

# Archaeological Assessment

## High Trees Farm (Moores Lane) Development at East Bergholt

### Introduction

All indications are that the document “Archaeological Desk-Based Assessment of land at High Trees Farm, East Bergholt, Suffolk” submitted by the developer’s agent is not fit for purpose.

This document concludes:

- There is very little prehistoric evidence in the study area, apart from one possible ring ditch - perhaps representing a round barrow - and a couple of chance finds.

This statement is NOT supported by the evidence of crop marks (see: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cropmark>), these suggest the presence of significant historic activity contrary to the statement above.

### Cropmarks

Below a contrast enhanced, aerial photograph of the proposed development site. This picture shows numerous crop markings including rectilinear and circular within the area for development that are probably man-made:

- A strong rectangular feature at the bottom left (partially in the shadow of the tree) in the adjacent field.
- Markings running North East across the site from this feature; across the top left hand corner of the southern development field and centre of the top field including two other lighter features.
- A fainter rectangular feature in the bottom left hand corner of the southern development field containing a number of darker spots.
- A circular feature at the centre of the southern field with a smaller circular feature at its centre.
- A number of straight lines cross the site at angles to the field boundaries.



The central circular feature can be seen in photographs submitted in other documents submitted by the developer in support of the planning application. It is of great concern the Archaeological assessment should ignore this data, raising doubts on the rigour of the other reports submitted relating to this development.