

**LAND AT GREEN LANE WEST,
RACKHEATH, NORFOLK**

ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVALUATION

**MITIGATION REPORT WITH C14
APPENDIX**

CNF45670

ACCESSION NO. 2018.327

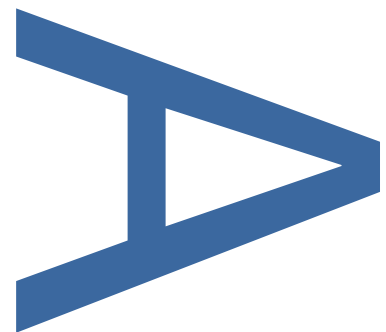
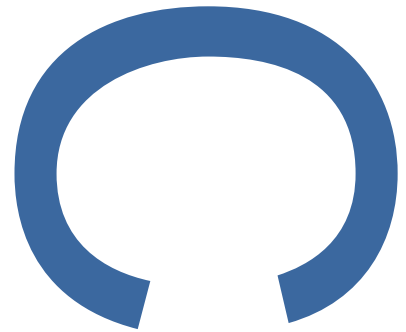
**LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY:
BROADLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL**

PCA REPORT NO: 13564

SITE CODE: ENF144766

OASIS ID:-PRECONST1 328868

FEBRUARY 2019



PRE-CONSTRUCT ARCHAEOLOGY

LAND AT GREEN LANE WEST, RACKHEATH,
NORFOLK

AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRIAL TRENCH
EVALUATION
MITIGATION REPORT WITH C14

Quality Control

Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd	
Project Number	K5660
Report Number	R13564

	Name & Title	Signature	Date
Text Prepared by:	Gary Reid		February 2019
Graphics Prepared by:	Rosie Scales		February 2019
Graphics Checked by:	Josephine Brown	<i>Josephine Brown</i>	February 2019
Project Manager Sign-off:	Peter Crawley		February 2019

Revision No.	Date	Checked	Approved

Pre-Construct Archaeology Limited
The Granary
Rectory Farm
Brewery Road
Pampisford
Cambridgeshire
CB22 3EN

Land at Green Lane West, Rackheath, Norfolk: An Archaeological Evaluation

Local Planning Authority: Broadland District Council

NCC/HES Reference: CNF45670

Central National Grid Reference: TG 2814 1255

Site Code: ENF144766

Report No. R 13564

Written and researched by: Gary Reid and Peter Crawley
Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd

Project Manager: Peter Crawley

Commissioning Client: CgMs/Norfolk Homes

Contractor: Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd
Central Office
The Granary Rectory Farm
Brewery Road
Pampisford
Cambridgeshire
CB22 3EN

Tel: 01223 845522

E-mail: PCrawley@pre-construct.com

Website: www.pre-construct.com

©Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd
February 2019

The material contained herein is and remains the sole property of Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd and is not for publication to third parties without prior consent. Whilst every effort has been made to provide detailed and accurate information, Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd cannot be held responsible for errors or inaccuracies herein contained.

CONTENTS

CONTENTS	2
ABSTRACT	4
1 INTRODUCTION	5
2 GEOLOGY AND TOPOGRAPHY	6
3 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND	7
4 METHODOLOGY	10
5 QUANTIFICATION OF ARCHIVE	12
6 ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESULTS	13
7 THE FINDS AND ENVIRONMENTAL EVIDENCE	15
8 DISCUSSION	20
9 CONCLUSIONS	22
10 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS	23
11 BIBLIOGRAPHY	24
APPENDIX 1: PLATES	36
APPENDIX 2: TRENCH TABLES	49
APPENDIX 3: CONTEXTS INDEX	63
APPENDIX 4: LITHIC ASSESSMENT	65
APPENDIX 5: ENVIRONMENTAL	67
APPENDIX 6: C14 DATES	68
APPENDIX 7: OASIS	76
FIGURE 1 SITE LOCATION	25
FIGURE 2 TRENCH LOCATION	27
FIGURE 3 TRENCH 3 PLAN AND SECTION	28
FIGURE 4 TRENCH 5 PLAN AND SECTION	29
FIGURE 5 TRENCH 19 PLAN AND SECTION	30
FIGURE 6 TRENCH 21 PLAN AND SECTION	31
FIGURE 7 TRENCH 24 PLAN AND SECTION	32
FIGURE 8 TRENCH 27 PLAN AND SECTION	33
FIGURE 9 TRENCH 37 PLAN AND SECTION	34
FIGURE 10 TRENCH 43 PLAN AND SECTION	35

PLATE 1 MACHINING TRENCH 1, LOOKING SOUTH.....	36
PLATE 2 TRENCH 3, LOOKING WEST	36
PLATE 3 TRENCH 3, SAMPLE SECTION, LOOKING NORTH.....	37
PLATE 4 TRENCH 3, PIT [103], LOOKING SOUTH.....	37
PLATE 5 TRENCH 3, PIT [105], LOOKING NORTH.....	38
PLATE 6 TRENCH 5, LOOKING WEST	38
PLATE 7 TRENCH 5, SAMPLE SECTION, LOOKING NORTH.....	39
PLATE 8 TRENCH 19, LOOKING SOUTH	39
PLATE 9 TRENCH 19, SAMPLE SECTION, LOOKING EAST	40
PLATE 10 TRENCH 19, DITCH [117], LOOKING SOUTH	40
PLATE 11, TRENCH 21, LOOKING WEST	41
PLATE 12, TRENCH 21, SAMPLE SECTION, LOOKING EAST	41
PLATE 13 TRENCH 21, PIT [120], LOOKING NORTH EAST	42
PLATE 14, TRENCH 24, LOOKING EAST	42
PLATE 15 TRENCH 24, SAMPLE SECTION, LOOKING NORTH.....	43
PLATE 16 TRENCH 24, PIT [113], LOOKING SOUTH.....	43
PLATE 17 TRENCH 27, LOOKING SOUTH	44
PLATE 18 TRENCH 27, SAMPLE SECTION, LOOKING WEST	44
PLATE 19 TRENCH 27, PIT [122], LOOKING NORTH.....	45
PLATE 20 TRENCH 37, LOOKING SOUTH	45
PLATE 21 TRENCH 37, SAMPLE SECTION, LOOKING EAST	46
PLATE 22 TRENCH 37, PIT [124] LOOKING SOUTH.....	46
PLATE 23 TRENCH 43, LOOKING EAST	47
PLATE 24 TRENCH 43, SAMPLE SECTION, LOOKING NORTH.....	47
PLATE 25 TRENCH 43, PIT [126] LOOKING NORTH.....	48

ABSTRACT

This re-issued report describes the results of an archaeological trial trench evaluation carried out by Pre-Construct Archaeology on Land at Green Lane West (NGR TG 2814 1255) between the 20th August and 8th September 2018. The archaeological work was commissioned by CgMs prior to proposed construction works associated with residential development. The aim of the work was to characterize the archaeological potential of the proposed development area. This re-issued report now contains an appendix of the C14 results, and an updated conclusions.

A total of 43 archaeological trial trenches were excavated across the site to a standard pattern in order to identify and provide a sample of any archaeological features present and to enable decisions to be made about possible mitigation measures. It was agreed with the planning archaeologist at NHES that inclusion of the C14 dating within this re-issued report would be sufficient mitigation for the site to fulfill the planning condition.

The evaluation uncovered nine features including pits, a ditch and a possible ditch dispersed across the site in Trenches 3, 5, 19, 21, 24, 27, 37 and 43, without an obvious pattern.

Three pits [103], [120] and [126] and a possible ditch [117] contained varieties of flint, often very small, including worked, microliths and burnt flint fragments all indicative of a prehistoric date. A flint core and worked flint from the possible ditch [117] had Mesolithic to Early Neolithic characteristics in keeping with the background of the site as recorded on the Norfolk County Council Historical Environment Record.

The C14 dated Early/Middle Iron Age and Late Iron Age to Roman period pits reflect the utilisation of the heath land during a period of rising population, possibly connected with Iron Age enclosures and field systems as recorded on the NHER.

A boundary ditch [111] of late Post-medieval date excavated and recorded in Trench 5 and also observed in Trenches 11 and 14, had been depicted on the Tithe map of c. 1840, and had been backfilled prior to the 1st Edition Ordnance Survey mapping.

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Pre-Construct Archaeology (PCA) was commissioned by CgMs Consulting Ltd. to undertake a programme of informative trial trenching on Land at Green Lane West, Rackheath, Norfolk, NR13 6PG. (NGR TG 2814 1255). The project was undertaken prior to the construction of a new housing development of approximately 322 dwellings, with associated infrastructure. The evaluation took place between 20th August and 8th September 2018.
- 1.2 The evaluation was carried out in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) prepared by Peter Crawley of PCA (Crawley 2018) in response to pre-application archaeological advice (Percival CNF45670_3) issued by John Percival of the Historic Environment Service of Norfolk County Council (NHES) and guidelines (Robertson et al 2018).
- 1.3 The aim of the evaluation was to determine the location, date, extent, character, condition and quality of any archaeological remains on the site, to assess the significance of any such remains in a local, regional, or national context, as appropriate, and to assess the potential impact of the development proposals on the site's archaeology
- 1.4 A total of 43 no. 50 x 1.8m trenches totalling 3870m² were excavated and recorded (Figure 2).
- 1.5 This report describes the results of the evaluation and aims to inform the design of an appropriate archaeological mitigation strategy. The report presents the C14 dating which was undertaken as mitigation on the scheme.
- 1.6 The site archive will be deposited at Norfolk Museum Services.

2 GEOLOGY AND TOPOGRAPHY

2.1 Geology

- 2.1.1 The underlying geology consisted of Crag Group - Sand and Gravel. Sedimentary Bedrock which formed up to 5 million years ago in the Quaternary and Neogene Periods in a local environment previously dominated by shallow seas.
- 2.1.2 The upper geology in the western half of the site consists of Sheringham Cliffs Formation - Sand and Gravel and for the eastern half of the site Happisburgh Glacigenic Formation - Diamicton. Each, superficial deposits which formed up to 3 million years ago in the Quaternary Period in a local environment previously dominated by ice age conditions (BGS).
- 2.1.3 The superficial soils comprise Wick 2 association, described as deep well drained coarse loamy, often stoneless soils (BGS).

2.2 Topography

- 2.2.1 The site is situated on sloping ground between 25.6m and 31.8m AOD, and consists of open agricultural fields. The ground on the west side of the site lies between 31.1m and 31.8m AOD, with the land sloping down to the east reaching its lowest point at 25.6m AOD where Green Lane West and Salhouse Road meet. The River Bures is situated 3km to the north.

3 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

- 3.1.1 The following archaeological background is based on the archaeological advice issued by HES/NCC (Percival CNF45670_3), the desk-based assessment (Thompson and Summers 2014) and a search of the Norfolk HER (Enquiry No. 18_07_14).
- 3.1.2 A geophysical survey had previously been undertaken at the site (Davies 2014). The survey identified the extent of a former “quarry hole” or “gravel hole” which was visible on mapping from 1834 to 1928. Other anomalies were considered to be of recent date.
- 3.1.3 Two other relevant fieldwork investigations have taken place immediately adjacent to the west of the site ahead of the Norwich Northern Distributor Route. Initially fieldwalking was undertaken between 2006 and 2007 (Morgan and Hoggett 2008) followed by a geophysical survey in 2013, which identified a number of anomalies consistent with ferrous objects in the topsoil, and a number of anomalies thought to be geological (Harrison 2013). Disturbance at the northern edge of the plot was thought to relate to Hall Farm.

3.2 Early Prehistoric

- 3.2.1 There appears to be little of Palaeolithic date in the vicinity of the site although an Upper Palaeolithic flake was found from the top of the natural silt during an archaeological evaluation approximately 420m north, could indicate a background presence of this period in the vicinity (NHER 54173). To the north west of the site, a possible Mesolithic/Neolithic flint working site consisting of a large number of blades, borers, scrapers and flakes was recorded (NHER 12630). An important NHER record of Neolithic date was recorded 750m to the north-east of the site, consisting of an oval barrow or mortuary enclosure (NHER 18875). Closer to the site finds of a similar date included a quartz macehead (NHER 8169), polished stone axe heads to the south, east and west (NHER 8153, 8160, 8149), and a stone axe hammer was found closer to the site (NHER 8171). Several worked and burnt prehistoric flints have also been found as part of multi-period finds scatters. (NHER 33570, 49752, 50502).

3.3 Later Prehistoric to Roman

- 3.3.1 Ahead of the construction of the Northern Distributor Route, which runs past the site to the west, a metal detecting survey unearthed a middle Bronze Age spearhead (NHER 49751). Other finds of a similar date found close to the site include a late Neolithic or early Bronze Age barbed and tanged arrow head, and a possible Bronze Age unidentified object (NHER 36254, 51314). The cropmark of a possible ring ditch located approximately 130m east of the site may represent the remains of a Bronze Age barrow, but could also be a later feature, such as a windmill base (NHER 51924).
- 3.3.2 There are several cropmarks representing enclosures and trackways (NHER 50730 NHER 51930, NHER 51932) and curvilinear features (NHER 51923), thought to be Iron Age to Roman date, located around the site. It is also likely that other recorded cropmarks represent landscape features which continued in use into the Roman period (NHER 50728, 50729, 50730, 50744, 51930, 51932). Low levels of Roman material have been recovered during fieldwalking within Beeston Park and it is considered that the Broad Walk at the western limit of Beeston Park could align with the route of the former Brampton to Thorpe St Andrew Roman road (NHER 7598)

3.4 Anglo Saxon to medieval

- 3.4.1 Of three Domesday entries for the settlement of Rackheath, the main entry relates to the larger village of Rackheath Magna which was located approximately 400m north-east of All Saints Church (the church is 1.3km north of modern Rackheath). The Domesday survey lists 27 heads of households comprising villagers, smallholders and free men, and had 5 men's ploughs and 7 acres of meadow. A second entry related to Rackheath Parva and a third to an unnamed strip of land, but details of those are not recounted here.
- 3.4.2 Within the wider parish there are several recorded medieval metalwork find spots, (NHER 36254, 51314, 52535), which include a leaf-decorated copper alloy strap end (NHER 19297), the quillon from a dagger (NHER 40112), and 13th century coins of Edward I and Alexander the III (NHER 39886). An earlier coin of William I was found near Rackheath Hall (NHER 8172). Field walking to

the west of the site produced one possible sherd of medieval pottery (NHER 49751). An important local historical event was recorded close to the site, whereby, during the Peasants Revolt in 1381, a large gathering of Norfolk rebels assembled at the northern end of Mousehold Heath at Rackheath and proclaimed their leader Geoffrey Litster, 'King of the Commons', before marching on to defeat at North Walsham.

3.5 Post-medieval to modern

- 3.5.1 Much of the southern part of the site is located within NHER 30518, an area of land which had become by the late 16th century part of the estate owned by the Pettus family. It had passed to the Stracey family by the 18th century. At this time, following the c. 1801 Parliamentary Enclosure of Rackheath, the park was extended to the south, taking in part of former Mousehold Heath. A further HER entry NHER 53082 indicates that the site was located within and at the northern limit of Mousehold heath as it appeared on Fadens' map of Norwich 1797.
- 3.5.2 The Grade II listed Rackheath Hall to the west of the site was probably built, in 1777 although it could have been built as late as 1852-4 (NHER 8172). It replaced a 16th or 17th century hall, destroyed by fire, owned by Sir John Pettus, MP and Mayor for Norwich, who was knighted by Elizabeth I. A number of post-medieval finds have been metal detected from close to the site (NHER 49749, 49754, 50501).
- 3.5.3 To the north and north west, in 1943, agricultural land between Rackheath Magna and Rackheath Parva (NHER 8170) was turned over to a new role as an airfield for the use of the United States Army Air Forces Eighth Air Force. The larger and heavier B24s required long concrete runways.

4 METHODOLOGY

4.1 General

4.1.1 The archaeological evaluation comprised of 43 no. 50 x 1.8m trial trenches, totalling 3870m². These were distributed to a standard pattern, evenly across the site, in order to provide a representative sample of the development area

4.2 Excavation methodology

4.2.1 Ground reduction during the evaluation was carried out using a 14 ton 360° tracked mechanical excavator (Plate 1). Topsoil and other overburden of low archaeological value was removed in spits down to the level of the undisturbed natural geological deposits where potential archaeological features could be observed and recorded

4.2.2 Exposed surfaces were cleaned by trowel and hoe as appropriate and all further excavation was undertaken manually using hand tools.

4.3 Recording and Finds Recovery

4.3.1 The limits of excavations, heights above Ordnance Datum (m OD) and the locations of archaeological features and interventions were recorded using a Leica 1200 GPS rover unit with RTK differential correction, giving three-dimensional accuracy of 20mm or better.

4.3.2 Deposits or the removal of deposits judged by the excavating archaeologist to constitute individual events were each assigned a unique record number (often referred to within British archaeology as 'context numbers') and recorded on individual pre-printed forms (Taylor and Brown 2009). Archaeological processes recognised by the deposition of material are signified in this report by round brackets (thus), while events constituting the removal of deposits are referred to here as 'cuts' and signified by square brackets [thus]. Where more than one slot was excavated through an individual feature, each intervention was assigned additional numbers for the cutting event and for the deposits it contained (these deposits within cut features being referred to here as 'fills'). The record numbers assigned to cuts, deposits and groups are entirely arbitrary and in no way reflect the chronological order in which events took place. All

features and deposits excavated during the evaluation and excavation are listed in Appendix 1. Artefacts recovered during excavation were assigned to the record number of the deposit from which they were retrieved.

4.3.3 Metal-detecting was carried out during the topsoil and subsoil stripping and throughout the excavation process. Archaeological features and spoil heaps were scanned by metal-detector periodically. Only objects of modern date were found which were not retained for accession.

4.3.4 High-resolution digital photographs were taken of all relevant features and deposits, and were used to keep a record of the excavation process. In addition, monochrome photographs were taken of significant features.

4.4 Sampling Strategy

4.4.1 Discrete features were half-sectioned, photographed and recorded by a cross-section scaled drawing at an appropriate scale (either 1:10 or 1:20). Where large or significant finds assemblages were present, features were subsequently 100% excavated for finds recovery.

4.4.2 Linear features were investigated by means of regularly-spaced slots amounting to 25% of their lengths. Where stratigraphic relationships between features could not be discerned in plan, relationship slots were also excavated and these were recorded as part of the GPS survey and noted on the relevant context sheets.

4.5 Environmental Sampling

4.5.1 A total of 6 bulk samples (generally 20-40 litres in volume) were taken to extract and identify micro- and macro-botanical remains. The aim of this sampling was to help reconstruct the past environment and economy of the site. An additional aim of the sampling was to recover small objects that are not readily recovered by hand-collection, such as metalworking debris and bones of fish and small animals. These samples were taken from sealed deposits.

5 QUANTIFICATION OF ARCHIVE

5.1 Paper Archive

Context register sheets	2
Context sheets	28
Plan registers	0
Plans at 1:50	0
Plans at 1:20	0
Plans at 1:10	0
Plans at 1:5	0
Section register sheets	3
Sections at 1:10 & 1:20	53
Trench record sheets	43
Photo register sheets	10
Small finds register sheets	0
Environmental register sheets	1

5.2 Digital Archive

Digital photos	352
GPS survey files	7
Digital plans	1
GIS project	0
Access database	1

5.3 Physical Archive

Struck flint	12
Burnt flint	98
Pottery	0
Ceramic building material (CBM)	0
Glass	0
Briquetage	0
Small Finds	0
Slag	0
Animal bone	0
Shell	0
Environmental bulk samples	6
C14 samples	4
Colour slides	0

6 ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESULTS

6.1 Overview

(Plates 2-20)

6.1.1 Archaeological remains, consisting of a ditch, a possible ditch and seven pits were found in Trench 3, 5, 19, 21, 24, 27, 37 and 43. These included four undated features and four ([119], [108], [121], [127]) which contained various amounts of flint (both worked, unworked and burnt). The ditch [111] was of later Post-medieval date recorded on the Tithe map of c.1840 and backfilled later in the 19th-century.

6.2 Prehistoric ditch, pits and undated Pits

6.2.1 The earliest evidence of activity at the site dates from the Mesolithic or Early Neolithic and comprised a flake and core found in the upper ditch fill (119) of possible shallow ditch [117] in Trench 19, in the south/central area of the site. It is unclear if these were residual, or, with the very small fragments of burnt flint and debitage being found in further pits (recovered from environmental samples (108), (121), (127)), the finds may be contemporary with the feature.

6.2.2 Pits were uncovered in trenches 3 [103], [105], 21 [120], 24 [113], 27 [122], 37 [124] and 43 [126]. Due to their similarity of form they are discussed together here. They were all, bar pit [103], circular in plan with a diameter range of 1-1.5m. They had gently sloping sides with irregular concave bases at depths not exceeding 0.4m. Where charcoal and /or burnt flint was present, this appeared to have been deliberately deposited when cold, as there was no sign of burning of the natural at the sides or base of the feature.

6.2.3 The dating evidence included a burnt blade fragment and four micro-debitage pieces from [120], five micro-debitage pieces and 59 fragments (195.3g) of unworked burnt flint from [126]. A total of 24 unworked burnt flint fragments (40.6g) were found in (108), a fill of pit [103]. Pit [103], Trench 3, had an elongated shape in plan and was located in the northern field, and pits [120] and [126] in the southern field (Trench 21 and 43 respectively).

- 6.2.4 The charcoal-rich fills of several pits, when processed as samples, aside from the recovered flint mentioned above, produced very few archaeobotanical remains or other environmental fragments. Pit fill (108) (<2>) produced two fragments of hazelnut shell and free threshing wheat glumes suggestive of modern cereal cultivation were recovered from pits [120] and [126] (samples <6> and <7>) respectively, although it is likely these could be intrusive and linked with modern arable.
- 6.2.5 There was little Stratigraphy present at the site, with all of the features singly located. The archaeological features where a relationship was observed appeared to truncate the base of the subsoil. The boundary between the subsoil (101) and topsoil (100) appeared to be very diffuse at the site, likely to be due to its former heathland character.
- 6.2.6 The archaeology formed no clear pattern in plan, and was highly dispersed, across the site with perhaps more pits being located in the southern field.

6.3 Post-medieval ditches

- 6.3.1 Ditch [111] in Trench 5 was determined to be a recently redundant field boundary ditch depicted on the Tithe map, circa.1840. (not reproduced). It was observed traversing the northern field to a north east to south west orientation across Trench 11 and 14 but was not fully excavated with permission of NCC/HES, due to its relatively recent date. In Trench 5 and 11 a large associated field drain was also located in close-proximity to ditch [111], presumably located at the former edge of this field.

6.4 Natural Features

- 6.4.1 Natural features, likely bioturbation and animal burrows, which were partly hand-excavated and checked were planned but not further recorded in Trench 14, 16, 9 and 5, all located in the mid part of the northern field, perhaps reflecting the previous environment here which may have once contained more foliage/animal runs.

7 THE FINDS AND ENVIRONMENTAL EVIDENCE

7.1 Lithic Assessment

Ella Egberts

Introduction

- 7.1.1 Archaeological investigations resulted in the recovery of a small quantity of struck flint and unworked burnt stone. The assemblage has been comprehensively catalogued by context and this includes further descriptive details of the material (Appendix 4). This report summarises the data in the catalogue; it quantifies and describes the material and presents a preliminary assessment and outline of its significance. No statistically based technological, typological or metrical analyses have been conducted and a more detailed examination may alter or amend any of the interpretations offered here

	Flake	Blade fragment	Debitage <15mm	Core	Burnt stone (no.)	Burnt stone (wt: g)
Total	1	1	9	1	98	272.5

Table 1: Quantification of struck and burnt flint from Green Lane West.

- 7.1.2 A total of 3 struck flints, 9 pieces of micro-debitage (flakes and flake fragments less than 15mm in maximum dimension) and 98 pieces (272.5g) of unworked burnt flint were recovered from the above-mentioned site (Table 1).
- 7.1.3 One flake and the core were found in context (119) together with a fragment of unworked burnt flint (27.3g). The other struck flint from this site is a very small blade fragment which was found in context (121). The blade fragment is burnt and was recovered from a sample of unworked burnt flint. Context (121) also included four micro-debitage pieces. Another five micro-debitage pieces were recovered from context (127) (modern). This context also included 59 fragments (195.3g) of unworked burnt flint. Context (108) contained 24 unworked burnt flint fragments (40.6g).

Struck flint

Raw material

- 7.1.4 The core and flake recovered from this site were both made of fine-grained, translucent dark grey flint struck from a nodular flint core. The burnt blade fragment is decoloured and fire-crazed but made of a fine-grained flint. Such flint could have been obtained from the diamicton and sand and gravel deposits present in the vicinity of the site (BGS 2018).

Condition

- 7.1.5 The worked flint is in fresh to slightly chipped condition. This suggests that some of the pieces might have moved to some extent after discard.

Description

- 7.1.6 A total of three struck flints were recovered from the site at Green Lane West, including a blade core, a flake and a blade fragment. The blade fragment and core show technological and typological characteristics typical for Mesolithic or Early Neolithic flint working. The blade fragment is well struck with a prepared striking platform. The core (169.8g) is worked from the front, has one main striking platform from which long blades were knapped. The striking platform seems to have been rejuvenated at least once and there is some evidence of platform trimming. The back is faceted and formed by a few large flake removals. The core is slightly red stained and has potentially been lightly heated, a process sometimes undertaken during prehistory to facilitate reduction, but as it was found in a modern, burnt context, this may have occurred more recently.

Discussion

- 7.1.7 The worked flints from Green Lane West indicate some human activity at the site during the Mesolithic/Early Neolithic periods. This is in agreement with earlier finds in the area. For example fieldwalking in between 1977-1986 north-west of Rackheath resulted in the recovery of large quantities of Mesolithic worked flint (NHER 12630). The limited amount of material found at Green Lane West may present a background scatter signal of a larger, more intensely used Mesolithic and Early Neolithic landscape, and could therefore provide a context to richer sites in the vicinity.

Conclusions

- 7.1.8 The struck flint assemblage has been comprehensively catalogued and no further analytical work is recommended. Nevertheless, it does demonstrate prehistoric activity at the site which further fieldwork could potentially elucidate. Although the assemblage is small, the site sits in a rich early prehistoric landscape and is a useful contribution to what is known.

7.2 Environmental Results.

Kath Hunter Dowse

- 7.2.1 During an evaluation carried out by Pre-Construct Archaeology (PCA) at Green Lane West, Rackheath, Norfolk six environmental samples were taken. These were processed to assess their potential for plant remains and other environmental evidence including charcoal. The samples were processed using a flotation technique recovering the flot to 300 µm and the residue to 1mm. The residues were sorted in-house by PCA with charcoal and other environmental remains extracted from the greater than 2 mm fraction. The flots were rapidly assessed by the author using an MTL stereo microscope. The results from this assessment are recorded in Appendix 5.
- 7.2.2 The project has attempted to identify the presence of ring porous or diffuse vessel patterns. Where possible the author has attempted to identify whether the charcoal represents roundwood, heartwood, twig or root. The frequency of all charred remains has been recorded using the following criteria:
- 7.2.3 * 1-5 items
- 7.2.4 ** 6-10 items
- 7.2.5 *** 11-50 items
- 7.2.6 **** 50-100+ items
- 7.2.7 The frequency for charcoal recorded in Appendix 5 in brackets e.g. (***) represents the proportion that appears to be larger than 2mm in all dimensions and may be identifiable to species.

- 7.2.8 Where identification of other plant macrofossils has taken place, the nomenclature for cereals follows Zohary et al. 2012 and other plants Stace 2010. The term “seed” may include achene, fruit, nutlet etc.
- 7.2.9 The criteria used to select samples for further analysis of archaeobotanical remains is based on a scheme developed by Wendy Carruthers. This allows various factors to be considered when assessing samples. The priority categories used in this assessment are as follows:
- 7.2.10 A= high potential on archaeobotanical grounds (i.e. rare or interesting plant taxa or exceptional preservation) or due to the scarcity of information from this type of deposit (e.g. Neolithic contexts).
- 7.2.11 B= good potential due to reasonable preservation and/or frequent identifiable charred plant remains, i.e. the assemblage can provide a useful amount of information.
- 7.2.12 C= some charred material but present in low concentrations or very poorly preserved. The samples will only be worth including if part of a group, or if the context is especially important or particular information is required.
- 7.2.13 D= no charred material or so few to have been fully identified and recorded. Any information recovered from C and D samples can be included in the final report if necessary.
- (Carruthers pers. comm)
- 7.2.14 Whilst there was abundant charcoal in all six samples there was very little other charred material present. Two fragments of hazelnut shell (*Corylus avellana*) were recovered from sample 2 context (108). These could be evidence of a wild grown food resource or could simply have been gathered with wood for fuel.
- 7.2.15 The presence of charred, free threshing wheat glumes (*Triticum* sp.) suggests modern cereal cultivation in the area (Sample 6 context (120) and sample 7 context (126)). These charred wheat glumes appear along-side uncharred modern chaff leading to a high risk of the material also being relatively modern

or being redeposited. Also culm nodes are not particularly diagnostic beyond saying they are from a type of cereal so it is not possible to say when they were charred. If cereals have been cultivated in the area in the recent past, it would be difficult to distinguish modern charred chaff, from before the 1993 ban on stubble burning, from much older examples. So, it is possible that the two cereal culm fragments from sample 6 may well be relatively modern.

Conclusions

Charcoal

- 7.2.16 All of the samples produced abundant charcoal fragments of greater than 2mm in all dimensions which might be suitable for species identification. Only sample 5 context (119) contained fewer than 100 examples. A few fragments from samples 4,5,6 and 7 contained fragments that appear to be oak (*Quercus* sp.).

Other plant macrofossils

- 7.2.17 Due to the paucity of preserved plant remains no further work is recommended on these samples

C14 samples

- 7.2.18 Following the evaluation stage, four sub-samples of charcoal were selected to undertake C14 dating and the results of this exercise are presented in this re-issued report, as mitigation.

8 DISCUSSION

- 8.1.1 It seems highly likely that at least four of the features present on the site were of prehistoric date (now Confirmed by C14 dating see below), with perhaps more residuality about the dating of possible ditch [117], nevertheless the Mesolithic or Early Neolithic flint core and flake, confirm activity of this date was being undertaken in the vicinity, confirming what is known of the prehistoric landscape as recorded on the NHER. For example NHER 12630 records that fieldwalking between 1977-1986 north-west of Rackheath resulted in the recovery of large quantities of Mesolithic worked flint. With such a small quantity of worked flint (3 flakes) and debitage (9 flakes) recovered from across the current site, this activity should be seen as sporadic 'background noise' in its character.
- 8.1.2 Following the evaluation phase on the site, four charcoal sub-samples were submitted for C14 dating. This discussion now reflects the new information. It has previously been stated by Medleycott that for the Iron Age period, "Dating and chronology -This is still a central concern" and that further efforts would be needed "to help refine the absolute chronology for the region". (Medleycott 2011 p29). The provision of radio carbon dates from the site has been useful and adds to the growing body of evidence for this period, helping towards addressing this concern.
- 8.1.3 The 95% probability date ranges are as follows:-
- 8.1.4 Pit [105] (106) 92-68 calBC and 61-53 calAD [SUERC-84159 (GU50033)]
- 8.1.5 Pit [103] (108) 363-203 calBC [SUERC-84160 (GU50034)]
- 8.1.6 Pit [124] (125) 357-282 calBC, 257-246 calBC, 236-154 calBC and 135-116 calBC [SUERC-84164 (GU50035)]
- 8.1.7 Pit [126] (127) 401-355 calBC and 289-233 calBC [SUERC-84165 (GU50036)]
- 8.1.8 The results show a familiar 'double-spike' of potential dates, a phenomenon often associated with Iron Age C14 dating. Aside from context 106, which is potentially of Late Iron Age to Roman date, the other dates have been returned

as reasonably closely dated to the Early to Middle Iron Age. The NHER background supports this dated activity, with recorded cropmarks thought to represent enclosures, trackways and curvilinear features of likely Iron Age to Roman date in the vicinity of the site (NHER 50730 NHER 51930, NHER 51932, NHER 51923)

- 8.1.9 There is a lack of macro remains, for example items such as burnt grains, within the environmental samples, to confirm the original function of the pits. For example Iron Age pits can often contain burnt cereal grains with the charcoal a by-product of the cereal processing, but here, there is a scarcity of burnt grains. The lack of pottery suggests that these pits were located away from centres of Iron Age settlement.
- 8.1.10 The quantity of small fragments of burnt flint present within the fills of several pits is likely to derive from directly heated flints added and used to heat water, possibly for cooking, again identified as generally prehistoric date, with the 'high-period' of this activity generally considered to be the Bronze-Age to Early Iron Age. This was probably undertaken as a very localised action close to the fires themselves and is not in this instance associated with the widespread mounds of such burnt flint which can sometimes be unearthed of this period. The pits therefore contained deposited waste materials from such fires, either as a practical measure or with ritual considerations. Worked and burnt flints have previously been found a short distance to the west of the current site at NHER 49752.
- 8.1.11 The undated pits have a similar size and profile to those which contained the flint and charcoal, and as such they may also be of a similar date, but more simply had the remains of a fire deposited into them, without the splintered and heat-shattered flint. However, it should be born in mind that these pits could be of any date through to the post-medieval period.
- 8.1.12 There was a noticeable lack of a sharp boundary between the topsoil and the subsoil possibly representing the character of the former heath. NHER 53082 records that the site lay within the former extent of Mousehold Heath as depicted on Faden's map of 1797.

9 CONCLUSIONS

- 9.1.1 The evaluation identified sporadic evidence of prehistoric and undated activity in keeping with what is known of the historical character of the wider Rackheath area, as recorded on the NHER.
- 9.1.2 The C14 dated Early/Middle Iron Age and Late Iron Age to Roman period pits reflect the utilisation of the heath land during a period of rising population levels. As stated in Medleycott "The Norfolk NMP has identified a large numbers of enclosures of probable Iron Age date.....Two such enclosures, located only 50m apart, were mapped recently at Rackheath (Alboneetal.2008)..... The Rackheath enclosures are located within a complex area of multi-phase field systems and boundaries, at least some of which may be contemporary with either or both of them. Further investigation of this cropmark group would potentially reveal vital new information on prehistoric enclosed settlement in Norfolk, a subject about which little is currently known". (Medleycott 2011 p22) These pits, as well-dated features, offer circumstantial supporting evidence for an Iron Age date for said field-systems and enclosures, and are valuable in what they add to Iron Age settlement and landscape studies for the area.
- 9.1.3 Shattered flint within the fills may indicate the continued use of heated flint as a means of heating water during this time, other information regarding the original function of the pits was not forthcoming.
- 9.1.4 The lack of medieval evidence is in keeping with the main centre of medieval Rackheath, being located some distance from the site (Rackheath Magna and Rackheath Parva NHER 8170). The site's position within Rackheath Park (NHER 30518) has also acted to reduce the Post-medieval exploitation of the site, prior to its use as arable fields.
- 9.1.5 The evaluation confirmed the presence of a post-medieval field boundary In Trench 5, 11 and 14, depicted on the Tithe map c. 1840, which appears to have been backfilled prior to the drawing up of the 1st Edition Ordnance survey map c.1885.

10 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

10.1 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd would like to thank Paul Clark of CgMs for commissioning the project and Norfolk Homes for funding it. PCA are also grateful to John Percival of Norfolk County Council Historic Environment Team for monitoring the work on behalf of the Local Planning Authority. The project was managed for PCA by Peter Crawley. The project was supervised by Antonio Pavez assisted by Gary Reid. Figures accompanying this report were prepared by Rosie Scales of PCA's CAD Department. The C14 dates were supplied by The Scottish Universities Environmental Research Centre.

11 BIBLIOGRAPHY

11.1 Printed Sources

Brown, N. and Glazebrook, J. (eds.) 2000 *Research and Archaeology: a Framework for the Eastern Counties*, 2. *Research Agenda and Strategy*. East Anglian Archaeology Occasional Paper No. 8

Davies, R. 2014 *Land at Green Lane West Rackheath, Norfolk*. Geophysical Report. Stratascan.

Glazebrook, J. (ed.) 1997 *Research and Archaeology: a Framework for the Eastern Counties*, 1. *Resource Assessment*. East Anglian Archaeology Occasional Paper No. 3

Medlycott, M. 2011. (ed.) *Research and Archaeology Revisited: A revised framework for the East of England*. East Anglian Archaeology Occasional Paper 24

Percival, J. 2018 (email) pre-application advise Land Off Green Lane West, Rackheath CNF45670_3.

Robertson, D. et al. 2018 *Standards for Development-led Archaeological Projects in Norfolk*. Norfolk County Council Historic Environment Service.

Thompson and Summers 2014 *Land at Green lane west, Salhouse Road, Rackheath, Norfolk*. An Archaeological Desk Based Assessment. Archaeological Solutions Ltd.

Stace C 2010 *New Flora of the British Isles*. Cambridge

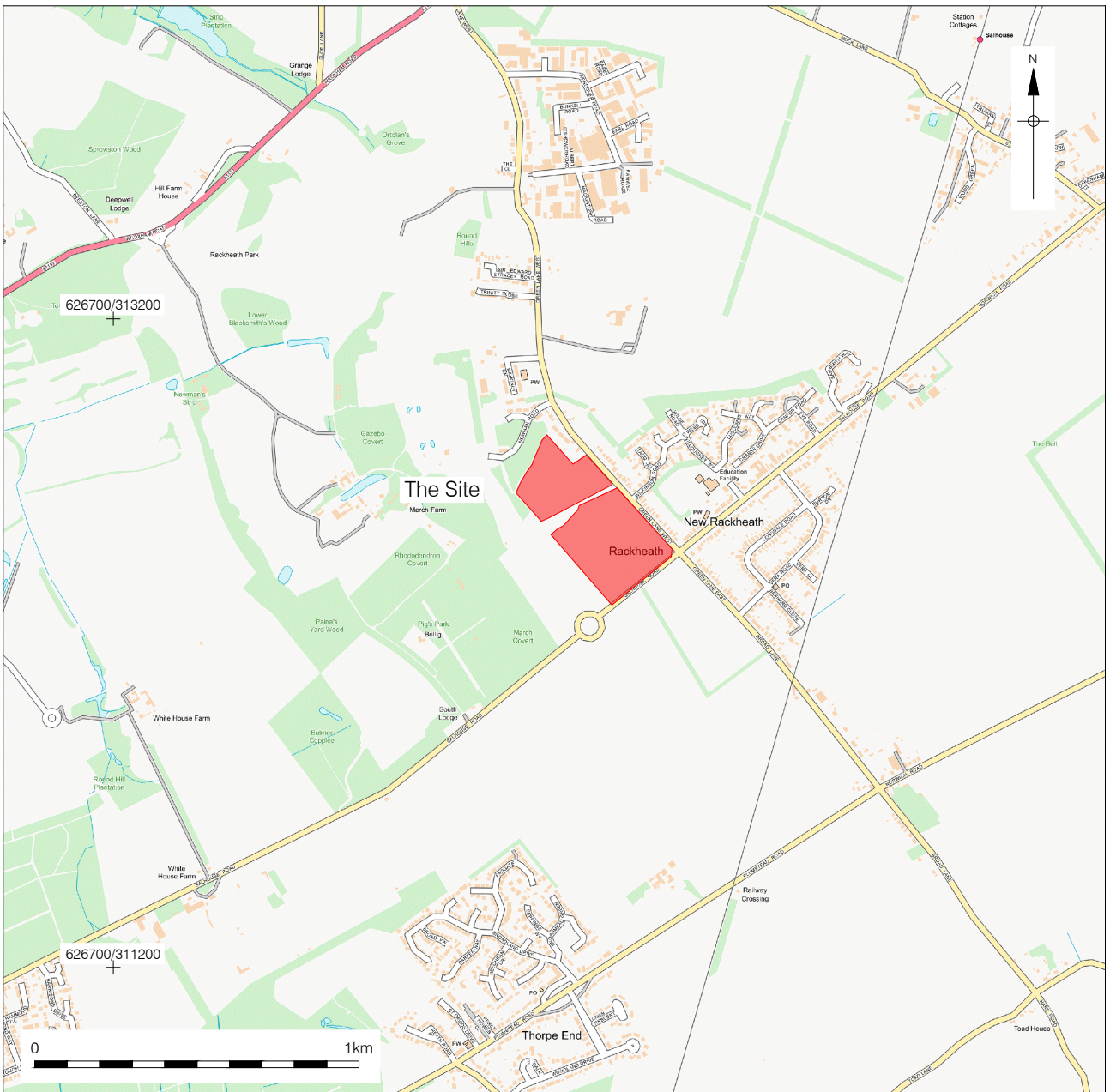
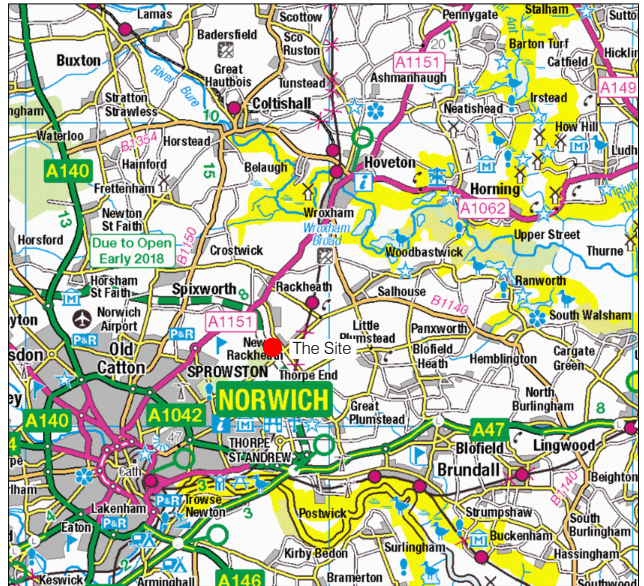
Zohary D, Hopf M and Weiss E 2012 *Domestication of Plants in the Old World*. Oxford University Press

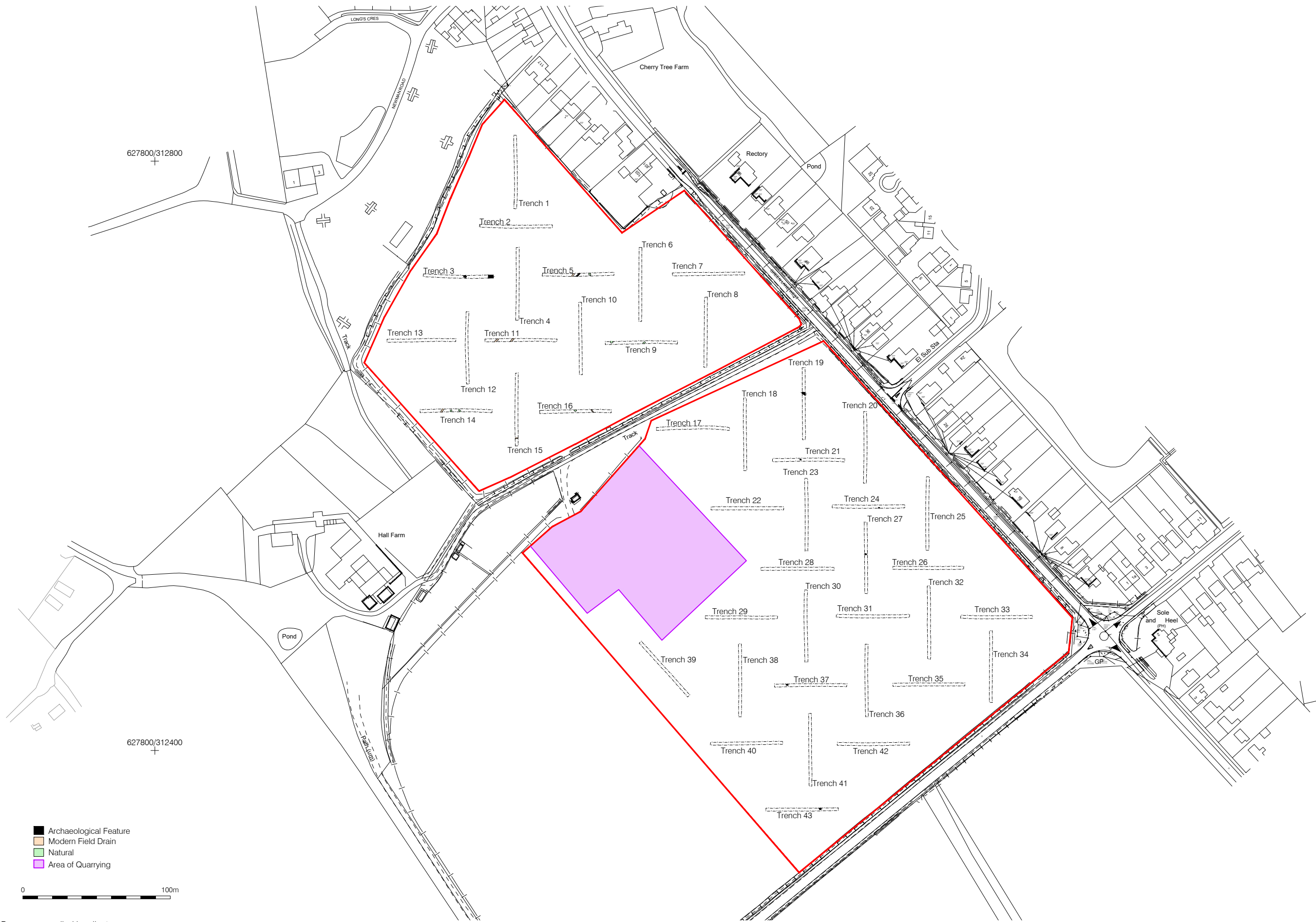
11.2 Websites

1) British Geological Survey 2014 Geology of Britain Viewer
<http://mapapps.bgs.ac.uk/geologyofbritain/home.html?location=IP9%203DG.A>
ccessed 31/07/14

11.2.1 BGS 2018. British Geological Survey Geology of Britain Viewer
<http://mapapps.bgs.ac.uk/geologyofbritain/home.html?> (accessed 19-09-2018)

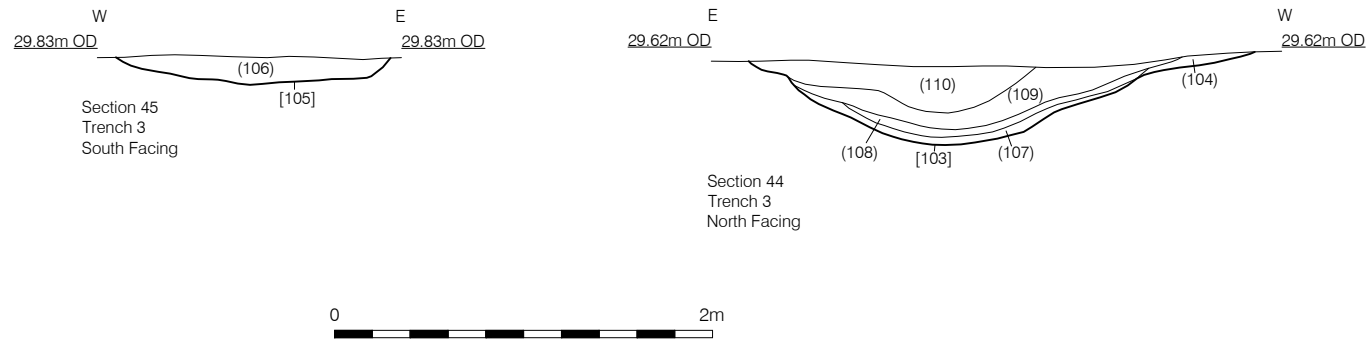
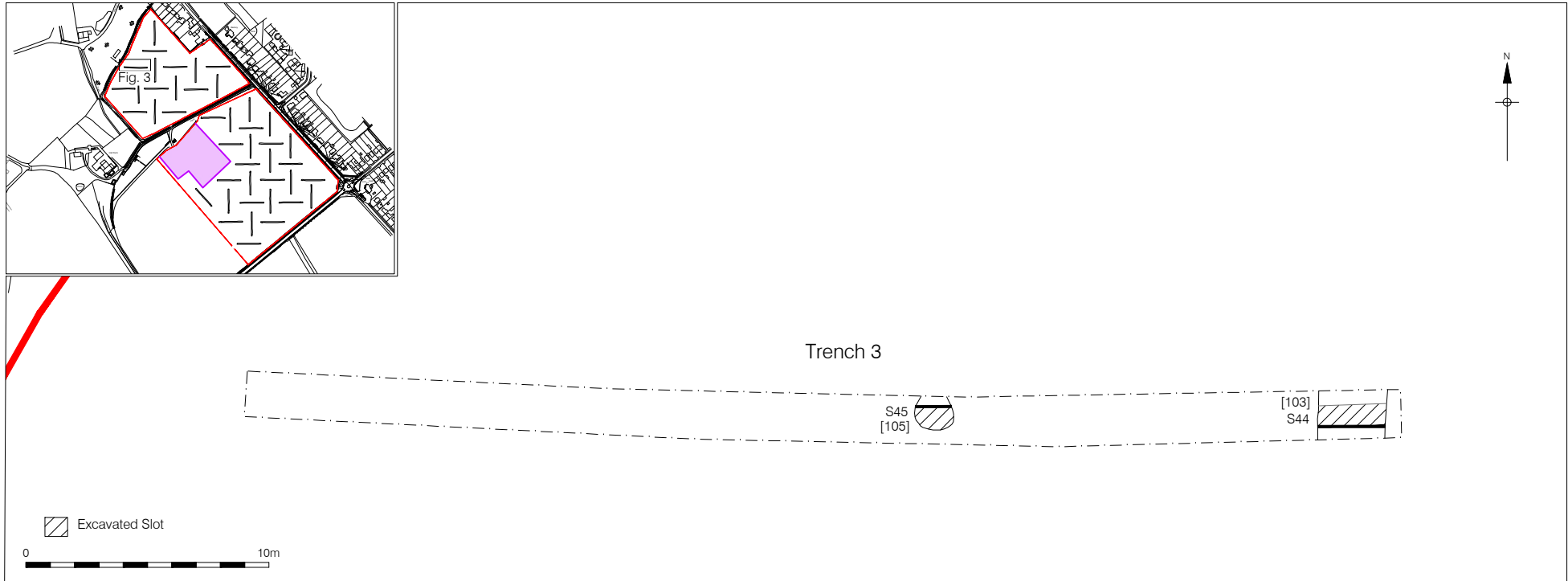
Figure 1 Site Location

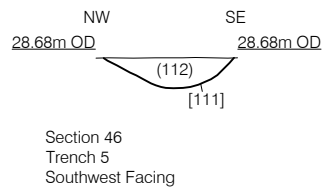
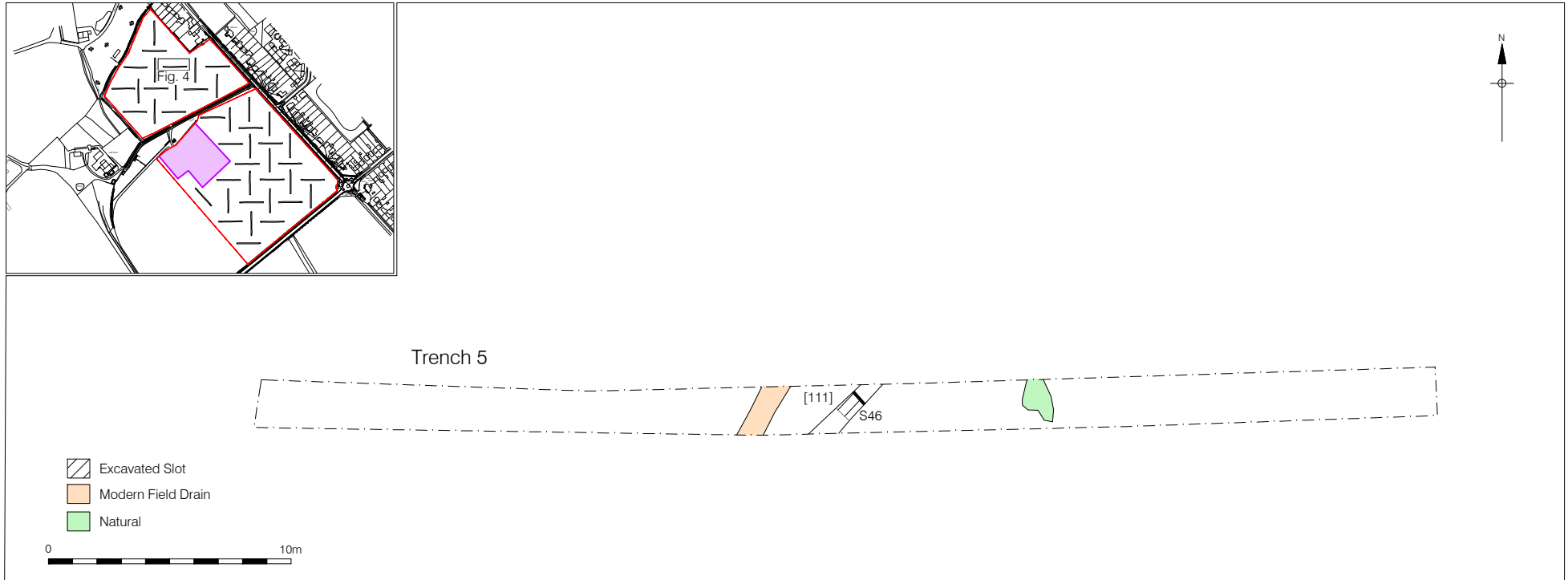


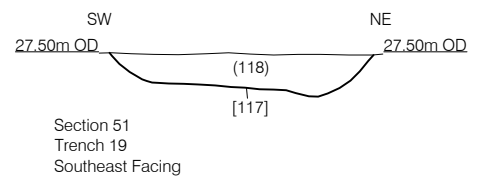
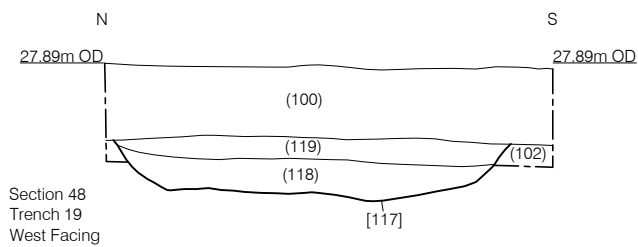
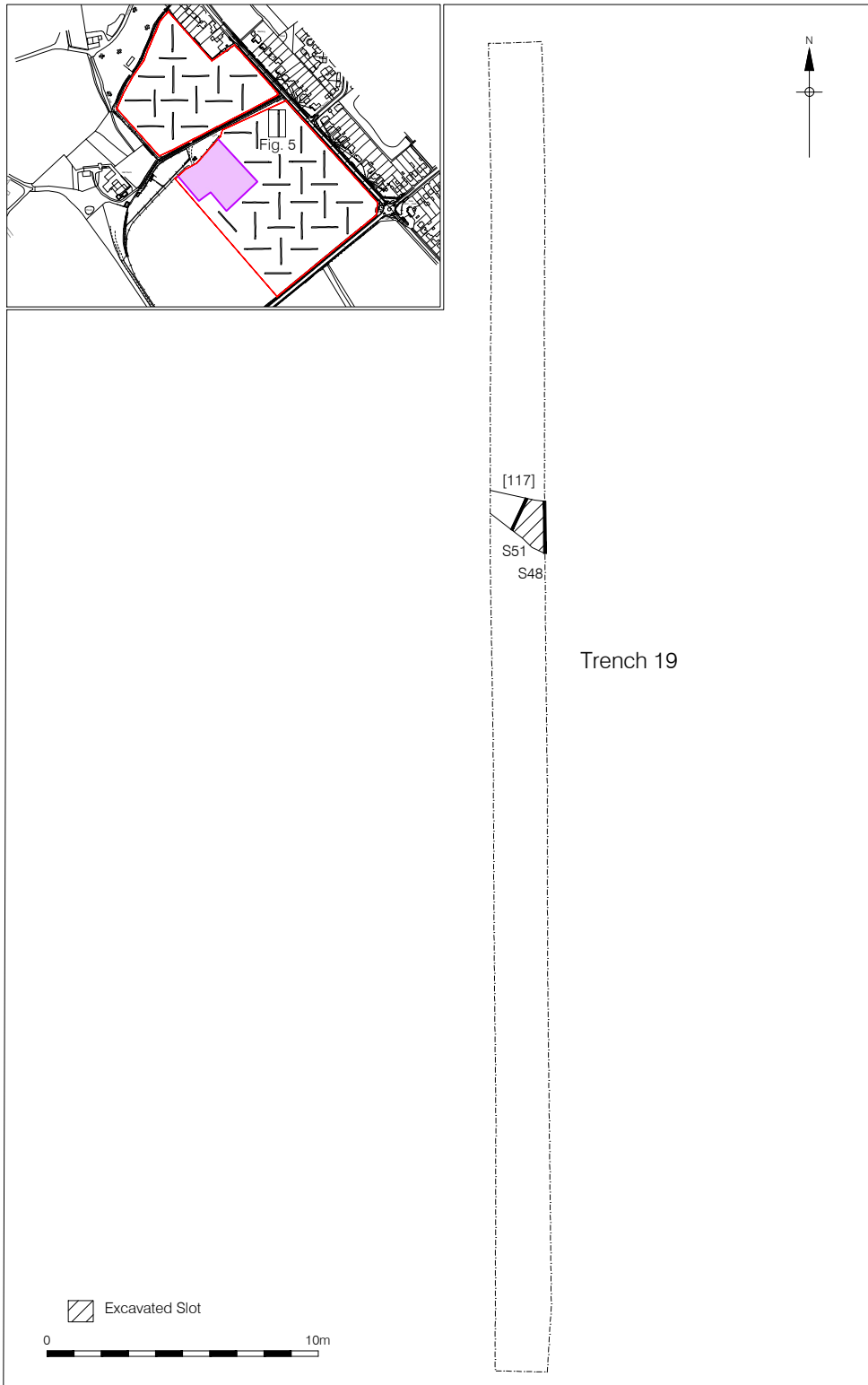


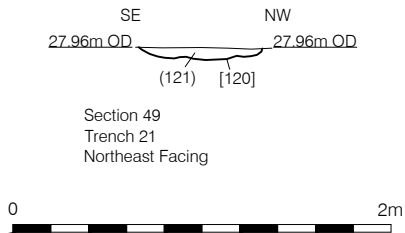
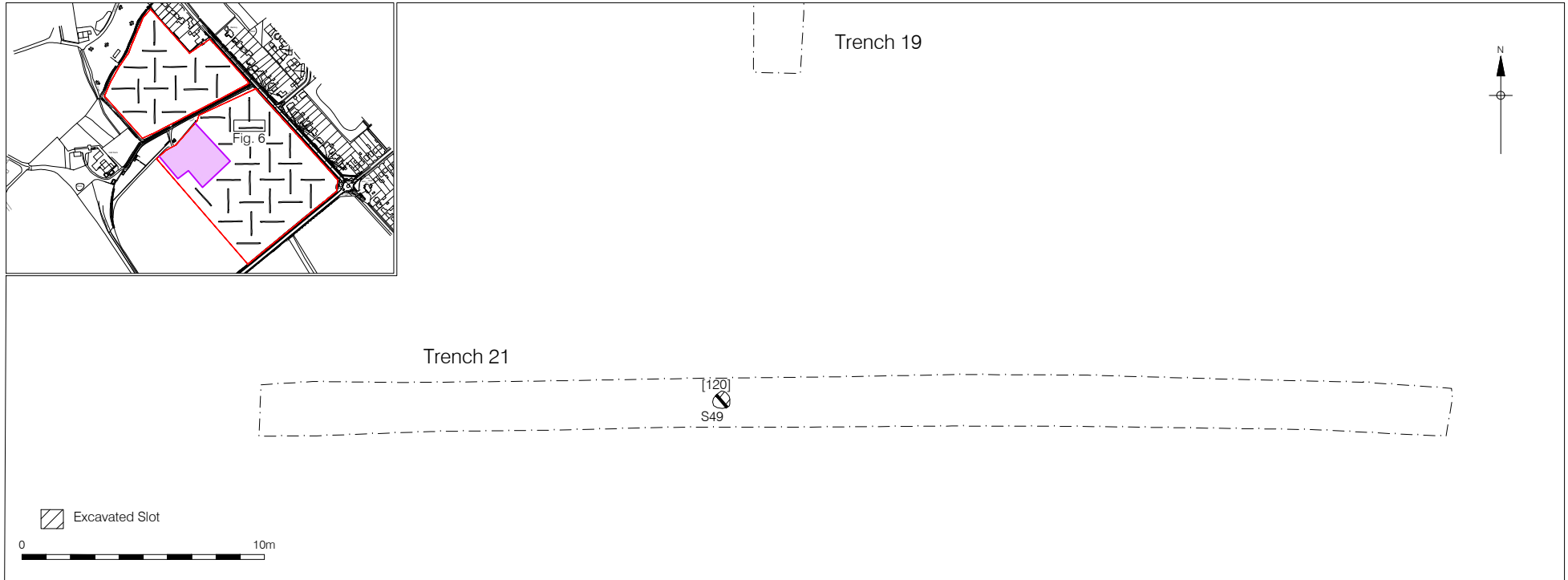
Basemap supplied by client
 © Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd 2018
 25/09/18 RS

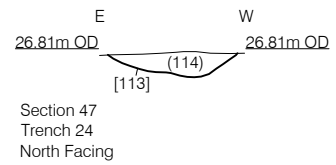
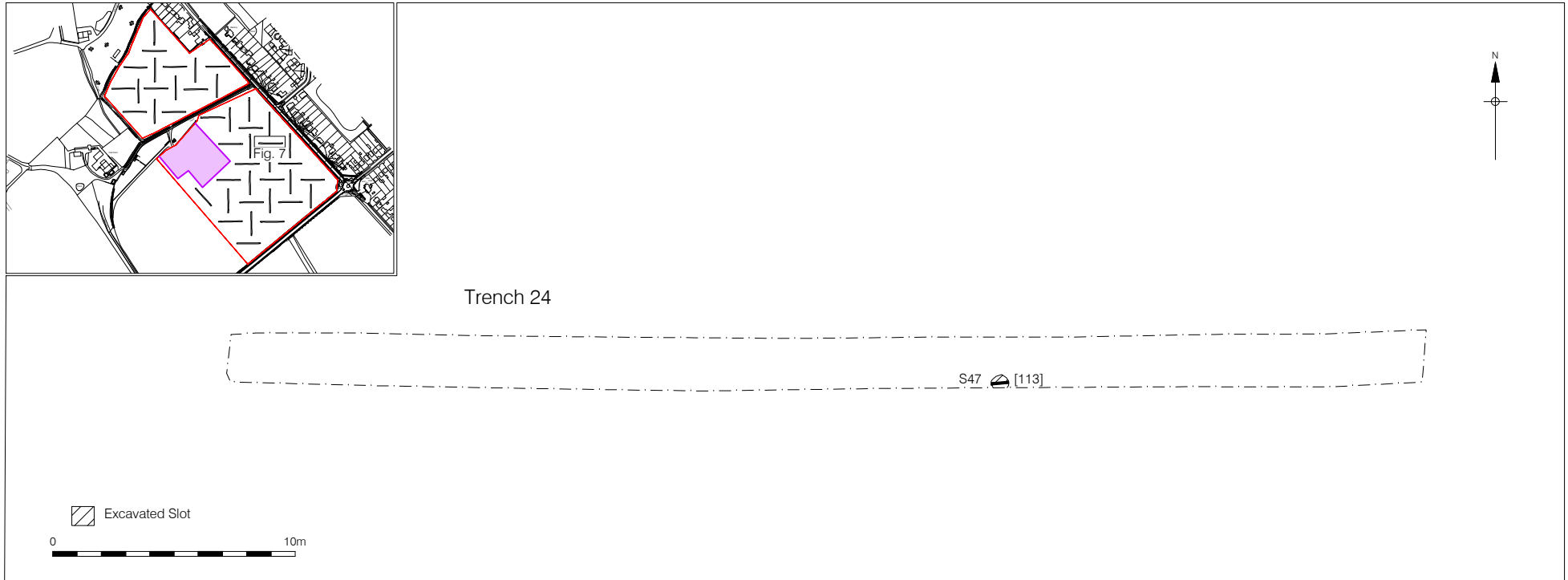
Figure 2
 Trench Location
 1:2500 at A3

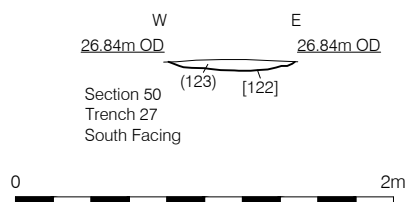
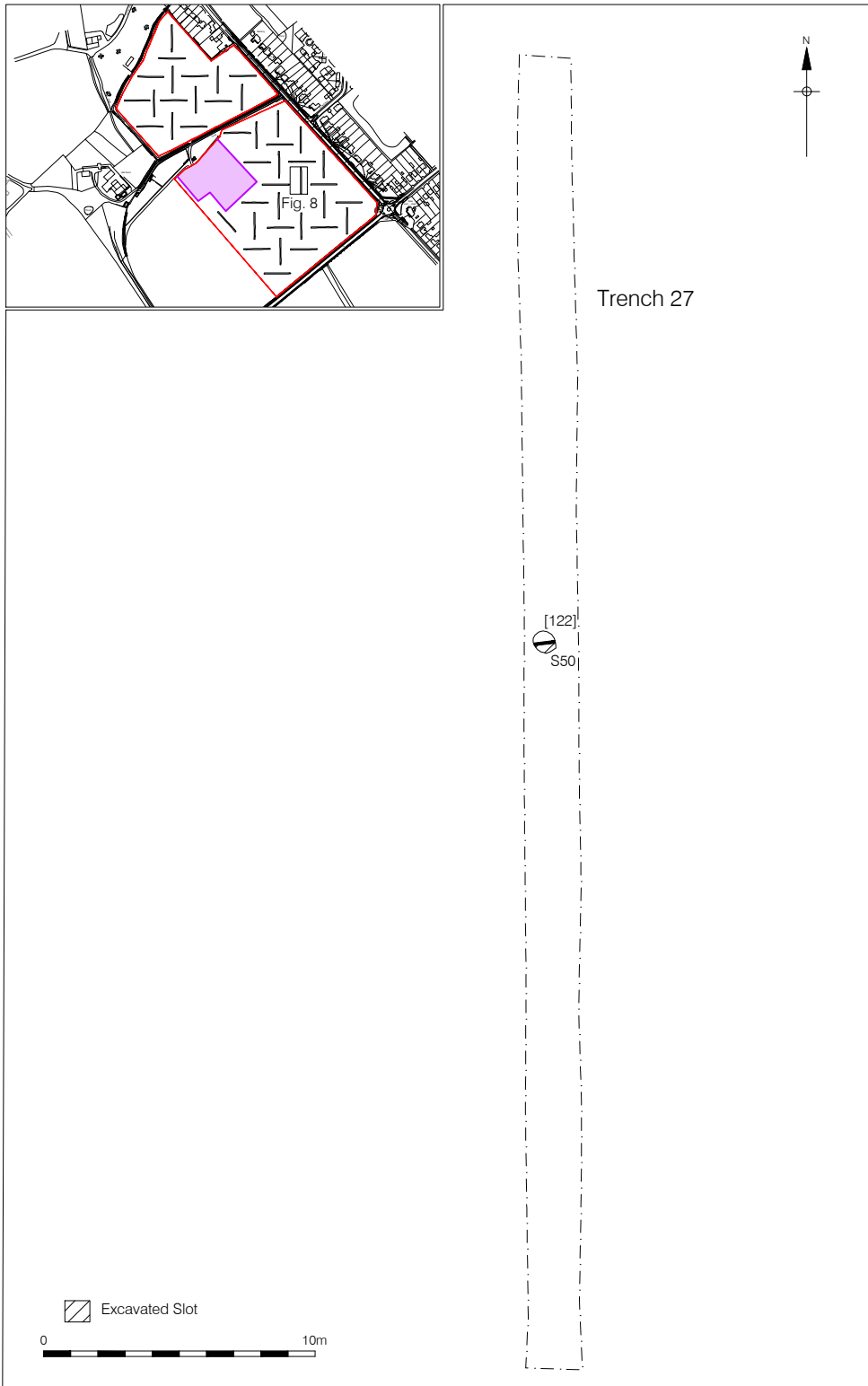


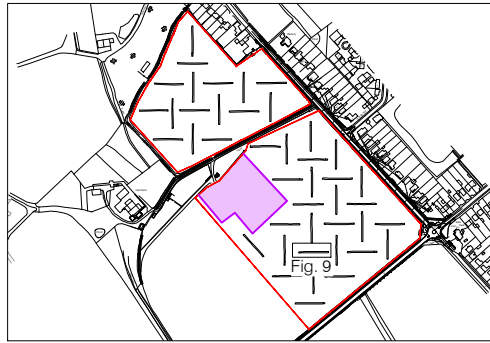








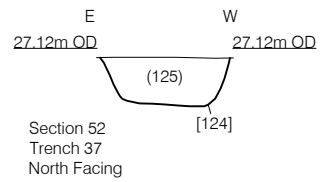


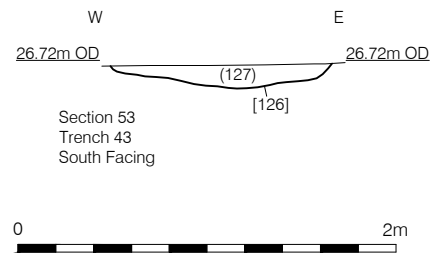
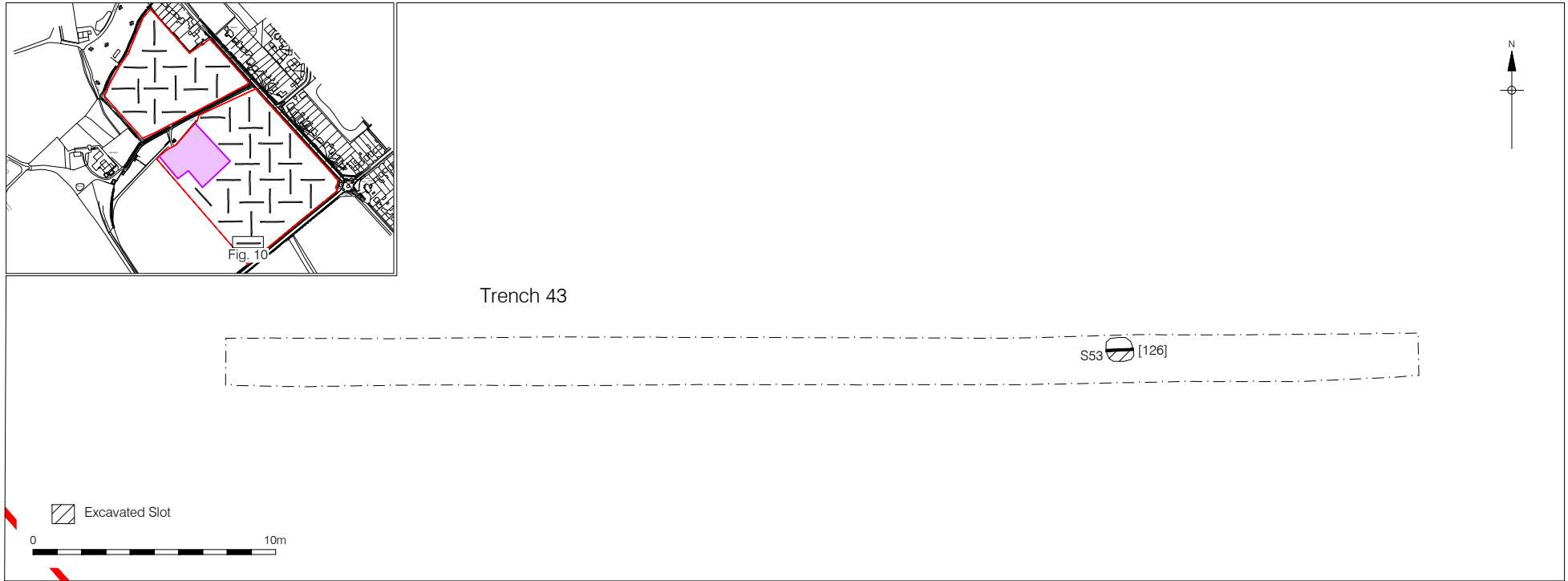


Trench 37



 Excavated Slot





APPENDIX 1: PLATES



Plate 1 Machining Trench 1, looking south



Plate 2 Trench 3, looking west



Plate 3 Trench 3, sample section, looking north



Plate 4 Trench 3, Pit [103], looking south

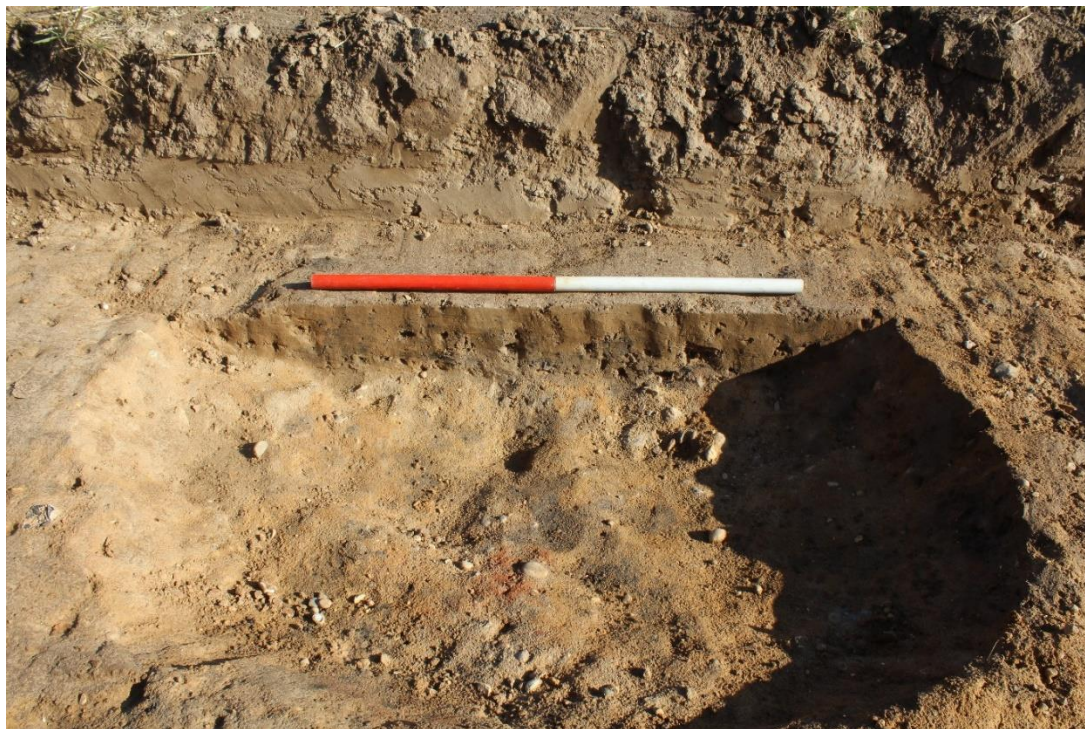


Plate 5 Trench 3, Pit [105], looking north



Plate 6 Trench 5, looking west



Plate 7 Trench 5, sample section, looking north



Plate 8 Trench 19, looking south



Plate 9 Trench 19, sample section, looking east



Plate 10 Trench 19, Ditch [117], looking south



Plate 11, Trench 21, looking west



Plate 12, Trench 21, sample section, looking east



Plate 13 Trench 21, Pit [120], looking north east



Plate 14, Trench 24, looking east



Plate 15 Trench 24, sample section, looking north



Plate 16 Trench 24, Pit [113], looking south



Plate 17 Trench 27, looking south



Plate 18 Trench 27, sample section, looking west



Plate 19 Trench 27, Pit [122], looking north



Plate 20 Trench 37, looking south



Plate 21 Trench 37, sample section, looking east



Plate 22 Trench 37, Pit [124] looking south



Plate 23 Trench 43, looking east



Plate 24 Trench 43, sample section, looking north



Plate 25 Trench 43, Pit [126] looking north

APPENDIX 2: TRENCH TABLES

TRENCH 1	Figures 2	Plate 1	
Trench Alignment: N-S	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 30.40m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		S End	N End
Topsoil	(100)	0.08m	0.08m
Subsoil	(101)	0.28m	0.29m
Natural	(102)	0.36m+	0.37m+
<p>Summary</p> <p>Trench 1 was located close to the northern boundary of the north site.</p> <p>Trench 1 contained no archaeological features.</p>			

TRENCH 2	Figures 2	Plate -	
Trench Alignment: W-E	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 30.20m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		W End	E End
Topsoil	(100)	0.10m	0.10m
Subsoil	(101)	0.50m	0.50m
Natural	(102)	0.60m+	0.60m+
<p>Summary</p> <p>Trench 2 was located in the north area of the north site.</p> <p>Trench 2 There were no archaeological features in the trench.</p>			

TRENCH 3	Figures 3	Plate 2-5	
Trench Alignment: W-E	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 30.74m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		W End	E End
Topsoil	(100)	0.15m	0.10m
Subsoil	(101)	0.50m	0.50m
Natural	(102)	0.65m+	0.60m+
Pit	[103]		1.05m
Fill	(104)		0.05m
Pit	[105]	0.15m	
Fill	(106)	0.15m	
Fill	(107)		0.10m
Fill	(108)		0.10m

Fill	(109)		0.30m
Fill	(110)		0.30m
<p>Summary</p> <p>Trench 3 was located in the north-west area of the north site.</p> <p>There were two archaeological features in Trench 3:</p> <p>A large elongated pit [103] was located at the eastern end of the trench. In plan this measured at least 1.80m north to south by 2.0m east to west. It contained five fills, a mix of natural and deliberate fills.</p> <p>Towards the western end of the trench was a roughly circular shallow pit [105] with a diameter of 1.80m. It contained 1 charcoal-rich fill of likely deliberate origin.</p>			

TRENCH 4	Figures 2	Plate -	
Trench Alignment: N-S	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 30.07m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		N End	S End
Topsoil	(100)	0.11m	0.11m
Subsoil	(101)	0.30m	0.30m
Natural	(102)	0.41m+	0.41m+
<p>Summary</p> <p>Trench 4 was located in the north-west area of the north site.</p> <p>There were no archaeological features in Trench 4.</p>			

TRENCH 5	Figures 2, and 4	Plate 6 and 7	
Trench Alignment: W-E	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 29.36m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		W End	E End
Topsoil	(100)	0.09m	0.09m
Subsoil	(101)	0.40m	0.40m
Natural	(102)	0.49m+	0.49m+
Ditch	[111]	-	
Fill	(112)	-	
<p>Summary</p> <p>Trench 5 was located in the north central area of the north site.</p> <p>There was one archaeological feature and a field drain located in Trench 5:</p> <p>Ditch [111] was 0.60m wide and 0.20m deep with moderately sloping sides and a concave base. It was at least 2.0m long and was also observed in Trench 11 and 14.</p>			

TRENCH 6	Figures 2	Plate -	
Trench Alignment: N-S	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 29.08m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		N End	S End
Topsoil	(100)	0.09m	0.09m
Subsoil	(101)	0.30m	0.30m
Natural	(102)	0.39m+	0.39m+
<p>Summary</p> <p>Trench 6 was located in the north-east of the north site.</p> <p>There were no archaeological features in Trench 6.</p>			

TRENCH 7	Figures 2	Plate -	
Trench Alignment: W-E	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 28.60m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		W End	E End
Topsoil	(100)	0.07m	0.07m
Subsoil	(101)	0.28m	0.28m
Natural	(102)	0.35m+	0.35m+
<p>Summary</p> <p>Trench 7 was located in the north-east of the north site.</p> <p>There were no archaeological features in Trench 7.</p>			

TRENCH 8	Figures 2	Plate -	
Trench Alignment: N-S	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 29.38m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		NW End	SE End
Topsoil	(100)	0.10m	0.10m
Subsoil	(101)	0.40m	0.40m
Natural	(102)	0.50m+	0.50m+
<p>Summary</p> <p>Trench 8 was located in the east of the north site.</p> <p>There were no archaeological features in Trench 8.</p>			

TRENCH 9	Figures 2	Plate -	
Trench Alignment: W-E	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 29.20m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		W End	E End

Topsoil	(100)	0.08m	0.08m
Subsoil	(101)	0.24m	0.24m
Natural	(102)	0.32m+	0.32m+
<p>Summary</p> <p>Trench 9 was located in the south-east of the north site.</p> <p>There were no archaeological features in Trench 9.</p>			

TRENCH 10	Figures 2	Plate -	
Trench Alignment: N-S	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 29.92m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		N End	S End
Topsoil	(100)	0.19m	0.18m
Subsoil	(101)	0.36m	0.35m
Natural	(102)	0.55m+	0.53m+
<p>Summary</p> <p>Trench 10 was located in the east central area of the north site.</p> <p>There were no archaeological features in Trench 10.</p>			

TRENCH 11	Figures 2	Plate -	
Trench Alignment: W-E	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 29.69m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		W End	E End
Topsoil	(100)	0.10m	0.10m
Subsoil	(101)	0.30m	0.30m
Natural	(102)	0.40m+	0.40m+
<p>Summary</p> <p>Trench 11 was located in the central area of the north site.</p> <p>There were no archaeological features in Trench 11.</p> <p>A Post-medieval boundary ditch and a field drain (both unexcavated at this position) were revealed. No contexts were allocated.</p>			

TRENCH 12	Figures 2	Plate -	
Trench Alignment: N-S	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 31.07m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		N End	S End
Topsoil	(100)	0.10m	0.10m
Subsoil	(101)	0.34m	0.34m

Natural	(102)	0.44m+	0.44m+
<p>Summary</p> <p>Trench 12 was located in the central west of the north site.</p> <p>There were no archaeological features in Trench 12. A natural hollow was also revealed.</p>			

TRENCH 13	Figures 2	Plate -	
Trench Alignment: W-E	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 31.17m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		W End	E End
Topsoil	(100)	0.07m	0.07m
Subsoil	(101)	0.34m	0.34m
Natural	(102)	0.41m+	0.41m+
<p>Summary</p> <p>Trench 13 was located in the west of the north site.</p> <p>There were no archaeological features in Trench 13.</p>			

TRENCH 14	Figures 2	Plate -	
Trench Alignment: W-E	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 30.67m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		W End	E End
Topsoil	(100)	0.07m	0.07m
Subsoil	(101)	0.35m	0.35m
Natural	(102)	0.42m+	0.42m+
<p>Summary</p> <p>Trench 14 was located in the south-west of the north site.</p> <p>There were no archaeological features in Trench 14.</p> <p>A Post-medieval boundary ditch (unexcavated at this position) was revealed. No contexts were allocated.</p>			

TRENCH 15	Figures 2	Plate -	
Trench Alignment: N-S	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 30.42m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		N End	S End
Topsoil	(100)	0.15m	0.15m
Subsoil	(101)	0.30m	0.30m
Natural	(102)	0.45m+	0.45m+
<p>Summary</p>			

Trench 15 was located in the north-west of the north site.
 There were no archaeological features in Trench 15. A natural gully was present.

TRENCH 16	Figures 2	Plate -	
Trench Alignment: W-E	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 30.19m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		W End	E End
Topsoil	(100)	0.10m	0.10m
Subsoil	(101)	0.34m	0.34m
Natural	(102)	0.44m+	0.44m+
Summary Trench 16 was located in the north-west of the north site. There were no archaeological features in Trench 16. A natural hollow was revealed.			

TRENCH 17	Figures 2	Plate -	
Trench Alignment: W-E	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 30.69m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		W End	E End
Topsoil	(100)	0.10m	0.12m
Subsoil	(101)	0.34m	0.33m
Natural	(102)	0.44m+	0.45m+
Summary Trench 17 was located in the north-west area of the south site. There were no archaeological features in Trench 17.			

TRENCH 18	Figures 2	Plate -	
Trench Alignment: N-S	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 29.28m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		N End	S End
Topsoil	(100)	0.14m	0.12m
Subsoil	(101)	0.30m	0.35m
Natural	(102)	0.44m+	0.47m+
Summary Trench 18 was located in the north area of the south site. There were no archaeological features in Trench 18.			

TRENCH 19	Figures 2 and 5	Plate 8, 9 and 10	
-----------	-----------------	-------------------	--

Trench Alignment: N-S	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 28.07m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		N End	S End
Topsoil	(100)	0.12m	0.13m
Subsoil	(101)	0.30m	0.31m
Natural	(102)	0.42m+	0.44m+
Possible ditch	[117]	0.30m	
Primary fill	(118)	0.20m	
Fill	(119)	0.14m	
<p>Summary</p> <p>Trench 19 was located in the north-east area of the south site.</p> <p>There was one archaeological feature in Trench 19.</p> <p>A possible ditch [117] was located towards the northern end of the trench. It was 0.70m wide and 1.80m long, had gradual sides and a roughly flat base. The feature contained two fills.</p>			

TRENCH 20	Figures 2	Plate -	
Trench Alignment: N-S	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 27.06m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		N End	S End
Topsoil	(100)	0.08m	0.09m
Subsoil	(101)	0.27m	0.27m
Natural	(102)	0.35m+	0.36m+
<p>Summary</p> <p>Trench 20 was located in the north-east of the south site.</p> <p>There were no archaeological features in Trench 20.</p>			

TRENCH 21	Figures 2 and 6	Plate 11, 12 and 13	
Trench Alignment: W-E	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 28.16m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		W End	E End
Topsoil	(100)	0.09m	0.09m
Subsoil	(101)	0.29m	0.21m
Natural	(102)	0.38m+	0.38m+
Pit	[120]	0.07m	
Fill	(121)	0.07m	
<p>Summary</p> <p>Trench 21 was located in the north central area of the south site.</p> <p>There was one archaeological feature in Trench 21.</p>			

Pit [120] had a diameter of 0.70m and a depth of 0.07m. It had gradual sides and a roughly flat base.

TRENCH 22	Figures 2	Plate -	
Trench Alignment: W-E	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 29.15m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		W End	E End
Topsoil	(100)	0.09m	0.10m
Subsoil	(101)	0.32m	0.32m
Natural	(102)	0.41m+	0.42m+
Summary Trench 22 was located in the north-west of the south site. There were no archaeological features in Trench 22.			

TRENCH 23	Figures 2	Plate -	
Trench Alignment: N-S	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 28.68m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		N End	S End
Topsoil	(100)	0.09m	0.10m
Subsoil	(101)	0.29m	0.29m
Natural	(102)	0.38m+	0.39m+
Summary Trench 23 was located in the central north of the south site. There were no archaeological features in Trench 23.			

TRENCH 24	Figures 2 and 7	Plate 14, 15 and 16	
Trench Alignment: W-E	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 28.26m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		W End	E End
Topsoil	(100)	0.10m	0.11m
Subsoil	(101)	0.35m	0.32m
Natural	(102)	0.45m+	0.43m+
Pit	[113]	-	
Fill	(114)	-	
Summary Trench 24 was located in the central north area of the south site. There was one archaeological feature in Trench 24. Pit [113] had a circular shape in plan with a diameter of 0.60m and a depth of 0.20m. The			

sides were moderately sloping and it had a slightly irregular base.

TRENCH 25	Figures 2	Plate -	
Trench Alignment: N-S	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 27.25m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		N End	S End
Topsoil	(100)	0.11m	0.11m
Subsoil	(101)	0.32m	0.32m
Natural	(102)	0.43m+	0.43m+
<p>Summary</p> <p>Trench 25 was located in the north-east of the south site.</p> <p>There were no archaeological features in Trench 25.</p>			

TRENCH 26	Figures 2	Plate -	
Trench Alignment: W-E	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 27.16m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		W End	E End
Topsoil	(100)	0.14m	0.15m
Subsoil	(101)	0.34m	0.34m
Natural	(102)	0.48m+	0.49m+
<p>Summary</p> <p>Trench 26 was located in the east of the south site.</p> <p>There were no archaeological features in Trench 26.</p>			

TRENCH 27	Figures 2 and 8	Plate 17, 18 and 19	
Trench Alignment: N-S	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 27.71m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		N End	S End
Topsoil	(100)	0.16m	0.12m
Subsoil	(101)	0.21m	0.25m
Natural	(102)	0.37m+	0.37m+
Pit	[122]	0.05m	
Fill	(121)	0.05m	
<p>Summary</p> <p>Trench 27 was located in the central east of the south site.</p> <p>There was one archaeological feature in Trench 27.</p> <p>Pit [122] had a circular shape in plan and a diameter of 0.60m. It had gradually sloping sides</p>			

and a roughly flat base.

TRENCH 28	Figures 2	Plate -	
Trench Alignment: W-E	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 28.04m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		W End	E End
Topsoil	(100)	0.09m	0.13m
Subsoil	(101)	0.31m	0.32m
Natural	(102)	0.40m+	0.45m+
Summary Trench 28 was located in the centre of the south site. There were no archaeological features in Trench 28.			

TRENCH 29	Figures 2	Plate -	
Trench Alignment: W-E	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 30.05m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		W End	E End
Topsoil	(100)	0.10m	0.11m
Subsoil	(101)	0.44m	0.44m
Natural	(102)	0.54m+	0.55m+
Summary Trench 29 was located in the west of the south site. There were no archaeological features in Trench 29.			

TRENCH 30	Figures 2	Plate -	
Trench Alignment: N-S	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 28.25m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		N End	S End
Topsoil	(100)	0.10m	0.12m
Subsoil	(101)	0.36m	0.35 m
Natural	(102)	0.46m+	0.47m+
Summary Trench 30 was located in the centre of the south site. There were no archaeological features in Trench 30.			

TRENCH 31	Figures 2	Plate	
Trench Alignment: W-E	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 27.76m	

Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		W End	E End
Topsoil	(100)	0.13m	0.13m
Subsoil	(101)	0.36m	0.36m
Natural	(102)	0.49m+	0.49m+
Summary Trench 31 was located in the centre of the south site. There were no archaeological features in Trench 31.			

TRENCH 32	Figures 2	Plate -	
Trench Alignment: N-S	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 27.12m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		N End	S End
Topsoil	(100)	0.12m	0.13m
Subsoil	(101)	0.35m	0.35m
Natural	(102)	0.47m+	0.48m+
Summary Trench 32 was located in the central east of the south site. There were no archaeological features in Trench 32.			

TRENCH 33	Figures 2	Plate -	
Trench Alignment: W-E	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 26.73m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		W End	E End
Topsoil	(100)	0.14m	0.12m
Subsoil	(101)	0.29m	0.31m
Natural	(102)	0.43m+	0.43m+
Summary Trench 33 was located in the east of the south site. There were no archaeological features in Trench 33.			

TRENCH 34	Figures 2	Plate -	
Trench Alignment: N-S	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 26.59m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		N End	S End
Topsoil	(100)	0.15m	0.13m
Subsoil	(101)	0.29m	0.32m

Natural	(102)	0.44m+	0.45m+
Summary Trench 34 was located in the south-east of the south site. There were no archaeological features in Trench 34.			

TRENCH 35	Figures 2	Plate -	
Trench Alignment: W-E	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 26.77m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		W End	E End
Topsoil	(100)	0.17m	0.15m
Subsoil	(101)	0.30m	0.32m
Natural	(102)	0.47m+	0.47m+
Summary Trench 35 was located in the south of the south site. There were no archaeological features in Trench 35.			

TRENCH 36	Figures 2	Plate -	
Trench Alignment: N-S	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 27.26m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		N End	S End
Topsoil	(100)	0.11m	0.13m
Subsoil	(101)	0.33m	0.33m
Natural	(102)	0.44m+	0.46m+
Summary Trench 36 was located in the central south of the south site. There were no archaeological features in Trench 36.			

TRENCH 37	Figures 2 and 9	Plate 20, 21 and 22	
Trench Alignment: W-E	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 27.40m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		W End	E End
Topsoil	(100)	0.09m	0.10m
Subsoil	(101)	0.38m	0.37m
Natural	(102)	0.47m+	0.47m+
Pit	[124]	0.35m	
Fill	(125)	0.35m	
Summary			

Trench 37 was located in the central south of the south site.
 There was one archaeological feature in Trench 37.
 Pit [124] had a circular shape in plan and a diameter of 0.70m. It had steep sides, a sharp break of slope and a flat base. A single deliberate fill was present.

TRENCH 38	Figures 2	Plate -	
Trench Alignment: N-S	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 29.10m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		N End	S End
Topsoil	(100)	0.16m	Topsoil
Subsoil	(101)	0.34m	Subsoil
Natural	(102)	0.50m+	Natural
Summary			
Trench 38 was located in the west of the south site.			
There were no archaeological features in Trench 38.			

TRENCH 39	Figures 2	Plate -	
Trench Alignment: NW-SE	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 29.95m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		NW End	SE End
Topsoil	(100)	0.12m	0.13m
Subsoil	(101)	0.40m	0.36m
Natural	(102)	0.52m+	0.49m+
Summary			
Trench 39 was located in the west of the south site.			
There were no archaeological features in Trench 39.			

TRENCH 40	Figures 2	Plate -	
Trench Alignment: W-E	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 28.79m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		W End	E End
Topsoil	(100)	0.18m	0.17m
Subsoil	(101)	0.31m	0.33m
Natural	(102)	0.49m+	0.50m+
Summary			
Trench 40 was located in the south-west of the south site.			
There were no archaeological features in Trench 40.			

TRENCH 41	Figures 2	Plate -	
Trench Alignment: N-S	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 27.76m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		N End	S End
Topsoil	(100)	0.19m	0.19m
Subsoil	(101)	0.31m	0.32m
Natural	(102)	0.50m+	0.51m+
<p>Summary</p> <p>Trench 41 was located in the south-west of the south site.</p> <p>There were no archaeological features in Trench 41.</p>			

TRENCH 42	Figures 2	Plate -	
Trench Alignment: W-E	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 27.67m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		W End	E End
Topsoil	(100)	0.17m	0.16m
Subsoil	(101)	0.33m	0.35m
Natural	(102)	0.50m+	0.51m+
<p>Summary</p> <p>Trench 42 was located in the south of the south site.</p> <p>There were no archaeological features in Trench 42.</p>			

TRENCH 43	Figures 2 and 10	Plate 23, 24 and 25	
Trench Alignment: W-E	Length: 50m	Level of Natural (m OD): 28.00m	
Deposit	Context No.	Maximum Depth (m)	
		W End	E End
Topsoil	(100)	0.18m	0.22m
Subsoil	(101)	0.33m	0.34m
Natural	(102)	0.51m+	0.56m+
Pit	[126]	-	
Fill	(127)	-	
<p>Summary</p> <p>Trench 43 was located in the south-west of the south site.</p> <p>There was one archaeological feature in Trench 43.</p> <p>Pit [126] had a circular shape in plan and a diameter of 1.10m. It was 0.10m had gradually sloping sides and a roughly flat base.</p>			

APPENDIX 3: CONTEXTS INDEX

Context	Cut	Section	Description	Period	Interpretation
100	0	0	Loose mid-greyish brown silty sand	unknown	Topsoil
101	0	0	Moderate mid-greyish brown silty sand	unknown	Subsoil
102	0	0	Mid reddish yellow gravelly sand	unknown	Geological-Substratum
103	103	44	Circular with concave base and moderately sloped sides	Prehistoric	Pit
104	103	44	Light brownish grey silty sand	Prehistoric	Fill
105	105	45	Circular with irregular base and moderately sloped sides	unknown	Pit
106	105	45	Loose dark greyish brown silty sand with frequent charcoal inclusions	unknown	Fill
107	103	44	Mid greyish brown silty sand	Prehistoric	Fill
108	103	44	Charcoal	Prehistoric	Fill
109	103	44	Mid greyish brown silty sand	Prehistoric	Fill
110	103	44	mid greyish brown silty sand	Prehistoric	Fill
111	111	46	NE-SW orientated linear with a concave base and moderately sloped sides	Late Post-medieval	Boundary ditch
112	111	46	Moderate, mid-greyish brown silty sand	Late Post-medieval	Fill
113	113	47	Circular with concave base and moderately sloped sides	unknown	Pit
114	113	47	Dark greyish brown silty sand	unknown	Fill
115	VOID	VOID	VOID	VOID	VOID
116	VOID	VOID	VOID	VOID	VOID
117	117	48/51	Circular with concave base and moderately sloped sides	Prehistoric	Possible ditch
118	117	48/51	mid greyish brown silty sand with frequent charcoal inclusions	Prehistoric	Fill
119	117	48/51	Dark greyish brown silty sand with frequent charcoal inclusions	Prehistoric	Fill
120	120	49	Circular with concave base and moderately sloped sides	Prehistoric	Pit
121	120	49	Dark greyish brown silty sand with frequent charcoal inclusions	Prehistoric	Fill
122	122	50	Circular with concave base and moderately sloped sides	unknown	Pit

123	122	50	Dark greyish brown silty sand with frequent charcoal inclusions	unknown	Fill
124	124	52	Circular with concave base and moderately sloped sides	unknown	Pit
125	124	52	Dark greyish brown silty sand with frequent charcoal inclusions	unknown	Fill
126	126	53	Circular with concave base and moderately sloped sides	Prehistoric	Pit
127	126	53	Dark greyish brown silty sand with frequent charcoal inclusions	Prehistoric	Fill

APPENDIX 4 LITHIC ASSESSMENT

Context	Cut	Sample	Flake	Blade fragment	Debitage <15mm	Core	Burnt stone (no.)	Burnt stone (Wt:g)	Colour	Cortex	Suggested date range	Description
119	117		1			1			Translucent dark grey and red to grey	Nodular	Meso/E-	Flake like core shaping flake. Core (169.8g) is worked from the front, has one main striking platform from which long, parallel blades are knapped. It appears that the striking platform has been maintained by the removal of at least one core tablet. There is some evidence of platform trimming. On the back and left edge of the core there are some undeveloped Hertzian cones and the core is possibly heat treated. Fresh condition
127	126	7					59	195.3	Decoloured	Weathered and nodular, ancient re-corticated fractures and pebble	Undated	Moderate to heavily burnt flint and some quartz
121	120	6		1			14	9.3	Decoloured	NA	Meso/E-Neo	Unworked burnt flint fragments, sample includes very small proximal part of blade, also burnt.
108		2					24	40.6	Decoloured	Pebble and weathered nodular	Undated	Heavily burnt flint
119	117	5					1	27.3	Decoloured	Weathered nodular	Undated	Heavily burnt flint

127	126	7			5				Translucent grey, yellow, red	NA	Prehistoric	Small, undiagnostic micro-debitage
121	120	6			4				Translucent grey/brown	Weathered nodular	Meso/E-Neo	Mostly undiagnostic micro-debitage and one flake fragment with blade-based characteristics
			1	1	9	1	98	272.5				

APPENDIX 5 ENVIRONMENTAL RESIDUES

Sample	Context	Cut	Interpretation	flot volume /l	chaff	fruit/nut	ACL	Charcoal	Comments	Potential	Charcoal Potential
1	106	105	Shallow Pit fill	4.0			**	(****) ****	Abundant often distorted charcoal including large fragments over 10cm.It includes ring porous, hearwood,roundwood and twigs.Amorphous charred fragments and fungal sclerotia.	D	Good
2	108	103	Intentional backfill of pit	0.5		*	*	(****) ****	Hazelnut shell fragments (Corylus avellana). Abundant charcoal including ring porous fragments.Amorphous charred fragments.	D	Good
4	125	124	Shallow Pit fill	0.9				(****) ****	Abundant charcoal including ring porous fragments possibly oak (Quercus sp.). Coal	D	Good
5	119	117	Upper fill of possible shallow ditch	0.2				(***) ****	Abundant charcoal including ring porous fragments possibly oak (Quercus sp.) and difuse fragments.. Coal and possible slag. Abundant modern roots with modern wheat chaff and blind awl snail (Cecilioides acicula).	D	Fair
6	121	120	Shallow Pit fill	0.6	*			(****) ****	Charred possible cereal culm. Charcoal includes difuse roundwood , ring porous possibly oak (Quercus sp.) and twigs. Includes modern cereal chaff.	D	Good
7	127	126	Shallow Pit fill	3.5				(****) ****	Abundant charcoal including ring porous fragments possibly oak (Quercus sp.)	D	Good

RADIOCARBON DATING CERTIFICATE

06 February 2019

Laboratory Code SUERC-84159 (GU50033)

Submitter Sian O'Neill
Pre-Construct Archaeology
The Granary
Rectory Farm
Brewery Road
Pampisford CB22 3EN

Site Reference ENF144766

Context Reference 106

Material Charcoal

$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ relative to VPDB -25.3 ‰

Radiocarbon Age BP 2021 \pm 24

N.B. The above ^{14}C age is quoted in conventional years BP (before 1950 AD) and requires calibration to the calendar timescale. The error, expressed at the one sigma level of confidence, includes components from the counting statistics on the sample, modern reference standard and blank and the random machine error.

Samples with a SUERC coding are measured at the Scottish Universities Environmental Research Centre AMS Laboratory and should be quoted as such in any reports within the scientific literature. The laboratory GU coding should also be given in parentheses after the SUERC code.

Detailed descriptions of the methods employed by the SUERC Radiocarbon Laboratory can be found in Dunbar et al. (2016) *Radiocarbon* 58(1) pp.9-23.

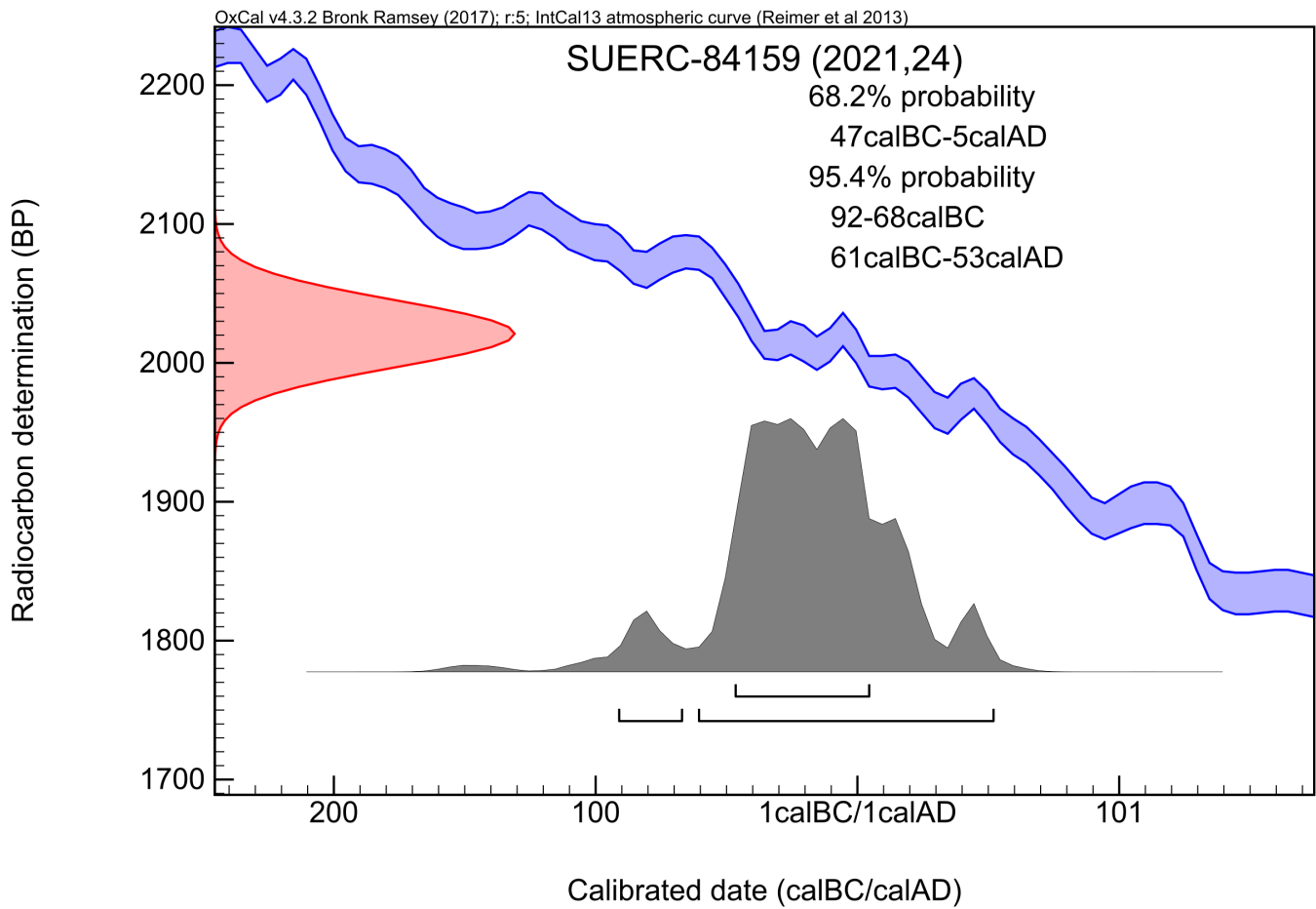
For any queries relating to this certificate, the laboratory can be contacted at suerc-c14lab@glasgow.ac.uk.

Conventional age and calibration age ranges calculated by :

E. Dunbar

Checked and signed off by :

P. Naynt



The radiocarbon age given overleaf is calibrated to the calendar timescale using the Oxford Radiocarbon Accelerator Unit calibration program OxCal 4.*

The above date ranges have been calibrated using the IntCal13 atmospheric calibration curve†

Please contact the laboratory if you wish to discuss this further.

* Bronk Ramsey (2009) *Radiocarbon* 51(1) pp.337-60

† Reimer et al. (2013) *Radiocarbon* 55(4) pp.1869-87

RADIOCARBON DATING CERTIFICATE

06 February 2019

Laboratory Code SUERC-84160 (GU50034)

Submitter Sian O'Neill
Pre-Construct Archaeology
The Granary
Rectory Farm
Brewery Road
Pampisford CB22 3EN

Site Reference ENF144766

Context Reference 108

Material Charcoal

$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ relative to VPDB -25.6 ‰

Radiocarbon Age BP 2211 \pm 24

N.B. The above ^{14}C age is quoted in conventional years BP (before 1950 AD) and requires calibration to the calendar timescale. The error, expressed at the one sigma level of confidence, includes components from the counting statistics on the sample, modern reference standard and blank and the random machine error.

Samples with a SUERC coding are measured at the Scottish Universities Environmental Research Centre AMS Laboratory and should be quoted as such in any reports within the scientific literature. The laboratory GU coding should also be given in parentheses after the SUERC code.

Detailed descriptions of the methods employed by the SUERC Radiocarbon Laboratory can be found in Dunbar et al. (2016) *Radiocarbon* 58(1) pp.9-23.

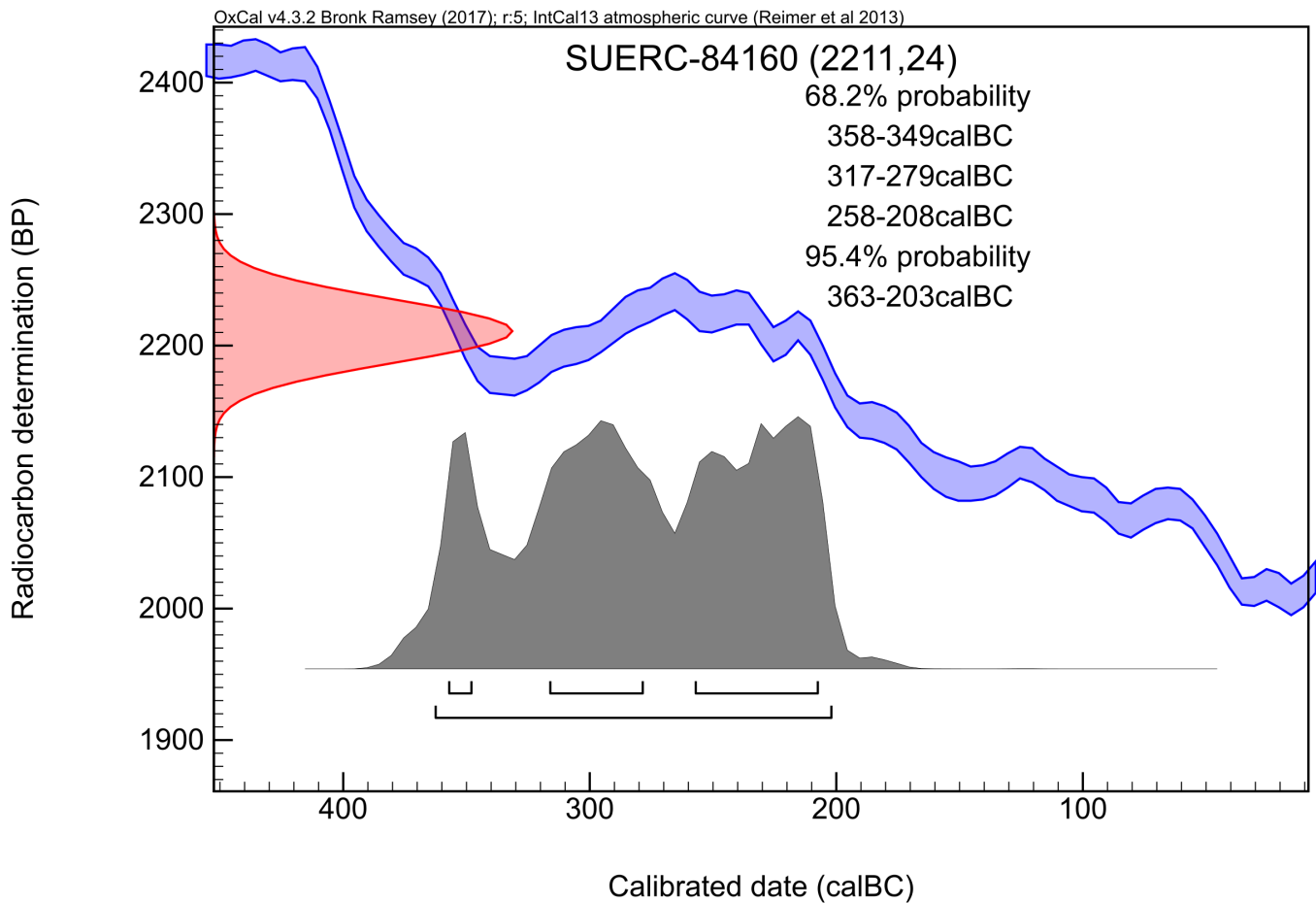
For any queries relating to this certificate, the laboratory can be contacted at suerc-c14lab@glasgow.ac.uk.

Conventional age and calibration age ranges calculated by :

E. Dunbar

Checked and signed off by :

P. Nayantub



The radiocarbon age given overleaf is calibrated to the calendar timescale using the Oxford Radiocarbon Accelerator Unit calibration program OxCal 4.*

The above date ranges have been calibrated using the IntCal13 atmospheric calibration curve†

Please contact the laboratory if you wish to discuss this further.

* Bronk Ramsey (2009) *Radiocarbon* 51(1) pp.337-60

† Reimer et al. (2013) *Radiocarbon* 55(4) pp.1869-87

RADIOCARBON DATING CERTIFICATE

06 February 2019

Laboratory Code SUERC-84164 (GU50035)

Submitter Sian O'Neill
Pre-Construct Archaeology
The Granary
Rectory Farm
Brewery Road
Pampisford CB22 3EN

Site Reference ENF144766

Context Reference 125

Material Charcoal

$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ relative to VPDB -25.3 ‰

Radiocarbon Age BP 2163 \pm 24

N.B. The above ^{14}C age is quoted in conventional years BP (before 1950 AD) and requires calibration to the calendar timescale. The error, expressed at the one sigma level of confidence, includes components from the counting statistics on the sample, modern reference standard and blank and the random machine error.

Samples with a SUERC coding are measured at the Scottish Universities Environmental Research Centre AMS Laboratory and should be quoted as such in any reports within the scientific literature. The laboratory GU coding should also be given in parentheses after the SUERC code.

Detailed descriptions of the methods employed by the SUERC Radiocarbon Laboratory can be found in Dunbar et al. (2016) *Radiocarbon* 58(1) pp.9-23.

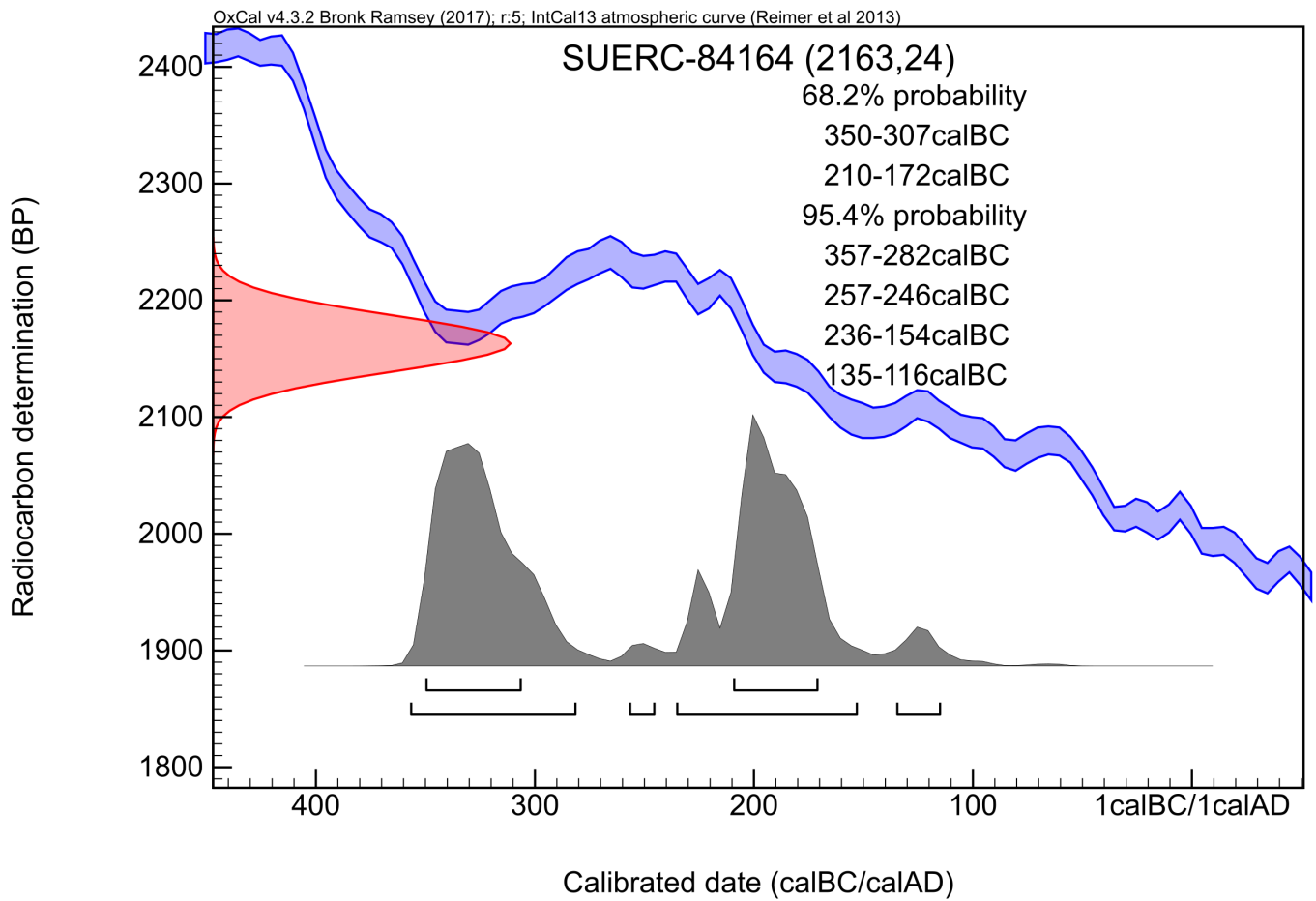
For any queries relating to this certificate, the laboratory can be contacted at suerc-c14lab@glasgow.ac.uk.

Conventional age and calibration age ranges calculated by :

E. Dunbar

Checked and signed off by :

P. Nayantub



The radiocarbon age given overleaf is calibrated to the calendar timescale using the Oxford Radiocarbon Accelerator Unit calibration program OxCal 4.*

The above date ranges have been calibrated using the IntCal13 atmospheric calibration curve†

Please contact the laboratory if you wish to discuss this further.

* Bronk Ramsey (2009) *Radiocarbon* 51(1) pp.337-60

† Reimer et al. (2013) *Radiocarbon* 55(4) pp.1869-87

RADIOCARBON DATING CERTIFICATE

06 February 2019

Laboratory Code SUERC-84165 (GU50036)

Submitter Sian O'Neill
Pre-Construct Archaeology
The Granary
Rectory Farm
Brewery Road
Pampisford CB22 3EN

Site Reference ENF144766

Context Reference 127

Material Charcoal

$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ relative to VPDB -25.5 ‰

Radiocarbon Age BP 2281 \pm 24

N.B. The above ^{14}C age is quoted in conventional years BP (before 1950 AD) and requires calibration to the calendar timescale. The error, expressed at the one sigma level of confidence, includes components from the counting statistics on the sample, modern reference standard and blank and the random machine error.

Samples with a SUERC coding are measured at the Scottish Universities Environmental Research Centre AMS Laboratory and should be quoted as such in any reports within the scientific literature. The laboratory GU coding should also be given in parentheses after the SUERC code.

Detailed descriptions of the methods employed by the SUERC Radiocarbon Laboratory can be found in Dunbar et al. (2016) *Radiocarbon* 58(1) pp.9-23.

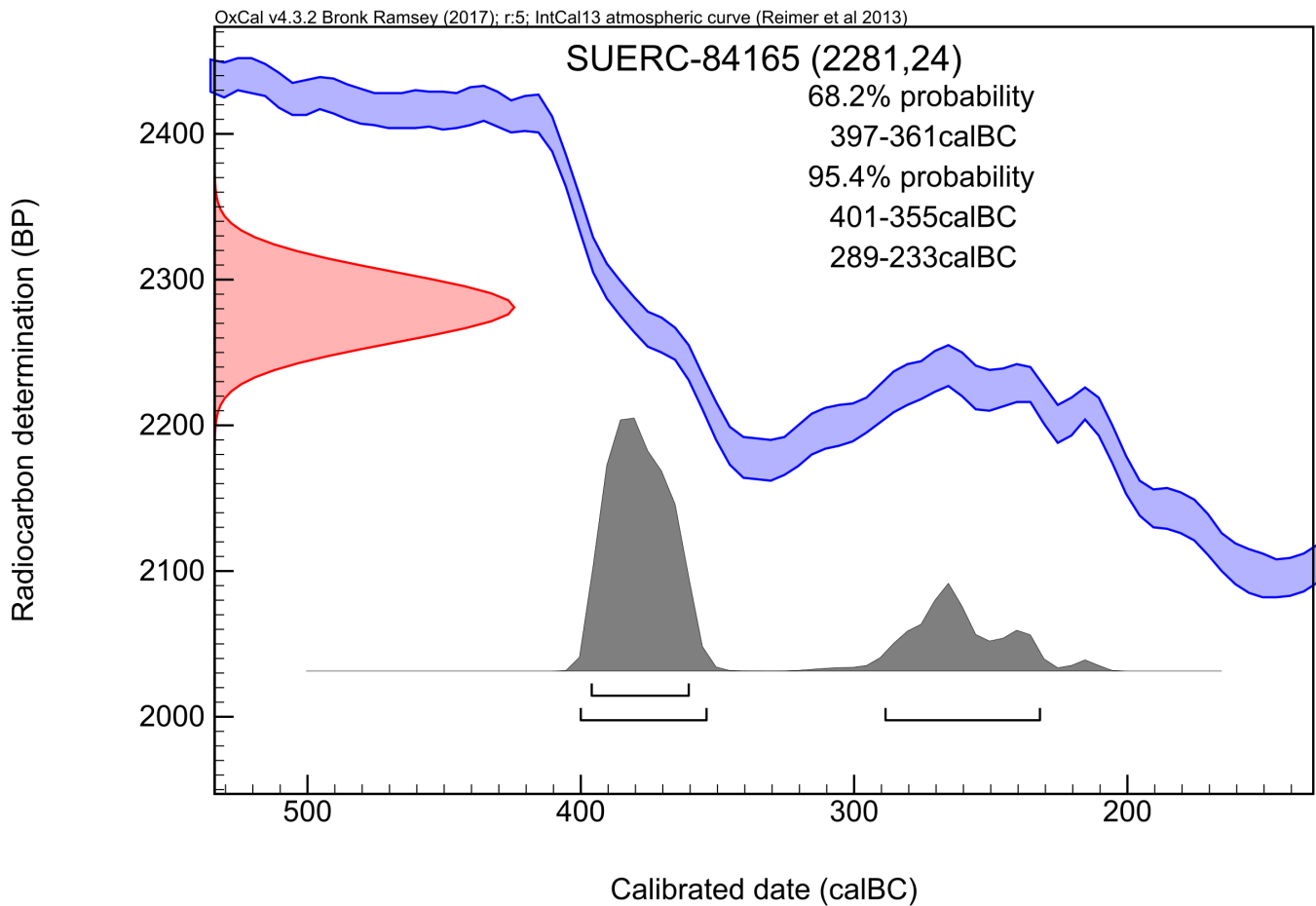
For any queries relating to this certificate, the laboratory can be contacted at suerc-c14lab@glasgow.ac.uk.

Conventional age and calibration age ranges calculated by :

E. Dunbar

Checked and signed off by :

P. Naynt



The radiocarbon age given overleaf is calibrated to the calendar timescale using the Oxford Radiocarbon Accelerator Unit calibration program OxCal 4.*

The above date ranges have been calibrated using the IntCal13 atmospheric calibration curve†

Please contact the laboratory if you wish to discuss this further.

* Bronk Ramsey (2009) *Radiocarbon* 51(1) pp.337-60

† Reimer et al. (2013) *Radiocarbon* 55(4) pp.1869-87

OASIS DATA COLLECTION FORM: England

[List of Projects](#) | [Manage Projects](#) | [Search Projects](#) | [New project](#) | [Change your details](#) | [HER coverage](#) | [Change country](#) | [Log out](#)

Printable version

OASIS ID: preconst1-328868

Project details

Project name	Land at Green Lane West, Rackheath, Norfolk
Short description of the project	An archaeological trial trench evaluation was carried out by Pre-Construct Archaeology on Land at Green Lane West (NGR TG 2814 1255) between the 20th August and 8th September 2018. The archaeological work was commissioned by CgMs prior to proposed construction works associated with residential development. The aim of the work was to characterise the archaeological potential of the proposed development area. A total of 43 archaeological trial trenches were excavated across the site to a standard pattern in order to identify and provide a sample of any archaeological features present and to enable decisions to be made about possible mitigation measures. The evaluation uncovered nine features including pits, a ditch and a possible ditch dispersed across the site in Trenches 3, 5, 19, 21, 24, 27, 37 and 43, without an obvious pattern. Three pits [103], [120] and [126] and a possible ditch [117] contained varieties of flint, often very small, including worked, microliths and burnt flint fragments all indicative of a prehistoric date. A flint core and worked flint from the possible ditch [117] had Mesolithic to Early Neolithic characteristics in keeping with the background of the site as recorded on the Norfolk Historical Environment Record. A boundary ditch [111] of late Post-medieval date excavated and recorded in Trench 5 and also observed in Trenches 11 and 14, had been depicted on the Tithe map of c.1840, and had been backfilled prior to the 1st Edition Ordnance Survey mapping.
Project dates	Start: 20-08-2018 End: 08-09-2018
Previous/future work	No / No
Any associated project reference codes	ENF144766 - Sitecode
Type of project	Field evaluation
Site status	None
Current Land use	Cultivated Land 2 - Operations to a depth less than 0.25m
Monument type	PITS Late Prehistoric
Monument type	DITCH Post Medieval
Significant Finds	FLINT Late Prehistoric
Significant Finds	FLINT Early Prehistoric
	""Sample Trenches""

Methods & techniques	
Development type	Urban residential (e.g. flats, houses, etc.)
Prompt	Planning condition
Position in the planning process	Pre-application

Project location

Country	England
Site location	NORFOLK BROADLAND RACKHEATH Land at Green Lane West, Rackheath, Norfolk
Postcode	NR13 6PG
Study area	2150 Square metres
Site coordinates	TG 2813 1254 52.661985447896 1.373896656532 52 39 43 N 001 22 26 E Point
Lat/Long Datum	Unknown
Height OD / Depth	Min: 30m Max: 32m

Project creators

Name of Organisation	Pre-Construct Archaeology Limited
Project brief originator	Norfolk Historic Environment Service
Project design originator	CgMs Consulting Limited
Project director/manager	Peter Crawley
Project supervisor	Antonio Pavez
Type of sponsor/funding body	via consultant: CgMs Consulting

Project archives

Physical Archive recipient	Norfolk Museums and Archaeology Service
Physical Contents	"Worked stone/lithics"
Digital Archive recipient	Norfolk Museum and Archaeology Service
Digital Contents	"other"
Digital Media available	"Database", "Spreadsheets", "Survey"
Paper Archive recipient	Norfolk Museums and Archaeology Service
Paper Contents	"other"

Paper Media available "Context sheet", "Drawing", "Map", "Photograph", "Plan", "Report", "Section", "Survey "

Project bibliography 1

Publication type Grey literature (unpublished document/manuscript)

Title Land at Green Lane West, Rackheath, Norfolk: an archaeological evaluation

Author(s)/Editor(s) Reid, G and Crawley, P

Other bibliographic details R 13413

Date 2018

Issuer or publisher Pre-Construct Archaeology

Place of issue or publication Pampisford

Description Grey Literature

Entered by Peter Crawley (PCrawley@pre-construct.com)

Entered on 14 November 2018

OASIS:

Please e-mail [Historic England](#) for OASIS help and advice

© ADS 1996-2012 Created by [Jo Gilham and Jen Mitcham](#), email Last modified Wednesday 9 May 2012

Cite only: <http://www.oasis.ac.uk/form/print.cfm> for this page

[Cookies](#) [Privacy Policy](#)

PCA

PCA CAMBRIDGE

THE GRANARY, RECTORY FARM
BREWERY ROAD, PAMPISFORD
CAMBRIDGESHIRE CB22 3EN
t: 01223 845 522
e: cambridge@pre-construct.com

PCA DURHAM

UNIT 19A, TURSDALE BUSINESS PARK
TURSDALE
DURHAM DH6 5PG
t: 0191 377 1111
e: durham@pre-construct.com

PCA LONDON

UNIT 54, BROCKLEY CROSS BUSINESS CENTRE
96 ENDWELL ROAD, BROCKLEY
LONDON SE4 2PD
t: 020 7732 3925
e: london@pre-construct.com

PCA NEWARK

OFFICE 8, ROEWOOD COURTYARD
WINKBURN, NEWARK
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NG22 8PG
t: 01636 370410
e: newark@pre-construct.com

PCA NORWICH

QUARRY WORKS, DEREHAM ROAD
HONINGHAM
NORWICH NR9 5AP
T: 01223 845522
e: cambridge@pre-construct.com

PCA WARWICK

UNIT 9, THE MILL, MILL LANE
LITTLE SHREWLEY, WARWICK
WARWICKSHIRE CV35 7HN
t: 01926 485490
e: warwick@pre-construct.com

PCA WINCHESTER

5 RED DEER COURT, ELM ROAD
WINCHESTER
HAMPSHIRE SO22 5LX
t: 01962 849 549
e: winchester@pre-construct.com

