

ARCHAEOLOGICAL DESK-BASED ASSESSMENT

Land at the South Corner of Foots Farm, Clacton, Essex



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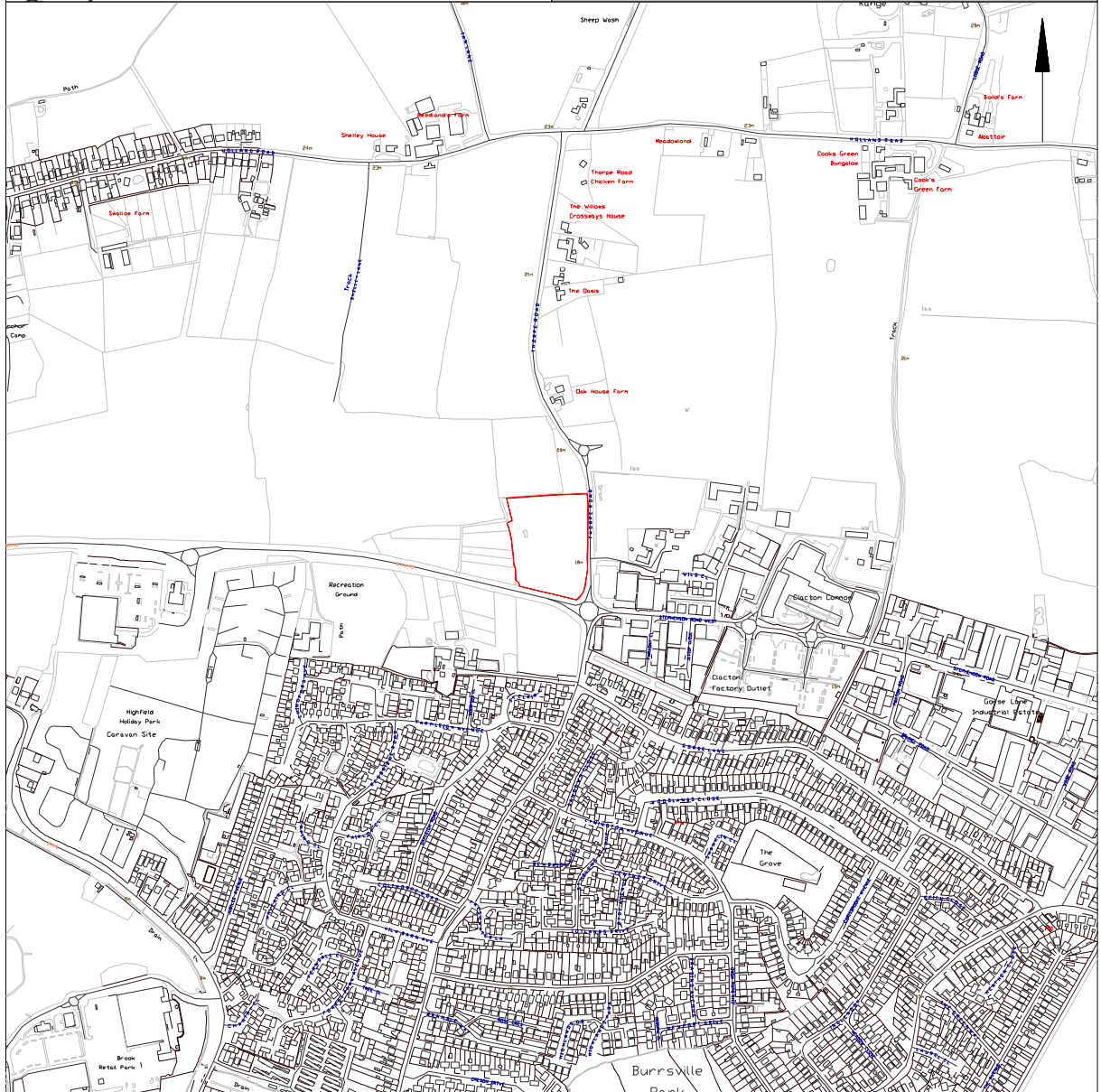
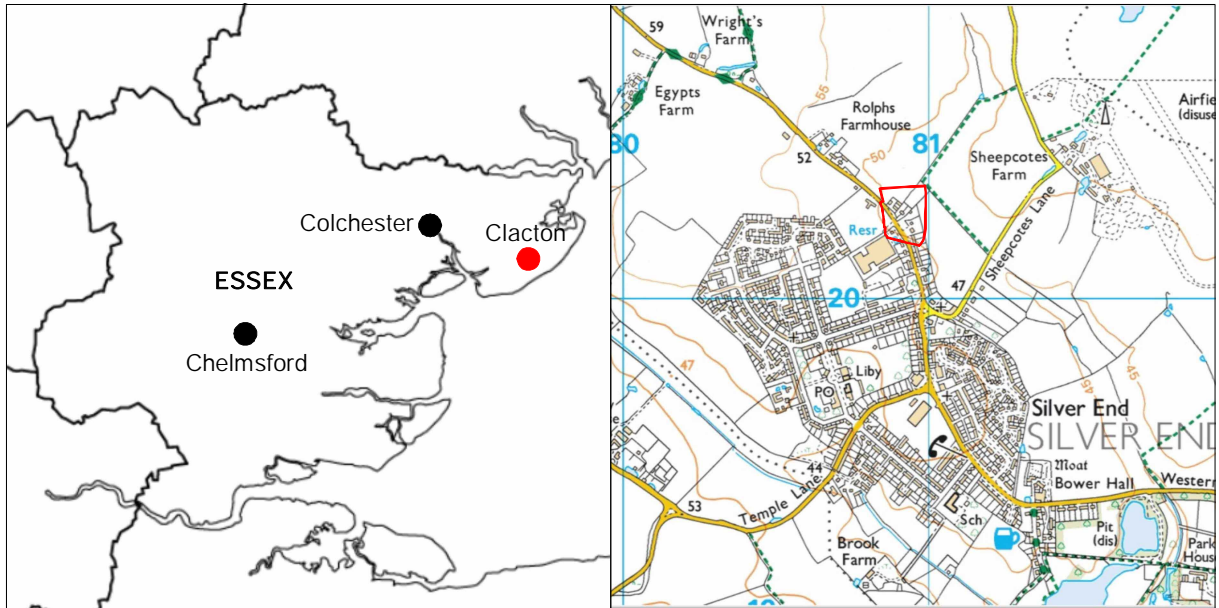


Fig 1 Site location.

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1 Summary

This is a desk-based assessment of the archaeological remains on and around land at the south corner of Foots Farm, Clacton prior to the development of the land as a housing estate (see Plate 1 and Fig 1). The PDS (proposed development site) is an area of roughly 6 acres of scrubland, bordered to the south by Centenary Way and to the east by Thorpe Road. Although presumably historically agricultural, the area appears to have been set aside for at least the last 20 years.

In order to contextualise the PDS from an archaeological and historical perspective, a search of the Essex Historic Environment Record (EHER) was carried out for 1km around the site. The results of this are presented and discussed in sections 4 and 6 of this report.

There are fourteen heritage assets within the search area - three listed farmhouses (1-4), the site of a demolished windmill (5) five areas of known cropmarks (6-11), two areas of field-walking (12-13) and an area of previous archaeological monitoring and excavation (14) following an EDF energy cable route.

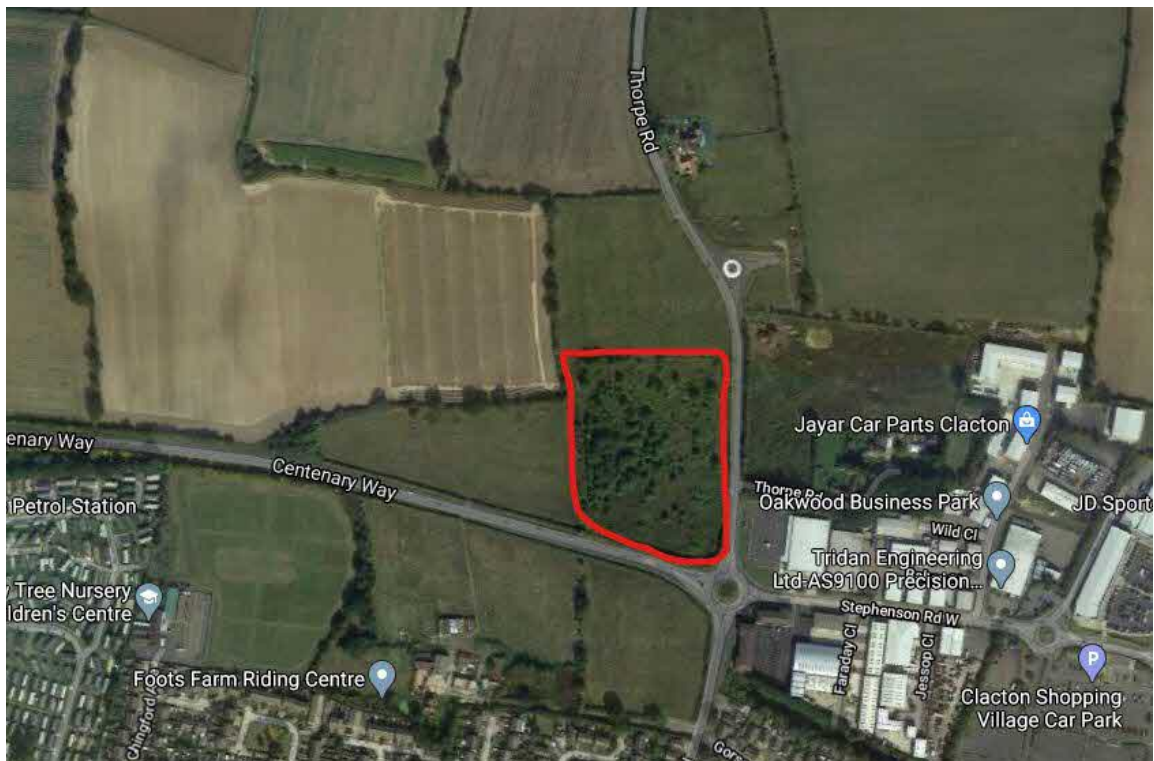


Plate 1: Aerial View of the PDS (outlined in red).

The conclusion of this desk-based assessment is that the proposed development will have no adverse effect on any of the heritage assets discussed in this report. However, it has the potential to significantly affect any below-ground archaeological deposits that may survive

within the PDS. Based on the evidence of cropmarks, previous field-walking surveys and a monitoring and excavation during the installation of EDF cables, it is thought that there is some potential for the survival of medieval remains across the site.

2 Aim

The aim of this desk-based assessment is to establish, as far as is reasonably practicable from the available evidence, what archaeological remains are present within the PDS, and what effect the proposed development will have on them. A search area has been defined as 1km around the PDS, equating to the area circled in green on Figures 1 and 2.

The following sources have been searched for evidence of archaeological sites and finds within the search area:

- The Colchester Archaeological Trust (CAT) archive
- The *Essex Historic Environment Record* (EHER): a computerised list of all recorded events and finds in Essex, including cropmarks.
- *The Heritage Gateway*. This is the portal to a range of heritage-based websites including the *National Monuments Record* (listing archaeological survey and groundwork), and Historic England's schedule of Listed Buildings and Registered Parks and Gardens.
- Historic maps – principally the 1st edition OS (Ordnance Survey) coverage and the 1777 Chapman & André map of Essex.
- The Tendring District Historic Environment Characterisation Report

Using the information from these sources, Figures 1 and 2 have been compiled to show heritage and archaeological sites in relation to the proposed development site. As well as the above sources, the site has been walked over by the author.

3 Historic Environment Character Reports

The PDS and its surrounding landscape are included in the Tendring District Historic Environment Characterisation Report (ECC 2008). It falls within Historic Environment Characterisation Area (HECA) 6 (*Ibid*, 52-54) and, within this, on the border of Historic Environment Characterisation Zones (HECZ) 6.5 and 7.7. The following descriptions are taken directly from the Historic Environment Characterisation Report.

3.1 HECA 6: *South East Tendring Plateau and the Sokens* (ECC 2008, pages 52-54)

Summary: This area comprises the gently undulating rural plateau in the south east of Tendring and includes the section of coastline between Clacton and Frinton. The landscape is characterised by a dispersed historic settlement pattern, although several small villages and greens provide foci, a fieldscape of pre-19th century and later enclosure and a cluster of small ancient woodlands in the north of the area. The valley of the Holland Brook with its enclosed meadows and reclaimed tidal marshes is a significant feature running through the middle of and draining the area, which is likely to contain well preserved palaeoenvironmental deposits. The archaeological record is largely dominated by concentrations of multi-period cropmarks although WWII defensive structures are also a feature due to the short length of coastline.

Historic Landscape Character: This area comprises the gently undulating agricultural plateau in the south east of Tendring, drained by the shallow valley of the Holland Brook with tidal marshes at its mouth. The geology is London Clay overlain by patches of Brickearth and Kesgrave Sands and Gravels. The valley floor is covered by alluvium and is characterised by enclosed meadows alongside the brook, with drained linear reclamation of the tidal marshes and fields of ancient origin on the valley sides and in the southern portion of the area. To the north of the valley, the fieldscape comprises a mixture of fields of ancient origin and later enclosure which has suffered from moderate boundary loss. Small oak and sweet chestnut coppice ancient woodlands survive in the northern western portion of the area on high ground to the north of St Osyth and around Weeley. Settlement in the area was historically polyfocal and dispersed, comprising isolated manors and farms but with foci at Little Clacton, Great Holland, Kirby-le-Soken, Thorpe-le-Soken, Weeley and a number of linear and other greens. Modern ribbon development has occurred along the road leading to Clacton and the roads into Great Holland.

Archaeological Character: Although there are no specific records of Palaeolithic finds from the short section of coast between Holland and Frinton this area along with much of the remaining Tendring coastline has potential for survival of Pleistocene deposits which may contain Palaeolithic material, although here they are likely to be deeply buried by alluvium. The area contains a range of cropmark evidence and there are two prominent areas of cropmarks, one surrounding the village of Tendring and another south of Thorpe-le-Soken. Although a number of these represent modern field boundary loss others

are clearly indicative of surviving earlier deposits. Close to Tendring a group of ring-ditches of probable Bronze Age origin equate closely to others found across the Tendring peninsula. There are also a variety of linear and rectilinear features and excavation on similar sites in adjacent areas has demonstrated that a number of these cropmarks relate to later Iron Age and Romano-British field systems. Deposits relating to Roman settlement have been identified at Thorpe Hall and further may be expected within the area. A saltern has been recorded adjacent to the coast which dates from the Late Iron Age/Roman period, and others may be present in the coastal zone. Although the place names Thorpe-le-Soken and Kirby-le-Soken are Scandinavian in origin and notable within Essex, so far no archaeological evidence of Danish settlement has been found. Other medieval settlements are Tendring and Great Holland and all three may retain archaeological deposits relating to their early development. Thorpe-le-Soken in particular has a wealth of historic buildings. Windmills shown on the Chapman and André map of 1777 at Tendring and Thorpe and a watermill on the Holland Brook may have medieval origins.

Archaeological work on the line of the Clacton-Weeley bypass which examined a significant swathe of landscape probably indicates the kind of archaeological remains likely to be present in many parts of the area. Investigation along the line of the bypass revealed a range of well preserved prehistoric, Roman and later deposits including a medieval moated site at Gutteridge Hall. The alluvium of the marshes and Holland Brook valley is likely to contain well preserved environmental deposits. As with much of the rest of the Tendring coast, this short section was heavily defended during the early stages of WWII. Some pillboxes survive although a number have now been demolished.

3.1.1 HECZ 6.5: Little Clacton area

Summary: This zone comprises the village of Little Clacton and its immediate environs. The geology largely consists of London Clay, overlain with discrete patches of Kesgrave sands and gravels and brickearth. There are also some river terrace deposits in the south-eastern corner of the zone. The zone is drained by Picker's Ditch and the Holland Brook, the latter forms the eastern boundary of the zone. This zone has the potential for Palaeolithic deposits and there are also significant groups of cropmarks dating from the Bronze Age onwards. The historic settlement pattern is highly dispersed.

Historic Landscape Character: This zone comprises a gently undulating agricultural landscape, open in aspect. The fieldscape comprises a mixture of rectilinear fields of ancient origin and former heathlands, most notably Weeley Heath and Chisbon Heath, these were enclosed in the 19th century. There has been some post-1950s boundary loss. The settlement pattern of the zone was historically highly dispersed, comprising a church/hall complex at Little Clacton, a scattering of cottages around the greens and at road junctions and a number of isolated halls and farms. Weeley Hall Wood is one of the finest woods in the district, a sweet chestnut coppice with oak standards, it is an SSSI. There are also a few other smaller areas of ancient woodland. Modern roadside development has

taken place all along the road between Little Clacton and Great Clacton and the heaths have also been largely infilled with housing. There are also a number of caravan and holiday parks. The new A133 cuts this area in half from north-south.

Archaeological Character: The river terrace gravels in the south-eastern corner of this zone derive from a former line of the River Medway, and have the potential to contain Palaeolithic deposits. There are significant groups of cropmarks in this zone, many of these seem to relate to earlier phases of settlement, possibly later prehistoric or Roman, others include ring-ditch cemeteries of possible Bronze Age date, a monument form characteristic of the Tendring peninsula in general. Historic field boundaries of medieval or post-medieval date and a number of moated sites are also visible as cropmarks. There is a likelihood of medieval deposits related to the historically dispersed settlement pattern surviving in this zone. Excavations in advance of the construction of the A133 have confirmed the presence of below-ground archaeological remains dating from the prehistoric period onwards. There are a number of Listed Buildings in the historic core of Little Clacton and many of the farms are also listed.

• Diversity of historic environment assets	Range of multi-period cropmarks, historic settlement pattern, ancient woodland	2
• Survival	Good survival of below ground remains, historic settlement pattern	2
• Documentation	HER data, cartographic, NMP, excavation reports	2
• Group Value Association	Cropmarks, settlement patterns and historic landscape features	2
• Potential	Good potential for below ground archaeological deposits	3
• Sensitivity to change	Sensitive to change due to the significance and nature of the historic settlement pattern	3
• Amenity Value	Cropmarks and settlement pattern could be used in relation to neighbouring zones to elucidate the history of Tendring District.	2

Table 1: Historic Environment Characterisation Zone 6.5 scoring (1 - low: 3 - high)

3.1.2 HECZ 7.7: Clacton North.

Summary: This zone largely comprises post War and later 20th century residential and industrial development built to the north and west of the planned settlement at Clacton on Sea. The underlying geology is river terrace gravels and Head over London Clay. The

zones archaeological resource includes important Palaeolithic deposits, a submerged Neolithic land surface, prehistoric and later cropmark sites and possible medieval and post medieval settlement remains. Most of the zone is in residential use. There are a number of listed buildings of 16th to 19th century date.

Historic Urban Character: This zone comprises post War and later 20th century residential developments built to the north and west of the initial planned 19th century settlement at Clacton on Sea. It incorporates lesser settlements such as Rush Green and Bocking's Elm and includes a pre-war residential development bounded by the railway line to the east and a number of schools and playing fields. There is a large modern satellite industrial and retail estate along the northern fringe of the built up area at Gorse Lane. Otherwise, the zone is largely residential use.

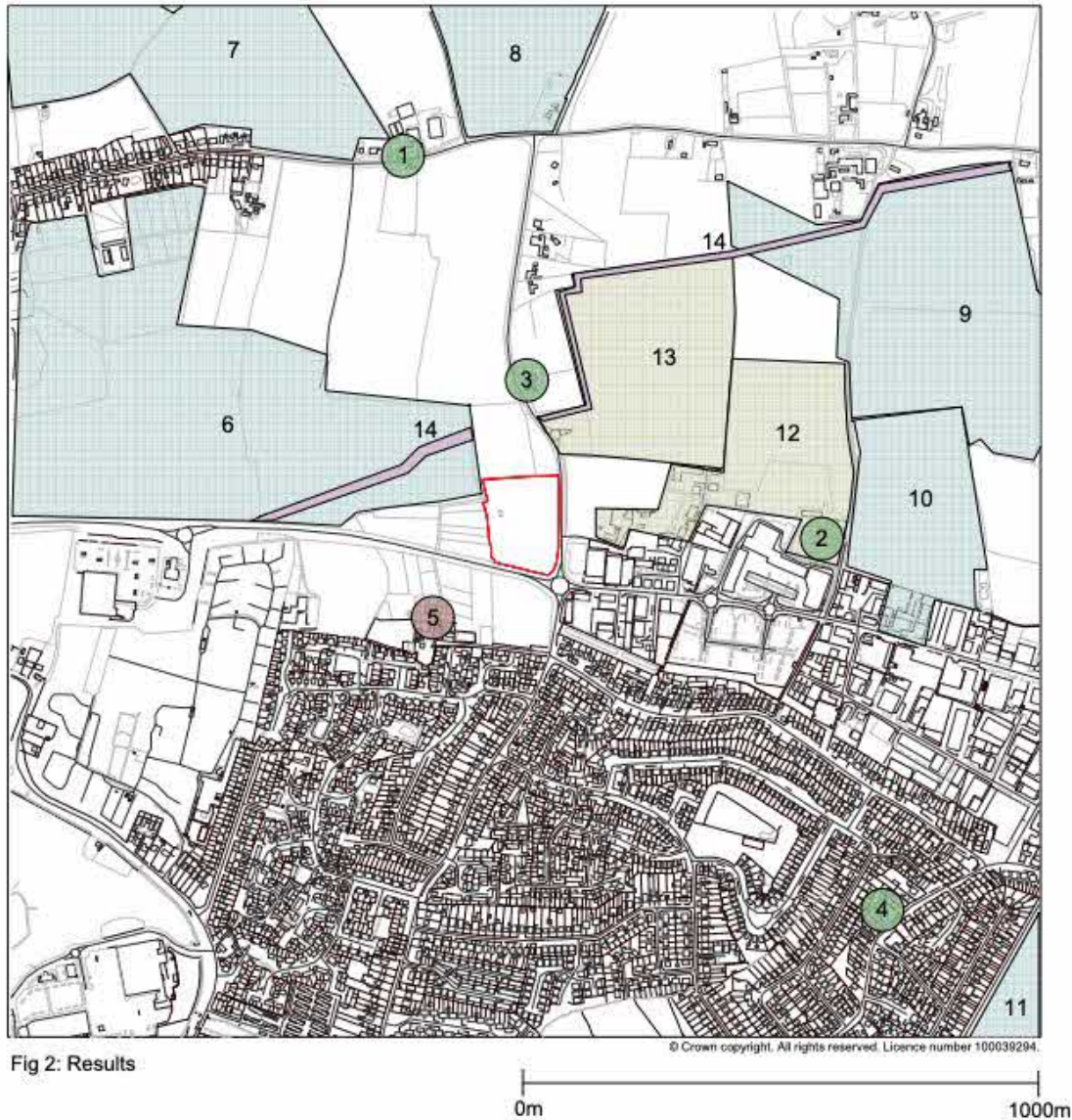
Archaeological Character: The zone is noted for internationally important geoarchaeological deposits associated with ancient courses of the Rivers Thames and Medway that have been identified through various excavations and which contain artefact evidence for the Clactonian Palaeolithic industry. These Clacton Channel deposits were once exposed along cliffs when numerous artefacts, famously including a wooden spear, were found on the foreshore. The cliffs are now concealed by sea defences and deposits are deeply buried. The deposits continue into HECZ 7.6 to the east. Neolithic material has also been found on the foreshore indicating a continuation of the submerged land surface identified to the west at Lion Point (HECZ 7.1). Aerial photographs have revealed cropmarks of ring ditches, pits, linear features and ditched enclosures scattered across the zone. Many of these are within school playing fields but some have been built over. On the western side of the zone, the cropmarks continue into HECZ 7.8. Small scale excavations have indicated a prehistoric origin for at least one of these features. The Chapman and Andre map of 1777 depicts a dispersed settlement pattern within the zone including greens (Rush Green and Coppens Green), isolated farms and halls, and the site of Great Clacton Hall which was part of a medieval church/hall complex that may have had its origins in the Anglo-Saxon period (see also HECZ 7.4) Archaeological remains of green side settlement and other properties depicted on the 1777 Chapman and Andre map, including Great Clacton Hall, may survive although these are likely to have suffered significant disturbance. On the east side of the zone is the extant and listed Cann Hall, which is shown on the 1777 Chapman and Andre map and the 1st edition Ordnance Survey map. At least one post medieval industrial site was located in the zone comprising a brickworks, which continued into HECZ 7.5. During WWII the zone was heavily defended with pill boxes and anti tank obstacles, and there was an ammunition dump next to the station but no remains are known. Martello Bay is the site of a former Butlins Holiday Camp which was closed in 1983 and redeveloped as a housing estate.

• Diversity of historic environment assets	Palaeolithic deposits, Neolithic land surface, cropmark sites, industrial remains, historic buildings	2
• Survival	Good survival of deeply buried Palaeolithic deposits	1
• Documentation	HER data, research projects, historic maps, NMP data	2
• Group Value Association	Palaeolithic artefacts and associated deposits	1
• Potential	Potential for deeply buried Palaeolithic deposits	1
• Sensitivity to change	The historic environment of the zone is able to accommodate medium to large scale change	1
• Amenity Value	Limited potential except in relation to other zones	1

Table 2: Historic Environment Characterisation Zone 7.7 scoring (1 - low: 3 - high)

4 Archaeological sites and heritage assets in the Search Area

There were 12 heritage assets within the 1km search area (see Fig. 2 and Appendix 1 for full HER listings);



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| 1) Reedlands Farmhouse | 8) Cropmarks at Little Clacton |
| 2) Willow Farmhouse | 9) Cropmarks south of Cooks Green |
| 3) Oak House | 10) Cropmarks |
| 4) The Robert Burre | 11) Cropmarks west of Smythie's |
| 5) Site of Windmill at Foot Farm | 12) Fieldwalking Survey |
| 6) Cropmarks west of Oak House Farm | 13) Fieldwalking Survey |
| 7) Cropmarks at Reedlands Farm | 14) EDF Cable Evaluation |

Reedlands Farmhouse (1), Willow Farmhouse (2), Oak House (3) and the Robert Burre (4) are the only listed buildings within a kilometre of the PDS. The oldest of these, Oak House (3), is c. 150m to the north of the PDS. Oak House is a Grade II listed 16th century timber-framed house. Willow Farmhouse (2), c. 500m to the east, is a Grade II listed timber-frame building. Reedlands Farmhouse (1), c. 750m to the north of the PDS, and The Robert Burre (4), c. 750m to the south-east, are both 18th-century timber framed buildings. None of these listed buildings are visible from the PDS. Additionally, documentary evidence suggests that a post-mill stood at, or very close to, Foots Farm (5), though no evidence of this now exists.

Most of the heritage assets in the vicinity of the PDS are sites of known cropmarks (5 - 11), visible on an aerial photograph dating to 1945. Although none of these encroach into the area of the PDS, some have been visible immediately to the west and north-west. These are recorded by the HER as being 'linear features with some pits' (6), and some appear to be recorded on the 1st edition OS map (see Plate 3, below). It seems likely that these continue into the PDS and possible that they represent historic field boundaries. Similar features have also been identified on land to the north-west of Reedlands Farm (7), north-east of Reedlands Farm (8) and west of Smythie's Farm (11). As well as linear features, a small rectangular enclosure is recorded c. 500m to the east of the PDS (10) and immediately to the north of this, south of Cooks Green Farm (9) are cropmarks thought to represent the remains of a field-system as well as four dispersed ring-ditches and part of an oval enclosure, as well as numerous pits.

Archaeological investigations within the search area are limited to two field-walking and geophysical surveys (12 & 13) just to the east and north-east of the PDS and the monitoring and excavation of an EDF energy cable trench (14) which extended for almost 2km to the north of the PDS. The field-walking surveys were undertaken prior to the extension of the Oakwood Business Park. There was an overall low density of finds from the site. Prehistoric activity is attested by the presence of three pieces of possible worked flint and Roman activity by a single sherd of grayware. Medieval activity is relatively better represented by a sherd of 11th -12th century cooking pot, six sherds of medieval pottery and two sherds of 15th - 16th century pottery. Twenty-nine pieces of medieval/post-medieval tile were also found. It seems probable that all the evidence from field-walking is indicative of relatively low-level agricultural activity which increased slightly during the medieval period. Geophysical surveys completed in the same area after field-walking had been completed failed to find evidence of any significant archaeological anomalies.

The monitoring and excavation of the EDF energy cable trench (14) revealed slightly more evidence for the prehistoric and medieval activity around the site. The most important archaeological feature was the site of a small, medieval rectangular structure with a burnt patch which was either a hearth or the base of an oven. It is not clear whether the structure was domestic or agricultural in function, or whether it was permanently. As well as this, an Iron Age ditch and residual fragment of loomweight were found (Whiteman and Brooks 2009).

5 Cartographic evidence relating to the PDS

The PDS is visible on the Chapman and André map of 1777, located half-way up the road that leads north out of “Great Clackton” on the north-west quadrant of the crossroads. Foots Farm can be seen just slightly to the west of the crossroads.

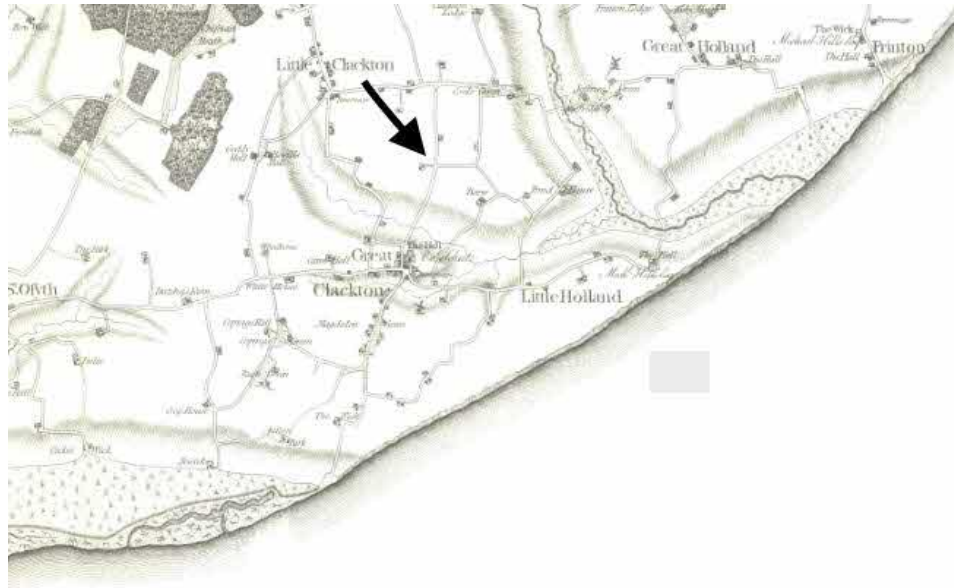


Plate 2: Chapman and André 1777

Early Ordnance Survey maps show the precise location of the PDS. It is clear from these that the site has been undeveloped in modern times.



Plate 3: 1880 OS Map showing PDS (outlined in red), Thorpe Road and Foots Farm.



Plate 4: 1896 OS Map showing PDS (outlined in red), Thorpe Road and Foots Farm.

Plates 5 and 6 are slightly later Ordnance Survey maps and show the gradual urbanisation of the area around the PDS, particularly to the east along what is now Centenary Way.



Plate 5: 1925 Ordnance Survey showing PDS (outlined in red), Thorpe Road and Foots Farm.

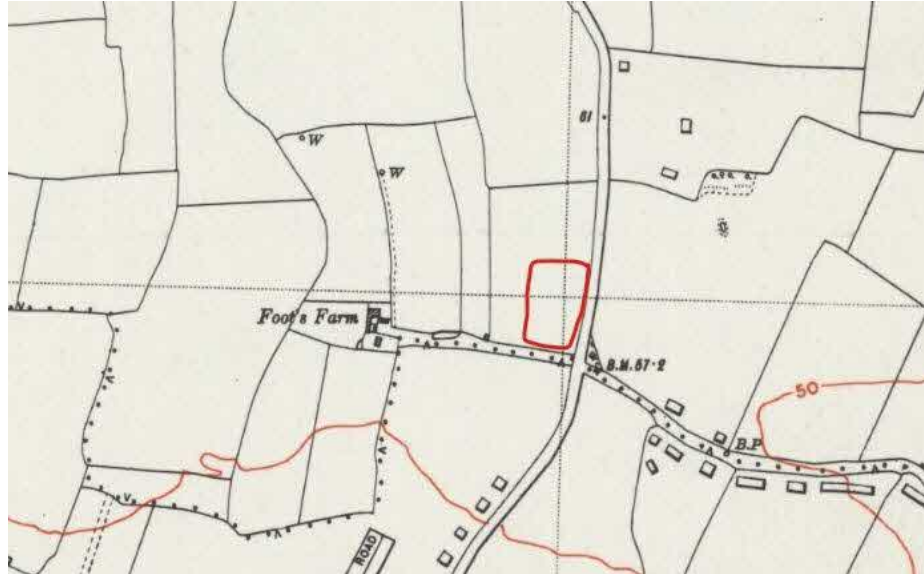


Plate 6: 1946 Ordnance Survey showing PDS (outlined in red), Thorpe Road and Foots Farm

6 The PDS in Photos



Photograph 1: View across the PDS looking north-west



Photograph 2: View across the PDS looking north



Photograph 3: View across the PDS looking south-west

7 Potential Impact of Proposed Development

It is clear that the proposed development will not have any impact on the heritage assets present within the search area, as none encroach into the PDS. However, the proposed development would have a significant impact on any below-ground archaeological remains within the PDS, if there are any. The extensive cropmark evidence for around the site suggests that there is a significant network of historic field boundaries in the area, and together with evidence from field-walking surveys and the monitoring and excavation of an EDF cable trench, it seems likely that this field system is medieval in date. The potential for this medieval archaeological activity to be present within the PDS is relatively high given the location of the PDS directly on a crossroads on Thorpe Road, which is known to have existed since the medieval period. This is exacerbated by the fact that there is likely to have been little to no ground disturbance, except for agricultural activity (though not in recent years when the area seems to have been used as a motorbike track or similar), in the area. This potential is corroborated by the Historic Environment Characterisation Zone descriptions (see section 3) for the area, particularly for ‘Little Clacton.’

Across Thorpe Road, a number of new residential developments have been constructed in the last two years, none of which appear to have had archaeological conditions attached. However, planning permission sought for a large housing development immediately around

the PDS to the north and west was granted with a condition for trial-trenching due to the potential for medieval remains and it seems likely that a similar condition would be required in this instance.

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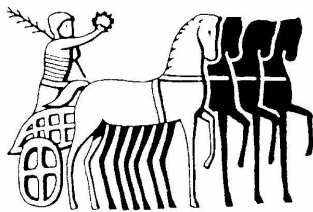
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SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
2973 - MEX10602	West of Smythie's Farm	Monument
Field system, part of which is present on the OS map (1967).		

Monument Types and Dates

LINEAR FEATURE (undetermined, Undated)	
Evidence	CROPMARK
PIT (undetermined, Undated)	
Evidence	CROPMARK
SITE (Undated)	
Evidence	CROPMARK
TRACKWAY (undetermined, Undated)	
Evidence	CROPMARK

Description and Sources

Description

Field system, part of which is present on the OS map (1967). Also double ditched trackway or drainage ditches. One ring and a scatter of pits. <1> - <5>
 Additional features identified by NMP to the east.

Sources

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- (2) RECORD SHEET/FORM: Ordnance Survey. unknown. OS cards. TM11NW16, 1977
- (3) AP: CUCAP. 1972. BJB79, 80, 81. Date 1972:6
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- (7) AP (Digital): Saunders, Helen. 2011. EX11/08/030-035.

Location

National Grid Reference

Centred TM 1927 1701 (1159m by 919m) TM11NE Dispersed

Administrative Areas

Non Parish Area CLACTON-ON-SEA, TENDRING, ESSEX

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Old SMR Number - TM11-093	Active
Sites & Monuments Record - 2973	Active
SHINE Candidate (Possible)	Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Other Land Classes

Landuse	Cultivated land, undetermined
Landuse	Cultivated land, undetermined

SMR Number 2973 - MEX10602 **Site Name** West of Smythie's Farm

Landuse	Garden
Landuse	In use as building
Landuse	Throughfare

Related Monuments - None Recorded

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities - None recorded

Associated Individuals/Organisations

Brown, Nigel - Historic Environment - ECC

Compiler

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
2977 - MEX10618	Bond's Farm	Monument

Cropmarks of Ring ditches, 4 have central pits, a rectangular enclosure and a field system.

Monument Types and Dates

RECTANGULAR ENCLOSURE (undetermined, Undated)
 Evidence CROPMARK
 RING DITCH (undetermined, Undated)
 Evidence CROPMARK
 FIELD BOUNDARY (Early Medieval to Modern - 410 AD to 2050 AD)
 Evidence CROPMARK

Description and Sources

Description

Numerous periglacial features. Ring ditches some of which may be periglacial, 4 have central pits. Rectangular enclosure. <1> - <7>
 Aerial photograph taken July 1993 shows cropmarks of a field system in the south part of this complex. This field system is not aligned with the present one. <8>

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Location

National Grid Reference

Centred TM 1916 1924 (757m by 723m) TM11NE Dispersed

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish LITTLE CLACTON, TENDRING, ESSEX

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations

SHINE	Cropmark of two prehistoric ring-ditches	Active	DEX24012
SHINE	Cropmark of an undated enclosure	Active	DEX24013

Other Statuses and Cross-References

SHINE Candidate (Yes)	Active
SHINE Candidate (Yes)	Active
Sites & Monuments Record - 2977	Active
Old SMR Number - TM11-097	Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Other Land Classes

SMR Number 2977 - MEX10618 **Site Name** Bond's Farm

Landuse	Cultivated land, undetermined
Landuse	Cultivated land, undetermined
Landuse	Garden
Landuse	In use as building
Landuse	Throughfare

Related Monuments - None Recorded

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities - None recorded

Associated Individuals/Organisations

Brown, Nigel - Historic Environment - ECC

Compiler

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
2979 - MEX10628	North of Burrsville Park	Monument

Double ditched trackways, pits, ring ditches.

Monument Types and Dates

PIT (undetermined, Undated)
Evidence CROPMARK
RING DITCH (undetermined, Undated)
Evidence CROPMARK
SITE (Undated)
Evidence CROPMARK

Description and Sources

Description

Double ditched trackways, pits, ring ditches. <1> - <8> photo ref <9>.
Cropmarks of extensive geology which could be masking some archaeological features including a possible enclosure.

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 - (12) AP (Digital): Saunders, Helen. 2011. EX11/08/036-041.
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Location

National Grid Reference

Centred TM 1930 1803 (934m by 850m) TM11NE Dispersed

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish LITTLE CLACTON, TENDRING, ESSEX

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations

SHINE	Cropmark of two undated enclosures truncated by railway	Active	DEX24014
SHINE	Cropmark of isolated ring ditch which probably represents a Bronze Age Round barrow	Active	DEX25471

Other Statuses and Cross-References

SHINE Candidate (Yes)	Active
Sites & Monuments Record - 2979	Active
Old SMR Number - TM11-099	Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Other Land Classes

Landuse	Cultivated land, undetermined
Landuse	Cultivated land, undetermined
Landuse	Garden
Landuse	In use as building
Landuse	Throughfare

Related Monuments - None Recorded

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities - None recorded

Associated Individuals/Organisations

Brown, Nigel - Historic Environment - ECC	Compiler
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SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
2980 - MEX10636	South of Cook's Green Farm	Monument

Linear features-possible remains of a field system.

Monument Types and Dates

LINEAR FEATURE (undetermined, Undated)
Evidence CROPMARK

OVAL ENCLOSURE (undetermined, Undated)
Evidence CROPMARK

RECTANGULAR ENCLOSURE (undetermined, Undated)
Evidence CROPMARK

RING DITCH (undetermined, Undated)
Evidence CROPMARK

SITE (Undated)
Evidence CROPMARK

Description and Sources

Description

Linear features-possible remains of a field system. Four dispersed ring ditches, part of an oval enclosure and to the SW part of a rectangular enclosure. <1> - <7>. Extensive pits are also visible <8>.

Sources

- (1) DESC TEXT: unknown. 1960 Onwards. SMR form unknown.
 - (2) AP: NMR. 1974. TM1818-1-279, 281. Date 1974:6
 - (3) AP: NMR. 1974. TM1819-1-275. Date 1974:6
 - (4) AP: NMR. 1976. TM1918-2-311. Date 1976:6
 - (5) AP: NMR. 1976. TM1818-2-312. Date 1976:6
 - (6) AP: NMR. 1976. TM1919-2-315. Date 1976:6
 - (7) AP: Hunting Surveys Limited. 1960. Essex 6011-18-1045.
 - (8) Map: Ingle, CJ, Strachan, D, Tyler, S and Saunders, H. 1993-2017. NMP Cropmark Plot - 1:10,000.
 - (9) AP (Digital): Saunders, Helen. 2013. EX13/08/290-297.
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Location

National Grid Reference

Centred TM 1885 1858 (978m by 574m) TM11NE Dispersed

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish LITTLE CLACTON, TENDRING, ESSEX

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 2980	Active
SHINE Candidate (Probable)	Active
Old SMR Number - TM11-100	Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Other Land Classes

SMR Number 2980 - MEX10636 **Site Name** South of Cook's Green Farm

Landuse	Cultivated land, undetermined
Landuse	Cultivated land, undetermined
Landuse	In use as building
Landuse	Throughfare

Related Monuments - None Recorded

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities - None recorded

Associated Individuals/Organisations

Brown, Nigel - Historic Environment - ECC

Compiler

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
3659 - MEX13290	Reedlands Farm	Monument

Cropmarks of ditches and pits.

Monument Types and Dates

PIT (undetermined, Undated)
Evidence CROPMARK
SITE (Undated)
Evidence CROPMARK

Description and Sources

Description

Cropmarks of ditches and pits. <1> <2> <3>

Sources

- (1) DESC TEXT: Tyler, Sue. 1984. SMR.
 - (2) AP: NMR. 1979. TM1719-1-129. Date 1979:9
 - (3) Map: Ingle, CJ, Strachan, D, Tyler, S and Saunders, H. 1993-2017. NMP Cropmark Plot - 1:10,000.
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Location

National Grid Reference

Centred TM 1724 1913 (935m by 501m) TM11NE Dispersed

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish LITTLE CLACTON, TENDRING, ESSEX

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 3659	Active
Old SMR Number - TM11-140	Active
SHINE Candidate (Possible)	Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Other Land Classes

Landuse	Cultivated land, undetermined
Landuse	Cultivated land, undetermined
Landuse	Garden
Landuse	In use as building
Landuse	Throughfare

Related Monuments - None Recorded

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities - None recorded

Associated Individuals/Organisations

Tyler, SA - Historic Environment - ECC	Compiler
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SMR Number 34705 - MEX10101 **Site Name** The Robert Burre

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
34705 - MEX1010107	The Robert Burre	Listed Building

C18 and C19 timber framed house, now a hotel.

Monument Types and Dates

TIMBER FRAMED HOUSE (C18, Post Medieval - 1700 AD to 1799 AD)
Main Building Material TIMBER

Description and Sources

Description

C18 and C19 timber framed house, now a hotel.

Sources - None recorded

Location

National Grid Reference

TM 1867 1742 (point) TM11NE Point

Administrative Areas

Non Parish Area CLACTON-ON-SEA, TENDRING, ESSEX

Address/Historic Names

Burr's Farmhouse

BURR'S ROAD

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations

Listed Building (EH) (II) - 1337124	THE ROBERT BURRE	Active	DEX21924
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Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 34705	Active
Historic Buildings Key - 10107	Active
SHINE Candidate (Possible)	Active
Listed Building - 7/2	Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments - None Recorded

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities - None recorded

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 34709 - MEX10101 **Site Name** Willow Farmhouse

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
34709 - MEX1010111	Willow Farmhouse	Listed Building

C17 or earlier timber framed house.

Monument Types and Dates

TIMBER FRAMED HOUSE (C17, Post Medieval - 1600 AD to 1699 AD)
Main Building TIMBER
Material

Description and Sources

Description

C17 or earlier timber framed house.

Sources

Photograph: unknown. 1970-1993 c.. ECC Historic Buildings Photo Print Archive. 1 frame, 7/1987

Location

National Grid Reference

TM 1854 1814 (point) TM11NE Point

Administrative Areas

Non Parish Area CLACTON-ON-SEA, TENDRING, ESSEX

Address/Historic Names

OFF GORSE LANE

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations

Listed Building (EH) (II) - 1111551	WILLOW FARMHOUSE	Active	DEX21188
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Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 34709	Active
Historic Buildings Key - 10111	Active
SHINE Candidate (Possible)	Active
Listed Building - 7/6	Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments - None Recorded

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities - None recorded

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 16988 - MEX10310 **Site Name** West of Oak House Farm

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
16988 - MEX1031010	West of Oak House Farm	Monument

Cropmarks of linear features and possible pits (on NMP at low validity).

Monument Types and Dates

LINEAR FEATURE (undetermined, Undated)

PIT? (undetermined, Undated)

FIELD BOUNDARY (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)

Evidence CROPMARK

Description and Sources

Description

Cropmarks of linear features and possible pits (on NMP at low validity).<1>

Sources

- (1) Map: Ingle, CJ, Strachan, D, Tyler, S and Saunders, H. 1993-2017. NMP Cropmark Plot - 1:10,000. TM11NE
 - (2) AP: NMR. 1976. TM1718-1-290.
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Location

National Grid Reference

Centred TM 1736 1849 (1050m by 675m) TM11NE Dispersed

Administrative Areas

Non Parish Area CLACTON-ON-SEA, TENDRING, ESSEX

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

SHINE Candidate (Possible) Active

Sites & Monuments Record - 16988 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments - None Recorded

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities - None recorded

Associated Individuals/Organisations

Ingle, Caroline - Historic Environment - ECC Compiler

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
17722 - MEX1031013	Little Clacton and Weeley Heath Bypass	Monument

Fieldwalking along the proposed route of the bypass see individual site numbers for details.

Monument Types and Dates

Description and Sources

Description

Only 20% of the route was not walked due to access problems and the ground conditions not being appropriate. The survey showed that there was a general scatter of finds spanning the whole Prehistoric to Post medieval date range, over almost all the bypass route. <1>

See cross referenced sites for additional information. Nos 3039;3040;14096;14097;16175;3135;2883;14130;16994;16990

Sources

- DESC TEXT: Atkinson, M and Wallis, S. 1990. Little Clacton and Weeley Bypasss Fieldwalking Survey.
(1) DESC TEXT: Atkinson, M and Wallis, S. 1990. Little Clacton and Weeley Bypasss Fieldwalking Survey.
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Location

National Grid Reference

Centred TM 1537 1947 (3512m by 6061m) TM11NE Dispersed

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish LITTLE CLACTON, TENDRING, ESSEX
Civil Parish WEELEY, TENDRING, ESSEX
Non Parish Area CLACTON-ON-SEA, TENDRING, ESSEX

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

SHINE Candidate (Unlikely) Active
Sites & Monuments Record - 17722 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments - None Recorded

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

EEX52316 Little Clacton and Weeley Bypass (Field Survey. Ref: ?)

Associated Individuals/Organisations

Gale, SR - Historic Environment - ECC Compiler

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
16987 - MEX1031366	Little Clacton	Monument

Cropmarks of field boundaries

Monument Types and Dates

FIELD BOUNDARY (undetermined, Undated)
SITE (Undated)
Evidence CROPMARK

Description and Sources

Description

Cropmarks of field boundaries. <1> <2>

Sources

- (1) Map: Ingle, C.J, Strachan, D, Tyler, S and Saunders, H. 1993-2017. NMP Cropmark Plot - 1:10,000. TM11NE
 - (2) AP: Ordnance Survey. 1967. OS-67-067-37.
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Location

National Grid Reference

Centred TM 179 192 (508m by 613m) TM11NE Dispersed

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish LITTLE CLACTON, TENDRING, ESSEX

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 16987	Active
SHINE Candidate (Possible)	Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments - None Recorded

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities - None recorded

Associated Individuals/Organisations

Ingle, C - Historic Environment - ECC	Compiler
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SMR Number 16989 - MEX10313 **Site Name** Clacton on Sea

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
16989 - MEX1031368	Clacton on Sea	Monument

Cropmarks of possible linear feature

Monument Types and Dates

LINEAR FEATURE (undetermined, Undated)
SITE (Undated)
Evidence CROPMARK
FIELD BOUNDARY (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)
Evidence CROPMARK

Description and Sources

Description

Cropmarks of possible linear feature and small rectangular enclosure <1> <3>

Sources

- (1) Map: Ingle, CJ, Strachan, D, Tyler, S and Saunders, H. 1993-2017. NMP Cropmark Plot - 1:10,000. TM11NE
 - (2) AP: NMR. 1980. TM1818-7-117.
 - (3) AP: NMR. 1980. TM1818-14-122.
 - (4) AP (Digital): Saunders, Helen. 2013. EX13/08/290-297.
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Location

National Grid Reference

Centred TM 1873 1816 (294m by 445m) TM11NE Dispersed

Administrative Areas

Non Parish Area CLACTON-ON-SEA, TENDRING, ESSEX

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

SHINE Candidate (Possible)	Active
Sites & Monuments Record - 16989	Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments - None Recorded

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities - None recorded

Associated Individuals/Organisations

Ingle, C - Historic Environment - ECC	Compiler
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SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
18342 - MEX1034363	Extension to Oakwood Business Park	Find Spot

Fieldwalking and Geophysical Survey found only a single sherd of Roman greyware.

Monument Types and Dates

FINDSPOT (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)

Evidence	FIND
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Description and Sources

Description

There was an overall low density of finds from the site. A single sherd of probable Roman greyware was found (to the east of the well) as well as later pottery.

The finds are probably a result of agricultural practice rather than settlement.

A geophysical survey also failed to find evidence of significant archaeological anomalies. <1> <2>
AP ref <3>.

The cropmarks show former field boundaries visible on 1st edition OS mapping <4-5>, as well as other possible cropmark anomalies. These anomalies are difficult to distinguish and have therefore not been mapped as part of the NMP, although further reconnaissance may show that they are archaeological in origin.

Sources

- (1) DESC TEXT: Lindsey Archaeological Services. 1997. Clacton-on-Sea, Essex: Extension to Oakwood Business Park - Archaeological Desk Based Assessment.
- (2) DESC TEXT: Lindsey Archaeological Services. 1998. Clacton-on-Sea, Essex: Extension to Oakwood Business Park-Archaeological Fieldwalking Survey.
- (3) AP: Saunders, Helen. 2006. CP/06/11/08 - 11. 4 frames, 18/7/2006
- (4) Map: Ingle, CJ, Strachan, D, Tyler, S and Saunders, H. 1993-2017. NMP Cropmark Plot - 1:10,000.
- (5) Map: Ordnance Survey. 1872-1890. 1st Edition OS 6 inch map.

Location

National Grid Reference

Centred TM 182 184 (494m by 414m) TM11NE Dispersed

Administrative Areas

Non Parish Area CLACTON-ON-SEA, TENDRING, ESSEX

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 18342 Active

SHINE Candidate (Unlikely) Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

18343	Extension to Oakwood Business Park	All Groups
18344	Extension to Oakwood Business Park	All Groups
18345	Extension to Oakwood Business Park	All Groups

Associated Finds

FEX17639	VESSEL (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)	POTTERY
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SMR Number 18342 - MEX10343 **Site Name** Extension to Oakwood Business Park

Associated Events/Activities

EEX53337 Extension to Oakwood Business Park (Field Survey. Ref: COB98)

Associated Individuals/Organisations

Gale, SR - Historic Environment - ECC

Compiler

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
18343 - MEX1034364	Extension to Oakwood Business Park	Find Spot

Medieval finds found during fieldwalking.

Monument Types and Dates

FINDSPOT (Medieval to Post Medieval - 1066 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence	FIND
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Description and Sources

Description

There was an overall low density of finds from the site. A single sherd of C11-C12 handmade cooking pot, six sherds of medieval pottery and two sherds of C15-C16 pottery. Twenty-nine pieces of medieval/late medieval tile were found.

The finds are probably a result of agricultural practice rather than settlement.

A geophysical survey also failed to find evidence of significant archaeological anomalies.<1> <2>

Sources

- (1) DESC TEXT: Lindsey Archaeological Services. 1997. Clacton-on-Sea, Essex: Extension to Oakwood Business Park - Archaeological Desk Based Assessment.
- (2) DESC TEXT: Lindsey Archaeological Services. 1998. Clacton-on-Sea, Essex: Extension to Oakwood Business Park-Archaeological Fieldwalking Survey.

Location

National Grid Reference

Centred TM 182 184 (494m by 414m) TM11NE Dispersed

Administrative Areas

Non Parish Area CLACTON-ON-SEA, TENDRING, ESSEX

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

SHINE Candidate (Unlikely)	Active
Sites & Monuments Record - 18343	Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

18342	Extension to Oakwood Business Park	All Groups
18344	Extension to Oakwood Business Park	All Groups
18345	Extension to Oakwood Business Park	All Groups

Associated Finds

FEX17640	VESSEL (Early Medieval to Medieval - 1000 AD to 1200 AD)	POTTERY
FEX17641	VESSEL (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)	POTTERY
FEX17642	TILE (Medieval to Post Medieval - 1066 AD to 1900 AD)	CLAY

Associated Events/Activities

EEX53337 Extension to Oakwood Business Park (Field Survey. Ref: COB98)

Associated Individuals/Organisations

SMR Number 18343 - MEX10343 **Site Name** Extension to Oakwood Business Park

Gale, SR - Historic Environment - ECC

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SMR Number 18344 - MEX10343 **Site Name** Extension to Oakwood Business Park

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
18344 - MEX1034365	Extension to Oakwood Business Park	Find Spot

Three pieces of possible worked flint

Monument Types and Dates

FINDSPOT (Lower Palaeolithic to Late Bronze Age - 500000 BC to 701 BC)

Evidence	FIND
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Description and Sources

Description

There was an overall low density of finds from the site. Three pieces of possible worked flint were found as well as some later pottery.

A geophysical survey also failed to find evidence of significant archaeological anomalies. <1> <2>

Sources

- (1) DESC TEXT: Lindsey Archaeological Services. 1997. Clacton-on-Sea, Essex: Extension to Oakwood Business Park - Archaeological Desk Based Assessment.
 - (2) DESC TEXT: Lindsey Archaeological Services. 1998. Clacton-on-Sea, Essex: Extension to Oakwood Business Park-Archaeological Fieldwalking Survey.
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Location

National Grid Reference

Centred TM 182 184 (494m by 414m) TM11NE Dispersed

Administrative Areas

Non Parish Area CLACTON-ON-SEA, TENDRING, ESSEX

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

SHINE Candidate (Unlikely)	Active
Sites & Monuments Record - 18344	Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

18342	Extension to Oakwood Business Park	All Groups
18343	Extension to Oakwood Business Park	All Groups
18345	Extension to Oakwood Business Park	All Groups

Associated Finds

FEX17643	LITHIC IMPLEMENT (Lower Palaeolithic to Late Bronze Age - 500000 BC to 701 BC)	FLINT
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Associated Events/Activities

EEX53337 Extension to Oakwood Business Park (Field Survey. Ref: COB98)

Associated Individuals/Organisations

Gale, SR - Historic Environment - ECC	Compiler
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SMR Number 18345 - MEX10343 **Site Name** Extension to Oakwood Business Park

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
18345 - MEX1034366	Extension to Oakwood Business Park	Find Spot

The site produced very few finds from fieldwalking.

Monument Types and Dates

FINDSPOT (Undated)

Evidence	FIND
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Description and Sources

Description

An overall low density of finds from the site. The finds are probably a result of agricultural practice rather than settlement. A geophysical survey also failed to find evidence of significant archaeological anomalies. <1> <2>

Sources

- (1) DESC TEXT: Lindsey Archaeological Services. 1997. Clacton-on-Sea, Essex: Extension to Oakwood Business Park - Archaeological Desk Based Assessment.
 - (2) DESC TEXT: Lindsey Archaeological Services. 1998. Clacton-on-Sea, Essex: Extension to Oakwood Business Park-Archaeological Fieldwalking Survey.
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Location

National Grid Reference

Centred TM 183 183 (508m by 421m) TM11NE Dispersed

Administrative Areas

Non Parish Area CLACTON-ON-SEA, TENDRING, ESSEX

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

SHINE Candidate (Unlikely)	Active
Sites & Monuments Record - 18345	Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

18342	Extension to Oakwood Business Park	All Groups
18343	Extension to Oakwood Business Park	All Groups
18344	Extension to Oakwood Business Park	All Groups

Associated Finds

FEX19847 WORKED OBJECT

Associated Events/Activities

EEX53337 Extension to Oakwood Business Park (Field Survey. Ref: COB98)

Associated Individuals/Organisations

Gale, SR - Historic Environment - ECC	Compiler
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SMR Number 47187 - MEX10400 **Site Name** EDF Energy Networks cable route, Little Clacton

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
47187 - MEX1040021	EDF Energy Networks cable route, Little Clacton	Monument

Iron Age ditch and loomweight fragment found.

Monument Types and Dates

DITCH (Iron Age - 700 BC to 42 AD)

Evidence SUB SURFACE DEPOSIT

Description and Sources

Description

There is generally good potential for prehistoric remains from the Neolithic to Roman. <1>

Evidence for prehistoric occupation consisted of an Iron Age ditch, and a residual Iron Age loomweight fragment. There were no Romano-British finds. <2>

Sources

- (1) DESC TEXT: O'Gorman, Laura. 2009. Proposed EDF Cable Route, Clacton Archaeological Desk Based Assessment.
 - (2) DESC TEXT: Wightman, Adam and Brooks, Howard. 2009. Archaeological monitoring and excavation on the EDF Energy Networks Cable Route, Little Clacton, Essex.
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Location

National Grid Reference

Centred TM 1828 1855 (1616m by 753m) TM11NE Dispersed

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish LITTLE CLACTON, TENDRING, ESSEX
Non Parish Area CLACTON-ON-SEA, TENDRING, ESSEX

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

SHINE Candidate (Possible) Active
Sites & Monuments Record - 47187 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments - None Recorded

Associated Finds

FEX20912 LOOMWEIGHT (Iron Age - 700 BC to 42 AD) CLAY

Associated Events/Activities

EEX55715 Clacton 11KV Reinforcement - EDF Energy (Heritage Assessment. Ref: ?)
EEX55713 EDF Energy Networks cable route, Little Clacton (Archaeological Intervention. Ref: CAT 532)

Associated Individuals/Organisations

Gale, SR - Historic Environment - ECC Compiler

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
47188 - MEX1040022	EDF Energy Networks cable route, Little Clacton	Monument

A small rectangular structure with a burnt patch which was either a hearth or the base of an oven.

Monument Types and Dates

DITCH (Undated)

Evidence SUB SURFACE DEPOSIT

GULLY (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)

Evidence SUB SURFACE DEPOSIT

HEARTH (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)

Evidence SUB SURFACE DEPOSIT

OVEN (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)

Evidence SUB SURFACE DEPOSIT

STRUCTURE (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)

Evidence DEMOLISHED BUILDING

DITCH (Post Medieval - 1540 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence SUB SURFACE DEPOSIT

Description and Sources

Description

Where the cable route follows the line of existing roads there is, in places, potential for the buried remains of houses and farm buildings shown on historic maps from the late 18th century. There is a low potential for medieval remains, possibly other than trackways and field ditches, although medieval pottery has been found in the vicinity of the northern section of the route. <1>

The most important archaeological feature was the site of a small, medieval rectangular structure with a burnt patch which was either a hearth or the base of an oven. It is not clear whether the structure was domestic or agricultural in function, or whether it was permanently <2>

Sources

- (1) DESC TEXT: O'Gorman, Laura. 2009. Proposed EDF Cable Route, Clacton Archaeological Desk Based Assessment.
 - (2) DESC TEXT: Wightman, Adam and Brooks, Howard. 2009. Archaeological monitoring and excavation on the EDF Energy Networks Cable Route, Little Clacton, Essex.
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Location

National Grid Reference

Centred TM 1828 1855 (1616m by 753m) TM11NE Dispersed

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish LITTLE CLACTON, TENDRING, ESSEX
Non Parish Area CLACTON-ON-SEA, TENDRING, ESSEX

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

SHINE Candidate (Possible)	Active
Sites & Monuments Record - 47188	Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments - None Recorded

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

EEX55715 Clacton 11KV Reinforcement - EDF Energy (Heritage Assessment. Ref: ?)

EEX55713 EDF Energy Networks cable route, Little Clacton (Archaeological Intervention. Ref: CAT 532)

Associated Individuals/Organisations

Gale, SR - Historic Environment - ECC

Compiler

Colchester Archaeological Trust

Excavator

SMR Number 47548 - MEX10405 **Site Name** Windmill Site at Foot's Farm Little Clacton, demolished

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
47548 - MEX1040578	Windmill Site at Foot's Farm Little Clacton, demolished	Monument

Windmill

Monument Types and Dates

POST MILL (Post Medieval - 1540 AD to 1900 AD)
Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

Description and Sources

Description

Post Mill, believed to have stood at or very close to Foots Farm, formerly in Little Clacton, one mile north of Great Clacton church and on the west side of Thorpe Road. <1> Said to have been moved from HER2847.

Sources

(1) DESC TEXT: Farries, K. 1981-1988. Essex Windmills, Millers and Millwrights, Volumes 1 to 5.

Location

National Grid Reference

TM 178 180 (point) TM11NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish LITTLE CLACTON, TENDRING, ESSEX

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

SHINE Candidate (Possible)	Active
Sites & Monuments Record - 47548	Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

2847	Within Clacton-on-Sea	All Groups
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Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities - None recorded

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 50944 - MEX10426 **Site Name** A Portable Antiquities Scheme findspot of unknown date.

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
50944 - MEX1042635	A Portable Antiquities Scheme findspot of unknown date.	Portable Antiquities Scheme

A Portable Antiquities Scheme findspot of unknown date.

Monument Types and Dates

FINDSPOT (Unknown date)

Description and Sources

Description

A Portable Antiquities Scheme findspot of unknown date.

Sources

Digital archive: Portable Antiquities Scheme. 2003. Portable Antiquities Scheme Database. ESS-C13B97

Location

National Grid Reference

Not displayed TM11NE

Administrative Areas - None recorded

Address/Historic Names

Tendring District Area

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References - None recorded

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments - None Recorded

Associated Finds

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Associated Events/Activities - None recorded

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
48658 - MEX1049125	Former Gunfleet Estuary	Landscape

Site of the former Gunfleet estuary, used as a port and haven in the medieval period, gradually silted up in the post-medieval period

Monument Types and Dates

NATURAL FEATURE (Early Mesolithic to Post Medieval - 10000 BC to 1760 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

Former site of the Gunfleet Estuary on the Tendring peninsula between Frinton and Clacton. The current area of low, flat, marshy land formed the estuary of Holland River (or Brook) which was known as the Gunfleet estuary in the medieval and Tudor periods. The estuary extended between the modern outer limits of Frinton and Clacton, it narrowed as it stretched inland, but it probably extended well beyond Fan bridge on the road between Great Holland Common and Cooks Green in Little Clacton, and may have been tidal as far as Weeley. In the past small boats may have been able to venture as far upstream as Thorpe-le-Soken. Fan bridge itself was first recorded in 1509 and in the Middle Ages the original crossing point there may have been by a ford or by boat. On both sides of the estuary there were probably once larger headlands at Little Holland and Frinton, but there has been considerable coastal erosion since the Middle Ages and the coastline has receded shrinking the area of the former estuary at its mouth.

Documents and maps from the 16th century describe the Gunfleet estuary as a 'haven', implying its use for shipping. The channel between the coast and the Gunfleet Sands also provided a safe anchorage for larger ships, including the opposing British and Dutch fleets during the Dutch Wars of the later 17th century. Within the estuary a number of landing-places have been identified, these were linked by lanes to the farms and villages on the higher land. Although the estuary continued to be marked on coastal maps and sea charts in to the 17th and 18th centuries, several natural processes had reduced its scale. Silt carried down by the Holland River probably contributed to the growth of marshland, while the estuary's opening to the sea may have been affected by erosion and long-shore drift. Around the later 17th century it was decided to reclaim the estuary by constructing a sea wall across its mouth, with a sluice provided to allow the river water to drain away to sea. The intention was to prevent salt water entering the marshes and thus improve their agricultural potential and value. A body of local landowners known as the Tendring Level Commissioners had responsibility to build and maintain the wall. By the 1760s the land was sufficiently drained to allow a new road link to cross the former estuary from Holland on Sea to Great Holland (the present B1032).

Research and survey undertaken by the Clacton VCH with the support of Chris Thornton 2014-15. <1>

Sources

- (1) MISCELLANEOUS MATERIAL: Clacton VCH Group. 2015. Research project on the Gunfleet Estuary.

Location

National Grid Reference

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Administrative Areas

Civil Parish	FRINTON AND WALTON, TENDRING, ESSEX
Civil Parish	LITTLE CLACTON, TENDRING, ESSEX
Civil Parish	THORPE-LE-SOKEN, TENDRING, ESSEX
Civil Parish	WEELEY, TENDRING, ESSEX
Non Parish Area	CLACTON-ON-SEA, TENDRING, ESSEX

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 48658 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

48659	Landing-place on the Gunfleet Estuary, from Park Lane, Frinton	Geographical
48660	Landing-place from Wood Lane, Little Clacton	Geographical
48665	Landing place at Pond House, Clacton-on-Sea	Geographical
48666	Landing place for Lower Farm, Gunfleet Estuary	Geographical
48667	Landing-place on the Gunfleet Estuary	Geographical
48668	Landing place, Great Holland Hall, Gunfleet Estuary	Geographical
48669	Landing place at Lower Barn, Gunfleet Estuary	Geographical
48670	Mound north of Fan Bridge, Holland Brook, Clacton	Geographical
48671	Mr Barton's Pans, Gunfleet Estuary	Geographical
48673	Rice Bridge, Little Clacton / Thorpe-le-Soken	Geographical
48674	Fan Bridge, Holland Brook	Geographical
48675	Holland Bridge, Holland Brook	Geographical

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities - None recorded

Associated Individuals/Organisations

Medlycott, M - Historic Environment - ECC

Compiler

Essex Historic Environment Event/Activity Full Report

16/03/2020

Number of records: 3

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
EEX55715	Clacton 11KV Reinforcement - EDF Energy	Heritage Assessment

External Reference: ?

Dates: 01/03/2009 - 31/03/2009

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Heritage Assessment/desk based assessment

Thesaurus Event Types

DESK BASED ASSESSMENT

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation:

Museum of London Archaeology Service

Associated Individuals

Gale, SR - Historic Environment - ECC Compiler

Associated Organisations

Colchester Archaeological Trust Excavator

Location

Grid Reference

TM 182 185 (point) TM11NE

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish LITTLE CLACTON, TENDRING, ESSEX
Non Parish Area CLACTON-ON-SEA, TENDRING, ESSEX

Address - None recorded

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources

(1) DESC TEXT: O'Gorman, Laura. 2009. Proposed EDF Cable Route, Clacton Archaeological Desk Based Assessment.

Associated Monuments

47187 EDF Energy Networks cable route, Little Clacton (Monument 47187)

47188 EDF Energy Networks cable route, Little Clacton (Monument 47188)

Event ID: EEX55713 **Name:** EDF Energy Networks cable route, Little Clacton

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
EEX55713	EDF Energy Networks cable route, Little Clacton	Archaeological Intervention
External Reference:	CAT 532	
Dates:	01/07/2009 - 31/08/2009	

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Archaeological intervention/excavation
Archaeological intervention/field observation (monitoring)

Thesaurus Event Types

EXCAVATION
FIELD OBSERVATION (MONITORING)

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation: Colchester Archaeological Trust

Associated Individuals

Gale, SR - Historic Environment - ECC Compiler

Associated Organisations

Colchester Archaeological Trust Excavator

Location

Grid Reference

TM 182 185 (point) TM11NE

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish LITTLE CLACTON, TENDRING, ESSEX
Non Parish Area CLACTON-ON-SEA, TENDRING, ESSEX

Address - None recorded

Description and Sources

Description

monitoring and excavation

Sources

(1) DESC TEXT: Wightman, Adam and Brooks, Howard. 2009. Archaeological monitoring and excavation on the EDF Energy Networks Cable Route, Little Clacton, Essex.

Associated Monuments

47187 EDF Energy Networks cable route, Little Clacton (Monument 47187)
47188 EDF Energy Networks cable route, Little Clacton (Monument 47188)

Event ID: EEX53337 **Name:** Extension to Oakwood Business Park

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
EEX53337	Extension to Oakwood Business Park	Field Survey
External Reference:	COB98	
Dates:	01/12/1998 - 31/12/1998	

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Field survey/fieldwalking survey/systematic fieldwalking survey

Thesaurus Event Types

SYSTEMATIC FIELDWALKING SURVEY

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation: Lindsey Archaeological Services

Associated Individuals

Gale, SR - Historic Environment - ECC Compiler

Associated Organisations

Location

Grid Reference

TM 185 184 (point) TM11NE Point

Administrative Areas

Non Parish Area CLACTON-ON-SEA, TENDRING, ESSEX

Address - None recorded

Description and Sources

Description

Planning Application TEN/0626/97

Sources

DESC TEXT: Lindsey Archaeological Services. 1998. Clacton-on-Sea, Essex: Extension to Oakwood Business Park-Archaeological Fieldwalking Survey.

Associated Monuments

- 18342 Extension to Oakwood Business Park (Find Spot 18342)
- 18343 Extension to Oakwood Business Park (Find Spot 18343)
- 18344 Extension to Oakwood Business Park (Find Spot 18344)
- 18345 Extension to Oakwood Business Park (Find Spot 18345)