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HVH 056

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Summary

Haverhill, Haverhill Business Park (TM 6794 4425; HVH 056). A trial trench evaluation was carried out at the above site in advance of commercial development. Fifty-two trenches (total area 5929m²) were excavated, covering just over 4% of the site. Very few archaeological features were recorded: just 15 linear features and four pits. Of these nine produced dateable finds and only three of these were earlier than post-medieval in date. No particular concentration of features was recorded, although two of the three earlier features were found in adjacent trenches on the high ground in the south-eastern part of the site. A small area was recommended for further work in the form of monitoring of soil stripping.

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SMR information

Planning application no. BTE/1451/02

Date of fieldwork: 2nd – 17th February 2006

Grid Reference: TM 6794 4425

Funding body: Carisbrooke Suon Development Partnership Ltd.

1 Introduction

An archaeological Evaluation was carried out on land on the eastern side of the Bumpstead Road on the south-eastern side of Haverhill. This work was in advance of a second stage of development of the Haverhill Business Park, covered by Planning Application BTE/1451/02. A condition of the planning consent was the requirement for a programme of archaeological works. This work was commissioned by Northcroft Construction Consultants on behalf of their clients Carisbrooke Suon Development Partnership Ltd., who also funded the work.

The site is centred approximately on TM 6794 4425 and encompasses an area of *c.* 15ha. It lies on land that slopes from *c.* 90m AOD in the eastern half of its southern boundary to *c.* 70m in its north-eastern corner. The site is bounded to the north-east by the Sturmer Industrial Estate beyond an abandoned railway cutting, by the A1017 bypass to the south and by the Bumpstead Road to the north-west.

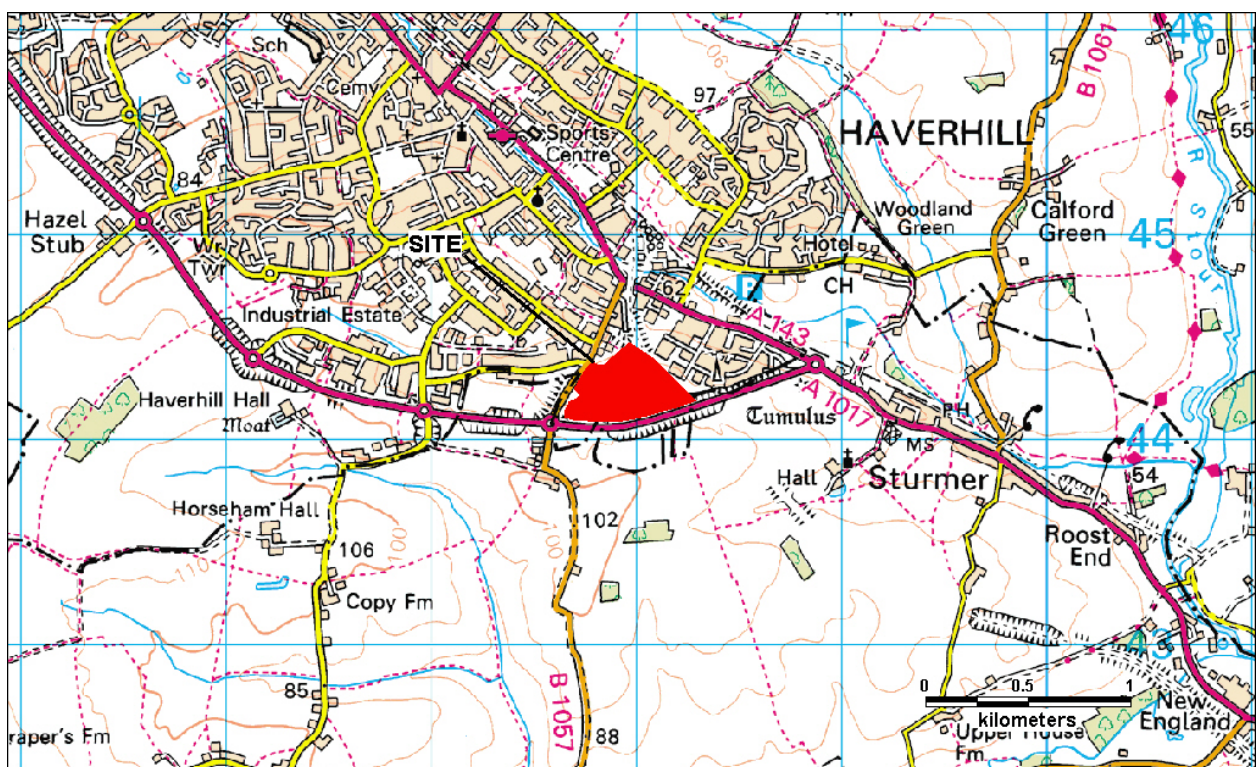


Figure 1. Site location

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The A1017 southern bypass was subjected to some archaeological monitoring during its construction in the early 1990s and some evidence of occupation was recorded. A desk-top assessment of the area has been carried out (Newman and Breen, 2002) and the adjacent western half of the site has been evaluated (Gill, 2002) and excavated (Gardner, in prep). The excavation revealed evidence for substantial multi-period occupation with the principal evidence concerning a Late Iron Age/Romano-British settlement with enclosure and roundhouses, showing two distinct phases of use. The site is therefore considered to have high archaeological potential.

An initial stage of work involving trial trench excavation was recommended by Robert Carr of the SCCAS Conservation Team in a Brief and Specification dated 19/08/2005. The SCCAS Field Team were subsequently commissioned to carry out the work.

2 Methodology

The field evaluation was carried out between 7th and 17th of February 2006. All evaluation trenches were excavated using a 360^o tracked mechanical excavator (hymac) fitted with a 1.8m wide toothless ditching bucket. All mechanical excavation was carried out under close archaeological supervision until the top of the first appropriate undisturbed archaeological deposit or natural subsoil was encountered. Trench locations were recorded by TST.

The trenches shown in Figure 2 covered 5929m², just over 4% of the total area. A further quantity of trenching amounting to another 1% of the area was held as a contingency in order to further evaluate any areas of significant interest discovered during the course of normal trenching. In the event not all of this was used, due to the lack of features encountered.

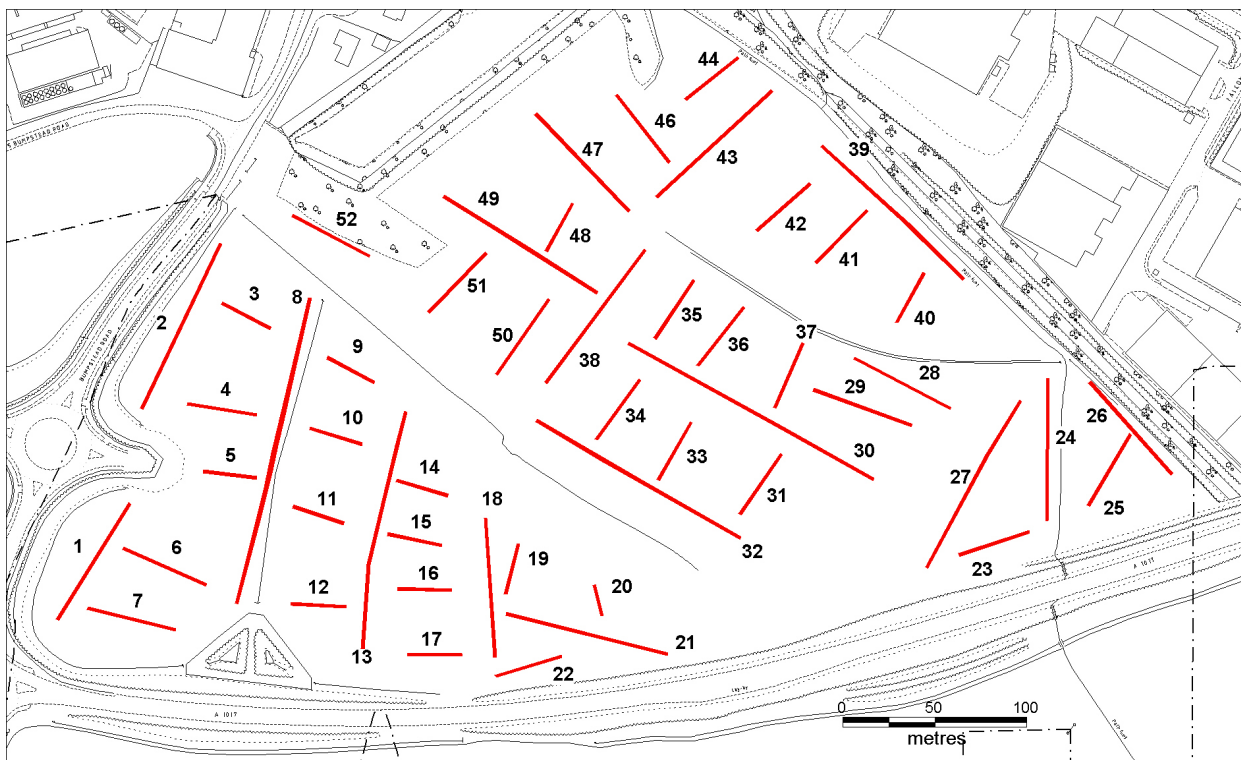


Figure 2. Trench locations

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The County SMR number HVH 056 was allocated to the site and all stratigraphic elements of the deposits were allocated context numbers within a continuous numbering system. This context information is shown in Appendix 1. All features were excavated and recorded in a series of 1:50 scale plans and 1:20 scale section drawings. Context records were entered onto an Access97 database, and inked copies of the drawings were prepared on archive quality drafting film. A photographic record (35mm colour slide, 35mm black and white and digital photographs) was maintained throughout.

Finds were processed and quantified by in-house staff, with the data then input onto a Microsoft Access97 database. The results of this analysis are given in Section 4 below.

3 Results

Results are presented on a trench-by-trench basis. Any trenches that are omitted from this section contained no archaeological deposits or features of note.

In the majority of the trenches the topsoil (0002) directly overlay the natural Boulder Till (0004). The topsoil is described as a very soft brownish grey silty clayey loam with rare chalk flecks. The natural subsoil comprised stiff light yellowish greyish brown clay with frequent chalk flecks, moderate small to medium chalk nodules, occasional small to large sub-angular to sub-rounded flint pebbles and very rare fragments of sandstone erratic.

In 14 of the trenches a colluvium/hillwash deposit (0003) was also encountered. This is described as a firm mid orange-brown slightly silty sandy clay with very rare chalk flecks and rare small sub-rounded to sub-angular flint pebbles. The depth of this deposit in the various trenches is recorded in Table 1.

Trench	Depth of topsoil (0002)	Depth of subsoil (0003)	Trench	Depth of topsoil (0002)	Depth of subsoil (0003)
2 (N end)	0.35	0.45	23 (W end)	0.25	0.15
3 (W end)	0.35	0.1	24 (S end)	0.2	0.1
4 (E end)	0.35	0.15	31 (N end)	0.25	0.2
5	0.3	0.12	32 (NW end)	0.35	0.25
6 (E end)	0.35	0.4	33 (N end)	0.3	0.15 (also see main text)
7 (E end)	0.35	0.45	49 (mid point)	0.2	0.1
8 (N end)	0.4	0.6	52 (NW end)	0.15	0.2

Table 1. Hillwash locations and depth

Trench 3

Three ditches were recorded in this trench.

Ditch 0012 was a north to south aligned straight parallel sided linear. It was at least 2.5m long, 1.12m wide and 0.3m deep with moderately sloping slightly concave sides with gradual break to a rounded base. This held a single fill (0013) comprising soft to firm light greyish brown silty clay with few notable inclusions. A small quantity of pottery and roof tile fragments were recovered from this fill, which were of post-medieval (16th to 18th century) date.

Ditch 0014 was a narrow straight parallel sided ditch aligned north to south. It was at least 2.2m long, 0.48m wide and 0.14m deep with gently sloping concave sides with a gradual break to a rounded base. It contained a single fill (0015) of firm mid brownish orange clay with rare chalk flecks. A single sherd of post-medieval pottery was recovered from this fill.

Ditch 0016 was a shallow straight parallel sided linear with a north to south alignment. It had a rounded southern terminus. It was at least 1.5m long, 0.48m wide and 0.14m deep with moderately sloping slightly concave sides with a gradual break to a rounded base. It contained a single fill (0017) comprising a soft to firm mid orange-brown silty clay with rare chalk flecks. A single undated fragment of a copper alloy pin head was found in this feature.

Trench 4

This contained a narrow shallow parallel sided straight ditch (0005) aligned approximately east to west. This was also identified in Trench 8, so was at least 51m long, 0.48m wide and just 0.1m deep. It had gently sloping concave sides that broke imperceptibly to a flattish base. The single

fill (recorded here as 0006) is described as mid orange-brown silty clay with few notable inclusions other than a number of very poorly preserved fragments of animal bone.

Trench 8

Two features were recorded in Trench 8.

Ditch 0005 continued on its east to west alignment and here its fill was recorded as 0009. No dateable finds were recovered from this section of the ditch either.

Ditch 0007 was a straight parallel sided linear aligned north-west to south-east and was at least 4m long, 1.24m wide and 0.43m deep. It had steeply sloping slightly concave sides with a fairly sharp break to a gently rounded base with a 0.15m wide “ankle-breaker” in the centre of its base. It contained a single fill (0008) comprising firm mid slightly orange brown silty sandy clay with occasional small flint pebbles and chalk nodules. It contained no dateable finds.

Trench 12

A single ditch (0010) with a north to south alignment was recorded. This was at least 2m long, 1.3m wide and 0.67m deep with smooth steeply sloping sides breaking sharply to a narrow v-shaped base. Its single fill (0011) of firm mid brown silty sandy clay contained few notable inclusions but did yield a single fragment of later (18th to 20th century) post-medieval pot.

Trench 18

Ditch 0018 was a straight parallel sided linear feature aligned north-east to south-west and was at least 6m long, 0.82m wide and 0.54m deep. It had very steep smooth sides with a sharp break to a flat base. It contained two fills. The primary fill (0020) was a soft dark brown silty clayey sand with occasional chalk nodules. The only dateable find was a complete iron butchers hook of 19th to 20th century date. The secondary fill (0019) was a soft mid brown silty clay with rare CBM fragments/flecks but no significant dateable finds.

Trench 23

A partially revealed sub-rounded pit (0029) was revealed *c.* 9m from the south-western end of the trench. This was 0.96m long and at least 0.5m wide. It was 0.22m deep with moderately sloping straight sides and a flattish base. It contained a single fill (0030) of firm to stiff mid brown sandy silty clay with occasional charcoal flecks and very rare small flint pebbles. This feature produced the most dateable potsherds of any single context on the site – a total of 16 sherds of Iron Age date.

Trench 24

Large ditch 0031 was first recorded in this trench. It is thought that this was also seen in Trench 25 so was at least 44m long, 3m wide and up to 0.3m deep. It had very gently sloping slightly concave sides and an imperceptible break to a flattish base. Its single fill was recorded as 0033 in this trench. This comprised firm mid orange-brown silty sandy clay with very rare small flint pebbles and occasional chalk flecks. It contained no dateable finds.

Trench 25

Ditch 0031 was also observed in this trench. Here, the fill was recorded as 0032 and its description is identical to that outlined above. Again, no dateable finds could be recovered.

Trench 27

Four features were recorded in this trench.

Ditch 0021 was toward its north-eastern edge. This was at least 2m long, 1.92m wide and 0.19m deep with very gently sloping sides breaking imperceptibly to a flattish base. Its single fill (0022) contained no dateable finds and was described as soft to firm light orangey brown silty sandy clay with occasional chalk flecks and small sub-rounded to sub-angular flint pebbles. It is possible that this is also part of 0031, but the dimensions were such in this trench that it has been dealt with as separate feature in this case.

Feature 0023 was a partially revealed sub-rounded pit identified against the eastern limit of the trench. It was 0.7m long, at least 0.4m wide and 0.1m deep with gently sloping slightly concave sides that broke gradually to a slightly rounded base. It contained a single fill (0024) of soft mid orange brown silty clay with occasional charcoal flecks and rare reddish patches, which could be evidence of heat/*in situ* burning. It yielded no dateable finds.

At the other (south-western) end of the trench two further ditches were identified.

Feature 0025 was a straight parallel sided linear aligned north-west to south-east. This was 1.14m wide, 0.3m deep and at least 2m long with moderately sloping slightly concave sides breaking gradually to a rounded base. It contained a single fill (0026) of soft to firm mid brown silty clay with rare chalk flecks and very rare ANBN fragments. A single sherd of pottery in a 'Romanising' fabric suggests an early 1st century AD date.

Feature 0027 was another straight parallel sided ditch also aligned north-west to south-east. This was 0.7m wide, 0.3m deep and at least 2.2m long with steeply sloping concave sides with a gradual break to a bowl-shaped base. It held a single fill (0028) of firm light orangey brown silty sandy clay with occasional chalk flecks and small flint pebbles. It contained no dateable finds.

Trench 30

A shallow circular pit (0038) was recorded *c.* 3m from the north-western end of the trench. This was 0.66m in diameter and was 0.06m deep with very gently sloping sides and a rounded base. Its single fill (0039) of soft mid brownish grey silty clay contained no dateable finds and few other inclusions.

Some 25m from the north-western end of the trench ditch 0040 was recorded. This was 1.15m wide, 0.54m deep and at least 2m long with steeply sloping straight sides. Its base was not fully examined due to the ingress of groundwater. It contained a single fill (0041) of firm mid orange-brown silty clay with few notable inclusions. No dateable finds were observed.

Pit 0042 was recorded *c.* 5m from the south-eastern end of the trench. Oval in shape, this was 1m long, 0.75m wide and 0.25m deep. It had a gently sloping north-eastern side with a steeper south-western side and a gradual break to a rounded base. Its single fill (0043) of firm light greyish brown silty clay contained no dateable finds.

Trench 32

A very large 'hollow' was recorded for *c.* 30m from the south-eastern end of this trench. It had a maximum depth of 1.7m toward the middle of the trench, becoming shallower at 1.3m at the south-eastern end. The deposit it contained was recorded as 0046 – a homogenous orangey brown silty clay with very few inclusions. No finds were recovered and the feature did not extend to any of the adjacent trenches. Deposit 0046 directly overlay clean natural drift deposits (0004).

Trench 33

A single broad ditch (0044) was recorded *c.* 6m from the north-north-eastern end of the trench. This was aligned north-west to south-east and was 3.15m wide, at least 0.3m deep and at least 2m long. It had smooth moderately sloping sides but was not fully excavated (it was discounted as a more relatively feature before completion of excavation), so the shape of the base remains unknown. Its single fill (0045) of firm mid greyish brown silty clay contained two brick fragments dated to the 16th century.

Trench 39

Two similarly aligned (north-east to south-west) ditches were observed in this trench.

Ditch 0034 was *c.* 44m from the south-eastern end. Straight and parallel sided, this was 0.52m wide, 0.41m deep and at least 2.5m long with steeply sloping sides and a sharp break to a narrow u-shaped base. Its single fill (0035) of soft mid orange brown sandy silty clay yielded no dateable finds.

Ditch 0036 was 0.9m wide, 0.3m deep and at least 2.5m long with very steep/near vertical sides that broke sharply to a flat base. It contained a single fill (0037) comprising firm mid brownish grey silty clay that yielded a single sherd of Early Roman pottery.

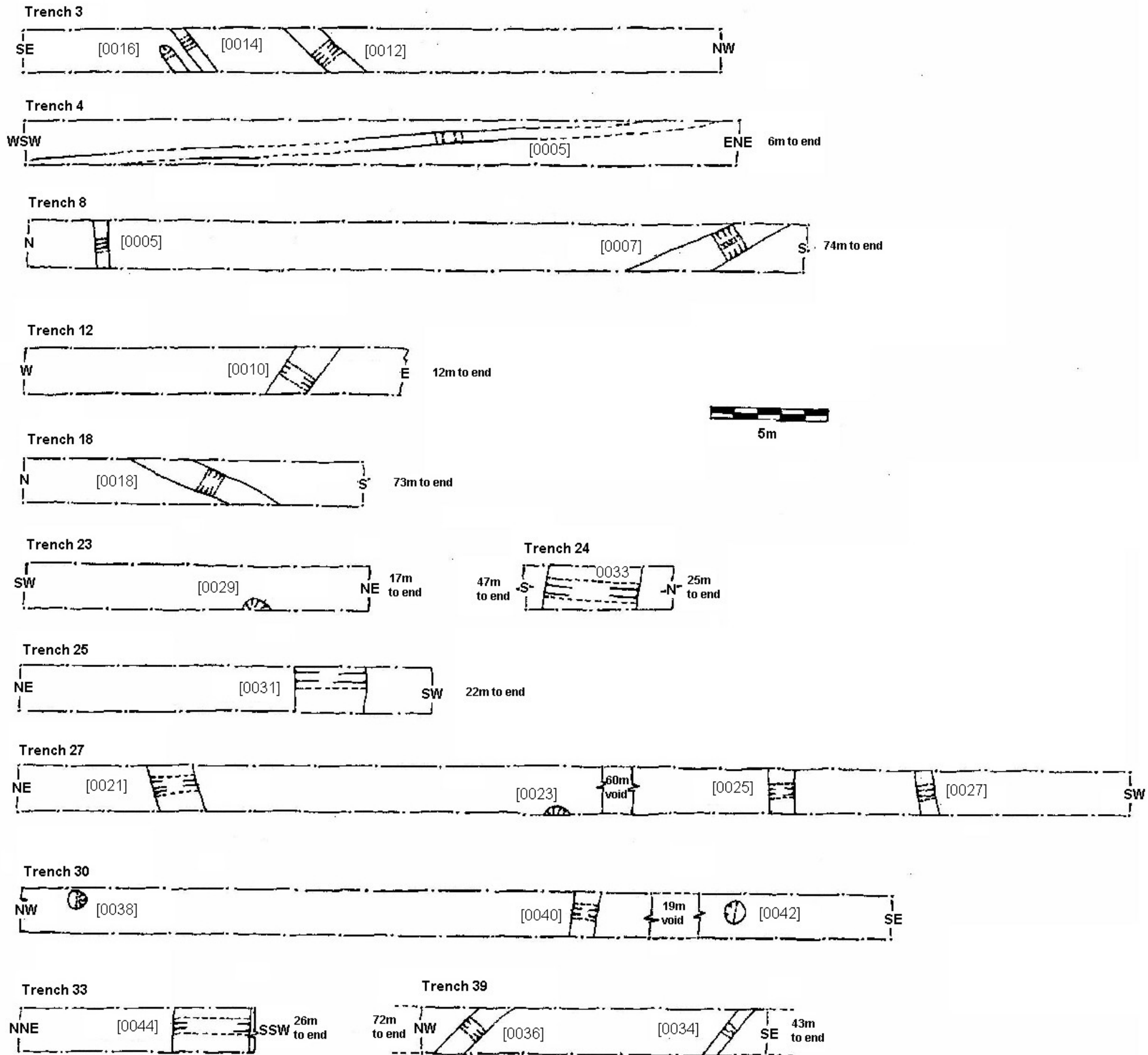


Figure 3 Trench plans.

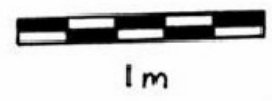
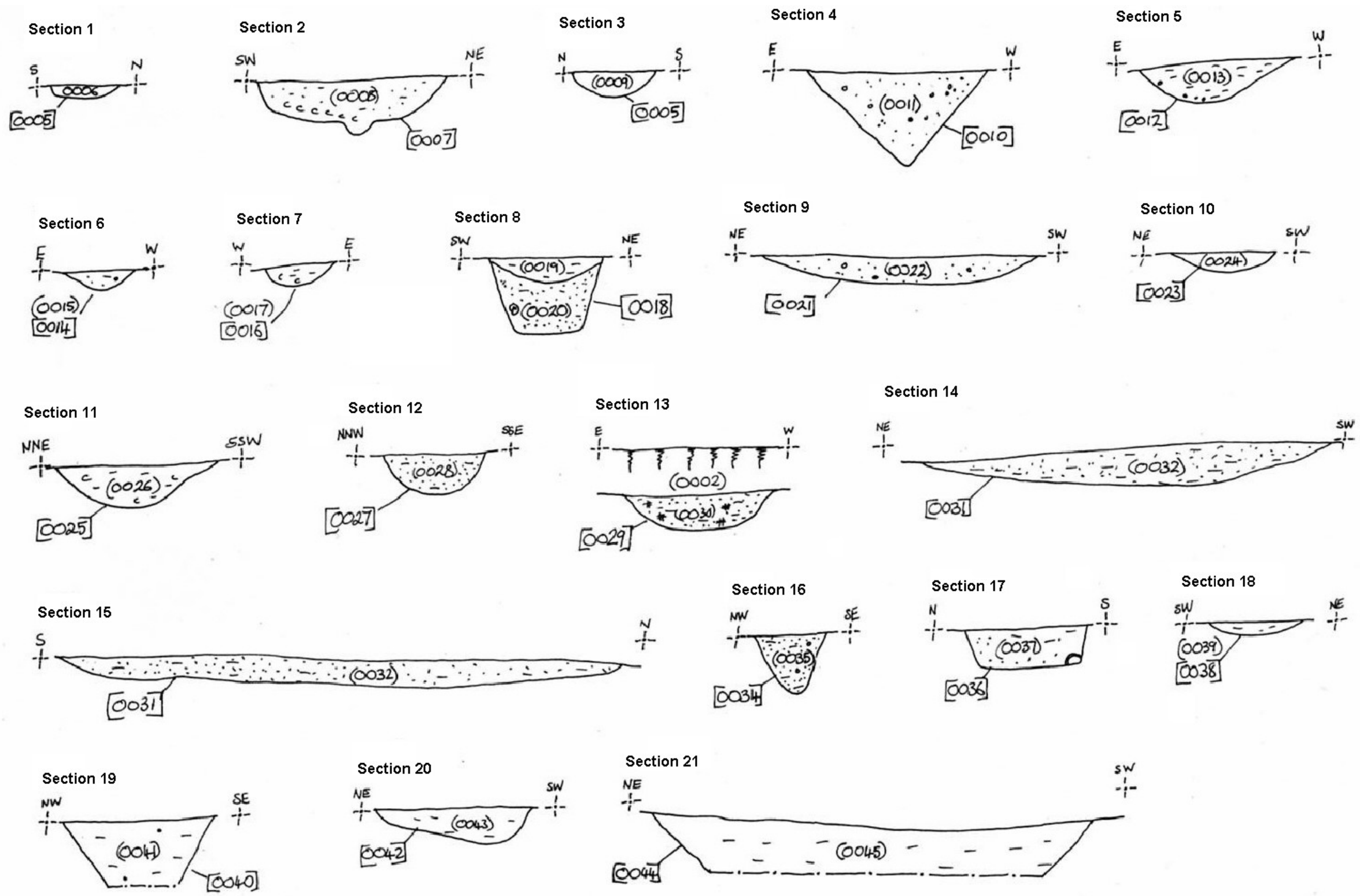


Figure 4. Sections

4 The Finds and Environmental Evidence

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Introduction

Finds were collected from twelve contexts in eight evaluation trenches, as shown in the table below.

Trench No	OP	Pottery		CBM		Fired clay		Miscellaneous	Spotdate
		No.	Wt/g	No.	Wt/g	No.	Wt/g		
4, 8	0006							20 A bone (25g)	
8	0008					3	7		
12	0011	1	9	3	40				18-20th c
3	0013	2	9	7	128	1	7		16-18th c
3	0015	1	1						PMed
3	0017							1 Copper alloy (1g)	Rom?
18	0020			2	8			1 Iron (45g)	PMed
18	0019			1	57				PMed
27	0026	1	7					1 A bone (44g)	M/LC1
23	0030	16	39			2	8		Iron Age
39	0037	1	1						E Rom
33	0045			2	306				16th c, Rom
Total		22	66	15	539	6	22		

Table 1. Finds quantities

Pottery

Twenty-two sherds of pottery were collected from six contexts in five evaluation trenches.

The earliest are hand-made flint-tempered sherds from pit 0029 (fill 0030) in Tr 23 which are Iron Age. The pieces are fragmentary and represent at least two vessels. One has a fingertip-impressed band around its shoulder, which is very typical in early and middle Iron Age assemblages.

A black-surfaced ware (BSW) dish or platter was recovered from ditch 0025 (fill 0026) in Tr 27. This piece has a 'romanising' fabric with an orange-brown core and contains a small amount of fine grog which is an indication of its earliness. Another small sherd of BSW, also 'romanising,' was found in ditch 0036 (fill 0037) in Tr 39. Both pieces are Early Roman and probably pre-Flavian.

The rest of the sherds are post-medieval redwares including glazed red earthenwares from ditch 0012 (fill 0013) in Tr 3 which are 16th to 18th century and fragments of red earthenware plant pot from ditch 0010 (fill 0011) in Tr 12 which are 18th century or later.

Ceramic building material (CBM) and fired clay

Fragments of ceramic building material were collected from five contexts in four trenches. Most were pieces of plain roof tile, generally in medium sandy fabrics, red-orange fired and of post-medieval date. These were found in Trenches 3, 12 and 18. A fragment of red-brown sandy brick with lime mortar adhering was collected from ditch 0044 (fill 0045) in Tr 33. The brick is 51mm thick and of 16th century date (D Gill, *pers. comm.*)

Six fragments of fired clay with chalky fabrics were found in Trenches 3, 12 and 23. The pieces are all small and abraded and undiagnostic for function.

Metalwork

A fragment of a copper alloy pin head was found in gully 0016 (fill 0017) in Tr 3. The piece is very corroded and is undatable.

A complete butchers hook which was found in ditch 0018 (fill 0020) in Tr 18 is 19th century or later.

Animal bone

Animal bone was collected from two contexts. Preservation is very poor and the bone is deteriorated and unidentifiable.

Finds Discussion

The majority of the finds collected during the evaluation were post-medieval in date and probably represent the dispersed disposal of rubbish and possible manuring. However, the presence of early to middle Iron Age and Early Roman pottery indicates activity on this site during those periods as well.

5 Discussion and Conclusions

Given the scale of the site and its close proximity to nearby late prehistoric/Early Roman occupation immediately to the west (STBHB 03) surprisingly little archaeological evidence was encountered.

Just 19 cut features were recorded; 15 ditches/linear features and five pits. Of these only nine contained dateable finds. Three features yielded artefacts of Iron Age or Roman date, with remainder being post-medieval.

The location of features is shown in a simple location map in Figure 5.

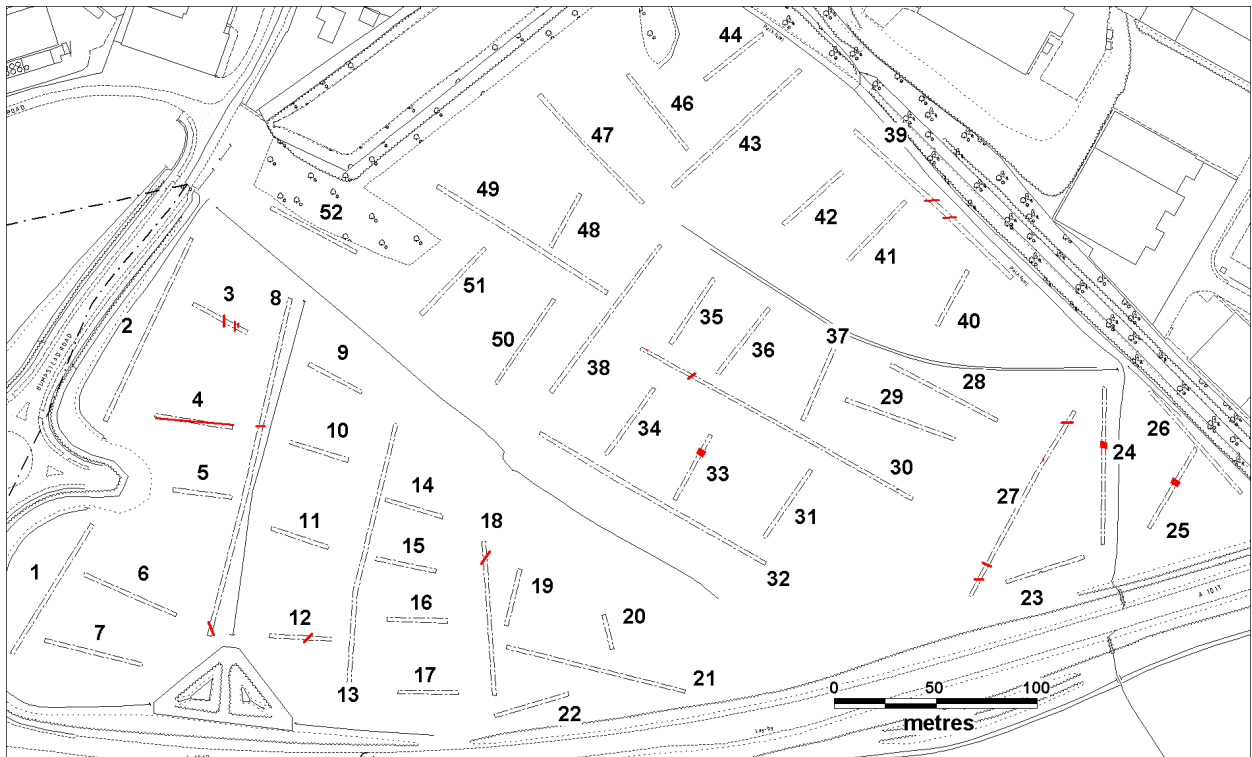


Figure 5. Location of features

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The features recorded did not suggest any particular concentration of activity of any period, although two of the three late prehistoric/Roman features were on the higher ground in the far south-eastern part of the site.

The site does not seem to have seen anything like the density of occupation or activity seen on the opposite side of the Bumpstead Road at STBHB 03.

6 Recommendations for Further Work

No major programme of further work is recommended. However, the area of higher ground where two of the earlier features were found should be subject to excavation in order to ensure that no further evidence of early occupation exists. The area concerned (c. 9,500 m²) is defined below. This would of course be dependant on the nature of the proposed development in the area and whether its nature would threaten any potentially preserved archaeological deposits.

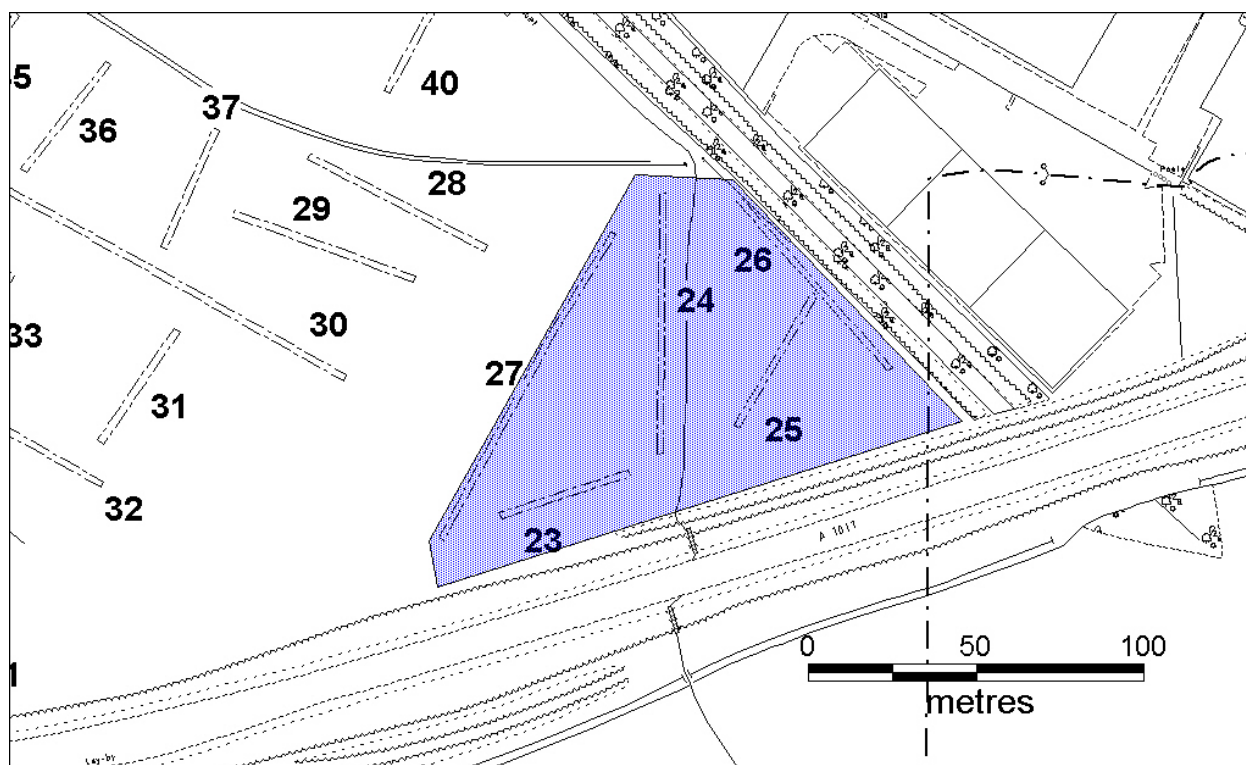


Figure 6. Area recommended for monitoring

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APPENDIX 1

Context List

Context	Feature	Type	Description	Under	Over	Cuts	Cut by	Same as	Section No	Trench No
0001			Unstratified finds (none retained)							
0002		Deposit	Topsoil. Very soft mid brownish grey silty clayey loam with rare chalk flecks.	+	All					All
0003		Deposit	Hillwash/colluvium. Firm mid orange-brown slightly sandy clay with very rare chalk flecks; rare small sub-rounded to sub-angular flint pebbles.	0002						??????
0004		Deposit	Natural drift: Boulder Till. Stiff light yellowish greyish brown clay with frequent chalk flecks and moderate small to medium chalk nodules; occasional small to large sub-angular to sub-rounded flint pebbles/cobbles. Very rare sandstone erratics.	0003	NFE					All
0005	0005	Cut	Ditch or gully running W-E. Straight parallel sided linear. At least 53m long, 0.48m wide and 0.1m deep. Gently sloping slightly concave sides with an imperceptible break to a flattish base.	0006	NFE				1	4, 8
0006	0005	Fill	Single fill of 0005. Mid orange-brown silty clay with occasional ANBN frags.	0002	0005			0009	1	4, 8
0007	0007	Cut	Ditch aligned NW-SE. Straight parallel sided linear. At least 4m long, 1.24m wide and 0.43m deep. Steeply sloping slightly concave sides with a fairly sharp break to a gently rounded base with a 0.15m wide "ankle-breaker" in centre of base.	0008	NFE				2	8
0008	0007	Fill	Single fill of ditch 0008. Firm mid slightly orange brown silty sandy clay with occasional small flint pebbles and chalk nodules.	0002	0007				2	8
0009	0005	Fill	Single fill of ditch 0005 as seen in Trench 8. Firm orange-brown silty clay with very rare small flint pebbles.	0002	0005				3	8
0010	0010	Cut	Ditch aligned N-S. Straight parallel sided linear. At least 2m long, 1.3m wide and 0.67m deep with smooth steeply sloping sides breaking sharply to a narrow v-shaped base.	0011	NFE				4	12
0011	0010	Fill	Single fill of ditch 0010. Firm mid brown silty sandy clay with few notable inclusions.	0002	0010				4	12
0012	0012	Cut	Ditch aligned N-S. Straight parallel sided linear. At least 2.5m long, 1.12m wide and 0.3m deep. Moderately sloping slightly concave sides with gradual break to a rounded base.	0013	NFE				5	3
0013	0012	Fill	Single fill of ditch 0012. Soft to firm light greyish brown silty clay with few notable inclusions.	0002	0012				5	3
0014	0014	Cut	Small ditch/gully aligned N-S. Straight parallel sided linear. At least 2.2m long, 0.48m wide and 0.14m deep. Gently sloping slightly concave sides with a gradual break to a rounded base.	0015	NFE				6	3
0015	0014	Fill	Single fill of ditch 0014. Soft to firm mid orange-brown silty clay with rare chalk flecks.	0002	0014				6	3
0016	0016	Cut	Small gully aligned N-S. Straight parallel sided linear with rounded southern terminus. At least 1.5m long, 0.48m wide and 0.14m deep. Moderately sloping slightly concave sides with a gradual break to a rounded base.	0017	NFE				7	3
0017	0016	Fill	Single fill of terminus of gully 0016. Soft to firm mid orange-brown silty clay with rare chalk flecks.	0002	0016				7	3
0018	0018	Cut	Ditch aligned NE-SW. Straight parallel sided linear. At least 6m long, 0.82m wide and 0.54m	0020	NFE				8	18

			deep. Very steep straight sides with a sharp break to a flat base.							
0019	0018	Fill	Secondary fill of ditch 0018. Soft mid orange-brown silty clay with rare CBM frags/flecks. Separated from 0020 by thin lens of charcoal flecks/small pieces.	0002	0020				8	18
0020	0018	Fill	Primary fill of ditch 0018. Soft dark brown silty clayey sand with occasional small chalk nodules; very rare CBM frags/flecks.	0019	0018				8	18
0021	0021	Cut	Shallow ditch aligned NW-SE. At least 2m long, 1.92m wide and 0.19m deep. Very gently sloping straight sides with an imperceptible break to a flattish base.	0022	NFE				9	27
0022	0021	Fill	Single fill of ditch 0021. Soft to firm light orange-brown silty sandy clay with occasional small sub-rounded to sub-angular flint pebbles and chalk flecks.	0002	0021				9	27
0023	0023	Cut	Partially revealed sub-rounded pit. 0.7m long, at least 0.4m wide and 0.1m deep. Gently sloping slightly concave sides with a gradual break to a slightly rounded base.	0024	NFE				10	27
0024	0023	Fill	Single fill of pit 0023. Soft mid orange-brown silty clay with occasional charcoal flecks and rare reddish patches - evidence of heat?	0002	0023				10	27
0025	0025	Cut	Straight parallel sided ditch aligned WNW-ESE. At least 2m long, 1.14m wide and 0.3m deep. Moderately sloping slightly concave sides breaking gradually to a gently rounded base.	0026	NFE				11	27
0026	0025	Fill	Single fill of ditch 0025. Soft to firm mid brown silty clay with rare chalk flecks and very rare potsherds/ANBN frags.	0002	0025				11	27
0027	0027	Cut	Straight parallel sided ditch aligned NW-SE. At least 2m long, 0.7m wide and 0.3m deep. Steeply sloping concave sides with a gradual break to a bowl-shaped base.	0028	NFE				12	27
0028	0027	Fill	Single fill of ditch 0027. Firm light orange-brown silty sandy clay with occasional chalk flecks and small flint pebbles.	0002	0027				12	27
0029	0029	Cut	Partially revealed ?sub-rounded pit. 0.96m long, at least 0.5m wide and 0.22m deep. Moderately sloping straight sides with a fairly sharp break to a flattish base.	0030	NFE				13	23
0030	0029	Fill	Single fill of pit 0029. Firm to stiff mid brown sandy silty clay with very rare potsherds and small flint pebbles; occasional charcoal flecks.	0002	0029				13	23
0031	0031	Cut	Broad straight parallel sided ditch aligned NW-SE. At least 2m long, 3m wide and 0.3m deep. Very gently sloping slightly concave sides with an imperceptible break to a broad flattish base.	0032	NFE				14	24, 25
0032	0031	Fill	Single fill of broad ditch 0031, as seen in Tr 25. Firm mid orange-brown silty sandy clay with very rare small flint pebbles and occasional chalk flecks.	0002	0031			0033	14	25
0033	0031	Fill	Single fill of ditch 0031, as seen in Tr 24. Firm mid orange-brown silty sandy clay with very rare small flint pebbles and occasional chalk flecks.	0002	0031			0032	15	24
0034	0034	Cut	Straight parallel sided ditch aligned NE-SW. At least 2.5m long, 0.52m wide and 0.41m deep. Steeply sloping straight sides with a sharp break to a narrow u-shaped base.	0034	NFE				16	39
0035	0034	Fill	Single fill of ditch 0034. Soft mid orange-brown sandy silty clay with few notable inclusions.	0002	0034				16	39
0036	0036	Cut	Straight parallel sided ditch aligned NE-SW. At least 2.5m long, 0.9m wide and 0.3m deep. Very steep/near vertical straight sides with a sharp break to a broad flat base.	0037	NFE				17	39
0037	0036	Fill	Single fill of ditch 0036. Firm mid brownish grey silty clay with very rare potsherds. Otherwise few notable inclusions.	0002	0036				17	39

0038	0038	Cut	Circular pit. 0.66m diameter and 0.06m deep. Very gently sloping sides with imperceptible break to a rounded base.	0039	NFE				18	30
0039	0038	Fill	Single fill of pit 0038. Soft mid brownish grey silty clay with few notable inclusions.	0002	0038				18	30
0040	0040	Cut	Straight parallel sided linear aligned NE-SW. At least 2m long, 1.15m wide and 0.54m deep. Steeply sloping straight sides. Base not examined - NFE due to ingress of groundwater.	0041	NFE				19	30
0041	0040	Fill	Single fill of ditch 0040. Firm mid orange-brown silty clay with few notable inclusions.	0002	0040				19	30
0042	0042	Cut	Oval pit. 1m long, 0.75m wide and 0.25m deep. Gently sloping NE side, SW side rather steeper. Gradual break to a rounded base.	0043	NFE				20	30
0043	0042	Fill	Single fill of pit 0042. Soft to firm light greyish brown silty clay with few notable inclusions.	0002	0042				20	30
0044	0044	Cut	Large partially revealed ditch. At least 2m long, 3.15m wide and at least 0.3m deep. Moderately sloping straight sides. Not bottomed, so shape of base unknown.	0045	NFE				21	33
0045	0044	Fill	Single fill of 0044. Soft to firm mid greyish brown silty clay with very rare CBM flecks/small frags.	0002	0044				21	33
0046		Deposit	Large probably natural hollow. Maximum depth of 1.7m from existing ground level. At least 30m long becoming shallower (to 1.3m deep) at SE end of trench. See main text for full description.	0002	NFE				N/A	32

