut	base, bisect	ed by t	rench edge		0.6	0.5		0.15	
104	Fill	Brownish Y Fill of [103		(10YR 6/6	) soft silty sand	l. Root.	0.6	0.5		0.15
105	Cut	Linear cut sides and b			gular and unev	en	1.26	0.2		0.06
106	Fill		onal su		soft silty sand gravel to 10mn		1.26	(	).2	0.06
107	Cut	Linear cut irregular ba			r sides and an		1	(	).3	0.15
108	Fill	very occasi Fill of [107	sh yellow (10YR 6/6) soft silty sand with casional sub-angular gravel to 10mm. Root.10						).3	0.15
109	Cut	Root.	-		sides, uneven b		0.74	(	).5	0.088
110	Fill	very occasi Fill of [109	onal su ].	b-angular	) soft silty sand gravel to 5mm.	Root.	0.74		).5	0.088
-	Natural	Reddish ye	llow (7	.5YR 6/6)	Gritty silty san	d.	>10	>	3.2	>0.10

**2.11** Five possible features were revealed towards the north-western end of the trench (Plate 1). Investigation revealed that they were all of natural origin, probably caused by rooting (Plate 2).

2.12 Trench 2 was located to the north-east of Trench 1. It was aligned north-east to south-west and measured 30m in length, 2m in width and 0.69m in depth.

Length (m):	30	Width (m):		2	Maximum Depth (m):	0.69	Orientati	ion	]	E-W	
Level at E E	nd of Tren	ch (mOD)	Top Base	28.65 27.66	Level at W E	nd of T			Top Base	27.94 27.20	
Context	Туре			Descripti	o <b>n</b>	L			usions (m)		
Context				-			Length		idth	Depth	
-	Topsoil	Dark brown					>30	2	>2	0.14	
-	Subsoil	occasional	gravel i	nclusions.	ft silty sand wi		>30	;	>2	0.22	
201	Cut	Shallow dit boundary d	ch. Cor itch.	ntains (201	sides and a fla ). Hedgerow or	field	>2.12	2	.28	0.09	
202	Fill				oderate compa ular stones. Fil		>2.12	2	.28	0.09	
203	Layer	Yellowish common sr			loose silty san 1 roots.	d with	>2.12	0	.61	0.17	
204	Layer	Brownish y common sr			loose sandy si	lt with	>30	2	>2	0.39	
205	Cut	base. Natur	al root :	feature.	des and a conc		1.56	0	.94	0.09	
206	Fill	Very Dark Root. Fill o			2) Loose Sand	y Silt	1.56 0		.94	0.09	
207	Cut	base. Tree	Roots.	C	sides and a co		2.58	0	.75	0.13	
208	Fill	silt. Root. H	fill of [2	207].	YR 3/2) loose s		2.58	0	.75	0.13	
209	Cut	concave ba	se. Roo	t.	cave sides and		0.66	0	.19	0.07	
210	Fill		vith occ	asional sub	3) moderately angular stone		0.66	0	.19	0.07	
211	Cut	base. Natur	Sub-circular cut with concave sides and a concave 0.3 observed to base. Natural feature.							0.08	
212	Fill	gravel with gravels.	Light brown (7.5YR 6/3) mod. Compacted sandy gravel with freq. sub rounded stones. Natural0.320.32gravels.0.320.32							0.08	
-	Natural	Yellow (10	<u>YR 7/6</u>	) soft sand	with gravel pa	tches.	>30	2	>2	>0.5	

2.13 Five possible features were exposed in this trench, of which only one, cut [201], was of archaeological significance (Figure 4). The remainder, cuts [205], [207], [209] and [211], were of natural origin.

2.14 Cut [201], was located towards the north-eastern end of the trench, running on a slightly curving approximately north - south alignment and measuring 2.12m in length, 2.28m in width and 0.09m in depth (Plate 3). No finds were recovered from the fill to date the feature, which has been interpreted as the remains of a probably boundary ditch or hedgerow.

2.15 Trench 3 was located in the south-eastern corner of the site. It was aligned north-west to south-east and measured 10m in length, 2m in width and 0.85m in depth (Plate 5).

Length (m):	: 10	Width (m):	2	Maximum Depth (m):	0.85	Orientat	ion	N	W-SE
Level at SE	End of Tre	nch (mOD)	Top     29.77       Base     28.98	-Level at NW	Trench (m	OD)	Top Base	29.77 29.10	
Context	Tumo		Descripti		D	imen	nsions (m)		
Context	Туре		Descripti	011		Length	W	idth	Depth
-	Topsoil	Dark browr roots.	n (10YR 3/3) loos	e sandy silt wit	h freq.	>10	2	>2	0.2
-	Subsoil	Strong brov subsoil. No	wn (7.5YR 5/6) So gravel.	oft sandy silt up	oper	>10	2	>2	0.15
-	Subsoil		vellow (10YR 6/6) h very occ. gravel		llower	>10	)	>2	0.25
-	Natural	Reddish ye	llow (10YR 6/6) s	soft sand.		>10	~~	>2	>0.25

2.16 No archaeological features, deposits or artefacts were encountered within Trench 3.

#### Trench 4

2.17 Trench 4 was located to the north-west of Trench 3. It was aligned north-west to southeast and measured 30m in length, 2m in width and 0.65m in depth (Plate 6).

Length (m):	30	Width (m):		2	Maximum Depth (m):	0.65	Orientati	ion	N	W-SE
Level at N E	and of Tren	ch (mOD)	Тор	29.03	Level at S En	d of Tr	ench (mOI	))	Тор	29.26
			Base	29.10				·	Base sions (n	9.44
Context	Туре			Description			Length		idth	Depth
-	Topsoil	Dark brown of root acti		2 3/3) loose	e silty sand wit	h lots	>10	:	>2	0.10
-	Subsoil	Dark yellow	wish bro	wn (10YR	4/4) silty sand	1.	>10		>2	0.40
-	Subsoil		ubsoil. Brown (10YR 5/4) gritty silty sand with noderate gravel and chalk inclusions.						>2	0.35
401	Cut	Circular cu concave ba			ve sides and a len feature.		1.10	0.80		0.39
402	Fill	Pale yellow sand. Natur	·	/	rately compact	ed	1.10	0	.80	0.39
403	Cut	Sub circula flattish base			oncave sides a n feature.	nd a	0.43	0	.43	0.08
404	Fill	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	bles. N	atural deca	with very frec yed manganes		0.43	0.43		0.08
-	Natural	Reddish ye moderate g	· ·	)YR 6/6) s	terile silty sand	d with	10	2		>0.05

**2.18** Two possible features, cuts [401] and [403], were encountered within the trench. Investigation demonstrated that these were either of natural origin or former garden features.

**2.19** Trench 5 was located in the centre of the Phase 1 area, to the north of Trench 2. It was aligned ENE - WSW and measured 30m in length, 2.15m in width and 0.65m in depth (Plate 7).

Length (m):	30	Width (m):	(m): 2.15 Depth (m): 0.6					ion	EN	E-WSW
Level at N I	End of Tren	ch (mOD)	Top Base	29.40 28.97	-Level at S En	nd of Tre	ench (mOI	))	Top Base	28.66 29.20
Context	Context Type			Description					sions (r	/
Context	турс		•					W	idth	Depth
-	Topsoil	Pinkish gre moderate re	- · ·	R 6/2) loo	se, silty sand w	>30	>	·1.6	0.10	
-	Subsoil		Reddish yellow (7.5YR 6/6) slightly silty sand with occasional roots.						·1.6	0.35
501	Cut		Linear cut. Irregular concave sides and an irregular concave base. Probable hedgerow or boundary						1.4	0.30
502	Fill		Reddish yellow (7.5YR 6/6) soft silty sand with occasional pebbles. Fill of [501].						1.4	0.30
-	Natural		Reddish yellow (7.5YR 7/8) loose, slightly gravelly silty sand with freq. stones.						.15	>0.45

**2.20** Modern disturbance, in the form of several service pipes, was encountered in the centre of the trench. To the east of the pipes was a single north-west to south-east aligned linear feature, cut [501] (Figure 5, Plate 8). No finds were recovered from the fill to date the feature, which has been interpreted as the remains of a possible hedgerow or boundary ditch.

#### Trench 6

2.21 Trench 6 was located at the northern end of the Phase 1 area, to the north of Trench 5. It was aligned north-east to south-west and measured 30m in length, 2.20m in width and 0.65m in depth (Plate 9).

Length (m):	30	Width (m):		2.2	Maximum Depth (m):	0.65	Orientat	ion	N	E-SW
Level at N E	and of Tren	ch (mOD)	Top Base	30.19 29.63	Level at S En	nd of Tre	ench (mOI	<b>)</b> )	Top Base	29.37 28.80
Context	Tuna		Description				D	imen	sions (1	n)
Context	Туре			Descripti	on		Length	W	idth	Depth
-	Topsoil	moderate p	Dark greyish brown (10YR 4/2) silty sand with noderate pebble inclusions. Moderate roots bserved & occasional CBM.						1.6	0.23
-	Subsoil	Dark reddis roots and p	2	w silty san	d with occasion	nal	>30	>	1.6	0.30
601	Fill				pale brown sof Fill of [602].	ft silty	>1.80	1	.25	0.44
602	Cut		Linear cut with irregular concave sides and rregular concave base. Filled by (601). Possible						.25	0.44
603	Fill	occasional	Dark greyish brown, soft silty sand with occasional pebbles and CBM. Recorded on surface. Modern pit.						0.70	-

Length (m):	30	Width (m):	(m): 2.2		Maximum Depth (m):	0.65	Orientat	ion N		E-SW
Lovol at N F	and of Tron	ah (mOD)	Тор	30.19	Level at S Er	d of Tr	nah (mOI	n	Тор	29.37
	evel at N End of Trench (mOD)		Base	29.63	Level at 5 El		,	Base	28.80	
Contoxt	Context Type			Description			D	imen	sions (r	n)
Context	гуре			•			Length	W	idth	Depth
604	Cut	Sub rectang plan. Mode		t containin	ded in	1	>(	0.70	-	
605	Fill	Dark greyis occasional planting pit	pebbles	and freq.	v sand with roots. Modern	fill of	0.45	0	.30	0.25
606	Cut				p sides and a f	lattish	0.45	0	.30	0.25
-	Natural		ellowish brown (10YR 5/6) sandy silt with oderate pebbles.						1.6	>0.07

2.22 An east – west aligned linear feature, cut [602], was exposed in the centre of the trench (Figure 6, Plate 10). No finds were recovered from the fill to date the feature, which has been interpreted as the remains of a possible hedgerow.

**2.23** Two modern pits, cuts [604] and [606], were encountered at the southern end of the trench. These are likely to represent former garden features, possibly planting pits.

#### <u>**Phase 2**</u> (Figure 7)

2.24 The Phase 2 investigation covered three properties, 'Cranleigh', 'Timbertops' and 'The Chase', to the north of Purdis Farm Lane, centred on TM 2055 4268. Eighteen trial trenches, Trenches 7 - 24, were opened across the site, focused on the footprints of the proposed new dwellings and the access road.

#### Trench 7

2.25 Trench 7 was located in the south-west corner of the study area, to the west of Trench 16. The trench, which was oriented approximately north-east to south-west, measured 28.6m in length, 2.8m in width and was excavated to a maximum depth of c. 1.1m (Plate 11).

Length (m):	28.6	Width (m):	(m): 2.8			1.1	Orientat	ion	N	E-SW
Level at SW	End of Tr	ench	Тор	27.73	Level at NE	End of T	Franch (ml	מר	Тор	27.78
(mOD)			Base	26.89	Level at NE		rench (ind	JD)	Base	27.05
Contort	Tyme		Description				D	imen	sions (r	n)
Context	Туре		Description					W	idth	Depth
-	Topsoil	Dark greyis subsoil.	Dark greyish brown (10YR 4/2) loose silty sand ubsoil.						2.80	0.35
-	Subsoil	Yellowish l subsoil.	orown (	10YR 5/8)	loose silty san	d	>28.60	>2	2.80	>0.35
701	Cut	Oval cut wi aligned SW Possible tre	-NE. C			1.7	>	1.10	0.20	
702	Fill		Yellowish Brown (10YR 5/8) loose slightly silty and. Fill of [701]. No finds.						1.10	0.20
-	Natural	Very pale b	rown (1	0YR 7/4)	sand with flint		>28.60	>2	2.80	>0.40

2.26 An irregular pit [701], was revealed cut into the natural (Plate 12).

2.27 Trench 8 was located in the southern half of the study area, to the north-east of Trench 7. The trench, which was oriented approximately east - west, measured 28m in length, 2m in width and was excavated to a maximum depth of c. 0.75m (Plate 13).

Length (m):	28	Width (m):	)		Maximum Depth (m):	0.75	Orientati	ion	E-W	
Lovel et E D	Level at E End of Trench (mOD)			32.05	Level at W End of Trench (mOD)				31.93	
	Lind of 1 rend	(mod)	Base	31.28	Level at w En		ench (mO	ע)	Base	31.19
Context	Туре			Description			Di	imen	sions (m)	
Context	туре			Description	UII		Length	W	idth	Depth
_	Topsoil	Brown (7.5	YR 4/3	) soft silty	sand with occas	ional	>28	,	>2	0.45
-	ropson	sub-angula	r gravel.				~20	1	-2	0.45
-	Natural	Reddish ye	llow (7.	5YR 6/8) s	soft sand.		>28	~~	>2	>0.30

2.28 No archaeological features, deposits or artefacts were encountered within Trench 8.

#### Trench 9

**2.29** Trench 9 was located in the eastern side of the study area., to the north-east of Trench 8 The trench, which was oriented approximately north-west to south-east, measured 20m in length, 2m in width and was excavated to a maximum depth of *c*. 0.7m (Plate 14).

Length (m):	20	Width (m):		2	Maximum Depth (m):	0.70	Orientation		Ν	W-SE
Loval at SE	Level at SE End of Trench (mOl			32.14	Level at NW	End of	Tuonah (m		Тор	33.59
Level at SE	ever at SE End of Trench (mO)			31.46	Level at INW	End of	I rench (m	<b>UD</b> )	Base	32.75
Context	Tuno		Description				Di	imen	sions (m)	
Context	Туре			Descriptio	UII		Length	W	idth	Depth
-		Brown (7.5					>10	~~	>2	0.36
-		Reddish yel			soft sand with		>10	~~	>2	>0.3

2.30 No archaeological features, deposits or artefacts were encountered within Trench 9.

#### Trench 10

**2.31** Trench 10 was located on the western side of the study area, to the north-west of Trench 8. The trench, which was oriented approximately north-east to south-west, measured 20m in length, 2m in width and was excavated to a maximum depth of *c*. 0.4m (Plate 15).

Length (m):	20	Width (m):		Depth (m):				ion	N	E-SW
Level at SW	End of Tre	nch	Тор	33.21	L aval at NE E	ndafī	wanah (ml	מר	Тор	33.86
(mOD)			Base	32.55	Level at NE E	na or i	rench (m	(עכ	Base	33.13
Contoxt	Tune		Description				Di	imens	sions (n	1)
Context	Туре			Descriptio	DII		Length	W	idth	Depth
	Topsoil	Dark brown	n (10YR	3/2) loose	sandy silt with	freq.	>30	,	>2	0.2
-	ropson	roots.					- 50	1	- 2	0.2
-	Natural	Reddish ye	llow (10	OYR 6/6) so	oft sand.		>10	~	>2	>0.25

2.32 No archaeological features, deposits or artefacts were encountered within Trench 10.

2.33 The stratigraphy in Trenches 7, 8, 9 & 10 comprised of a silty sandy topsoil, over a soft sand natural (Plate 16).

#### Trench 11

2.34 Trench 11 was located in the middle of the study area, to the east of Trench 12 and west of Trench 15. The trench, which was oriented approximately north-east to south-west, measured 35m in length, 2m in width and was excavated to a maximum depth of *c*. 0.65m (Plate 17).

Length (m):	35	Width (m):		2	Maximum Depth (m):	0.65	Orientat	ion	N	E-SW
Level at NE	End of Tro	nah (mOD)	Тор	34.72	Level at SW	End of	Fuanah (m	ΟΠ	Тор	34.28
Level at NL	End of Tre	nen (mod)	Base	34.05	Level at Sw	End of	rench (m	<b>UD</b> )	Base	33.60
Context	Tuno			Description	<b>an</b>		D	imen	sions (n	n)
Context	Туре		rk brown (10YR 4/2) loose silty sand wit				Length	W	idth	Depth
-	Topsoil		on and o	/	e silty sand wit small sub-angu		>35	2	>2	0.40
-	Subsoil	Subsoil. Br moderate ro			soft sand with lusions.		>35	:	>2	0.20
1101	Cut		,		des and concav boundary dite		1.10	0	.80	0.39
1102	Fill	small sub-a	E. Runs NW-SE. Probable boundary ditch. brown (7.5Y 5/6) soft sand with occasional ll sub-angular and sub-rounded flint usions, moderate to frequent root action. Fill of						1	0.30
-	Natural		oot actio		oft sand with lerate sub-angu	ular	>35	2	>2	>0.05

2.35 A single linear ditch [1101], orientated north-west to south-east, was revealed cut into the natural (Figure 8, Plate 18). This has been interpreted as a possible boundary ditch.

2.36 No other archaeological features, finds or deposits were revealed in Trench 11.

#### Trench 12

2.37 Trench 12 was located in the middle of the study area, to the north of Trench 8 and east of Trenches 10 and 14. The trench, which was oriented approximately north-west to south-east, measured 46m in length, 2m in width and was excavated to a maximum depth of *c*. 0.5m (Plate 19).

Length (m)	. 46	Width (m):	2		Maximum Depth (m):	0.5	Orientat	ion	N	W-SE
Level at NV	V End of Tr	ench	Тор	34.33	L and at SE I			)))	Тор	32.11
(mOD)	NOD)			33.84	Level at SE I		rench (m	(על	Base	31.53
Context	Tumo			Decovinti	0 <b>m</b>		D	imen	sions (1	n)
Context	Туре			Descripti	UII		Length	W	idth	Depth
-	Topsoil		oots and		e, silty sand wi Il small sub-an		>46	2	>2	0.25
-	Subsoil				ft sand with b-angular flint		>46	;	>2	0.20

Length (m):	46	Width (m):	2 Maximum Depth (m): 0.5 Orientation					N	W-SE		
Level at NW	V End of Tre	ench	Тор	34.33	Loval at SE E	nd of T	nonah (mf	וחו	Тор	32.11	
(mOD)			Base 33.84 Level at SE End of				rench (mc	(עי	Base	31.53	
Context	Tuno		Description				Di	imens	nsions (m)		
Context	Туре			Descriptio	UII		Length	W	idth	Depth	
-					oose, sand with ounded flint	h	>46	/\	>2	>0.05	

2.38 No archaeological features, deposits or artefacts were encountered within Trench 12.

#### Trench 13

2.39 Trench 13 was located in the middle of the study area, to the north of Trench 12. The trench, which was oriented approximately east - west, measured 21m in length, 2m in width and was excavated to a maximum depth of c. 0.7m (Plate 20).

Length (m):	21	Width (m):	<b>n</b> ): $2$ <b>Depth (m):</b> $0$			0.70	Orientat	ion	N	W-SE	
Level at NW	/ End of Tr	ench	Тор	34.55	Level at SE I	Ind of T	ranah (ml	וחו	Тор	34.31	
(mOD)			Base	33.67	Level at SE I		enen (me	<i>(</i> <b>U</b> )	Base	33.62	
Context	Tuno			Descripti	<b>on</b>		D	imen	ensions (m)		
Context	Туре			Descripti	011		Length	W	idth	Depth	
-	Topsoil		oots acti	ion and oc	silty sand with casional small		>21	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	>2	0.40	
-	Subsoil		roots an	d s small	ft sand with sub-angular an	nd sub-	>21	~~	>2	0.16	
-	Natural		mall to	medium su	soft sand with ıb-angular and	sub-	>21		>2	>0.14	

2.40 No archaeological features, deposits or artefacts were encountered within Trench 13.

#### Trench 14

2.41 Trench 14 was located on the western side of the study area, to the west of Trench 12. The trench, which was oriented approximately east - west, measured 15.5m in length, 2m in width and was excavated to a maximum depth of *c*. 0.55m (Plate 21).

Length (m)	15.5	Width (m):		2	Maximum Depth (m):	0.55	Orientat	ion		E-W
Lovel et E I	and of Tuon	ah (mOD)	Тор	33.94	Level at W E	nd of T	nonah (mO	<b>(П</b> )	Тор	34.04
Level at E f	vel at E End of Trench (mOD			33.28	Level at w E		rench (mo	עי)	Base	33.50
Context	Tuno		Description				D	imen	sions (r	n)
Context	Туре						Length	W	idth	Depth
-	Topsoil		ebble in	clusions. N	silty sand with Moderate root ans.		>15.5	>	>2	0.25
-	Subsoil				oft sand with 5-angular flint		>15.5	2	>2	0.11

Length (m):	15.5	Width (m):		2	Maximum Depth (m):	0.55	Orientat	ion		E-W	
Lovel et E E	nd of Tuon	h(mOD)	Тор	33.94	Level at W E	nd of T	nonah (mO	<b>D</b> )	Тор	34.04	
Level at E E	evel at E End of Trench (mOD)		Base	33.28	Level at w E		rench (mo	עי)	Base	33.50	
Context	Tuno			Decominti	<b>an</b>		D	imen	sions (m)		
Context	Туре		Description		UII		Length	W	idth	Depth	
Cut	[1401]		oncave base and moderate t hknown use and date. No fir			natural	n/a	0	.47	0.14	
Fill	(1402)	small to me	own (10YR 7/6) soft sand with moderat medium sub-rounded and sun-angular lusions. Occasional root action.				n/a	0	.47	0.14	
-	Natural				soft sand with flint inclusions	5.	>15.5	2	>2	>0.19	

2.42 A possible sub-circular feature, cut [1401], was exposed at the eastern end of the trench, but investigation revealed that it was likely to be of either a former garden feature or of natural origin.

2.43 No other archaeological features, finds or deposits were revealed in Trench 14.

### Trench 15

2.44 Trench 15 was located in the middle of the study area, to the east of Trenches 11 and 17. The trench, which was oriented approximately north-east to south-west, measured 35m in length, 2m in width and was excavated to a maximum depth of *c*. 1.1m (Plate 22).

Length (m):	35	Width (m):	2	Maximum Depth (m):	1.10	Orientati	ion	N	E-SW
Level at E E	nd of Tron	h (mOD)	<b>Top</b> 33.94	Level at W E	nd of Tr	onch (mA	) D)	Тор	34.04
Level at E E	nu or rreno		<b>Base</b> 33.28			enen (mo	<b>D</b> )	Base	33.50
Context	Туре		Description	n		D	n)		
Context	1 ype		Description	<b>J</b> 11		Length	W	idth	Depth
-	Topsoil							>2	0.45
-	Subsoil		wn (7.5 YR 4/6) so oot action and sub-			>35		>2	0.30
Cut	[1501]	Possible bo	ear ditch. Steep side oundary ditch thoug with nearby moder	gh it may also		>2	0	.85	0.58
Fill	(1502)	action and	yr 6/4) soft sand w small sub-rounded Fill of [1501]			>2	0	.85	0.58
-	Natural		llow (7.5YR 6/6) s mall sub-rounded f			>35		>2	>0.35

2.45 A linear ditch, cut [1501], was exposed at the northern edge of the trench (Figure 9, Plate 23). The section was unlike the previously encountered linear features, suggesting that the feature may be of modern date, possibly related to the modern services immediately to the south.

2.46 No other archaeological features, finds or deposits were revealed in Trench 15.

2.47 Trench 16 was located in the south half of the study area, to the east of Trench 7. The trench, which was oriented approximately north-west to south-east, measured 25.5m in length, 2m in width and was excavated to a maximum depth of *c*. 0.7m (Plate 24).

Length (m):	25.5	Width (m):		2	Maximum Depth (m):	0.70	Orientat	ion	N	IE-SW
Level at NE	End of Tro	nah (mOD)	Тор	30.87	Level at SW	End of '	Franch (m	00)	Тор	30.95
Level at NL	End of Tre	nen (mod)	Base	30.51	Level at Sw	End of	I rench (m	<b>UD</b> )	Base	30.30
Contort	Tumo			Decovinti	<b>AN</b>		D	imen	sions (1	m)
Context	Туре			Descripti	on	Γ	Length	W	idth	Depth
-	Topsoil				/2) soft silty sa l sub-angular f		>25.5	~	>2	0.50
-	Subsoil		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		soft silty sand b-angular flint		>25.5	~~	>2	0.15
-	Natural				soft sand with flint inclusions		>25.5	~	>2	>0.05

2.48 No archaeological features, finds or deposits were revealed in Trench 16.

#### Trench 17

2.49 Trench 17 was located in the south-western corner of the study area. The trench, which was oriented approximately north-east to south-west, measured 26m in length, 2m in width and was excavated to a maximum depth of *c*. 0.65m (Plate 25).

Length (m):	26	Width (m):		2	Maximum Depth (m):	0.65	Orientati	ion	N	W-SE		
Level at NW	<sup>7</sup> End of Tr	ench	Тор	34.58	Level at SE H	Ind of T	ranch (m(	מו	Тор	34.53		
(mOD)			Base	33.89	Level at 5E 1		enen (me	<i>,</i> <b>,</b>	Base	33.97		
Context	Туре			Description	on			imen	sions (n	sions (m)		
Context	турс			Description	011		Length	W	idth	Depth		
-	Topsoil			•	and with frequ angular flint	ient	>15.5	2	>2	0.25		
-	Subsoil				oft sand with angular flint		>15.5	2	>2	0.11		
Cut	[1701]	Possible di Concave ba		,	ed by subsoil.		>1	(	).9	0.66		
Fill	(1702)	Brown (10 sub-angula occasional	r and su	b-rounded	l small	>1	(	).9	0.66			
-	Natural		oot actio	on and occa	soft sand with asional small s	ub-	>15.5	2	>2	>0.19		

2.50 The terminus to a north – south aligned linear feature, cut [1701], was revealed in the centre of the trench, cut into the natural (Figure 10, Plate 26). This has been interpreted as the remains of a possible boundary ditch.

2.51 No other archaeological features, finds or deposits were revealed in Trench 17.

2.52 Trench 18 was located in the northern half of the study area, to the north of Trench 17. The trench, which was oriented approximately east - west, measured 40m in length, 2m in width and was excavated to a maximum depth of *c*. 0.7m (Plate 27).

Length (m):	40	Width (m):		2	Maximum Depth (m):	0.70	Orientati	ion		E-W	
Loval at E E	nd of Tron	ah (mOD)	Тор	34.81	Level at W E	nd of T	wanah (mO	יע	Тор	34.70	
Level at E E	at E End of Trench (mOD)		Base	34.23	Level at w E	and of 1	rench (mO	<b>(U</b> )	Base	34.14	
Context	Tyme			Decerint	an		D	imen	nsions (m)		
Context	Туре		Description				Length	W	idth	Depth	
-	Topsoil	root action	own (10YR 4/3) soft silty sa ot action and moderate small gular flint inclusions.				>40		>2	0.45	
-	Subsoil		wn (7.5 YR 5/6) soft sand with pot action and sub-angular flint				>40		>2	0.10	
-	Natural				soft sand with lint inclusions.		>40	)	>2	>0.15	

2.53 No archaeological features, finds or deposits were revealed in Trench 18.

#### Trench 19

**2.54** Trench 19 (Plate 7) was located in the northern half of the study area, to the west of Trenches 17 and 18. The trench, which was oriented approximately north-west to south-east, measured 47m in length, 1.6m in width and was excavated to a maximum depth of c. 0.45m (Plate 28).

Length (m):	47	Width (m):		1.6	Maximum Depth (m):	0.45	Orientat	ion	N	W-SE
Level at NV	vel at NW End of		Тор	34.77	Level at SE I	Ind of T	Franch (ml	מו	Тор	34.24
Trench(mO	ench(mOD)		Base	33.77	Level at SE I		rench (mc	(על	33.34	
Context	Tuno		Description				D	imen	sions (r	n)
Context	Туре		•		011		Length	W	idth	Depth
-	Topsoil	Dark Brown occasional			silty sand with o 2cm.	l	>47	>	1.6	0.10
-	Subsoil		wish Brown (10YR 4/4) medium sand ab-angular flint to 2cm (MOLAS 1994)				>47	>	1.6	0.2
-	Natural	Brownish y (MOLAS 1		0YR 6/4)	medium sand		>47	>	1.6	>0.15

2.55 No archaeological features, finds or deposits were revealed in Trench 19.

**2.56** Trench 20 (Plate 8) was located in the northern half of the study area, to the north of Trench 18. The trench, which was oriented approximately north-west to south-east, measured 30m in length, 1.6m in width and was excavated to a maximum depth of c. 0.65m (Plate 29).

Length (m):	30	Width (m):	1.6		Maximum Depth (m):	0.65	Orientat	ion	NW-SE		
Level at NW	V End of Tro	ench	Тор	34.74	Loval at SE I	Ind of T	ronah (ml	מו	Тор	34.68	
(mOD)			Base	34.14	Level at SE End of <b>T</b>		(mOD)		Base	34.18	
Context	Tuno		Description				D	imen	nsions (m)		
Context	Туре			Descriptio	<b>JII</b>	Length	W	idth	Depth		
-	Topsoil		Dark Brown (10YR 3/3) soft silty sand with Decasional sub-angular flint to 2cm.				>30	>	1.6	0.30	
-	Subsoil		Dark Yellowish Brown (10YR 4/4) medium sand with occ. sub-angular flint to 2cm (MOLAS 1994)				>30	>	1.6	0.15	
-	Natural		Brownish yellow (10YR 6/4) medium sand >30 >1.6 >(MOLAS 1994).						>0.2		

2.57 No archaeological features, finds or deposits were revealed in Trench 20.

#### Trench 21

**2.58** Trench 21 was located in the northern half of the study area, to the north-west of Trench 20. The trench, which was oriented approximately north-east to south-west, measured 47m in length, 1.6m in width and was excavated to a maximum depth of *c*. 0.7m (Plate 30).

Length (m):	47	Width (m):	1.6		Maximum Depth (m):	0.70	Orientat	ion N		W-SE	
Level at SW	<sup>7</sup> End of Tre	ench	Тор	33.21		Г., J. " <b>С</b> Т			Тор	33.86	
(mOD)			Base	32.55	Level at NE		rench (mu	(עכ	Base	33.13	
Context	Trme			Decerinti	Dimensions (1			sions (r	n)		
Context	Туре			Description	on		Length	W	idth	Depth	
-	Topsoil		Dark Brown (10YR 3/3) soft silty sand with occasional sub-angular flint to 2cm.				>30	>1.6		0.25	
-	Subsoil		Dark Yellowish Brown (10YR 4/4) medium sand with occ. sub-angular flint to 2cm (MOLAS 1994)						1.6	0.20	
2101	Cut		Linear cut with steep/vertical sides and orientated E-W. Bottom not seen. Modern storm drain cut.					1	.4	>1.0	
2102	Fill	Brown (10YR 4/3) loose medium sand (MOLAS 1994) with moderate sub angular gravel and tarmac fragments. Modern fill of storm drain.						>1.0			
-	Natural		Brownish yellow (10YR 6/4) medium sand >30 >1.6 >0.2						>0.25		

2.59 A modern storm drain, cut [2101], which ran approximately east – west, was revealed at the north-eastern end of the trench. This had steep, almost vertical sides and extended below the limit of excavation.

2.60 No other archaeological features, finds or deposits were exposed in Trench 21.

**2.61** Trench 22 was located in the north-western corner of the study area, to the north-west of Trench 21. The curved trench was aligned approximately north-east to south-west, measured 26.5m in length, 1.6m in width and was excavated to a maximum depth of c. 1m.

Length (m):	26.5	Width (m):	1.6		Maximum Depth (m):	1.0	Orientat	Orientation		E-SW
I aval at NE End at Tranch (m())		34.72 34.05	Level at SW	Trench (mOD)		Top Base	34.28 33.60			
Context	Constant Toma			Descriptio			Dimensions (m)			n)
Context	Туре			Descriptio	scription			Width		Depth
-	Topsoil		Dark Brown (10YR 3/3) soft silty sand with lots of oot action and occasional small sub-angular flint nelusions.					^	1.6	0.30
-	Subsoil		Dark Yellowish Brown (10YR 4/4) medium sand with occ. sub-angular flint to 2cm (MOLAS 1994).					;	>2	0.20
-	Natural	Brownish yellow (10YR 6/4) medium sand (MOLAS 1994). >35 >2 >0.0						>0.05		

2.62 No archaeological features, finds or deposits were revealed in Trench 22.

#### Trench 23

2.63 Trench 23 was located in the north-eastern corner of the study area, to the east of Trenches 21 and 22. The trench, which was oriented approximately north-west to south-east, measured 30m in length, 1.6m in width and was excavated to a maximum depth of c. 0.6m (Plate 32).

**2.64** The location of this trench had to be altered as the house immediately adjacent was still standing.

Length (m):	30	Width (m):	1.6		Maximum Depth (m):	0.6	Orientat	ion	Ν	W-SE
Level at NW	V End of Tro	ench	Тор	34.33	Level at SE F	Ind of T	ronch (ml	ותנ	Тор	32.11
(mOD)			Base	33.84	Level at SE I		rench (IIIC	(על	Base	31.53
Context	Contract Toma			Descripti	<b>on</b>		Dimensions (m)			n)
Context	Туре			Descripti	UII		Length	W	idth	Depth
-	Topsoil	moderate re	Dark brown (10YR 3/3) loose, silty sand with moderate roots and occasional small sub-angular flint inclusions.						>2	0.25
-	Subsoil	Dark Yellowish Brown (10YR 4/4) medium sand with occ. sub-angular flint to 2cm (MOLAS 1994)					>46	>	>2	0.20
-	Natural	Brownish yellow (10YR 6/4) medium sand (MOLAS 1994). >46 >2 >0.05						>0.05		

2.65 Significant modern disturbance was encountered at the south-eastern end of the trench, but no archaeological features, finds or deposits were revealed in Trench 23.

#### Trench 24

**2.66** Trench 24 was located in the south-eastern corner of the study area, to the east of Trenches 8 and 16. The trench, which was oriented approximately north-east to south-west,

measured 10.95m in length, 4.5m in width and was excavated to a maximum depth of 0.75m (Plate 33).

Length (m)	10.95	Width (m):	4.5		Maximum Depth (m):	0.75	Orientat	ion	E - W	
Lovel et E I	End of Trenc	h (mOD)	Тор	32.25	Level at W E	nd of T	nonah (mO	<b>D</b> )	Тор	32.45
Level at E f	Lind of 1 rend	an (mod)	Base	31.64	Lever at w E		rench (mOD)		Base	31.80
Context	The second			Deceminti	<b>on</b>	Dimensions (m)			n)	
Context	Туре		Description				Length	W	idth	Depth
-	Overburden		Brown (10YR 4/3) coarse medium and fine sand with moderate concrete frags.				>10.95	>	4.5	0.25
-	Subsoil	Dark greyis	Dark greyish brown (10YR 4/2) Silty sand				>10.95	>	4.5	0.15
-	Subsoil	Dark brown (10YR 3/3) silty sand					>10.95	>	4.5	0.20
-			Dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/6) silty sand with are rounded and sub-angular flint.>10.95>4.5>0.1						>0.25	

**2.67** The stratigraphy in Trench 24 consisted of a layer of brown sand overburden, which overlay two layers of silty sand subsoil. The natural substratum was encountered at a depth of 0.60m below the present ground level (Plate 34).

2.68 No archaeological features, finds or deposits were revealed in Trench 24.

#### Archaeological Monitoring

**2.69** Following consultation between the clients and the Suffolk County Council Archaeology Service, the proposed final trench, which was to have been located to the west of Trench 24, was dropped in favour of monitoring the excavation of the foundation trenches to the new dwelling on Plot 24 (Plate 35).

2.70 The trenches measured between 11m and 7m in length, 0.60m in width and 1m in depth. The stratigraphy exposed in the trench sections was similar to that observed in Trench 24 and comprised a layer of brown (10YR 4/3) sand topsoil, 0.25m in depth, above dark brown (10YR 4/2) silty sand subsoil, 0.25m in depth (Plate 36). The dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/6) sand natural was encountered at approximately 0.50m below the present ground level.

2.71 No archaeological deposits, features or finds were encountered in this area.

## 3 Discussion

#### Archaeological Background

1.1 There are no known heritage assets within the boundary of the site. A search of the Suffolk *Historic Environment Record* for the area around the site has assisted in establishing the archaeological and historical context for the present project:

- The site lies on former heathland, which was part of the Broke Hall Estate until the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.
- Find spots to the north east, close to the site, include a medieval clasp (HER: MSF12321), and a prehistoric, possibly Palaeolithic, worked flint (HER: MSF3510).
- Pits dating from the middle Saxon period, at 141 Bucklesham Road, 300m to the south east, were investigated and may be associated with a nearby smelting site (HER: PFM017)
- Evaluation and excavation, 300m to the south east of the site, following the discovery of human remains in a pipe trench, revealed a medieval cemetery spanning the 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> centuries (HER: PFM008).
- Decoy ponds on the golf course, 500m to the north of the site are thought to date from the 17<sup>th</sup> century, and appear on 19<sup>th</sup> mapping.
- Two boundary ditches of probable post-medieval date are visible as an earthwork, to the north and south of Decoypond Wood, c.1km to the north (HER: PFM013)
- Undated cropmarks, that appear to be parallel ditches, lie to c.600m the north east of the site, centred on circa TM 2111 4306 (HER: PFM014). These cropmarks are not very clear. The lack of clarity is partly due to the disturbance to this area caused by practice trenches of First World War date (HER: PFM015).
- No significant remains or deposits were encountered during archaeological work at 162 Bucklesham Road (HER: PFM016), c350m south east of the site, or on land to north of West Road, 650m to the south.

#### Research aims

- 3.1 The aims of the present investigation 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 have been 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 design and implement an appropriate strategy for the mitigation of damage or destruction of such remains by the development, if required.

3.2 It was considered that the site had the potential to provide evidence that would contribute to an understanding of the development of the Ipswich hinterland, from the prehistoric periods onwards. Of particular interest would be evidence that clarified:

- the nature and extent of settlement in the Anglo-Saxon period;
- the nature and extent of industrial practices in the Anglo-Saxon/medieval periods;
- the nature and extent of settlement in the medieval period.

#### **Collected Data**

3.3 The excavation of the 24 trial trenches demonstrated a similar stratigraphy across the entire study area, which consisted of a silty sandy topsoil, above a sandy subsoil, which in turn sealed the soft sand natural substrate.

3.4 A number of potential features were observed and investigated, of which the majority proved to be of natural origin. Modern disturbance, in the form of garden features and service trenches, was also present in Trenches 6, 14, 15, 21 and 23.

3.5 No clear evidence for activity pre-dating the post-medieval period was encountered during the present project. Five undated linear ditches, which have been interpreted as the remains of boundary features, were encountered during both phases of the project in Trenches 2, 5, 6, 11 & 17. These ran either north – south (cuts [201] and [1701]), or north-west to south-east (cuts [501] and [1101]), with one ditch aligned east – west (cut [602]), suggesting that there may have been at least two phases of land use.

**3.6** None of the boundaries encountered during the present works are visible on OS maps of late 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> century date. In 1881, the site lay in large open fields on both sides of Purdis Farm Lane (www.old-maps.co.uk). The house at 121 Bucklesham Road was built between 1928 and 1938, and the properties on the northern side of the road were in place by 1968.

#### Conclusions

3.7 The archaeological evaluation on present site revealed no evidence for settlement activity. Several potential features were present in trenches on both sides of Purdis Farm Lane, the majority of these were either of natural origin or the result of modern disturbance.

*3.8* Five undated linear ditches were exposed during the present works. These have been interpreted as probable boundary features. As they are not marked on late 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> century OS maps the evidence indicates that they may relate to pre-enclosure fields flanking the lane..

*3.9* No other significant archaeological deposits, features or finds were encountered during the course of the evaluation.

#### Confidence Rating

3.10 In the course of the trial trenching programme, the weather, ground and light conditions were acceptable for the identification of potential features and deposits, and for their investigation. On this basis, there are no circumstances that would lead to a confidence rating for this stage of the project that was less than *High* 

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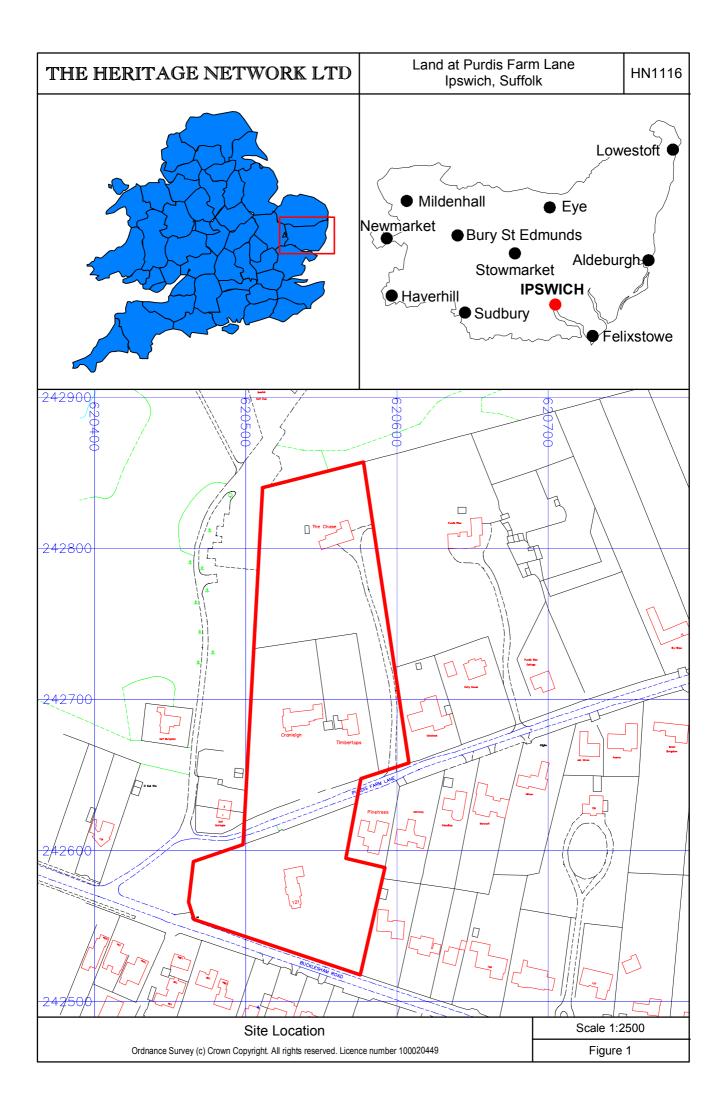
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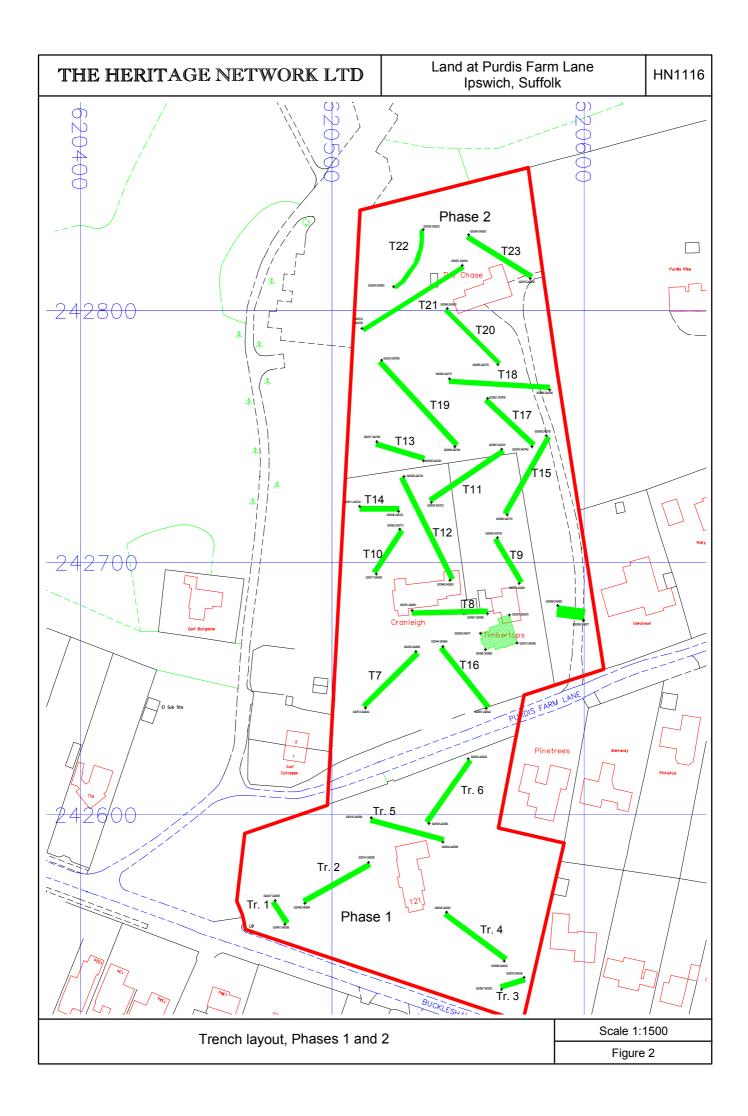
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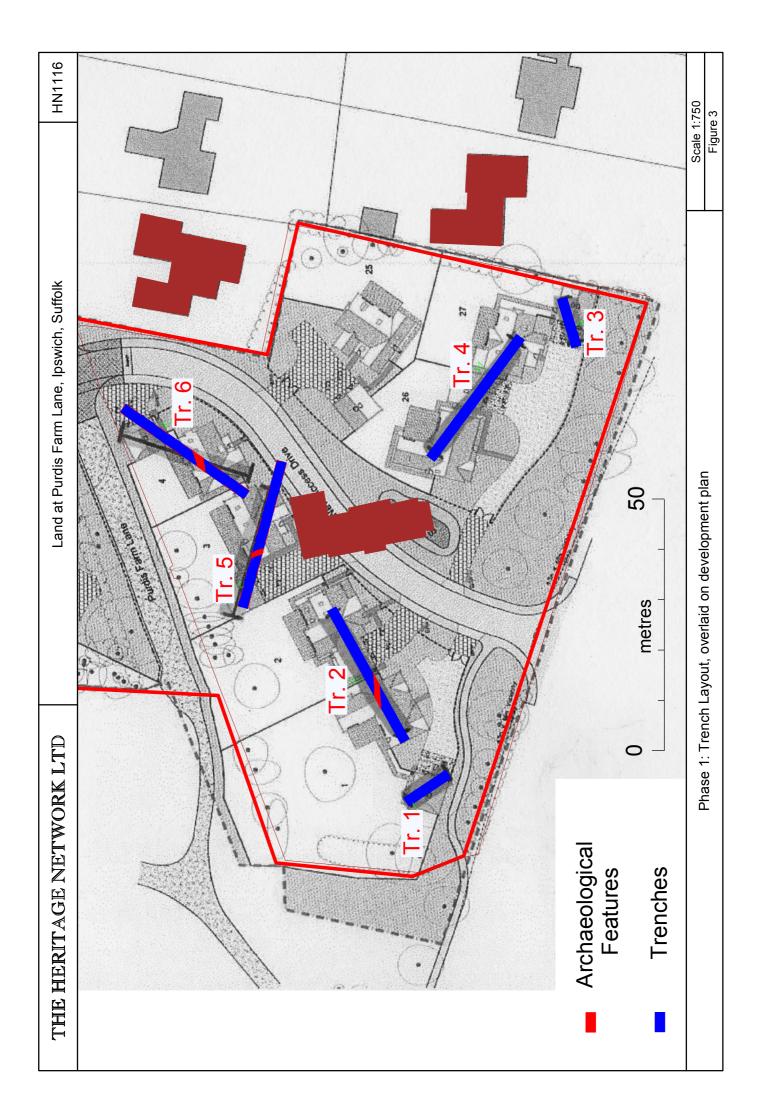
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Figure 4	Trench 2: plan & section through [201]
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Figure 8	Trench 11: plan & section through [1101]
Figure 9	Trench 15: plan & section through [1501]
Figure 10	Trench 17: plan & section through [1701]
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	Trench 3, looking NW
	Trench 4, looking NW
	Trench 5, looking NW
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	Trench 6, looking W
	Trench 6, cut [602], looking E
	Trench 7, looking NE
	Trench 9, looking NW
	Trench 7, indicative section, looking NW
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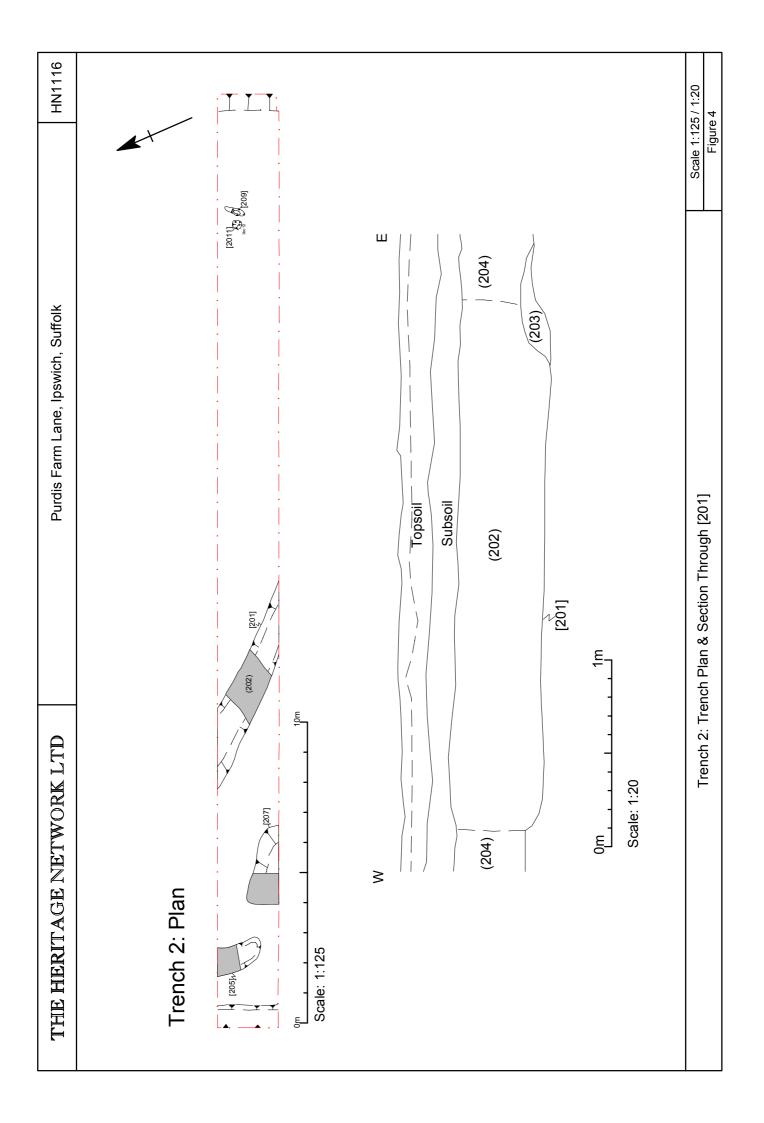
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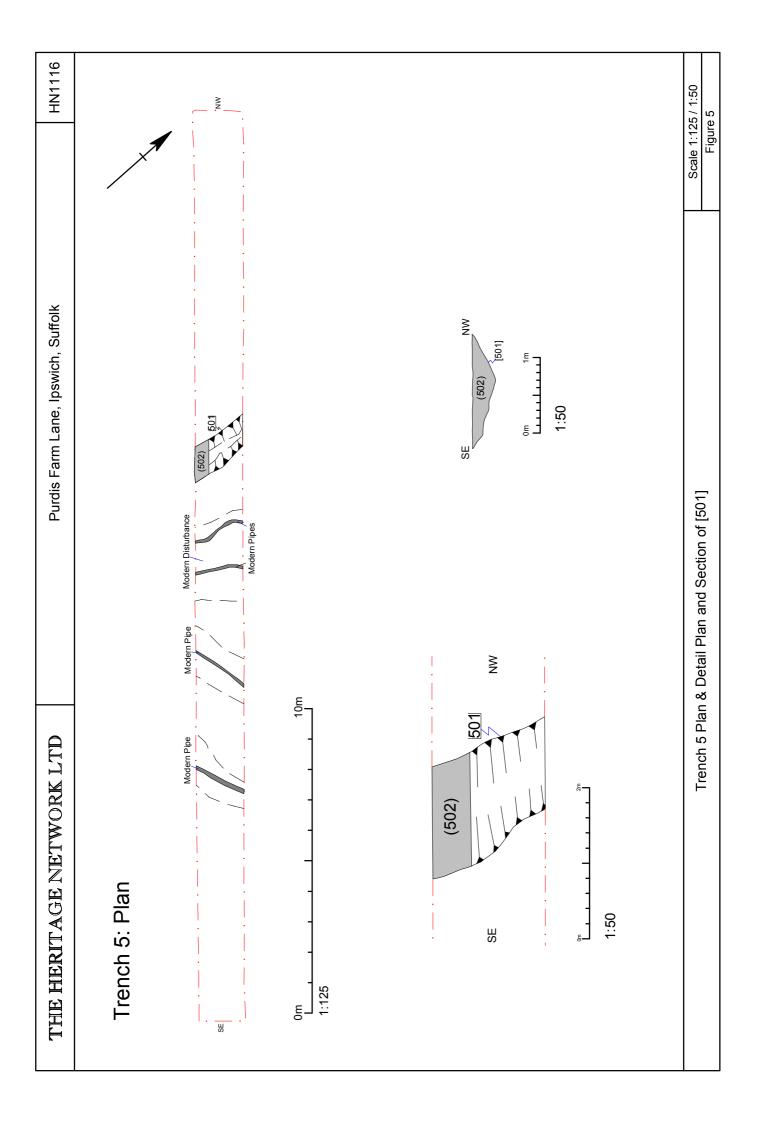
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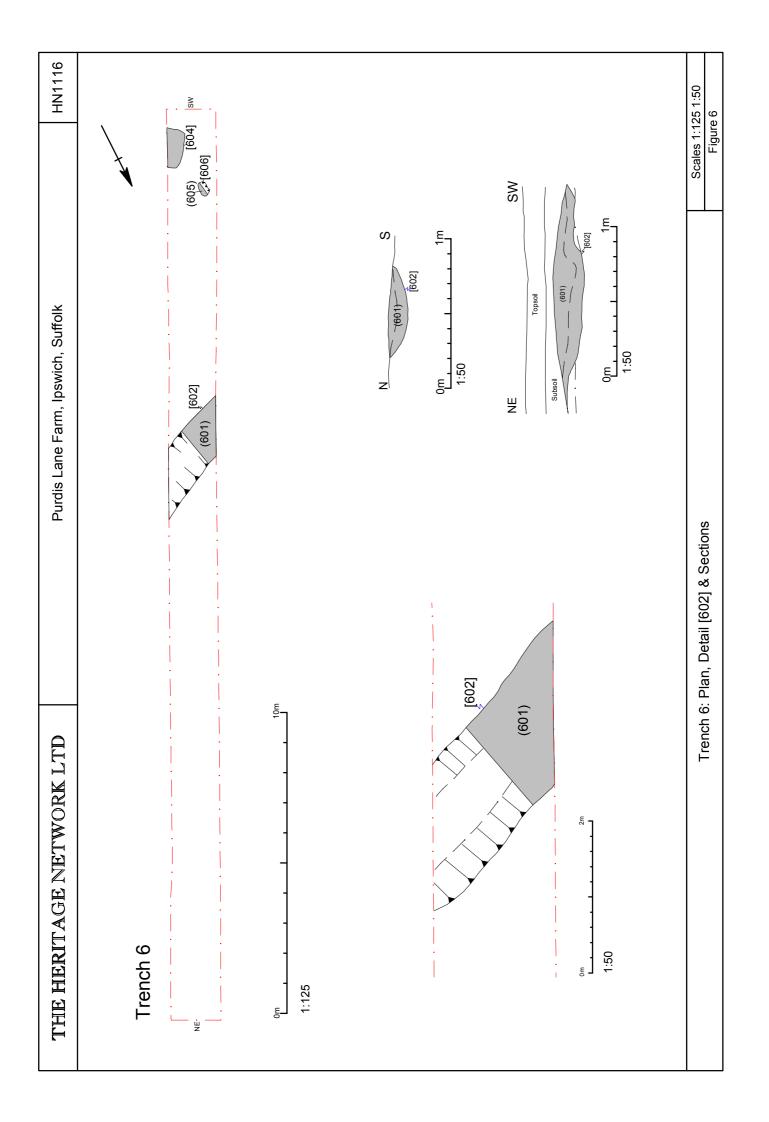


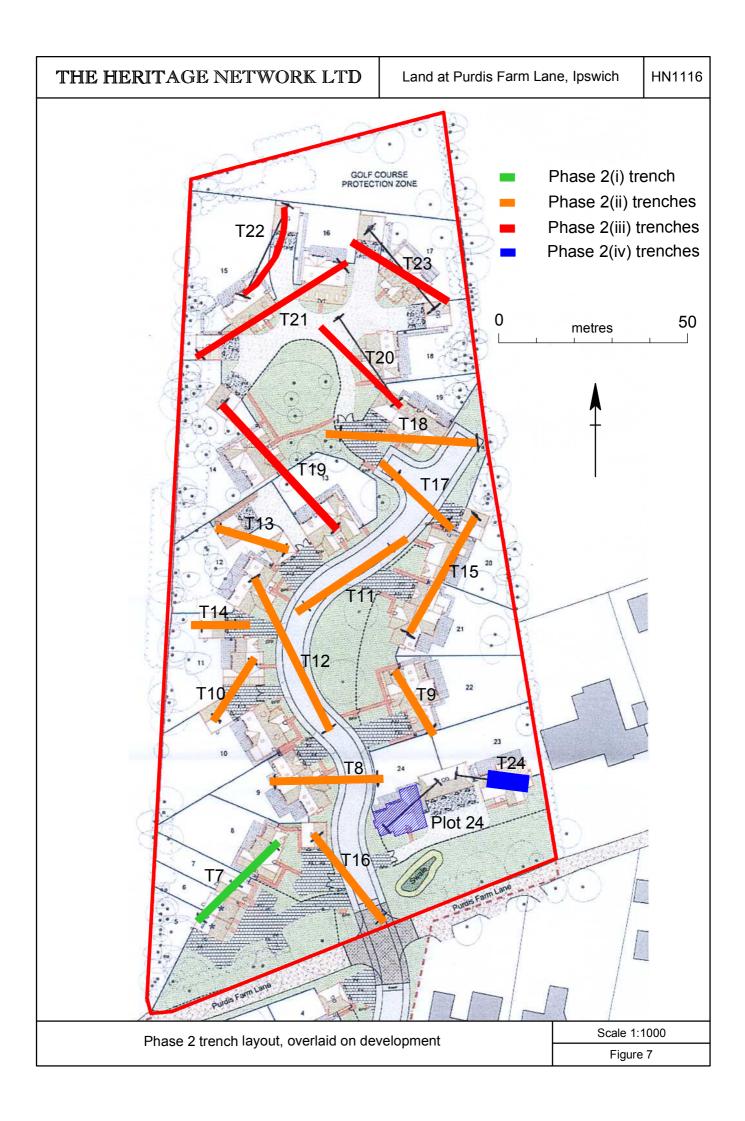


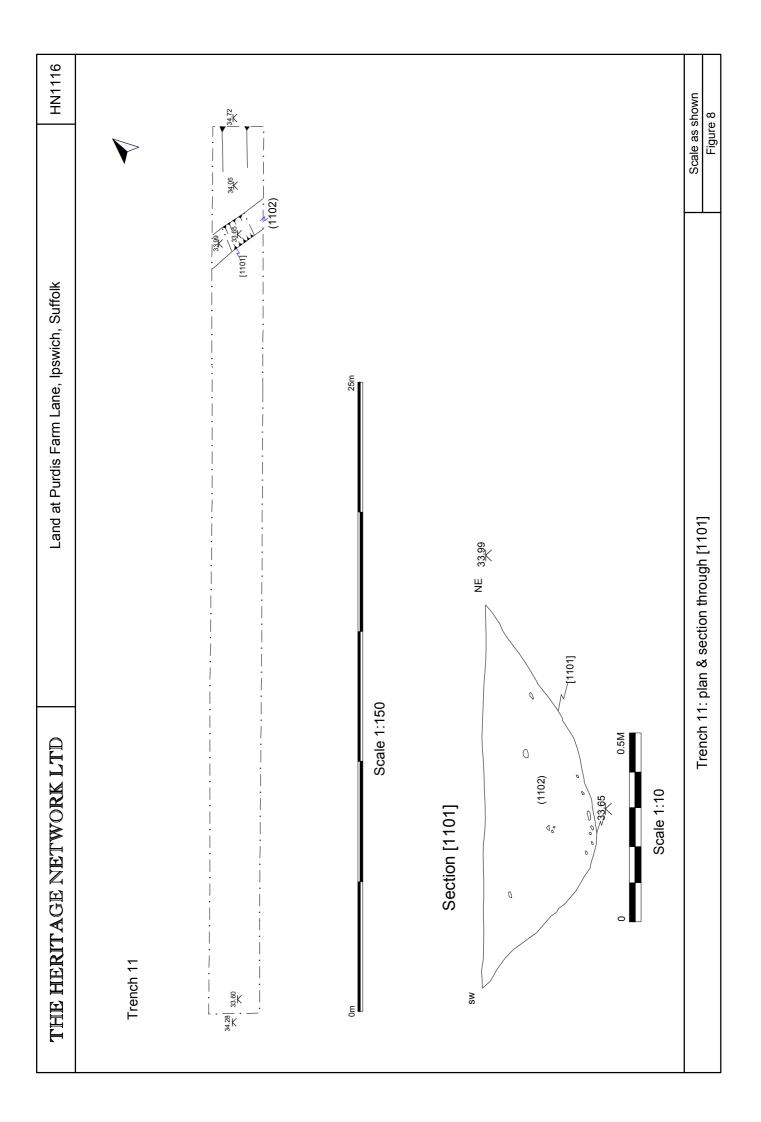


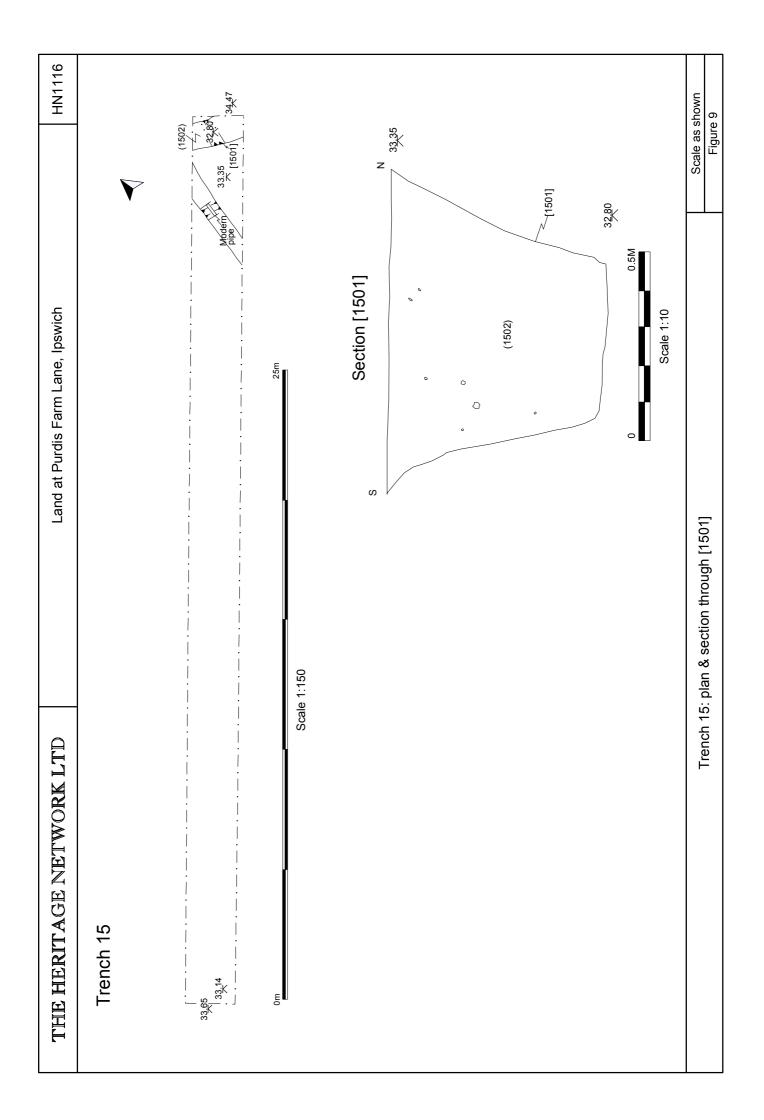


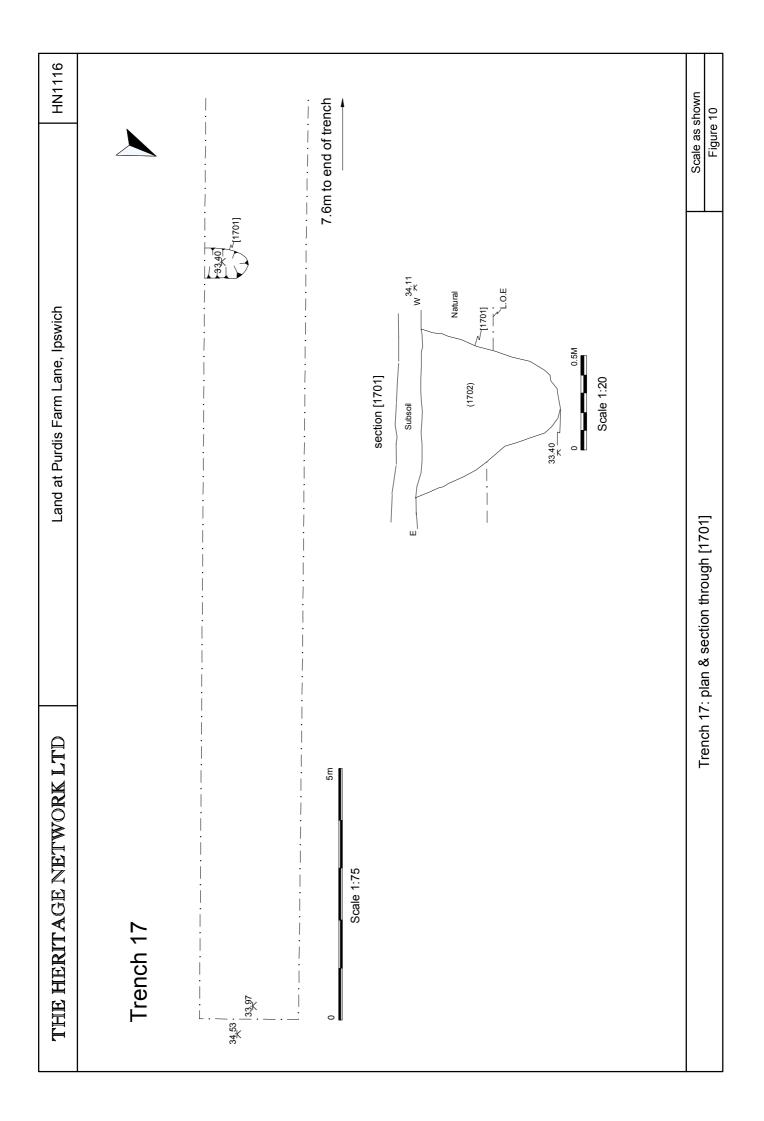


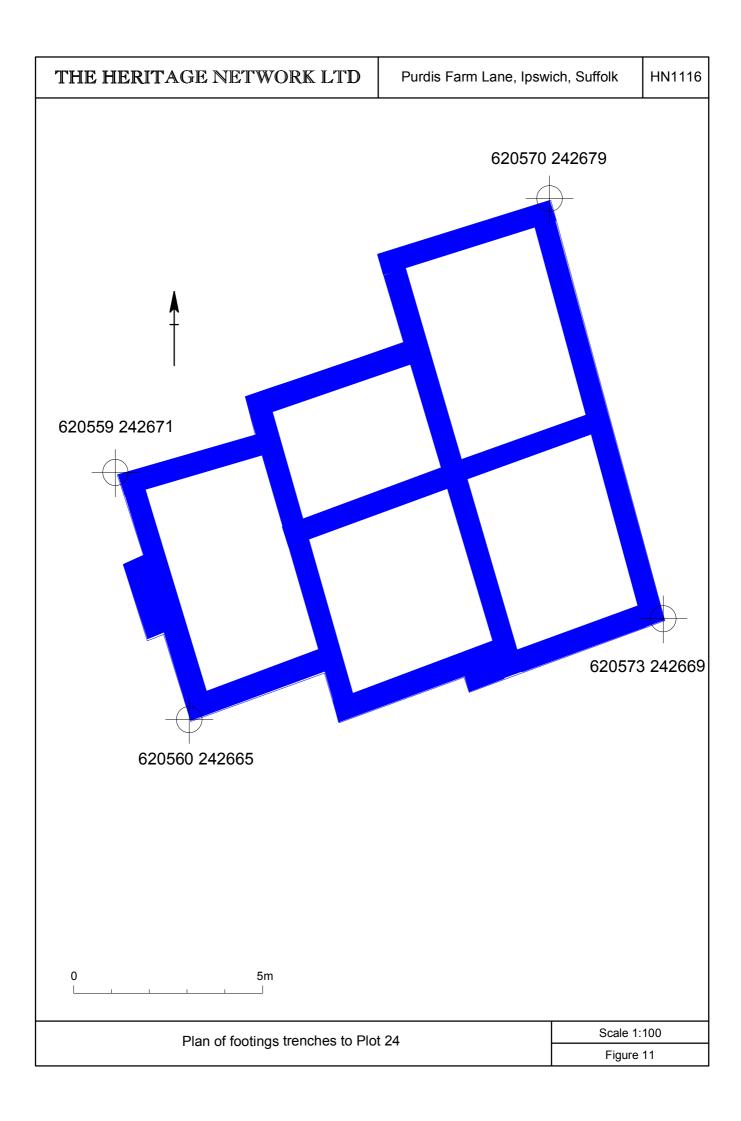












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Plate 01 - Tr.1, looking NW



Plate 02 - Tr.1, cuts [101], [103], [105] & [107], looking NW





Plate 03 - Tr.2, cut [201], pre-excavation, looking SE



Plate 04 - Tr.2, section through [201] looking N



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Plate 05 - Tr.3, looking NW







Plate 07 - Tr.5, looking NW



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Plate 09 - Tr.6, looking W





Plate 11 - Tr.7, looking NE





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Plate 13 - Tr.8, looking E



Plate 14 - Tr.9, looking NW



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Plate 15 - Tr.10, looking NE



Plate 16 - Tr.7, indicative section looking NW





Plate 17 - Tr.11, looking NE



Plate 18 - Tr.11, cut [1101], looking NW



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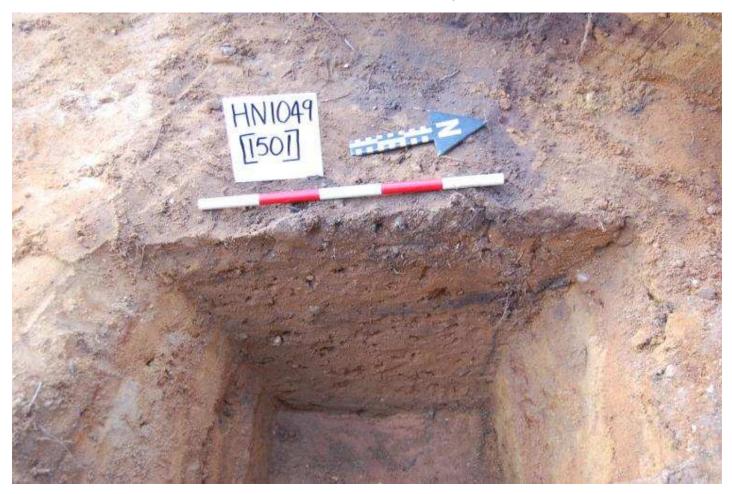
Plate 19 - Tr.12, looking NW





Plate 21 - Tr.14, looking NE





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Plate 23 - Tr.15, cut [1501], looking W





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Plate 25 - Tr.17, looking NE







Plate 27 - Tr.18, looking W





Plate 29 - Tr.20, Looking SW







Plate 31 - Tr.22, looking SE



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Plate 33 - Tr.24, looking E



Plate 34 - Tr.24, indicative section, looking N



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Plate 35 - Foundation trenches to Plot 24, looking N



## **Appendix 1**

## **Oasis Summary Sheet**

OASIS ID: heritage1-145115		
Project details		
Project name	Land at Purdis Farm Lane, Ipswich, Suffolk	
Short description of the project	As the result of a condition on the planning permission for residential development on land at Purdis Farm Lane, Ipswich, Suffolk, the Heritage Network was commissioned by Taylor Wimpey East Anglia to undertake a programme of archaeological investigation. To fit in with the client's programme, and with the agreement of the Suffolk County Council Archaeology Service, the archaeological evaluation works on the present site were undertaken in two phases, each being fulfilled in sub- phases as the land became available.	
	Phase 1 of the archaeological investigation on the site, consisted of the evaluation of the land to the south of Purdis Farm Lane, while Phase 2 involved the evaluation of land to the north of Purdis Farm Lane. Twenty four trenches in all were excavated, 6 under Phase 1 and 18 under Phase 2.	
	A similar stratigraphy was encountered across the entire study area, consisting of a silty sandy topsoil, over a sandy subsoil, which in turn sealed the soft sand natural substrate. A number of undated linear features, all of which appear to represent the remains of either hedgerows or field boundary ditches, were revealed during both phases of the evaluation. Ordnance Survey mapping from 1881 onwards was consulted, but no field boundaries are shown within the present study. This suggests that the field boundaries were no longer extant by the 1880s. No datable finds were recovered from the fills of the features No other archaeological deposits, features or finds were encountered during the course of the evaluation.	
Project dates	Start: 18-03-2013 End: 29-07-2015	
Previous/future work	No / Not known	
Any associated project reference codes	Hn1116 - Contracting Unit No.	
Any associated project reference codes	PFM021 - Sitecode	
Type of project	Field evaluation	
Site status	None	
Current Land use	Cultivated Land 1 - Minimal cultivation	
Monument type	DITCH Uncertain	
Significant Finds	NONE None	
Methods & techniques	"""Targeted Trenches"""	
Development type	Housing estate	
Prompt	National Planning Policy Framework - NPPF	
Position in the planning process	After full determination (eg. As a condition)	

Project location		
Country England		
Site location	SUFFOLK IPSWICH IPSWICH land at Purdis Farm Lane, Purdis Farm	
Postcode	IP3 8UF	
Study area	19000 Square metres	
Site coordinates	TM 2040 4267 52.03799963312 1.213913719948 52 02 16 N 001 12 50 E Point	
Height OD / Depth	Min: 26.89m Max: 34.81m	
Project creators		
Name of	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Organisation	Heritage Network	
Project brief originator	Local Authority Archaeologist and/or Planning Authority/advisory body	
Project design originator	David Hillelson	
Project director/manager	David Hillelson	
Project supervisor	Greg Jones	
Type of sponsor	Developer	
	Project archives	
Physical Archive Exists?	No	
Digital Archive recipient	Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service	
Digital Contents	"none"	
Digital Media available	"Images raster / digital photography"	
Paper Archive recipient	Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service	
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