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**SWINDERBY AIRFIELD
SWINDERBY AND THURLBY
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ARCHAEOLOGICAL TEST TRENCHES

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SUMMARY

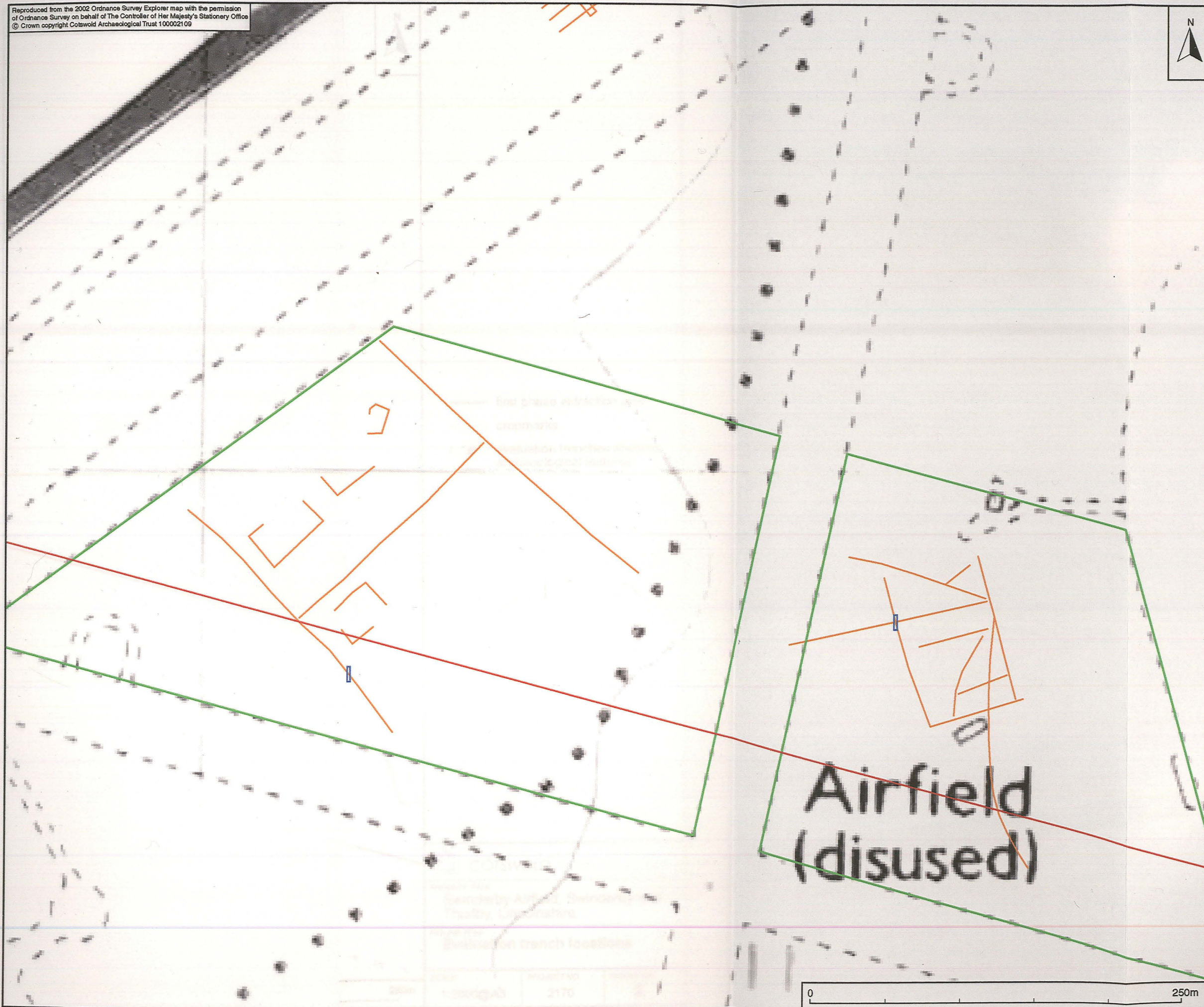
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Location: Swinderby, Lincolnshire
NGR: SK 8800 6170
Type: Archaeological evaluation
Date: 26-27 June 2006
Location of Archive: To be deposited with Lincoln City and County Museum, Lincoln
Site Code: SAS 06


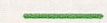

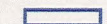
An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology in June 2006 at Swinderby Airfield, Swinderby, Lincolnshire (Fig. 1), at the request of Cemex. Two trenches (one measuring 12m in length, the other 15m – see Fig. 2) were excavated at the site.

The evaluation revealed the sandy natural substrate at depths of 0.3m-0.4m below the present ground level. A series of ditches/gullies were cut into the natural: one in Trench 1 and three in Trench 2 (see Figs. 3 and 4). Ditch 207 in Trench 2 lay on the line of previously identified cropmarks (Fig. 2); this particular cropmark line was also clearly visible from the ground. Trench 1 did not display such an obvious correspondence between archaeological features and cropmarks. None of these ditches contained any artefactual material in their homogenous sandy silt fills.


A 0.2m thick layer of redeposited natural mixed with silty material sealed these features in both trenches; presumably this is associated with levelling/landscaping of the site during the airfield's construction. Modern ceramic land drains and a defunct electricity cable were recorded cutting through this layer and into the underlying natural in Trench 1.

The evaluation has indicated the presence of archaeological features of as yet uncertain date and function at the airfield, despite modern truncation/landscaping of the site. A definite association between these ditches and the cropmarks could be established in one case only; the evaluation also revealed additional features which were not suggested by the cropmarks (for example, ditches/gullies 203/205 in Trench 2).



-  first phase extraction area
-  area of geophysical survey
-  cropmarks
-  evaluation trenches (10m)

**Airfield
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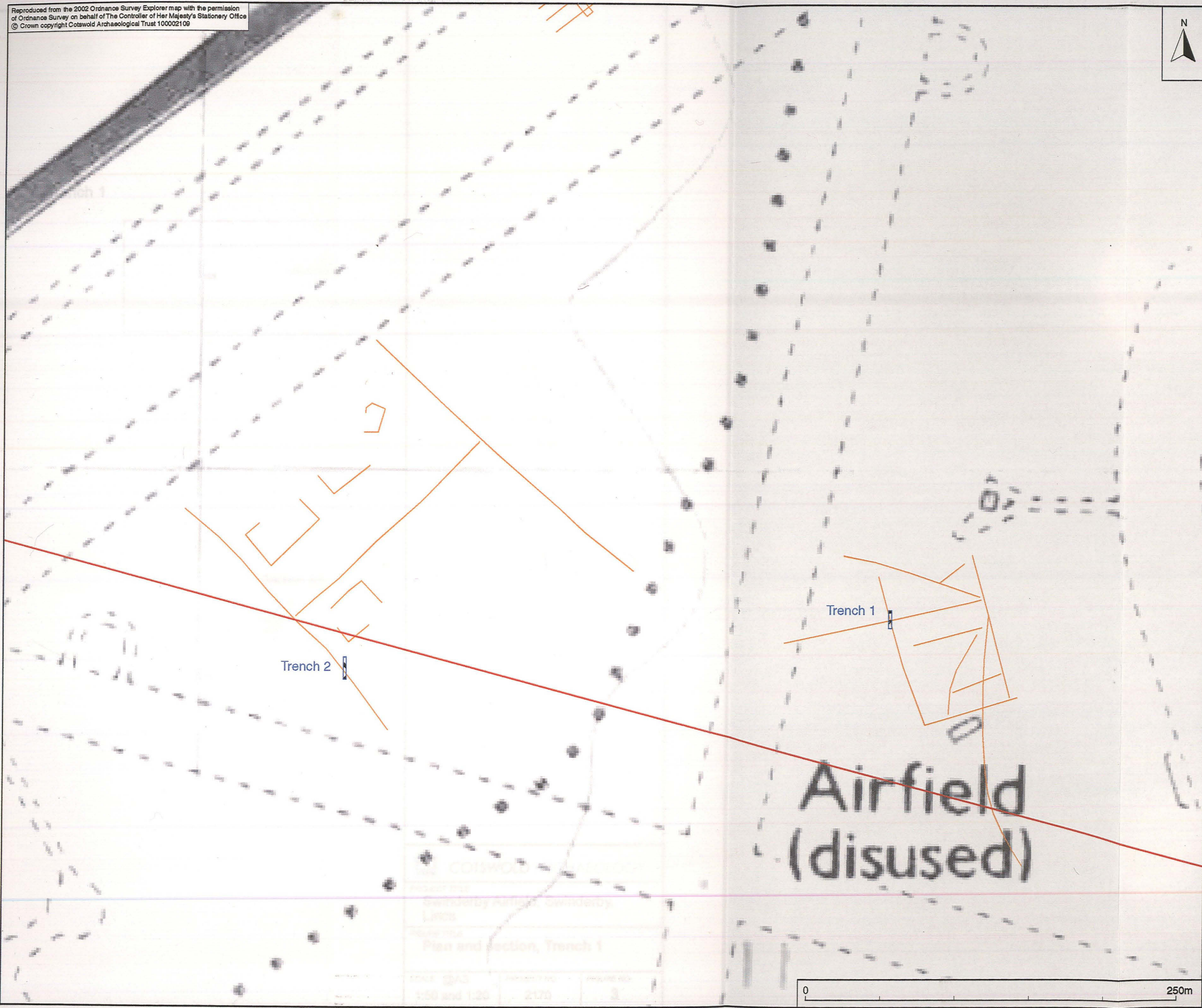
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FIGURE TITLE
**Area proposed for location of
evaluation trenches**

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-  first phase extraction area
-  cropmarks
-  evaluation trenches showing archaeological features

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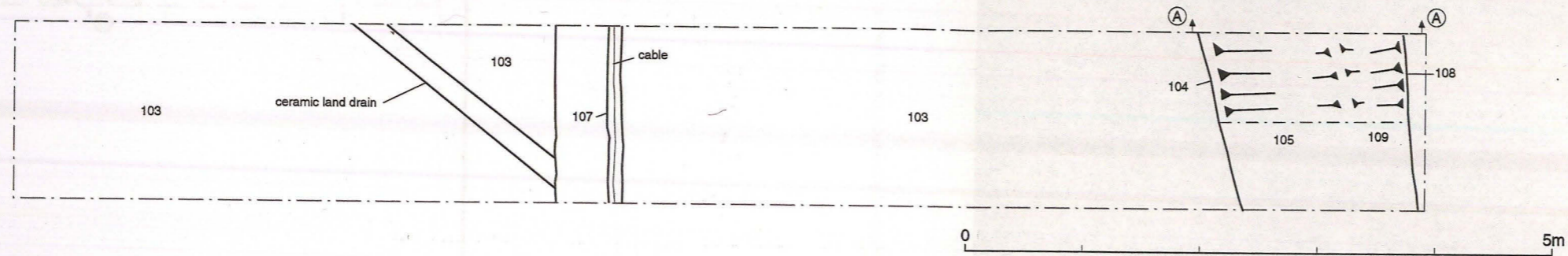
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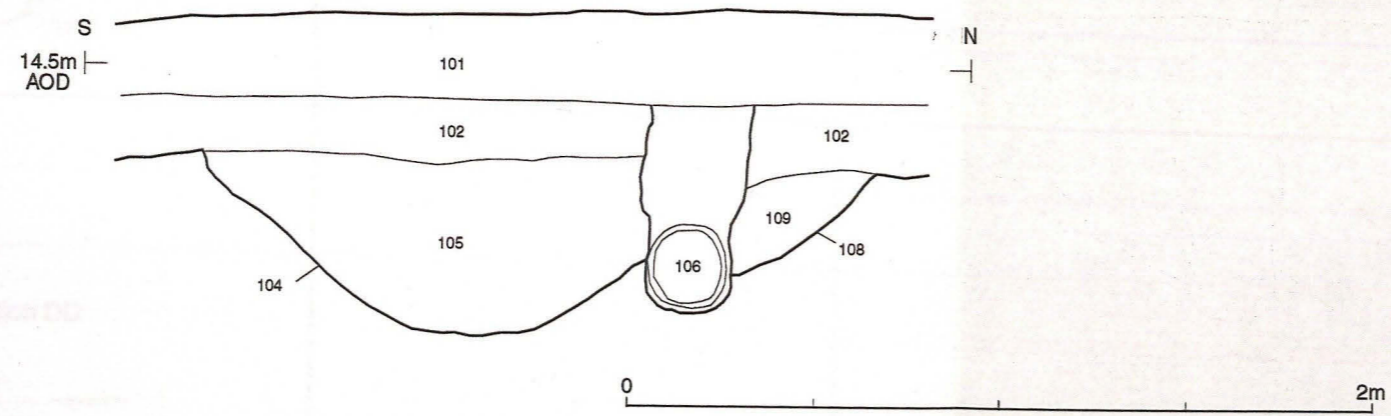
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Evaluation trench locations

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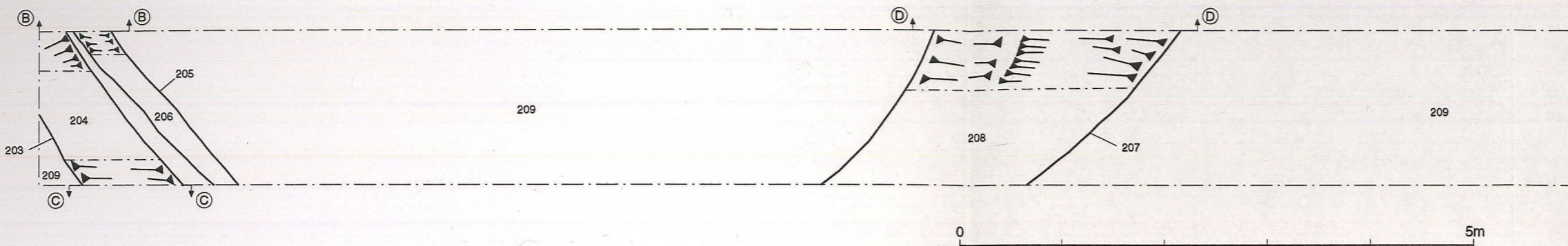
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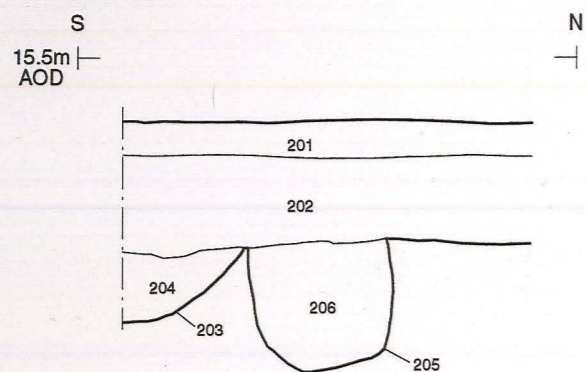
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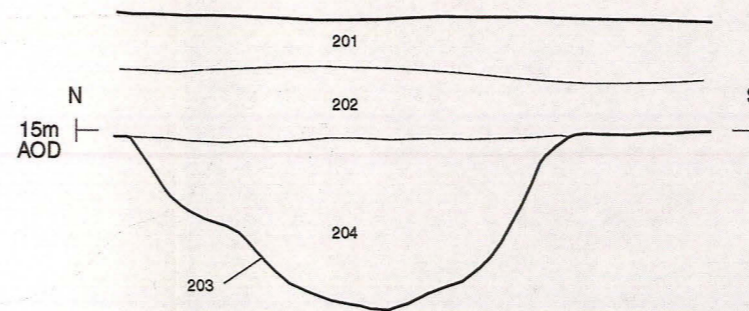
Trench 2



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