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**ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF  
AT HUBBERT'S BRIDGE  
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## **1. SUMMARY**

*An archaeological watching brief was undertaken during the excavation of foundation trenches for a golf driving range at Hubbert's Bridge, Lincolnshire. The site lies within an area of considerable Romano-British activity represented by cropmarks and pottery scatters.*

*No archaeological remains were evident within the trenches, though a fossil stream channel containing peaty deposits was observed crossing the area.*

## **2. INTRODUCTION**

Between the 4th August and the 6th August 1993, an archaeological watching brief was undertaken during the excavation of foundation trenches for a golf driving range at Hubbert's Bridge, Boston District, Lincolnshire (NGR TF 268 438; see Fig. 1). Hubbert's Bridge lies at the junction of the civil parishes of Frampton, Kirton and Holland Fen-with-Brothertoft, the site being located in the latter parish (Fig. 2). This work was commissioned by R. J. Grant Esq, and carried out by Heritage Lincolnshire.

The purpose of the work was to record any archaeological remains exposed during the course of the work.

## **3. ARCHAEOLOGICAL SETTING**

Previous archaeological survey has identified a substantial area of Romano-British activity in the vicinity of Hubbert's Bridge.

Fieldwalking has revealed a number of pottery scatters in the fields 200m west and 500m northwest of the planned golf driving range, while aerial photography has revealed cropmarks of circular enclosure ditches and linear field boundaries. The central area of a cropmark complex is located 100m north of the site, while another lies immediately west of the excavations.

## **4. CONSTRUCTION OF THE FOUNDATION TRENCHES**

A mechanical excavator was used in the construction of the foundation trenches, which measured 0.50m wide and averaged 0.75m in depth. See Fig. 3 for a plan of the trenches.

## **5. ARCHAEOLOGICAL METHODOLOGY**

Sections within the trenches were cleaned by hand and inspected for archaeological remains prior to recording.

**6. ARCHAEOLOGICAL RECORDING**

Each deposit or feature revealed within the foundation trenches was allocated a unique reference number with an individual written description. A photographic record was compiled and sections were drawn at scale 1:20. Additionally, the natural geology was recorded.

**7. ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESULTS**

No archaeological features were revealed during the excavation of the foundation trenches.

**8. GEOLOGY**

Recorded at regular intervals (see Fig. 3), the geology of the site was represented by a calcareous alluvial gley topsoil (001) of the Wisbech association, developed on a stoneless marine alluvium (Soil Survey 1983; see Fig. 4). This alluvium consisted of a very dull orange sand (005, 007, 009, 014, 015, 017, 024, 026), sealed by a mid brown clay (004, 006, 008, 010, 011, 012, 013, 016, 018, 019, 027, 028, 029). Topsoil depth averaged between 0.20m and 0.40m. The excavations were not of sufficient depth to reveal the full thickness of the marine alluvium.

A fossil stream channel was located running north to south across the site and recorded in sections 1 and 10 (see Figs. 3 & 5). The lower fill of this stream was a pure clay, variably bluish green (003) or brown-orange (023) in colour. Above this layer was a lens of blue silt (021) and dark grey fibrous deposits (002, 020, 022, 025), that measured 1.40m in width and 0.35m deep. These deposits were in turn sealed by the topsoil (001) that was 0.25m deep.

**9. CONCLUSIONS**

Reconnaissance of the development site indicated that no archaeological deposits were present in the area examined. However, a fossil stream channel containing botanical organic matter was revealed and recorded.

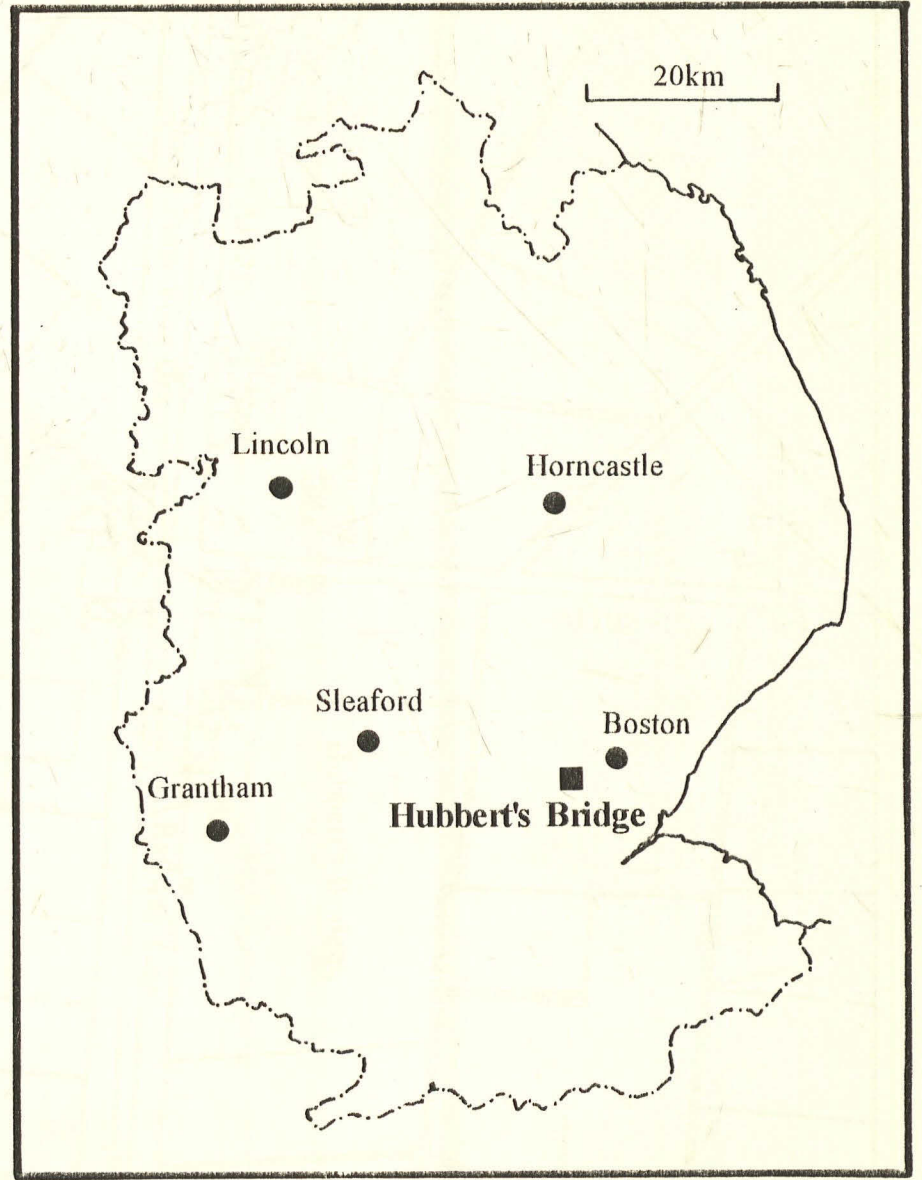
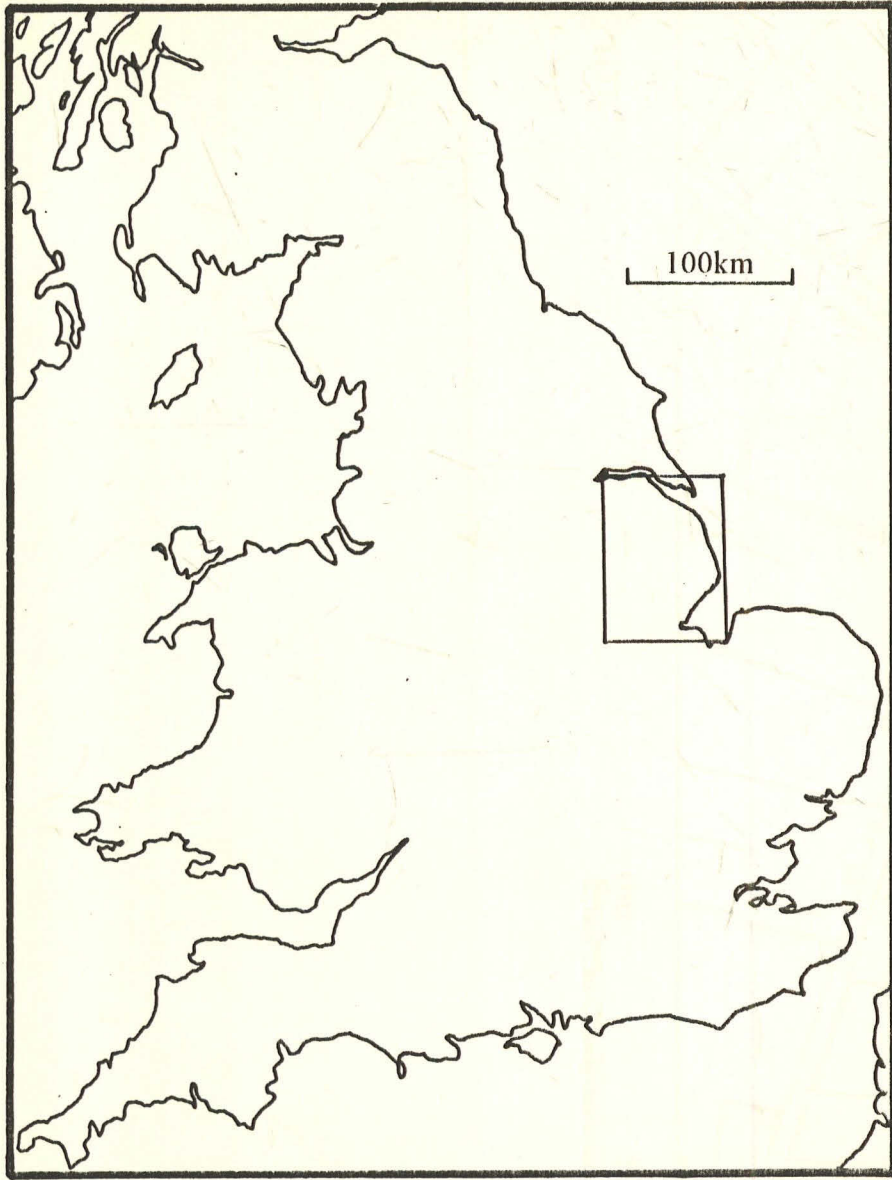


Fig. 1 GENERAL LOCATION PLAN

FIG.2. SITE LOCATION.

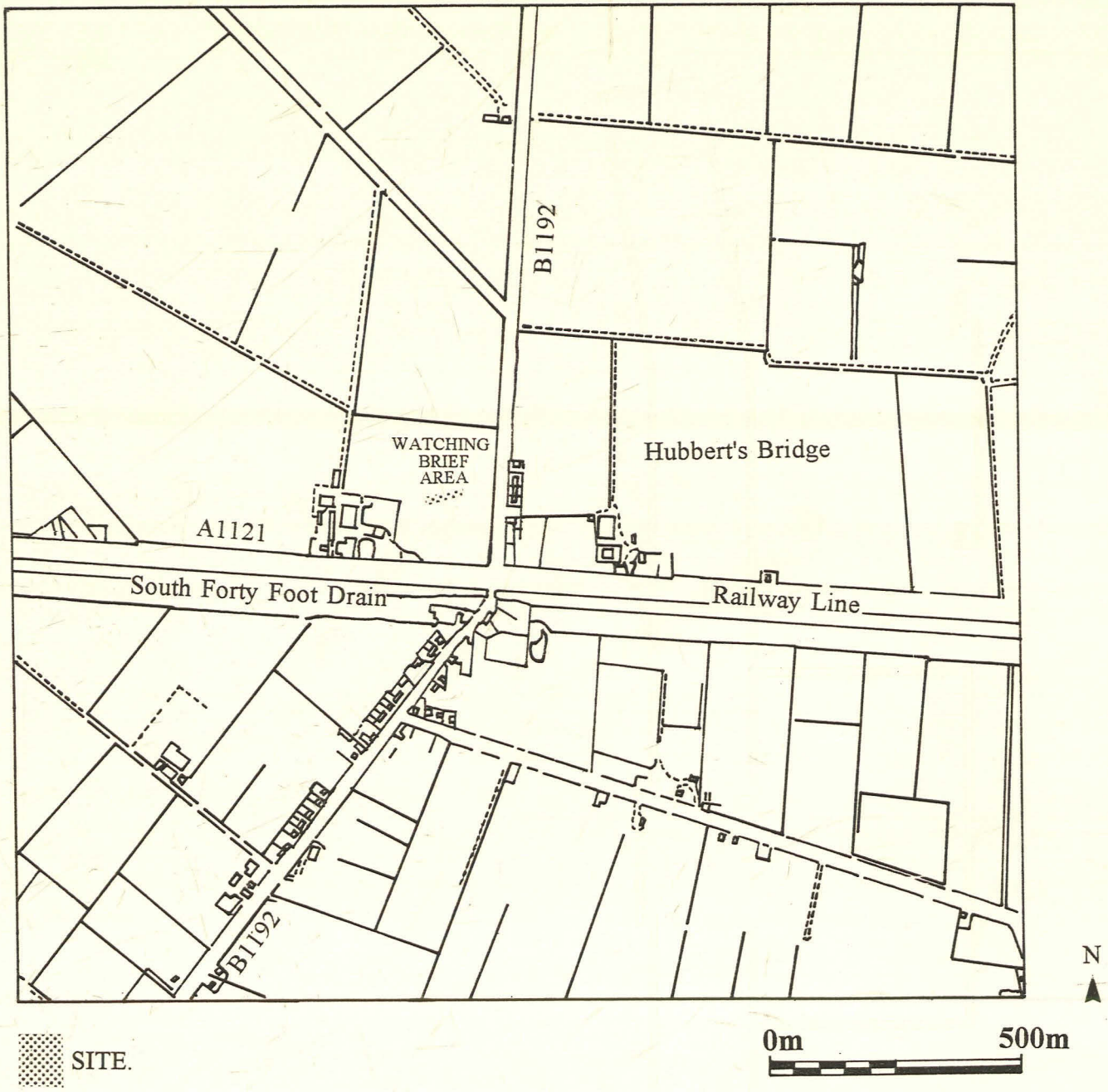




FIG.3. LOCATION OF SECTION DRAWINGS.

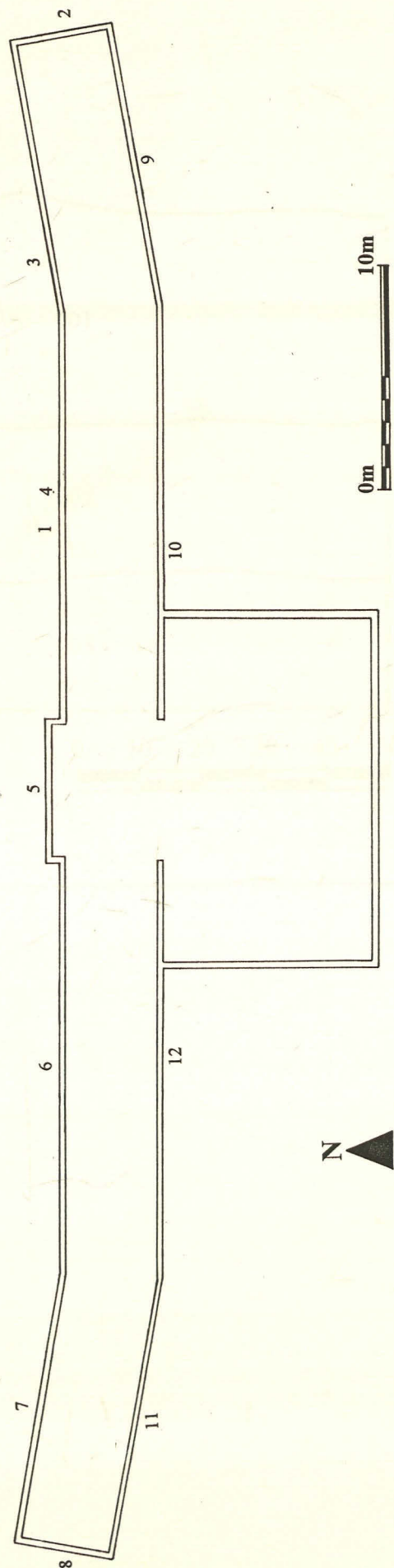


FIG.4. SECTION 6.

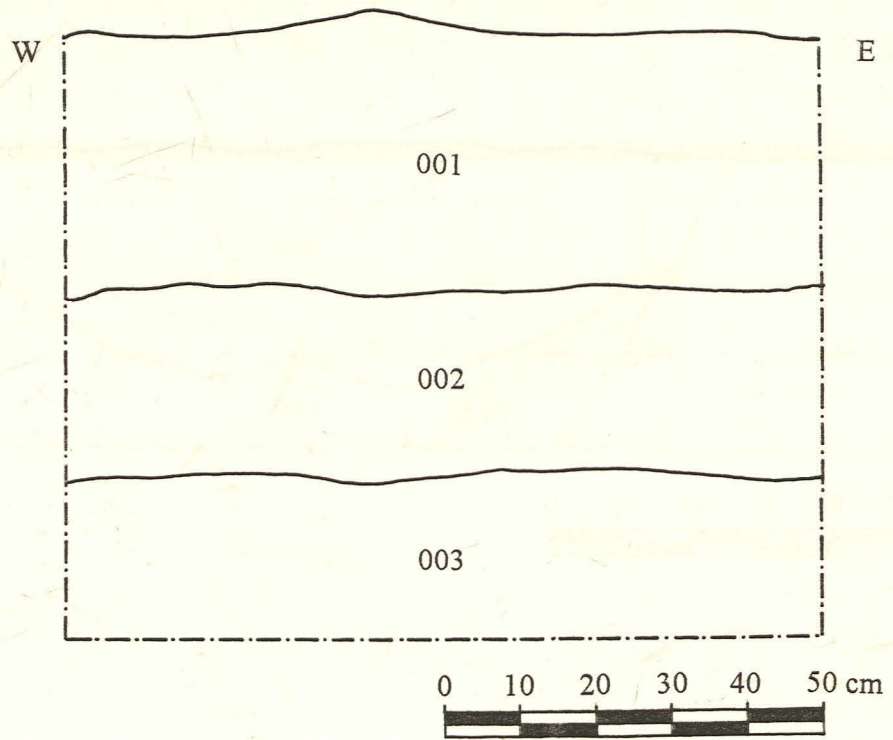
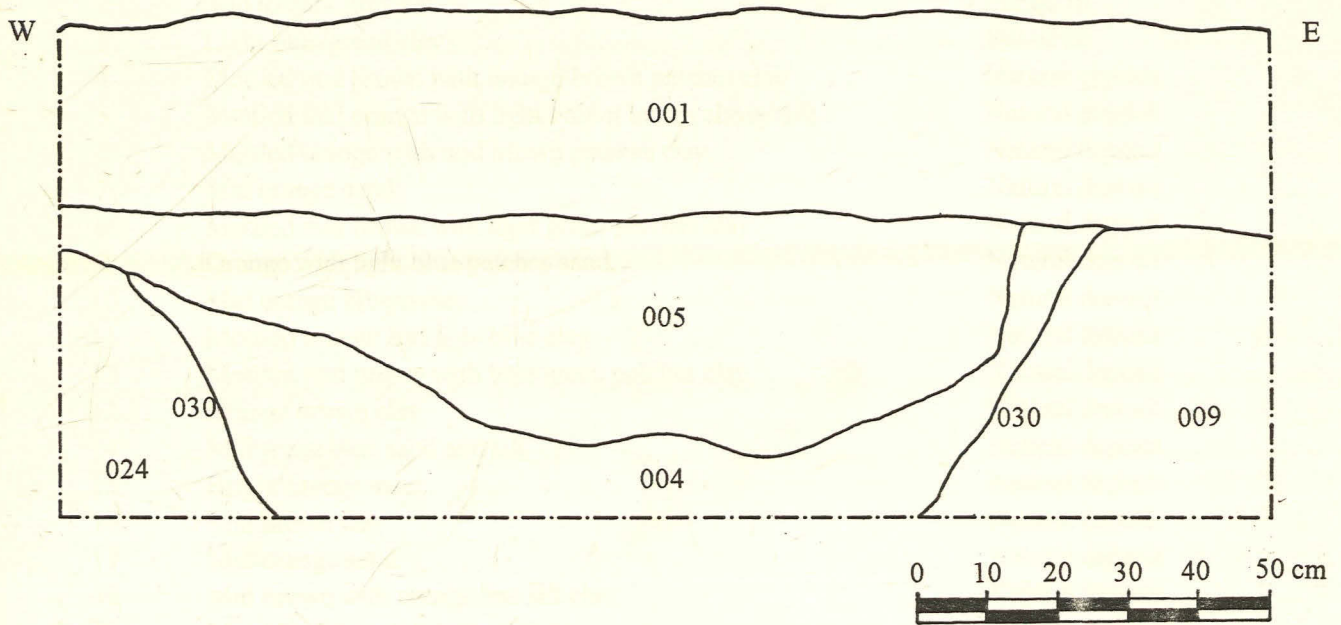


FIG.5. SECTION 1.



## APPENDIX 1

## CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	INTERPRETATION
1	Mid to dark brown grey silty clay.	Ploughsoil
2	Mid to dark grey silt.	Fill of 30
3	Light blue/green clay.	Fill of 30
4	Mottled mid brown with orange-brown patches clay.	Natural deposit
5	Mottled mid orange with light brown lenses clayey silt.	Natural deposit
6	Mottled orange with mid brown patches clay.	Natural deposit
7	Mid orange sand.	Natural deposit
8	Mottled mid brown with light green patches clay.	Natural deposit
9	Orange with light blue patches sand.	Natural deposit
10	Mid orange brown clay.	Natural deposit
11	Mottled orange and grey blue clay.	Natural deposit
12	Mottled mid brown with blue green patches clay.	Natural deposit
13	Orange brown clay.	Natural deposit
14	Mid green blue sand and silt.	Natural deposit
15	Bright orange sand.	Natural deposit
16	Mid brown clay.	Natural deposit
17	Mid orange sand.	Natural deposit
18	Mid brown with orange hue silt clay.	Natural deposit
19	Mottles mid orange brown clay.	Natural deposit
20	Very dark grey silty peat.	Fill of 30
21	Light blue grey silt.	Fill of 30
22	Mid orange silt.	Fill of 30
23	Midbrown orange clay.	Fill of 30
24	Mottled orange white silt.	Natural deposit
25	Mottled mid brown with dark grey clay and peat.	Fill of 30
26	Light brown with orange hue sand.	Natural deposit
27	Mottled mid brown orange with light grey blue patches clay.	Natural deposit
28	Mottled mid brown with light grey blue patches clay.	Natural deposit
29	Mottles mid brown with light grey blue patches clay.	Natural deposit
30	Cut 1.35m wide and 0.40m deep.	Natural watercourse

## Appendix 2 The archive

The archive consists of:

- 30 Context records
- 2 Photographic records
- 14 Scale drawings
- 1 Stratigraphic matrix

All primary records and finds are currently kept at:

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