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Watching Brief at Foxholes Garage

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Summary

A Watching Brief was undertaken by Dr. Jess Tipper on 6th March 2002 at Foxholes Garage, Foxholes, North Yorkshire (TA01250/2315), on behalf of Malcolm Dobson.

centred at TA 01242 72328

A number of probable archaeological features were defined and recorded in this watching brief. These consisted of post- and stake-holes. No finds were recovered from the watching brief and therefore the features could not be dated. It seems likely that these features are part of a larger archaeological complex in the immediate area but it is difficult to speculate about the nature of this activity from the results of the watching brief. However, a linear crop-mark was visible at the time the watching brief was undertaken, aligned North - South across the adjacent field c.15m to the east of this development, and it seems possible that this could be associated with the features defined at Foxholes Garage.

Description

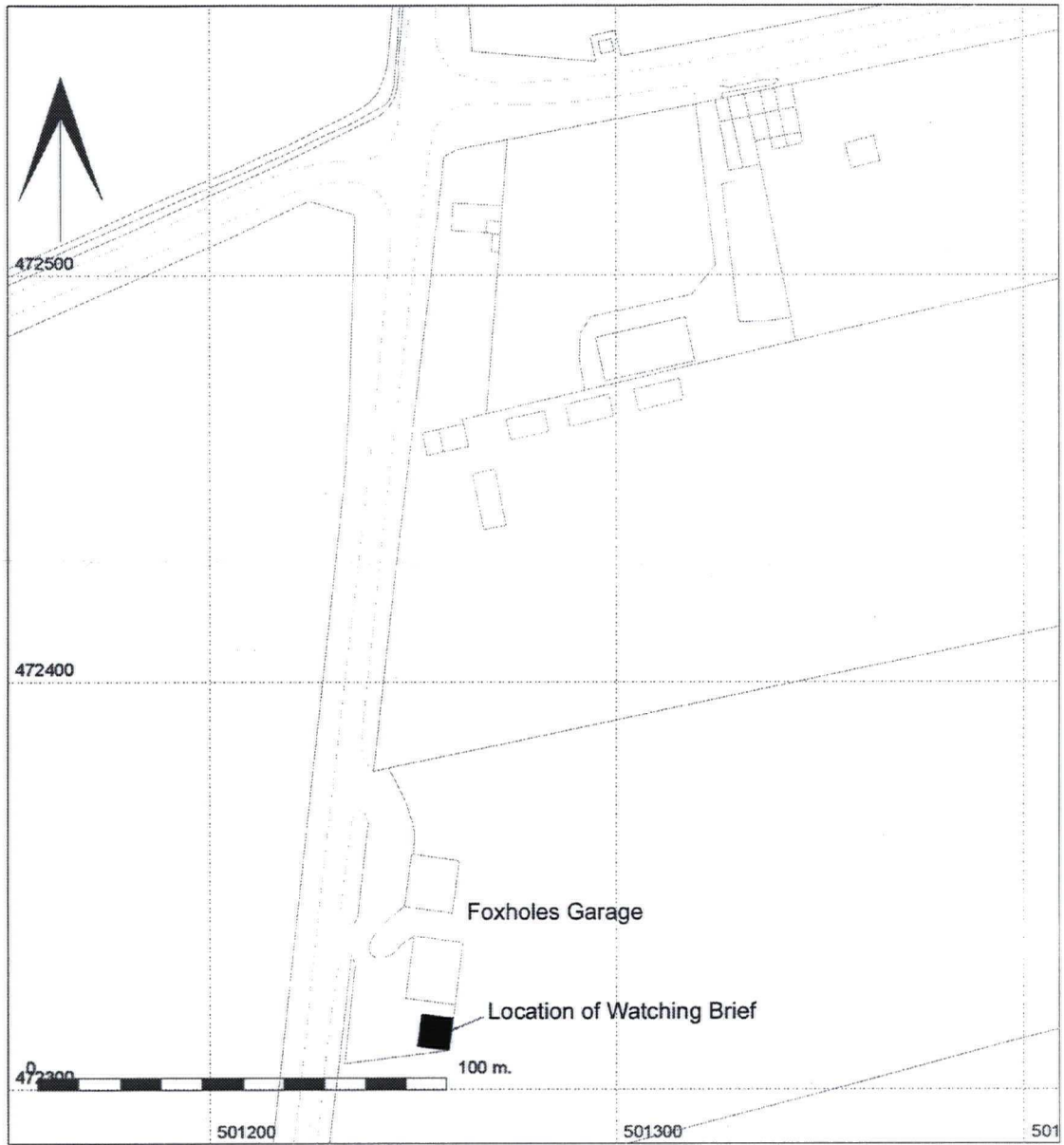
Ten stanchion pits for the wall-foundation of a new garage, aligned North - South, were machine-excavated using a toothed bucket 90cm wide. These were spaced c.450cm apart across an area of 1700 x 900cm. The pits measured c.110 x 90cm in size and varied between 55cm - 100cm in depth, and were dug into underlying natural which consisted of unconsolidated chalk gravel. The natural varied between c.12cm and c.40cm in depth below the modern ground surface, which sloped downwards very slightly across the site from the SE to the NW.

The upper levels of the site had been previously disturbed by modern activity. Most of the topsoil across the area had been removed; along the southern edge of the site the topsoil measured c.30cm in depth but sloped down to 0cm in the space of c.500cm. Chalk rubble covered with a thin layer of tarmac fragments, c.16cm in depth (max.), had been deposited across the site to make an area of hard-standing for motor vehicles.

The subsoil, which was defined below the topsoil, consisted of a yellowish-brown (10YR53) clayey sand and contained frequent chalk pebble inclusions <3cm in size. This varied in depth between c.2cm to c.20cm (max.). A number of probable archaeological features were defined, which appeared to be sealed by this subsoil. The subsurface features were not visible in plan due to the modern disturbance across the area and also because it was simply not possible to see small features during the machine excavation of pits that were the size of a single bucket-scoop.

The archaeological features consisted of a number of (probable) small post-holes and stake-holes of various sizes, measuring up to c.30 - 35cm in width x c.60cm in depth (max.). These were defined in the sections of all except one of the stanchion pits. The exception was that dug against the side of a modern concrete drain and this area had probably been previously disturbed. All the features appeared to be filled with a uniform dark yellowish-brown (10YR43) clayey-sand fill. No finds were recovered from any of the stanchion pits.

Photocopies of the location plan, field trench plans (scale of 1: 50) and section-drawings (scale of 1:10 and 1:20) are enclosed with this document.

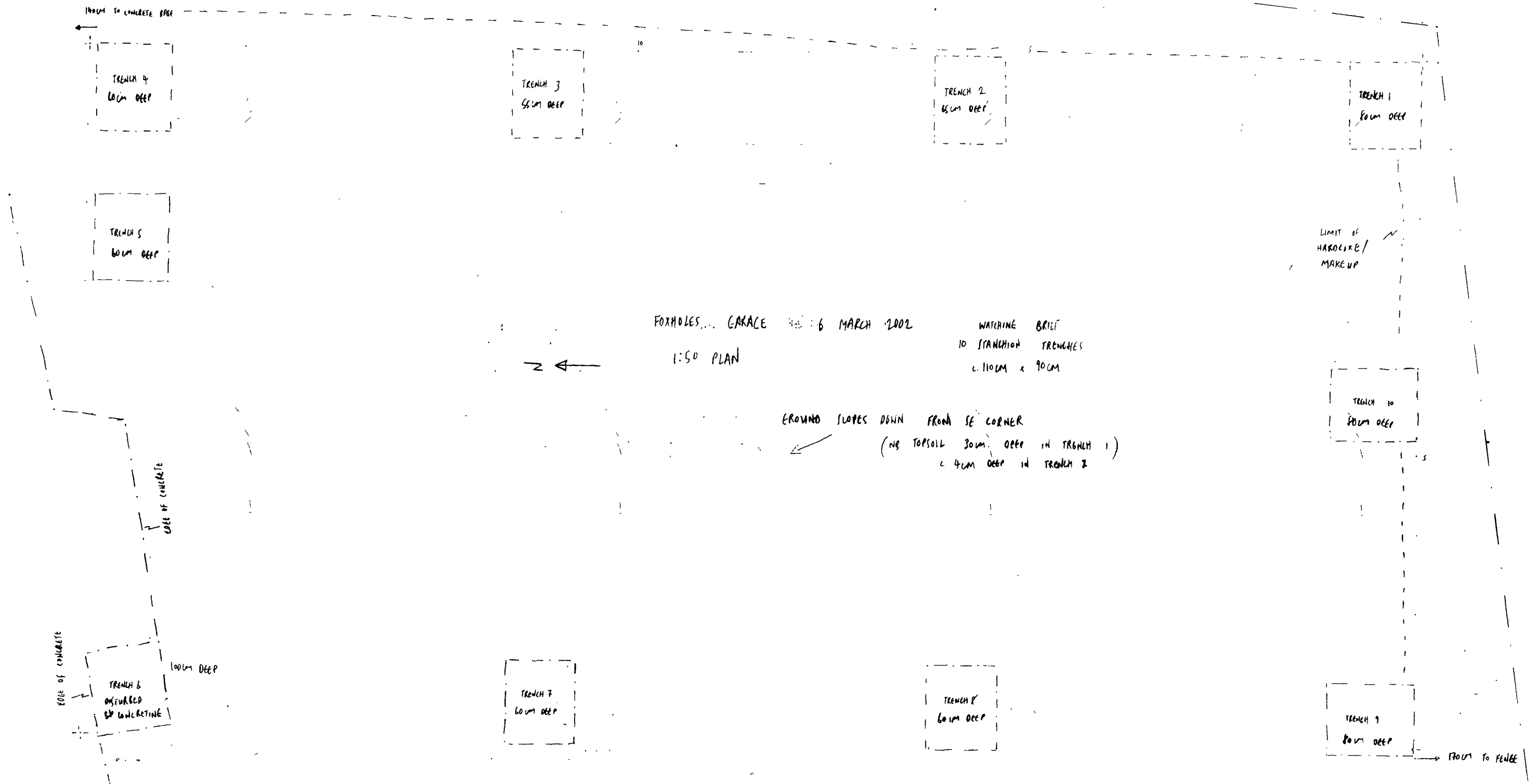


Location of Watching Brief, Foxhole Garage

NB: LANDMARK ALIGNED N-S IN FIELD TO EAST, PASS CURVING AROUND TO WEST, SOUTH OF GARAGE (ENCLOSURE?)

FOXHOLES GARAGE WATCHING BRIEF

MODERN FENCE (LIMIT OF GARAGE)



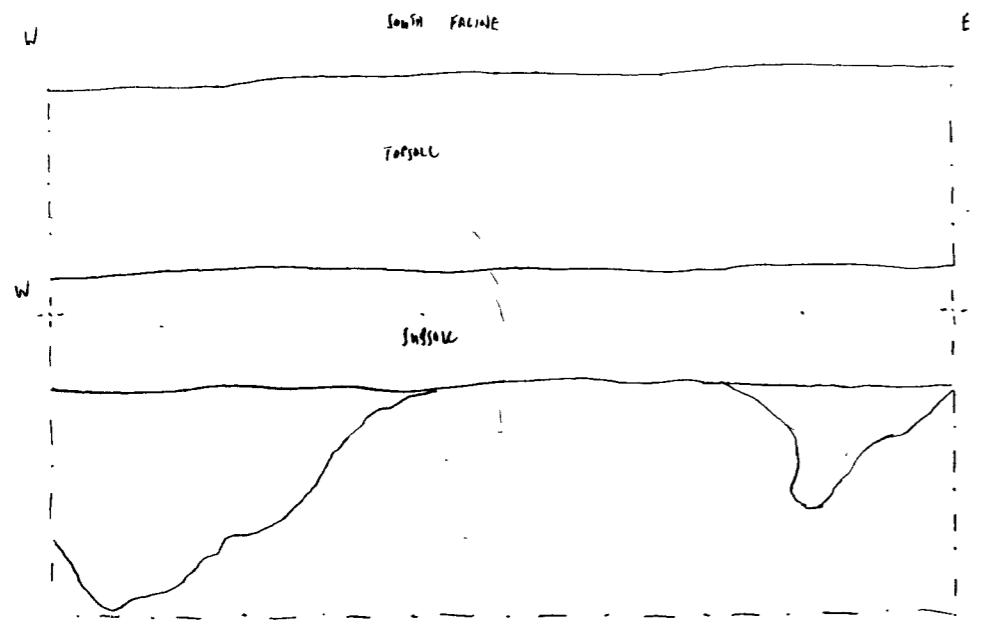
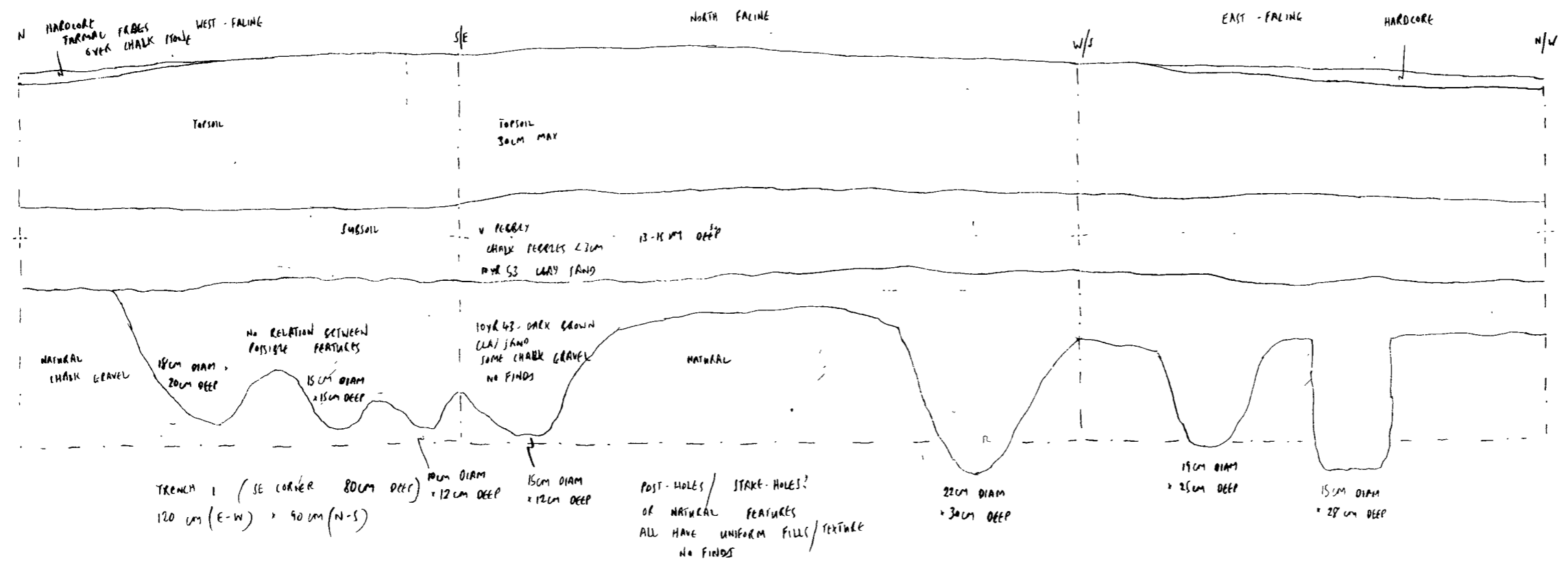
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WATCHING BRIEF
10 STATION TRENCHES
c. 110cm x 90cm

1:50 PLAN

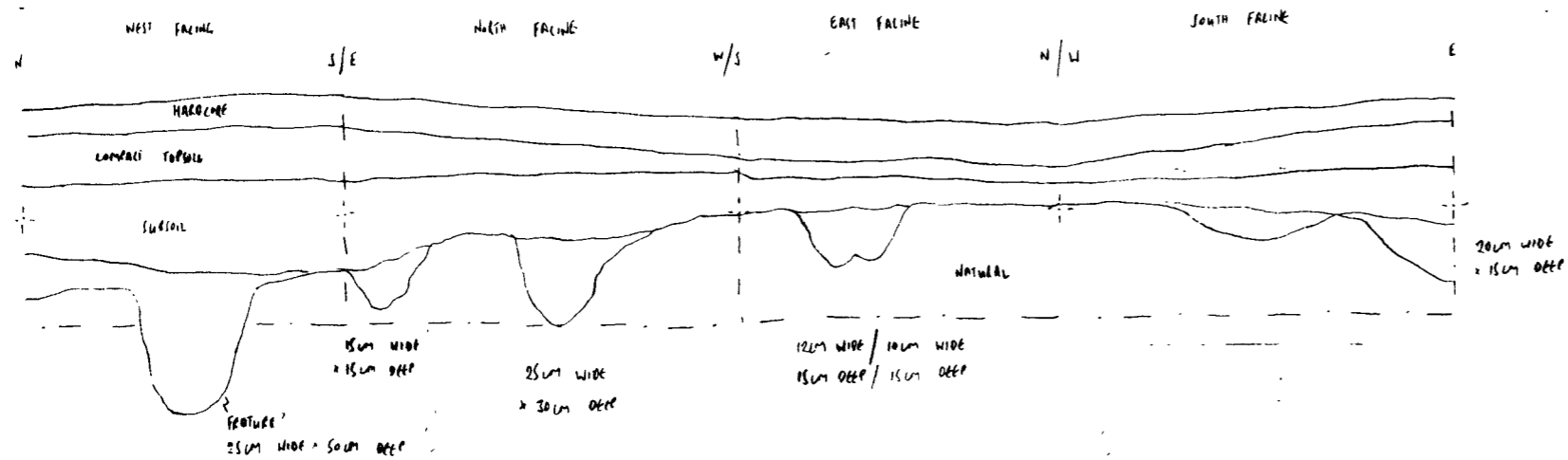
GROUND SLOPES DOWN FROM SE CORNER
(NB TOPSOIL 30cm DEEP IN TRENCH 1)
& 4cm DEEP IN TRENCH 2

TRENCH 1 1:10 NINE POSSIBLE ENT FEATURES ENT PROBABLY NATURAL.



FOXHOLES GARAGE
 WATCHING BRIEF BY LRC
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 TRENCH 1 SECTIONS 1:10

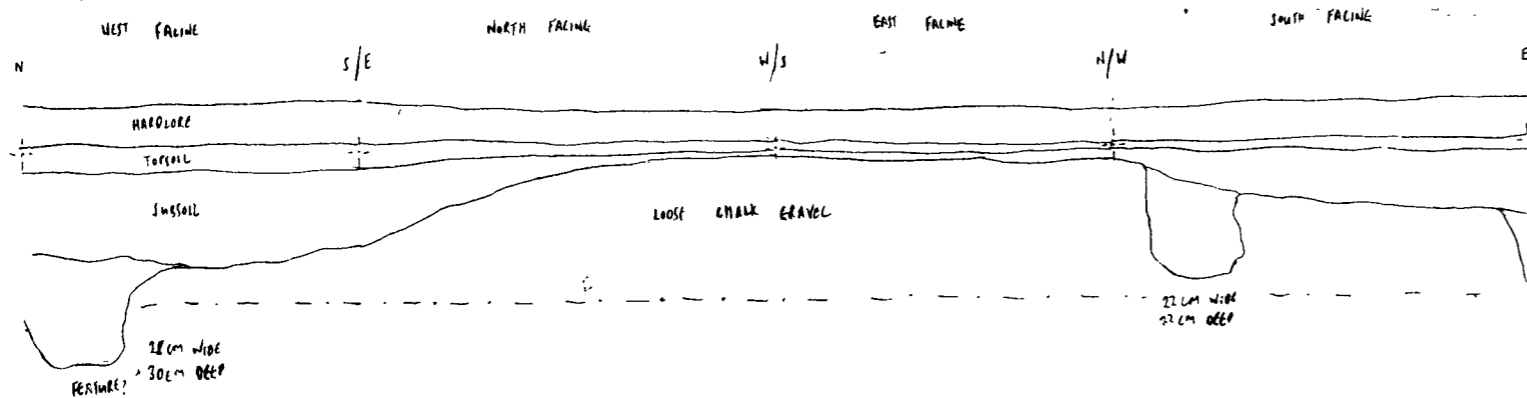
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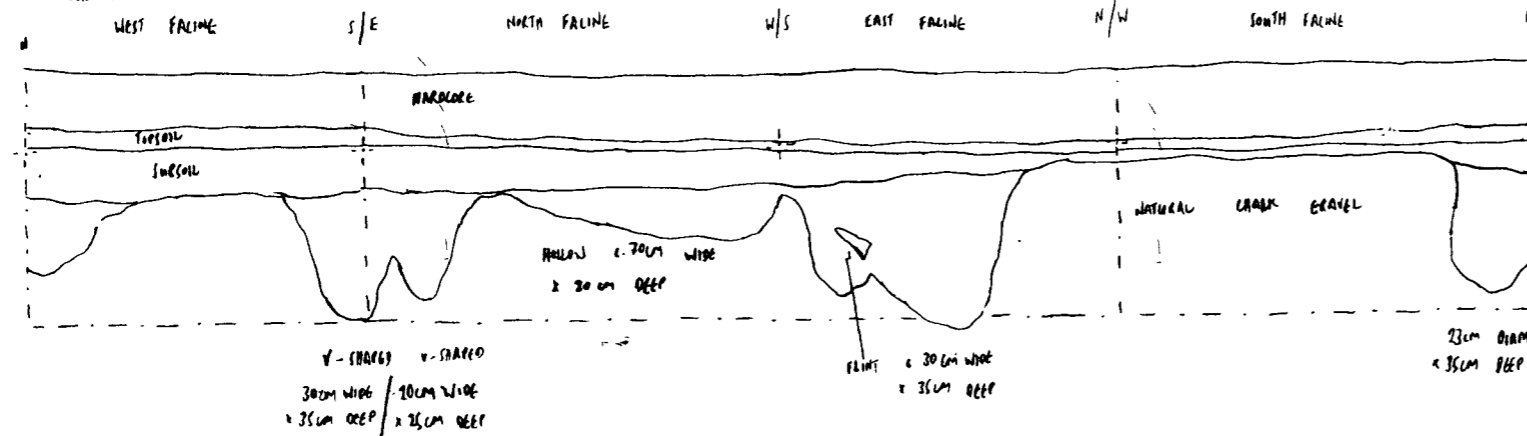
TRENCH 6
- NOT DRAWN,
NO FEATURES IN SECTION

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1:20 SECTIONS
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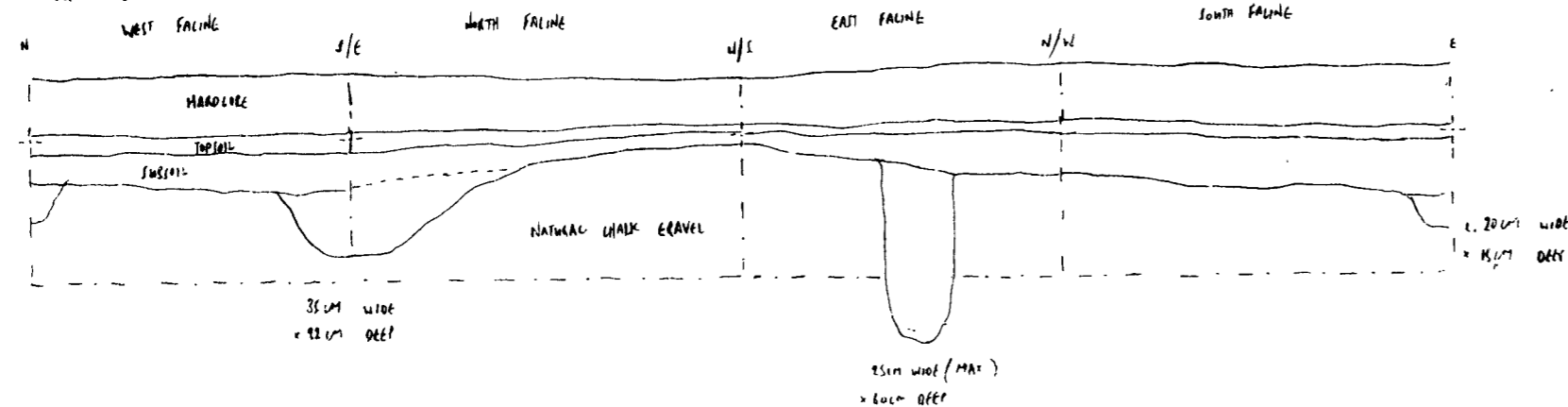
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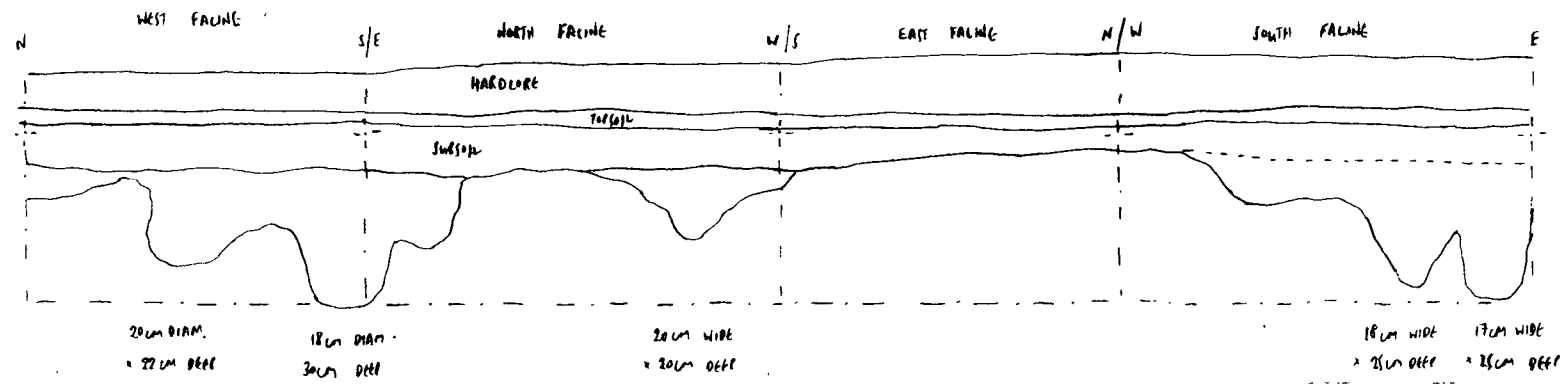
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TRENCH 5 1:20



TRENCH 7 1:20



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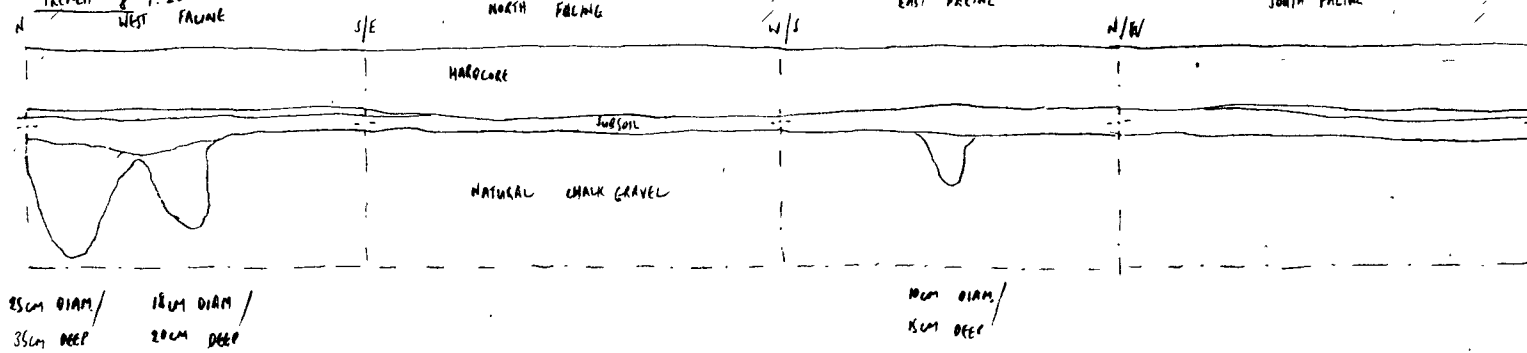
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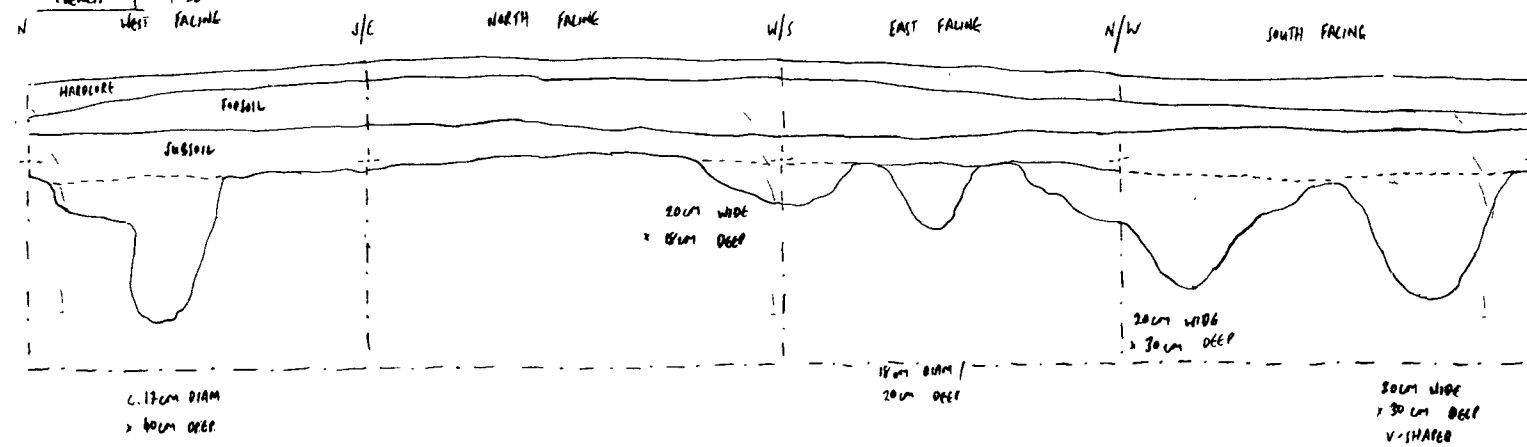
STANCHION TRENCHES 7-10

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TRENCH 8 1:20



TRENCH 9 1:20



TRENCH 10 1:20

