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Layer 28 is the clay lining of the pond, subsequently used for dumping tonnes of sarsens, later covered by domestic rubbish (layers 30, 31, 35, 37 and 38), into which was laid the base for the oven. U = Unexcavated. Building 4, plan, longitudinal section and positions of cross-sections A–A, B–B, C–C and D–D. At the north end, the section of Pit 6 is continued in FWP65.13, *top left*.

*Here, and with the other plans of the main buildings on WC (Figures FWP65.14), stipple indicates the extent of tumbled wall material, with the in situ wall stones themselves, almost entirely sarsen but with some flint nodules, shown in outline only. In the sections, the in situ structural elements are shown in black for clarity but NB that they too are sarsen, not flint cf key on Figure FWP65.7.*

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