

ESSEX HERITAGE CONSERVATION RECORD/ESSEX ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORY

SUMMARY SHEET

Site name/Address: Feeringbury Barn, Coggeshall Road, Feering, Braintree, Essex.	
Parish: Feering	District: Braintree
NGR: TL 8639 2152	Site Code: FEFB07
Type of Work: Impact Assessment	Site Director/Group: Elphin Watkin
Date of Work: July/August 2007	Size of Area Investigated: 1600 sq. metres
Location of Finds/Curating Museum: N/A	Funding source: Owner
Further Seasons Anticipated?: No	Related HERs: None
Final Report: Yes	
Periods Represented: Sixteenth century to twentieth century.	
<p>SUMMARY OF FIELDWORK RESULTS:</p> <p>This barn and associated stable block connected to it is situated on the manor of Feeringbury. The barn is of the middle sixteenth century and an aisled structure of five bays built from oak. It now has a gable ended roof covered in corrugated iron but was originally hipped at both ends. The frame was rare in Essex with Kentish type shores supporting the arcade posts that were mortised into the lower ends of the aisle posts although fitted with return sills in the aisles. It also has evidence for a closed bay which may possibly also have been floored, this being a more common form for Suffolk. The main frame is relatively complete except for corner dragon ties and most of the shores. The roof structure is clasped side purlin with the addition of crown struts from the tiebeam to the collar. Most of the aisle walls have been rebuilt in the very early nineteenth century when a brick plinth was constructed. The present porch is nineteenth century built at the same time as the walls. Inside one aisle adjacent to the porch is an inside granary also of the nineteenth century. This has had the walls infilled between the studs with brick on edge. Running north west from the porch is a brick stable range built in the second half of the nineteenth century. It survives with evidence for its layout and fittings including a harness room in a now fore-shortened bay. It had a slated roof with diamond shaped roof lights, a ventilated ridge as well as evidence for circular fitted vents. East of the barn are a series of modern circular grain silos some of which it is expected to be kept in the development proposals. A good barn and stable range with many items of historic interest, the barn now being the oldest building on the farm site.</p>	
Previous Summaries/Reports: None	
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