

BRIEF FOR OPEN-AREA EXCAVATION AS PART OF A PROGRAMME OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL MITIGATORY WORKS

at

Areas 2 and 3 of Manor Farm, land north of Loddon Road, Haddiscoe, Mineral

Extraction, NORFOLK

PLANNING AUTHORITY: Norfolk County Council

PLANNING REFERENCE: TBC

HES REFERENCE CNF41405

NHER EVENT NUMBER: To be arranged GRID REFERENCE: TM 43881 97313

MAP EXTRACT ATTACHED: Yes

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL: Quarry

CURRENT LAND USE: Agricultural

ISSUED BY: REDACTED

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Introduction

Planning permission is anticipated to be granted for new quarrying at Manor Farm, land north of Loddon Road, Haddiscoe. This is anticipated to be subject to a condition/conditions for a Programme of Archaeological Mitigatory Work (in this instance open-area excavation).

This brief outlines the Programme of Archaeological Mitigatory Work, which will include:

- 1) Full adherence to the *Standards for Development-led Archaeological Projects in Norfolk* (Robertson *et al* 2018, to be introduced on 1 May 2018) and all relevant national legislation, standards and guidance.
- 2) The production of an approved Written Scheme of Investigation for the full Programme of Archaeological Mitigatory Work. If this excavation is a subsequent phase of a PoAMW, then this needs to be an approved Project Design as an addendum to the previous WSI.
- 3) The provision for sampling, dating and recording of archaeological features, deposits, structures, artefacts and ecofacts.
- 4) The production of a final grey literature archive report including specialist post-fieldwork analyses.
- 5) Provision for publication, where results warrant it.
- 6) Provision for archive deposition with a recognised archive depository.

This brief is valid for a period of one year from the date of issue. After that time, it may need to be revised to take account of new discoveries, changes in policy or the introduction of new working practices or techniques.

Policy Background

Relevant planning policies can be found in:

Norfolk County Council's *Norfolk Minerals Local Plan Review Deposit Version* (September 2000), policies MIN 7-8.

and

National Planning Policy Framework. Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (2021).

Archaeological Background

Areas 2 and 3 of the proposed quarry were subject to preapplication geophysical survey and trial trenching. An area of possible late Saxon or medieval settlement south of the Loddon Road (Area 1) appears to spread north of the road, and a further ditch

dated to the Roman periods was found a short distance to the east. A cropmark of a possible ploughed-out Bronze Age burial mound is located a short distance to the north which also requires excavation.

Requirement for work

An Excavation is required to recover as much information as possible on the origins, date, development, phasing, spatial organisation, character, function, status, significance and the nature of social, economic and industrial activities on the site.

In this case the Excavation will examine three areas as shown on the attached map. Please note that if quarrying work is extended south of the Loddon Road (Area 1), this will require archaeological excavation too and a brief will have to be obtained.

Contingency should be included for the addition of a further 2000m² to the excavation area, should further clarification about the form, extent or significance of any heritage assets encountered.

Advice for developers

You should forward a copy of this brief to one or more archaeological contractors, and discuss with them the timing and costs. Your contractor/s should be asked to submit a draft Written Scheme of Investigation to Norfolk County Council Environment Service (NCCES) for approval. Once this document has been approved by NCCES the fieldwork may begin.

NCCES does not see contractors' costings, nor do we give advice on the costs of archaeological projects. This is between you and the archaeological contractor/s. You may wish to obtain a number of quotations or to employ the services of an archaeological consultant.

From 1 October 2018 archaeological fieldwork in Norfolk must be undertaken by Chartered Institute for Archaeologists Registered Organisations or, in the case of sole traders, individuals that are professional accredited and hold MCIfA status.

Details of archaeological contractors can be found in the Registered Organisation section of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists website (http://www.archaeologists.net/regulation/organisations). Professionally accredited archaeologists are listed in the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists Yearbook and Directory 2017 (available at https://www.archaeologists.net/publications/yearbook).

Manor Farm, Haddiscoe

Areas designated for Strip, Map and Sample Excavation

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