RSPB Nature Reserve
Minsmere
Suffolk

Archaeological Watching Brief Report

March 2009

Client: Black and Veatch Ltd

OA East Report No: 1096
OASIS No: 58751
NGR: TM 476 670
Archaeological Monitoring at
RSPB Nature Reserve, Minsmere, Suffolk
(AB 1234 5678)

Watching Brief

Site Code:  XSF MIN 09

Date of Works:  10-12th March 2009

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Excavator:  Thomas Lyons

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Summary

Between the 10th and 12th of March 2009, OA East carried out an archaeological watching brief at site location TM 476 670. The monitoring was carried out during investigations to the area south of the North Wall embankment to determine the suitability of material from the marsh for use in the expansion of the existing embankment. No artefacts or archaeological deposits were encountered.
1 METHODOLOGY
1.1.1 Black & Veatch had planned a Site Investigation to inform a flood risk management project for the Environment Agency. In scoping the investigation the Environment Agency’s archaeological expert (Phil Catherall) had identified the risk of undiscovered archaeology. A watching brief was required for the SI. The objective of this watching brief was to determine as far as reasonably possible the presence/absence, location, nature, extent, date, quality, condition and significance of any surviving archaeological deposits discovered during the Site Investigation. Small trenches were excavated using a 360 tracked excavator with a 0.6m bucket.
1.1.2 The area of investigation was located at the end of Sheepwash Lane in the Nature Reserve, TM 476 670. Refer to Fig 1 for further details of the SI.

2 RESULTS

2.1.1 No artefacts or archaeological deposits were encountered. All trial pits were excavated to a depth of several metres. Natural sub strata consisted of sands, marine clays and peat deposits.

3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

2.1.1 The author would like to thank Black & Veatch who commissioned and funded the archaeological work. Site works were conducted by Fugro GeoConsulting Limited. The project was managed by James Drummond Murray of Oxford Archaeology (East).
APPENDIX A. OASIS REPORT FORM

All fields are required unless they are not applicable.

Project Details

OASIS Number: oxford3-58751
Project Name: RSPB Nature Reserve, Minsmere, Suffolk: An Archaeological Watching Brief

Project Dates (fieldwork) Start: 10-03-2009 Finish: 12-03-2009
Previous Work (by OA East) No Future Work Unknown

Project Reference Codes

Site Code: XSF MIN 09 Planning App. No. n/a
HER No. n/a Related HER/OASIS No. n/a

Type of Project/Techniques Used

Prompt: Direction from Local Planning Authority - PPG16

Please select all techniques used:

- Field Observation (periodic visits)
- Part Excavation
- Salvage Record
- Full Excavation (100%)
- Part Survey
- Systematic Field Walking
- Full Survey
- Recorded Observation
- Systematic Metal Detector Survey
- Geophysical Survey
- Remote Operated Vehicle Survey
- Test Pit Survey
- Open-Area Excavation
- Salvage Excavation
- Watching Brief

Monument Types/Significant Finds & Their Periods

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Project Location

County: Suffolk
District: Suffolk Coastal
Parish: Leiston
HER: Suffolk
Study Area: 40 sqm

Site Address (including postcode if possible): RSPB Minsmere Nature Reserve
Wesleton
Suffolk IP17 3BY

National Grid Reference: TM 476 670
**Project Originators**

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