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Interim Report Area E

Introduction

Area E is situated to the west of the A1 road (Fig. 1), NGR SE 2760 9175 (centre). The site is flat and level where it is adjacent to the side of the A1 but from Line D the land slopes downwards dramatically to the west. The field had been drilled with the crop showing to a height of approximately 0.05m; no traces of sub-soil were noted.

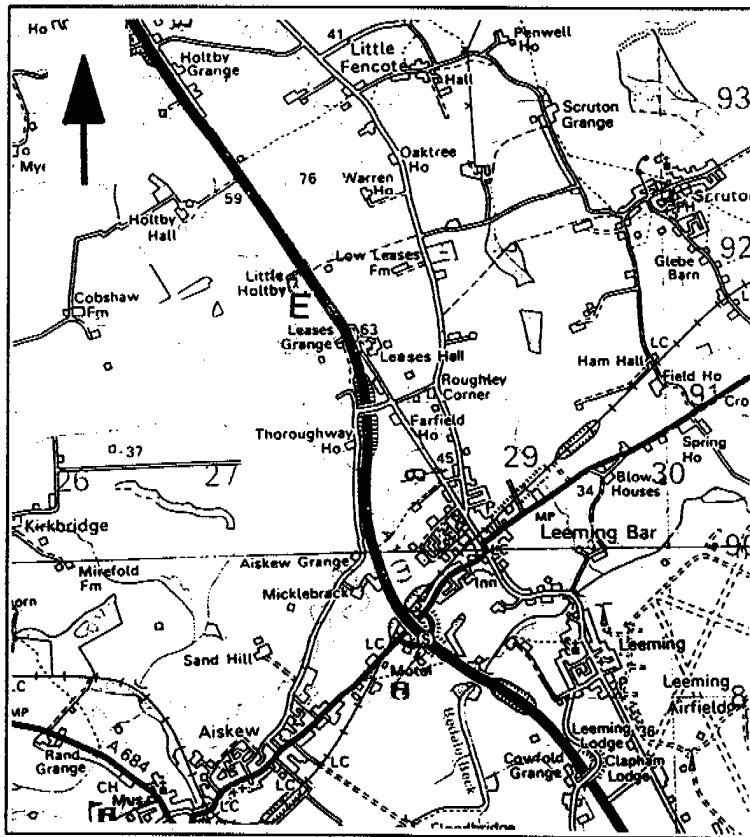


Figure 1 - Site Location. Scale 1:50000

The area measured 210m N-S x 70m E-W giving an area of 1.57ha to be initially fieldwalked. The area was line walked at 10m intervals between the walkers. The longest axis was in a N-S direction and parallel to the A1 road. The origin of the grid was formed by the 225m on the west (road) side and line segments were numbered 1-21 from south - north. Lines A, B, C, G & H were walked south - north and the rest were walked from north - south.

Area E was walked in a single day with good weather conditions and bright sunlight.

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Results

A total of 26 artefacts were observed from the initial fieldwalking of Area E.

Pottery

A total of 9 sherds were observed, comprising of 2 medieval sherds from line segments E16 and H18.

The modern pottery consisted of seven sherds, three of white glazed earthenware from line segments C15, D5 and H14, one cream glazed earthenware sherd from F1 and 3 sherds of blue and white transfer ware from line segments H1, H19 and H21.

Brick and tile

A total of 7 modern/post-medieval brick/tile fragments were observed. There were 5 fragments positively identified as brick, these were in line segments B6, B16, D16, D18 and E12; and 2 tile fragments from line segments F4 and F6. In total the brick and tile weighed less than 0.005kg per individual piece and was randomly scattered throughout the area.

Glass

A single piece of glass was observed in line segment B19. This fragment was of modern clear glass from a bottle.

Flint

A total of 9 pieces of worked flint were observed. This assemblage included 5 flakes, 1 core, and 3 tools which comprised of a blade, a knife and an end scraper. The flint observed on the site was generally of poor quality and of the tools, core and flakes observed all but 2 (B4 and B6) had been fashioned from the white/grey flint.

Other Finds

In addition to the above a single piece of bone was observed in line segment H1 from a small bird and of modern date. To the west of line segment E10 a large single piece of weathered limestone was observed.

Conclusions

To the south-east of Boltby Kennels human remains and pieces of armour from a battle are reported to have been located in an area known as 'Cloven Hills' (Dennison 1993; Speight 1897; Whellan 1859). It was for this reason that Area E was initially fieldwalked.

No human bone or metal artefacts were observed. Instead the small assemblage was characterised by predominantly modern pottery and brick and tile. In addition a small collection of struck flint was observed, restricted in distribution to the southern portion of the area. An explanation of this distribution pattern is problematic without further work, but the geographical location of the site on an area of flat land with potentially good drainage and good visibility to the west may have direct relevance. Equally it is interesting to note that the flint artefacts are not located solely on the higher ground but occurred on the slope as well.

Recommendations

Due to the occurrence of worked flint in only one portion of the site it is suggested that further fieldwalking is undertaken to provide further information on the quantity and category of artefacts occurring on the site. Equally it is suggested that the original width of the grid of 70m is extended to 120m. It has been postulated that where 'settlement' occurs on high ground it is necessary to evaluate the surrounding area for waste materials which occur through human and natural deposition (Powersland pers comm).

The flint scatter is confined to the southern portion of the site and the field to the south (OS 5750) has not yet being ploughed. It is therefore suggested that it may prove worthwhile instigating a programme of initial fieldwalking in this field to assess the extent of prehistoric activity.

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3. Finds Catalogue

Area E

Pottery

- C15 - 1 body sherd, white glaze, modern
- D5 - 1 body sherd, white glaze, modern
- E16 - 1 body sherd, unidentified, medieval
- F1 - 1 rim sherd, cream glaze, modern
- H1 - 1 body sherd, blue/white transfer ware, modern
- H14 - 1 body sherd, white glaze, modern
- H18 - 1 body sherd, ?York ware, medieval
- H19 - 1 body sherd, blue/white transfer ware, modern
- H21 - 1 base sherd, blue/white transfer ware, modern

Brick and Tile

- B6 - 1 brick fragment, 0.002kg
- B16 - 1 brick fragment, 0.005kg
- D16 - 1 brick fragment, 0.002kg
- D18 - 1 brick fragment, 0.001kg
- E12 - 1 brick fragment, 0.005kg
- F4 - 1 tile fragment, 0.002kg
- F6 - 1 tile fragment, 0.001kg

Flint

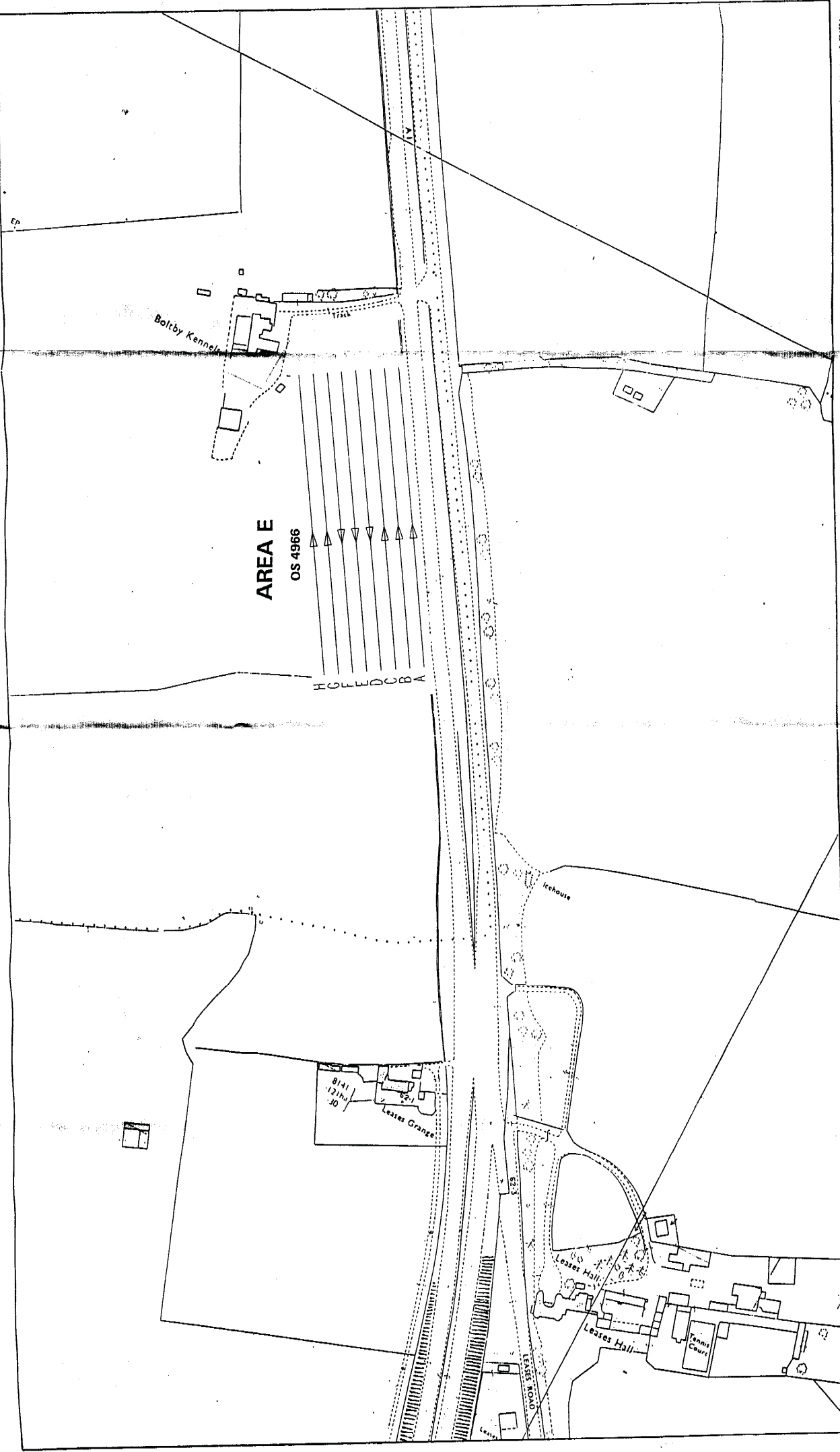
- B4 - 1 flint flake, blue/grey
- B6 - 1 flint flake, blue/grey
- D11 - 1 ?knife, grey/white
- E4 - 1 end scraper, grey/white
- F6 - 1 flint flake, mottled grey
- F9 - 1 flint flake, mottled grey
- G1 - 1 flint blade, grey
- G6 - 1 flint flake, grey/white
- H9 - 1 flint core with single flake scar, grey

Animal Bone

- H1 - 1 bird bone

Glass

- B19 - 1 clear bottle glass fragment



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STAGE 2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORKS

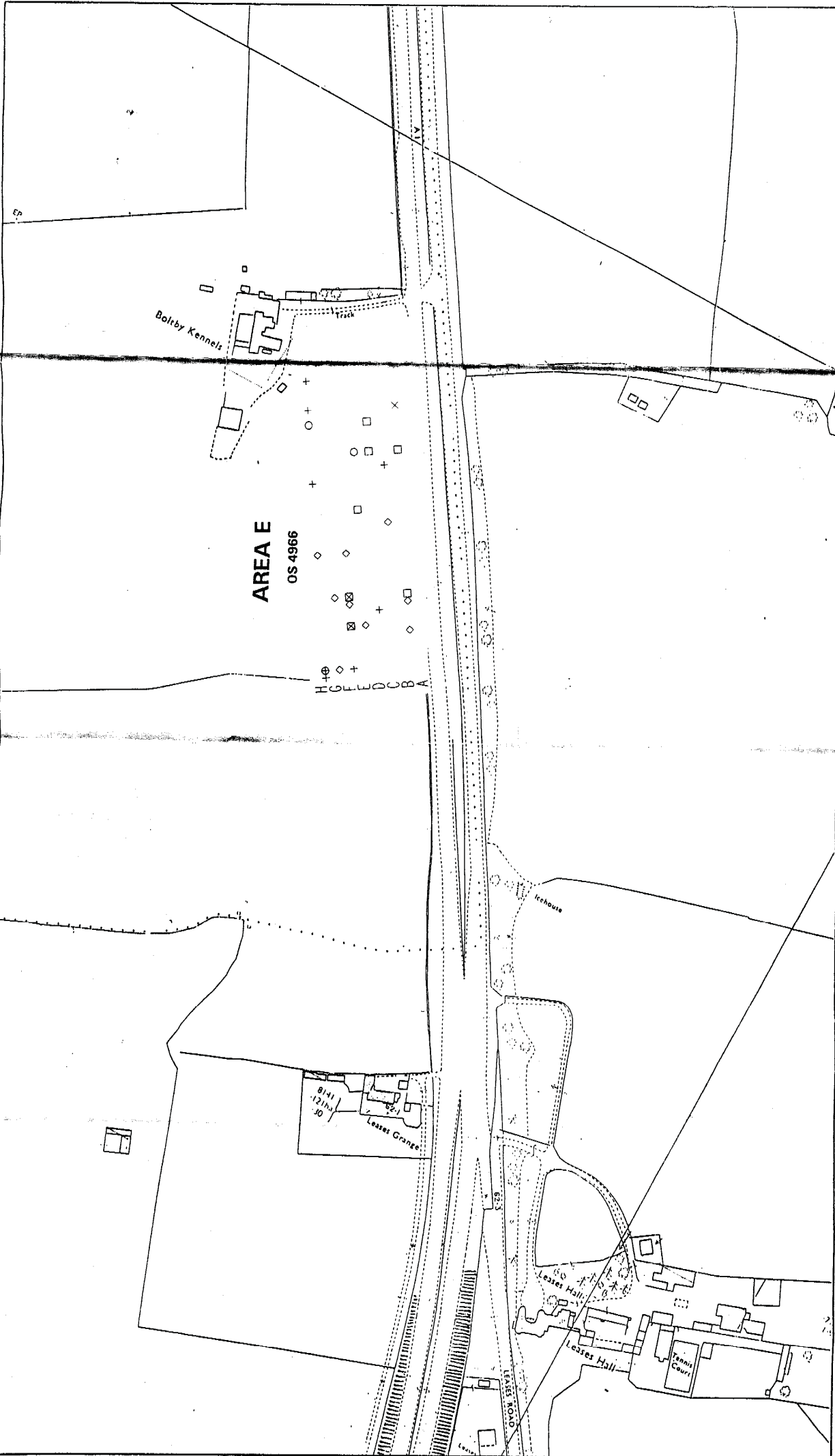
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SCALE

DRAWING

FIGURE 2

ORIGINAL AT A3



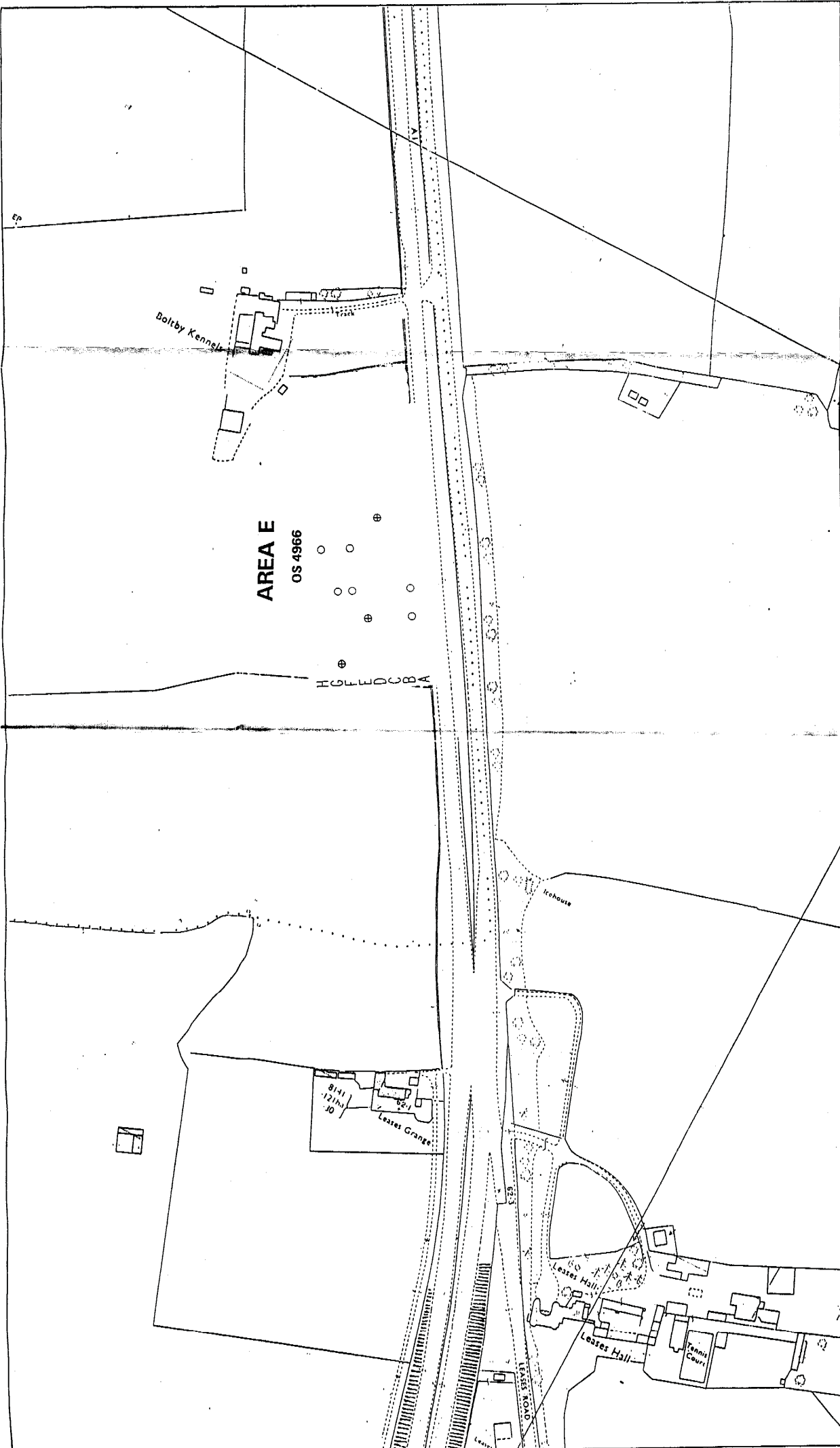
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PROJECT	A1
TITLE	SHFORTH TO NORTH OF LEEMING IMPROVEMENTS STAGE 2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORKS
SCALE	Artefact Distribution

ORIGINAL AT A3

- 1 Medieval Pottery Sherd
- + 1 Modern Pottery Sherd
- ◇ 1 Flint Artefact
- 1 Brick Fragment
- ⊗ 1 Tile Fragment
- ⊕ 1 Glass Fragment
- ⊙ 1 Bone Fragment

FIGURE 3

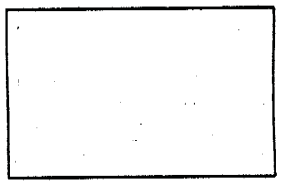


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 STAGE 2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORKS

TITLE
 Flint Distribution

SCALE



ORIGINAL AT A3

Flint Artefact Distribution

- 1 Flint Waste
- ⊕ 1 Flint Tool

DRAWING
FIGURE 4.

TABLE 1

AREA E

**Initial Fieldwalking
Finds Distribution**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
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B				F		BF									B				G			
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KEY

- MD - Modern Pottery
- M - Medieval Pottery
- B - Brick and tile
- F - Flint
- A - Animal Bone
- G - Glass