

WIVENHOE TOWNSCAPE FORUM: LOCAL LIST RECORDING SHEET AREA E

ADDRESS Ballast Quay Farm, Ballast Quay Road, Wivenhoe (Planned Farm Buildings)

POST CODE CO7 9JT **WARD** Cross **Quay**

CONSERVATION AREA YES **NO**

MAP REFERENCE TM044217 **PHOTOGRAPH** YES **NO**

DATE OF ASSET circa 1865 (NCC plaque on barn)

TYPE OF ASSET Building Group Landscape Vista **Item** Other (please specify)

DESCRIPTION

A range of farm buildings based on the 'Planned Farmstead' principle (usually an 'U' or 'E' shaped layout). The Coach House (recorded separately) is also part of the original farm buildings.

HISTORY AND CONNECTIONS

Ballast Quay Farm is mentioned in many manorial documents from the mid-eighteenth century onwards. In the 1860s a planned farmstead was built there and at other farms in the area (Cross Farm, Lodge Farm). Regarding farmsteads built between 1850 and 1870, Martins says 'at no other time was the provision of the appropriate building necessary for the adoption of new methods more important and it was the landlord's responsibility to provide this essential infrastructure'. The landlord in this case was Nicholas Caesar Corsellis. This mainly livestock farm has been owned by the Bowes family since 1928. At that time the farm comprised seventy-six acres. Later the old gravel pits were added in and other parcels of land so the size increased at that time to about 175 acres.



RESEARCH SOURCES

Leases of Ballast Quay Farm, ERO, D/DEI T336 (1738-1892), D/DE/T26 (1830)

'Ballast Quay Farm' at <http://www.wivenhoe.gov.uk>

Martins, S. W. *The English Model Farm: Building the Agricultural Ideal 1700-1914* (2002)

PHOTOGRAPHS BY Peter Kay September 2011

CRITERIA: HIGHLIGHT IN BOLD AS APPROPRIATE

ARCHITECTURAL VALUE A++ Very High A+ Good

T-F (timber-framed i.e. C18th or earlier)

?T-F (timber-framed – needs investigation)

HISTORIC VALUE H++ **H+**

CONDITION C++ (complete with no inappropriate alterations/extensions)

C+ (largely complete) C (good or restorable)

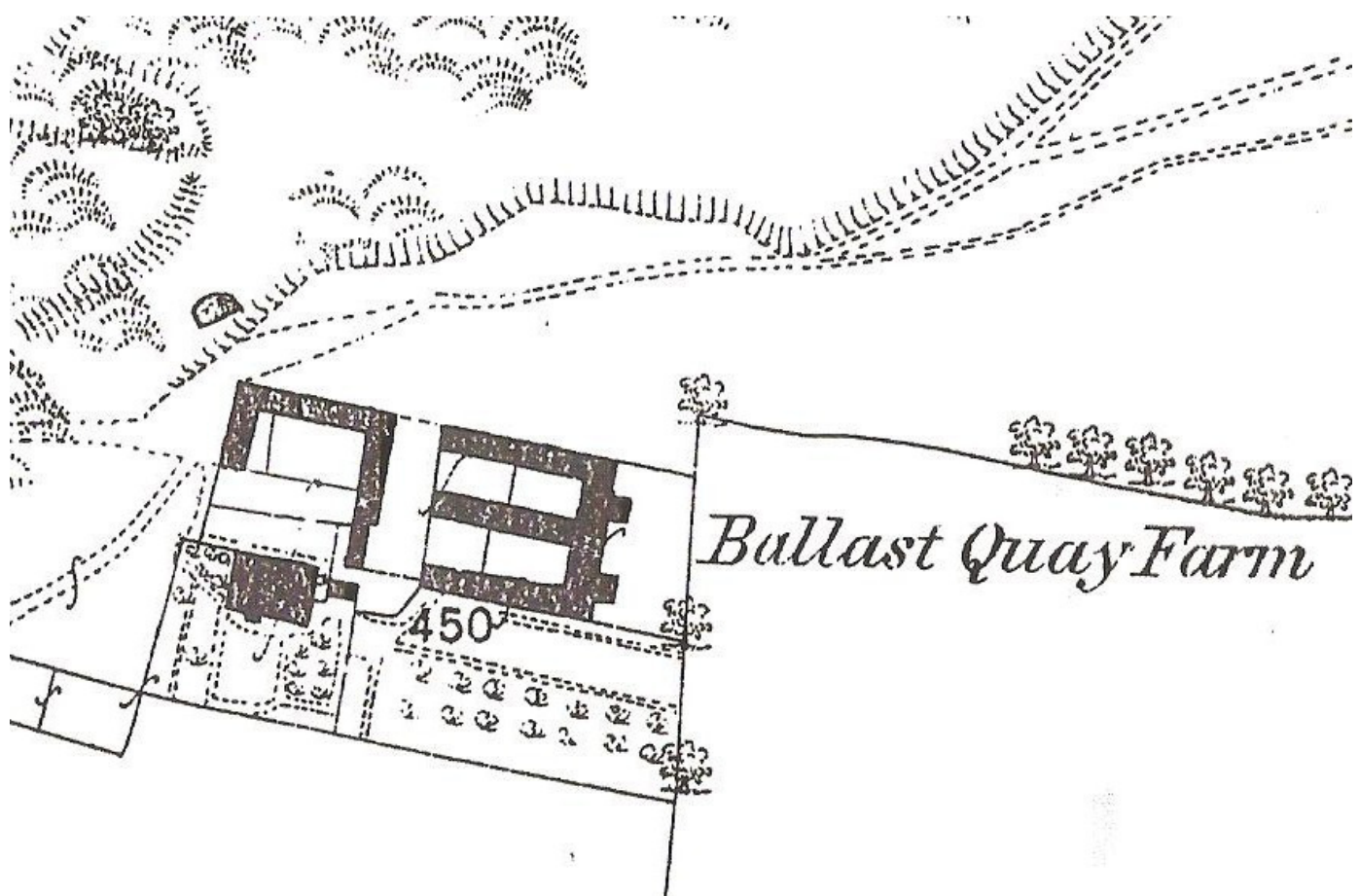
OTHER VALUES I = iconic value **H = contribution to the historic area in which it stands**

P = prominence Q = quirkiness R = local rarity S = sustainability

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View of the model farm buildings as shown on the second edition of the Ordnance Survey 25ins to the mile map surveyed in 1896 and published in 1897.