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Project type	Evaluation	
Site status	None	
Previous work	Field walking (Holmes 1996); desk based heritage assessment (Walker 2014); geophysical survey (Walford 2015)	
Current Land use	Arable farmland and grassland	
Future work	Unknown	
Monument type/ period	Roman ditch; undated ditches; post-medieval ditches	
Significant finds	Early Roman pottery	
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>		
County	Northamptonshire	
Site address (including postcode)	Pytchley Lodge Farm, Kettering	
Study area (sq.m or ha)	55 ha	
OS Easting & Northing (use grid sq. letter code)	SP 8818 7522	
Height aOD	60-72m aOD	
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## **Abstract**

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## **1 INTRODUCTION**

MOLA (Museum of London Archaeology) were commissioned by Peter Brett Associates to conduct an archaeological evaluation on land at 'symmetry park', Kettering, Northamptonshire (NGR: SP 8818 7522) (Fig 1). This followed on from desk-based assessment and geophysics.

The County Archaeological Advisor for Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) advised that a programme of archaeological evaluation should be undertaken to determine the nature and extent of any archaeological remains within the development area. The requirements were outlined in a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) prepared by MOLA (2016) and a brief issued by Northamptonshire County Council (Mather 2016a and 2016b).

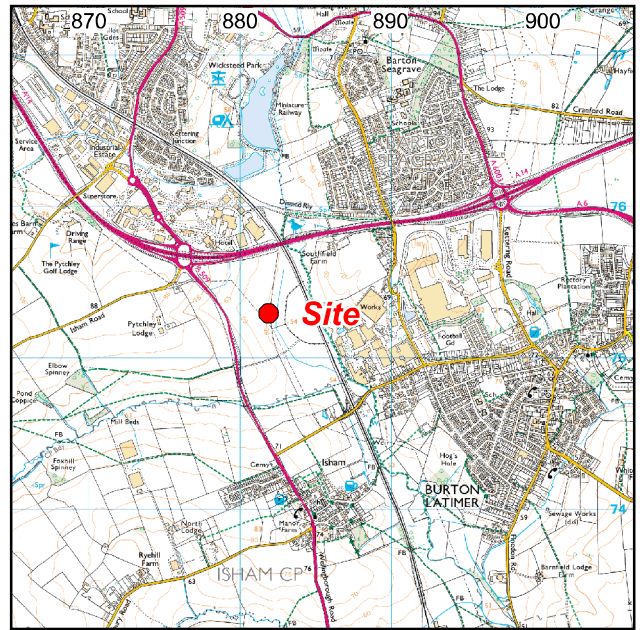
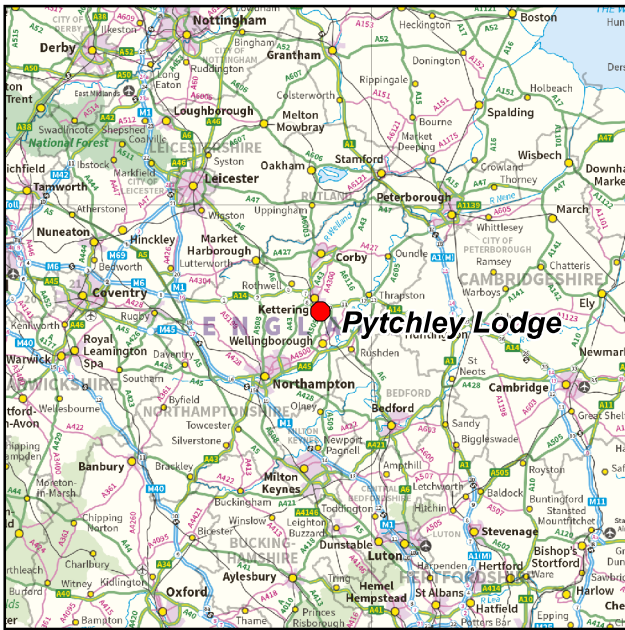
## **2 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

The evaluation of the site was designed to assess the archaeological potential of the site.

The general aims of the investigation of the site were to:

- establish the date, nature and extent of the activity or occupation on the development site;
- recover artefacts to assist in the development of type series within the region;
- recover palaeo-environmental remains to determine past local environmental conditions.

The evaluation was carried out following the guidelines suggested by the ClfA's *Standards and guidance for archaeological field evaluations* (ClfA 2014), the MOLA Fieldwork Manual (2014) and the East Midlands regional framework (Cooper 2006; Knight *et al* 2012).



Scale 1:7500

Site location Fig 1

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### 3 BACKGROUND

#### 3.1 Topography and geology

The Site, 'symmetry park', Kettering is located adjacent to the A509 Kettering Road and immediately to the south-east of the A14, Junction 9, Kettering. The A14 is a trunk road and an important route in terms of connectivity between Felixstowe and the rest of the strategic road network in the UK, in particular linking to the M1 and M6. The A14 also forms a key part of the road network linking the Daventry International Rail Freight Terminal (DIRFT) and Eurohub in Corby.

The Site forms part of the 'Land at Kettering South' allocation in Policy 37 of the adopted North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (July 2016), which identifies that the development of Parcel B (the Site) should focus on the delivery of B8 (logistics) development and ancillary B1 (office) and B2 (general industrial) uses.

The Site extends to approximately 55 ha and is in use predominantly as agricultural land. There is an area of planted woodland in the north-west corner of the Site, and the remainder is split in to three distinct agricultural fields. Ditches are present in the ground along the east and south-east of the Site which is lower than the north/north west due to the Site's topography. One of the ditches follows the former path of the River Ise (the river having since been re-directed along its current line, adjacent to the railway line which runs along the western boundary of the Site). The topography of the Site slopes from west to east and from north to south. The Site boundaries are lined by semi-mature trees and hedgerows and field boundaries are also marked by trees.

The Site is bordered to the west by the A509 Kettering Road which heads south towards Isham and Wellingborough, and to the east by the Midland Mainline railway, with the River Ise and the town of Burton Latimer beyond. The whole of the Site is within the administrative area of Kettering Borough Council, with the southern Site boundary broadly following the borough boundary of Kettering Borough Council and the Borough Council of Wellingborough.

Southfield Farm Marsh Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) lies within 100m to the east of the Site (at its nearest point) separated by the Midland Main Line railway line, and is notified as being of national importance for its wet grassland and mire habitats

In the context of the wider environmental setting, the nearest large settlements to the Site are Kettering, the town centre of which is located approximately 3.25km to the north, and Wellingborough located approximately 5km to the south. Adjoining the A14 at Junction 9 to the north are the Kettering Business Park and the Orion Park (a retail/leisure park). Further agricultural land extends immediately from the western boundary of the Site, and the wider east and south surroundings are predominantly agricultural land.

Many of Kettering town's main residential areas lie to the east of the Site, on both the north and south sides of the A14. Employment and residential areas are located within Burton Latimer, located approximately 1.5 km to the east of the Site; Isham, located approximately 0.5 km to the south; Barton Seagrave located approximately 2 km to the north-east of the Site; and Pytchley, located approximately 2 km to the west of the Site. The nearest residential properties to the site are individual dwellings off Isham Road situated to the west of the site, and off Station road to the south; and clusters of residential dwellings on the northern boundary of Isham, the western boundary of Burton Latimer and dwellings on the north and south side of the A14 along the western boundary of Polwell Lane.



### 3.2 Archaeological and historical background

The evaluation area has been the subject of a recent desk based heritage assessment (Walker 2014) upon which this following summary is based. The westernmost part of the evaluation area, immediately adjacent to the A509, was subject to archaeological fieldwalking in 1996 in advance of an abortive scheme to reroute the A509 (Holmes 1996). The fieldwalking investigation resulted in the discovery of ten worked flints, four Roman potsherds and two medieval potsherds (HER 9783). Though the significance of these finds is uncertain they may relate to a background scatter of lost/discarded material rather than deriving from a clearly defined archaeological site.

Historic maps of the evaluation area show how the site developed through the 19th and 20th centuries. There was a general trend towards the amalgamation of fields, with the consequent removal of hedges and boundary ditches, with the two watercourses that crossed the site also being modified. The River Ise was diverted in the mid-19th century so that it flowed to the east of the railway, with a large meander that encroached into the evaluation area being straightened and reduced to a drainage ditch which is now located in the north-eastern part of the site. The stream which ran along the southern edge of the site was also straightened, apparently sometime around 1950.

A geophysical survey was previously undertaken at Pytchley Lodge Farm to the north-west of the present site in 2014; this mapped a large complex of archaeological remains focused around a large, double-ditched rectilinear enclosure of probable Iron Age date (Walford and Meadows 2014).

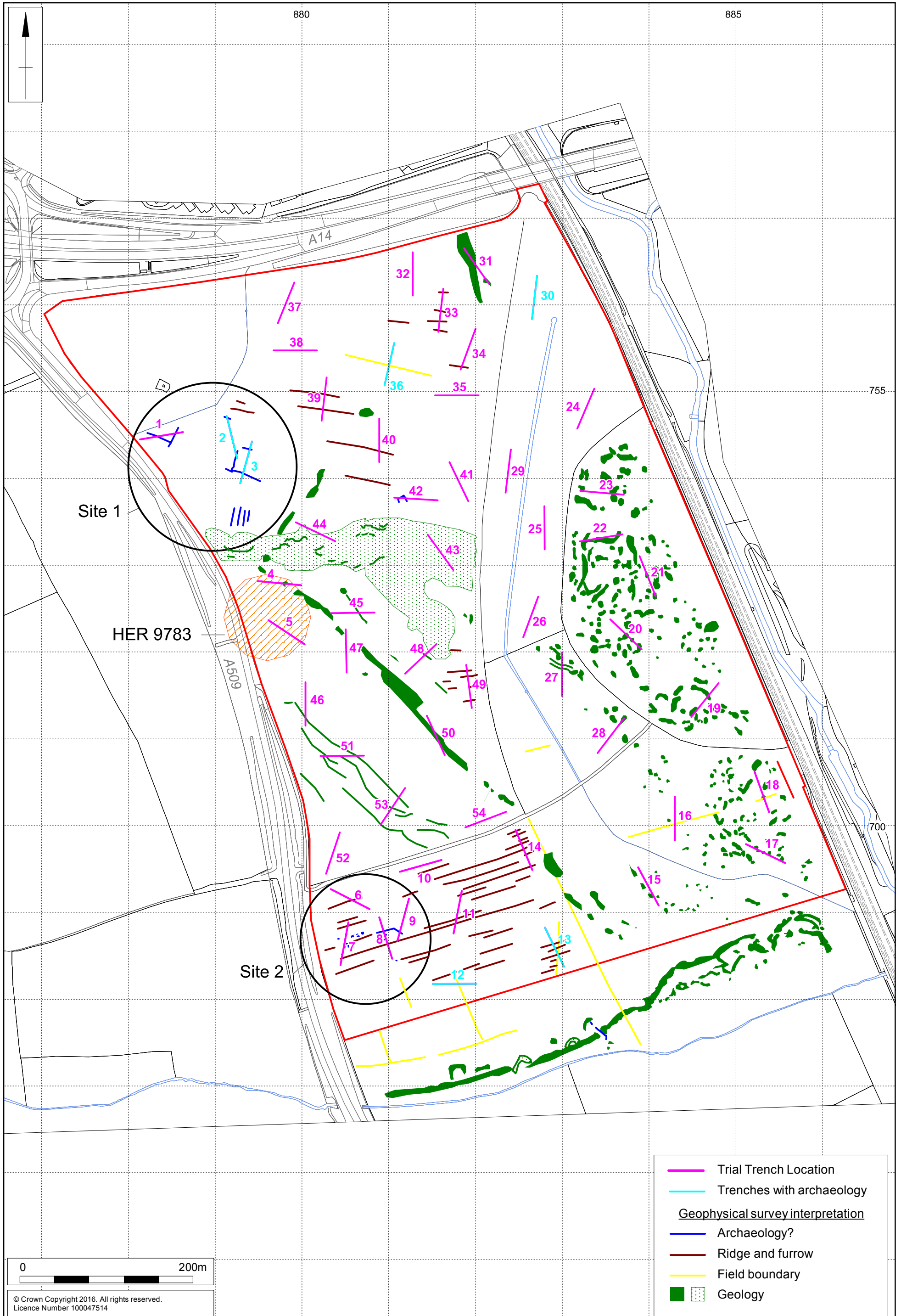
A detailed geophysical survey was also undertaken of the current evaluation area in 2015. With the survey identifying two principal areas of archaeological interest, one contained a rectilinear pattern of ditches (Site 1) and the other which was identified as possibly containing a pit cluster (Site 2). Medieval ridge and furrow, post-medieval field boundaries an abandoned stream channel and other features of possible archaeological interest were also identified across the site (Walford 2015).

## 4 EXCAVATION METHODOLOGY

Fifty-four trenches were excavated (Fig 2). All trenches were excavated using a 360° mechanical excavator fitted with a 1.8m-wide toothless ditching bucket to a length of 50m (Fig 2). The topsoil and subsoil were removed under archaeological direction to reveal natural substrate. The trenches were located to sample the entire area and to examine geophysical anomalies.

The locations of the trenches were surveyed and related to the Ordnance Survey National Grid using Leica Viva GPS survey equipment using SMARTNET real-time corrections, operating to a 3D tolerance of  $\pm 0.05\text{m}$ . A full photographic record comprising both 35mm black and white negatives and digital images was maintained. The field data from the evaluation has been compiled into a site archive with appropriate cross-referencing.

The excavated area was cleaned sufficiently to define any features. The excavated area and spoil heaps were scanned with a metal detector to ensure maximum finds retrieval. All archaeological deposits encountered during the course of the excavation were fully recorded, following standard MOLA procedures (MOLA 2014). All deposits were given a separate context number. They were described on *pro-forma* context sheets to include details of the context, its relationships and interpretation. On completion all trenches were backfilled with their up-cast, lightly compacted by the mechanical excavator.



The evaluation conformed to the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists *Standard and guidance for archaeological field evaluation* (ClfA 2014)). All stages of the project were undertaken in accordance with Historic England's, *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment* (MoRPHE) (HE 2015). The evaluation was carried out in accordance with Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) prepared by MOLA (2016).

## 5 THE EXCAVATED EVIDENCE

### 5.1 Overview

The majority of the identified archaeology was located in Trenches 2 and 3 in the north-western corner of the site and consisted of ditches. Only one of which was dated to the Roman period. Post-medieval field boundary ditches were identified in Trenches 12, 13 and 36 with an early modern drainage ditch identified in Trench 30 (Fig 2).

### 5.2 General stratigraphy

The natural substratum remained broadly consistent within the western half of the evaluation area (Trenches 1-15 and Trenches 31-54) (Fig 2), on the slope of the River Ise valley. It consisted of mid orange-brown sandy clay with moderate to frequent patches of ironstone at between 0.25-0.50m below the present ground surface.

The natural substratum within the River Ise's floodplain in the eastern half of the evaluation area (Trenches 16-30) (Fig 2) was quite mixed and comprised light-mid yellow-brown clays with frequent patches of alluvium.

Alluvium was observed in Trenches 15-16, 25-28 and remained relatively consistent, comprising light brown and grey silty clay and was between 0.10-1.0m thick.

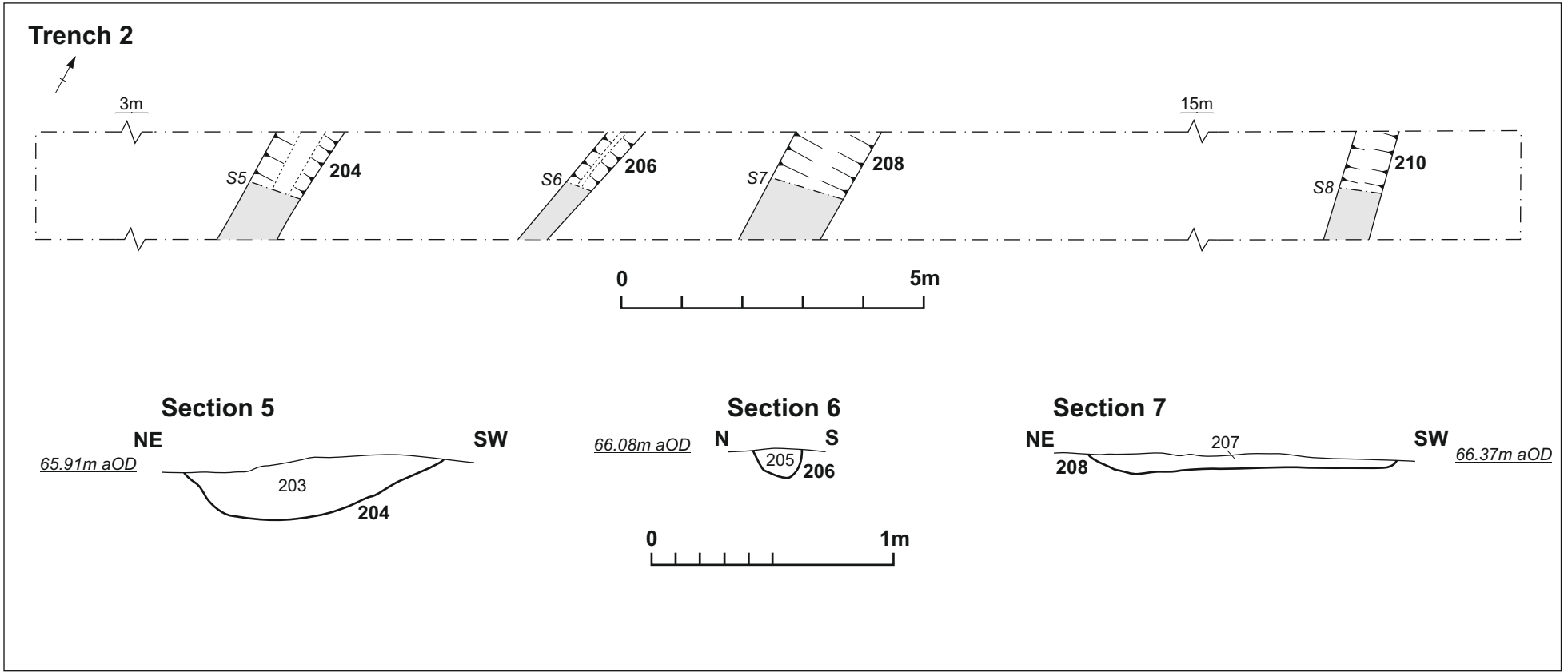
No subsoil was present throughout the site. The topsoil remained the same across the entire evaluation area and consisted of mid brown-grey sandy clay which was between 0.25m-0.40m thick.



Ditch [204], looking east Fig 3

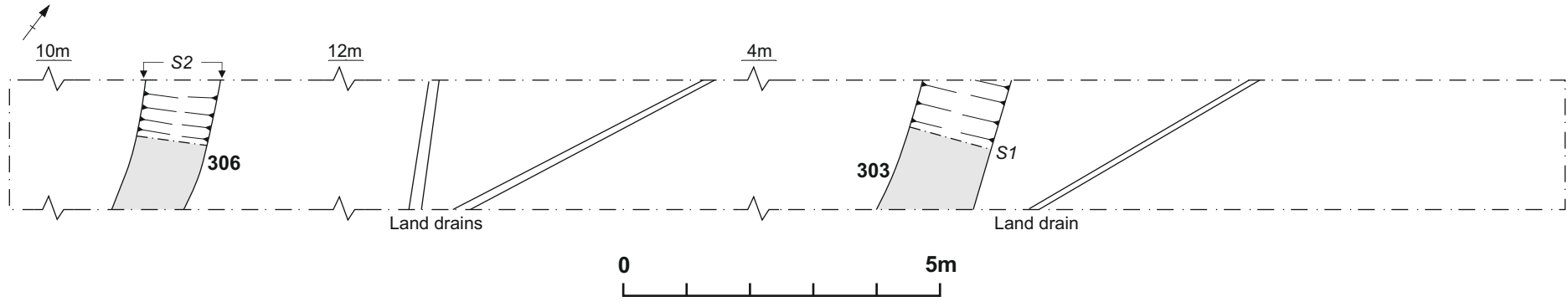
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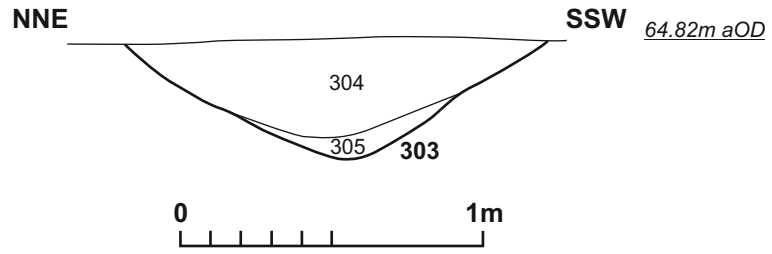


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### Trench 3



### Section 1



### Section 2

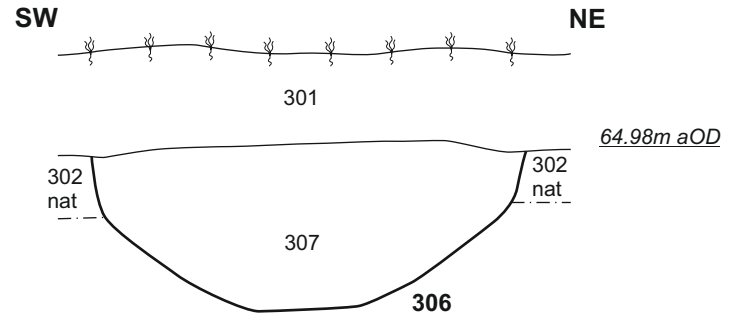


Fig 5

### 5.3 The archaeology

#### ***Trench 2***

Two ditches and a possible gully were identified within this trench (Figs 2 and 4).

Ditch [204] was 1.10m wide and 0.22m deep with a U-shaped profile and a flat base, its single fill consisted of a mid-grey-orange sandy silt with frequent small sandstones, no artefacts or dating evidence was recovered (Figs 3 and 4).

Ditch [208] was 1.28m wide and 0.06m deep with a shallow irregular U-shaped profile and base with a single fill which comprised mid brown-grey silty clay with occasional ironstone fragments (Figs 3, 4 and 6)



Ditch [208], looking east Fig 6

A small ditch or gully [206] was also identified within this trench. It was 0.26m wide and 0.09m deep with a V-shaped profile and a flat base. Its single fill comprised light grey silty clay with occasional ironstone fragments (Fig 4). Similar to the other larger ditches within this trench, no artefacts or dating evidence was recovered.

A possible feature in the north-eastern end of the trench [210] was identified within the geophysical survey but upon investigation was found to be either a remnant furrow or natural feature (Fig 4).

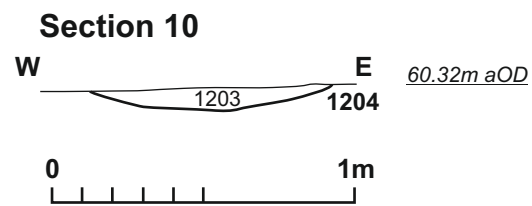
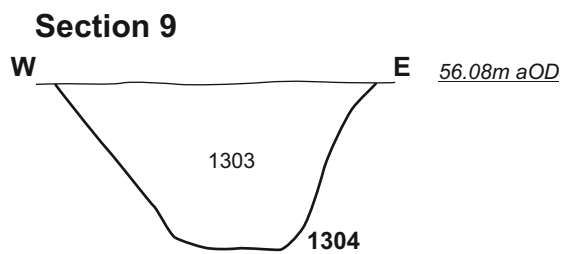
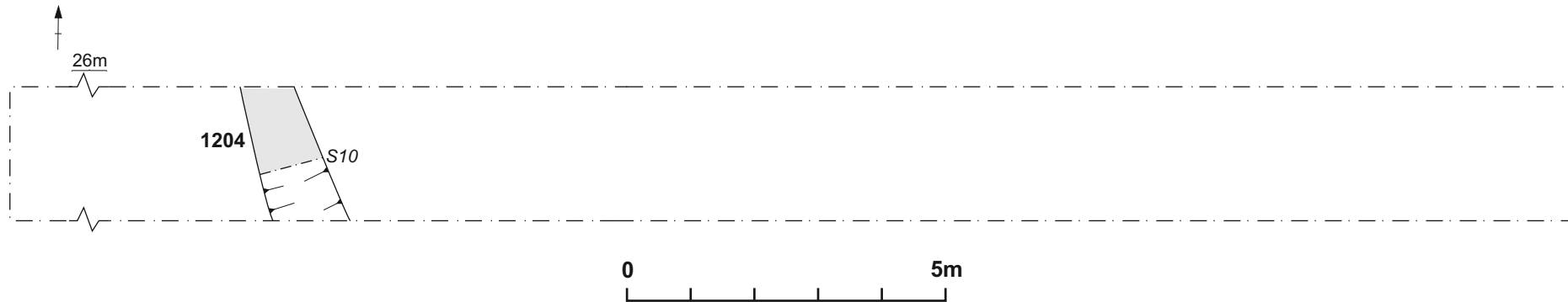
#### ***Trench 3***

Two ditches were identified in Trench 3.

Ditch [303] was 1.37m wide and 0.36m deep with a U-shaped profile and concave base and contained two fills. The secondary fill consisted of light brown-grey-orange sandy clay with occasional ironstone fragments and was 0.30m deep, with the secondary fill being mid-grey-light brown sandy clay with no inclusions. Neither fill produced any artefacts or dating evidence (Fig 5).

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### Trench 12



### Trench 13

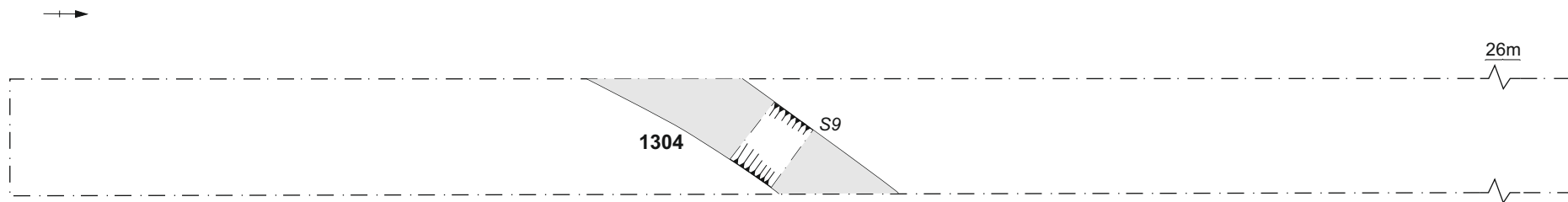
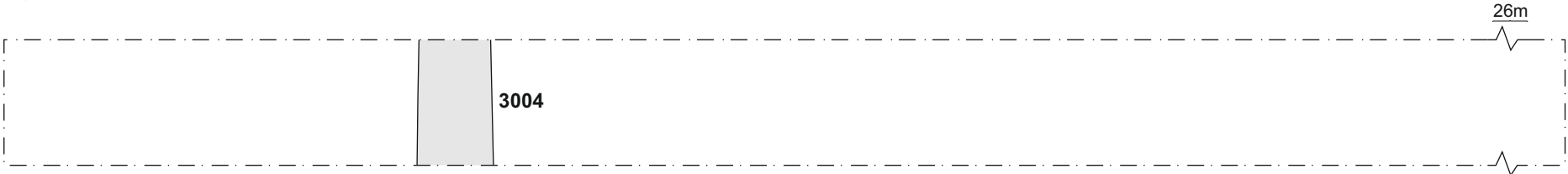


Fig 7

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### Trench 30



### Trench 36



Fig 8



Ditch [306] was located c11m to the south-west of [303] and was 1.40m wide and 0.37m deep with a U-shaped profile and concave base. Its single fill comprised mid brown-orange silty clay with occasional ironstone fragments, from which pottery dating to the Roman period was recovered (Figs 3 and 9) . Both ditches were aligned approximately north-west to south-east across the trench.



Ditch [306], looking west

Fig 9

### **Trench 12**

A single ditch [1204] was identified within this trench and corresponds with the geophysical survey results which identified a possible field boundary (Walford 2015).

Ditch [1204] was 0.80m wide and 0.11m deep with a broad, relatively shallow U-shaped profile and concave base, its single fill was dark orange-brown silty clay with occasional small stones (Figs 2 and 7, Section 10). Although no dating was recovered from the fill, it is likely that the ditch is of post-medieval to early modern in date. It forms one of several field boundary ditches within this area that existed prior to the fields being amalgamated.

### **Trench 13**

Similarly to Trench 12, a single field boundary ditch [1304] was identified within the trial trench. This corresponded directly with an anomaly identified by the geophysical survey.

Ditch [1304] was aligned approximately north-south across the trench and was 1.10m wide and 0.55m deep with a U-shaped profile and flattish base (Figs 2 and 7, Section 9). The fill comprised mixed mid orange-brown and grey-brown sandy clay with moderate small stones, although no dating evidence was recovered, it is highly likely that this ditch relates to a 19th century field boundary ditch identified on the 1885 Ordnance Survey (OS) first edition map.

### **Trench 30**

A 1.0m wide ditch, filled with dark brown/black sandy clay was observed at the south end of the trench. An iron bar and ceramic field drain fragments were recovered from the fill but were not retained (Figs 2 and 8). This ditch was recorded on the 1885 OS map.

**Trench 36**

An approximately east-west aligned shallow irregular ditch was identified within this trench. Ditch [3604] was 0.95m wide and 0.11m deep with an irregular U-shaped profile and irregular base (Figs 2 and 8 ). Its single fill comprised dark grey-brown silty clay with occasional small stones. This ditch was also identified on the 1885 OS map and is likely to have been a small field boundary ditch or hedge line.

**6 THE FINDS****6.1 The Roman pottery** by Tora Hylton

Two sherds of abraded pottery with a combined weight of 49g were recovered from the fill of ditch [307] in Trench 3. The sherds are locally produced coarsewares in sand-tempered and greyware fabrics. One undiagnostic bodysherd is tempered with sand and rounded quartz in a black clay matrix, may be late Iron Age/early Roman in date (pers com. Andy Chapman). The other is a complete base from a greyware jar, for which a late 1st – early 2nd century date is suggested.

*Table 1: Quantification of pottery*

<b>Fill</b>	<b>Cut</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Sherds</b>		<b>Fabric/Date</b>
<b>307</b>	306	Ditch	1	441	Greyware 1st – early 2nd century
<b>307</b>	306	Ditch	1	5	Misc sandy ware
<b>Total</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>49</b>	

## 7 DISCUSSION

Trial trench evaluation on land at 'symmetry park', Kettering, identified a small number of archaeological features, primarily located in the north-western corner of the site. One of these features, a ditch, was dated to the late Iron Age/early Roman periods (1st to early 2nd centuries AD).

A number of additional field boundary ditches identified throughout the site are likely to date to the 19th century. Several of these can be identified on the 1885 Ordnance Survey map. They likely form part of the field enclosure system present on the site before the fields were amalgamated sometime in the 20th century.

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## APPENDIX: CONTEXT INVENTORY

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
1	W-E 50m x 1.8m		70.18m aOD	0.35m 69.83m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/ Samples</i>
101	Topsoil	Mid brown sandy clay	0.25-0.35m thick	-
102	Natural	Mid brown-orange sandy clay with occasional – moderate ironstones	-	-
103	Fill of [104]	Loose mid orange-brown clay with occasional small stones	0.11m deep 0.81m wide	-
104	Natural feature	Linear N-S with steep sides and flat base – likely natural feature/change in natural	0.11m deep 0.81m wide	-
105	Fill of [106]	Loose dark orange-brown silty clay with occasional small stones	0.14m deep 0.50m wide 0.61m long	-
106	Natural feature	Oval with U-shaped profile and concave base	0.14m deep 0.50m wide 0.61m long	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
2	50m x 1.8m		68.06m aOD	0.24-0.36m 67.70m
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/ Samples</i>
201	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.24-0.36m deep	-
202	Natural	Mid brown-orange sandy clay with occasional patches of white/grey clay and ironstone	-	-
203	Fill of [204]	Loose mid orange-grey sandy silt with very frequent degraded sandstone fragments	0.22m deep 1.10m wide	-
204	Ditch	Linear SW-NE with moderately steep U-shaped profile and flat base	0.22m deep 1.10m wide	-
205	Fill of [206]	Friable light grey silty clay with occasional ironstones	0.09m deep 0.26m wide	-

206	Shallow ditch/field drain	Linear W-E with a V-shaped profile and flat base	0.09m deep 0.26m wide	-
207	Fill of [208]	Mid brownish-grey silty clay with occasional ironstones	0.06m deep 1.28m wide	-
208	Ditch/furrow	Linear MW-SE with a gently sloping, shallow U-shaped profile and flat base	0.06m deep 1.28m wide	-
209	Fill of [210]	Loose mid grey-brown sandy silt with occasional degraded sandstone fragments	0.03m deep 0.74m wide	-
210	Truncated furrow	Linear NW-SE with very shallow U-shaped profile and flat base	0.03m deep 0.74m wide	-

<b>Trench No</b>	<b>Length, width &amp; alignment</b>		<b>Surface height</b>	<b>Depth &amp; height of natural</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>NE-SW 50m x 1.8m</b>		<b>65.44m aOD</b>	<b>0.27-0.33m 65.11m aOD</b>
<b>Context</b>	<b>Context type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dimensions</b>	<b>Artefacts/Samples</b>
301	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.27-0.33m thick	-
302	Natural	Brownish-orange sandy clay with moderate-occasional patches of grey/white clay and ironstones	-	-
303	Ditch	Linear NW-SE with U-shaped profile and concave base	0.36m deep 1.37m wide	-
304	Fill of [303]	Firm light brown-grey with orange flecks sandy clay with occasional small ironstones	0.30m deep 1.37m wide	-
305	Fill of [303]	Firm grey-light brown-orange sandy clay	0.06m deep 1.37m wide	-
306	Ditch	Linear NW-SE with U-shaped profile and concave base	0.37m deep 1.40m wide	Pottery
307	Fill of [306]	Friable mid brown-orange silty clay with occasional small ironstones	0.37m deep 1.40m wide	Pottery

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
4	W-E 50m x 1.8m		60.48m aOD	0.40m-0.50m 59.98m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
401	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.40-0.50m thick	-
402	Natural	Mid orange-brown sandy clay and ironstones	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
5	NW-SE 50m x 1.8m		62.59m aOD	0.45-0.50m 62.09m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
501	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.45-0.50m thick	-
502	Natural	Mid orange-brown sandy clays and ironstones	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
6	NW-SE 50m x 1.8m		66.28m aOD	0.35m 65.93m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
601	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.35m thick	-
602	Natural	Mixed mid orange-brown sandy clays and ironstone	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
7	SW-NE 50m x 1.8m		66.68m aOD	0.35-0.40m 66.28m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
701	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.35-0.40m thick	-
702	Natural	Mid orange-brown sandy clays and ironstone	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
8	SE-NW 50m x 1.8m		65.89m aOD	0.35m 65.54m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
801	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.35m thick	-
802	Natural	Mid orange-brown sandy clays and ironstone	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
9	SW-NE 50m x 1.8m		64.81m aOD	0.35m 64.46m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
901	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.35m thick	-
902	Natural	Mid orange-brown sandy clays and ironstone	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
10	E-W 50m x 1.8m		64.95m aOD	0.35-0.40m 64.55m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
1001	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.35-0.40m thick	-
1002	Natural	Mid orange-brown sandy clays and ironstone	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
11	NE-SW 50m x 1.8m		62.71m aOD	0.30-0.40m 62.31m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
1101	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.30-0.40m thick	-
1102	Natural	Mid orange-brown sandy clays and ironstone	-	-



<b>Trench No</b>	<b>Length, width &amp; alignment</b>		<b>Surface height</b>	<b>Depth &amp; height of natural</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>W-E 50m x 1.8m</b>		<b>59.81m aOD</b>	<b>0.30-0.35m 59.46m aOD</b>
<b>Context</b>	<b>Context type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dimensions</b>	<b>Artefacts/Samples</b>
1201	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.30-0.35m thick	-
1202	Natural	Mid orange-brown and mid yellow-brown sandy clays and ironstone	-	-
1203	Fill of [1204]	Loose dark orange-brown silty clay with occasional small stones	0.11m deep 0.80m wide	-
1204	Ditch	NW-SE linear with gently sloping U-shaped profile and concave base	0.11m deep 0.80m wide	-

<b>Trench No</b>	<b>Length, width &amp; alignment</b>		<b>Surface height</b>	<b>Depth &amp; height of natural</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>NW-SE 50m x 1.8m</b>		<b>56.14m aOD</b>	<b>0.40-0.45m 55.69m aOD</b>
<b>Context</b>	<b>Context type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dimensions</b>	<b>Artefacts/Samples</b>
1301	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.40-0.45m thick	-
1302	Natural	Mid brown-orange sandy clay and ironstone	-	-
1303	Fill of [1304]	Firm-friable mixed mid orange-brown and grey-brown sandy clay with moderate small stones	0.55m deep 1.10m wide	-
1304	Ditch	N-S linear with U-shape profile and flattish base	0.55m deep 1.10m wide	-

<b>Trench No</b>	<b>Length, width &amp; alignment</b>		<b>Surface height</b>	<b>Depth &amp; height of natural</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>NW-SE 50m x 1.8m</b>		<b>57.86m aOD</b>	<b>0.30m 57.56m aOD</b>
<b>Context</b>	<b>Context type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dimensions</b>	<b>Artefacts/Samples</b>
1401	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.30m thick	-
1402	Natural	Mid orange-brown sandy clays with ironstones	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
15	SE-NW 50m x 1.8m		53.61m aOD	0.75-0.90m 52.71m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
1501	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.30m thick	-
1502	Alluvium	Light brown and grey silty clay	0.45-0.60m thick	-
1503	Natural	Mid orange-brown sandy clay and moderate-frequent ironstones	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
16	N-S 50m x 1.8m		53.59m aOD	0.90m 52.69m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
1601	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.30m thick	-
1602	Alluvium	Light brown silty clay	0.45-0.50m thick	-
1603	Alluvium	Light blue-grey clay	0.10-0.15m thick	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
17	NW-SE 50m x 1.8m		53.45m aOD	0.40-1.25m+ 52.20m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
1701	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.40m thick	-
1702	Alluvium	Mid grey-brown clay	0.80m+ thick	-
1703	Natural	Mid brown sandy/silty clay	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
18	NW-SE 50m x 1.8m		53.46m aOD	0.45-0.55m 52.91m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
1801	Topsoil	same as 101	0.30-0.35m thick	-
1802	Natural	Light brown-yellow clay	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
19	NE-SW 50m x 1.8m		53.79m aOD	0.20-0.35m 53.44m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
1901	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.20-0.35m thick	-
1902	Natural	Mid brown-yellow clay	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
20	NW-SE 50m x 1.8m		54.07m aOD	0.30m 53.77m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
2001	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.30m thick	-
2002	Natural	Mid brown-yellow clay	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
21	N-S 50m x 1.8m		53.99m aOD	0.40m 53.59m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
2101	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.40m thick	-
2102	Natural	Mid brown-yellow clay	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
22	W-E 50m x 1.8m		54.00m aOD	0.35-0.40m 53.60m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
2201	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.35-0.40m thick	-
2202	Natural	Mid yellow-brown clay	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
23	W-E 50m x 1.8m		54.24m aOD	0.40m 53.84m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
2301	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.40m thick	-
2302	Natural	Light brown-grey clay	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
24	SW-NE 50m x 1.8m		54.38m aOD	0.35m 54.03m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
2401	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.35m thick	-
2402	Natural	Mid brown and mottled orange clay	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
25	N-S 50m x 1.8m		54.07m aOD	0.40m 53.67m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
2501	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.30m thick	-
2502	Alluvium	Dark brown-grey sandy clay	0.10m thick	-
2503	Natural	Mid brown-mottled grey clay	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
26	NE-SW 50m x 1.8m		54.09m aOD	0.60-0.70m 53.39m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
2601	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.30-0.35m thick	-
2602	Natural	Mid brown-orange clay	-	-
2603	Alluvium	Mid grey-brown-mottled orange sandy clay	0.30-0.35m thick	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
27	N-S 50m x 1.8m		53.97m aOD	1.20-1.40m 52.57m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
2701	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.30m thick	-
2702	Alluvium	Mid brown-grey clay	0.90m thick	-
2703	Natural	Mid brown clay with occasional patches of blue clays and ironstones	-	-
2704	Alluvium	Mid grey-blue mottled orange-brown	1.10m thick	-

<b>Trench No</b>	<b>Length, width &amp; alignment</b>		<b>Surface height</b>	<b>Depth &amp; height of natural</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>NE-SW 50m x 1.8m</b>		<b>53.77m aOD</b>	<b>0.65-0.80m 52.98m aOD</b>
<b>Context</b>	<b>Context type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dimensions</b>	<b>Artefacts/Samples</b>
2801	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.30m thick	-
2802	Alluvium	Light brown-grey silty clay	0.50m thick	-
2803	Natural	Mid brown-orange sandy clay	-	-
2804	Alluvium	Mid brown-grey clay	0.35m thick	-
2805	Natural	Mottled orange-brown clay	-	-

<b>Trench No</b>	<b>Length, width &amp; alignment</b>		<b>Surface height</b>	<b>Depth &amp; height of natural</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>N-S 50m x 1.8m</b>		<b>54.14m aOD</b>	<b>0.35-0.45m 53.69m aOD</b>
<b>Context</b>	<b>Context type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dimensions</b>	<b>Artefacts/Samples</b>
2901	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.35-0.45m thick	-
2902	Natural	Mid brown-orange sandy clay and clays	-	-

<b>Trench No</b>	<b>Length, width &amp; alignment</b>		<b>Surface height</b>	<b>Depth &amp; height of natural</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>N-S 50m x 1.8m</b>		<b>54.79m aOD</b>	<b>0.30-0.45m 54.34m aOD</b>
<b>Context</b>	<b>Context type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dimensions</b>	<b>Artefacts/Samples</b>
3001	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.30-0.40m thick	-
3002	Natural	Light-mid orange-brown sandy clay	-	-
3003	Fill of [3004]	Dark brown-black sandy clay (Unexcavated)	1.20m wide	Fe bar, ceramic field drain fragments (not retained)
3004	Ditch	E-W linear, likely post-medieval drainage ditch (Unexcavated)	1.20m wide	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
31	NW-SE 50m x 1.8m		57.21m aOD	0.30-0.35m 56.86m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
3101	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.30-0.35m thick	-
3102	Natural	Mid orange sandy clay with frequent stones/ironstone	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
32	N-S 50m x 1.8m		60.19m aOD	0.30-0.35m 59.84m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
3201	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.30-0.35m thick	-
3202	Natural	Mid orange sandy clay with frequent stones	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
33	N-S 50m x 1.8m		58.33m aOD	0.35m 57.98m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
3301	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.35m thick	-
3302	Natural	Mid orange-brown sandy clay and frequent ironstones	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
34	NE-SW 50m x 1.8m		56.77m aOD	0.35-0.40m 56.37m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
3401	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.35-0.40m thick	-
3402	Natural	Mid orange-brown sandy clay	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
35	E-W 50m x 1.8m		55.82m aOD	0.30-0.40m 55.42m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
3501	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.30-0.40m thick	-
3502	Natural	Mid orange-brown sandy clay with ironstone	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
36	N-S 50m x 1.8m		59.96m aOD	0.30-0.35m 59.61m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
3601	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.30-0.35m thick	-
3602	Natural	Mid orange sandy clay with occasional ironstones	-	-
3603	Fill of [3604]	Dark grey-brown silty clay with occasional small stones	0.11m deep 0.95m wide	-
3604	Ditch	W-E linear with irregular U-shaped profile and base	0.11m deep 0.95m wide	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
37	NE-SW 50m x 1.8m		66.35m aOD	0.25-0.45m 65.90m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
3701	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.25-0.45m thick	-
3702	Natural	Mid orange-brown sandy clay with occasional ironstones	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
38	W-E 50m x 1.8m		63.39m aOD	0.30-0.40m 62.99m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
3801	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.30-0.40m	-
3802	Natural	Mid orange-brown sandy clay with occasional ironstones	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
39	N-S 50m x 1.8m		62.61m aOD	0.30-0.40m 62.21m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
3901	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.30-0.40m thick	-
3902	Natural	Mid orange-brown sandy clay with occasional ironstones	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
40	N-S 50m x 1.8m		58.80m aOD	0.30-0.35m 58.45m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
4001	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.30-0.35m thick	-
4002	Natural	Mid orange-brown sandy clay with occasional ironstones	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
41	NW-SE 50m x 1.8m		55.71m aOD	0.30-0.40m 55.31m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
4101	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.30-0.40m thick	-
4102	Natural	Mid orange-brown sandy clay with occasional ironstone, chalk and flints	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
42	W-E 50m x 1.8m		55.98m aOD	0.30-0.35m 55.63m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
4201	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.30-0.35m thick	-
4202	Natural	Mid orange-brown sandy clay with occasional patches of grey clay and ironstones	-	-



Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
43	NW-SE 50m x 1.8m		55.99m aOD	0.35-0.40m 55.59m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
4301	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.35-0.40m thick	-
4302	Natural	Mid orange-brown sandy clay with occasional-frequent patches of grey clay and ironstones	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
44	NW-SE 50m x 1.8m		58.92m aOD	0.30-0.40m 58.52m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
4401	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.30-0.40m thick	-
4402	Natural (NW half)	Mid brown-orange sandy clay with occasional patches of grey clay and degraded ironstone	-	-
4403	Natural (SE half)	Mid brown-orange clay with large areas of grey clay and stone	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
45	W-E 50m x 1.8m		58.34m aOD	0.25-0.35m 57.99m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
4501	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.25-0.35m thick	-
4502	Natural	Mid orange-brown sandy clay with ironstone	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
46	N-S 50m x 1.8m		65.81m aOD	0.40m 65.41m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
4601	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.40m thick	-
4602	Natural	Mid orange-brown sandy clays with ironstone	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
47	N-S 50m x 1.8m		60.05m aOD	0.35-0.40m 59.65m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
4701	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.35-0.40m thick	-
4702	Natural	Mixed mid orange-brown sandy clays with ironstone and mid grey clays	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
48	NE-SW 50m x 1.8m		56.41m aOD	0.30-0.40m 56.01m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
4801	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.30-0.40m thick	-
4802	Natural	Mid orange-brown sandy clays with ironstone and mid grey clays	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
49	N-S 50m x 1.8m		55.88m aOD	0.40m 55.48m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
4901	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.40m thick	-
4902	Natural	mid orange-brown sandy clays with ironstone and patches of grey clay	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
50	NNW-SSE 50m x 1.8m		58.25m aOD	0.40m 57.85m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
5001	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.40m thick	-
5002	Natural	Mid orange-brown sandy clay with frequent ironstones	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
51	W-E 50m x 1.8m		66.02m aOD	0.30-0.40m 65.62m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
5101	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.30-0.40m thick	-
5102	Natural	Mid orange-brown sandy clay with moderate ironstones	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
52	NE-SW 50m x 1.8m		68.08m aOD	0.25-0.30m 67.78m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
5201	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.25-0.30m thick	-
5202	Natural	Mid orange-brown sandy clay with moderate ironstones	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
53	NE-SW 50m x 1.8m		64.49m aOD	0.30m 64.19m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
5301	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.30m thick	-
5302	Natural	Mid orange-brown sandy clay with moderate ironstones	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment		Surface height	Depth & height of natural
54	W-E 50m x 1.8m		57.31m aOD	0.30m 57.01m aOD
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
5401	Topsoil	Same as 101	0.30m thick	-
5402	Natural	Mid orange-brown sandy clay with moderate ironstones	-	-



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