

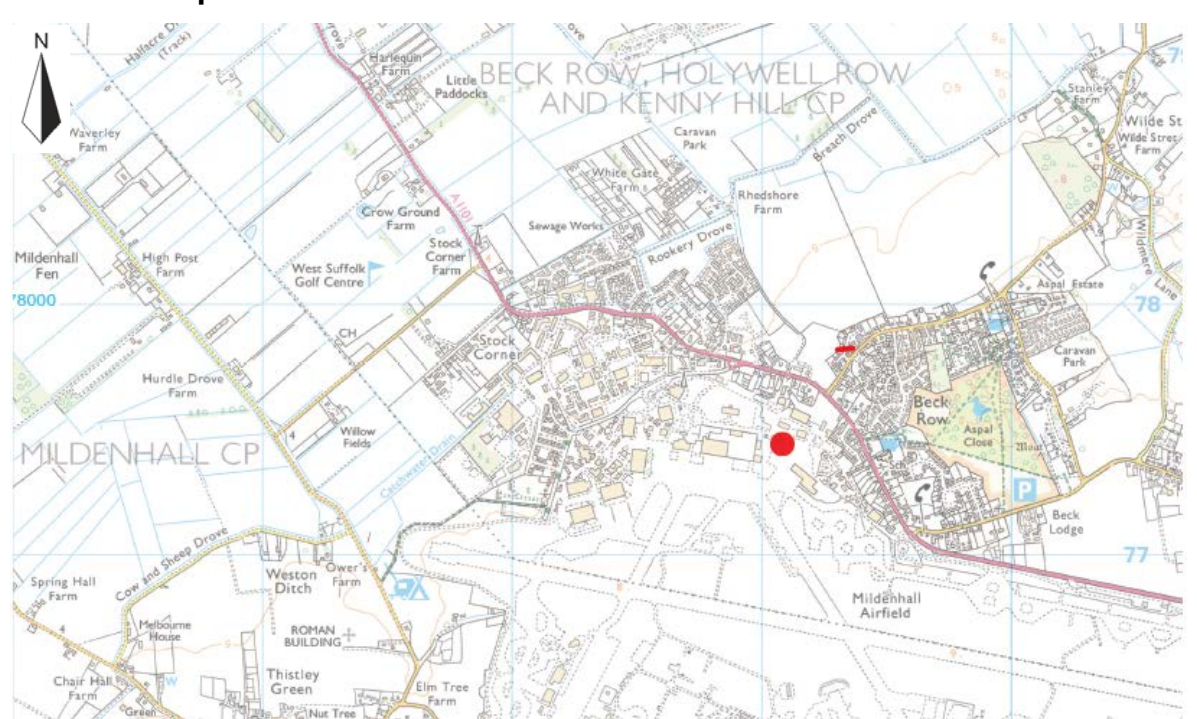
ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF REPORT

REPORT No. SU0169_2	Parish: Mildenhall
<p style="text-align: center;">Building 655 Generator</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RAF Mildenhall</p>	Planning Application No.: N/A
	Grid Reference: 569048 277475
Address: Building 655, RAF Mildenhall, IP28 8ED	Number of Site visits: 1
	Date of visit: 05/08/2020

Introduction: One visit was made to monitor a small trench being excavated to the east-south-east of building 655 on RAF Mildenhall. The trench was excavated for a concrete pad which will house a new generator unit. The trench was monitored throughout excavation, then hand planned, recorded, photographed, and inspected for any finds or exposed archaeological deposits.

Trenching: The trench measured 4m by 8m, with a total area of 32m².

Location Map:



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Site location displayed in red.

Results: The trench was excavated using a back-acting machine fitted with a tooth-less bucket under constant monitoring from an experienced archaeologist. The trench was excavated to a maximum depth of 0.4m, and the turf across the trench had been removed prior to the monitoring which measured 0.1m in thickness. The turf overlay 0.2m of topsoil which consisted of a mid grey brown loose silty sand containing common chalk pebbles and fragments of concrete. This in turn overlay 0.1m+ of subsoil consisting of a pale brown firm silt with very common chalk pebbles and flecks. The natural substrate was not reached within the trench. The north-north-east end of the trench was very disturbed with no subsoil visible, the topsoil directly overlay a modern made ground deposit consisting of very firm mid brown yellow silt which contained large quantities of concrete, metal, and other modern waste. The trench was also truncated by two services.

Upcast spoil was immediately transported off site and not examined for any unstratified finds.



Section 1, looking east-south-east, 1m scale

Overview of trench, looking north-north-east, 1m scale.

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Date: 11/08/2020