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Significant finds	Bronze Age, Iron Age and Roman pottery, animal bone, brick, flint	
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County	Suffolk	
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1 INTRODUCTION

MOLA Northampton was commissioned by RPS Consulting, on behalf of Sita, to carry out archaeological trial trenching on a proposed development site at Bramford Dairy Farm, Bramford and Blakenham, Suffolk (NGR TM 1180 4870; Fig 1). The work was carried out in accordance with *The National Policy Framework* (DCLG 2012).

The scope of works was outlined and detailed in a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) prepared by RPS (Slatcher 2014).

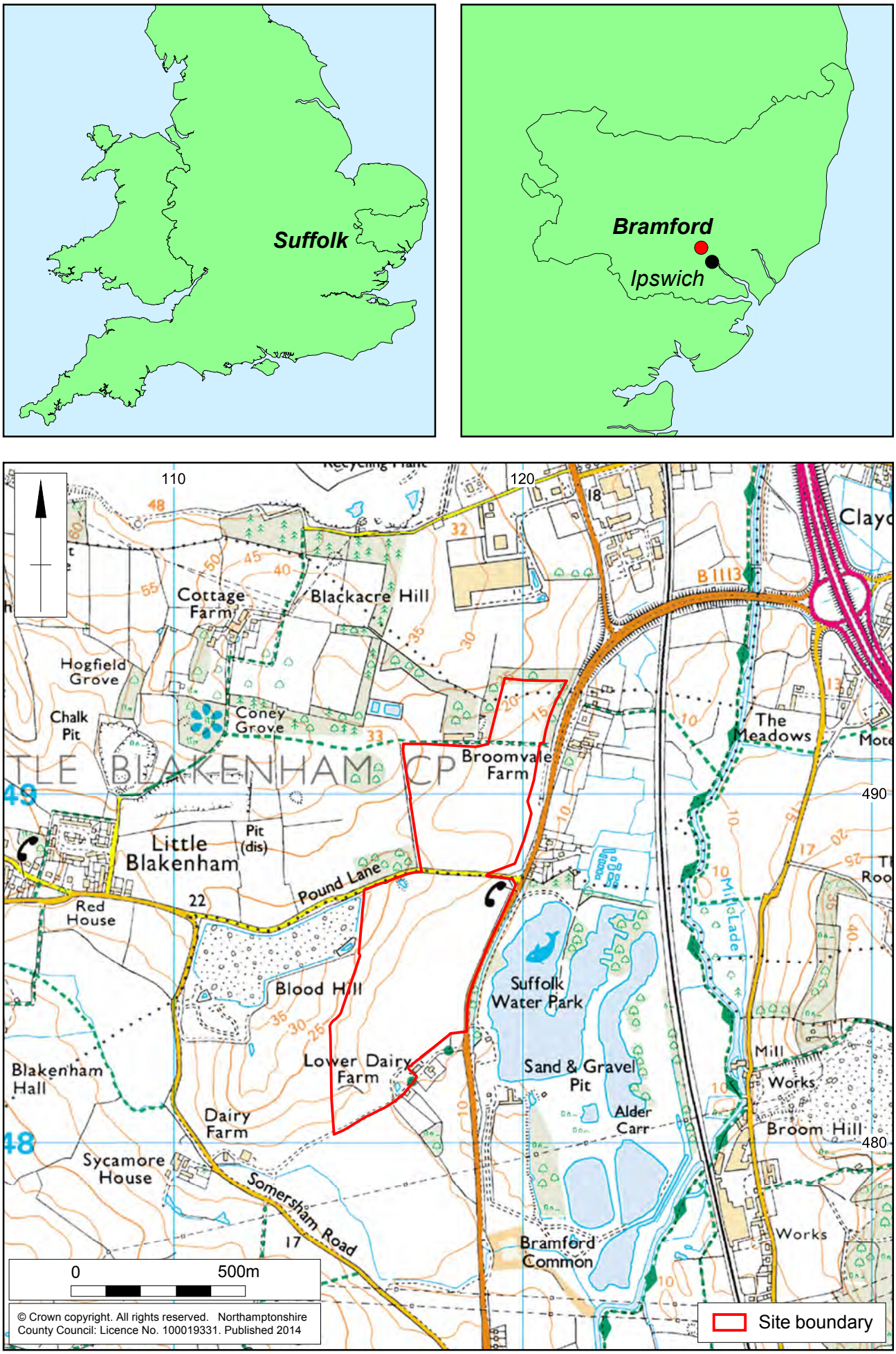
2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Location, topography and geology

The development area is located on the west side of the valley of the River Gipping, situated 6km north-west of Ipswich and 1.8km north-west of Bramford. The proposed development area is three broadly rectangular arable fields, two to the north and one to the south of pound lane. The area covers some 38ha. A group of post war farm buildings are located on the north-western edge of the application area.

The site is situated on the east facing slopes of Blood Hill, the northernmost field slopes south-east from 25m to 15m aOD. The central field slopes from the ridges in the southern and western areas down into a meandering base from 30m to 12m aOD. The field south of Pound Lane slopes eastwards from 28m to 12m aOD. All of the fields have areas of uneven ground.

The underlying bedrock geology is Newhaven chalk formation (BGS), the drift geology is river terraced deposits which consists of undifferentiated sand and gravel. The overlying soils are Swaffham Prior which well drained calcareous coarse and fine loamy soils are over chalk rubble (BGS 2014)



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Site location Fig 1

2.2 Historical and archaeological background

The site lies within an area of known archaeological interest. There are a number of reported finds and recorded monuments within a 1km range. A detailed historical and archaeological background can be found in the desk-based assessment (Slatcher 2013) a brief summary of which is presented below.

Prehistoric
There is plentiful evidence for prehistoric activity in the Gipping Valley in which the development area lies. The earliest is Palaeolithic and comprises material recovered from pits sited 400m west of the development area. The Bronze Age is represented by features such as burnt mounds and round barrows, the latter located 200m to the east, as well as a number of ring ditches that are also likely to be barrows. These are as yet unexcavated. Prehistoric features, predominantly graves, from the early Neolithic to Iron Age periods were revealed during gravel extraction at Blood Hill, Bramford in 2006. The quarry was adjacent to the development area.

Within the development area two concentric ring ditches (HER BLL001), likely to denote the presence of a round barrow have been identified through a cropmark survey.

Roman
Roman occupation is also plentiful in this area and that closest to the site comprises the postulated route of a road that linked Colchester to Caistor St Edmund. It is thought that its course in reflected in the line of the B1113 Loraine Way, immediately east of the development area. The alignment of the Roman road might suggest that it actually runs through the development area. A substantial Roman settlement enclosing approximately 60ha is 2.9km to the north-west of the application area. It had a triple ditch defence system and at least two forts. The site is a Scheduled Monument (Pastscape no 388704, List entry no 1006033). Excavations at Blood Hill also revealed several undated, but probably Roman ditches as well as three tightly grouped graves dated to the late 4th century AD. In addition, numerous records of Roman artefact scatters have been recorded around the application area (eg HER MSF1169, MSF2320, MSF4453, MSF4480, MSF4503, MSF4505, MSF4510, MSF11428, MSF15400, MSF18641, MSF22613 and MSF24977).

No Roman activity is known within the development area.

Anglo-Saxon and medieval
Evidence for Anglo-Saxon activity is known from the wider area only, and comprises sunken-featured buildings and various unspecified finds.

Medieval activity in the wider area is restricted to structural elements of nearby parish churches, although a scatter of 13th-century artefacts have been recovered from Pound Lane, in the west part of the development area.

Post-medieval and modern
Farmhouses are the predominant form of evidence for this period; in East Anglia this process began during the medieval period and farm complexes may therefore have medieval origins, when land that was once held in common became controlled by local farms, leading to the construction of a number of farms with associated structures. Historic mapping shows little change to the wider landscape, with the major alteration caused by the arrival of the Norwich to Ipswich railway line in *c*1846 which lies to the east of the development area.

3 OBJECTIVES AND METHODOLOGY

3.1 Objectives

The specific objectives of the trial trenching evaluation were to:

- More accurately assess those remains identified by the Desk-Based Heritage Assessment and geophysical survey;
- To identify and characterise sites/ features of archaeological significance that have not been identified by the non-intrusive surveys;
- In either case to identify the date, approximate form and purpose of any archaeological deposit, together with its likely extent, localised depth and quality of preservation;
- To evaluate the likely impact of past land uses, and the possible presence of masking colluvial/alluvial deposits;
- To record any artefacts or environmental material (e.g. plant remains) that might help understand the character of activity in the area and to establish the potential for the survival of environmental evidence;
- To evaluate the significance of the above evidence, if present, to enable a decision to be made on whether further archaeological investigation may be required;
- To provide sufficient information to construct an archaeological conservation strategy, dealing with preservation, the recording of archaeological deposits, working practices, timetables and orders of cost; and
- To produce a report that sets out the results of the fieldwork in a clear and comprehensive manner (Slatcher 2014).

3.2 Methodology

Seventy trenches (Figs 2 and 3) were set out with a Leica Viva GPS. Topsoil, subsoil and modern overburden were removed under archaeological supervision by 21T 360^{o} tracked mechanical excavator fitted with a toothless ditching bucket. The topsoil was separated from the subsoil and other deposits. The spoil heaps and features were scanned with a metal detector to ensure maximum finds retrieval.

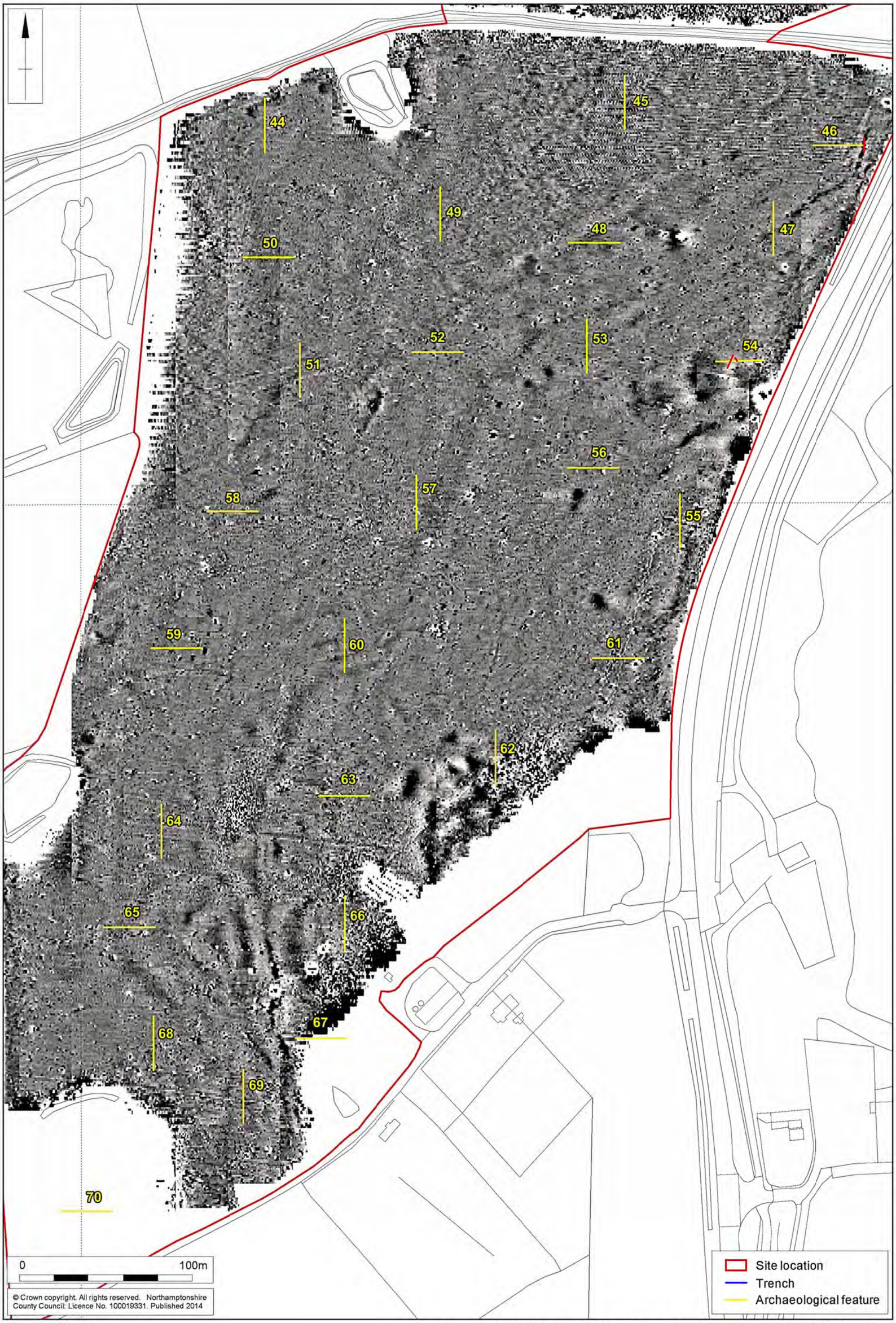
Six trenches (10, 21, 36, 37, 48 and 70) were repositioned due to health and safety constraints, new positions and specific reasons are listed below;

Tr10- Moved 10m south due to overhead cable.
Tr21- Moved 6m north-east due to overhead cable.
Tr36- Moved 15m east due to overhead cable.
Tr37- Moved 10m east due to overhead cable.
Tr48- Moved 10m west due to overhead cable.
Tr70- Moved 30m north due to an overgrown modern land fill area.

Cleaning of exposed surfaces, hand excavation and recording progressed in accordance with the methodology set out in the Written Scheme of Investigation (Slatcher 2014) and brief (Tipper 2014) and in fulfilment of the standards set by the Institute for Archaeologists' *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Field Evaluation* (IfA 2008).

Following the completion of the work the trenches were backfilled with the excavated material.

Scale 1: 2500 Trenches 1-43 with geophysical survey results (Stratascan 2014) Fig 2



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Trenches 44-70 with geophysical survey results (Stratascan 2014) Fig 3

4 THE EXCAVATED EVIDENCE

4.1 General comments

The natural geology varied across the site, the ridges and higher areas were mid orange-yellow and white, firm, silty clay with occasional poorly sorted small and medium sub-angular/sub-rounded flint nodules. The base of the valley and lower regions of site contained light yellow-orange sand and gravel deposits with frequent small and medium sub-angular flint nodules, moderately sorted.

Topsoil was dark brown-grey, loose sandy silt with moderate to occasional small stones and sub-angular flint nodules. Topsoil was present across the whole site, varying little between 0.25m-0.34m thick. Subsoil was mid red-brown silty clay with sand containing occasional small sub-angular flint nodules. Subsoil varied across the site, in the higher regions of site it was 0.11m thick, and in the lower parts of site it was 0.35m thick.

Large areas of the site were covered by a colluvial layer that was particularly thick (up to 1.20m) in the base of the valley, seen in trenches (10,11, 23, 24, 25, 28, 57, 59 and 60)

There were archaeological features in 15 trenches (1, 4, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 26, 28, 42, 43, 46 and 54), whilst the remaining 55 trenches contained no archaeology.

Sample section displaying substantial colluvium, Trench 57, looking south Fig 4

4.2 Prehistoric ring ditches and Roman ditch

Geophysical survey anomalies, apparently representing two concentric ring ditches recorded in the HER as a cropmark (HER MSF4479), were further in Trenches 41-43. Only the east sides of the ring ditches were located within Trench 43. The ring ditches were primarily located with a cropmark survey; the geophysical survey detected the ditches as two concentric weakly magnetic anomalies. The internal ditch was detected in fragments whilst the geophysical survey identified the external ditch as a complete ring with a diameter of 30m.

The inner ditch [4312] was 1.40m wide and 0.40m deep, with a U-shaped profile (Fig 5, section 19). Fill (4311), 0.40m thick, was mid orange-grey-brown firm silty sand. The fill contained no finds.

The outer ditch [4310] was 2.10m wide and 0.98m deep, with a U-shaped profile with eroded edges (Fig 5, section 8). The primary fill (4309), 0.27m thick, was mid yellow-brown, firm sandy clay, overlain by (4308), 0.11m thick, mid orange-brown sandy clay, overlain by (4307), 0.23m thick, light brown-grey silty sand, overlain by (4306), 0.07m thick, mid orange-brown sand and gravel, overlain by (4305), 0.26m thick, light brown-grey silty sand. The uppermost layer (4304), 0.22m thick, mid/dark brown silty sand, contained struck flint.

In Trench 42, 4m west of the outer ring ditch [4312], ditch [4205] aligned east-west, was 1.20m wide and 0.58m deep sloping down to a flat base (Fig 5, section 9). The secondary fill (4204) of mid/dark brown silty clay and sand, 0.58m thick, contained 19 sherds of pottery of late 1st to 2nd century AD date.

Trench 42

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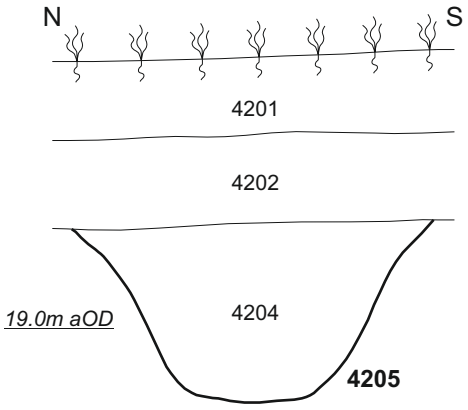

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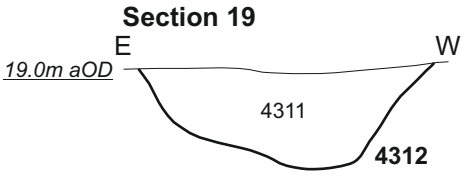

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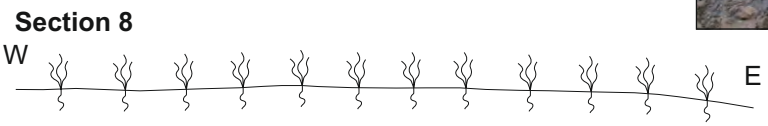
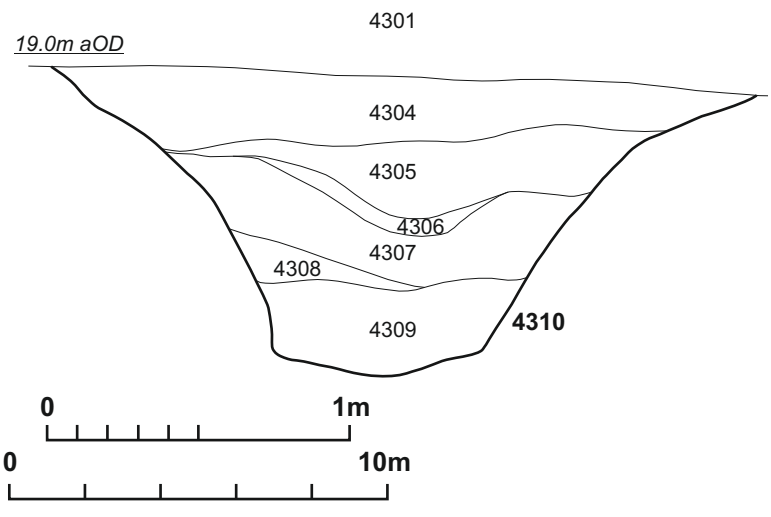




Scale 1:200 & 1:25 Ring ditch, Trenches 42 and 43 Fig 5

4.3 Late Iron Age/Roman field system

The geophysical survey identified a possible sub-rectangular Iron Age enclosure (Figs 6, 7 and 8); the enclosure was picked up in Trenches 16 and 17 but not in Trench 18. The ditch is situated on an east facing slope of Blood Hill.

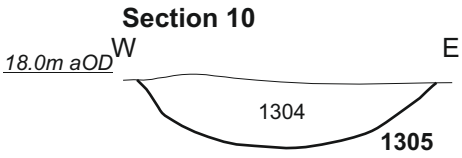
Ditch [1611], aligned north-south, 1.10m wide and 0.47m deep, had gently curving sides and a flat base (Fig 8). Its primary fill (1610), 0.17m thick, firm, mid whitish-brown, sandy silt and chalk, was overlain by secondary fill (1609), 0.35m thick, firm, dark orange-brown, silty sand containing a single sherd of pottery dated to the 1st century AD.

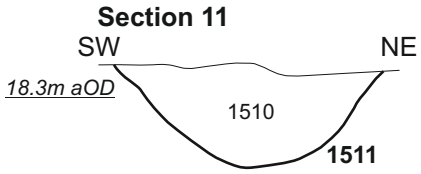
Enclosure ditch [1611], looking south-west Fig 6

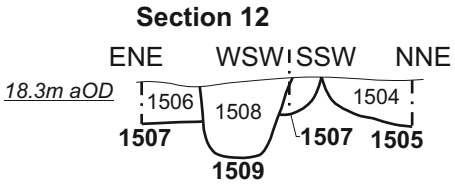
The geophysical survey also identified a number of linear anomalies in the same area as the Iron Age enclosure; two targeted trenches located the remains of a Roman field system (Figs 7 and 8).

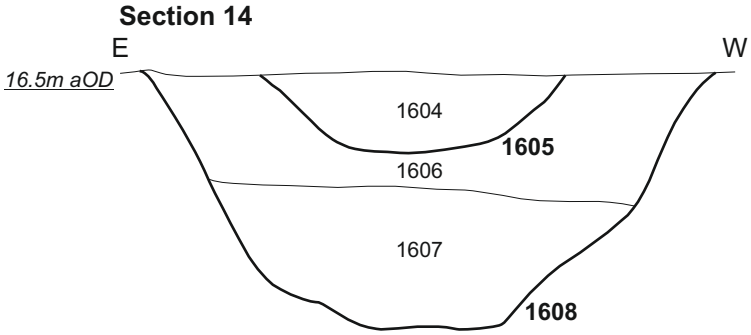
Trench 13 contained one ditch [1305], aligned north-south, was bowl-shaped, 1.05m wide and 0.31m deep (Fig 7, section 10, and Fig 8). Fill (1304) was 0.31m thick, mid greyish-brown, firm silty sand containing six sherds of Roman pottery of 1st century AD date.

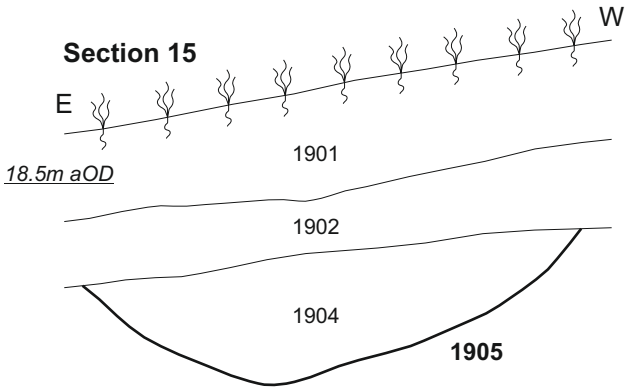
Trench 15 contained three ditches and a pit (Fig 8). Ditch [1505], aligned south-west to north-east, was 0.40m wide and 0.09m deep with gently curving sides and a rounded base (Fig 7, section 12). Fill (1504) was 0.09m thick, mid orange-brown, firm silty sand. Ditch [1507], aligned east-south-east to west-north-west, was 0.60m wide and 0.15m deep with gently curving sides and a flat base. Its fill (1506) was 0.15m thick mid orange-brown firm silty sand. Ditch [1511], aligned east-west, was 0.91m wide and 0.38m deep, with gently curving sides and a rounded base (Fig 7, section 11). Its fill (1510), 0.38m thick, was mid orange-brown firm silty sand with three sherds of Roman pottery.

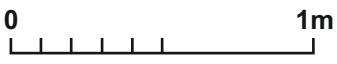












Scale 1:25 Iron Age enclosure and Roman Field system sections Fig 7

Pit [1509] was 0.31m wide and 0.27m deep, steep-sided with a flat base (Fig 7, section 12). Its fill (1508) was 0.27m thick, dark orange-brown, firm silty sand.

Trenches 16, 17 and 19 all contained undated ditches that could be related to the Iron Age enclosure or Roman field system.

Trench 16 included two undated linear ditches (Fig 8). Ditch [1608], aligned north to south, was 1.90m wide and 0.76m deep with gently curving sides and a concave base (Fig 7, section 14). The primary fill (1607) was 0.45m thick, light orange-brown, firm silty sand. Its uppermost fill (1606) was 0.41m thick, mid orange-brown firm silty sand. Ditch [1608] was recut by [1605], aligned north-south, 0.99m wide and 0.24m deep, with gently sloping sides and flat base, the fill (1604) was 0.24m thick dark brown-black firm silty sand.

Trench 17 had one undated linear ditch, [1705] (Fig 8). It was aligned north to south, 1.4m wide and 0.45m deep, and the west edge was gently curving with a rounded base. Its fill (1703) was 0.45m thick, mid orange-brown, firm, silty sand. It contained no finds.

Trench 19 contained one undated linear ditch [1905], aligned north to south, 0.71m wide and 0.22m deep, with an asymmetrical profile (Fig 7, section 15). Its fill (1904) was 0.22m deep, mid brown, loose silty sand.

4.4 Trackway

The geophysical survey had identified segments of a possible trackway, aligned north-west to south-east (Figs 8 and 9). In the event the evaluation revealed the trackway in Trenches 14 and 28 and also in Trench 26. No dateable material was found in either of the two ditches.

Ditch [1407], aligned north-west to south-east, was 2.40m wide and 0.66m deep, with a U-shaped profile (Fig 9, section 7). The primary fill (1406), 0.22m thick, was mid grey-brown, firm sandy silt, overlain by secondary fill (1405), 0.42m thick, light yellow-brown, firm sandy silt. The uppermost fill was (1404), 0.34m thick, was mid grey-brown, firm silty sand.

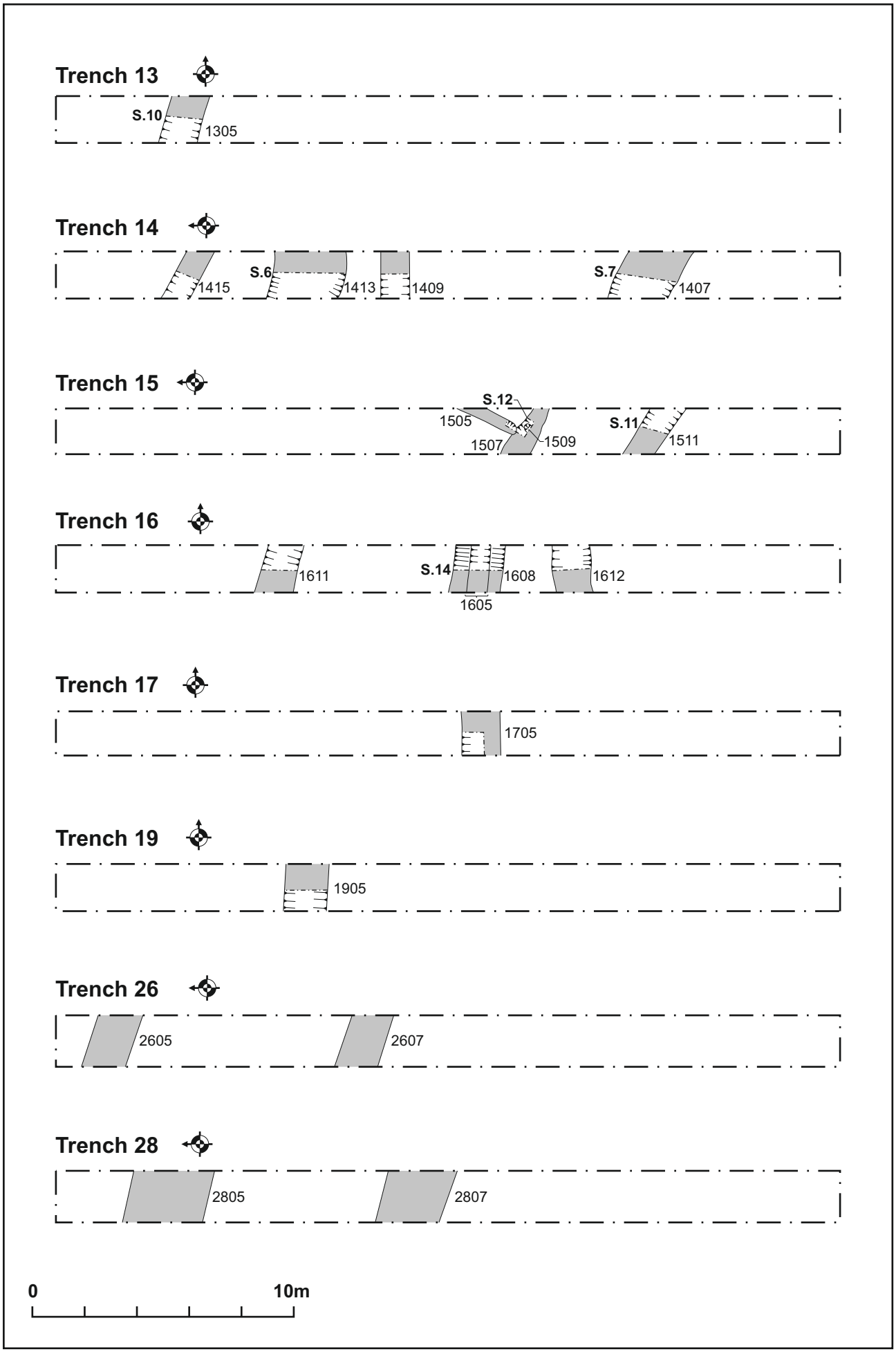
Ditch [1413], aligned north-west to south-east, was 2.60m wide and 0.82m deep, with a U-shaped profile (Fig 9, section 6). The primary fill (1412), 0.27m thick, was mid grey-brown, firm sandy silt, overlain by secondary fill (1411), 0.19m thick, dark grey-brown, firm sandy silt. The uppermost layer was (1410) mid grey-brown, firm sandy silt.

Two smaller ditches were present in Trench 14, both on similar alignments to the trackway and could be associated, although no dateable material was found.

Ditch [1409], aligned east-west, was 1.11m wide and 0.31m deep, with a U-shaped profile. Its fill (1408) was 0.31m deep, mid grey-brown, firm sandy silt. Ditch [1415], aligned east-west, was 1.02m wide and 0.28m deep, with a U-shaped profile. Its fill (1414) was 0.28m deep, mid grey-brown, firm sandy silt.

4.5 Iron Age pit

An Iron Age pit at the northern end of Trench 10) was sealed by a substantial layer of colluvium, 0.58m thick (Fig 10, section 3). Pit [1005] was 0.90m wide and 0.37m deep, with a steep sides and a flat base. The fill (1004) of mid yellow-brown, friable sand contained sherds from a single pottery vessel and some animal bone.



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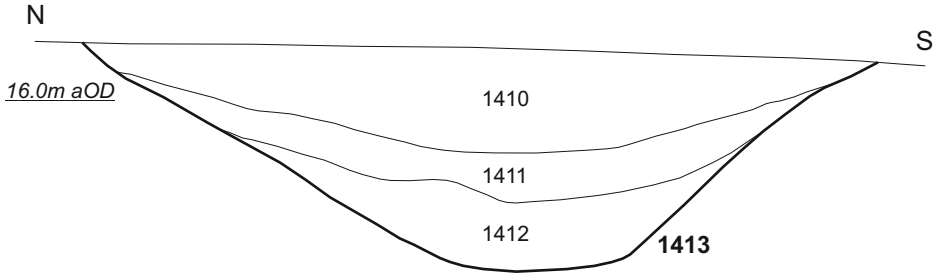
Iron Age enclosure, Roman Field system and trackway (Trenches 13-17, 19, 26 & 28)

Fig 8

Section 6



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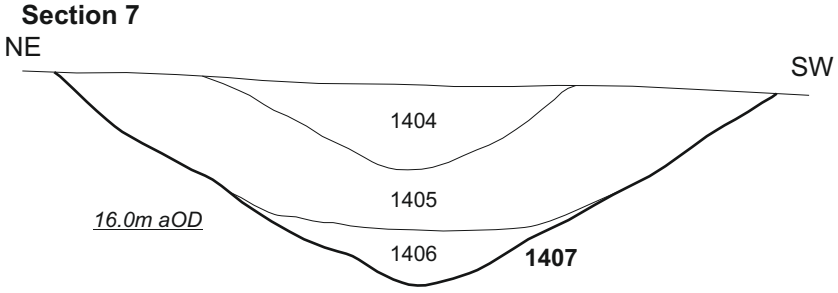

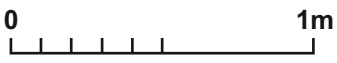

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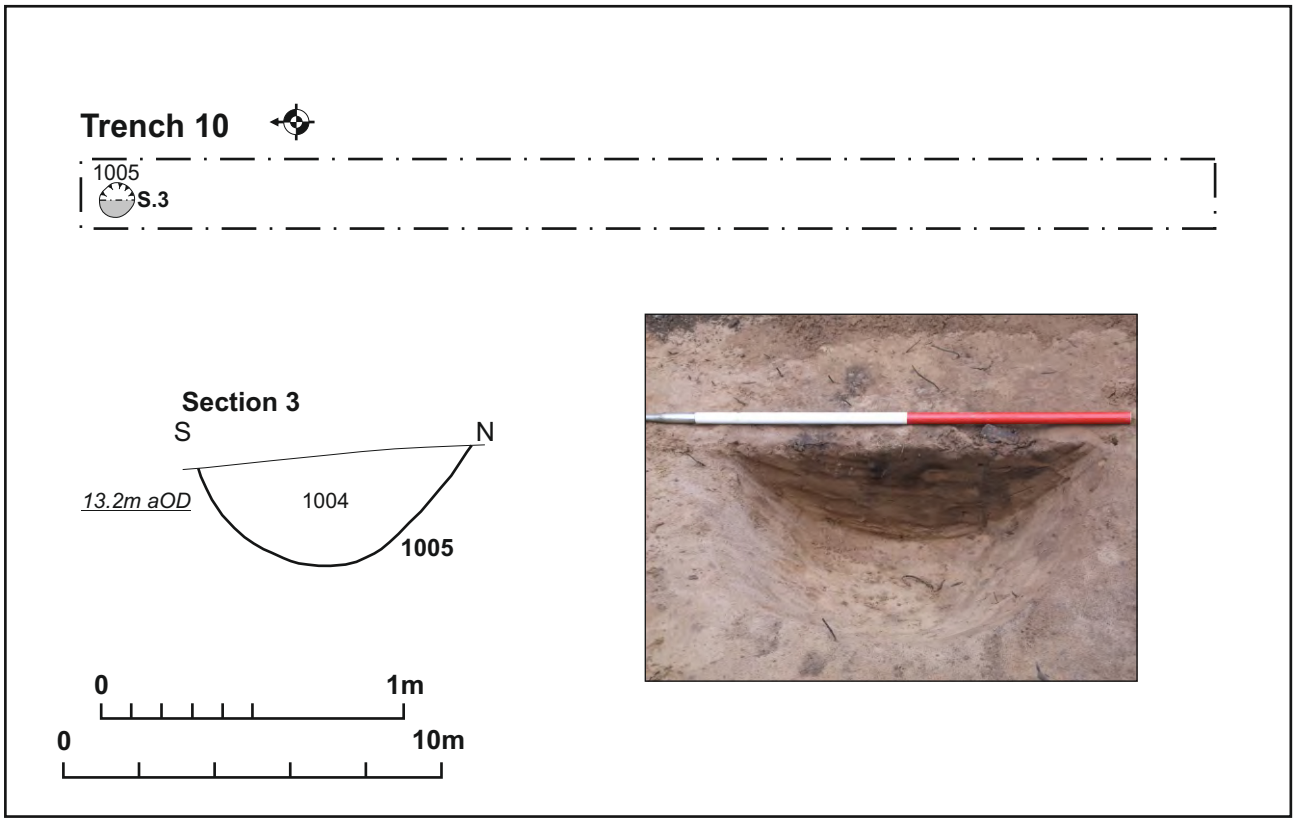
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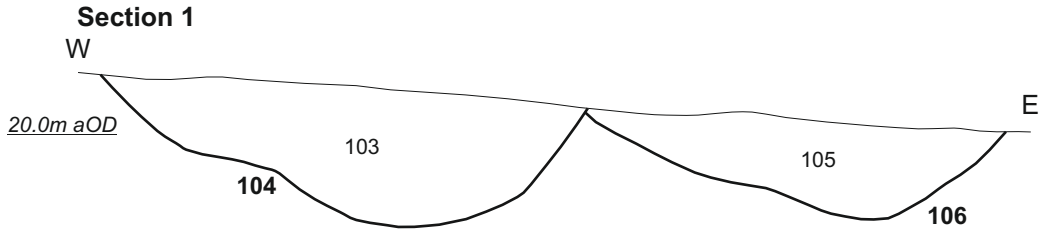

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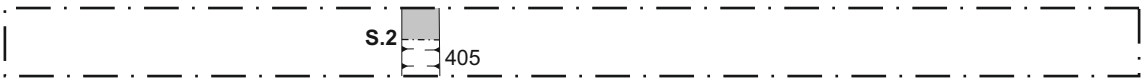

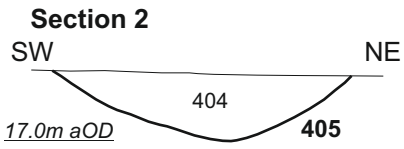

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Trenches 1 and 4 Fig 11

4.6 Other ditches and pits

Two ditches and a glacial channel were located in the northern field, in Trenches 1 and 4 (Fig 11). The ditches were initially identified on the geophysical survey. Neither of the ditches contained dateable material and both were relatively isolated.

Ditch [104], aligned north-east to south-west, was 1.6m wide and 0.45m deep, with a U-shaped profile with eroded edges and a concave base (Fig 11, section 1). The fill (103) was firm mid grey-brown sandy clay with clear boundaries. Glacial channel [106] was 1.4m wide and 0.32m deep, with a U-shaped profile, aligned north-south with a concave base. Its fill (105) was 0.32m deep, firm mid grey-brown sandy silt with clear boundaries.

Ditch [405], aligned north-west to south-east, was 1.00m wide and 0.22m deep, with a wide V-shaped profile (Fig 11, section 2). Its fill (404) was 0.22m deep firm, dark grey-brown silty clay with clear boundaries.

Three features were located in the field south of Pound Lane, There were two ditches, one in Trench 46 [4605] and the other in Trench 54 [5405], and one tree throw [5407], situated on the lower part of the slope (Fig 12).

Ditch [4605], aligned north-south, was 1.43m wide and 0.82m deep, with a sloping western edge, the east side was unexcavated (Fig 12, section 18). The fill (4604) was light grey-brown friable sandy silt with clear boundaries.

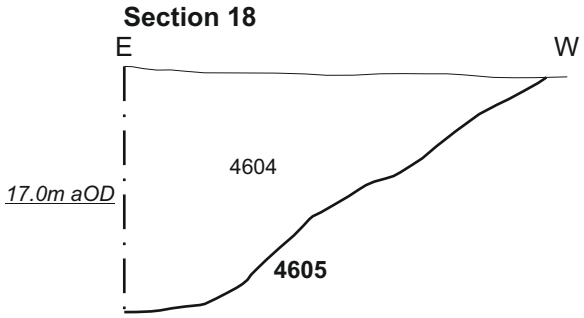
Ditch [5405], aligned south-west to north-east, was 0.72m wide and 0.26m deep, with gently curving sides and a fairly flat base, its fill (5404) was loose, mid brown silty sand with clear boundaries.

Tree throw [5407] was 0.62m deep and 0.21m wide, with a boel-shaped profile (Fig 12, section 18). The fill (5406) was friable, mid grey brown, silty sand, which contained three sherds of pottery, characteristic of the Bronze Age.

4.7 Post-medieval ditches

Two post-medieval field boundaries were identified in the geophysical survey and subsequently located in the evaluation. They were present in Trenches 21, 23, 24 and 30 but not excavated (Fig 2).

Trench 46



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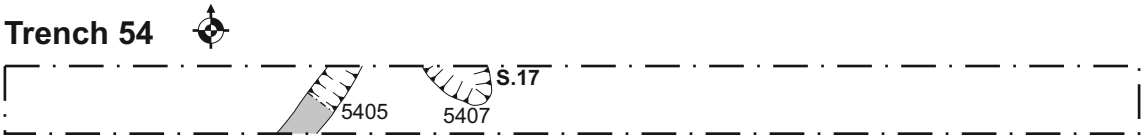

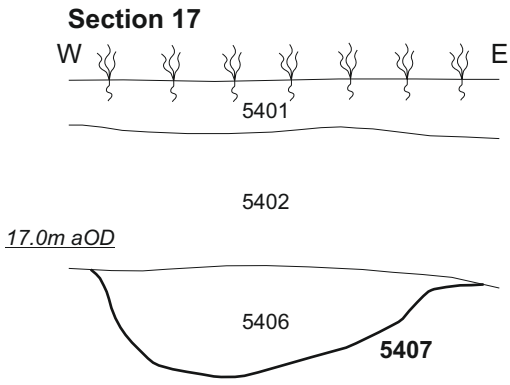

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Trenches 46 and 54 Fig 12

5 THE FINDS

5.1 Worked flint by Yvonne Wolframm-Murray

In total 35 pieces of worked flint were recovered during the trial trench evaluation. They were recovered as residual finds, mainly from the topsoil and subsoil, and ditches. Ditch [4310] contained *in situ* worked flint. The assemblage comprised one core and one core fragment, 26 flakes and seven blades. A summary of the assemblage is provided in Table 1.

Table 1: Summary of worked flint

Description	Whole	Fragment	Total
Core	1	1	2
Flake	21	5	26
Blade	5	2	7
Total	**27**	**8**	**35**

The majority of the raw material comprised vitreous flints ranging from light to dark grey and brown colours and the small proportion of the more granular flint was light to mid grey colour. There was one mid brown granular flint. The quality of the raw material was good to moderate. Flaws and inclusions in the raw material affected the quality of the flint. The flint had a thin to thick, weathered or abraded cortex, a light to dark brown colour, occasionally white patination. The bulk of the material had cortex present on the dorsal surfaces. The raw material is most likely to be derived from local sources.

The condition of the worked flint was good with artefacts showing post-depositional edge damage consisting of occasional to moderate amounts of nicks to the edges. Post-depositional damage was more severe on the finds recovered from the subsoil and topsoil, occasional crushing of the edges could be observed. Patination was present on one flake, a light grey-blue discolouration. One burnt flint flake was noted, with pot lids evident.

One flake/blade core was recovered, there was a single platform. The core was relatively large and largely unused, probably due to its flaws. There was also a cylindrical core fragment recovered, which had flake and blade removals and showed evidence of platform maintenance.

The majority of the assemblage comprises un-retouched waste flakes and blades. This comprised of 26 flakes, of which five were broken and seven blades, of which two were broken. Post-depositional edge damage obscured possible detection of utilisation.

The technological characteristics of the assemblage indicate an early Bronze Age to mid Bronze Age date. The high percentage of flakes to blades is typical of this date along with cortical striking platforms. The core fragment may be of an earlier Neolithic date.

The majority of the assemblage was recovered as residual finds from the subsoil and topsoil. Five flakes were recovered from ditch [4310], these are of the same raw material, possibly same core, and two blades can be re-fitted. There is very little post-depositional edge damage on them, suggesting they were placed or discarded into the ditch when it was open.

Fill/cut (SF)	Flake/Blade (portion) [tool]	Material	Comments (Period)
4304	Flake (Whole)	dark grey-brown vitreous flint	hinge termination
4304	Blade (Whole)	mid grey-brown vitreous flint	refits with other blade
4304	Blade (Whole)	mid grey-brown vitreous flint	refits with above blade
4304	Flake (Whole)	mid grey-brown vitreous flake	squat flake
4304	Flake (Whole)	mid grey-brown vitreous flint	cortical striking platform

5.2 Prehistoric pottery by Andy Chapman

Two deposits produced hand-built vessels of prehistoric date, a possible tree throw [5407] and a pit [1105].

From the fill (5406) of irregular pit or tree throw [5407] there are three sherds, weighing 12g, from a single vessel. The fabric contains sparse small inclusions of flint, no more than 1mm across. The core and inner surface are grey-black and the outer surface is pale orange-brown. The largest sherd is decorated with boldly incised chevrons (Fig 13), in the tradition of decorative techniques appropriate for vessels of the early Bronze Age, such as food vessels and collared urns, or the thicker-walled and often coarsely made and decorated domestic Beakers.

Decorated sherd from pit [5407] (Scale 10mm) Fig 13

Body sherd from pit [1005] (Scale 10mm) Fig 14

Table 2: Catalogue of worked flint

Fill/cut (SF)	Flake/Blade (portion) [tool]	Material	Comments (Period)
103/104 (1)	Flake (Distal)	dark grey vitreous flint	-
201	Flake (Whole)	dark grey vitreous flint	cortical striking platform; post-depositional edge damage
501	Flake (Whole)	mid brown vitreous flint	post-depositional edge damage
701	Flake (Fragment)	dark grey vitreous flint	-
901	Flake (Whole)	dark grey vitreous flint	primary flake
901	Flake (Distal)	dark grey	-
1001	Flake (Whole)	mid grey vitreous flint	squat flake, pot lidding; post-depositional edge damage
1002	Flake (Whole)	light grey-brown vitreous flint	cortical striking platform
1302	Flake (Whole)	mid grey vitreous flint	-
1302	Flake (Whole)	dark grey vitreous flint	cortical striking platform
1302	Flake (Proximal)	dark grey-brown vitreous flint	-
1302	Flake (Whole)	dark brown-grey vitreous flint	squat flake
1304/1305 (3)	Flake (Whole)	mid grey vitreous flint	-
1401	Blade (Whole)	mid brown-grey vitreous flint	cortical striking platform; post-depositional edge damage
1405/1407 (2)	Flake (Whole)	mid grey vitreous flint	-
1501	Flake (Whole)	mid grey vitreous flint	post-depositional edge damage
1601	Flake (Whole)	mid brown-grey vitreous flint	post-depositional edge damage
1701	Flake (Whole)	mid brown-grey vitreous flint	Slight milky patination
1701	Blade (Whole)	mid grey-brown vitreous flint	post-depositional edge damage
1901	Flake (Whole)	mid grey-brown vitreous flint	post-depositional edge damage
1901	Blade (Distal)	mid grey-brown vitreous flint	-
1901	Flake (Whole)	mid brown-grey vitreous flint	post-depositional edge damage
1902	[core]	dark grey vitreous flint	flake and blade removal from a single platform; large nodule not exhausted; flawed raw material (Bronze Age)
2201	Blade (Whole)	dark grey vitreous flint	step termination
2002	Blade (Proximal)	light grey vitreous brown flint	-
2002	Flake (Whole) Core, fragment]	mid grey vitreous flint	Core fragment, possibly cylindrical with opposing striking platforms, evidence of platform renewal (Late Neo/early BA)
2202	Flake (Whole)	mid grey-brown vitreous flint	-
3301	Flake (Whole)	mid brown-grey vitreous flint	post-depositional edged damage
3301	Flake (Medial)	mid grey granular flint	post-depositional edge damage
3701	Flake (Whole)	light grey granular flint	post-depositional edge damage

From the fill (1004) of pit [1005] there are multiple sherds, weighing 378g, from a single vessel and a single small sherd from a similar but different vessel. These are all body sherds, 10-12mm thick, probably from a large jar. The fabric contains dense burnt flint, including pieces up to 5mm long, and these frequently protrude through the surface, which is speckled white as a result. The core and inner surface are grey-brown and the outer surface is red-brown. It is coarsely finished, with finger-grooves evident on both the inner and outer surfaces (Fig 14). Large jars in coarse fabrics containing large quantities of crushed flint are characteristic of the middle Iron Age.

5.3 Roman pottery by Ed McSloy

A small and limited assemblage of 36 sherds (531g) was recovered from eight deposits. The pottery has been recorded in full; sorted by fabric and quantified by shred count, weight and rim EVEs (estimated vessel equivalents). Fabrics have been identified and described with the aid of a binocular microscope (x 20 magnification). Condition is generally good, with little surface loss/abrasion and some evidence for use preserved as external carbonised residues. The majority of the group comprises unfeatured body/base shreds in courseware fabrics, a factor which limits its potential as dating evidence.

The composition of the group is set out below (Table 3). The larger part of the group is made up of reduced-fired sandy or grogged fabrics, with quartz sand the principal inclusion. None of the identified fabrics can be closely sourced, although all are likely to be of local origin. A single rim sherd, in grog-tempered fabric GR1, was recorded from the group, from fill (1510) of ditch [1511]. This is identifiable as a large, necked/medium-mouthed (storage) jar, with rolled and 'undercut' rim. Further jars were present as base and neck/shoulder sherds in greyware fabrics GW1/2 from fills (1504) [1505] and (4204) [4205]. A detached deep pedestal base (fabric BS1) from fill (1609) [1611] almost certainly comes from a jar-proportioned vessel of a type known more commonly among grog-tempered 'Belgic' pottery from southeast England (Thompson 1982: form A5).

Discussion/dating

Good indications of dating in this small group are few. The pedestalled vessel from fill (1609) [1611] probably dates to the early or mid 1st century AD and may be a locally-made version of a form known primarily from Essex (Thompson 1982, 65–66). The use of grog-tempering is rare in the region beyond the 1st century AD and the storage jar in (1510) and other sherds in fabrics GR1/GR2 are probably of this period.

Greyware types GW1/GW2 and whiteware WH1 are not closely dateable. They occur for the most part in deposits not containing grogged or black-firing types and are likely to be later, probably dating after the late 1st century AD. The small size of the group notwithstanding, an absence of regionally imported wares including Lower Nene valley, Oxfordshire or Hadham types, which are relatively common after *c* AD 200/250 AD, is probably significant. Overall the range of fabrics compares with those associated with the Early Roman activity phase (mid 1st to 2nd century AD) from Handford Road, Ipswich (Wadeson 2012).

The small size of the group inhibits discussion of site type or status. The reduced grog-tempered and reduced sandy fabrics are utilitarian in character, suitable for a range of storage or kitchen-related tasks. They are, however, a common feature of Roman assemblages of differing status. An absence of continental or Romano-British finewares could be an indication of a site of lower status, although the small size of the group makes this far from certain.

Table 3: Pottery summary quantification

Fabric	Description	No	Wt (g)	EVEs
BS1	Black-firing sandy; red core with sparse fine grog (<0.5mm) and organic inclusions	4	80	-
BS2	Black-firing fine sandy	3	11	-
BSf	Black-firing, sandy with common fine flint	2	6	-
GR1	Black-firing with red margin; common medium/coarse grog (1-2mm)	1	79	0.12
GR2	Black-firing with red margin. Common finer grog (<1mm)	1	7	-
GW1	Coarse greyware; abundant sub-rounded quartz (0.3-0.5mm)	19	171	-
GW2	Finer greyware; common fine quartz and sparse flint.	5	124	-
WH1	White/buff-firing; common fine quartz and sparse flint	1	53	-
Total		36	531	0.12

Table 4: Context dating and pottery fabrics concordance (Shown as sherd count/ weight (g) / Rim EVEs)

Fabric Fill/cut	BS1	BS2	BSf	GR1	GR2	GW1	GW2	WH1	Spot-date C (century)
103	-	-	1/5	-	-	-	-	-	LIA-C1 AD+
1304/1305	3/17	-	1/1	-	-	2/12	-	-	C1 AD
1504/1505	-	-	-	-	-	1/12	5/124	1/53	LC1-C2 AD
1510/1511	-	2/10	-	1/79/.0.12	-	-	-	-	C1 AD
1609/1611	1/63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	C1 AD
1802	-	-	-	-	1/7	-	-	-	C1 AD
4204/4205	-	-	-	-	-	16/147	-	-	LC1-C2 AD
4304/4310	-	1/1	-	-	-	-	-	-	C1 AD
Total	**4/80**	**3/11**	**2/6**	**1/79/.12**	**1/7**	**19/171**	**5/124**	**1/53**	

5.4 Brick by Pat Chapman

One fragment of brick, weighing 22g, was recovered from fill (1609) of ditch [1610]. It is handmade with sandy orange-brown poorly mixed clay. It is post-medieval to early 20th century in date.

5.5 Animal bone by Adam Reid

A total of nine animal bone fragments, weighing 22g, were recovered by hand collection from context (1004), the fill of an Iron Age pit [1005]. Six of these have been identified as cattle tooth fragments and the other three are indeterminate. The fragments provide very little interpretive value but the presence of preserved bone may indicate the potential for further zooarchaeological analysis should any mitigation work take place at the site in the future.

5.6 Environmental evidence by Val Fryer

Introduction and method statement

Samples for the retrieval of the plant macrofossil assemblages were taken from pit and ditch/linear fills and five were submitted for assessment.

The samples were bulk floated by MOLAN and the flots were collected in a 300 micron mesh sieve. The dried flots were scanned under a binocular microscope at magnifications up to x 16 and the plant macrofossils and other remains noted are listed in Table 5. Nomenclature within the table follows Stace (1997). All plant remains were charred. All five assemblages also included high densities of modern contaminants including roots, seeds, chaff, straw, arthropod remains and plastic.

Table 5: Plant macrofossil and other remains

Sample No.	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**
Context No.	***1004***	***4304***	***103***	***1604***	***1607***
Feature No.	**1005**	**4310**	**104**	**1605**	**1608**
Feature type	***Pit***	***RD***	***Ditch***	***Ditch***	***Ditch***
Date	**BA**	**Prehist**	**u/d**	**u/d**	**u/d**
Plant macrofossils					
Cereal indet. (grain)	-	x	-	-	-
Arrhenatherum sp. (tuber frags.)	-	x	-	-	-
Fabaceae indet.	-	xcf	-	-	x
Charcoal <2mm	x	xx	x	x	xxxx
Charcoal >2mm	x	x	x	x	xxxx
Charcoal >5mm	-	x	-	-	xxx
Charred root/stem	-	x	-	-	-
Other remains					
Black porous 'cokey' material	x	x	x	x	-
Black tarry material	-	x	x	-	-
Bone	-	xb	-	-	-
Natural ferrous concretion	-	-	-	-	x
Small coal frags.	-	x	x	-	x
Vitreous material	-	-	x	-	-
Sample volume (litres)					
Volume of flot (litres)	**<0.1**	**<0.1**	**<0.1**	**<0.1**	**<0.1**
% flot sorted	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**

Results

Although charcoal/charred wood fragments are present throughout, most pieces are highly comminuted and the density of material is generally low. However, the assemblage from undated ditch [1608] (sample 5) is charcoal dominant, with most pieces having a very distinctive flaked appearance indicative of combustion at very high temperatures. Other plant macrofossils are exceedingly scarce. The assemblage from sample 2 (ring ditch [4310]) includes a poorly preserved cereal grain, fragments of onion-couch (Arrhenatherum sp.) type tuber and possible cotyledon fragments of an indeterminate legume (Fabaceae), and a further small legume is recorded from sample 5.

Other materials are also scarce and it is thought most likely that some may be intrusive within the features from which the samples were taken. These include the small pieces of coal, the black porous and tarry residues (possible bi-products of the combustion of coal) and a globule of vitreous material.

Conclusions and recommendations for further work

In summary, the assemblages are small (i.e. <0.1 litres in volume) and very limited in composition. In addition, most features appear to have suffered subsequent disturbance/bioturbation resulting in an unknown degree of modern contamination within the recovered assemblages. Of the remains which are recorded, the material within sample 2 is consistent with midden waste while sample 5 could be derived from a small deposit of hearth waste. However, both features are poorly dated. The remaining material is most likely to be derived from scattered or wind-dispersed detritus of unknown origin, which was accidentally incorporated within the feature fills.

As none of the assemblages contain a sufficient density of material for quantification (i.e. 100+ specimens), no further analysis is recommended. However, a summary of this assessment should be included within any publication of data from the site.

6 CONCLUSIONS

The presence of two concentric ring ditches forming part of a prehistoric monument was confirmed during the evaluation. The ring ditches had diameters of 15m and 24m respectively. No internal features were located; the extent of Trench 43 did not reach the centre of the potential barrow, where such contemporary features would most likely be positioned. The internal area within the ditches did not present any mound material. This is due to modern agricultural activity. The ring ditches contained a small quantity of worked flint, which, when assessed with the flint assemblage as a whole, suggest a late Neolithic/early Bronze Age date. The flint was retrieved from the upper fill of the external ditch and displayed little post-depositional damage.

A single but substantial Roman ditch was excavated in Trench 42; this was not identified in the geophysical survey. This feature is relatively isolated from other contemporary features in the evaluation. A number of Roman pottery sherds were retrieved and it could be postulated that the ditch was set against the barrow as a landscape marker.

The evaluation revealed the extent of an Iron Age/Roman enclosure and field system with a large sub rectangular enclosure some 50m wide and 60m long. Although no internal features were located in the trenches, which indicate structural, storage or waste deposition, this cannot be ruled out as the trenches only covered a small percentage of the enclosed area. A substantial amount of unabraded pottery sherds indicate that the enclosure could have served as an occupation area. A number of ditches generally on east-west and north-south alignments were also found in the same area as the sub-rectangular enclosure. A high percentage of ditches contained Roman pottery.

Two large parallel ditches ran roughly east-west across the northern area of site. These appear to be part of a trackway, no dateable material was obtained from the features, the relationship between the trackway and the aforementioned enclosure/field system is not clear from the evaluation.

Large areas of the site were devoid of archaeological features, a few trenches contained small clusters of archaeological features. Undated linear features were located in the northern and southern fields but the relationship in the wider context is not clear. A small BA/IA waste pit was excavated in the northern field and could represent periphery activity or pre-date the main settlement area. A small ditch in the southern field contained two small sherds of abraded Bronze Age pottery. No other features were found in the trench or trenches nearby.

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APPENDIX 1: TABLE OF CONTEXTS

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height aOD**	**Depth & height of natural aOD**
1	**30m, 1.8m & N-S**		**23.87m**	**0.27m & 23.67m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
101	Topsoil	Friable-Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional-moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.27m thick	-
102	Natural	Loose mid yellow orange, gravel and sand with some clay patches	-	-
103	Fill of ditch	Friable/firm, Mid grey brown, sandy clay with moderate sub-rounded flint and occasional charcoal. Clear boundaries.	1.80m+ long 1.60m wide 0.45m thick	SF1: Flint Pottery
104	Cut of ditch	Linear, N-S, gently sloping sides with a concave base.	1.80m+ Long 1.60m wide 0.45m thick	-
105	Fill of ditch	Friable to firm, Mid grey brown, sandy silt with occasional small sub-rounded flints. Clear boundaries.	1.8m+ long 1.4m wide 0.32m deep	-
106	Cut of ditch	Curvilinear, N-S, W side gently sloping E side moderately sloping. Concave base.	1.8m+ long 1.4m wide 0.32m deep	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
2	**30m, 1.8m & NE-SW**		**22.15m**	**0.28m & 21.87m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
201	Topsoil	Friable-Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional-moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.28m thick	Flint
202	Natural	Loose mid yellow orange, gravel and sand with some clay patches	-	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
3	**30m, 1.8m &**		**21.46m**	**0.35m & 21.11m**

	NW-SE			
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
301	Topsoil	Friable-Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional-moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.35m thick	-
302	Natural	Loose mid yellow orange, gravel and sand with some clay patches and glacial disturbance	-	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
4	**30m, 1.8m & NW-SE**		**19.78m**	**0.58m & 19.20m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
401	Topsoil	Friable-Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional-moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.35m thick	-
402	Subsoil	Friable, mid red brown, silty sand and clay, occasional small stones and flint.	0.23m thick	-
403	Natural	Friable mid yellow orange, gravel and sand with some clay patches and glacial disturbance	-	-
404	Fill of Ditch	Firm, Dark greyish brown, silty clay with occasional small sub-rounded flint and occasional charcoal.	1.8m+ long 1.00m wide 0.22m deep	-
405	Cut of Ditch	Linear, NW-SE, gently sloping sides, imperceptible at base.	1.8m+ long 1.00m wide 0.22m deep	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
5	**30m, 1.8m & W-E**		**17.40m**	**0.53m & 16.87m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
501	Topsoil	Friable-Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional-moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.35m thick	Flint
502	Subsoil	Friable mid red brown, silty sand, occasional	0.28m thick	-

		small stones.		
503	Natural	Loose mid yellow orange, gravel and sand with some clay patches and glacial disturbance	-	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
6	**30m, 1.8m & NW-SE**		**22.36m**	**0.50m & 21.86m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
601	Topsoil	Friable-Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional-moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.20m thick	-
602	Subsoil	Friable mid red brown, silty sand, occasional small stones.	0.30m thick	-
603	Natural	Loose mid yellow orange, gravel and sand with some clay patches, glacial disturbance and chalk.	-	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
7	**30m, 1.8m & SW-NE**		**19.49m**	**0.91m & 18.58m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
701	Topsoil	Friable-Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional-moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.26m thick	Flint
702	Subsoil	Friable mid red brown, silty sand, occasional small stones.	0.65m thick	-
703	Natural	Loose mid yellow orange, glacial mid red brown, clay sand with yellow chalky sandy clay.	-	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
8	**30m, 1.8m & W-E**		**17.90m**	**0.91m & 16.99m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
801	Topsoil	Friable-Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt	0.26m thick	-

		with occasional-moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.		
802	Subsoil	Friable mid red brown, silty sand, occasional small stones.	0.65m thick	-
803	Natural	Friable, mid brown red clay sand with some gravel and yellow chalky sand and clay.	-	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
9	**30m, 1.8m & N-S**		**16.95m**	**0.90m & 16.05m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
901	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.30m thick	Flint
902	Subsoil	Friable mid red brown, silty sand, occasional small stones.	0.60m thick	-
903	Natural	Loose, mid brown red clay sand with some gravel and yellow chalky sand and clay.	-	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
10	**30m, 1.8m & N-S**		**14.80m**	**0.90m & 13.90m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
1001	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.30m thick	Flint
1002	Subsoil	Friable mid red brown, silty sand, occasional small stones.	0.60m thick	Flint
1003	Natural	Loose, mid brown red clay sand with some gravel and yellow chalky sand and clay.	-	-
1004	Fill of pit	Friable, yellow brown sand with occasional small sub-rounded flint. Clear boundaries.	0.9m long 0.9m wide 0.37m deep	Pottery Animal bone
1005	Cut of pit	Circular, moderate to step sloping sides,	0.9m long 0.9m wide	-

		imperceptible at base. Concave.	0.37m deep	

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
11	**30m, 1.8m & W-E**		**13.65m**	**1.73m & 11.92m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
1101	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.43m thick	-
1102	Colluvium	Friable mid red brown, silty sand, occasional small stones.	1.30m thick	-
1103	Natural	Loose, light grey yellow sand, occasional gravel inclusions.	-	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
12	**30m, 1.8m & N-S**		**26.01m**	**0.51m & 25.50m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
1201	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.25m thick	-
1202	Colluvium	Friable mid orange brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.26m thick	-
1203	Natural	Loose, light grey yellow sand, occasional gravel inclusions.	-	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
13	**30m, 1.8m & N-S**		**21.77m**	**0.56m & 21.21m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
1301	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.25m thick	-
1302	Colluvium	Friable mid orange brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.26m thick	Flint

1303	Natural	Loose, light grey yellow sand, occasional gravel inclusions.	-	-
1304	Fill of ditch	Firm, mid greyish brown, silty sand, rare small sub-angular flint nodules, Clear boundaries	1.8m+ long 1.05m wide 0.31m deep	SF3: Flint Pottery
1305	Cut of ditch	Linear, N-S, Gently sloping sides, concave base.	1.8m+ long 1.05m wide 0.31m deep	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
14	**30m, 1.8m & N-S**		**16.17m**	**0.51m & 15.66m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
1401	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.25m thick	Flint
1402	Colluvium	Friable mid orange brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.26m thick	-
1403	Natural	Loose, light grey yellow sand, occasional gravel inclusions.	-	-
1404	Fill of ditch	Firm, Mid grey brown, silty sand, occasional small and medium, sun-angular flint nodules, poorly sorted. Clear boundaries.	1.8m+ long 1.04m wide 0.34m deep	-
1405	Fill of ditch	Firm, light yellowish brown, sandy silt with rare small, sub-angular flint nodules. Clear boundaries.	1.8m+ long 2.42m wide 0.42m deep	SF2: Flint
1406	Fill of ditch	Firm, mid greyish brown, sandy silt with frequent small and medium sub-angular flint nodules, moderately sorted. Clear boundaries.	1.8m+ long 1.20m wide 0.22m deep	-
1407	Cut of ditch	Linear, E-W, Moderately sloping sides. Concave base.	100m+ long 2.40m wide 0.66m deep	-
1408	Fill of ditch	Firm, mid greyish brown, sandy silt with occasional small to medium sub-angular	1.8m+ long 1.11m wide 0.31m deep	-

		flint nodules, poorly sorted.		
1409	Cut of ditch	Linear, E-W, moderately sloping sides, concave base.	1.8m+ long 1.11m wide 0.31m deep	-
1410	Fill of ditch	Firm, mid greyish brown, sandy silt with rare small sub-angular flint nodules, poorly sorted.	1.8m+ long 2.60m wide 0.34m deep	-
1411	Fill of ditch	Firm, dark greyish brown, sandy silt with occasional small, sub-angular flint nodules. Poorly sorted. Clear boundaries.	1.80m+ long 1.80m wide 0.19m deep	-
1412	Fill of ditch	Firm, mid greyish brown, sandy silt with rare small, sub-angular flint, poorly sorted.	1.80m+ long 1.40m wide 0.27m deep	-
1413	Cut of ditch	Linear, E-W, moderately sloping sides, concave base.	1.8m+ long 2.60m wide 0.82m deep	-
1414	Fill of ditch	Firm, mid greyish brown, sandy silt with occasional small sub-angular flint nodules, poorly sorted.	1.8m+ long 1.02m wide 0.28m deep	-
1415	Cut of ditch	Linear, E-W, moderately sloping sides, concave base.	1.8m+ long 1.02m wide 0.28m deep	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
15	**30m, 1.8m & N-S**		**18.45m**	**0.55m & 17.90m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
1501	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.29m thick	Flint
1502	Colluvium	Friable mid reddish brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.36m thick	-
1503	Natural	Friable, light grey yellow sand, occasional gravel inclusions.	-	-
1504	Fill of ditch	Firm, mid orange black, silty sand with occasional small sub-angular flint nodules.	3m+ long 0.40m wide 0.09m deep	Pottery

		Clear boundaries.		
1505	Cut of ditch	Linear, SW-NE, moderately sloping sides, rounded base.	3m+ long 0.40m wide 0.09m deep	-
1506	Fill of ditch	Firm, mid orangish brown, sandy silt with occasional small sub angular flint nodules poorly sorted.	1.8m+ long 0.60m wide 0.15m deep	-
1507	Cut of ditch	Linear, ESE-WSW, moderately sloping sides, flat base	1.8m+ long 0.60m wide 0.15m deep	-
1508	Fill of ditch	Firm, dark orange brown, silty sand with occasional small sub-angular flint. Poorly sorted.	0.31m wide 0.27m deep	-
1509	Cut of ditch	Sub-rounded, steep sided, flat base.	0.31m wide 0.27m deep	-
1510	Fill of ditch	Firm, mid orangish brown, silty sand with rare small sub-angular flint nodules. Poorly sorted	1.8m+ long 0.91m wide 0.38m deep	Pottery
1511	Cut of ditch	Linear, E-W, Moderately sloping sides, rounded base.	1.8m+ long 0.91m wide 0.38m deep	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
16	**30m, 1.8m & E-W**		**17.51m**	**0.51m & 17.00m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
1601	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.36m thick	Flint
1602	Colluvium	Friable mid reddish brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.25m thick	-
1603	Natural	Friable, light grey yellow chalky sandy clay, with red brown glacial silt patches.	-	-
1604	Fill of ditch	Firm, Dark Brownish black, silty sand with rare small flint nodules, clear boundaries.	1.8m+ long 0.99m wide 0.24m deep	-
1605	Cut of ditch	Linear, N-S, moderately sloping sides, flat base.	1.8m+ long 0.99m wide 0.24m deep	-

1606	Fill of ditch	Firm, mid orange brown, silty sand with rare small sub-angular flint nodules. Clear boundaries	1.8m+ long 1.90m wide 0.41m deep	-
1607	Fill of ditch	Firm, light orange brown, silty sand with rare small sub-angular flint. Clear boundaries	1.8m+ long 1.36m wide 0.45 deep	-
1608	Cut of ditch	Linear, N-S moderately sloping sides, concave base.	1.80m+ long 1.90m wide 0.76m deep	-
1609	Fill of ditch	Firm, mid orange brown, silty sand with rare small sub-angular flint nodules, poorly sorted. Clear boundaries.	1.8m+ long 1.10m wide 0.35m deep	Brick; pottery
1610	Fill of ditch	Firm, mid whitish brown, sand silt and chalk, rare small sub-angular flint nodules poorly sorted. Clear boundaries.	0.40m wide 0.17m deep	-
1611	Cut of ditch	Linear, N-S, Moderately sloping sides, flat base.	1.8m+ long 1.10m wide 0.47m deep	-
1612	Fill of ditch	Firm, mid orange brown, sandy silt with rare small sub-angular flint nodules. Clear boundaries	1.80m+ long 1.30m wide 0.50m deep	-
1613	Cut of ditch	Linear, N-S Moderately sloping sides, flat base.	1.8m+ long 1.30m wide 0.50m deep	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
17	**30m, 1.8m & E-W**		**21.07m**	**0.49m & 20.58m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
1701	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.32m thick	Flint
1702	Colluvium	Friable mid orange brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.17m thick	-
1703	Natural	Loose, light brown/white sand with rare small stones and sub-angular flint. Poorly sorted.	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
18	**30m, 1.8m & N-S**		**17.79m**	**0.46m & 17.33m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
1801	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.21m thick	-
1802	Colluvium	Friable mid orange brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.25m thick	Pottery
1803	Natural	Friable, light yellow chalky sandy clay with areas of red brown sand.	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
19	**30m, 1.8m & N-S**		**20.20m**	**0.41m & 19.79m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
1901	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.34m thick	Flint
1902	Colluvium	Friable mid orange brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.07m thick	Flint
1903	Natural	Friable, light brown white sand with rare small stones	-	-
1904	Fill of ditch	Loose, mid brown, silty sand with rare small stones and clear boundaries.	1.8m long 0.71m wide 0.22m deep	-
1905	Cut of ditch	Linear, N-S moderately sloping sides and concave base.	1.8m+ long 0.71m wide 0.22m deep	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
20	**30m, 1.8m & E-W**		**25.77m**	**0.37m & 25.40m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
2001	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with	0.30m thick	Flint

		occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.		
2002	Colluvium	Friable mid reddish brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.07m thick	Flint
2003	Natural	Friable, mid light brown sand with red streaks.	-	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
21	**30m, 1.8m & E-W**		**20.32m**	**0.37m & 19.95m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
2101	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.30m thick	-
2102	Colluvium	Friable mid reddish brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.07m thick	-
2103	Natural	Friable/ loose, light brown white sand	-	-
2104	Spread	Friable, mid dark grey brown clayey silt sand, occasional small stones and charcoal flecks.	3m wide	-
2105	Modern building footing	Friable/firm mixed grey brown silty clay sand with brick, charcoal and demolition material.	1.8m+ long 1m wide	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
22	**30m, 1.8m & N-S**		**15.88m**	**0.62m & 15.22m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
2201	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.40m thick	-
2202	Colluvium	Friable mid reddish brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.22m thick	Flint
2203	Natural	Loose, mid/light orange brown sand and gravel	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
23	**30m, 1.8m & N-S**		**13.94m**	**0.95m & 12.99m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
2301	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.30m thick	-
2302	Colluvium	Friable mid reddish brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.65m thick	-
2303	Natural	Loose, light grey yellow sand, occasional gravel inclusions.	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
24	**30m, 1.8m & N-S**		**14.10m**	**0.65m & 13.45m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
2401	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.37m thick	-
2402	Colluvium	Friable mid reddish brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.28m thick	-
2403	Natural	Loose, light grey yellow sand, occasional gravel inclusions.	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
25	**30m, 1.8m & E-W**		**13.74m**	**0.38m & 13.36m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
2501	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.33m thick	-
2502	Colluvium	Friable mid reddish brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.05m thick	-
2503	Natural	Friable, light yellow chalky clay sand with red sand patches	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
26	**30m, 1.8m & N-S**		**12.31m**	**0.96m & 11.35m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
2601	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.38m thick	-
2602	Colluvium	Friable mid reddish brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.58m thick	-
2603	Natural	Loose, mid/light brown sand and gravel.	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
27	**30m, 1.8m & E-W**		**11.73m**	**0.79m & 10.94m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
2701	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.33m thick	-
2702	Colluvium	Friable mid reddish brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.46m thick	-
2703	Natural	Loose, mid brown orange sand and gravel.	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
28	**30m, 1.8m & N-S**		**11.38m**	**0.70m & 10.68m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
2801	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.28m thick	-
2802	Colluvium	Friable mid reddish brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.42m thick	-
2803	Natural	Friable mid-light yellow brown sandy clay changing to mid orange brown sand and gravel	-	-

		toward southern end.		

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
29	**30m, 1.8m & E-W**		**11.92m**	**0.39m & 11.53m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
2901	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.39m thick	-
2902	Natural	Loose, mid brown orange sand and gravel with chalk.	-	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
30	**30m, 1.8m & N-S**		**11.74m**	**0.65m & 11.09m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
3001	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.60m thick	-
3002	Colluvium	Friable mid reddish brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.05m thick	-
3003	Natural	Loose, mid brown orange sand and gravel.	-	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
31	**30m, 1.8m & N-S**		**16.85**	**0.41m & 16.44m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
3101	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.36m thick	-
3102	Colluvium	Friable mid reddish brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.05m thick	-
3103	Natural	Loose, mid to light orange brown sand gravel and flint with clay patches.	-	-
32	30m, 1.8m &			3m & 40.20m

	E-W			

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
32	**30m, 1.8m & E-W**		**17.45m**	**0.36m & 17.09m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
3201	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.36m thick	-
3203	Natural	Friable mid red brown sand with white chalk patches.	-	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
33	**30m, 1.8m & N-S**		**17.73m**	**0.93m & 16.80m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
3301	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.38m thick	Flint
3302	Colluvium	Friable mid reddish brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.65m thick	-
3303	Natural	Loose brown and white sand occasional small stones, moving into chalk at south end.	-	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
34	**30m, 1.8m & E-W**		**17.38m**	**0.84m & 16.54m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
3401	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.36m thick	-
3402	Colluvium	Friable mid reddish brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.48m thick	-
3403	Natural	Loose, mid light orange brown sand, occasional moderate gravel inclusions.	-	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
35	**30m, 1.8m & N-S**		**19.01m**	**0.89m & 18.12m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
3501	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.34m thick	-
3502	Colluvium	Friable mid reddish brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.55m thick	-
3503	Natural	Loose, mid/light brown sand occasional gravel inclusions and chalk patches	-	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
36	**30m, 1.8m & E-W**		**16.91m**	**0.89m & 16.02m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
3601	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.29m thick	-
3602	Colluvium	Friable mid reddish brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.50m thick	-
3603	Natural	Loose sand and gravel patches with white brown sand.	-	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
37	**30m, 1.8m & E-W**		**17.30m**	**0.36m & 16.94m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
3701	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.36m thick	Flint
3702	Natural	Friable white chalk with mid orange brown sand	-	-
Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**

38	**30m, 1.8m & E-W**		**24.69m**	**0.39m & 24.30m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
3801	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.39m thick	-
3802	Natural	Loose mid/light brown sand with white chalk flecks.	-	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
39	**30m, 1.8m & E-W**		**17.30m**	**0.43m & 16.87m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
3901	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.29m thick	-
3902	Colluvium	Friable mid reddish brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.14m thick	-
3903	Natural	Loose mid orange sand with chalk patches	-	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
40	**30m, 1.8m & E-W**		**19.61m**	**0.40m & 19.21m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
4001	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.40m thick	-
4002	Natural	Loose mid/light orange sand with white chalk patches turning to chalk towards south end.	-	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
41	**30m, 1.8m & E-W**		**21.21m**	**0.37m & 20.84m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
4101	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with	0.37m thick	-

		occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.		
4102	Natural	Loose light orange brown sand and gravel	-	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
42	**30m, 1.8m & E-W**		**21.68m**	**0.39m & 21.28m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
4201	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.29m thick	-
4202	Colluvium	Friable mid reddish brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.10m thick	-
4203	Natural	Loose mid orange sand with chalk patches	-	-
4204	Fill of ditch	Friable mid dark brown, silty clay and sand, moderate small stones and flint, occasional charcoal flecks.	1.8m+ long 1.20m wide 0.58m deep	Pottery
4205	Cut of ditch	Linear, E-W, moderately sloping sides, flat base	1.8m+ long 1.20m wide 0.58m deep	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
43	**30m, 1.8m & E-W**		**21.31m**	**0.39m & 20.92m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
4301	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.29m thick	-
4302	Colluvium	Friable mid reddish brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.10m thick	-
4303	Natural	Light orange brown sand with patches of yellow orange, sand gravel and flint. Clear boundaries	-	Flint
4304	Fill of ditch	Friable, mid/ dark brown, silty sand, moderate small stones and occasional charcoal	2.10m wide 0.22m deep	Pottery

		flecks. Clear boundaries		
4305	Fill of ditch	Loose, light brown grey, silty sand with occasional small stones, sub-angular flint and charcoal flecks. Clear boundaries	1.40m wide 0.26m deep	-
4306	Fill of ditch	Fairly firm, mid orange brown, sand and gravel. Clear boundaries.	0.71m wide 0.07m deep	-
4307	Fill of ditch	Loose, light brown grey, silty sand, occasional small stones and sub-angular flint.	1.04m wide 0.23m deep	-
4308	Fill of ditch	Friable, mid orange brown, sandy clay with occasional small stones. Clear boundaries.	0.61m wide 0.11m deep	-
4309	Fill of ditch	Firm, mid yellow brown, sandy clay, occasional small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.71m wide 0.27m deep	-
4310	Cut of ring ditch (External)	Curvilinear, N-S in section, steep sloping sides. Flat base with slight undulations.	2.10m wide 0.98m deep	-
4311	Fill of ditch	Firm, mid orange/grey brown, silty sand with occasional small sub-angular flint nodules, poorly sorted.	1.00m wide 0.40m deep	-
4312	Cut of ring ditch (internal)	Curvilinear, N-S in section, moderately sloping sides, rounded base.	1.00m wide 0.40m deep	

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
44	**30m, 1.8m & N-S**		**26.20m**	**1.36m & 24.94m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
4401	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.54m thick	-
4402	Colluvium	Friable mid reddish brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.82m thick	-
4403	Natural	Friable, mid mottled yellow /orange brown clay and sand.	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
45	**30m, 1.8m & N-S**		**17.22m**	**0.48m & 16.74m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
4501	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.34m thick	-
4502	Colluvium	Friable mid reddish brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.14m thick	-
4503	Natural	Loose, mid/light brown sand, occasional gravel inclusions, friable red and brown patchy clay – sand.	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
46	**30m, 1.8m & N-S**		**16.04m**	**0.50m & 15.54m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
4601	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.36m thick	-
4602	Colluvium	Friable mid reddish brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.14m thick	-
4603	Natural	Loose, light yellow brown sand, occasional moderate small stones and flint.	-	-
4604	Fill of ditch	Friable, light grey brown, sandy silt with occasional small sub-rounded flint and gravel, poorly sorted.	1.8m+ long 1.43 wide 0.82m deep	-
4605	Cut of ditch	Linear, N-S, w side moderately sloping, East side unexcavated.	1.8m+ long 1.43 wide 0.82m deep	

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
47	**30m, 1.8m & N-S**		**15.73m**	**0.30m & 15.43m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
4701	Topsoil	Loose, dark brown grey,	0.30m thick	-

		clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.		
4702	Natural	Loose light orange yellow sand with rare small sub-rounded flint.	-	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
48	**30m, 1.8m & E-W**		**16.66m**	**0.97m & 15.71m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
4801	Topsoil	Firm, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.25m thick	-
4802	Colluvium	Friable mid orange brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.72m thick	-
4803	Natural	Firm, mid yellowish orange sand with rare sub-angular flint nodules.	-	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
49	**30m, 1.8m & N-S**		**18.22m**	**0.97m & 17.25m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
4901	Topsoil	Firm, dark brown grey, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.25m thick	-
4902	Colluvium	Friable mid orange brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.72m thick	-
4903	Natural	Firm, mid yellowish orange sand with patches of silt.	-	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
50	**30m, 1.8m & E-W**		**21.85m**	**0.89m & 20.96m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
5001	Topsoil	Firm, mid greyish brown, clayey silt with occasional- moderate	0.27m thick	-

		small stones and sub-angular flint.		
5002	Colluvium	Friable mid orange brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.62m thick	-
5003	Natural	Light orangish yellow sand with patches of clay.	-	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
51	**30m, 1.8m & E-W**		**19.12m**	**0.43m & 18.69m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
5101	Topsoil	Firm, mid greyish brown, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.22m thick	-
5102	Colluvium	Firm mid orange brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.21m thick	-
5103	Natural	Light orangish yellow, sand with patches of silt and clay.	-	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
52	**30m, 1.8m & N-S**		**14.74m**	**0.54m & 14.24m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
5201	Topsoil	Firm, mid greyish brown, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.23m thick	-
5202	Colluvium	Firm mid orange brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.31m thick	-
5203	Natural	Firm, mid yellowish orange sand with frequent small to medium sub-angular flint nodules.	-	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
53	**30m, 1.8m & N-S**		**16.62m**	**0.57m & 16.05m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***

5301	Topsoil	Firm, mid greyish brown, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.25m thick	-
5302	Colluvium	Firm mid orange brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.32m thick	-
5303	Natural	Light yellowish orange sand with silt patches.	-	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
54	**30m, 1.8m & E-W**		**15.73m**	**0.57m & 15.18m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
5401	Topsoil	Firm, mid greyish brown, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.25m thick	-
5402	Colluvium	Firm mid orange brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.32m thick	-
5403	Natural	Light yellowish orange sand with silt patches.	-	-
5404	Fill of ditch	Loose, mid brown, silty sand with rare small stones and occasional charcoal flecks, some denser charcoal patches.	1.87m+ long 0.72m wide 0.26m deep	-
5405	Cut of ditch	Linear, SW-NE, gradual sloping sides, fairly flat base.	1.87m+ long 0.72m wide 0.26m deep	-
5406	Fill of ditch	Friable/loose, mid grey brown silty sand with occasional gravel inclusions and charcoal flecks. Clear boundaries.	1.8m+ long 0.62m wide 0.21m deep	Pottery
5407	Cut of ditch	Elliptical, N-S steep sloping sides, uneven base.	1.8m+ long 0.62m wide 0.21m deep	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
55	**30m, 1.8m & N-S**		**11.45m**	**0.62m & 10.83m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
5501	Topsoil	Firm, mid greyish	0.25m thick	-

		brown, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.		
5502	Colluvium	Firm mid orange brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.37m thick	-
5503	Natural	Light yellowish orange sand with frequent small to medium sub-angular flint.	-	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
56	**30m, 1.8m & E-W**		**12.36m**	**0.51m & 11.84m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
5601	Topsoil	Firm, mid greyish brown, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.26m thick	-
5602	Colluvium	Firm mid orange brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.25m thick	-
5603	Natural	Light yellowish orange sand with frequent small to medium sub-angular flint.	-	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
57	**30m, 1.8m & N-S**		**13.18m**	**0.69m & 12.49m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
5701	Topsoil	Firm, mid greyish brown, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.25m thick	-
5702	Colluvium	Firm mid orange brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.44m thick	-
5703	Natural	Firm, mid yellowish orange sand with rare flint inclusions.	-	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
58	**30m, 1.8m & E-W**		**18.85m**	**0.86m & 17.99m**

Context	*Context type*	*Description*	*Dimensions*	*Artefacts/Samples*
5801	Topsoil	Firm, mid greyish brown, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.27m thick	-
5802	Colluvium	Firm mid orange brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.59m thick	-
5803	Natural	Firm, light orangish yellow sand with chalk and clay patches.	-	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
59	**30m, 1.8m & E-W**		**12.74m**	**0.64m & 12.10m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
5901	Topsoil	Firm, mid greyish brown, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.36m thick	-
5902	Colluvium	Firm mid orange brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.28m thick	-
5903	Natural	Firm, light orangish yellow sand with chalk and clay patches.	-	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
60	**30m, 1.8m & N-S**		**12.38m**	**0.53m & 11.75m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
6001	Topsoil	Firm, mid greyish brown, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.30m thick	-
6002	Colluvium	Firm mid orange brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.23m thick	-
6003	Natural	Firm, light orangish yellow sand with sub angular flint	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
61	**30m, 1.8m & E-W**		**11.01m**	**0.60m & 10.51m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
6101	Topsoil	Firm, mid greyish brown, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.32m thick	-
6102	Colluvium	Firm mid orange brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.28m thick	-
5903	Natural	Firm, light orangish yellow sand with chalk and clay patches.	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
62	**30m, 1.8m & N-S**		**11.39m**	**0.50m & 10.89m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
6201	Topsoil	Firm, mid greyish brown, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.30m thick	-
6202	Colluvium	Firm mid orange brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.20m thick	-
6203	Natural	Firm, light orangish yellow sand with frequent gravel and flint.	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
63	**30m, 1.8m & E-W**		**12.28m**	**0.78m & 11.50m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
6301	Topsoil	Firm, mid greyish brown, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.40m thick	-
6302	Colluvium	Firm mid orange brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.38m thick	-
6303	Natural	Firm, light orangish yellow sand with frequent gravel and flint.	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
64	**30m, 1.8m & N-S**		**14.62m**	**0.50m & 14.12m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
6401	Topsoil	Firm, mid greyish brown, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.30m thick	-
6402	Colluvium	Firm mid orange brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.20m thick	-
6403	Natural	Firm, light orangish yellow sand with frequent gravel and flint.	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
65	**30m, 1.8m & E-W**		**16.39m**	**1.29m & 15.19m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
6501	Topsoil	Firm, mid greyish brown, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.27m thick	-
6502	Colluvium	Firm mid orange brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.92m thick	-
6503	Natural	Firm, light orangish yellow sand with frequent gravel and flint.	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
66	**30m, 1.8m & N-S**		**11.66m**	**0.27m & 11.39m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
6601	Topsoil	Firm, mid greyish brown, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.27m thick	-
6602	Natural	Firm, light orangish yellow sand with frequent gravel and flint.	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
67	**30m, 1.8m & E-W**		**14.91m**	**0.74m & 14.17m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
6701	Topsoil	Firm, mid greyish brown, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.34m thick	-
6702	Colluvium	Firm mid orange brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.40m thick	-
6703	Natural	Firm, light orangish yellow sand with frequent gravel and flint.	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
68	**30m, 1.8m & N-S**		**15.67m**	**0.56m & 15.11m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
6801	Topsoil	Firm, mid greyish brown, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.24m thick	-
6802	Colluvium	Firm mid orange brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.32m thick	-
6803	Natural	Firm, light orangish yellow sand with frequent gravel and flint.	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
69	**30m, 1.8m & N-S**		**15.40m**	**0.98m & 14.42m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
6901	Topsoil	Firm, mid greyish brown, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.64m thick	-
6902	Colluvium	Firm mid orange brown, silty sand, rare small stones and flint.	0.34m thick	-
6903	Natural	Firm, light orangish yellow sand with frequent gravel and flint.	-	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**		**Surface height**	**Depth & height of natural**
70	**30m, 1.8m & E-W**		**16.77m**	**0.30m & 16.47m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/Samples***
7001	Topsoil	Firm, mid greyish brown, clayey silt with occasional- moderate small stones and sub-angular flint.	0.30m thick	-
7002	Natural	Firm, light orangish yellow sand with frequent gravel, flint and chalk.	-	-

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