Graves Park – The High Point

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- The highest point in Graves Park deserves some archaeological study.
- It is currently open pasture land, supporting the animal farm
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• This location offers excellent views to the North, West, and South
• The Norton Church (St James, c.1170) is not on the high point, suggesting it was deliberately separated from a previous “sacred / beliefs” location.
• The east / west access footpath to Norton Hall / Manor has a deliberate curve in it to avoid going over this high-point
• The nearby ancient barrow earthworks shows that there has been habitation in this location for centuries – therefore why not make something at the summit?
• Possibly, the wide trackway that runs from the Charles Ashmore carpark towards Norton Hall actually stopped at the high point, and pre-dates Norton Hall / Manor?
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• Looking at the i-maps shows the possibility of earthworks at this location:-
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• Looking at the ground shows an earth bank ‘hump’, which has a sudden ending at its western end:
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• For these reasons, it is suggested that some further archaeological research is conducted in this area.