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**SITE DETAILS**

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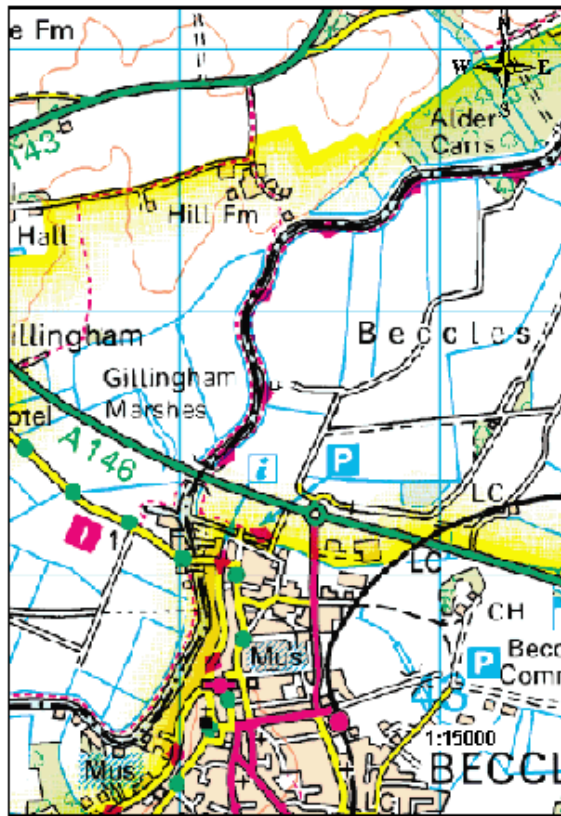
<b>Name of site</b>	Beccles Trackway	<b>Site code</b>	Beccles#1
<b>Address of site</b>	Beccles floodplain		
<b>Nearest town</b>	Beccles	<b>County</b>	Suffolk
<b>OS ngr</b>	TM642304 2919867		
<b>Site archival body</b>	Finds: Iron Age buried trackway Paper: None		
<b>Date of excavation</b>	July 2006		
<b>Description of Site</b>			
<p>Analysis of aerial photographs, LiDAR and grey literature as part of the Suffolk River Valleys Project resulted in the identification of a thick peat sequence within the valley floodplain of the River Waveney, proximal to the town of Beccles.</p> <p>During flood alleviation works along the River Waveney, the excavation of a drainage ditch identified an abundance of vertical timber posts preserved within the peat archive. These were subsequently identified as the remnants of a prehistoric trackway. Coring proximal to the trackway confirmed the presence of up to 6metres of fen peat overlying basal sands and gravels.</p>			
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<b>Date of request</b>	05.10.06	<b>Results needed by</b>	ASAP

## Details of series of radiocarbon samples submitted

*Please complete the following for each series of radiocarbon samples (photocopying this sheet as appropriate). Information which you provide here may be published verbatim.*

*A series is a group of samples related to each other for archaeological or scientific reasons (eg samples from a cemetery, a building, or a peat core).*

<b>Name or code of series</b>	Beccles#1: 84cm, 99cm, 115cm, 118cm, 199cm, 202cm, 350cm, 492cm, 534cm
<b>Description of series</b> Approximately 0.85m of well humified herbaceous silty peat is present, which is underlain by 0.15m of grey-brown organic-rich silt. A thin 0.15m layer of silty peat is found below the organic-rich silt unit. This, in turn, is underlain by a further 4.20m of herbaceous humified peat with colour variations from red-brown to dark brown/black. Sands and gravels were encountered at the base of the core.	
<b>Objectives of dating</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To determine the timing of the onset of biogenic (in-situ) organic accumulation at the site.</li><li>• To identify variations in the rate of organic accumulation within the floodplain during its depositional history.</li><li>• To determine the timing of the onset and cessation of minerogenic sedimentation.</li></ul>	
<b>Relevant publications</b> Please provide references in full Alderton, A. (1983). Flandrian vegetational history and sea-level change of the Waveney Valley. Unpublished PhD thesis, University of Cambridge	



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**Figure 1:** OS Map and Aerial photograph of area surrounding Beccles, with site location indicated by \*.