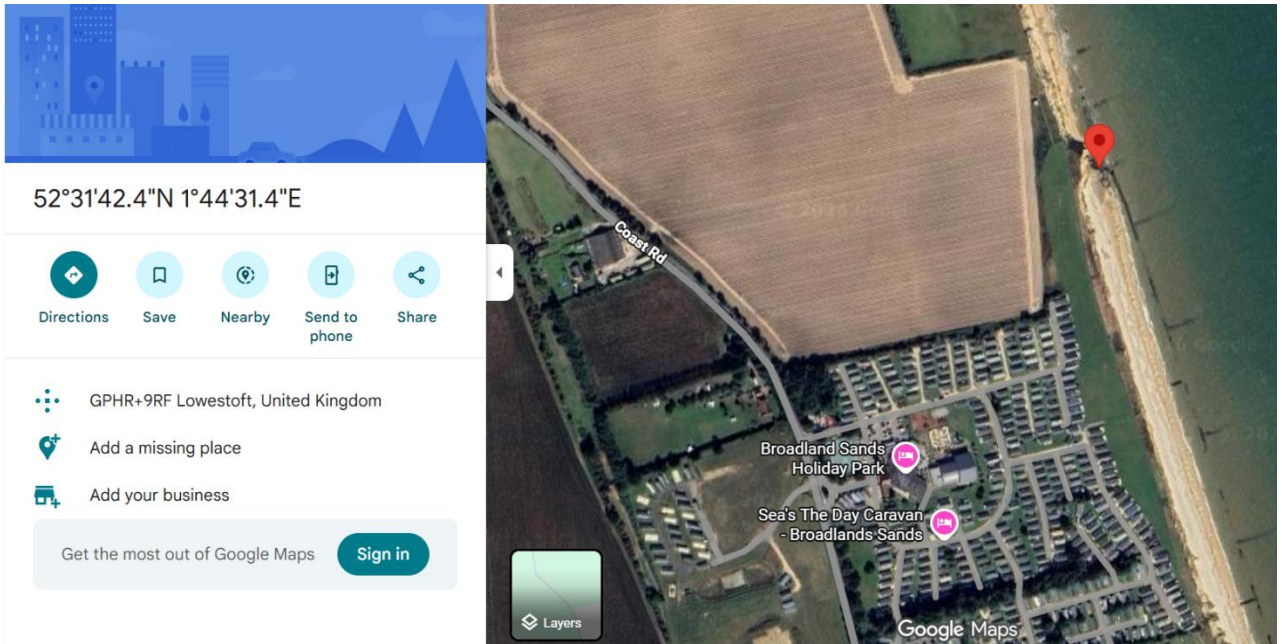
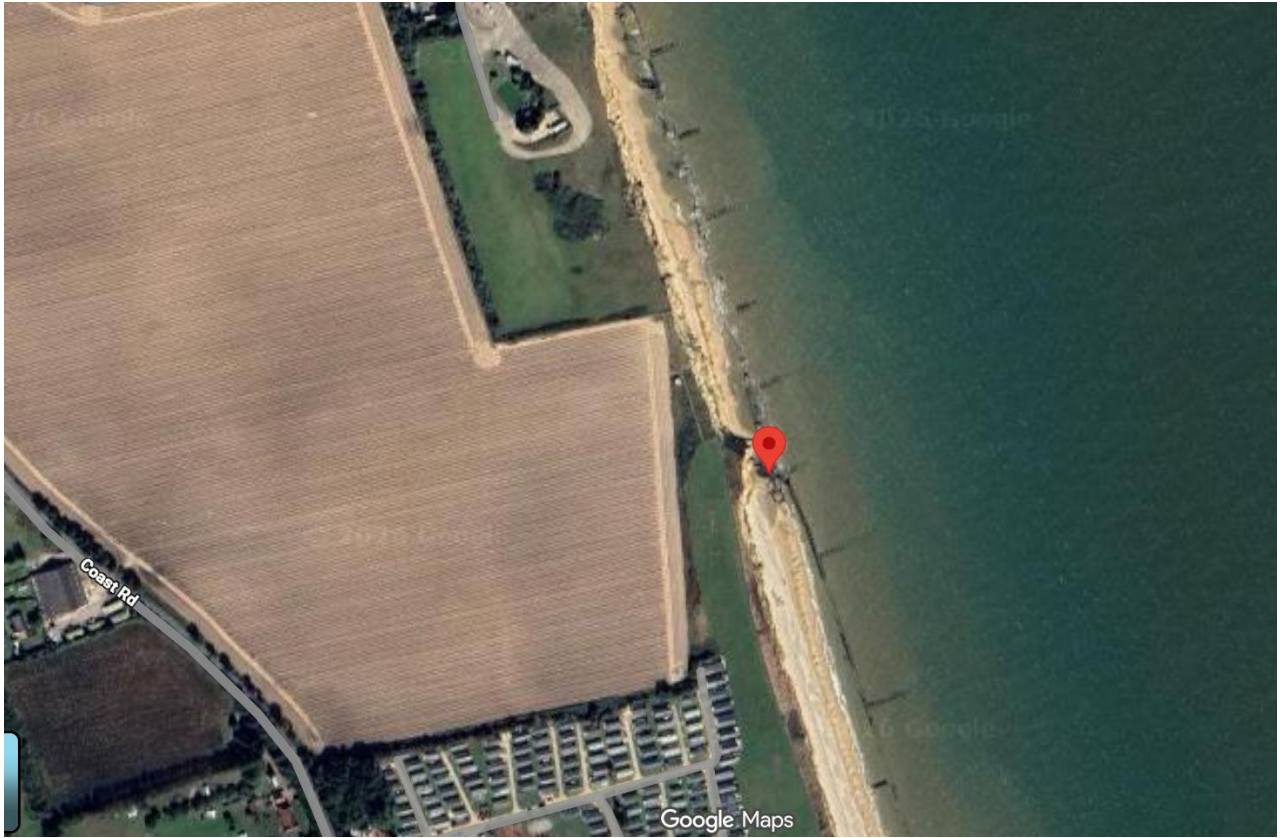


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I am currently investigating some geological deposits on the foreshore at Corton, which have been known for many years for yielding remains of Pleistocene animals such as mammoths, bears, and giant deer. In recent years, very early evidence of ancient humans has been discovered at the site in the form of stone tools and butchery marks on animal bones. This represents one of the first migration events of early humans entering what is now Britain. These finds are extremely important scientifically; however, they are rapidly being lost to the sea due to coastal erosion. In order to recover some of these artefacts and faunal remains, we hope to conduct small-scale excavations on the foreshore in June of this year. However, this is proving difficult as the university requires clear landowner permission before signing off the risk assessments and other paperwork associated with this fieldwork. As of yet, I have not been able to track down the true owner of the areas on the foreshore that we wish to excavate. So far, I have been in touch with East Suffolk Council, Broadland Sands Holiday Park, and the Crown Estate, who all confirmed that the land does not belong to them. The government land registry search also provided no results. I have been told that the beach itself is unregistered, which is why it is proving difficult to track down the true owner. I was wondering whether you may have some historical records which state who the true owner is. The specific area in question is a small section of foreshore at the northern end of Corton beach, sitting directly below land owned by the Broadland Sands Holiday Park. I have attached a few maps showing the specific position that we wish to excavate.





I would be extremely grateful if you were able to look into this to check if you have any records which state the true ownership of this specific area.

No records are held to suggest that Suffolk County Council own this area of the foreshore at Corton. All of Suffolk County Council's land is registered. We would assume this area is owned by the Crown up to the High Water mark.






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