

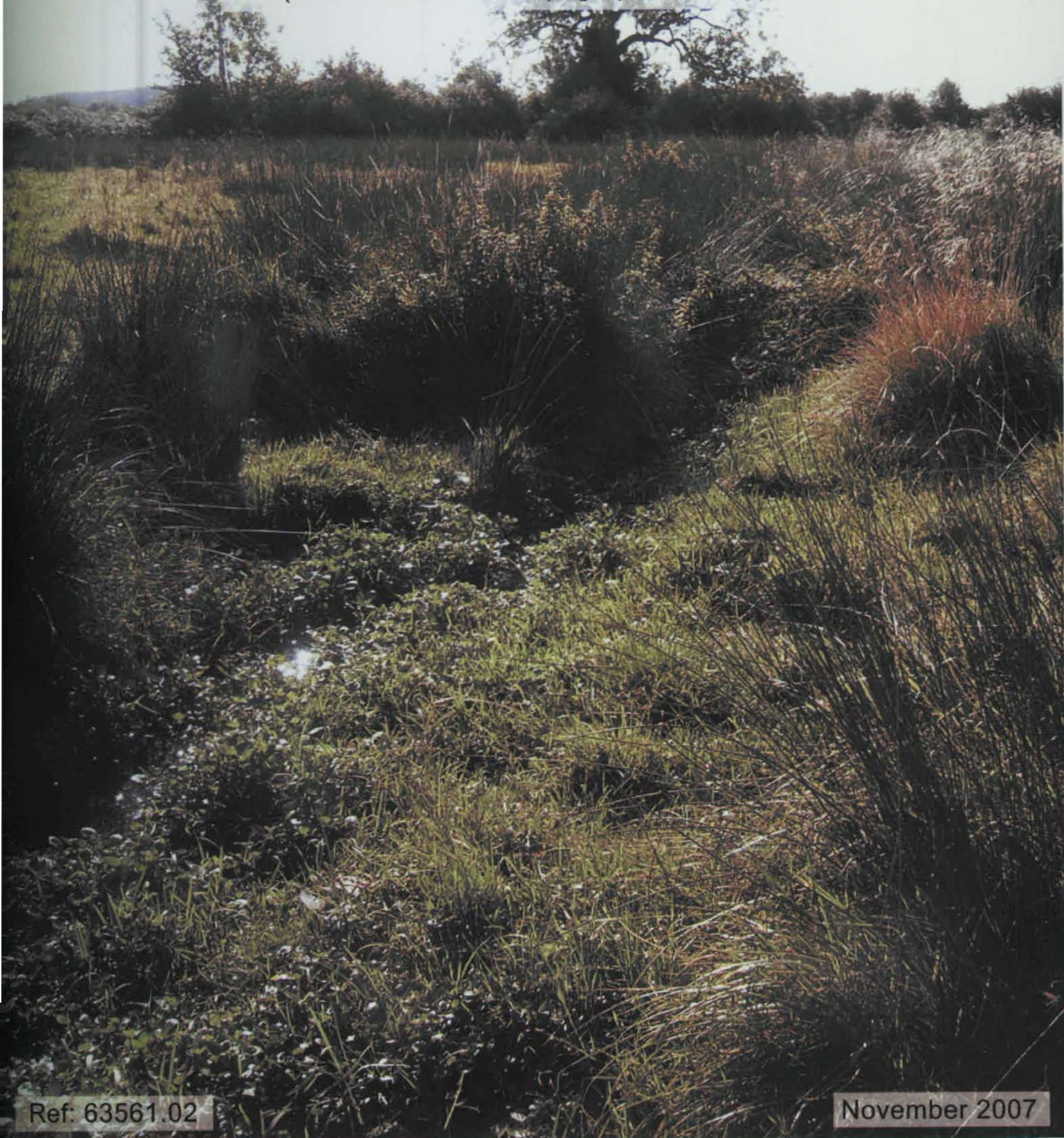


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#### **Summary**

Wessex Archaeology was commissioned by Terence O'Rourke Ltd, on behalf of Countryside Properties (Bicester) Ltd to undertake a second stage of archaeological evaluation on land south-west of Bicester, Oxfordshire (NGR 457100 222000). The evaluation formed part of a staged programme of archaeological work in response to proposals for development of the Site for housing.

A first stage of trial trench evaluation of the Site (Areas A - F) was conducted by Wessex Archaeology in 2006 and located ten zones of archaeological activity dating from the Early Bronze Age to the post-medieval periods.

This second stage of evaluation took place between 17<sup>th</sup> September and 11th October 2007, and comprised trenches, divided into four areas G - J, targeting cropmarks, geophysical anomalies; and areas of unknown potential. An initial programme of 78 trenches was reduced to 76 trenches to avoid recently ploughed and drilled land forming part of Area G. An additional trench was opened to the south-east of the Site, east of the A41, in order to evaluate the archaeological potential of an area of proposed road works associated with the proposed development. A topographic survey was also undertaken of earthworks in the northern part of the Site (Area A).

Of the 76 trenches opened in Areas G - J, only five contained archaeological features and deposits, which, where datable, appear to be Romano-British or later date. It is concluded that the results of this second stage of evaluation do not significantly alter the results of the first stage of evaluation and that the distribution, nature, date and quality of survival of the identified archaeological potential of the Site is now confirmed. The additional trench opened east of the A41 revealed a ditch of probably Romano-British date.

The topographic survey in Area A has resulted in the generation of a surface model of the visibly extant earthworks also visible on aerial photographs, identified by geophysical survey, and investigated by trial trenching during the first stage of the evaluation. The surface model appears to confirm the general sub-circular shape and uneven interior of the earthwork.

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### **1 INTRODUCTION**

#### **1.1 Project Background**

1.1.1 Wessex Archaeology was commissioned by Terence O'Rourke Ltd, on behalf of Countryside Properties (Bicester) Ltd to carry out a second stage of archaeological trial trench evaluation on land south-west of Bicester, Oxfordshire (NGR 457100 222000), hereafter referred to as 'the Site' (**Figure 1**). The evaluation forms part of a staged programme of archaeological work in connection with proposals for development of the Site, which covers an area of 116.45 hectares.

1.1.2 This second stage of evaluation was carried out in accordance with an updated Project Design compiled by Wessex Archaeology (WA 2007) and approved by the Oxfordshire County Archaeology Officer (CAO). The updated Project Design was prepared taking account of a first stage of trial trenching (WA 2006) and following additional consultation with the CAO, advisor to the local planning authority, Cherwell District Council.

1.1.3 The requirement for the staged programme of work was set out in a Design Brief prepared by the CAO that identified the location, planning, and archaeological background to the Site, and specific requirements intended to address the known or perceived archaeological potential of the Site. It also contained Annexes prescribing requirements for methodology, data collection, monitoring arrangements, post-excavation and reporting, archive deposition, and publication and dissemination.

1.1.4 This report is intended to provide the results of the second stage of evaluation in order to inform decisions concerning the future treatment of the archaeological potential of the Site in respect of the proposed development.

#### **1.2 The Site**

1.2.1 The Site (**Figure 1**) lies south-west of the historic town of Bicester, south of Middleton Stoney Road, west of the A41 Oxford Road, and north of Chesterton.

- 1.2.2 The existing land use was agricultural, predominately arable though one pasture field with extant ridge and furrow was investigated. The Site gently undulates, falling away more noticeably to the south east. It lies between about 73m above Ordnance Datum (aOD) in the north and about 68m aOD to the south.
- 1.2.3 An area of land between A41 and the old Oxford Road to the south east of the Site, at NGR 457323 221139, which is the subject of proposed road works associated with the proposed development, was also the subject of the evaluation. This area of land is currently open with mixed vegetation and is relatively low-lying when compared with the Site, occurring at 64.5m aOD.
- 1.2.4 The geology map for the area (Geological Survey of Great Britain (England & Wales) solid and drift 1:50 000 sheet 219) is no longer available (but see sheets 218 to the west, 236 to south west and 237 to south).
- 1.2.5 The region is dominated by Oxford/Kellaway Clay, while the landscape across the ridge is underlain by Corallian beds of sands and sandy limestones. Mid-late Jurassic cornbrash outcrops in places, comprising a limestone which characteristically breaks into loose rubble or brash. It is a thin (0-5m) bed but laterally extensive, is very shelly, fossiliferous and is oolitic. Upper Corallian Coral Rag also occurs in the area, with sinkholes and springs common. The site lies c. 1/2km north east of the Gagle Brook, only one small stream (the Pingle Brook) traverses the site, to the north of Area A (C. Chisham pers. comm.)

### 1.3 Archaeological Background

- 1.3.1 The archaeological background to the Site has been described in the Environmental Statement (O'Rourke 2006), and Design Brief (OCC 2006) as follows:

*"The existence of archaeological remains both within the application area, and in the immediate surrounding environs, has been known for some time. Various archaeological evaluation techniques that have been used within the current application area and on land immediately adjacent have confirmed the presence of archaeological remains and also produced new evidence of further survival.*

*Two previous field evaluations comprising geophysical survey and trial trenching have been carried out in the northeast corner of Whitelands Farm land within the current application area. These were carried out for planning application 01/02446/OUT Land adjoining Middleton Stoney Road and Oxford Road, Bicester (OA 2002a), and 01/01125/OUT Proposed Community Hospital, Bicester (OA 2002b). Both of these evaluations were carried out in 2002 by Oxford Archaeology. The former site produced evidence of ditches, gullies, postholes, a walled structure, and cobbled surfaces/yard areas all of 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> century Roman date. There was also evidence of a sequence of peat*



*overlying alluvial deposits related to the history and changing character of the Pingle Brook. Slight traces of Middle and Late Iron Age activity was also recorded. The latter evaluation produced evidence of enclosure and boundary ditches, a track way, several probable substantial timber structures and pits. The site, which is undoubtedly the same as the site to the north, is interpreted as a Romano-British farmstead dating to the late 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> century. Once again, slight evidence of Middle Iron Age, and in addition, Anglo-Saxon activity, was also recorded.*

*The rest of the current application area has, in part, been the subject of two primary stage evaluation methodologies. An Interpretation of Aerial Photographs carried out by Air Photo Services Ltd. in 2005 (Cox 2005), and a Detailed Magnetic (Gradiometry) Survey carried out by Stratascan Ltd. in 2006 (Stratascan 2006). The combined evidence from these two surveys confirmed the presence of a number of archaeological sites located within the application area. These included further extensions of the 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> century farmstead, a number of linear ditches and embanked features, quarries, several pit groups, a set of ditched enclosures west of Whitelands Farm, and a probable Bronze Age barrow cemetery east of Foxey Leys Copse. In addition areas of medieval ridge and furrow furlongs were identified, and, on the east side of the A42, what might be an alignment associated with the Alchester to Towcester Roman road."*

- 1.3.2 The second stage of evaluation reported here was further informed by the results of the first stage of evaluation carried out in September 2006. The results of the first stage of evaluation were set out in a report (Wessex Archaeology 2006), which provided the following summary (in full):

*Wessex Archaeology was commissioned by Terence O'Rourke Ltd, on behalf of Countryside Properties (Bicester) Ltd to undertake an archaeological evaluation on land south-west of Bicester, Oxfordshire (NGR 457100 222000). The evaluation formed part of a programme of archaeological work in connection with proposals for development. The land evaluated was agricultural; mainly arable with two small areas of pasture.*

*The evaluation took place between 21st July and 1st September 2006, and 18th – 20th September 2006. It comprised 134 trenches, divided into six areas: A, B, C, D, E/road alignment and F. These trenches were targeted on cropmarks, geophysical anomalies; blank areas and areas of unknown potential. The location of the trenches was also determined by the proposed development. The initial programme of 137 trenches was reduced to 128.5 trenches due to obstacles, reassessment of the proposals and the results of trenches already investigated. A further six trenches (Area F) were required due to the repositioning of development proposals.*

*Previous evaluation on land immediately to the east by Oxford Archaeology (2002) uncovered evidence for Romano-British settlement. The Iron*



*Age/Romano-British settlement site of Alchester and a Saxon cemetery have been excavated a short distance to the south east of the Site.*

*The soil sequence on the Site usually comprised topsoil overlying a subsoil (generally of colluvial nature), which in turn overlay the natural geology. The natural geology varied from solid limestone (slab formation) to fine limestone cornbrash. Overlying the limestone/cornbrash across the centre of the site (north east to south west) was an irregular band of Oxford/Kellaway clay. Either side of the clay band, the geology comprised a patchy mixture of brown clay, blue clay and various grades of cornbrash. In some trenches there was a substantial depth of colluvium of predominantly more than one phase, which coincided with boundaries and slopes. Alluvial deposits were also noted in trenches in Area A north & east and Area C.*

*Ridge and furrow was extant in one pasture field subjected to the evaluation. Most of the remaining areas no longer had earthworks, but crop growth and some trenches provided clear evidence that ridge and furrow had formerly existed (areas A, B, E & F).*

*Of the 134 trenches opened, 41 contained archaeological features and deposits. Of note and in summary:*

- Two ring-ditches, probably representing round barrows. The largest was dated to the Early Bronze Age and had an internal ring-gully. The smallest was not dated (Area B)*
- A Middle Bronze Age bronze palstave in good condition was found in Area B, but was within a medieval or later deposit*
- Late Iron Age settlement represented by a ring-gully, posthole/pits, ditch and possible hearth (Area B & F)*
- Romano-British settlement associated with known cropmarks (Area E/road alignment)*
- Romano-British pits, postholes and linear features (Area C)*
- Romano-British quarries (Area B)*
- Possible Saxon ditch and bank earthworks (Area A north)*
- Saxon pits, postholes and ditches (Area A east)*
- Medieval or later quarries and track (Area A west and north)*
- Post-medieval field boundary (Area A east).*



*The evaluation located ten 'zones' of archaeological activity. It is recommended the ring-ditches in Area B may warrant preservation in situ, whilst the other areas of archaeological remains could, in respect of the current development proposals, be preserved by record. Preservation by record may be achieved through further fieldwork, the method, scale and purpose of which should be the subject of further consultation with the Oxfordshire County Archaeological Officer.*

## **2 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

### **2.1 Aims**

2.1.1 The aims of the second stage of trial trench evaluation were to:

- Provide physical evidence for the presence or absence of archaeological remains, that are indicated by non-invasive aerial and geophysical survey, and previous targeted trial trenching,
- Provide physical evidence for the presence or absence of archaeological remains in areas of the site, where non-invasive survey appears to show blank areas or has not been undertaken
- Establish the probable extent, character, date, condition, and quality of archaeological remains within the Site, where present
- By topographic survey, elucidate earthwork features extant within the northern pasture field, south of Middleton Stoney Road

2.1.2 The archaeological evaluation aimed to provide information on which an informed decision, regarding subsequent requirements for mitigation of the impact of the proposed development on archaeological remains, can be made.

### **2.2 Archive Deposition**

2.2.1 A unique-number Wessex Archaeology Site code **63561** was allocated to the Site, and was used on all records and finds. Arrangements will be made with Oxfordshire County Museum and Archive Store for the deposition of the archive, subject to agreement with the landowner.

## **3 METHODS**

### **3.1 Trench Location**

3.1.1 In accordance with the approved updated Project Design the evaluation was to comprise 78 trial trenches, each 30m by 2m trenches positioned so as to target



aerial photographic evidence and possible archaeological anomalies identified by geophysical survey as well as to determine the extents of known archaeological activity identified during previous evaluation trenching programmes. Trenches were grouped within four areas (G - J) within the Site (Figure 1).

- 3.1.2 Of the 78 proposed trenches in areas G - J, 76 were excavated. An additional trench was opened to investigate the location of proposed road works, associated with the proposed development, on the A41 Oxford Road, centred on NGR 457323 221139. (Figure 1).
- 3.1.3 Due to ongoing agricultural land-use, the excavation of Trenches 157 and 158 was not possible. A proximity to extant hedged field boundaries and field gates meant that a number of trenches were repositioned (160, 161, 162, 179, 182, and 209). Trench 168 was also adjusted to avoid a potential underground service.

### **3.2 Trench Excavation and Recording**

- 3.2.1 Each trench was set out using a Leica GPS RX 1250 SmartRover, which was used subsequently to record the trenches and archaeological features and deposits therein.
- 3.2.2 Before excavation began each trench area was 'swept' with a Cable Avoidance Tool to identify any underground services.
- 3.2.3 The trenches were topsoil stripped using two 13 ton mechanical excavators fitted with toothless buckets, under the direct supervision of Wessex Archaeology staff. Topsoil and subsoil were stored separately, either side of each trench.
- 3.2.4 Machining continued in spits down to the top of the undisturbed natural deposits or archaeological deposits, whichever was encountered first. Where archaeological features and deposits were exposed, further excavation proceeded by hand.
- 3.2.5 A sufficient sample of each layer/feature type was excavated in order to ascertain the date, nature, extent and condition of the archaeological remains. Archaeological features and deposits were investigated and stratigraphically excavated. The percentage of any feature or group of features excavated depended on a number of factors. These included the achievement of the objectives, the significance or potential of the archaeological deposit, the percentage of the feature exposed, its stratigraphic relationships, health and safety considerations, and the requirements of the Client and the CAO.
- 3.2.6 Archaeological deposits and features were recorded using Wessex Archaeology's *pro forma* recording system. Deposits and features were surveyed (capturing X, Y, Z co-ordinates) and planned at an appropriate scale

of 1:20 on drawing film. Sections were drawn at 1:10 on drawing film and included existing ground surface and overburden where appropriate in order to provide a full record and deposit column information. An overall surveyed Site plan has been prepared.

- 3.2.7 A photographic record was kept. Both black & white and colour images, including digital images, were prepared. The record includes detailed images of archaeological deposits and features and other images to illustrate their location and context, and the location and context of the separate working areas. The record includes images of the Site overall.
- 3.2.8 The numbering of trenches was continued from the first stage of evaluation.

## **4 RESULTS**

### **4.1 Introduction**

- 4.1.1 This section presents a summary of the results of the evaluation, based on the Site archive. Trench descriptions including all allocated contexts are provided in **Appendix I**.

### **4.2 Geology and Soil Sequences**

- 4.2.1 The underlying solid geology observed across the site was typically Corallian sandy limestone. Mid-late Jurassic corbrash and Upper Corallian Coral Rag featured in most of the trenches. Where other deposits underlay the colluvium and/or subsoil, deeper investigations showed that the corbrash was present underneath; generally below a thin deposit of reddish (iron rich) silty sand. The depths at which the corbrash was encountered varied between trenches and areas, sometimes substantially (between 0.20m to >0.91m).
- 4.2.2 A band of sterile; fossiliferous and stiff bluish grey clay runs across north and east of Area J overlying the corbrash as described above. The deposit is likely to belong to the Oxford/Kellaway clays.
- 4.2.3 The topsoil across the site was generally a dark greyish brown silty clay or silty clay loam and was generally between 0.2m and 0.40m thick though it was occasionally found to be as deep as 0.54m. Present agricultural practices use a cultivator rather than a plough. The cultivator only cuts to a depth of 0.20 – 0.25m, to avoid bringing the corbrash and clay to the surface. The northern part of Area I comprised a pasture field with markedly richer topsoil. In the majority of trenches, the topsoil had a very clear lower horizon.
- 4.2.4 Between the topsoil and natural, an intermediate deposit was frequently encountered. In a few cases the deposit appeared to be inactive ploughsoil i.e. ploughed previously and now not disturbed by current agricultural practices



(e.g. in Trench 92). Frequently a 'subsoil' of generally colluvial nature was observed.

- 4.2.5 In many trenches, the deposit below the 'subsoil' was very mixed i.e. varying degrees of mid yellowish brown fine cornbrash with random patterns of brown and blue/ grey clays. It is suggested that these gleyed clays are likely to be Holocene in date. The clays seem to fill geological or natural features cut into the top of the cornbrash, particularly the finer grades. Several examples were seen in the south of Area H, throughout Area I, and the central part of Area J.

### 4.3 Area G

(Trenches 144 to 155; & 159 to 168)

*Ground level 73.99m (Tr.146) -74.96m aOD (Tr. 166)*

- 4.3.1 Area G covered an area incorporating two fields and was located between previous Areas A and D (WA 2006) (Figure 1).
- 4.3.2 The geology in this area consisted entirely of cornbrash in varying grades from solid limestone to fairly fine soliflucted cornbrash.
- 4.3.3 A subsoil, recorded as an iron rich, homogenous reddish brown silty clay with occasional manganese flecking, was present within 18 of the 23 trenches excavated within Area G.
- 4.3.4 No archaeological features or deposits were recorded in Area G.

### 4.4 Area H

(Trenches 169 to 197)

*Ground level 73.58m (Tr.170) -71.95m aOD (Tr. 194)*

- 4.4.1 In the north-western side of this area, the geology was very similar to that in Area G to the west, i.e. fine degraded cornbrash from solid limestone to fine degraded cornbrash. Towards the east the geology became mottled and patchy with red silty clay and patches of brown and blue clay.
- 4.4.2 Of the 29 trenches excavated within Area H, three, Trenches 176, 185, and 189, contained archaeological features. Geological anomalies were investigated within Trenches 177, 189 and 192 (Figure 1).
- 4.4.3 Trench 176 contained a shallow tree throw 17603 filled with a sterile silt. No dating evidence was recovered from it
- 4.4.4 Trench 185 (Figures 1) contained a small, shallow pit 18502 filled with a topsoil-derived deposit 18503. This contained an abraded sherd of Late Iron Age-Early Roman pottery and small abraded animal bones. It should be noted that in comparison to the remainder of the Site a notable quantity of mixed

pottery, dating from the Late Iron Age to post-medieval periods, were recovered from the overlying topsoil.

- 4.4.5 An isolated and undated, though well-defined, posthole **18907**, 0.6m in diameter and 0.18m deep was recorded towards the north-western end of Trench 189. A modern land drain and geological anomaly were also investigated within this trench (**Figures 1**).
- 4.4.6 Artefacts retrieved from topsoil layers within trenches 189 and 197 included animal bone and post-medieval pottery sherds.
- 4.4.7 The remainder of trenches within Area H were found to be devoid of archaeology.

#### **4.5 Area I**

##### **(Trenches 198 to 212)**

*Ground level 72.91m (Tr.207) – 70.54m aOD (Tr. 210)*

- 4.5.1 In the north western part of Area I within a pasture field of lush grass and nettles (**Figures 1 & 2**), trenches were targeted on extant ridge and furrow specifically to determine whether earlier archaeological features survived beneath the substantial furrows.
- 4.5.2 Topographically the area had a dominant south-west to north-east slope though a more gradual north-west to south-east slope was also present. In the higher south-west area trenches revealed a fine degraded cornbrash with irregular bands of gleyed clays. Downslope towards the north-eastern side of the area a greater depth of colluvium was noted (<0.4m) and the natural geology became a gleyed orange silty clay overlying tabular cornbrash.
- 4.5.3 A substantial north-east to south-west aligned concave ditch **20402** was recorded at the south-eastern end of Trench 204, truncating a natural gleyed orange silty clay, which overlay the tabular cornbrash (**Figure 2**). A shallow, sinuous gully extended from the western side of the ditch. Both features were filled with homogenous water-logged clay silts.
- 4.5.4 A relatively large assemblage of pottery fragments were recovered from primary deposits within ditch **20402**. Predominately Late Iron Age – Romano-British however a sherd of later pottery and ceramic building material was also recovered. This would imply a medieval or later date to the feature. It is possible the source for the earlier pottery derives from known Romano-British activity associated with the higher ground to the west of Area I.
- 4.5.5 Two parallel north-west to south-east aligned shallow concave ditches **20702** and **20704** were excavated within trench 207 (**Figure 2**), along with a gully segment **20706**.



- 4.5.6 A sherd of Late Iron Age pottery was recovered from overburden deposits within trench 209. Medieval to post-medieval pottery and ceramic building material fragments were recovered from topsoil layers recorded in trenches 199, 205 & 206.

#### 4.6 Area J

##### (Trenches 213 to 222)

*Ground level 2.62m (Tr.213) – 68.65m aOD (Tr. 216)*

- 4.6.1 Through the centre of Area J in a broadly north to south direction a geological band of Oxford/Kellaway clay was noted within trenches 213, 214, 215, 218 and 219. The remainder of trenches within Area J exhibited moderately fine degraded combash within a yellow silty sand matrix and irregular patches of ferruginous sandy clay. Two dominant slopes were present falling from north to south and north-west to south-east.
- 4.6.2 Within trench 213 (**Figure 1**) a poorly defined north to south aligned linear feature **21305** was identified. Filled with homogenous iron mottled silty clay deposit **21306**, this possible field boundary ditch is thought to be fairly modern. A glass fragment and abraded post-Roman pottery fragments were recovered from it.
- 4.6.3 Trench 215 was extended to meet trench 214, to investigate a north-east to south-west aligned linear noted during an earlier geophysical survey of this part of the Site. No archaeological features or geological features were identified.
- 4.6.4 A modern field drain was recorded within Trench 216 and a tree throw was recorded in trench 222.
- 4.6.5 Field drains were identified in all but two of the trenches in Area J.

#### 4.7 Additional Trench

##### (Trench 223)

- 4.7.1 In the course of the evaluation fieldwork it was agreed with Terence O'Rourke to open an additional trench on the site of proposed road works associated with the proposed development, to the east of the Site and east of the existing A41, centred on NGR 457323 221139 (**Figure 1 & 4**)
- 4.7.2 Trench 223 was 33.6m long and revealed the surface of the underlying natural, a mid to light brown yellow loam containing concentrations of manganese.
- 4.7.3 A north to south aligned and 1m wide ditch **22303** was recorded at the north-western end of the trench. A notable quantity of Late Iron Age to Early

Romano-British pottery was recovered from associated fill deposits along with animal bone and oyster shell.

4.7.4 From the south-eastern side of the ditch an alluvial layer **22311**, uniformly 0.2m thick, was recorded and extended the length of the trench south-east of ditch **22303**. Abundant snails were noted and a number of Late Iron Age to Romano-British pottery fragments and an iron object were recovered. Both this layer and the ditch fills appear to derive from flooding episodes. The layer was not present on the north-western side of the ditch.

4.7.5 Natural hollows investigated at the south-eastern end of the trench were found to be filled within heavily waterlogged clay silts. No datable finds was recovered from these features.

#### **4.8 Area A Topographic Survey**

4.8.1 A topographic survey was undertaken in Area A (**Figure 1**) in an attempt to elucidate detailed characteristics of an area of earthworks of apparently sub-circular form and approximately 100m in diameter, which occur in an area of the Site characterised by natural watercourses. The earthworks, previously investigated by geophysics and by trial trenches in the first stage of evaluation (WA 2006), remain undated.

4.8.2 The topographic survey has resulted in the generation of a surface model (**Figure 4**) of the visibly extant earthworks. The surface model appears to confirm the general sub-circular shape and uneven interior of the earthwork. The apparently irregular form of the earthworks that is suggested by the surface model could be considered consistent with localised quarrying activities sourcing cornbrash. Given that the immediate area, low-lying and containing natural watercourses, would offer poor farmland, its alternative use as a source of cornbrash may offer a reasonable explanation for the earthworks.

## **5 FINDS**

### **5.1 Introduction**

5.1.1 The following section constitutes an interim statement on the finds recovered during the evaluation. Only a minimal number of finds were recovered from 12 trenches.

5.1.2 The small quantity of finds recovered from the evaluation, augments, but does not extend, the small assemblage already recovered from the Site (Wessex Archaeology 2006). The assemblage is limited both in the range of material types represented, and in the date range – the larger proportion of the assemblage is Romano-British, with a smaller proportion of medieval to post-medieval date, although about half of the Romano-British material appears to be residual in later contexts.



5.1.3 All finds have been quantified by material type within each context, and the results are summarised by Trench in **Table 1, Appendix II**.

5.1.4 The assemblage ranges in date from early prehistoric to post-medieval, but is relatively restricted in terms of material types; pottery was the most commonly occurring material type, and apart from this only animal bone was recovered in any significant quantity. Condition is fair to poor, and much of the pottery assemblage, for example, has suffered a high level of abrasion.

## 5.2 Pottery

5.2.1 Pottery provides practically the only dating evidence from the site. The small assemblage includes material of Late Iron Age/Romano-British, medieval and post-medieval date. The assemblage has been quantified by ware type within each context; totals are presented in **Table 2, Appendix II**. The condition of the pottery is fair to poor; the assemblage is fragmentary, and sherds have suffered relatively high levels of surface and edge abrasion. Mean sherd weight overall is 14.5g, but this is skewed by the presence of three large, heavy amphora sherds; if these are removed, mean weight drops to 11.2g.

### *Late Iron Age/Romano-British*

5.2.2 Wares of Late Iron Age tradition but which continued into the early Roman period include calcareous and grog-tempered wares; in this instance these occur exclusively with 'Romanised' wheelthrown sandy wares and are therefore likely to be post-conquest (AD 43). Amongst the 'Romanised' wares, whiteware mortaria (all from trench 204) certainly derive from the Oxfordshire production centre, and probably also the greywares and oxidised wares. Imported wares are represented by sherds from one samian vessel (South Gaulish form 31 platter), and Dressel 20 amphorae. There is little which is diagnostic, but the samian and the coarseware vessel forms suggest an early Roman date (1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> century AD).

### *Post-Roman*

5.2.3 Three sherds were identified as medieval Brill-type wares, probably dating to the 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> century (Trenches 206, 213). The remaining sherds are post-medieval, including coarse redwares, stoneware and refined whiteware.

## 5.3 Other Finds

5.3.1 Other finds comprise small quantities of animal bone (cattle, mole, unidentified species), ceramic building material (medieval and post-medieval; roof tile), glass (post-medieval vessel), and iron (nail, horseshoe).

## 6 PALAEO-ENVIRONMENTAL REMAINS

### 6.1 Introduction

6.1.1 Nine bulk samples were taken from seven features excavated within five of the trenches. The samples came from features largely thought to be Late Iron Age/Romano-British in date, although that from ditch 21306 did contain a few sherds of post-Roman pottery. The samples were processed for the recovery and assessment of charred plant remains and charcoal. Two of these samples, from ditch 22303 and occupation layer 22311, were also sub-sampled and processed for the retrieval of molluscs.

6.1.2 In addition, two monolith samples (35 and 34) were taken from ditch sequence 22303 and soil profile to shed light on the origin of the ditch fills.

### 6.2 Assessment Results: methods and data

#### *Charred Plant Remains and Wood Charcoals*

6.2.1 The bulk samples were processed by standard flotation methods; the flot retained on a 0.5 mm mesh, residues fractionated into 5.6 mm, 2mm and 1mm fractions and dried. The coarse fractions (>5.6 mm) were sorted, weighed and discarded. Flots were scanned under a x10 – x40 stereo-binocular microscope and the presence of charred remains quantified (Table 3, Appendix III). Preliminary identifications of dominant or important taxa are noted below, following the nomenclature of Stace (1997).

6.2.2 The flots were all generally rooty and in the case of ditch 21305 had quite high numbers of modern seeds. This can be seen as indicative of stratigraphic movement, reworking and possible contamination by later intrusive material. Charred material where it was present was generally poorly preserved. In the case of ditch 22303 the high number of roots may be a reflection of rooting into a raised water-table occurring during or after the infilling of the ditch.

6.2.3 Only two samples produced any charred cereal remains, all of which were poorly preserved. These were pit 18502 in Trench 185, which produced a single grain of wheat or barley as well as a seed of buttercup (*Ranunculus acris/repens/bulbosus*), and ditch 21305, which produced a seed of possible pea (*Pisum sativum*) or broad-bean (*Vicia faba*), some wheat (*Triticum* sp.) and barley grains (*Hordeum vulgare* sl.) and a single oat grain (*Avena* sp.). The latter sample had a high number of modern seeds within it and given the presence of glass and post-medieval pottery is likely to be of a more recent date.

6.2.4 The single grain from pit 18502 may relate to Romano-British settlement activity, but given the amount of roots within the sample this grain again may be intrusive. Compared to previous Late Iron Age/Romano-British features

assessed at Whitelands Farm (Wessex Archaeology 2006), which produced reasonable numbers of cereal remains, those from this stage of work yielded little environmental evidence for domestic activity and settlement.

- 6.2.5 The samples also produced very little wood charcoal (**Table 3, Appendix III**), which may be reflective of the high amounts of rooting in the sample, but equally may relate to low levels of settlement activity.

*Waterlogged plant remains*

- 6.2.6 It was thought that some of the features may contain waterlogged material in the field. All the samples were therefore examined for waterlogged material, but none was seen. As noted above, ditch **21305** did contain several seeds, but these were believed to be modern, or possibly even the feature itself may be of a relatively recent date. Ditch **22303** contained quite high numbers of roots, the preservation of which may have resulted from roots penetrating a raised water table, as discussed above.

*Land and fresh/brackish water molluscs*

- 6.2.7 Samples of one litre were processed by standard methods (Evans 1972) for land snails. The flots (0.5mm) were rapidly assessed by scanning under a x10–x40 stereo-binocular microscope to provide some information about shell preservation and species representation and the results recorded in **Table 3, Appendix III**. Nomenclature is according to Kerney (1999).

- 6.2.8 The two mollusc samples produced assemblages with good shell numbers and relatively wide species diversity, particularly from layer **22311**. There are a mixture of fresh and brackish water species and terrestrial species present. A number of the terrestrial species identified also favour marshy environments.

*Small animal bones*

- 6.2.9 A number of small mammal bones were seen in the sample from Trench 213, ditch **21305**, although these may be intrusive and hence relatively modern, or indeed the feature itself may be of a relatively recent date.

*Sediments*

- 6.2.10 The monoliths were cleaned prior to recording and standard descriptions used, (following Hodgson 1976) including Munsell colour, texture, structure and nature of boundaries, as given for monolith 35 in **Table 4, Appendix III**.
- 6.2.11 Two monolith samples (35 and 34) were taken through ditch sequence **22303** and the local modern soil and alluvial profile nearby. The aim of this sampling was to elucidate whether or not the ditch fills may be derived from layer **22311**, which underlay the topsoil locally and was very similar in appearance.
- 6.2.12 Detailed examination of monolith 35 showed that layer **22311** was a fine grained overbank alluvium, whose nature was made apparent by the abundant presence of freshwater mollusca. Rapid examination of monolith 34 showed that ditch fills **22304** and **22305** were of very similar colour and texture, and



also contained abundant freshwater snails - the conclusion was reached that rather than the ditch being filled by material derived from layer 22311, both deposits were laid down by (probably the same) overbank flooding events.

## **7 DISCUSSION**

### **7.1 General Discussion of the Evaluation Trenches**

7.1.1 Of the seventy-seven trenches excavated, only six contained archaeological features, five within the Site (Trenches 185, 189, 204, 207, and 213), and one east of the Site (Trench 223) (**Figure 1**). A very small assemblage of datable finds was also recovered. Where encountered, features were generally distinct and of a reasonable depth.

7.1.2 No archaeological features were recorded within Area G

7.1.3 In Area H, a shallow posthole hole of Late Iron Age/Romano-British date was recorded within trench 185 and another posthole, undated, was recorded 193m north-east within trench 189. An undated tree throw and several geological variations were investigated within trenches 176, 177, 189 and 192. Romano-British pottery was found in overburden deposits.

7.1.4 In Area I, trench 204 revealed a large ditch the fills of which contained Late Iron Age – Romano-British pottery including samian and amphora fragments. However, post-Roman pottery was also recovered from the substantial primary deposit. A gully was also found on the north-west side of the ditch. Possible field boundary ditches were recorded within trench 207.

7.1.5 In Area J, the only datable feature was an ephemeral ditch of post-medieval or modern date in trench 213. A residual sherd of Late Iron Age – Romano-British pottery was also recovered from the natural-subsoil interface within this trench.

7.1.6 In trench 223 revealed a Late Iron Age drainage/flood boundary ditch and an associated overbank alluvial deposit.

### **7.2 Conclusion**

7.2.1 The results of this second stage of evaluation do not significantly alter the results of the first stage of evaluation and the distribution, nature, date and quality of survival of the identified archaeological potential of the Site is now confirmed; the evaluation strategy has demonstrated that the archaeological zones previously identified appear unlikely to extend beyond their currently understood limits.

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## APPENDIX I

### Trench Tables

| Trench<br>144 | Dimensions: 29m x 1.9m x 0.4m                   |   |             |
|---------------|---|---|-------------|
|               | Land use: : arable; recently harvested; stubble |   |             |
| Context       | Category  | Description   | Depth       |
| 14400         | Topsoil   | Active ploughsoil - mid grey brown silty loam. Occasional small abraded sub angular stones (<25%; <50mm diameter) and corn brash fragments (<3%; <100mm diameter). Sharp lower horizon. | 0.0m – 0.2m |
| 14401         | Subsoil   | Homogenous reddish brown silty clay with occasional manganese flecking. Rare fine gravel pockets. Iron rich deposit. Sharp undulating lower horizon.                                    | 0.2m – 0.4m |
| 14402         | Natural geology                                 | Bedded cornbrash  | 0.3m+       |

| Trench<br>145 | Dimensions:                                     |  |             |
|---------------|---|--|-------------|
|               | Land use: : arable; recently harvested; stubble |  |             |
| Context       | Category  | Description  | Depth       |
| 14500         | Topsoil   | Active ploughsoil – Mid grey brown silt loam. Occasional fine small rounded gravel (<25%; <100mm diameter) and rare small angular cornbrash fragments (<3%; <100mm diameter) | 0.0m – 0.4m |
| 14501         | Natural geology                                 | Bedded cornbrash   | 0.4m+       |

| Trench<br>146 | Dimensions: 29m x 1.9m x 0.23m                  |   |              |
|---------------|---|---|--------------|
|               | Land use: : arable; recently harvested; stubble |   |              |
| Context       | Category  | Description   | Depth        |
| 14600         | Topsoil   | Active ploughsoil – Mid grey brown silty clay loam. Occasional small – fine pockets of gravel (<15%; <25mm diameter) and occasional small corn brash fragments (<3%; <100mm diameter) | 0.0m – 0.23m |
| 14601         | Natural geology                                 | Bedded cornbrash  | 0.23m+       |

| Trench<br>147 | Dimensions: 28m x 1.9m x 0.35m                  |   |              |
|---------------|---|---|--------------|
|               | Land use: : arable; recently harvested; stubble |   |              |
| Context       | Category  | Description   | Depth        |
| 14700         | Topsoil   | Active ploughsoil. Mid-brown silty clay with occasional small stone inclusions (<15%; <100mm diameter). Bioturbated from surface. | 0.0m – 0.3m  |
| 14701         | Subsoil   | Red-brown silty clay with sparse small ragstone inclusions (<25%; <50mm diameter). Clear interface with (14700) and (14702).      | 0.3m – 0.35m |
| 14702         | Natural geology                                 | Bedded cornbrash  | 0.35m+       |

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|---------------|---|---|--------------|
| Trench<br>148 | Dimensions: 28m x 1.9m x 0.35m                  |   |              |
|               | Land use: : arable; recently harvested; stubble |   |              |
| Context       | Category  | Description   | Depth        |
| 14800         | Topsoil   | Active ploughsoil. Mid-brown silty clay with occasional small stone inclusions (<15%; <30mm diameter) and ragstone inclusions (<10%; <50mm diameter). Bioturbated from surface. | 0.0m – 0.3m  |
| 14801         | Subsoil   | Red-brown silty clay with frequent small - medium ragstone inclusions (<25%; <100mm diameter). Clear interface with (14800) and (14802).  | 0.3m – 0.35m |
| 14802         | Natural geology                                 | Bedded cornbrash  | 0.35m+       |

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| Trench<br>149 | Dimensions: 26.1m x 1.8m x 0.38m                |   |               |
|               | Land use: : arable; recently harvested; stubble |   |               |
| Context       | Category  | Description   | Depth         |
| 14900         | Topsoil   | Dark grey brown friable silty clay. Few sandstone inclusions, sub angular, poorly sorted. <0.06m in size.                               | 0.0m – 0.28m  |
| 14901         | Subsoil   | Dark red brown friable silty clay. Common sandstone inclusions, sub angular, poorly sorted. <0.08m in size. Clear horizon with natural. | 0.28m – 0.33m |
| 14902         | Natural geology                                 | Cornbrash in sandy silty clay. Patches of red brown and brown yellow swirls.  | 0.33m+        |

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| Trench<br>150 | Dimensions: 28.0m x 1.8m x 0.52m                |   |              |
|               | Land use: : arable; recently harvested; stubble |   |              |
| Context       | Category  | Description   | Depth        |
| 15000         | Topsoil   | Dark brown grey silty clay. Sparse sandstone inclusions. Sub rounded, poorly sorted <0.03m in size. Clear horizon with subsoil. | 0.0m – 0.3m  |
| 15001         | Subsoil   | Dark red brown silty clay. Very sparse sandstone inclusions <0.02m in size. Diffuse horizon with natural.                       | 0.3m – 0.49m |
| 15002         | Natural geology                                 | Abundant cornbrash. Patches of brown sandy silty clay. Patches of 'paved looking' cornbrash.                                    | 0.49m+       |

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| Trench<br>151 | Dimensions: 28m x 1.9m x 0.29m                  |  |              |
|               | Land use: : arable; recently harvested; stubble |  |              |
| Context       | Category  | Description  | Depth        |
| 15100         | Topsoil   | Active ploughsoil – Mid grey brown silt occasional pockets of small gravel (<5%; <10mm diameter) and ragstone inclusions (<5%; <50mm diameter) | 0.0m – 0.2m  |
| 15101         | Subsoil   | Homogenous red brown silt with manganese flecking.   | 0.2m – 0.29m |
| 15102         | Natural geology                                 | Bedded cornbrash   | 0.29m+       |

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| Trench<br>152 | Dimensions: 28m x 1.9m x                        |  |               |
|               | Land use: : arable; recently harvested; stubble |  |               |
| Context       | Category  | Description  | Depth         |
| 15200         | Topsoil   | Active ploughsoil – Mid grey brown silt occasional pockets of small gravel (<5%; <10mm diameter) and ragstone inclusions (<5%; <50mm diameter) | 0.0m – 0.24m  |
| 15201         | Subsoil   | Homogenous red brown silt with manganese flecking.   | 0.24m – 0.52m |
| 15202         | Natural geology                                 | Light yellowish brown clayey silt with abundant combrash inclusions (<75%).  | 0.52m+        |

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|---------------|---|---|--------------|
| Trench<br>153 | Dimensions: 27.90m x 2.08m x 0.23m              |   |              |
|               | Land use: : arable; recently harvested; stubble |   |              |
| Context       | Category  | Description   | Depth        |
| 15300         | Topsoil   | Mid greyish brown silt with occasional corn brash fragments.                                    | 0.0m – 0.23m |
| 15301         | Natural geology                                 | Mid reddish brown silt with mid reddish brown silty clay pockets. Moderate corn brash fragments | 0.23m+       |

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|---------------|---|---|---------------|
| Trench<br>154 | Dimensions: 27.9m x 2.08m x 0.27m               |   |               |
|               | Land use: : arable; recently harvested; stubble |   |               |
| Context       | Category  | Description   | Depth         |
| 15400         | Topsoil   | Brown silt with occasional corn brash fragments   | 0.0m – 0.17m  |
| 15401         | Subsoil   | Mid reddish silty clay with occasional corn brash fragments                                   | 0.17m – 0.27m |
| 15402         | Natural geology                                 | Mid reddish silty clay soil with silty clay light brown pockets. Moderate combrash fragments. | 0.27m+        |

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|---------------|---|--|--------------|
| Trench<br>155 | Dimensions: 28m x 1.9m x 0.3m                   |  |              |
|               | Land use: : arable; recently harvested; stubble |  |              |
| Context       | Category  | Description  | Depth        |
| 15500         | Topsoil   | Active ploughsoil. Mid-brown silty clay with occasional small gravel and ragstone inclusions (<25%; <50mm diameter). Bioturbated from surface. | 0.0m – 0.28m |
| 15501         | Subsoil   | Red-brown silty clay with sparse small ragstone inclusions (<25%; <50mm diameter). Undulating lower interface.                                 | 0.25m – 0.3m |
| 15502         | Natural geology                                 | Red and pale brown patchy combrash. Silty clay with ragstones (<95%; <200mm diameter).   | 0.3m+        |

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|---------------|---|--|--------------|
| Trench<br>156 | Dimensions: 28m x 1.9m x 0.42m                  |  |              |
|               | Land use: : arable; recently harvested; stubble |  |              |
| Context       | Category  | Description  | Depth        |
| 15600         | Topsoil   | Active ploughsoil. Mid-grey brown silty with abundant small gravel and ragstone inclusions (<35%; <100mm diameter). Bioturbated from surface.  | 0.0m – 0.26m |
| 15601         | Subsoil   | Red-brown silty sand with frequent medium ragstone inclusions (<25%; <150mm diameter) and pockets of fine peagrit. Undulating lower interface. | 0.26m – 0.4m |
| 15602         | Natural geology                                 | Bedded peagrit   | 0.4m+        |



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| Trench<br>157 | VOID |
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| Trench<br>158 | VOID |
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| Trench<br>159 | Dimensions: 28.3m x 2.08m x 0.5m                |  |              |
|               | Land use: : arable; recently harvested; stubble |  |              |
| Context       | Category  | Description  | Depth        |
| 15900         | Topsoil   | Mid reddish brown silt. Occasional angular cornbrash fragments | 0.0m – 0.28m |
| 15901         | Subsoil   | Reddish silt with occasional angular cornbrash fragments       | 0.28m – 0.5m |
| 15902         | Natural geology                                 | Reddish silt with silty clay pockets. Cornbrash fragments.     | 0.5m+        |

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| Trench<br>160 | Dimensions: 27.3m x 2.1m x 0.34m                |   |               |
|               | Land use: : arable; recently harvested; stubble |   |               |
| Context       | Category  | Description   | Depth         |
| 16000         | Topsoil   | Mid reddish brown silt. Occasional angular corn brash fragments       | 0.0m – 0.27m  |
| 16001         | Subsoil   | Reddish silt with occasional angular cornbrash fragments              | 0.27m – 0.34m |
| 16002         | Natural geology                                 | Reddish silt with light brown silty clay pockets. Cornbrash fragments | 0.34m+        |

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|---------------|---|---|--------------|
| Trench<br>161 | Dimensions: 28.9m x 2m x 0.36m                  |   |              |
|               | Land use: : arable; recently harvested; stubble |   |              |
| Context       | Category  | Description   | Depth        |
| 16100         | Topsoil   | Mid reddish brown silt. Occasional angular corn brash fragments           | 0.0m – 0.3m  |
| 16101         | Subsoil   | Reddish silt with occasional angular cornbrash fragments                  | 0.3m – 0.36m |
| 16102         | Natural geology                                 | Reddish silt with yellow silty clay pockets. Moderate cornbrash fragments | 0.36m+       |

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| Trench<br>162 | Dimensions: 27.6m x 2.13m x 0.26m               |  |              |
|               | Land use: : arable; recently harvested; stubble |  |              |
| Context       | Category  | Description  | Depth        |
| 16200         | Topsoil   | Brown silt soil with sparse angular cornbrash fragments                      | 0.0m – 0.26m |
| 16201         | Natural geology                                 | Brown silt with light brown silty clay pockets. Moderate cornbrash fragments | 0.26m+       |

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|---------------|---|--|---------------|
| Trench<br>163 | Dimensions: 29.3m x 2.1m x 0.4m                 |  |               |
|               | Land use: : arable; recently harvested; stubble |  |               |
| Context       | Category  | Description  | Depth         |
| 16300         | Topsoil   | Mid reddish brown silt. Angular cornbrash fragments.             | 0.0m – 0.34m  |
| 16301         | Subsoil   | Reddish silt soil with occasional angular corn brash fragments.  | 0.34m – 0.40m |
| 16302         | Natural geology                                 | Reddish silt with yellow silty clay pockets. Cornbrash fragments | 0.40m+        |

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|---------------|---|---|---------------|
| Trench<br>164 | Dimensions: 29.8m x 2.26m x 0.44m               |   |               |
|               | Land use: : arable; recently harvested; stubble |   |               |
| Context       | Category  | Description   | Depth         |
| 16400         | Topsoil   | Mid reddish brown silt, occasional angular cornbrash fragments. | 0.0m – 0.19m  |
| 16401         | Subsoil   | Reddish silt. Occasional cornbrash fragments                    | 0.19m – 0.44m |
| 16402         | Natural geology                                 | Reddish silt with pockets of yellow silty clay. cornbrash       | 0.44m+        |

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|---------------|---|---|---------------|
| Trench<br>165 | Dimensions: 29.7m x 2.13m x 0.38m             |   |               |
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |   |               |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description   | Depth         |
| 16500         | Topsoil                                       | Reddish brown silt with occasional angular cornbrash fragments. | 0.0m – 0.33m  |
| 16501         | Subsoil                                       | Reddish silt with occasional angular cornbrash fragments        | 0.33m – 0.38m |
| 16502         | Natural geology                               | Reddish silt with yellow silty clay pockets                     | 0.38m+        |

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|---------------|---|--|--------------|
| Trench<br>166 | Dimensions: 28.6m x 2.1m x 0.28m              |  |              |
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |  |              |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description  | Depth        |
| 16600         | Topsoil                                       | Mid reddish brown silt, occasional angular cornbrash fragments | 0.0m – 0.37m |
| 16601         | Natural geology                               | Cornbrash. Occasional pockets reddish brown silty clay         | 0.37m+       |

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|---------------|---|--|--------------|
| Trench<br>167 | Dimensions: 28.7m x 2.1m x 0.37m              |  |              |
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |  |              |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description  | Depth        |
| 16700         | Topsoil                                       | Mid reddish brown silt. Occasional angular cornbrash fragments | 0.0m – 0.32m |
| 16701         | Subsoil                                       | Reddish silt. Occasional angular cornbrash fragments           | 0.32m – 0.5m |
| 16702         | Natural geology                               | Cornbrash. Pockets of yellow silty clay                        | 0.5m+        |

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|---------------|---|---|--------------|
| Trench<br>168 | Dimensions: 28.4m x 2.14m x 0.39m             |   |              |
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |   |              |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description   | Depth        |
| 16800         | Topsoil                                       | Mid reddish silt, angular cornbrash fragments, occasional | 0.0m – 0.39m |
| 16801         | Natural geology                               | Cornbrash, occasional yellow silty clay pockets           | 0.39m+       |

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|---------------|---|---|---------------|
| Trench<br>169 | Dimensions: 28m x 1.9m x 0.51m                |   |               |
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |   |               |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description   | Depth         |
| 16900         | Topsoil                                       | Dark chocolate brown friable silty clay. Occasional sandstone inclusions (rounded, poorly sorted, <0.03m) almost clear horizon with topsoil | 0.0m – 0.29m  |
| 16901         | Subsoil                                       | Mid red brown silty clay with few inclusions (sandstone, subangular, poorly sorted, <0.04m) clear horizon with natural                      | 0.29m – 0.46m |
| 16902         | Natural geology                               | Cornbrash in light yellow brown silty sandy clay  | 0.46m+        |

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|---------------|---|---|--------------|
| Trench<br>170 | Dimensions: 28m x 1.9m x 0.3m                 |   |              |
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |   |              |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description   | Depth        |
| 17000         | Topsoil                                       | Dark chocolate brown silty clay. Occasional sandstone inclusions (sub angular, poorly sorted, <0.07m) clear horizon with topsoil                          | 0.0m – 0.25m |
| 17001         | Natural geology                               | Combrash with patches of red brown silty clay (common sandstone inclusions, poorly sorted, sub angular <0.15m) combrash in yellow brown sandy silty clay. | 0.25m+       |

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| Trench<br>171 | Dimensions: 29m x 2.2m x 0.45m                |  |              |
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |  |              |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description                                  | Depth        |
| 17100         | Topsoil                                       | Dark brown silt with occasional combrash     | 0.0m – 0.25m |
| 17101         | Natural geology                               | Yellow light brown silt with many sandstones | 0.25m+       |

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| Trench<br>172 | Dimensions: 29m x 1.9m x 0.78m                |   |              |
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |   |              |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description   | Depth        |
| 17200         | Topsoil                                       | Dark chocolate brown friable silty clay. Occasional sandstone inclusions (sub rounded, poorly sorted, <0.04m) | 0.0m – 0.28m |
| 17201         | Natural geology                               | Mixed. Mainly red brown silty clay with no inclusions. Patches of blue grey clay and combrash.                | 0.28m+       |

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| Trench<br>173 | Dimensions: 29.8m x 2.1m x 0.42m              |  |              |
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |  |              |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description  | Depth        |
| 17300         | Topsoil                                       | Dark brown clay with sparse inclusions of combrash <0.02m. Clear horizon with natural.     | 0.0m – 0.32m |
| 17301         | Natural geology                               | Orange yellow brown with common inclusions of combrash <0.06m. Clear horizon with topsoil. | 0.32m+       |

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| Trench<br>174 | Dimensions: 30m x 2m x 0.35m                  |  |              |
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |  |              |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description  | Depth        |
| 17400         | Topsoil                                       | Mid brown silt with occasional combrash inclusions <0.03m              | 0.0m – 0.26m |
| 17401         | Natural geology                               | Orange brown silt with common inclusions of subangular combrash <0.05m | 0.26m+       |

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| Trench<br>175 | Dimensions: 29.1m x 2.1m x 0.65m              |   |              |
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |   |              |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description   | Depth        |
| 17500         | Topsoil                                       | Dark brown silt with occasional combrash (sub angular)      | 0.0m – 0.26m |
| 17501         | Natural geology                               | Dark yellow/brown silt with occasional subangular combrash. | 0.26m+       |

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| Trench<br>176 | Dimensions: 29.5m x 2m x 0.32m x              |  |              |
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |  |              |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description  | Depth        |
| 17600         | Topsoil                                       | Dark brown clay. Common combrash and sandstone inclusions. Sub angular <0.05m. Clear horizon with natural            | 0.0m – 0.27m |
| 17601         | Natural geology                               | Mixed yellow and brownish orange clay with common angular combrash <0.07m. Clear horizon with topsoil.               | 0.27m+       |
| 17602         | Fill of tree throw                            | Single secondary fill of tree throw {17603}. Reddish orange silt. Sparse charcoal. No finds. Well defined interfaces | 0.36m        |
| 17603         | Cut of tree throw                             | Cut of tree throw located in trench 176 in H subdivision. Filled with (17602). Well defined horizon.                 | 0.36m        |

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| Trench<br>177 | Dimensions: 30.1m x 2.1m x 0.6m               |   |             |
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |   |             |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description   | Depth       |
| 17700         | Topsoil                                       | Dark grey silt, occasional sub rounded combrash                       | 0.0m – 0.2m |
| 17701         | Subsoil                                       | Orange medium brown silt  | 0.2m – 0.4m |
| 17702         | Natural geology                               | Light grey clay   | 0.4m+       |
| 17703         | Sondage                                       | To investigate 17704  | 0.4-0.55m   |
| 17704         | Natural variation                             | Diffuse linear band of increased iron within upper natural interface. | 0.4-0.44m   |
| 17705         | Sondage                                       | To investigate 17706  | 0.4-0.55m   |
| 17706         | Natural variation                             | Diffuse linear band of increased iron within upper natural interface. | 0.4-0.43m   |
| 17707         | Sondage                                       | To investigate 17708  | 0.4-0.55m   |
| 17708         | Natural variation                             | Diffuse linear band of increased iron within upper natural interface. | 0.4-0.44m   |

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| Trench<br>178 | Dimensions: 29.9m x 2.2m x 0.6m               |  |             |
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |  |             |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description  | Depth       |
| 17800         | Topsoil                                       | Dark chocolate brown sandy silt with occasional combrash inclusions (sub angular, poorly sorted, <0.03m) | 0.0m – 0.3m |
| 17801         | Subsoil                                       | Orange brown sandy silt with many combrash inclusions (sub angular)                                      | 0.3m – 0.4m |
| 17802         | Natural geology                               | Quite light grey silty clay, no inclusions   | 0.4m+       |

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| Trench<br>179 | Dimensions: 12+18.3m x 2.2m x 0.57m           |  |               |
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |  |               |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description  | Depth         |
| 17900         | Topsoil                                       | Dark brown silty clay with occasional combrash inclusions (sub angular, poorly sorted, <0.03m) | 0.0m – 0.37m  |
| 17901         | Subsoil                                       | Orange brown sandy silt with many combrash inclusions (sub angular)                            | 0.37m – 0.51m |
| 17902         | Natural geology                               | Light greenish grey clay, no inclusion   | 0.51m+        |



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| Trench<br>180 | Dimensions: 29.4m x 2.2m x 0.44m              |  |              |
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |  |              |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description  | Depth        |
| 18000         | Topsoil                                       | Medium chocolate brown sandy silt with many cornbrash inclusions (sub rounded) clear horizon with natural. | 0.0m – 0.34m |
| 18001         | Natural geology                               | Light yellow sandy silt with common sub angular cornbrash inclusions.                                      | 0.34m+       |

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| Trench<br>181 | Dimensions: 29.6m x 2.2m x 0.45m              |   |               |
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |   |               |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description   | Depth         |
| 18100         | Topsoil                                       | Chocolate dark brown sandy silt with occasional cornbrash inclusions (sub angular, poorly sorted, <0.03m) | 0.0m – 0.38m  |
| 18101         | Subsoil                                       | Orange brown sandy silt, occasional cornbrash inclusions  | 0.38m – 0.45m |
| 18102         | Natural geology                               | Medium grey clay, many cornbrash inclusions (sub angular)   | 0.45m+        |

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| Trench<br>182 | Dimensions: 29.5m x 2.2m x 0.52m              |   |              |
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |   |              |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description   | Depth        |
| 18200         | Topsoil                                       | Bark brown silty clay. Rare sub angular cornbrash inclusions.       | 0.0m – 0.32m |
| 18201         | Natural geology                               | Mid reddish brown silty clay. Rare sub angular cornbrash inclusions | 0.32m+       |

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| Trench<br>183 | Dimensions: 30.1m x 2.2m x 0.48m              |  |               |
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |  |               |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description  | Depth         |
| 18300         | Topsoil                                       | Dark grey clay with occasional cornbrash inclusions (sub angular, poorly sorted, <0.03m) quite clear horizon with subsoil. | 0.0m – 0.26m  |
| 18301         | Subsoil                                       | Medium red/orange silty clay with occasional cornbrash inclusions, poorly sorted.  | 0.26m – 0.36m |
| 18302         | Natural geology                               | Light medium grey clay with sandstone inclusions (sub angular)   | 0.36m+        |

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| Trench<br>184 | Dimensions: 26.2m x 1.8m x 0.36m              |  |              |
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |  |              |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description  | Depth        |
| 18400         | Topsoil                                       | Dark brown friable silty clay with occasional sub angular sandstone inclusions <0.05m. Diffuse horizon with natural.   | 0.0m – 0.31m |
| 18401         | Natural geology                               | Dark reed brown friable silty clay with no inclusions. Swirls of dark blue grey clay (no inclusions) with occasional patches of 'sandstone gravel' in dark red brown silty clay. | 0.31m+       |

| Trench<br>185 | Dimensions: 25.2m x 1.8m x 0.36m              |   |              |
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|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |   |              |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description   | Depth        |
| 18500         | Topsoil                                       | Dark grey brown friable silty clay. Occasional sandstone inclusions (sub rounded, poorly sorted, <0.02m) diffuse horizon with natural.  | 0.0m – 0.28m |
| 18501         | Natural geology                               | Patches of grey blue clay (no inclusions). Red brown silty clay (no inclusions) am gravely sandstone abundant sandy silty clay with occasional flints and fossilised shell (soil red brown in colour) | 0.28m+       |
| 18502         | Cut of shallow pit                            | Possibly associated with archaeology from phase 1 excavation to south.  | 0.13m        |
| 18503         | Fill of shallow pit                           | Dark grey brown silty clay. Secondary fill of shallow pit. Similar fill to topsoil. Could be related to south found during stage 1 evaluation.  | 0.13m        |

| Trench<br>186 | Dimensions: 27.6m x 1.8m x 0.65m              |  |              |
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|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |  |              |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description  | Depth        |
| 18600         | Topsoil                                       | Dark grey brown silty clay. Friable. Occasional sandstone inclusions (sub rounded, <0.03m, poorly sorted) diffuse horizon with natural.  | 0.0m – 0.26m |
| 18601         | Natural geology                               | Patches of grey blue clay (no inclusions). Red brown silty clay (no inclusions) and gravely sandstone abundant sandy silty clay with occasional flints and fossilised shell (soil red brown in colour) | 0.26m+       |

| Trench<br>187 | Dimensions: 27.5m x 1.8m x 0.58m              |  |               |
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|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |  |               |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description  | Depth         |
| 18700         | Topsoil                                       | Dark grey brown friable silty clay. Few sandstone inclusions (sub angular, 0.02m) sparse pebble inclusions (rounded <0.02m) very diffuse horizon with subsoil.   | 0.0m – 0.31m  |
| 18701         | Subsoil                                       | Present in west end of trench (rep sec shows change point) mid red brown friable silty clay. No visible inclusions.  | 0.31m – 0.52m |
| 18702         | Subsoil                                       | Present in east end of trench – goes under (18701). Mid red brown sandy silty clay with abundant sandstone inclusions (sub rounded <0.02m poorly sorted) and occasional fossilised shells.                 | 0.31m – 0.52m |
| 18703         | Natural geology                               | Very mixed and lose. Patches of gravely sandstone same as (18702) but greater number of inclusions. Patches of red brown iron stained silty clay (no inclusions) patches of blue grey clay (no inclusions) | 0.52m+        |

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| Trench<br>188 | Dimensions: 29m x 1.9m x 0.36m                |  |              |
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |  |              |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description  | Depth        |
| 18800         | Topsoil                                       | Dark grey brown friable silty clay. Few sandstone inclusions (sub angular, 0.02m) sparse pebble inclusions (rounded <0.02m). | 0.0m – 0.27m |
| 18801         | Natural geology                               | Finely degraded combrash. A Mixed loose combrash within a dark yellow brown loam formed a disturbed 0.1m upper interface     | 0.27m+       |

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| Trench<br>189 | Dimensions: 28.8m x 2m x 0.55m                |  |               |
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |  |               |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description  | Depth         |
| 18900         | Topsoil                                       | Dark brown silt, occasional sub angular combrash inclusions                              | 0.0m – 0.35m  |
| 18901         | Subsoil                                       | Yellow light brown silt  | 0.35m – 0.45m |
| 18902         | Natural geology                               | Yellow clay gravel   | 0.45m+        |
| 18903         | Cut of land drain                             | Post-medieval/Modern ceramic land drainage trench  | 0.40m         |
| 18904         | Fill of land drain                            | Light orange brown. Field drain (ceramic pipe) mixed deliberate backfill topsoil/natural | 0.40m         |
| 18905         | Cut   | Variation within natural geology. FB 18906   | 0.18m         |
| 18906         | Fill  | Light brown clay silt. FO 18906  | 0.18m         |
| 18907         | Cut of pit                                    | Shallow pit/posthole base. FB 18908  | 0.18m         |
| 18908         | Fill of pit                                   | Light grey clay silt   | 0.18m         |
| 18909         | Cut   | Variation within natural appearing linear in plan  | 0.15m         |
| 18910         | fill  | Light brown yellow clay gravel with occasional combrash                                  | 0.15m         |

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| Trench<br>190 | Dimensions: 30m x 2.1m x 0.45m                |  |              |
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |  |              |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description  | Depth        |
| 19000         | Topsoil                                       | Dark grey silty clay. Occasional sandstone inclusions (sub angular, poorly sorted, <0.03m) clear horizon with natural. | 0.0m – 0.35m |
| 19001         | Natural geology                               | Brown/orange sandy silty clay. Occasional sandstone inclusions (sub angular)   | 0.35m+       |

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| Trench<br>191 | Dimensions: 29m x 1.9m x 0.27m                |   |              |
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |   |              |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description   | Depth        |
| 19100         | Topsoil                                       | Dark grey brown friable silty clay. Few sandstone inclusions (sub rounded, poorly sorted, <0.05m) clear horizon with natural. | 0.0m – 0.27m |
| 19101         | Natural geology                               | Combrash in mid yellow brown silty sandy clay.  | 0.27m+       |

| Trench<br>192 | Dimensions: 30m x 1.9m x 0.38m                |   |               |
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|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |   |               |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description   | Depth         |
| 19200         | Topsoil                                       | Dark brown silt with rare sub angular combrash inclusions.                    | 0.0m – 0.26m  |
| 19201         | Subsoil                                       | Reddish brown silt with rare sub angular combrash inclusions.                 | 0.26m – 0.31m |
| 19202         | Natural geology                               | Greyish orange clay with exposed combrash pockets                             | 0.31m+        |
| 19203         | Cut   | Variation within natural geology derived from run-off encountering clay bands | 0.31m – 0.34m |
| 19204         | Fill  | Heavily iron rich lens of stiff silty clay                                    | 0.31m – 0.34m |

| Trench<br>193 | Dimensions: 29m x 1.9m x 0.5m                 |   |             |
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|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |   |             |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description   | Depth       |
| 19300         | Topsoil                                       | Dark grey brown silty loam, Rooting evident. Very sparse fine pea grit inclusions. Undulating lower interface.      | 0.0m – 0.3m |
| 19301         | Subsoil                                       | Mid grey silty clay notable iron mottling. Very sparse pea grit. Diffuse and undulating upper and lower interfaces. | 0.3m – 0.5m |
| 19302         | Natural geology                               | Fine combrash and gleyed clays  | 0.5m+       |

| Trench<br>194 | Dimensions: 29m x 1.9m x 0.3m                 |  |              |
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|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |  |              |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description  | Depth        |
| 194           | Topsoil                                       | Dark grey brown silty clay. Very sparse pea grit. Sharp lower interface      | 0.0m – 0.25m |
| 19401         | Natural geology                               | Stiff grey blue gleyed clay with occasional lenses of exposed fine combrash. | 0.25m+       |

| Trench<br>195 | Dimensions: 29.2m x 2.1m x 0.45m              |   |              |
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|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |   |              |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description   | Depth        |
| 19500         | Topsoil                                       | Dark grey silty clay occasional sandstone inclusions (sub angular)                          | 0.0m – 0.35m |
| 19501         | Natural geology                               | Combrash with patches of orange/brown silty clay (common sandstone inclusions, sub angular) | 0.35m+       |

| Trench<br>196 | Dimensions: 29.7m x 2.2m x 0.45m              |  |              |
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|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |  |              |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description  | Depth        |
| 19600         | Topsoil                                       | Chocolate dark brown silty clay. Occasional sandstone inclusions (sub angular and sub rounded) | 0.0m – 0.35m |
| 19601         | Natural geology                               | Yellow brown sandy silty clay. Common sandstone inclusions. Poorly sorted, sub angular, <0.15m | 0.35m+       |



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| Trench<br>197 | Dimensions: 29m x 2.1m x 0.4m |  |               |
|               | Land use:                     |  |               |
| Context       | Category                      | Description  | Depth         |
| 19701         | Topsoil                       | Dark brown silt with occasional combrash (sub angular) | 0.0m – 0.25m  |
| 19702         | Subsoil                       | Medium dark brown silt                                 | 0.25m – 0.40m |
| 19703         | Natural geology               | Yellow clay gravel                                     | 0.40m+        |

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| Trench<br>198 | Dimensions: 28.3m x 1.8m x 0.95m                 |  |               |
|               | Land use: Pasture; acutely undulating; rich turf |  |               |
| Context       | Category   | Description  | Depth         |
| 19800         | Topsoil  | Dark grey brown friable silty clay. Sparse sandstone inclusions (rounded, poorly sorted, <0.02m) diffuse horizon with subsoil.   | 0.0m – 0.38m  |
| 19801         | Subsoil  | Dark chocolate brown silty clay with occasional sandstone inclusions (sub angular, poorly sorted <0.09m) diffuse horizon with natural.   | 0.38m – 0.82m |
| 19802         | Natural geology                                  | Mixed. Patches of grey blue clay (no inclusions). Patches red brown silty clay (no inclusions). Mainly light yellow brown sandy silty clay with abundant sub angular, poorly sorted sandstone inclusions <0.15m. | 0.82m+        |

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| Trench<br>199 | Dimensions: 27.9m x 1.8m x 0.48m                 |  |              |
|               | Land use: Pasture; acutely undulating; rich turf |  |              |
| Context       | Category   | Description  | Depth        |
| 19900         | Topsoil  | Dark grey brown silty clay (no inclusions) 1x pot and 1x tile found. Friable. Diffuse horizon with subsoil.                                | 0.0m – 0.3m  |
| 19901         | Subsoil  | Mid chocolate brown friable silty clay. Occasional sandstone inclusions (sub angular, poorly sorted, <0.09m) diffuse horizon with natural. | 0.3m – 0.48m |
| 19902         | Natural geology                                  | Combrash <0.26m in size in mid red brown sandy silty clay. Poorly sorted and sub angular.  | 0.48m+       |

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| Trench<br>200 | Dimensions: 28m x 1.9m x 0.91m                   |  |               |
|               | Land use: Pasture; acutely undulating; rich turf |  |               |
| Context       | Category   | Description  | Depth         |
| 20000         | Topsoil  | Mid –dark grey brown clay silt with rare sub angular small inclusions. Rooting throughout.                                       | 0.0m – 0.34m  |
| 20001         | Subsoil  | B- horizon – Mid-light yellow brown silty clay with occasional manganese.  | 0.27m – 0.62m |
| 20002         | Colluvium  | Grey blue silty clay. Some rooting. Frequent manganese and orange mottling. Frequently waterlogged layer.                        | 0.62 – 0.91m  |
| 20003         | Natural geology                                  | Yellow silty clay mottled with light grey blue clay and haematite flecking. Occasional irregular lenses of brown grey silty clay | 0.91m+        |

| Trench<br>201 | Dimensions: 29m x 1.9m x 0.52m                   |   |             |
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|               | Land use: Pasture; acutely undulating; rich turf |   |             |
| Context       | Category   | Description   | Depth       |
| 20100         | Topsoil  | Dark black brown clay silt. A blocky homogenous rich deposit with very few inclusions.  | 0.0m – 0.2m |
| 20101         | Subsoil  | B horizon – Mid yellow brown silty clay. Some rooting evident. Very rare inclusions. Undulating lower horizon.  | 0.2 – 0.52m |
| 20102         | Natural geology                                  | Yellow orange mottled clay with linear bands of grey blue clay bounded by mid brown silty clay. Occasional irregular lenses of fine corn brash exposed. | 0.4m+       |

| Trench<br>202 | Dimensions: 25 x 1.8m x 0.7m                     |  |               |
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|               | Land use: Pasture; acutely undulating; rich turf |  |               |
| Context       | Category   | Description  | Depth         |
| 20200         | Topsoil  | Dark grey brown friable silty clay. Sparse sandstone inclusions (rounded, poorly sorted, <0.02m) diffuse horizon with subsoil.         | 0.0m – 0.31m  |
| 20201         | Subsoil  | Dark chocolate brown silty clay with occasional sandstone inclusions (sub angular, poorly sorted <0.09m) diffuse horizon with natural. | 0.31m – 0.61m |
|               | Natural geology                                  | Mixed. Grey blue gleyed clay with exposed irregular areas of fine gravely cornbrash and sterile reddish brown silty clay               | 0.61m+        |

| Trench<br>203 | Dimensions: 27m x 1.8m x 0.76m                   |  |               |
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|               | Land use: Pasture; acutely undulating; rich turf |  |               |
| Context       | Category   | Description  | Depth         |
| 20300         | Topsoil  | Dark grey brown friable silty clay with no visible inclusions                            | 0.0m – 0.46m  |
| 20301         | Subsoil  | Mid grey brown friable silty clay. Sparse manganese. Diffuse upper and lower interfaces. | 0.46m – 0.70m |
| 20302         | Natural geology                                  | Mid yellow orange silty clay with some evidence of gleying.                              | 0.70m+        |

| Trench<br>204 | Dimensions: 32.5m x 1.9m x 1.52m                 |  |             |
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|               | Land use: Pasture; acutely undulating; rich turf |  |             |
| Context       | Category   | Description  | Depth       |
| 20400         | Topsoil  | Dark brown silt. Sparse sandstone inclusions (rounded, poorly sorted, <0.05m)  | 0.0m – 0.3m |
| 20401         | Natural geology                                  | Gleyed orange silty clay overlying tabular cornbrash   | 0.3m+       |
| 20402         | Cut of ditch                                     | A substantial feature aligned NE-SW with moderate concave sides. Base not reached due to truncation of water-table and rapid infill. FW 20403, 20404 and 20405 | 0.3m-1.6m   |
| 20403         | Fill of ditch                                    | Orange brown silty clay diffuse horizons. Tertiary infill  | 0.3m-0.6m   |
| 20404         | Fill of ditch                                    | Light orange brown tertiary deposit. Increased iron content. Interface between primary and tertiary deposit.   | 0.6m-0.9m   |
| 20405         | Fill of ditch                                    | Primary infill orange grey silty clay. Waterlogged. Gradual accumulation of eroded clay silts.   | 0.9m-1.6m   |
| 20406         | Cut of gully                                     | Sinuuous run-off channel extends north-west from ditch.  | 0.3-0.4m    |
| 20407         | Fill of gully                                    | Grey orange blue silty clay. Waterlogged primary infill of eroded clay silts.  |             |

| Trench<br>205 | Dimensions: 27m x 1.8m x 0.61m                   |   |               |
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|               | Land use: Pasture; acutely undulating; rich turf |   |               |
| Context       | Category   | Description   | Depth         |
| 20500         | Topsoil  | Dark grey brown friable silty clay. Sparse sandstone inclusions (rounded, poorly sorted, <0.02m) diffuse horizon with subsoil. 1x pottery fragment recovered. | 0.0m – 0.32m  |
| 20501         | Subsoil  | Dark chocolate brown silty clay with occasional sandstone inclusions (sub angular, poorly sorted <0.09m) diffuse horizon with natural.                        | 0.32m – 0.47m |
| 20502         | Natural geology                                  | Mixed. Grey blue gleyed clay with exposed irregular areas of fine gravely combrash and sterile reddish brown silty clay                                       | 0.47m+        |

| Trench<br>206 | Dimensions: 27m x 1.8m x 0.8m                    |  |               |
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|               | Land use: Pasture; acutely undulating; rich turf |  |               |
| Context       | Category   | Description  | Depth         |
| 20600         | Topsoil  | Dark grey brown friable silty clay. Sparse sandstone inclusions (rounded, poorly sorted, <0.02m) diffuse horizon with subsoil.         | 0.0m – 0.38m  |
| 20601         | Subsoil  | Dark chocolate brown silty clay with occasional sandstone inclusions (sub angular, poorly sorted <0.09m) diffuse horizon with natural. | 0.38m – 0.72m |
| 20602         | Natural geology                                  | Mixed. Grey blue gleyed clay with exposed irregular areas of fine gravely combrash and sterile reddish brown silty clay                | 0.72m+        |

| Trench<br>207 | Dimensions:                                   |   |               |
|---------------|---|---|---------------|
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |   |               |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description   | Depth         |
| 20700         | Topsoil                                       | Dark grey brown friable silty clay. Sparse sandstone inclusions (rounded, poorly sorted, <0.02m) diffuse horizon with subsoil | 0.0m – 0.38m  |
| 20701         | Natural geology                               | Mixed. Grey blue gleyed clay with exposed irregular areas of fine gravely combrash and sterile reddish brown silty clay       | 0.38m+        |
| 20702         | Cut of ditch                                  | Moderately defined concave field ditch aligned north-south. 1.4m in width   | 0.38m- 0.55m  |
| 20703         | Fill of ditch                                 | Fill of ditch Secondary topsoil derived silts   | 0.38m – 0.55m |
| 20704         | Cut of ditch                                  | Cut of ditch Possible field boundary ditch  | 0.38m – 0.45m |
| 20705         | Fill of ditch                                 | Fill of ditch Secondary topsoil derived silts   | 0.38m – 0.45m |
| 20706         | Cut of ditch                                  | Field system  | 0.38m – 0.45m |
| 20707         | Fill of ditch                                 | Topsoil derived silts   | 0.38m – 0.45m |

| Trench<br>208 | Dimensions: 28m x 1.8m x 0.27m                |  |              |
|---------------|---|--|--------------|
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |  |              |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description  | Depth        |
| 20800         | Topsoil                                       | Mid brown grey silty clay occasional poorly sorted pea grit. Rooting throughout. | 0.0m – 0.27m |
| 20801         | Natural geology                               | Gleyed grey blue clay with red brown silty clay bands                            | 0.22.m+      |

|               |   |  |             |
|---------------|---|--|-------------|
| Trench<br>209 | Dimensions: 28m x 1.8m x 0.7m                 |  |             |
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |  |             |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description  | Depth       |
| 20900         | Topsoil                                       | Mid to dark brown grey silty loam. Very sparse pea grit sized inclusions and rare medium sub-angular stones <0.05m | 0.0m – 0.3m |
| 20901         | Colluvium                                     | Mid to dark yellow brown clay silt. Frequent manganese. Sparse <0.01m pea grit. Pottery recovered.                 | 0.3m – 0.7m |
| 29002         | Natural geology                               | Coarse degraded yellow combrash and gleyed clay  | 0.65m+      |

|               |   |   |              |
|---------------|---|---|--------------|
| Trench<br>210 | Dimensions: 27.5m x 1.85m x 0.8m              |   |              |
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |   |              |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description   | Depth        |
| 21000         | Topsoil                                       | Mid to dark brown grey silty loam. Very sparse pea grit sized inclusions.   | 0.0m – 0.35m |
| 21001         | Colluvium                                     | Mid orange grey 'dirty' clay silt. Soft deposit with concentrations of manganese and some iron concretions. Diffuse upper and lower interfaces. No visible inclusions. Pottery recovered. | 0.35m – 0.8m |
| 21002         | Natural geology                               | Orange grey silty clay with manganese and iron  | 0.8m+        |

|               |   |  |              |
|---------------|---|--|--------------|
| Trench<br>211 | Dimensions: 28m x 1.8m x 0.25m                |  |              |
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |  |              |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description  | Depth        |
| 21100         | Topsoil                                       | Mid to dark brown grey silty clay, Sparse <0.02m sub-rounded gravel and pea grit. Fine rooting throughout. | 0.0m – 0.25m |
| 21101         | Natural geology                               | Fine degraded combrash with irregular bands of gleyed clays  | 0.2m+        |

|               |   |  |               |
|---------------|---|--|---------------|
| Trench<br>212 | Dimensions: 28m x 1.8m x 0.38m                |  |               |
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |  |               |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description  | Depth         |
| 21200         | Topsoil                                       | Mid to dark brown grey silty clay, Sparse <0.02m sub-rounded gravel and pea grit. Fine rooting throughout. | 0.0m – 0.27m  |
| 21201         | Interface                                     | Interface of root disturbed natural  | 0.27m – 0.38m |
| 21202         | Natural geology                               | Fine degraded combrash with irregular bands of gleyed clays  | 0.38m+        |



| Trench<br>213 | Dimensions: 30m x 2m x 1m                     |  |              |
|---------------|---|--|--------------|
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |  |              |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description  | Depth        |
| 21300         | Topsoil                                       | Dark grey brown silty clay. Sparse sandstone (cornbrash sub-rounded <0.04m) inclusions. Friable deposit with diffuse lower horizon.  | 0.0m – 0.2m  |
| 21301         | Subsoil                                       | Red brown clay with few sandstone (cornbrash sub-rounded <0.02m). Very diffuse upper and lower horizons  | 0.2m – 0.4m  |
| 21302         | Natural geology                               | Dark blue grey clay. Oxford/Kellaway clays.  | 0.4m+        |
| 21303         | Sondage                                       | To investigate 21404   | 0.4m – 0.5m  |
| 21404         | Natural variation                             | Diffuse linear band of increased iron within upper natural interface. Pottery recovered from surface of deposit.   | 0.4m – 0.43m |
| 21305         | cut   | North to south aligned linear. Diffuse cut interface on western feature side with moderate definition along eastern side and base. Possible ditch.   | 0.4-1m       |
| 21306         | Fill of ditch                                 | Single fill of linear 21305. Smoothly mottled orange grey brown slightly silty clay. Homogenous appearance. Primary deposition. Sparse chalk flecks throughout. Several abraded pottery fragments and 1 glass sherd. | 0.4-1m       |

| Trench<br>214 | Dimensions: 27m x 1.8m x 0.45m                |   |              |
|---------------|---|---|--------------|
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |   |              |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description   | Depth        |
| 21400         | Topsoil                                       | Dark grey brown silty clay. Sparse sandstone (cornbrash sub-rounded <0.04m) inclusions. Friable deposit with diffuse lower horizon. | 0.0m – 0.3m  |
| 21401         | Subsoil                                       | Red brown clay with few sandstone (cornbrash sub-rounded <0.02m). Very diffuse upper and lower horizons                             | 0.3m – 0.39m |
| 21402         | Natural geology                               | Dark blue grey clay. Oxford/Kellaway clays.   | 0.39m+       |

| Trench<br>215 | Dimensions: 27m x 1.8m x 0.42m                |   |               |
|---------------|---|---|---------------|
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |   |               |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description   | Depth         |
| 21500         | Topsoil                                       | Dark grey brown silty clay. Common sandstone (cornbrash sub-rounded <0.12m) inclusions. Friable deposit with diffuse lower horizon. | 0.0m – 0.21m  |
| 21501         | Subsoil                                       | Dark brown grey clay. No visible inclusions. Very diffuse upper and lower horizons  | 0.21m – 0.35m |
| 21502         | Natural geology                               | Dark blue grey clay. Oxford/Kellaway clays.   | 0.35m+        |

|               |   |   |               |
|---------------|---|---|---------------|
| Trench<br>216 | Dimensions: 28m x 1.8m x 0.62m                |   |               |
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |   |               |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description   | Depth         |
| 21600         | Topsoil                                       | Dark grey brown silty clay. Common sandstone (cornbrash sub-rounded <0.03m) inclusions. Friable deposit with diffuse lower horizon.           | 0.0m – 0.28m  |
| 21601         | Subsoil                                       | Dark red brown clay with few sandstone (cornbrash sub-rounded <0.02m). Very diffuse upper and lower horizons                                  | 0.28m – 0.42m |
| 21602         | Natural geology                               | North end = light red brown silty clay with patches of cornbrash. South end = Fine degraded cornbrash in a yellow red brown sandy silty clay. | 0.42m+        |
| 21603         | Field drain cut                               | Modern land drain   | 0.4m – 0.62m  |
| 21604         | Fill of field drain                           | Deliberate backfill of land drain   | 0.4m – 0.62m  |

|               |   |  |              |
|---------------|---|--|--------------|
| Trench<br>217 | Dimensions: 26m x 1.8m x 0.55                 |  |              |
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |  |              |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description  | Depth        |
| 21700         | Topsoil                                       | Dark grey brown silty clay. Few sandstone (cornbrash sub-angular <0.03m) inclusions. Friable deposit with diffuse lower horizon. | 0.0m – 0.36m |
| 21701         | Natural geology                               | Dark red brown loam and angular cornbrash  | 0.36m+       |

|               |   |  |              |
|---------------|---|--|--------------|
| Trench<br>218 | Dimensions: 28m x 2.1m x 0.65m                |  |              |
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |  |              |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description  | Depth        |
| 21800         | Topsoil                                       | Dark grey brown silty clay. Few sandstone (cornbrash sub-angular <0.03m) inclusions. Friable deposit with diffuse lower horizon. | 0.0m – 0.54m |
| 21801         | Natural geology                               | Dark blue grey clay. Oxford/Kellaway clays.  | 0.54m+       |
| 21802         | Sondage                                       | To investigate 21404   | 0.5m – 0.6m  |
| 21803         | Natural variation                             | Diffuse linear band of increased iron within upper natural interface. Pottery recovered from surface of deposit.                 | 0.5m – 0.6m  |

|               |   |  |             |
|---------------|---|--|-------------|
| Trench<br>219 | Dimensions: 26m x 1.8m x 0.52m                |  |             |
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |  |             |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description  | Depth       |
| 21900         | Topsoil                                       | Dark grey brown silty clay. Sparse cornbrash sub-rounded inclusions. Friable deposit with diffuse lower horizon. | 0.0m – 0.2m |
| 21901         | Subsoil                                       | Light yellow brown silty clay. No visible inclusions. Very diffuse upper and lower horizons                      | 0.2m – 0.4m |
| 21902         | Natural geology                               | Dark grey brown blue clay. Oxford/Kellaway clays.  | 0.4m+       |

|               |   |   |               |
|---------------|---|---|---------------|
| Trench<br>220 | Dimensions: 26m x 1.8m x 0.49m                |   |               |
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |   |               |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description   | Depth         |
| 22000         | Topsoil                                       | Dark grey brown silty clay. Sparse sandstone inclusions (poorly sorted) Friable with diffuse lower interface.     | 0.0m – 0.34m  |
| 22001         | Subsoil                                       | Red brown silty clay. Friable. No visible inclusions  | 0.34m – 0.43m |
| 22002         | Natural geology                               | Moderately fine degraded cornbrash within a yellow silty sand matrix. Irregular patches of ferruginous sandy clay | 0.43m+        |

|               |   |  |              |
|---------------|---|--|--------------|
| Trench<br>221 | Dimensions: 27m x 1.8m x 0.33m                |  |              |
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |  |              |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description  | Depth        |
| 22100         | Topsoil                                       | Dark grey brown silty clay. Occasional sandstone inclusions (poorly sorted sub-rounded, 0.02m) Friable with diffuse lower interface. | 0.0m – 0.28m |
| 22101         | Natural geology                               | Moderately fine degraded cornbrash within a yellow silty sand matrix. Irregular patches of ferruginous sandy clay                    | 0.28m+       |

|               |   |  |               |
|---------------|---|--|---------------|
| Trench<br>222 | Dimensions: 28m x 1.9m x 0.43m                |  |               |
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |  |               |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description  | Depth         |
| 22200         | Topsoil                                       | Dark grey brown silty clay. Occasional sandstone inclusions (poorly sorted sub-rounded, 0.02m) Friable with diffuse lower interface. | 0.0m – 0.34m  |
| 22201         | Subsoil                                       | Red brown silty clay. Friable. No visible inclusions   | 0.34m – 0.43m |
| 22202         | Natural geology                               | Moderately fine degraded cornbrash within a yellow silty sand matrix. Irregular patches of ferruginous sandy clay                    | 0.43m+        |
| 22203         | Natural feature                               | Irregular sub-ovular hollow with pitted sides and base.  | 0.4m - 0.52m  |
| 22204         | Fill of Natural feature                       | Mid grey reddish-brown silty clay. Occasional poorly sorted sub-angular <0.03m cornbrash fragments                                   | 0.4m - 0.52m  |

### Additional Trench

|               |   |   |               |
|---------------|---|---|---------------|
| Trench<br>223 | Dimensions: 28m x 1.9m x 0.43m                |   |               |
|               | Land use: arable; recently harvested; stubble |   |               |
| Context       | Category                                      | Description   | Depth         |
| 22300         | Topsoil                                       | Dark grey brown silty clay. No visible inclusions. Friable with diffuse lower interface.  | 0.0m – 0.34m  |
| 22301         | Subsoil                                       | Mid brown grey friable silty clay. Clear horizon with natural   | 0.34m – 0.43m |
| 22302         | Natural geology                               | Light brown yellow loam.  | 0.33m+        |
| 22303         | Cut of ditch                                  | North to south aligned narrow concave ditch. Moderate straight sides and concave base. 1m in width. Well defined. Drainage ditch. | 0.34m - 0.52m |
| 22304         | Fill of ditch                                 | Secondary deposit. Mid grey brown clay silt with occasional iron veins throughout. Occasional small sub-rounded gravel <0.02m     | 0.3m - 0.7m   |
| 22305         | Fill of ditch                                 | Mid-light blue grey silty clay. Iron staining throughout. Post-depositional waterlogging. Snails noted                            | 0.42m-0.52m   |
| 22306         | Fill of ditch                                 | Basal re-deposited natural found at base and lower cut interface of feature sides.  | 0.52m- 0.7m   |
| 22307         | Cut of hollow                                 | Vegetation hollow   | 0.3m-0.45m    |
| 22308         | Fill of hollow                                | Primary fill  | 0.3m-0.45m    |
| 22309         | Cut of hollow                                 | Vegetation hollow   | 0.3m-0.45m    |
| 22310         | Fill of hollow                                | Primary hollow  | 0.3m-0.45m    |
| 22311         | Alluvial layer                                | Mid-light grey clay with abundant snail shell. Overbank flood deposits  | 0.22m- 0.45m  |
| 22312         | Cut of Tree throw                             | Primary fill  | 0.35m-0.45m   |
| 22313         | Primary fill                                  | Disturbed natural   | 0.35m-0.45m   |

## APPENDIX II

### Finds Tables 1 & 2

**Table 1: All finds by context (number / weight in grammes)**

| Tr. | Context  | Animal Bone  | LIA/RB pottery | Post-RB pottery | Other Finds |
|-----|----------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 185 | 18500    |              | 4/22           | 1/13            |             |
| 185 | 18503    |              | 2/8            |                 |             |
| 189 | unstrat. | 1/5          |                |                 |             |
| 197 | 19701    |              |                | 1/12            |             |
| 199 | 19900    |              |                | 1/2             | 1 CBM       |
| 204 | 20403    | 8/43         | 14/214         | 1/3             |             |
| 204 | 20404    |              | 3/37           |                 |             |
| 204 | 20405    |              | 4/70           | 2/4             |             |
| 205 | 20500    |              |                | 1/14            | 1 CBM       |
| 206 | 20600    |              |                | 2/41            |             |
| 207 | 20708    | 1/1          |                |                 |             |
| 209 | unstrat. |              | 1/22           |                 |             |
| 213 | 21304    |              | 1/13           |                 |             |
| 213 | 21305    | 4/1          |                |                 |             |
| 213 | 21306    |              |                | 3/8             | 1 glass     |
| 216 | unstrat. |              |                | 3/19            |             |
| 223 | 22300    |              | 1/13           |                 |             |
| 223 | 22301    |              |                |                 | 1 iron      |
| 223 | 22305    | 21/18        | 16/375         |                 | 1 shell     |
| 223 | 22311    |              | 10/141         |                 | 1 iron      |
|     |          | <b>35/68</b> | <b>56/915</b>  | <b>15/116</b>   |             |

CBM = ceramic building material

**Table 2: Pottery totals by ware type**

| Date Range         | Ware type                           | No. sherds | Weight (g)  |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| LIA/ROMANO-BRITISH | Calcareous ware                     | 2          | 8           |
|                    | Grog-tempered ware                  | 2          | 47          |
|                    | Oxfordshire whiteware               | 4          | 148         |
|                    | Sandy greyware                      | 32         | 363         |
|                    | Sandy oxidised ware                 | 5          | 34          |
|                    | Amphora                             | 3          | 267         |
|                    | Samian                              | 8          | 48          |
|                    | <i>sub-total LIA/Romano-British</i> | <i>56</i>  | <i>915</i>  |
| POST-ROMAN         | Brill type ware                     | 3          | 8           |
|                    | Redware                             | 10         | 93          |
|                    | Stoneware                           | 1          | 14          |
|                    | Refined whiteware                   | 1          | 1           |
|                    | <i>sub-total post-Roman</i>         | <i>15</i>  | <i>116</i>  |
|                    | <b>TOTAL</b>                        | <b>71</b>  | <b>1031</b> |

### APPENDIX III

#### Palaeo-environmental Tables 3 & 4

Table 3: Assessment of the charred plant remains, charcoal, and molluscs

| Feature type/no   | Context | Sample | size  |         |               | Grai n | Chaff | seeds charred | Charcoa 1 4/2 mm | Other                    | Residue         |  |
|-------------------|---------|--------|-------|---------|---------------|--------|-------|---------------|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--|
|                   |         |        | litre | flot ml | size          |        |       |               |                  |                          | Charcoal >5.6mm |  |
| <b>Trench 185</b> |         |        |       |         |               |        |       |               |                  |                          |                 |  |
| pit 18502         | 18503   | 30     | 20    | 30      | <sup>50</sup> | C      | -     | C             | 0/0.3ml          | -                        | -               |  |
| <b>Trench 204</b> |         |        |       |         |               |        |       |               |                  |                          |                 |  |
| gully 20406       | 20407   | 28     | 5     | 60      | <sup>95</sup> | -      | -     | -             | -                | -                        | -               |  |
| ditch 20402       | 20405   | 29     | 10    | 25      | <sup>90</sup> | -      | -     | -             | 0.2/0.1ml        | -                        | -               |  |
| <b>Trench 213</b> |         |        |       |         |               |        |       |               |                  |                          |                 |  |
| ditch 21305       | 21306   | 26     | 20    | 30      | <sup>80</sup> | B      | -     | C             | 1/0.1ml          | moll-t (B)<br>smb-t (B)  | -               |  |
| <b>Trench 207</b> |         |        |       |         |               |        |       |               |                  |                          |                 |  |
| gully 20708       | 20709   | 31     | 0.5   | 0.5     | <sup>5</sup>  | -      | -     | -             | -                | -                        | -               |  |
| <b>Trench 223</b> |         |        |       |         |               |        |       |               |                  |                          |                 |  |
| ditch 22303       | 22304   | 32     | 20    | 240     | <sup>70</sup> | -      | -     | -             | -                | moll-t (B)<br>moll-f (A) | 1               |  |
|                   | 22305   | 33     | 10    | 120     | <sup>80</sup> | -      | -     | -             | -                | moll-t (B)<br>moll-f (A) | -               |  |
| layer             | 22311   | 36     | 11    | 35      | <sup>90</sup> | -      | -     | -             | -                | moll-t (A)<br>moll-f (C) | -               |  |

KEY: A\*\* = exceptional, A\* = 30+ items, A = ≥10 items, B = 9 - 5 items, C = < 5 items, (h) = hazelnuts, smb = small mammal bones; Moll-t = terrestrial molluscs Moll-f = freshwater molluscs; Analysis: C = charcoal, P = plant, M = molluscs, C14 = radiocarbon suggestions

NOTE: <sup>1</sup>flot is total, but flot in superscript = % of rooty material.

Table 4: Sediment descriptions monolith 35

| Feature - Dwg 298, 303, monolith 35<br>[ <sup>1</sup> is used to denote when top of monolith taken as 0cm] |                      |                     |   |  |                          |
|--|----------------------|---------------------|---|--|--------------------------|
| Depth <sup>1</sup> (m)   | Pollen samples taken | Other samples taken | Context                                   | Full sediment description  | Interpretation           |
| 0-0.18   | -                    | -                   | 22300 topsoil                             | 10yr 3/2 very dark brown silty clay loam, topsoil + vegetation, very humic, roots, stone free. Clear boundary.         | Topsoil + turf           |
| 0.18-0.32  | -                    | -                   | 22311 Roman subsoil? / occupation spread? | 2.5Y 5/4 light olive brown silty clay loam. Rootlets. Abundant mollusca - Lymnaea sp etc, all aquatic / marsh species. | Fine overbank alluvium   |
| 0.32-0.43  | -                    | -                   | 22302 natural                             | 10yr 6/6 brownish yellow sandy silt loam, common small stones & rootlets.  | Geology (?Corralian bed) |





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- OAU evaluation trench with archaeology
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  - Saxon
  - Late Iron Age
  - Medieval
  - Romano-British
  - Post-medieval/Modern
  - Undated



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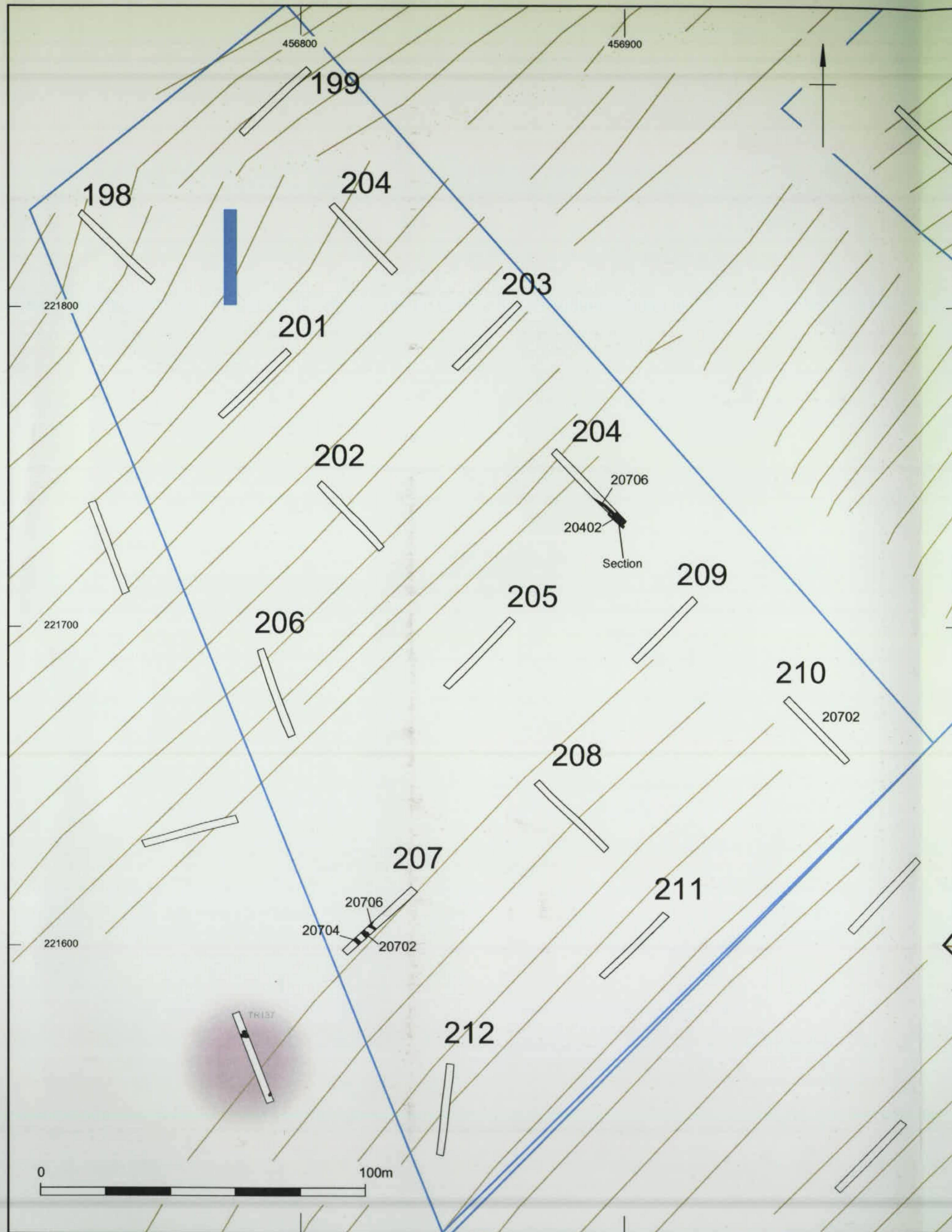
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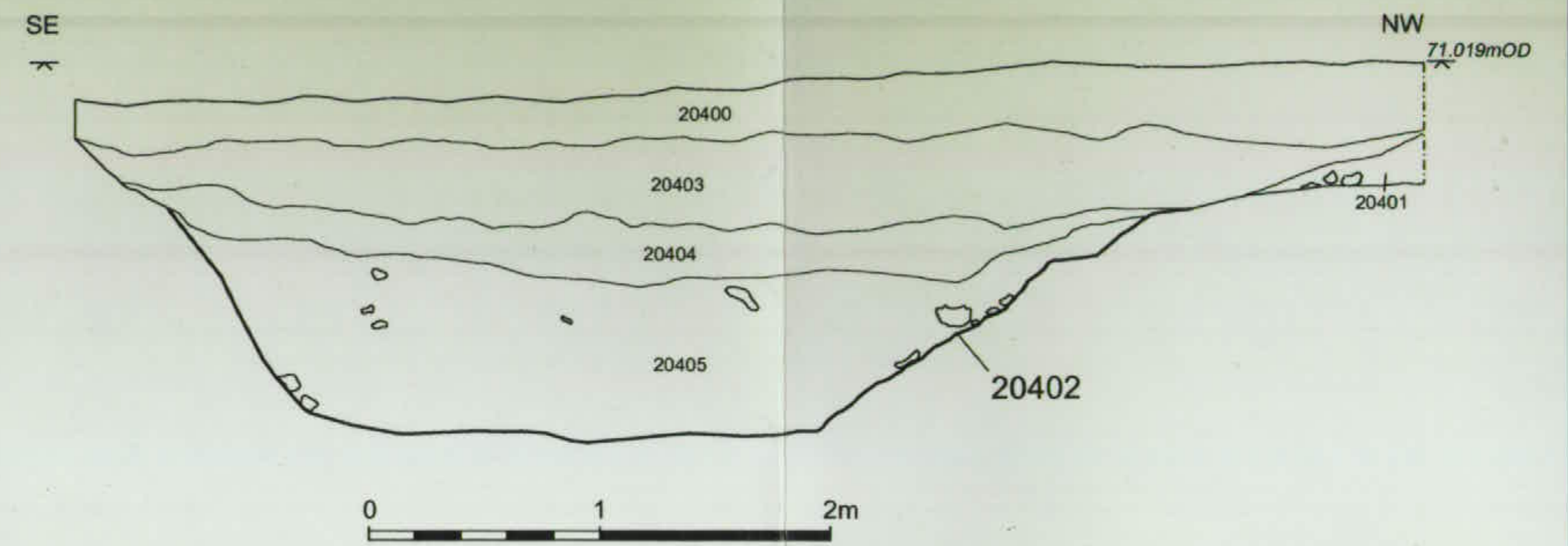


Site location and plan showing evaluation Stage 1 (Areas A-F) and Stage 2 Areas G-J, Trenches 144-222 and additional Trench 223





Area I trench plan (Trenches 198 - 212) with Plate 1 and section through Ditch 20402



North east facing section through Ditch 20402



Plate 1. Ditch 20402 section

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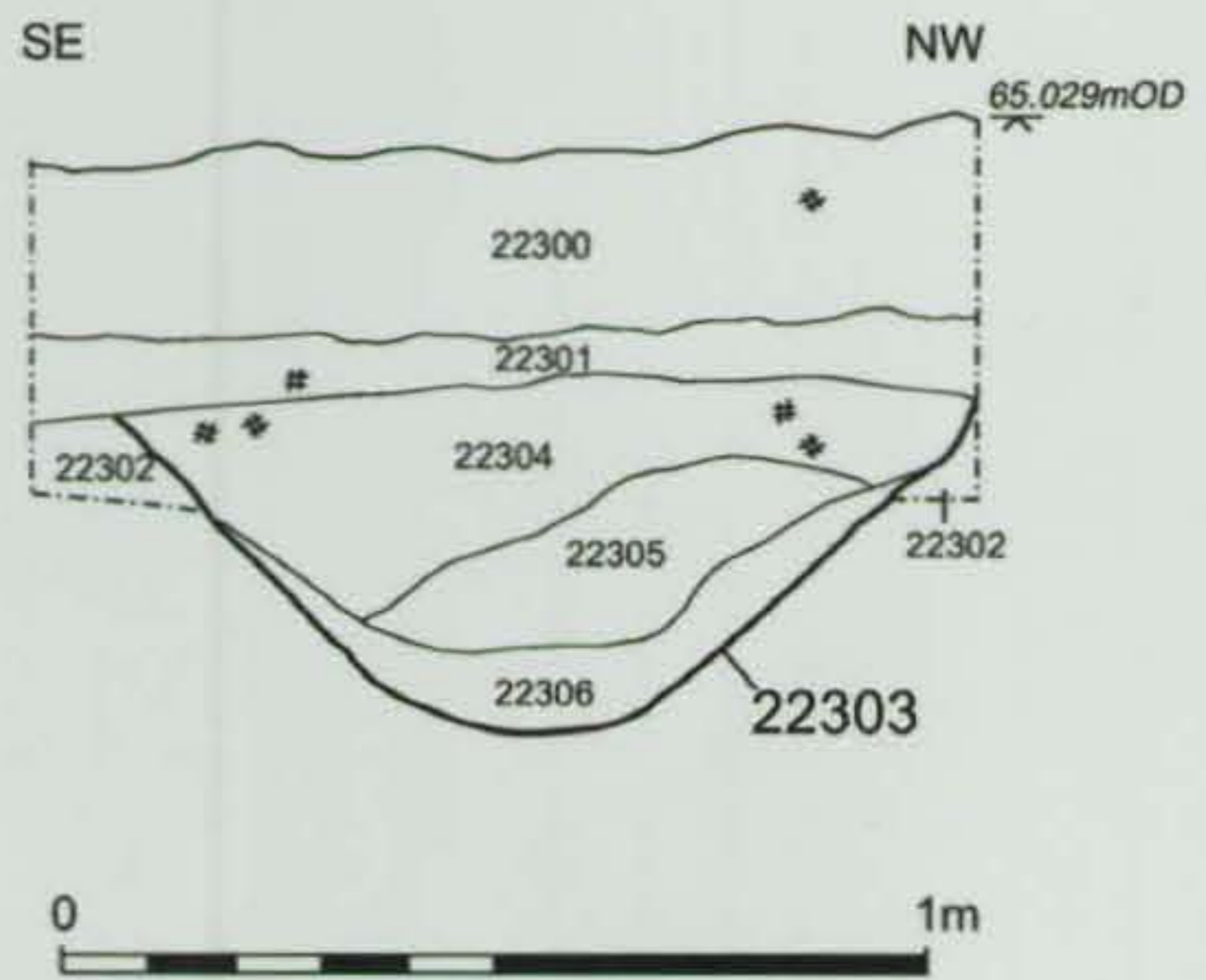
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Figure 2





Plate 2. Trench 223 from the north west

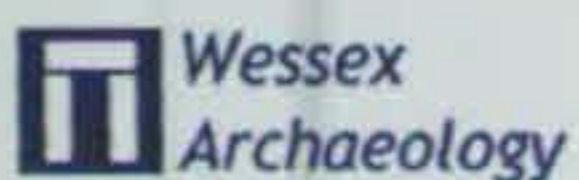


NE facing section across Ditch 22303

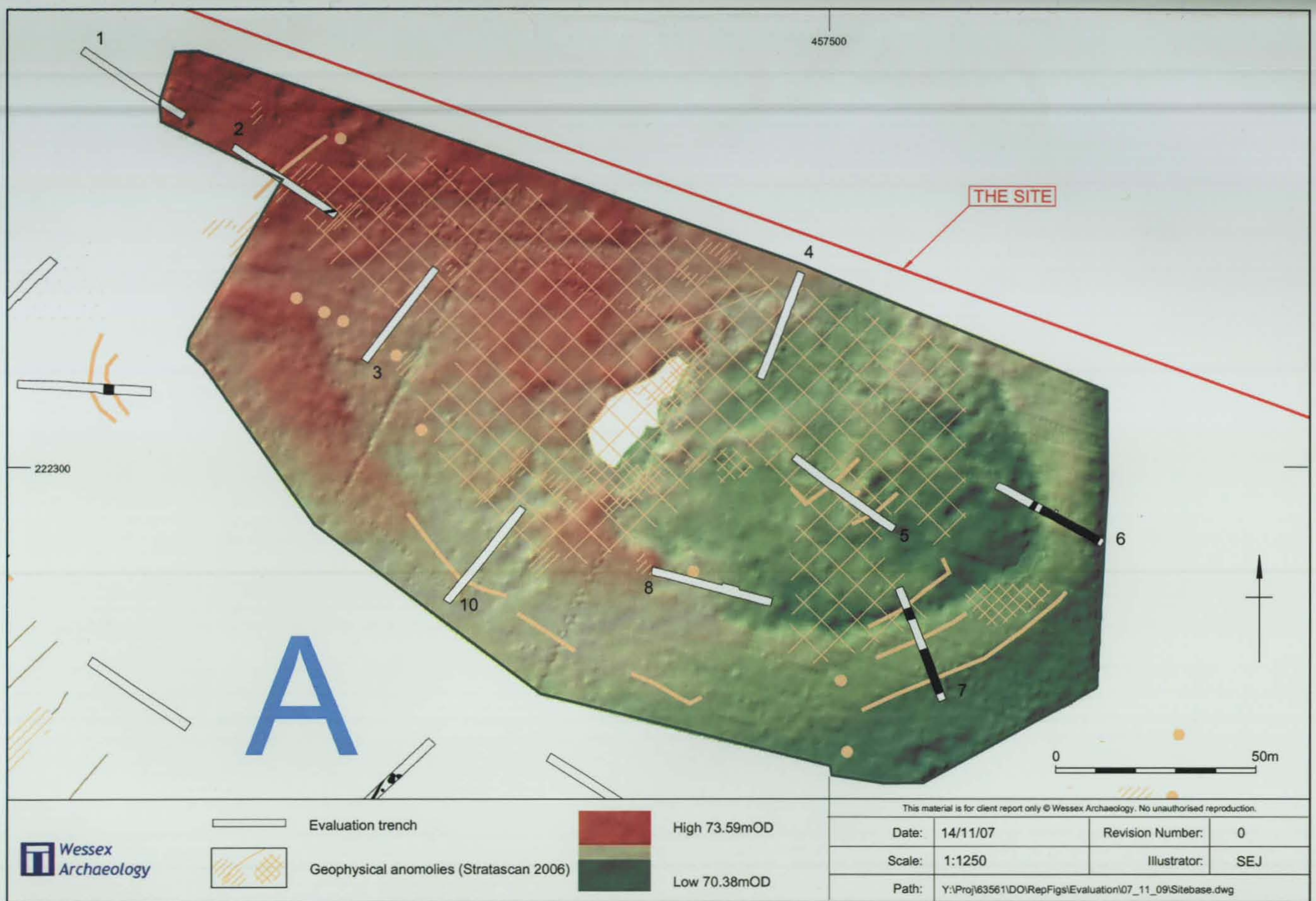
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Topographic surface model of earthworks in Area A

Figure 4





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