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SUMMARY

Wessex Archaeology as sub-consultants to Mott MacDonald was commissioned by the Highways Agency to undertake the archaeological evaluation of the Preferred Route of the A303 Stonehenge Improvement in Wiltshire. This report presents the results of the evaluation of Areas A, B, C and D, which lie north and south of the A303 west of Winterbourne Stoke, between NGR SU 049 404 and 065 409.

Evidence from aerial photographs and geophysical survey indicated the presence of a multi-period field system extending across much of Areas A-D, together with a later prehistoric/Romano-British enclosure complex (evaluated separately as Area C1), an undated rectilinear enclosure and an undated pair of ring ditches, all in Area C. Geophysical survey also suggested the survival of an extensive array of possible pit and linear features, including several putative small enclosures and two further ring ditches. Fieldwalking did not identify any significant concentrations of material outside of the enclosure complex. A Listed (Grade II) turnpike milestone is situated in the northern verge of the A303 adjacent to Area A.

The evaluation comprised the excavation of 50 trial trenches, targeted on the basis of previous surveys to evaluate the character, date and state of preservation of archaeological remains across Areas A-D. A notably sparse distribution of archaeological features was found, with little dating evidence. The majority of features encountered in the trenches were of natural origin, principally tree throws. The archaeological features recorded comprise mostly agricultural boundaries (ditches in Areas A, B and C and a lynchet in Area B), with possibly settlement-related activity confined to a small number of (mostly undated) pits, and two postholes. Two possible ring ditches seen on the geophysical survey were located by the trenches, but remain undated. The few finds recovered include a Neolithic polished stone axe, Neolithic/Bronze Age flintwork, and pottery of Early Bronze Age, Late Bronze Age, Early Iron Age and Romano-British date.

A preliminary assessment of importance indicates that all the remains located by the evaluation are of Minor Importance. Although no particular foci of activity were identified, three areas may be suggested where further archaeological remains might be anticipated:

- In Area C, a Late Bronze Age storage pit close to the A303 suggests settlement activity;
- Also in Area C, two ring ditches seen on the geophysics were identified as undated gullies, which may represent ploughed-out round barrows, of probable Bronze Age date;

- In Area A, an undated ditch and pit and a small, unstratified assemblage of pottery of Early Iron Age and Romano-British date, together with two undated postholes recorded nearby in Area B to the south of the A303, may suggest some limited settlement activity.

The preservation of the archaeological remains was variable and had been affected by plough damage in particular. Plough damage was worst in Area A, suggesting that archaeological survival here has been badly affected by an intensive modern arable regime. In Area B, the survival of a lynchet suggests that degradation of the archaeological resource here may not be so advanced. Area C was the least affected by modern plough damage.

The majority of the archaeological features recorded were predicted by the geophysical survey. However, many anomalies proved to be of natural origin and a number of features were encountered that had, unsurprisingly, not been predicted by the geophysics. Also, many cropmark features could not be identified in the trenches. This inconsistency supports the strategy of targeted trial trenching to evaluate archaeological remains predicted by non-intrusive techniques. It is considered unlikely that substantive remains may have been missed by the evaluation and a reasonable degree of confidence may therefore be attached to the results.

The Illustrative Design presents a diversion from the existing A303 carriageway, initially to the south (in Area B) before swinging to the north (through Area C). A western access to Winterbourne Stoke is also presented. The new road will be generally at grade, except for a short stretch of low embankment in Areas B and C, and cuttings in the eastern part of Area C and in Area A. Construction at grade and in cutting will destroy any archaeological remains, while construction on embankment, and the establishment of associated landscaping, may involve the removal of topsoil and exposure of remains, and/or the placing of fill material imported from elsewhere.

Construction of the Winterbourne Stoke western access will impact on the Listed milestone, which has previously been damaged and relocated. It is recommended that this be re-positioned to ensure its future preservation (subject to listed building consent).

The archaeological remains identified by the evaluation are scattered and of Minor Importance. Preservation *in situ* is not, therefore, merited and provision should be made for the location, identification and recording of the remains, prior to construction. This may be achieved by means of a watching brief during topsoil stripping in most instances. It is recommended, however, that provision should be made for 'strip and record' investigation of limited areas at the three locations where archaeological remains may be anticipated, in order to ensure that any remains are exposed under archaeological control.

Further evaluation is recommended in Areas A, B and C to inform development of the design of the proposed junction and associated soft landscaping. This should be supported by a further phase of trial trenching, which should examine both anomalies and/or cropmarks thought to be of archaeological origin, and apparently blank areas.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Project Background

- 1.1.1. Wessex Archaeology was commissioned by the Highways Agency, through their design consultants, Mott MacDonald, to undertake archaeological evaluation of the Preferred Route of the A303 Stonehenge Improvement in Wiltshire.
- 1.1.2. An Illustrative Design for the proposed road improvement has been prepared by Mott MacDonald. This broadly follows the published Preferred Route but includes amendments where necessary to comply with highways standards and reduce environmental impacts. An Illustrative Environmental Design proposes associated areas for environmental improvement, such as landscaping. A programme of archaeological field evaluation has been developed to inform the development of the road design, and to support the assessment of the likely impacts of the road on the cultural heritage.
- 1.1.3. An overall Field Evaluation Strategy (Wessex Archaeology 2001a) sets out the background and principles for the evaluation programme. Archaeological evaluation was undertaken in accordance with this and a site specific Written Scheme of Investigation (Wessex Archaeology 2001b). Both the Strategy and the WSI were submitted for comment to English Heritage, the National Trust and the County Archaeological Office, prior to the commencement of work.
- 1.1.4. This document sets out the project background, results and conclusions for the archaeological evaluation of Areas A, B, C and D (**Figure 1**), to the west of Winterbourne Stoke. The evaluation of the central part of Area C, referred to as Area C1, was undertaken separately and is described in detail in a separate report (Wessex Archaeology 2001c).
- 1.1.5. Fieldwork was undertaken between 21 October and 16 November 2001.

1.2. Site Description

- 1.2.1. The part of Area A affected by the Illustrative Design (including areas for environmental improvement) comprises a single field (scheme field no. 13), which lies immediately to the north of the A303, west of Winterbourne Stoke and south of Parsonage Down (**Figure 1**). The scheme starts from, and progresses eastward from, NGR SU 049 404. Area A lies on the crest and north-facing slopes of an east-west orientated ridge at between 140m and 125m aOD (above Ordnance Datum).

- 1.2.2. Area B comprises parts of two fields (scheme field nos. 8 and 14), on the south side of the A303 at NGR SU 055 404, immediately to the south of Area A (**Figure 1**). Area B lies on the crest and south-facing slopes of the same east-west orientated ridge at between 140m and 120m aOD.
- 1.2.3. Area C comprises a single field (scheme field no. 17), which lies immediately to the north of the A303, south of Parsonage Down and west of Scotland Lodge at NGR SU 065 409 (**Figure 1**). The Area lies on the eastern end of a low spur at some 125m aOD (above Ordnance Datum), the land dropping into dry valleys to the north (Parsonage Down) and south, and to the east into the valley of the River Till. The central part of Area C (referred to as Area C1) is covered by a separate Archaeological Evaluation Report.
- 1.2.4. The part of Area D affected by the Illustrative Design comprises the extreme north-western corner of one field (scheme field no. 18), on the south side of the A303, west of Winterbourne Stoke at NGR SU 062 406 (**Figure 1**). The field is situated on a south-east facing slope with the affected part at some 125m aOD.
- 1.2.5. The Areas contain no Scheduled Monuments and all lie outside the World Heritage Site (WHS). A Listed milestone (no. 4/230) lies in the northern verge of the A303 at SU 058 406 (Area A).
- 1.2.6. The underlying geology in all four Areas comprises Middle Chalk. The fields are all currently under arable cultivation.

2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

2.1. Archaeological Appraisal

- 2.1.1. The *A303 Stonehenge Archaeological Appraisal* (Mott MacDonald/Wessex Archaeology 2001d) collates and summarises the existing knowledge of the archaeological resource of Areas A-D. It draws on information gathered from previous surveys, the County Sites and Monuments Record (SMR) and the Stonehenge Geographic Information System database (Stonehenge GIS), together with the results of surveys commissioned under Stage 2 of the scheme.
- 2.1.2. The appraisal has identified seven known sites within Areas A-D:
 - Site 8, two pits imprecisely located, one containing a flexed human burial, in Area C.
 - Site 10, part of an undated field system, extends across Areas A and C to the north and west across Parsonage Down, and to the south of the A303 into Area B.
 - Site 22 comprises similar linear features visible on aerial photographs (APs) in Area.
 - Site 23, an undated square feature in Area C, comprising at least three contiguous enclosures visible on APs.
 - Site 24, a possible ovoid enclosure visible on APs in Area D.

- Site 25, a multi-period complex of oval and rectilinear enclosures, pits and hollows revealed by aerial photography within Area C
- Site 29, a ring ditch visible on APs close to the eastern edge of Area C.

2.1.3. Of these known sites, Sites 22 and 24 in Area D and Site 29 in Area C lay beyond the Illustrative design and were thus excluded from the area for evaluation (Wessex Archaeology 2001b). Site 25 has been evaluated separately as Area C1 (Wessex Archaeology 2001c). These sites are not considered further in this report.

2.1.4. The milestone on the verge at Area A is one of a series erected along the A303 associated with the turnpiking of the road and is Listed, Grade II. However, the stone has been badly damaged and also repositioned: the surviving stone is much smaller than the original, and has been replaced in an inverted position (**Plate 1**). The circumstances of these events are not known and there must be some doubt as to the relevance of the present location of the stone.

2.2. Previous Archaeological Surveys

2.2.1. GSB Prospection has conducted a geophysical survey throughout the area of the Illustrative Design (GSB 2001/82). In areas A-D features of definite archaeological potential plus weaker linear trends and pit type anomalies were identified and some of these reflect features plotted from APs (**Figures 1-3**). Two concentrations of linear anomalies forming possible enclosures, accompanied by pit-type anomalies were identified in Area B. A less complex concentration of linear anomalies was identified in the eastern extent of Area C, which is otherwise mostly characterised by larger pit-type anomalies.

2.2.2. Fieldwalking was undertaken in 2000 (Wessex Archaeology 2002) in Areas A, B and D; Area C was under crop at the time and not available for fieldwalking. No significant concentrations of artefacts were noted beyond the enclosure complex in Area C1 (Site 25).

3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

3.1. Trenching Strategy

3.1.1. A total of 52 trial trenches was proposed in the WSI, as follows:

Area	Proposed trenches			Totals
	50m x 1.8m	25m x 1.8m	10 x 10m	
A	5	1	2	8
B	19	-	3	22
C	15	-	6	21
D	1	-	-	1
TOTALS	40	1	11	52

3.1.2. This amounts to 4,535 sq. m, representing a sample of some 3.4% of the total area proposed for trial trenching (13.19 ha). The WSI excluded certain areas

of the Illustrative Design where geophysical survey has not yet been undertaken, and/or which are likely to be subject to design amendments. These comprised parts of the proposed Winterbourne Stoke western access and associated areas for environmental improvement in Areas A, B and C (Wessex Archaeology 2001b).

- 3.1.3. All fieldwork was carried out in accordance with the WSI except for the following variations:

Area A The eastern end of Trench 8 was shortened by 20m to avoid a number of reptile refuge mats.

Area B Trenches 9 and 10 were not excavated, as permission from the landowner was withdrawn.

- 3.1.4. The locations of the trenches as excavated are shown on **Figures 1-3**.

3.2. Aims and Objectives

- 3.2.1. The general aims and objectives of the evaluation were set out in the *Field Evaluation Strategy* (Wessex Archaeology 2001a). Site specific objectives were detailed in the *WSI* (Wessex Archaeology 2001b). These were (within the limits of the specified techniques and trench disposition):

- To confirm the nature of the geophysical anomalies, where targeted;
- To confirm the nature of the cropmark features, where targeted;
- To confirm the presence or absence of archaeological remains in areas that appear blank;
- To identify and date if possible elements of the field systems (Site 10);
- To identify if possible any Iron Age pits or burials which might relate to Site 8.
- To identify and date if possible the square feature (Site 23) where it is affected by the illustrative design.
- To identify and date if possible the linear anomaly physically related to Site 29.
- To assess the degree of preservation of remains across the whole road corridor.

- 3.2.2. In addition to these general aims and objectives, a number of trench specific objectives were identified, relating to the investigation of particular cropmarks or geophysical anomalies identified in previous work. These objectives are reviewed in section 5 below.

4. EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

4.1. Mechanical Excavation

- 4.1.1. All trenches were marked out on the ground prior to the commencement of work.

4.1.2. Topsoil and overburden were removed using a 360° excavator fitted with a toothless bucket, working under the continuous direct supervision of a suitably experienced archaeologist.

4.1.3. Topsoil and modern overburden was removed in a series of level spits down to the top of the first significant archaeological horizon.

4.2. Hand Excavation

4.2.1. All features of whatever origin requiring clarification were cleaned by hand and recorded in plan at an appropriate scale. Sufficient of the features located were investigated by hand in order to fulfil the aims of the project. In general, all features thought likely to be of archaeological origin were excavated. Where features were thought to be of natural origin, this was confirmed by the excavation and recording of one or two examples in each trench, as appropriate.

4.2.2. Care was taken not to compromise the integrity of archaeological features or deposits that might be better excavated under the conditions pertaining to full excavation.

4.3. Recording

4.3.1. All archaeological features and deposits encountered during the evaluation were recorded by Wessex Archaeology using *pro forma* recording sheets and a continuous unique numbering system.

4.3.2. A plan at an appropriate scale was prepared, showing the areas investigated and their relation to more permanent topographical features.

4.3.3. A representative section of each trial trench was recorded at an appropriate scale.

4.3.4. Other plans, sections and elevations of archaeological features and deposits will be drawn as necessary at 1:10, 1:20 and 1:50 as appropriate. Drawings will be made in pencil on permanent drafting film.

4.3.5. The spot height of all principal features and levels were calculated in metres relative to Ordnance Datum, correct to two decimal places.

4.3.6. A full photographic record was created using both monochrome prints and colour transparencies.

4.3.7. An environmental sampling strategy was developed during the course of the project. This broadly followed best practice developed by Wessex Archaeology during the Stonehenge Environs Project and was adopted throughout the Stage 1 evaluations. The strategy also took into account the draft *Guidelines for Environmental Archaeology* (English Heritage 2001) and the recommendations contained in *Environmental archaeology and archaeological evaluations* (Association for Environmental Archaeology 1995).

- 4.3.8. The project archive was prepared in accordance with procedures outlined in *Standards in the Museum Care of Archaeological Collections* (Museum and Galleries Commission, 1992) and in accordance with the requirements of the Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum, who were consulted by Wessex Archaeology prior to commencement of the investigation.

5. RESULTS

5.1. Introduction

- 5.1.1. This section presents a summary of the principal archaeological features and deposits investigated. The objectives of each trench or, where appropriate, group of trenches, are also reviewed.
- 5.1.2. Details of the features and deposits excavated in each trench are given in **Appendix 1**.

5.2. Area A (Figure 1)

Trench 1

- 5.2.1. Trench 1 was excavated to investigate the character, function and date of a north-west to south-east orientated cropmark feature (part of Site 10). Evaluation revealed no trace of this, however. Investigation revealed only a series of tree throws and plough scars.

Trench 2

- 5.2.2. This trench was targeted to investigate the level, nature and date of activity represented by linear and pit-type anomalies seen on the geophysical survey. Only tree throws and plough scars were recorded.

Trench 3

- 5.2.3. Trench 3 was positioned to investigate the nature of any activity in an apparently blank area. A number of linear and pit type anomalies were observed but on investigation these were found to be plough scars and tree throws. An assemblage of Early Iron Age and Romano-British pottery was recovered from the topsoil, however.

Trench 4

- 5.2.4. Trench 4 was targeted to investigate the character, function and date of two north-south orientated cropmark features (part of Site 10), and to investigate the level, nature and date of activity represented by a number of linear and pit-type anomalies.
- 5.2.5. Two possible archaeological features were identified at either end of Trench 4, corresponding to both cropmarks and geophysical anomalies. Investigation revealed an undated ditch, 402, at the eastern end of the trench, and a tree throw at the western end.

5.2.6. An undated pit, 403, was also excavated. This contained five fills, none of which produced any datable finds.

5.2.7. A number of other linear and pit type anomalies were observed but on investigation these were found to be tree throws and plough scars.

Trench 5

5.2.8. This was excavated to investigate the nature of any activity in an apparently blank area. A number of pit type anomalies were investigated and found to be tree throws. A single sherd of Middle Iron Age pottery was recovered from the topsoil.

Trench 6

5.2.9. Trench 6 was excavated to investigate the level, nature and date of activity represented by a group of pit-type anomalies. One of these was identified and found to be a tree throw. A number of other linear and pit type anomalies were observed but these were found to be plough scars and natural features.

Trench 7

5.2.10. Trench 7 was targeted to investigate the character, function and date of an east-west orientated cropmark feature (part of Site 10), and to investigate the level, nature and date of activity represented by a pit-type anomaly. Excavation revealed the latter to be a tree throw. Excessive plough scarring was noted to coincide with the cropmark in the north-eastern extent of the trench.

Trench 8

5.2.11. Trench 8 was targeted to investigate the character, function and date of a north-west to south-west orientated cropmark, apparently associated with an extant field boundary to the north. The length of the trench was reduced in the field to avoid an overgrown area containing reptile refuges, however, and the cropmark feature was not, therefore, intersected. A number of other linear and pit type anomalies were located, but these were identified as plough scars and tree throws.

5.3. Area B (Figures 2A and 2B)

Trenches 9, 10 and 11

5.3.1. These trenches were positioned to investigate the level, nature and date of activity represented by a series of pit-type anomalies. Trenches 9 and 10 were not excavated as access was not available. Trench 11 revealed an undated feature, 1105, thought to be part of a ditch or pit. A number of other linear and pit type anomalies were found to be plough scars and tree throws.

Trench 12

- 5.3.2. Trench 12 was positioned to investigate the nature of any activity in an apparently blank area. A number of linear and pit type anomalies were found to be plough scars and tree throws.

Trenches 13 to 17

- 5.3.3. These trenches were excavated to investigate the level, nature and date of possible enclosures and settlement activity represented by a series of linear and pit-type anomalies.
- 5.3.4. In Trench 13, a number of linear and pit type anomalies were observed. An undated ditch feature, 1307, contained a re-cut 1310 (**Figures 2A and 4**). Two pit type anomalies, 1303 and 1305, were investigated and revealed to be tree throws.
- 5.3.5. A substantial fragment of worked stone, thought to represent part of a Neolithic stone axe possibly originating from Cornwall, was recovered from the spoil heap of Trench 13.
- 5.3.6. In Trenches 14 and 15, a number of linear and pit type anomalies were observed but these were identified as plough scars and tree throws.
- 5.3.7. In Trench 16, a north-south orientated linear anomaly located by geophysics towards the western end of the trench was identified. Investigation revealed this to be a negative lynchet – a relict field boundary of prehistoric or medieval date (1604, **Figures 2A and 4**). Other linear and pit type anomalies in Trench 16 were identified as plough scars and tree throws.
- 5.3.8. Evaluation of Trench 17 revealed no features or deposits of whatever origin.

Trenches 18 and 19

- 5.3.9. Trenches 18 and 19 were targeted to investigate the level, nature and date of activity represented by linear anomalies.
- 5.3.10. In Trench 18, a number of linear and pit type anomalies were identified as plough scars and tree throws.
- 5.3.11. An undated ditch feature, 1903, was observed in the western extent of Trench 19 (**Figure 2B**). A number of other linear and pit type anomalies were observed; investigation of two of these found them to be tree throws (1907 and 1911).

Trenches 20 and 21

- 5.3.12. These trenches were positioned to investigate the level, nature and date of possible enclosures represented by linear anomalies.
- 5.3.13. No linear features were observed in either trench. Two undated postholes, 2003 and 2007, were excavated at either extent of Trench 20 (**Figure 2B**). A

number of pit type anomalies were observed in both trenches, but these were interpreted as tree throws, plough scars and variations in the natural geology. Tree throw 2009 in Trench 20 produced a small number of animal bones and burnt flint fragments.

Trenches 22 to 27

- 5.3.14. These trenches were targeted to investigate the level, nature and date of possible enclosures and settlement activity represented by a number of linear and pit-type anomalies. Trench 27 also targeted a north-south cropmark, apparently associated with an extant field boundary north of the A303: this was also targeted by Trench 8 in Area A (see 5.2 above).
- 5.3.15. In Trench 22, two possible pits 2203 and 2205 were investigated. These had notably regular profiles by comparison with the tree throws characteristic of Area B, although the fills were similar and neither contained any cultural material.
- 5.3.16. In Trench 23, a number of linear and pit type anomalies were observed; investigation of two of these suggested the features were tree throws or hollows/depressions in the natural geology.
- 5.3.17. Trenches 24, 25 and 26 revealed a series of pit type and linear anomalies. Investigation of several of these identified them as tree throws and plough scars.
- 5.3.18. In Trench 27, ditch 2702 corresponding to the north-south cropmark was located in the middle of the trench. This produced 12 undiagnostic worked flint fragments broadly dated to the Neolithic/Bronze Age.
- 5.3.19. At the eastern extent of the trench, undated ditch 2705 corresponded to a linear anomaly. The ditch yielded a small number of burnt flint fragments.
- 5.3.20. Other linear and pit type anomalies in Trench 27 were identified as plough scars and tree throws.

Trenches 28 and 29

- 5.3.21. Trenches 28 and 29 were excavated to investigate the level, nature and date of activity represented by a series of linear anomalies.
- 5.3.22. In Trench 28, a ditch terminus, 2805, located at the eastern extent of the trench, was aligned north-east to south-west (**Figures 2B and 4**), but did not correspond to any geophysical anomalies. Early Bronze Age pottery was recovered from its uppermost fill.
- 5.3.23. Other linear and pit type features were identified; investigation of one of these found it to be a tree throw.
- 5.3.24. Trench 29 revealed no features or deposits of whatever origin.

Trench 30

- 5.3.25. This was positioned to investigate the nature of any activity in an apparently blank area. Evaluation revealed no features or deposits of possible archaeological interest.

5.4. Area C (Figures 3A and 3B)

Trenches 31 to 33

- 5.4.1. Trenches 31 to 33 were positioned to investigate the level, nature and date of activity represented by a group of pit-type anomalies.
- 5.4.2. In Trench 31, an undated gully, 3103, orientated north-south, was identified towards the eastern extent of the trench (**Figure 3A**). A number of pit type anomalies were identified as tree throws.
- 5.4.3. In Trench 32, a number of pit type anomalies were revealed and identified as tree throws.
- 5.4.4. In Trench 33, three north-south orientated intercutting ditches (3304, 3306 and 3308, **Figure 3A**) corresponded to a pit type anomaly located by the geophysical survey. The ditches were cut from within the modern topsoil, indicating a recent date, although ditch 3304 did yield a sherd of Romano-British pottery. The ditches are parallel to a linear cropmark plotted some 10m to the east, part of the extensive field system, Site 10, and also to the extant field boundary and associated cropmark c. 70m to the west.

Trench 34

- 5.4.5. Trench 34 was targeted to investigate the character, function and date of an east-west orientated cropmark feature (part of Site 10), and to investigate the level, nature and date of activity represented by pit-type anomalies (possibly related to Site 8).
- 5.4.6. Evaluation revealed no evidence of the linear cropmark targeted by this trench. A number of pit type anomalies were located, but these were identified as tree throws.

Trench 35

- 5.4.7. Trench 35 was targeted to investigate the level, nature and date of activity represented by linear anomalies seen on the geophysical survey.
- 5.4.8. No linear features were observed in Trench 35. A number of pit type anomalies were investigated but these were identified as tree throws.

Trenches 36 and 37

- 5.4.9. These trenches were targeted to investigate the level, nature and date of possible enclosures represented by a series of linear anomalies.
- 5.4.10. Two linear anomalies located towards the middle of Trench 36 were investigated and revealed to be two north-west to south-east orientated undated gullies (3602 and 3604, **Figure 3A**). A similar north-west to south-east orientated, undated gully (3705) was located towards the middle of Trench 37; these features may be related, although the geophysical survey does not demonstrate any continuity between them.
- 5.4.11. A number of pit type anomalies were also observed in both trenches, but investigation of two examples (3608 and 3703) confirmed these to be tree throws.

Trench 38

- 5.4.12. Trench 38 was targeted to investigate the character, function and date of a linear cropmark (part of Site 10) intersected at the northern end of the trench; and to investigate the level, nature and date of activity represented by an annular anomaly, possibly a ring ditch, seen on the geophysical survey.
- 5.4.13. Two possible gully features 3802 and 3804 may represent the possible ring ditch. This would give the feature a diameter of *c.*20m; a south-east facing entrance is suggested by the geophysics. No finds were recovered from the gullies.
- 5.4.14. A series of pit type features were also identified. Investigation of three of these confirmed them to be tree throws.

Trenches 39 and 40

- 5.4.15. These were targeted to investigate the level, nature and date of the possible enclosures represented by linear anomalies (possibly related to Site 23), including (Trench 39) an apparent square enclosure to the north of the illustrative design that was also recorded as a cropmark.
- 5.4.16. No linear features were observed in either Trench 39 or 40. A number of pit type anomalies were seen, but excavation of four of these found them to be tree throws.

Trench 41

- 5.4.17. Trench 41 was targeted to investigate the level, nature and date of activity represented by a series of pit-type anomalies, possibly related to Site 23.
- 5.4.18. Evaluation revealed a series of pit-type anomalies. In the north-western corner of the trench, pit 4103 was sub-rectangular in plan, with near vertical sides and a flat base (**Figures 3A and 4**). It contained four fills, including a dump of Late Bronze Age pottery. Other finds included burnt and struck

flint. The form of the pit suggests an original storage function, while the fills suggest re-use as a rubbish pit.

- 5.4.19. Although other pit type anomalies were identified, investigation of one of these confirmed them to be tree throws.

Trenches 42 and 43

- 5.4.20. These were targeted to investigate the level, nature and date of possible enclosures represented by linear and annular anomalies (possibly related to Site 23).
- 5.4.21. In Trench 42, an undated, very shallow pit feature was excavated (4202). Other pit type features were identified, but investigation of two of these were confirmed them to be tree throws.
- 5.4.22. In Trench 43, two gully features (4303 and 4304) corresponding to linear anomalies possibly representing a ring ditch c.12m in diameter were investigated. No finds were recovered from the features. The geophysical survey suggests that the possible ring ditch has a north-west facing entrance.
- 5.4.23. Other pit type anomalies were identified in Trench 43, but investigation of one of these confirmed them to be tree throws.

Trench 44

- 5.4.24. Trench 44 was targeted to investigate the character, function and date of three east-west orientated linear cropmark features (part of Site 10). Evaluation revealed an undated east-west orientated ditch feature, 4403, in the southern extent of the trench, corresponding to the most southerly of these crop marks (**Figure 3B**).
- 5.4.25. An undated pit feature, 4405, was excavated in the central part of the trench. No other features were identified.

Trench 45

- 5.4.26. Trench 45 was targeted to investigate the character, function and date of an east-west orientated linear cropmark feature (part of Site 10) at the south of the trench, together with a series of pit-type anomalies seen on the geophysical survey.
- 5.4.27. A number of tree throws were identified in the trench. No evidence was seen for the linear cropmark feature.

Trench 46

- 5.4.28. This trench was targeted to investigate the character, function and date of three east-west orientated cropmark features (part of Site 10). A number of linear and pit type anomalies were investigated, but these were identified as tree throws and variations in the natural geology. No evidence for the linear cropmark features was found.

Trench 47

- 5.4.29. This trench was positioned to investigate the nature of any activity in an apparently blank area. An undated shallow pit feature, 4702, was excavated. Other pit type anomalies were investigated but these were found to be tree throws.

Trench 48

- 5.4.30. Trench 48 was targeted to investigate the character, function and date of an east-west orientated linear cropmark feature (part of Site 10), together with the level, nature and date of activity represented by a number of pit-type anomalies. A series of tree throws was found, but there was no evidence of the anticipated crop mark.

Trenches 49 and 50

- 5.4.31. These trenches were positioned to investigate the character, function and date of two linear cropmark features, one forming a possible lynchet (part of Site 10) orientated east-west, and several linear anomalies, some corresponding to the cropmarks.
- 5.4.32. In Trench 49, an undated ditch feature, 4904, was orientated east-west, corresponding to a geophysical anomaly. Other pit type anomalies were investigated but these were found to be tree throws or variations in the natural geology.
- 5.4.33. In Trench 50, evaluation revealed a north-south orientated, undated ditch feature, 5002, corresponding to a crop mark. This ditch was also identified in Trench 51 c.10m to the south, where it appears as 5102, one of two intercutting gullies, and is physically related to Site 29.
- 5.4.34. Other pit type anomalies in Trench 50 were identified as tree throws.

Trench 51

- 5.4.35. Trench 51 was excavated to investigate the character, function and date of a north-south orientated cropmark feature, physically related to Site 29, a ploughed out round barrow seen on the geophysical survey some 100m to the south. Two intercutting gullies (5102 and 5104) were recorded, corresponding to the crop mark. At least one of these gullies, 5102, was also recorded in Trench 50 as ditch 5002, c.10m to the north.
- 5.4.36. Other pit type anomalies were also observed but these were identified as tree throws.

5.5. Area D (Figure 3A)

Trench 52

- 5.5.1. Trench 52 was targeted to investigate the nature of any activity in an apparently blank area. Evaluation revealed five distinct layers of oily modern road debris, indicative of fly tipping related to a period of modern road construction/maintenance. Natural geology was recorded at a depth of 0.79m below ground surface.

6. FINDS

6.1. Introduction

- 6.1.1. The evaluation recovered a relatively small number of finds in a limited range of material types, all of which have been cleaned (with the exception of the metalwork), and quantified by material type within each context (**Table 1** presents overall finds totals). Spot dates have been recorded for the pottery, which has been quantified by broad ware group. Most of the assemblage is either demonstrably or probably of later prehistoric date, although the presence of a fragment of a Neolithic stone axe, and a small quantity of Early Bronze Age pottery, can be noted. Burnt, unworked flint has been discarded following quantification.

Material	Number	Weight in grammes
Animal Bone	55	76
Burnt Flint	25	684
Worked Flint	15	336
Glass	1	1
Iron	91	547
Pottery	66	633
Worked Stone	1	378

Table 1: Finds totals by material types

6.2. Pottery

- 6.2.1. Pottery was recovered from seven contexts in five trenches (3, 5, 28, 33, and 41), although a large proportion of this (37 sherds) came from topsoil contexts in trenches 3 and 5. This small assemblage includes material of early prehistoric, later prehistoric and Romano-British date.
- 6.2.2. Two plain body sherds from Trench 28 (ditch **2805**) have been identified as Early Bronze Age pottery on the basis of a fine grog-tempered fabric, although due to the small size of the sherds and their abraded nature it is not possible to assign these to ceramic tradition.

- 6.2.3. The Late Bronze Age pottery (26 sherds; 368 g) all came from a single context in Trench 41 (pit **4103**). Most of this pottery has a coarse flint temper; seven sherds are shell-tempered. There is only one diagnostic sherd: a flint-tempered sherd with fingertip decoration on the shoulder, deriving from a shouldered jar, a characteristic Late Bronze Age form (cf. Morris 2000, jar type 51, fig 56-8, 74-89).
- 6.2.4. Thirty-three sherds from the topsoil in Trench 3, all in sandy fabrics, are likely to be of later, Early Iron Age date, since sandy fabrics superseded flint-tempered fabrics during this period. There are no diagnostic sherds.
- 6.2.5. One sandy sherd, however, can be more confidently dated as Middle Iron Age pottery (Trench 5 topsoil). This derives from a straight-sided vessel with slightly beaded rim, similar to the 'saucepan' pots of, for example, the St Catherine's Hill-Worthy Down style of the 2nd to 1st centuries BC (Cunliffe 1991, fig. A:15).
- 6.2.6. The Romano-British pottery found is made up of coarse greywares and buff oxidised wares. This material (3 sherds) derived mainly from the topsoil in Trench 3. The single sherd from Trench 33 (context **3303**) has been re-used and comprises half of a spindle whorl.

6.3. **Worked and Burnt Flint**

- 6.3.1. Most of the worked flint derived from a single context in Trench 27 (ditch **2702**), including five possible blades, with a smaller quantity from Trench 41 (pit **4103**). However, there are also a number of flakes with hinge fractures. The flints from Trench 27 are all patinated, whereas the flints from Trench 41 appear fresher. There are no tools or other utilised pieces. This small assemblage can only, in the absence of diagnostic material, be broadly dated as Neolithic/Bronze Age.
- 6.3.2. The burnt, unworked flint is inherently undatable, although it is often associated with prehistoric activity.

6.4. **Worked Stone**

- 6.4.1. The single piece of worked stone, a topsoil find from Trench 13, comprises part of a Neolithic stone axe, possibly originating from Cornwall. It has been broken in antiquity and is quite badly abraded.

6.5. **Other Finds**

Metalwork

- 6.5.1. Two unidentifiable iron objects were found, both from Trench 33; both are probably post-medieval in date.

Glass

- 6.5.2. There is one very small sherd of glass (Trench 33) that is probably modern.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL EVIDENCE

7.1. Introduction

- 7.1.1. Environmental samples were taken from selected features in order to identify the survival, nature and range of preserved charred and land snail remains, and to assess the potential of these to aid in the interpretation of specific features.

7.2. Method

- 7.2.1. Two bulk samples of 10 litres each were processed from the Late Bronze Age pit (4103) in Trench 41 (Area C), for the recovery and assessment of charred plant remains and charcoal. The bulk samples were processed by standard flotation methods, with the flot retained on a 0.5 mm mesh and the residues fractionated into 5.6 mm, 2 mm and 1 mm fractions and dried. The coarse fractions (>5.6 mm) were sorted, weighed and discarded. The flots were scanned under a x10 - x30 stereo-binocular microscope and presence of charred remains quantified, to record the preservation and nature of the charred plant remains and charcoal and assess their potential.
- 7.2.2. In addition, two samples were taken for the recovery of land snails from a ditch (2702) of possible prehistoric date in Trench 27. Samples of 1450-1500g were processed by standard methods (Evans 1972) and the flots scanned under a x10 - x30 stereo-binocular microscope, to provide a basic assessment of shell preservation and species representation. The relative numbers of shells and the presence of taxonomic groups were quasi quantified.

7.3. Results

- 7.3.1. The bulk samples produced flots of small to average size containing 50-60% rooty material and high numbers of uncharred weed seeds, which can be indicative of stratigraphic movement (**Table 2**). Small quantities of charred grain fragments and charred weed seeds were recorded in both samples. Molluscs were present in both samples and small mammal bones in one of them.

Charred Plant Remains

- 7.3.2. Charred plant remains were relatively sparse in these Late Bronze Age pit fills, in contrast with the Iron Age pits sampled in Area C1 to the east (Wessex Archaeology 2001c). The potential of these samples to provide detailed information about the function of the pit, on-site activities or the wider economy, is limited in the absence of a wider archaeological context. However, further analysis of both samples can provide important information on the landscape and economy on the ridge prior to the later, Early Iron Age, enclosed settlement site evaluated in Area C1 (*ibid.*).

Sample				Flot							Residue
Feature type/ no	Context	Sample	size litres	flot ml	size ml	Grain	Chaff	Weed seeds uncharred charred	Charcoal >5.6mm	Other	Charcoal >5.6mm
4103	4107	1	10	60 ³⁰		C	-	a C	-	moll-t (A)	-
4103	4106	2	10	35 ²¹		C	-	a C	C	moll-t (A) smb (C)	-

KEY: A** = exceptional, A* = 30+ items, A = ≥10 items, B = 9 - 5 items, C = < 5 items; smb = small mammal bones

NOTE: ¹flot is total, but flot in superscript = ml of rooty material. ²Unburnt seed in lower case to distinguish from charred remains

Table 2: Assessment of the charred plant remains and charcoal

Charcoal

- 7.3.3. Although charcoal was noted in the flots, this is so sparse as to be of little potential; comparison with the Iron Age material from Area C1 is not possible.

Land Snails

- 7.3.4. The two samples from ditch 2702 produced snail assemblages containing both open and shade-loving species (**Table 3**), suggesting generally open conditions, perhaps in a long grassland environment. However, shell numbers are too low to enable any detailed palaeo-environmental analysis.

SAMPLE	4	3
CONTEXT	2704	2703
FEATURE	2702	2702
FEATURE TYPE	Ditch	Ditch
WEIGHT	1450g	1500g
Open country species		
<i>Pupilla muscorum</i>	-	C
<i>Helicella itala</i>	C	-
<i>Vallonia</i> spp.	C	C
Catholic species		
<i>Pomatias elegans</i>	+	C
<i>Cepaea</i> spp	+	+
Shade-loving species		
<i>Carychium</i>	C	C
<i>Discus rotundatus</i>	B	B
<i>Oxychilus</i>	C	-
<i>Aegopinella</i>	C	C
<i>Nesovitrea</i>	-	C
Clausiliidae	-	C
<i>Vitrea</i>	-	+
<i>Helicigona lapicida</i>	+	+
Burrowing species		
<i>Cecilioides acicula</i>	b	a
Approx totals	14	18

KEY: A = ≥10 items, B = 9 - 5 items, C = < 5 items, (+) = present

Table 3: Land snail assessment from Trench 27

8. DISCUSSION

8.1. Summary

- 8.1.1. Evaluation found Areas A-D to be characterised by a notably sparse distribution of archaeological features, with little dating evidence. The character of the archaeology observed accords with the general impression provided by the geophysical survey, and contrasts with the intensive and well-defined occupation evaluated in Area C1 (Site 25; Wessex Archaeology 2001c).
- 8.1.2. The majority of features encountered in the trenches were of natural (principally tree throws) or modern agricultural (plough marks) origin. The archaeological features recorded appear to represent mostly agricultural boundaries (ditches in Areas A, B and C and a lynchet in Area B), with possible settlement-related activity confined to a small number of (mostly undated) pits, and two postholes.
- 8.1.3. The earliest feature to produce dated finds was a ditch in Area B (Trench 27), which produced an undiagnostic assemblage of flintwork characteristic of Neolithic or Bronze Age date. The ditch is recorded as a cropmark which, north of the A303 in Area A, corresponds to an extant field boundary, which may be seen as part of the extensive, multi-phase field system, Site 10. Only one other component of this field system, a ditch in Trench 44, was located; this was undated, however.
- 8.1.4. In the north-eastern part of Area C, a ditch visible as a cropmark was recorded but remains undated. Although the cropmark appears to be physically related to Site 29, a possible Late Neolithic ceremonial site or Early Bronze Age burial site, it also forms a clear boundary to the extent of the field system Site 10 in this location. It therefore seems more likely that the ditch is part of this, presumably later, field system, which respects Site 29.
- 8.1.5. A single feature, a ditch terminal in Area B (Trench 28), was dated to the Early Bronze Age. In Area C, a storage pit in Trench 41, close to the A303, contained a dump of Late Bronze Age pottery. Site 8, (two pits, one containing a flexed inhumation), although imprecisely located and undated, is thought to be associated with this part of Area C. The geophysical survey suggested a number of pit-type anomalies in this area: however, this feature was the only one to be verified. Nevertheless, the storage pit suggests settlement activity and other pit-type anomalies remain to be investigated in this area.
- 8.1.6. Two possible ring ditches seen on the geophysics were identified as gullies in Trenches 38 and 43. These features remain undated and are of uncertain interpretation. However, they are unlikely to be round house drip gullies given their size (15m and 20m in diameter) and the absence of cultural material or other associated evidence of occupation; the features seem more likely to represent ploughed-out round barrows, of probable Bronze Age date.

- 8.1.7. No activity that might be considered to be directly associated with the Iron Age/Romano-British enclosure complex, Site 25, was noted during the evaluation. Some 800m to the west of Site 25, however, an undated ditch and pit were recorded in Trench 4, and a small, unstratified assemblage of pottery of Early Iron Age and Romano-British date was recovered from Trench 3, both in Area A. Taken together with two undated postholes in the nearby Trench 20 in Area B to the south of the A303, this may suggest some limited settlement activity of comparable date to that seen in Site 25.
- 8.1.8. Some 250m west of Site 25, a rectilinear enclosure on the ridge crest, Site 23, was not identified by Trench 39. The date and function of this feature remain unknown and an association with the Iron Age/Romano-British enclosure complex, Site 25, cannot be ruled out.
- 8.1.9. A series of undated ditches, gullies and shallow pits was also recorded from Areas B (Trenches 13, 19 and 22) and C (Trenches 31, 36, 37, 42, 47 and 49). These features were not consistently correlated with either geophysical anomalies or cropmarks, and further interpretation of their date or function is not possible.
- 8.1.10. In conclusion, the evaluation has identified a sporadic scatter of archaeological remains. Although no particular foci of activity are apparent, and the possibility of similar remains extending throughout Areas A-D cannot be ruled out, three areas may be suggested where further archaeological remains might be anticipated:
- Areas A and B – possible Early Iron Age/Romano-British activity in vicinity of Trenches 3, 4 and 20;
 - Area C – possible Late Bronze Age settlement activity in vicinity of Trench 41 (part of Site 8?); and
 - Area C – possible ploughed out round barrows represented by ring ditches in Trenches 38 and 43.

8.2. Preservation of Archaeological Remains

- 8.2.1. The occurrence of archaeological remains was sporadic across areas A-D and the correlation of these with geophysical anomalies and cropmarks was generally poor. This is attributable to the large number of natural features, such as tree throws, and intensive modern ploughing. These factors have produced a misleading picture of the extent of archaeological preservation across the area, and in the case of ploughing, contributed to varying levels of degradation of the remains that are present.
- 8.2.2. The extent of plough damage varied between the areas. Area A, on the crest of the ridge, displayed the worst damage; the paucity of archaeological features in this area and the presence of pottery in the topsoil suggests that archaeological survival here has been badly affected by the intensive modern arable regime. Area B also showed extensive plough damage, but the survival of features such as the lynchet suggests that degradation of the archaeological resource here may not be so advanced. Area C was the least

affected by modern plough damage. It is understood that until some 20 years ago the field had rarely been ploughed in modern times (Wessex Archaeology 2001c) and archaeological survival is likely to be concomitantly better here. Nevertheless, the condition of archaeological features did vary within Area C, with the deep Late Bronze Age pit contrasting with some very much shallower features elsewhere.

- 8.2.3. There was a generally poor correlation of archaeological features with cropmarks. This was particularly notable with regard to recent plots that have extended the field system, Site 10. It is possible that the soil marks seen on aerial photographs result from variable degrees of chalk suspended in the ploughsoil, derived from the boundaries of extinct field systems, which may not survive as sub-surface features.

8.3. Assessment of Importance

- 8.3.1. The WSI reviewed the Monument Interest Value (MIV) previously calculated (Blore et al 1995) for the known sites within Areas A, B, C and D (Wessex Archaeology 2001b). The scores for the three known sites within the evaluated area are shown in **Table 4**. These suggest that the known sites are of Minor Importance.

Site	Type	Survival	Potential	GV (cluster)	GV (assoc.)	Diversity	SAM/ MPP	Total
8	Pits	1	2	1	1	1	X	8
10	Fields	1	1	1	2	1	X	8
23	Enclosure	1	2	1	2	1	X	11

Table 4: Review of Monument Interest Values

- 8.3.2. The evaluation has located an extensive scatter of remains, including elements of Site 10, and possibly Site 8, but has not identified any particular foci of activity or ‘sites’, although three areas where further archaeological remains may be anticipated are suggested above (8.1.10). The enclosure (Site 23) and the ring ditch (Site 29) in Area C were not encountered during the evaluation. A preliminary assessment of the importance of all the remains located by the evaluation is presented in **Table 5** below.

Trench	Type	Survival	Potential	GV (cluster)	GV (assoc.)	Diversity	SAM/ MPP	Total
3/4/20	EIA/RB activity	1	1	1	2	1	X	8
13	Undated ditch	1	1	1	1	1	X	5
16	Undated lynchet	1	1	1	2	1	X	8
19	Undated ditch	1	1	1	1	1	X	5
22	Undated pits	1	1	1	1	1	X	5
27	BA ditch, part of Site 10	1	1	1	2	1	X	8
28	EBA ditch	1	1	1	1	1	X	5
31	Undated ditch	1	1	1	1	1	X	5
33	Modern ditch	-	-	-	-	-	X	0
36/37	Undated gullies	1	1	1	1	1	X	5
38	Possible round barrow	1	2	1	1	1	X	8

Cont.

Table 5: Preliminary assessment of importance

<i>Trench</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Survival</i>	<i>Potential</i>	<i>GV (cluster)</i>	<i>GV (assoc.)</i>	<i>Diversity</i>	<i>SAM/ MPP</i>	<i>Total</i>
41	LBA pit - part of Site 8?	1	2	1	1	1	X	8
42	Undated pit	1	1	1	1	1	X	5
43	Possible round barrow	1	2	1	1	1	X	8
44	Undated ditch, part of Site 10	1	1	1	2	1	X	8
47	Undated pit	1	1	1	1	1	X	5
49	Undated gully	1	1	1	1	1	X	5
50/51	Undated ditch – part of Site 10?	1	1	1	2	1	X	8

KEY: BA = Bronze Age, EBA = Early Bronze Age, LBA = Late Bronze Age, EIA = Early Iron Age, RB = Romano-British

Table 5 (cont.): Preliminary assessment of importance

8.3.3. The preliminary assessment of importance indicates that all of the remains located are of Minor Importance. The evaluation has not provided any evidence to support the re-scoring of any of the previously known sites (Table 4).

8.3.4. The milestone (no. 4/230) is Listed Grade II. Although the stone is damaged and has clearly been repositioned, its value as part of a prominent series associated with the turnpiking of the A303 remains. It may be considered to be of Moderate Importance in line with its statutory designation. No re-consideration of the importance implied by its designation is proposed here.

8.4. Confidence Rating

8.4.1. The evaluation has located and investigated a small range of archaeological features across Areas A-D. The general aims and objectives of the evaluation, as set out in the WSI, have therefore been fulfilled. In particular, the nature of the geophysical anomalies, the presence or absence of archaeological remains in areas that appear blank, and the degree of preservation across the Areas A-D have been assessed. Where possible on the basis of the limited range of evidence recovered, the date and general nature of activity has also been confirmed. Where the predicted features were encountered, the specific objectives set for each trench have also been achieved.

8.4.2. In the majority of cases, the presence of these features was predicted by the geophysical survey and/or the cropmark evidence, although some features had not been identified by either survey. In the case of the cropmark evidence, it may be suggested (8.2.3 above) on the basis of the evaluation results that elements of field systems visible as soil marks may not survive as sub-surface features.

8.4.3. The geophysical survey indicated a large number of apparently incoherent anomalies across Areas A-D, the majority of which were only tentatively identified as of possible archaeological origin. As predicted, although a number of pit, annular and linear type anomalies were located by the trenches, investigation found the vast majority of these to be the result of tree

throws, plough scars and variations in the natural geology. In some cases, however, the number and location of these natural/agricultural features could not be clearly correlated with the geophysics results. Conversely, a number of archaeological features were observed throughout Areas A-D that the geophysics had failed to identify. This inconsistent identification of archaeological features probably results from the variable nature of the chalk and the relatively small size of the individual features. Nevertheless, the geophysical survey was generally successful in providing some indication of the likely nature and density of the features present.

- 8.4.4. The evaluation in Areas A-D has again demonstrated both the limitations of the geophysical survey and aerial photographic evidence and the validity of the staged approach, with targeted trial trenching used to evaluate archaeological remains predicted by non-intrusive techniques. Although archaeological features were sparse, with no particular focus of activity, the evaluation has identified several locations where further remains may be anticipated. However, given the relatively high trenched sample (3.4%), the even distribution of trenches and the consistent examination of apparently blank areas employed here, it is considered unlikely that substantive remains may have been missed by the evaluation. A reasonable degree of confidence may therefore be attached to the results.

8.5. Potential for Further Analysis

- 8.5.1. The evaluation in Areas A-D has identified scattered archaeological remains of minor, local importance. However, the presence of secure Late Bronze Age contexts in the single storage pit excavated in Area C offers the opportunity to provide comparative data to that from the enclosure complex evaluated in Area C1, and is thus of enhanced significance. Whilst the purpose of the evaluation is to further inform decisions relating to the development of the road design, the charred plant remains recovered from these contexts do, therefore, have the potential for further analysis.
- 8.5.2. Should further investigation and recording become necessary in Area C1, the charred plant remains from the evaluation in Area C can contribute to any associated programme of analysis. In the event that no such further investigation is carried out, however, it is suggested that provision should nevertheless be made as part of the overall mitigation strategy for limited further analysis of the charred plant remains, followed by the publication of the results.

8.6. Recommendations for Mitigation

- 8.6.1. The Illustrative Design presents a diversion from the existing A303 carriageway, initially to the south (in Area B) before swinging to the north (through Area C). A western access to Winterbourne Stoke is also presented, with elements of the proposed junction located in Areas A, B and D. Soft landscaping and associated environmental improvements extend further into Areas A, B and C.

- 8.6.2. The new road will be generally at grade, except for a short stretch of low embankment in Areas B and C (ch. 1700 – 2200) and a cutting in the eastern part of Area C (ch. 2500 – 3100). The east-bound slip road of the proposed junction is in cutting in Area A (ch. 350-500), otherwise this too is also generally at grade. Construction at grade and in cutting will destroy any archaeological remains. Construction on embankment, and the establishment of soft landscaping, may involve the removal of topsoil and exposure of any remains, and/or the placing of fill material imported from elsewhere.
- 8.6.3. The construction of the Winterbourne Stoke western access will impact on the turnpike milestone. This feature, although damaged and previously repositioned, is of Moderate Importance as part of a series and benefits from statutory protection as a Listed structure. Given that the present location of the stone is probably not original, avoidance of the feature need not be considered a priority. It is recommended that the stone should be repositioned once more, with due consideration to both its original function and future preservation required in identifying an appropriate site; this would require listed building consent.
- 8.6.4. The sub-surface archaeological remains identified by the present evaluation are scattered and of Minor Importance. Preservation *in situ* is not, therefore, merited and provision should be made for the location, identification and recording of the remains, prior to construction. This may be achieved by means of a watching brief during topsoil stripping in most instances. However, the evaluation results suggest three locations where archaeological remains may be anticipated (see 8.1.10 above). It is therefore recommended that provision should be made for ‘strip and record’ investigation of limited areas in the vicinity of these locations, in order to ensure that remains are exposed under archaeological control.
- 8.6.5. Additional geophysical survey and fieldwalking is recommended in Areas A, B and C to ensure that the full extent of the proposed junction and associated soft landscaping is covered. The limitations of the geophysical survey data seen in the present evaluation require that these surveys should be supported by a further phase of trial trenching, which should examine both anomalies and cropmarks thought to be of archaeological origin, and apparently blank areas. These surveys should await further consideration of the road design in this part of the route.

9. ARCHIVE

9.1. Location of Archive

- 9.1.1. It is intended that the project archive, including written, drawn, photographic and material elements (together with a summary of the contents of the archive), will be deposited with the Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum, Salisbury, upon completion of the post-fieldwork programme. Wessex Archaeology will finalise an agreement regarding deposition of the archive with the landowners and the Museum. The site archive is currently held at

the offices of Wessex Archaeology at Portway House, Salisbury, under the project code 50252.

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11. APPENDIX 1: TRENCH SUMMARIES

The order in which the deposits are listed reflects their stratigraphical position, except where noted.

* = layer with finds + = sample taken

Trench 1		Max Depth: 0.35m	Length: 50m	Width: 2m
No.	Type	Description	Depth	
101 *	Topsoil	Dark brown clay loam with 5% subrounded chalk rubble <0.02m and 1% subangular flint fragments <0.06m.	0-0.35m	
109	Subsoil	Mid brown clay loam with 10-15% chalk rubble <0.04m, 5-10% flint fragments <0.05m and pea grit. Observed in west half of trench.	0.21-0.30m	
104	Fill	Mid brown silty clay with 5% subangular flint fragments <0.03m and 1% subrounded chalk rubble <0.10m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 101.	0.30-0.47m	
103	Plough Scar	Linear with steep/straight sides and a concave base, 50m long, 0.46m wide and 0.17m deep. Cuts 102.	0.30-0.47m	
106	Fill	Mid/light yellow brown clay with 20% angular flint fragments <0.02-0.05m and 20% chalk rubble. Secondary fill. Sealed by 101.	0.30-0.56m+	
105	Tree Throw	Irregular with irregular sides and an irregular base, 1.75m long, 0.75m wide and 0.26m→ deep. Cuts 102.	0.30-0.56m+	
108	Fill	Mid/dark brown sandy clay loam with 5-10% chalk rubble <0.03m and 1-2% flint fragments <0.02m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 109.	0.30-0.47m	
107	Tree Throw	Uneven with moderate to steep uneven sides and a concave uneven base, 3m diameter, 0.29m wide and 0.17m deep. Cuts 102.	0.30-0.47m	
102	Natural	Natural weathered chalk with plough scars.	0.35m→	

Trench 2		Max Depth: 0.40m	Length: 25m	Width: 2m
No.	Type	Description	Depth	
201	Topsoil	Dark brown clayey silt with 10% subrounded chalk <0.04m and 1% subangular flint < 0.08m.	0-0.40m	
204	Fill	Mid yellow brown chalky silty clay with moderate angular flints 0.03-0.06m, frequent chalk near peaks of cuts, moderate roots. Secondary fill. Sealed by 201.	0.40-0.60m	
203	Plough Scar	Linear with ‘u’ and ‘v’ shaped sides and a concave base, 1.80m long, 2.20m wide and 0.20m deep. Cuts 202.	0.40-0.60m	
202	Natural	Natural chalk, degraded by plough scars.	0.40m→	

Trench 3		Max Depth: 0.30m	Length: 50m	Width: 1.90m
No.	Type	Description	Depth	
301 *	Topsoil	Dark brown sandy clay with chalk and flint inclusions	0-0.35m	
303	Fill	Fill of plough scars. Pale reddish brown silty clay with chalk and flint inclusions and being loosely compacted. Secondary fill.	0.30-0.40m	
305	Fill	Mid brown clay loam with chalk rubble < 0.02m, <2% and pea chalk <5%. Secondary fill. Sealed by 301.	0.35-0.40m	
304	Plough Scar	Linear with shallow sides and a flat uneven base, 0.35m wide and 0.05m deep. Cuts 302.	0.35-0.40m	
307	Fill	Reddish brown silty clay with chalk and flint inclusions, chalk being predominant. Secondary fill. Sealed by 301.	0.35-0.62m	
306	Tree Throw	Sub-circular with moderate, irregular and undercutting sides and an irregular and sloping base. 0.90m+ long, 0.80m wide and 0.27m deep. Cuts 302.	0.35-0.62m	

302	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk.	0.35m→
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Trench 4		Max Depth: 0.22m	Length: 50m	Width: 1.8m
No.	Type	Description	Depth	
400 *	<i>Topsoil</i>	Very dark humic brown grey silty loam with rare subangular and subrounded flint < 0.10m, occasional chalk flecks, occasional chalk <0.03m.	0-0.22m	
405	<i>Fill</i>	Mid/dark greyish brown silty loam with occasional subangular chalk <0.04m, occasional subangular flint <0.05m and chalk pea grit in base. Secondary fill. Sealed by 400.	0.22-0.47m	
402	<i>Ditch</i>	Linear with moderate sides and a concave base, >1.80m long, 1.00m wide and 0.25m deep. Orientated N-S. Cuts 401.	0.22-0.47m	
406	<i>Fill</i>	Mid grey brown silt with very common subangular chalk <0.03m and occasional flint <0.04m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 400.	0.22-0.42m	
407	<i>Fill</i>	Mid/dark brown silty clay with occasional chalk and flint <0.04m. Secondary fill.	0.42-0.62m	
408	<i>Fill</i>	Mid/dark grey brown with occasional charcoal lumps <0.03m and very common subangular/subrounded chalk <0.05m. Deliberate dump.	0.42-0.87m	
409	<i>Fill</i>	Mid yellowish brown clay silt with sparse subangular chalk <0.03m. Secondary fill.	0.42-1.22m+	
410	<i>Fill</i>	Light grey chalky silt with quite common subangular chalk <0.05m. Primary fill.	0.64-1.22m+	
403	<i>Pit</i>	Subcircular with steep/slightly concave sides. Feature was not bottomed, c.2m diameter and >1m deep. Cuts 401.	0.22-1.22m+	
411	<i>Fill</i>	Dark brown clay loam with occasional subangular chalk <0.04m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 400.	0.22-0.46m	
412	<i>Fill</i>	Light grey brown silty loam with 80% chalk rubble <0.06m. Secondary fill.	0.22-0.72m	
404	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Irregular with irregular sides and base, c.3.30m long, >1.90m wide and 0.50m deep. Cuts 401.	0.22-0.72m	
401	<i>Natural</i>	Natural chalk very weathered and plough battered.	0.22m→	

Trench 5		Max Depth: 0.40m	Length: 50m	Width: 2m
No.	Type	Description	Depth	
501	<i>Topsoil</i>	Dark brown sandy clay with chalk and flint inclusions.	0-0.40m	
504	<i>Fill</i>	Dark reddish brown silty clay with frequent chalk and moderate flint inclusions. Secondary fill. Sealed by 501.	0.40-0.74m	
503	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Linear with a moderate east side and a steep west side, both irregular and an irregular base. 1.80m long, 1.50m wide and 0.34m deep. Cuts 502.	0.40-0.74m	
506	<i>Fill</i>	Reddish brown silty clay with chalk and flint inclusions. Sealed by 501. Secondary fill. Sealed by 501.	0.40-0.52m	
505	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Sub-circular with shallow sides and a sloping, irregular base, 2m+ long, 1.10m wide and 0.12m deep. Cuts 502.	0.40-0.52m	
508	<i>Fill</i>	Mid/light brown clay loam with 50-60% chalk rubble <0.05m, 5-10% flint fragments <0.07m and 5-10% pea chalk. Secondary fill. Sealed by 501.	0.40-0.52m	
507	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Sub-circular with shallow sides and a flat, uneven base, 0.90m diameter and 0.12m deep. Cuts 502.	0.40-0.52m	
502	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk.	0.40m→	

Trench 6		Max Depth: 0.40m	Length: 10m	Width: 10m
No.	Type	Description		Depth
601	<i>Topsoil</i>	Dark greyish brown loam with occasional/moderate flints and chalk flecks.		0-0.40m
603	<i>Fill</i>	Mid red brown silty clay with occasional/moderate flints <0.04m and moderate chalk lumps <0.06m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 601.		0.40-0.47m
604	<i>Fill</i>	Mid yellow brown silty chalk with 85% degraded chalk, occasional roots and occasional flints.		0.40-0.52m
602	<i>Natural Feature</i>	Irregular with irregular sides and base, 1m long, 0.70m wide and 0.12m deep. Cuts 609.		0.40-0.52m
606	<i>Fill</i>	Brown silty clay with 70% subrounded chalk <0.04m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 601.		0.40-0.48m
605	<i>Natural Feature</i>	Sub-circular with concave/moderate sides and a concave base, 0.62m long, 0.53m wide and 0.08m deep. Cuts 609.		0.40-0.48m
608	<i>Fill</i>	Brown silty clay with 30% subrounded chalk <0.04m and 2% subangular flint <0.08m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 601.		0.40-0.56m
607	<i>Plough Scar</i>	Linear with irregular sides and base, >1.2m long, 0.78m wide and 0.16m deep. Cuts 609.		0.40-0.56m
609	<i>Natural</i>	Natural chalk, surface quite degraded.		0.40m→

Trench 7		Max Depth: 0.40m	Length: 10m	Width: 10m
700	<i>Topsoil</i>	Dark greyish brown silty clay with <5% subangular flint <0.08m and <5% angular chalk <0.03m.		0-0.27m
702	<i>Fill</i>	Brown silty clay with 25% angular/subangular chalk/flint fragments. Secondary fill. Sealed by 700.		0.27-0.57m
703	<i>Fill</i>	Very pale brown/light grey silt with 50%+ angular chalk and flint fragments. Secondary fill.		0.57-0.77m
704	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Semi-circular with irregular sides and base, 2.20m wide and 0.50m deep. Cuts 701.		0.27-0.77m
701	<i>Natural</i>	Very degraded chalk natural due to excessive plough scars.		0.27m→

Trench 8		Max Depth: 0.25m	Length: 30m	Width: 2m
No.	Type	Description		Depth
800	<i>Topsoil</i>	Dark greyish brown silty loam with 5% subangular/rounded chalk/flint fragments at east end of trench and 10% angular/subrounded chalk/flint fragments at west end of trench.		0-0.25m
802	<i>Fill</i>	Dark yellowish brown silty clay loam with 30% angular/subangular chalk and flint fragments. Secondary fill. Sealed by 800.		0.25-0.80m
803	<i>Fill</i>	Very pale brown containing 50%+ chalk and flint fragments. Secondary fill.		0.35-0.75m
804	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Semi-circular with steep/irregular sides and a flat/irregular base, 1.40m wide and 0.56m deep. Cuts 801.		0.25-0.80m
805	<i>Fill</i>	Brown silty clay loam with 20% angular/subangular chalk and flint inclusions. Secondary fill. Sealed by 801.		0.25-0.45m
806	<i>Plough Scar</i>	Linear with steep north side and shallow south side and a flat base, 0.70m wide and 0.20m deep. Cuts 802.		0.25-0.45m
801	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk.		0.25m→

Trench 11		Max Depth: 0.40m	Length: 50m	Width: 1.90m
No.	Type	Description		Depth
1101	<i>Topsoil</i>	Greyish brown sandy clay with small chalk and flint inclusions.		0-0.40m
1104	<i>Fill</i>	Reddish brown silty clay with moderate chalk and flint inclusions. Secondary fill. Sealed by 1101.		0.40-0.72m
1103	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Irregular with irregular/undercutting sides and an irregular sloping base, 1.60m+ long, 0.90m wide and 0.32m deep. Cuts 1102.		0.40-0.72m
1106	<i>Fill</i>	Reddish brown silty clay with flint and chalk nodules. Secondary fill. Sealed by 1101.		
1105	<i>Ditch/Pit</i>	Sub-circular with regular sides and a sloping base, 1.34m long, 1.16m wide and 0.39m deep. Orientated E-W. Cuts 1102.		0.40-0.79m
1102	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk, disturbed by ploughing.		0.40m→

Trench 12		Max Depth: 0.40m	Length: 50m	Width: 1.90m
No.	Type	Description		Depth
1201	<i>Topsoil</i>	Mid brown silty clay loam with rounded chalk <0.10m and frequent angular flint <0.01.		0-0.30m
1209	<i>Fill</i>	Brown silty clay with 40% subrounded chalk <0.04m and one large subangular piece of flint. Secondary fill. Sealed by 1201.		0.30-0.48m
1208	<i>Fill</i>	Brown silty clay with 60% subrounded chalk <0.03m. Redeposited fill.		0.30-0.36m
1204	<i>Fill</i>	Very light brown silty clay with 70% subrounded chalk <0.02m. Secondary fill.		0.30-0.45m
1203	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Sub-circular with irregular sides and a concave base, 1.70m long, 1.34m wide and 0.18m deep. Cuts 1202.		0.30-0.48m
1207	<i>Fill</i>	Dark/mid brown silty clay with frequent angular/rounded chalk fragments and frequent angular flint fragments. Sealed by 1201.		0.30-0.52m
1206	<i>Fill</i>	Light orange brown decayed chalk with chalk and angular flints <0.2m. Secondary fill.		0.30-0.88m
1205	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Irregular with irregular sides and base, 2m long, 1.8m wide and 0.58m deep. Cuts 1202.		0.30-0.88m
1202	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk.		0.30m→

Trench 13		Max Depth: 0.35m	Length: 50m	Width: 2.10m
No.	Type	Description		Depth
1301 *	<i>Topsoil</i>	Mid brown silty clay with rare chalk inclusions.		0-0.35m
1304	<i>Fill</i>	Mid yellow brown silty clay with frequent chalk lumps and flecks, occasional subangular flints <0.05m, occasional subangular flints <0.10m and pea grit. Secondary fill. Sealed by 1301.		0.35-0.75m
1303	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Irregular with irregular sides and base, 0.64m+ long, 3.54m wide and 0.40m deep. Cuts 1302.		0.35-0.75m
1306	<i>Fill</i>	Mid/dark brown clayey sand with occasional chalk inclusions. Secondary fill. Sealed by 1301.		0.35-0.97m
1305	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Sub-linear with concave sides and a concave base, 2.10m long, 0.80m wide and 0.62m deep. Cuts 1302.		0.35-0.97m
1312	<i>Fill</i>	Mid yellow brown silty clay with moderate subangular/subrounded chalk lumps <0.05m, chalk flecks, occasional subangular/angular flints <0.08m and pea grit. Secondary fill. Sealed by 1301.		0.35-0.73m
1311	<i>Fill</i>	Mid grey brown silty clay with moderate angular and subangular chalk lumps <0.03m, chalk flecks, occasional subangular/angular flint <0.07m and pea grit. Secondary fill.		0.35-0.85m
1310	<i>Ditch Re-cut</i>	Linear with straight/moderate sides and a concave base 1.57m wide and 0.55m deep. Cuts 1309.		0.35-0.85m
1309	<i>Fill</i>	Pale/mid yellow brown soft silty clay with frequent subrounded/subangular chalk lumps <0.05m, chalk flecks, occasional subangular/angular flints <0.07m and pea grit. Secondary fill. Cut by 1310.		0.35-1.02m
1308	<i>Fill</i>	Pale/mid yellow brown soft silty clay with frequent subrounded/subangular chalk lumps <0.05m, chalk flecks, occasional subangular flints <0.07m and pea grit. Bank erosion from south edge.		0.35-1.02m
1307	<i>Ditch</i>	Linear with straight/moderate sides and a concave base 2.10m wide and 0.67m deep. Orientated E-W. Cuts 1302.		0.35-1.02m
1302	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk.		0.35m→

Trench 14		Max Depth: 0.35m	Length: 50m	Width: 1.90m
No.	Type	Description		Depth
1401	<i>Topsoil</i>	Greyish brown sandy clay with chalk and flint inclusions		0-0.35m
1404	<i>Fill</i>	Mid yellow brown silty clay with occasional subangular chalk and flint inclusions <0.05m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 1401.		0.35-0.55m
1403	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Irregular with shallow/undulating sides and an irregular base, 2m diameter and 0.20m deep. Cuts 1402.		0.35-0.55m
1406	<i>Fill</i>	Dark reddish brown silty clay with abundant chalk and flint inclusions <0.05m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 1401.		0.35-0.59m
1407	<i>Fill</i>	Light reddish brown silty clay with occasional chalk and flint inclusions <0.04m. Secondary fill.		0.45-0.87m
1408	<i>Fill</i>	Dark brown silty clay with sparse chalk and flint nodules <0.04m. Secondary fill.		0.55-0.95m
1405	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Sub-circular with regular sides and a slightly sloping base, 2.40m long, 1.40m wide and 0.60m deep. Cuts 1402.		0.35-0.95m
1402	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk.		0.35m→

Trench 15		Max Depth: 0.3m	Length: 50m	Width: 1.80m
No.	Type	Description		Depth
1500	<i>Topsoil</i>	Very dark brownish grey silty loam with occasional subangular/subrounded chalk <0.04m and occasional subangular flints <0.40m.		0-0.30m
1503	<i>Fill</i>	Mid/dark yellowish brown silty clay with occasional chalk and flint <0.06m and a single flint c.0.12m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 1500.		0.30-0.50m
1502	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Sub-circular with shallow/irregular sides and an irregular base, 1.80m long, <1.1m wide and 0.2m deep. Cuts 1501.		0.30-0.50m
1505	<i>Fill</i>	Reddish brown silty clay with 20% flint and chalk nodules<0.04m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 1500.		0.30-0.47m
1506	<i>Fill</i>	Light grey brown silty clay with abundant chalk and flint nodules <0.07m. Secondary fill.		0.30-0.65m
1504	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Sub-circular with concave sides and a sloping base, 2.9m long, 1.85m wide and 0.35m deep. Cuts 1501.		0.30-0.65m
1501	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk.		0.30m→

Trench 16		Max Depth: 0.35m	Length: 50m	Width: 2m
No.	Type	Description		Depth
1601	<i>Topsoil</i>	Brown silty clay with 3% subrounded chalk <0.02m and 1% subangular flint <0.06m.		0-0.20m
1602	<i>Subsoil</i>	Light brown silty clay with 5% subrounded chalk <0.04m. Sealed by 1601.		0.20-0.35m
1604	<i>Lynchets</i>	Linear with concave/moderate sides and a flat base, >2m long, 6m wide and 0.15m deep. Cuts 1603.		0.20-0.35m
1607	<i>Fill</i>	Light brown silty clay with 40% subrounded chalk <0.05m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 1601.		0.20-0.55m
1606	<i>Fill</i>	Very light brown silty clay with 80% subrounded chalk <0.05m. Secondary fill.		0.20-0.55m
1605	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Sub-circular with steep/moderate/concave sides and an irregular base, 2.76m long, >2m wide and 0.35m deep. Cuts 1603.		0.20-0.55m
1603	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk.		0.35m→

Trench 17		Max Depth: 0.5m	Length: 50m	Width: 1.8m
No.	Type	Description		Depth
1700	<i>Topsoil</i>	Dark brownish grey silty loam with rare subangular flint <0.03m.		0-0.30m
1701	<i>Subsoil</i>	Yellowish brown clayey silt with chalk flecks, pea grit, occasional chalk <0.03m and occasional flint <0.05m		0.30-0.50m
1702	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk with plough scars.		0.50m→

Trench 18		Max Depth: 0.3m	Length: 25m	Width: 1.9m
No.	Type	Description		Depth
1801	<i>Topsoil</i>	Mid greyish brown silty clay with occasional subangular flints.		0-0.30m
1803	<i>Fill</i>	Brown silty clay with 20% subrounded/subangular flint and chalk.		0.30-0.55m
1804	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Subrounded/irregular with shallow/irregular sides and an irregular base, 0.80m diameter and 0.25m deep. Cuts 1802.		0.30-0.55m
1806	<i>Fill</i>	Light orange/brown chalky silt with frequent chalk pebbles <0.04m and occasional subangular flint. Secondary fill. Sealed by 1801.		0.30-0.60m
1805	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Irregular with irregular sides and base, 0.95m long, 0.70m wide and 0.30m deep. Cuts 1802.		0.30-0.60m
1802	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk.		0.30m→

Trench 19		Max Depth: 0.3m	Length: 50m	Width: 1.8m
No.	Type	Description		Depth
1900	<i>Topsoil</i>	Very dark brownish grey silty loam with occasional subangular flint <0.04m and occasional chalk flecks.		0-0.30m
1901	<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid/dark yellowish brown silty clay with common chalk flecks, occasional subangular chalk <0.03m and occasional flint <0.04m.		0.30-0.58m
1904	<i>Fill</i>	Mid grey brown silty clay with rare flint <0.03m and occasional pea grit. Secondary fill. Sealed by 1901.		0.58-0.78m
1905	<i>Fill</i>	Dark greyish brown silty loam with quite common Subangular/subrounded flint <0.05m and occasional chalk <0.03m. Secondary fill.		0.58-0.78m
1906	<i>Fill</i>	Light grey brown degraded chalk/silt with quite common chalk <0.04m. Secondary fill.		0.58-0.78m
1903	<i>Ditch</i>	Possible ditch. Linear with moderate/straight sides and a concave base, >1.8m long, 1.3m wide and 0.4m deep. Orientated N-S. Cuts 1902.		0.58-0.98m
1910	<i>Fill</i>	Dark reddish brown silty clay with rare flint and chalk <0.05m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 1901.		0.58-0.93m
1909	<i>Fill</i>	Light reddish brown silty clay with rare flint and chalk <0.05m. Secondary fill.		0.58-1.04m
1908	<i>Fill</i>	Light grey brown silty clay with 60% chalk and flint <0.07m. Secondary fill.		0.58-1.28m
1907	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Subcircular with sloping sides and a sloping base, 1.9m long, 1.72m wide and 0.80m deep. Cuts 1902.		0.58-1.28m
1912	<i>Fill</i>	Light/mid brown grey silty loam with common subangular chalk <0.03m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 1901.		0.58-0.78m
1913	<i>Fill</i>	Light grey brown silty chalk with 90% chalk rubble <0.04m. Secondary fill.		0.58-0.93m
1911	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Irregular with irregular sides and base, >1.80m long, 2m wide and 0.55m deep. Cuts 1902.		0.58-1.13m
1902	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk.		0.58m→

Trench 20		Max Depth: 0.35m	Length: 50m	Width: 2m
No.	Type	Description		Depth
2001	<i>Topsoil</i>	Dark brownish silty clay with 3% subrounded chalk <0.02m and 1% subangular flint 0.04m.		0-0.35m
2004	<i>Fill</i>	Brown silty clay with 15% subrounded chalk <0.04m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 2001.		0.35-0.49m
2003	<i>Posthole</i>	Subrectangular with moderate/steep sides and a concave base, 0.90m long, 0.57m wide and 0.14m deep. Cuts 2002.		0.35-0.49m
2006	<i>Fill</i>	Light grey brown clayey silt with 50% subrounded chalk <0.04m and 1% subangular flint <0.03m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 2001.		0.35-0.60m
2005	<i>Natural Feature</i>	Irregular with irregular sides and base, 3.3m long, >2m wide and 0.25m deep. Cuts 2002.		0.35-0.60m
2008	<i>Fill</i>	Light brown silty clay with 10% subrounded chalk <0.05m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 2001.		0.35-0.55m
2007	<i>Posthole</i>	Subrounded with steep/straight sides and a flat base, 0.8m long, 0.7m wide and 0.2m deep. Cuts 2002.		0.35-0.55m
2010 *	<i>Fill</i>	Brown silty clay with 20% subrounded chalk <0.03m and 1% subangular flint <0.1m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 2001.		0.35-0.60m
2009	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Irregular with irregular sides and base, >1.7m long, 0.8m wide and 0.25m deep. Cuts 2002.		0.35-0.60m
2012	<i>Fill</i>	Light grey brown clayey silt with 40% subrounded chalk <0.04m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 2001.		0.35-0.95m
2011	<i>Natural Feature</i>	Irregular with irregular sides and base, >2m long, >2m wide and 0.6m deep. Cuts 2002.		0.35-0.95m
2002	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk.		0.35m→

Trench 21		Max Depth: 0.3m	Length: 50m	Width: 2m
No.	Type	Description		Depth
2100	<i>Topsoil</i>	Dark grey brown silty clay with 5% subangular/subrounded fine chalk and flint fragments.		0-0.30m
2101	<i>Fill</i>	Yellow brown silty clay with 25% fine chalk fragments. Secondary fill. Sealed by 2100.		0.30-0.4m
2102	<i>Plough Scar</i>	Linear plough scar.		0.30-0.4m
2104	<i>Fill</i>	Yellow brown silty clay loam with 20% angular/subrounded chalk and flint fragments. Secondary fill. Sealed by 2100		0.30-1.0m
2105	<i>Fill</i>	Pale brown silty clay with 50% fine subangular/subrounded chalk and flint fragments.		0.30-1.0m
2106	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Irregular with irregular sides and base, 3.4m long, 1.5m wide and 0.7m deep. Cuts 2103.		0.30-1.0m
2109	<i>Fill</i>	Dark brown silty clay with occasional subangular flint. Secondary fill. Sealed by 2100.		0.30-0.67m
2108	<i>Fill</i>	Light brown chalky clay with occasional chalk pebbles. Secondary fill.		0.30-0.67m
2107	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Irregular with irregular sides and a concave base, 0.76m diameter and 0.37m deep.		0.30-0.67m
2103	<i>Natural</i>	Natural chalk, slightly degraded.		0.30m→

Trench 22		Max Depth: 0.4m	Length: 50m	Width: 2m
No.	Type	Description		Depth
2201	<i>Topsoil</i>	Dark brown sandy clay with chalk and flint inclusions.		0-0.40m
2204	<i>Fill</i>	Pale grey silty clay with frequent subangular/subrounded chalk <0.04m, chalk flecks. occasional subrounded flint <0.06m and pea grit. Secondary fill. Sealed by 2201.		0.40-0.55m
2203	<i>Pit</i>	Subcircular with straight/moderate sides and a flat base, >0.96m long, 0.56m wide and 0.15m deep. Cuts 2202.		0.40-0.55m
2207	<i>Fill</i>	Reddish brown silty clay with moderate quantities of chalk and rare flint fragments. Secondary fill. Sealed by 2201.		0.40-0.64m
2206	<i>Fill</i>	Pale brown silty clay with abundant chalk fragments. Primary fill.		0.40-0.64m
2205	<i>Pit</i>	Subcircular with moderate/regular sides and a flat base, 1.10m wide and 0.24m deep. Cuts 2202.		0.40-0.64m
2202	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk.		0.40m→

Trench 23		Max Depth: 0.30m	Length: 50m	Width: 1.8m
No.	Type	Description		Depth
2300	<i>Topsoil</i>	Dark brown grey silty loam with occasional subangular/subrounded flint <0.05m and occasional chalk <0.03m,		0-0.30m
2306	<i>Fill</i>	Mid/dark grey brown clay loam with moderate subangular flint <0.04m and occasional chalk <0.03m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 2300.		0.30-0.50m
2307	<i>Fill</i>	Light brown grey silt with common chalk <0.03m and occasional flint <0.04m. Secondary fill.		0.30-0.60m
2302	<i>Natural Feature</i>	Irregular with irregular sides and base, >1.8m long, 1.9m wide and 0.5m deep. Cuts 2301.		0.30-0.80m
2305	<i>Fill</i>	Dark red brown silty clay with 15% chalk and flint <0.05m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 2300.		0.30-0.70m
2304	<i>Fill</i>	Light grey brown silty clay with 30% chalk and flint <0.06m. Secondary fill.		0.30-0.70m
2303	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Sublinear with irregular sides and base, 1m long, 1.1m wide and 0.4m deep. Possibly Ditch. Cuts 2301.		0.30-0.70m
2301	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk.		0.30m→

Trench 24		Max Depth: 0.25m	Length: 10m	Width: 10m
No.	Type	Description		Depth
2401	<i>Topsoil</i>	Brown sandy silt <5% chalk fragments.		0-0.25m
2404	<i>Fill</i>	Off-white silt and degraded subangular chalk <0.10m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 2401.		0.25-0.68m
2405	<i>Fill</i>	Light brown silt with 30% chalk fragments <0.05m. Secondary fill.		0.25-0.68m
2403	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Irregular with irregular sides and base, c.2.80m long, c.1.40m wide and 0.43m deep. Cuts 2402.		0.25-0.68m
2408	<i>Fill</i>	Light grey silty clay 50% subrounded chalk <0.04m and 2% subangular flint <0.02m. Secondary fill.		0.25m→
2407	<i>Fill</i>	Brown silty clay with 15% subrounded chalk <0.03m and 2% subangular flint <0.04m. Secondary fill.		0.25m→
2406	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Irregular with irregular sides and base, 3m long, 2.5m wide. Not excavated.		0.25m→
2402	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk.		0.25m→

Trench 25		Max Depth: 0.30m	Length: 10m	Width: 10m
No.	Type	Description		Depth
2501	<i>Topsoil</i>	Grey brown sandy clay with small chalk and flint inclusions.		0-0.30m
2505	<i>Fill</i>	Mid red brown silty clay with moderate subangular/subrounded chalk, moderate angular/subrounded flint <0.05m and pea grit. Secondary fill. Sealed by 2501.		0.30-0.65m
2504	<i>Fill</i>	Pale yellow brown Degraded chalky material with frequent subangular/subrounded chalk <0.03m, occasional flint <0.08m and pea grit. Secondary fill.		0.30-0.65m
2503	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Irregular with irregular sides and base, 3.04m long, 2.50m wide and 0.35m deep. Cuts 2502.		0.30-0.65m
2508	<i>Fill</i>	Mid red brown silty clay with moderate subangular/subrounded chalk <0.04m, occasional subangular flint <0.05m and pea grit. Secondary fill. Sealed by 2501.		0.30-0.68m
2507	<i>Fill</i>	Pale yellow brown Degraded chalky material with frequent subangular/subrounded chalk <0.03m, occasional flint <0.08m and pea grit. Secondary fill.		0.30-0.68m
2506	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Irregular with irregular sides and base, 2.50m long, 2.06m wide and 0.38m deep. Cuts 2502.		0.30-0.68m
2502	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk.		0.30m→

Trench 26		Max Depth: 0.30m	Length: 10m	Width: 10m
No.	Type	Description		Depth
2600	<i>Topsoil</i>	Dark grey brown silty loam with occasional flint <0.05m and sparse chalk <0.04m		0-0.30m
2604	<i>Fill</i>	Dark red brown silty clay with 10% chalk and flint inclusions <0.06m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 2600.		0.30-0.85m
2603	<i>Fill</i>	Light grey brown silty clay with 60% chalk and flint inclusions <0.07m. Secondary fill.		0.30-0.85m
2602	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Irregular with irregular sides and base, 1.84m long, 1.60m wide and 0.55m deep. Cuts 2601.		0.30-0.85m
2606	<i>Fill</i>	Dark brown silty clay with occasional subangular/subrounded flint <0.03m and common pea grit. Secondary fill. Sealed by 2600.		0.30-0.70m
2607	<i>Fill</i>	Light brown grey silty clay with occasional chalk and flint <0.03m. Secondary fill.		0.30-0.70m
2605	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Irregular with irregular sides and base, 2m long, 1.30m wide and 0.40m deep. Cuts 2601.		0.30-0.70m

2601	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk.	0.30m→
Trench 27		Max Depth: 0.30m Length: 50m Width: 1.80m	
No.	Type	Description	Depth
2700	<i>Topsoil</i>	Dark grey brown silty loam with occasional subangular flint<0.06m and occasional chalk <0.03m.	0-0.30m
2703 */+	<i>Fill</i>	Mid yellow brown silty clay with common chalk and flint <0.03m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 2700.	0.30-0.60m
2708	<i>Fill</i>	Light brown silty clay with occasional chalk lumps <0.03m.	0.45-0.68m
2704 +	<i>Fill</i>	Mid grey brown silty clay with occasional flint <0.10m and occasional chalk <0.03m. Secondary fill.	0.43-0.90m
2702	<i>Ditch</i>	Linear with moderate east side and steep west side and a flat base, >1.80m long, 1.40m wide and 0.60m deep. Orientated N-S. Cuts 2701.	0.30-0.90m
2706 *	<i>Fill</i>	Dark red brown silty clay with occasional chalk and flint <0.06m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 2700.	0.30-1.00m
2705	<i>Ditch</i>	Linear with moderate sides and a concave base, >2m long, 1.20m wide and 0.70m deep. Orientated N-S. Cuts 2701.	0.30-1.00m
2701	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk.	0.30m→

Trench 28		Max Depth: 0.30m Length: 50m Width: 1.90m	
No.	Type	Description	Depth
2801	<i>Topsoil</i>	Mid brown silt with occasional subangular flint.	0-0.30m
2803 *	<i>Fill</i>	Brown silty clay with 10% medium subangular/subrounded chalk and flint. Secondary fill. Sealed by 2801.	0.30-0.60m
2804	<i>Fill</i>	Light grey silt/chalk rubble with 50%+ medium subangular/subrounded chalk. Primary fill.	0.30-0.70m
2805	<i>Ditch</i>	Linear with steep sides and a flat base, 1m wide and 0.40m deep. Orientated NE-SW. Cuts 2802.	0.30-0.70m
2807	<i>Fill</i>	Dark brown silt with occasional subangular flint and chalk pebbles. Secondary fill. Sealed by 2801.	0.30-0.71m
2806	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Elliptical with concave sides and base, 0.90m diameter and 0.41m. Cuts 2802.	0.30-0.71m
2802	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk.	0.30m→

Trench 29		Max Depth: 0.35m Length: 50m Width: 1.90m	
No.	Type	Description	Depth
2900	<i>Topsoil</i>	Mid grey brown silty clay with moderate subangular/subrounded flint and chalk <0.05m and pea grit.	0-0.35m
2900	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk with heavy plough scars.	0.35m→

Trench 30		Max Depth: 0.35m Length: 50m Width: 1.90m	
No.	Type	Description	Depth
3000	<i>Topsoil</i>	Dark brown grey silty loam with occasional subangular flint <0.05m and occasional chalk <0.03m and pea grit.	0-0.20m
3001	<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid grey brown silty clay with rare chalk <0.02 and rare flint <0.03m.	0.20-0.35m
3002	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk with heavy plough scars.	0.35m→

Trench 31		Max Depth: 0.35m	Length: 50m	Width: 1.90m
No.	Type	Description		Depth
3101	<i>Topsoil</i>	Dark brown silty clay with chalk and flint inclusions		0-0.35m
3104	<i>Fill</i>	Pale/mid brown silty clay with moderate quantities of small chalk inclusions. Secondary fill. Sealed by 3101.		0.35-0.48m
3103	<i>Gully</i>	Linear with moderate sides and a concave base, 2m+ long, 0.72m wide and 0.13m deep. Cuts 3102.		0.35-0.48m
3107	<i>Fill</i>	Mid brown sandy clay loam with 1-5% chalk rubble <0.015m, 1-2% flint fragments <0.10m and 1-5% pea grit. Secondary fill. Sealed by 3101.		0.35-0.58m
3106	<i>Fill</i>	Light brown silty clay with 20-30% chalk rubble <0.03m and 5-10% pea grit. Secondary fill.		0.35-0.58m
3105	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Circular with moderate sides and a concave base, 1.60m diameter and 0.23m deep. Cuts 3102.		0.35-0.58m
3109	<i>Fill</i>	Pale brown silty clay with moderate small chalk and flint inclusions. Secondary fill. Sealed by 3101.		0.35-0.71m
3108	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Linear with a moderate slope on west side and an undercut edge on the east side and an irregular base. 2m+ long, 1.06m wide and 0.36m deep. Cuts 3102.		0.35-0.71m
3102	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk with heavy plough scars.		0.35m→

Trench 32		Max Depth: 0.30m	Length: 10m	Width: 10m
No.	Type	Description		Depth
3201	<i>Topsoil</i>	Mid grey brown silty loam with moderate chalk and flint lumps <0.05m.		0-0.30m
3203	<i>Fill</i>	Mid whitish brown chalky silt with frequent chalk and occasional flint. Secondary fill. Sealed by 3201.		0.30-0.46m
3202	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Irregular with irregular sides and base, 3.30m+ long, 2.80m wide and 0.16m deep. Cuts 3206.		0.30-0.46m
3205	<i>Fill</i>	Mid brownish white silty chalk with 90% chalk and occasional flint. Secondary fill. Sealed by 3201.		0.30-0.52m
3204	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Irregular with irregular sides and base, 3.17m long, 2.80m wide and 0.22m deep. Cuts 3206.		0.30-0.52m
3206	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk.		0.30m→

Trench 33		Max Depth: 0.40m	Length: 10m	Width: 10m
No.	Type	Description		Depth
3300	<i>Topsoil</i>	Dark grey brown silty clay with 5% subangular flint <0.07m and 5% angular chalk <0.05m.		0-0.25m
3301	<i>Subsoil</i>	Dark grey brown silty clay with 5% subangular flint <0.04m and 5% angular chalk <0.05m.		0.25-0.40m
3303 *	<i>Fill</i>	Brown silty clay with 20% angular/subangular chalk and flint. Secondary fill. Sealed by 3301.		0.40-0.70m
3304	<i>Ditch</i>	Linear with steep/regular sides and a flat base, 0.70m wide and 0.30m deep. Orientated N-S. Cuts 3305.		0.40-0.70m
3305	<i>Fill</i>	Brown silty clay with 10% subangular/subrounded chalk and flint. Secondary fill.		0.40-0.60m
3306	<i>Ditch</i>	Linear with steep/regular sides and a concave base, 0.50m wide and 0.20m deep. Orientated N-S. Cuts 3307.		0.40-0.60m
3307 *	<i>Fill</i>	Brown silty clay with 15% subangular/subrounded chalk and flint. Secondary fill.		0.40-0.70m
3308	<i>Ditch</i>	Linear with a shallow west side and steep east side and a flat base, 1.20m wide and 0.30m deep. Orientated N-S. Cuts 3302.		0.40-0.70m
3309 *	<i>Fill</i>	Brown silty clay with 15% subangular/subrounded chalk and flint. Secondary fill.		0.40-0.75m
3310	<i>Ditch</i>	Linear with steep sides and a flat base, 1.40m wide and 0.35m deep. Cuts		0.40-0.75m

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3302	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk.	0.40m→
Trench 34		Max Depth: 0.30m	Length: 50m Width: 1.80m
No.	Type	Description	Depth
3401	<i>Topsoil</i>	Mid grey brown silty loam with moderate chalk and flint <0.05m and frequent chalk and flint <0.01m	0-0.30m
3403	<i>Fill</i>	Mid red brown chalky silt with moderate chalk flecks and lumps <0.03m and occasional flint. Secondary fill. Sealed by 3403.	0.30-0.45m
3404	<i>Fill</i>	Light Brownish white silty degraded chalk with occasional flint. Secondary fill.	0.30-0.45m
3402	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Irregular with concave sides and a concave base, 2.30m long, 1.40m wide and 0.15m deep. Cuts 3407.	0.30-0.50m
3406	<i>Fill</i>	Mid whitish brown silty chalk with occasional flint and 80% chalk <0.07m	0.30-0.50m
3405	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Irregular with irregular sides and base, 2.56m long, 1.15m wide and 0.20m deep. Cuts 3407.	0.30-0.50m
3407	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk.	0.30m→

Trench 35		Max Depth: 0.40m	Length: 10m	Width: 10m
No.	Type	Description	Depth	
3501	<i>Topsoil</i>	Dark brown sandy clay with chalk and flint inclusions.	0-0.40m	
3504	<i>Fill</i>	Pale brown silty clay with sparse small chalk and flint inclusions. Secondary fill. Sealed by 3501.	0.40-0.74m	
3505	<i>Fill</i>	Pale brown silty clay with 80-90% chalk fragments. Secondary fill.	0.50-0.74m	
3503	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Roughly oval with irregular sides and an irregular base, 1.70m long, 1.30m wide and 0.34m deep. Cuts 3502.	0.40-0.74m	
3508	<i>Fill</i>	Mid brown clay loam with 10-15% chalk rubble <0.05m and 5-10% pea grit. Secondary fill. Sealed by 3501.	0.40-0.73m	
3507	<i>Fill</i>	Very light brown grey sandy clay with 20-25% chalk rubble <0.07m and 5-10% pea grit. Secondary fill.	0.40-0.73m	
3506	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Subcircular with moderate sides and a concave base, 1.20m diameter and 0.33m deep. Cuts 3502.	0.40-0.73m	
3502	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk.	0.40m→	

Trench 36		Max Depth: 0.25m	Length: 50m	Width: 2m
No.	Type	Description	Depth	
3600	<i>Topsoil</i>	Dark grey brown silty loam with 10% subangular/subrounded chalk and flint fragments.	0-0.25m	
3603	<i>Fill</i>	Dark orange brown silty clay with <10% angular chalk <0.03. Secondary fill. Sealed by 3600.	0.25-0.28m	
3602	<i>Gully</i>	Linear with shallow/concave sides and a flat base, 1.20m+ long, 0.60m wide and 0.03m deep. Cuts 3601.	0.25-0.28m	
3605	<i>Fill</i>	Dark orange brown silty clay with 5% subangular flint <0.08m and 10% subangular chalk <0.03m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 3600.	0.25-0.33m	
3604	<i>Gully</i>	Linear with moderate/concave sides and a flat base, 1.20m+ long, 0.58, wide and 0.08m deep. Cuts 3601.	0.25-0.33m	
3606	<i>Fill</i>	Dark yellow brown silty clay loam with 10% angular/subrounded chalk and flint fragments. Secondary fill. Sealed by 3600.	0.25-0.85m	
3607	<i>Fill</i>	Light grey silt with abundant angular/subrounded chalk and flint fragments. Secondary fill.	0.25-0.85m	
3608	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Irregular with irregular sides and base, 3m+ wide and 0.6m deep. Cuts 3601.	0.25-0.85m	
3601	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk.	0.25m→	

Trench 37		Max Depth: 0.40m	Length: 50m	Width: 1.90m
No.	Type	Description		Depth
3701	<i>Topsoil</i>	Brown sandy clay with chalk and flint inclusions.		0-0.40m
3704	<i>Fill</i>	Pale brown silty clay with chalk and flint inclusions. Secondary fill. Sealed by 3701.		0.40-0.63m
3707	<i>Fill</i>	Pale brown silty clay with 75-80% chalk fragments. Secondary fill.		0.63-0.70m
3703	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Irregular with irregular sides and base, 1.40m+ long, 1.30m+ wide and 0.31m deep.		0.40-0.71m
3706	<i>Fill</i>	Mid brown sandy clay loam with 30-40% chalk rubble <0.02m, 1-2% flint fragments <0.04m and 20-25% pea grit.		0.40-0.55m
3705	<i>Gully</i>	Linear with moderate sides and a concave base, 1m+ long, 0.60m wide and 0.15m deep. Cuts 3702.		0.40-0.55m
3702	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk.		0.40m→

Trench 38		Max Depth: 0.28m	Length: 50m	Width: 1.80m
No.	Type	Description		Depth
3800	<i>Topsoil</i>	Dark brown grey silty loam with sparse subangular chalk <0.03m and occasional flint <0.06m		0-0.28
3806	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Tree throw shown and recorded in plan, not excavated.		0.28m→
3807	<i>Fill</i>	Light/mid brown silty clay with common subangular chalk <0.03m. Secondary fill. Cut by 3806.		0.28-0.52m
3808	<i>Fill</i>	Light grey brown silt with 95% chalk and degraded chalk. Secondary fill.		0.28-0.63m
3802	<i>Ditch</i>	Possible ring ditch related to 3804 and c20m in diameter. Linear with moderate sides and a concave base, >1m long, 1.50m wide and 0.35m deep. Cuts 3801.		0.28-0.63m
3809	<i>Fill</i>	Mid grey brown silty loam with quite common chalk <0.02m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 3800.		0.28-0.83m
3810	<i>Fill</i>	Light grey brown silt with 95% chalk rubble <0.07m. Secondary fill.		0.28-0.83m
3803	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Subcircular with uneven sides and base, >1.50m long, 1.20m wide and 0.45m deep. Cuts 3801.		0.28-0.83m
3811	<i>Fill</i>	Mid/dark grey brown silty loam with occasional chalk <0.03m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 3800.		0.28-0.56m
3812	<i>Fill</i>	Light grey brown silt with 95% chalk rubble <0.06m. Secondary fill.		0.28-0.56m
3804	<i>Ditch</i>	Possible ring ditch related to 3802 and c20m in diameter. Irregular with irregular sides and base, >1m long, 2.25m wide and 0.28m deep. Cuts 3801.		0.28-0.56m
3813	<i>Fill</i>	Mid grey brown silty clay with common subangular chalk <0.06m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 3800.		0.28-0.43m
3805	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Irregular with irregular sides and a concave base, >1.80m long, 1.10m wide and 0.15m deep. Cuts 3801.		0.28-0.43m
3801	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk.		0.28m→

Trench 39		Max Depth: 0.32m	Length: 50m	Width: 1.80m
No.	Type	Description		Depth
3901	<i>Topsoil</i>	Mid/dark greyish brown silty loam with frequent chalk lumps <0.02m and moderate flint <0.05m.		0-0.32m
3903	<i>Fill</i>	Mid whitish brown chalky silt with 30% chalk lumps <0.07m and moderate flint <0.08m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 3901.		0.32-0.63m
3902	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Subcircular with irregular and concave sides and base, 1.54m diameter and 0.31m deep. Cuts 3906.		0.32-0.63m
3905	<i>Fill</i>	Light silty chalk with 85% chalk <0.08m and occasional flint <0.04m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 3901.		0.32-0.65m
3904	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Irregular with steep/irregular sides and an irregular base, 2.90m long, 1m wide and 0.33m deep. Cuts 3906.		0.32-0.65m

3906	<i>Natural</i>	Natural chalk.	0.32m→
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Trench 40		Max Depth: 0.30m	Length: 50m	Width: 1.80m
No.	Type	Description	Depth	
4001	<i>Topsoil</i>	Dark red brown silty loam with frequent/moderate chalk and flint <0.05m.	0-0.30m	
4003	<i>Fill</i>	Light whitish brown silty chalk with 95% chalk <0.05m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 4001.	0.30-0.48m	
4002	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Subcircular with concave/irregular sides and a concave base, 1m long, 2.40m wide and 0.18m deep. Cuts 4006.	0.30-0.48m	
4005	<i>Fill</i>	Mid brown white silty chalk with 90% chalk <0.08m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 4001.	0.30-0.52m	
4004	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Linear with stepped/undulating sides and an uneven/irregular base, >1m long, 2.40m wide and 0.22m deep. Cuts 4006.	0.30-0.52m	
4006	<i>Natural</i>	Natural chalk.	0.30m→	

Trench 41		Max Depth: 0.40m	Length: 10m	Width: 10m
No.	Type	Description	Depth	
4101	<i>Topsoil</i>	Dark brown silty clay with chalk and flint inclusions.	0-0.40m	
4107 */+	<i>Fill</i>	Mid brown silty clay with rare small chalk and flint inclusions. Secondary fill. Sealed by 4101.	0.40-0.60m	
4106 */+	<i>Fill</i>	Dark brown black silty clay with rare small flint and chalk inclusions. Possible deliberate backfill.	0.50-0.68m	
4105 *	<i>Fill</i>	Mid brown silty clay with rare chalk and flint inclusions. Secondary fill.	0.55-0.85m	
4104 *	<i>Fill</i>	Mid brown silty clay with small chalk and flint inclusions. Secondary fill.	0.85-1.01m	
4103	<i>Pit</i>	Subrectangular with steep sides and a flat base, 1.80m long 0.95m wide and 0.61m deep. Cuts 4102.	0.40-1.01m	
4109	<i>Fill</i>	Mid/light brown clay loam with 5-10% chalk rubble <0.05m, 1-3% flint fragments <0.05m and 5-10% pea grit. Secondary fill. Sealed by 4101.	0.40-0.77m	
4110	<i>Fill</i>	Light/mid brown Natural chalk/clay loam mix with 20-30% chalk rubble <0.02m and 5-10% pea grit.	0.40-0.80m	
4111	<i>Fill</i>	Mid/dark brown silty clay loam with 10-15% chalk rubble <0.02m and 10-15% pea chalk. Secondary fill.	0.65-1.00m	
4112	<i>Fill</i>	Very light brown chalky/clay loam with 30-40% chalk <0.05m. Primary fill.	0.99-1.02m	
4108	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Subcircular with moderate sides and an uneven base, 1.80m diameter and 0.62m deep. Cuts 4102.	0.40-1.02m	
4102	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk.	0.40m→	

Trench 42		Max Depth: 0.35m	Length: 50m	Width: 2m
No.	Type	Description	Depth	
4200	<i>Topsoil</i>	Mid grey brown silty clay with <10% subangular flint <0.05m and <10% subangular chalk <0.03m.	0-0.35m	
4203	<i>Fill</i>	Dark grey brown silty clay with <5% angular flint <0.05m and <5% subangular chalk <0.02m. Backfill. Sealed by 4200.	0.35-0.43m	
4202	<i>Pit</i>	Circular with steep and concave sides and a flat base, 0.67m long, 0.56m wide and 0.08m deep. Cuts 4201.	0.35-0.43m	
4204	<i>Fill</i>	Light grey silty clay with 50%+ subangular/subrounded chalk rubble. Secondary fill. Sealed by 4200.	0.35-0.60m	
4205	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Irregular with shallow sides and a concave/irregular base, 1.50m wide and 0.25m deep. Cuts 4201.	0.35-0.60m	
4207	<i>Fill</i>	Mid orange brown silty clay with <2% subangular flint <0.08m and <5% subangular chalk <0.03m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 4200.	0.35-0.77m	
4208	<i>Fill</i>	Light orange brown silty chalky clay with <2% subangular flint <0.08m and <30% subangular chalk <0.08m. Secondary fill.	0.35-0.82m	
4206	<i>Tree</i>	Irregular with irregular/steep sides and an irregular base, >0.90m long,	0.35-0.82m	

	<i>Throw</i>	1.90m wide and 0.47m deep. Cuts 4201.		
4201	<i>Natural</i>	Chalk bedrock fairly degraded in places.		0.35m→
Trench 43		Max Depth: 0.30m	Length: 50m	Width: 1.80m
No.	Type	Description		Depth
4300	<i>Topsoil</i>	Dark brown grey silty loam with sparse subangular/subrounded flint and chalk <0.04m.		0-0.30m
4305	<i>Fill</i>	Mid brown clay silt with rare flint <0.15m and occasional chalk <0.05m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 4300.		0.30-0.66m
4302	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Subcircular with concave sides and base, 1.80m diameter and 0.36m deep. Cuts 4301.		0.30-0.66m
4306	<i>Fill</i>	Mid grey brown silty clay with sparse subangular chalk <0.04m, sparse subangular/subrounded flint <0.04m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 4300.		0.30-0.50m
4307	<i>Fill</i>	Light grey brown silt with 80% subangular chalk rubble <0.06m. Secondary fill.		0.30-0.60m
4303	<i>Ditch</i>	Linear with shallow/concave sides and a flat base, >1.80m long, 1.65m wide and 0.30m deep. Ring ditch related to 4304. Cuts 4301.		0.30-0.60m
4308	<i>Fill</i>	Mid brown silty clay with sparse subangular chalk <0.04m, sparse subangular flint <0.04m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 4300.		0.30-0.54m
4309	<i>Fill</i>	Light grey brown silt with 70% subangular chalk <0.05m. Secondary fill.		0.30-0.66m
4304	<i>Ditch</i>	Linear with shallow/moderate sides and a concave base, >1.80m long, 1.5m wide and 0.36m deep. Ring ditch related to 4303. Cuts 4301.		0.30-0.66m
4301	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk.		0.30m→

Trench 44		Max Depth: 0.50m	Length: 50m	Width: 1.80m
No.	Type	Description		Depth
4401	<i>Topsoil</i>	Mid grey brown silty loam with moderate flint and chalk <0.06m		0-0.30
4402	<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid/light yellow grey clayey silt with moderate chalk flecks, lumps and flints <0.05m		0.30-0.50m
4404	<i>Fill</i>	Mid/light grey brown clayey silt with moderate chalk and flint fragments <0.02m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 4402.		0.50-0.61m
4408	<i>Fill</i>	Mid brownish white silty chalk with 85% chalk lumps <0.05m and occasional large flint nodules 0.35m+. Secondary fill.		0.50-0.74m
4403	<i>Ditch</i>	Linear with moderate sides and a concave base, 1.30m wide and 0.24m deep. Orientated E-W. Cuts 4407.		0.50-0.74m
4406	<i>Fill</i>	Mid/light yellow grey chalky silt with 45-50% chalk lumps <0.05m and occasional flints <0.06m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 4402.		0.50-0.93m
4405	<i>Pit</i>	Subcircular with concave sides and base, 1.92m diameter and 0.43m deep. Cuts 4407.		0.50-0.93m
4407	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk.		0.50m→

Trench 45		Max Depth: 0.35m	Length: 10m	Width: 10m
No.	Type	Description		Depth
4501	<i>Topsoil</i>	Grey brown sandy clay with chalk and flint inclusions		0-0.35m
4505	<i>Fill</i>	Mid brown grey sandy clay loam with 2-5% chalk rubble <0.03m and 5-10% pea chalk. Secondary fill. Sealed by 4501.		0.35-0.65m
4504	<i>Fill</i>	Very light brown grey sandy clay with 15-20% chalk rubble <0.03m, <2% flint fragments <0.02m and 5-6% pea chalk. Secondary fill.		0.35-0.65m
4503	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Subcircular with steep/moderate sides and a flat base, 1.37m diameter and 0.30m deep. Cuts 4502.		0.35-0.65m
4507	<i>Fill</i>	Pale brown silty clay with moderate chalk fragments and rare flint inclusions. Secondary fill. Sealed by 4501.		0.35-0.50m
4508	<i>Fill</i>	Pale brown silty clay with frequent chalk fragments. Secondary fill.		0.40-0.60m
4506	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Irregular with irregular sides and base, 2.55m long, 2m wide and 0.25m deep. Cuts 4502.		0.35-0.60m

4502	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk.	0.35m→
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Trench 46		Max Depth: 0.30m	Length: 50m	Width: 2m
No.	Type	Description		Depth
4600	<i>Topsoil</i>	Mid brown silty clay with 10% subangular flint <0.05m and 10% angular chalk <0.03m.		0-0.30m
4602	<i>Fill</i>	Yellow brown silty clay loam with 5% angular/subrounded chalk and flint fragments. Secondary fill. Sealed by 4600.		0.30-0.50m
4603	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Irregular with irregular sides and a concave base, 1.70m wide and 0.20m deep. Cuts 4601.		0.30-0.50m
4604	<i>Fill</i>	Yellow brown silty clay loam with 5% fine chalk and flint fragments. Sealed by 4600.		0.35-0.60m
4605	<i>Rabbit Burrow</i>	Linear with irregular sides and base, 1m wide and 0.25m deep. Cuts 4606.		0.35-0.60m
4606	<i>Fill</i>	Light grey chalk. Area of collapsed chalk above natural fault.		0.30m→
4607	<i>Natural Fault</i>	Fault in chalk bedding.		0.30m→
4601	<i>Natural</i>	Natural chalk bedrock.		0.30m→

Trench 47		Max Depth: 0.25m	Length: 50m	Width: 2m
No.	Type	Description		Depth
4700	<i>Topsoil</i>	Grey brown silty loam with 5% angular/subrounded chalk and flint fragments.		0-0.25m
4703	<i>Fill</i>	Mid grey brown silty clay with <10% angular chalk <0.03m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 4700.		0.25-0.39m
4702	<i>Pit</i>	Circular with moderate/concave sides and a flat base, 1.14m long, 1.05m wide and 0.14m deep. Cuts 4701.		0.25-0.39m
4705	<i>Fill</i>	Light grey brown clayey silt with <5% subangular chalk <0.01m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 4700.		0.25-0.28m
4706	<i>Fill</i>	Light white brown chalky silt with <20% angular chalk <0.03m. Secondary fill.		0.25-0.37m
4704	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Irregular with moderate/shallow/concave sides and an irregular base, 1.50m long, 1.08m wide and 0.12m deep. Cuts 4701.		0.25-0.37m
4701	<i>Natural</i>	Natural chalk bedrock.		0.25m→

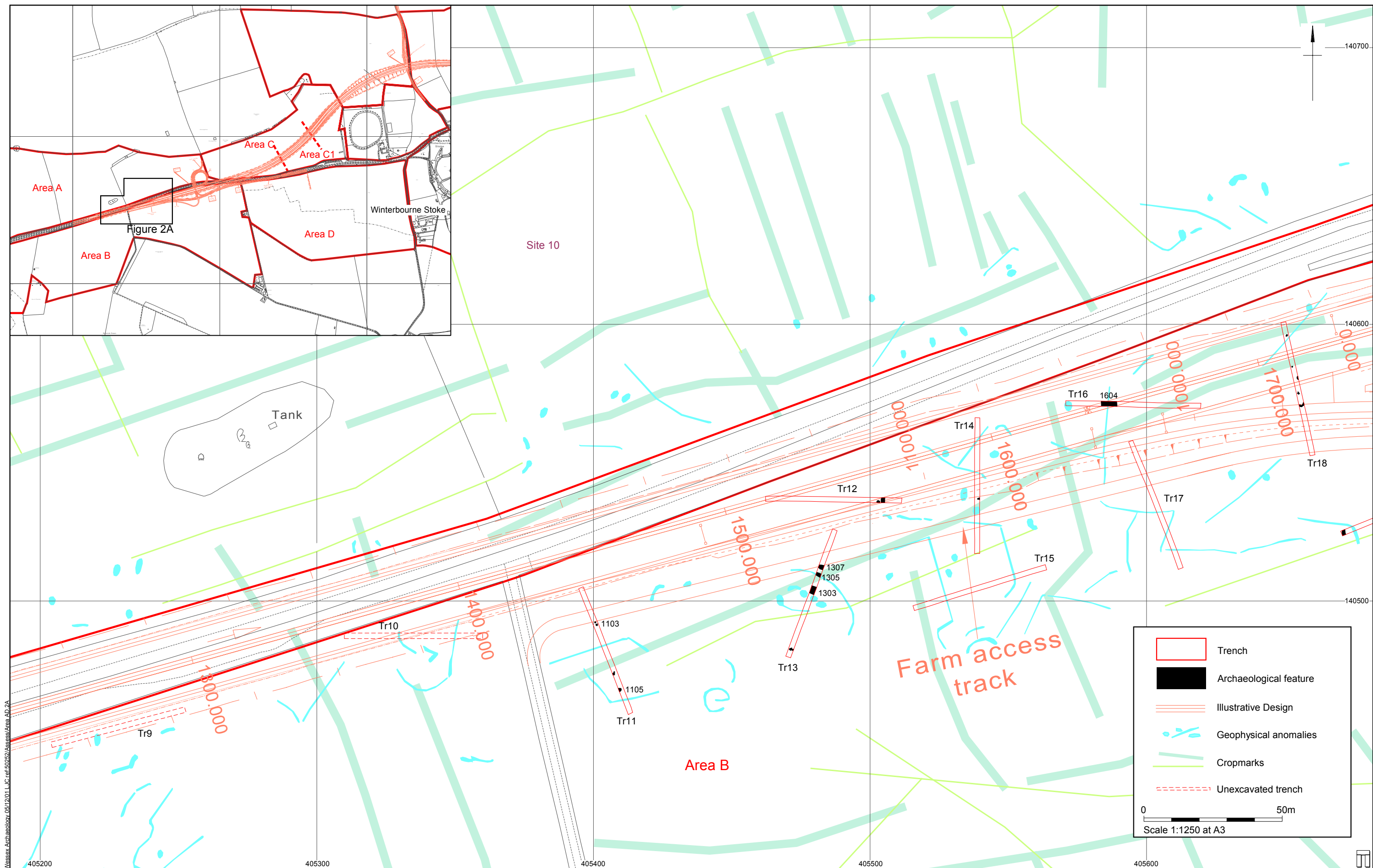
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No.	Type	Description		Depth
4801	<i>Topsoil</i>	Mid brown silty clay loam with 2-5% chalk rubble <0.03m, 2-5% flint fragments <0.05m and 5-10% pea chalk.		0-0.26m
4804	<i>Fill</i>	Pale yellow brown silty clay with moderate quantities of chalk and rare quantities of flint. Secondary fill. Sealed by 4801.		0.26-0.96m
4803	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Irregular with irregular sides and a concave base, 2.60 long, 1.60m wide and 0.70m deep. Cuts 4802.		0.26-0.96m
4802	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk		0.26m→

Trench 49		Max Depth: 0.70m	Length: 50m	Width: 1.90m
No.	Type	Description		Depth
4901	<i>Topsoil</i>	Mid grey brown silty loam with moderate flint and chalk <0.06m.		0-0.20m
4902	<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid red brown clayey silt with moderate flint <0.06m.		0.20-0.40m
4903	<i>Subsoil</i>	Light white brown clayey silt with occasional flint <0.05m and a lense of weathered chalk.		0.27-0.50m
4905	<i>Fill</i>	Light whitish brown clayey silt with moderate/frequent chalk <0.06m and moderate flint <0.06m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 4903.		0.50-0.75m
4904	<i>Ditch</i>	Possible ditch. Linear with steep sides on north and shallow sides on south and a concave base, 1.04m wide and 0.25m deep. Orientated E-W. Cuts 4908.		0.50-0.75m
4907	<i>Fill</i>	Light brown white silty chalk with 90% weathered chalk. Sealed by 4901.		0.20-0.47m
4906	<i>Natural Feature</i>	Irregular with moderate sides and a concave/flat base, 1.50m long, 0.95m wide and 0.27m deep.		0.20-0.47m
4908	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk		0.50m→

Trench 50		Max Depth: 0.21m	Length: 10m	Width: 10m
No.	Type	Description		Depth
5000	<i>Topsoil</i>	Mid/dark grey brown silty loam with sparse flint and chalk <0.04m.		0-0.21m
5003	<i>Fill</i>	Mid/dark silty loam with common subangular/subrounded flint <0.09m and rare chalk <0.03m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 5000.		0.20-0.49m
5002	<i>Ditch</i>	Linear with shallow sides and a concave base, >1.20m long, 1.60m wide and 0.28m deep. Orientated N-S. Cuts 5005.		0.21-0.49m
5005	<i>Fill</i>	Mid brown silty clay with sparse subangular/subrounded flint <0.04m and occasional chalk <0.02m. Secondary fill.		0.21-0.41m
5004	<i>Natural Feature</i>	Irregular with shallow sides and a flat base, >1.20m long, >2.90m wide and 0.20m deep. Cuts 5001.		0.21-0.41m
5007	<i>Fill</i>	Mid brown silty clay with frequent pea grit and occasional flint <0.05m. Secondary fill. Sealed by 5000.		0.21-0.31m
5008	<i>Fill</i>	Light grey brown degraded chalk with 90% chalk rubble and occasional flint <0.06m.		0.21-0.71m
5006	<i>Tree Throw</i>	Irregular with moderate sides and an irregular base, c.1.70m diameter and 0.55m deep. Cuts 5001.		0.21-0.71m
5001	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk.		0.21m→

Trench 51		Max Depth: 0.27m	Length: 50m	Width: 1.80m
No.	Type	Description		Depth
5100	<i>Topsoil</i>	Dark grey brown silty loam with occasional subangular/subrounded flint <0.05m and occasional subangular chalk <0.03m.		0-0.27m
5103	<i>Fill</i>	Mid brown silty loam with common subangular flint <0.04m and chalk pea grit. Secondary fill. Sealed by 5100.		0.27-0.48m
5102	<i>Gully</i>	Linear with moderate/concave sides and a concave base, 0.70m wide and 0.21m deep. Cuts 5105.		0.27-0.48m
5105	<i>Fill</i>	Mid brown silt with occasional subangular/subrounded flint <0.35m and common chalk pea grit. Secondary fill.		0.27-0.42m
5104	<i>Gully</i>	Linear with moderate/concave sides and a concave base, 0.60m wide and 0.15m deep. Cuts 5101.		0.27-0.42m
5107	<i>Fill</i>	Mid/dark silty loam with sparse subangular chalk lumps <0.03m, rare flint <0.02m and some pea grit. Secondary fill. Sealed by 5100.		0.27-0.57m
5108	<i>Fill</i>	Light brown grey silt with common subangular chalk <0.04m and occasional flint <0.12m. Secondary fill.		0.27-0.57m
5106	<i>Tree</i>	Irregular with concave sides and a concave base, >1.30m long, 1.10m wide		0.27-0.57m

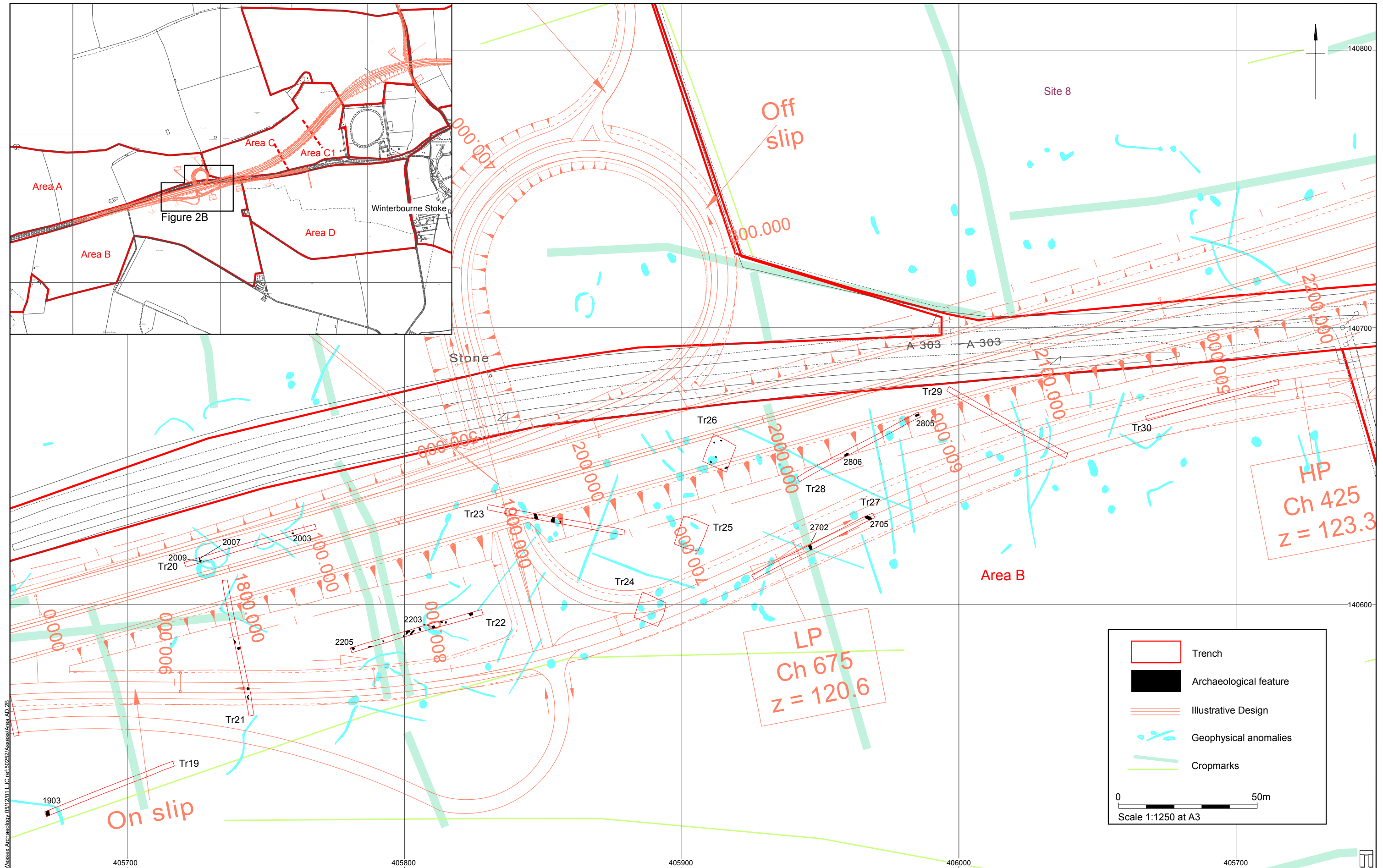
	<i>Throw</i>	and 0.30m deep. Cuts 5101.		
5101	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk.		0.27m→
Trench 52		Max Depth: 0.79m	Length: 50m	Width: 1.80m
No.	Type	Description		Depth
5200	<i>Topsoil</i>	Dark brown grey silty loam with rare chalk and flint <0.03m.		0-0.22m
5201	<i>Modern Layer</i>	Mid grey brown silty loam with occasional chalk and flint <0.03m and modern road debris.		0.22-0.45m
5202	<i>Modern Layer</i>	Very dark grey black greasy sandy silt with modern road debris.		0.45-0.52m
5203	<i>Modern Layer</i>	Mid yellow brown clay silt with rare flint <0.03m and modern road debris.		0.52-0.56m
5204	<i>Modern Layer</i>	Very dark grey black greasy sandy silt with modern road debris.		0.56-0.60m
5205	<i>Modern layer</i>	Mid yellow brown clay silt with occasional flint <0.03m, rare chalk <0.03m and modern road debris.		0.60-0.79m
5206	<i>Natural</i>	Natural weathered chalk.		0.79m→



Trench layout, Area B (West)

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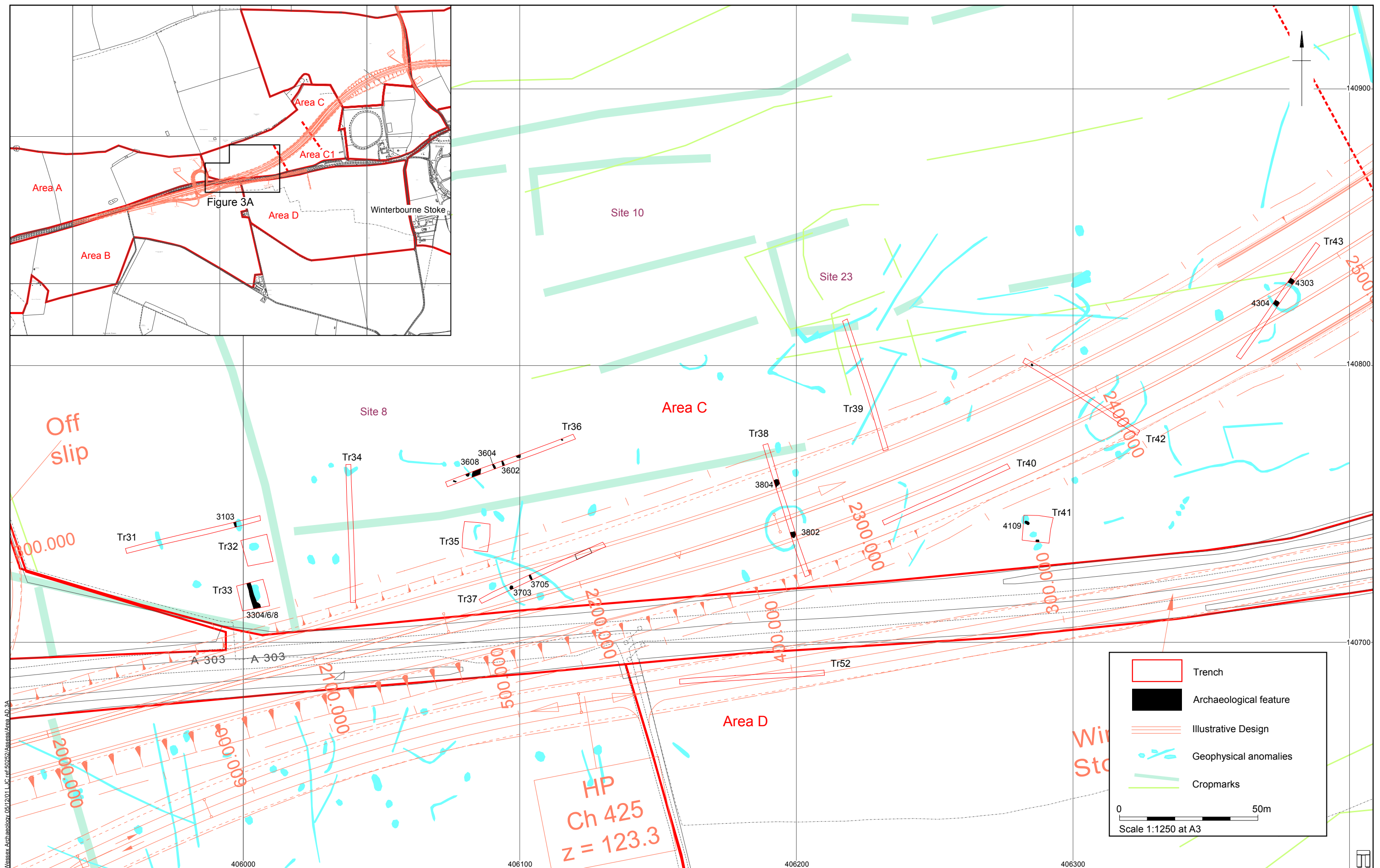
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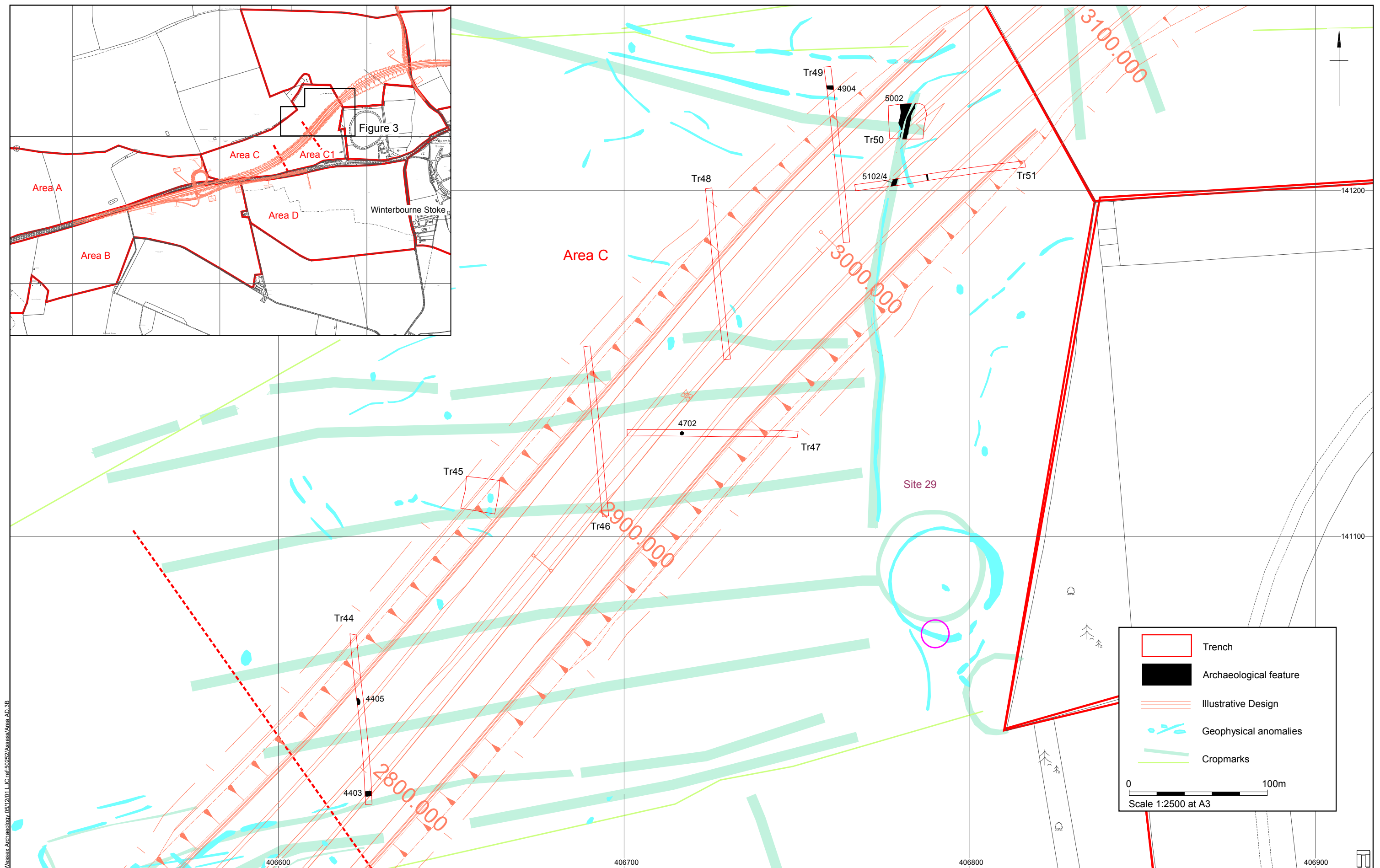
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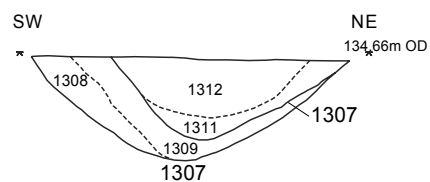
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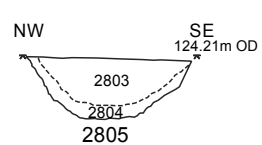
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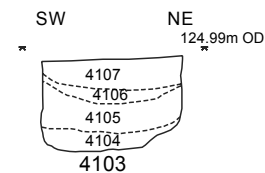
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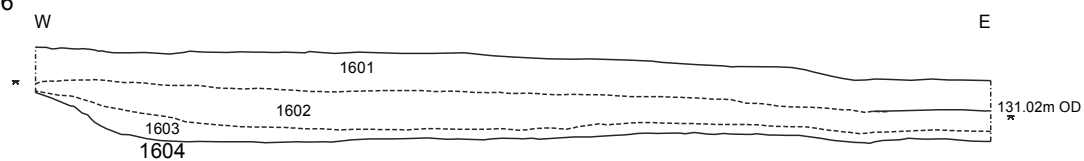
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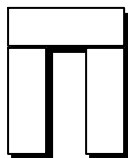
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