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Former Ipswich Airport,
Nacton Road,
Ipswich.**

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Summary

An archaeological evaluation at Ravenswood, former Ipswich Airport, has shown a complex system of ditches and field boundaries. Some of these field systems belong to the post-medieval period and can be matched to the first edition Ordnance Survey map of 1886 which shows 'Walk Barn', identified in excavation. Many others are on different alignments and/or have paler, leached fills. Finds from isolated contexts indicate that there has been activity here during the Early Bronze Age, Roman and Anglo-Saxon periods. Further excavation has been proposed in three areas to examine the features in the vicinity of datable artefacts found in sealed contexts and to look at the nature and orientation of land boundaries in greater detail.

1. Introduction

The site of Ravenswood, former Ipswich Airport, is an area of open grassland to the SE of Ipswich (TM 193414). Bordered by the A14 to the south, Nacton road to the NE and Gainsborough to the NW, the site is less than 1km from the river Orwell.

The Planning Authority (Ipswich Borough Council) has been advised by the Conservation Team of Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service that any consent should be conditional upon an agreed programme of archaeological work taking place before development begins. An evaluation was therefore proposed to determine the archaeological potential of the site.

The archaeological evaluation was commissioned by Bellway Homes and their archaeological consultants CgMs. The fieldwork was conducted between the 11th of October and the 10th November 2000 by the Field Team of Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service.

The site under investigation during this phase of evaluation was of c.27 hectares within the area of proposed residential and employment areas in the centre, the east and to the SE of Ravenswood.

Previous archaeological investigations at Ravenswood have indicated a dispersed prehistoric settlement near the junction of Nacton and Maryon roads (IPS 386); a ring-ditch of presumed Bronze Age date near the SE corner of the site (IPS 024, see Hawkins 1998); and Iron Age, Roman and medieval settlement to the west (IPS 390 and 391). This phase of evaluation was designed to look at the areas within the centre and east of the site where little evidence for past activity was known.

Also of interest within the site was the wartime history of the airport. It was an objective of this project to survey any military installations, e.g. Pickett-Hamilton forts, and to record other features, such as banks, that were part of the runway layout. Previous projects in this area had encountered round hearth-like features that were produced by burning material in 40-gallon oil drums. The explanation for this process was to lift fog and mist from the runway. In the text these features have been referred to as 'fog lifters'.

The drift geology of this site consists of sand and gravel. The local site topography is flat with an average height of c.38m OD.

2. Method

Trenching, using a 14-tonne, 360° digger with a 1.8m wide, toothless ditching bucket, was carried out to represent a minimum 2% sample of the total site area. Approximately 3400m of linear trenches were laid out to investigate the site (see fig. 2). This included c.2750m of trenching required by the original specification, e.g. 55 trenches of 50m each, to test areas that will be developed (Hawkins 2000); plus an extra c.650m of additional trenching to investigate areas of archaeological interest.

All machining was observed by an archaeologist standing within the trench. The topsoil and subsoil were removed separately by the digger to reveal the undisturbed natural deposits in the base of the trench. The upcast soil was checked visually for any archaeological finds. The base of the trench was checked using a metal detector.

Archaeological features observed in the base of the trench were cleaned and then hand excavated. Pits and post-holes were half-sectioned, ditches were cross-sectioned, in some cases ditches were sampled for finds rather than being fully excavated. Features of obvious airport date, e.g. 'fog lifters', were recorded but not excavated. Possible features and anomalies observed were also investigated and sampled by excavation to see whether natural or not.

Excavated features were recorded on plan at a scale of 1:50 and in section at a scale of 1:20. A photographic record was made of excavated features using both colour slide and black and white film. Different deposits encountered, archaeological or otherwise, were described and given separate 'observable phenomena' (O.P.) numbers (see Appendix 2 for context list). Context records were entered onto an MS Access database.

Finds recovered from the excavation were assigned to their archaeological context and recorded using the appropriate O.P. number. All finds were inspected, cleaned and analysed at our Bury St Edmunds office. Finds records were entered onto an MS Access database.

This report contains a representative sample of feature sections, all other inked-in sections are held in the site archive. The site archive will be deposited with the Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service at Shire Hall, Bury St Edmunds. All material will be assigned the County Sites and Monuments Record (S.M.R.) number IPS 399.

3. Results

The results of the evaluation are summarised in the following table:

Trench No	Length	Direction	Depth of trench	Comments	Context Nos	Spotdate
1	45m	NW-SE	450mm	1 ditch	0408-0411	
2a	43m	SW-NE	500mm	1 small pit/post-hole	0409-0403	
2b	23m	NW-SE	500mm	1 ditch	0404-0405	
3	32m	SW-NE	500mm		0412-0413	
4	50m	NW-SE	350mm		0002-0003	
5	50m	SW-NE	500mm		0076-0077	15-16 th c. u/s
6	52m	NW-SE	450mm	1 ditch, 1 fog lifter	0154-0159	
7	49m	SW-NE	450mm		0160-0161	
8	45m	NW-SE	500mm		0032-0053	
9	50m	SW-NE	550mm	1 fog lifter, 2 post-holes, 1 pit	0060-0069	
10	51m	NW-SE	400mm	1 ditch, 1 pit	0054-0059	
11	52m	SW-NE	400mm		0074-0075	
12	52m	NW-SE	450mm	1 ditch	0070-0073	
13	51m	NW-SE	600mm	3 ditches, 1 pit	0124-0131	PMed
14	52m	SW-NE	600mm	3 ditches	0132-0143	
15	50m	NW-SE	500mm	1 ditch, 1 fog lifter, 2 pits	0144-0153	
16	51m	NW-SE	550mm	1 ditch	0162-0165	
17	46m	SW-NE	550mm	2 pits, 1 tree bowl	0166-0173	
18	52m	NW-SE	550mm	1 fog lifter	0174-0177	
19	52m	NW-SE	450mm	1 ditch	0178-0181	
20	52m	NW-SE	400mm	3 ditches	0028-0033	
21	51m	SW-NE	500mm	1 pit	0002-0025	EBA
22	61m	NW-SE	400mm	1 pit, 2 fog lifters	0010-0017	PMed
23	47m	SW-NE	450mm	1 fog lifter	0018-0021	
24	52m	NW-SE	500mm		0008-0009	19-20 th c. u/s
25	50m	SW-NE	500mm	2 ditches	0034-0039	Preh?
26	50m	NW-SE	450mm	4 ditches, 1 pit/tree bowl	0040-0051	PMed?
27	52m	NW-SE	550mm	1 ditch	0004-0007	
28	51m	SW-NE	700mm	2 ditches, 4 pits	0078-0091, 0112-0115	PMed
29	49m	NW-SE	550mm	5 ditches, 1 post-hole	0092-0105	
30	48m	SW-NE	550mm	3 ditches	0106-0111, 0116-0117	
31	48m	NW-SE	500mm	1 ditch, 1 fog lifter	0118-0123	PMed
32	49m	NW-SE	500mm	1 ditch	0380-0383	
33	51m	SW-NE	550mm	3 ditches, 2 pits	0256-0269	
34	52m	NW-SE	600mm	4 ditches, 2 fog lifters	0230-0243	
35	49m	SW-NE	700mm	1 post-hole	0024-0028	
36	46m	SW-NE	600mm	2 ditches, 1 possible ditch, 2 pits	0244-0255	
37	49m	NW-SE	650mm	2 ditches, 2 post-holes, 1 fog lift	0218-0223	PMed
38	52m	SW-NE	650mm	3 ditches	0204-0213	
39	49m	NW-SE	700mm	5 ditches, 1 fog lifter	0190-0203	PMed u/s
40	51m	NW-SE	550mm	1 pit, 1 possible pit, 1 fog lifter	0182-0189	19 th -20 th c.
41	52m	NW-SE	500mm	4 ditches, 1 pit, 2 fog lifters	0298-0311	Rom (1 st c.)
42	52m	SW-NE	550mm	1 ditch, 1 pit, 1 pit/tree bowl?	0296-0305	
43	51m	NW-SE	500mm	1 ditch, 2 tree bowls?	0298-0311	Preh? u/s
44	47m	NW-SE	550mm	1 ditches, 2 pits, 2 p-b, 1 feature	0278-0289	
45	52m	NW-SE	500mm		0292-0291	Preh? u/s
46	44m	SW-NE	500mm		0290-0291	
47	55m	NW-SE	550mm	1 ditch, 2 pits	0270-0277	Preh?
48	53m	SW-NE	400mm		0294-0295	Preh? u/s
49	48m	NW-SE	450mm	1 pit	0384-0387	

Trench No	Length	Direction	Depth of trench	Comments	Context Nos	Spotdate
50	52m	SW-NE	550mm	1 ditch/gully, 1 pit/tree bowl?	0388-0393	
51	53m	SW-NE	700mm	1 ditch, 1 feature, 1 fog lifter	0394-0399, 0432-0433	Preh
52	52m	SW-NE	600mm	1 ditch	0434-0437	
53	54m	NW-SE	500mm	4 ditches, 1 pit, 1 pit/tree bowl?	0438-0471	ERA
54	49m	NW-SE	550mm	4 ditches	0330-0339	
55	51m	SW-NE	600mm		0328-0329	
56	53m	N-S	550mm	5 ditches, 2 fog lifters	0360-0379	PMed
57	24m	E-W	600mm	2 ditches	0342-0349	MSax
58	7m	SW-NE	600mm	2 ditches	0376-0377, 0340-0341	
59	36m	N-S	450mm	3 ditches, 1 asphalt patch	0346-0347	
60	92m	NW-SE	450mm	5 ditches, 2 pits	0330-0359	20 th c.
61	73m	NW-SE	550mm	5 ditches, 4 post-holes, 2 pits	0502-0517	
62	21m	E-W	500mm	3 ditches, 1 pit, 2 features/disturb.	0414-0443	PMed u/s
63	12m	E-W	600mm	1 ditch, 2 p-b, 2 pits, 2 pits/dist.	0472-0485	
64	49m	SW-NE	550mm	3 ditches	0486-0501	PMed
65	30m	NW-SE	500mm	2 ditches	0518-0526	PMed u/s
66	75m	N-S	600mm	7 ditches, 3 pits, 2 features/disturb.	0444-0449	
67	83m	SW-NE	650mm	2 ditches, 1 pit, 2 fog lifters	0528-0535	
68	16m	NW-SE	650mm	1 ditch	0556-0567	
69	59m	SW-NE	550mm	1 ditch, 2 pits, 2 fog lifters	0568-0571	
					0572-0583	

Table 1. Trench list and description.

(u/s = unstratified, bold type indicates spotdate of finds in stratified contexts)

Figure 2 shows the layout of trenches over the site. This plan also indicates the possible orientation of all principal linear features. Figure 3 shows the same information superimposed over the 1st edition Ordnance Survey map of 1886. As this map appears as separate 'tiles' there is some slippage between maps of c.40m to 50m resulting in discontinuities between the eastern and western sides of the plan. This plan cannot locate post-medieval field boundaries with any precision, but can give a general indication of field orientations in different parts of the site.

In the following discussion trenches have been grouped into areas so that adjacent trenches will be considered together rather than in numeric order, e.g. trenches 20, 21 and 60. Each trench group considered will start with a brief summary of the area discussed. All trenches are of approximately 50m in length unless otherwise stated.

Due to the underlying sandy geology all fills are silty sand unless otherwise stated. Fill descriptions in the text have therefore been restricted to their tone, colour and to any inclusions.

Trenches 1, 2a, 2b and 3

These trenches were positioned towards the extreme north of the site. A small collection of features were found here and include two ditches and a post-hole or pit. The trench layout here had to avoid portacabins and temporary services that were situated in this area.

Trench 1. This trench was c.45m in length. It was situated in an area of considerable disturbance where an airport structure had been demolished. The topsoil, 0408, was very disturbed and survived only as dark brown silty sand mixed with a spread of rubble to a depth of 300mm. Under this was 120mm of mid brown silty sand subsoil, 0409, which was cut by a NE-SW running ditch of c.1m width. This ditch, 0410, contained a fill of mid to pale brown silty sand.

Trench 2a. This trench, like 2b, could not be positioned as originally planned due to temporary site buildings in the vicinity. Trench 2a was c.43m in length. 300mm of topsoil, 0400, was over 80mm of subsoil, 0401. A small pit or post-hole, 0402, was revealed towards the NW end of the trench.

Trench 2b. This trench was 23m in length. 300mm of topsoil, 0404, was over 80mm of subsoil, 0405. Running N-S was a ditch, 0406, of c.1m width with a mid to pale fill.

Trench 3. This trench was 32m long. Topsoil, 0412, was 300mm thick and subsoil, 0413, was 120mm. This trench contained no archaeological features.

Trenches 4, 5, 6 and 7

These trenches cover a large area of the site but have revealed very little activity of archaeological significance. The only observed feature of archaeological interest was a ditch in trench 6.

Trench 4. 240mm of topsoil, 0002, was over 100mm of subsoil, 0003. Areas of modern disturbance were encountered but no deposits of archaeological significance were noted.

Trench 5. The topsoil, 0076, was 290mm thick and a sherd of 15th/16th pottery was recovered from this soil. The deep subsoil, 0077, was 160mm thick. No archaeological features were recognised.

Trench 6. 260mm of topsoil, 0154, was covering 200mm of subsoil, 0155. At the SE end of the trench a N-S running ditch was encountered. This was 0156 with a mid brown fill. One fog lifter was also recognised in this trench.

Trench 7. This trench crossed trench 6 and had similar soil depths to that trench. The topsoil was 0160 and subsoil was 0161. No archaeological features were encountered.

Trenches 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12

An area of very little activity with a modern ditch in trench 12 and one of more antiquity in trench 10.

Trench 8. The topsoil, 0052, was 350mm deep and the subsoil, 0053, was 80mm in depth. No archaeological features were recognised in this trench.

Trench 9. 360mm of topsoil, 0060, was over 120mm of subsoil, 0061. Two post-hole type features were recognised in this trench, 0064 and 0066, a possible pit/tree hole, 0068, and a fog lifter 0062.

Trench 10. The topsoil, 0054, was 340mm thick and the subsoil, 0055, was 80mm thick. This trench revealed a N-S running ditch c.1.2m in width, 0056, and an oval pit 0058, both with a mid brown fill.

Trench 11. The topsoil, 0074, was 330mm thick and the subsoil, 0075, was 90mm in thickness. No archaeological features were revealed in this trench.

Trench 12. 370mm of topsoil, 0070, was over 70mm of subsoil, 0071. One modern ditch containing glass and wire, 0072, was recorded crossing the trench.

Trenches 13, 14 and 15

This is an area of increased activity with all three trenches containing ditches on a variety of alignments and with some other possible features too. All features in trenches 13 and 15, including a probable fog lifter in trench 15, appeared to be sealed by subsoil and some major remodelling of the soils are suspected in this area. The two parallel ditches observed in trench 14 might represent the edges of a track indicated on the O.S. map of 1886 (see fig.3).

Trench 13. The topsoil, 0132, was 300mm thick and subsoil, 0133, was 170mm in thickness. Features include a N-S running ditch, 0138, and a linear feature on a similar alignment to 0134, possibly a butt end, and containing frequent charcoal. Another ditch, 0140, was on a NE-SW orientation and the trench also included a pit, 0142.

Trench 14. The topsoil, 0124, was 300mm thick and the subsoil, 0125, was 160mm thick. Two E-W running ditches crossed the trench, 0128 and 0130, and both cut a very shallow and pale ditch, 0126, that ran with the trench for c.47m. Ditch 0130 contained animal bone within its fill 0131, probably indicating a recent or post-medieval date for this feature as bone preservation would be very poor on this acid site.

Trench 15. 380mm of topsoil, 0144, was over a subsoil, 0145, 100mm in thickness. This trench revealed a NE-SW running ditch, 0146 with a mid brown fill, two possible pits, 0150 and 0152, and a fog lifter 0148.

Trenches 16, 17, 18 and 19

These trenches are in an area of little archaeological activity with a ditch in trench 19 and two pits in trench 17. A ditch in trench 16 corresponds closely to a field boundary indicated on the O.S. map of 1886 (see fig.3).

Trench 16. The topsoil, 0162, was 230mm thick, which was over 140mm of subsoil, 0163. This trench contained one modern ditch, 0164, that was NW-SE running.

Trench 17. The topsoil was 320mm and the subsoil 140mm thick, 0166 and 0167. Two pits or possible post-holes were revealed, 0168 and 0170, and one probable tree-hole, 0172.

Trench 18. The topsoil, 0174, was 380mm and the subsoil, 0175, was 100mm. This trench contained a fog lifter.

Trench 19. The topsoil and subsoil, 0178 and 0179, were 310mm and 80mm thick. The trench contained one E-W running ditch, 0180, with a mid brown fill.

Trenches 20, 21 and 60

This area, near to the Nacton road, revealed prehistoric activity in the form of beaker pottery and flint flakes in a pit from trench 21. Other Bronze Age pottery was recovered during the monitoring of the roundabout spur to the immediate north of these trenches (J. Newman pers. comm. for IPS 293). Trench 60 was positioned in the hope of identifying further prehistoric features and detecting the alignment of ditches revealed in trench 20. Ditches in the NW halves of trenches 20 and 60 probably relate to post-medieval field boundaries (see fig.3). A 50m by 50m excavation, centred on the EBA find spot, has been suggested for this area (see fig.2).

Trench 20. The topsoil was 340mm thick, 0028, and the subsoil 80mm thick, 0029. Towards the NW end of the trench were areas of modern disturbance with two NE-SW running ditches adjacent, both these had fairly dark fills, 0030 and 0032. Running NE-SW, with a very pale fill sealed by the subsoil, was ditch 0026.

Trench 21. The topsoil was 350mm thick, 0022, and the subsoil 80mm thick, 0023. This trench revealed a very amorphous pit, 0024, that contained two flint flakes and a sherd rim of beaker pottery in it fill 0025. No other features were identified.

Trench 60. This trench was c.92m in length. Topsoil was 30cm thick, 0502, and the subsoil, 0503, was a maximum of 80mm in thickness but was not present in some areas of the trench. Five ditches were encountered, all running approximately NE-SW. At the NW end of the trench, ditch 0504 was of modern origin, with 0506 and 0510 both containing brick fragments and probably of post medieval date. Towards the other end of the trench, ditches 0514 and 0516 had far paler fills, with that of 0514 containing a thick lens of charcoal. A linear pit or ditch fragment, 0508, and a small pit or post-hole, 0512, were also revealed.

Trenches 22, 23, 24 and 27

These trenches were in an area of little archaeological activity, this is surprising given the abundant features to the N (centred on trench 60), to the SE (trenches 25 and 26) and to the W (trench 28 and the 'barn').

Trench 22. This trench was c.61.5m in length. Topsoil, 0010, was 330mm thick and the subsoil, 0011, was 80mm thick. This trench revealed two fog lifters, 0012 and 0014, and a pit, 0016, of probable post-medieval date as it contained coal fragments in its fill 0017.

Trench 23. Topsoil, 0018, was 300mm thick and the subsoil, 0019, was 130mm thick. This trench contained a fog lifter, 0020.

Trench 24. Topsoil, 0008, was 350mm thick and the subsoil, 0009, was 100mm thick. No archaeological features were recorded in this trench.

Trench 27. Topsoil, 0004, was 270mm thick and the subsoil, 0005, was 120mm thick. Ditch 0006 was a very straight, so probably machined, gully observed along the SW edge of the trench. This cut was flat bottomed with a base c.110mm below the subsoil.

Trenches 25 and 26

Between them these two trenches revealed six ditches, three of which, in trench 26, are on similar alignments. A post-medieval find from one of these latter group of ditches and the orientation towards the area of possible structures centred round trench 28 indicate a possible route or field boundary in this area (and see fig.3). One of the ditches in trench 25 contained material of possible prehistoric date.

Trench 25. Topsoil, 0034, was 340mm thick and the subsoil, 0035, was variable in depth with an approximate average of 120mm thickness. Ditch 0036 was aligned NW-SE and was c.3m wide with varying depths. Ditch 0038 was orientated N-S, c.1.3m wide and 200mm deep, this ditch contained in its mid brown fill, 0039, a piece each of burnt flint and fired clay of possible prehistoric origin.

Trench 26. Topsoil, 0040, was 350mm thick and the subsoil, 0041, was 90mm thick. Cut 0042 was a small, N-S aligned ditch with a mid brown fill. All with similar mid brown fills, ditches 0044, 0046 and 0048 were E-W orientated. Ditch 0044 was the widest at 1.5m, and it was from the fill of this feature, 0045, that a copper alloy fastener, of probable post-medieval date, was recovered.

Trenches 28, 61, 62 and 63

The NE end of trench 28 revealed an abundant spread of bricks and mortar within the topsoil and under this a variety of features containing demolition material of probable post-medieval date. This is in the vicinity of Walk Barn, shown on the 1st edition O. S. map of 1886 (see fig.3). Further trenches, 61 – 63, were laid out to investigate if there was an earlier, possibly medieval, foundation for this structure.

Trench 28. The topsoil, 0078, was 340mm thick and contained abundant brick and mortar flecks and fragments concentrated towards the NE end of the trench. The subsoil, 0079, was 90mm thick. At the NE end two pits or possible postholes were encountered. These features, 0080 and 0082, contained fills (0081 and 0083) with brick fragments and mortar. Two larger pits, 0084 and 0086, were next encountered, the first of these contained brick and mortar (fill 0085) and the other had a fill mottled with orange sand. Neither of these features were bottomed. Ditch 0088 ran NNE-SSW and had irregular sides with a shallow flat base. Its fill, 0089, contained pieces of iron and animal bone and is probably of fairly recent date. It is possible that this linear feature represents the demolished footings trench for Walk Barn itself. Further along the trench, ditch 0090 appeared to bend, so its true alignment, either E-W or NW-SE, is not known. Two fog lifters were encountered in this trench, 0112 and 0114.

Trench 61. This trench was 73m long and was positioned to investigate the spread of features associated with trench 28. The topsoil, 0414, was 350mm thick and the subsoil, 0415, was 110mm thick. Features were sparse in the NW end of the trench beyond trench 28 and included two fog lifters 0416 and 0418. On the SE side of trench 28 archaeological features were much more abundant. Both 0420 and 0422 were irregular scoops containing demolition material. A series of small, shallow post-holes were encountered along the length of the trench. These include 0424, 0426, 0428 and 0432; all these cuts contained fills with a high clay content. A small pit, 0436, contained a dark silty fill. Ditches encountered in this trench include 0430, 0434 and the recuts 0438 and 0440. All were running parallel NE-SW, 0430 had an irregular, shallow base and might represent a hedge line. All had dark, silty fills and ditch 0434 contained an iron nail in its fill 0435. With a much paler fill and on an E-W alignment was a small ditch with a V-profile, 0442.

Trench 62. This was a short trench of 21.5m in length. The topsoil, 0472, was 350mm thick and the subsoil, 0473, was 100mm thick. This trench contained a confusing array of features, several without clear edges. An irregular NW-SE gully, 0476, contained a dark silty fill. This had an unclear relationship with an irregular sided, NNE-SSW running ditch that appeared to have a V-profile in section. To the SE of this, on the same orientation, was a linear area of disturbance given the cut number 0480. Post-hole 0474 still contained a wooden post and must have been fairly recent. An irregular sided pit, 0482, contained abundant brick fragments. With a mid to pale fill, NE-SW running ditch 0484 might represent a continuation of one encountered in trench 61, possibly 0434.

Trench 63. This was a short trench of 12.5m that ran ENE-WSW and joined the NE end of trench 28. The thick layer of topsoil, 0486, was 400mm thick and the subsoil, 0487, was 140mm thick. The irregular pit 0488 contained in its fill (0489) pottery, glass and building material of 19th century date. Two square cuts, 0490 and 0492, contained mid brown fills but were not excavated. Two possibly related linear cuts or ditches were 0494 and 0496. Fill 0495 of ditch 0495 contained brick fragments of post-medieval date. Only 0494 had any regularity in its form and both might correspond to 0478 and 0480 in trench 62. Further along the trench two post-holes were recognised, 0498 and 0500, the latter being c.300mm deep. Both had mid grey brown fills.

Trenches 29, 30, 31, 64 and 65

This is an area of fairly frequent ditches. Additional trenches 64 and 65 were placed to detect the orientation of ditches encountered in trenches 29-31. A ditch encountered running between trenches 29 and 65 probably represents a field boundary apparent on earlier maps (see fig.3).

Trench 29. The topsoil, 0092, was 350mm thick and the subsoil, 0093, was 120mm thick. A small pit or post-hole, 0094, was circular with a diameter of 400mm and a depth of 200mm. It contained a mid to pale silty sand fill. Five ditches were encountered in this trench. At the SE end of the trench, ditches 0096 and 0098 were E-W running, 0098 being a probable recut of 0096, both with mid brown fills. Ditch 0100 was a narrow gully running on the same alignment. Running N-S was another

small ditch, 0102, with a mid brown, stony fill. At the NW end of the trench, 0104 was another E-W running ditch, c.1.2m wide and with a dark, stony fill containing fragments of modern glass. This probably corresponds to ditch 0446 in trench 65.

Trench 30. The topsoil, 0110, was 350mm thick and the very thick subsoil, 0111, was 200mm thick. At the NE end, ditch 0106 was partly revealed, this probably corresponds with either 0096 or its recut 0098 in trench 29. Ditch 0108 was a curving cut with an approximate NW-SE orientation. Ditch 0116 was N-S running, c.700mm wide and with a mid brown fill.

Trench 31. The topsoil, 0118, was 400mm thick and the subsoil, 0119, was 100mm thick. This trench contained a NW-SE running ditch, 0120, sealed by the subsoil, it had a mid brown fill. A fog lifter, 0122, was also recorded.

Trench 64. The topsoil, 0518, was 110mm thick and contained post-medieval pottery. The subsoil, 0519, was 110mm thick. This trench contained three ditches. Starting from the SW end of the trench, 0520 was a probable ditch butt end with a mid brown fill. The small ditch 0522 was E-W running with a mid brown fill. A much larger ditch, 0524, was also E-W running with an upper fill of mid brown and a lower fill of mid orange brown. This ditch might correspond to 0106 in trench 30 and 0096 or 0098 in trench 29.

Trench 65. The length of this trench was c.30m. The topsoil, 0444, was 320mm thick and the subsoil, 0445, was 90mm thick. This trench contained two ditches. Starting from the NW end of the trench, ditch 0446 was WSW-ENE running, it had a dark fill and corresponds to ditch 0104, in trench 29, of probable recent date. Ditch 0448 was NE-SW running with a mid brown fill.

Trenches 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36

Within this area are a number of ditches on a roughly NE-SW alignment that have been identified in trenches 33, 34 and 36. As many of these run parallel with the post-medieval field system (see fig.3) it is probable that some of these would be of this date or possibly are the forerunners for the later system. Either side of this concentration trenches 32 and 35 revealed very little.

Trench 32. The topsoil, 0380, was 300mm thick and the deep subsoil, 0381, was 160mm thick. This trench contained a single ditch, 0382, towards its SE end. This ditch was NE-SW running with a mid to dark fill (0383) with post-medieval finds of clay pipe stem and pieces of iron. It is possible that this ditch corresponds to 0258 in trench 33.

Trench 33. The topsoil, 0256, was 340mm thick and the subsoil, 0257, was 120mm thick. Starting from the SW the large ditch 0258 was E-W running and possibly corresponds to 0382 in trench 32. The fill of this ditch contained a copper disc button of post-medieval date. This ditch cut a smaller one, 0266, that was NW-SE running and had a mid brown fill. Next a shallow, irregular pit was encountered, 0260. This contained two separate fills, 0261 and 0264. The first was a dark brown stony fill, while the second was mid brown mottled with orange with frequent small pebbles. Ditch 0268 was NW-SE running, irregularly shaped and had a probable butt end.

Ditch 0262 was also irregular and disturbed along its S edge. This feature was E-W running.

Trench 34. The topsoil, 0230, was 330mm thick and the deep subsoil, 0231, was 200mm thick. This trench contained two fog lifters, 0234 and 0242, and four ditches. The first of these, starting from the NW end, was a small E-W running gully, ditch 0240. Ditch 0232 was a small, slightly curving cut, but basically NE-SW running. A much larger NE-SW running ditch was 0236, at 2.5m in width. This had a mid brown fill and continued into trench 36. Ditch 0238 was a small NE-SW running cut with a mid brown fill.

Trench 35. The topsoil, 0224, was particularly deep at 500mm and the subsoil, 0225, was 120mm thick. A single feature was recognised in the base of the trench. This was a circular, steep-sided post-hole, 0226, 350mm wide and 200mm deep. It contained two separate fills, 0227 and 0228, the upper being mid brown and the lower being a mid grey, hard compressed fill.

Trench 36. The topsoil, 0244, was 350mm thick and the subsoil, 0245, was 140mm thick. Starting from the NE end, the first feature encountered was the small, NE-SW running ditch 0232 that was first encountered in trench 34. An oval pit, 0248, was next observed. The large NE-SW ditch 0236 observed in trench 36 was here excavated to reveal an open, comparatively shallow, U-profile. Against the edge of the trench was a small, square pit 0252. An E-W ditch with a possible butt end was beyond this. Ditch 0254 had a mid brown fill, but was highly disturbed by root or burrow action so the butt end could not be confirmed.

Trenches 37, 38, 39 and 40

The crossed trenches of 37 and 38 revealed a pair of parallel ditches, defining a field boundary or route of probable post-medieval date (see fig.3). Other ditches were frequent in trench 39, and in trench 40 a large feature, probably a sand extraction pit of the 19th or 20th century, was recorded.

Trench 37. The topsoil, 0218, was 300mm thick and the deep subsoil, 0219, was 200mm thick. Towards the NW of the trench were two small features, 0216 and 0220. Pit 0220 was a shallow, elliptical feature with a mid brown, very stony fill. Post-hole 0216 was a deeper, steep-sided cut with a very dark brown fill, a stoneless area observed in section might represent a post pipe. Two parallel ditches, 0208 and 0212, were N-S running and were c.12m apart. These will be discussed in more detail below. At the SE end of the trench was a fog lifter, 0222.

Trench 38. The topsoil, 0204, was 300mm thick and the deep subsoil, 0205, was 200mm thick. At the NE end of the trench was a small E-W running gully, ditch 0206, with a light brown fill. The two parallel ditches encountered in trench 37 were both present in this trench too. Ditch 0208 was c.2m wide and 500mm deep, its fill, 0209, contained a horseshoe of post-medieval date. Ditch 0212 was smaller, c.1.2m across and 200mm deep. Both had mid brown fills.

Trench 39. The deep topsoil, 0190, was 540mm thick and contained post-medieval tile. The deep subsoil, 0191, was 170mm thick. This trench contained five ditches and

one fog lifter, 0202. Starting from the NW end of the trench, ditch 0192 was N-S running with a mid brown fill. Ditch 0194 was 2.5m wide, was NE-SW running and had a mid brown fill. This ditch was sampled to a depth of 400mm across its fill. At c.39m along the trench, ditch 0196 was also NE-SW running and had a pale brown fill. Towards the far end of the trench, curving ditch 0198 with a pale grey brown fill was cut by the NE-SW aligned ditch 0200 that had a mid brown fill, sealed by the subsoil 0191.

Trench 40. The topsoil, 0182, was 330mm thick and the subsoil, 0183, was 110mm thick and was very stony. This trench contained 0186, a very large pit, probably for gravel/sand extraction. The fill, 0187, was sampled for finds and contained a 19th – 20th c. cup rim. Machine excavation indicated that this pit was of at least 1m in depth. Other features include a possible pit, 0184, and a fog lifter observed in section, 0188.

Trenches 41, 56, 57, 58 and 59

Trench 41 revealed a ditch containing a rim sherd of Roman date. Subsequently trenches 56 to 59 were positioned to investigate other potential features. No more Roman material was recovered, but a ditch containing a potsherd of Middle Saxon date was discovered in trench 57. Other ditches identified might correspond to those in trenches 34 and 36. Open area excavation here might help to clarify the system of ditches in this vicinity.

Trenches 41 and 58. Trench 58 was c.7m in length. The topsoil, 0312 and 0346, was 250mm and 300mm thick respectively, and the deep subsoil, 0313 and 0347, was 180mm thick. Trench 41 contained two fog lifters, 0314 and 0316. The pit 0320 was partly revealed in the base of the trench. This unusual feature appeared, from what you could see of it, to be 'wedge'-shaped or triangular in plan and had fairly steep edges with a concave base at a depth of c.400mm. Halfway along trench 41 the first NE-SW ditch was encountered. Ditch 0318 was a small cut with a mid brown fill. On a similar alignment, but larger and with slightly darker fills were parallel ditches 0322 and 0324. Trench 58 was placed to reveal the following two ditches more fully. Ditch 0326 was N-S running and its mid to dark fill, 0327, contained the rim of a large, 1st c. storage jar, recovered during machining. Adjacent, but with no clear stratigraphic relationship, was a larger ditch 0340. On a similar, but slightly divergent, alignment to the last ditch, it contained a mid to dark fill, 0341, that contained two iron nails of unknown date. This ditch, on a different alignment, might have continued into trench 57 as 0344.

Trench 56. This trench was 53m in length. The topsoil, 0360, was 350mm thick and the subsoil, 0361, was 120mm thick. Starting from the S end of the trench, the first features encountered were two irregular cuts, 0376 and 0378, that were probably the result of natural disturbance. Next came a complex junction of ditches, no clear relationships could be determined. Ditch 0374 was NNE-SSW running was just under a metre in width and contained a mid brown fill. Ditch 0372 also had a mid brown fill, was c.1.5m in width and was on a NE-SW alignment. This ditch converged on ditch 0368, but a relationship was not detected. The fill of this ditch, 0369, was mid brown and contained a piece of roof tile of post-medieval date. Branching away from this ditch, but again with no clear relationship, was the curving ditch section 0366. This ditch had a mid brown fill. Further along the trench, ditch 0362 was E-W running and

contained a mid brown fill. The fog lifters found in this trench were numbered 0364 and 0370.

Trench 57. This trench was c.24.5m in length. The topsoil, 0342, was 340mm thick and the subsoil, 0343, was 100mm thick. At the NE end, ditch 0344 crossed the trench on a NW-SE orientation. Approximately 1.5m wide and c.500mm deep it had a mid to dark brown fill. Despite the change in alignment, this ditch might be the continuation of the N-S running 0340 observed in trench 58. The smaller ditch 0348 was on a NNE-SSW orientation and could be the continuation of 0326 observed in trenches 41 and 58. The fill of this ditch, 0349, contained a fair degree of charcoal that became far more frequent towards its southern end. It was from this fill that a sherd of Ipswich ware pottery was recovered during machining.

Trench 59. This trench was c.36m in length. The topsoil, 0350, was 340mm thick and the subsoil, 0351, was 100mm thick. As well as an area of asphalt surface, 0358, there were three ditches in this trench. NE-SW running ditches 0322 and 0324 continue from trench 41. Ditch 0352 was NNE-SSW running, 1m wide with a shallow U-profile and several fills from dark to pale brown and contained iron of 20th c. date (fill 0357).

Trenches 42, 43 and 44

This was an area where little archaeological activity has been recognised besides a ditch each in the cross-trenches 42 and 43, a couple in 44 and a scattering of minor features, many of which would have been of natural origin.

Trench 42. The topsoil, 0296, was 330mm thick and the subsoil, 0297, was 120mm thick. At the SE end was a very slender ditch, 0300, NW-SE running with a mid brown fill. Pit 0302 was a probable tree hole and the oval pit 0305 had an interesting fill, 0305, of very dark brown/black silty sand.

Trench 43. The topsoil, 0298, was 320mm thick, an unstratified flint flake was recovered from this layer. The subsoil, 0299, was 140mm thick. The irregular pits 0306 and 0308 were probably tree-holes, and ditch 0310 was NE-SW running with a mid brown fill.

Trench 44. The topsoil, 0278, was 340mm thick and the subsoil, 0279, was 120mm thick. Starting from the SE, an irregular linear feature/ditch, 0288, could have been part of a tree line. Ditch 0286 was a small, N-S running feature with a mid brown fill. Pit 0284 was a large, oval cut with a mid brown fill. Post-hole 0282 had a circular cut of c.400mm depth. Pit 0280 was a small oval pit with a mid brown fill.

Trenches 45, 46, 47, 48 and 49

Besides a single ditch in trench 47 and two pits in the same trench and one in trench 49 this is a large area where few archaeological features have been identified. Worked flints of presumed prehistoric origin have been recovered from one of the pits in trench 47 and from unstratified contexts in trenches 45 and 48.

Trench 45. The topsoil, 0290, was 350mm thick and the subsoil, 0291, was 110mm thick. A single, unstratified flint flake was recovered from this trench. No archaeological features were recognised here.

Trench 46. The topsoil, 0292, was 330mm thick and the subsoil, 0293, was 100mm thick. No archaeological features were recognised here.

Trench 47. The topsoil, 0270, was 290mm thick and the deep subsoil, 0271, was 180mm thick. There was a very clear distinction between these two layers. Towards the NW end of the trench, ditch 0272 was NW-SE running and had a mid brown fill. Pit 0274 was a large circular cut with a mid grey brown fill. Pit 0276, towards the SE end of the trench, was a smaller cut, and its fill, 0277, was mid to dark brown and contained a single unretouched flake.

Trench 48. The topsoil, 0294, was 320mm thick and the subsoil, 0295, was 80mm thick. A single, unstratified flint flake was recovered from this trench. No archaeological features were recognised here.

Trench 49. The topsoil, 0384, was 300mm thick and the subsoil, 0385, was 70mm thick. This trench contained a single feature, a large, oval shaped pit, 0386, with a mid brown fill containing very occasional charcoal.

Trenches 50, 51 and 52

In trench 51 prehistoric pottery was recovered from a ditch fill and flint flakes were found in the topsoil of this trench. This indicates that there is a low density of prehistoric activity across the western end of the site. A linear feature crossed trenches 50 and 51 on a NW-SE orientation.

Trench 50. The topsoil, 0388, was 340mm thick and the subsoil, 0389, was 120mm thick. Ditch 0390 was a shallow, NW-SE running gully, with a mid brown fill. This might correspond to 0398 in trench 51. Pit 0392 was a probable tree throw.

Trench 51. The topsoil, 0394, was 400mm thick, two flint flakes were recovered from this layer, one of these with a notch at the end (see section 4 below). The deep subsoil, 0395, was 160mm thick. Ditch 0396 was E-W running with a mid brown fill, 0397, containing a sherd of prehistoric pottery and fragments of fired clay. Cut 0398 was an irregular sided feature, a possible ditch or tree line, with a mid to dark fill. This might correspond to the gully 0390 in trench 50. Trench 51 also contained a fog lifter 0452.

Trench 52. The topsoil, 0454, was 320mm thick and the thick subsoil, 0455, was 220mm thick. This trench contained a single ditch, 0456, which was SE-NW running and contained a mid to dark brown fill. This was a large ditch, 1.6m wide and 350mm deep.

Trenches 53, 54, 55 and 66

Although 55 revealed little, the other three trenches in this group held an interesting array of ditches; it was because four ditches were observed in trench 53 that 66 was positioned here. Some of this series of features are of post-medieval date and

probably represent the parallel, NE-SW ditches marked on the 1st edition O.S. map (see fig.3). Other ditches are of probable earlier date, and one of the ditches in trench 53 contained a small scraper of Early Bronze Age character. A SE-NW bank was crossed by two of the trenches, 55 and 66. This showed that the bank was constructed of topsoil and was of probable recent date, possibly being an airport feature. An open area excavation has been suggested for the area between trenches 53 and 66.

Trench 53. The topsoil, 0458, was 300mm thick and contained a possible prehistoric flake. The subsoil, 0459, was 120mm thick. Starting from the NW end of the trench, the first feature encountered was a circular pit, 0460. This contained a dark brown fill with frequent charcoal, 0461, that held a fragment of clay pipe stem and is probably of post-medieval date. Next to this was a NE-SW running ditch, 0462, with a V-profile, that contained a mid to dark brown fill with moderate charcoal. Ditch 0464 was orientated NNE-SSW, its fill, 0465, was mid to pale brown and contained a flint flake of possible prehistoric date. Ditch 0466 was NE-SW running, its fill, 0467, was mid brown and contained a small, round Early Bronze Age type scraper. Small ditch 0468 was on a similar alignment with a mid brown fill. Beyond this was a possible pit or tree hole 0470 with a mid to dark fill.

Trench 54. The topsoil, 0330, was 330mm thick and the subsoil, 0331, was 120mm thick. This trench contained four ditches and the first of these, starting from the NW, was a very slender gully, 0332. This was N-S running and had a mid brown fill. Ditch 0334 was NE-SW running with a mid brown fill. Ditch 0336 was also NE-SW running, was c.2.3m wide and 300mm deep, and had a mid to dark fill. On a similar alignment was a very shallow gully 0338. It had a very stony dark brown fill with brick fragments.

Trench 55. The topsoil, 0328, was 400mm thick and the subsoil, 0329, was 120mm thick. No archaeological features were recognised in this trench.

Trench 66. The length of this trench was c.75m. The topsoil, 0528, was 340mm thick and a small, copper alloy stock bell, SF 1002, was recovered from this layer. This trench was positioned across a NE-SW running bank made of topsoil of up to 480mm in thickness. The subsoil, 0529, was 140mm thick. This trench contained seven ditches and three pits. The first of these, starting from the NW end, was ditch 0530. This was a NE-SW running feature of c. 1.1m width and contained a mid brown fill. Ditch 0532 was a very shallow N-S running feature with a mid brown fill. Two parallel NE-SW running ditches were 0534 and 0540. The first of these, 0534, was slightly larger and had a mid brown fill whereas 0540 had a mid to dark brown fill. Both these features cut the fill of a curving but roughly N-S running ditch or gully with a butt end to the N, 0536. This was 700mm wide and was variable in depth but approximately 300mm deep. It contained a mid to pale brown fill. Pit 0542 was oval in plan and had a mid brown fill. Ditch 0544 was NE-SW running and had a mid to pale fill. Both 0546 and 0548 were probably animal disturbances but fill 0547 did contain some pieces of burnt flint. Pit 0550 was probably a tree hole. Ditch 0552 was N-S running with a mid brown fill. An amorphous depression at the far end of the trench, 0554, was probably some form of natural disturbance with a mid to pale brown fill.

Trenches 67, 68 and 69

These three trenches revealed a small selection of archaeological features in lower density to those in the S and E of this area but more frequent than those to the N. Trench 67 cut through a SW-NE running bank parallel to that discussed in the last area. This showed that this bank was made of topsoil and is probably an airport feature.

Trench 67. This trench was c.83.5m long. The topsoil, 0556, was 300mm thick and rose to a height of 600mm at its NE end where the trench cut through a SW-NE running bank. The subsoil, 0557, was 240mm thick. Starting from the SW end of the trench the first feature encountered was a pit, 0558. This was a shallow, circular cut of c.1m diameter with a mid to pale fill. Two fog lifters were next encountered, 0560 and 0562, followed by a ditch, 0564, at just beyond mid trench. This slender ditch was N-S running, very shallow and with a mid to dark brown fill. Towards the NE end of the trench was a medium sized ditch, 0566. This was NW-SE running with a U-profile and a mid brown, fairly stony fill.

Trench 68. This trench was c.16m long. The upper layers were highly compacted by vehicle ruts. The topsoil, 0568, was 480mm thick and the deep subsoil, 0569, was 150mm thick. This short trench held a single feature, the ditch 0570. This was NE-SW running, c.1m wide and 400mm deep and contained a mid to light brown fill with moderate pebbles and charcoal flecks.

Trench 69. This trench was c.60m in length. The topsoil, 0572, was 300mm thick and the subsoil, 0573, was 100mm thick. Starting from the SW end, the first feature encountered was the ditch 0574. This was N-S running, 800mm wide and 230mm deep and contained a mid to pale fill with charcoal. Two fog lifters were encountered within this trench, 0576 and 0582, and two small pits or post-holes towards the NE end of the trench. The first of these was 0587, this was oval in plan, c.700mm in diameter and 90mm deep, and contained a mid to dark fill. With a similar fill, and adjacent to the last feature, was pit 0580. This was circular, 600mm in diameter and 180mm deep.

Gun 1 and 2

During the setting out of the trenches, two other obvious airport features belonging to WW2 were noticed and surveyed. Guns 1 and 2 were Pickett-Hamilton elevating forts. These were pneumatically operated concrete defences that could be raised and lowered below ground level. Now they are in their lowered position and appear as circular concrete discs in the grass. Within the concrete top was a small steel trap door, this has been bolted and welded shut. It appears that these forts might contain a large quantity of water, as water could be seen round the edges of the trap door.

4. The Finds by Sue Anderson

Introduction

Table 1 shows the quantities of finds collected during the evaluation by material. They are catalogued by context in Appendix 3a.

Material	No.	Wt/kg
Pottery	19	0.897
Ceramic Building Material	27	10.458
Mortar	8	0.169
Fired clay	6	0.004
Worked flint	12	0.127
Burnt flint	3	0.035
Glass	2	0.104
Clay pipe	2	0.003
Iron	9	0.996
Animal bone	28	0.137
Burnt coal	3	0.002

Table 2. Bulk finds quantities.

In addition, four metal objects were collected as small finds.

Pottery

Table 2 shows the pottery collected from this site.

Context	Fabric	No	Wt/g	Notes	Spotdate
0008	REFW	1	4	Cup rim. Purple transfer print.	19th c.
0025	BAGT	1	5	Beaker rim decorated with impressed squares.	EBA
0076	LMT	1	8	Green glazed.	15th-16th c.
0078	ESW	1	24	Bottle, body sherd.	19th c.
0187	REFW	1	2	Cup rim. Blue floral transfer print.	19th-20th c.
0327	RBCG	1	96	Rim type 4.2, large storage jar.	1st c.
0349	GIPS	1	44	Thick base.	MSax
0397	UNFT	1	1	Fine flint-tempered sherd with parallel incised lines externally.	Preh
0489	LGRE	9	657	Body, base and rim sherds of large vessel, brown glazed.	18th-19th c.
0489	ESW	1	44	Bottle, body sherd.	19th c.
0518	PMRW	1	12	Banded rim, possible plantpot?	18th-20th c.

Table 3. Pottery from Ipswich Airport.

Two sherds of prehistoric pottery were identified. One was a grog-tempered Early Bronze Age beaker rim (0025, and the other was a decorated flint-tempered sherd of uncertain date (0397).

A large rim sherd from a large storage vessel (0327) in a coarse grog-tempered fabric was probably of 1st century date (C. Tester, pers. comm.).

One sherd of Middle Saxon gritty Ipswich ware, a thick coarse base, was found (0349). A body sherd of Late Medieval and Transitional ware was identified (0076).

All other pottery was of post-medieval date and included post-medieval redware (0518), late glazed red earthenware (0489), English stoneware (0078, 0489), and transfer-printed refined whiteware (0008, 0187).

Building Material

Table 3 shows the fabrics identified in the ceramic building material (CBM) assemblage, together with their quantities. A list by context is included as Appendix 3b.

Fabric	Description	No	Wt/g
cg	Coarse grog tempered.	8	3135
caf	Coarse sand and ferrous inclusions.	1	54
fe	Fine sand and ferrous inclusions.	1	117
fs	Fine sandy, few other inclusions.	10	1011
fig	Fine sand and moderate grog.	1	1871
ms	Medium sandy, few other inclusions.	1	21
wg1	White fabric with red and white grog.	4	3624
wg2	White fabric with white grog.	1	625

Table 4. CBM quantities by fabric.

All fabrics were probably of post-medieval date with the possible exception of Fabric 'ms', which may be late medieval.

Table 4 shows the quantities of CBM by form.

Form	No	Wt/g
Brick	15	9372
Pantile	1	227
Roof tile	10	805
Tile?	1	54

Table 5. CBM quantities by form.

Five bricks were measurable in two dimensions, and three others in one dimension. They varied from 105mm to 113mm wide and from 60 to 78mm thick.

Roof tiles were probably all peg tiles, one having a round hole, although one curved fragment could be a hip/ridge tile and there was one piece of pantile.

A fragment of possible tile in a coarse sandy fabric was glazed on both surfaces, but had a straight edge and seemed unlikely to be pottery. It was 23mm thick.

Fragments of lime mortar were collected from 0081 and 0085. The same type of mortar was noted on several brick fragments, but there was no evidence of re-use in the form of mortar over broken edges.

Flint

The majority of worked flints were unretouched flakes (0025, 0277, 0290, 0394, 0458, 0465), but there was also one utilised flake with a notch in one edge (0394). Two blades were identified, one small (0294), the other with retouch along one edge (0298). There was also a small round scraper (0467) of probable Early Bronze Age date (C. Pendleton, pers. comm.).

Burnt flints were collected from 0039 and 0547. These could be related to prehistoric activity.

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0131

These were collected from 0089 and 0131. Both were
No other bone was recovered, probably due to the

assemblage ranges in date from prehistory to the present. This makes any
interpretation of the site, based on artefactual evidence, of relatively low value. There
evidence for limited activity in the Bronze Age, but material of Roman and Middle
Saxon is too sparse to suggest occupation of these dates. The majority of finds are of
post-medieval or modern date and are probably related to agricultural use, and to
military use contemporary with the airport.

5. Conclusions

The excavations at Ipswich airport have revealed a considerable quantity of archaeological features. The majority of these are ditches and probably represent field boundaries. Many of these could be post-medieval in date and either can be dated by finds or line up with known boundaries from the Ordnance Survey map of 1886. Many other ditches, particularly along the southern edge of the investigation area, appear to be set out with a NE-SW orientation. These either respect the post-medieval layout or are the remnants of an earlier system that the post-medieval boundaries adopted. Besides these there are other ditches on different alignments, many of which had mid to pale fills suggesting some antiquity. Within this system of ditches there are some areas of particular interest that will be discussed separately.

Trench 21. This trench revealed a shallow pit, 0024, containing flint flakes and a rim sherd of Beaker pottery dating to the Early Bronze Age. Another piece of Bronze Age pottery had been recovered during the monitoring of the road spur from the roundabout adjacent (IPS 298) suggesting that there might be a concentration of prehistoric activity in this area. The ditches encountered at the SE ends of trenches 20 and 60, with very pale, leached out fills, might also be prehistoric in date.

Trenches 28 and 61 to 63. This is the area of 'Walk Barn' according to the 1886 Ordnance Survey map. It is probable that the barn itself would have been a timber framed construction, possibly on brick footings but not necessarily so. If not, then the irregular linear cut 0088 might have been the footings trench for a timber sill-beam for one side of the building. No brick or mortar was seen in this fill, whereas many of the features in this area contained demolition material. Brick structures must have stood at this spot but whether the bricks came from the barn itself or from other, perhaps ancillary structures, is not known. A variety of post-holes were recognised in this area, some of which had clay fills, but no dating evidence was recovered to date them.

Trenches 41, 57 and 58. A piece of 1st century Roman pottery was recovered from ditch 0326 at the SE end of trench 41. Further trenching to investigate this area showed a confusing array of ditches. Some of these are on a NE-SW alignment and are probably part of the post-medieval field system, others however were on different alignments. Trench 57 was placed to check where the N-S running ditches in trenches 41 and 58 were going. These ditches could not be followed through to the new trench with any certainty, but another ditch was revealed, 0348, with a charcoal rich fill and containing a piece of Ipswich ware pottery from the Middle Saxon period. Roman settlement has been detected within a c.600m radius, but no Saxon settlement is known in this area. It is possible that these finds are products of field manuring, but further excavation in this area could investigate the possibility of nearby settlement.

Trench 51. This trench held a ditch with a sherd of prehistoric pottery of non-specific type and two flint artefacts from the topsoil. There is a low concentration of worked flints in this general area too (trenches 45, 47 and 48) and suggests that there might be low density prehistoric use in the vicinity.

Trenches 53 and 66. A concentration of ditches was found in this area. Many of these were on a NE-SW alignment and could be part of the post-medieval field system.

However, several of these ditches had mid to pale brown fills and might indicate an earlier phase of field layout. At least one ditch contained a prehistoric artefact, 0466, and some of the ditches encountered in this area were on totally different alignments and indicate a possible earlier boundary arrangement.

The value of this site has been to investigate a large area of field boundaries. Many of these are post-medieval and are known from earlier maps. On a similar alignment to these are other, possibly earlier, ditches that could belong to a medieval layout across the south of the site. Isolated finds across the site and ditches on different alignments suggest some activity in this area during prehistoric, Roman and Anglo-Saxon times.

6. Recommendations

In consultation with Duncan Hawkins, the client's archaeological consultant, and Bob Carr, the curatorial representative of the county, two open area excavations were proposed during a visit to the site. The first, centred on the Early Bronze Age find spot in trench 21, would be an area of 50m by 50m. The second, centred on the Roman and Saxon finds in trenches 41 and 58, would be an area of 75m by 75m.

Subsequently a third area has been approved for further investigation in the vicinity of trenches 53 and 66. There is a concentration of features in this area, some of which are suspected of being earlier than post-medieval, and an area of 65m by 65m is being recommended.

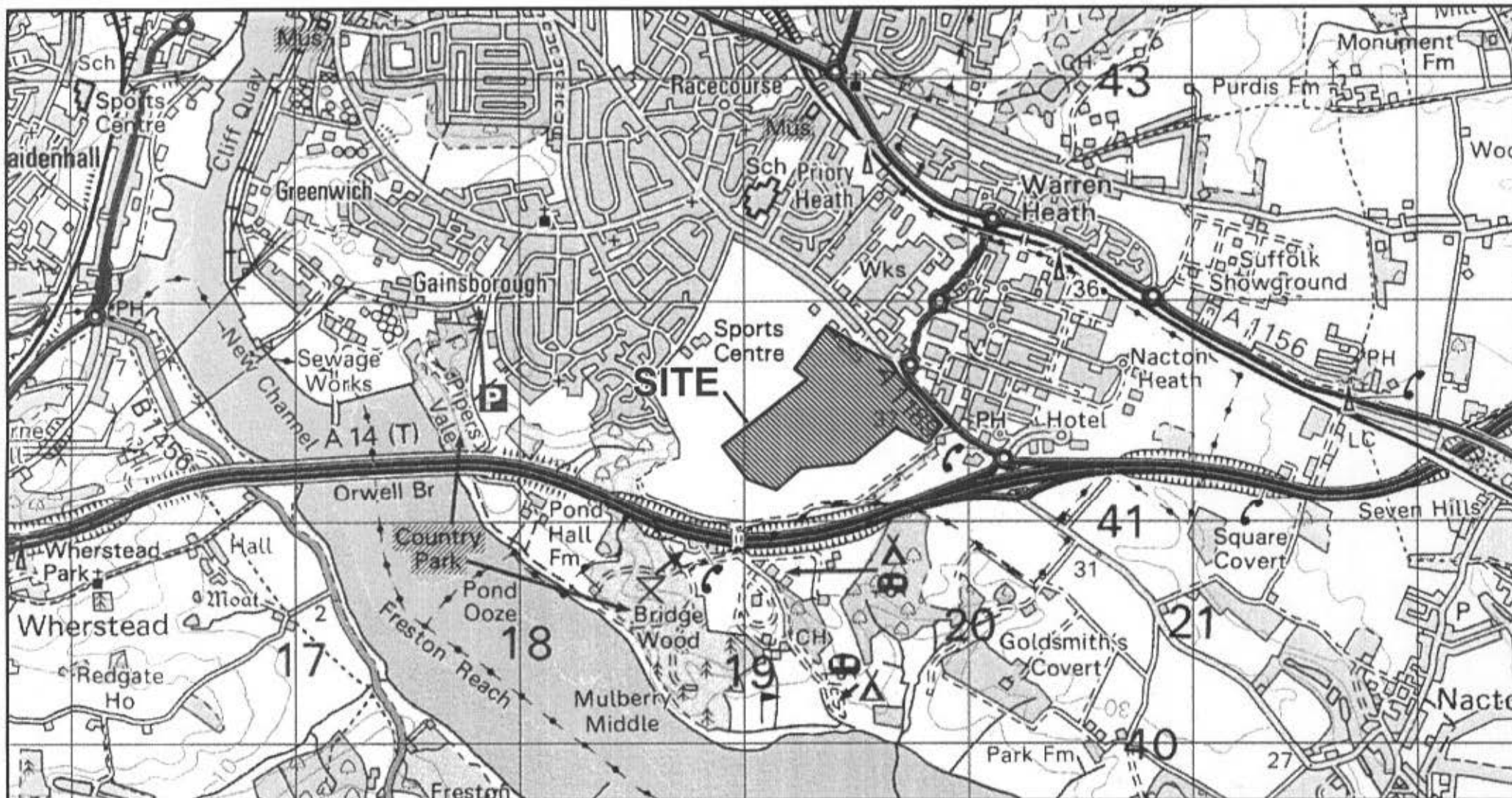
It is also hoped that all roads laid out within the site could be closely monitored. This would allow ditch alignments encountered during the evaluation to be checked and is an opportunity to investigate large areas of the site that have been missed by trial trenching.

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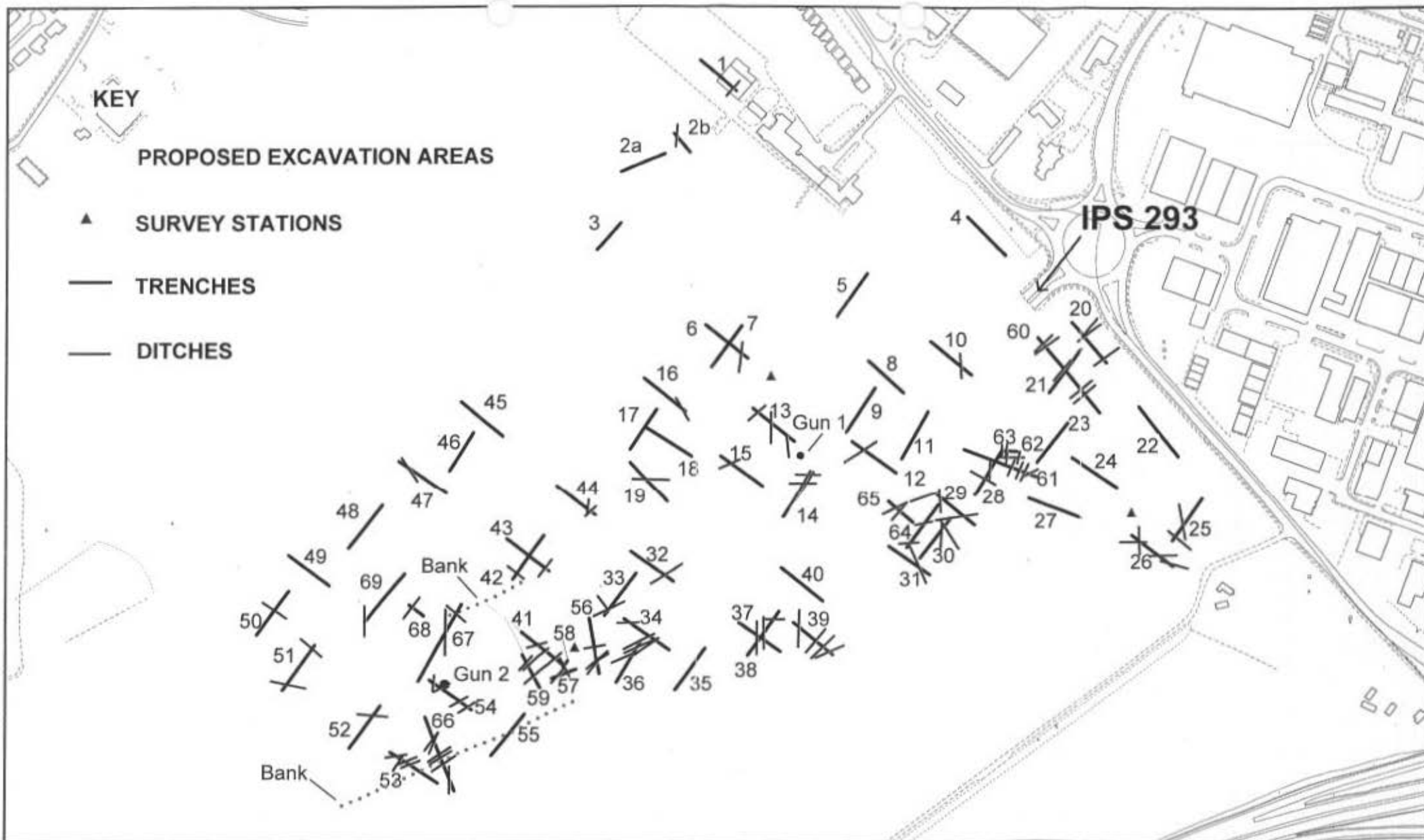


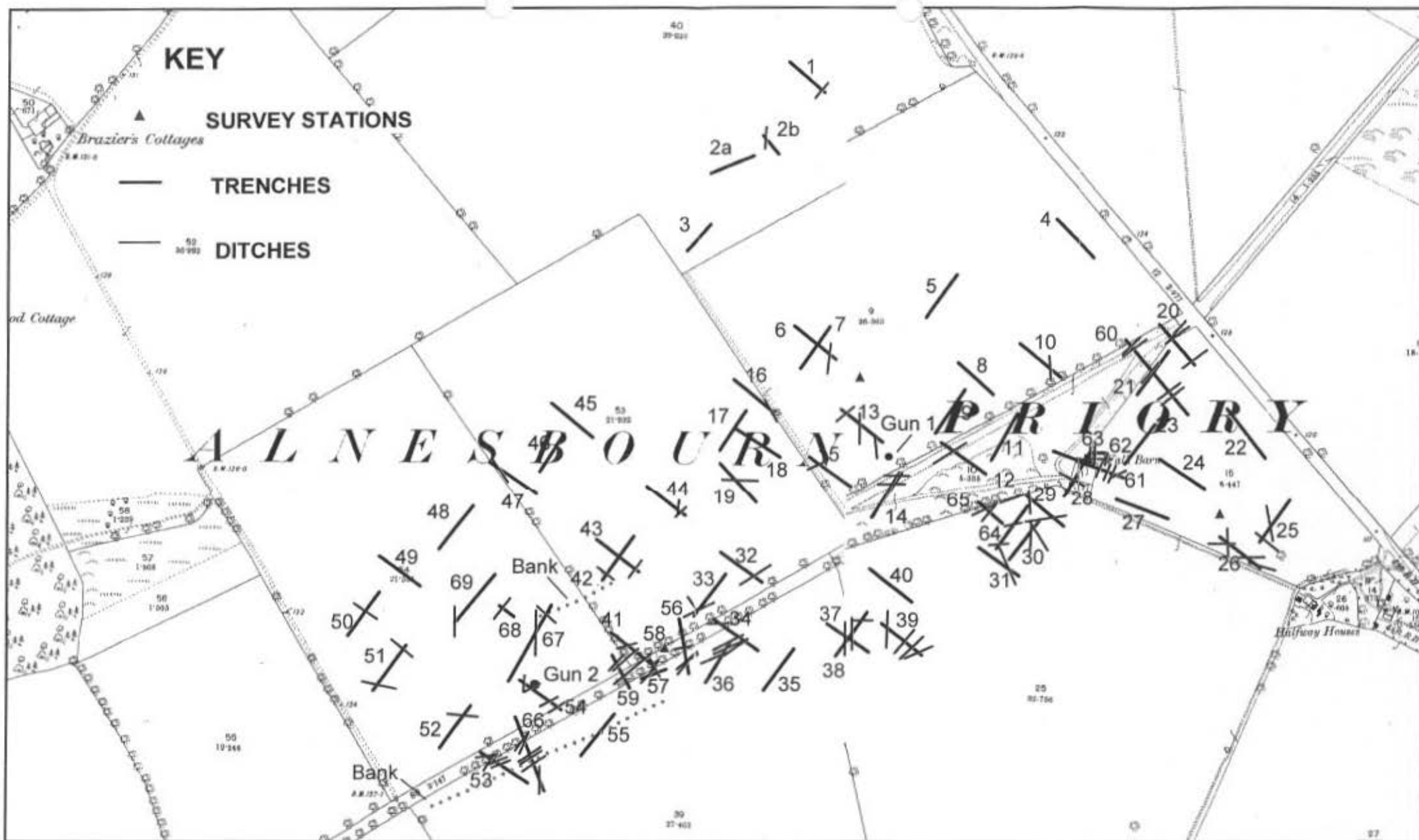
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FIGURE 1: SITE LOCATION PLAN RAVENSWOOD, IPSWICH



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**FIGURE 3: TRENCHES AND DITCHES OVER 1886
ORDNANCE SURVEY MAP**

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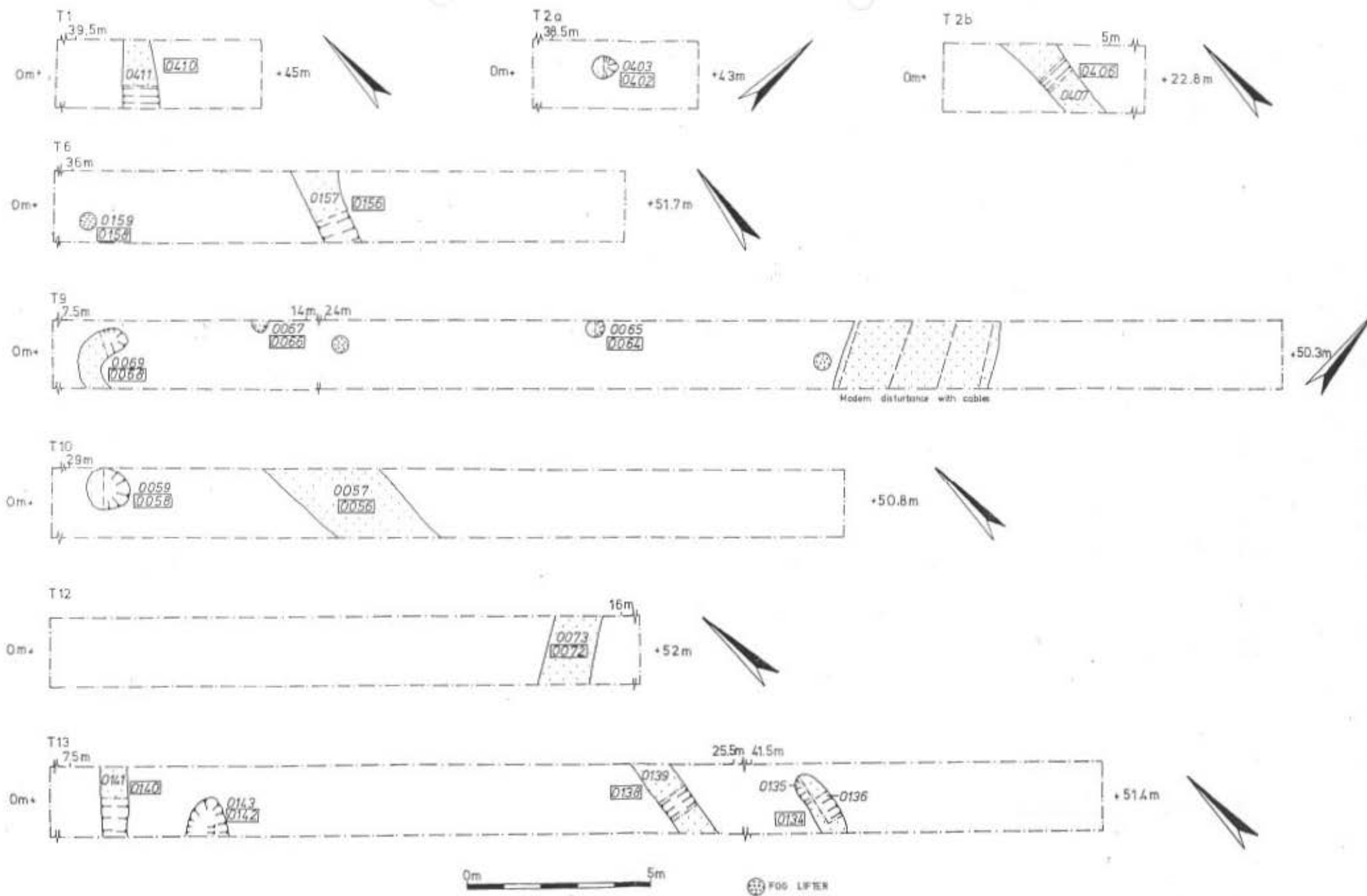


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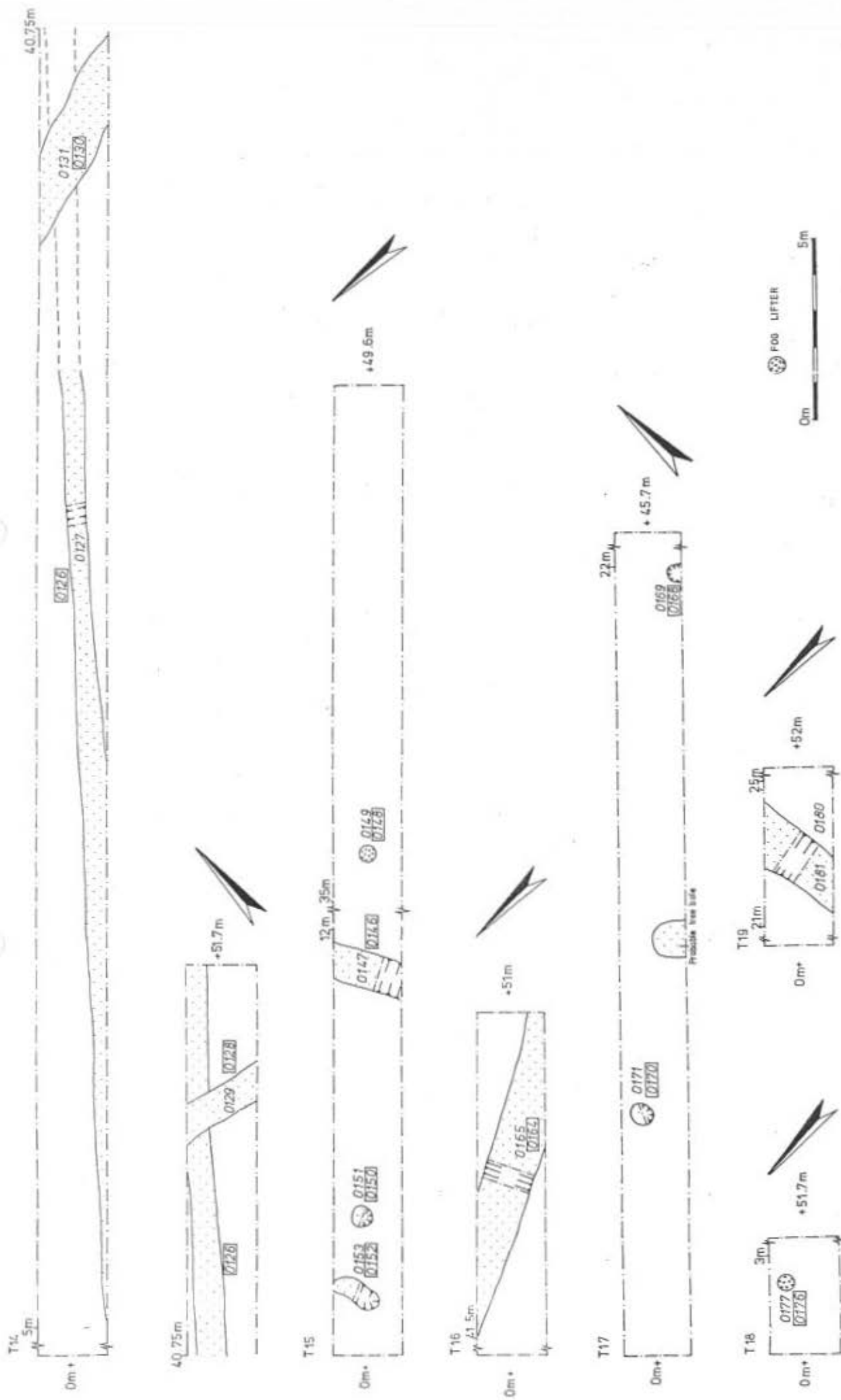


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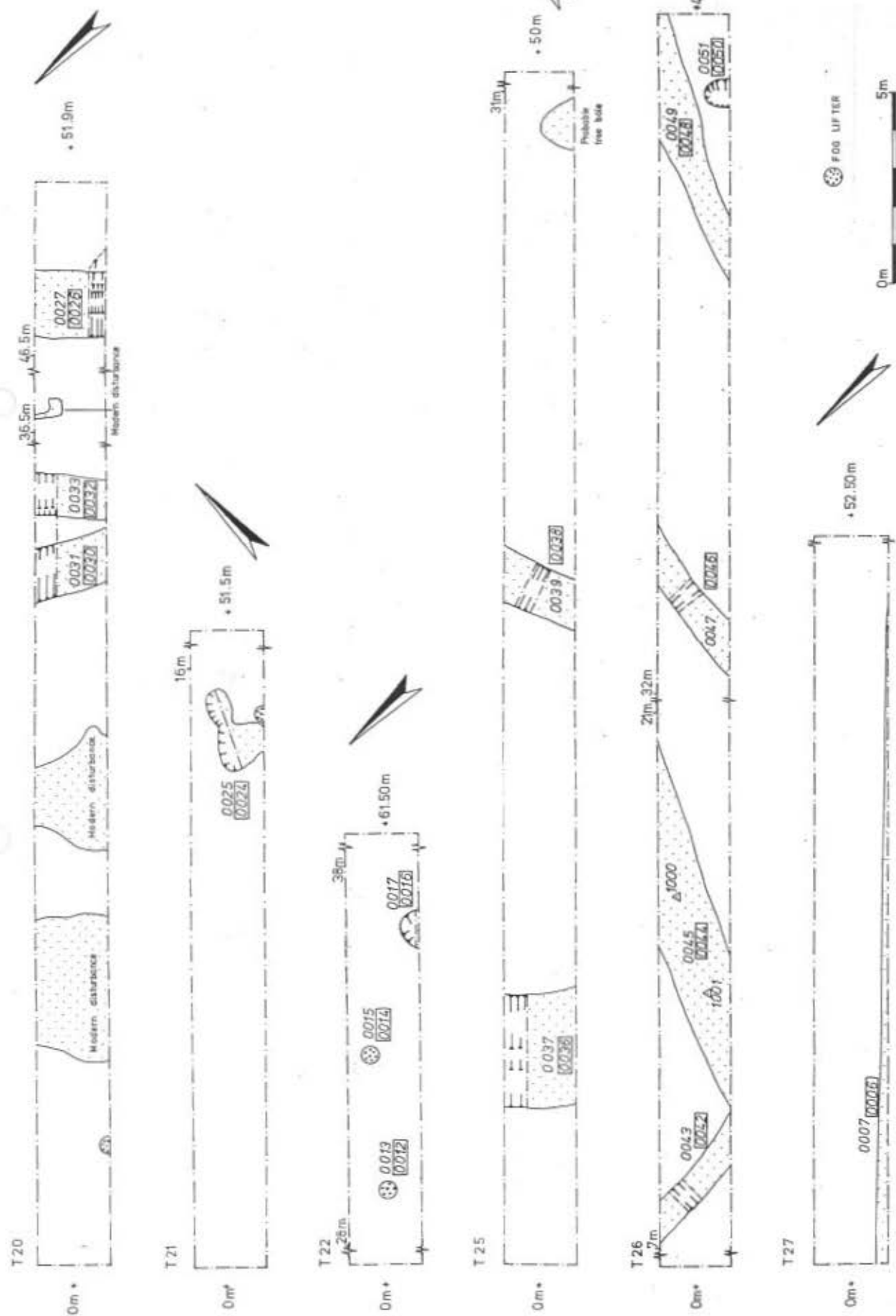


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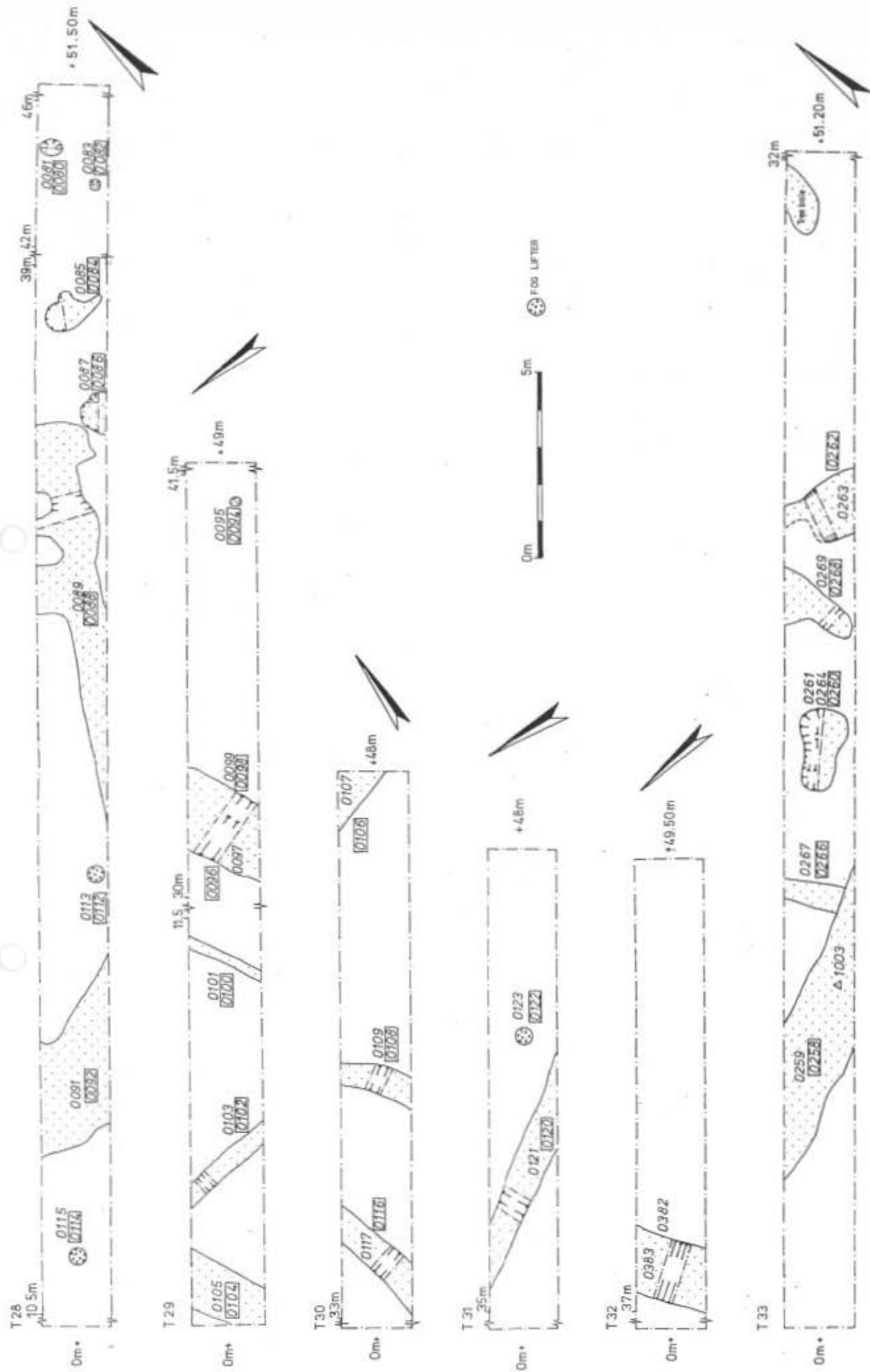


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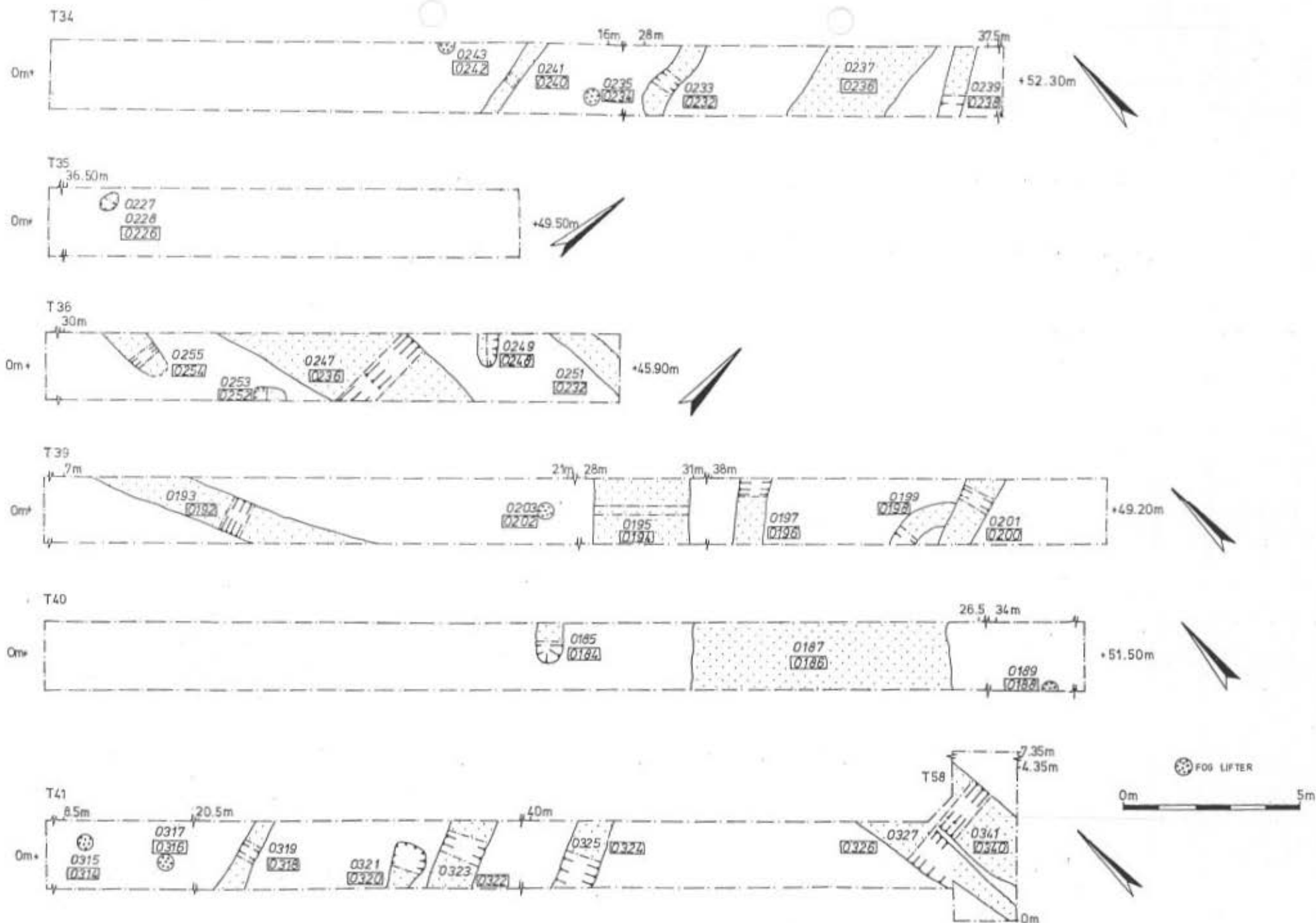


FIGURE 8: TRENCHES 34 – 36, 39 – 41 AND 58

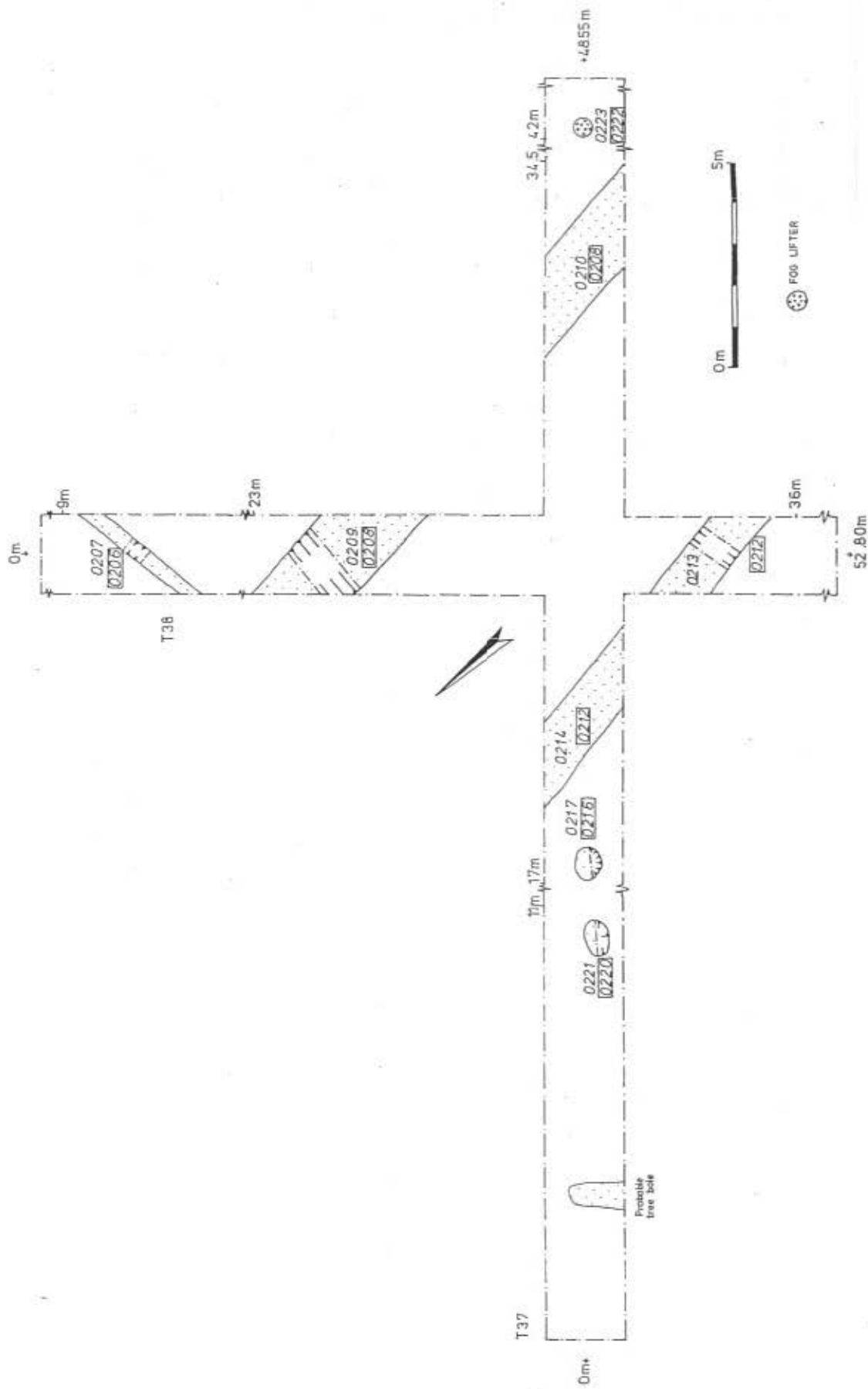


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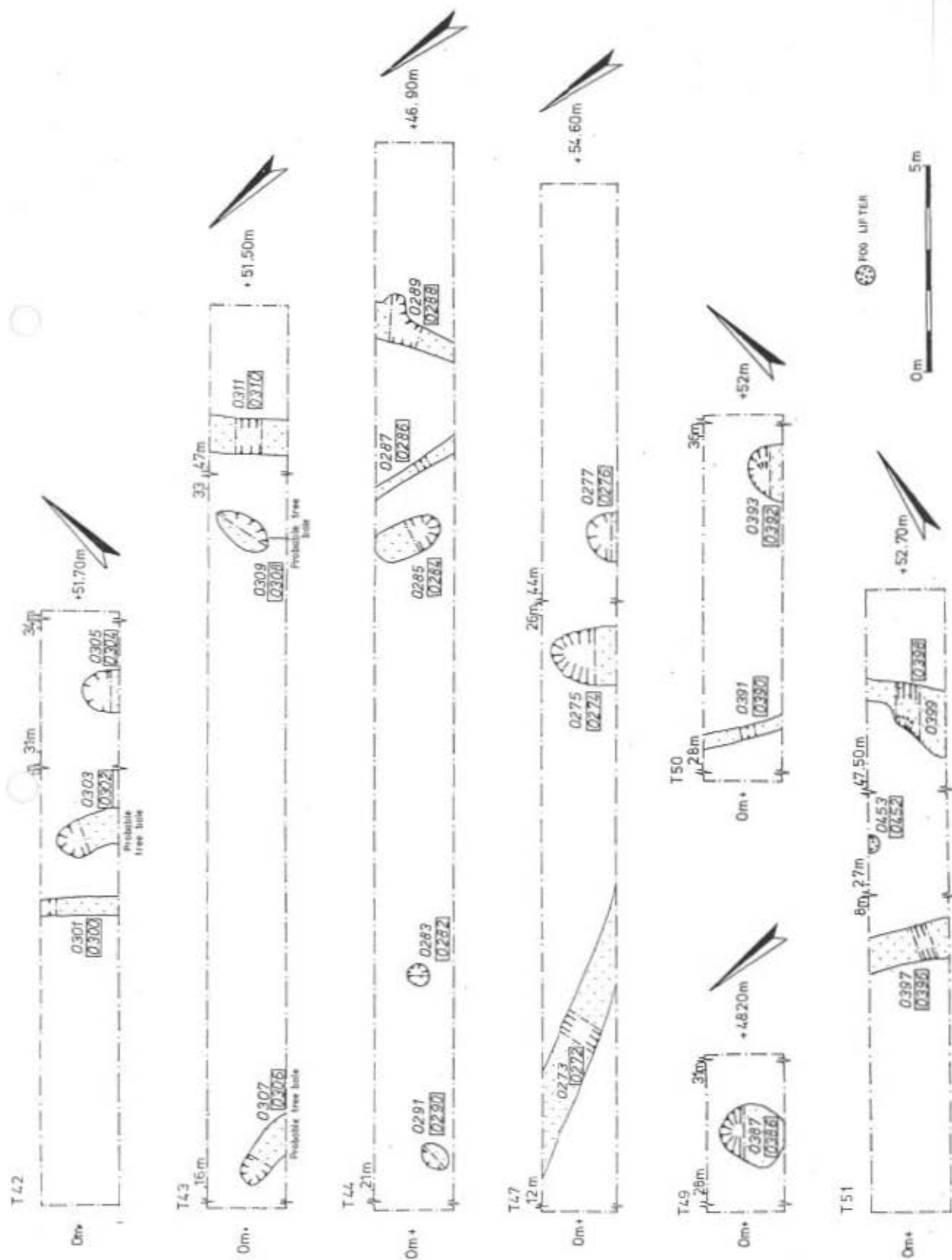


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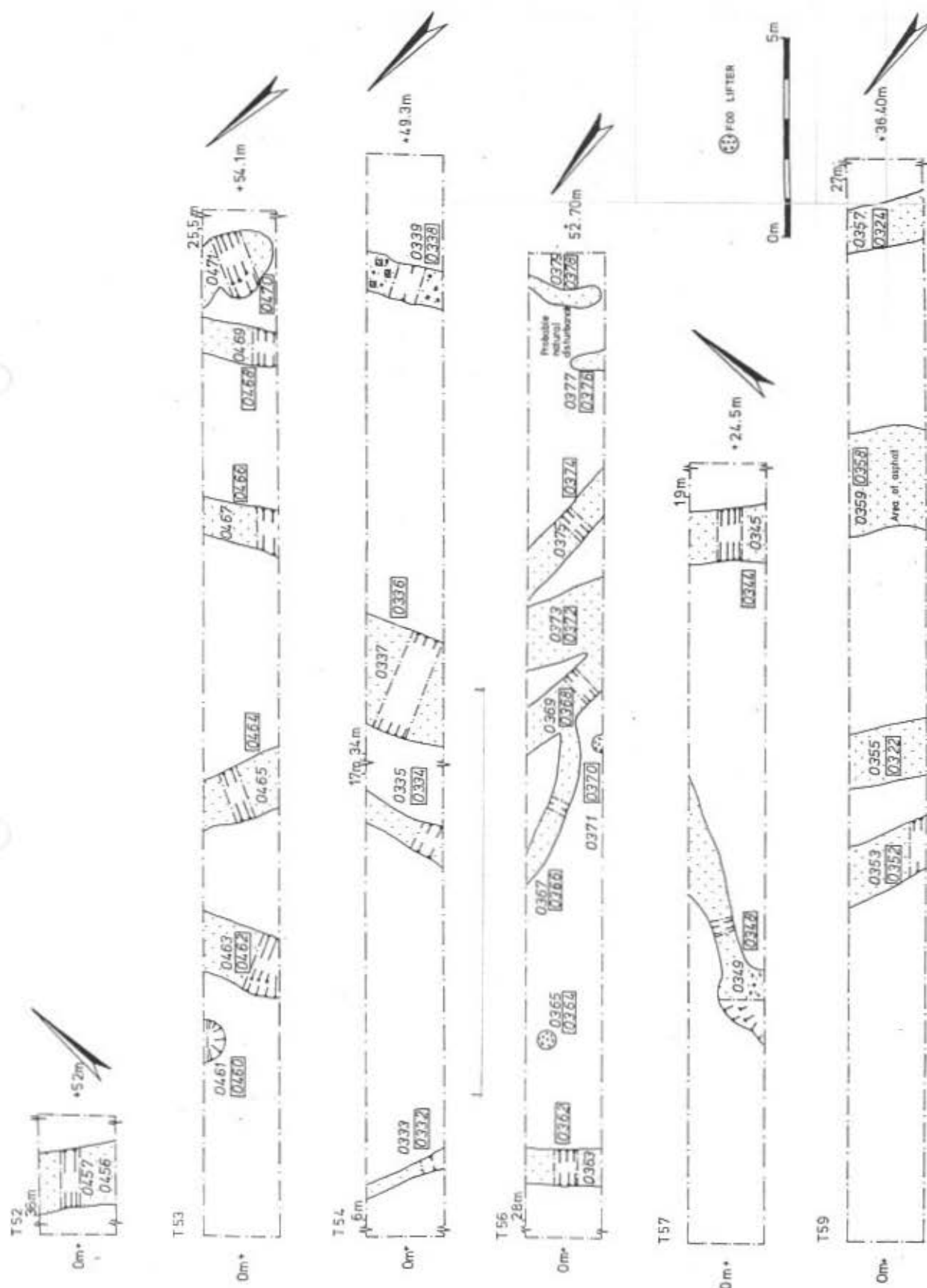


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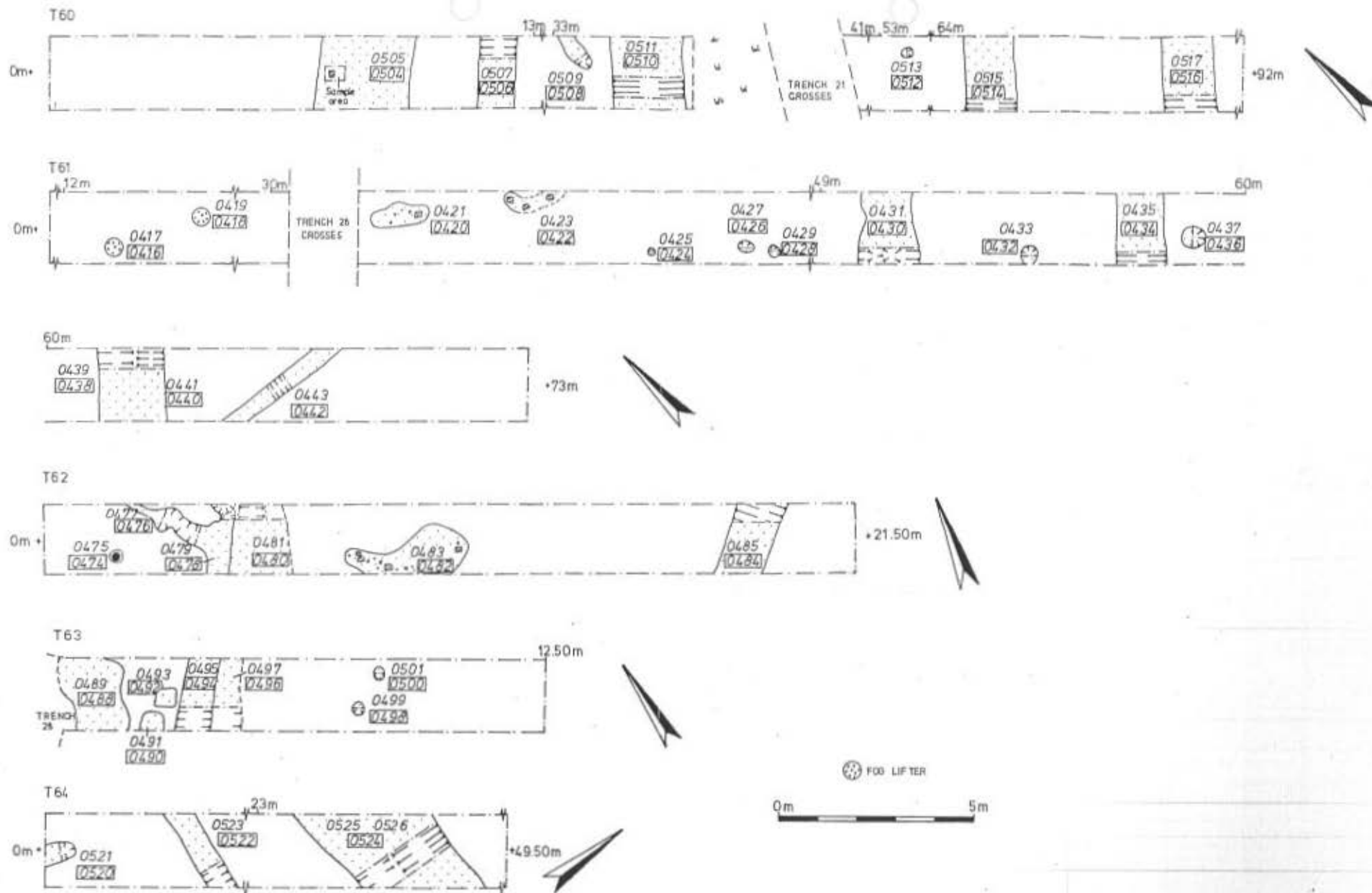


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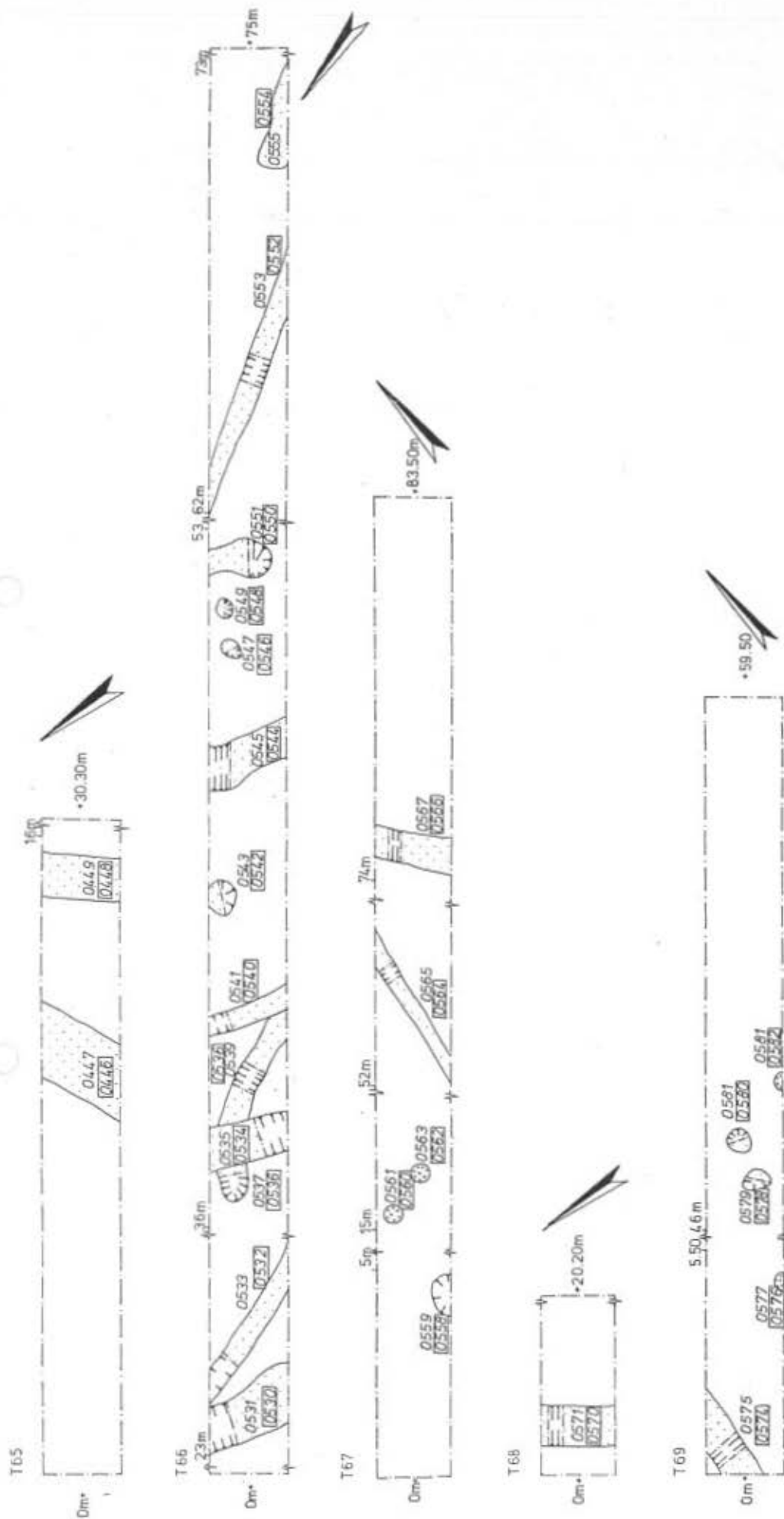


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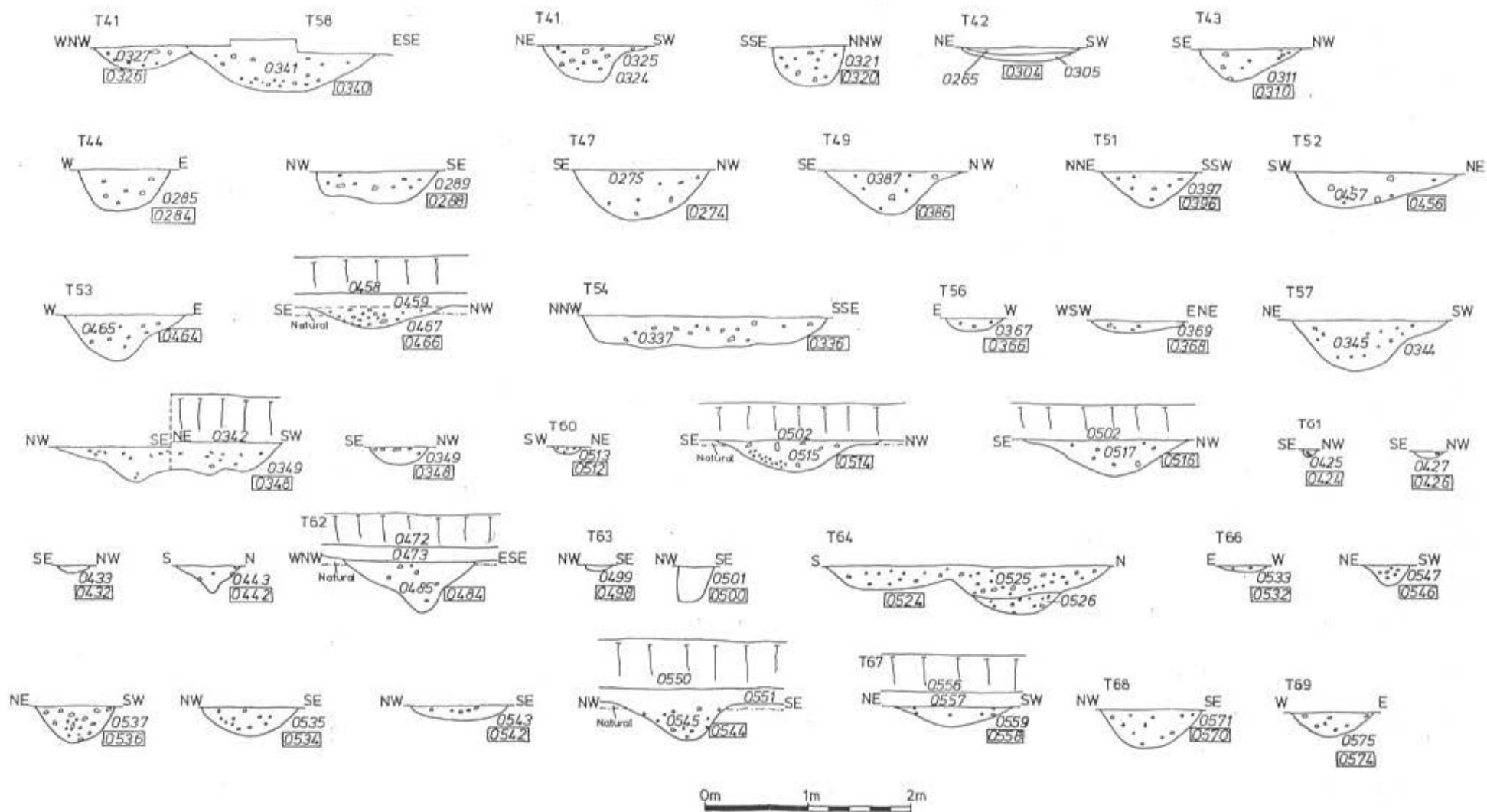


FIGURE 15: SECTIONS FROM TRENCHES 41 - 69

Appendix 2: Context List

OPNO	CONTEXT	TRENCH NO	IDENTIFIER	DESCRIPTION
0001			Finds	Unstratified finds.
0002	0002	04	Layer	Topsoil
0003	0003	04	Layer	Subsoil
0004	0004	27	Layer	Topsoil
0005	0005	27	Layer	Subsoil
0006	0006	27	Ditch cut	Very straight, possibly machined gully. NW-SE running along SW edge of trench, c.11cm deep.
0007	0006	27	Ditch fill	Fill of 0006, mid/dark orange brown silty sand.
0008	0008	24	Layer	Topsoil
0009	0009	24	Layer	Subsoil
0010	0010	22	Layer	Topsoil
0011	0011	22	Layer	Subsoil
0012	0012	22	Fog lifter cut	Circular, c.60cm in diameter
0013	0012	22	Fog lifter fill	Fill of 0012, blackish charcoaly silty sand.
0014	0014	22	Fog lifter cut	Approximately circular and 50cm in diameter.
0015	0014	22	Fog lifter fill	Fill of 0014, blackish charcoaly silty sand.
0016	0016	22	Pit cut	Circular pit (half in trench section). 90x55x30cm deep.
0017	0016	22	Pit fill	Fill of pit 0016, mid brown silty sand.
0018	0018	23	Layer	Topsoil
0019	0019	23	Layer	Subsoil
0020	0020	23	Fog lifter cut	Approximately circular and 70cm in diameter.
0021	0020	23	Fog lifter fill	Fill of 0020, blackish charcoaly silty sand.
0022	0022	21	Layer	Topsoil
0023	0023	21	Layer	Subsoil
0024	0024	21	Pit cut	Amorphous pit - probably natural.
0025	0024	21	Pit fill	Fill of 0024, very mixed mid/dark brown silty sand.
0026	0026	20	Ditch cut	NE-SW aligned. 2m wide x 90cm deep.
0027	0026	20	Ditch fill	Fill of 0026, mid brown silty sand with light brown patches.
0028	0028	20	Layer	Topsoil

OPNO	CONTEXT	TRENCH NO	IDENTIFIER	DESCRIPTION
0029	0029	20	Layer	Subsoil
0030	0030	20	Ditch cut	NNE-SSW aligned ditch. 1.60m x 40m deep.
0031	0030	20	Ditch fill	Fill of 0030, mid brown silty sand.
0032	0032	20	Ditch cut	1.20 x 0.40m deep. NE-SW aligned.
0033	0032	20	Ditch fill	Fill of 0032, mid brown silty sand.
0034	0034	25	Layer	Topsoil
0035	0035	25	Layer	Subsoil
0036	0036	25	Ditch cut	NW-SE aligned. Approximately 3m wide with varying depth.
0037	0036	25	Ditch fill	Fill of 0036, mid brown silty sand with occasional / moderate stones.
0038	0038	25	Ditch cut	Running N-S. Approximately 1.30 wide x 0.20m deep.
0039	0038	25	Ditch fill	Fill of 0038, mid brown silty sand with occasional / moderate stones.
0040	0040	26	Layer	Topsoil
0041	0041	26	Layer	Subsoil
0042	0042	26	Ditch cut	N-S aligned, 60 x 30cm deep.
0043	0042	26	Ditch fill	Fill of 0042, mid brown silty sand with very occasional stones.
0044	0044	26	Ditch cut	W-E aligned. 1.50m wide. No section.
0045	0044	26	Ditch fill	Fill of 0045, mid brown silty sand with occasional stones.
0046	0046	26	Ditch cut	W-E aligned. 60 x 25cm deep.
0047	0046	26	Ditch fill	Fill of 0046, mid brown silty sand with moderate stones.
0048	0048	26	Ditch cut	W-E aligned. Approximately 1m wide (varies). No section.
0049	0048	26	Ditch fill	Fill of 0048, mid brown silty sand with moderate stone inclusion.
0050	0050	26	Pit cut	Possible tree throw. 80 x 60cm deep.
0051	0050	26	Pit fill	Fill of 0050, mid brown silty sand.
0052	0052	08	Layer	Topsoil
0053	0053	08	Layer	Subsoil
0054	0054	10	Layer	Topsoil
0055	0055	10	Layer	Subsoil
0056	0056	10	Ditch cut	N-S aligned. 1.20m wide. No section.
0057	0056	10	Ditch fill	Fill of 0056, mid brown silty sand.
0058	0058	10	Pit cut	Oval shaped pit approximately 1m x 1.20 x 0.30m deep.
0059	0058	10	Pit fill	Fill of 0058, mid brown silty sand.

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OPNO	CONTEXT	TRENCH NO	IDENTIFIER	DESCRIPTION
0060	0060	09	Layer	Topsoil
0061	0061	09	Layer	Subsoil
0062	0062	09	Fog lifter cut	
0063	0062	09	Fog lifter fill	Fill of 0062, blackish charcoal silty sand.
0064	0064	09	Post-hole cut	Circular. 30 x 30 x 12cm deep.
0065	0064	09	Post-hole fill	Fill of 0064, mid brown silty sand.
0066	0066	09	Post-hole cut	Partly in section. Oval? 40 x 20 cm deep.
0067	0066	09	Post-hole fill	Fill of 0066, mid brown silty sand.
0068	0068	09	Tree pit cut	Amorphous shaped, partly in section.
0069	0068	09	Tree pit fill	Fill of 0068, mid brown silty sand.
0070	0070	12	Layer	Topsoil
0071	0071	12	Layer	Subsoil
0072	0072	12	Ditch cut	Modern ditch, approx. 1.5m wide. NE-SW.
0073	0072	12	Ditch fill	Fill of 0072, mid brown silty sand with glass and FE also.
0074	0074	11	Layer	Topsoil
0075	0075	11	Layer	Subsoil
0076	0076	05	Layer	Topsoil
0077	0077	05	Layer	Subsoil
0078	0078	28	Layer	Topsoil
0079	0079	28	Layer	Subsoil
0080	0080	28	Pit cut	Small oval pit - modern fill. At NE end of trench.
0081	0080	28	Pit fill	Fill of 0080, mid brown silty sand with brick and mortar.
0082	0082	28	Pit cut	Very small squarish pit - modern fill. Close to 0080.
0083	0082	28	Pit fill	Fill of 0082, mid brown silty sand with brick and mortar.
0084	0084	28	Pit cut	Amorphous shaped, large pit. Modern.
0085	0084	28	Pit fill	Fill of 0084, dark brown silty sand with brick and mortar.
0086	0086	28	Pit cut	Irregular shape, vertical sided, not bottomed.
0087	0086	28	Pit fill	Fill of 0086, mid grey brown silty sand with orange mottles and occasional charcoal.
0088	0088	28	Ditch cut	Irregular sides, shallow with flat bottom, runs NE-SW.
0089	0088	28	Ditch fill	Fill of 0088, dark brown grey silty sand with bone and iron.
0090	0090	28	Ditch cut	Approx. 2m wide and runs roughly E-W but appears to be bending.

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OPNO	CONTEXT	TRENCH NO	IDENTIFIER	DESCRIPTION
0091	0090	28	Ditch fill	Fill of 0090, mid grey brown silty sand with moderate pebbles. No section.
0092	0092	29	Layer	Topsoil
0093	0093	29	Layer	Subsoil
0094	0094	29	Post-hole cut	Circular, 40cm in diameter, maximum depth 20cm.
0095	0094	29	Post-hole fill	Fill of 0094, mid/pale brown grey silty sand with moderate small charcoal.
0096	0096	29	Ditch cut	c.2m wide, 50cm deep (maximum) with open 'V' profile. E-W aligned.
0097	0096	29	Ditch fill	Fill of 0096, mid grey brown silty sand with very occasional charcoal.
0098	0098	29	Ditch cut	Re-cut of 0096. E-W.
0099	0098	29	Ditch fill	Same as 0097.
0100	0100	29	Ditch cut	Narrow (30cm), straight sided cut running E-W. No section.
0101	0100	29	Ditch fill	Fill of 0100, dark brown grey silty sand with some bone.
0102	0102	29	Ditch cut	Straight sided, open 'U' profile. 50 x 15cm deep. N-S running.
0103	0102	29	Ditch fill	Fill of 0102, mid brown silty sand with frequent stones and much root disturbance.
0104	0104	29	Ditch cut	Straight sided, c.1.2m wide. E-W running with no section.
0105	0104	29	Ditch fill	Fill of 0104, dark grey silty sand with frequent pebbles. Contains modern glass and cartridge end.
0106	0106	30	Ditch cut	Revealed in end of trench (E-W) - continuation of 0096 etc.?
0107	0106	30	Ditch fill	Fill of 0106, mid brown silty sand.
0108	0108	30	Ditch cut	Running approx. NW-SE but curving. 'U' shape profile. 70 x 20 cm deep.
0109	0108	30	Ditch fill	Fill of 0108, mid brown silty sand.
0110	0110	30	Layer	Topsoil
0111	0111	30	Layer	Subsoil
0112	0112	28	Fog lifter cut	Roughly circular.
0113	0112	28	Fog lifter fill	Fill of 0112, blackish charcoally silty sand.
0114	0114	28	Fog lifter cut	
0115	0114	28	Fog lifter fill	Fill of 0114, blackish charcoally silty sand.
0116	0116	30	Ditch cut	N-S aligned. 70cm wide. Not bottomed.
0117	0116	30	Ditch fill	Fill of 0116, mid brown silty sand.
0118	0118	31	Layer	Topsoil
0119	0119	31	Layer	Subsoil
0120	0120	31	Ditch cut	1m wide, shallow, round bottomed, under subsoil. Runs NW-SE.
0121	0120	31	Ditch fill	Fill of 0120, mid brown silty sand.

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OPNO	CONTEXT	TRENCH NO	IDENTIFIER	DESCRIPTION
0122	0122	31	Fog lifter cut	Circular.
0123	0122	31	Fog lifter fill	Fill of 0122, blackish charcoally silty sand.
0124	0124	14	Layer	Topsoil
0125	0125	14	Layer	Subsoil
0126	0126	14	Ditch cut	NNE-SSW. Approx. 50m can be seen - 2 separate stretches can be seen within the trench, on the same line. Similar width and depth and so probably same ditch. Very shallow and so central stretch probably machined away.
0127	0126	14	Ditch fill	Fill of 0126, mid brown silty sand.
0128	0128	14	Ditch cut	E-W. Fairly narrow - 70cm/20 deep.
0129	0128	14	Ditch fill	Fill of 0128, mid brown silty sand.
0130	0130	14	Ditch cut	E-W. 1m wide. No section.
0131	0130	14	Ditch fill	Fill of 0130, mid brown silty sand.
0132	0132	13	Layer	Topsoil
0133	0133	13	Layer	Subsoil
0134	0134	13	Ditch cut	Only butt-end seen in trench. N-S. 60 x 30cm deep.
0135	0134	13	Ditch fill	Fill of 0134, mid brown silty sand with frequent charcoal. Butt-end.
0136	0134	13	Ditch fill	Fill of 0134, mid brown silty sand. Frequent charcoal lumps. From section through ditch.
0137			Void	
0138	0138	13	Ditch cut	N-S. 1 x 0.34m deep. Open 'U' profile.
0139	0138	13	Ditch fill	Fill of 0138, mid brown silty sand.
0140	0140	13	Ditch cut	SW-NE. 70x30cm deep. 'U' shape.
0141	0140	13	Ditch fill	Fill of 0140, mid brown silty sand.
0142	0142	13	Pit cut	Roughly oval. Partly in section. 1x0.30m wide.
0143	0142	13	Pit fill	Fill of 0142, mid brown silty sand with dark grey patches.
0144	0144	15	Layer	Topsoil
0145	0145	15	Layer	Subsoil
0146	0146	15	Ditch cut	SW-NE.
0147	0146	15	Ditch fill	Fill of 0146, mid brown silty sand.
0148	0148	15	Fog lifter cut	Circular.
0149	0148	15	Fog lifter fill	Fill of 0148, mid brown silty sand with charcoal.
0150	0150	15	Pit cut	Roughly circular, 60cm in diameter. Probably animal
0151	0150	15	Pit fill	Fill of 0150, mid brown silty sand.

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OPNO	CONTEXT	TRENCH NO	IDENTIFIER	DESCRIPTION
0152	0152	15	Pit cut	Elliptical. Probably animal. 0.50 x 1.50 x 0.24m deep.
0153	0152	15	Pit fill	Fill of 0152, mid brown silty sand with frequent rounded stones.
0154	0154	06	Layer	Topsoil
0155	0155	06	Layer	Subsoil
0156	0156	06	Ditch cut	N-S. 0.80x0.18m deep.
0157	0156	06	Ditch fill	Fill of 0156, mid brown silty sand.
0158	0158	06	Fog lifter cut	Circular
0159	0158	06	Fog lifter fill	Fill of 0158, blackish brown silty sand.
0160	0160	07	Layer	Topsoil
0161	0161	07	Layer	Subsoil
0162	0162	16	Layer	Topsoil
0163	0163	16	Layer	Subsoil
0164	0164	16	Ditch cut	NNW-SSE. 1.20x0.24m deep.
0165	0164	16	Ditch fill	Fill of ditch 0164, mid brown silty sand.
0166	0166	17	Layer	Topsoil
0167	0167	17	Layer	Subsoil
0168	0168	17	Pit cut	Partly in section - shape unclear. Directly below topsoil.
0169	0168	17	Pit fill	Fill of pit, mid brown silty sand.
0170	0170	17	Pit cut	Roughly circular.
0171	0170	17	Pit fill	Fill of 0170, mid brown silty sand.
0172	0172	17	Tree pit	Probable tree bowl - no section. Very mixed fill.
0173	0172	17	Tree pit fill	Fill of 0172, very mixed mid brown silty sand.
0174	0174	18	Layer	Topsoil
0175	0175	18	Layer	Subsoil
0176	0176	18	Fog lifter cut	Circular.
0177	0176	18	Fog lifter fill	Fill of 0176, blackish charcoal silty sand.
0178	0178	19	Layer	Topsoil
0179	0179	19	Layer	Subsoil
0180	0180	19	Ditch cut	ENE-WSW. 1.60x0.31m deep.
0181	0180	19	Ditch fill	Fill of 0180, mid brown silty sand.
0182	0182	40	Layer	Topsoil

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OPNO	CONTEXT	TRENCH NO	IDENTIFIER	DESCRIPTION
0183	0183	40	Layer	Subsoil
0184	0184	40	Pit cut	Oval, fairly large.
0185	0184	40	Pit fill	Fill of 0184, mid brown silty sand.
0186	0186	40	Extraction pit	Modern - 6m wide x 1m deep. Machine excavated.
0187	0186	40	Extraction pit fill	Fill of 0186, shingley mid orange sandy silt. Very stony.
0188	0188	40	Fog lifter cut	In section.
0189	0188	40	Fog lifter fill	Fill of 0188, blackish charcoal silty sand.
0190	0190	39	Layer	Topsoil
0191	0191	39	Layer	Subsoil
0192	0192	39	Ditch cut	N-S. 1x0.35m deep.
0193	0192	39	Ditch fill	Fill of 0192, mid brown silty sand.
0194	0194	39	Ditch cut	2.5m wide. Depth unknown - no section. Sampled to 40cm. NE-SW.
0195	0194	39	Ditch fill	Fill of 0194, mid brown silty sand.
0196	0196	39	Ditch cut	NE-SW. 1mx0.30m deep.
0197	0196	39	Ditch fill	Fill of 0196, pale brown slightly silty sand. Difficult to distinguish.
0198	0198	39	Ditch cut	Curved ditch cut. Cut by [0200]. 80x10cm deep.
0199	0198	39	Ditch fill	Fill of 0198, pale grey brown silty sand.
0200	0200	39	Ditch cut	NE-SW aligned. 1mx0.12m deep. Under subsoil.
0201	0200	39	Ditch fill	Fill of ditch 0200, mid brown silty sand.
0202	0202	39	Fog lifter cut	Circular.
0203	0202	39	Fog lifter fill	Fill of fog lifter 0202, blackish charcoal silty sand.
0204	0204	38	Layer	Topsoil
0205	0204	38	Layer	Subsoil
0206	0206	38	Ditch cut	Narrow, 'U' shaped. 40x12cm deep. W-E.
0207	0206	38	Ditch fill	Fill of 0206, light brown silty sand.
0208	0208	38	Ditch cut	1.75x0.50m deep. Open 'U' shape. NNW-SSE.
0209	0208	38	Ditch fill	Section in trench 38. Mid brown silty sand.
0210	0208	37	Ditch fill	Section in trench 37. Not sectioned. Same fill as 0209.
0211			Void	
0212	0212	38	Ditch cut	NNW-SSE, 1.2mx0.20m deep. Open 'U' shape profile.
0213	0212	38	Ditch fill	Section in T38 - mid brown silty sand.

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OPNO	CONTEXT	TRENCH NO	IDENTIFIER	DESCRIPTION
0214	0212	37	Ditch fill	Section in T37 - not sectioned. Same as 0213.
0215			Void	
0216	0216	37	Post-hole cut	Deep, steep sided post-hole with post pipe.
0217	0216	37	Post-hole fill	Fill of 0216, very dark brown silty sand with occasional stones.
0218	0218	37	Layer	Topsoil
0219	0219	37	Layer	Subsoil
0220	0220	37	Post-hole cut	Very shallow, oval post-hole.
0221	0220	37	Post-hole fill	Fill of 0220, very stony mid brown silty sand.
0222	0222	37	Fog lifter cut	Roughly circular.
0223	0222	37	Fog lifter fill	Fill of 0222, blackish charcoal/silty sand - mixed.
0224	0224	35	Layer	Topsoil
0225	0224	35	Layer	Subsoil
0226	0226	35	Post-hole cut	Small, circular post-hole. Steep sided.
0227	0226	35	Post-hole fill	Fill of 0226, mid brown silty sand.
0228	0226	35	Post-hole fill	Fill of 0226, hard compressed mid grey sandy silt.
0229			Void	
0230	0230	34	Layer	Topsoil
0231	0231	34	Layer	Subsoil
0232	0232	34	Ditch cut	Curved in shape but basically NE-SW. 70x14cm deep. Also in T36
0233	0232	34	Ditch fill	Fill of 0232, mid brown silty sand.
0234	0234	34	Fog lifter cut	Roughly circular.
0235	0234	34	Fog lifter fill	Fill of 0234, blackish charcoal/silty sand.
0236	0236	34	Ditch cut	2.5m wide. No section. Also in T36. E-W
0237	0236	34	Ditch fill	Fill of 0236, mid brown silty sand.
0238	0239	34	Ditch cut	NE-SW. 80x10cm deep.
0239	0238	34	Ditch fill	Fill of 0238, mid brown silty sand.
0240	0240	34	Ditch cut	NE-SW. 40x8cm deep.
0241	0240	34	Ditch fill	Fill of 0240, mid brown silty sand with charcoal.
0242	0242	34	Fog lifter cut	In section of trench.
0243	0242	34	Fog lifter fill	Fill of 0242, blackish charcoal/silty sand.
0244	0244	36	Layer	Topsoil

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OPNO	CONTEXT	TRENCH NO	IDENTIFIER	DESCRIPTION
0245	0245	36	Layer	Subsoil
0246			Void	
0247	0236	36	Ditch fill	Fill of 0236, mid brown silty sand with very occasional charcoal. In T34 also.
0248	0248	36	Pit cut	Roughly oval shape.
0249	0248	36	Pit fill	Fill of 0248, mid brown silty sand.
0250			Void	
0251	0232	36	Ditch fill	Fill of 0232, mid brown silty sand. No section. In T34 also
0252	0252	36	Pit cut	Squarish. Partly in section.
0253	0252	36	Pit fill	Fill of 0252, mid brown silty sand.
0254	0254	36	Ditch cut	Possibly butt-ends in trench - unclear as fill is very mixed at end. E-W
0255	0254	36	Ditch fill	Fill of 0254, mid brown silty sand.
0256	0256	33	Layer	Topsoil
0257	0257	33	Layer	Subsoil
0258	0258	33	Ditch cut	E-W. 2m wide, no section
0259	0258	33	Ditch fill	Fill of 0258, mid/dark brown silty sand.
0260	0260	33	Pit cut	Amorphous shaped.
0261	0260	33	Pit fill	Fill of 0260, blackish silty sand. Modern brick found within fill - discarded.
0262	0262	33	Feature cut	Amorphous shape - unclear.
0263	0262	33	Feature fill	Fill of 0262, mid brown silty sand.
0264	0260	33	Pit fill	Fill of 0260, mid brown silty sand/mottled orange.
0265			Void	
0266	0266	33	Ditch cut	NW-SE. 60cm wide approx., no section.
0267	0266	33	Ditch fill	Fill of 0266, mid brown silty sand.
0268	0268	33	Ditch cut	Irregular shape but mainly NW-SE. End sectioned. 70x15cm deep.
0269	0268	33	Ditch fill	Fill of 0268, mid brown silty sand.
0270	0270	47	Layer	Topsoil
0271	0271	47	Layer	Subsoil
0272	0272	47	Ditch cut	NW-SE. 60x40cm deep.
0273	0272	47	Ditch fill	Fill of 0272, mid brown silty sand.
0274	0274	47	Pit cut	Large circular (partly in section).
0275	0274	47	Pit fill	Fill of 0274, mid grey brown silty sand.

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0276	0276	47	Pit cut	Small, oval. Partly in section.
0277	0276	47	Pit fill	Fill of 0276, mid/dark brown silty sand.
0278	0278	44	Layer	Topsoil
0279	0279	44	Layer	Subsoil
0280	0280	44	Pit cut	Oval pit, fairly small.
0281	0280	44	Pit fill	Fill of 0280, mid brown silty sand.
0282	0282	44	Post-hole cut	Steep sided and approx. 40cm deep. Circular.
0283	0282	44	Post-hole fill	Fill of 0282, mid brown silty sand.
0284	0284	44	Pit cut	Large, oval pit.
0285	0284	44	Pit fill	Fill of 0284, mid brown silty sand.
0286	0286	44	Ditch cut	Fairly narrow, shallow. N-S.
0287	0286	44	Ditch fill	Fill of 0286, mid brown silty sand.
0288	0288	44	Ditch cut	Steep sides - irregular shape. Possible ditch.
0289	0288	44	Ditch fill	Fill of 0288, mid brown silty sand.
0290	0290	45	Layer	Topsoil
0291	0291	45	Layer	Subsoil
0292	0292	46	Layer	Topsoil
0293	0293	46	Layer	Subsoil
0294	0294	48	Layer	Topsoil
0295	0295	48	Layer	Subsoil
0296	0296	42	Layer	Topsoil
0297	0297	42	Layer	Subsoil
0298	0298	43	Layer	Topsoil
0299	0299	43	Layer	Subsoil
0300	0300	42	Ditch cut	Narrow ditch, beneath topsoil. Only 11cm deep from excavation level. NW-SE
0301	0300	43	Ditch fill	Fill of 0300, mid brown silty sand.
0302	0302	42	Tree pit cut	Probable tree pit cut - no photo or section.
0303	0302	42	Tree pit fill	Fill of 0302, mid brown silty sand.
0304	0304	42	Pit cut	Oval pit, partly in section. Probably modern.
0305	0304	42	Pit fill	Fill of 0304, very dark brown/blackish silty sand. Sampled.
0306	0306	42	Tree pit cut	Amorphous shaped - no photo or section.

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0307	0306	43	Tree pit fill	Fill of 0306, mid brown silty sand.
0308	0308	43	Tree pit cut	Amorphous shaped, no photo or section.
0309	0308	43	Tree pit fill	Fill of 0308, mid brown silty sand.
0310	0310	43	Ditch cut	NE-SW. 1x0.30m deep.
0311	0310	43	Ditch fill	Fill of 0310, mid brown silty sand.
0312	0312	41	Layer	Topsoil
0313	0313	41	Layer	Subsoil
0314	0314	41	Fog litter cut	Machined away.
0315	0314	41	Fog litter fill	Fill of 0314, blackish charcoal silty sand.
0316	0316	41	Fog litter cut	Roughly circular.
0317	0316	41	Fog litter fill	Fill of 0316, blackish charcoal silty sand.
0318	0318	41	Ditch cut	NE-SW. 50x 10cm deep.
0319	0318	41	Ditch fill	Fill of 0318, mid brown silty sand.
0320	0320	41	Pit cut	Triangular in plan with steep edges. Partly in section.
0321	0320	41	Pit fill	Fill of 0320, mid brown silty sand.
0322	0322	41	Ditch cut	NE-SW. 1.1x0.30m deep.
0323	0322	41	Ditch fill	Fill of 0322, mid/dark brown silty sand.
0324	0324	41	Ditch cut	NE-SW. 1x0.32m deep.
0325	0324	41	Ditch fill	Fill of ditch 0324, mid/dark brown silty sand.
0326	0326	41	Ditch cut	NNW-SSE. Width unclear. C.30cm deep.
0327	0326	41	Ditch fill	Fill of 0326, mid/dark brown silty sand. 1st century pot found within.
0328	0328	55	Layer	Topsoil
0329	0329	55	Layer	Subsoil
0330	0330	54	Layer	Topsoil
0331	0331	54	Layer	Subsoil
0332	0332	54	Ditch cut	Narrow and very shallow. 48x6cm deep. N-S running.
0333	0332	54	Ditch fill	Fill of 0332, mid brown silty sand.
0334	0334	54	Ditch cut	NE-SW. 65x14cm deep.
0335	0334	54	Ditch fill	Fill of 0334, mid brown silty sand.
0336	0336	54	Ditch cut	NE-SW. 2.35x0.30m deep.
0337	0336	54	Ditch fill	Fill of 0336, mid/dark brown silty sand.

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0338	0338	54	Ditch cut	Very shallow. NE-SW. 1m x 0.03m deep.
0339	0338	54	Ditch fill	Fill of 0338, very stony dark brown silty sand with brick rubble.
0340	0340	58	Ditch cut	N-S. 2.70 x 0.43m deep. In T37 and T58.
0341	0340	58	Ditch fill	Fill of 0340, mid/dark brown silty sand. Section in T58.
0342	0342	57	Layer	Topsoil
0343	0343	57	Layer	Subsoil
0344	0344	57	Ditch cut	NW-SE running. Approximately 1.5m wide by 50 cm deep. 'U' profile. Might correspond to 0340 in trenches 41 and 58.
0345	0344	57	Ditch fill	Fill of 0344, mid/dark brown silty sand.
0346	0346	58	Layer	Topsoil
0347	0347	58	Layer	Subsoil
0348	0348	57	Ditch cut	NNE-SSW. 70 x 18cm deep.
0349	0348	57	Ditch fill	Fill of 0348, mid dark brown silty sand with charcoal. S end has greater charcoal. Ipswich ware pot found within.
0350	0350	59	Layer	Topsoil
0351	0351	59	Layer	Subsoil
0352	0352	59	Ditch cut	NNE-SSW. Shallow 'U' shape. 1m wide.
0353	0352	59	Ditch fill	Fill of 0352, pale/mid brown silty sand.
0354			Void	
0355	0322	59	Ditch fill	Fill of 0322 (section in T59), dark brown silty sand.
0356			Void	
0357	0324	59	Ditch fill	Fill of 0324 (section in T59), pale brown silty sand.
0358	0358	59	Feature cut?	Cut for asphalt surface.
0359	0358	59	Feature fill?	Fill of 0358, asphalt blackish fill.
0360	0360	56	Layer	Topsoil
0361	0361	56	Layer	Subsoil
0362	0362	56	Ditch cut	E-W. 95 x 24cm deep.
0363	0362	56	Ditch fill	Fill of 0362, mid brown silty sand.
0364	0364	56	Fog lifter cut	Roughly circular.
0365	0364	56	Fog lifter fill	Fill of 0364, blackish charcoal silty sand.
0366	0366	56	Ditch cut	Mostly N-S aligned but curving. 55 x 12cm deep.
0367	0366	56	Ditch fill	Fill of 0366, mid brown silty sand.
0368	0368	56	Ditch cut	NNE-SSW. 90 x 12cm deep.

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0369	0368	56	Ditch fill	Fill of 0368, mid brown silty sand.
0370	0370	56	Fog lifter cut	Roughly circular.
0371	0370	56	Fog lifter fill	Fill of 0370, blackish charcoal silty sand.
0372	0372	56	Ditch cut	NE-SW. 1.5m wide - no section to no depth.
0373	0372	56	Ditch fill	Fill of 0372, mid brown silty sand.
0374	0374	56	Ditch cut	NNE-SSW. 90 x 5cm deep.
0375	0374	56	Ditch fill	Fill of 0374, mid brown silty sand.
0376	0376	56	Disturbance	Probable disturbance, partly in section. One side undercut.
0377	0376	56	Disturbance fill	Fill of 0376, mid brown silty sand.
0378	0378	56	Disturbance	Probable disturbance, curved in shape.
0379	0378	56	Disturbance fill	Fill of 0378, mid brown silty sand.
0380	0380	32	Layer	Topsoil
0381	0381	32	Layer	Subsoil
0382	0382	32	Ditch cut	Same as [0258] in T337 E-W 1.5m x 45cm deep.
0383	0382	32	Ditch fill	Fill of 0382, mid/dark brown silty sand.
0384	0384	49	Layer	Topsoil
0385	0385	49	Layer	Subsoil
0386	0386	49	Pit cut	Large, oval shape. 130 x 41cm deep.
0387	0386	49	Pit fill	Fill of 0386, mid brown silty sand with very occasional charcoal.
0388	0388	50	Layer	Topsoil
0389	0389	50	Layer	Subsoil
0390	0390	50	Gully cut	Very narrow and shallow. NW-SE.
0391	0390	50	Gully fill	Fill of 0390, mid brown silty sand.
0392	0392	50	Pit cut	Probable tree throw. 1.45 x 70cm deep.
0393	0392	50	Pit fill	Fill of 0392, mid brown silty sand.
0394	0394	51	Layer	Topsoil
0395	0395	51	Layer	Subsoil
0396	0396	51	Ditch cut	WNW-ESE. 1m x 0.34m deep.
0397	0396	51	Ditch fill	Fill of ditch 0396, mid brown silty sand.
0398	0398	51	Ditch cut?	Irregular shaped. Not bottomed. 1.4m wide. Possible tree line.
0399	0398	51	Ditch fill	Fill of 0398, mid/dark brown silty sand.

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0400	0400	02 a	Layer	Topsoil
0401	0401	02 a	Layer	Subsoil
0402	0402	02 a	Pit cut	Small pit or post-hole cut. Circular.
0403	0402	02 a	Pit fill	Fill of 0402, mid/dark grey silty sand with moderate small pebbles and charcoal.
0404	0404	02 b	Layer	Topsoil
0405	0405	02 b	Layer	Subsoil
0406	0406	02 b	Ditch cut	N-S. 1mx0.35m deep.
0407	0406	02 b	Ditch fill	Fill of 0406, mid/pale silty sand with moderate pebbles.
0408	0408	01	Layer	Overburden of topsoil mixed with rubble.
0409	0408	01	Layer	Subsoil.
0410	0410	03	Ditch cut	NE-SW. 1mx0.30m deep.
0411	0410	03	Ditch fill	Fill of 0410, mid/pale grey yellow brown silty sand.
0412	0412	03	Layer	Topsoil
0413	0413	03	Layer	Subsoil
0414	0414	61	Layer	Topsoil
0415	0415	61	Layer	Subsoil
0416	0416	61	Fog lifter cut	Large, roughly circular. Partly in section.
0417	0416	61	Fog lifter fill	Fill of 0416, blackish charcoal silty sand.
0418	0418	61	Fog lifter cut	Roughly circular
0419	0418	61	Fog lifter fill	Fill of 0418, blackish charcoal silty sand.
0420	0420	61	Pit cut	Amorphous shaped. Elongated oval. 1.5m long x 0.50m wide.
0421	0420	61	Pit fill	Fill of 0420, very dark brown silty sand. Small modern brick fragments.
0422	0422	61	Feature cut	Area of modern disturbance.
0423	0422	61	Feature fill	Fill of 0422, dark grey brown silty sand with large brick pieces.
0424	0424	61	Post-hole cut	Very small, possible post pad. 15cmx8cm deep.
0425	0424	61	Post-hole fill	Fill of 0424, mid/pale grey brown clay sand.
0426	0426	61	Post-hole cut	Shallow, roughly circular. Possible post pad. 30x8cm deep.
0427	0426	61	Post-hole fill	Fill of 0426, mid/pale grey brown clay sand.
0428	0428	61	Post-hole cut	Shallow, roughly circular. Possible post pad. 40x4cm deep.
0429	0428	61	Post-hole fill	Fill of 0428, mid/pale grey brown clay sand.
0430	0430	61	Ditch cut	Uneven base, possible tree line. NE-SW. 1.5x0.10m deep.

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0431	0430	61	Ditch fill	Fill of 0430, dark grey brown silty sand. Same as topsoil.
0432	0432	61	Post-hole cut	Shallow, roughly circular. Possible post pad. 30x8cm deep.
0433	0432	61	Post-hole fill	Fill of 0432, mid/pale grey brown clay sand.
0434	0434	61	Ditch cut	'U' shaped ditch. NE-SW. 1.5x0.12m deep from dig level.
0435	0434	61	Ditch fill	Fill of 0434, dark grey brown silty sand.
0436	0436	61	Pit cut	Roughly circular. 60x14cm deep.
0437	0436	61	Pit fill	Fill of 0436, mid/dark brown silty sand. Modern animal skeleton found within fill.
0438	0438	61	Ditch cut	NE-SW aligned. 'U' shape. 8x10cm deep.
0439	0438	61	Ditch fill	Fill of 0438, dark brown silty sand.
0440	0440	61	Ditch cut	NE-SW. 'U' shape. 70x20cm deep.
0441	0440	61	Ditch fill	Fill of 0440, mixed dark brown silty sand and mid orange silty sand.
0442	0442	61	Ditch cut	W-E. 'V' shape with slightly convex sides. 60x26cm deep.
0443	0442	61	Ditch fill	Fill of 0442, pale yellow grey brown silty sand.
0444	0444	65	Layer	Topsoil
0445	0445	65	Layer	Subsoil.
0446	0446	65	Ditch cut	WSW-ENE. Probably modern. 1.5m wide, no section. Same as [0104] in T29?
0447	0446	65	Ditch fill	Fill of 0446, dark brown silty sand.
0448	0448	65	Ditch cut	SW-NE. 1m wide. No section.
0449	0448	65	Ditch fill	Fill of 0448, mid brown silty sand.
0450			Void	
0451			Void	
0452	0452	51	Fog lifter cut	Roughly circular, partly in section.
0453	0452	51	Fog lifter fill	Fill of 0452, blackish charcoal silty sand.
0454	0454	52	Layer	Topsoil
0455	0455	52	Layer	Subsoil
0456	0456	52	Ditch cut	SE-NW. 1.6x0.35m deep.
0457	0456	52	Ditch fill	Fill of 0456, mid/dark brown silty sand.
0458	0458	53	Layer	Topsoil
0459	0459	53	Layer	Subsoil
0460	0460	53	Pit cut	Circular (where seen), concave base, maximum diameter 1m, depth 30cm.
0461	0460	53	Pit fill	Fill of 0460, mid/dark grey brown silty sand with moderate pebbles and frequent large charcoal frag.

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0462	0462	53	Ditch cut	NE-SW. "V" profile. Width 1.5m, depth 0.5m.
0463	0462	53	Ditch fill	Fill of 0462, mid/dark brown silty sand with moderate pebbles and occasional charcoal.
0464	0464	53	Ditch cut	SSW-NNE running. "U" profile. 1.3x0.45m deep.
0465	0464	53	Ditch fill	Fill of 0464, mid/pale brown silty sand with moderate pebbles.
0466	0466	53	Ditch cut	E-W running. Open "U" profile. 90x15cm deep (from trench base).
0467	0466	53	Ditch fill	Fill of 0466, mid brown silty sand with moderate pebbles.
0468	0468	53	Ditch cut	SW-NE running. Open "U" profile. 90x20cm deep.
0469	0468	53	Ditch fill	Fill of 0468, mid brown silty sand with occasional pebbles.
0470	0470	53	Pit cut?	Possible pit cut? Irregular sided, width 1.3m (maximum), depth 0.40m. Possible tree line.
0471	0470	53	Pit fill	Fill of 0470, mid/dark silty sand with moderate charcoal, pebbles frequent to E side.
0472	0472	62	Layer	Topsoil
0473	0473	62	Layer	Subsoil
0474	0474	62	Pit cut	Small pit, circular. Approximately 40cm in diameter.
0475	0474	62	Pit fill	Fill of 0474, wood fragment within fill, central to pit.
0476	0476	62	Ditch cut	Predominantly NW-SE but varies. Width also differs.
0477	0476	62	Ditch fill	Fill of 0476, dark grey brown silty sand.
0478	0478	62	Ditch cut	NNE-SSW. "V" shaped. 50x30cm deep. Irregular base.
0479	0478	62	Ditch fill	Fill of 0478, mid brown silty sand.
0480	0480	62	Ditch cut?	NNE-SSW? Adjoins ditch [0478]. Depth unknown. Very irregular.
0481	0480	62	Ditch fill?	Fill of 0480, mid brown silty sand.
0482	0482	62	Pit cut?	Area of modern disturbance. Irregular pit.
0483	0482	62	Pit fill	Very dark silty sand - loose. Brick fragments and rubble.
0484	0484	62	Ditch cut	NE-SW. 130x50cm deep.
0485	0484	62	Ditch fill	Fill of 0484, mid/pale orange brown silty sand.
0486	0486	63	Layer	Topsoil
0487	0487	63	Layer	Subsoil
0488	0488	63	Pit cut?	Amorphous shaped area with modern finds - brick etc.
0489	0488	63	Pit fill?	Fill of 0488, mid/dark brown silty sand.
0490	0490	63	Pit cut	Square shaped pit, partly in section. 60x40cm wide.
0491	0490	63	Pit fill	Fill of 0490, mid brown silty sand.
0492	0492	63	Pit cut	Square shaped pit. 50x50 cm wide.

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0493	0492	63	Pit fill	Fill of 0492, mid brown silty sand.
0494	0494	63	Ditch cut	N-S aligned. 80x30cm deep.
0495	0494	63	Ditch fill	Fill of 0494, mid brown silty sand.
0496	0496	63	Disturbance	N-S. Adjoins 0494. Approx. 10cm deep.
0497	0496	63	Disturbance fill	Fill of 0496, mid brown silty sand.
0498	0498	63	Post-hole cut	Very small and shallow. 30x5cm deep.
0499	0498	63	Post-hole fill	Fill of 0498, mid grey brown silty sand.
0500	0500	63	Post-hole cut	Very deep with vertical sides. 35x30cm deep.
0501	0500	63	Post-hole fill	Fill of 0500, mid/dark grey brown silty sand.
0502	0502	60	Layer	Topsoil
0503	0503	60	Layer	Subsoil
0504	0504	60	Ditch cut	2.5m wide - no section. Sampled. NE-SW. Charcoaly patches.
0505	0504	60	Ditch fill	Fill of 0504, mixed orangey brown silty sand with occasional charcoal.
0506	0506	60	Ditch cut	NE-SW. 90x34cm deep.
0507	0506	60	Ditch fill	Fill of 0506, dark brown silty sand.
0508	0508	60	Pit cut	Possible butt-end of ditch, a pit or animal disturbance. 40x7cm deep.
0509	0508	60	Pit fill	Fill of 0508, mottled mid brown silty sand with pale brown.
0510	0510	60	Ditch cut	NE-SW. 2m x 0.50m deep.
0511	0510	60	Ditch fill	Fill of 0510, mid/dark brown silty sand. Brick in fill.
0512	0512	60	Post-hole cut	Possible pit or post-hole. Circular. 25x7cm deep.
0513	0512	60	Post-hole fill	Fill of post-hole 0512, mid brown silty sand with frequent charcoal.
0514	0514	60	Ditch cut	NE-SW aligned. 1.10x0.26m deep.
0515	0514	60	Ditch fill	Fill of ditch 0514, mid brown silty sand with charcoal patch and animal disturbance.
0516	0516	60	Ditch cut	NE-SW. 1.20x0.30m deep.
0517	0516	60	Ditch fill	Fill of 0516, mid brown silty sand.
0518	0518	64	Layer	Topsoil
0519	0519	64	Layer	Subsoil
0520	0520	64	Ditch cut	S-N. 50x13cm deep.
0521	0520	64	Ditch fill	Fill of 0520, mid brown silty sand. Possible butt-end.
0522	0522	64	Ditch cut	W-E. 75x30cm deep.
0523	0522	64	Ditch fill	Fill of 0522, mid brown silty sand.

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0524	0524	64	Ditch cut	W-E. 2.80x0.47m deep.
0525	0524	64	Ditch fill	Upper fill of 0524, mid brown silty sand.
0526	0524	64	Ditch fill	Lower fill of 0524, mid orange brown silty sand.
0527			Void	
0528	0528	66	Layer	Topsoil
0529	0529	66	Layer	Subsoil
0530	0530	66	Ditch cut	NE-SW. 110x24cm deep.
0531	0530	66	Ditch fill	Fill of 0530, mid brown silty sand.
0532	0532	66	Ditch cut	N-S. 50x6cm deep.
0533	0532	66	Ditch fill	Fill of 0532, mid brown silty sand.
0534	0534	66	Ditch cut	NE-SW. 90x28cm deep.
0535	0534	66	Ditch fill	Fill of 0534, mid brown silty sand.
0536	0536	66	Ditch cut	N-S curving. 70x30cm deep (depth does vary).
0537	0536	66	Ditch fill	Fill of 0536, mid/pale brown silty sand. Section through butt end.
0538			Void	
0539	0536	66	Ditch fill	Fill of 0536, mid/pale brown silty sand. Section through ditch.
0540	0540	66	Ditch cut	NE-SW. 50x8cm deep.
0541	0540	66	Ditch fill	Fill of 0540, mid/dark brown silty sand.
0542	0542	66	Pit cut	90x13cm deep. Oval.
0543	0542	66	Pit fill	Fill of 0542, mid brown silty sand.
0544	0544	66	Ditch cut	NE-SW. 90x30cm deep.
0545	0544	66	Ditch fill	Fill of 0544, mid/pale brown silty sand.
0546	0546	66	Pit cut	Post-hole or pit cut. Probable animal or root disturbance. 45x20cm deep.
0547	0546	66	Pit fill	Fill of pit 0546, charcoal blackened silty sand with heat altered stones.
0548	0548	66	Pit cut	Pit or post-hole cut. 30x30cm deep. Circular. Probable animal or root disturbance.
0549	0548	66	Pit fill	Fill of 0548, very dark brown silty sand.
0550	0550	66	Pit/tree bowl cut	Amorphous shape - probable tree bowl. 110x50cm deep.
0551	0550	66	Pit/tree bowl fill	Fill of 0550, pale brown silty sand, lighter at NW edge.
0552	0552	66	Ditch cut	N-S aligned. 60x18cm deep.
0553	0552	66	Ditch fill	Fill of 0552, mid brown silty sand.
0554	0554	66	Pit/tree bowl cut	Amorphous, shallow disturbance- probable tree bowl.

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0555	0554	66	Pit/tree bowl fill	Fill of 0554, mid/pale brown silty sand.
0556	0556	67	Layer	Topsoil
0557	0557	67	Layer	Subsoil
0558	0558	67	Pit cut	Circular cut, 1m diameter, depth 20cm.
0559	0558	67	Pit fill	Fill of 0558, mid/light brown silty sand, sealed by subsoil 0557.
0560	0560	67	Fog lifter cut	At higher level than machined level.
0561	0560	67	Fog lifter fill	Fill of 0560, blackish charcoal silty sand.
0562	0562	67	Fog lifter cut	At higher level than machine level.
0563	0562	67	Fog lifter fill	Fill of 0562, blackish charcoal silty sand.
0564	0564	67	Ditch cut	N-S running, narrow ditch. Very shallow, 40cm wide by 5cm deep.
0565	0564	67	Ditch fill	Fill of 0564, mid/dark brown silty sand.
0566	0566	67	Ditch cut	NW-SE running ditch with 'U' profile. 80cm x 40 cm deep.
0567	0566	67	Ditch fill	Fill of 0566, mid brown silty sand with moderate stones throughout but stonier towards edges.
0568	0568	68	Layer	Topsoil
0569	0569	68	Layer	Subsoil
0570	0570	68	Ditch cut	NE-SW running, 1m wide by 40cm deep with a 'U' profile.
0571	0570	68	Ditch fill	Fill of 0570, mid/light brown silty sand with moderate pebbles and moderate charcoal.
0572	0572	69	Layer	Topsoil
0573	0573	69	Layer	Subsoil
0574	0574	69	Ditch cut	N-S aligned. 80x23cm deep.
0575	0574	69	Ditch fill	Fill of 0574, mid/pale brown silty sand with charcoal.
0576	0576	69	Fog lifter cut	Roughly circular.
0577	0576	69	Fog lifter fill	Fill of 0576, blackish charcoal silty sand.
0578	0578	69	Pit cut	Oval. 70x9cm deep.
0579	0578	69	Pit fill	Fill of 0578, mid/dark brown silty sand.
0580	0580	69	Pit cut	Circular. 60x18cm deep.
0581	0580	69	Pit fill	Fill of 0580, mid/dark brown silty sand.
0582	0582	69	Fog lifter cut	Roughly circular.
0583	0582	69	Fog lifter fill	Fill of 0582, blackish charcoal silty sand.

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Appendix 3 a: Finds Quantities (IPS 399)

OP No	Pottery		CBM		Flint		Burnt flint		Fired clay		Iron		Animal bone		Miscellaneous	Spotdate
	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt		
0008	1	0.004	3	0.120											1 burnt coal (0.001)	19th-20th c.
0017															2 burnt coal (0.001)	PMed?
0025	1	0.005			3	0.014										EBA
0039							1	0.010	1	0.003						
0076	1	0.008														15th-16th c.
0078	1	0.024	9	4.445												19th c.
0081			3	0.086											3 mortar (0.013)	PMed
0085			3	1.112							1	0.015			5 mortar (0.156)	PMed
0089											2	0.072	2	0.026		PMed
0131													26	0.111		PMed
0187	1	0.002														19th-20th c.
0190			1	0.054												PMed
0209											1	0.638				PMed
0277					1	0.001										Preh?
0290					1	0.005										Preh?
0294					1	0.001										Preh?
0298					1	0.005										Preh?
0327	1	0.096														1st c.
0341											2	0.023				
0349	1	0.044														MSax
0357											1	0.234				20th c.
0369			1	0.131												PMed
0383											1	0.002			1 clay pipe stem (0.002)	PMed
0394					2	0.056										
0397	1	0.001							5	0.001						Preh
0414			1	0.018												PMed
0435											1	0.012				
0458					1	0.016										Preh?
0461															1 clay pipe stem (0.001)	PMed
0465					1	0.014										Preh?

OP No	Pottery		CBM		Flint		Burnt flint		Fired clay		Iron		Animal bone		Miscellaneous	Spotdate
	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt		
0467					1	0.015										EBA
0489	10	0.701	4	3.441											2 glass bottle (0.104)	19th c.
0495			2	1.051												PMed
0518	1	0.012					2	0.025								PMed
0547																
	19	0.897	27	10.458	12	0.127	3	0.035	6	0.004	9	0.996	28	0.137		

Appendix 3 b: Ceramic Building Material (IPS 399)

Context	Fabric	Form	No	Wt/g	Width	Thickness	Peg	Mortar	Notes
0008	fs	RT	2	99					
	ms	RT	1	21					
0078	cg	B	2	269					
	cg	B	1	1785	113	64		yes	
	fs	PAN	1	227					
	fs	RT	4	293					
	fsg	B	1	1871	105	62			
0081	cg	B	3	86					1 brick?
0085	cg	B	1	152		63		yes	
	cg	B	1	843	110	61			
	fc	B	1	117				yes	
0190	csf	T?	1	54		23			Edge frag. glazed brown both sides, poss not tile.
0369	fs	RT	1	131			R		
0414	fs	RT	1	18					
0489	fs	RT	1	243					Hip/ridge or poss pantile.
	wgl	B	1	2080	108	60		yes	
	wgl	B	1	493					
	wg2	B	1	625		73			
0495	wgl	B	1	151		67			
	wgl	B	1	900	108	62			

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