Land at the rear of 163-165 Colerige Road Cambridge

Archaeological Evaluation Report

Client: Once Architecture Ltd.

OA East Report No: 1241
OASIS No: oxfordar3-91770
NGR: TL 4685 5691

February 2011
Report Number: 1241
Site Name: Land at Rear of 163-165 Coleridge Road, Cambridge
HER Event No: ECB 3515
Date of Works: January 2011
Client Name: Once Architecture Ltd.
Client Ref: N/A
Planning Ref: 10/1045/FUL
Grid Ref: TL 4685 5691
Site Code: CAMCOR11
Finance Code: CAMCOR11
Receiving Body: CCC Stores, Landbeach

Accession No:
Prepared by: Nick Gilmour
Position: Supervisor
Date: February 2011
Checked by: Stephen Macaulay
Position: Senior Project Manager
Date: February 2011
Signed: ..................................................................................................

Disclaimer
This document has been prepared for the titled project or named part thereof and should not be relied upon or used for any other project without an independent check being carried out as to its suitability and prior written authority of Oxford Archaeology being obtained. Oxford Archaeology accepts no responsibility or liability for the consequences of this document being used for a purpose other than the purposes for which it was commissioned. Any person/party using or relying on the document for such other purposes agrees and will by such use or reliance be taken to confirm their agreement to indemnify Oxford Archaeology for all loss or damage resulting therefrom. Oxford Archaeology accepts no responsibility or liability for this document to any party other than the person/party by whom it was commissioned.

Oxford Archaeology East,
15 Trafalgar Way,
Bar Hill,
Cambridge,
CB23 8SQ
t: 01223 850500
f: 01223 850599
e: oaeast@thehumanjourney.net
w: http://thehumanjourney.net/oaeast
© Oxford Archaeology East 2010
Oxford Archaeology Limited is a Registered Charity No: 285627
# Table of Contents

Summary.................................................................................................................................................. 5

1 Introduction......................................................................................................................................... 7
   1.1 Location and scope of work...................................................................................................... 7
   1.2 Geology and topography.......................................................................................................... 7
   1.3 Archaeological and historical background........................................................................... 7
   1.4 Acknowledgements............................................................................................................... 7

2 Aims and Methodology..................................................................................................................... 8
   2.1 Aims.......................................................................................................................................... 8
   2.2 Methodology......................................................................................................................... 8

3 Results................................................................................................................................................ 9
   3.1 Introduction .......................................................................................................................... 9
   3.2 Trenches 1 and 2.................................................................................................................. 9
   3.3 Finds Summary.................................................................................................................... 9

4 Discussion and Conclusions............................................................................................................. 10
   4.1 Sub-heading ......................................................................................................................... 10
   4.2 Significance.......................................................................................................................... 10
   4.3 Recommendations............................................................................................................... 10

Appendix A. Trench Descriptions and Context Inventory................................................................. 11

Appendix B. OASIS Report Form ...................................................................................................... 12
List of Figures
Fig. 1    Site location map
Fig. 2    Trench plan

List of Plates
Plate 1:   Trench 1 from the north
Plate 2:   Trench 2 from the east
Summary

On 19th January 2011, Oxford Archaeology East carried out an archaeological evaluation on Land at the rear of 163-165 Coleridge Road, Cambridge. This was in advance of the construction of new housing. The two trenches excavated revealed no archaeological features and no finds were recovered.
1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Location and scope of work
1.1.1 An archaeological evaluation was conducted at 16-165 Coleridge Road, Cambridge.
1.1.2 This archaeological evaluation was undertaken in accordance with a Brief issued by Dan McConnell of Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC; Planning Application 10/1045/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 site is situated on West Melbury Marley Chalk. The topography is flat at c.12m AOD.

1.3 Archaeological and historical background
1.3.1 Few prehistoric finds are recorded in the area, however a Palaeolithic hand axe was found just off Mill Road on Golding Road in a hedge (c.200m north-east of the site), however its likely provenance is Chesterton Pits (CHER 04591).
1.3.2 The development site is situated close to known Roman archaeological remains. The Cambridgeshire Historic Environment Record has identified individual find spots. The nearest was Roman pottery found at the Coleridge Park Allotments in 1936 (CHER 04868), there a possible Roman military site or camp (CHER 05145) at the site of the Old Cattle Market at The Junction site. An archaeological investigation in 2001, located to the south of Walker's putative Camp, recorded a large assemblage of Roman pottery and gravel extraction pits (ECB159), perhaps linked to the construction and and/or maintenance of the nearby Roman Road (the Via Devana), which lies to the south and west of the site and follows the route of Hills Road towards Addenbrookes Hospital to the south (MCB9602).

1.4 Acknowledgements
1.4.1 The author would like to thank Once Architecture Ltd. for commissioning and funding the evaluation. The excavation was supervised by the author, with the assistance of Gemma Tulley. Rachel Clarke surveyed the site and the project was managed by Stephen Macaulay
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. In the event that archaeological remains are present the evaluation will seek to consider appropriate methodologies and suitable resourcing levels for excavation.

2.2 Methodology
2.2.1 The Brief required that 20m of trenching were excavated to the geological horizon or the top of archaeological features, whichever was encountered first.
2.2.2 Machine excavation was carried out under constant archaeological supervision with a wheeled JCB-type excavator using a toothless ditching bucket.
2.2.3 The site survey was carried out by Rachel Clarke using a Leica GPS 1200.
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 colour and monochrome photographs were taken of all relevant features and deposits.
2.2.6 No environmental samples were taken, as no features were identified.
3 RESULTS

3.1 Introduction
3.1.1 Full details of both trenches are given in Appendix A, a summary is given below.

3.2 Trenches 1 and 2
3.2.1 Trench 1 was 9m long and 0.54m deep. It was excavated to the top of the marley chalk natural. No archaeological features were identified. However, at the northern end of the trench a modern trench was observed with a large length of concrete running along it. It is possible this is either an old footing, or more likely, a service which had been concreted in. The trench was therefore, stopped 1m short.

3.2.2 Trench 2 was 11m long and 0.52m deep. It was excavated to the top of the marley chalk natural. In archaeological features were identified

3.3 Finds Summary
3.3.1 No archaeological finds were recovered from the site, either from the trenches of the topsoil.
4 DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

4.1 Discussion
4.1.1 This archaeological evaluation did not reveal any features in either of the trenches. In addition, no finds were recovered for the topsoil or subsoil and no modern disturbance was evident. This suggests that no archaeological remains have been truncated and that no archaeologically visible activity took place on the site.

4.2 Significance
4.2.1 This evaluation has shown that significant archaeological remains are unlikely to survive on this site.

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 a natural of marley chalk.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Orientation</th>
<th>Avg. depth (m)</th>
<th>Width (m)</th>
<th>Length (m)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>0.54</td>
<td>1.8</td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Contexts**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Context no</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Width (m)</th>
<th>Depth (m)</th>
<th>Comment</th>
<th>Finds</th>
<th>Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>100</td>
<td>Layer</td>
<td></td>
<td>0.42</td>
<td>Topsoil</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>101</td>
<td>Layer</td>
<td></td>
<td>0.12</td>
<td>Subsoil</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

#### Trench 2

**General description**
- Orientation: E-W
- Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of marley chalk.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Orientation</th>
<th>Avg. depth (m)</th>
<th>Width (m)</th>
<th>Length (m)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>0.52</td>
<td>1.8</td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Contexts**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Context no</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Width (m)</th>
<th>Depth (m)</th>
<th>Comment</th>
<th>Finds</th>
<th>Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>100</td>
<td>Layer</td>
<td></td>
<td>0.34</td>
<td>Topsoil</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>101</td>
<td>Layer</td>
<td></td>
<td>0.18</td>
<td>Subsoil</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
APPENDIX B. OASIS REPORT FORM

All fields are required unless they are not applicable.

Project Details

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Field</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>OASIS Number</td>
<td>oxfordar3-91770</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Project Name</td>
<td>Land at rear of 163-165 Coleridge road, Cambridge</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Project Dates (fieldwork) Start Finish</td>
<td>19-01-2011 19-01-2011</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Previous Work (by OA East) Future Work</td>
<td>No No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Project Reference Codes

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Field</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Site Code</td>
<td>CAMCOR11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Planning App. No.</td>
<td>10/1045/FUL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HER No.</td>
<td>ECB 3515</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Related HER/OASIS No.</td>
<td>n/a</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Type of Project/Techniques Used

Prompt

Direction from Local Planning Authority - PPS 5

Development Type

Urban Residential

Please select all techniques used:

- Aerial Photography - interpretation
- Aerial Photography - new
- Annotated Sketch
- Augering
- Dendrochronological Survey
- Documentary Search
- Environmental Sampling
- Fieldwalking
- Geophysical Survey
- Grab-Sampling
- Gravity-Core
- Laser Scanning
- Measured Survey
- Metal Detectors
- Photographic Survey
- Photogrammetric Survey
- Phosphate Survey
- Rectified Photography
- Remote Operated Vehicle Survey
- Sample Trenches
- Survey/Recording Of Fabric/Structure
- Targeted Trenches
- Test Pits
- Topographic Survey
- Vibro-core
- Visual Inspection (Initial Site Visit)

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".

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Monument</th>
<th>Period</th>
<th>Object</th>
<th>Period</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>none</td>
<td>Select period...</td>
<td>none</td>
<td>Select period...</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Select period...</td>
<td></td>
<td>Select period...</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Select period...</td>
<td></td>
<td>Select period...</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Project Location

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Field</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>County</td>
<td>cambridgeshire</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>District</td>
<td>Cambridge City</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Parish</td>
<td>Cambridge</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HER</td>
<td>Cambridgeshire</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Study Area</td>
<td>400sqm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Site Address (including postcode if possible)</td>
<td>163-165 Coleridge Road, Cambridge, CB1 3PN</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>National Grid Reference</td>
<td>TL 4885 5691</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Project Originators

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Role</th>
<th>Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Organisation</td>
<td>OA EAST</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Project Brief Originator</td>
<td>Dan McConnell</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Project Design Originator</td>
<td>Stephen Macaulay</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Project Manager</td>
<td>Stephen Macaulay</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Supervisor</td>
<td>Nick Gilmour</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Project Archives

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Archive</th>
<th>Physical Archive</th>
<th>Digital Archive</th>
<th>Paper Archive</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>OA East office, Bar Hill</td>
<td>Cambridge County Store, Landbeach</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>CAMCOR11</td>
<td>CAMCOR11</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Archive Contents/Media

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Physical Contents</th>
<th>Digital Contents</th>
<th>Paper Contents</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Animal Bones</td>
<td>☐</td>
<td>☐</td>
<td>☐</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ceramics</td>
<td>☐</td>
<td>☐</td>
<td>☐</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Environmental</td>
<td>☐</td>
<td>☐</td>
<td>☐</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Glass</td>
<td>☐</td>
<td>☐</td>
<td>☐</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Human Bones</td>
<td>☐</td>
<td>☐</td>
<td>☐</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Industrial</td>
<td>☐</td>
<td>☐</td>
<td>☐</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Leather</td>
<td>☐</td>
<td>☐</td>
<td>☐</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Metal</td>
<td>☐</td>
<td>☐</td>
<td>☐</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stratigraphic</td>
<td>☐</td>
<td>☐</td>
<td>☐</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Survey</td>
<td>☐</td>
<td>☐</td>
<td>☐</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Textiles</td>
<td>☐</td>
<td>☐</td>
<td>☐</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wood</td>
<td>☐</td>
<td>☐</td>
<td>☐</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Worked Bone</td>
<td>☐</td>
<td>☐</td>
<td>☐</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Worked Stone/Lithic</td>
<td>☐</td>
<td>☐</td>
<td>☐</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>None</td>
<td>☑</td>
<td>☐</td>
<td>☐</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other</td>
<td>☐</td>
<td>☐</td>
<td>☐</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

#### Digital Media

- ☐ Database
- ☐ GIS
- ☐ Geophysics
- ☒ Images
- ☐ Illustrations
- ☐ Moving Image
- ☐ Spreadsheets
- ☒ Survey
- ☒ Text
- ☑ Virtual Reality

#### Paper Media

- ☐ Aerial Photos
- ☐ Context Sheet
- ☒ Correspondence
- ☐ Diary
- ☐ Drawing
- ☐ Manuscript
- ☐ Map
- ☐ Matrices
- ☐ Microfilm
- ☒ Misc.
- ☐ Research/Notes
- ☐ Photos
- ☐ Plans
- ☒ Report
- ☐ Sections
- ☒ Survey

### Notes:
Figure 1: Site location (development area outlined red)
Figure 2: Trench plan showing development area (outlined red) and trenches (outlined black)
Plate 1: Trench 1 from the north

Plate 2: Trench 2 from the east