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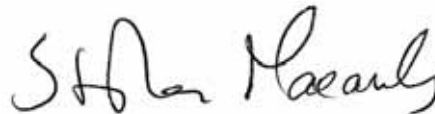
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Summary

On Monday 20th October OA East undertook an archaeological evaluation at 65 Newgate Street, Doddington. To the west of this site is known medieval ridge and furrow but the site lies to the west of the historic core of the village. Six trenches were excavated, all of which were devoid of archaeology.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Location and scope of work

- 1.1.1 An archaeological evaluation was conducted at 65 Newgate Street, Doddington (Fig.1).
- 1.1.2 This archaeological evaluation was undertaken in accordance with a Brief issued by Dan McConnell of Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC; Planning Application F/YR12/0408/F), 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 *National Planning Policy Framework* (Department for Communities and Local Government March 2012). 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 geology at Newgate Road comprises of West Walton and Amphil Clay formations which are overlain by deep clay soils of the Denchworth association (British Geological Survey 2014). The site lies at 5m aOD on the western side of the low island on which Doddington is built. To the south the land slopes down to former fen at 0m aOD.

1.3 Archaeological and historical background

Bronze Age

- 1.3.1 Very little has been found in the immediate area dating to the Bronze Age with both known finds being unstratified. A Bronze Age beaker was found at How Moor just south of Primrose Hill (HER 03748), 700m to the southwest, and 800m to the south east a socketed axe head was recovered (HER 08261).

Roman

- 1.3.2 Only a small number of finds in the area have been dated to the Roman period and there are no known features. A few sherds of Roman pottery (mainly grey wares) were found 800m south west of the site (HER 10888). 800m to the south east, four coins were recovered; one of Decentius and Constans, one of Magnentius, and two which were illegible. A gold coin of Theodosius was also uncovered alongside fragments of Roman pottery (HER 05896).

Medieval and Post Medieval

- 1.3.3 Most of the known activity in the area is dated to the Medieval period. A large number of earthworks and a number of features around the village are dated to this period. A measured site survey at Doddington Pocket Park located immediately to the west of the proposed site found an area of Medieval ridge and furrow (Macaulay 1999) (ECB 100, HER 13006). Further ridge and furrow can also be found located further north west of the site (HER 09674). Just under 1km north west lies a known deserted medieval village (HER 09675) although no finds have been recovered from this site.
- 1.3.4 Approximately 350m to the north, trial trenches on land west of Benwick Road were excavated, revealing a gully and a ditch which have been tentatively dated to the

Medieval period by pottery found dating to the 13th-15th centuries (Adams 2010) (ECB 3491).

- 1.3.5 St Mary's church is located in the village centre to the east of the site. The earliest phasing of the church is dated to the 13th century, with evidence for major reconstruction in the 14th century and further additions in the 15th and 19th centuries (MCB 17088)
- 1.3.6 A number of Post Medieval finds and features have been located to the east of the site, around the core of the village. Evaluations at Ingles Lane uncovered features believed to be associated with former ancillary buildings of Ingles House (Hounsell 2001) (ECB 900, 901). A number of Post Medieval houses in Doddington have been listed, including the Doddington Hall Coach House (DCB 1606).

1.4 Acknowledgements

- 1.4.1 The author would like to thank the client, Postland Developments for funding the work. Thanks also to Dan McConnell of Cambridge County Council who monitored the work and Stephen Macaulay for managing the project.

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 the evaluation comprise of trenches that would investigate areas where the houses were due to be built (Fig.2). It was decided that six trenches would be machine excavated using a 1.6m wide bucket. The trenches were only able to be a maximum of 15m in length due to the area containing large amounts of trees and ponds. No trenches were permitted to go through where the road would lie.
- 2.2.2 Machine excavation was carried out under constant archaeological supervision with a tracked 360 excavator using a toothless ditching bucket.
- 2.2.3 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.
- 2.2.4 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 colour and monochrome photographs were taken of all relevant features and deposits.

3 RESULTS

3.1 Introduction

3.1.1 Six trenches were excavated in total with four of those measuring 15m by 1.6m and two measuring 10m by 1.6m. These trenches were located in areas where the proposed buildings would be built whilst avoiding the location where the proposed road would run. All six of the trenches were devoid of archaeology.

3.2 Trench 1 and 2

3.2.1 Trench 1 and 2 were the smaller trenches located closest to the house measuring 10m by 1.6m. Trench 1 contained a layer of modern rubble (4) used as a levelling layer which measures 0.15m in depth. This was the deepest of the trenches measuring 0.72m deep. Trench 2 contained no archaeology and the topsoil (1) measured 0.30m in depth and the subsoil (2) measured 0.15m in depth (Plate.1).

3.3 Trench 3, 4, 5 and 6

3.3.1 Trenches 3 to 6 had to be shorter than originally planned due to the nature of the area being excavated. Trench 3 is located close to a modern pond to the west of the site, this was the most shallow trench at only 0.3m deep and contained no archaeology. Trench 4 is located towards the north west end of site and had a lot of root disturbance from nearby trees. The topsoil (1) in this trench measured 0.3m deep and was devoid of archaeology. Trench 5 is located at the north east end of site and measures 0.36m in depth and is devoid of archaeology. Trench 6 lies along the eastern side of the site, this trench is devoid of archaeology and has a depth of 0.4m.

4 DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

4.1 Conclusion

- 4.1.1 Although there are a small number of Medieval sites known within Doddington, for example ridge and furrow on a site just to the west, there is little known archaeology dating to any earlier with only a handful of items found dating to the Bronze Age and Roman period. It is therefore not surprising that no archaeology was found during this evaluation as the land is only known to have been used as farmland in previous years before becoming a private garden up until the present day.

APPENDIX A. TRENCH DESCRIPTIONS AND CONTEXT INVENTORY

Trench 1						
General description				Orientation		NW-SE
Trench devoid of archaeology, contains topsoil and subsoil and a rubble layer used for levelling.				Avg. depth (m)		0.72m
				Width (m)		1.6
				Length (m)		10
Contexts						
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
1	Layer	-	0.15	Topsoil	-	-
2	Layer	-	0.17	Subsoil	-	-
3	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
4	Layer	-	0.15	Rubble layer	-	-
5	Layer	-	0.25	Buried topsoil	-	-
Trench 2						
General description				Orientation		NW-SE
Trench devoid of archaeology, contains topsoil and subsoil				Avg. depth (m)		0.45
				Width (m)		1.6
				Length (m)		10
Contexts						
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2	Layer	-	0.15	Subsoil	-	-
3	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
Trench 3						
General description				Orientation		NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology, contains topsoil and subsoil				Avg. depth (m)		0.3
				Width (m)		1.6
				Length (m)		15
Contexts						
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
1	Layer	-	0.2	Topsoil	-	-
2	Layer	-	0.1	Subsoil	-	-
3	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 4						
General description				Orientation		NW-SE
Trench devoid of archaeology, contains topsoil and subsoil.				Avg. depth (m)		0.5
				Width (m)		1.6
				Length (m)		15
Contexts						
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1	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-
2	Layer	-	0.2	Subsoil	-	-
3	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 5						
General description				Orientation		NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology, contains topsoil and subsoil				Avg. depth (m)		0.36
				Width (m)		1.6
				Length (m)		15
Contexts						
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
1	Layer	-	0.2	Topsoil	-	-
2	Layer	-	0.16	Subsoil	-	-
3	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 6						
General description				Orientation		NW-SE
Trench devoid of archaeology, contains topsoil and subsoil				Avg. depth (m)		0.4
				Width (m)		1.6
				Length (m)		15
Contexts						
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1	Layer	-	0.25	Topsoil	-	-
2	Layer	-	0.15	Subsoil	-	-
3	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

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APPENDIX C. OASIS REPORT FORM

All fields are required unless they are not applicable.

Project Details

OASIS Number	oxfordar3-193437			
Project Name	Evaluation at 65 Newgate Street, Doddington			
Project Dates (fieldwork)	Start	20-10-2014	Finish	20-10-2014
Previous Work (by OA East)	No		Future Work	No

Project Reference Codes

Site Code	DODNGR14	Planning App. No.	F/YR12/0408/F
HER No.		Related HER/OASIS No.	N/A

Type of Project/Techniques Used

Prompt	Direction from Local Planning Authority - PPG15
Development Type	Housing Estate

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Project Location

County	Cambridgeshire	Site Address (including postcode if possible)
District	Fenland	65 Newgate Street Doddington Cambridgeshire
Parish	Doddington	
HER	Cambridgeshire	
Study Area	73m	National Grid Reference TL 3941 9056

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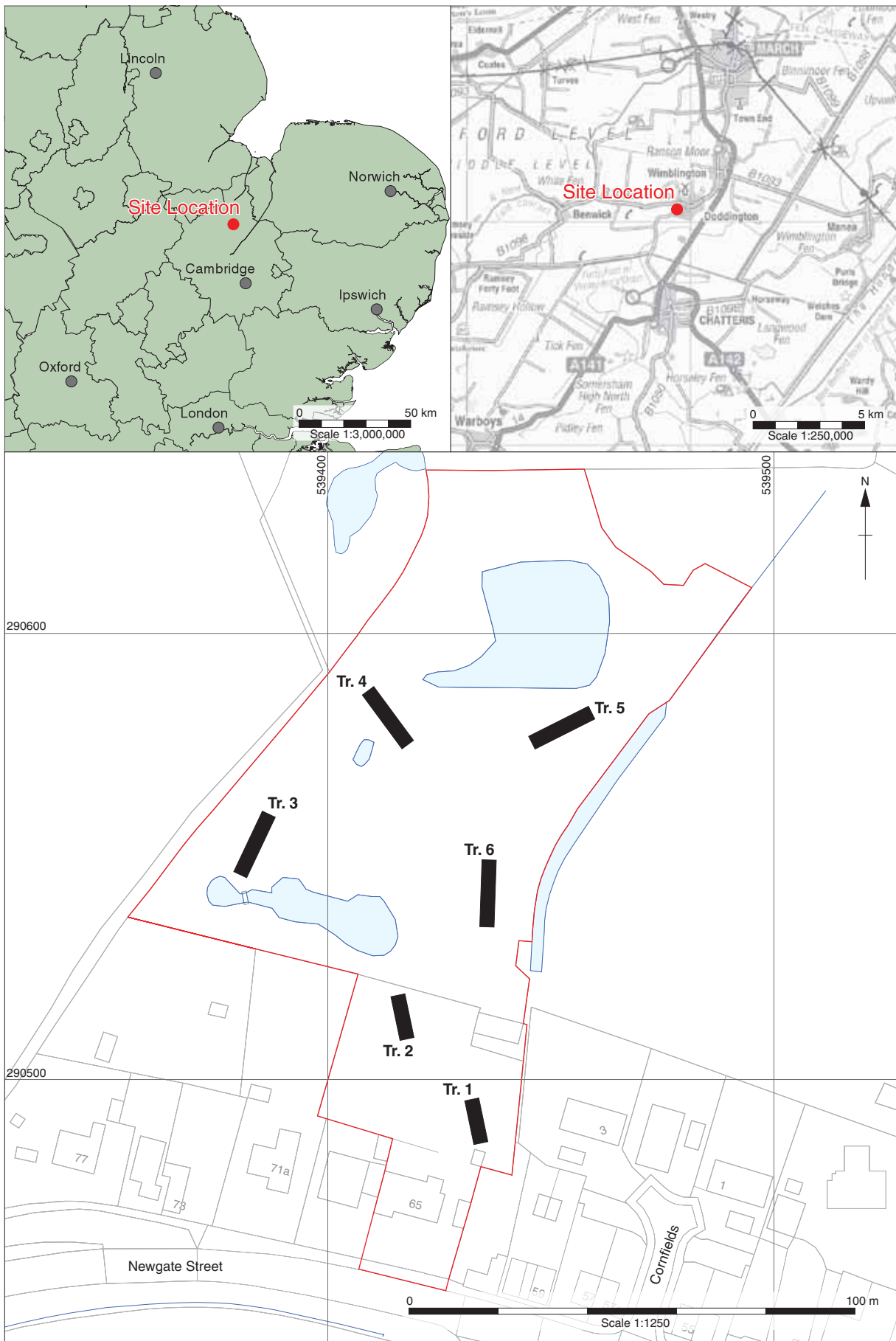
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Figure 1: Site location showing development area outlined (red) and archaeological trenches (black)



Figure 2: Trench plan overlaying planned development



Plate 1: Trench 2 devoid of archaeology



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