

GROUP DISCUSSION: TRENCH 6

Trench Matrix: Trench 6

Group 6.1	10		
Group 6.2	72	70	132
	73	71	133
	74		
Group 6.3	50		
Group 6.4	134		

GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Group 6.1

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Contexts

(10) - layer, black crushed asphalt

7.40m - 7.11m

Group 6.1 represents a modern asphalt dump layer which covers a large area of site, also visible in Trenches 1, 2 and 4.

Section:6

B/W:-

C/S:-

Phase:VII

Group 6.2

72		
73	70	132
74	71	133

Contexts

(72) - fill, brown grey sand silt.	7.25m - 6.53m
(73) - fill, orange silt sand.	6.78m - 6.56m
(74) - cut, steeply sloping sides into concave base. Truncated on north and east sides.	7.25m - 6.53m
(70) - fill, brown grey sand silt.	7.26m - 6.72m
(71) - cut, sub rectangular, sides sloping into concave base. Truncated on north edge.	7.26m - 6.72m
(132) - fill, orange sand gravel.	6.86m - 6.67m
(133) - cut, sub rectangular, sloping sides into concave base. Truncated on south side.	6.86m - 6.67m

This group represents three cuts and their fills. It is difficult to ascertain their significance as there were no finds and all three are truncated by at least one section. Cut (74) may be a post hole with evidence of primary silting (73) below its secondary fill (72). It is also possible, however, that all three cuts are natural depressions which have filled up with natural deposits since there was no proof of their usage.

Section:6

B/W:6.5, 9.

C/S:4.22, 23.

Phase:V

Group 6.3

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Contexts

(50) - layer, red brown clay silt.	7.29m - 6.58m
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This group represents a brickearth which was probably deposited in the post glacial period by fluvial or aeolian methods. See Group Discussion in Trench 1 of Group 1.6 for further explanation of these two methods of deposition.

Section:6

B/W:-

C/S:-

Phase:III

Group 6.4

Group 6.4

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134

Context

(134) - layer, orange white sand.

6.93m - 6.24m

This group represents a geological layer probably deposited by fluvial methods.

Section:6

B/W:-

C/S:-

Phase:I

GROUP DISCUSSIONS: TRENCH 7

Trench Matrix: Trench 7

Group 7.1

115

120

121

Group 7.2

135

Group 7.3

88

117

118

86

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119

Group 7.4

89

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Group 7.5

122

Group 7.6

131

GROUP DISCUSSIONS

115

120

121

Group 7.1

Contexts

(115) - layer, light yellow brown sand silt.

7.39m - 7.01m

(120) - fill, very mixed modern.

7.11m - 6.71m

(121) - cut, sloping sides into flat base.

7.11m - 6.71m

Group 7.1 represents evidence of modern demolition, (115) is a layer of construction related material while fill (120) and cut (121) are probably a modern pier trench.

Section:7

B/W:-

C/S:-

Phase:VIII

Group 7.2



Contexts

(116) - layer, black tarmac.

7.23m - 7.10m

Context (116) represents a black tarmac layer associated with the internal construction of the Butterkist factory.

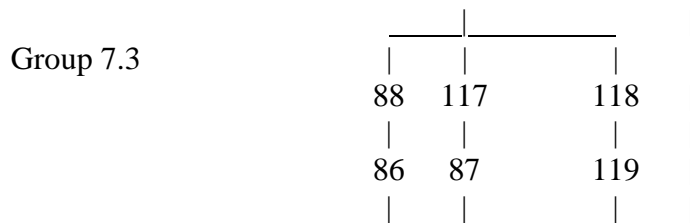
Section:7

B/W:-

C/S:-

Phase:VII

Group 7.3



Contexts

(88) - fill, yellow brown silt sand.

6.67m - 6.52m

(86) - cut, steep sides into flat base.

6.67m - 6.52m

(117) - fill, yellow brown silt sand.

7.14m - 6.69m

(87) - cut, gently sloping sides into shallow uneven base. 7.14m - 6.69m

(118) - fill, yellow brown silt sand.

7.08m - 6.65m

(119) - cut, sloping sides into concave base.

7.08m - 6.65m

This group represents three cuts, of uncertain purpose, and their fills which appear to be identical. Since there were no finds recovered it is possible that these are naturally formed features.

Section:7

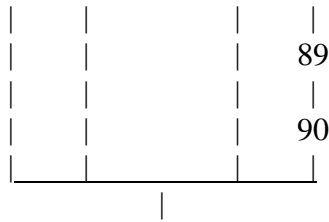
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C/S:-

Plan:86, 87.

Phase:V

Group 7.4



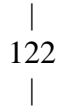
Contexts

- (89) - fill, light orange brown brickearth. 7.06m - 6.78m
(90) - cut, north side unclear and irregular, south side truncated by (121), irregular base. 7.06m - 6.78m

This group represents a probable ice crack truncated on the southern edge by (121). See Group Discussion of Trench 5 Group 5.6, contexts (84) and (85) for further explanation.

Section:7
B/W:-
C/S:-
Plan:90
Phase:V

Group 7.5



Context

- (122) - layer, reddish sand clay. 7.11m - 6.67m

This group represents a brickearth deposit of the Glacial period.

Section:7
B/W:-
C/S:-
Phase:III

Group 7.6



Context

- (131) - layer, orange sand gravel. 6.85m - unknown

This layer represents a river borne gravel forming the Taplow terrace.

Section:7

B/W:-

C/S:-

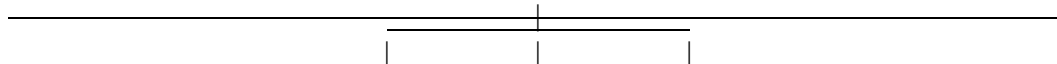
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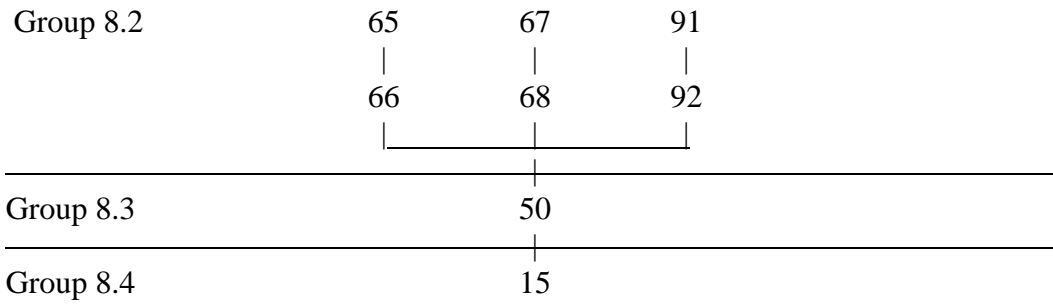
GROUP DISCUSSION: TRENCH 8

Trench matrix: Trench 8

Group 8.1

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GROUP DISCUSSION

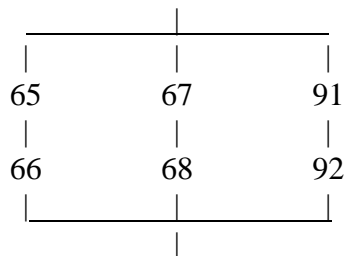
Group 8.1. 69
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Context
 (69) - layer, light grey gravel 7.20m - 7.05m

This group represents a gravel hard-core layer for a concrete surface which has subsequently been removed.

Section: -
 B/W:-
 C/S:-
 Phase: VII

Group 8.2



- Contexts
- (65) - fill, mid brown sand silt. 6.96m - 6.62m
 - (66) - cut, irregular, north edge abrupt, west and south edge 6.96m - 6.62m
 steeply sloping into concave base.
 - (67) - fill, light brown silt sand. 6.91m - 6.73m
 - (68) - cut, linear, sides sloping into concave base. 6.91m - 6.73m
 - (91) - fill, orange brown sand silt. 7.05m - 6.79m
 - (92) - cut, top irregular, sloping edges into concave base. 7.05m - 6.79m

This group represents three cuts and their fills. There were no finds and the shape of both (66) and (92) were irregular so it is more likely that they have been naturally formed. However, cut (68) is distinctly linear in plan, despite being truncated on the northern edge, so may be a ditch of some kind, possibly a field boundary.

Section:-
B/W:-
C/S:-
Plan: 66, 68, 92.
Phase: V

Group 8.3

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Context
(50) - layer, red brown clay silt. 7.05m - 6.79m

This group represents a brickearth layer probably deposited in the post glacial period by fluvial or aeolian methods. See Group Discussion of Trench 1, Group 1.6 for further explanation of fluvial and aeolian methods of deposition.

Section:-
B/W:-
C/S:-
Phase: III

Group 8.4

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15

Context
(15) - layer, orange sand gravel. 6.97m - unknown

This group represents a layer of Thames river gravel, known as the Taplow terrace, that was deposited by fluvial action during the course of the river shifting position.

Section:-
B/W:-
C/S:-
Phase: I

GROUP DISCUSSION: TRENCH 9

Trench Matrix: Trench 9

Group 9.1

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Group 9.2

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Group 9.3	94
Group 9.4	95

GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Group 9.1	96	
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Contexts		
(96) - layer, yellow gravel.		7.35m - 6.51m
(97) - cut, v-shaped, only visible in section.		7.23m - 6.51m

This group represents a modern layer of yellow gravel (96) apparently dumped within the last few weeks. This same layer is filling cut (97), which is also very modern but of uncertain purpose.

Section: 9
 B/W:-
 C/S:-
 Phase: VIII

Group 9.2	93	
Context		
(93) - layer, light grey sand silt.		7.35m - 7.11m

This group represents a modern topsoil layer associated with the market garden.

Section: 9
 B/W:-
 C/S:-
 Phase: VI

Group 9.3	94	
Context		

(94) - layer, orange brown sand silt.

7.23m - 6.77m

This group represents a layer of brickearth probably deposited in the post glacial period by fluvial or aeolian methods. See Group Discussion for Trench 1, Group 1.6 for further explanation of fluvial and aeolian methods of deposition.

Section: 9

B/W:-

C/S:-

Phase: III

Group 9.4

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95

Context

(95) - layer, orange gravel.

6.90m 6.58m

This group represents a layer of natural gravel probably similar to layer (15), the Thames river gravel deposit which forms the Taplow terrace, found across the site.

Section: 9

B/W:-

C/S:-

Phase: I

GROUP DISCUSSIONS: TRENCH 10

Trench Matrix: Trench 10

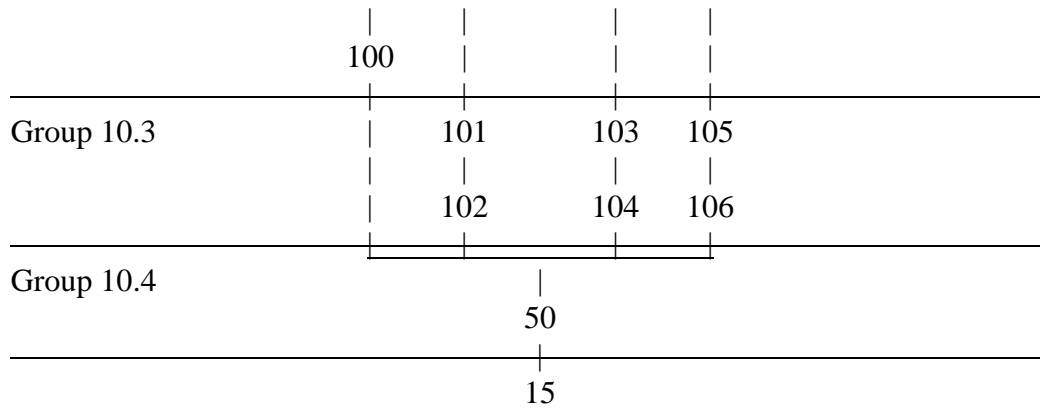
Group 10.1

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Group 10.2

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Group 10.1

116

(116) - Layer, black tarmac

7.13 - 7.04

This layer represents a modern tarmac surface, probably a road or drive associated with the Butterkist Factory.

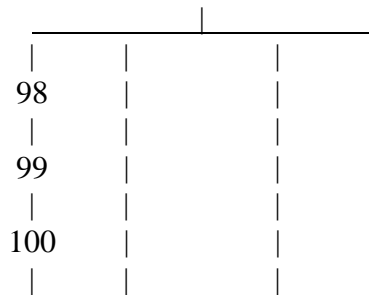
Section: -

B/W: -

C/S: -

Phase: VII

Group 10.2



Contexts

(98) - fill, grey gravel.

6.86m - unknown

(99) - drain, red ceramic.

6.94m - unknown

(100) - cut, linear.

9.86m - unknown

This group represents a modern utility service pipe which was unexcavated due to lack of time and archaeological priority, hence the unknown depths of the contexts.

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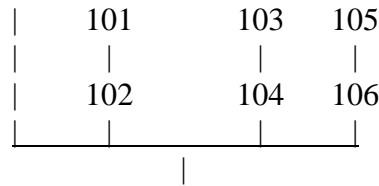
B/W:-

C/S:-

Plan: 100

Phase: VII

Group 10.3



Contexts

(101) - fill, mid brown sand silt.	6.86m - 6.64m
(102) - cut, sub rectangular, sloping sides into concave base.	6.86m - 6.64m
(103) - fill, mid brown sand silt.	6.91m - 6.65m
(104) - cut, two joined concave hollows, west one more shallow than east.	6.91m - 6.65m
(105) - fill, mid brown sand silt.	6.91m - 6.74m
(106) - cut, sub circular, sloping sides into concave base.	6.91m - 6.74m

This group represents three cuts and their fills, which may be archaeological, their shapes suggesting a possible post hole (106) and two possible pits (102) and (104). However, since there were no finds their date and purpose remain uncertain and it is possible that they have occurred naturally.

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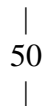
B/W:-

C/S:-

Plan: 102, 104, 106.

Phase: V

Group 10.4



Context

(50) - layer, red brown clay silt.	7.04m - 6.82m
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This group represents a brickearth probably deposited in the post glacial period by fluvial or aeolian methods. See Group Discussion for Trench 1, Group 1.6 for further explanation of fluvial and aeolian methods of deposition.

Section:-

B/W:-

C/S:-

Phase :III

Group 10.5



Context

(15) - layer, orange sand gravel.

6.86m - unknown

This group represents a layer of Thames river gravel, known as the Taplow terrace, that was deposited by fluvial action during the course of the shifting of the position of the river.

Section:-

B/W:-

C/S:-

Phase: I

GROUP DISCUSSIONS: TRENCH 11

Trench Matrix: Trench 11

Group 11.1	123
	124
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Group 11.2	126
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Group 11.3	127
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Group 11.4	129
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Group 11.5	128
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Group 11.6	15

GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Group 11.1

123
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124
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125
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Contexts

(123) - layer, grey black tarmac.	7.36m - 7.28m
(124) - layer, reinforced concrete.	7.29m - 7.16m
(125) - layer, black asphalt.	7.22m - 7.02m

Group 11.1 represents two modern asphalt and concrete make-up layers and a sealing tarmac layer.

Section: 11
B/W:7.2, 3, 4.
C/S:-
Phase: VII

Group 11.2

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126
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Contexts

(126) - layer, grey brown sand silt.	7.03m - 6.88m
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This group represents a silt layer associated with the market garden of the nineteenth or twentieth century.

Section: 11
B/W:7.2, 3, 4.
C/S:-
Phase: VI

Group 11.3

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127
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Contexts

(127) - layer, mid brown clay silt.

6.91m - 6.74m

This group represents a possible plough soil of uncertain date.

Section: 11

B/W:7.2, 3, 4.

C/S:-

Phase: V

Group 11.4

129
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130
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Contexts

(129) - fill, mid brown clay sand silt.

6.76m - 6.58m

(130) - cut, sub-rectangular with sloping sides into rounded base.

6.76m - 6.58m

This group represents a cut and fill of uncertain purpose, possibly natural features.

Section: 11

B/W:7.5, 6, 7.

C/S:-

Plan: 130

Phase: V

Group 11.5

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128
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Context

(128) - layer, red brown clay silt.

6.80m - 6.72m

This group represents a brickearth deposit of the Glacial period.

Section; 11

B/W:7.2, 3, 4.

C/S:-

Phase: III

Group 11.6

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15

Context

(15) - orange sand gravel.

6.80m - unknown

This group represents a layer of Thames river gravel, known as the Taplow terrace, that was deposited by fluvial action as the course of the river altered.

Section: 11

B/W:7.2, 3, 4.

C/S:-

Phase: I