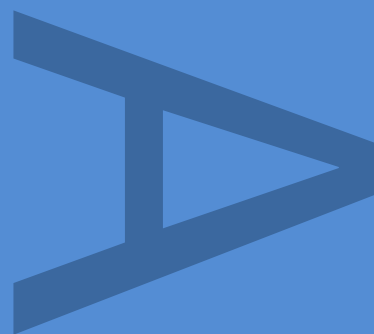


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1 NON – TECHNICAL SUMMERY

Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by CgMs Consulting to undertake an archaeological evaluation at Kent's Orchard, Houghton, near Stockbridge, Hampshire. The Site is the subject of a development proposal for six dwellings and associated access, parking and landscaping following the demolition of a number of outbuildings.

The evaluation comprised the excavation of four trenches. A fifth trench that was initially proposed was not opened owing to constrained access. The evaluation was carried out on the 24th and 25th of October 2016

The evaluation revealed no significant archaeological features or deposits. A linear feature in Trench 3 appeared to be modern in date and a linear feature in Trench 4 was not datable. It is concluded that the evaluation has demonstrated that the Site retains no significant archaeological resource potential.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Project Background

2.1.1 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by CgMs Consulting to undertake an archaeological evaluation at Kent's Orchard, Houghton, near Stockbridge, Hampshire (**Figure 1**), hereafter 'the Site'. The Site is the subject of a development proposal for six dwellings and associated access, parking and landscaping following the demolition of a number of outbuildings.

2.1.2 The proposed development is the subject of a planning application submitted to the Local Planning Authority (LPA) Test valley Borough Council (TVBC Planning Ref: 16/00642/FULLS). The LPA's archaeological advisor, Neil Adam, Senior Archaeologist, Hampshire County Council, has advised that a programme of archaeological work is undertaken in advance of the development, to be secured by use of planning conditions, should the proposed development be granted planning consent; the Site lies in an Area of High Archaeological Potential, as defined by the LPA.

2.1.3 This report provides the results of the evaluation, which comprised four trenches opened on the 24th and 25th of October 2016. Works were carried out in accordance with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists standard and guidance for archaeological field evaluation (CIfA 2014) and *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment* (Historic England 2015).

2.2 Location, Topography and Geology

2.2.1 The Site (NGR **SU 34079 31915**), a c.1ha area, is located within the village of Houghton, which lies 3km south of Stockbridge, Hampshire. The Site, which lies 150m west of the River Test, is bounded to the east by The Street, Chapel Close to the north, Houghton Farm to the south and open land to the west. The Site is currently occupied by a house, Kent's Orchard, and a number of other buildings.

2.2.2 The Site is on gently sloping ground that falls from the west toward the River Test. The Site lies at 31m above Ordnance datum.

2.2.3 Superficial deposits beneath the Site include River Terrace Deposits of sand and gravel overlying bedrock Chalk <http://mapapps.bgs.ac.uk/geologyofbritain/home.html>.

2.3 Archaeological and Historical Background

2.3.1 The archaeological and historical background to the Site was set out in a Desk-based Assessment (CGMS 2016) and is not repeated here. Although the Site lies in an area of known archaeological resources, the assessment considered the potential for the Site to contain archaeological resources of any period to be low to moderate.

3 AIM

3.1 Archaeological Evaluation

3.1.1 The aim of the archaeological evaluation was to determine the character, extent, date, condition and significance of archaeological resources that may survive within the Site, taking account of their potential to contain biological and palaeo-environmental remains.

3.1.2 This report on the results of the evaluation aims to provide sufficient information so that the future treatment of any significant archaeological resources identified within the Site, in respect of the proposed development, may be determined.

4 RESULTS

4.1 Introduction

4.1.1 The following presents a summary of the evaluation results based upon the Site archive, which comprises a Site diary, trench recording sheets, context sheets, Site drawings and digital photographs. A summary of recorded contexts is provided in a Trench Index in **Appendix 1** and photographs of the trenches and trench sections in **Appendix 2**. The archive is held at PCA's Winchester office under the site code KOHH16 and will in due course be deposited with Hampshire Cultural Trust.

4.2 Methodology

4.2.1 The archaeological evaluation was undertaken following the methodology that was detailed in the Written Scheme of Investigation (PCA 2016), which was approved on behalf of the Local Planning Authority in advance of the commencement of works.

4.2.2 The evaluation was originally intended to comprise the excavation of 3 20m x 1.8m trenches and 3 15m x 1.8m trenches. However, trench 5 was not opened owing to obstructions that made excavation not possible (**Figure 2 & Plate 1**). The location of the trenches was intended to provide a sample of any surviving below ground archaeological resources.

4.3 Summary of Deposition Sequence

4.3.1 The deposition sequence shown by the evaluation trenches was varied which is unusual given the close location of trenches. All of the trenches contained both a topsoil and subsoil, which overlaid the following natural deposits. Trench 1 contained grey silty clay at 0.48m, with chalk seen in a sondage at approximately 1.20m. Trenches 2 and 4 contained orange sandy gravel at depths of 0.40m and 0.37m respectively. Trench 3 contained chalk at a depth of 0.55m BGL (**Figures 3, 4, 5 & Plates 2, 3, 4 & 5**).

4.3.2 There was evidence of disturbance of the topsoil and subsoil across the site, particularly in Trenches 3 and 4, which both contained evidence of modern Ceramic Building Material (CBM), metal work, animal bone and other post-medieval/modern debris.

4.4 Archaeological Features

4.4.1 Trench 4 revealed an undated linear feature [405] running on a north-west/south-east alignment. It was a shallow feature, measuring 0.90m wide and 0.19m in depth, with a step on the north-west side and contained only a single fill (**Figure 4, Plate 7**). Trench 4 also contained the footings for a modern brick building towards the western end of the trench and a modern rubbish pit towards the eastern end of the trench.

4.4.2 Trench 3 contained a linear feature, [305], to the southern end of the trench, measuring 0.56m wide and 0.11m deep. The single fill was similar to the subsoil [302] and is thought to be modern in date, possibly relating to the site wide modern disturbance (**Figure 3, Plate 6**).

4.5 **Conclusion**

4.5.1 The deposition sequence shown across the evaluation trenches was varied, with superficial natural deposits of sandy gravel and silty clay overlying the chalk bedrock were seen, along with silty clay in Trench 1. All had evidence in the topsoil and subsoil of modern disturbance. The variation of the deposition sequence between the different trenches (over a short distance) and the evidence of modern intrusions suggest that the site has been subject to wide ranging modern disturbance.

4.5.2 The linear feature in Trench 3, appeared to be modern in date and is likely to be further evidence for modern ground disturbance. The linear feature in Trench 4 is undated, but appears to be relatively irregular and is unlikely to represent a significant archaeological resource. It is concluded that the evaluation has demonstrated that the Site retains no significant archaeological resource potential.

5 ARCHIVE PRERARATION AND DEPOSITION

5.1 The Site Archive

5.1.1 The Site archive, to include all project records and cultural material produced by the project, will be prepared in accordance with 'Guidelines for the Preparation of Excavation Archives for Long-term Storage' (UKIC 1990) and the Institute for Archaeologists 'Standard and Guidance for the creation, compilation, transfer and deposition of archaeological archives' (ClfA 2014). On completion of the project PCA will arrange for the archive to be deposited with the Hampshire Cultural Trust on behalf of Hampshire County Council.

5.2 Copyright

5.2.1 The full copyright of the written/illustrative archive relating to the site will be retained by Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd under the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 with all rights reserved. Hampshire County Council, however, will be granted an exclusive licence for the use of the archive for educational purposes, including academic research, providing that such use shall be non-profitmaking, and conforms to the Copyright and Related Rights regulations 2003. Further distribution and uses of the report either in its entirety or part thereof in paper or electronic form is prohibited without the prior consent of Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd.

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7 REFERENCES

PCA, 2016, *Kent's Orchard, Houghton, Stockbridge, Hampshire: WSI for an Archaeological Evaluation*, unpublished client document.

Appendix 1: Trench Index

Trench No.	Context	Type	Description/ Depth (m) BGL	Finds?
1	100	Topsoil	0.00 - 0.28m	-
	101	Subsoil	0.28 - 0.48m	-
	102	Natural	0.48m +	-
2	200	Topsoil	0.00 - 0.15m	-
	201	Subsoil	0.15 - 0.40m	-
	202	Natural	0.40 +	-
3	301	Topsoil	0.00 - 0.20m	-
	302	Subsoil	0.20 - 0.55m	-
	303	Natural	0.55m +	-
	304	Fill	Fill of [305]	Animal Bone – Not Retained
	305	Cut	Cut of feature	-
4	401	Topsoil	0.00 - 0.11m	-
	402	Subsoil	0.11m - 0.31m	-
	403	Natural	0.31m	-
	404	Fill	Fill of [405]	-
	405	Cut	Cut of linear	-
5	Not Opened			



Appendix 2: Photographs (Plates 1 – 7)

Plate 1 – Site Overview, with Trench 3, looking east



Plate 2 – South end of Trench 1 showing chalk below clayey silt



Plate 3 – Trench 2, looking south-east



Plate 4 – Trench 3, looking north-east



Plate 5 – Trench 4, looking north-west



Plate 6 – Section of [305], looking north



Plate 7 – Section of [405] with bulk, looking north-east

Appendix 3: OASIS Record

OASIS ID: preconst1-267036

Project details

Project name	An Archaeological Evaluation at Kents Orchard, Houghton, Stockbridge, Hampshire
Short description of the project	Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by CgMs Consulting, on behalf of Burton Property Ventures Ltd, to undertake an archaeological evaluation at Kent's Orchard, Houghton, near Stockbridge, Hampshire. The Site is the subject of a development proposal for six dwellings and associated access, parking and landscaping following the demolition of a number of outbuildings. The evaluation was completed largely in keeping with the Written Scheme of Investigation. The evaluation revealed no significant archaeological features or deposits. The linear in Trench 3, appeared to be modern in date and the linear in Trench 4 is undated. It is concluded that the evaluation appears to have demonstrated that the Site retains no significant archaeological resource potential.
Project dates	Start: 24-10-2016 End: 25-10-2016
Previous/future work	No / No
Any associated project reference codes	KOHH16 - Sitecode
Type of project	Field evaluation
Current Land use	Other 5 - Garden
Current Land use	Other 10 - Orchard
Current Land use	Residential 1 - General Residential
Monument type	DITCH Uncertain
Significant Finds	ANIMAL REMAINS Uncertain
Methods & techniques	"Sample Trenches"
Development type	Rural residential
Prompt	National Planning Policy Framework - NPPF
Position in the planning process	Not known / Not recorded

Project location

Country	England
Site location	HAMPSHIRE TEST VALLEY HOUGHTON Kents Orchard
Postcode	SO20 6LT
Study area	1 Hectares
Site coordinates	SU 34079 31915 51.085006969374 -1.513396313924 51 05 06 N 001 30 48 W Point
Height OD / Depth	Min: 30m Max: 31m

Project creators

Name of Organisation	Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd.
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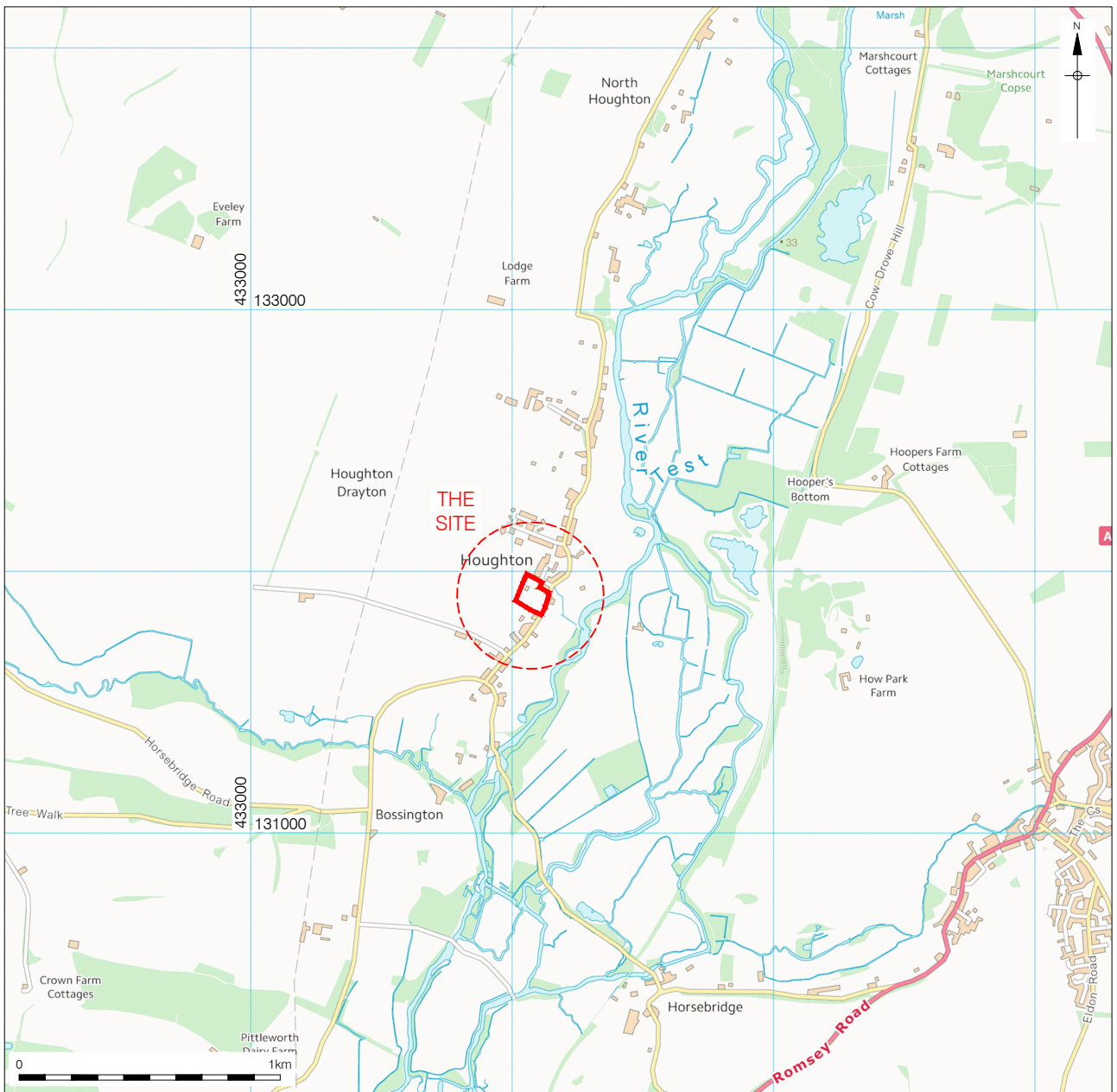
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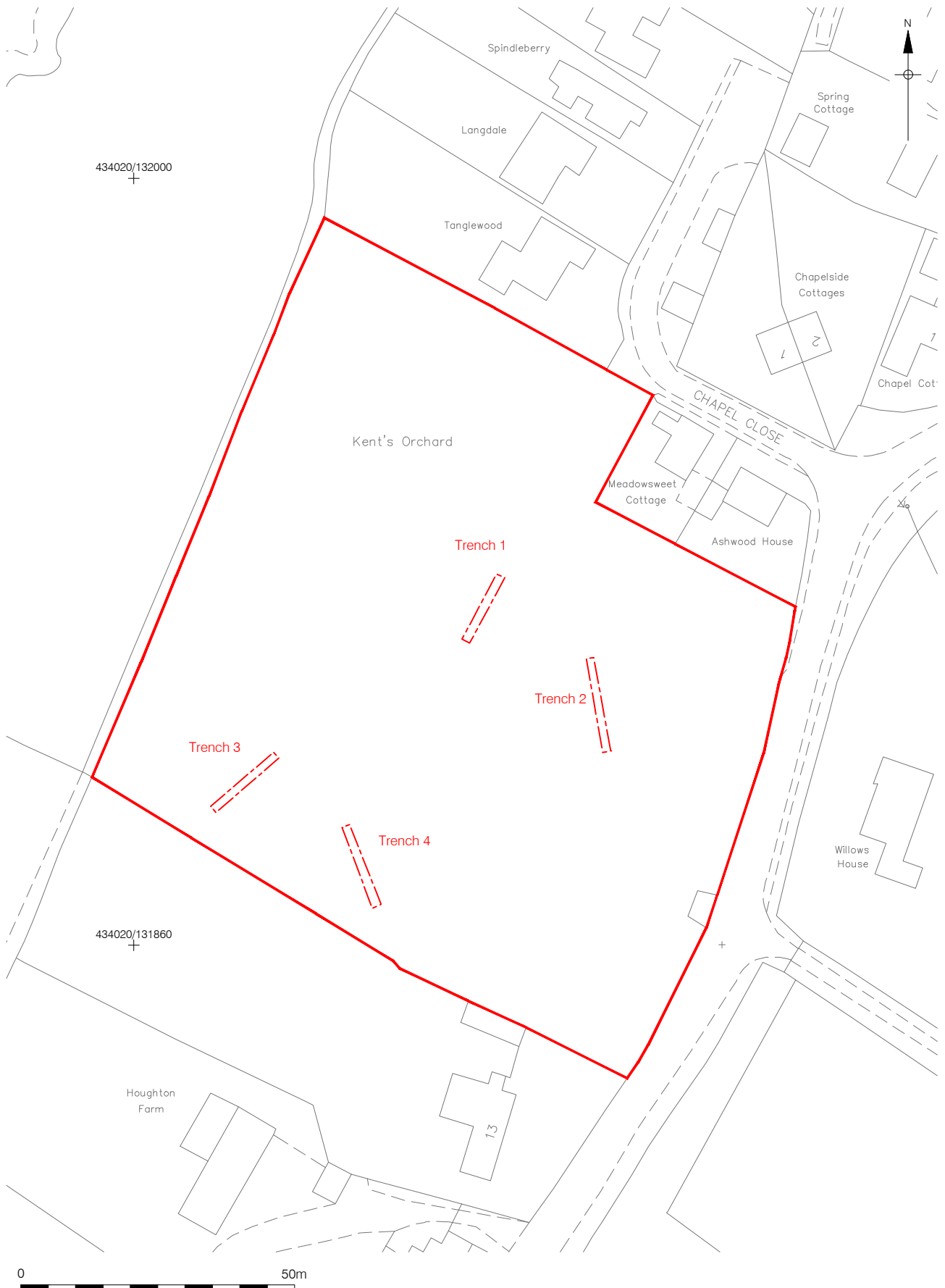


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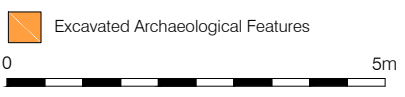
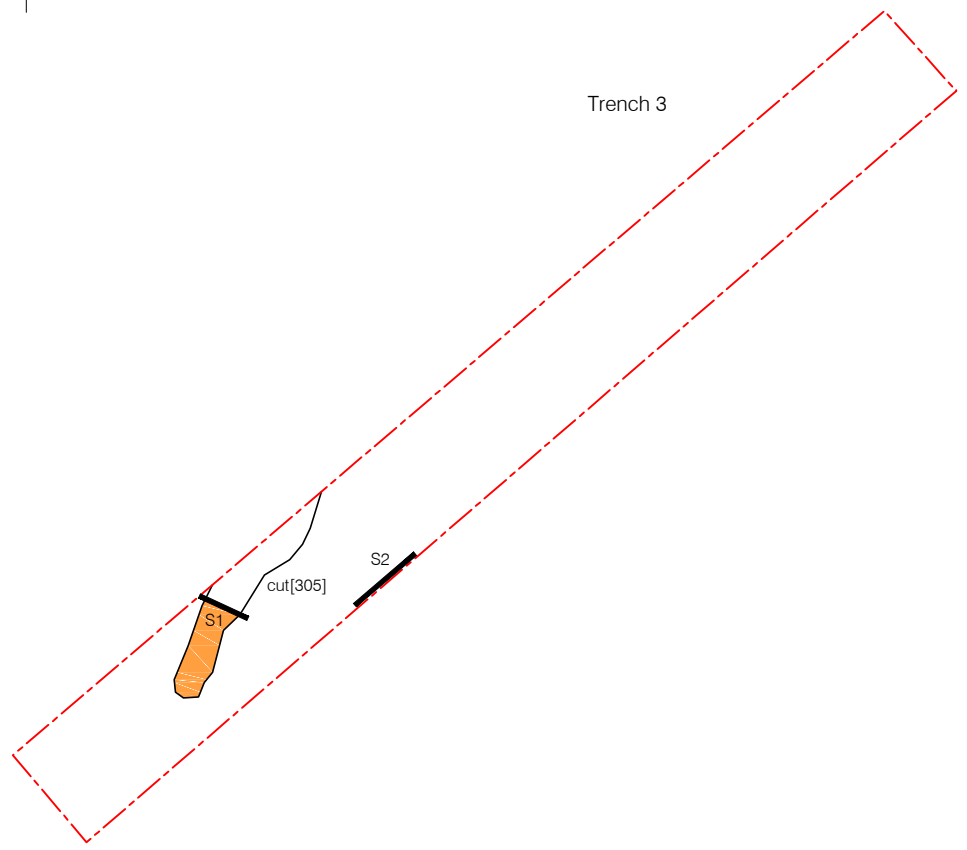
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Figure 1
Site Location
1:2,000,000, 400,000 & 1:25,000 at A4



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Figure 2
 Trench Location
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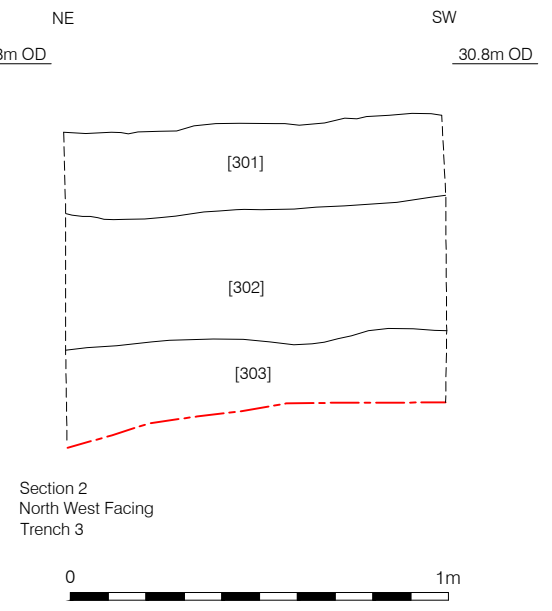
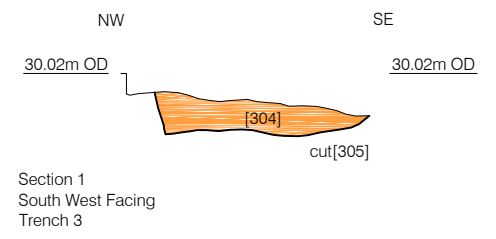
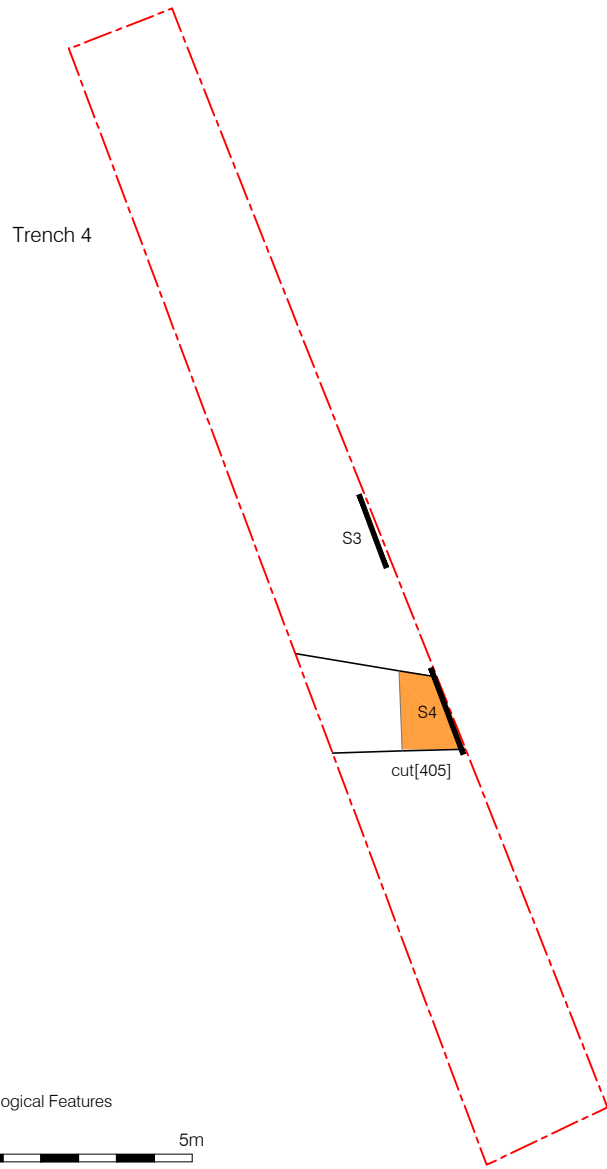


Figure 3
Plan of Trench 3 and Sections 1 and 2
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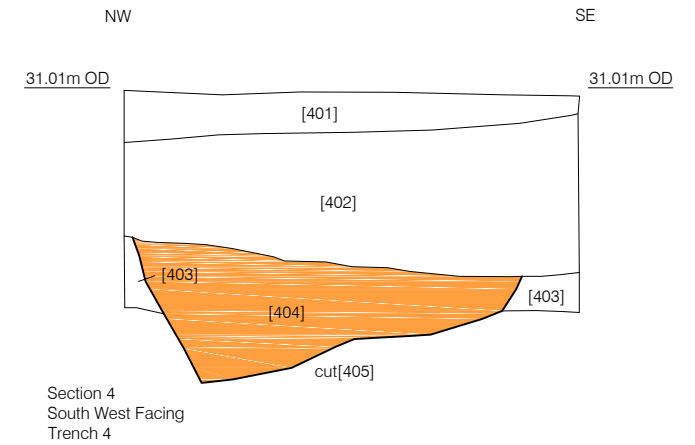
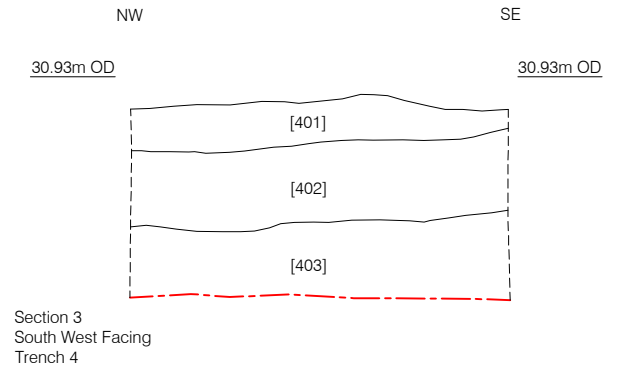
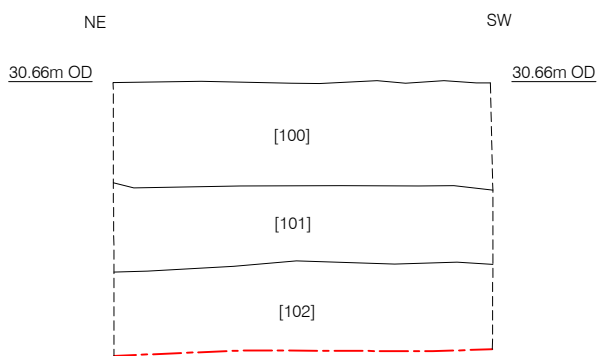
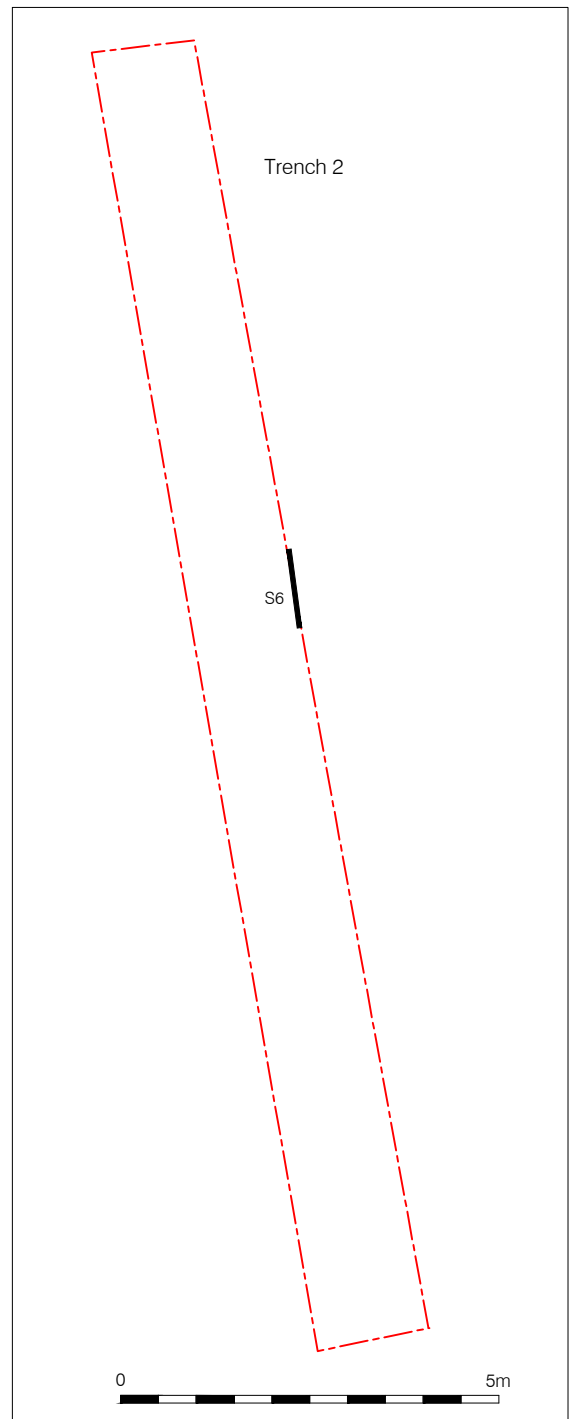
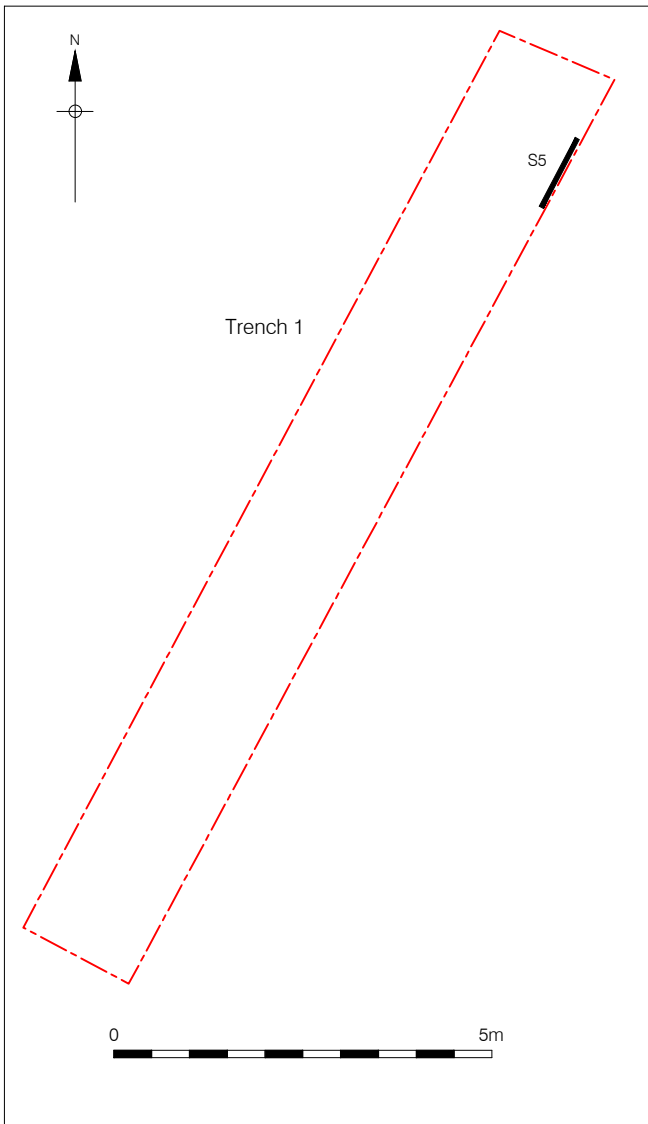


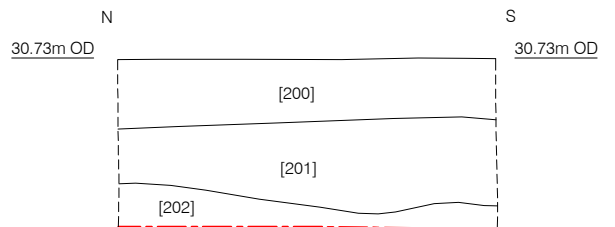
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Plan of Trench 4 and Sections 3 and 4
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Section 5
North West Facing
Trench 1



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Section 6
West Facing
Trench 2

Figure 5
Representative Sections 5 and 6 and Trenches 1 and 2
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