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Summary

On the 29th of September 2010 Oxford Archaeology East undertook an evaluation at 5 Ashley Road, Chevelely. 35 metres of trenches of were excavated in the front and rear gardens of the existing bungalow in advance of redevelopment of the whole plot. No archaeological remains or artefacts were observed and natural geology was reached at approximately 0.6m below the ground surface.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Location and scope of work

- 1.1.1 An archaeological evaluation was conducted at 5 Asheley Road, Cheveley, Cambridgeshire.
- 1.1.2 This archaeological evaluation was undertaken in accordance with a Brief issued by Dan McConnell of Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC; Planning Application 09/00977/FUL), supplemented by a Specification prepared by OA East.
- 1.1.3 The work was designed to assist in defining the character and extent of any archaeological remains within the proposed redevelopment area, in accordance with the guidelines set out in *Planning Policy Statement 5: Planning for the Historic Environment* (Department for Communities and Local Government 2010). The results will enable decisions to be made by CCC, on behalf of the Local Planning Authority, with regard to the treatment of any archaeological remains found.
- 1.1.4 The site archive is currently held by OA East and will be deposited with the appropriate county stores in due course.

1.2 Geology and topography

- 1.2.1 The northern part of Cheveley, is situated on Lewes Nodular Chalk and at approximately 76m OD.

1.3 Archaeological and historical background

- 1.3.1 The proposed development area is approximately 500m north of Cheveley Castle (DCB240), which has substantial earthworks and is one of very few C14th castles with original masonry remaining.

1.4 Acknowledgements

Terry Claydon commissioned the evaluation. The project was managed by James Drummond-Murray and monitored by Dan McConnell of Cambridgeshire County Council. The fieldwork was conducted by Graeme Clarke and the author.

2 AIMS AND METHODOLOGY

2.1 Aims

- 2.1.1 The objective of this evaluation was to determine as far as reasonably possible the presence/absence, location, nature, extent, date, quality, condition and significance of any surviving archaeological deposits within the development area.

2.2 Methodology

- 2.2.1 The Brief required that up to 40m of trench be excavated within the areas of housing development over the proposed development area.
- 2.2.2 Machine excavation was carried out under constant archaeological supervision with a wheeled JCB-type excavator using a 1.8m wide toothless ditching bucket.
- 2.2.3 The site survey was carried out manually from existing building.
- 2.2.4 Spoil, exposed surfaces and features were scanned with a metal detector. All metal-detected and hand-collected finds were retained for inspection, other than those which were obviously modern.
- 2.2.5 All archaeological features and deposits were recorded using OA East's *pro-forma* sheets. Trench locations, plans and sections were recorded at appropriate scales and digital photographs were taken of all trenches and deposits.

3 RESULTS

3.1 Introduction

Trenches 1 and 2 were located in the northern part of the proposed development area while Trench 3 was in the south part, in front of the existing house. None of the trenches revealed any evidence for truncation or modern disturbance and original soil sequences were present. Subsoil was uniformly 0.3m deep and was a mid brown sandy silt, while the topsoil was between 0.3m and 0.4m deep. Natural geology consisted of orange sands and flinty gravels with occasional clay patches.

3.2 Trench 1

Trench 1 was 15m long excavated to a depth of 0.6m on to natural geology. No archaeological features were recorded.

3.3 Trench 2

3.3.1 Trench 2 was located at the north end of Trench 1 and both together formed a T-shape. It was 14.5m long and excavated to a depth of 0.6m. No archaeological features were recorded.

3.4 Trench 3

3.4.1 Trench 3 was 6m long and excavated to a depth of 0.7m. No archaeological features were recorded.

4 DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

4.1 Discussion

- 4.1.1 The proposed development area is located to the north of the presumed medieval core of the village, around the Parish Church. It is likely that very little or no archaeology remains in this area and indeed perhaps between Cheveley and the village of Moulton, 3km to the north.

4.2 Significance

- 4.2.1 That this evaluation found no evidence for archaeological remains associated with Cheveley village or Cheveley castle does not mean they do not exist this far north of the village core but does make that prospect more likely.

4.3 Recommendations

- 4.3.1 Recommendations for any future work based upon this report will be made by the County Archaeology Office.

APPENDIX A. TRENCH DESCRIPTIONS AND CONTEXT INVENTORY

Trench 1						
General description				Orientation		N-S
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural geology of sand and gravel.				Avg. depth (m)		0.6
				Width (m)		1.8
				Length (m)		15
Contexts						
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
100	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-
101	Layer	-	0.3	Subsoil	-	-
102	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
Trench 2						
General description				Orientation		E-W
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural geology of sand and gravel.				Avg. depth (m)		0.6
				Width (m)		1.8
				Length (m)		14.5
Contexts						
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
100	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-
101	Layer	-	0.3	Subsoil	-	-
102	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
Trench 3						
General description				Orientation		E-W
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural geology of sand and gravel.				Avg. depth (m)		0.7
				Width (m)		1.8
				Length (m)		6
Contexts						
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
100	Layer	-	0.4	Topsoil	-	-
101	Layer	-	0.3	Subsoil	-	-
102	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

APPENDIX B. OASIS REPORT FORM

All fields are required unless they are not applicable.

Project Details

OASIS Number	oxfordar3-84768		
Project Name	An Archaeological Evaluation at 5 Ashely Road, Cheveley, Cambridgeshire		
Project Dates (fieldwork) Start	29-10-2010	Finish	29-10-2010
Previous Work (by OA East)	No	Future Work	No

Project Reference Codes

Site Code	CHVASC10	Planning App. No.	09/00977/FUL
HER No.	3463	Related HER/OASIS No.	

Type of Project/Techniques Used

Prompt	Direction from Local Planning Authority - PPS 5
Development Type	For DBA/Evaluation - select the type of development planned for the site...

Please select all techniques used:

<input type="checkbox"/> Aerial Photography - interpretation	<input type="checkbox"/> Grab-Sampling	<input type="checkbox"/> Remote Operated Vehicle Survey
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Monument Types/Significant Finds & Their Periods

List feature types using the [NMR Monument Type Thesaurus](#) and significant finds using the [MDA Object type Thesaurus](#) together with their respective periods. If no features/finds were found, please state "none".

Monument	Period	Object	Period
None	Select period...		Select period...
	Select period...		Select period...
	Select period...		Select period...

Project Location

County	Cambridgeshire	Site Address (including postcode if possible)
District	East Cambs	5 Ashely Road, Cheveley, Cambridgeshire
Parish	Cheveley	
HER	Cambridgeshire HER	
Study Area	1422m square	National Grid Reference TL 6857 6172

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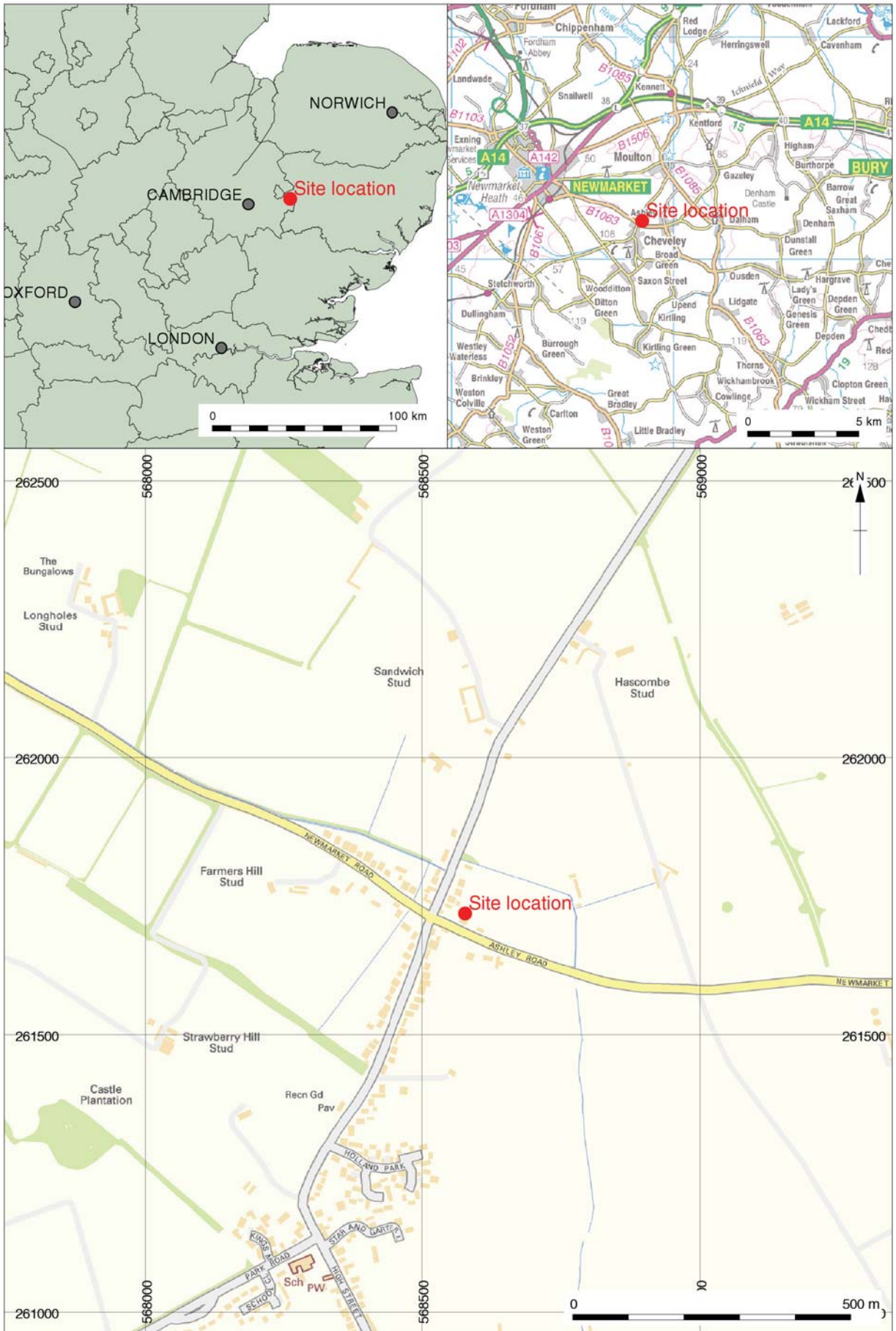
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Sections
	<input type="checkbox"/> Survey

Notes:



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Figure 1: Site location



Figure 2: Trench plans



Plate 1: Trench 1



Plate 2: Trench 2



Plate 3: Trench 3



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