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# **New Executive Villas, Center Parcs, Elveden ELV 067**

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## Summary

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A programme of archaeological fieldwork, consisting of evaluation, excavation and monitoring was carried out on four separate blocks of land within the Center Parcs Holiday Village, Elveden, Suffolk.

The works identified widespread archaeological deposits despite the shallow depth of archaeological levels and disturbance from the sites former landuse as a pine plantation. Limited early activity in the Mesolithic/Neolithic and Bronze/Iron Age periods was identified, but the bulk of the evidence related to a widespread phase of Late Iron Age/Early Roman activity in the 1st century B.C to 1st century A.D. This activity appears to have consisted of a ditched enclosure system associated with a probable agricultural farmstead, with a range of linear ditches and isolated or loose scatters of pits indicating a broad spread of agricultural fields, enclosures and trackways.

Although there were was no clear indication of structures upon the site, perhaps due to truncation and tree disturbance, the finds and environmental assemblage suggests the presence of domestic occupation, butchery and cereal processing in the immediate vicinity.

The settlement focus with which the site is associated appears to have ceased or shifted after the Late Iron Age/Early Roman transition period, perhaps to an area of 2nd-4th century occupation in the fields to the south, and it seems that the site became marginal or rarely used land beyond the periphery of this later settlement.



# **1. Introduction**

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A programme of archaeological evaluation and excavation was undertaken ahead of the development of four blocks of New Executive Villas at Center Parcs, Elveden Forest Holiday Village. The two stages of work were carried out to Brief and Specifications issued by Dr. J. Tipper (Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service, Conservation Team, Appendices 7 and 8) to fulfil a planning condition on application F/2006/0653/FUL. The work was funded by the developer, Center Parcs Ltd.

The results for both stages of fieldwork are included within this report, the evaluation results being treated separately in section 3. The excavation report contains a full description of the results, analysis of the finds assemblage and discussion, rather than an initial assessment, and no further work is proposed.

## **1.1 Site location**

The development consisted of four blocks of villas, three of which are located near the southern limit of the Center Parcs Holiday Village, with the fourth block being located 330m to the north, on the northern side of the Holiday Village car park (Fig. 1). All four development areas were located in areas of managed coniferous forest which has been woodland since at least the late 19th century. The First Edition Ordnance Survey of 1882 (Fig. 2) shows the area of the Holiday Village as a block of woodland, known as Warren Wood, surrounded by open fields or heathland. Prior to the site's usage for forestry it also is likely to have been open heath or farmland.

## **1.2 Geology and topography**

The sites are located on broadly level ground at a height of c.45m AOD. The site geology consists of deep sandy soils overlying glaciofluvial drift and till (Ordnance Survey 1983).

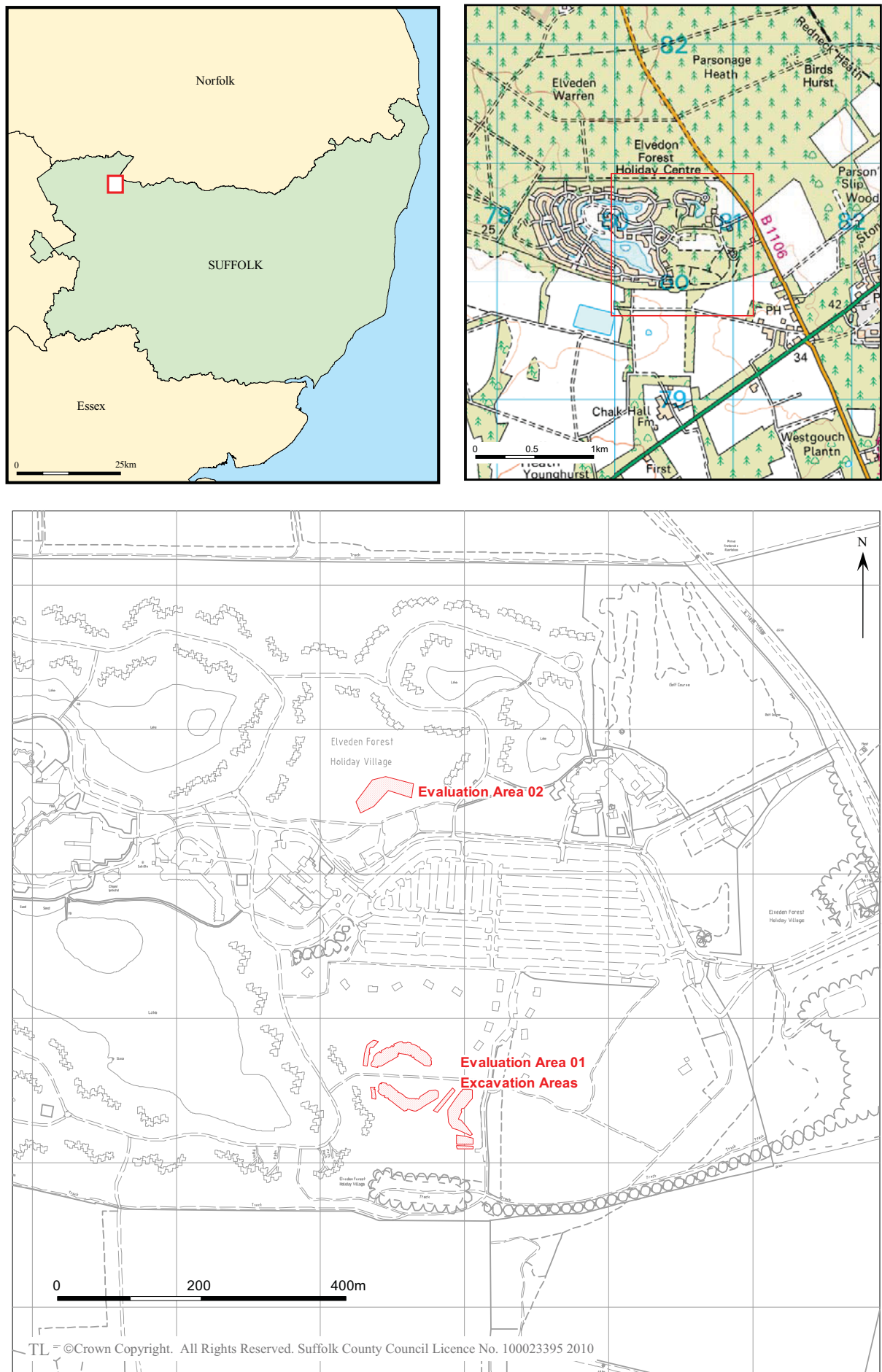


Figure 1. Site location plan



### **1.3 Archaeological and historical background**

The site was of interest as a range of multi-period archaeological finds or sites are recorded on the County Historic Environment Record within the Holiday Village complex and the surrounding area (Fig. 3). Palaeolithic and Neolithic flint tools have been found at a former brickearth pit, ELV 006, 400m to the east, a further Palaeolithic axe is recorded at ELV 025, 800m to the southwest and a Neolithic arrowhead at ELV 001, 450m to the east. A prehistoric flint scatter, ELV 010, has also been seen 600m to the west.

In particular a wide range of metalwork has apparently been found in the vicinity, through metal-detecting or development work. Bronze Age metalwork has been detected at ELV 025 and from the general area of Center Parcs and Iron Age coins are reported at ELV 013, 700m to the south-east. General Roman metalwork is believed to have been found across the Holiday Village, specifically an unlocated group of 57 coins and a report of 'handfuls of Roman coins' being found by labourers during the development of the main Center Parcs complex. Other coins are believed to have been found at ELV 006 and a Roman brooch has been found at ELV 013.

Undated and unrecorded burials are reported to have been found at ELV 011 and ELV 012, 1km to the west, during development of the holiday village. Two more undated burials were reported to 400m to the southeast at ELV 030.

During the medieval period, the Holiday Village was bounded to the southwest, west and north by the Lakenheath, Wangford and Elveden Warrens. A post-medieval brick kiln and pit, which produced material for the construction of Elveden Hall lies at ELV 008, 550m to the east.

Archaeological work within the Holiday Village has consisted of an earlier evaluation in advance of villa construction, ELV 051, which consisted of two areas in close proximity to the current development (Gill 2002). These trenches were largely devoid of archaeological evidence with only a single undated field ditch being seen.

Evaluation trial trenching 500m to the southeast, along the line of the proposed A11 improvement by the Norfolk Archaeological Unit (Ames 2004), has identified strong





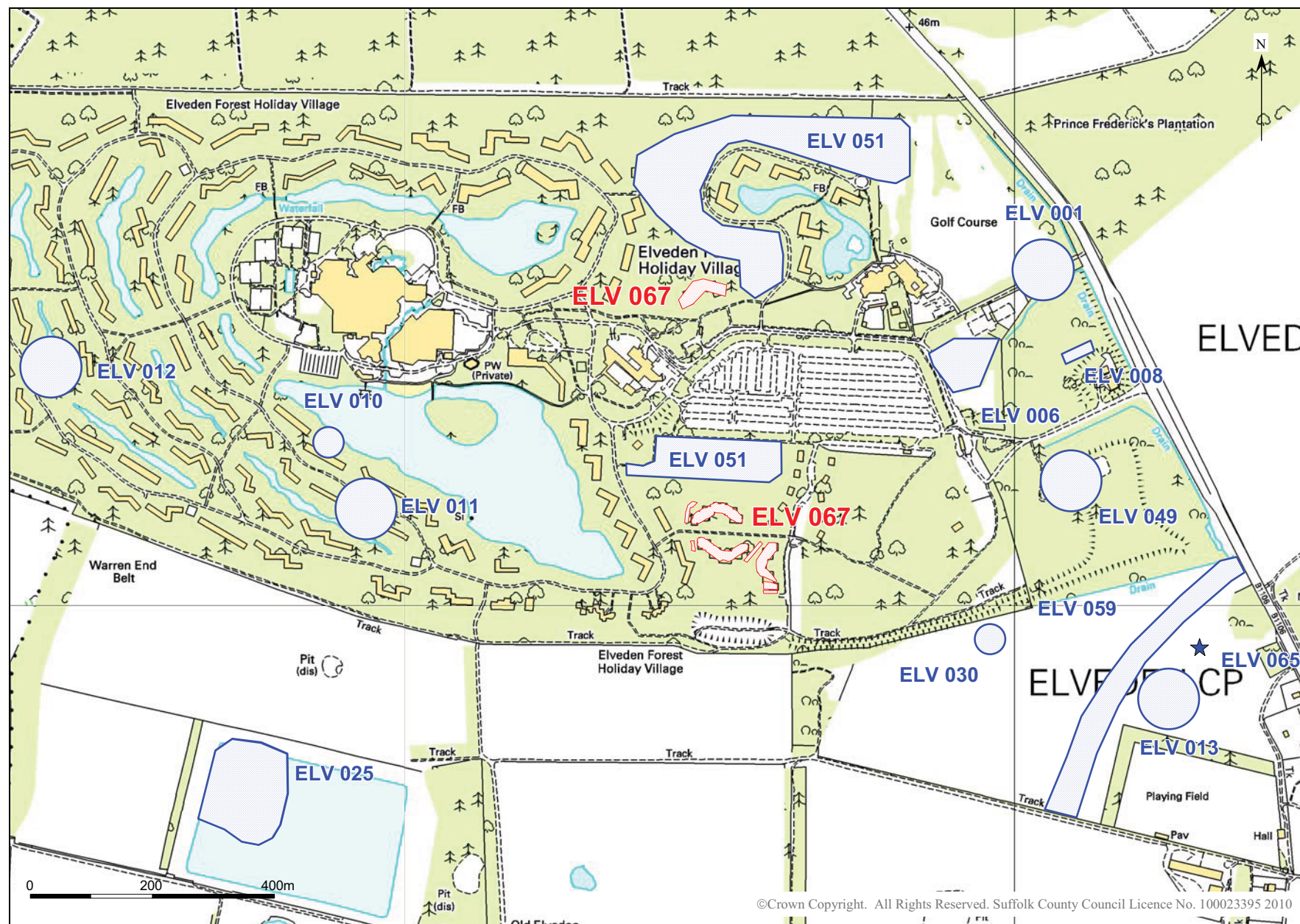


Figure 3. Nearby sites on the County Historic Environment Record

## 2. Methodology

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Ten trenches, totalling 246.5m in length, were excavated by a 3-tonne 360-degree tracked machine fitted with a 1.2m wide toothless ditching bucket under the supervision of an experienced archaeologist. At the time of trenching the development areas were still covered in pine trees which meant that trenches were simply placed where possible to best cover each site. Each trench was excavated to the top of the natural subsoil surface or the archaeological levels, the subsoil being a mix of yellow/orange sands and gravels. This generally involved the removal of a thin topsoil, c.0.1-2m thick and a layer of mixed brown sands, up to 0.3m thick, which directly overlaid the subsoil surface. Upcast spoil was examined for finds and context 0001 reserved for unstratified finds.

The excavation areas were stripped by a 360-degree tracked machine fitted with a 1.8m wide toothless ditching bucket. Tree stumps were removed only if it caused minimal damage to the surrounding subsoil. Each area was again excavated to the top of the natural subsoil surface or the archaeological levels.

In both the evaluation and excavation archaeological features were then cleaned and excavated by hand. The site was recorded using a single context continuous numbering system (Appendix 1) and all trenches, excavation areas, individual features and sections were planned with a Total Station Theodolite (TST). Features were then individually planned, and sections recorded, at a scale of 1:20. Digital colour and black and white print photographs were taken of all stages of the fieldwork, and are included in the site archive. Bulk environmental soil samples were taken from selected contexts.

Site data has been input onto an MS Access database and recorded using the County Historic Environment Record code ELV 067. Bulk finds were washed, marked and quantified, and the resultant data was also entered onto a database. Inked copies of section and drawings have also been made.

An OASIS form has been completed for the project (reference no. suffolkc1-21426) and a digital copy of the report submitted for inclusion on the Archaeology Data Service database (<http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/catalogue/library/greylit>).

The site archive is kept in the main store of Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service at Bury St Edmunds under HER No. ELV 067.

### 3. Evaluation

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(Figs. 4 - 9)

#### 3.1 Area 01

##### *Trench 01*

Trench 01 ran approximately north-east to south-west for 34m with a slight angle near the western end to avoid trees. It was excavated through a shallow topsoil, approximately 0.2m deep, over a natural subsoil of orange sands and flint. A mixed subsoil layer, 0002, of yellow, light brown and grey sand appeared occasionally along the length of the trench below the topsoil. A single sherd of Roman pottery was collected from this deposit.

##### *Trench 02*

Trench 02 ran approximately north-west to south-east turning east to west at its eastern end for a total length of 20m. The trench was excavated through a topsoil of varying depth, from 0.08m to 0.28m over a heavily root disturbed light orange/yellow sand layer which was 0.22m to 0.34m deep. Several archaeological features were sealed below this feature.

0003 was a linear ditch aligned north-east to south-west. Measuring 0.6-0.7m wide and 0.4m deep it had moderate sloping sides and a concave base. The base was unclear where it cut an earlier ditch, 0005. The ditch was filled with a mid/dark grey/brown sand with patches of darker sand, 0004, from which a single sherd of Late Iron Age pottery was recovered.

0005 was a linear ditch, identified running the length of Trench 02, aligned north-west to south-east. Cut by ditch 0003 it measured 1m wide and 0.32m deep with moderate sloping sides and a concave base. It was filled by a root disturbed mid orange/brown sand, 0006 which contained a small amount of animal bone.

0007 was a ditch identified at the eastern limit of Trench 02 to the north of ditch 0005. The two ditches appeared to be running parallel to each other but as only a limited length of ditch 0007 was visible it was difficult to be certain. Its cut, possibly being c.1.2m wide, had gently sloping sides and an uneven base with a fill, 0008, of light

yellow brown sand with occasional areas of blackened and reddened burnt sand. Both 0005 and 0007 appear to continue into Trench 03 as 0016 and 0021 respectively.

0009 was a possible pit, identified along the northern edge of Trench 02, but was not clear in plan as it extended beyond the trench edge to the north and was cut by ditch 0005 to the south. After excavation it was still unclear if it was archaeological in origin. Measuring 0.2m wide and 0.3m deep its upper fill, 0012, was a mixed mid brown silt/sand with occasional patches of charcoal stained sand. Under this was 0010, a light yellow sand with heavy root disturbance, which in turn overlaid the basal fill, a light yellow/brown sand, 0011.

### ***Trench 03***

Trench 03 was 28.5m in length and ran in an approximately north-west to south-east direction with a separate short, 3.5m, length of trench at its north-western limit. The trench was excavated through a thin, 0.13m thick, topsoil and a 0.26m thick layer of yellow/orange sand, which sealed the surviving archaeological deposits below. Chalk subsoil was only identified in small areas of the trench as it was predominantly occupied by three parallel ditches.

0014 was a linear ditch, identified in segment 0018, which was excavated near the eastern end of Trench 03. Lying to the south of and parallel with 0016, it measured 0.4m wide and 0.2m deep and had gently sloping sides and a slightly concave base. Its fill, 0015, was a light orange/yellow/brown sand with occasional flint inclusions.

0016 was a linear ditch, identified in segment 0018, running parallel and to the north of ditch 0014. It was also identified in segments 0020, 0022 and 0025 where ditch 0021 was also identified. Measuring 0.55m wide and 0.38m deep it had moderate sloping sides and a concave base. Its relationship with ditches 0014 and 0021 was unclear due to the similarity of the fills. It was filled by a light orange/yellow/brown sand, 0017, in segment 0018 which changed to a light brown silt/sand further to the west in segments 0020 (fill 0019), 0022 (fill 0023) and 0025 (fill 0026). A single sherd of Iron Age pottery was recovered from 0019 and a further two sherds from 0023.

0021 was a ditch, identified in segments 0022 and 0025, running parallel and to the north of ditch 0016. It appeared to be linear in plan but this was uncertain due to the



presence of several ditches in the trench. Steep-sided with a concave base its fill, 0024 in segment 0022 and fill 0027 in segment 0025, was a light brown silt/sand and chalk. A single sherd of Late Iron Age pottery was collected from fill 0024. In the western part of the trench ditches 0016 and 0021 were indistinguishable but appear to continue into Trench 02 as 0005 and 0007.

#### ***Trench 04***

Trench 04 was a 33m long curving trench, due to the density of trees, which ran approximately north-west to south-east. It was excavated through a 0.2m thick topsoil which overlaid a 0.33m thick layer of root disturbed orange sand. This layer sealed ditch 0029 and the natural subsoil of orange sand and flint.

0029 was a partially visible linear ditch in the north-west corner of Trench 04. Measuring 0.4m wide and 0.3m deep with moderate sloping sides and a concave base. Fill, 0030, was a mid orange/brown sand/silt with occasional flint and chalk.

#### ***Trench 05***

Trench 05 ran approximately east to west for a length of 14m between Trenches 04 and 06. It was excavated through a 0.12m thick topsoil which overlaid a 0.23m layer of root disturbed orange sand. Beneath this was the natural subsoil of orange sand and flint. No archaeological features were identified.

#### ***Trench 06***

Trench 06 ran approximately north-east to south-west for 25m to the east of Trench 05. It was excavated through a 0.08m thick topsoil which overlaid a 0.27m thick layer of root disturbed orange sand. This layer sealed ditches 0032 and 0033 and the natural subsoil of orange sand and flint.

0032 was a north-east to south-west aligned ditch, identified at the eastern end of Trench 06 and excavated in Sections 0031 and 0034. Measuring 0.45m wide and 0.22m deep it had moderate sloping sides but an unclear base. No relationship with ditch 0033 was seen in Section 0031 and it was not clearly seen in Section 0034. Its fill, 0035, was a light brown sand with occasional flints.

0033 was a north to south aligned ditch, measuring c.0.9m wide, with steep sides and a pointed base. Its fill, 0036, was a light brown sand with occasional chalk and flints.

### ***Trench 07***

Trench 07 was 17m long and ran north-east to south-west. It was excavated through a 0.06m to 0.11m thick topsoil which overlaid a 0.18m to 0.27m thick orange/yellow sand. This layer sealed several archaeological features and the natural subsoil of orange sand and flint.

0041 was a circular pit, partially under the trench edge. Measuring 1.6m wide and 0.8m deep its sides and base were irregular and disturbed by tree roots. The basal fill, 0044, was a patchy light yellow/grey sand. Above this was 0043, a dark brown sand stained with charcoal from which thirty-nine sherds of Late Iron Age pottery were collected and then an upper fill, 0042, of mixed and disturbed mid brown and yellow sands which contained a further eight sherds of Late Iron Age pottery.

0045 was a north to south aligned ditch which was fairly disturbed and difficult to see in plan. Measuring 0.5m wide and 0.2m deep it had moderate sloping sides and a concave base. Its fill, 0046, was a light orange/brown sand with occasional flint inclusions.

0047 was an east to west aligned ditch, measuring 0.8m wide and 0.25m deep, with moderate sloping sides and a concave base. Its fill, 0048, was a light orange/brown sand fill with occasional flint inclusions.

0049 was a possible feature or natural disturbance measuring 0.9m wide and 0.3m deep. Linear in plan it had disturbed irregular edges and a concave base. Its fill, 0050, was a light yellow and orange sand with occasional chalk and flint inclusions.

### ***Trench 08***

Trench 08 was 20m in length and was angled through dense tree coverage with the majority of the trench on a north-west to south-east alignment. It was excavated through a 0.15m thick topsoil which overlaid a 0.24m thick layer of root disturbed orange sand. This layer sealed ditch 0051 and the orange sand and flint natural subsoil.



0051 was a linear ditch, identified running across Trench 08 in a north-west to south-east direction. Measuring 0.7m wide and 0.15m deep it had gently sloping sides and an irregular base. Its fill, 0052, was an orange/brown sand with occasional flint and chalk inclusions.

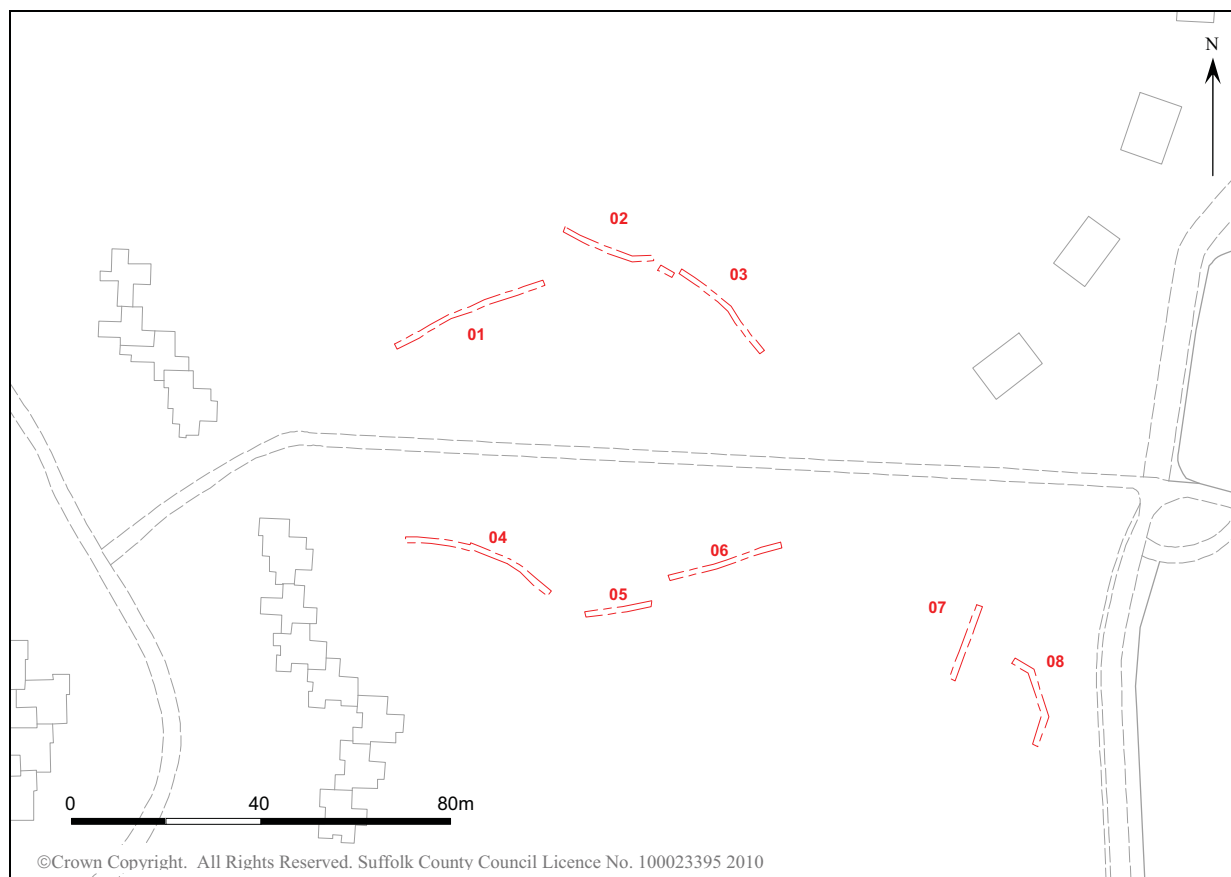


Figure 4. Area 01 evaluation trenches layout

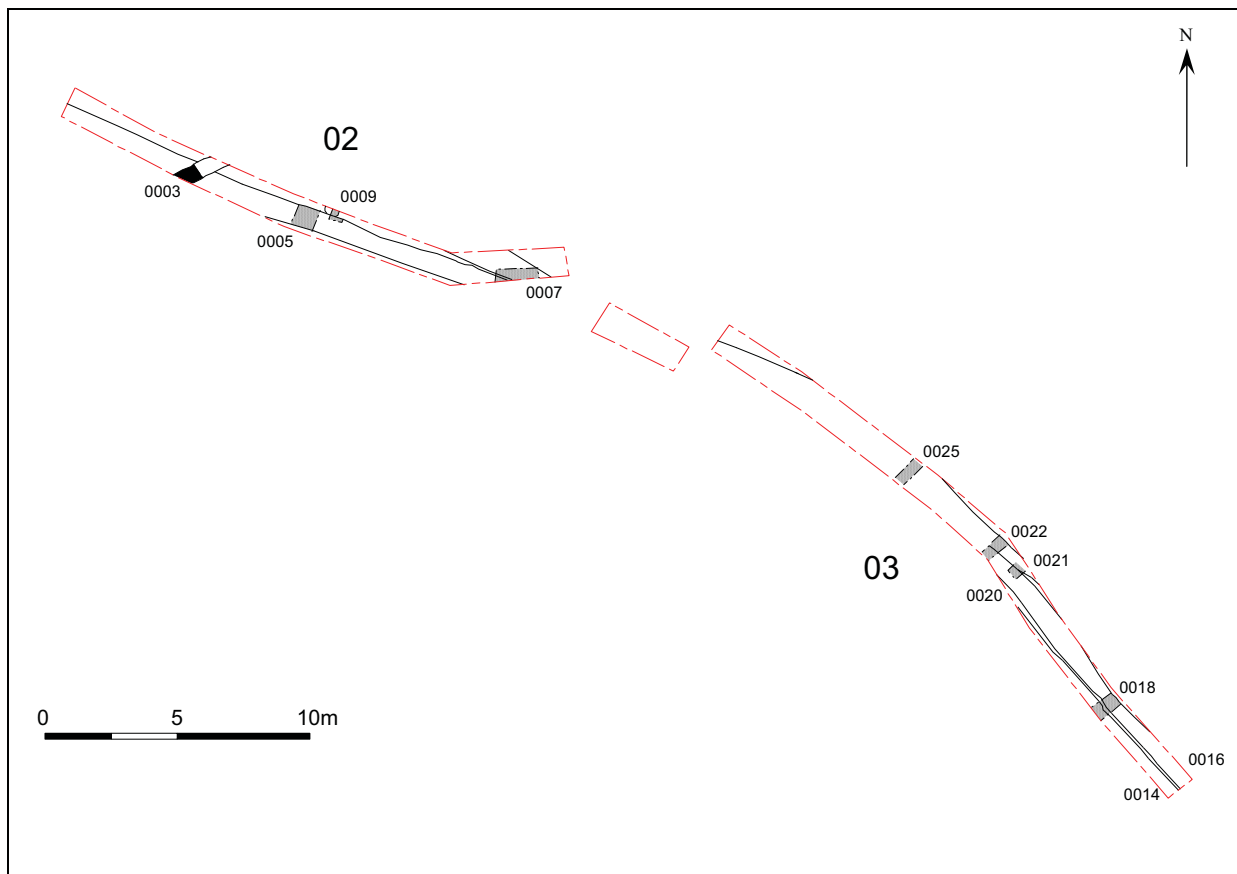


Figure 5. Trenches 02 and 03

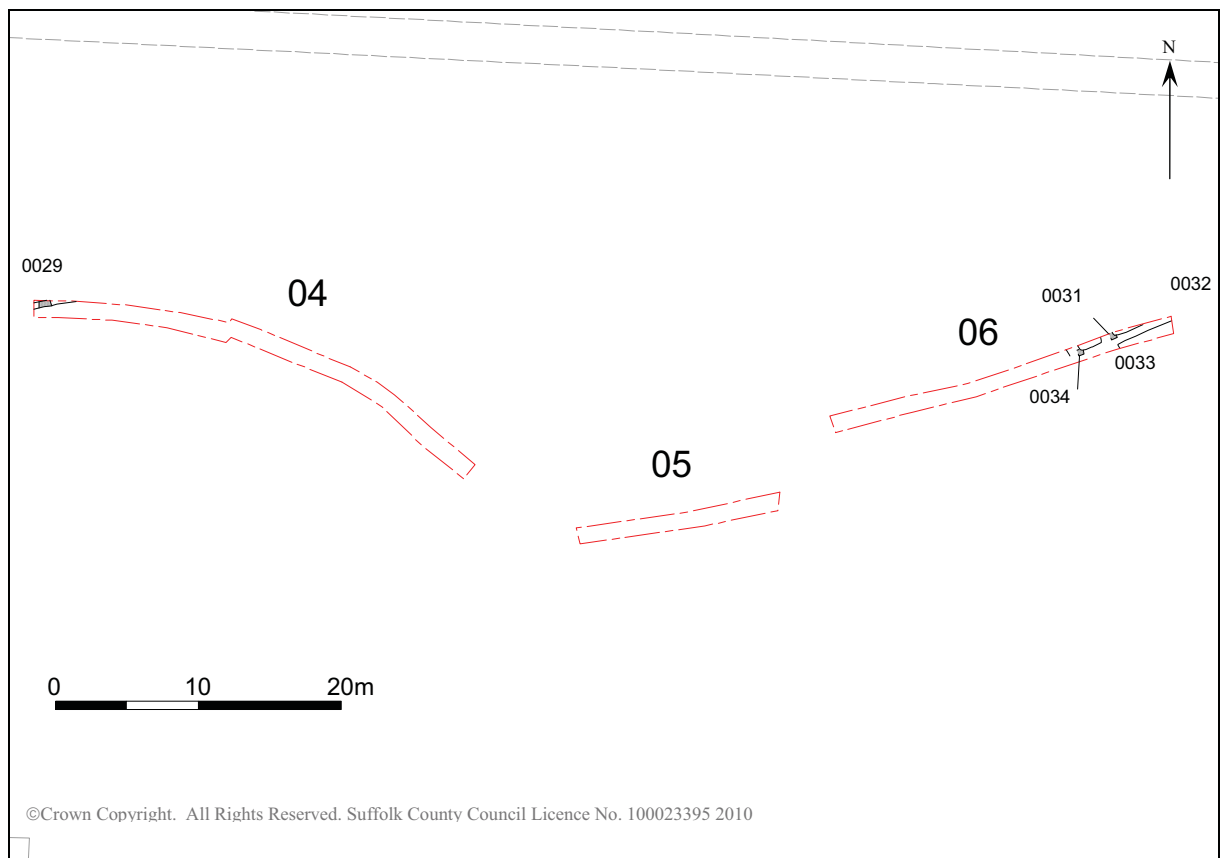


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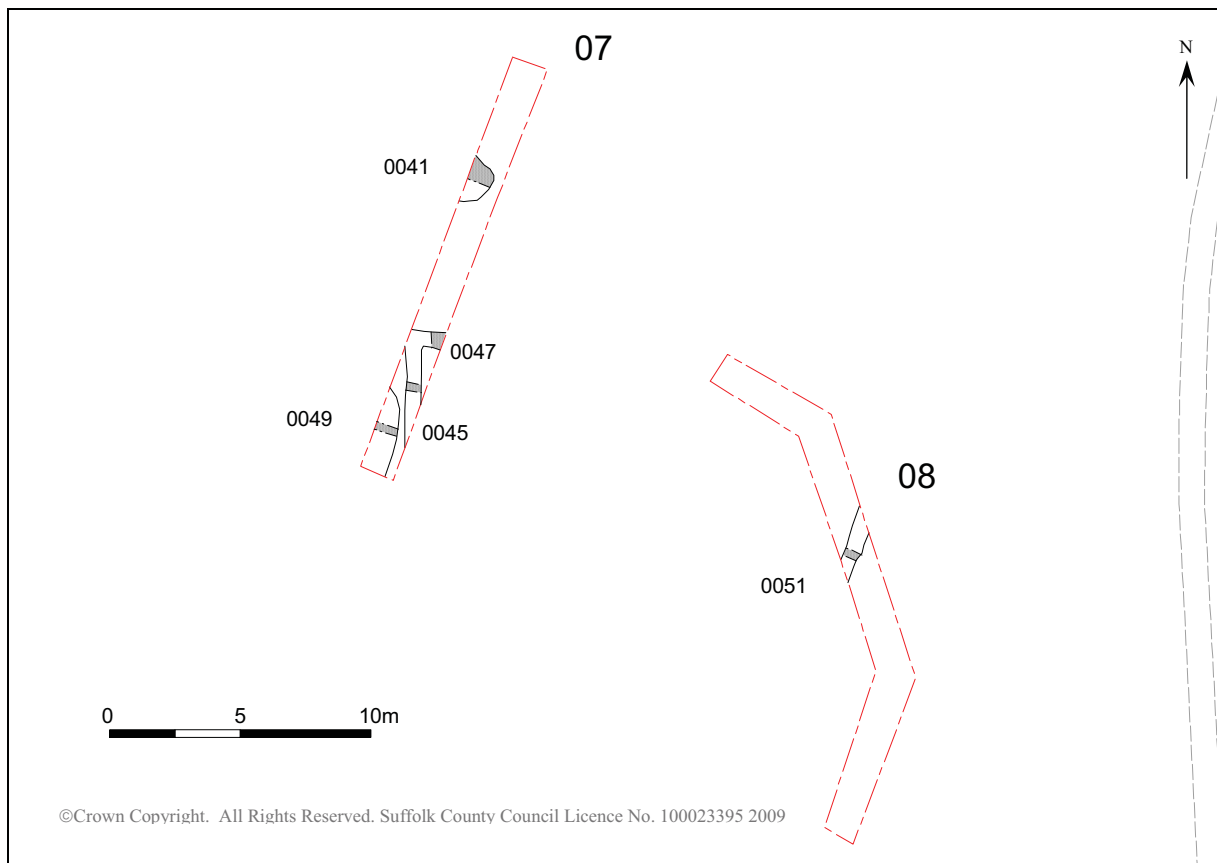


Figure 7. Trenches 07 and 08

### 3.2 Area 02

#### ***Trench 09***

Trench 09 was 31m in length and angled through dense tree coverage with the majority of the trench aligned north-east to south-west. The trench was excavated through a thin, 0.07m to 0.12m thick, topsoil over a 0.15m to 0.17m thick mixed layer of light orange - mid brown sand. The natural subsoil was an orange/brown sand with flint. No archaeological features were identified.

#### ***Trench 10***

Trench 10 was 24m in length and aligned east to west with some variation in angle due to dense tree coverage. The trench was excavated through a thin, 0.2m thick topsoil and a root disturbed, 0.15m thick layer of mid brown sand layer. The natural subsoil was an orange/brown sand with flint. No archaeological features were identified.

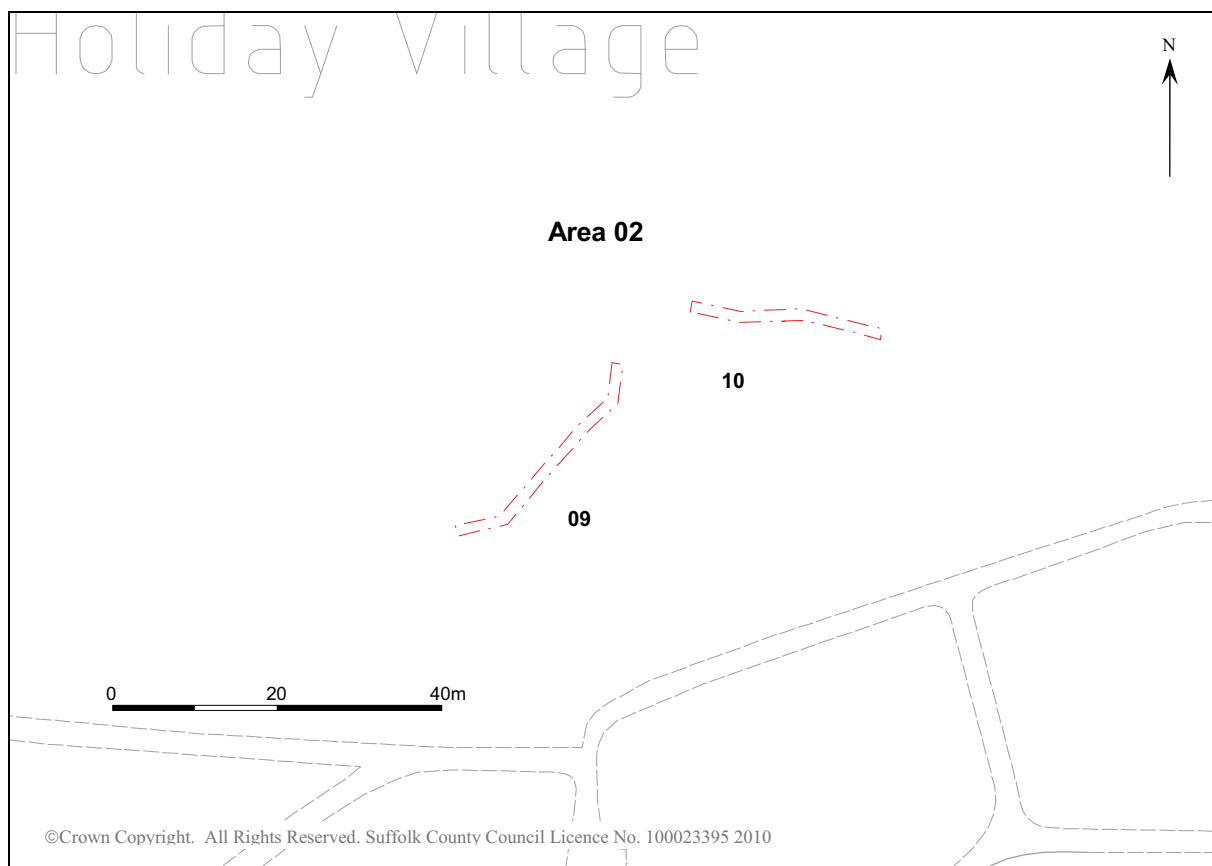


Figure 8. Trenches 09 and 10

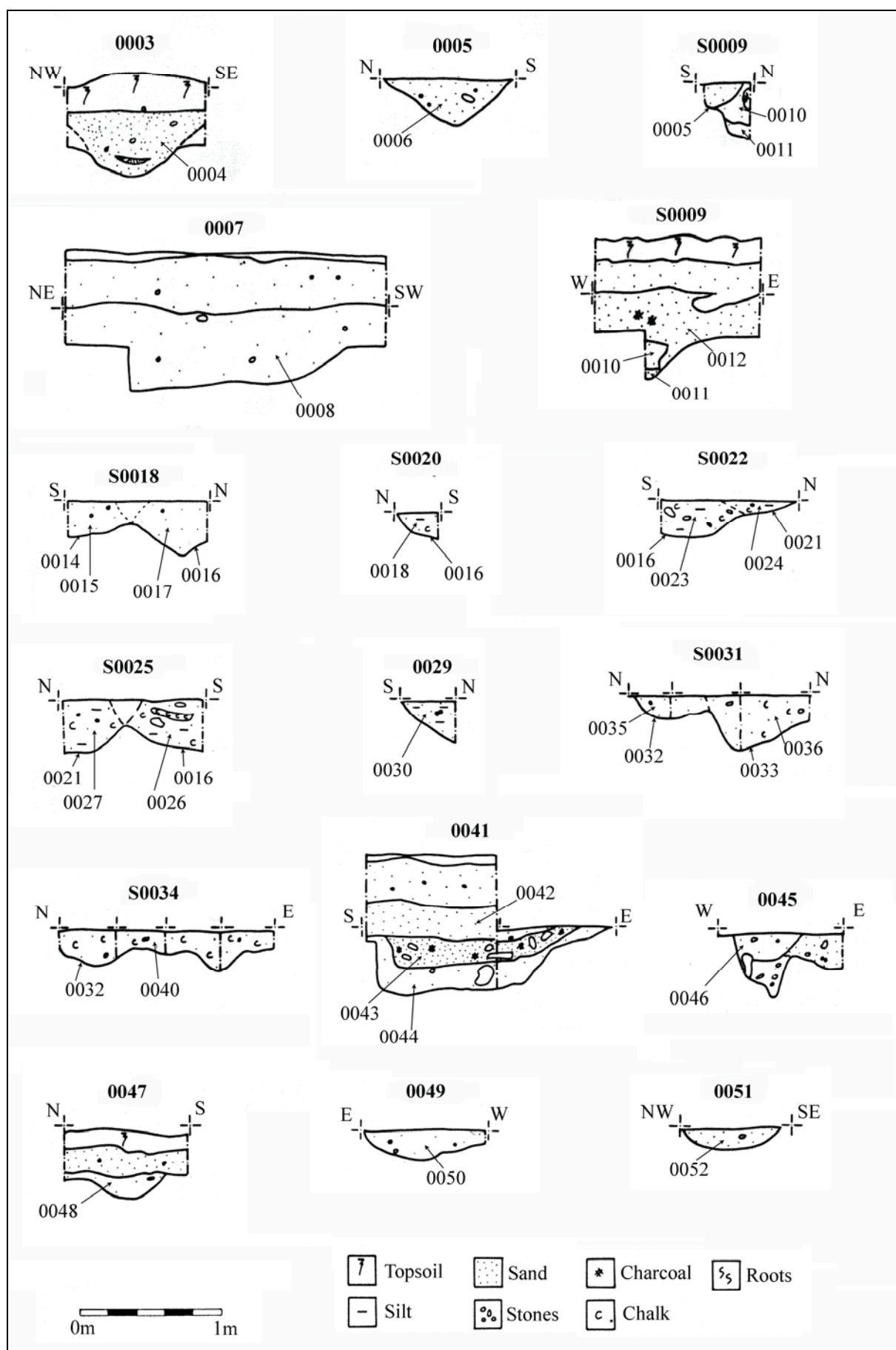


Figure 9. Evaluation sections

### 3.3 Evaluation finds

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#### *Introduction*

Finds were collected from nine contexts in four evaluation trenches and the quantities by context are shown in Table 1 below.

| Tr No | Context | Pottery<br>No | Pottery<br>Wt/g | Animal bone<br>No. | Animal bone<br>Wt/g | Bt Stone<br>No. | Bt Stone<br>Wt/g | Miscellaneous     | Spotdate    |
|-------|---------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 1     | 0002    | 1             | 47              |                    |                     |                 |                  |                   | Rom         |
| 2     | 0004    | 1             | 11              | 2                  | 90                  |                 |                  |                   | E/MC1 (LIA) |
|       | 0006    |               |                 | 15                 | 208                 |                 |                  |                   |             |
| 3     | 0019    | 1             | 1               |                    |                     |                 |                  |                   | IA          |
|       | 0023    | 2             | 26              | 5                  | 33                  |                 |                  |                   | IA          |
|       | 0024    | 1             | 28              |                    |                     |                 |                  |                   | L IA        |
|       | 0027    |               |                 | 6                  | 102                 |                 |                  | Snail (1)         |             |
| 7     | 0042    | 8             | 176             |                    |                     | 1               | 244              | Fired clay (1-4g) | E/MC1 (LIA) |
|       | 0043    | 39            | 656             |                    |                     |                 |                  |                   | E/MC1 (LIA) |
|       | Total   | 53            | 945             | 28                 | 433                 | 1               | 244              |                   |             |

Table 1. Evaluation finds quantities.

#### *Pottery*

The evaluation produced 53 sherds of pottery weighing 945g which belonged to the IA and Late Iron Age or Early Roman periods. The material includes hand-made and wheel-made wares, some of which appear to have been contemporary in use as well as deposition. The pottery quantities by fabric are summarised in Table 2 and the full details are shown in Table 3.

| Fabric description                  | Code | No        | % No         | Wt/g       | % Wt         | Av sherd/g  |
|-------------------------------------|------|-----------|--------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| Hand-made flint tempered            | HMF  | 1         | 1.9          | 11         | 1.2          | 11.0        |
| Hand-made sand tempered             | HMS  | 3         | 5.7          | 146        | 15.4         | 48.7        |
| Hand-made sand and organic tempered | HMSO | 13        | 24.5         | 308        | 32.6         | 23.7        |
| <i>Total hand-made wares</i>        |      | 17        | 32.1         | 465        | 49.2         | 27.4        |
| Black-surfaced wares                | BSW  | 1         | 1.9          | 48         | 5.1          | 48.0        |
| Grey micaceous wares black-surfaced | GMB  | 1         | 1.9          | 11         | 1.2          | 11.0        |
| Grog-tempered wares                 | GROG | 13        | 24.5         | 263        | 27.8         | 20.2        |
| Miscellaneous red coarse wares      | RX   | 20        | 37.7         | 111        | 11.7         | 5.6         |
| Storage jar fabrics                 | STOR | 1         | 1.9          | 47         | 5.0          | 47.0        |
| <i>Total wheel-made wares</i>       |      | 36        | 67.9         | 480        | 50.8         | 13.3        |
| <b>Total pottery</b>                |      | <b>53</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>945</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>17.8</b> |

Table 2. Evaluation pottery fabric quantities

#### *Methodology*

Pottery was quantified by count and weight and a x10 binocular microscope was used to identify the fabrics. Hand-made pottery was catalogued using the recording system recommended by the Prehistoric Ceramics Research Group (1997). The pottery was

divided into broad fabric groups defined by their major inclusions. Wheel-made Late Iron Age and Roman wares were catalogued using the fabric and form series which is standard for all SCCAS excavations.

### *The Wares*

Pottery was collected from seven contexts in five features, a layer, three ditches and a pit and details by feature are shown in the Table 3 below. Hand-made and wheel-made wares equalled approximately half of the assemblage weight each.

| Feature | Context | Fabric | Sherd | No | Wt/g | Notes   | Date  |
|---------|---------|--------|-------|----|------|---|-------|
| 0002    | 0002    | STOR   | r     | 1  | 47   | Storage Jar, rim only (type 7)  | Rom   |
| 0003    | 0004    | GMB    | ba    | 1  | 11   | Braughing-type jar. All-over incised horizontal line dec. Soot ext. V early - looks hm-wf   | E/MC1 |
| 0016    | 0019    | HMSO   | b     | 1  | 1    | Tiny fragment <1g   | LIA   |
|         | 0023    | HMF    | b     | 1  | 11   | Abraded bodysherd. Grey-brown surface and core. Sand tempered with occ, natural and burnt flint.  | IA    |
|         |         | HMSO   | ba    | 1  | 15   | Jar base. Black surfaces, oxidised margins and grey core. Hard-fired. sand and organic  | LIA   |
| 0021    | 0024    | HMS    | r     | 1  | 28   | Jar with short out-turned pointed rim (160mm,12%). Orange-brown surface, black matrix w sub-rounded coarse quartz sand temper. Possibly hm-wf   | LIA   |
| 0041    | 0042    | HMSO   | rb    | 8  | 176  | Jar. Simple curved round-shouldered vessel. Short slightly out-turned rim.(150mm,25%) Patchy black & brown surf., neck & shoulder burnished. Fabric dark black/brown, med quartz sand w occ. mixed larger qtz, misc and organic . | LIA   |
|         | 0043    | GROG   | ba    | 13 | 263  | Storage jar base (c. 200mm dia), v abr dissolved (adv post-dep)   | E/MC1 |
|         |         | HMS    | r     | 2  | 118  | Jar base type 2 (68mm,>50%, 15mm thick) Ext worn, walls burnished, int rough. Patchy ext surf dark brown/black, buff/orange. Med quartz sand w occ larger natural flint, fe (up to 4mm)   |       |
|         |         | HMSO   | b     | 1  | 92   | Jar wall sherd. Patchy buff-brown-black surface, smoothed or burnished ext, black core. Medium quartz sand and organic  |       |
|         |         | HMSO   | b     | 2  | 24   | Jar. same vessel as 0042.   |       |
|         |         | BSW    | r     | 1  | 48   | Carinated bowl. Upright concave wall, short pointed rim (160mm,14%). Dark brown-black surf, coarse quartz sand w occ red grog. Appears HM-WF  | E/MC1 |
|         |         | RX     | rb    | 20 | 111  | High-shouldered jar (type 4.1), upright neck, out-turned pointed rim (140mm, 27%) Patchy orange and buff. V fine-textured. V soft and deteriorated (adv post-dep cond)  | E/MC1 |
|         |         |        |       |    |      |   |       |

Table 3. Evaluation pottery by feature and context.

(key: b = bodysherd; ba = base sherd; r = rimsherd.)

Thirteen sherds of hand-made Late Iron Age pottery were collected and all are undecorated. Three fabrics, one flint-tempered and two sand-tempered were broadly identified. A single sherd of flint-tempered ware (HMF) was found in ditch 0016 (0023). The piece is sand and flint-tempered and undiagnostic, but probably Iron Age. Sand-tempered wares belong to the Late Iron Age, probably the first half of the 1st century AD. Three rim sherds represent two sand-tempered jars (HMS) present in ditch 0021

(0024) and pit 0041 (0043). The majority of the hand-made wares were sand and organic tempered (HMSO); a single base sherd was present in ditch 0016 (0023) and two jars in pit 0041 (0042 and 0043).

Five wheel-made or hand-made and wheel-finished local or regional coarseware fabrics were identified and all of the fabrics appear to be very early, probably pre-Conquest. Included are a base from a grog-tempered (GROG) storage jar from pit 0041 (0043) and a storage jar rim (STOR) from layer 0002. A black-surfaced ware (BSW) carinated bowl from pit 0041 (0043) has a plain, upright and concave wall, similar to *Camulodunum* form Cam 214Ba (Hawkes and Hull, 1947). The vessel appears to be hand-made and wheel-finished. The black-surfaced variant of grey micaceous fabric (GMB) is represented by a base fragment from a 'Braughing-type' jar which also looks hand-made and wheel-finished and was found in ditch 0003 (0004). A high shouldered jar (Cam 266) with a patchy orange and buff fabric (RX) was entirely wheel-made. (0043).

The pottery from pit 0041 (layers 0042 and 0043) in Trench 07 is most notable and it accounted for 88% of the total assemblage weight. An estimated 25% excavation removal of the feature produced substantial proportions of six vessels, four hand-made, one hand-made and wheel-finished, and one wheel-made, suggesting that this is a cohesive group which has been through a fairly short deposition cycle. This group most probably represents the transition between hand-made and wheel-made pottery manufacture during the Late Iron Age.

Other features produced single or a few sherds of pottery at best, but these too support a Late Iron Age date for the assemblage

### ***Fired clay***

A small abraded fragment of fired clay was found in the top layer of pit 0041 (0042). It has a fine sandy fabric orange with cream streaks but is undiagnostic.

### ***Burnt stone***

A broken fragment of a small (90mm) sandstone cobble, fire-reddened and cracked was present in the top fill of pit 0041 (0042).



### ***Animal bone***

Small amounts of animal bone (twenty-eight pieces weighing 433g in total) were collected from four contexts in Trenches 02 and 03. Most bones identified belong to cattle and they probably represent the remains of food waste. Animal bone was found in association with Late Iron Age pottery in ditch 0003 (0004 ) and 0016 (0023).

### ***Plant macrofossils and other remains***

Val Fryer

#### ***Introduction and method statement***

The evaluation revealed pits, ditches and other discrete features of probable Late Iron Age date. Samples for the evaluation of the preservation and content of the plant macrofossil assemblages were taken from across the excavated area, and five were submitted for assessment.

The samples were processed by manual water flotation/washover and the flots were collected in a 500 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 on Table 4. Nomenclature within the table follows Stace (1997). All plant remains were charred. Modern contaminants including fibrous and woody roots, seeds, feathers and wood fragments formed the major component of all five assemblages.

#### ***Results***

Barley (*Hordeum* sp.) and wheat (*Triticum* sp.) grains were recorded at a low density from Samples 3 (ditch 0009) and 5 (pit 0041). Preservation was very poor, with all specimens being severely puffed and distorted, probably as a result of combustion at very high temperatures. Seeds of black bindweed (*Fallopia convolvulus*), a common cereal crop weed, were only present within Sample 3. Charcoal/charred wood fragments were present throughout, and Samples 1, 2, 3 and 6 also contained pieces of charred root/stem. Some of the latter within Sample 3 were identified as heather (*Ericaceae*) stem. Other remains were scarce, but the pieces of black porous and cokey material may be residues of the combustion of organic remains (including cereal grains) at very high temperatures.

| Sample No.                               | 1              | 2              | 3              | 5              | 6              |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| OP No.                                   | 0004           | 0006           | 0012           | 0042           | 0043           |
| Feature No.                              |                | 0005           | 0009           | 0041           | 0041           |
| Feature type                             | Ditch          | Ditch          | Pit/ph         | Pit            | Pit            |
| <b>Cereals</b>                           |                |                |                |                |                |
| <i>Hordeum</i> sp. (grains)              |                |                | xcf            | xcf            |                |
| <i>Triticum</i> sp. (grains)             |                |                | x              |                |                |
| Cereal indet. (grains)                   | x              |                | x              | x              | x              |
| <b>Herbs</b>                             |                |                |                |                |                |
| <i>Fallopia convolvulus</i> (L.) A. Love |                |                | x              |                |                |
| <b>Other plant macrofossils</b>          |                |                |                |                |                |
| Charcoal <2mm                            | xx             | x              | x              | xx             | xx             |
| Charcoal >2mm                            |                |                |                |                | x              |
| Charred root/stem                        | x              | x              | xx             |                | x              |
| Ericaceae indet. (stem)                  |                |                | x              |                |                |
| <b>Other materials</b>                   |                |                |                |                |                |
| Black porous 'cokey' material            | xx             | x              | x              | x              |                |
| Black tarry material                     | x              | x              |                |                | x              |
| Bone                                     | x              |                |                |                |                |
| Burnt/fired clay                         |                | x              |                | x              | x              |
| Pottery                                  |                |                |                |                | x              |
| <b>Sample volume (litres)</b>            | <b>20ss</b>    | <b>20</b>      | <b>8</b>       | <b>20ss</b>    | <b>10ss</b>    |
| <b>Volume of flot (litres)</b>           | <b>&lt;0.1</b> | <b>&lt;0.1</b> | <b>&lt;0.1</b> | <b>&lt;0.1</b> | <b>&lt;0.1</b> |
| <b>% flot sorted</b>                     | <b>100%</b>    | <b>100%</b>    | <b>100%</b>    | <b>100%</b>    | <b>100%</b>    |

Table 4. Evaluation plant macrofossils and other remains.

Key to Table: x = 1 – 10 specimens; xx = 10 – 50 specimens; ph = post-hole; ss = sub-sample; cf = compare

### *Conclusions and recommendations for further work*

In summary, all five assemblages are severely contaminated with modern roots, and the degree to which these may have incorporated intrusive materials into the deposits is not known. However, assuming that the charred plant remains are contemporary with the contexts from which the samples were taken, it would appear most likely that the assemblages are derived from small quantities of scattered detritus, possibly including hearth waste.

Further excavation if undertaken should include plant macrofossil samples of approximately 20-40 litres in volume from all well sealed and dated features, particularly any which appear to be closely associated with areas of known activity. Sampling of ditches should ideally be concentrated on ditch intersections and termini, particularly where the latter flank clearly defined entrance ways. If deep ditch sections are encountered, column samples should be taken through the entire sequence of deposits.

### ***Discussion of the finds and environmental evidence***

The evaluation finds assemblage indicates occupation of this site during the Late Iron Age or Early Roman Period. Finds were collected from five features in four of the evaluation trenches. The pottery assemblage consists of hand-made and wheel-made wares most of which are probably contemporary in use and deposition, and belong to the first half of the 1st century AD.

Animal bone where present is in good condition and was found in association with Late Iron Age pottery in two ditches in Trenches 02 and 03.

Charred plant macrofossils were present in the samples that were evaluated and probably represent the remains of scattered occupation waste.

The presence of this material supports the evidence from the HER of concentrations of Iron Age and Roman finds in the vicinity.

## **3.4 Evaluation discussion**

### ***Area 01***

The three groups of trenches, 01 to 03, 04 to 06, and 07 and 08, each contained evidence of Late Iron Age/early Roman activity despite the obvious truncation caused by the tree plantations to the subsoil and archaeological horizons which lay only c.0.3m below ground level.

In the northern group of trenches a single Roman pottery sherd was recovered in Trench 01 and a series of parallel ditches, probably representing a shifting boundary of Late Iron Age date was seen in Trenches 02 and 03. A later ditch (0003), possibly early Roman, cut across this ditch series in Trench 02 and may indicate the presence of a second phase of activity.

Similar ditches, on varying alignments were seen in Trenches 04, 06, 07 and 08. Although undated these are likely to be broadly contemporary with those seen in Trenches 02 and 03. Pit 0041, in Trench 07, had a sizeable assemblage of Late Iron Age/early Roman pottery indicating that it probably lay near a settlement focus.

## **Area 02**

The two trenches showed a soil profile of a thin topsoil overlying a layer of mixed sands, with the natural subsoil lying at a depth of c.0.3m. No archaeological features were seen in either of the trenches and although there has clearly been truncation and disturbance caused by the tree plantations, this absence was a contrast to the deposits seen in the Area 01 trenches. Subsequently no further archaeological work was deemed necessary in this area.

## **3.5 Evaluation conclusion**

The presence of widespread Late Iron Age/early Roman activity was established throughout the area of the three proposed villa blocks. The depth of the deposits meant that they were highly vulnerable to both the destumping programme and the planned construction works and so archaeological excavation of footprints for each of the three villa blocks was requested by Jess Tipper.

## 4. Excavation and monitoring

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### 4.1 Introduction

In total an area of c.5654sqm was excavated, consisting of the footprints for the three villa blocks and four smaller areas which were to be destumped and stripped of topsoil prior to the construction of earthen bunds (Fig. 10). Some c.315m of trenching was also monitored.

Archaeological deposits were identified in six of the seven areas, indicating a widespread distribution of activity in the Late Iron Age/Early Roman period. The nature of the results, with a majority of features containing no datable material and stratigraphic relationships being rare or indistinguishable, means that further sub-division of this phase of activity is difficult. Although there is some differentiation in the pottery assemblage, with Late Iron Age and early Roman types, this material is found scattered across the site, with many individual features containing pottery of both periods. There is an indication that some of the ditch networks in Area 01, 02 and 03 predate the boundary marked by a dense array of linear features along the north edge of Area 02 but otherwise further study of the site phasing is limited. The results presented below therefore are detailed by area, with the majority of undated features believed to be contemporary with the Late Iron Age/Early Roman deposits.

A small finds assemblage, mainly of struck flint, indicated a low level of activity on the site in the Mesolithic/Neolithic and Late Bronze Age/Iron Age periods but generally consisted of isolated residual pieces scattered throughout the Late Iron Age/Roman features.

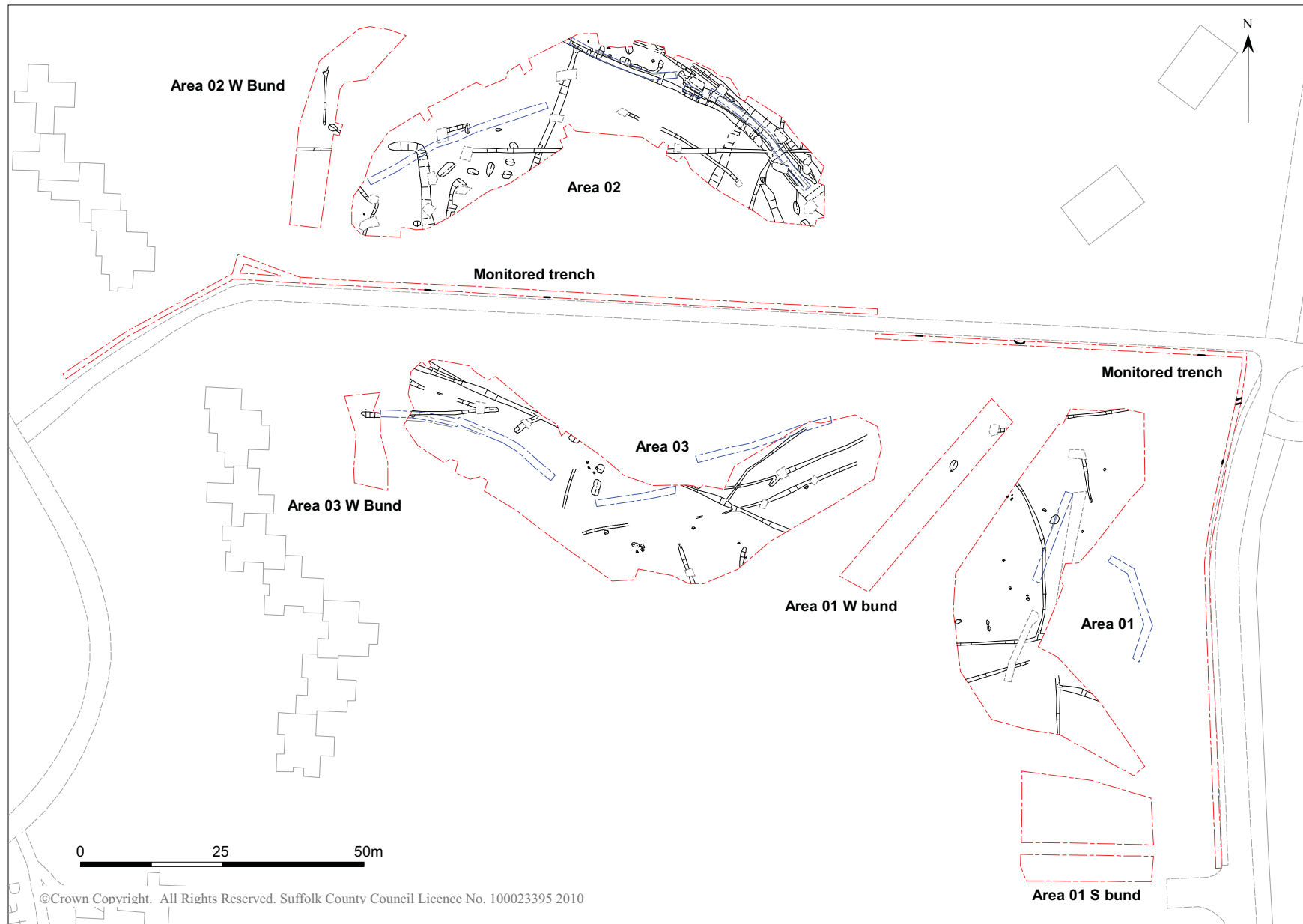


Figure 10. Excavation areas layout

## 4.2 Area 01 plus south and west bunds

(Figs. 11-15)

Area 01 was 1832sqm in size with the south and west bunds measuring 104 and 247sqm respectively. The removal of a thin topsoil, c.0.15m thick and a c.0.15m layer of mixed mid brown/yellow sands exposed the natural subsoil of orange sand and flint. The felled trees upon these areas had been relatively young, with shallower root systems than elsewhere, meaning that the majority of stumps were removed with little or no damage to the subsoil surface.

A sparse scatter of features, consisting of seven ditches and fifteen pits and postholes, including pit 0041 from evaluation Trench 07, were identified in Area 01, with a further two pits and an extension of one of the ditches in the west bund area. No archaeological deposits were seen in the southern bund area. Of the three excavation areas this had the lowest density of archaeological features, and only four contained datable material (including pit 0041). The remaining 50% of 0041 was removed and a further twelve sherds of early/mid 1st century pottery recovered from fill 0043.

0162 was an irregular oval pit, possibly natural, measuring 0.4m by 0.3m and 0.07m deep. Excavated in Section 0168, its fill, 0163, was a dark grey sand with occasional flints from which thirty-nine sherds of Late Iron Age pottery and a bulk environmental soil sample (SS 3) were collected.

0119 was a large oval pit in the west bund area, aligned north to south and measuring 1.5m long, 1.2m wide and 0.4m deep. Steep-sided, with a flat base, it possibly cut a smaller pit, 0121, on its southern side. Both pits were excavated in Section 0118. Its fill, 0120, was a mix of mid grey/brown sands with iron pan mottling and tree root disturbance from which a single sherd of Iron Age pottery was recovered. 0121 was a possible shallow pit, steep-sided with an irregular base, measuring 0.8m wide and 0.2m deep. Its fill, 0122, was a mix of pale-mid grey/brown sands with iron panning and tree root disturbance.

0141 was a linear ditch, aligned east to west and broadly parallel to 0152, which crossed the entire area. Its depth and width varied according to the subsoil and it was

probably heavily truncated. In Section 0142 it was 0.6m wide and 0.24m deep with a fill, 0143, of orange/brown silt/sand with occasional flints and a single Iron Age pottery sherd. In Section 0177 it was 0.48m wide and 0.14m deep with a fill, 0178, of orange/brown silt/sand with occasional flints which contained a second Iron Age pottery sherd.

The remaining features were all undated although they are likely to be broadly contemporary with the Iron Age - Early Roman phase of activity.

0045 was a curvilinear ditch, broadly aligned north to south, running through the centre of Area 01 before ending in a junction with ditch 0141. In Section 0161 it was 0.65m wide and 0.28m deep with a fill, 0160, of mid brown silt/sand with occasional flints from which a bulk environmental soil sample was collected (SS 8). In Section 0169 it was 0.5m wide and 0.16m deep with a fill, 0170, of pale brown silt/sand with flints and tree roots. In section 0182 it was 0.5m wide and 0.22m deep with a fill, 0183, of yellow/orange sand with occasional flints and root disturbance.

A section, 0164/0166 of the junction of 0045 and 0141 could not establish a relationship. Here both fills, 0165 and 0167 respectively, were a mid brown silt/sand with occasional flints and root disturbance.

0116 was a linear ditch, aligned east to west, visible for a short distance between the site edge and ditch 0146. Excavated in Section 0115 it measured 1m wide and 0.45m deep, with moderate sloping sides, a flat base and a fill, 0117, of mixed mid grey/brown sand with occasional flints. 0146 was a similar ditch, aligned north to south, fading away to the north after passing ditch 0116. Excavated in Section 0148 it measured 0.64m wide and 0.23m deep, with a fill, 0147, of mid orange/brown silt/sand with occasional flints and frequent roots. A further section, 0151, was placed at the junction of 0116 and 0146. No relationship was visible as both features had fills, 0150 and 0149 respectively, of orange/ brown silt/sand with occasional flints.

0135 was an isolated, subcircular posthole, measuring 0.35m by 0.4m and 0.15m deep, with moderate sloping sides and concave base. Excavated in Section 0171 its fill, 0136, was a dark grey/orange sand.



0137 was an irregular, oval posthole, measuring 0.5m by 0.4m and 0.18m deep, with concave sides and base. Excavated in Section 0174 its fill, 0138, was a dark grey/orange sand.

0139 was a circular pit, measuring 0.7m in diameter and 0.29m deep, lying in close proximity to 0137. Excavated in Section 0173 it was steep-sided with a concave base and a fill, 0140, of dark orange/grey sand with flints.

0144 was a circular pit, steep-sided with a flat base, measuring 0.6m in diameter and 0.22m deep. Excavated in Section 0172 its fill, 0145, was a dark orange/grey silt/sand with tree root disturbance on the western side.

0152 was a linear ditch, aligned east to west. Fading away to the east due to probable truncation it was partially removed by an area of modern disturbance, on the other side of which it was numbered as 0179. In Section 0154 it was 0.74m wide and 0.18m deep with a fill, 0153, of mid brown silt/sand with flints. In Section 0181 it was 0.4m wide and 0.13m deep with a fill, 0180, of light-mid brown silt/sand with flints.

0155 and 0158 were a pair of adjacent postholes, excavated in Section 0157. 0155 was subcircular, measuring 0.66m by 1m and 0.13m deep with gentle sloping sides and a flat base. Its fill, 0156, was a mid brown silt/sand with occasional flints and roots. 0158 was also a subcircular posthole, measuring 0.68m by 0.9m and 0.19m deep, with gentle sloping sides and a flat base. Its fill, 0159, was a mid brown silt/sand with occasional flints and roots.

0184 was a possible oval pit, perhaps more likely a treehole, aligned east to west, with moderate sloping sides and a concave base. Its fill, 0185, had a central area of dark grey/brown sand with burnt flint, surrounded by a gradually paler deposits with frequent unburnt flint and tree root disturbance on the eastern side. A bulk environmental soil sample was collected (SS 4).

0186 was one of a group of three small pits or postholes on the west edge of Area 01. It was a circular pit, measuring 0.32m in diameter and 0.16m deep with moderate-steep sloping sides and a concave base. Excavated in Section 0218 its fill, 0187, was a mix of orange/brown sands with occasional flints. To the south of 0186 was 0193, an oval pit

measuring 0.39m by 0.44m and 0.16m deep with moderate-steep sloping sides and an irregular base. Excavated in Section 0219 its fill, 0194, was a mid brown silt/sand. West of 0186 and 0193 was 0188, an irregular pit measuring 0.32m by 0.44m and 0.52m deep, with steep sides and a concave base. Excavated in Section 0210 its fill, 0189, was a mid-dark brown silt/sand with occasional flints.

0190 was a shallow depression, possibly natural or the base of a truncated pit, measuring 0.48m in diameter and 0.07m deep. Excavated in Section 0192 its fill, 0191, was a very dark grey silt/sand with frequent flints and tree roots from which a bulk environmental soil sample (SS 5) was collected.

0198 was an oval pit adjacent to 0041. Aligned east to west and measuring 0.79m by 0.49m and 0.17m deep it had moderate sloping sides and a concave base. Excavated in Section 0203 its fill, 0199, was a light orange-dark brown silt/sand with occasional stones.

0206 was a linear ditch, aligned north to south. To the north it disappeared under a tree stump, whilst to the south it terminated at posthole 0204. In Section 0211 it measured 0.65m wide and 0.19m deep with moderate sloping sides, concave base and a fill, 0212, of pale brown silt/sand with occasional flints. A possible posthole, 0204, was set in the terminus of the ditch and both were excavated in Sections 0208/0209. Here the fill of 0206 was 0207, a light brown silt/sand with dark grey/brown patches and occasional flecks of charcoal, flints and tree roots. Posthole 0204 was circular, measuring 0.5m diameter in and 0.31m deep, with irregular sides and base. Its fill, 0205, was a mid brown silt/sand with dark grey/brown mottling, occasional charcoal, flints and tree roots. A bulk environmental soil sample was collected (SS 6).

0200 was an irregular oval pit, aligned north-west to south-east, with steep sides and a concave base measuring 0.5m by 0.42m and 0.23m deep. It lay on the edge of pit 0041 which had been identified in the evaluation and was re-excavated. A section, 0202, was then placed across both features showing 0200 to have a fill, 0201, of dark yellow-brown silt/sand with pale yellow/brown mottling and occasional flints.

0213 was a linear ditch, aligned north-west to south-east, visible at the northern end of Area 01. It appeared to continue to the west as 0123 and to the east in Section 0319 in

the monitored trenching. In Section 0216 it measured 0.58m wide and 0.09m deep with a fill, 0217, of mid brown silt/sand with occasional flints. In Section 0215 it measured 0.53m wide and 0.1m deep with a similar fill, 0214.

0123 was a continuation of ditch 0213 in the Area 01 west bund area. Only a short length of the feature was visible before it ran under a tree bole and did not reappear. Aligned north-east to south-west it was heavily truncated, with its width and depth varying as it rose and fell over an outcrop of natural chalk subsoil. In Section 0125 it measured 0.9m wide and 0.23m deep and had a fill, 0124, of light-mid brown silt/sands with occasional chalk, flints and frequent tree root disturbance.



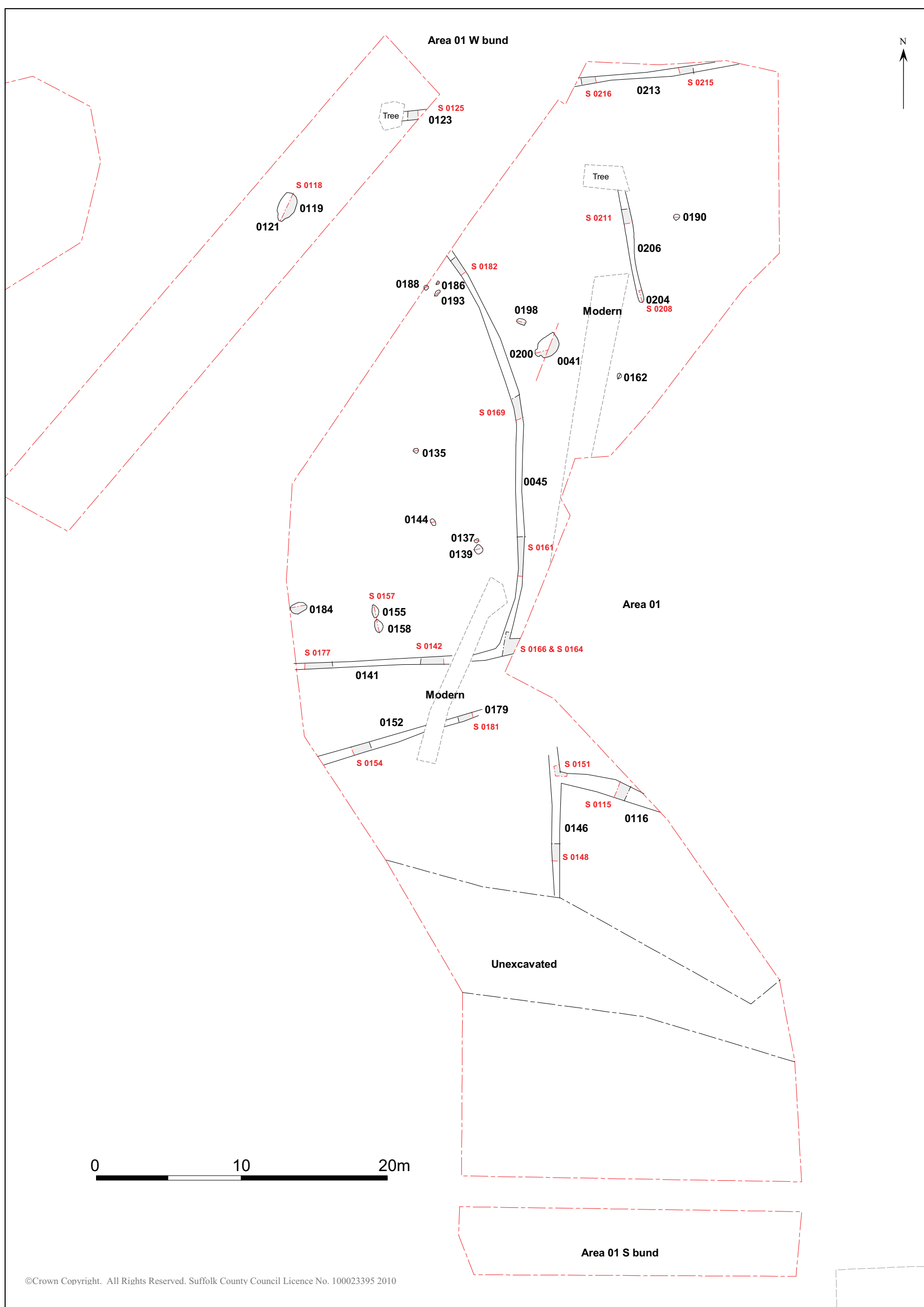


Figure 11. Plan of Area 01 plus south and west bunds



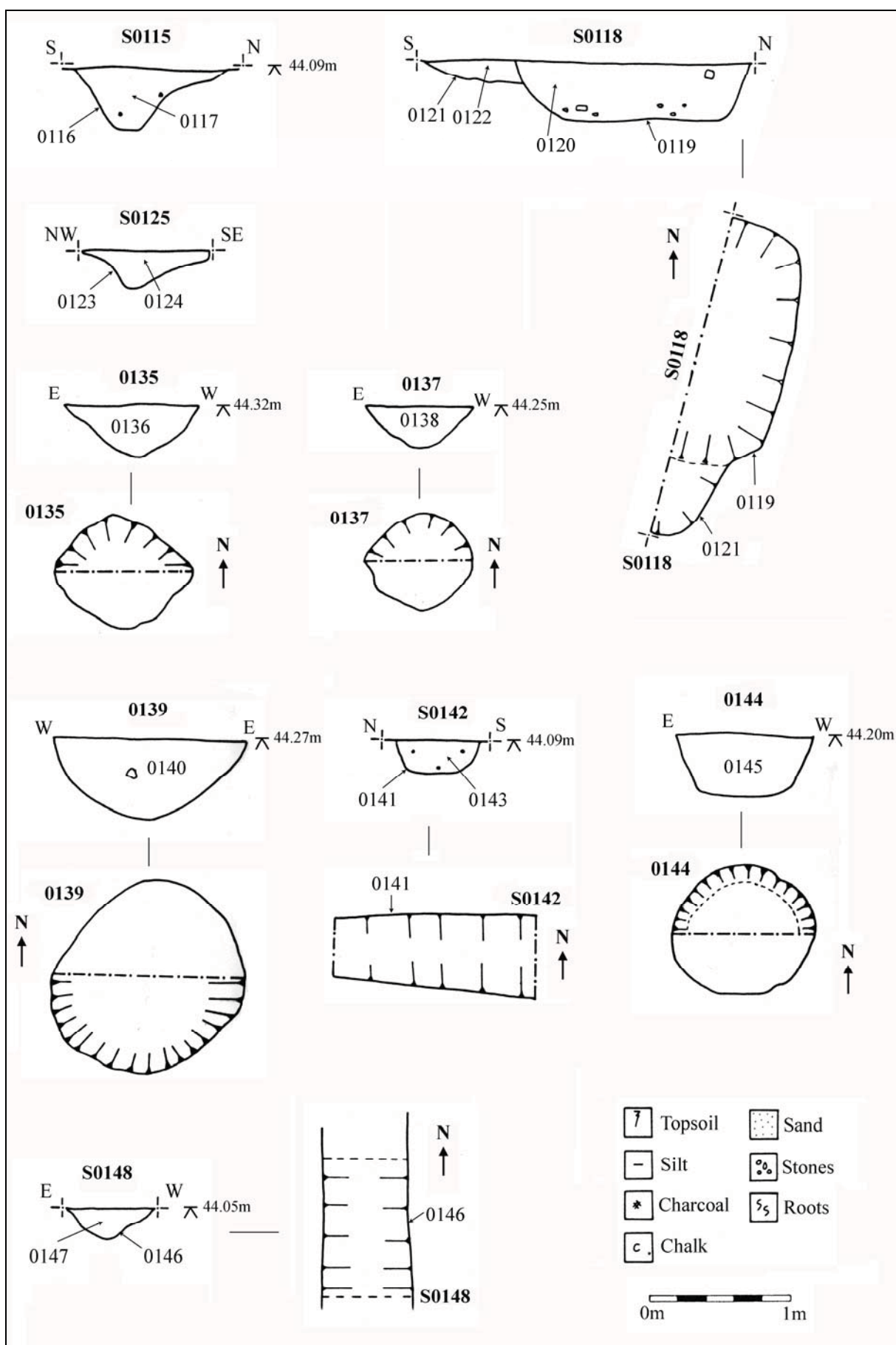


Figure 12. Area 01 plus south and west bunds plans and sections 1

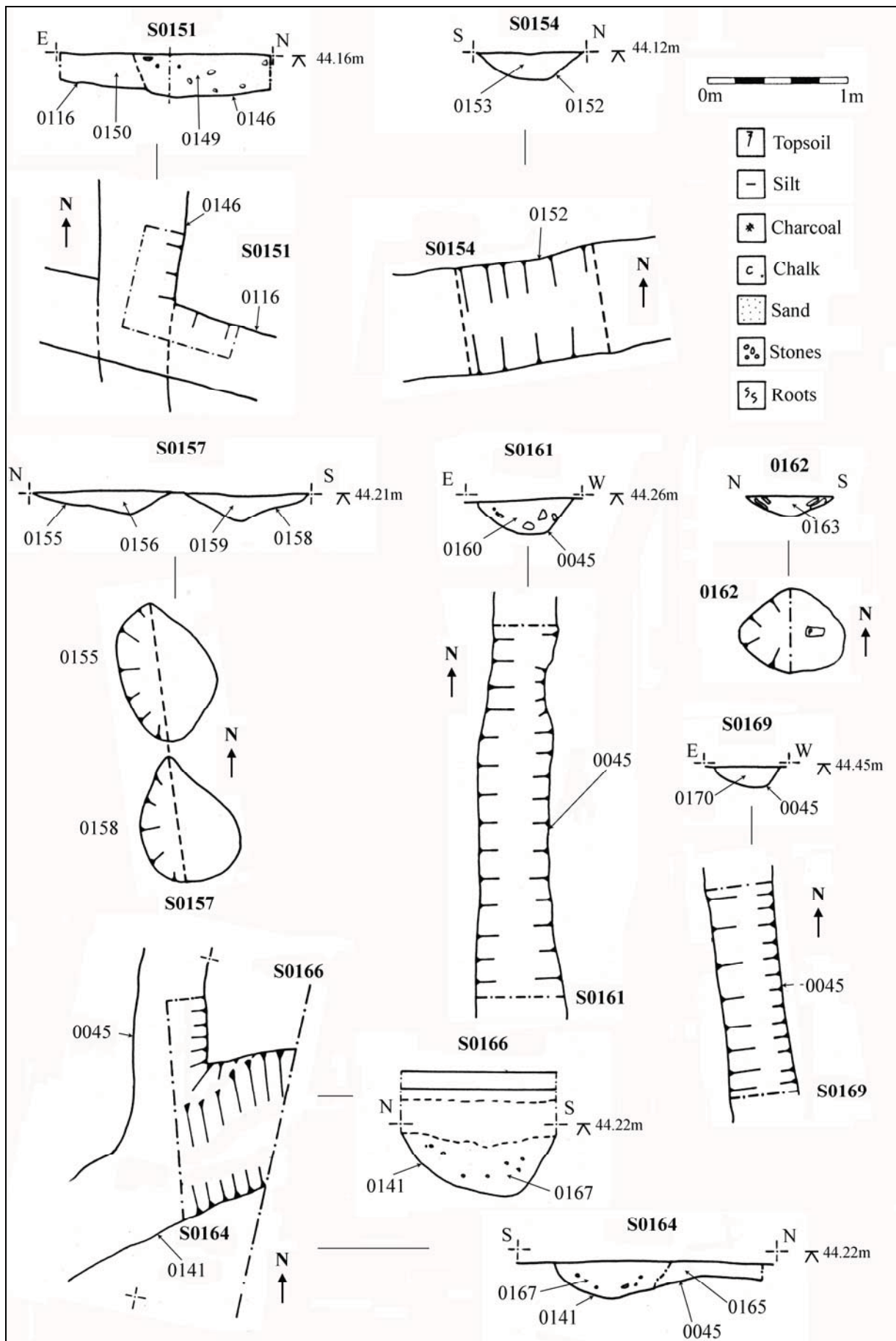


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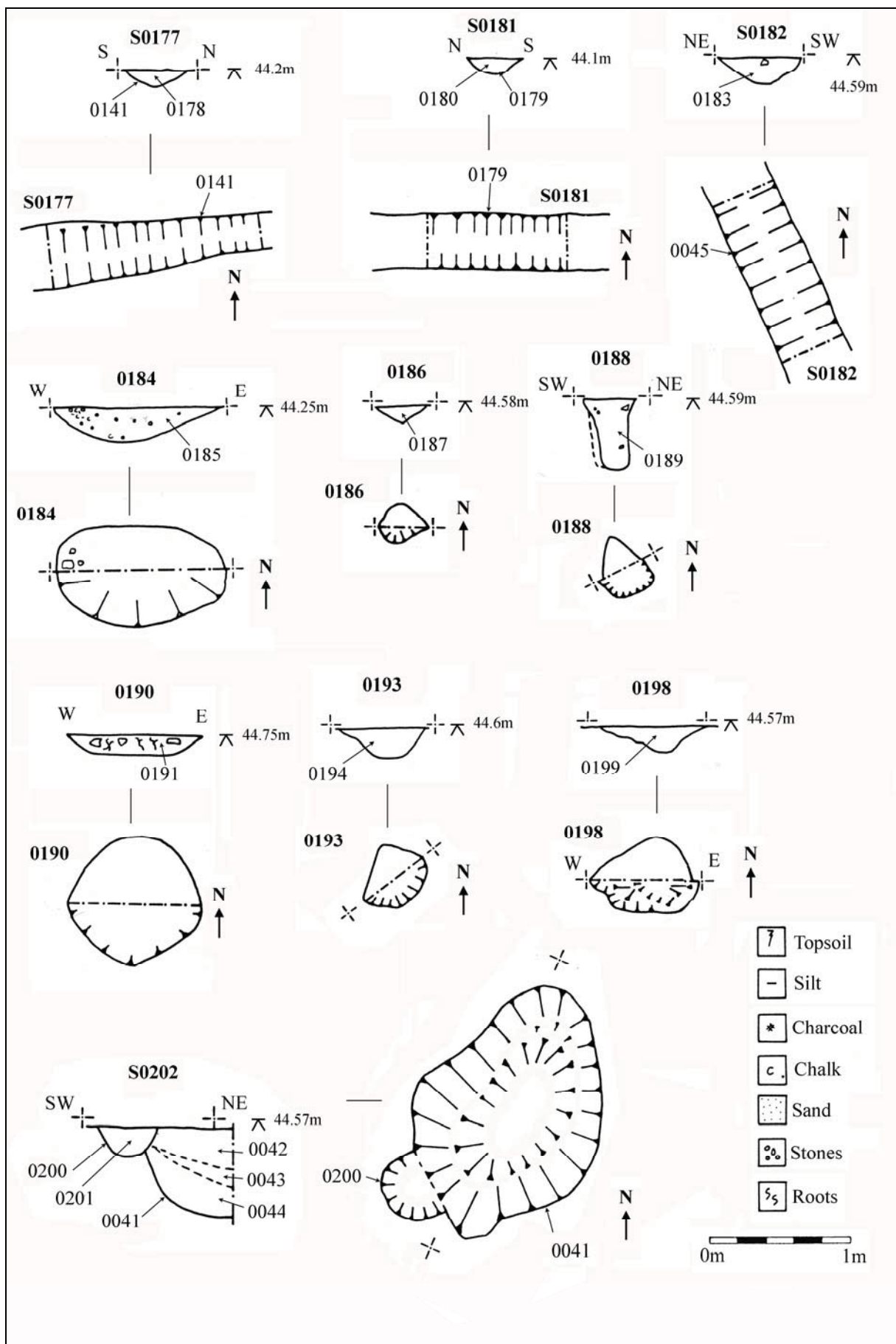


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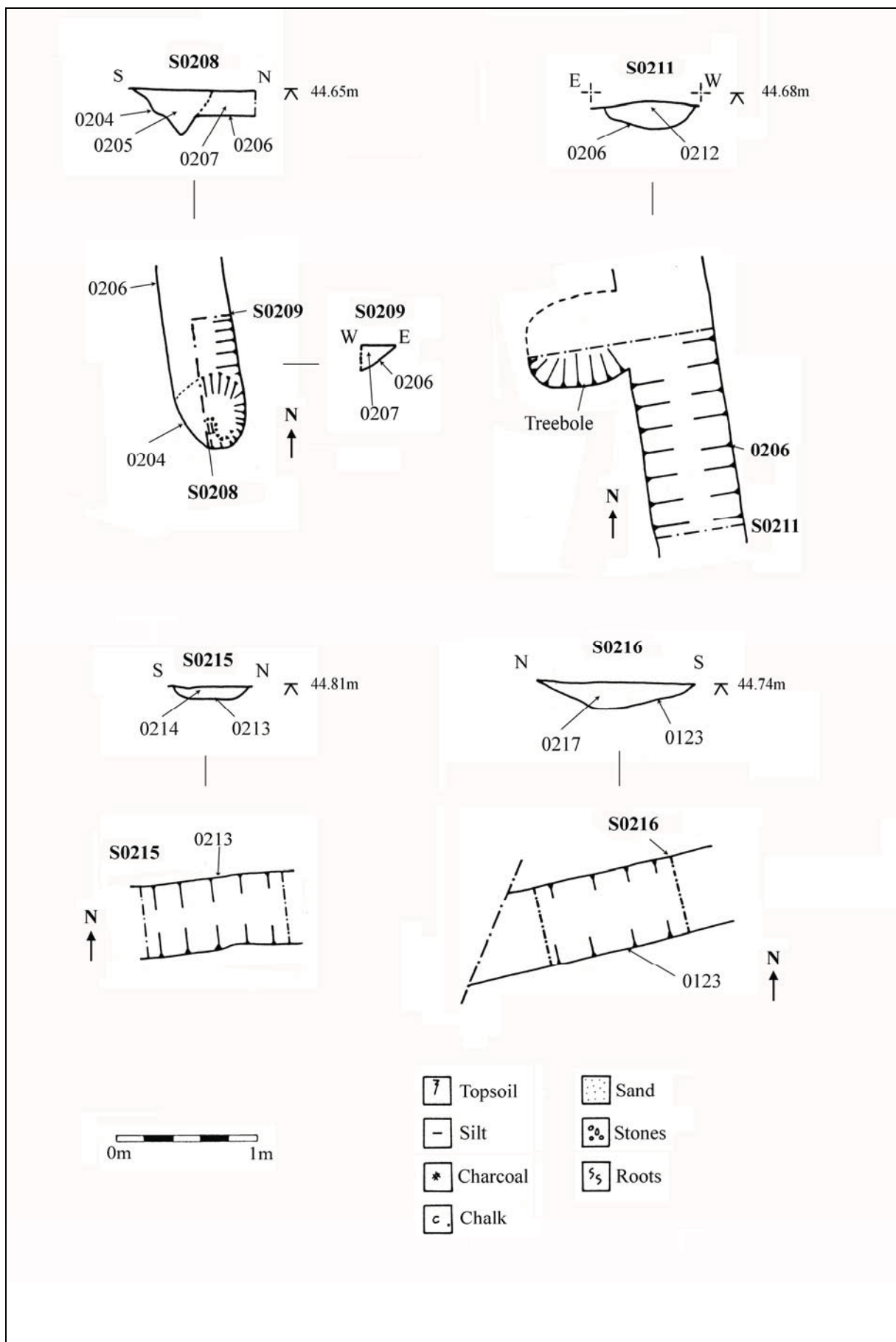


Figure 15. Area 01 plus south and west bunds plans and sections 4

### 4.3. Area 02 and west bund

(Figs. 16-29)

Area 02 was 1478sqm in size with the western bund measuring 244sqm. The removal of the thin topsoil, c.0.2m thick and a c.0.15m-0.25m layer of mixed mid brown/yellow sands exposed the natural subsoil of orange sand and flint with occasional outcrops of the underlying chalk. The felled trees on this area had been mature pines, which meant that the substantial stumps were left *in situ* to avoid causing additional damage to the site.

Of the three areas this had the greatest density of features and finds material, in two general clusters. To the south-west was a group of pits interspersed with linear features while to the north-east a series of parallel ditches ran along the edge of the site. Unstratified finds from the machining of the area, consisting of four sherds of mid 1st century date, were recorded using context 0134.

In the south-west corner were two short gullies, 0349 and 0352, which possibly formed a single right angled feature although the relationship between the two had been removed by a tree stump. Surface finds, consisting of three sherds of early/mid 1st century pottery were recovered from cleaning around the area of this tree stump and are probably from the upper fill, 0353, of ditch 0352. Section 0351 of 0349 showed the feature to be only 0.06m deep with a fill, 0350, of dark brown silt/sand with occasional flints and root disturbance. A single sherd of Late Iron Age pottery and fragments of animal bone were collected. Section 0354 of 0352 showed it to be more substantial, 0.65m wide and 0.3m deep with a mid/dark brown silt/sand fill, 0353.

Lying close to these gullies was a single isolated posthole, 0359, measuring 0.2m in diameter and 0.1m deep with moderate sloping sides and a concave base. Its fill, 0360, was a dark brown sand with charcoal.

0355 is an overall number issued to a possible set of double ditches, set within a linear hollow, infilled with a former occupation topsoil, which lay between two ridges of natural chalk. Aligned south to north the edges of the feature were very indistinct and partially removed by three tree stumps. To the north the hollow turned west for 5m before

apparently terminating under a fourth tree stump. A series of sections, 0356, 0362, 0363, 0364, 0377, 0387 and 0390 were placed across this feature group.

In the southernmost section, 0390, two parallel cuts were identified, 0375 and 0376. No relationship was visible between the two and both were infilled with a single basal deposit, 0381, a mid brown silt/sand with crushed chalk. Above this was 0391, a dark orange/brown sand, from which fifteen sherds of mid 1st century pottery and fragments of animal bone were recovered. Adjacent to the section was 0348, a circular spread of mid brown silt/sand with occasional flints infilling a shallow hollow which measured 1m by 1.5m and 0.06m deep.

In the next segment excavated to the north these separate cuts were no longer visible, now being numbered as 0380, a 1.2m wide and 0.4m deep cut. The opposing sections 0362 and 0363 were both recorded, with the two fills being numbered separately in each section. The basal fill, 0378/0385, was a 0.2m thick layer of mid grey/brown silt/sand with occasional chalk. Above this was 0379/0386, a mid orange/brown silt/sand with occasional chalk, varying from 0.06m to 0.4m thick. A single sherd of mid 1st century pottery was recovered from each fill. In the base of the segment, sealed under 0378/0385 was a possible posthole, 0383. Oval in plan it measured 0.64m by 0.36m and 0.11m deep and had steep sides and a flat base. Its fill, 0384, was a mid grey-brown silt/sand.

The next section to the north, 0377, identified three separate cuts, 0366, 0368 and 0370. 0366 is thought to be a continuation of 0375, and 0370 a continuation of 0376. 0366 was the earliest cut being heavily truncated by the other ditches. Its fill, 0367 was a pale yellow/brown chalk silt/sand with occasional flints which contained nine sherds of mid 1st century pottery and animal bone. Sealed beneath this fill was a posthole cut, 0373, 0.4m in diameter and 0.1m deep, the fill of which, 0374, was a mid grey/brown silt/sand with crushed chalk containing two further sherds of mid 1st century pottery and animal bone. 0368 lay on the eastern side of the section and was 0.4m wide, 0.55m deep with a fill, 0369, of mid grey/brown silt/sand and crushed chalk which contained fourteen sherds of mid 1st century pottery and animal bone. The latest ditch, 0377, lay on the western side of the section and measured 1.6m wide and 0.5m deep. Its basal fill, 0371, was a mid/dark grey/brown silt/sand with crushed chalk containing nineteen

sherds of mid 1st century pottery and animal bone. Above this was 0372, a mottled dark brown/orange/grey sand.

Section 0387 also showed ditches 0366 and 0370, the respective fills being 0389, a mid grey/brown sand with crushed chalk and 0388, a mixed mid/dark orange/brown sand with flints and frequent roots which contained ten sherds of mid 1st century pottery and animal bone. Section 0356, which was placed across where 0355 turned to head west, identified a possible terminus of ditch 0366, which was infilled with a pale yellow/brown silt/sand with dense broken chalk, 0358, containing three sherds of mid 1st century pottery and animal bone. The remainder of the section was infilled with 0357, a mix of mid brown/orange sands with a dense scatter of large flints and heavy root disturbance but didn't relate to any defined cut. Forty-four sherds of mid 1st century pottery and animal bone were recovered from this deposit which is thought to be the remnants of an occupation topsoil infilling the natural hollow and overlying 0366.

The final section across 0355, 0364, was placed across the east-west part of the feature. Again there was no clear cut and it was most likely an entirely natural hollow at this point, 1.5m wide and 0.4m deep. A possible terminus or posthole was seen on the east side of the section but had the same fill, 0365, of mid/dark orange/brown sands and frequent flints from which three sherds of Late Iron Age pottery and animal bone were collected. There was no indication of the grey chalk/silt defined ditch fills seen in other sections of 0355.

To the east of 0355 lay a loose scatter of pits or hollows. 0392 was a shallow hollow, rectangular in plan, measuring 2.3m by 0.6m and 0.1m deep. Although it was quite distinct on the surface it had no real depth and so was not recorded. It was infilled with the base of the former topsoil, a brown sand with occasional flints and roots, and contained a single sherd of Late Iron Age pottery.

0393 was a shallow oval pit or natural hollow measuring 1.57m by 0.59m and 0.26m deep. Aligned east-west it had irregular sides and base, with a possible smaller pit cut into its eastern side. Its fill, 0394, was a dark brown silt/sand with occasional flints.

0402 was a large oval pit, aligned north-west to south-east, measuring 2.2m by 0.9m and 0.29m deep. Quite shallow, with steep sloping sides and a flat base, its fill, 0403, was a mid brown sand with scattered flints and occasional root disturbance.

0404 and 0406 were a pair of intercutting pits, excavated in Section 0408. The area between the two was heavily disturbed so no relationship was visible. 0404 measured 0.72m by 0.64m and 0.24m deep with moderate sloping sides and a concave base. Its fill, 0405, was a mid orange/brown silt/sand with occasional flints and a thin lens of dark red/brown burnt sand at its surface. 0406 measured 0.8m by 0.72m and 0.32m deep and had a fill, 0407, of mid orange/brown silt/sand with occasional flints.

0429, 0431 and 0436 were a set of inter-cutting pits, excavated in Section 0438. 0429, heavily truncated by 0431 and so not visible from the surface, was a circular pit, measuring 0.8m diameter and 0.56m deep. Its fill, 0430, was a mid grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints. 0431 was oval in plan, measuring 1.56m by 1.41m and 0.6m deep with well defined steep sides and a concave base. Its basal fill, 0432, was a 0.08m thick layer of light yellow/brown silt/sand with occasional flints and chalk. Above this was 0433, a mid brown/grey silt/sand with occasional flints, 0.32m thick, from which a bulk environmental soil sample (SS 23) was taken. Over 0433 was 0434, a 0.3m thick layer of mid brown/grey silt/sand with occasional flints and then the final fill, 0435, a 0.13m thick layer of root disturbed mid brown/grey silt/sand with occasional flints. 0436 then cut the upper fills of 0431 and was a sub-rectangular pit, measuring 2.16m by 1.38m and 0.39m deep with steep sides and a concave base. Its fill, 0437, was a light orange/brown silt/sand with occasional flints.

0447 was a possible pit or treehole, irregular in plan, measuring 1.15m by 0.67m and 0.14m deep. Its fill, 0448, was a dark grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints.

Further pits in this loose cluster had relationships with three different ditches. Pit 0471 cut 0439, a short length of east-west aligned ditch, the relationship being seen in Section 0449. Oval in plan it measured 0.86m by 1.8m and 0.55m deep and had steep sides and a broadly flat base. Its fill, 0450, was an orange/brown silt/sand with a lens of blackened sand and occasional flints from which three sherds of Late Iron Age pottery were collected. The fill of 0439 in this section was 0451, a dark orange/brown sand. A second section, 0440, across 0439, showed the ditch to be 0.5m wide and 0.25m deep



with moderate sloping sides and an irregular base. Its fill, 0441, was a mid brown sand. In the western part of the section the cut deepened, possibly due to a separate underlying feature with a new fill, 0442, a dark grey sand with charcoal staining and frequent traces of burnt clay/daub. A single sherd of Late Iron Age pottery, pieces of CBM and slag were recovered collected from 0442.

0395 was an irregular linear gully, 0.64m wide and 0.18m deep, which ran north from the site edge, across the top of pit 0398, into pit/hollow 0419. Section 0397 was placed to see the relationship between 0395 and 0398 which was a sub-square pit with near vertical sides and a concave base measuring 1.4m wide and 0.58m deep. Its basal fill, 0399, was a 0.1m thick mid orange/brown silt/sand. Above this was 0400, a 0.22m thick dark brown/black silt/sand with occasional flints from which a bulk environmental sample (SS 21) was collected. The final fill, 0401, was a 0.34m thick mid orange/grey-brown silt/sand with occasional flints. 0401 was cut by 0395, which was infilled with 0396, a mid yellow/brown silt/sand with occasional flints.

A second section, 0417, across 0395 showed the feature to be 1m wide and filled with 0418, a mix of pale/mid grey sands. A third section, 0420, was excavated through pit 0419 into which ditch 0395 disappeared but no relationship was apparent. 0419 was a large, probably natural, oval hollow partially removed by a tree stump. Measuring 2m by 1.2m and 0.4m deep with steep sloping sides and a concave base its fill, 0421, was a mix of pale/mid grey sands.

A small pit, 0409, lay adjacent to 0395. Circular in plan it measured 0.26m in diameter and 0.07m deep. Steep-sided, with a concave base, it was excavated in Section 0412 and had a fill, 0410, of mid grey/brown silt/sand around a possible postpipe, 0411, of disturbed dark grey/brown/black silt/sand from which a bulk environmental sample (SS 22) was collected.

0426 was a pit cut by the northern edge of ditch 0422. Excavated in Section 0425 it measured 1.6m by 1.1m and 0.25m deep with moderate sloping sides and an irregular base. Its fill, 0427, was a mid grey/brown silt/sand with flints and root disturbance. The fill of 0422 in this section, 0428, was a light brown sand with scattered flints and root disturbance.

Ditch 0422 was a narrow east to west aligned gully, disappearing to the west under a tree stump while to the east it headed offsite before reappearing in the eastern half of the site. Section 0423 showed it to be 0.58m wide and 0.1m deep with a fill, 0424, of orange/brown sand/silt. Section 0443 was placed where 0422 cut across ditch 0413, here it measured 0.56m wide and 0.14m deep with a fill, 0444, of mid orange/brown silt/sand. To the east it cut across 0480 and 0566, a further section, 0530 being 0.79m wide and 0.17m deep with a fill, 0531, of mixed mid yellow/brown sands. Where it crossed the 0005/0520/0500 ditch series relationships were uncertain. On the surface however it seemed to cut 0005, 0500 and 0583 whilst being cut by 0520 and 0551.

0413, which was aligned north-east to south-west, was the final feature in this western group. Visible after the removal of only 0.15m of topsoil it measured 1.35m wide and 0.4m deep in section 0414 where its basal fill, 0416, of light brown silt/sand with occasional flints lay under 0415, a 0.13m thick brown/black silt/sand. A single sherd of Late Iron Age pottery was recovered from the section. In Section 0459 it measured 1.86m wide and 0.4m deep where its fill, 0460, was a mid brown silt/sand with scattered flints. Then in Section 0443, where it was cut by 0422, its basal fill was 0446, a mid brown/red silt/sand which underlaid 0445, a 0.6m wide and 0.58m deep layer of mid orange/brown silt/sand which contained a single sherd of Late Iron Age pottery and a thin layer of darker organic material. To the north the ditch grew indistinct and narrower due to machining truncation before ending at a junction with 0005, with which its relationship was unclear. Adjacent to the ditch and also excavated in Section 0459 was a small posthole, 0461, which measured 0.39m in diameter and 0.17m deep. Heavily disturbed by the adjacent tree its fill was a dark brown/black sand and charcoal.

In the northernmost part of the area, north of ditch 0005, were a few individual pits. 0003, originally thought to be a ditch instead appeared to be an elongated pit. Further excavated in Section 0478 it was 0.84m wide and 0.4m deep with a fill, 0479, of dark brown/black silt/sand mixed with mid brown silt/sand. 0452 was a heavily truncated oval pit, 0.42m by 0.63m and 0.06m deep, with a fill, 0453, of blackened silt/sand with occasional flints. 0454 was 0.57m in diameter and 0.17m deep, with a fill, 0455, of charcoal blackened sand and scattered flints from which a bulk environmental sample (SS 24) was collected. 0456 was a large oval pit, partially under the site edge, measuring 0.72m by 1.1m and 0.36m deep. Its fill, 0457, was a mid grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints and mixed areas of charcoal blackened sand from which twenty-



four sherds of early/mid 1st century pottery, animal bone and a bulk environmental sample (SS 25) were collected. 0462 measured 0.27m in diameter and 0.06m deep with a fill, 0463, of dark brown silt/sand. 0467 was a large pit, cut by 0005 but cutting 0472, measuring 1.4m in diameter and 0.44m deep. Its basal fill, 0468, was a mid grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints. Above this was 0469, a 0.38m thick layer of dark brown/black silt/sand from which five sherds of mid 1st century pottery, animal bone and a bulk environmental sample (SS 26) was collected. The final fill, 0470, was a mid grey/brown silt/sand. 0486, which cut 0005, was a circular pit, 0.7m diameter and 0.2m deep with a fill, 0487, of dark grey/brown silt/sand with scattered flints. 0484 was 0.52m in diameter and 0.15m deep with a fill, 0485, of dark brown/black silt/sand with a single sherd of early/mid 1st century pottery. 0490 was a large oval pit, partially under the site baulk, measuring 2.2m wide and 0.72m deep with steep sloping sides and a concave base. Its basal fill, 0493, was a mid grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints over which lay 0494, a mid grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints then 0495, a dark grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints. Next was 0496, a mid orange/brown silt/sand/clay with occasional flints from which a single sherd of Late Iron Age and a bulk environmental sample (SS 28) was collected, then 0497, a mid red/brown silt/sand with occasional flints. The final fill was 0498, a light grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints.

The eastern half of the area was dominated by a series of north-west to south-east aligned ditches, originally identified in evaluation Trenches 02 and 03, which probably represent a single shifting boundary. The southernmost, and clearest, of these ditches was 0005. To the north, in section 0464, its relationship with 0413 was unclear, both having fills, 0465 and 0466, of light/mid grey/brown silt/sand. Then in Section 0475 it was seen to be 1.04m wide and 0.18m deep with a fill, 0476, of orange/grey silt/sand with occasional flints. In Section 0489 its fill, 0488, was a mid brown silt/sand with occasional flints. Further to the south-east it then ran parallel and adjacent to ditch 0520, as shown by Sections 0512, 0513, 0523 and 0524 where its fills, 0545, 0522 and 0541 were mixed orange/brown silt/sands with occasional flints.

Adjacent to 0005 to the north was 0472, a curvilinear gully which was cut by pit 0467 and excavated in Sections 0473, 0477 and 0483. Measuring 0.62m wide and 0.24m deep its fill in Section 0473 was 0474, a dark brown/black silt/sand. In 0483 its fill, 0458,

was a mid orange/brown silt/sand which contained eight sherds of Late Iron Age pottery.

Ditch 0520 lay immediately to the north of 0005 and terminated to the north-west, probably as 0507 in Section 0511 where its fill, 0508, was a mid grey/brown silt/sand from which forty sherds of early/mid 1st century pottery, animal bone and a bulk environmental soil sample (SS 29) were collected. A further adjacent section, 0529, showed a lower fill, 0544, that was probably the same as 0508, being a light brown sand with iron panning and traces of burnt clay containing twenty sherds of early/mid first century pottery. This underlaid 0543, a dark grey sand with scattered flints and tree root disturbance. Pit 0509 then lay immediately next to this terminus, measuring 0.6m in diameter and 0.24m deep with a fill, 0510, of light grey/brown silt/sand from which a single sherd of Late Iron Age/early Roman pottery and a bulk environmental sample (SS 30) were collected.

To the south-east 0520 was then partially seen in Section 0512 where its fill was 0546, a light brown sand and chalk with scattered flints and Section 0513 where its fill, 0514, was a mixed mid grey/brown sand before being fully sectioned in 0523 and 0524. In Sections 0512 and 0524 a large possible pit, heavily disturbed by the adjacent tree stump was seen above the north side of 0520, measuring 0.94m wide and 0.34m deep. In Section 0513 its fill was 0515, a dark grey/brown sand with occasional charcoal, fired and unfired clay and nine sherds of mid 1st pottery. In Section 0512 it had three fills overlying 0546, the basal layer, 0547, being a 0.2m thick mix of yellow/brown sands with fired and unfired clay and some charcoal which was bulk sampled (SS 31). Above this was 0548, a dark brown/black sand with clay and charcoal and then 0549, a mixed orange/brown silt/sand. In Section 0524, the mid orange/brown/grey silt/sand fill, 0542, of 0520 was cut by both 0005 to the south and pit 0525 to the north. The basal fill of 0525 was 0526, a mid orange/brown silt/sand with occasional flint sand two sherds of mid 1st century pottery. Above this was 0527, a dark grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flint and burnt clay/daub and then 0528, a mid orange/brown silt/sand with occasional flints. Section 0523 simply showed 0005 and 0520 as adjacent to each other, the latter having a fill, 0521, of grey/brown silt/sand with occasional chalk and flints.

Parallel to 0502, and starting just to the north of its north-western terminus was 0505/0532, a narrow gully measuring 0.47m wide and 0.09m deep that was in part totally removed during machining. The fill of 0505 was 0506, a light grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints. A similar fill, 0533 was also seen in the terminus section 0540 of 0532. Three small postholes, 0534, 0536 and 0538 cut 0532 with their respective fills being 0535, a mid grey/brown silt/sand, 0537, a dark grey/black silt/sand and 0539, a mid grey/brown/black silt/sand which contained five sherds of mid 1st century pottery.

0500 was the northernmost cut of the ditch series. To the north it lay adjacent to gully 0502 which separated it from 0532 and 0520, both terminating at the same point. Section 0504 was placed across the two and showed 0500 to be 0.8m wide and 0.18m deep and 0502 as 0.4m wide and 0.1m deep. They had identical fills, 0501 and 0503 respectively, of grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints, the latter containing a single sherd of early/mid 1st century pottery.

The three main ditches, 0005, 0500 and 0520 all then continued south where they were next excavated in Section 0575, of which both sides were recorded. Following the removal of a homogenous layer, 0576, of orange/brown silt/sand which covered all the features, the three ditches were seen to be adjacent each other with no intercutting relationships. On the eastern side of the section two circular pit cuts were also identified under 0576. 0569, which measured 1.47m in diameter and 0.6m deep lay over 0005 while 0570, 1.4m wide and 0.57m deep lay across 0500. No relationships were visible and a single fill number, 0571, was issued to the grey/brown silt/sand with chalk and scattered flint which infilled each feature cut below 0576.

Another section across the ditch series, 0595, again showed a uniform upper fill, 0596, of mixed dark grey/orange silt/sands with frequent flint overlying 0005, 0500 and 0520. Under this, infilling each ditch cut which merged into an indistinguishable whole, was a mix of grey sands and chalk, 0597.

Section 0550 again showed 0005 and 0520 as adjacent, with fills, 0554 and 0555 respectively. 0554 was a mid orange/red/brown silt/sand with occasional flints, 0555 a dark grey/orange/brown silt/sand with occasional flints. A new ditch cut, 0551, was then identified between 0520 and 0500. Measuring 0.31m wide and 0.06m deep it had a fill, 0552, of mid orange/brown silt/sand with occasional flints. 0500 then lay separate to the

north and was infilled with 0556, also a mid orange/brown silt/sand with occasional flints.

0551 continued south-east between the larger ditches, cutting across 0583 before terminating in Section 0591. Here it measured 0.5m wide and 0.1m deep with a fill, 0592, of dark brown/black silt/sand.

A section was placed across 0500 where it passed a circular pit, 0578. This pit was 0.3m wide and 0.2m deep, with a fill, 0579, of dark grey/brown silt/sand. No clear relationship was visible between this pit and the mid brown sand fill, 0580, of 0500.

A final section across the ditch series, 0585, again showed 0500 and its fill of mid orange/grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints, 0590 to be lying separate from the rest. 0005, which was infilled with 0588, a mid orange/brown silt/sand with occasional flints and lenses of charcoal, cut 0589, the mid orange/grey/brown silt/sand fill of 0520. 0005 also cut 0586, a 0.74m wide and 0.42m deep ditch which appeared for a short distance to be lying on its southern side. The fill of this ditch, 0587, was a mid orange/grey/brown silt/sand.

Separate from the main ditch group of 0005/0500/0520 but parallel to it was 0480, a linear gully partially removed during surface cleaning. Excavated in Sections 0481, 0491 and 0518 it measured 0.5m-7m wide and 0.18m deep. In Section 0481 its fill, 0482, was a mix of orange/grey/black silt/sands and scattered flints containing fragments of fired clay. In Section 0491 its basal fill, 0499, was a grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints over which was 0492, a dark grey/black silt/sand with charcoal and occasional flints which was bulk sampled (SS 27). In 0518 its fill, 0519, was a light brown sand with darker bands and patches of blackened sand which contained thirty-six sherds of Late Iron Age pottery and animal bone. Cut by ditch 0422 it itself cut 0566, a north to south aligned ditch which faded into a natural channel to the north, excavated in Sections 0516, 0568 and 0581. Averaging 1m wide and 0.3m-0.5m deep its fills, 0517, 0567 and 0582, were a mix of mid orange/brown sands. A single sherd of Late Iron Age pottery was collected from 0567, and twenty-three sherds of early/mid 1st century pottery from 0582.

0560 was a linear ditch, aligned roughly north to south, passing across the main ditch series although the only relationship was in Section 0550 where its fill, 0553, a light brown silt/sand with occasional flints, was cut by 0005. An initial section showed it to be 0.65m wide and 0.12m deep with a fill, 0561, of mid grey/brown silt/sand. A second section, 0565, had a similar size and fill. A final section, 0562, was placed across the intersection with 0558. No relationship between the two was visible but a pit, 0563, was identified under them measuring 0.7m by 0.44m and 0.06m deep with a fill, 0564, of dark grey/black silt/sand. 0558 was then excavated in Section 0557 and was 1.35m wide and 0.17m deep with a fill, 0559, of mid grey/brown silt/sand with scattered flints and iron panning.

Finally two large, shallow, pits lay in the south-east corner of the area, 0573 and 0593. 0573 was excavated in Section 0572 and was seen to cut ditch 0583. Measuring 2.5m by 1m it had gently sloping sides, an irregular concave base and a fill, 0574, of grey/black silt/sand from which nine sherds of early/mid 1st century pottery, animal bone and a bulk environmental soil sample (SS 32) were collected. 0583 was a north to south aligned gully which could be seen to underlie the 0005/0500/0520 ditch series. It measured 0.2m wide and 0.05m deep and had a fill, 0584, of mid brown sand. No section of the feature was recorded.

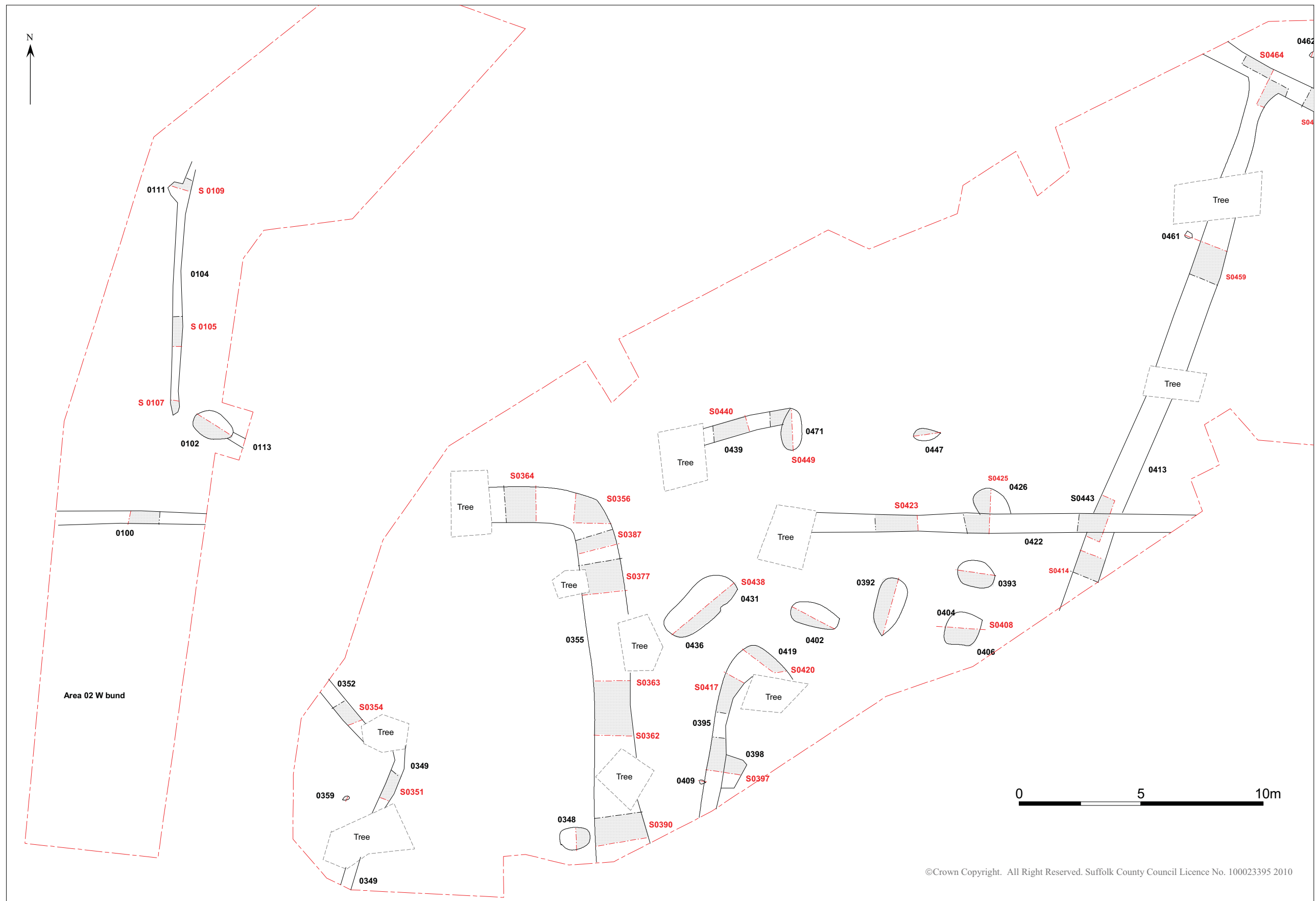
0593 lay partially under the site edge but was a sub-rectangular pit, measuring 1.7m long and up to 0.42m deep. Steep-sided with a flat base it had a fill, 0594, of mixed mid-dark yellow/brown sands with charcoal from which nineteen sherds of early/mid 1st century pottery and a bulk environmental soil sample (SS 33) were collected.

Several features were also identified in the western bund area. 0100 was a narrow ditch or gully, aligned east-west, measuring 0.6m wide and 0.14m deep with gentle sloping sides and a concave base. Its fill, 0101, was a mid orange/brown sand.

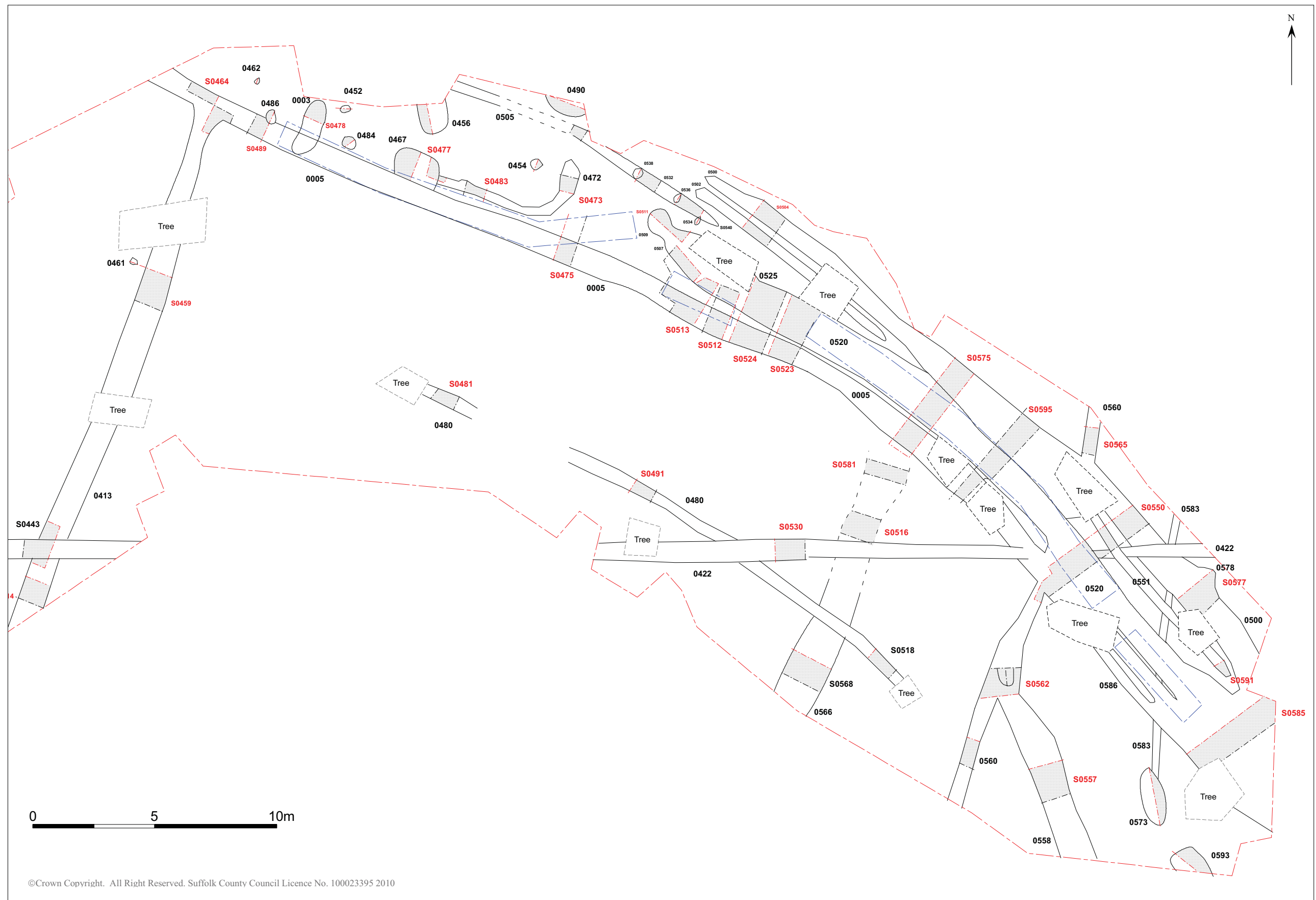
0102 was a large irregular pit, possibly formed from two or three separate, but indistinguishable, cuts. Measuring c.1.6m in diameter and 0.5m deep it was 100% excavated, its fill being a dark brown sand and flints becoming paler towards its base and sides with inclusions of chalk from initial slumping. A bulk environmental sample (SS 2) was taken of the deposit and forty-three sherds of Late Iron Age/Early Roman pottery, together with a small quantity of animal bone, was collected. This pit also had

an uncertain relationship with a possible gully, 0113, a short length of which was visible between the feature and the site edge. Measuring 0.5m wide and deep, with irregular sides, its fill, 0114, was a dark brown silt/sand and occasional flints.

0104 was a 10m length of linear gully, aligned north to south, which ended in a defined terminus to the south in Section 0107, but faded away to the north due to probable truncation. Excavated in Sections 0105, 0107 and 0109, it was 0.4m wide and 0.2m deep, with moderate sloping sides and a concave base. The respective fills, 0106, 0108 and 0110, were a mid/dark brown sand. Twenty-one sherds of Late Iron Age/Early Roman pottery and a bulk environmental sample (SS 1) were collected from 0106. Also in Section 0109, lying on the ditches western side, was a small pit, 0111, measuring 0.3m wide and 0.1m deep. Its fill, 0112, was also a dark brown sand and no relationship was visible between the two features.









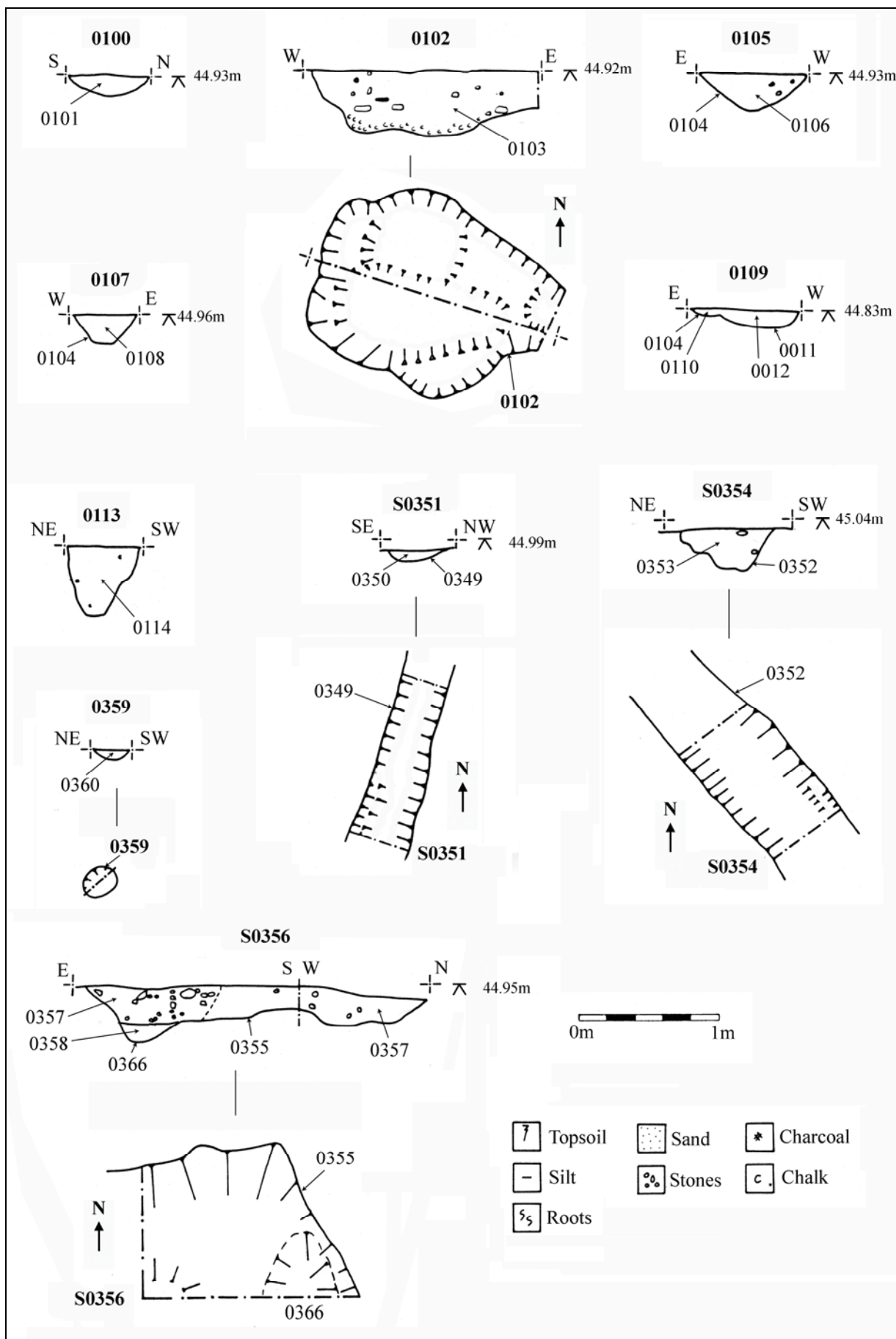


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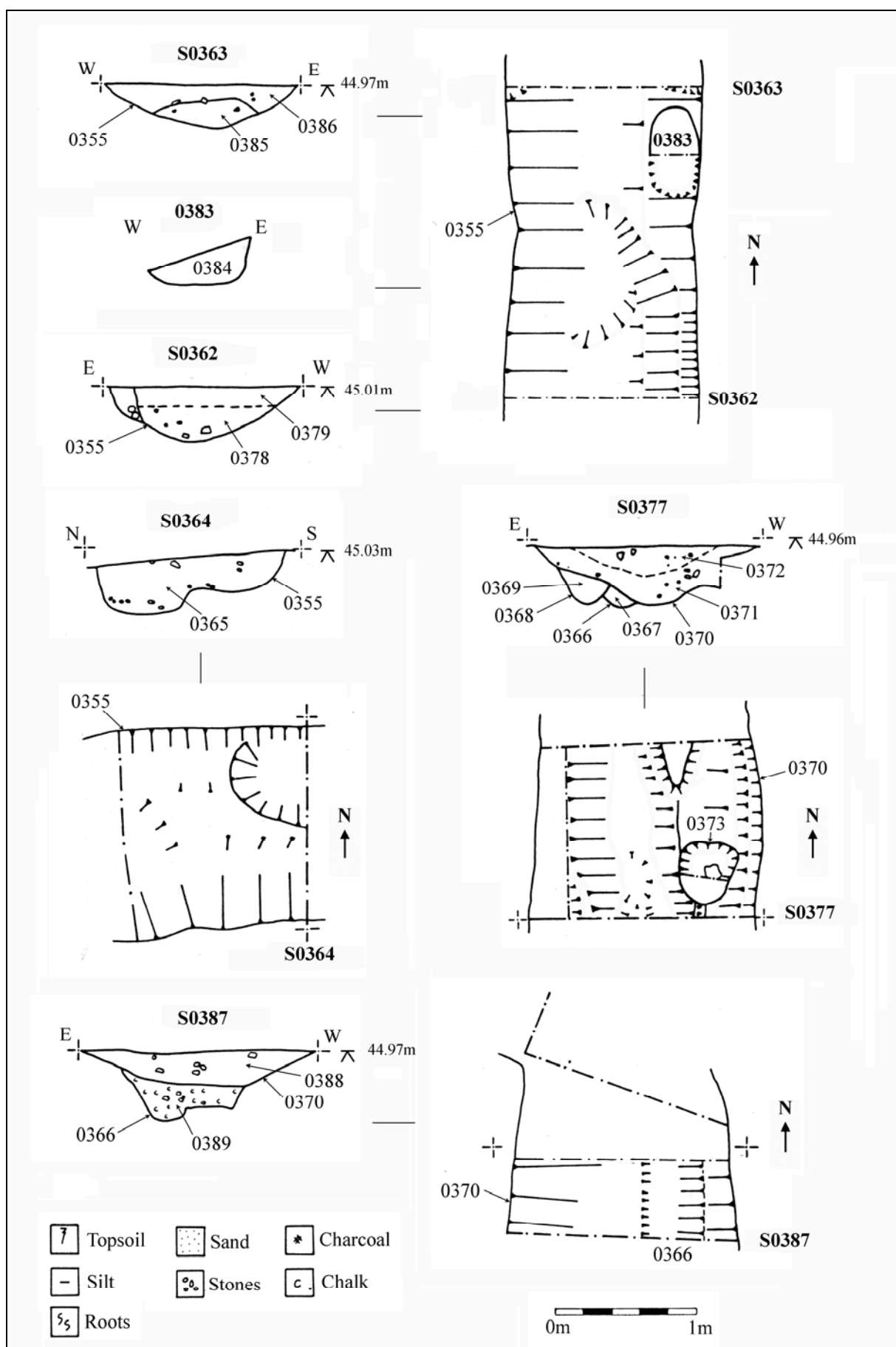


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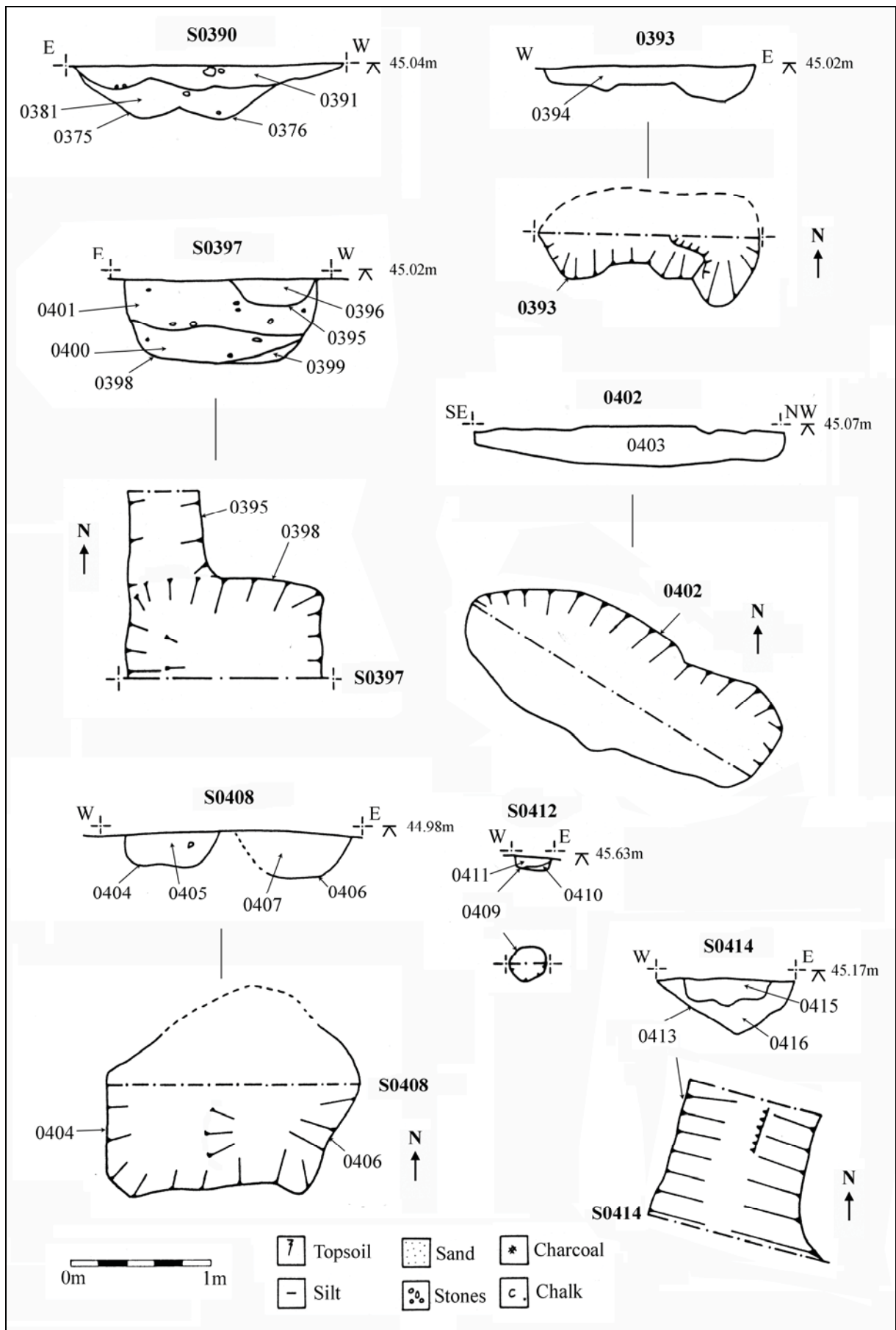


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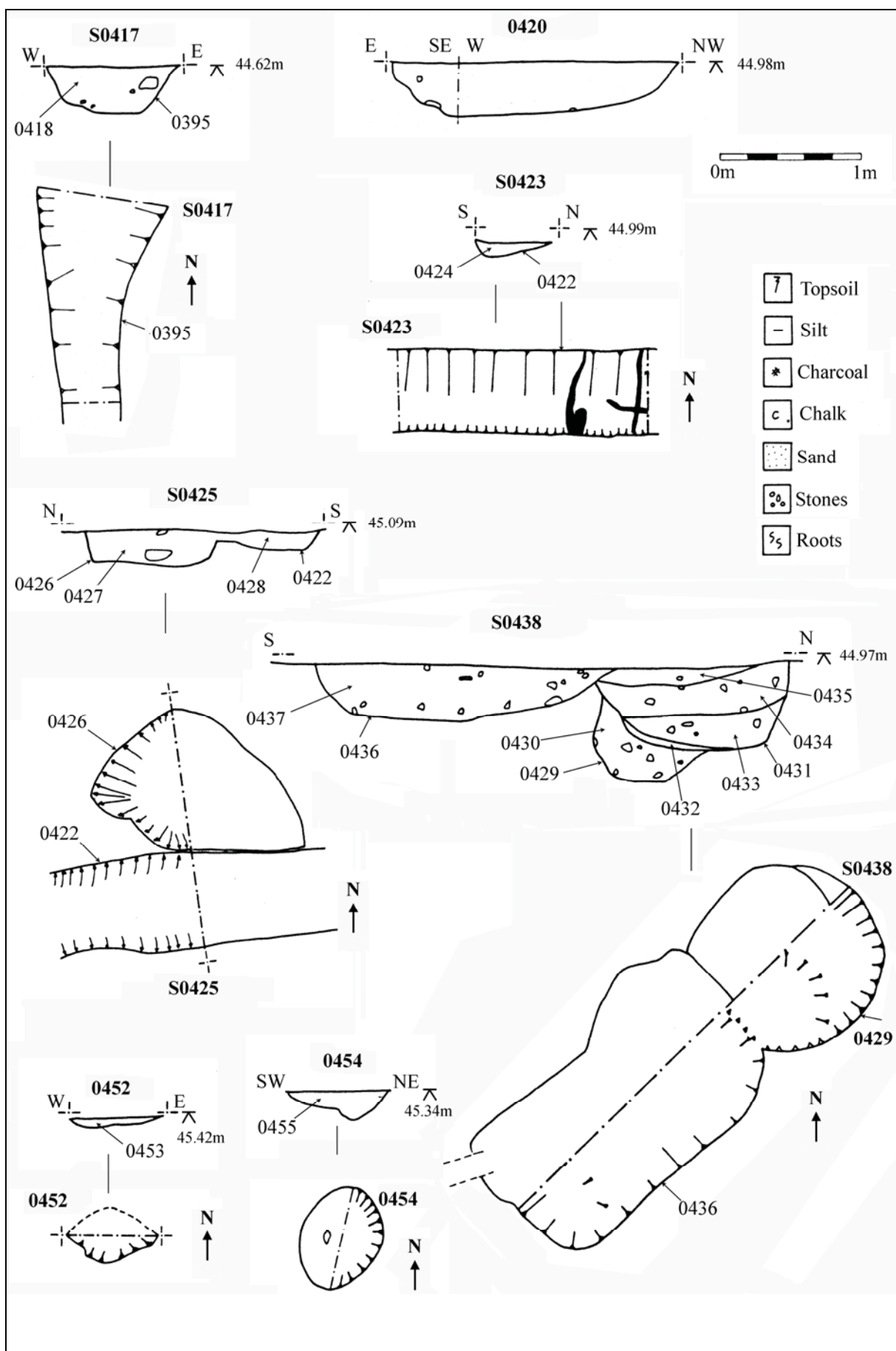


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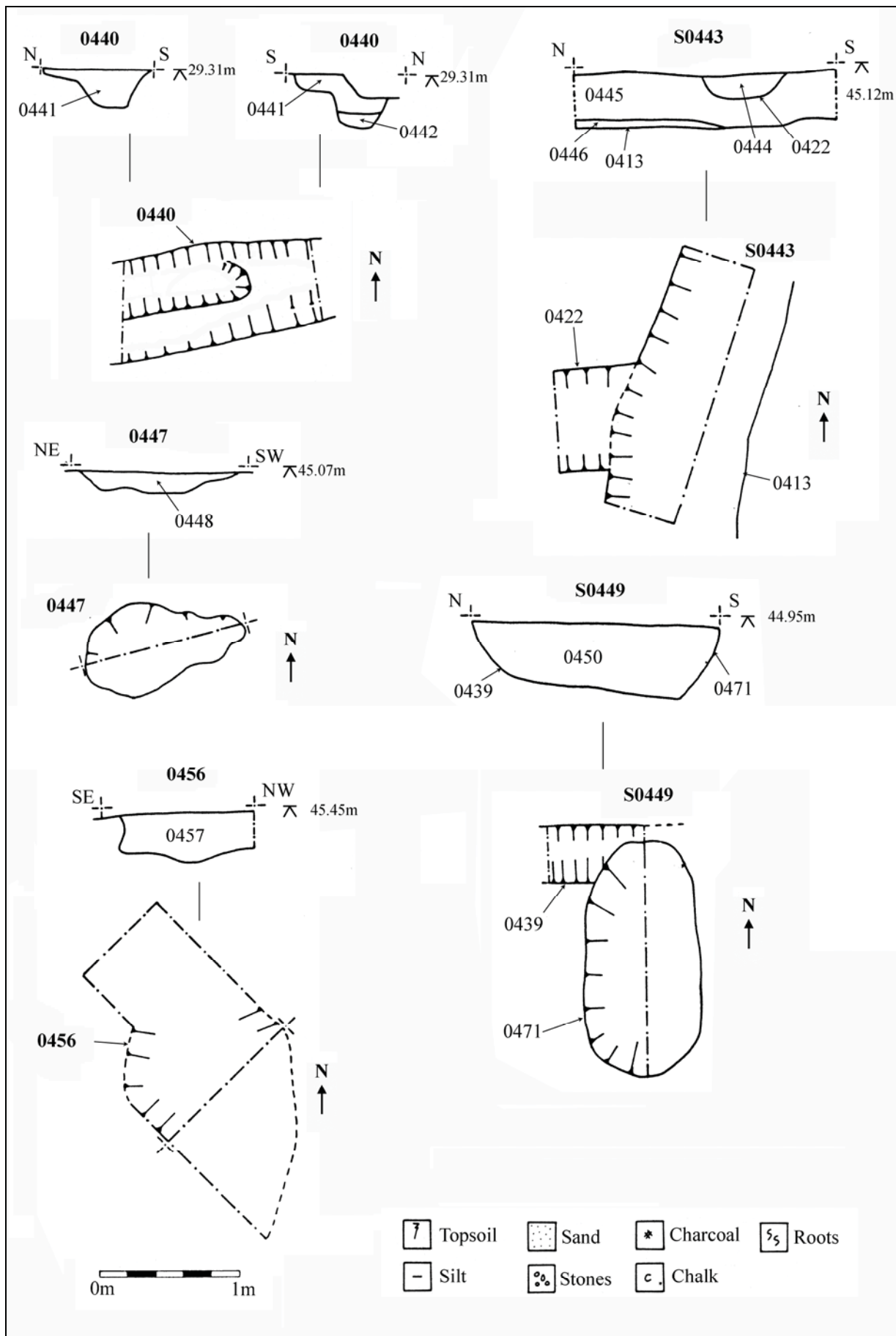


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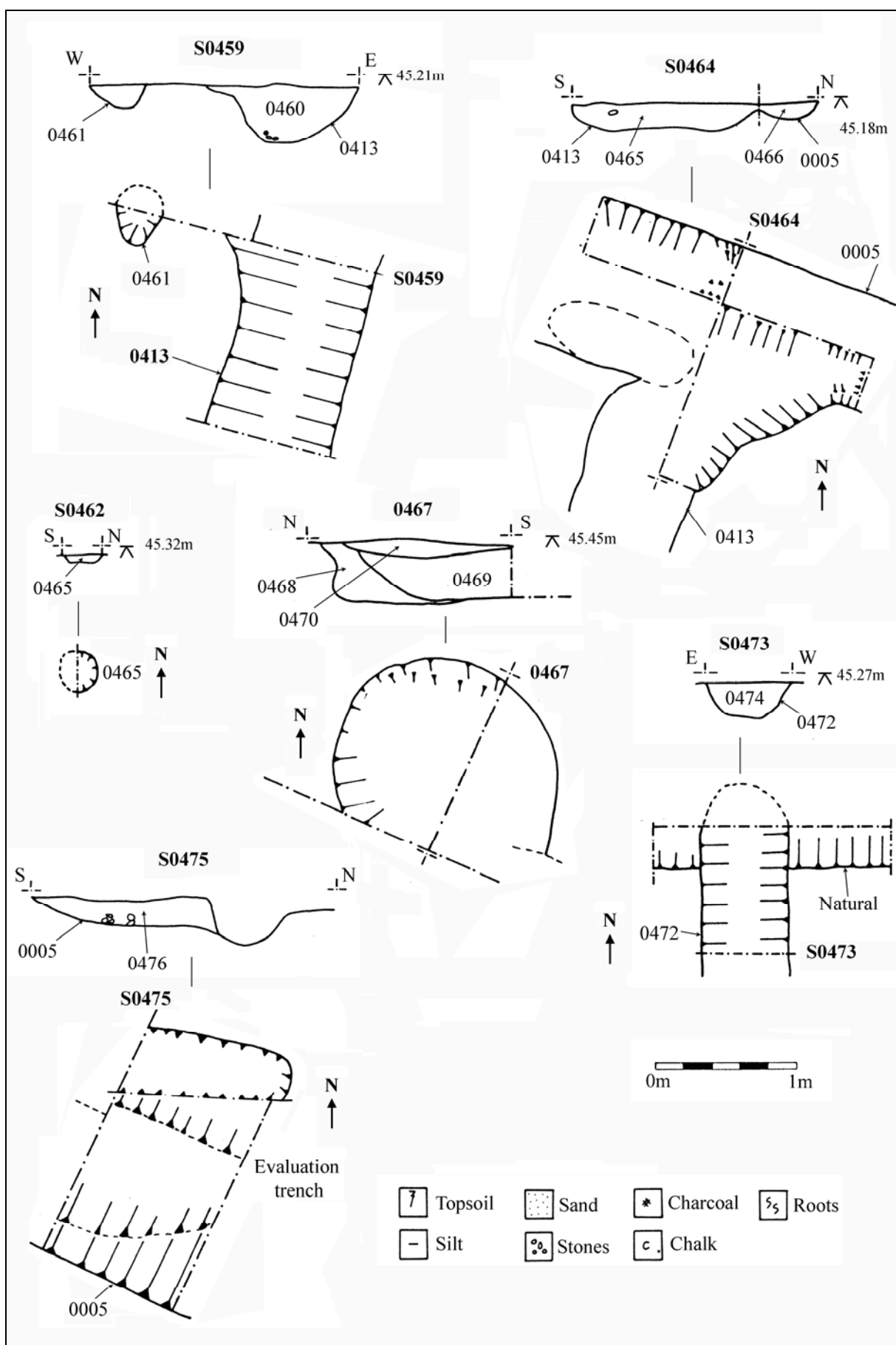


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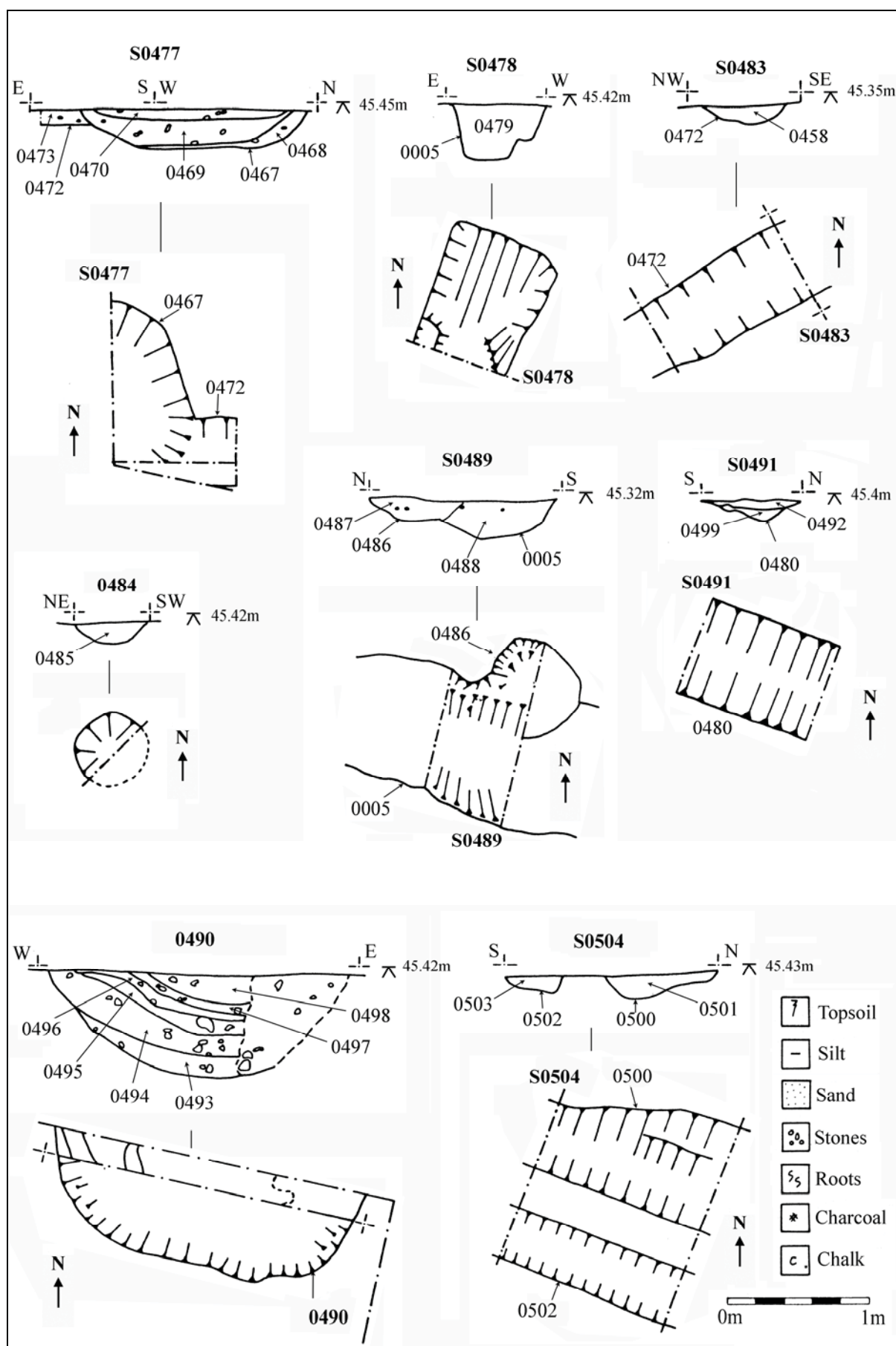


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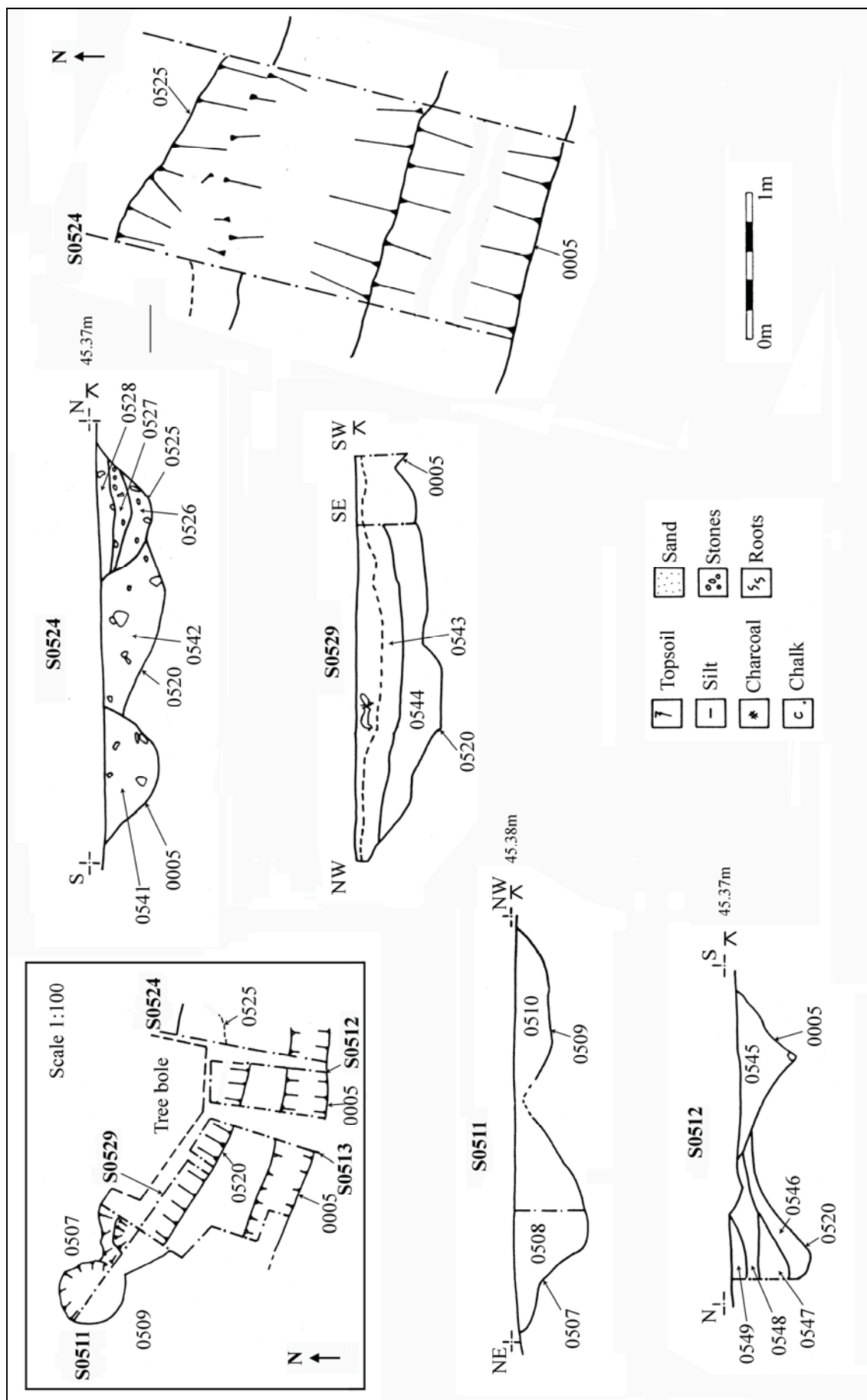


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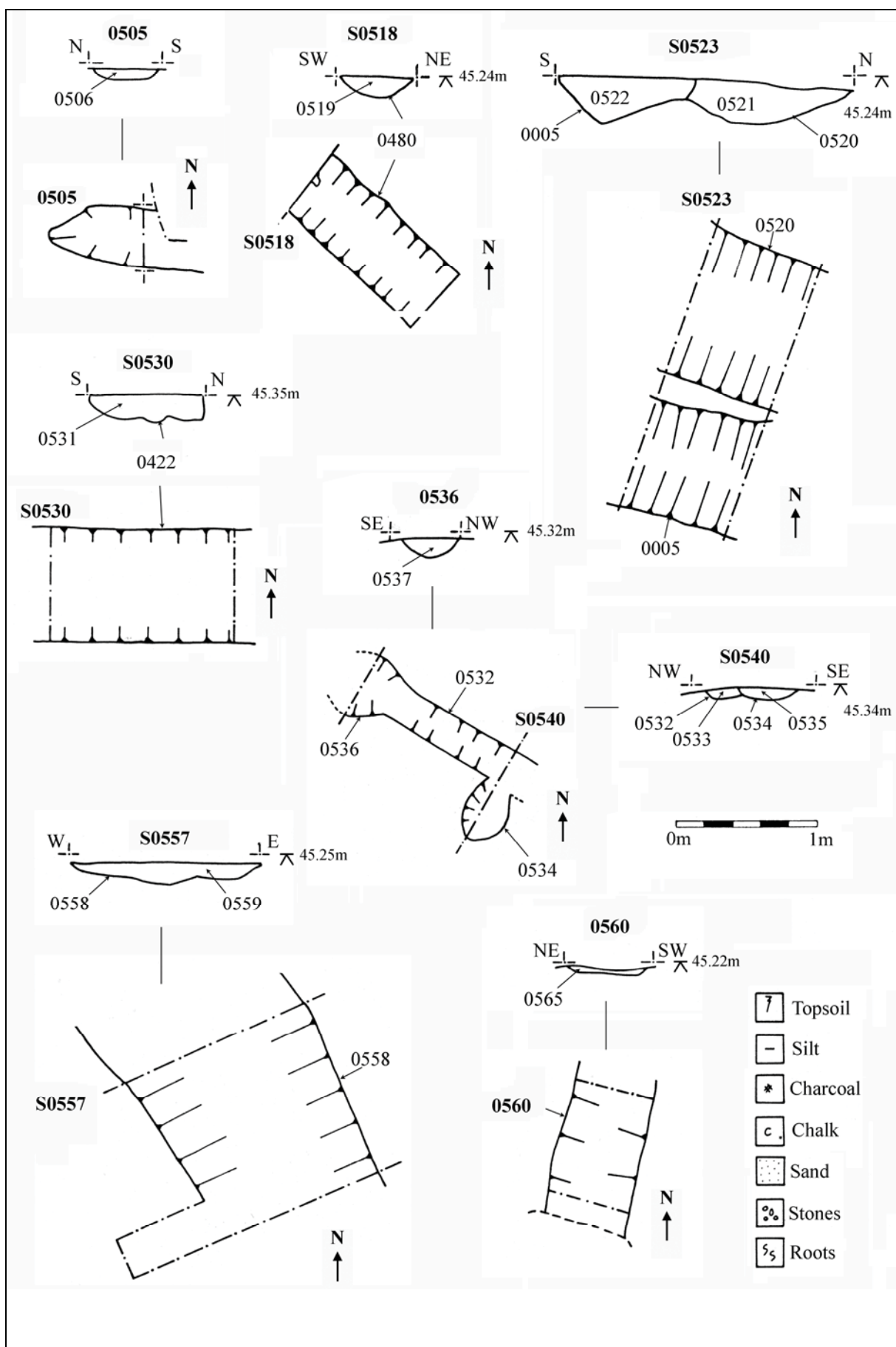


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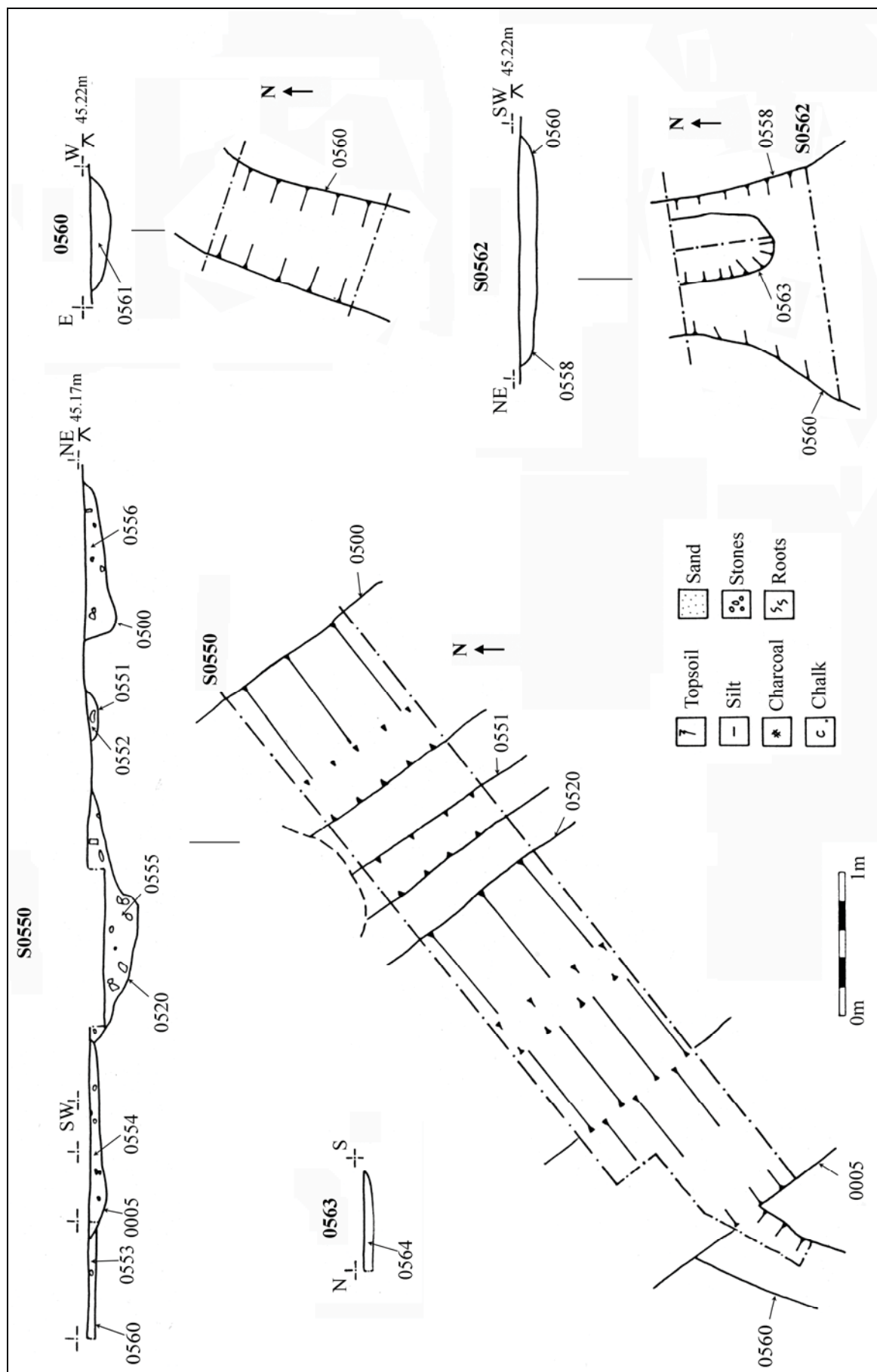


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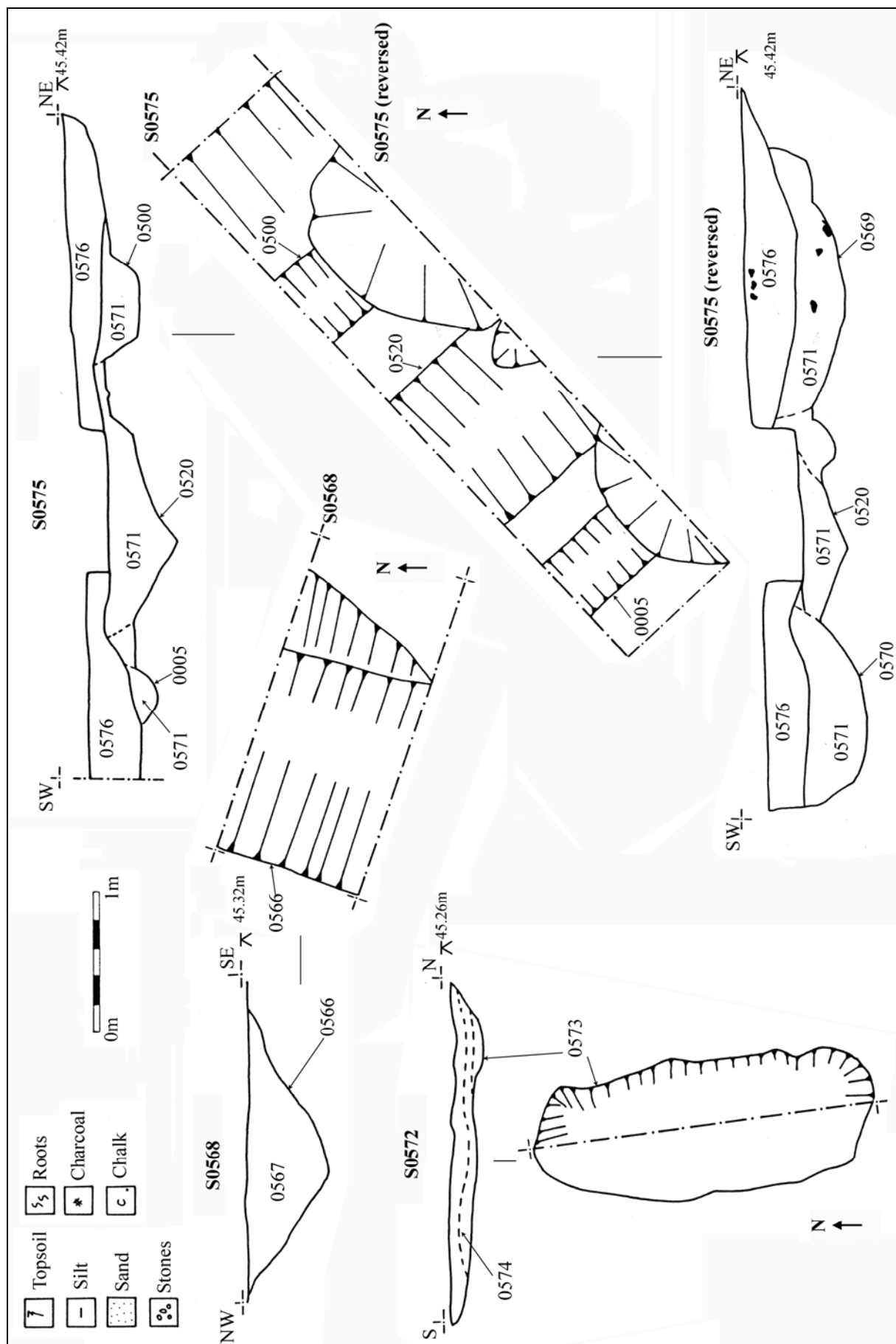


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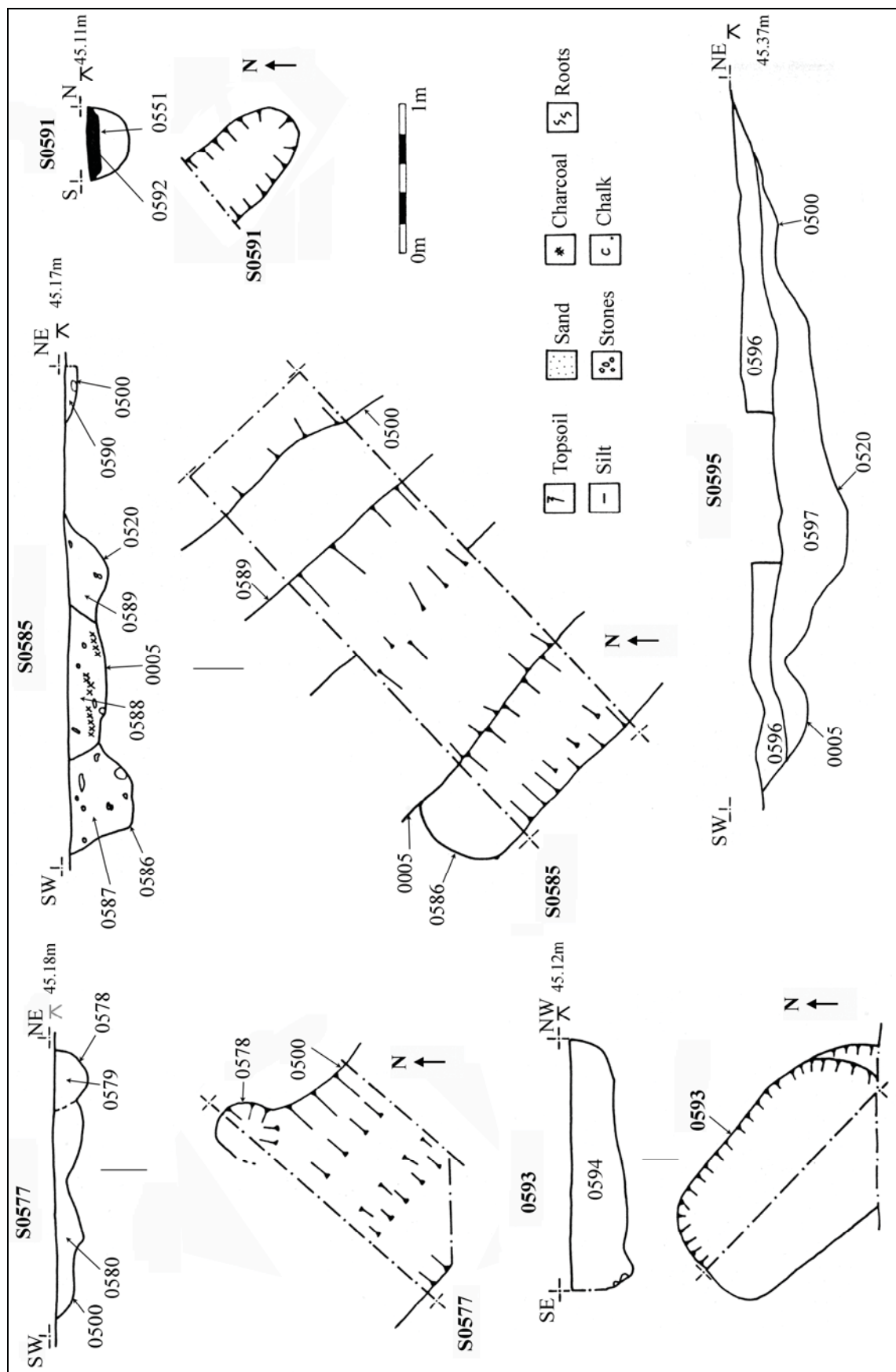


Figure 29. Area 02 plans and sections 12

#### 4.4. Area 03 and west bund

(Figs. 30 - 35)

Area 03 was 1438sqm in size with its west bund measuring 86sqm. The removal of the thin topsoil, c.0.2m thick and a c.0.15m-0.25m layer of mixed mid brown/yellow sands exposed the natural subsoil of orange sand and flint with occasional outcrops of the underlying chalk. Again the felled trees had been mature pines which meant the substantial stumps were left *in situ* to avoid causing additional damage to the site.

Features were again widely scattered across the area, albeit more densely than in Area 01, and consisted of a series of ditches, predominantly in the north-west and north-east parts of the site, and occasional pits and postholes mainly in the centre. A terminus to one of the ditches was recorded in the west bund area. Unstratified finds, consisting of nine sherds of early/mid 1st century date, were recorded using context 0247.

Features in the eastern part of the site principally consisted of a series of undated ditches, 0224, 0221/0235, 0227 and 0237. 0224 was aligned north-east to south-west and faded away in both directions, to the south becoming intermittent as it passed over chalk outcrops and probably continuing as 0267. It was excavated in two sections; in 0226 it was 0.67m wide and 0.17m deep with a fill, 0225, of mid brown sand with occasional flints and in 0230 it was 0.73m wide and 0.29m deep, with a fill, 0231, of light-mid brown silt/sands with occasional flints and tree root disturbance. In Section 0269 of 0267 it was 0.45m wide and 0.12m deep with moderate sloping sides, an undulating base and a fill, 0268, of mid grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints and root disturbance. 0224 was cut by ditch 0237, a relationship which was visible in Section 0240, hinting that it may belong to a later network of ditches. In this section 0224 was 0.66m wide and 0.06m deep with a fill, 0238, of light brown silt/sand with occasional flints while 0237 was 0.4m wide and 0.2m deep with a fill, 0239, of mid brown silt/sand with occasional flints. Adjacent to 0224 was a single oval posthole, 0242, which measured 0.7m by 0.55m and 0.35m deep. Possibly a natural sinkhole, its fill, 0220, was a light brown sand with occasional flints.

0221/0235 ran parallel to 0224 some 3m to the north-west, again fading away to the north but crossing 0227 to the south. In Section 0222 it was 0.95m wide and 0.22m deep with a flat base, moderate sloping sides and a fill, 0223, of pale brown silt/sand with

occasional flints from which a bulk environmental soil sample was collected (SS9). A further section, 0234, was placed across the ditch where, as 0235, it was met by 0233, a short length of ditch measuring 0.7m wide and 0.2m deep. The fill of both features in the section, 0236 and 0234 respectively, was a mid/dark brown/orange sand and scattered flints. No relationship was visible in Section 0241 where it crossed 0227.

0227 lay further to the north-west, on a similar but not parallel alignment to 0224 and 0221/0235. A narrow gully, it faded away to the north while to the south it ran into ditch 0237. In Section 0229 it was 0.47m wide and 0.2m deep with a fill, 0228, of mid orange/brown silt/sand with occasional flints and root disturbance. In Section 0250, placed at the junction with 0237, there was no visible relationship between the two, although it was thought that 0227 might corner and head west alongside 0237. Here 0227 was 0.2m wide and 0.1m deep with a fill, 0256, of mid brown silt/sand with occasional flints.

0237 was aligned north-west to south-east, crossing the course of the other ditches and probably continued as 0324 in the western part of the site. In Section 0248 it was 0.35m deep with a fill, 0249, of mid yellow/brown silt/sand with grey/brown mottling, occasional flints and root disturbance from which a bulk environmental soil sample was collected (SS11). In Section 0250 it was 1m wide and 0.4m deep with a fill, 0255, of mid brown silt/sand with occasional flints.

On the edge of the site 0237 lay adjacent to an uncertain partially visible feature, 0244, and both were investigated in Section 0243. Here the fill of 0237 was 0246, a mid/dark brown/orange sand with scattered flints and frequent root disturbance while 0244 was infilled with 0245, a dark brown sand/silt with occasional flints and root disturbance which contained two sherds of early/mid 1st century pottery.

Features in the central part of the excavation area consisted of two clusters of pits, three short lengths of ditches and a few scattered pits and postholes.

0251 was an oval pit, adjacent to ditch 0253. Measuring 0.4m by 0.67m and 0.18m deep it had moderate-steep sides and a concave base. Its fill, 0252, was a dark brown silt/sand, lighter and mixed towards base and with frequent flints towards the surface. 0253 was a linear ditch, aligned north-east to south-west, which extended from the

southern site edge and terminated to the north. A section was placed across the ditch where it passed by pit 0251 which showed it to be 0.63m wide and 0.16m deep, with gentle-moderate sloping sides and an irregular base. Its fill, 0254, was a light-mid brown sand with occasional flints from which a bulk environmental soil sample was collected (SS 10).

0257 was a circular posthole, excavated in section 0259, lying 1m to the north-west of 0253. Measuring 0.38m in diameter and 0.28m deep it had a fill, 0258, of mid yellow/brown silt/sand with occasional flints and root disturbance.

0260 was a linear ditch, aligned north-west to south-east, which extended from the southern site edge and terminated to the north. In Section 0262 it was 0.6m wide and 0.18m deep, with a fill, 0261, of mid brown silt/clay with occasional flints. A further section, 0263, was placed at the ditch terminus which showed a similar fill.

0264 was an irregular circular pit, measuring 0.8m diameter and 0.27m deep, adjacent to ditch 0267. Excavated in Section 0266 it had a fill, 0265, of dark grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints and frequent root disturbance.

0270, 0272, 0274 and 0304 formed one of the small pit groups in the central part of the site. Excavated in Section 0282, 0270 was a circular posthole, 0.75m in diameter and 0.17m deep, with moderate sloping sides and concave base. Its fill, 0271, was a dark brown sand with occasional flints from which a bulk environmental soil sample was collected (SS 12). 0272 was an oval pit to the north-west of 0270 and also seen in section 0282. Measuring 1.48m by 0.75m and 0.47m deep it had steep sides and a flat base with a fill, 0273/0275, of mixed light-mid brown silt/sand with occasional flints from which a bulk environmental sample (SS 13) and twenty-two sherds of early/mid 1st century pottery was collected. 0274 lay to the south of 0270 and was also seen in Section 0282. An oval pit, measuring 0.74m by 0.47m and 0.13m deep it had a fill, 0301, of mixed mid-dark brown sand with occasional flints. 0304 was a circular pit, measuring 0.5m diameter and 0.09m deep which had been heavily truncated. Its fill, 0305, was a mid brown silt/sand with occasional flints.

0280 was an isolated, small, irregular oval pit measuring 0.6m by 0.4m and 0.2m deep with steep sides and a concave base. Its fill, 0281, was a mid/dark grey/brown sand.



0283 was a linear ditch, aligned north to south, which was visible for c.10m before fading away to the south and running under a tree stump to the north. In Section 0284 it was 0.4m wide and 0.2m deep, with irregular sides and base and heavy root damage on the eastern side. The main fill, 0286, was a mix of mid grey/brown sands above which lay a lens of charcoal blackened sand, 0285, which was 0.1m thick. A bulk environmental sample was collected from the latter (SS 17). In Section 0287 it was 0.4m wide, 0.3m deep with steep sides and a flat base. Its fill, 0288, was a mix of mid grey/brown sands and some root disturbance.

The second pit group in the central area consisted of three intercutting pits, 0291, 0293 and 0295, excavated in Section 0298, plus features 0276, 0278, 0289 and 0302. 0291, was heavily truncated by both 0293 and 0295 and was only seen in section, being 0.35m deep. Its fill, 0292, was a mid grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints and root disturbance. 0293 was an irregular oval pit on the south side of 0291 measuring 1.55m by 1.3m and 0.3m deep. It had moderate sloping sides and a flat base with a fill, 0294, of mid yellow/brown silt/clay with occasional flints and frequent root disturbance. 0295 lay on the north side of 0291 and was an irregular oval pit, measuring 1.55m by 1.3m and 0.3m deep with moderate sloping sides and an uneven base. Its basal fill, 0296, was a mid grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints and root disturbance. Above this was 0297, a yellow/brown silt/sand with occasional flints and root disturbance from which a single sherd of Late Iron Age pottery was collected.

0276 was a large oval pit, measuring 1.4m by 1.1m and 0.34m deep. Steep-sided with a concave base, it was truncated on its western side by 0278. Its fill, 0277, was a mid brown silt/sand with occasional flints from which a bulk environmental sample was collected (SS 15). 0278 was a possible posthole or root disturbance measuring 0.2m by 0.14m and 0.14m deep. Its fill, 0279, was a dark grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints from which a bulk environmental soil sample (SS 14) was collected.

0289 was a circular posthole, measuring 0.4m in diameter and 0.17m deep. Steep-sided, with a concave base, its fill, 0290, was a dark grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints and heavy root disturbance. A bulk environmental sample was collected (SS 16).



0302 was a circular posthole, measuring 0.3m in diameter and 0.2m deep with near vertical sides and a flat base. Its fill, 0303, was a mid brown silt/sand with occasional flints.

0299 was a large possible pit or natural hollow, partially under the north site edge. Measuring 2.1m by 0.7m and 0.14m deep it had gentle sloping sides and a flat base. Its fill, 0300, was a mix of dark brown/orange sands with traces of charcoal.

Features in the western part of Area 03 consisted of five ditches and one pit. 0324 appeared to be a continuation of ditch 0237, being on the same east-west alignment. Excavated in Sections 0328, 0329, 0333 and 0345, it was seen to vary in size from 0.75m-1.34m wide and 0.25m-0.3m deep. The respective fills of the sections, 0327, 0330, 0336 and 0346 were a mix of mid/dark grey/brown sands with occasional flints and root disturbance. A bulk environmental sample (SS 18) and two sherds of Late Iron Age pottery were collected from 0327 and a further eleven of Late Iron Age/Early Roman date from 0346. The relationship of 0324 with ditch 0306 in Section 0329 was unclear although in Section 0333 it was seen to cut ditch 0334.

0334 may have been an earlier cut for the 0324/0237 linear feature, being on a near parallel alignment. Also seen in Sections 0333 and 0345 it measured 0.7m wide and 0.18m deep with moderate sloping sides and a concave base. Its respective fills, 0335 and 0347, were a mix of brown silt/sands and occasional flints.

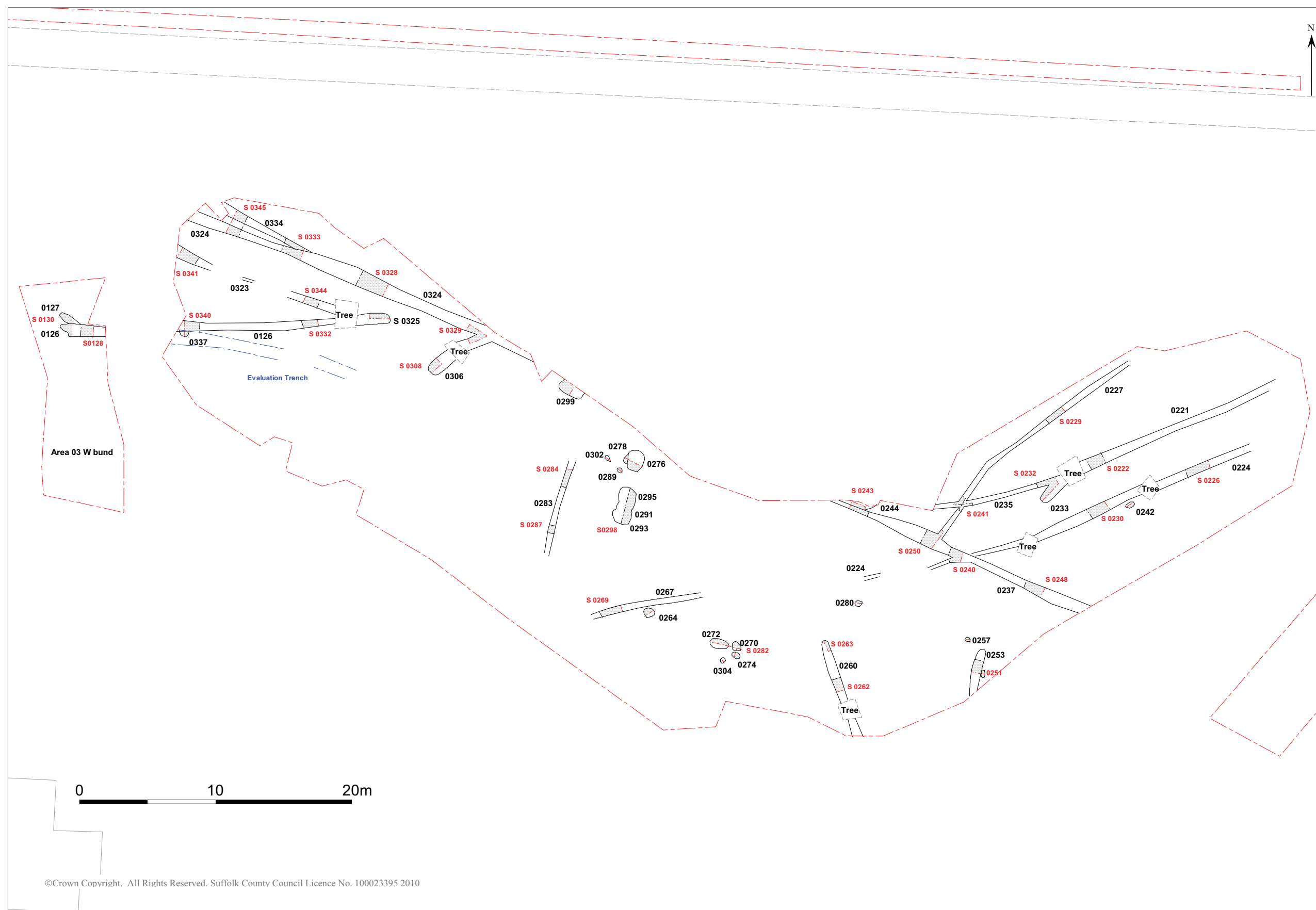
0306 was a linear gully, aligned north-east to south-west, extending 4.7m from the southern side of 0324 and measuring 0.9m wide and 0.34m deep. A section of its terminus, 0308, had a fill of mixed mid brown silt/sand with occasional flints, and a similar deposit, 0330, was also seen in Section 0329.

Ditch 0323 ran parallel to 0324, some 2m to the south but was very shallow and heavily truncated, being totally removed in two places. Two sections were excavated, 0341 and 0344, showing it to be c.0.6m wide and 0.2m deep. The respective fills, 0342 and 0343, were a mix of mid grey/brown sand with occasional flints and tree root disturbance. A bulk environmental sample (SS 19) and five sherds of Late Iron Age/Early Roman pottery were collected from 0343.

Ditch 0126, previously seen in Evaluation Trench 04 as 0029, was aligned east to west to the south of 0323 to which it gradually ran towards, although any relationship between the two was destroyed by a tree stump. Three sections, 0325, 0332 and 0340 were excavated through it showing it to be 0.7m wide and 0.16m deep with moderate sloping sides and a concave base. Of its respective fills, 0326, 0331 and 0339, 0326 and 0331 were a pale grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints. 0326 contained a single sherd of Iron Age pottery. 0339 was a mid yellow/brown silt/sand with occasional flints and charcoal from which a bulk environmental sample (SS 20) and six sherds of Late Iron Age pottery were recovered.

In Section 0340, 0126 cut a small pit, 0337, which was 0.7m in diameter and had a fill, 0338, of mid grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints and roots.

Ditch 0126 was also seen terminating in the west bund area and was excavated in a further two sections, 0128 and 0130. The respective fills, 0129 and 0131, were a dark brown silt/sand with occasional flints and charcoal mottling. Two sherds of Late Iron Age pottery were collected from 0129 and a further six from 0131. Beneath 0131 was a 0.25m thick basal layer, 0132, of pale yellow sand with occasional flints. A short length of ditch, 0127, possibly an earlier re-cut, ran into 0126 being aligned north-west to south-east. Measuring 0.5m wide and 0.4m deep it had a fill, 0133, of dark brown silt/sand with occasional flints and charcoal mottling. A single sherd of early/mid 1st century pottery was collected.





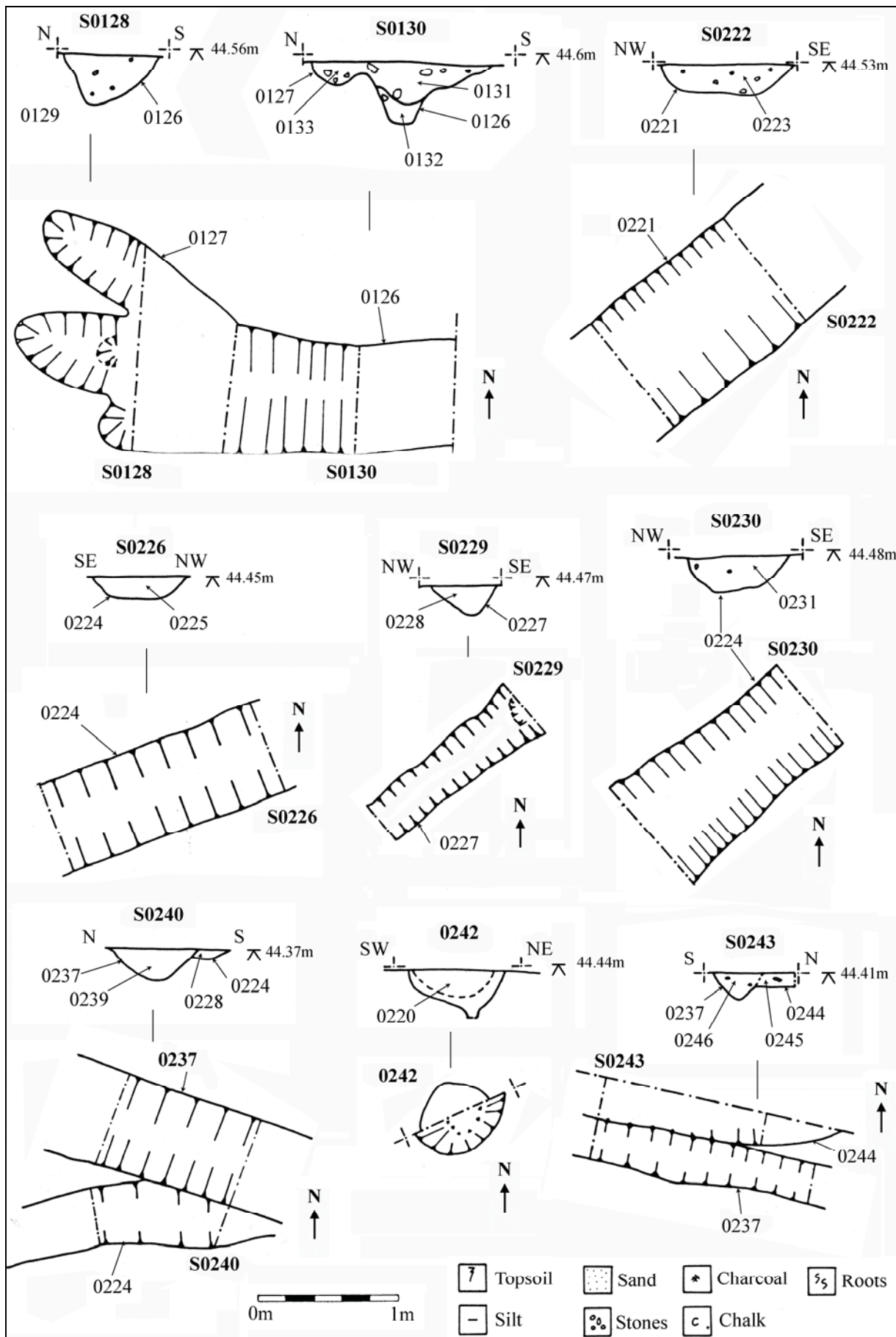


Figure 31. Area 03 plans and sections

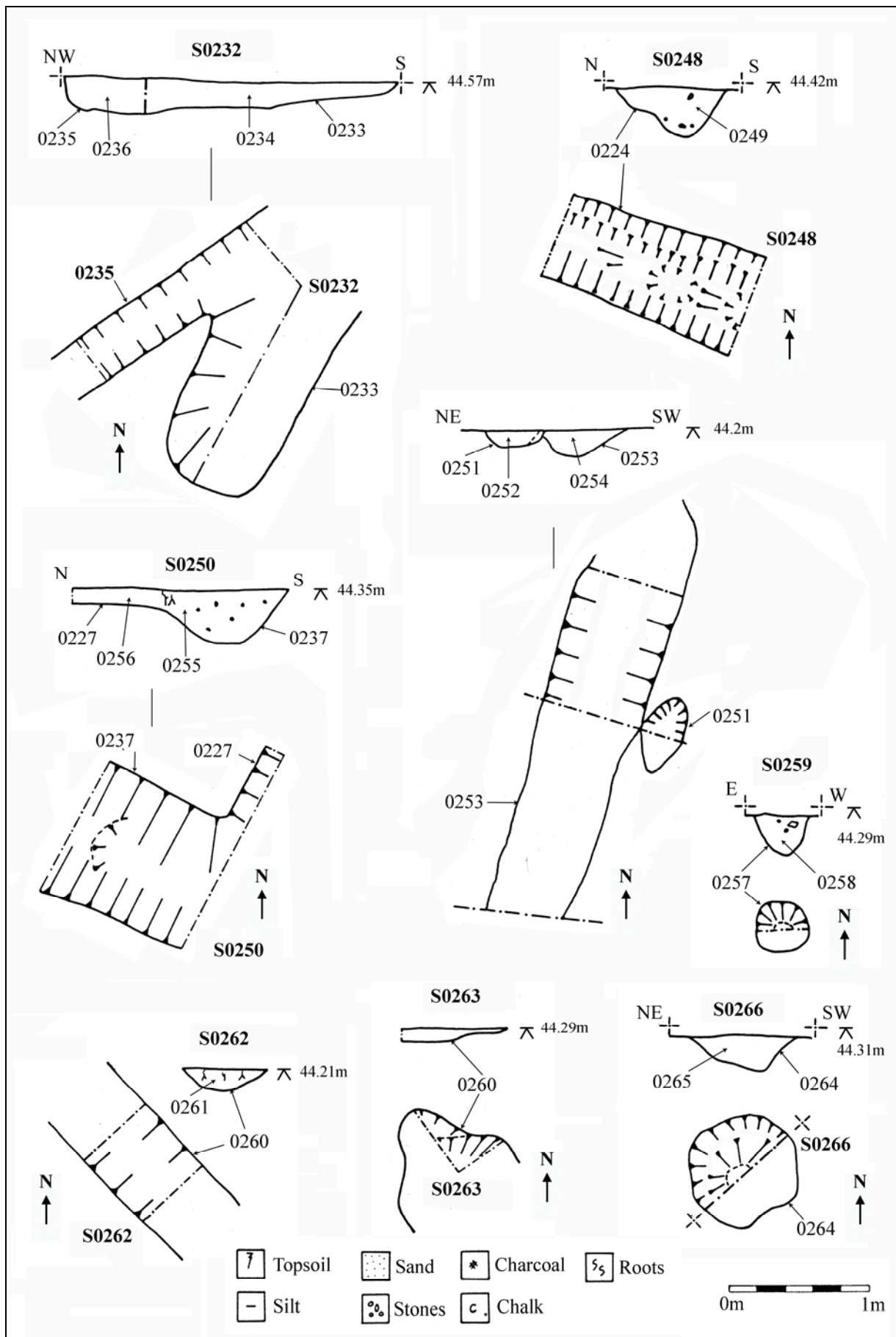


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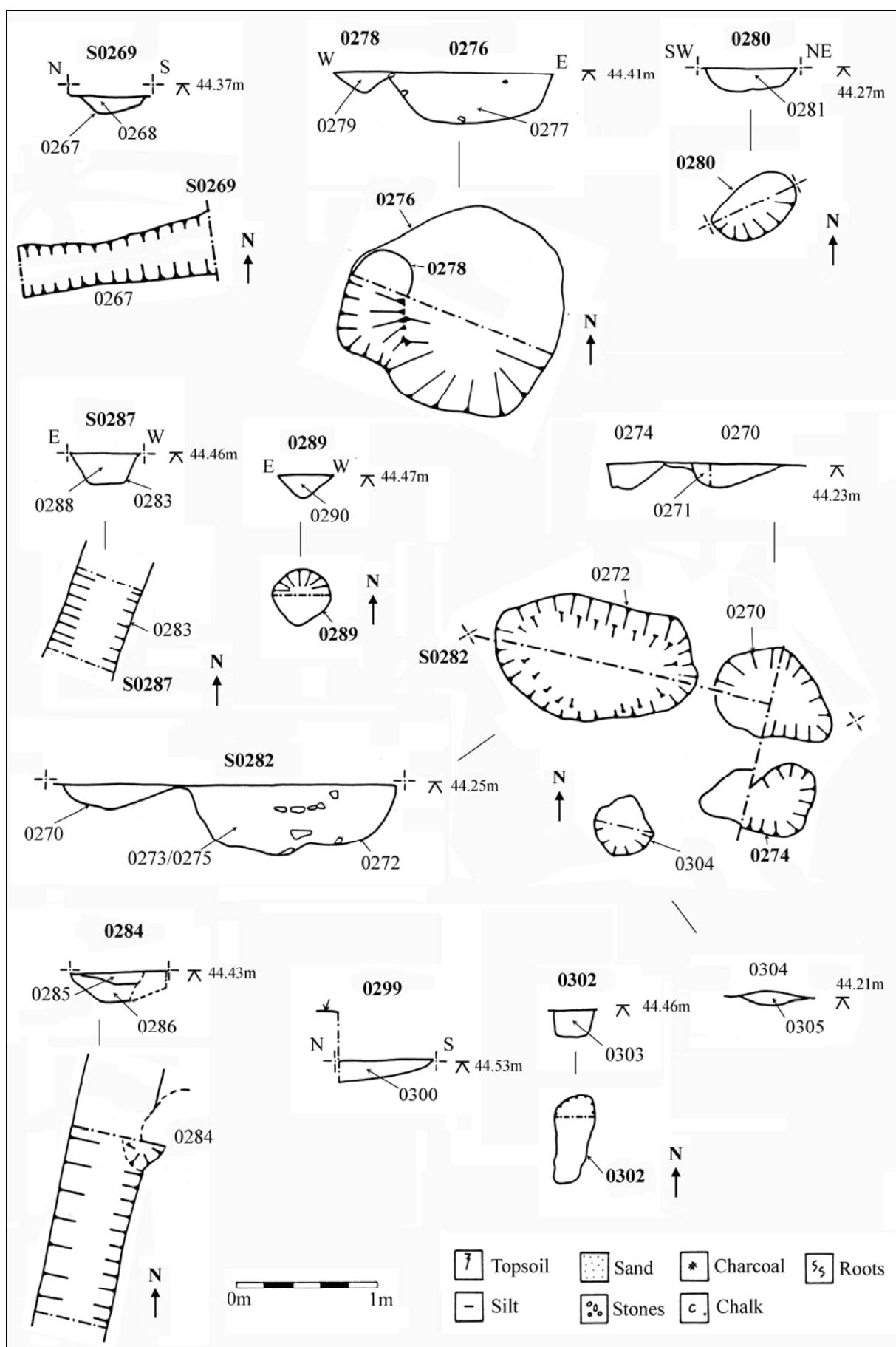


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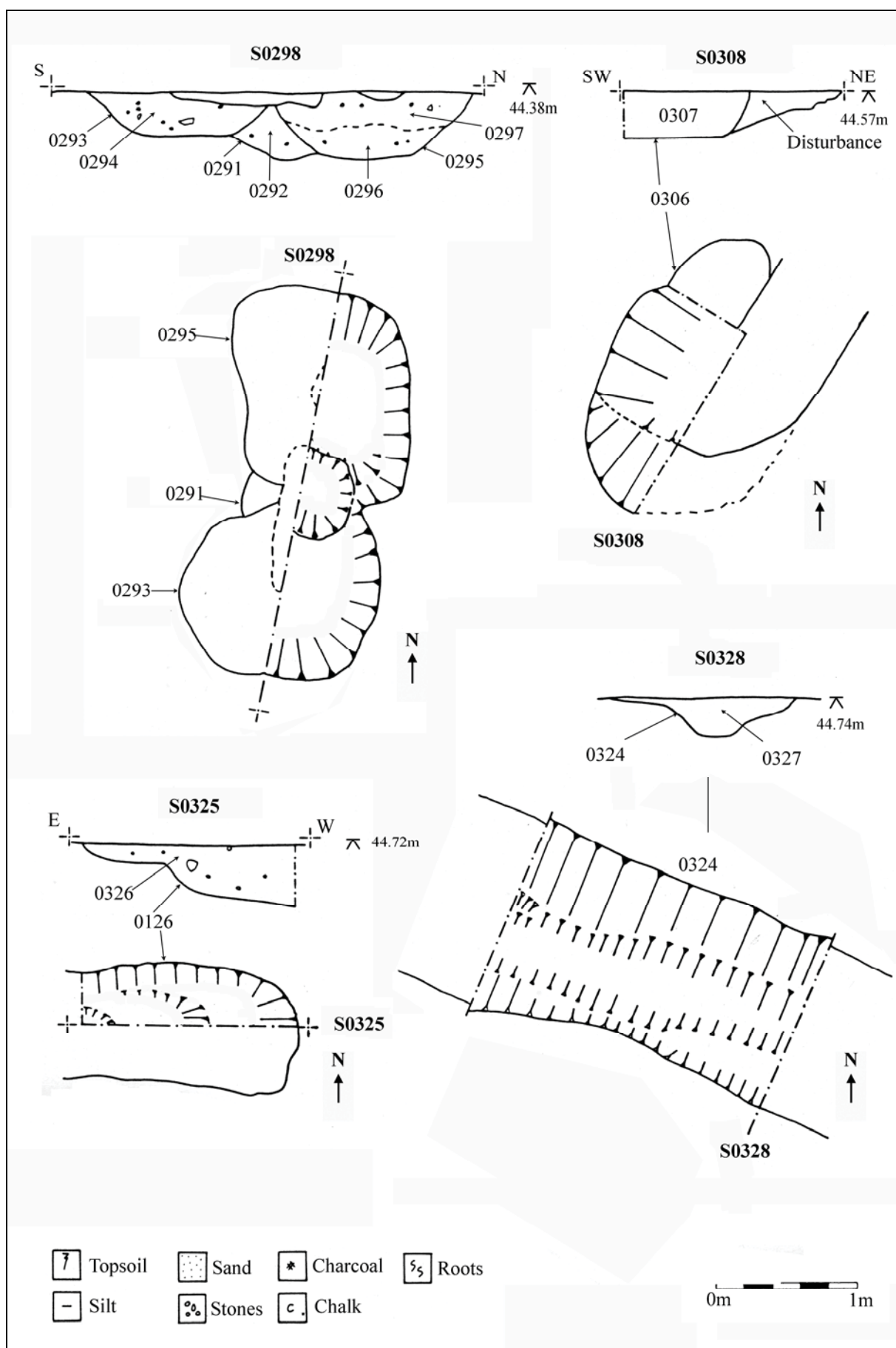
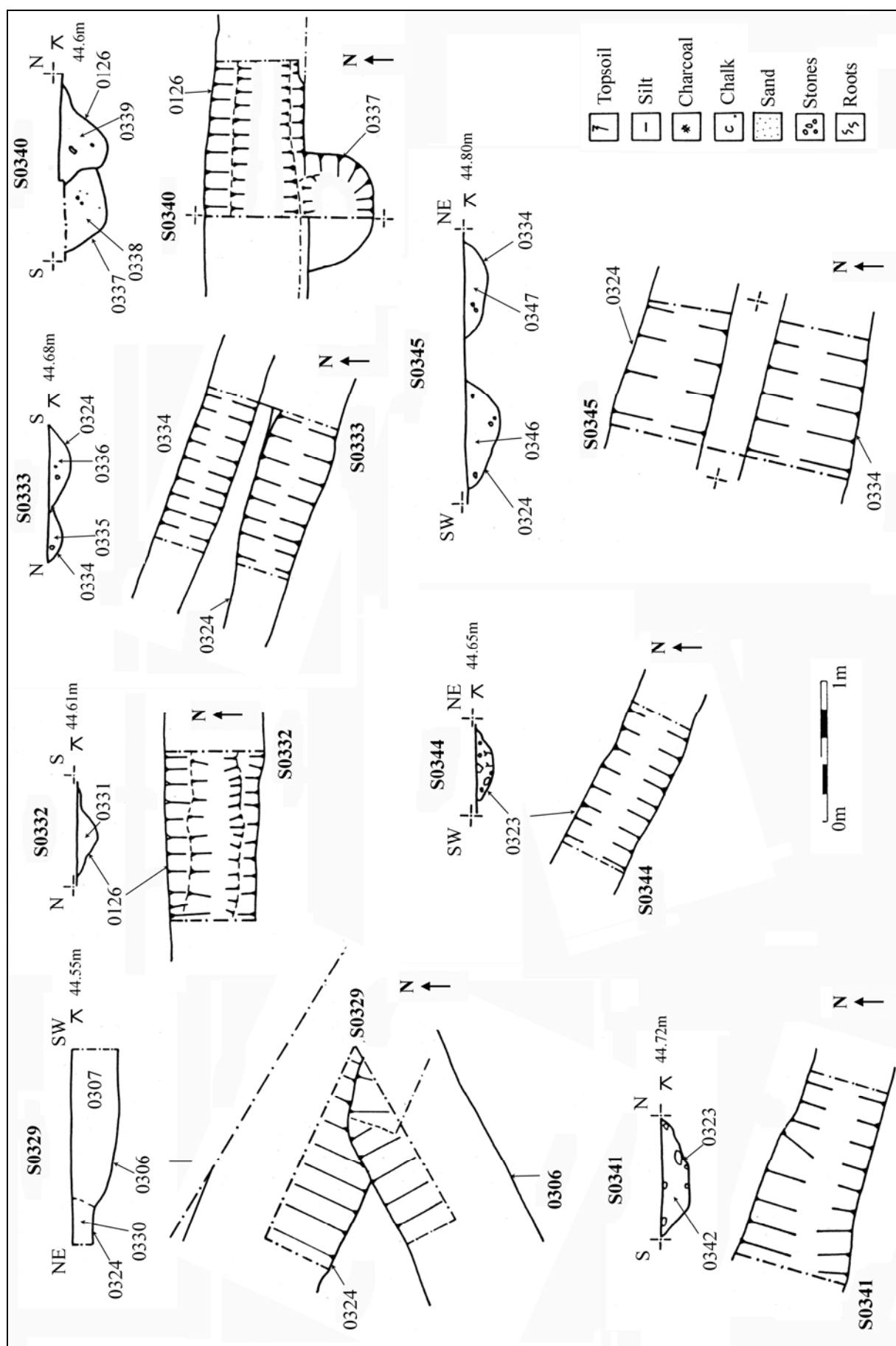


Figure 34. Area 03 plans and sections 4





## 4.5. Monitoring

(Figs. 36 – 38)

The excavation of two service trenches, running alongside the pre-existing roadway, was monitored at the same time as the excavation works. Earlier widening of the roadways had only seen soil removal to a depth of c.0.3m and had rarely reached subsoil or archaeological levels. The service trenches however, which were 1m wide and 1m deep, cut through potential archaeological levels. A total of seven features was identified in section in the trench sides, one of which contained datable material.

0309 was a probable pit, sealed under 0.5m of modern topsoil and a brown sand layer. It was 1.2m wide and 0.25m deep with a flat base and a fill, 0310, of mid brown sand from which three sherds of Late Iron Age pottery were recovered.

0311 was a probable large pit, sealed under 0.5m of modern topsoil and a brown sand layer. It was 1m wide and 0.6m deep with moderate sloping sides and a concave base. Its fill, 0312, was a dark brown sand.

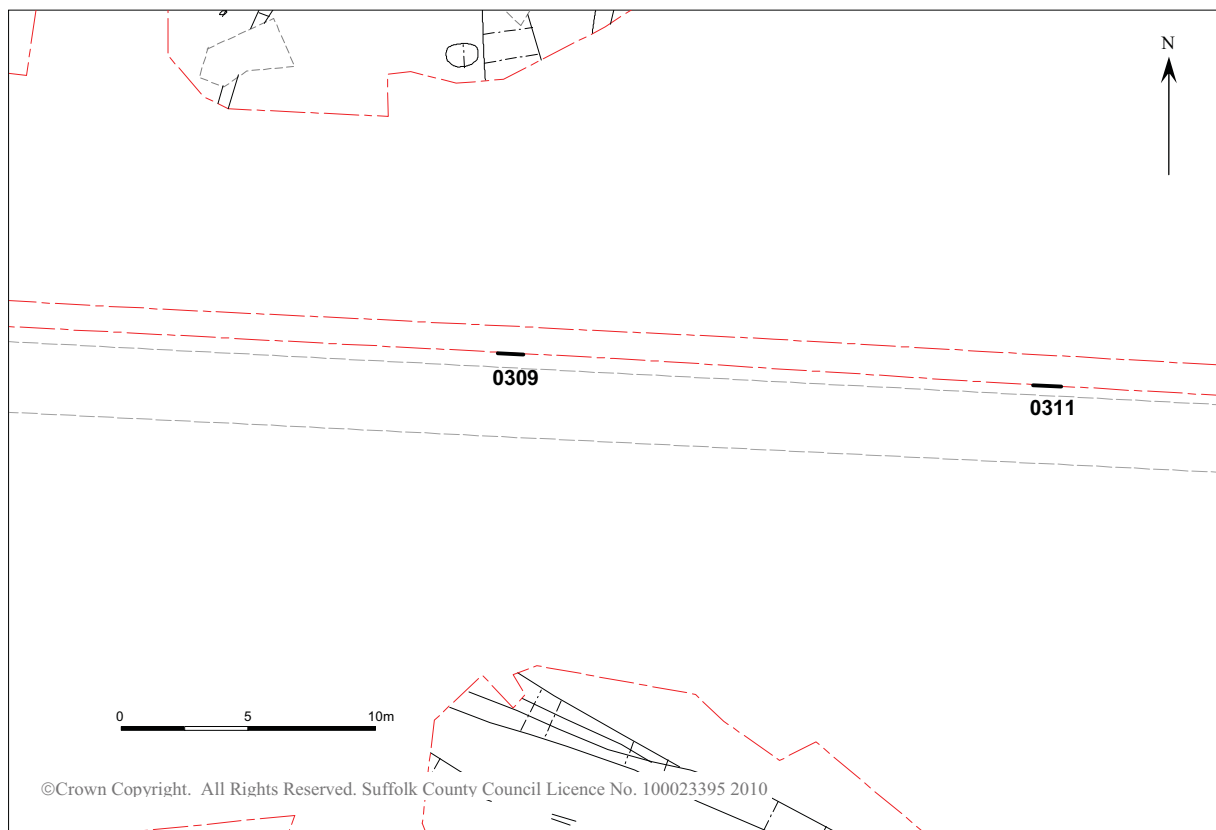


Figure 36. Western monitored trench

0313 was a probable large pit, sealed under 0.5m of modern topsoil and a brown sand layer. It was 1.4m wide and 0.3m deep with gentle sloping sides and a flat base. Its fill, 0314, was a mid brown sand.

0315 was a probable large pit or hollow. It may also have been a part of a ditch running almost along the line of the trench in which it was seen on both sides, sealed under 0.5m of modern topsoil and a brown sand layer. It was 5.5m wide and 0.5m deep with gentle sloping sides and a concave base. Its fill, 0316, was a dark brown sand.

0317 was a probable pit, sealed under 0.4m of modern topsoil and a brown sand layer. It was 0.8m wide and 0.3m deep with irregular sloping sides and base. Its fill, 0318, was a heavily disturbed dark brown sand and charcoal.

0319 was a cross-section of a ditch, assumed to be the same as 0123 in Area 01 to the west. 0.8m wide and 0.2m deep, it had a fill, 0320, of mid grey/brown sand.

0321 was a probable pit, sealed under 0.6m of modern topsoil and a brown sand layer. It was 0.6m wide and 0.3m deep with moderate sloping sides and a concave base. Its fill, 0322, was a mid/dark brown sand.

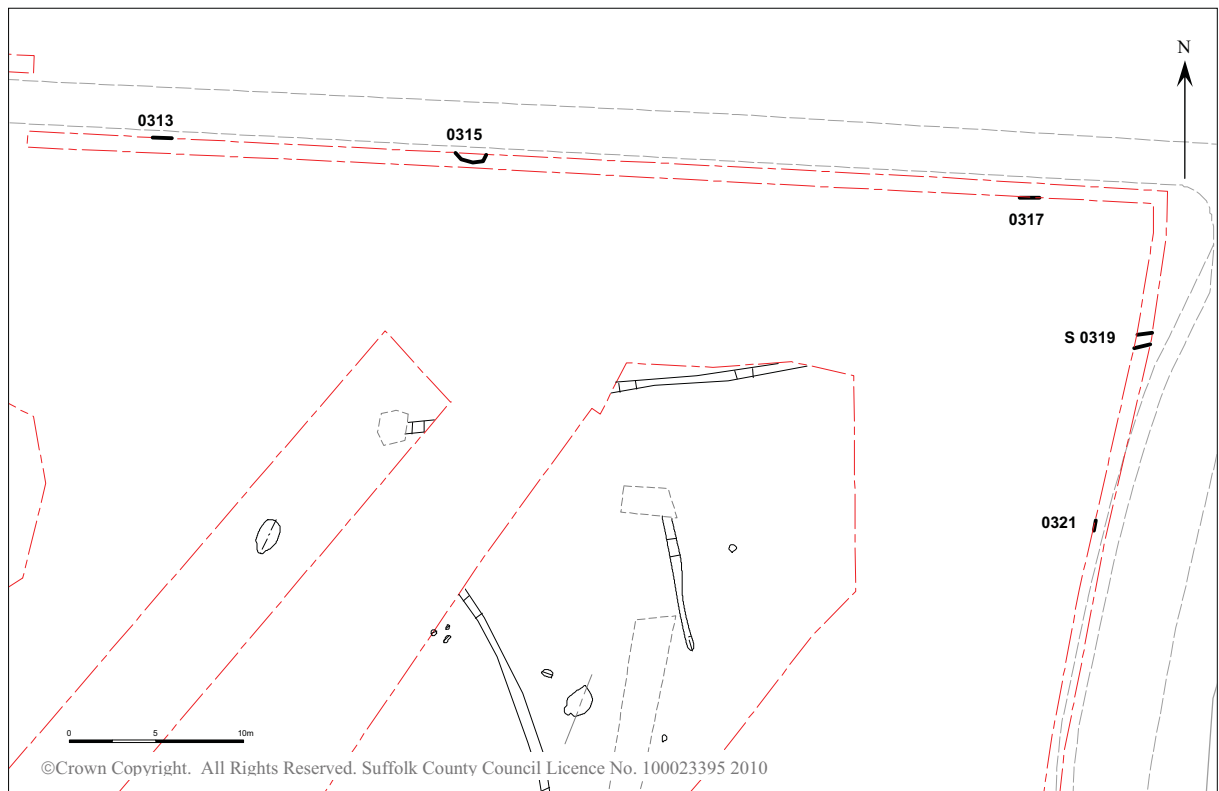


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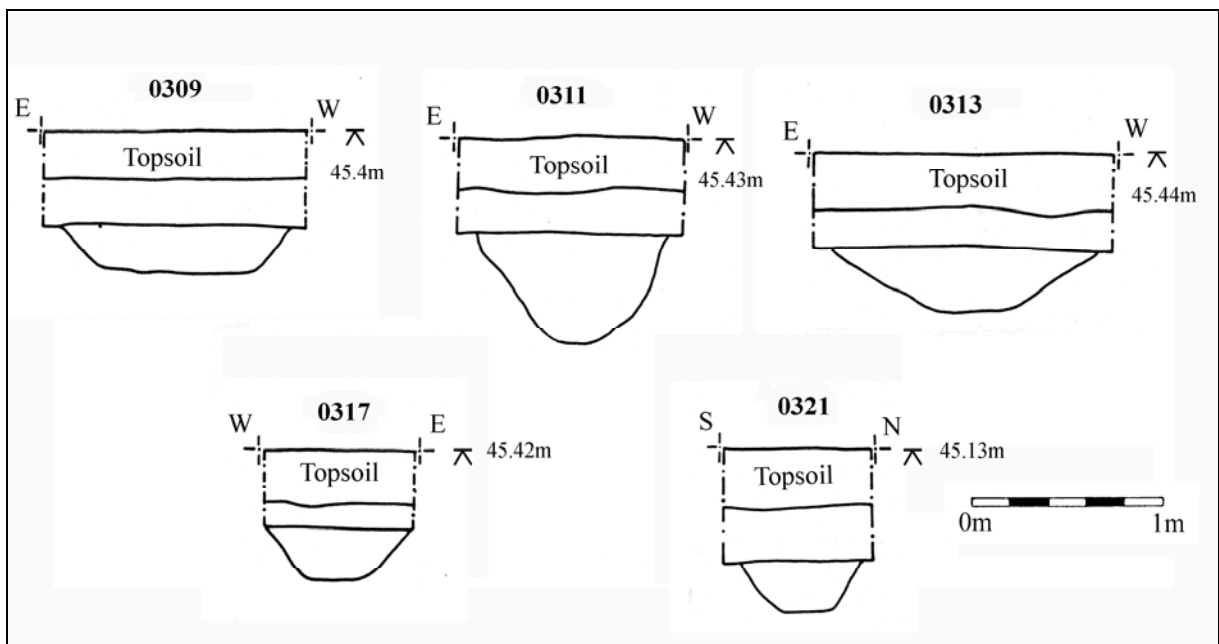


Figure 38. Monitoring sections

## 5. The Finds evidence

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### 5.1 Introduction

Table 5 shows the quantities of finds collected during the excavation. A full quantification by context is included as Appendix 2.

| Find type    | No. | Wt/g |
|--------------|-----|------|
| Pottery      | 558 | 8024 |
| CBM          | 4   | 27   |
| Fired clay   | 108 | 297  |
| Worked flint | 23  | 271  |
| Burnt flint  | 44  | 598  |
| Slag         | 7   | 95   |
| Iron         | 2   | 25   |
| Animal bone  | 313 | 3310 |

Table 5. Excavation finds quantities

### 5.2 Pottery

#### *Introduction*

In total, 558 sherds of pottery weighing 8,024g were collected from 61 contexts during the excavation. The pottery includes hand-made prehistoric, transitional, and wheel-made late Iron Age or early Roman material, none of which has to be any later than the mid 1st century AD. The pottery quantities are summarised in Table 6 and the full catalogue by context is included in Appendix 3.

| Spot date      | No. | % No. | Wt/g | % Wt  |
|----------------|-----|-------|------|-------|
| Iron Age       | 5   | 0.9   | 46   | 0.6   |
| Later Iron Age | 208 | 37.3  | 2253 | 28.1  |
| LIA-ERom       | 345 | 61.8  | 5725 | 71.3  |
| Total          | 558 | 100.0 | 8024 | 100.0 |

Table 6. Excavation pottery by period (or hand-made and wheel-made)

#### *Methodology*

The pottery was quantified by sherd count and weight and estimated vessel equivalent (Eve). Details of fabric, form and form element were recorded and decoration and surface treatment were noted. The sherds were examined using a binocular microscope (x10 magnification). Each 'sherd family' was given a separate entry on an Access database table and an individual spotdate was assigned when possible.

The hand-made prehistoric and wheel-made Late Iron Age or early Roman wares were analysed as two separate assemblages, but the division is somewhat artificial and an almost unsatisfactory presentation of the material, some of which is essentially contemporary in use and deposition.

The hand-made prehistoric assemblage was analysed using the Prehistoric Ceramic Research Group Guidelines for analysis and publication (PCRG 1992; 1997) and were divided into fabric groups defined on the basis of inclusion types. Fabric codes were prefixed by a letter code representing the main inclusion type ('F' representing flint, and 'Q' quartz).

Wheel-made and/or hand-made but *wheel-finished* Late Iron Age and Roman wares were classified using the Pakenham Type series (unpublished) which is standard for all SCC excavations but is supplemented by Hawkes and Hull's (1947) *Camulodunum* typology and Thompson's (1982) typology for Belgic grog-tempered pottery.

### ***Prehistoric pottery***

Sarah Percival

#### *Introduction*

Two hundred and thirteen sherds of hand-made Iron Age and later Iron Age pottery weighing 2,299g were recovered from twenty-eight excavated contexts and from unstratified surface collection. The sherds are in variable condition, with around 18% (421g) being abraded or extremely abraded. The mean sherd weight for the assemblage is 11g. The quantities by spotdate are shown in Table 7.

| <b>Spotdate</b> | <b>No.</b> | <b>% No.</b> | <b>Wt/g</b> | <b>% Wt</b> |
|-----------------|------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Iron Age        | 5          | 2.4          | 46          | 2.0         |
| Later Iron Age  | 208        | 97.6         | 2253        | 98.0        |
| Total           | 213        | 100.0        | 2299        | 100.0       |

Table 7. Prehistoric pottery quantities by spot date

#### *Fabric*

Six fabrics were identified in two fabric groups. The assemblage is predominantly of quartz sand-tempered fabrics, which make up 97% of the assemblage (2,253g). Flint-tempering appears in 2% of the sherds (47g). The hand-made fabric descriptions and quantities are shown in Table 8.

The dominance of sandy fabrics is entirely in keeping with a later Iron Age date for this assemblage. Fabric Q1, which makes up just over 46% of the assemblage (1,061g), contains numerous elongated voids suggesting that organic temper, perhaps chopped grass, had been added to the clay. Organic-tempered vessels are found within later Iron Age assemblages from Suffolk, for example from the Iron Age and Roman enclosure at Burgh (Martin 1988, 49) and West Stow (Martin 1990).

The small number of flint-tempered sherds within the assemblage may suggest a slightly earlier Iron Age presence at the site. Flint was very common in earlier Iron Age assemblages, but continued to be used as a tempering agent well into the 2nd century BC.

| <b>Fabric</b> | <b>Description</b>   | <b>No.</b> | <b>% No.</b> | <b>Wt/g</b> | <b>% Wt</b> |
|---------------|--|------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| F1            | Moderate fine angular flint; moderate quartz sand              | 2          | 0.9          | 3           | 0.1         |
| F2            | Moderate medium angular flint; moderate quartz sand            | 3          | 1.4          | 37          | 1.6         |
| F3            | Sparse mixed angular flint; moderate quartz sand               | 1          | 0.5          | 7           | 0.3         |
| Q1            | Common medium quartz sand; frequent elongated voids            | 123        | 57.7         | 1061        | 46.2        |
| Q2            | Common fine quartz sand; occasional small quartz pieces        | 72         | 33.8         | 1099        | 47.8        |
| Q3            | Common coarse quartz sand with occasional larger quartz pieces | 12         | 5.6          | 92          | 4.0         |
| <b>Total</b>  |  | 213        | 100.0        | 2299        | 100.0       |

Table 8. Hand-made prehistoric pottery fabric quantities

### *Form*

A minimum of seventeen vessels, predominantly jar forms, is represented by rim count. The remainder of the assemblage is also of jar forms, many of which are sooted suggesting that they had been used for cooking. These include a fine jar with very slight shoulder and short slightly out-turned neck (Fig. 39, No 1), a globular jar with a 90° rim (Fig. 39, No 2) a globular everted-rim jar with rippled neck (Fig. 39, No 3; Thompson, 117, Type B2-1), two long-necked round-shouldered jars, a slack-shouldered jar and two small-shouldered jars with everted rims. Decoration is rare. A single sherd has an incised geometric motif and one has random incised scoring to the body of the vessel.

One complete base sherd has a single large perforation (15mm diameter), drilled though the centre of the base post-firing. This suggests that the vessel has been modified for a variety of possible uses associated with the preparation of food or drink, including brewing, cheese production or steaming (Lyons 2008).

### *Deposition*

The majority of the pottery was recovered from the fills of pits, which contributed 60% of the total assemblage (1,383g). Other pottery came from ditches, gullies, an excavated hollow and from unstratified surface collection. Many of the pits which contained Iron Age pottery also produced wheel-made sherds of Late Iron Age or early Roman date suggesting a late Iron Age to transitional occupation of the site. The quantities by feature type are shown in Table 9.

| Identifier   | No  | % No. | Wt/g | % Wt  |
|--------------|-----|-------|------|-------|
| Ditch        | 86  | 40.4  | 590  | 25.7  |
| Gully        | 20  | 9.4   | 137  | 6.0   |
| Hollow       | 1   | 0.5   | 12   | 0.5   |
| Pit          | 97  | 45.5  | 1383 | 60.2  |
| Unstratified | 9   | 4.2   | 177  | 7.7   |
| Total        | 213 | 100.0 | 2299 | 100.0 |

Table 9. Hand-made prehistoric pottery by feature type

### *Discussion*

The hand-made prehistoric assemblage contains a range of forms suggesting a 1st century BC to 1st century AD date and the range of hand-made vessel forms compares well with contemporary assemblages from Phases II and III at Fison Way (Gregory 1992, 168) and also from Burgh (Martin 1988). Hill (2002) notes that in Cambridgeshire late pre-Iron Age assemblages also show a greater variation in form and fabric than is found in pottery of the earlier and middle Iron Age.

The range of fabrics found within the later Iron Age pottery from Elveden includes organic-tempered sherds in addition to the mid-Iron Age flint and sandy fabrics, suggesting that a similar expansion of fabric choice also occurred in Suffolk at this time. A limited range of vessel forms was found, being restricted mostly to medium jars. However, the range of vessel shapes, finishes and decoration is far greater than would be found in a mid-Iron Age assemblage. The assemblage appears to be of domestic function, with a range of food preparation and storage vessels.

### ***Late Iron Age / Early Roman pottery***

#### *Introduction*

In total, 345 sherds of wheel-made or hand-made and wheel-finished Late Iron Age or early Roman pottery weighing 5,725g and with an estimated vessel equivalent (Eve) of



2.29 based on fourteen measurable rims were recovered from 38 contexts. The fabric quantities are summarised in the table below and the full list by context is included in Appendix 3.

| Fabric  | Code | No  | % No. | Wt/g | % Wt  | Eve  |
|---|------|-----|-------|------|-------|------|
| Black-surfaced wares                          | BSW  | 74  | 21.4  | 1421 | 24.8  | 1.46 |
| Grey micaceous wares (black-surfaced variant) | GMB  | 110 | 31.9  | 697  | 12.2  | .47  |
| Grog-tempered wares                           | GROG | 43  | 12.5  | 731  | 12.8  | .29  |
| Miscellaneous sandy grey wares                | GX   | 17  | 4.9   | 71   | 1.2   |      |
| Miscellaneous red coarsewares                 | RX   | 4   | 1.2   | 19   | 0.3   |      |
| Miscellaneous Storage jar fabrics             | STOR | 97  | 28.1  | 2786 | 48.7  | .07  |
| Total   |      | 345 | 100.0 | 5725 | 100.0 | 2.29 |

Table 10. Wheel-made or hand-made and wheel-finished pottery fabric quantities

### *The wares*

A total of six fabrics or fabric groups was identified, all of them local or regional wares. There are no imported Gallo-Belgic finewares present, however there is a notable fineware component within the assemblage which includes native copies of Gallo-Belgic forms as well as an attempt at copying imported red ware fabrics such as *Terra Rubra*. The assemblage appears to have a very narrow date range but the fact that it is wheel-made suggests that it is from 1st half of the 1st century AD. It appears to over-lap the hand-made assemblage and in some contexts, sherds from the two assemblages are almost certainly contemporary in use and deposition.

Black-surfaced wares (BSW), a broad category consisting of all non-micaceous black-surfaced sherds from unknown but presumed local sources, are represented by 74 sherds weighing 1,421g. They were collected from fifteen contexts in fourteen features (seven pits, five features, two ditches and surface collections), and they equal 21.4% of the sherd count and a quarter (24.8%) of the assemblage weight. All BSW in this collection can be classified as *early*, dating from the 1st half of the 1st century AD. It includes pieces which appear to be hand-made and wheel-finished as well as pieces with 'romanising' fabrics that contain black grog and burnt organic material. These are thought to represent a stage in the transition from the hand-made potting traditions of the Late Iron Age. A plain carinated bowl (Fig. 39, No 4) with a concave upper half, a very coarse version of *Cam* 214ba more similar to Thompson's Type E1-4 (Thompson 1982 370,10), was recovered from pit 0507 (0508). Other forms present are jars or bowls which could not be closely identified but with rim diameters of 140-190mm and diagnostic bodysherds from carinated and cordoned vessels.

Forty-three sherds of 'Belgic' Grog-tempered wares (GROG) weighing 731g were collected from eight contexts in six features. They broadly date from the 1st half of the 1st century and the forms identified are jars. A high-shouldered jar *Cam* 221 or *Cam* 266 came from the upper fill above ditches 0005 and 0520 in Section 0575 (0576). A 'Braughing jar' with incised horizontal lines on the shoulder was unstratified (0247). A fine burnished sherd from a carinated jar in ditch 0380 (0379) is made in a 'romanising' fabric containing much sand. A fragment of a footring jar base with irregularly-spaced holes 12 to 14mm in diameter drilled through the floor was recovered from pit 0272 (0273). It has horizontal incised lines at c. 10mm intervals running up its wall. A combed bodysherd and an abraded base from two separate storage jars were found in pit 0041 (0043).

Grey micaceous wares in the black-surfaced variant (GMB) were recovered from eighteen contexts in twelve features or feature groups and one unstratified context. One hundred and ten sherds weighing 697g were collected and they account for 31% of the sherd count but only 12% of the total sherd weight due in part to the relative 'finesness' of the vessels that many of the sherds come from. GMB is often regarded as chronologically early and part of the early black-surfaced ware continuum and it is notable that only this black-surfaced variant of north Suffolk micaceous wares is present in this collection. The grey-surfaced variant is generally thought of as a more romanised fabric and more common from the mid or late 1st century onwards. Almost all of the sherds are in the standard GM fabric with a fine uniform sandy texture and few inclusions except for very abundant mica throughout. A few of the 'coarser' sherds show some evidence of having been hand-made but wheel-finished and some have 'romanising' fabrics which contain some fine grog or burnt organic material.

There is a notable fineware element within the GMB fabric group which includes sherds from 'native' versions of Gallo-Belgic cups and cordoned bowls and jars. Carinated bowls or cups have concave uppers and a variety of bead cordons and constricted waists similar to *Camulodunum* types *Cam* 211-214. Many of these sherds are very finely burnished and some have finely tooled footring bases. Jars with rim diameters of 160-180mm are from cordoned and carinated vessels which could not be closely identified. Also present are high-shouldered 'Braughing' type jars with zones of finely incised horizontal lines. Due to the sometimes fragmentary and dispersed nature of the

GMB assemblage, it would be difficult to estimate the number of vessels that are actually represented in the group; perhaps it is only a few.

Miscellaneous sandy greywares (GX) were recovered from four contexts in three features. They are represented by seventeen sherds weighing 71g. The sherds are all abraded and only one form was identified, but not closely, a cordoned vessel from the upper fill of ditch group 0355 (0357) of probable mid 1st century date. A jar base and bodysherds from ditch 0370 (fills 0371 and 0388) in ditch group 0355, and a very small abraded sherd in pit 0469 (0467) were also found.

Miscellaneous red coarsewares (RX) were recovered from two contexts. A non-diagnostic bodysherd from pit 0041 (0043) is soft and very abraded and may actually be fabric BSW with the surface worn off as BSW often has oxidised margins and cores. A bodysherd from pit 0467 (0469) with a light grey core and a red surface may represent a deliberate native attempt at copying continental redwares such as Terra Rubra or samian.

Miscellaneous storage jar fabrics (STOR) are represented by 97 sherds weighing 2,786g and were collected from seven contexts, four pits, three ditches and one unstratified. They are represented mostly by large thick bodysherds which are not diagnostic, but all of them are combed. One vessel from ditch 0324 (0346) has an upright rim 300mm diameter. Another vessel from pit 0102 (0103) has a flat base with a diameter of approximately 160-180mm and this single vessel accounts for the majority of the STOR weight (2,172g, 77%).

### *Deposition*

The quantities of pottery by feature type are summarised in Table 11 below.

The majority of the pottery by weight was recovered from the fills of pits (73.7%). Other pottery came from ditches, gullies, uncertain 'features', and from unstratified surface collection.

| Feature type             | No  | % No  | Wt.g | % Wt  | Eve  |
|--------------------------|-----|-------|------|-------|------|
| Ditch                    | 103 | 29.9  | 795  | 13.9  | .54  |
| Feature                  | 82  | 23.8  | 563  | 9.8   | .45  |
| Gully                    | 1   | 0.3   | 9    | 0.2   | .09  |
| Pit                      | 145 | 42.0  | 4221 | 73.7  | 1.07 |
| Posthole                 | 7   | 2.0   | 46   | 0.8   |      |
| Surface and unstratified | 7   | 2.0   | 91   | 1.6   | .14  |
| Total                    | 345 | 100.0 | 5725 | 100.0 | 2.29 |

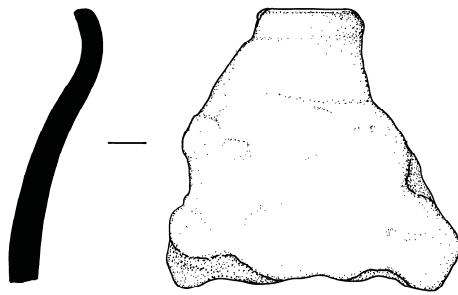
Table 11. Late Iron Age/Early Roman pottery by feature type

It is notable that the Black-surfaced ware (BSW) and grog-tempered (GROG) fabric groups which are early or mid 1st century in date have similar deposition patterns. They are mostly from pits, while the more 'romanised' black-surfaced micaceous fabric GMB, with a slightly later date of mid 1st century, is rare in pits and most frequent in ditches. The deposition pattern for BSW and GROG is similar to that of the hand-made Later Iron Age pottery (S. Percival, above) and it is also notable that many of the pits which contained hand-made later Iron Age pottery also produced sherds of wheel-made or hand-made and wheel-finished (early) Roman pottery.

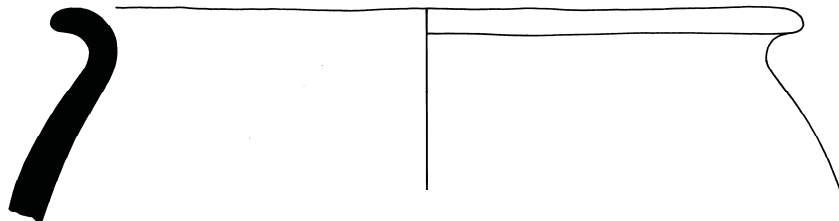
By weight, 75% of the BSW was found in pits; only two sherds came from ditches and 84% of the GROG came from pits while only 3% was from ditches. In contrast, 4.7% of GMB was from pits and 65.8% was found in ditches. GMB displays the features of a longer deposition cycle in the degree of fragmentation and dispersal that is characteristic of ditch assemblages. This shift in deposition suggests a change in land use during the 1st century.

### ***Catalogue of illustrated sherds (Fig. 39)***

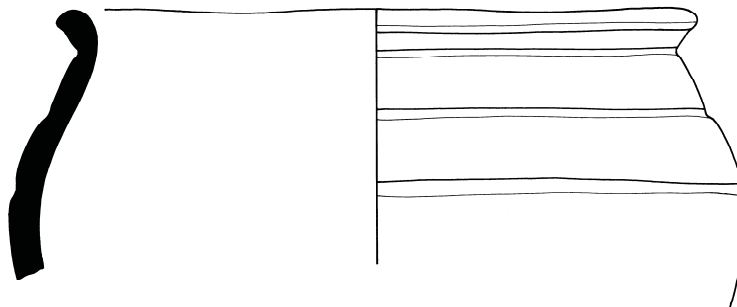
1. Long-necked round-shouldered jar, fabric Q1, from fill 0043 of pit 0041.
2. Globular jar with 90° rim, fabric Q1, from fill 0297 of pit 0295.
3. Globular jar with corrugated shoulder, fabric Q2, from fill 0043 of pit 0041.
4. Plain carinated bowl, fabric BSW, from fill 0508 of pit 0507.



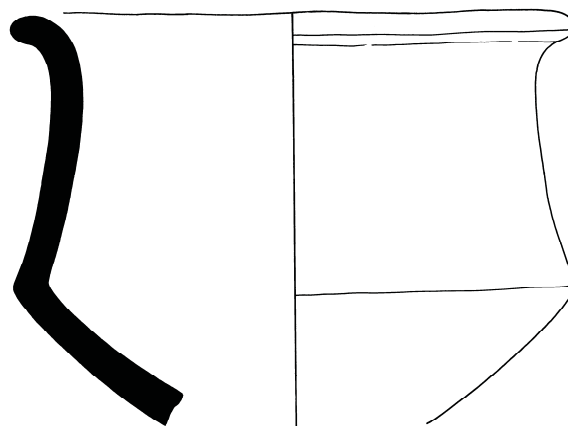
1: 0043



2: 0297



3: 0043



4: 0508

Figure 39. Prehistoric and Roman pottery (Scale 1:2)

### 5.3 Ceramic Building Material (CBM) and fired clay

Andy Fawcett

#### **CBM**

Four small abraded fragments of CBM (27g) were recovered from two contexts, a ditch and a pit. All are made in a medium sandy fabric with few other inclusions and are undatable. Three fragments were collected from ditch 0439 (0442) and one other fragment from pit 0593 (0594) where it is probably intrusive.

#### **Fired clay**

In total, 108 pieces of fired clay with a combined weight of 297g were recovered from thirteen contexts in eleven features, five pits and six ditches, and one unstratified. The fired clay was quantified by count and weight by context and fabric and other details were recorded. General fabric codes were assigned from the Suffolk Fired clay fabric types which are based on the coarseness of the matrix and by the main inclusions. The catalogue descriptions are shown in Table 8.

| Ctxt | Fabric | No | Wt/g | Notes  |
|------|--------|----|------|--|
| 0131 | fscp   | 4  | 5    | Irregular voids, red iron ore, silty bands. Oxidised                     |
| 0134 | fscp   | 5  | 30   | irregular voids, sparse silty clay bands, clay pellets. Reduced/oxidised |
| 0346 | fscp   | 2  | 4    | Irregular voids, clay bands. Reduced                                     |
| 0347 | fscp   | 6  | 11   | Sparse irreg voids, common mica, clay bands cp. Reduced/oxidised         |
| 0391 | msc    | 6  | 9    | Common chalk plus quartz sand, oxidised                                  |
| 0405 | ms     | 2  | 3    | Abundant quartz. Reduced   |
| 0427 | ms     | 41 | 72   | Abundant quartz & occasional voids, oxidised                             |
| 0457 | fscp   | 1  | 2    | Clay bands (streaked) & red clay pellets, oxidised                       |
| 0457 | ms     | 2  | 27   | Poorly sorted abundant quartz sand. Reduced                              |
| 0482 | fscp   | 23 | 66   | Irregular voids & common silty clay bands, reduced/oxidised              |
| 0510 | fscp   | 2  | 22   | Common clay bands & sparse quartz, oxidised                              |
| 0515 | mscp   | 7  | 12   | Common clay bands & red clay pellets, oxidised                           |
| 0521 | fscp   | 5  | 25   | Common silty clay bands & red clay pellets, oxidised                     |
| 0526 | mscp   | 2  | 9    | Common clay pellets and red clay streaks, oxidised                       |

Table 12. Fired clay descriptions

All of the fragments are very abraded and the average piece weighs 2.7g. This is partly due to the nature of this material which often is only heated to a low temperature and therefore degrades easily. Most of the examples are either fully or partially oxidised (a thick reduced area with an oxidised surface), none of the pieces have diagnostic features such as wattle impressions.

There are two main fabric types, the first are silty fabrics (fscp and mscp) with mixed clay bands and /or clay pellets plus irregular voids and the other is medium sandy fabric (ms) with few other inclusions. A single example of a chalky fabric (msc) was recovered

from ditch group 0355, fill 0391. Most of the fired clay is from contexts with associated later Iron Age or early Roman pottery.

## 5.4 Miscellaneous

### ***Worked flint***

Colin Pendleton

#### *Introduction and methodology*

Twenty-three pieces of struck flint were collected from seventeen contexts, seven ditch fills, three 'feature' fills, six pit fills and one unstratified. Most of the flint is dark grey or black and cortex when present is a creamy off-white. Ten pieces are patinated or partially patinated. The flint was recorded by type and descriptive comments about appearance, condition and technology were noted and a date suggested. The flint types are summarised in Table 13 below and descriptions by context are shown in Appendix 4.

| <b>Type</b>     | <b>No</b> |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Core            | 1         |
| Blade           | 4         |
| Flake           | 9         |
| Flake or blade  | 2         |
| Long flake      | 1         |
| Retouched flake | 2         |
| Notched flake   | 3         |
| Utilised flake  | 1         |
| Total           | 23        |

Table 13. Flint summary

The flint assemblage falls within two date ranges, one early and one later. The earlier group consists of a heavily patinated assemblage consisting of four blades (0213, 0247 0350), a long flake (0353) and two flakes (0273 and 0576) which are most likely Mesolithic or possibly Neolithic. One of the flakes (0576) also has unpatinated flake scars which attest to possible re-utilisation in the later prehistoric period.

The second group is later prehistoric, probably late Bronze Age or Iron Age. The majority of it consists of unmodified flakes which include a long flake (0510) and a snapped long flake or blade (0574) but most are irregular, squat and often hinge-fractured. Some of them are lightly patinated but most are not. Several pieces have natural or cortical striking platforms showing that little preparation of the cores occurred

before their use. An irregular flake core (0496), a retouched flake (0594), three notched flakes (0160, 0326 and 0594) and a utilised flake (0469) are also present.

The flint assemblage is small and dispersed, occurring in pit and ditch fills, and most contexts contain just single pieces amongst later dated finds. This highly characteristic 'background scatter' of prehistoric flint work is typical in the region.

### ***Burnt flint***

A total of 44 fragments of burnt flint 'pot-boiler' weighing 598g was collected from six contexts in four pits, a ditch and a 'feature'. The flint is blue-grey to white and fire crackled and is an indication of prehistoric activity. However the amount is very small and dispersed amongst features with no other datable finds.

### ***Slag (identified by Lynne Keys)***

Seven fragments of metal-working debris were recovered from the fills of two features, a ditch and a pit. Six fragments of vitrified hearth lining weighing 86g were recovered from ditch 0439 (0442). The material is iron-rich, indicating that it derives from iron working which took place in the vicinity. The top layer which would have been closest to the source of heat is cinder. Another small fragment (9g) of undiagnostic ferrous slag was recorded from pit 0471 (0450). The material is undatable and associated finds from both contexts include pottery of later Iron Age date but the amounts are too small and abraded to date the features with any confidence.

### ***Iron***

Fragments of heavily corroded iron (20g) possibly from a single item originally but now extremely fragmented, were recovered from pit 0041 (0043) which has associated pottery of early or mid 1st century date. One of these fragments has a rectangular cross-section, 10mm x 4mm suggesting perhaps a flat bar-shaped object.



## 5.5 Environmental evidence

### ***Human skeletal remains***

Sue Anderson

A single near-complete right ilium was recovered from ditch fill 0546. The ilium was in good condition but slightly fragmented around the edges. The reconstructed width measured c.35mm. This suggests that the bone was from a full-term foetus or perinatal infant, based on studies of ilium size from post-medieval groups (Miles and Bulman 1995). As the date of the bone is uncertain, the possibility that the child was slightly older than neonatal at death – given that earlier populations tend to be smaller – cannot be ruled out.

### ***Animal bone.***

Julie Curl

#### *Introduction and methodology*

A total of 313 pieces of animal bone weighing 3,310g was recovered from 53 contexts with associated finds dating from the later Iron Age to Early Roman periods. All of the bone was examined primarily to determine the range of species and elements present. The assessment was carried out following a modified version of English Heritage guidelines (Davis 1992). A note was made of butchering and any indications of skinning, horn-working or other modifications. Where possible a record was made of ages and any other relevant information, such as pathologies. Counts and weights were noted for each context examined. All information was recorded on the faunal remains recording sheets. A list by context is in Appendix 5.

| Feature  | No. | Wt.  | % Wt. |
|----------|-----|------|-------|
| ditch    | 146 | 1702 | 51.4  |
| feature  | 82  | 826  | 25.0  |
| gully    | 4   | 28   | 0.8   |
| pit      | 78  | 674  | 20.4  |
| posthole | 3   | 2    | 0.1   |
| surface  | 1   | 78   | 2.4   |
| Total    | 314 | 3310 | 100.0 |

Table 14. Animal bone quantities by feature type

### *Results*

Generally, the assemblage is in quite poor condition, highly fragmented and with few complete or reasonably complete elements. The material with later Iron Age-associated

finds is in particularly poor condition, highly fragmented with eroding surfaces. Burnt bone was noted in pit 0467 (0469), which produced pieces with blackened surfaces. This is indicative of bone burnt at low temperature or for a short period, and is suggestive of hearth waste.

No bird or small mammal bone was seen in this assemblage and this is probably due to the poor condition of the material. Where the larger more robust mammal bones are fragmentary and eroded, smaller and more fragile bones are even less likely to survive. The numbers of individual species elements (NISP) are summarised in Table 15 below.

| Species    | NISP | % NISP |
|------------|------|--------|
| Cattle     | 69   | 21.9   |
| Equid      | 2    | 0.0    |
| Sheep/goat | 15   | 0.4    |
| Mammal     | 228  | 72.6%  |
| Total      | 314  | 100.0  |

Table 15. Animal bone quantities (count) by species

The bulk of the remains (72.6%) were too fragmentary and eroded to identify to species. Cattle were most frequently identified, with a range of primary and secondary butchering and food waste. At least one small Dexter-type cattle bone was seen in the later Iron Age ditch 0480 (0518). This breed, and the similar Celtic Shorthorn, are typical of that period. The sheep/goat included a range of elements, indicative of the animals being processed and consumed in the same location. There is also some indication of ages at death for the sheep/goat and the cattle from the degree of tooth wear. Most were adults and the juveniles present appear to have reached the approximate age of six months, possibly indicative of an autumn cull. Although most of the sheep/goat remains can be attributed to sheep, there was one positive identification of goat which had been butchered in ditch 0595 (0597). Equid is the third identified species, with single bones from two contexts. A pony-sized equid proximal metacarpal was recorded in the later Iron Age ditch 0349 (0350). An equid proximal phalange, belonging to a large pony-sized animal, was found in the 1st-century dated feature 0355 (0357).

### *Discussion*

The assemblage consists of primary and secondary butchering and food waste from the main domestic species, cattle and sheep/goat. The remains of the equid are not butchered and are likely to represent working animals.

Another small faunal assemblage of a Romano-British date at Elveden (ELV 059, Curl 2004) showed some similarities, with cattle the most frequent species, a predominance for the main domestic species and with a virtual absence of pig. However, the remains at ELV059 were more varied, with canid evidence seen with both bones and gnawing, and there is butchered waste from red and roe deer. The absence of deer waste at the current site is worth noting, as these animals were hunted and contributed to the diet, although the condition of the bone at the other Elveden site was in much better state of preservation (Curl 2004). Absence of deer has been noticed at some Colchester sites (Luff 1993).

### ***Plant macrofossils***

Val Fryer

#### *Introduction and method statement*

Excavation revealed pits, ditches and other discrete features of probable Late Iron Age to Early Roman date. Samples for the retrieval of the plant macrofossil assemblages were taken from across the excavated area, and thirty-three were submitted for assessment.

The samples were processed by manual water flotation/washover 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 Appendix 6, Tables 1 and 2. Nomenclature within the tables follows Stace (1997). All plant remains were charred. Ten assemblages contained only charcoal and/or other materials and these are listed separately in Table 16 below. Modern contaminants, including woody and fibrous roots, wood and leaf fragments, seeds and arthropods, were a major component within all thirty three assemblages. Mollusc shells were also present throughout, but as all were in excellent condition with well preserved surface detail and structures, all were considered to be modern intrusions and were not recorded.

The non-floating residues were collected in a 1mm mesh sieve and sorted when dry. All artefacts/ecofacts were retained for further specialist analysis.

## Results

Cereal grains and/or seeds of common weeds were recorded at a low density from all but ten of the assemblages studied. Preservation was generally very poor, with a high density of both grains and seeds being severely puffed and distorted, probably as a result of combustion at very high temperatures.

Barley (*Hordeum* sp.) and wheat (*Triticum* sp.) grains were noted along with a number of grains which were too severely damaged to be closely identified. The wheat grains were mostly of an elongated 'drop-form' shape typical of spelt (*T. spelta*). A single wheat spikelet base from Sample 5 (feature 0192) was the sole chaff element recorded. Seeds were exceedingly rare, with most occurring as single specimens within an assemblage. All were of common segetal/grassland taxa including brome (*Bromus* sp.), black bindweed (*Fallopia convolvulus*), corn gromwell (*Lithospermum arvense*), ribwort plantain (*Plantago lanceolata*), knotgrass (*Polygonum aviculare*) and dock (*Rumex* sp.). Charcoal/charred wood fragments were present within all but two assemblages, although rarely at a high density. Pieces of charred root or stem, including a number of fragments of heather (Ericaceae) stem, were also recorded within many of the samples. The fragments of black porous and tarry material, noted within all but eight assemblages, were probable residues of the combustion of organic remains (including cereal grains) at very high temperatures. Other remains were scarce, but did include fragments of bone (some of which were burnt) and small pellets of burnt or fired clay. Small ferrous globules were recorded from Samples 5 and 25 (pit 0456). The ten assemblages which contained only charcoal and/or other materials are listed in Table 16 below.

| SS No. | Ctxt | Feature | Identifier | Date     | Contents      |
|--------|------|---------|------------|----------|---------------|
| 4      | 0185 | 0184    | Pit        | ?        | CH;BTM        |
| 9      | 0223 | 0221    | Ditch      | ?        | CH;BTM        |
| 11     | 0240 | 0237    | Ditch      | ?        | CH            |
| 12     | 0271 | 0270    | Posthole   | ?        | CH;BPC        |
| 16     | 0290 | 0289    | Posthole   | ?        | CH;BTM        |
| 19     | 0343 | 0323    | Ditch      | LIA/ERom | CH;BPC;B;B/FC |
| 22     | 0411 | 0409    | Pit        | ?        | CH            |
| 24     | 0455 | 0454    | Pit        | ?        | CH;CR/ST;B/FC |
| 27     | 0492 | 0480    | Ditch      | ?        | CH;BTM        |
| 30     | 0510 | 0509    | Pit        | LIA/ERom | BPC           |

Table 16. Samples containing only charcoal and/or other material

Key: B = Bone ,BPC = Black porous 'cokey' material, BTM = Black tarry material, B/FC = Burnt/fired clay, CH = Charcoal, CR/ST = Charred root/stem

### *Discussion*

With rare exceptions, the assemblages are reasonably uniform in composition, possibly indicating that the material within them has a common source. Although the density of plant macrofossils is generally low, cereal grains occur within most assemblages, possibly indicating the presence of either domestic refuse or burnt cereal processing/storage waste. Chaff is all but absent, but this may be an accident of preservation, as most chaff elements will not survive the temperatures at which this material appears to have been burnt. Similarly, a number of smaller weed seeds may have been destroyed during combustion, leaving assemblages with an artificial bias towards the larger, more robust specimens.

In summary, it would, therefore, appear most likely that the assemblages are derived from scattered refuse rather than larger, more systematic deposits of waste. However, as the original composition of the assemblages may have been affected to an unknown degree by the high temperatures of composition, the precise origin of the material remains unclear.

### *Recommendations for further work*

As preservation of the material is so poor, and as none of the assemblages contain sufficient material (i.e. 100+ specimens) for quantification, no further analysis is required. However, a written summary of the current findings should be included within any publication of data from the site.

## **5.6 Discussion of the finds and environmental evidence**

Finds were collected from 88 contexts during the excavation. The assemblage is of modest size and the range of types present is limited but represents activity on this site or in the vicinity during the prehistoric, later Iron Age and early Roman periods.

The earliest finds are prehistoric and consist of a small and dispersed scatter of worked flint which fell within two date periods, the first early, a highly patinated blade and flake assemblage of Mesolithic or possible Neolithic date, and the second, later prehistoric, probably late Bronze Age or Iron Age. Most contexts contained single pieces amongst later-dated finds, forming a 'background scatter' of prehistoric material which represents a low level of activity and is typically recovered from sites in this part of the county.

The largest single finds group was pottery, and together, the hand-made Later Iron Age and wheel-made or hand-made and wheel-finished Late Iron Age/ Early Roman pottery assemblages contain a range of fabrics and forms suggesting a 1st century BC to 1st century AD date for activity on the site. The presence of hand-made, hand-made and wheel-finished and fully wheel-made pottery in cohesive groups suggests that they are contemporary in use and deposition on this site where Late Iron Age, transitional and very early Roman occupation is suggested. None of the wheel-made pottery from this site has to be any later than mid 1st century. The complete absence of any later-dated pottery or other finds is notable and probably represents a genuine shift to a very low level of activity, if not total abandonment of this site during the second half of the 1st century.

The animal bone assemblage is relatively small and that which has survived is in poor condition and highly fragmented due to the date of the features and adverse soil conditions. However, the identifiable elements consist of primary and secondary butchering and food waste from the main domesticated species, cattle and sheep/goat.

Macrofossil preservation is poor and there is a low density of plant macrofossils. The assemblages are uniform in composition possibly indicating that the material within them had a common source. It is probable that they are derived from scattered domestic refuse rather than larger, more systematic deposits of waste.

## 6. Discussion

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Despite the often shallow nature of the topsoil and the site's recent land-use as a pine plantation, which meant that a series of tree stumps were either left *in situ* or removed causing considerable disturbance to the subsoil and archaeological horizons, the excavations identified a broad spread of surviving archaeological deposits. Although the level of truncation is unknown it seems probable that shallower archaeological deposits or overlying occupation soils may have been removed by recent activity.

Two early phases of activity on the site in the Mesolithic/Neolithic and late Bronze Age/Iron Age periods are represented by the flint assemblage. However this material is merely a 'background scatter', typical for the area, consisting of residual deposits within the fills of later features. No cut features on the site can be firmly attributed to these early periods and so occupation prior to the Late Iron Age appears to have been ephemeral and temporary at best.

Archaeological deposits identified in six of the seven excavation areas, indicated a widespread distribution of activity in the Late Iron Age/Early Roman period, particularly to the north and west of the development area. The finds assemblage shows this to be a single homogenous phase of activity in the 1st century BC and 1st century AD. The limited stratigraphic relationships apparent between the various deposits are not sufficient evidence to support any suggested further sub-division of this phase with any confidence.

The evidence on the site appears to have derived from a phase of settlement activity, perhaps with a focus lying towards the north or west as the density of features across the excavation areas increased in these directions. The predominant feature type on the site, linear ditches, indicates that the site was likely to have been part of an enclosure system associated with a domestic farmstead. These features probably show the presence of a range of agricultural fields, enclosures and trackways, similar to that seen in other excavations in north-west Suffolk at Mildenhall (MNL 502, Bales 2004 and MNL 532, Tester in prep) and Eriswell (ERL 120, Craven 2005 and ERL 147/148, Craven in prep). As discussed above the dating evidence is not able to differentiate between these various ditch networks and the spatial evidence is equally limited with no obvious pattern to their layout other than two parallel ditches (0221 and 0224) in Area 03 and

the series of features apparently forming a slightly shifting boundary in the north of Area 02.

The number of ditches in certain areas, and the lack of definition between them in terms of phasing, is most likely due to each having a relatively short span between excavation and infilling. The loose sandy subsoil of the area means that cut features would probably first erode and then be infilled rapidly with windblown sands unless maintained and ditches 0005, 0500 and 0520 etc in particular demonstrate how a single boundary probably needed to be re-cut on a regular basis.

Similarly the various isolated or loose scatters of pits may not have been open for any lengthy period of time. The function of these features is unclear, the finds and environmental assemblage are not substantial enough to suggest a use as specific midden or rubbish pits but there is little or no evidence to suggest any alternative use.

The location of the potential farmstead at the focus of this activity however has not been identified. The absence of any clear evidence for structural features indicates that any associated buildings may lie outside the excavation areas but it is also possible that the apparent truncation of the archaeological levels and heavy tree disturbance could have removed smaller structural features. The sizeable pottery assemblage that was collected also indicates domestic activity on the site but, as it was dispersed throughout a range of features across a broad area, does not help to identify any particular focus suggesting the presence of structures.

The animal bone and plant macrofossil assemblages, although limited in size, again indicates domestic activity and the potential butchery of livestock and cereal processing in the area. This evidence is also widely scattered, with no defined focus, but it is also possible that more substantial evidence has been lost, with the prevailing soil conditions of acidic mixed sands leading to the poor preservation of organic remains. The general absence of CBM or metallic small finds though is an indication that potential buildings do not lie within the actual excavation areas.

While the settlement focus has not been identified it clearly appears to have come to an end in the late 1st century, with the finds pottery assemblage showing an absence of material post-dating this point. This suggests an initial continuity through the Iron



Age/Roman transition period before the settlement either ceases or shifts in the Roman period. At present it is not clear if this late 1st century occupation shift or abandonment is part of a common pattern in the wider region and there is scope for further research on whether there is a pattern of change either in the late 1st or early 2nd century in East Anglia, particularly in the light of the historically recorded Boudican event in 60/61 and its aftermath (Judith Plouviez *pers comm*).

Occupation in the wider region is known to have continued into the Roman period, as shown by the evaluation trenching (ELV 059) and coin hoard (ELV 067) within the fields to the south-west. The settlement evidence at ELV 059, interpreted as a reasonable sized agricultural farmstead, dates to a protracted period from the 2nd century through to, and peaking in, the 3rd/4th centuries (Ames 2004). This period of activity contrasts sharply with the Iron Age/Roman transition evidence seen on the site. It seems likely therefore that the settlement focus has indeed shifted to the south in the late 1st/2nd centuries, leaving the site as marginal or rarely used land on the northern periphery of this later settlement.

## 7. Conclusions

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The excavations have identified minor evidence of prehistoric activity across the site interspersed with more substantial evidence for a phase of Late Iron Age/Early Roman agricultural settlement activity in the 1st century BC to 1st century AD.

As a stand-alone site the excavation results, while indicating the presence of a phase of settlement and managed agricultural farmland, do not merit further publication in their own right. This report has detailed the results in full, rather than to assessment level, and so no further work is proposed.

When considered as a part of the wider archaeological landscape however the site is of additional significance. The apparent occupation of the site through the Late Iron Age/Early Roman transition period, until its clear abandonment in the late 1st century A.D, contrasts sharply with the known evidence of later Roman occupation in the fields to the south. This strongly suggests a shift in the local settlement pattern towards the end of the Late Iron Age/Early Roman transition period and means that the site evidence could be an important part of any wider synthetic study of Iron Age or Roman occupation in the region in the future, perhaps in association with any future fieldwork projects in the vicinity such as along the proposed A11 route or within the Center Parcs site.

The evidence of the site, in conjunction with any such wider study, may be of use in addressing specific aims identified in the regional research framework (Brown and Glazebrook, 2000). While there is a lack of definite evidence for buildings the site does provide further excavation data of a Roman rural settlement which, while being the most common type of site, is under-represented in archaeological excavations. In particular the apparent shift in settlement following the Early Roman period provides data towards one suggested priority study area; the examination of the spatial and chronological relationships of Late Iron Age sites to earlier Iron Age and later Roman settlements. In particular the abandonment of the site is perhaps supporting the suggestion that there was a drift in population to nucleated settlements in the early Roman period.

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## Appendix 1. ELV 067 Context list

| Context | Feature | Group | Segment | Trench/Area | Identifier         | Description  | Sample No | Spotdate |
|---------|---------|-------|---------|-------------|--------------------|--|-----------|----------|
| 0001    | 0001    |       |         |             | Unstratified finds | Number assigned for unstratified finds in evaluation.  |           |          |
| 0002    | 0002    |       |         | 1           | Layer              | Layer of mixed yellow, light brown and grey sand. A mixed subsoil with lots of root disturbance. 0.1m to 0.2m thick.   |           | Rom      |
| 0003    | 0003    | 0003  |         | 2           | Ditch cut          | Ditch cut running roughly N-S across trench. Linear in plan. Bowl shape in section. Break of slope 45-50 degrees to a concave but unclear base as this cut into earlier ditch 0005, so 0005 fill is at base. 0.6-0.7m wide, 0.4m deep. Further investigated during excavation. |           |          |
| 0004    | 0003    | 0003  |         | 2           | Ditch fill         | Fill of ditch 0003. Mid-dark grey brown soft sand fill with patches of darker (blackened) sand.  | eval 1    | LIA      |
| 0005    | 0005    | 0005  |         | 2           | Ditch cut          | Cut of ditch running all along Trench 2. See sketch on 0003 sheet. Linear in plan, shallow V cut in section. Sides slope 50-55 degrees to a concave base. Runs parallel to ditch 0007. 1m wide, 0.32m deep. Further investigated during excavation.                            |           |          |
| 0006    | 0005    | 0005  |         | 2           | Ditch fill         | Fill of ditch 0005. Mid orange/brown sand. Very soft and mixed by roots in many places.  | eval 2    |          |
| 0007    | 0007    |       |         | 2           | Ditch cut          | Ditch running parallel and along north side of ditch 0005. Can be seen to be different due to burnt areas in fill. Ditches seem to merge further east as the trench continues, and in Tr3.   |           |          |
| 0008    | 0007    |       |         | 2           | Ditch fill         | Fill of ditch 0007. A light yellowy brown soft sand fill with occasional areas of black and reddened burnt area which makes it different from fill of ditch 0005. Seen in soil sample 0013.  |           |          |
| 0009    | 0009    |       |         | 2           | Feature cut        | Cut of unclear feature on edge of trench. Probably a posthole but lots of root damage and mixing makes it unclear. Cut by ditch 0005. Further excavation of the feature (to retrieve bulk sample) show feature to be less clear and certain, c.0.2m wide and 0.3m deep.        |           |          |
| 0010    | 0009    |       |         | 2           | Feature fill       | Middle fill in posthole 0009. A light yellow wind blown sand fill with lots of leaching. Mixed near top by roots. 0.2m thick.  |           |          |
| 0011    | 0009    |       |         | 2           | Feature fill       | Basal fill of posthole 0009. A light yellow/brown soft sand fill. Maybe just due to mixing. 0.1m thick.  |           |          |
| 0012    | 0009    |       |         | 2           | Feature fill       | Layer/fill in and around posthole 0009. A mixed fill of mid brown silt/sand with occasional patches of dark charcoal stained sand. Very heavy root damage. Maybe mixed/disturbed top fill of the feature. 0.4m thick   | eval 3    |          |
| 0013    | 0007    |       |         | 2           | Profile            | Soil profile at eastern most end of Trench 2. Probably includes the cut of ditch 0007 and its fill 0008.   |           |          |
| 0014    | 0014    |       | 0018    | 3           | Ditch cut          | Shallow ditch running NW-SE. One of and southernmost of two parallel ditches, the other being 0016. No relationship visible in the section. Probably contemporary. Linear in plan. Bowl in section although full section not seen. 0.4m wide and 0.25m deep..                  |           |          |
| 0015    | 0014    |       | 0018    | 3           | Ditch fill         | Fill of shallow ditch 0014. Light orange/yellow brown soft sand with occasional flint inclusions.  |           |          |
| 0016    | 0016    |       | 0018    | 3           | Ditch cut          | Northernmost of two parallel ditches 0016 and 0014. Deeper than 0014 with moderate sloping sides and a concave base. Relationship with 0014 unclear. 0.55m wide and 0.38m deep.  |           |          |

| Context | Feature      | Group | Segment   | Trench/Area | Identifier    | Description   | Sample No | Spotdate |
|---------|--------------|-------|-----------|-------------|---------------|---|-----------|----------|
| 0017    | 0016         |       | 0018      | 3           | Ditch fill    | Fill of ditch 0016 in Segment 0018. Light orange/yellow brown soft sand with occasional flint inclusions.   |           |          |
| 0018    | 0016<br>0014 |       | 0018      | 3           | Ditch Section | Excavated segment through parallel ditches 0014 and 0016. No relationship visible.  |           |          |
| 0019    | 0016         |       | 0020      | 3           | Ditch fill    | Fill of ditch 0016 in Segment 0020. Light chalky brown sand/silt with occasional flint and chalk inclusions.  | IA        |          |
| 0020    | 0016         |       | 0020      | 3           | Ditch Section | Half section through ditch 0016. Moderate sloping sides, concave base.  |           |          |
| 0021    | 0021         |       | 0022 0025 | 3           | Ditch cut     | A ditch that seems to also run alongside 0016 on north side. Fairly unclear in most of trench due to many ditches running in the same alignment in a small trench. Seems to disappear towards the east of the trench.   |           |          |
| 0022    | 0021<br>0016 |       | 0022      | 3           | Ditch Section | Excavated segmen through ditch 0016 and possibly 0021 although 0021 looks to be getting shallower towards this point. No relationships seen in section. 0016 cut has moderate sloping sides and a flat base where visible. 0021 cut is shallow with gentle sloping sides and an unclear base. |           |          |
| 0023    | 0016         |       | 0022      | 3           | Ditch fill    | Fill of ditch 0016 in Segment 0022. Light chalky brown silt/sand with occasional flint and chalk inclusions.  | IA        |          |
| 0024    | 0021         |       | 0022      | 3           | Ditch fill    | Fill of ditch 0021 in Segment 0022. Light chalky brown silt/sand. No different to fill 0023 in ditch 0016.  | LIA       |          |
| 0025    | 0021<br>0016 |       | 0025      | 3           | Ditch Section | Excavated segment through ditches 0016 and 0021. 0021 cut is clearer than in other segments of ditch. Bowl shape with moderate sloping sides and a flattish base. 0016 has moderate sloping sides and a concave base. No relationship can be seen in section due to very similar fills.       |           |          |
| 0026    | 0016         |       | 0025      | 3           | Ditch fill    | Fill of ditch 0016 in Segment 0025. Light chalky brown soft sand/silt with occasional chalk and flint inclusions. finds.  |           |          |
| 0027    | 0021         |       | 0025      | 3           | Ditch fill    | Fill of ditch 0021 in Segment 0025. Light chalky brown sand with occasional chalk flecks and flint inclusions. Very similar to 0026 in ditch 0016.  |           |          |
| 0028    |              |       |           | 3           | Profile       | Baulk section.  |           |          |
| 0029    | 0029         |       |           | 4           | Ditch cut     | Ditch cut on northern edge of trench. Only half the ditch is visible. See sketch on sheet. Sides slope 50 degrees to a concave base which is just visible. 0.4m wide and 0.3m deep.   |           |          |
| 0030    | 0029         |       |           | 4           | Ditch fill    | Fill of ditch 0029. Mid orange/brown soft sand/silt with occasional flint and chalk inclusions.   |           |          |
| 0031    | 0032<br>0033 |       | 0031      | 6           | Segment       | Square cut segment to look for ditches 0032 and 0033. No relationship seen in section.  |           |          |
| 0032    | 0032         |       | 0031      | 6           | Ditch cut     | Cut of ditch running E-W in east end of trench. Linear in plan. Half section. Edges slope 40-45 degrees. Base not clear. No relationship seen with ditch 0033. 0.45m wide and 0.2m deep.  |           |          |
| 0033    | 0033         |       | 0031      | 6           | Ditch cut     | Cut of ditch running N-S in east end of trench. Deeper than 0032 in the segment. Sides steep, slope 50-55 degrees to a V-cut base. No relation seen with ditch 0032.  |           |          |
| 0034    |              |       | 0034      | 6           | Segment       | Segment excavated into a disturbed area looking for continuation of ditch 0032. Could have clipped the butt end of the ditch but very unclear due to rooting.   |           |          |
| 0035    | 0032         |       | 0031      | 6           | Ditch fill    | Fill of ditch 0032 in Segment 0031. Light pale brown soft sand. Occasional flint inclusion.   | eval 4    |          |
| 0036    | 0033         |       | 0031      | 6           | Ditch fill    | Fill of ditch 0033 in Segment 0031. A light pale brown chalky sand. Occasional flint inclusion.   |           |          |

| Context | Feature | Group | Segment | Trench/Area    | Identifier   | Description   | Sample No | Spotdate       |
|---------|---------|-------|---------|----------------|--------------|---|-----------|----------------|
| 0037    |         |       |         | 4              | Profile      | Sample section.   |           |                |
| 0038    |         |       |         | 5              | Profile      | Sample section.   |           |                |
| 0039    |         |       |         | 6              | Profile      | Sample section.   |           |                |
| 0040    |         |       | 0034    | 6              | Ditch fill   | General mixed fill in all of segment 0034. No visible features so all given one number. Light/pale brown chalky soft sand with occasional flint inclusion.  |           |                |
| 0041    | 0041    |       |         | 7              | Pit cut      | Half pit visible in trench and 50% excavated. Semi circle in plan, irregular cut in section. Sides are irregular and unclear due to rooting and disturbance. Measured 1.6m by 0.8m and 0.5m deep..  | 07        |                |
| 0042    | 0041    |       |         | 7              | Pit fill     | Top fill in pit 0041. A mixed and disturbed fill of mid brown and yellow sand.  | eval 5    | LIA            |
| 0043    | 0041    |       |         | 7              | Pit fill     | Main fill in pit 0041. A burnt charcoal stained dark brown sand. Patchy in places due to rooting. (SS 7)  | 07        | E/MC1/later IA |
| 0044    | 0041    |       |         | 7              | Pit fill     | Primary fill in pit 0041. Maybe just natural leaching. Patchy yellow and light grey sand.   |           |                |
| 0045    | 0045    | 0045  |         | 7              | Ditch cut    | Cut of N-S aligned ditch. Fairly unclear but looks like real feature. Sides slope 40 degrees to a concave base. Fairly disturbed on surface and in section. 0.5m wide and 0.2m deep.  | 08        |                |
| 0046    | 0045    | 0045  |         | 7              | Ditch fill   | Fill of ditch 0045. Light orange/brown sand with occasional flint inclusions.   |           |                |
| 0047    | 0047    |       |         | 7              | Ditch cut    | E-W aligned ditch. Shallow and unclear in section due to rooting and mixing. Looks fairly convincing in plan. Linear in plan disturbed in section. Sides slope 35-40 degrees to a concave base. 0.8m wide and 0.25m deep.                           |           |                |
| 0048    | 0047    |       |         | 7              | Ditch fill   | Fill of ditch 0047. Light orange/brown sand fill. Occasional flint inclusions.  |           |                |
| 0049    | 0049    |       |         | 7              | Feature cut  | Cut of possible feature in south end of trench. Looks fairly natural but has some clear edges. Maybe just due to rooting and water action. Disturbed in profile, linear in plan. Edges slope 30 degrees to a concave base. 0.9m wide and 0.3m deep. |           |                |
| 0050    | 0049    |       |         | 7              | Feature fill | Fill of feature 0049. Light yellow and orange sand with occasional chalk and flint inclusions.  |           |                |
| 0051    | 0051    |       |         | 8              | Ditch cut    | Cut of possible linear running NE-SW. Shallow, root disturbed, linear, fairly clear in plan but section is less conclusive. Sides slope 20-25 degrees to an irregular base. 0.7m wide and 0.15m deep.   |           |                |
| 0052    | 0051    |       |         | 8              | Ditch fill   | Fill of ditch 0051. Orange/brown sand fill with occasional flint and chalk inclusions.  |           |                |
| 0053    |         |       |         | 8              | Profile      | Soil profile.   |           |                |
| 0054    |         |       |         | 9              | Profile      | Soil profile.   |           |                |
| 0055    |         |       |         | 9              | Profile      | Soil profile.   |           |                |
| 0056    |         |       |         | 10             | Profile      | Soil profile.   |           |                |
| 0100    | 0100    | 0100  |         | Area 02 W bund | Ditch cut    | Narrow e-w aligned ditch/gully. 0.6m wide and 0.14m deep with gentle sloping sides and a concave base. Cuts natural chalk, sealed under 0.2m topsoil.   |           |                |
| 0101    | 0100    | 0100  |         | Area 02 W bund | Ditch fill   | Mid orange/brown sand.  |           |                |
| 0102    | 0102    | 0102  |         | Area 02 W bund | Pit cut      | Large irregular pit, possibly 2 or 3 separate, indistinguishable cuts. C.1.6m diameter and 0.5m deep. 100% excavated.   | 02        |                |



| Context | Feature      | Group | Segment | Trench/Area    | Identifier    | Description  | Sample No | Spotdate |
|---------|--------------|-------|---------|----------------|---------------|--|-----------|----------|
| 0103    | 0102         | 0102  |         | Area 02 W bund | Pit fill      | Dark brown sand and flints. Paler with chalk towards base and sides - initial slumping. (SS 2)   | 02        | C1       |
| 0104    | 0104         | 0104  |         | Area 02 W bund | Gully cut     | N-S gully, terminating to south in section 0107, fades away to north. Narrow, shallow, probably truncated. 0.4m wide, 0.2m deep, moderate sloping sides, concave base.   | 01        |          |
| 0105    | 0104         | 0104  | 0105    | Area 02 W bund | Gully Section | Section of gully.  |           |          |
| 0106    | 0104         | 0104  | 0105    | Area 02 W bund | Gully fill    | Dark brown sand and flints with tree roots. (SS 1)   | 01        | C1       |
| 0107    | 0104         | 0104  | 0107    | Area 02 W bund | Gully Section | Section of gully terminus.   |           |          |
| 0108    | 0104         | 0104  | 0107    | Area 02 W bund | Gully fill    | Mid brown sand.  |           |          |
| 0109    | 0104<br>0111 | 0104  | 0109    | Area 02 W bund | Section       | Section of gully 0104 and pit 0111. Unclear relationship.  |           |          |
| 0110    | 0104         | 0104  | 0109    | Area 02 W bund | Gully fill    | Dark brown sand.   |           |          |
| 0111    | 0111         |       |         | Area 02 W bund | Pit cut       | Pit on edge of gully 0104. 0.3m diameter and 0.1m deep.  |           |          |
| 0112    | 0111         |       | 0109    | Area 02 W bund | Pit fill      | Dark brown sand.   |           |          |
| 0113    | 0113         | 0113  |         | Area 02 W bund | Gully cut     | Short length of gully visible, heading W from pit 0102. Unclear relationship. 0.5m wide and deep, irregular sides.   |           |          |
| 0114    | 0113         | 0113  |         | Area 02 W bund | Gully fill    | Dark brown silt/sand and occasional flints.  |           |          |
| 0115    | 0116         | 0116  | 0115    | Area 01        | Ditch Section | Excavated segment of ditch 0116.   |           |          |
| 0116    | 0116         | 0116  |         | Area 01        | Ditch cut     | Ditch, aligned E_W, running into 0146 - unclear relationship. 1m wide, 0.45m deep with moderate sloping sides and a flat base.   |           |          |
| 0117    | 0116         | 0116  | 0115    | Area 01        | Ditch fill    | Mixed mid grey/brown sand with occasional flints   |           |          |
| 0118    | 0119<br>0121 |       | 0118    | Area 01 W bund | Pit Section   | Excavated section across 2 pits, 0119 and 0121.  |           |          |
| 0119    | 0119         |       | 0118    | Area 01 W bund | Pit cut       | Large oval pit, aligned N-S. Steep sided, flat base possibly cutting 0121 to the south. 1.5m long, 1.2m wide and 0.4m deep. 50% excavated.   |           |          |
| 0120    | 0119         |       | 0118    | Area 01 W bund | Pit fill      | Mixed mid grey/brown sands with iron pan mottling and tree root disturbance.   |           | IA       |
| 0121    | 0121         |       | 0118    | Area 01 W bund | Pit cut       | Possible shallow pit on south edge of 0119. Steep sided with irregular base, 0.8m wide and 0.2m deep. May be natural.  |           |          |
| 0122    | 0121         |       | 0118    | Area 01 W bund | Pit fill      | Mixed pale-mid grey/brown sands with iron panning and tree root disturbance.   |           |          |
| 0123    | 0123         | 0123  | 0125    | Area 01 W bund | Ditch cut     | Linear ditch, aligned NE-SW. Later seen in Area 01 as 0213. To E disappears into modern tree hole. Width and depth varies as it rises and falls over chalk natural. C.0.9m wide and 0.23m deep. Heavily truncated? |           |          |
| 0124    | 0123         | 0123  | 0125    | Area 01 W bund | Ditch fill    | Light-mid brown silt/sand with occasional chalk and flints. Frequent tree root disturbance.  |           |          |

| Context | Feature      | Group        | Segment | Trench/Area    | Identifier         | Description   | Sample No | Spotdate |
|---------|--------------|--------------|---------|----------------|--------------------|---|-----------|----------|
| 0125    | 0123         | 0123         | 0125    | Area 01 W bund | Ditch Section      | Excavated segment of ditch 0123.  |           |          |
| 0126    | 0126         | 0126         |         | Area 03 W bund | Ditch cut          | E-W aligned ditch, previously seen in evaluation trench as 0029. 0.7m wide and 0.4m deep, moderate-steep sloping sides with narrow concave base. Terminates to W in section 0130 where it probably cuts 0127. Later seen in Area 3 to E before fading away.                               | 20        |          |
| 0127    | 0127         | 0127         | 0130    | Area 03 W bund | Ditch cut          | Short length of ditch running into end of ditch 0126. May be an earlier cut. Aligned NW-SE, 0.5m wide and 0.4m deep with concave base.  |           |          |
| 0128    | 0126         | 0126         | 0128    | Area 03 W bund | Ditch Section      | Excavated segment of ditch 0126.  |           |          |
| 0129    | 0126         | 0126         | 0128    | Area 03 W bund | Ditch fill         | Dark brown silt/sand with occasional flints and charcoal mottling.  |           | Later IA |
| 0130    | 0126<br>0127 | 0126<br>0127 | 0130    | Area 03 W bund | Ditch Section      | Section across terminus of ditch 126 and ditch 0127.  |           |          |
| 0131    | 0126         | 0126         | 0130    | Area 03 W bund | Ditch fill         | Dark brown silt/sand with occasional flints.  |           | Later IA |
| 0132    | 0126         | 0126         | 0130    | Area 03 W bund | Ditch fill         | Pale yellow sand with occasional flints, initial silting. 0.25m thick.  |           |          |
| 0133    | 0127         | 0127         | 0130    | Area 03 W bund | Ditch fill         | Dark brown silt/sand with occasional flints and charcoal mottling.  |           | E/MC1    |
| 0134    |              |              |         | Area 02        | Unstratified finds | Unstratified finds from machining of Area 02 and spoilheaps.  |           | MC1      |
| 0135    | 0135         |              | 0171    | Area 01        | Posthole cut       | Subcircular posthole, 0.5m by 0.4m and 0.18m deep. Moderate sides and concave base. 50% excavated. Possibly natural.  |           |          |
| 0136    | 0135         |              | 0171    | Area 01        | Posthole fill      | Dark grey/orange sand.  |           |          |
| 0137    | 0137         |              | 0174    | Area 01        | Posthole cut       | Irregular oval posthole with concave sides and base. 0.4m by 0.35m and 0.15m deep. 50% excavated. Possibly natural.   |           |          |
| 0138    | 0137         |              | 0174    | Area 01        | Posthole fill      | Dark grey/orange sand.  |           |          |
| 0139    | 0139         |              | 0173    | Area 01        | Pit cut            | Circular pit, steep sides and concave base. Tree root disturbance on south side. 0.7m diameter and 0.29m deep. 50% excavated.   |           |          |
| 0140    | 0139         |              | 0173    | Area 01        | Pit fill           | Dark orange/grey sand with flints.  |           |          |
| 0141    | 0141         | 0141         |         | Area 01        | Ditch cut          | Linear ditch, aligned E-W, parallel to 0152. To W it heads off site but was not see in Area 01 W bund. Depth and width varies according to subsoil, probably heavily truncated. To E it either corners N, becoming 0045, or continues straight offsite. May relate to ditches in Area 03? |           |          |
| 0142    | 0141         | 0141         | 0142    | Area 01        | Ditch Section      | Excavated segment of ditch 0141. 0.6m wide and 0.24m deep.  |           |          |
| 0143    | 0141         | 0141         | 0142    | Area 01        | Ditch fill         | Orange/brown silt/sand with occasional flints.  |           | IA       |
| 0144    | 0144         |              | 0172    | Area 01        | Pit cut            | Circular pit, steep sided and flat base. 0.6n diameter and 0.22m deep.  |           |          |
| 0145    | 0144         |              | 0172    | Area 01        | Pit fill           | Dark orange/grey silt/sand. Tree root disturbance on western side.  |           |          |
| 0146    | 0146         | 0146         |         | Area 01        | Ditch cut          | Linear ditch, aligned N-S.  |           |          |
| 0147    | 0146         | 0146         | 0148    | Area 01        | Ditch fill         | Mid orange/brown silt/sand with occasional flints and frequent roots.   |           |          |
| 0148    | 0146         | 0146         | 0148    | Area 01        | Ditch Section      | Excavated segment of ditch 0146. 0.64m wide and 0.23m deep.   |           |          |
| 0149    | 0146         | 0146         | 0151    | Area 01        | Ditch fill         | Orange/brown silt/sand with occasional flints.  |           |          |

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| 0150    | 0116         | 0116         | 0151    | Area 01     | Ditch fill       | Orange/brown silt/sand with occasional flints.   |           |          |
| 0151    | 0116<br>0146 | 0116<br>0146 | 0151    | Area 01     | Ditch Section    | Excavated segment at junction of ditches 0116 and 0146.  |           |          |
| 0152    | 0152         | 0152         |         | Area 01     | Ditch cut        | Linear ditch, aligned E-W, not seen in Area 01 W bund. Gradually fades away to E due to probable truncation. Same as 0179. Parallel to 0141. |           |          |
| 0153    | 0152         | 0152         | 0154    | Area 01     | Ditch fill       | Mid brown silt/sand with flints.   |           |          |
| 0154    | 0152         | 0152         | 0154    | Area 01     | Ditch Section    | Excavated segment of ditch 0152. 0.74m wide and 0.18m deep.  |           |          |
| 0155    | 0155         |              | 0157    | Area 01     | Posthole cut     | Subcircular posthole, 0.66m by 1m and 0.13m deep. Gentle sloping sides and a flat base. Adjacent to 0158.                                    |           |          |
| 0156    | 0155         |              | 0157    | Area 01     | Posthole fill    | Mid brown silt/sand with occasional flints and roots.  |           |          |
| 0157    | 0155<br>0158 |              | 0157    | Area 01     | posthole Section | Excavated section across postholes 0155 and 0158.  |           |          |
| 0158    | 0158         |              | 0157    | Area 01     | Posthole cut     | Subcircular posthole, 0.68m by 0.9m and 0.19m deep. Gentle sloping sides and a flat base. Adjacent to 0155.                                  |           |          |
| 0159    | 0158         |              | 0157    | Area 01     | Posthole fill    | Mid brown silt/sand with occasional flints and roots.  |           |          |
| 0160    | 0045         | 0045         | 0161    | Area 01     | Ditch fill       | Mid brown silt/sand with occasional flints. (SS 8)   | 08        |          |
| 0161    | 0045         | 0045         | 0161    | Area 01     | Ditch Section    | Excavated segment of ditch 0045. 0.65m wide and 0.28m deep.  | 08        |          |
| 0162    | 0162         |              |         | Area 01     | Pit cut          | Irregular oval pit, 0.4m by 0.3m and 0.07m deep. Natural depression?   | 03        |          |
| 0163    | 0162         |              |         | Area 01     | Pit fill         | Dark grey sand with occasional flints. (SS 3)  | 03        | Later IA |
| 0164    | 0045<br>0141 | 0045<br>0141 | 0164    | Area 01     | Ditch Section    | Excavated segment at junction of ditches 0045 and 0141.  |           |          |
| 0165    | 0045         | 0045         | 0164    | Area 01     | Ditch fill       | Mid brown silt/sand with occasional flints and root disturbance.   |           |          |
| 0166    | 0141         | 0141         | 0166    | Area 01     | Ditch Section    | Excavated segment of ditch 0141.   |           |          |
| 0167    | 0141         | 0141         | 0164    | Area 01     | Ditch fill       | Mid brown silt/sand with occasional flints and root disturbance.   |           |          |
| 0168    | 0162         |              | 0168    | Area 01     | Pit Section      | Excavated section of pit 0162.   |           |          |
| 0169    | 0045         | 0045         | 0169    | Area 01     | Ditch Section    | Section of ditch 0045. 0.5m wide and 0.16m deep.   |           |          |
| 0170    | 0045         | 0045         | 0169    | Area 01     | Ditch fill       | Pale brown silt/sand with flints and tree roots.   |           |          |
| 0171    | 0135         |              | 0171    | Area 01     | Posthole Section | Excavated section of posthole 0135.  |           |          |
| 0172    | 0144         |              | 0172    | Area 01     | Pit Section      | Excavated section of pit 0144.   |           |          |
| 0173    | 0139         |              | 0173    | Area 01     | Pit Section      | Excavated section of pit 0139.   |           |          |
| 0174    | 0137         |              | 0174    | Area 01     | Posthole Section | Excavated section of posthole 0137.  |           |          |
| 0175    |              |              |         |             |                  | NOT USED   |           |          |
| 0176    |              |              |         |             |                  | NOT USED   |           |          |
| 0177    | 0141         | 0141         | 0177    | Area 01     | Ditch Section    | Section of ditch 0141. 0.48m wide and 0.14m deep.  |           |          |
| 0178    | 0141         | 0141         | 0177    | Area 01     | Ditch fill       | Orange/brown silt/sand with occasional flints. Heavily truncated.  |           | IA       |
| 0179    | 0179         | 0179         |         | Area 01     | Ditch cut        | Linear ditch, aligned E-W. Continuation of 0152, gradually fades away to E.  |           |          |
| 0180    | 0179         | 0179         | 0181    | Area 01     | Ditch fill       | Light-mid brown silt/sand with flints.   |           |          |

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| 0181    | 0179         | 0179  | 0181    | Area 01     | Ditch Section   | Section of ditch 0179. 0.4m wide and 0.13m deep.  |           |          |
| 0182    | 0045         | 0045  | 0182    | Area 01     | Ditch Section   | Section of ditch 0045. 0.5m wide and 0.22m deep.  |           |          |
| 0183    | 0045         | 0045  | 0182    | Area 01     | Ditch fill      | Yellow/orange sand with occasional flints and root disturbance.   |           |          |
| 0184    | 0184         |       |         | Area 01     | Pit cut         | Possible oval pit, aligned E-W. Moderate sloping sides and concave base, 0.2m deep. Probable treehole. 50% excavated.   | 04        |          |
| 0185    | 0184         |       |         | Area 01     | Pit fill        | Central area of dark grey/brown sand with burnt flint. Gradually paler with frequent unburnt flint in rest of fill. Tree root disturbance on E side. (SS 4)                                 | 04        |          |
| 0186    | 0186         |       | 0218    | Area 01     | Pit cut         | Circular pit, 0.32m diameter and 0.16m deep. Moderate-steep sides and concave base.   |           |          |
| 0187    | 0186         |       | 0218    | Area 01     | Pit fill        | Mixed orange/brown sands with occasional flints.  |           |          |
| 0188    | 0188         |       | 0210    | Area 01     | Posthole cut    | Irregular pit, 0.32m by 0.44m and 0.52m deep. Steep sides, concave base. Disturbed and ill-defined edges.   |           |          |
| 0189    | 0188         |       | 0210    | Area 01     | Posthole fill   | Mid-dark brown silt/sands with occasional flints.   |           |          |
| 0190    | 0190         |       | 0192    | Area 01     | Feature cut     | Shallow depression - natural or base of truncated pit? 0.48m diameter and 0.07m deep. Heavy disturbance.  | 05        |          |
| 0191    | 0190         |       | 0192    | Area 01     | Feature fill    | Very dark grey silt/sand with frequent flints and tree roots. (SS 5)  | 05        |          |
| 0192    | 0190         |       | 0192    | Area 01     | Feature Section | Excavated section through feature 0190.   | 05        |          |
| 0193    | 0193         |       | 0219    | Area 01     | Pit cut         | Oval pit, 0.39m by 0.44m and 0.16m deep. Moderate-steep sides and irregular base.   |           |          |
| 0194    | 0193         |       | 0219    | Area 01     | Pit fill        | Mid brown silt/sand.  |           |          |
| 0195    |              |       |         |             |                 | NOT USED.   |           |          |
| 0196    |              |       |         |             |                 | NOT USED.   |           |          |
| 0197    |              |       |         |             |                 | NOT USED.   |           |          |
| 0198    | 0198         |       | 0203    | Area 01     | Pit cut         | Oval pit, 0.79m by 0.49m and 0.17m deep, aligned E-W. Moderate sloping sides, concave base, adjacent to 0041.   |           |          |
| 0199    | 0198         |       | 0203    | Area 01     | Pit fill        | Light orange-dark brown silt/sands with occasional stones.  |           |          |
| 0200    | 0200         |       | 0202    | Area 01     | Posthole cut    | Irregular oval pit, aligned NW-SE with steep sides and a concave base. 0.5m by 0.42m and 0.23m deep.  |           |          |
| 0201    | 0200         |       | 0202    | Area 01     | Posthole fill   | Dark yellow/brown silt/sand with pale yellow/brown mottling and occasional flints.  |           |          |
| 0202    | 0041<br>0200 |       | 0202    | Area 01     | Section         | Section through posthole 0200 and pit 0041.   |           |          |
| 0203    | 0198         |       | 0203    | Area 01     | Pit Section     | Excavated section of pit 0198.  |           |          |
| 0204    | 0204         |       | 0208    | Area 01     | Posthole cut    | Possible posthole at terminus of ditch 0206. Circular, 0.5m diameter and 0.31m deep. Irregular sides and base. Unclear relationship with 0206.  | 06        |          |
| 0205    | 0204         |       | 0208    | Area 01     | Posthole fill   | Mid brown silt/sand with dark grey/brown mottling. Occasional charcoal, flints and tree roots. (SS 6)   | 06        |          |
| 0206    | 0206         | 0206  |         | Area 01     | Ditch cut       | Linear ditch, aligned N-S. To N it disappears into modern disturbance. To south it terminates at a possible posthole 0204. 0.52m wide and 0.13m deep, moderate sloping sides, concave base. |           |          |
| 0207    | 0206         | 0206  | 0209    | Area 01     | Ditch fill      | Light brown silt/sand with dark grey/brown patches. Occasional charcoal, flints and tree roots.   |           |          |

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| 0208    | 0204<br>0206 | 0204<br>0206 | 0208    | Area 01     | Section          | Section of posthole 0204 and ditch 0206.  |           |          |
| 0209    | 0206         | 0206         | 0209    | Area 01     | Ditch Section    | Section of ditch 0206.  |           |          |
| 0210    | 0188         |              | 0210    | Area 01     | Posthole Section | Excavated section of posthole 0188.   |           |          |
| 0211    | 0206         | 0206         | 0211    | Area 01     | Ditch Section    | Section of ditch 0206. 0.65m wide and 0.19m deep.   |           |          |
| 0212    | 0206         | 0206         | 0211    | Area 01     | Ditch fill       | Pale brown silt/sand with occasional flints.  |           |          |
| 0213    | 0213         | 0213         |         | Area 01     | Ditch cut        | Linear NW-SE ditch. 0.53m wide and 0.1m deep with concave base. Same as 0123.   |           |          |
| 0214    | 0213         | 0213         | 0215    | Area 01     | Ditch fill       | Mid brown silt/sand with occasional flints.   |           |          |
| 0215    | 0213         | 0213         | 0215    | Area 01     | Ditch Section    | Excavated section of ditch 0213. 0.53m wide and 0.1m deep.  |           |          |
| 0216    | 0213         | 0213         | 0216    | Area 01     | Ditch Section    | Excavated section of ditch 0213. 0.58m wide and 0.09m deep.   |           |          |
| 0217    | 0213         | 0213         | 0216    | Area 01     | Ditch fill       | Mid brown silt/sand with occasional flints.   |           |          |
| 0218    | 0186         |              | 0218    | Area 01     | Pit Section      | Excavated section of pit 0186.  |           |          |
| 0219    | 0193         |              | 0219    | Area 01     | Pit Section      | Excavated section of pit 0193.  |           |          |
| 0220    | 0242         |              |         | Area 03     | Posthole fill    | Mid brown sand with occasional flints.  |           |          |
| 0221    | 0221         | 0221         |         | Area 03     | Ditch cut        | Linear ditch, aligned NE-SW, roughly parallel to 0224. Fades away to north, to south it runs into a treehole and reappears as either 0233 or 0235.                                | 09        |          |
| 0222    | 0221         | 0221         | 0222    | Area 03     | Ditch Section    | Excavated segment of ditch 0222. 0.95m wide and 0.22m deep. Flat base, moderate sloping sides.  | 09        |          |
| 0223    | 0221         | 0221         | 0222    | Area 03     | Ditch fill       | Pale brown silt/sand with occasional flints. (SS 9)   | 09        |          |
| 0224    | 0224         | 0224         |         | Area 03     | Ditch cut        | Linear ditch, N-S aligned. To south it gradually curves to a SW-NE alignment and fades out as it passes over chalk outcrops. Seen in further short lengths to south - see 0267.   |           |          |
| 0225    | 0224         | 0224         | 0226    | Area 03     | Ditch fill       | Mid brown sand with occasional flints.  |           |          |
| 0226    | 0224         | 0224         | 0226    | Area 03     | Ditch Section    | Section of ditch 0224. 0.67m wide and 0.17m deep.   |           |          |
| 0227    | 0227         | 0227         |         | Area 03     | Ditch cut        | Narrow gully, N-S aligned and roughly parallel to 0221 and 0224. Crosses 0221 but relationship is unknown. Runs into ditch 0237 at 90 degrees - may turn and head west with 0237. |           |          |
| 0228    | 0227         | 0227         | 0229    | Area 03     | Ditch fill       | Mid orange/brown silt/sand with occasional flints and root disturbance.   |           |          |
| 0229    | 0227         | 0227         | 0229    | Area 03     | Ditch Section    | Section of ditch 0222. 0.47m wide and 0.2m deep.  |           |          |
| 0230    | 0224         | 0224         | 0230    | Area 03     | Ditch Section    | Excavated section of ditch 0224. 0.73m wide and 0.29m deep.   |           |          |
| 0231    | 0224         | 0224         | 0230    | Area 03     | Ditch fill       | Light-mid brown silt/sands with occasional flints and tree root disturbance.  |           |          |
| 0232    | 0233<br>0235 | 0233<br>0235 | 0232    | Area 03     | Ditch Section    | Excavated section across junction of ditches 0233 and 0235. Both ditches emerge from opposite side of tree stump to ditch 0221.   |           |          |
| 0233    | 0233         | 0233         |         | Area 03     | Ditch cut        | N-S aligned ditch, only short length visible where it meets 0235 before running into tree stump and possibly continuing as 0221. 0.7m wide and 0.2m deep.                         |           |          |
| 0234    | 0233         | 0233         | 0232    | Area 03     | Ditch fill       | Mid/dark brown/orange sand and scattered flints.  |           |          |
| 0235    | 0235         | 0235         |         | Area 03     | Ditch cut        | NE-SW ditch. To N it merges with 0233 then, on other side of tree stump, possibly continues as 0221. To S it crosses 0227 before fading out.                                      |           |          |

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| 0236    | 0235         | 0235         | 0232    | Area 03     | Ditch fill         | Mid/dark brown/orange sand and scattered flints.   |           |          |
| 0237    | 0237         | 0237         |         | Area 03     | Ditch cut          | E-W ditch. Unknown relationship with ditch 0227. Same as 0324 to W?  | 11        |          |
| 0238    | 0224         | 0224         | 0240    | Area 03     | Ditch fill         | Light brown silt/sand with occasional flints. 0.66m wide and 0.06m deep.   |           |          |
| 0239    | 0237         | 0237         | 0240    | Area 03     | Ditch fill         | Mid brown silt/sand with occasional flints. 0.4m wide, 0.2m deep.  |           |          |
| 0240    | 0224<br>0237 | 0224<br>0237 | 0240    | Area 03     | Ditch Section      | Section showing ditch 0237 cutting ditch 0224.   |           |          |
| 0241    | 0227<br>0235 | 0227<br>0235 | 0241    | Area 03     | Ditch Section      | Excavated section at junction of ditches 0227 and 0235, no visible relationship.                                       |           |          |
| 0242    | 0242         |              |         | Area 03     | Posthole cut       | Oval posthole, 0.7m by 0.55m and 0.35m deep. May be a natural sinkhole. Fill of light brown sands.                     |           |          |
| 0243    | 0237<br>0244 | 0237<br>0244 | 0243    | Area 03     | Section            | Section across ditch 0237 and feature 0244.  |           |          |
| 0244    | 0244         | 0244         | 0243    | Area 03     | Feature cut        | Possible feature just visible on site edge. On N side of ditch 0237, unknown extent and type.                          |           |          |
| 0245    | 0244         | 0244         | 0243    | Area 03     | Feature fill       | Dark brown sand/silt with occasional flints and root disturbance.  |           | E/MC1    |
| 0246    | 0237         | 0237         | 0243    | Area 03     | Ditch fill         | Mid/dark brown/orange sand and scattered flints. Frequent root disturbance.  |           |          |
| 0247    |              |              |         | Area 03     | Unstratified finds | Unstratified finds from Area 03.   |           | E/MC1    |
| 0248    | 0237         | 0237         | 0248    | Area 03     | Ditch Section      | Excavated segment of ditch 0237. 0.35m deep.   | 11        |          |
| 0249    | 0237         | 0237         | 0248    | Area 03     | Ditch fill         | Mid yellow/brown silt/sand with grey/brown mottling. Occasional flints and root disturbance. (SS 11)                   | 11        |          |
| 0250    | 0227<br>0237 | 0227<br>0237 | 0250    | Area 03     | Ditch Section      | Excavated section at junction of ditches 0227 and 0237. No visible relationship, 0227 may corner and head W with 0237? |           |          |
| 0251    | 0251         |              |         | Area 03     | Pit cut            | Oval pit, 0.4m by 0.67m and 0.18m deep. Moderate-steep sides and concave base.   |           |          |
| 0252    | 0251         |              |         | Area 03     | Pit fill           | Dark brown silt/sand, lighter and mixed towards base. Frequent flint at top.   |           |          |
| 0253    | 0253         | 0253         |         | Area 03     | Ditch cut          | Linear ditch, aligned NW-SE, 0.63m wide and 0.16m deep. Gentle-moderate sloping sides with irregular base.             | 10        |          |
| 0254    | 0253         | 0253         |         | Area 03     | Ditch fill         | Light-mid brown sand with occasional flints. (SS 10)   | 10        |          |
| 0255    | 0237         | 0237         | 0250    | Area 03     | Ditch fill         | Mid brown silt/sand with occasional flints. 1m wide and 0.4m deep.   |           |          |
| 0256    | 0227         | 0227         | 0250    | Area 03     | Ditch fill         | Mid brown silt/sand with occasional flints. 0.2m wide and 0.1m deep.   |           |          |
| 0257    | 0257         |              | 0259    | Area 03     | Posthole cut       | Circular posthole, 0.38m diameter and 0.28m deep.  |           |          |
| 0258    | 0257         |              | 0259    | Area 03     | Posthole fill      | Mid yellow/brown silt/sand with occasional flints and root disturbance.  |           |          |
| 0259    | 0257         |              | 0259    | Area 03     | Posthole Section   | Excavated section of posthole 0257.  |           |          |
| 0260    | 0260         | 0260         |         | Area 03     | Ditch cut          | Linear ditch, aligned NW-SE, 0.6m wide and 0.18m deep. Terminates to north in section 0263.                            |           |          |
| 0261    | 0260         | 0260         | 0262    | Area 03     | Ditch fill         | Mid brown silt/clay with occasional flints.  |           |          |
| 0262    | 0260         | 0260         | 0262    | Area 03     | Ditch Section      | Excavated section of ditch 0260.   |           |          |
| 0263    | 0260         | 0260         | 0263    | Area 03     | Ditch Section      | Excavated section of ditch 0260.   |           |          |
| 0264    | 0264         |              | 0266    | Area 03     | Pit cut            | Irregular circular pit, 0.8m diameter and 0.27m deep.  |           |          |

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| 0265    | 0264         |       | 0266    | Area 03     | Pit fill      | Dark grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints and frequent root disturbance.  |           |          |
| 0266    | 0264         |       | 0266    | Area 03     | Pit Section   | Excavated section of pit 0264.   |           |          |
| 0267    | 0267         | 0267  |         | Area 03     | Ditch cut     | E-W irregular narrow ditch. 0.45m wide and 0.12m deep. Moderate sloping sides and undulating base.   |           |          |
| 0268    | 0267         | 0267  | 0269    | Area 03     | Ditch fill    | Mid grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints and root disturbance.  |           |          |
| 0269    | 0267         | 0267  | 0269    | Area 03     | Ditch Section | Excavated section of ditch 0267.   |           |          |
| 0270    | 0270         |       | 0282    | Area 03     | Posthole cut  | Circular pit, 0.75m diameter and 0.17m deep. Moderate sloping sides and concave base. Adjacent to 0272.  | 12        |          |
| 0271    | 0270         |       | 0282    | Area 03     | Posthole fill | Dark brown sand at centre, lighter towards edges, with occasional flints. (SS 12)  | 12        |          |
| 0272    | 0272         |       | 0282    | Area 03     | Pit cut       | Oval pit adjacent to 0270. 1.48m by 0.75m and 0.47m deep. Steep sided, flat base.  | 13        |          |
| 0273    | 0272         |       | 0282    | Area 03     | Pit fill      | Mixed light-mid brown silt/sand with occasional flints. (SS 13)  | 13        | E/MC1    |
| 0274    | 0274         |       |         | Area 03     | Pit cut       | Oval pit, 0.74m by 0.47m and 0.13m deep.   |           |          |
| 0275    | 0272         |       | 0282    | Area 03     | Pit fill      | Same as 0273!  |           |          |
| 0276    | 0276         |       |         | Area 03     | Pit cut       | Oval pit, 1.4m by 1.1m and 0.34m deep. Steep sides and concave base, truncated on west side by 0278.   | 15        |          |
| 0277    | 0276         |       |         | Area 03     | Pit fill      | Mid brown silt/sand with occasional flints. (SS 15)  | 15        |          |
| 0278    | 0278         |       |         | Area 03     | Posthole cut  | Possible posthole or root disturbance on west edge of 0276. 0.2m by 0.14m and 0.14m deep.  | 14        |          |
| 0279    | 0278         |       |         | Area 03     | Posthole fill | Dark grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints. (SS 14)  | 14        |          |
| 0280    | 0280         |       |         | Area 03     | Pit cut       | Small irregular oval pit, 0.6m by 0.4m and 0.2m deep. Steep sided, concave base.   |           |          |
| 0281    | 0280         |       |         | Area 03     | Pit fill      | Mid/dark grey/brown sand.  |           |          |
| 0282    | 0270<br>0272 |       | 0282    | Area 03     | Section       | Excavated section across posthole 0270 and Pit 0272.   | 13        |          |
| 0283    | 0283         | 0283  |         | Area 03     | Ditch cut     | Linear ditch, aligned N-S, visible for c.10m. To S it fades away with no definite terminus. To N it runs into a tree stump and doesn't reappear. | 17        |          |
| 0284    | 0283         | 0283  | 0284    | Area 03     | Ditch Section | Excavated segment of ditch 0283. 0.4m wide and 0.2m deep. Irregular sides and base with heavy root damage on E side.                             | 17        |          |
| 0285    | 0283         | 0283  | 0284    | Area 03     | Ditch fill    | Lens of charcoal blackened sand at top of ditch, 0.1m thick. (SS 17)   | 17        |          |
| 0286    | 0283         | 0283  | 0284    | Area 03     | Ditch fill    | Mixed mid grey/brown sands.  |           |          |
| 0287    | 0283         | 0283  | 0287    | Area 03     | Ditch Section | Excavated section of ditch 0283. 0.4m wide, 0.3m deep. Steep sides, flat base.   |           |          |
| 0288    | 0283         | 0283  | 0287    | Area 03     | Ditch fill    | Mixed mid grey/brown sands, some root disturbance.   |           |          |
| 0289    | 0289         |       |         | Area 03     | Posthole cut  | Circular posthole, 0.4m diameter and 0.17m deep. Steep sides and concave base, heavy root disturbance.   | 16        |          |
| 0290    | 0289         |       |         | Area 03     | Posthole fill | Dark grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints.(SS 16)   | 16        |          |
| 0291    | 0291         |       | 0298    | Area 03     | Pit cut       | Earliest in a series of intercutting pits, heavily truncated and only seen in section 0298. 0.35m deep.  |           |          |
| 0292    | 0291         |       | 0298    | Area 03     | Pit fill      | Mid grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints and root disturbance.  |           |          |

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| 0293    | 0293                 |       | 0298    | Area 03        | Pit cut       | Irregular oval pit, aligned E-W, 1.55m by 1.3m and 0.3m deep. Moderate sides, flat base.  |           |          |
| 0294    | 0293                 |       | 0298    | Area 03        | Pit fill      | Mid yellow/brown silt/clay with occasional flints and frequent root disturbance.  |           |          |
| 0295    | 0295                 |       | 0298    | Area 03        | Pit cut       | Irregular oval pit, aligned N-S, 1.55m by 1.3m and 0.3m deep. Moderate sides, uneven base. Cuts north side of 0291.   |           |          |
| 0296    | 0295                 |       | 0298    | Area 03        | Pit fill      | Basal fill of pit. Mid grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints and root disturbance.  |           |          |
| 0297    | 0295                 |       | 0298    | Area 03        | Pit fill      | Upper fill of yellow/brown silt/sand with occasional flints and root disturbance.   |           | Later IA |
| 0298    | 0291<br>0293<br>0295 |       | 0298    | Area 03        | Pit Section   | Excavated section across intercutting pits 0291, 0293 and 0295.   |           |          |
| 0299    | 0299                 |       |         | Area 03        | Pit cut       | Possible pit, perhaps a natural hollow, partially under site edge. 2.1m by 0.7m and 0.14m deep. Gentle sloping sides and a flat base.   |           |          |
| 0300    | 0299                 |       |         | Area 03        | Pit fill      | Mixed dark brown/orange sands with traces of charcoal.  |           |          |
| 0301    | 0274                 |       |         | Area 03        | Pit fill      | Mixed mid-dark brown sand with occasional flints.   |           |          |
| 0302    | 0302                 |       |         | Area 03        | Posthole cut  | Circular posthole, 0.3m diameter and 0.2m deep. Near vertical sides, flat base. Heavily disturbed around surface of feature.  |           |          |
| 0303    | 0302                 |       |         | Area 03        | Posthole fill | Mid brown silt/sand with occasional flints.   |           |          |
| 0304    | 0304                 |       |         | Area 03        | Pit cut       | Circular pit, 0.5m diameter and 0.09m deep. Heavily truncated.  |           |          |
| 0305    | 0304                 |       |         | Area 03        | Pit fill      | Mid brown silt/sand with occasional flints.   |           |          |
| 0306    | 0306                 | 0306  |         | Area 03        | Ditch cut     | Linear gully, aligned NE-SW, terminating to S and running into ditch 0324 to N.   |           |          |
| 0307    | 0306                 | 0306  | 0308    | Area 03        | Ditch fill    | Mixed mid brown silt/sand with occasional flints. 0.9m wide and 0.34m deep.   |           |          |
| 0308    | 0306                 | 0306  | 0308    | Area 03        | Ditch Section | Excavated section of ditch 0306.  |           |          |
| 0309    | 0309                 |       |         | Service trench | Pit cut       | Pit seen in section during monitoring. Sealed under 0.5m of modern and sand. 1.2m wide, 0.25m deep with flat base. Not drawn.   |           |          |
| 0310    | 0309                 |       |         | Service trench | Pit fill      | Mid brown sand.   |           | Later IA |
| 0311    | 0311                 |       |         | Service trench | Pit cut       | Possible large pit seen in section. Sealed under 0.5m of modern and sand. 1m wide and 0.6m deep with moderate sloping sides and a concave base. Not drawn.                        |           |          |
| 0312    | 0311                 |       |         | Service trench | Pit fill      | Dark brown sand.  |           |          |
| 0313    | 0313                 |       |         | Service trench | Pit cut       | Possible large pit seen in section. Sealed under 0.5m of modern and sand. 1.4m wide and 0.3m deep with gentle sloping sides and a flat base. Not drawn.                           |           |          |
| 0314    | 0313                 |       |         | Service trench | Pit fill      | Mid brown sand.   |           |          |
| 0315    | 0315                 |       |         | Service trench | Pit cut       | Possible large pit or hollow seen in both sides of trench. Sealed under 0.5m of modern and sand. 5.5m wide and 0.5m deep with gentle sloping sides and a concave base. Not drawn. |           |          |
| 0316    | 0315                 |       |         | Service trench | Pit fill      | Dark brown sand.  |           |          |
| 0317    | 0317                 |       |         | Service trench | Pit cut       | Possible pit seen in section. Sealed under 0.4m of modern and sand. 0.8m wide and 0.3m deep with irregular sloping sides and base. Not drawn.                                     |           |          |
| 0318    | 0317                 |       |         | Service trench | Pit fill      | Dark brown sand and charcoal. Heavy root disturbance.   |           |          |



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| 0319    | 0123         | 0123         | 0319    | Service trench | Ditch Section | Excavated section of ditch 0123 in service trench. 0.8m wide and 0.2m deep. Not drawn.  |           |          |
| 0320    | 0123         | 0123         | 0319    | Service trench | Ditch fill    | Mid grey/brown sand.  |           |          |
| 0321    | 0321         |              |         | Service trench | Pit cut       | Possible pit seen in section. Sealed under 0.6m of modern sand. 0.6m wide and 0.3m deep with moderate sloping sides and a concave base. Not drawn.    |           |          |
| 0322    | 0321         |              |         | Service trench | Pit fill      | Mid/dark brown sand.  |           |          |
| 0323    | 0323         | 0323         |         | Area 03        | Ditch cut     | Linear ditch, E-W aligned. To W it heads offsite, to E disappears into tree stump just before it would meet 0126. Partially removed during machining. | 19        |          |
| 0324    | 0324         | 0324         |         | Area 03        | Ditch cut     | Linear ditch, E-W aligned. Heads offsite to E and W, possibly reappearing to W as 0237? Unclear relationship with 0306.                               | 18        |          |
| 0325    | 0126         | 0126         | 0325    | Area 03        | Ditch Section | Excavated section of ditch 0126 terminus.   |           |          |
| 0326    | 0126         | 0126         | 0325    | Area 03        | Ditch fill    | Pale grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints and roots. 0.42m thick.  |           | IA       |
| 0327    | 0324         | 0324         | 0328    | Area 03        | Ditch fill    | Light-mid brown silt/sand with occasional flints.(SS 18)  | 18        | Later IA |
| 0328    | 0324         | 0324         | 0328    | Area 03        | Ditch Section | Excavated segment of ditch 0324. 1.34m wide and 0.29m deep.   | 18        |          |
| 0329    | 0306<br>0324 | 0306<br>0324 | 0329    | Area 03        | Ditch Section | Excavated section across junction of ditches 0306 and 0324. No relationship visible.  |           |          |
| 0330    | 0306<br>0324 | 0306<br>0324 | 0330    | Area 03        | Ditch fill    | Mid brown silt/sand with occasional flints.   |           |          |
| 0331    | 0126         | 0126         | 0332    | Area 03        | Ditch fill    | Pale grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints.   |           |          |
| 0332    | 0126         | 0126         | 0332    | Area 03        | Ditch Section | Excavated section of ditch 0126. 0.7m wide and 0.16m deep. Moderate sloping sides and concave base.   |           |          |
| 0333    | 0324<br>0334 | 0324<br>0334 | 0333    | Area 03        | Ditch Section | Excavated section across junction of ditches 0324 and 0334.   |           |          |
| 0334    | 0334         | 0334         |         | Area 03        | Ditch cut     | Linear gully, aligned E-W, to immediate N of 0324. Almost parallel with 0324 but is eventually cut by it. An earlier cut of 0324?                     |           |          |
| 0335    | 0334         | 0334         | 0333    | Area 03        | Ditch fill    | Mid brown silt/sand with occasional flints.   |           |          |
| 0336    | 0324         | 0324         | 0333    | Area 03        | Ditch fill    | Mid brown silt/sand with occasional flints.   |           |          |
| 0337    | 0337         |              | 0340    | Area 03        | Pit cut       | Pit, probably circular with concave sides and base. N side removed by ditch 0126.   |           |          |
| 0338    | 0337         |              | 0340    | Area 03        | Pit fill      | Mid grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints and roots.  |           |          |
| 0339    | 0126         | 0126         | 0340    | Area 03        | Ditch fill    | Mid yellow/brown silt/sand with occasional flints, charcoal and roots. (SS 20)  | 20        | Later IA |
| 0340    | 0126<br>0337 | 0126<br>0337 | 0340    | Area 03        | Ditch Section | Excavated segment of ditch 0126 where it cuts pit 0337.   | 20        |          |
| 0341    | 0323         | 0323         | 0341    | Area 03        | Ditch Section | Excavated section of ditch 0323. 0.6m wide and 0.2m deep.   |           |          |
| 0342    | 0323         | 0323         | 0341    | Area 03        | Ditch fill    | Mixed mid grey/brown sand with occasional flints and tree root disturbance.   |           |          |
| 0343    | 0323         | 0323         | 0344    | Area 03        | Ditch fill    | Mid grey/brown sand. (SS 19)  | 19        | LIA-Erom |
| 0344    | 0323         | 0323         | 0344    | Area 03        | Ditch Section | Excavated segment of ditch 0323. 0.5m wide and 0.15m deep.  | 19        |          |

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| 0345    | 0324<br>0334 | 0324<br>0334 | 0345    | Area 03     | Ditch Section | Excavated section of parallel ditches. 0324 was 0.75m wide and 0.25m deep with moderate sloping sides and a concave base. 0334 was 0.7m wide and 0.18m deep with moderate sloping sides and a concave base.   |           |          |
| 0346    | 0324         | 0324         | 0345    | Area 03     | Ditch fill    | Mixed mid/dark grey/brown sands with occasional flints and root disturbance.  |           | LIA-Erom |
| 0347    | 0334         | 0334         | 0345    | Area 03     | Ditch fill    | Mixed light/dark brown sands with occasional flints and root disturbance.   |           |          |
| 0348    | 0348         |              |         | Area 02     | Spread        | Remnants of a spread infilling a natural hollow in the subsoil. Mid brown silt/sand with occasional flints. Measured 1m by 1.5m and 0.06m deep. 50% excavated.  |           |          |
| 0349    | 0349         | 0349         |         | Area 02     | Ditch cut     | Irregular, linear, ditch. Aligned SW-NE. To NE it either terminates or turns and heads NW as 0352 but area is destroyed by tree stump.  |           |          |
| 0350    | 0349         | 0349         | 0351    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Dark brown silt/sand with occasional flints and root disturbance.   |           | Later IA |
| 0351    | 0349         | 0349         | 0351    | Area 02     | Ditch Section | Excavated section of ditch 0349. 0.06m deep.  |           |          |
| 0352    | 0352         | 0352         |         | Area 02     | Ditch cut     | Linear ditch, aligned NW-SE. Fades away to NW, to SE destroyed by tree stump, maybe same as 0349.   |           |          |
| 0353    | 0352         | 0352         | 0354    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Mid/dark brown silt/sand.   |           |          |
| 0354    | 0352         | 0352         | 0354    | Area 02     | Ditch Section | Excavated segment of ditch 0352. 0.65m wide and 0.3m deep. Steep sided, concave base.   |           |          |
| 0355    | 0355         | 0355         |         | Area 02     | Ditch group   | Possible set of linear double ditches, set within a linear hollow between ridges of chalk that has been infilled with a former occupation topsoil. Aligned S-N it corners to the N and heads W. Edges are very indistinct but broadly follow chalk ridges. Multiple sections excavated. |           |          |
| 0356    | 0355         | 0355         | 0356    | Area 02     | Ditch Section | Excavated segment of 0355. Shows irregular sides of probable hollow where it corners, with a possible terminus for ditch cut 0366.  |           |          |
| 0357    | 0355         | 0355         | 0356    | Area 02     | Feature fill  | Main upper fill of 0355. Mix of mid brown/orange sands with dense scatter of large flints and heavy root disturbance. Probably the remnants of an occupation topsoil infilling the natural hollow.  |           | MC1      |
| 0358    | 0366         | 0355         | 0356    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Fill of a possible terminus of ditch cut 0366 in section 0356 of 0355. Pale yellow/brown silt/sand with dense broken chalk.   |           | MC1      |
| 0359    | 0359         |              |         | Area 02     | Posthole cut  | Small circular posthole, 0.2m in diameter and 0.1m deep with moderate sloping sides and a concave base.   |           |          |
| 0360    | 0359         |              |         | Area 02     | Posthole fill | Dark brown sand with charcoal.  |           |          |
| 0361    | 0352         | 0349<br>0352 |         | Area 02     | Surface Finds | Surface finds recovered from cleaning around area of tree stump and possible junction of ditches 0349 and 0352. Most likely to be from upper fill, 0353, of ditch 0352.   |           | E/MC1    |
| 0362    | 0380         | 0355         | 0362    | Area 02     | Ditch Section | Excavated section across ditch group 0355, opposite side of segment from section 0363. 1.2m wide and 0.4m deep.   |           |          |
| 0363    | 0380         | 0355         | 0363    | Area 02     | Ditch Section | Excavated section across ditch group 0355, opposite side of segment from section 0362. 1.2m wide and 0.4m deep.   |           |          |
| 0364    | 0355         | 0355         | 0364    | Area 02     | Ditch Section | Excavated section across ditch group 0355, no real defined cut - most likely an entire natural hollow at this point. Possible terminus or posthole seen on north side of section but all with same fill. 1.5m wide and 0.4m deep.   |           |          |
| 0365    | 0355         | 0355         | 0364    | Area 02     | Feature fill  | Mix of mid/dark orange/brown sands and frequent flints. Similar to 0356, 0377, 0363 and 0362. No indication of the grey chalk/silt defined ditch fills seen in other sections of 0355.  |           | Later IA |

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| 0366    | 0366                         | 0355  |           | Area 02     | Ditch cut     | Probable ditch, aligned N-S, earliest of a series with 0368 and 0370 set within hollow.   |           |          |
| 0367    | 0366                         | 0355  | 0377      | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Pale yellow/brown chalk silt/sand with occasional flints and root disturbance.  | MC1       |          |
| 0368    | 0368                         | 0355  | 0377      | Area 02     | Ditch cut     | Possible ditch cut, part of overall group 0355. 0.4m wide, 0.55m deep.  |           |          |
| 0369    | 0368                         | 0355  | 0377      | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Mid grey/brown silt/sand and crushed chalk.   | MC1       |          |
| 0370    | 0370                         | 0355  | 0377      | Area 02     | Ditch cut     | Latest ditch in section 0377 of group 0355. Moderate sloping sides and concave base, 1.6m wide and 0.5m deep.   | MC1       |          |
| 0371    | 0370                         | 0355  | 0377      | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Lower, main fill of 0370 in section 0377. Mid/dark grey/brown silt/sand and crushed chalk.  | MC1       |          |
| 0372    | 0370                         | 0355  | 0377      | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Mottled dark brown/orange/grey sands.   |           |          |
| 0373    | 0373                         | 0355  | 0377      | Area 02     | Posthole cut  | Posthole seen in eastern side and base of ditches in section 0377. 0.4m diameter and 0.1m deep.   |           |          |
| 0374    | 0373                         | 0355  | 0377      | Area 02     | Posthole fill | Identical to 0369.  | MC1       |          |
| 0375    | 0375                         | 0355  | 0390      | Area 02     | Ditch cut     | Possible ditch, to east of 0376, in section 0390 of 0355. Unclear relationship with 0376.   |           |          |
| 0376    | 0376                         | 0355  | 0390      | Area 02     | Ditch cut     | Possible ditch, to west of 0375, in section 0390 of 0355. Unclear relationship with 0375.   |           |          |
| 0377    | 0366<br>0368<br>0370<br>0373 | 0355  | 0377      | Area 02     | Ditch Section | Excavated section across 0355 showing 3 possible ditch cuts 0366, 0368, 0370 and posthole 0373.   |           |          |
| 0378    | 0380                         | 0355  | 0363      | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Mid grey/brown silt/sand with occasional chalk. 0.9m wide, 0.2m thick.  | MC1       |          |
| 0379    | 0380                         | 0355  | 0363      | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Mid orange/brown silt/sand with occasional chalk. 0.06m thick.  | MC1       |          |
| 0380    | 0380                         | 0355  | 0362 0363 | Area 02     | Ditch cut     | Apparent single ditch seen in sections 0362 and 0363 of 0355. Posthole 0383 on E side. 1.2m wide and 0.4m deep.   |           |          |
| 0381    | 0375<br>0376                 | 0355  | 0390      | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Basal deposit of mid brown silt/sand and crushed chalk.   |           |          |
| 0382    |                              |       |           |             |               | NOT USED.   |           |          |
| 0383    | 0383                         | 0355  | 0362 0363 | Area 02     | Posthole cut  | Oval posthole, 0.64m by 0.36m and 0.11m deep with steep sides and flat base. Located in southern edge of 0355.  |           |          |
| 0384    | 0383                         | 0355  | 0362 0363 | Area 02     | Posthole fill | Mid grey/brown silt/sand.   |           |          |
| 0385    | 0380                         | 0355  | 0362      | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Mid grey/brown silt/sand with occasional chalk. 0.2m thick.   |           |          |
| 0386    | 0380                         | 0355  | 0362      | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Mid orange/brown silt/sand with occasional chalk. 0.4m thick.   | MC1       |          |
| 0387    | 0355                         | 0355  | 0387      | Area 02     | Ditch Section | Excavated section of ditch group 0355, placed to see how profile changed between sections 0356 and 0377. Ditch 0366 seen on E side, remainder maybe showing ditch 0370. |           |          |
| 0388    | 0370                         | 0355  | 0387      | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Mixed mid/dark orange/brown sand with flints and frequent roots.  | MC1       |          |
| 0389    | 0366                         | 0355  | 0387      | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Mid grey/brown sand and crushed chalk.  |           |          |
| 0390    | 0375                         | 0355  | 0390      | Area 02     | Ditch Section | Excavated section across 0355, showing possible double ditches 0375 and 0376, which may relate to 0366 and 0370.  |           |          |

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| 0391    | 0375<br>0376 | 0355         | 0390    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Dark orange/brown sand.  |           | MC1      |
| 0392    | 0392         |              |         | Area 02     | Hollow        | Shallow hollow, rectangular in plan. Quite distinct on surface but had no depth so not draw. Infilled with base of former topsoil, a brown sand with occasional flints and roots. 2.3m by 0.6m and 0.1m deep.  |           | Later IA |
| 0393    | 0393         |              |         | Area 02     | Pit cut       | Shallow oval pit or natural hollow. 1.57m by 0.59m and 0.26m deep, aligned E-W. Irregular sides and base - may be a real smaller pit cut on E side.  |           |          |
| 0394    | 0393         |              |         | Area 02     | Pit fill      | Dark brown silt/sand with occasional flints.   |           |          |
| 0395    | 0395         | 0395         |         | Area 02     | Ditch cut     | Irregular linear gully, 0.64m wide and 0.18m deep. Aligned N-S before running into pit/hollow 0419.  |           |          |
| 0396    | 0395         | 0395         | 0397    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Mid yellow/brown silt/sand with occasional flints.   |           |          |
| 0397    | 0395<br>0398 | 0395<br>0298 | 0397    | Area 02     | Ditch Section | Excavated section showing ditch 0395 cutting pit 0398.   |           |          |
| 0398    | 0398         |              | 0397    | Area 02     | Pit cut       | Sub-square pit with near vertical sides and a concave base. 1.4m wide and 0.58m deep.  | 21        |          |
| 0399    | 0398         |              | 0397    | Area 02     | Pit fill      | Basal fill. Mid orange/brown silt/sand, 0.1m thick.  |           |          |
| 0400    | 0398         |              | 0397    | Area 02     | Pit fill      | Dark brown/black silt/sand with occasional flints, 0.22m thick. Deliberate rubbish deposit? (SS 21)  | 21        |          |
| 0401    | 0398         |              | 0397    | Area 02     | Pit fill      | Mid orange/grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints. 0.34m thick. Deliberate infill?  |           |          |
| 0402    | 0402         |              |         | Area 02     | Pit cut       | Large oval pit, quite shallow with steep sloping sides and a flat base. Aligned NW-SE, 2.2m by 0.9m and 0.29m deep.  |           |          |
| 0403    | 0402         |              |         | Area 02     | Pit fill      | Mid brown sands with scattered flints and occasional root disturbance.   |           |          |
| 0404    | 0404         |              | 0408    | Area 02     | Pit cut       | Irregular oval pit, 0.72m by 0.64m and 0.24m deep. Moderate sloping sides and concave base. Adjacent to 0406 - no relationship visible in section 0408.  |           |          |
| 0405    | 0404         |              | 0408    | Area 02     | Pit fill      | Mid orange/brown silt/sand with occasional flints. Thin lens of dark red/brown burnt sand at surface, c.0.05m thick.   |           |          |
| 0406    | 0406         |              | 0408    | Area 02     | Pit cut       | Irregular oval pit, 0.8m by 0.72m and 0.32m deep. Adjacent to 0404. No relationship visible.   |           |          |
| 0407    | 0406         |              | 0408    | Area 02     | Pit fill      | Mid orange/brown silt/sand with occasional flints.   |           |          |
| 0408    | 0404<br>0406 |              | 0408    | Area 02     | Pit Section   | Excavated section of pits 0404 and 0406. Area between pits heavily disturbed so no visible relationship.   |           |          |
| 0409    | 0409         |              | 0412    | Area 02     | Pit cut       | Circular pit, 0.26m diameter and 0.07m deep. Steep sided and concave base.   | 22        |          |
| 0410    | 0409         |              | 0412    | Area 02     | Pit fill      | Mid grey/brown silt/sand.  |           |          |
| 0411    | 0409         |              | 0412    | Area 02     | Pit fill      | Dark grey/brown/black silt/sand. Possible post-pipe? Root disturbed.(SS 22)  | 22        |          |
| 0412    | 0409         |              | 0412    | Area 02     | Pit Section   | Excavated segment of pit 0409.   | 22        |          |
| 0413    | 0413         | 0413         |         | Area 02     | Ditch cut     | Linear ditch, aligned NE-SW. To S, where it heads offsite, it was clearly visible after machining under only 0.15m of topsoil. To N it grows indistinct and narrower due to machining truncation. Ends at junction with 0005 - relationship unclear. |           |          |
| 0414    | 0413         | 0413         | 0414    | Area 02     | Ditch Section | Section of ditch 0413. 1.35m wide and 0.4m deep.   |           | Later IA |
| 0415    | 0413         | 0413         | 0414    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Upper fill, brown/black silt/sand, 0.13m thick.  |           |          |

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| 0416    | 0413                 | 0413         | 0414    | Area 02     | Ditch fill      | Basal fill, light brown silt/sand with occasional flints.  |           |          |
| 0417    | 0395                 | 0395         | 0417    | Area 02     | Ditch Section   | Excavated segment of ditch 0395 where ditch widens to 1m wide and before it merges into feature 0419.  |           |          |
| 0418    | 0395                 | 0395         | 0417    | Area 02     | Ditch fill      | Mixed pale/mid grey sands.   |           |          |
| 0419    | 0419                 |              |         | Area 02     | Feature cut     | Large, probably natural hollow into which ditch 0395 disappears. Oval in plan, partially removed by tree stump. 2m by 1.2m and 0.4m deep with steep sloping sides and a concave base.                          |           |          |
| 0420    | 0419                 |              | 0420    | Area 02     | Feature Section | Excavated segment of feature 0419.   |           |          |
| 0421    | 0419                 |              | 0420    | Area 02     | Feature fill    | Mixed pale/mid grey sands.   |           |          |
| 0422    | 0422                 | 0422         |         | Area 02     | Ditch cut       | Narrow E-W gully. To W it disappears at tree stump before it reaches 0355. To E heads offsite before reappearing in eastern half of site.  |           |          |
| 0423    | 0422                 | 0422         | 0423    | Area 02     | Ditch Section   | Excavated segment of ditch 0422. 0.58m wide and 0.1m deep.   |           |          |
| 0424    | 0422                 | 0422         | 0423    | Area 02     | Ditch fill      | Orange/brown sand/silt.  |           |          |
| 0425    | 0422<br>0426         | 0422<br>0426 | 0425    | Area 02     | Section         | Section across pit 0426 and ditch 0422.  |           |          |
| 0426    | 0426                 |              | 0425    | Area 02     | Pit cut         | Oval pit, 1.6m by 1.1m and 0.25m deep with moderate sloping sides and an irregular base.   |           |          |
| 0427    | 0426                 |              | 0425    | Area 02     | Pit fill        | Mid grey/brown silt/sand with flints and root disturbance. 100% excavated.   |           |          |
| 0428    | 0422                 | 0422         | 0425    | Area 02     | Ditch fill      | Light brown sand with scattered flints and root disturbance.   |           |          |
| 0429    | 0429                 |              | 0438    | Area 02     | Pit cut         | Circular pit, 0.8m diameter and 0.56m deep. Heavily truncated by 0431.   |           |          |
| 0430    | 0429                 |              | 0438    | Area 02     | Pit fill        | Mid grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints.   |           |          |
| 0431    | 0431                 |              | 0438    | Area 02     | Pit cut         | Oval pit, 1.56m by 1.41m and 0.6m deep. Well defined steep sides with a concave base.  | 23        |          |
| 0432    | 0431                 |              | 0438    | Area 02     | Pit fill        | Basal fill of 0431. Light yellow/brown silt/sand with occasional flints and chalk. 0.08m thick.  |           |          |
| 0433    | 0431                 |              | 0438    | Area 02     | Pit fill        | Mid brown/grey silt/sand with occasional flints. Deliberate infilling? 0.32m thick. (SS 23)  | 23        |          |
| 0434    | 0431                 |              | 0438    | Area 02     | Pit fill        | Mid brown/grey silt/sand with occasional flints. Deliberate infilling? 0.3m thick.   |           |          |
| 0435    | 0431                 |              | 0438    | Area 02     | Pit fill        | Mid brown/grey silt/sand with occasional flints. Deliberate infilling? 0.13m thick. Root disturbance.  |           |          |
| 0436    | 0436                 |              | 0438    | Area 02     | Pit cut         | Sub-rectangular pit, 2.16m by 1.38m and 0.39m deep. Steep sided, concave base  |           |          |
| 0437    | 0436                 |              | 0438    | Area 02     | Pit fill        | Light orange/brown silt/sand with occasional flints.   |           |          |
| 0438    | 0429<br>0431<br>0436 |              | 0438    | Area 02     | Pit Section     | Excavated section across inter-cutting pits.   |           |          |
| 0439    | 0439                 | 0439         |         | Area 02     | Ditch cut       | Linear ditch, aligned E-W, very hard to identify on surface as the upper fill was very similar to surrounding natural sands. To W it disappears at a tree stump, to E at pit 0471.                             |           |          |
| 0440    | 0439                 | 0439         | 0440    | Area 02     | Ditch Section   | Excavated segment of ditch 0439. 0.5m wide, 0.25m deep with moderate sloping sides and an irregular base. In W part of section the cut deepened, possibly a separate underlying feature with a new fill, 0442. |           |          |

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| 0441    | 0439         | 0439         | 0440    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Mid brown sand.   |           |          |
| 0442    | 0439         | 0439         | 0440    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Dark grey sand with charcoal staining and frequent traces of burnt clay/daub.   |           | Later IA |
| 0443    | 0413<br>0422 | 0413<br>0422 | 0443    | Area 02     | Ditch Section | Excavated segment across ditches 0413 and 0422.   |           |          |
| 0444    | 0422         | 0422         | 0443    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Mid orange/brown silt/sand. 0.56m wide and 0.14m deep.  |           |          |
| 0445    | 0413         | 0413         | 0443    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Mid orange/brown silt/sand with thin layer of darker organic material. 0.6m wide and 0.58m deep.  |           | Later IA |
| 0446    | 0413         | 0413         | 0443    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Mid brown/red silt/sand.  |           |          |
| 0447    | 0447         |              |         | Area 02     | Feature cut   | Probable treehole, irregular in plan, measuring 1.15m by 0.67m and 0.14m deep.  |           |          |
| 0448    | 0447         |              |         | Area 02     | Feature fill  | Dark grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints.   |           |          |
| 0449    | 0439<br>0471 | 0439<br>0471 | 0449    | Area 02     | Section       | Section of pit 0471 and ditch 0439.   |           |          |
| 0450    | 0471         |              | 0449    | Area 02     | Pit fill      | Orange/brown silt/sand with lens of blackened sand and occasional flints.   |           | Later IA |
| 0451    | 0439         | 0439         | 0449    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Dark orange/brown sand.   |           |          |
| 0452    | 0452         |              |         | Area 02     | Pit cut       | Oval pit, 0.42m by 0.63m and 0.06m deep. Irregular sides and concave base. Heavily truncated.   |           |          |
| 0453    | 0452         |              |         | Area 02     | Pit fill      | Blackened silt/sand with occasional flints.   |           |          |
| 0454    | 0454         |              |         | Area 02     | Pit cut       | Circular pit, 0.57m diameter and 0.17m deep, with moderate sloping sides and concave base. 50 then 100% excavated.  | 24        |          |
| 0455    | 0454         |              |         | Area 02     | Pit fill      | Charcoal blackened sand and scattered flints. (SS 24)   | 24        |          |
| 0456    | 0456         |              |         | Area 02     | Pit cut       | Oval pit, 0.72m by 1.1m and 0.36m deep. Ill-defined edges due to slumping, concave base.  | 25        |          |
| 0457    | 0456         |              |         | Area 02     | Pit fill      | Mid grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints and mixed areas of charcoal blackened sand.(SS 25)  | 25        | E/MC1    |
| 0458    | 0472         | 0472         | 0483    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Mid orange/brown silt/sand.   |           | Later IA |
| 0459    | 0413         | 0413         | 0459    | Area 02     | Ditch Section | Excavated segment of ditch 0413. Root disturbance. 1.86m wide and 0.4m deep.  |           |          |
| 0460    | 0413         | 0413         | 0459    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Mid brown silt/sand with scattered flints.  |           |          |
| 0461    | 0461         |              | 0459    | Area 02     | Posthole cut  | Small circular posthole on edge of ditch 0413. 0.39m diameter and 0.17m deep. Very heavily disturbed by tree roots. Dark brown/black sand and charcoal.                       |           |          |
| 0462    | 0462         |              |         | Area 02     | Posthole cut  | Posthole, 0.27m diameter and 0.06m deep.  |           |          |
| 0463    | 0462         |              |         | Area 02     | Posthole fill | Dark brown silt/sand.   |           |          |
| 0464    | 0005<br>0413 | 0413<br>0005 |         | Area 02     | Ditch Section | Excavated segment across ditches 0005 and 0413, no visible relationship although 0005 may briefly split in two at this point.   |           |          |
| 0465    | 0413         | 0413         |         | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Light grey/brown sand.  |           |          |
| 0466    | 0005         | 0005         |         | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Mid grey/brown silt/sand.   |           |          |
| 0467    | 0467         |              |         | Area 02     | Pit cut       | Circular pit, 1.4m diameter and 0.44m deep. Steep edges, concave base. Initially 50% excavated then further removed in section 0477, and finally 100% excavated. Rubbish pit? | 26        |          |

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| 0468    | 0467         |              |         | Area 02     | Pit fill      | Mid grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints. Primary silting.  | 26        |          |
| 0469    | 0467         |              |         | Area 02     | Pit fill      | Dark brown/black silt/sand. Deliberate infill. 0.38m thick. (SS 26)  | 26        | IA       |
| 0470    | 0467         |              |         | Area 02     | Pit fill      | Mid grey/brown silt/sand. 0.04m thick.   |           |          |
| 0471    | 0471         |              | 0449    | Area 02     | Pit cut       | Oval pit, 0.86m by 1.8m and 0.55m deep. Steep sided, broadly flat base, well defined.  |           |          |
| 0472    | 0472         | 0472         |         | Area 02     | Ditch cut     | Curvilinear gully to N of 0005. Terminus to NW, then heads S and east before being cut by 0467.  |           |          |
| 0473    | 0472         | 0472         | 0473    | Area 02     | Ditch Section | Excavated segment of ditch 0472. 0.62m wide and 0.24m wide.  |           |          |
| 0474    | 0472         | 0472         | 0473    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Dark brown/black silt/sand mixed with natural sand towards base.   |           |          |
| 0475    | 0005         | 0005         | 0475    | Area 02     | Ditch Section | Excavated segment of ditch 0005. 1.04m wide and 0.18m deep with gentle sloping sides and flat base. N side is undefined.                           |           |          |
| 0476    | 0005         | 0005         | 0475    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Orange/grey silt/sand with occasional flints.  |           |          |
| 0477    | 0467<br>0472 |              | 0477    | Area 02     | Section       | Section of pit 0467 and ditch 0472.  |           |          |
| 0478    | 0003         | 0003         | 0478    | Area 02     | Ditch Section | Section of ditch 0003 terminus. Possibly over-excavated. 0.84m wide and 0.4m deep.   |           |          |
| 0479    | 0003         | 0003         | 0478    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Dark brown/black silt/sand mixed with mid brown silt/sand.   |           |          |
| 0480    | 0480         | 0480         |         | Area 02     | Ditch cut     | E-W aligned linear gully. Narrow and shallow, partially removed during surface cleaning.   | 27        |          |
| 0481    | 0480         | 0480         | 0481    | Area 02     | Ditch Section | Section of ditch 0480. Not recorded.   |           |          |
| 0482    | 0480         | 0480         | 0481    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Mixed orange/grey/black silt/sands and scattered flints.   |           |          |
| 0483    | 0472         | 0472         | 0483    | Area 02     | Ditch Section | Excavated segment of ditch 0472.   |           |          |
| 0484    | 0484         |              |         | Area 02     | Pit cut       | Small circular pit, 0.52m diameter and 0.15m deep.   |           |          |
| 0485    | 0484         |              |         | Area 02     | Pit fill      | Dark brown/black silt/sand.  |           | E/MC1    |
| 0486    | 0486         |              | 0489    | Area 02     | Pit cut       | Circular pit, 0.7m diameter and 0.2m deep with moderate sloping sides and a concave base.  |           |          |
| 0487    | 0486         |              | 0489    | Area 02     | Pit fill      | Dark grey/brown silt/sand with scattered flints and root disturbance.  |           |          |
| 0488    | 0005         | 0005         | 0489    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Mid brown silt/sand with occasional flints and root disturbance.   |           |          |
| 0489    | 0005<br>0486 | 0005<br>0486 | 0489    | Area 02     | Section       | Section across ditch 0005 and pit 0486.  |           |          |
| 0490    | 0490         |              |         | Area 02     | Pit cut       | Oval pit, partially under site baulk. 2.2m wide and 0.72m deep with steep sloping sides and a concave base. E edge heavily disturbed. Rubbish pit. | 28        |          |
| 0491    | 0480         | 0480         | 0491    | Area 02     | Ditch Section | Excavated segment of ditch 0480. 0.7m wide and 0.18m deep, possibly overcut. Moderate sides and narrow flat base.                                  | 27        |          |
| 0492    | 0480         | 0480         | 0491    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Dark grey/black silt/sand with charcoal and occasional flints. (SS 27)   | 27        |          |
| 0493    | 0490         |              |         | Area 02     | Pit fill      | Primary fill - natural silting? Mid grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints. 0.16m thick.  |           |          |
| 0494    | 0490         |              |         | Area 02     | Pit fill      | Mid grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints. Up to 0.43m thick.  |           |          |
| 0495    | 0490         |              |         | Area 02     | Pit fill      | Dark grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints. Up to 0.1m thick.  |           |          |



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| 0496    | 0490                 |              |         | Area 02     | Pit fill      | Mid orange/brown silt/sand/clay with occasional flints. Up to 0.06m thick. (SS 28)   | 28        | Later IA |
| 0497    | 0490                 |              |         | Area 02     | Pit fill      | Mid red/brown silt/sand with occasional flints. Up to 0.07m thick.   |           |          |
| 0498    | 0490                 |              |         | Area 02     | Pit fill      | Light grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints. Up to 0.22m thick. Natural windblown deposit.   |           |          |
| 0499    | 0480                 | 0480         | 0491    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints and heavily mixed with natural.  |           |          |
| 0500    | 0500                 | 0500         |         | Area 02     | Ditch cut     | E-W aligned ditch, northernmost of series. Broad and shallow, terminates to W on edge of site.   |           |          |
| 0501    | 0500                 | 0500         | 0504    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints. 0.8m wide and 0.18m deep.   |           |          |
| 0502    | 0502                 | 0502         |         | Area 02     | Ditch cut     | E-W aligned gully lying to south of 0500 and north of 0520. Terminates to W on edge of site.   |           |          |
| 0503    | 0502                 | 0502         | 0504    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints. 0.4m wide and 0.1m deep.  |           | E/MC1    |
| 0504    | 0500<br>0502         | 0500<br>0502 | 0504    | Area 02     | Ditch Section | Excavated segment across ditches 0500 and 0502.  |           |          |
| 0505    | 0505                 | 0505         |         | Area 02     | Ditch cut     | Linear gully, aligned E-W. 0.47m wide, 0.09m deep with moderate sloping sides and a concave base.  |           |          |
| 0506    | 0505                 | 0505         |         | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Light grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints.   |           |          |
| 0507    | 0507                 |              | 0511    | Area 02     | Pit cut       | Circular pit? or possible spread. 0.8m diameter and 0.51m deep. Moderate sloping sides and concave base. Adjacent to and unclear relationship with pit 0509. Later excavation to E indicate that it may be the terminus of ditch 0520. | 29        |          |
| 0508    | 0507                 |              | 0511    | Area 02     | Pit fill      | Mid grey/brown silt/sand. Probably same as 0544. (SS 29)   | 29        | E/MC1    |
| 0509    | 0509                 |              | 0511    | Area 02     | Pit cut       | Circular pit, adjacent to and unclear relationship with pit 0507. 0.6m diameter and 0.24m deep. Moderate sloping sides and a concave base.   | 30        |          |
| 0510    | 0509                 |              | 0511    | Area 02     | Pit fill      | Light grey/brown silt/sand. (SS 30)  | 30        | Later IA |
| 0511    | 0507<br>0509         |              | 0511    | Area 02     | Pit Section   | Excavated section across pits 0507 and 0509. Unclear relationship.   |           |          |
| 0512    | 0005<br>0520<br>0525 | 0005<br>0520 | 0512    | Area 02     | Ditch Section | Excavated segment across ditches 0005, 0520 and feature 0525.  |           |          |
| 0513    | 0005<br>0520<br>0525 | 0005<br>0520 | 0513    | Area 02     | Ditch Section | Excavated segment across ditches 0005, 0520 and feature 0525. Not drawn.   |           |          |
| 0514    | 0520                 | 0520         | 0513    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Main basal fill of ditch 0520. Mixed mid grey/brown sand.  |           |          |
| 0515    | 0525                 | 0525         | 0513    | Area 02     | Feature fill  | Dark grey/brown sand with occasional charcoal, fired and unfired clay.   |           | MC1      |
| 0516    | 0566                 | 0566         | 0516    | Area 02     | Ditch Section | Excavated section across possible continuation of ditch 0566. More likely a linear natural hollow? Irregular sides and base, 1m wide and 0.3m deep. Not drawn.   |           |          |
| 0517    | 0566                 | 0566         | 0516    | Area 02     | Feature fill  | Mixed mid orange/brown sands.  |           |          |
| 0518    | 0480                 | 0480         | 0518    | Area 02     | Ditch Section | Excavated segment of ditch 0480. 0.54m wide, 0.16m deep with gentle sides and concave base.  |           | Later IA |
| 0519    | 0480                 | 0480         | 0518    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Light brown sand with darker bands and patches of blackened sand.  |           |          |



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| 0520    | 0520                 | 0520         |         | Area 02     | Ditch cut     | E-W aligned ditch, parallel to and north of 0005. Previously seen running down length of evaluation trench so partially truncated.  |           |          |
| 0521    | 0520                 | 0520         | 0523    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Grey/brown silt/sand with occasional chalk and flints. 0.3m thick.  |           |          |
| 0522    | 0005                 | 0005         | 0523    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Orange/brown silt/sand and occasional flints. 1m wide and 0.36m deep.   |           |          |
| 0523    | 0005<br>0520         | 0005<br>0520 | 0523    | Area 02     | Ditch Section | Excavated segment of parallel ditches 0005 and 0520.  |           |          |
| 0524    | 0005<br>0520<br>0525 | 0005<br>0520 | 0524    | Area 02     | Ditch Section | Excavated segment across ditches 0005 and 0520 plus feature 0525.   |           |          |
| 0525    | 0525                 | 0525         |         | Area 02     | Feature cut   | Possible pit, heavily disturbed by tree stump. Gentle sloping sides, concave base, 0.94m wide and 0.34m deep. Disturbed upper fills probably account for shallow spread seen around tree stump in sections 0529, 0511, 0512 and 0523. | 31        |          |
| 0526    | 0525                 | 0525         | 0524    | Area 02     | Feature fill  | Mid orange/brown silt/sand with occasional flints. Primary silting, 0.14m thick.  |           | MC1      |
| 0527    | 0525                 | 0525         | 0524    | Area 02     | Feature fill  | Dark greybrown silt/sand with occasional flint and burnt clay/daub.   |           |          |
| 0528    | 0525                 | 0525         | 0524    | Area 02     | Feature fill  | Mid orange/brown silt/sand with occasional flints. Final silting, 0.09m thick.  |           |          |
| 0529    | 0520                 | 0520         | 0529    | Area 02     | Ditch Section | Excavated segment of ditch 0520. Shows S half of ditch, remainder under tree stump. Forms cross section with pit 0511 where 0507 probably is the terminus of 0520.  |           |          |
| 0530    | 0422                 | 0422         | 0530    | Area 02     | Ditch Section | Excavated segment of ditch 0422. 0.79m wide and 0.17m deep. Steep sided, flat base, very hard to see the cut through the mixed natural.   |           |          |
| 0531    | 0422                 | 0422         | 0530    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Mixed mid yellow/brown sand.  |           |          |
| 0532    | 0532                 | 0532         |         | Area 02     | Ditch cut     | Very shallow, indistinct linear gully. Probably same as 0505.   |           |          |
| 0533    | 0532                 | 0532         | 0540    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Light grey/brown silt/sand.   |           |          |
| 0534    | 0534                 |              | 0540    | Area 02     | Posthole cut  | Possible posthole cutting gully 0532.   |           |          |
| 0535    | 0534                 |              | 0540    | Area 02     | Posthole fill | Mid grey/brown silt/sand.   |           |          |
| 0536    | 0536                 |              | 0540    | Area 02     | Posthole cut  | Circular posthole.  |           |          |
| 0537    | 0536                 |              | 0540    | Area 02     | Posthole fill | Dark grey/black silt/sand.  |           |          |
| 0538    | 0538                 |              |         | Area 02     | Posthole cut  | Possible posthole/spread across top of ditch 0532. No real depth to it. Not drawn.  |           |          |
| 0539    | 0538                 |              |         | Area 02     | Posthole fill | Mid grey/brown/black silt/sand.   |           | MC1      |
| 0540    | 0532<br>0534<br>0536 | 0532<br>0534 | 0540    | Area 02     | Section       | Section across gully 0532 and postholes 0534 and 0536.  |           |          |
| 0541    | 0005                 | 0005         | 0524    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Mid orange/brown silt/sand with occasional flints. Primary silting, 0.94m wide and 0.36m deep.  |           |          |
| 0542    | 0520                 | 0520         | 0524    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Mid orange/brown/grey silt/sand with occasional flints. 1.34m wide and 0.41m thick.   |           |          |
| 0543    | 0520                 | 0520         | 0529    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Upper fill of 0520. Dark grey sand with scattered flints and tree root disturbance. May be material associated with feature 0525 that has been spread out by tree roots.  |           |          |

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| 0544    | 0520                 | 0520         | 0529    | Area 02     | Ditch fill      | Lower fill of 0520. Light brown sand with iron panning and traces of burnt clay. Patches of yellow sand. Probably same as 0508.    |           | E/MC1    |
| 0545    | 0005                 | 0005         | 0512    | Area 02     | Ditch fill      | Very mixed orange/brown silt/sand with occasional flints. 0.45m thick.   |           |          |
| 0546    | 0520                 | 0520         | 0512    | Area 02     | Ditch fill      | Light brown sand and chalk with scattered flints.  |           |          |
| 0547    | 0525                 | 0525         | 0512    | Area 02     | Pit fill        | Mix of yellow/brown sand with fired and unfired clay and some charcoal. 0.2m thick. (SS 31)  | 31        |          |
| 0548    | 0525                 | 0525         | 0512    | Area 02     | Pit fill        | Dark brown/black sand with clay and charcoal.  |           |          |
| 0549    | 0525                 | 0525         | 0512    | Area 02     | Pit fill        | Mixed orange/brown silt/sand. 0.12m thick.   |           |          |
| 0550    | 0005<br>0500<br>0520 | 0005<br>0500 | 0550    | Area 02     | Ditch Section   | Section across ditches 0005, 0500 and 0520.  |           |          |
| 0551    | 0551                 | 0551         |         | Area 02     | Ditch cut       | Linear gully, aligned E-W. 0.31m wide and 0.06m deep.  |           |          |
| 0552    | 0551                 | 0551         | 0550    | Area 02     | Ditch fill      | Mid orange/brown silt/sand with occasional flints.   |           |          |
| 0553    | 0560                 | 0560         | 0550    | Area 02     | Ditch fill      | Light brown silt/sand with occasional flints.  |           |          |
| 0554    | 0005                 | 0005         | 0550    | Area 02     | Ditch fill      | Mid orange/red/brown silt/sand with occasional flints.   |           |          |
| 0555    | 0520                 | 0520         | 0550    | Area 02     | Ditch fill      | Dark grey/orange/brown silt/sand with occasional flints.   |           |          |
| 0556    | 0500                 | 0500         | 0550    | Area 02     | Ditch fill      | Mid orange/brown silt/sand with occasional flints.   |           |          |
| 0557    | 0558                 | 0558         | 0557    | Area 02     | Feature Section | Excavated section of feature 0558. Over-excavated.   |           |          |
| 0558    | 0558                 | 0558         | 0557    | Area 02     | Feature cut     | Irregular linear spread, very shallow - possibly remnants of a ditch. 1.35m wide and 0.17m deep.                                   |           |          |
| 0559    | 0558                 | 0558         | 0557    | Area 02     | Feature fill    | Mid grey/brown silt/sand with scattered flints and iron panning.   |           | E/MC1    |
| 0560    | 0560                 | 0560         |         | Area 02     | Ditch cut       | Linear ditch, 0.65m wide and 0.12m deep, aligned N-S. Concave sides and base, merges with 0558.                                    |           |          |
| 0561    | 0560                 | 0560         |         | Area 02     | Ditch fill      | Mid grey/brown silt/sand.  |           |          |
| 0562    | 0558<br>0560<br>0563 |              | 0562    | Area 02     | Section         | Section of merging ditches 0560 and 0558 and pit 0563.   |           |          |
| 0563    | 0563                 |              | 0562    | Area 02     | Pit cut         | Oval pit, 0.7m by 0.44 and 0.06m deep seen after removal of ditches 0558 and 0560.   |           |          |
| 0564    | 0563                 |              | 0562    | Area 02     | Pit fill        | Dark grey/black silt/sand.   |           |          |
| 0565    | 0560                 | 0560         | 0565    | Area 02     | Ditch Section   | Excavated segment of 0560. Mid grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints. 0.63m wide and 0.06m thick.                            |           |          |
| 0566    | 0566                 | 0566         |         | Area 02     | Ditch cut       | N-S aligned ditch, possibly natural. To N cut by 0422 then disappears into a natural channel like 0355. 1.07m wide and 0.56m deep. |           |          |
| 0567    | 0566                 | 0566         | 0568    | Area 02     | Ditch fill      | Heavily mixed orange/grey silt/sand with occasional flints.  |           | Later IA |
| 0568    | 0566                 | 0566         | 0568    | Area 02     | Ditch Section   | Excavated segment of ditch 0566.   |           |          |
| 0569    | 0569                 |              | 0575    | Area 02     | Pit cut         | Circular pit, 1.47m diameter and 0.6m deep.  |           |          |
| 0570    | 0570                 |              | 0575    | Area 02     | Pit cut         | Circular pit, 1.4m diameter and 0.57m deep.  |           |          |

| Context | Feature                              | Group        | Segment | Trench/Area | Identifier    | Description  | Sample No | Spotdate |
|---------|--------------------------------------|--------------|---------|-------------|---------------|--|-----------|----------|
| 0571    | 0005<br>0500<br>0520<br>0569<br>0570 |              | 0575    | Area 02     | Feature fill  | Fill of various pits and ditches in section 0575. Homogenous grey/brown silt/sand with chalk and scattered flint.                |           |          |
| 0572    | 0573                                 |              | 0572    | Area 02     | Pit Section   | Excavated section of pit 0573.   | 32        |          |
| 0573    | 0573                                 |              | 0572    | Area 02     | Pit cut       | Pit cut, gentle sloping sides and irregular concave base.  | 32        |          |
| 0574    | 0573                                 |              | 0572    | Area 02     | Pit fill      | Grey/black silt/sand. (ss 32)  | 32        | E/MC1    |
| 0575    | 0005<br>0520<br>0500<br>0569<br>0570 | 0005<br>0520 | 0575    | Area 02     | Section       | Section across ditch series and pits.  |           |          |
| 0576    | 0575                                 | 0005<br>0520 | 0575    | Area 02     | Feature fill  | Upper fill across features in section 0575. Orange/brown silt/sand - natural silting.  |           | E/MC1    |
| 0577    | 0500<br>0578                         |              | 0577    | Area 02     | Section       | Excavated section of pit 0578 and ditch 0500 which splits into 2.  |           |          |
| 0578    | 0578                                 |              | 0577    | Area 02     | Pit cut       | Circular pit, 0.2m by 0.3m and 0.2m deep.  |           |          |
| 0579    | 0578                                 |              | 0577    | Area 02     | Pit fill      | Dark grey/brown silt/sand.   |           |          |
| 0580    | 0500                                 | 0500         | 0577    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Mid brown sand.  |           |          |
| 0581    | 0566                                 | 0566         | 0581    | Area 02     | Ditch Section | Same as 0516.  |           |          |
| 0582    | 0566                                 | 0566         | 0581    | Area 02     | Feature fill  | Same as 0517.  |           | E/MC1    |
| 0583    | 0583                                 | 0583         |         | Area 02     | Ditch cut     | NW-SE aligned gully crossing 0500, 0520 and 0505. 0.2m wide, 0.05m deep, very shallow, no visible relationships. Not drawn.      |           |          |
| 0584    | 0583                                 | 0583         |         | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Mid brown sand. Root disturbance.  |           |          |
| 0585    | 0005<br>0500<br>0520<br>0586         | 0005<br>0500 | 0585    | Area 02     | Ditch Section | Section through ditches 0005, 0500, 0520 and 0586.   |           |          |
| 0586    | 0586                                 | 0586         |         | Area 02     | Ditch cut     | Linear ditch, aligned E-W, 0.74m wide and 0.42m deep. Steep sided, concave base.   |           |          |
| 0587    | 0586                                 | 0586         | 0585    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Mid orange/grey/brown silt/sand.   |           |          |
| 0588    | 0005                                 | 0005         | 0585    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Mid orange/brown silt/sand with occasional flints and lenses of charcoal. 1.04m wide and 0.24m deep.                             |           |          |
| 0589    | 0520                                 | 0520         | 0585    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Mid orange/grey/brown silt/sand. 0.68m wide and 0.26m deep.  |           |          |
| 0590    |                                      |              | 0585    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Mid orange/grey/brown silt/sand with occasional flints. 0.34m wide and 0.08m deep.   |           |          |
| 0591    | 0551                                 | 0551         | 0591    | Area 02     | Ditch Section | Section of ditch 0551. 0.51m wide and 0.1m deep. Over-excavated with heavy root disturbance.                                     |           |          |
| 0592    | 0551                                 | 0551         | 0591    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Dark brown/black silt/sand.  |           |          |
| 0593    | 0593                                 |              |         | Area 02     | Pit cut       | Sub-rectangular pit, partially under site edge. 1.7m long and up to 0.42m deep. Steep sided, flat base. 50% then 100% excavated. | 33        |          |

| Context | Feature              | Group        | Segment | Trench/Area | Identifier    | Description   | Sample No | Spotdate |
|---------|----------------------|--------------|---------|-------------|---------------|---|-----------|----------|
| 0594    | 0593                 |              |         | Area 02     | Pit fill      | Mixed mid-dark yellow/brown sands with charcoal. (SS 33)  | 33        | E/MC1    |
| 0595    | 0005<br>0500<br>0520 | 0005<br>0500 | 0595    | Area 02     | Ditch Section | Section across ditches 0005, 0500 and 0520.   |           |          |
| 0596    | 0005<br>0500<br>0520 | 0005<br>0500 | 0595    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Upper fill across all 3 ditches 0005, 0500 and 0520. Mixed dark grey/orange silt/sands with frequent flint. |           |          |
| 0597    | 0005<br>0500<br>0520 | 0005<br>0500 | 0595    | Area 02     | Ditch fill    | Fill of all 3 ditches 0005, 0500 and 0520. Mixed grey sands and chalk.                                      |           |          |

## Appendix 2. Bulk finds quantities

(All weights are in kilograms)

| Ctxt | Area              | Pottery |       | Animal bone |       | Flint |       | Fired clay |       | Miscellaneous        | Spotdate             |
|------|-------------------|---------|-------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------|----------------------|----------------------|
|      |                   | No.     | Wt.   | No.         | Wt.   | No.   | Wt.   | No.        | Wt.   |                      |                      |
| 0043 | 01                | 12      | 0.442 | 2           | 0.002 |       |       |            |       | Iron 2 (0.025)       | E/MC1/later IA<br>C1 |
| 0103 | 02 W<br>bund      | 42      | 2.172 | 19          | 0.286 |       |       |            |       |                      |                      |
| 0106 | 02 W<br>bund      | 21      | 0.146 | 4           | 0.028 |       |       |            |       |                      | C1                   |
| 0120 | 01 W<br>bund      | 1       | 0.002 |             |       |       |       |            |       |                      | IA                   |
| 0129 | 03 W<br>bund      | 2       | 0.039 |             |       |       |       |            |       |                      | Later IA             |
| 0131 | 03 W<br>bund      | 6       | 0.041 | 1           | 0.087 |       |       | 4          | 0.005 |                      | Later IA             |
| 0133 | 03 W<br>bund      | 1       | 0.029 | 3           | 0.014 |       |       |            |       |                      | E/MC1                |
| 0134 | 02                | 4       | 0.061 |             |       |       |       | 5          | 0.030 |                      | MC1                  |
| 0140 | 01                |         |       |             |       |       |       |            |       | BFlint 1 (0.020)     | IA                   |
| 0143 | 01                | 1       | 0.003 |             |       |       |       |            |       |                      |                      |
| 0145 | 01                |         |       |             |       |       |       |            |       | BFlint 6 (0.024)     | Later IA<br>IA       |
| 0153 | 01                |         |       |             |       |       |       |            |       | BFlint 1 (0.090)     |                      |
| 0160 | 01                |         |       |             |       | 1     | 0.007 |            |       |                      |                      |
| 0163 | 01                | 39      | 0.282 |             |       |       |       |            |       |                      | Later IA             |
| 0178 | 01                | 1       | 0.015 |             |       |       |       |            |       |                      | IA                   |
| 0185 | 01                |         |       |             |       |       |       |            |       | BFlint 18<br>(0.233) |                      |
| 0213 | 01                |         |       |             |       | 2     | 0.013 |            |       |                      |                      |
| 0217 | 01                |         |       |             |       | 1     | 0.002 |            |       |                      |                      |
| 0238 | 03                |         |       | 3           | 0.008 |       |       |            |       |                      |                      |
| 0245 | 03                | 2       | 0.048 |             |       |       |       |            |       |                      | E/MC1                |
| 0247 | 03                | 9       | 0.192 |             |       | 1     | 0.005 |            |       |                      | E/MC1                |
| 0265 | 03                |         |       |             |       |       |       |            |       | BFlint 17<br>(0.160) |                      |
| 0271 | 03                |         |       |             |       |       |       |            |       |                      | [no finds]           |
| 0273 | 03                | 22      | 0.498 | 1           | 0.002 | 1     | 0.007 |            |       |                      | E/MC1                |
| 0297 | 03                | 1       | 0.066 |             |       |       |       |            |       |                      | Later IA             |
| 0310 | Service<br>trench | 3       | 0.020 | 2           | 0.004 |       |       |            |       |                      | Later IA             |
| 0326 | 03                | 1       | 0.019 | 1           | 0.001 | 1     | 0.007 |            |       |                      | IA                   |
| 0327 | 03                | 2       | 0.006 | 2           | 0.004 |       |       |            |       |                      | Later IA             |
| 0339 | 03                | 6       | 0.042 |             |       |       |       |            |       |                      | Later IA             |
| 0343 | 03                | 5       | 0.020 |             |       |       |       |            |       |                      | LIA-ERom             |
| 0346 | 03                | 11      | 0.152 |             |       |       |       | 2          | 0.004 |                      | LIA-ERom             |
| 0347 | 03                |         |       |             |       |       |       | 6          | 0.011 |                      |                      |
| 0350 | 02                | 1       | 0.001 | 8           | 0.058 | 1     | 0.006 |            |       |                      | Later IA             |
| 0353 | 02                |         |       |             |       | 1     | 0.005 |            |       |                      |                      |
| 0357 | 02                | 44      | 0.161 | 34          | 0.250 |       |       |            |       |                      | MC1                  |
| 0358 | 02                | 3       | 0.034 | 1           | 0.012 |       |       |            |       |                      | MC1                  |
| 0361 | 02                | 3       | 0.015 | 1           | 0.078 |       |       |            |       |                      | E/MC1                |
| 0365 | 02                | 3       | 0.048 | 9           | 0.102 | 1     | 0.003 |            |       |                      | Later IA             |
| 0367 | 02                | 9       | 0.041 | 11          | 0.151 |       |       |            |       |                      | MC1                  |
| 0369 | 02                | 14      | 0.123 | 2           | 0.005 |       |       |            |       |                      | MC1                  |
| 0370 | 02                | 2       | 0.019 | 1           | 0.001 |       |       |            |       |                      | MC1                  |
| 0371 | 02                | 19      | 0.111 | 22          | 0.270 |       |       |            |       |                      | MC1                  |
| 0374 | 02                | 2       | 0.026 | 3           | 0.002 |       |       |            |       |                      | MC1                  |
| 0378 | 02                | 2       | 0.026 | 8           | 0.078 |       |       |            |       |                      | MC1                  |
| 0379 | 02                | 1       | 0.013 |             |       |       |       |            |       |                      | MC1                  |
| 0386 | 02                | 1       | 0.004 |             |       |       |       |            |       |                      | MC1                  |
| 0388 | 02                | 10      | 0.052 | 10          | 0.161 |       |       |            |       |                      | MC1                  |
| 0391 | 02                | 15      | 0.088 | 12          | 0.105 |       |       | 6          | 0.009 |                      | MC1                  |
| 0392 | 02                | 1       | 0.012 |             |       |       |       |            |       |                      | Later IA             |
| 0403 | 02                |         |       | 4           | 0.124 |       |       |            |       |                      |                      |
| 0405 | 02                |         |       | 1           | 0.017 |       |       | 2          | 0.003 |                      |                      |
| 0414 | 02                | 1       | 0.004 | 1           | 0.003 |       |       |            |       |                      | Later IA             |
| 0427 | 02                |         |       | 5           | 0.004 |       |       | 41         | 0.072 |                      |                      |
| 0437 | 02                |         |       | 6           | 0.040 |       |       |            |       |                      |                      |

| Ctxt | Area | Pottery |       | Animal bone |       | Flint |       | Fired clay |       | Miscellaneous                   | Spotdate   |
|------|------|---------|-------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------|---------------------------------|------------|
|      |      | No.     | Wt.   | No.         | Wt.   | No.   | Wt.   | No.        | Wt.   |                                 |            |
| 0442 | 02   | 1       | 0.003 |             |       |       |       |            |       | CBM 3 (0.016)<br>Slag 6 (0.086) | Later IA   |
| 0445 | 02   | 1       | 0.062 | 1           | 0.017 |       |       |            |       |                                 | Later IA   |
| 0448 | 02   |         |       |             |       | 1     | 0.005 |            |       |                                 |            |
| 0450 | 02   | 3       | 0.001 | 1           | 0.002 |       |       |            |       | Slag 1( 0.009)                  | Later IA   |
| 0455 | 02   |         |       |             |       |       |       |            |       |                                 | [no finds] |
| 0457 | 02   | 24      | 0.229 | 4           | 0.007 |       |       | 3          | 0.029 |                                 | E/MC1      |
| 0458 | 02   | 8       | 0.049 |             |       |       |       |            |       |                                 | Later IA   |
| 0466 | 02   |         |       | 2           | 0.066 |       |       |            |       |                                 |            |
| 0469 | 02   | 5       | 0.025 | 12          | 0.019 | 2     | 0.017 |            |       |                                 | IA         |
| 0479 | 02   |         |       | 7           | 0.015 |       |       |            |       |                                 |            |
| 0482 | 02   |         |       |             |       |       |       | 23         | 0.066 |                                 |            |
| 0485 | 02   | 1       | 0.012 |             |       |       |       |            |       |                                 | E/MC1      |
| 0496 | 02   | 1       | 0.002 | 1           | 0.007 | 1     | 0.037 |            |       |                                 | Later IA   |
| 0503 | 02   | 1       | 0.020 |             |       |       |       |            |       |                                 | E/MC1      |
| 0508 | 02   | 40      | 1.039 | 8           | 0.097 |       |       |            |       |                                 | E/MC1      |
| 0510 | 02   | 1       | 0.004 | 1           | 0.018 | 1     | 0.030 | 2          | 0.022 |                                 | Later IA   |
| 0515 | 02   | 9       | 0.048 | 1           | 0.005 |       |       | 7          | 0.013 |                                 | MC1        |
| 0518 | 02   | 36      | 0.179 | 25          | 0.275 | 1     | 0.006 |            |       |                                 | Later IA   |
| 0521 | 02   |         |       | 12          | 0.170 |       |       | 5          | 0.025 |                                 |            |
| 0526 | 02   | 2       | 0.013 | 6           | 0.092 |       |       | 2          | 0.009 |                                 | MC1        |
| 0539 | 02   | 5       | 0.020 |             |       |       |       |            |       |                                 | MC1        |
| 0541 | 02   |         |       | 3           | 0.173 |       |       |            |       |                                 |            |
| 0544 | 02   | 20      | 0.120 |             |       |       |       |            |       |                                 | E/MC1      |
| 0546 | 02   |         |       | 2           | 0.005 |       |       |            |       | HSR 1                           |            |
| 0548 | 02   |         |       | 1           | 0.007 |       |       |            |       |                                 |            |
| 0559 | 02   | 2       | 0.017 |             |       |       |       |            |       |                                 | E/MC1      |
| 0567 | 02   | 1       | 0.007 | 5           | 0.013 |       |       |            |       |                                 | Later IA   |
| 0571 | 02   |         |       | 29          | 0.365 |       |       |            |       | BFlint 1 (0.071)                |            |
| 0574 | 02   | 9       | 0.115 | 10          | 0.038 | 2     | 0.007 |            |       |                                 | E/MC1      |
| 0576 | 02   | 2       | 0.063 | 1           | 0.003 | 1     | 0.008 |            |       |                                 | E/MC1      |
| 0582 | 02   | 23      | 0.228 | 2           | 0.009 |       |       |            |       |                                 | E/MC1      |
| 0594 | 02   | 19      | 0.197 |             |       | 4     | 0.069 |            |       | CBM 1 (0.011)                   | E/MC1      |
| 0597 | 02   |         |       | 1           | 0.010 |       |       |            |       |                                 |            |

## Appendix 3. Pottery

| Ctxt | Area      | Fabric | Sherd | No | Wt/g | Form  | Notes   | Spotdate |
|------|-----------|--------|-------|----|------|-------|---|----------|
| 0043 | 01        | BSW    | ba    | 1  | 60   | jar   | Jar base (type 2) w 2 grooves on ext. worn, abr pocked. (HM-WF)   | E/MC1    |
|      |           | GRO G  | b     | 2  | 93   | SJar  | Belgic. combed  | C1       |
|      |           | GRO G  | ba    | 15 | 264  | SJar  | V abr. frequent grey and orange grog s Jar. Flat base   | later IA |
|      |           | Q1     | r     | 1  | 51   | jar   | Long necked round shouldered jar. Rounded rim. Smoothed surface. soot ext. (P1)                                     | later IA |
|      |           | Q2     | r     | 1  | 63   | jar   | Globular jar with corrugated neck Rounded rim 90 ° (170mm, 11%) (P3)  | later IA |
|      |           | Q2     | ba    | 1  | 117  |       | Simple flat base. Smoothed surface  | later IA |
|      |           | Q2     | r     | 3  | 158  | jar   | Round shouldered jar. Bead rim. Smoothed surface. Soot ext.   | later IA |
|      |           | Q2     | b     | 4  | 122  |       |   | later IA |
|      |           | RX     | b     | 3  | 12   |       | Orange/red soft v abr surf  |          |
| 0103 | 02 W bund | STOR   | bba   | 42 | 217  | SJar  | Vert comb buff/orange/brown surf flat base 2 160-180mm dia. Flaked int surf   | C1       |
| 0106 | 02 W bund | BSW    | r     | 1  | 9    | jar   | Jar rim (160mm,7%), necked (looks l butt bkr type rim)  | C1       |
|      |           | Q1     | ba    | 2  | 34   |       | Very abr. poor condition. Sandy fabric w common elongated voids. Scratched dec.                                     | later IA |
|      |           | Q1     | b     | 18 | 103  |       | V abraded   | later IA |
| 0120 | 01 W bund | F1     | b     | 1  | 2    |       | Fine angular flint  | IA       |
| 0129 | 03 W bund | Q2     | b     | 2  | 39   |       | Smoothed surface  | later IA |
| 0131 | 03 W bund | F1     | b     | 1  | 1    |       |   | later IA |
|      |           | Q2     | b     | 3  | 33   |       | Smoothed surface  | later IA |
|      |           | Q2     | r     | 2  | 7    |       | Rounded rim. Dec - shallow channels. Smoothed surface   | later IA |
| 0133 | 03 W bund | BSW    | b     | 1  | 29   |       | Cordoned vessel (3 bulges) hm-wf  | E/MC1    |
| 0134 | 02        | GMB    | b     | 2  | 23   | cup   | Fine. Grooved bead cordonconcave wall   | MC1      |
|      |           | GMB    | b     | 1  | 3    |       | Pocked & abr. oxy core  | C1       |
|      |           | STOR   | b     | 1  | 35   | SJar  | Buff-orange . abraded   | C1       |
| 0143 | 01        | F2     | b     | 1  | 3    |       | Moderate medium flint   | IA       |
| 0162 | 01        | Q1     | b     | 35 | 243  |       | V. abr  | later IA |
|      |           | Q1     | r     | 1  | 9    | jar   | V. Abr. Small shouldered jar upright rim  | later IA |
|      |           | Q1     | r     | 1  | 11   | jar   | V abr. small shouldered jar. Rounded everted rim  | later IA |
|      |           | Q1     | ba    | 1  | 10   |       | Flat base   | later IA |
|      |           | Q2     | b     | 1  | 9    |       | V abr. sandy fine   | later IA |
| 0178 | 01        | F2     | b     | 1  | 15   |       |   | IA       |
| 0245 | 03        | BSW    | rba   | 2  | 48   | jar   | Rim 50 (180mm, 11%) HM-WF   | LIA      |
| 0247 | 03        | GRO G  | r     | 1  | 18   | 4 jar | Braughing Jar rim 13 (130mm,14%)  | E/MC1    |
|      |           | Q1     | ba    | 1  | 103  |       | Modified. Drilled hole in base. flat base (P4)  | later IA |
|      |           | Q2     | b     | 7  | 71   |       | NB it says 0254 on label and sherds   | later IA |
| 0273 | 03        | GRO G  | bba   | 8  | 187  | jar   | SV jar w footing base. Irreg spaced holes (12-14mm) drilled thru base. Horiz incised line c 10mm intervals up wall. | LIA-ERom |
|      |           | Q2     | r     | 1  | 24   | jar   | Fine jar. Rounded rim (170mm, 10) v slight shoulder short slightly out turned neck. Smoothed surface                | later IA |
|      |           | Q2     | ba    | 1  | 65   |       | Flat base (90mm, 100%)  | later IA |
|      |           | Q2     | b     | 12 | 222  |       |   | later IA |
| 0297 | 03        | Q1     | r     | 1  | 66   | jar   | Globular jar Rounded rim 90° rim (210mm, 10%) (P2)  | later IA |

| Ctxt | Area           | Fabric | Sherd | No | Wt/g | Form   | Notes   | Spotdate |
|------|----------------|--------|-------|----|------|--------|---|----------|
| 0310 | Service trench | Q2     | b     | 2  | 18   |        | Smoothed surface  | later IA |
|      |                | Q2     | r     | 1  | 2    |        | Rounded rim. Smoothed surface   | later IA |
| 0326 | 03             | F2     | b     | 1  | 19   |        |   | IA       |
| 0327 | 03             | Q2     | b     | 2  | 6    |        | Smoothed surface. Abraded   | later IA |
| 0339 | 03             | Q1     | r     | 1  | 1    |        | Flat rim. V small and abraded   | later IA |
|      |                | Q2     | b     | 3  | 8    |        |   | later IA |
|      |                | Q2     | r     | 1  | 3    |        | Rounded rim. V small and abraded  | later IA |
|      |                | Q2     | r     | 1  | 30   | jar    | Round shouldered jar. External lipped rim. Smoothed surface. Soot         | later IA |
| 0343 | 03             | BSW    | b     | 1  | 8    |        | Abraded   | LIA-ERom |
| 0343 | 03             | F3     | b     | 1  | 7    |        |   | IA       |
|      |                | Q2     | ba    | 1  | 2    |        |   | later IA |
|      |                | Q2     | b     | 2  | 3    |        |   | later IA |
| 0346 | 03             | Q2     | b     | 7  | 37   |        | Smoothed surface  | later IA |
|      |                | STOR   | rb    | 4  | 115  | SJar   | Upright rim (300mm,7%) Abr. Combed  |          |
| 0350 | 02             | Q1     | r     | 1  | 1    |        | Rounded rim   | later IA |
| 0357 | 02             | BSW    | r     | 1  | 5    | jar    | Jar rim 11/13 (160mm,5%) abr.   | LIA-ERom |
|      |                | BSW    | r     | 1  | 8    | jar    | Jar rim 8 (160mm,7%) Oxy. margins abr flaked                              | MC1      |
|      |                | BSW    | bba   | 3  | 5    |        | Base 2/3 sv fine fabric   |          |
|      |                | GMB    | bba   | 18 | 91   |        | 2 bases (3) 16 b/s. multi vessels inc carin, one grooved. abr and fragty  | MC1      |
|      |                | GRO G  | b     | 10 | 14   |        | SV flaked, abr (sv in 0358)   | 1-60     |
|      |                | GX     | rbba  | 11 | 38   | jar    | Cordoned vess (bead/gr/bulge/gr) base type 2. Fine. Rim (xx) Abr          | MC1      |
| 0358 | 02             | GMB    | b     | 2  | 25   | 6 bowl | Carinated bowl (SV in 0357)   | MC1      |
|      |                | GRO G  | ba    | 1  | 9    |        | Base 2, flaked, abr (SV in 0357)  | 1-60     |
| 0361 | 02             | BSW    | b     | 1  | 3    |        | Abr b/s buff ext black int  | LIA      |
|      |                | BSW    | b     | 1  | 9    |        | Hm-wf v IA fabric   | E/MC1    |
|      |                | Q1     | b     | 1  | 3    |        |   | later IA |
| 0365 | 02             | Q2     | b     | 2  | 6    |        | Micaceous   | later IA |
|      |                | Q3     | b     | 1  | 42   |        | Coarse sandy. Combed decoration   | later IA |
| 0367 | 02             | GMB    | b     | 9  | 41   |        | SV Carinated vess w groove & grooved bead above carin pt. pocked and abr  | MC1      |
| 0369 | 02             | GMB    | b     | 1  | 16   | 4 Jar  | Braughing jar, v fine hor incised lines. soot ext                         | MC1      |
|      |                | GMB    | b     | 2  | 12   |        | SV buff-orange core, Abr  |          |
|      |                | GMB    | b     | 1  | 15   | jar    | Carinated jar. grooved bead above car. pt.                                |          |
|      |                | GMB    | b     | 8  | 50   | jar    | Carinated jar. grooved bead above car. pt. fine limescale                 |          |
|      |                | GMB    | r     | 1  | 22   | jar    | Prob. cordoned jar, fine. Rim 7 (160mm,17%)                               | MC1      |
|      |                | GMB    | b     | 1  | 8    | jar    | Carinated jar or bowl. (car pt )  | MC1      |
| 0370 | 02             | GMB    | rb    | 2  | 19   |        | Ledged rim (170mm, 10%) Fine, patchy -black pink tan                      |          |
| 0371 | 02             | GMB    | ba    | 2  | 23   |        | Carinated vess grooved bead above carin pt. fine                          | MC1      |
|      |                | GMB    | b     | 9  | 28   |        | SV patchy surface co. black & ping orange, grooved bead cords. Abr flaked |          |
|      |                | GMB    | ba    | 2  | 16   |        | Two sep vessels   |          |
|      |                | GMB    | r     | 1  | 8    | jar    | Jar rim (160mm, 7%)   | MC1      |
|      |                | GX     | ba    | 2  | 17   |        | Fine, groove mid body, soft and abr                                       |          |
|      |                | Q2     | b     | 2  | 8    |        | Smoothed surface  | later IA |
|      |                | STOR   | b     | 1  | 11   |        | Laminar buff orange flaked  |          |
| 0374 | 02             | GMB    | b     | 2  | 26   |        | SV soot, limescale . SV in 0370 0371 0369                                 | MC1      |
| 0378 | 02             | GMB    | r     | 1  | 3    | jar    | Jar rim (180mm, 5%)   |          |
|      |                | GMB    | b     | 3  | 23   | jar    | Carinated jar w 2 incised lines above carin pt. abr battered              | MC1      |
| 0379 | 02             | GRO G  | b     | 1  | 13   | jar    | Carinated jar. Plain burnished, fine. Abund grog 'romanising'             |          |



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|------|------|--------|-------|----|------|---------------|---|----------|
| 0386 | 02   | GMB    | b     | 1  | 4    |               | Fine burnished  |          |
| 0388 | 02   | GMB    | r     | 1  | 5    | 4 Jar         | Jar rim (160mm,6%)  | MC1      |
|      |      | GMB    | b     | 5  | 29   |               | Carinated vessel, grooved bead + misc b/s   | MC1      |
|      |      | GMB    | b     | 1  | 4    |               | W grooved bead. oxy core, 'romanising fab   | MC1      |
|      |      | GX     | b     | 3  | 14   |               | Soft fine abr   |          |
| 0391 | 02   | GMB    | rbba  | 15 | 88   |               | 2 rims (xx) & b/s abr flaked 2 sep vess. oxy cores, bead cord. 1 base -worn                           | MC1      |
| 0392 | 02   | Q2     | b     | 1  | 12   |               |   | later IA |
| 0414 | 02   | Q2     | r     | 1  | 4    |               | External lipped rim. Smoothed surface   | later IA |
| 0442 | 02   | Q2     | b     | 1  | 3    |               |   | later IA |
| 0445 | 02   | Q1     | ba    | 1  | 62   |               | Simple flat base (80mm, 30%)  | later IA |
| 0450 | 02   | Q2     | b     | 3  | 1    |               | Fine vessel   | later IA |
| 0457 | 02   | BSW    | rb    | 8  | 47   | jar           | SV jar v fragty, bead cordons, red oxy core. (180mm, 7%)  | E/MC1    |
|      |      | BSW    | b     | 3  | 41   | jar           | SV coarse qtz sand, oxy core  | E/MC1    |
|      |      | BSW    | b     | 1  | 76   | jar           | Lower part of carin jar. fab looks hm but def wf. (grooved int) Patchy surf co. buff-black            | E/MC1    |
|      |      | Q3     | b     | 11 | 50   |               | Smoothed surface  | later IA |
|      |      | STOR   | b     | 1  | 15   | SJar          | Combed surf. buff. abr  | C1       |
| 0458 | 02   | Q1     | b     | 8  | 49   |               |   | later IA |
| 0469 | 02   | GMB    | b     | 3  | 16   |               | Carinated vessel concave upper w single bead cord (Cam 211-214) oxy core                              | LIA-ERom |
|      |      | GX     | b     | 1  | 2    |               |   |          |
|      |      | RX     | b     | 1  | 7    |               | L grey core orange surf -del attempt at copying continental redwares (TR Pomp)                        |          |
| 0485 | 02   | BSW    | b     | 1  | 12   |               | fab w coarser qtz & some organic but def WF. Patchy brown black surf, black/dk brown core HM-WF v LIA | E/MC1    |
| 0496 | 02   | Q1     | b     | 1  | 2    |               | Abraded   | later IA |
| 0503 | 02   | GMB    | ba    | 1  | 20   |               | Finely tooled base footing. HM-WF its got that granular texture                                       | E/MC1    |
| 0508 | 02   | BSW    | rb    | 10 | 708  | 6.9           | Very coarse version of a plain carin cup w concave upper 6.9 the rim looks wf. (150mm,100%) (P5)      | E/MC1    |
|      |      | GMB    | b     | 3  | 17   |               |   |          |
|      |      | STOR   | rb    | 27 | 314  | SJar          | 1 rim everted (xx) 26 b/s v fragty. Combed  |          |
| 0510 | 02   | STOR   | b     | 1  | 4    | SJar          | Combed surf   | LIA      |
| 0515 | 02   | BSW    | b     | 1  | 2    |               | Romanising fabric, oxy core.  | LIA-ERom |
| 0515 | 02   | BSW    | bba   | 3  | 17   |               | 3 sep vessels. base 3 & abr b/s   | LIA-ERom |
|      |      | GMB    | b     | 1  | 2    |               | Fine  |          |
|      |      | GMB    | b     | 3  | 26   |               | 3 sep vess. 2 wi incised grooves, 1 plain   |          |
|      |      | GMB    | b     | 1  | 1    | cup/bo w/SJar | carinated vessel conc. upper w bead cord.   |          |
| 0518 | 02   | Q1     | b     | 35 | 142  |               | Smoothed surface  | later IA |
|      |      | Q1     | r     | 1  | 37   | jar           | Slack shouldered jar. Rounded rim. Smoothed surface   | later IA |
| 0526 | 02   | GMB    | b     | 2  | 13   |               |   | MC1      |
| 0539 | 02   | GMB    | b     | 5  | 20   | 4             | Braughing jar fine incised horiz. lines   | MC1      |
| 0544 | 02   | STOR   | b     | 20 | 120  | SJar          | SV orange, black surf combed. V fragty (sv in other context?)   |          |
| 0559 | 02   | BSW    | r     | 1  | 6    | jar           | Jar rim (140mm, 7%) abr   | E/MC1    |
|      |      | Q1     | ba    | 1  | 11   |               | Flat base (80mm, 15%)   | later IA |
| 0567 | 02   | Q1     | b     | 1  | 7    |               | Soot  | later IA |
| 0574 | 02   | BSW    | b     | 4  | 65   |               | Sv. Thick coarse, with horiz incised lines at irreg intervals (20mm 12mm.)                            | LIA      |
|      |      | BSW    | b     | 4  | 26   |               | Oxy core  |          |
|      |      | Q1     | b     | 1  | 24   |               | Neck & shoulder, bead cord. oxy core. Smoothed surface  | E/MC1    |
| 0576 | 02   | GRO    | r     | 1  | 59   | 4.1           | Cam 266 or 221. (160mm,15%)   | later IA |
|      |      | G      |       |    |      |               |   |          |
|      |      | Q1     | b     | 1  | 4    |               | Abraded   | later IA |

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|------|------|--------|-------|----|------|------|--|----------|
| 0582 | 02   | BSW    | bba   | 23 | 228  | jar  | SV. 'romanising'. Base 2 Flaked int ext oxy core, fragty | E/MC1    |
| 0594 | 02   | BSW    | b     | 2  | 9    |      | Patchy surf colour, black/orange. Oxy core               | E/MC1    |
|      |      | GRO    | bba   | 4  | 74   |      | Base (100mm, 38%) int flaked off. grog and bt material   |          |
|      |      | Q1     | r     | 1  | 3    |      | Rounded rim  | later IA |
|      |      | Q1     | b     | 1  | 12   |      | Dec - double incised band                                | later IA |
|      |      | Q1     | b     | 7  | 73   |      |  | later IA |
|      |      | Q2     | r     | 1  | 6    |      | Everted. Smoothed surface                                | later IA |
|      |      | Q2     | b     | 2  | 16   |      | Shallow groove dec                                       | later IA |
|      |      | Q2     | b     | 1  | 4    |      | Dec. incised geometric pattern.                          | later IA |

## Appendix 4. Flint

| Ctxt | Area | Type             | No | Pat | Notes   | Date        |
|------|------|------------------|----|-----|---|-------------|
| 0160 | 01   | flake            | 1  | u   | Irregular squat flake with hinge fracture. Limited edge retouch including notch                       | LBA or IA   |
| 0213 | 01   | blade            | 1  | p   | Heavily patinated snapped blade ( the snap is patinated)  | MESO or NEO |
|      |      | blade            | 1  | p   | Heavily patinated blade   | MESO or NEO |
| 0217 | 01   | flake            | 1  | u   | Small irregular flake. Probably LBA or IA   | LBA or IA   |
| 0247 | 03   | blade            | 1  | p   | Heavily patinated blade   | MESO or NEO |
| 0273 | 03   | flake            | 1  | p   | Stained natural flint with heavily patinated flake scars  | MESO or NEO |
| 0326 | 03   | notched flake    | 1  | u   | Squat irregular flake w retouched notch   | LBA or IA   |
| 0350 | 02   | blade            | 1  | p   | Heavily patinated blade   | MESO or NEO |
| 0353 | 02   | long flake/blade | 1  | p   | Heavily patinated long flake/blade  | MESO or NEO |
| 0365 | 02   | flake            | 1  | u   | Crude flake   | LBA or IA   |
| 0448 | 02   | flake            | 1  | u   | Unpatinated flake, natural striking platform  | Later Preh  |
| 0469 | 02   | flake            | 1  | u   | Squat flake   | Later Preh  |
|      |      | utilised flake   | 1  | u   | Snapped flake, irregular w limited edge damage or use-wear  | LBA or IA   |
| 0496 | 02   | flake core       | 1  | u   | Crude flake core, irregular   | LBA or IA   |
| 0510 | 02   | long flake       | 1  | p   | Lightly patinated long flake, unpatinated on dorsal face with parallel flake scars                    | Later Preh  |
| 0518 | 02   | flake            | 1  | p   | Patinated irregular squat flake   | Later Preh  |
| 0574 | 02   | flake            | 1  | u   | Squat flake with hinge fracture (partly patinated) with later unpatinated flake removed               | Later Preh  |
|      |      | flake or blade   | 1  | u   | Snapped flake or blade  | Later Preh  |
| 0576 | 02   | struck flint     | 1  | p   | Patinated worked flint. reutilised with unpatinated flake scars - MESO or NEO and possibly later Preh | MESO or NEO |
| 0594 | 02   | flake            | 1  | p   | Lightly patinated irregular flake with hinge fracture, NS platform (L Preh - LBA or IA)               | LBA or IA   |
|      |      | flake            | 1  | u   | Grey flint with hinge fracture  | Later Preh  |
|      |      | flake            | 1  | (u) | Natural flake with small retouched notch (unpat)  | Later Preh  |
|      |      | flake            | 1  | p   | Lightly patinated irregular squat flak w obtuse striking platform., Slight edge retouch or use-ware.  | Later Preh  |

Key: p = patinated, u = unpatinated

## Appendix 5. Animal Bone

| Ctxt | Area           | No | Wt/g | Species    | NISP | Age       | Butchering  | Comments  |
|------|----------------|----|------|------------|------|-----------|-------------|---|
| 0043 | 01             | 2  | 2    | Mammal     | 2    |           |             |   |
| 0103 | 02 W bund      | 19 | 286  | Cattle     | 2    | Adult     | Chopped     | scapula, radius                                 |
|      |                |    |      | Mammal     | 17   |           | Butchered   | fragmentary                                     |
| 0106 | 02 W bund      | 4  | 28   | Mammal     | 4    |           |             |   |
| 0131 | 03 W bund      | 1  | 87   | Cattle     | 1    |           | Butchered   | tibia   |
| 0133 | 03 W bund      | 3  | 14   | Mammal     | 3    |           |             |   |
| 0238 | 03             | 3  | 8    | Mammal     | 3    |           |             |   |
| 0273 | 03             | 1  | 2    | Mammal     | 1    |           |             |   |
| 0310 | Service trench | 2  | 4    | Mammal     | 1    |           |             |   |
|      |                |    |      | Sheep/goat | 1    | Sub-adult |             | third molar, slight wear                        |
| 0326 | 03             | 1  | 1    | Mammal     | 1    |           |             |   |
| 0327 | 03             | 2  | 4    | Mammal     | 2    |           |             |   |
| 0350 | 02             | 8  | 58   | Equid      | 1    | Adult     |             | proximal metacarpal, pony-sized                 |
|      |                |    |      | Mammal     | 7    |           |             | poor condition, fragmentary, worn surfaces      |
| 0357 | 02             | 34 | 250  | Cattle     | 4    | Adult     | Chopped     | humerus, metacarpal fragments - 2 distal ends   |
|      |                |    |      | Equid      | 1    | Adult     |             | proximal phalange, large pony size              |
|      |                |    |      | Mammal     | 29   |           |             | many small fragments                            |
| 0358 | 02             | 1  | 12   | Cattle     | 1    | Adult     |             | distal phalange                                 |
| 0361 | 02             | 1  | 78   | Cattle     | 1    | Adult     | Chopped     | humerus   |
| 0365 | 02             | 9  | 102  | Cattle     | 2    | Adult     | Cut/chopped | humerus, scapula fragments                      |
|      |                |    |      | Mammal     | 7    |           | Butchered   |   |
| 0367 | 02             | 11 | 151  | Cattle     | 1    | Adult     | Butchered   | mandible fragment, M3 with uneven wear          |
|      |                |    |      | Mammal     | 9    |           | Butchered   | fragmentary                                     |
|      |                |    |      | Sheep/goat | 1    |           | Cut/chopped | tibia   |
| 0369 | 02             | 2  | 5    | Mammal     | 2    |           |             |   |
| 0370 | 02             | 1  | 1    | Mammal     | 1    |           |             |   |
| 0371 | 02             | 22 | 270  | Cattle     | 9    | Adult     | Cut/chopped | mandible frags, molars, femur                   |
|      |                |    |      | Mammal     | 12   |           | Butchered   | fragmentary                                     |
|      |                |    |      | Sheep/goat | 1    | Adult     | Chopped     | scapula   |
| 0374 | 02             | 3  | 2    | Mammal     | 3    |           |             |   |
| 0378 | 02             | 8  | 78   | Mammal     | 6    |           |             | large mammal fragments                          |
|      |                |    |      | Sheep/goat | 2    | Adult     |             | molars  |
| 0388 | 02             | 10 | 161  | Cattle     | 5    | Adult     | Cut/chopped | metatarsal fragments, vertebrae, mandible frags |
|      |                |    |      | Mammal     | 5    |           |             | large mammal fragments                          |
| 0391 | 02             | 12 | 105  | Cattle     | 1    | Adult     |             | mandible condyle                                |
|      |                |    |      | Mammal     | 7    |           |             |   |
|      |                |    |      | Sheep/goat | 4    | Juv       | Cut/chopped | mandibles, Dp4 in full wear                     |
| 0403 | 02             | 4  | 124  | Cattle     | 4    | Adult     | Butchered   | cervical vertebrae and rib                      |
| 0405 | 02             | 3  | 17   | Cattle     | 3    | Adult     |             | large rib                                       |
| 0414 | 02             | 1  | 3    | Mammal     | 1    |           |             |   |
| 0427 | 02             | 5  | 4    | Mammal     | 3    |           |             |   |
|      |                |    |      | Sheep/goat | 2    |           |             | molar fragments                                 |
| 0437 | 02             | 6  | 40   | Mammal     | 6    |           |             | poor condition                                  |
| 0445 | 02             | 1  | 17   | Mammal     | 1    |           |             | poor condition                                  |
| 0450 | 02             | 1  | 2    | Mammal     | 1    |           |             |   |
| 0457 | 02             | 4  | 7    | Mammal     | 2    |           |             |   |
|      |                |    |      | Sheep/goat | 2    |           |             |   |
| 0466 | 02             | 2  | 66   | Cattle     | 2    |           | Butchered   | humerus   |

| Ctxt | Area | No | Wt/g | Species    | NISP | Age       | Butchering  | Comments   |
|------|------|----|------|------------|------|-----------|-------------|--|
| 0469 | 02   | 12 | 19   | Mammal     | 12   |           |             | fragmentary, some fragments burnt black  |
| 0479 | 02   | 7  | 15   | Mammal     | 7    |           |             | poor condition   |
| 0496 | 02   | 1  | 7    | Cattle     | 1    | Adult     |             | tooth  |
| 0508 | 02   | 8  | 97   | Cattle     | 2    | Adult     |             | mandible and isolated M3, M3 well worn   |
| 0508 | 02   |    |      | Mammal     | 6    |           |             |  |
| 0510 | 02   | 1  | 18   | Cattle     | 1    |           |             | humerus, poor condition  |
| 0515 | 02   | 1  | 5    | Mammal     | 1    |           |             |  |
| 0518 | 02   | 25 | 275  | Cattle     | 1    | Sub-adult | Butchered   | humerus, short stocky type, male Dexter-type   |
| 0518 | 02   |    |      | Mammal     | 24   |           | Butchered   | fragmentary, surfaces dry and eroding  |
| 0521 | 02   | 12 | 170  | Cattle     | 9    | Adult     | Chopped     | upper jaw frag, teeth frags, humerus fragments   |
|      |      |    |      | Mammal     | 3    |           |             |  |
| 0526 | 02   | 6  | 92   | Cattle     | 3    | Juvenile  | Cut/chopped | mandible with Dp4 in wear, M2 not erupted, scap. scapula and mandible frags, probably cattle |
|      |      |    |      | Mammal     | 3    |           |             |  |
| 0541 | 02   | 3  | 173  | Cattle     | 2    | Adult     |             | radius   |
|      |      |    |      | Sheep/goat | 1    |           | Butchered   | radius shaft   |
| 0546 | 02   | 2  | 5    | Mammal     | 2    |           |             | ]  |
| 0548 | 02   | 1  | 7    | Mammal     | 1    |           |             |  |
| 0567 | 02   | 5  | 13   | Mammal     | 5    |           |             |  |
| 0571 | 02   | 29 | 365  | Cattle     | 5    | Sub-adult | Butchered   | radius, humerus fragments  |
|      |      |    |      | Mammal     | 24   |           | Butchered   | fragmentary  |
| 0574 | 02   | 10 | 38   | Cattle     | 9    | Juvenile  |             | proximal end of proximal phalange, molar frags   |
|      |      |    |      | Mammal     | 1    |           |             | shaft fragment   |
| 0576 | 02   | 1  | 3    | Mammal     | 1    |           |             |  |
| 0582 | 02   | 2  | 9    | Mammal     | 2    |           |             |  |
| 0597 | 02   | 1  | 10   | Sheep/goat | 1    | Adult     | Cut/chopped | metacarpal, robust and wide, GOAT  |

## Appendix 6. Plant macrofossils

| Sample No.                             | 28             | 3              | 18             | 20             | 1              | 2              | 7              | 13             | 25             | 29             | 32             | 33             | 26             |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Context No.                            | 0496           | 0163           | 0327           | 0339           | 0106           | 0103           | 0043           | 0273           | 0457           | 0508           | 0574           | 0594           | 0469           |
| Feature No.                            | 0490           | 0162           | 0324           | 0126           | 0104           | 0102           | 0041           | 0272           | 0456           | 0507           | 0573           | 0593           | 0467           |
| Feature type                           | Pit            | Pit            | Ditch          | Ditch          | Gully          | Pit            | Pit            | Pit            | Pit            | Pit            | Pit            | Pit            | Pit            |
| Date                                   | Prehis.        | LIA            | LIA            | LIA            | LIA/ER         | LIA/ER         | E/MC1          | E/MC1          | E/MC1          | E/MC1          | E/MC1          | E/MC1          | MC1            |
| <b>Cereals</b>                         |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| <i>Hordeum</i> sp. (grains)            |                | xcf            |                |                |                |                | x              |                | x              | xcf            |                | xcf            |                |
| <i>Triticum</i> sp. (grains)           | x              |                |                |                |                |                |                | xcf            | x              |                |                |                | x              |
| Cereal indet. (grains)                 | x              |                | xfg            |                | x              | x              | x              | xfg            | x              | x              | x              | xx             | x              |
| <b>Herbs</b>                           |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| <i>Bromus</i> sp.                      |                |                |                |                |                |                |                | xcf            |                |                |                |                |                |
| Caryophyllaceae indet.                 |                |                |                |                |                |                | x              |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Chenopodiaceae indet.                  |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                | x              |
| <i>Fallopia convolvulus</i> (L.)A.Love |                |                |                | x              |                |                | x              |                | x              |                |                |                | xx             |
| <i>Lithospermum arvense</i> L.         |                |                |                |                |                | x              |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| <i>Plantago lanceolata</i> L.          |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                | x              |
| Small Poaceae indet.                   |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                | x              |
| <i>Polygonum aviculare</i> L.          |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                | x              |
| <i>Rumex</i> sp.                       |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                | x              | x              |
| <b>Other plant macrofossils</b>        |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Charcoal <2mm                          |                | xcf            | xx             | x              | x              | xx             | xxx            | xx             | xxxx           | x              | x              |                | xxx            |
| Charcoal >2mm                          |                |                | x              |                |                |                | x              | x              | x              | x              |                |                |                |
| Charred root/stem                      | x              |                | x              | x              | x              |                |                | x              | x              | x              | x              | x              | xx             |
| Ericaceae indet. (stem)                |                |                |                |                | x              |                | xcf            | xcf            |                |                | x              | x              | xxx            |
| <b>Other materials</b>                 |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Black porous 'cokey' material          | x              |                | x              |                | x              | xx             | x              | x              | xxx            | x              |                |                | x              |
| Black tarry material                   | x              | x              | x              | x              | x              |                |                |                |                |                |                |                | x              |
| Bone                                   |                |                |                | x              |                | x              |                | xb             | xb             | x              | x xb           | xb             | x xxb          |
| Burnt/fired clay                       | xx             |                | x              |                |                |                | x              | x              | x              | x              |                | x              | x              |
| Burnt organic concretions              |                |                |                |                |                | x              |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Ferrous globules                       |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                | x              |                |                |                |                |
| Small mammal/amphibian bones           |                |                |                |                | x              |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Vitrified material                     |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                | x              |                |                |                |                |
| <b>Sample volume (litres)</b>          | <b>20</b>      | <b>10</b>      | <b>20ss</b>    | <b>20ss</b>    | <b>20</b>      | <b>20ss</b>    | <b>20</b>      | <b>20</b>      | <b>20ss</b>    | <b>20</b>      | <b>10</b>      | <b>20</b>      | <b>20ss</b>    |
| <b>Volume of flot (litres)</b>         | <b>&lt;0.1</b> | <b>&lt;0.1</b> | <b>&lt;0.1</b> | <b>&lt;0.1</b> | <b>&lt;0.1</b> | <b>&lt;0.1</b> | <b>&lt;0.1</b> | <b>&lt;0.1</b> | <b>&lt;0.1</b> | <b>&lt;0.1</b> | <b>&lt;0.1</b> | <b>&lt;0.1</b> | <b>&lt;0.1</b> |
| <b>% flot sorted</b>                   | <b>100%</b>    | <b>100%</b>    | <b>100%</b>    | <b>100%</b>    | <b>100%</b>    | <b>100%</b>    | <b>100%</b>    | <b>100%</b>    | <b>100%</b>    | <b>100%</b>    | <b>100%</b>    | <b>100%</b>    | <b>100%</b>    |

Table 1. Charred plant macrofossils and other remains from the Later Iron Age and Roman contexts, Elveden, Suffolk.

| Sample No.                             | 5              | 6              | 8              | 10             | 14             | 15             | 17             | 21             | 23             | 31             |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Context No.                            | 0190           | 0205           | 0160           | 0254           | 0279           | 0277           | 0285           | 0400           | 0433           | 0547           |
| Feature No.                            | 0192           | 0204           | 0045           | 0253           | 0278           | 0276           | 0283           | 0398           | 0431           | 0525           |
| Feature type                           | Feat.          | ph             | Ditch          | Ditch          | ph             | Pit            | Ditch          | Pit            | Pit            | Pit            |
| <b>Cereals</b>                         |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| <i>Triticum</i> sp. (grains)           |                |                |                |                |                |                | x              |                |                |                |
| (spikelet base)                        | x              |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Cereal indet. (grains)                 |                | x              | xfg            | x              | xcf            |                | x              | x              |                |                |
| <b>Herbs</b>                           |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| <i>Fallopia convolvulus</i> (L.)A.Love | x              |                |                |                |                |                |                |                | x              |                |
| Small Poaceae indet.                   |                |                |                |                |                | xcf            |                |                |                |                |
| <b>Other plant macrofossils</b>        |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Charcoal <2mm                          | xx             | xxx            | x              | xx             | xxx            | xx             | xx             | xx             | xx             | x              |
| Charcoal >2mm                          | x              | xx             |                |                | xx             |                |                | x              | x              |                |
| Charred root/stem                      |                |                |                | xx             |                | x              | xx             |                |                | x              |
| Ericaceae indet. (stem)                |                |                |                | xx             |                |                | xx             |                |                | x              |
| <b>Other materials</b>                 |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Black porous 'cokey' material          |                | x              |                |                | x              | x              | xx             | x              |                | x              |
| Black tarry material                   |                |                | xfg            |                |                | x              |                | x              |                |                |
| Bone                                   |                | xb             |                |                |                |                | xxb            |                | x              |                |
| Burnt/fired clay                       | x              |                |                |                |                |                | x              |                |                | x              |
| Burnt stone                            |                |                | x              |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Ferrous globules                       | x              |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Vitrified material                     |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                | x              |                |
| <b>Sample volume (litres)</b>          | <b>10</b>      | <b>20</b>      | <b>20ss</b>    | <b>20ss</b>    | <b>10</b>      | <b>10</b>      | <b>20ss</b>    | <b>20ss</b>    | <b>20ss</b>    | <b>10</b>      |
| <b>Volume of flot (litres)</b>         | <b>&lt;0.1</b> | <b>&lt;0.1</b> | <b>&lt;0.1</b> | <b>&lt;0.1</b> | <b>&lt;0.1</b> | <b>&lt;0.1</b> | <b>&lt;0.1</b> | <b>&lt;0.1</b> | <b>&lt;0.1</b> | <b>&lt;0.1</b> |
| <b>% flot sorted</b>                   | <b>100%</b>    | <b>100%</b>    | <b>100%</b>    | <b>100%</b>    | <b>100%</b>    | <b>100%</b>    | <b>100%</b>    | <b>100%</b>    | <b>100%</b>    | <b>100%</b>    |

Table 2. Charred plant macrofossils and other remains from the un-dated features, Elveden, Suffolk.

## **Appendix 7**

### **Evaluation Brief and Specification**



**SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL SERVICE - CONSERVATION TEAM**

***Brief and Specification for a Trenched Evaluation***

**CENTER PARCS, ELVEDEN FOREST HOLIDAY VILLAGE, ELVEDEN**

***The commissioning body should be aware that it may have Health & Safety responsibilities,  
see paragraph 1.7.***

**1. Background**

- 1.1 Planning consent (application F/2006/0653/FUL) has been granted for the erection of 34 villas with additional parking on land at Center Parcs Elveden Forest Holiday Village, Elveden, Brandon IP27 0YZ (TL 8060 8021), with a PPG 16, paragraph 30 condition requiring an acceptable programme of archaeological work being carried out.
- 1.2 The Planning Authority (Forest Heath District Council) has been advised that any consent should be conditional upon an agreed programme of work taking place before development begins (PPG 16, paragraph 30 condition). A trenched evaluation of the application area will be required as the first part of a programme of archaeological mitigation; decisions on the need for, and scope of, any further work will be based upon this stage of the work.
- 1.3 This application lies in an area of archaeological importance recorded in the County Sites and Monuments Record. A possible Roman coin hoard (ELV Misc) is recorded close to this proposed major development, which will cause significant ground disturbance that has potential to damage any archaeological deposit that exists.
- 1.4 All arrangements for the field evaluation of the site, the timing of the work, access to the site, the definition of the precise area of landholding and area for proposed development are to be defined and negotiated with the commissioning body.
- 1.5 Detailed standards, information and advice to supplement this brief are to be found in *Standards for Field Archaeology in the East of England*, East Anglian Archaeology Occasional Papers 14, 2003.
- 1.6 In accordance with the standards and guidance produced by the Institute of Field Archaeologists this brief should not be considered sufficient to enable the total execution of the project. A Project Design or Written Scheme of Investigation (PD/WSI) based upon this brief and the accompanying outline specification of minimum requirements, is an essential requirement. This must be submitted by the developers, or their agent, to the Conservation Team of the Archaeological Service of Suffolk County Council (Shire Hall, Bury St Edmunds IP33 2AR; telephone/fax: 01284 352443) for approval. The work must not commence until this office has approved both the archaeological contractor as suitable to undertake the work, and the PD/WSI as satisfactory. The PD/WSI will *provide the basis for measurable standards* and will be used to establish whether the requirements of the planning condition will be adequately met.
- 1.7 Before any archaeological site work can commence it is the responsibility of the developer to provide the archaeological contractor with either the contaminated land report for the site or a written statement that there is no contamination.

## 2. Brief for the Archaeological Evaluation

- 2.1 Establish whether any archaeological deposit exists in the area, with particular regard to any which are of sufficient importance to merit preservation *in situ* [at the discretion of the developer].
- 2.2 Identify the date, approximate form and purpose of any archaeological deposit within the application area, together with its likely extent, localised depth and quality of preservation.
- 2.3 Evaluate the likely impact of past land uses, and the possible presence of masking colluvial/alluvial deposits.
- 2.4 Establish the potential for the survival of environmental evidence.
- 2.5 Provide sufficient information to construct an archaeological conservation strategy, dealing with preservation, the recording of archaeological deposits, working practices, timetables and orders of cost.
- 2.6 This project will be carried through in a manner broadly consistent with English Heritage's *Management of Archaeological Projects*, 1991 (MAP2), all stages will follow a process of assessment and justification before proceeding to the next phase of the project. Field evaluation is to be followed by the preparation of a full archive, and an assessment of potential. Any further excavation required as mitigation is to be followed by the preparation of a full archive, and an assessment of potential, analysis and final report preparation may follow. Each stage will be the subject of a further brief and updated project design; this document covers only the evaluation stage.
- 2.7 The developer or his archaeologist will give the Conservation Team of the Archaeological Service of Suffolk County Council (address as above) five working days notice of the commencement of ground works on the site, in order that the work of the archaeological contractor may be monitored.
- 2.8 If the approved evaluation design is not carried through in its entirety (particularly in the instance of trenching being incomplete) the evaluation report may be rejected. Alternatively the presence of an archaeological deposit may be presumed, and untested areas included on this basis when defining the final mitigation strategy.
- 2.9 An outline specification, which defines certain minimum criteria, is set out below.

## 3. Specification: Field Evaluation

- 3.1 Trial trenches are to be excavated to cover the area of the proposed villas and parking bays. Trenches are to be a minimum of 1.8m wide unless special circumstances can be demonstrated; this will result in a minimum of c. 250m of trenching at 1.8m in width. If excavation is mechanised a toothless 'ditching bucket' at least 1.2m wide must be used. Linear trenches are thought to be the most appropriate sampling method. The detailed trench design must be approved by the Conservation Team of the Archaeological Service before field work begins.
- 3.2 The topsoil may be mechanically removed using an appropriate machine with a back-acting arm and fitted with a toothless bucket. All machine excavation is to be under the direct control and supervision of an archaeologist. The topsoil should be examined for archaeological material.
- 3.3 The top of the first archaeological deposit may be cleared by machine, but must then be cleaned off by hand. There is a presumption that excavation of all archaeological deposits will be done by hand unless it can be shown there will not be a loss of evidence by using a

machine. The decision as to the proper method of further excavation will be made by the senior project archaeologist with regard to the nature of the deposit.

- 3.4 In all evaluation excavation there is a presumption of the need to cause the minimum disturbance to the site consistent with adequate evaluation; that significant archaeological features, e.g. solid or bonded structural remains, building slots or post-holes, should be preserved intact even if fills are sampled.
- 3.5 There must be sufficient excavation to give clear evidence for the period, depth and nature of any archaeological deposit. The depth and nature of colluvial or other masking deposits must be established across the site.
- 3.6 Archaeological contexts should, where possible, be sampled for palaeoenvironmental remains. Best practice should allow for sampling of interpretable and datable archaeological deposits and provision should be made for this. The contractor shall show what provision has been made for environmental assessment of the site and must provide details of the sampling strategies for retrieving artefacts, biological remains (for palaeoenvironmental and palaeoeconomic investigations), and samples of sediments and/or soils (for micromorphological and other pedological/sedimentological analyses. Advice on the appropriateness of the proposed strategies will be sought from J. Heathcote, English Heritage Regional Adviser for Archaeological Science (East of England). A guide to sampling archaeological deposits (Murphy, P.L. and Wiltshire, P.E.J., 1994, *A guide to sampling archaeological deposits for environmental analysis*) is available for viewing from SCCAS.
- 3.7 Any natural subsoil surface revealed should be hand cleaned and examined for archaeological deposits and artefacts. Sample excavation of any archaeological features revealed may be necessary in order to gauge their date and character.
- 3.8 Metal detector searches must take place at all stages of the excavation by an experienced metal detector user.
- 3.9 All finds will be collected and processed (unless variations in this principle are agreed with the Conservation Team of SCC Archaeological Service during the course of the evaluation).
- 3.10 Human remains must be left *in situ* except in those cases where damage or desecration are to be expected, or in the event that analysis of the remains is shown to be a requirement of satisfactory evaluation of the site. However, the excavator should be aware of, and comply with, the provisions of Section 25 of the Burial Act 1857.
- 3.11 Plans of any archaeological features on the site are to be drawn at 1:20 or 1:50, depending on the complexity of the data to be recorded. Sections should be drawn at 1:10 or 1:20 again depending on the complexity to be recorded. All levels should relate to Ordnance Datum. Any variations from this must be agreed with the Conservation Team.
- 3.12 A photographic record of the work is to be made, consisting of both monochrome photographs and colour transparencies.
- 3.13 Topsoil, subsoil and archaeological deposit to be kept separate during excavation to allow sequential backfilling of excavations.

#### 4. **General Management**

- 4.1 A timetable for all stages of the project must be agreed before the first stage of work commences, including monitoring by the Conservation Team of SCC Archaeological Service. The archaeological contractor will give not less than ten days written notice of the commencement of the work so that arrangements for monitoring the project can be made.

- 4.2 The composition of the project staff must be detailed and agreed by this office, including any subcontractors/specialists. For the site director and other staff likely to have a major responsibility for the post-excavation processing of this evaluation there must also be a statement of their responsibilities or a CV for post-excavation work on other archaeological sites and publication record.
- 4.3 It is the archaeological contractor's responsibility to ensure that adequate resources are available to fulfill the Brief.
- 4.3 A general Health and Safety Policy must be provided, with detailed risk assessment and management strategy for this particular site.
- 4.4 No initial survey to detect public utility or other services has taken place. The responsibility for this rests with the archaeological contractor.
- 4.5 The Institute of Field Archaeologists' *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Desk-based Assessments* and for *Field Evaluations* should be used for additional guidance in the execution of the project and in drawing up the report.

## 5. Report Requirements

- 5.1 An archive of all records and finds must be prepared consistent with the principles of English Heritage's *Management of Archaeological Projects*, 1991 (particularly Appendix 3.1 and Appendix 4.1).
- 5.2 The data recording methods and conventions used must be consistent with, and approved by, the County Sites and Monuments Record.
- 5.3 The objective account of the archaeological evidence must be clearly distinguished from its archaeological interpretation.
- 6.4 An opinion as to the necessity for further evaluation and its scope may be given. No further site work should be embarked upon until the primary fieldwork results are assessed and the need for further work is established
- 5.5 Reports on specific areas of specialist study must include sufficient detail to permit assessment of potential for analysis, including tabulation of data by context, and must include non-technical summaries.
- 5.6 The Report must include a discussion and an assessment of the archaeological evidence, including an assessment of palaeoenvironmental remains recovered from palaeosols and cut features. Its conclusions must include a clear statement of the archaeological potential of the site, and the significance of that potential in the context of the Regional Research Framework (*East Anglian Archaeology*, Occasional Papers 3 & 8, 1997 and 2000).
- 5.7 Finds must be appropriately conserved and stored in accordance with *UK Institute of Conservators Guidelines*. The finds, as an indissoluble part of the site archive, should be deposited with the County SMR if the landowner can be persuaded to agree to this. If this is not possible for all or any part of the finds archive, then provision must be made for additional recording (e.g. photography, illustration, analysis) as appropriate. Account must be taken of any requirements the County SMR may have regarding the conservation, ordering, organisation, labelling, marking and storage of excavated material and the archive.
- 5.8 The site archive is to be deposited with the County SMR within three months of the completion of fieldwork. It will then become publicly accessible.

- 5.9 Where positive conclusions are drawn from a project (whether it be evaluation or excavation) a summary report, in the established format, suitable for inclusion in the annual 'Archaeology in Suffolk' section of the *Proceedings of the Suffolk Institute for Archaeology*, must be prepared. It should be included in the project report, or submitted to the Conservation Team, by the end of the calendar year in which the evaluation work takes place, whichever is the sooner.
- 5.10 County SMR sheets must be completed, as per the county SMR manual, for all sites where archaeological finds and/or features are located.
- 5.11 At the start of work (immediately before fieldwork commences) an OASIS online record <http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/project/oasis/> must be initiated and key fields completed on Details, Location and Creators forms.
- 5.12 All parts of the OASIS online form must be completed for submission to the SMR. This should include an uploaded .pdf version of the entire report (a paper copy should also be included with the archive).

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**This brief and specification remains valid for six months from the above date. If work is not carried out in full within that time this document will lapse; the authority should be notified and a revised brief and specification may be issued.**

**Archaeological contractors are strongly advised to forward a detailed Project Design or Written Scheme of Investigation to the Conservation Team of the Archaeological Service of Suffolk County Council for approval before any proposals are submitted to potential clients.**

**If the work defined by this brief forms a part of a programme of archaeological work required by a Planning Condition, the results must be considered by the Conservation Team of the Archaeological Service of Suffolk County Council, who have the responsibility for advising the appropriate Planning Authority.**

## **Appendix 8**

### **Excavation Brief and Specification**

**SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL SERVICE - CONSERVATION TEAM**

***Brief and Specification for an Archaeological Excavation***

**CENTER PARCS, ELVEDEN FOREST HOLIDAY VILLAGE. ELVEDEN**

***Although this document is fundamental to the work of the specialist archaeological contractor the developer should be aware that certain of its requirements are likely to impinge upon the working practices of a general building contractor and may have financial implications, for example see paragraphs 2.1 & 4.1***

**1. Background**

- 1.1 Planning consent (application F/2006/0653/FUL) has been granted by Forest Heath District Council for the erection of 34 villas with additional parking on land at Center Parcs Elveden Forest Holiday Village, Elveden, Brandon IP27 0YZ (TL 805 801) with a PPG 16, paragraph 30 condition requiring an acceptable programme of archaeological work being carried out.
- 1.2 The development area has been evaluated by Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service (report in preparation). In particular, archaeological features consisting of pits, gullies and ditches, preliminarily dated to the later prehistoric and Roman periods, were defined within the evaluation trenches located in the southern area (in the area of 26 No. 4 Bed Villas). The features, defined at between c. 0.20 – 0.50m in depth below the surface, are indicative of multi-period settlement remains within the area of the proposed villas.
- 1.3 In order to comply with the planning condition the prospective developer has requested a brief and specification for the archaeological recording of archaeological deposits which will be affected by development.
- 1.4 There is a presumption that all archaeological work specified for the whole area will be undertaken by the same body, whether the fieldwork takes place in phases or not. There is similarly a presumption that further analysis and post-excavation work to final report stage will be carried through by the excavating body. Any variation from this principle would require a justification which would show benefit to the archaeological process.
- 1.5 All arrangements for field excavation of the site, the timing of the work, and access to the site, are to be negotiated with the commissioning body.

**2. Brief for Archaeological Investigation**

- 2.1 In the area defined in the accompanying plan, archaeological excavation, as specified in Sections 3 and 4, is to be carried out prior to development. The combined area of the villas measures approximately 4,000m<sup>2</sup>. All areas in which de-stumping is to take place, including access paths and areas of landscaping, must be subject to prior archaeological investigation.
- 2.2 The excavation objective will be to provide a record of all archaeological deposits which would otherwise be damaged or removed by development, including services and landscaping permitted by the consent. In addition, the topsoil stripping for the widening of the access road and trenches for the services will be monitored to provide a record of archaeological deposits which are damaged or removed by this work (Section 5).



- 2.3 The academic objective will centre upon the high potential for this site to produce evidence for prehistoric, particularly from the Iron Age, and Roman periods.
- 2.4 This project will be carried through in a manner broadly consistent with English Heritage's *Management of Archaeological Projects*, 1991 (MAP2). Excavation is to be followed by the preparation of a full archive, and an assessment of potential for analysis. Analysis and final report preparation will follow assessment and will be the subject of a further brief and updated project design.
- 2.5 In accordance with the standards and guidance produced by the Institute of Field Archaeologists this brief should not be considered sufficient to enable the total execution of the project. A Project Design or Written Scheme of Investigation (PD/WSI) based upon this brief and the accompanying outline specification of minimum requirements, is an essential requirement. This must be submitted by the developers, or their agent, to the Conservation Team of the Archaeological Service of Suffolk County Council (Shire Hall, Bury St Edmunds IP33 2AR; telephone/fax: 01284 352443) for approval. The work must not commence until this office has approved both the archaeological contractor as suitable to undertake the work, and the PD/WSI as satisfactory. The PD/WSI will *provide the basis for measurable standards* and will be used to establish whether the requirements of the planning condition will be adequately met; an important aspect of the PD/WSI will be an assessment of the project in relation to the Regional Research Framework (*East Anglian Archaeology* Occasional Papers 3, 1997, 'Research and Archaeology: A Framework for the Eastern Counties, 1. resource assessment', and 8, 2000, 'Research and Archaeology: A Framework for the Eastern Counties, 2. research agenda and strategy').
- 2.6 The developer or his archaeologist will give the Conservation Team of Suffolk County Council's Archaeological Service (SCCAS) five working days notice of the commencement of ground works on the site, in order that the work of the archaeological contractor may be monitored. The method and form of development will also be monitored to ensure that it conforms to previously agreed locations and techniques upon which this brief is based.

### 3. **Specification for the Archaeological Excavation** (*See also Section 4*)

The excavation methodology is to be agreed in detail before the project commences, certain minimum criteria will be required:

- 3.1 Topsoil and subsoil deposits can be removed by machine with a toothless bucket to the top of the first archaeological level.
- 3.2 Fully excavate all features which are, or could be interpreted as, structural. Post-holes and pits must be examined in section and then fully excavated. Fabricated surfaces within the excavation area (e.g. yards and floors) must be fully exposed and cleaned. Any variation from this process can only be made by agreement with a member of the Conservation Team of SCCAS, and must be confirmed in writing.
- 3.3 All other features must be sufficiently examined to establish, where possible, their date and function. For guidance:
  - a) A minimum of 50% of the fills of the general features is to be excavated.
  - b) Between 10% and 20% of the fills of substantial linear features (ditches etc) are to be excavated, the samples must be representative of the available length of the feature and must take into account any variations in the shape or fill of the feature and any concentrations of artefacts.

Any variation from this process can only be made by agreement [ if necessary on site] with a member of the Conservation Team of SCCAS, and must be confirmed in writing.

- 3.4 Collect and prepare environmental bulk samples (for flotation and analysis by an environmental specialist). The fills of all archaeological features should be bulk sampled for palaeoenvironmental remains and assessed by an appropriate specialist. The Project Design must provide details of a comprehensive sampling strategy for retrieving and processing biological remains (for palaeoenvironmental and palaeoeconomic investigations and also for absolute dating), and samples of sediments and/or soils (for micromorphological and other pedological/sedimentological analyses. All samples should be retained until their potential has been assessed. Advice on the appropriateness of the proposed strategies will be sought from J. Heathcote, English Heritage Regional Adviser in Archaeological Science (East of England). A guide to sampling archaeological deposits (Murphy, P.L. and Wiltshire, P.E.J., 1994, *A guide to sampling archaeological deposits for environmental analysis*) is available for viewing from SCCAS.
- 3.5 A finds recovery policy is to be agreed before the project commences. It should be addressed by the Project Design. Use of a metal detector will form an essential part of finds recovery. Sieving of occupation levels and building fills will be expected.
- 3.6 All finds will be collected and processed. No discard policy will be considered until the whole body of finds has been evaluated.
- 3.7 All ceramic, bone and stone artefacts to be cleaned and processed concurrently with the excavation to allow immediate evaluation and input into decision making.
- 3.8 Metal artefacts must be stored and managed on site in accordance with *UK Institute of Conservators Guidelines* and evaluated for significant dating and cultural implications before despatch to a conservation laboratory within 4 weeks of excavation.
- 3.9 Human remains are to be treated at all stages with care and respect, and are to be dealt with in accordance with the law. They must be recorded *in situ* and subsequently lifted, packed and marked to standards compatible with those described in the Institute of Field Archaeologists' *Technical Paper 13: Excavation and post-excavation treatment of Cremated and Inhumed Human Remains*, by McKinley & Roberts. Proposals for the final disposition of remains following study and analysis will be required in the Project Design.
- 3.10 Plans of the archaeological features on the site should normally be drawn at 1:20 or 1:50, depending on the complexity of the data to be recorded. Sections should be drawn at 1:10 or 1:20 again depending on the complexity to be recorded. All levels should relate to Ordnance Datum. Any variations from this must be agreed with the Conservation Team.
- 3.11 A photographic record of the work is to be made, consisting of both monochrome photographs and colour transparencies.
- 3.12 Excavation record keeping is to be consistent with the requirements Suffolk County Council's Sites and Monuments Record and compatible with its archive. Methods must be agreed with the Conservation Team of SCCAS.
4. **Area for Excavation (see accompanying plan)(see 2.1)**
- 4.1 Archaeological excavation will take place following initial site clearance (felling and removal of trees) and demarcation of the areas for development (see accompanying plan). De-stumping must not be undertaken before the archaeological investigation takes place.
- 4.2 Topsoil and subsoil can be removed by machine under close archaeological supervision with a toothless bucket to the top of the first archaeological level.

- 4.3 Careful removal of tree stumps can be attempted under strict archaeological supervision but must be stopped if this proves destructive to the underlying archaeological deposits. In the latter case, the tree stumps must remain in place until after the excavations have been completed.
- 4.4 If the machine stripping is to be undertaken by the main contractor, all machinery must keep off the stripped areas until they have been fully excavated and recorded, in accordance with this specification.
- 4.5 Archaeological features will be excavated and recorded as defined in Section 3 of this brief.

## **5. Specification for Archaeological Monitoring**

- 5.1 The developer shall afford access at all reasonable times to both the County Council Conservation Team archaeologist and the contracted 'observing archaeologist' to allow archaeological observation of building and engineering operations which disturb the ground during the construction of the access road.
- 5.2 Opportunity must be given to the 'observing archaeologist' to hand excavate any discrete archaeological features which appear during earth moving operations, retrieve finds and make measured records as necessary.
- 5.3 In the case of topsoil stripping for the car parking area unimpeded access at the rate of one and a half hours per 10 sq metres of trench must be allowed for archaeological recording before building begin. The topsoil may be mechanically removed using an appropriate machine fitted with a toothless bucket and other equipment. All machine excavation is to be under the direct control and supervision of an archaeologist. In the case of footing and main service trenches unimpeded access at the rate of two hours per 10 metres of trench must be allowed for archaeological recording before concreting or building begin. Where it is necessary to see archaeological detail one of the soil faces is to be trowelled clean.
- 5.4 All archaeological features exposed must be planned at a minimum scale of 1:50 on a plan showing the proposed layout of the development.
- 5.5 All contexts must be numbered and finds recorded by context. All levels should relate to Ordnance Datum.
- 5.6 Archaeological contexts should, where possible, be sampled for palaeoenvironmental remains. Best practice should allow for sampling of interpretable and datable archaeological deposits and provision should be made for this. Advice on the appropriateness of the proposed strategies will be sought from J. Heathcote, English Heritage Regional Adviser for Archaeological Science (East of England). A guide to sampling archaeological deposits (Murphy, P.L. and Wiltshire, P.E.J., 1994, *A guide to sampling archaeological deposits for environmental analysis*) is available for viewing from SCCAS.

## **6. General Management**

- 6.1 A timetable for all stages of the project must be agreed before the first stage of work commences.
- 6.2 Monitoring of the archaeological work will be undertaken by the Conservation Team of SCCAS. Where projects require more than a total of two man-days on site monitoring and two man-days post-excavation monitoring, an 'at-cost' charge will be made for monitoring (currently at a daily rate of £150, but to be fixed at the time that the project

takes place), provision should be made for this in all costings. [A decision on the monitoring required will be made by the Conservation Team on submission of the accepted Project Design.]

- 6.3 The composition of the project staff must be detailed and agreed (this is to include any subcontractors). For the site director and other staff likely to have a major responsibility for the post-excavation processing of this site there must be a statement of their responsibilities for post-excavation work on other archaeological sites.
- 6.4 A general Health and Safety Policy must be provided, with detailed risk assessment and management strategy for this particular site.
- 6.5 The Project Design must include proposed security measures to protect the site and both excavated and unexcavated finds from vandalism and theft.
- 6.6 Provision for the reinstatement of the ground and filling of dangerous holes must be detailed in the Project Design.
- 6.7 No initial survey to detect public utility or other services has taken place. The responsibility for this rests with the archaeological contractor.
- 6.8 The Institute of Field Archaeologists' *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Desk-based Assessments* and for *Field Evaluations* should be used for additional guidance in the execution of the project and in drawing up the report.

## 7. **Archive Requirements**

- 7.1 Within four weeks of the end of field-work a timetable for post-excavation work must be produced. Following this a written statement of progress on post -excavation work whether archive, assessment, analysis or final report writing will be required at three monthly intervals.
- 7.2 An archive of all records and finds is to be prepared consistent with the principle of English Heritage's *Management of Archaeological Projects*, 1991 (MAP2), particularly Appendix 3. However, the detail of the archive is to be fuller than that implied in MAP2 Appendix 3.2.1. The archive is to be sufficiently detailed to allow comprehension and further interpretation of the site should the project not proceed to detailed analysis and final report preparation. It must be adequate to perform the function of a final archive for lodgement in the County SMR or museum.
- 7.3 A clear statement of the form, intended content, and standards of the archive is to be submitted for approval as an essential requirement of the Project Design (see 2.5).
- 7.4 The site archive quoted at MAP2 Appendix 3, must satisfy the standard set by the "Guideline for the preparation of site archives and assessments of all finds other than fired clay vessels" of the Roman Finds Group and the Finds Research Group AD700-1700 (1993).
- 7.5 Pottery should be recorded and archived to a standard comparable with 6.3 above, i.e. *The Study of Later Prehistoric Pottery: General Policies and Guidelines for Analysis and Publication*, Prehistoric Ceramics Research Group Occ Paper 1 (1991, rev 1997), the *Guidelines for the archiving of Roman Pottery*, Study Group Roman Pottery (ed M G Darling 1994) and the *Guidelines of the Medieval Pottery Group* (in draft).
- 7.6 All coins must be identified and listed as a minimum archive requirement.
- 7.7 The data recording methods and conventions used must be consistent with, and approved by, the County Sites and Monuments Record. All record drawings of

excavated evidence are to be presented in drawn up form, with overall site plans. All records must be on an archivally stable and suitable base.

- 7.8 A complete copy of the site record archive must be deposited with the County Sites and Monuments Record within 12 months of the completion of fieldwork. It will then become publicly accessible.
- 7.9 Finds must be appropriately conserved and stored in accordance with UK Institute Conservators Guidelines.
- 7.10 Every effort must be made to get the agreement of the landowner/developer to the deposition of the finds with the County SMR or a museum in Suffolk which satisfies Museum and Galleries Commission requirements, as an indissoluble part of the full site archive. If this is not achievable for all or parts of the finds archive then provision must be made for additional recording (e.g. photography, illustration, analysis) as appropriate. If the County SMR is the repository for finds there will be a charge made for storage, and it is presumed that this will also be true for storage of the archive in a museum.
- 7.11 Where positive conclusions are drawn from a project, a summary report in the established format, suitable for inclusion in the annual 'Archaeology in Suffolk' section of the Proceedings of the Suffolk Institute for Archaeology journal, must be prepared and included in the project report, or submitted to the Conservation Team by the end of the calendar year in which the evaluation work takes place, whichever is the sooner.

## **8. Report Requirements**

- 8.1 A report on the fieldwork and archive must be provided consistent with the principle of MAP2, particularly Appendix 4. The report must be integrated with the archive.
- 8.2 The objective account of the archaeological evidence must be clearly distinguished from its archaeological interpretation.
- 8.3 An important element of the report will be a description of the methodology.
- 8.4 Reports on specific areas of specialist study must include sufficient detail to permit assessment of potential for analysis, including tabulation of data by context, and must include non-technical summaries. Provision should be made to assess the potential of scientific dating techniques for establishing the date range of significant artefact or ecofact assemblages, features or structures.
- 8.5 The report will give an opinion as to the potential and necessity for further analysis of the excavation data beyond the archive stage, and the suggested requirement for publication; it will refer to the Regional Research Framework (see above, 2.5). Further analysis will not be embarked upon until the primary fieldwork results are assessed and the need for further work is established. Analysis and publication can be neither developed in detail or costed in detail until this brief and specification is satisfied, however, the developer should be aware that there may be a responsibility to provide a publication of the results of the programme of work.
- 8.6 The assessment report must be presented within six months of the completion of fieldwork unless other arrangements are negotiated with the project sponsor and the Conservation Team of SCCAS.

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**This brief and specification remains valid for 12 months from the above date. If work is not carried out in full within that time this document will lapse; the authority should be notified and a revised brief and specification may be issued.**

**If the work defined by this brief forms a part of a programme of archaeological work required by a Planning Condition, the results must be considered by the Conservation Team of the Archaeological Service of Suffolk County Council, who have the responsibility for advising the appropriate Planning Authority.**