





# HER information





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# Summary



In the Middle Iron Age a number of field boundary ditches or enclosures were



# 1 Introduction





Figure 1. Site location, showing development area (red) and excavation areas (purple).

## 1.2 The scope of the project



Trial trenching was carried out from the 7th to 19th September 2009 in



Two areas of the site encompassing 1028 sq. metres and 2446 sq. metres



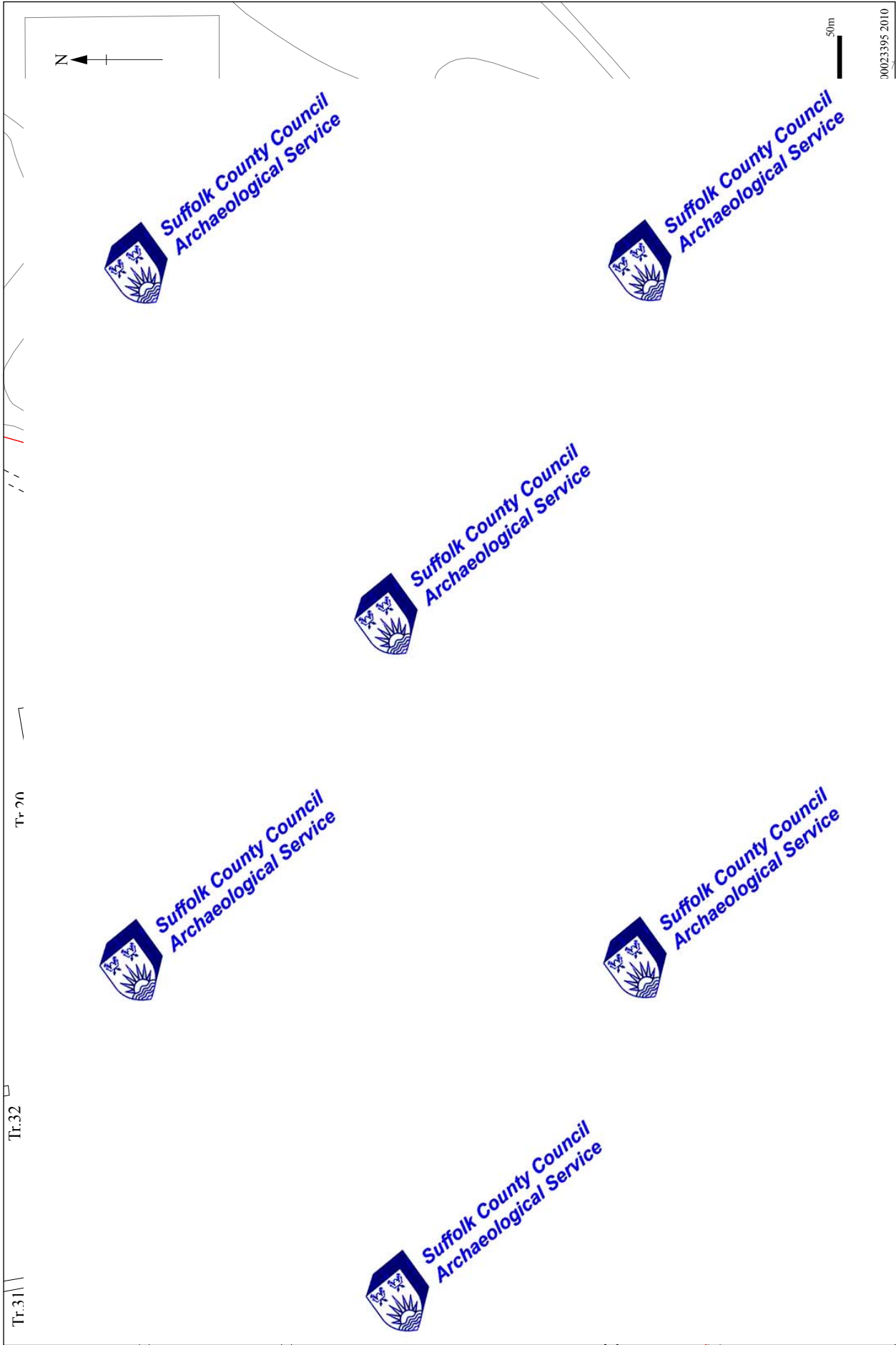


Figure 2. Plan of all features from evaluation and excavation



## 2 Topographic archaeological and historical



The second site was further away, approximately 2.5km to the SW on the



### 3 Original research aims



*the evaluation phase; specifically the Iron-Age and Roman periods.*

#### 4 Site sequence: results of the fieldwork



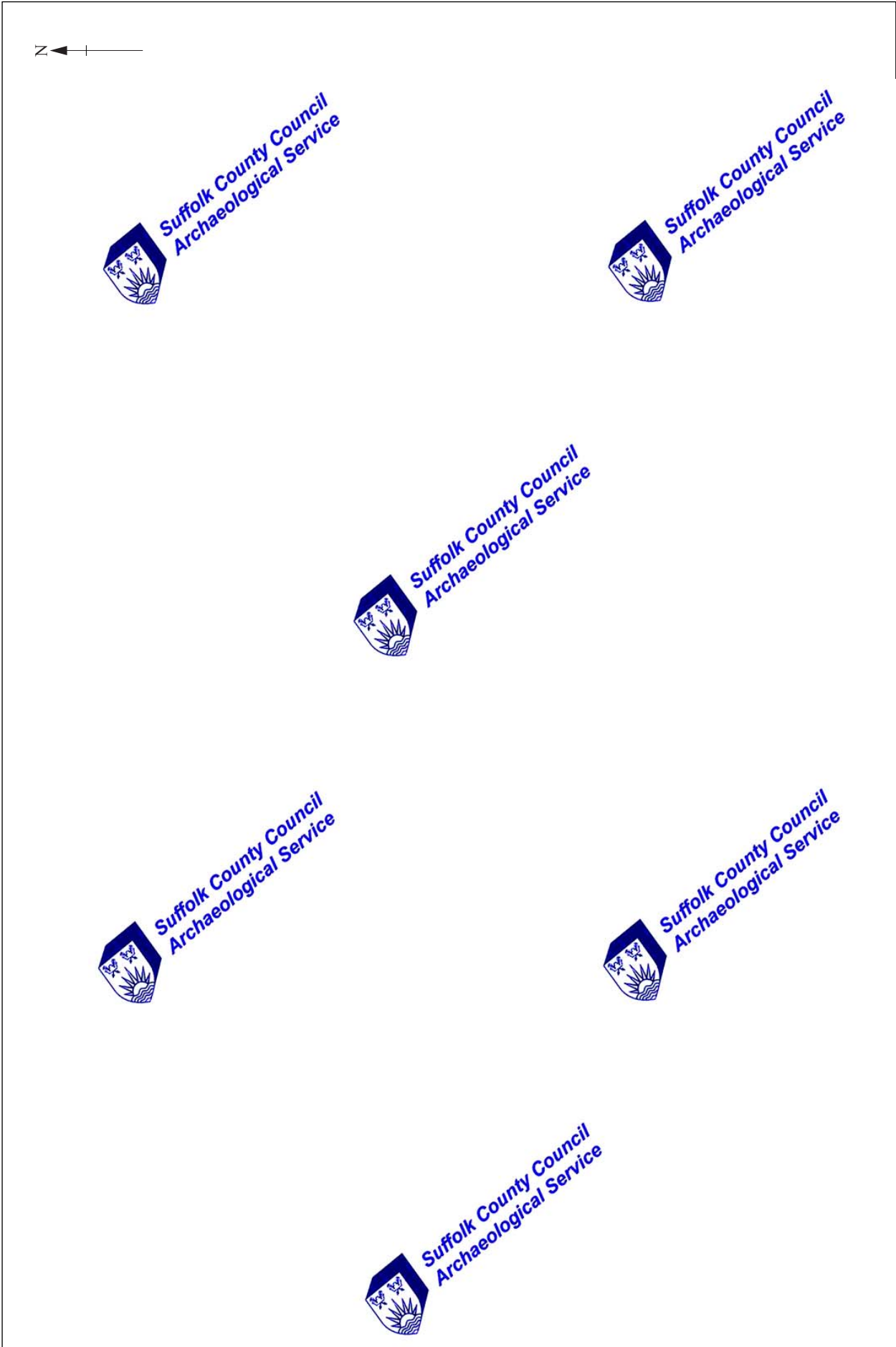


Figure 3. Plan of excavation areas A and B showing all features.

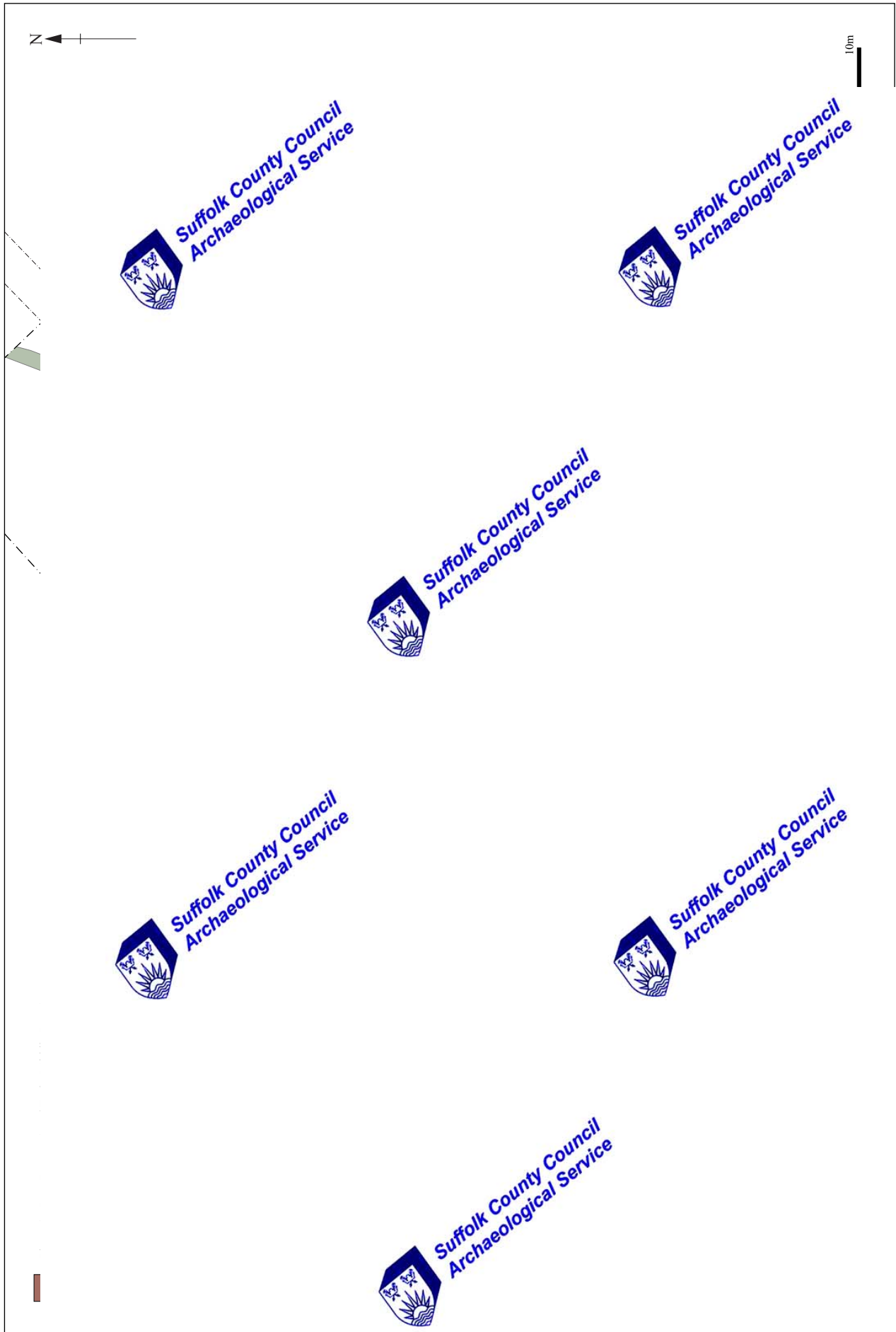


Figure 4. Excavation Area A phasing

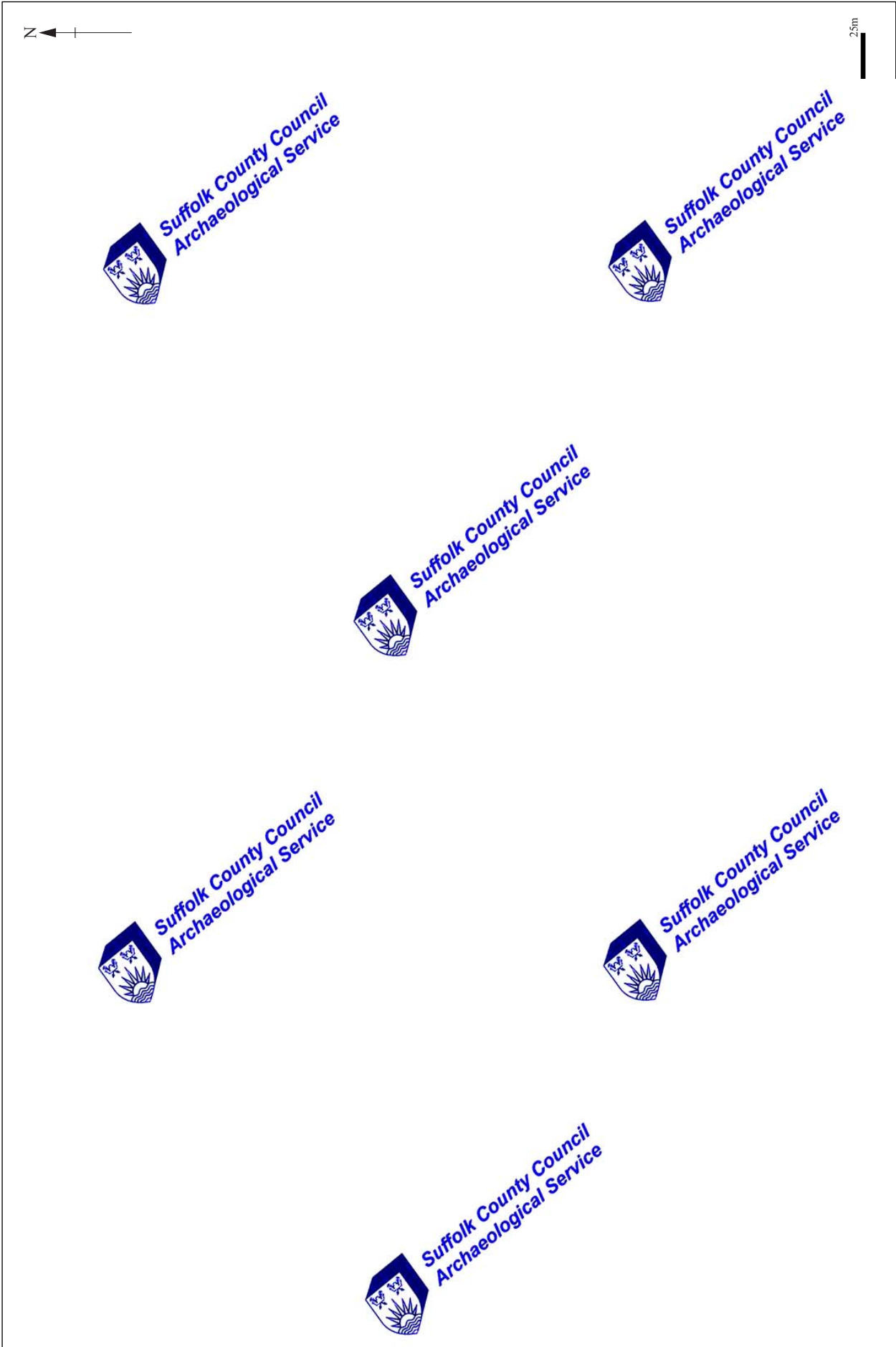


Figure 5. Excavation Area B phasing

### 4.3 Phase 1 (Late Bronze Age to Middle Iron Age)







Plate 5. Complete pot in  
G1014 Pit facing SW

#### 4.4 Phase 2 (Middle to Late Iron Age)



Plate 6. G1002a Ditch terminal facing SW (1m scale)

Potentially part of this entrance were two postholes; one each on either side of



projected diameter of approximately 12m. These features produced a

moderately sized assemblage of sand and flint-tempered pot, fired clay and



showing darker structural slot  
facing W (0.5m scale)

facing NE (0.5m scale)



Both structures were truncated by ploughing, and are therefore incomplete.





phase. Also, the ring-ditch is partial, another common feature of Suffolk

roundhouses. And finally, there is no porch structure, and pit (G1021) (Pl. 12)



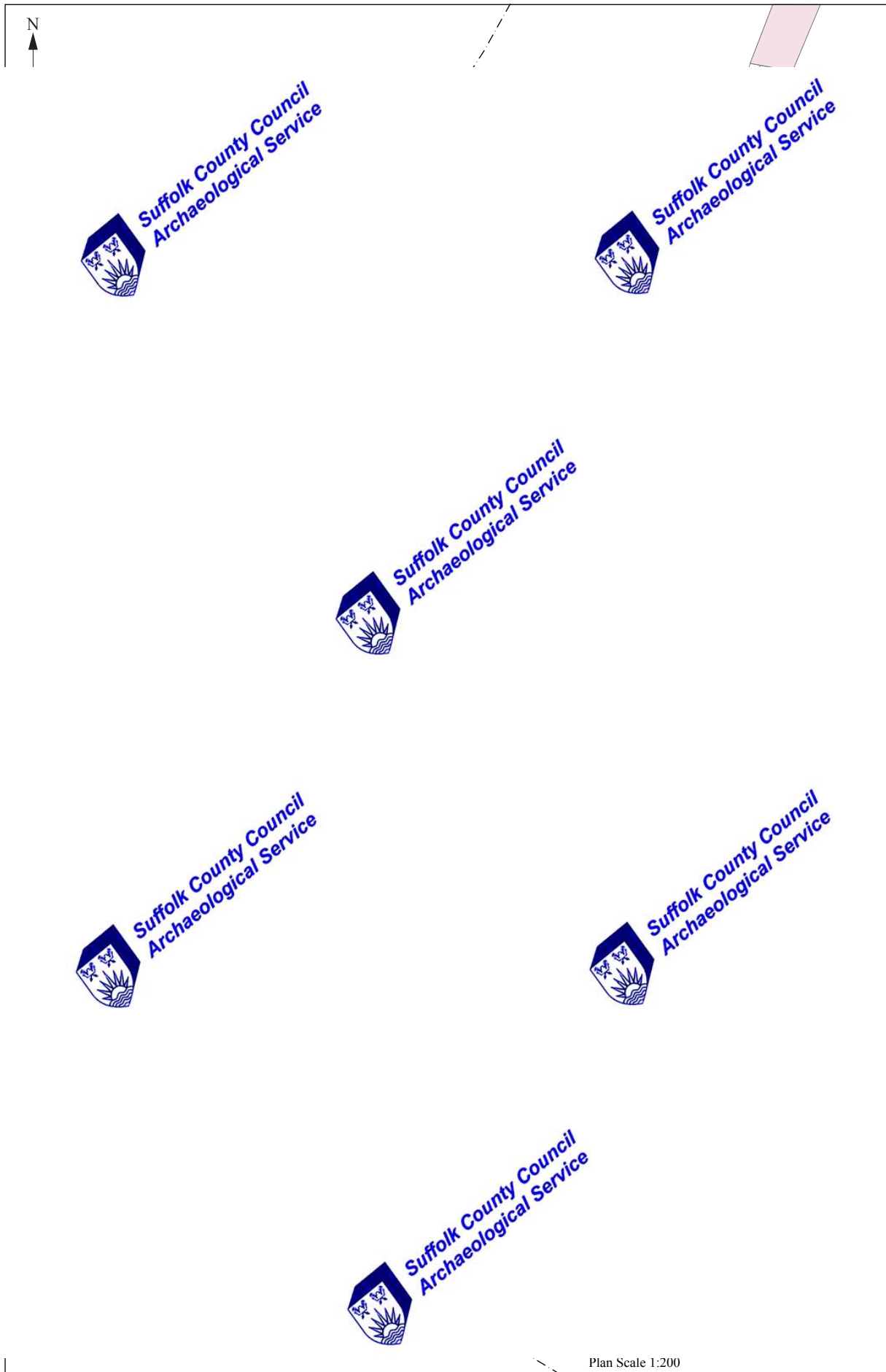


Figure 6. Phase 2 roundhouses & gate



**4.5 Phase 3 (Roman 1st to Early 2nd Century AD)**



The remainder of the features attributed to this phase of activity were located



was notable in that it did not match any of the other linear alignments on the

site. At the end of the (G1031) ditch was a post-hole (**G1032**) that was



vicinity so this does not seem to be part of a building. The post-hole was

however near the edge of the excavation area, so it is possible that more

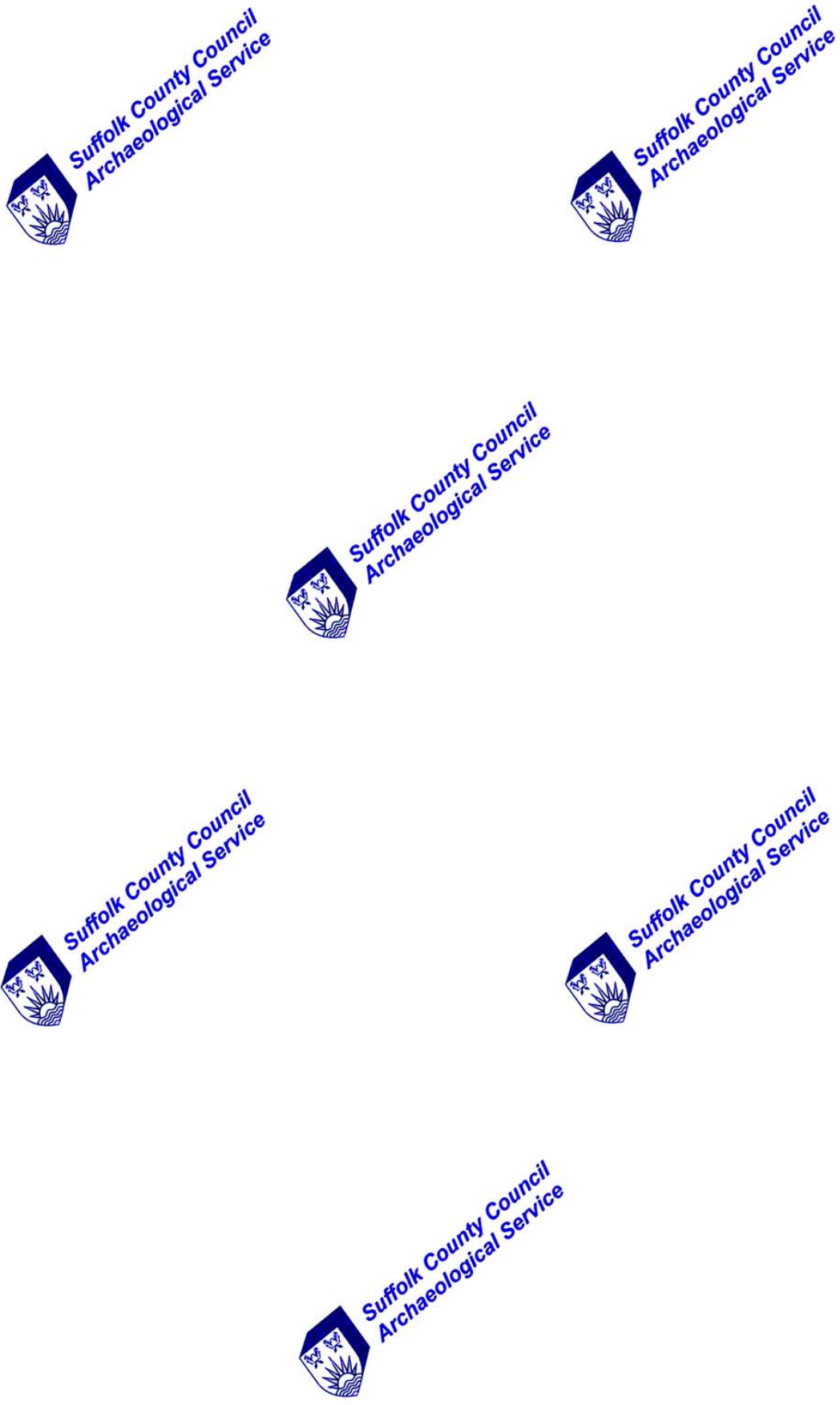


Plate 16. G1009 Pit facing NE  
(1m & 2m Scales)

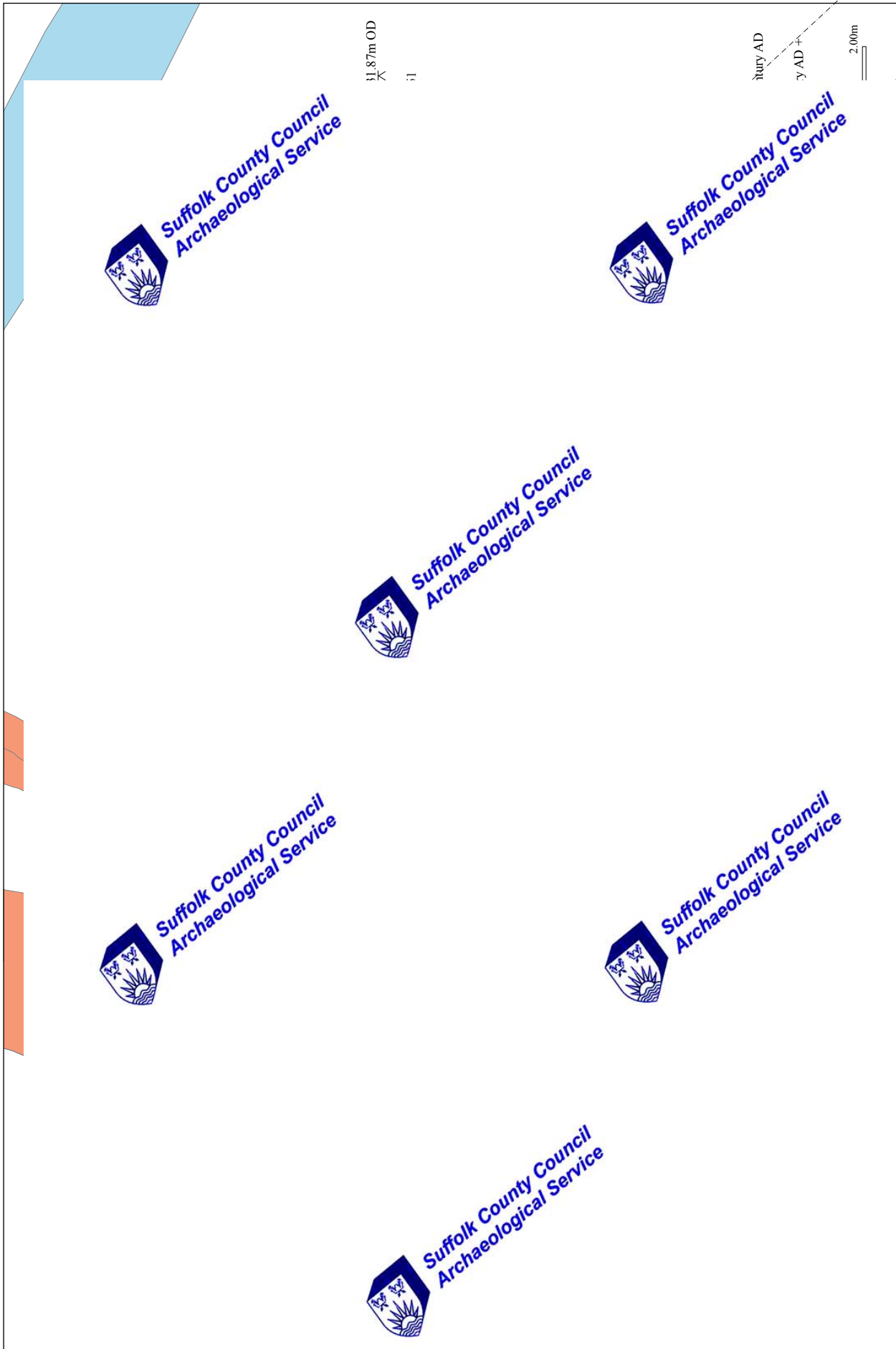
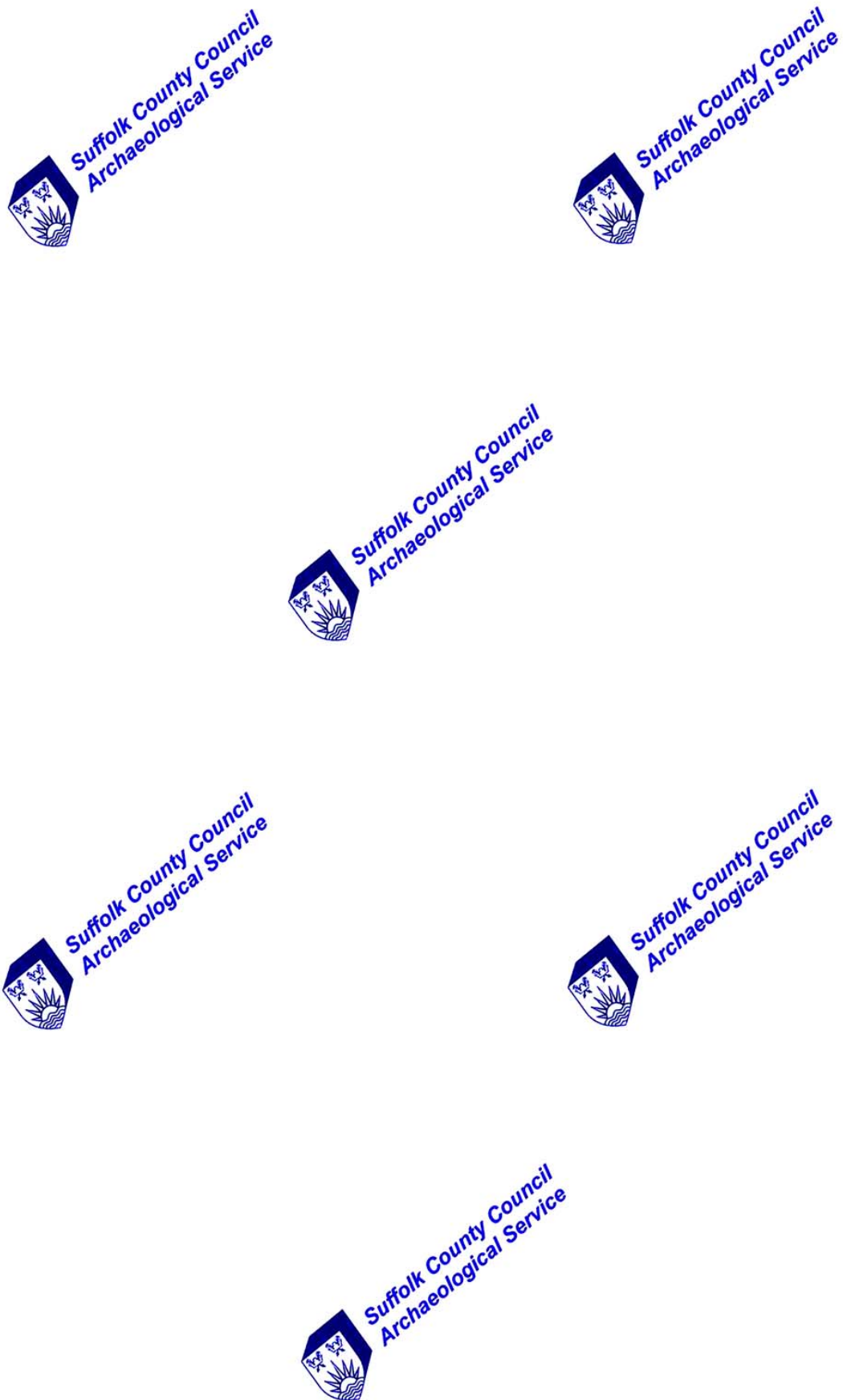


Figure 7. Rubbish pits and trackway

Amongst the Phase 3 pit cluster to the SE was a slightly later pit (**G1023**) (Fig.



the clay natural into the more solid flint and chalk-filled geology. This may be

an effect of the movement of livestock and human traffic along the route,



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Plate 19. G1005 Trackway facing SW (2 x 2m Scales)

The final features assigned to this phase were done so purely because of their





the fill may be part of the drain. Fragments of the drain as well as a copper



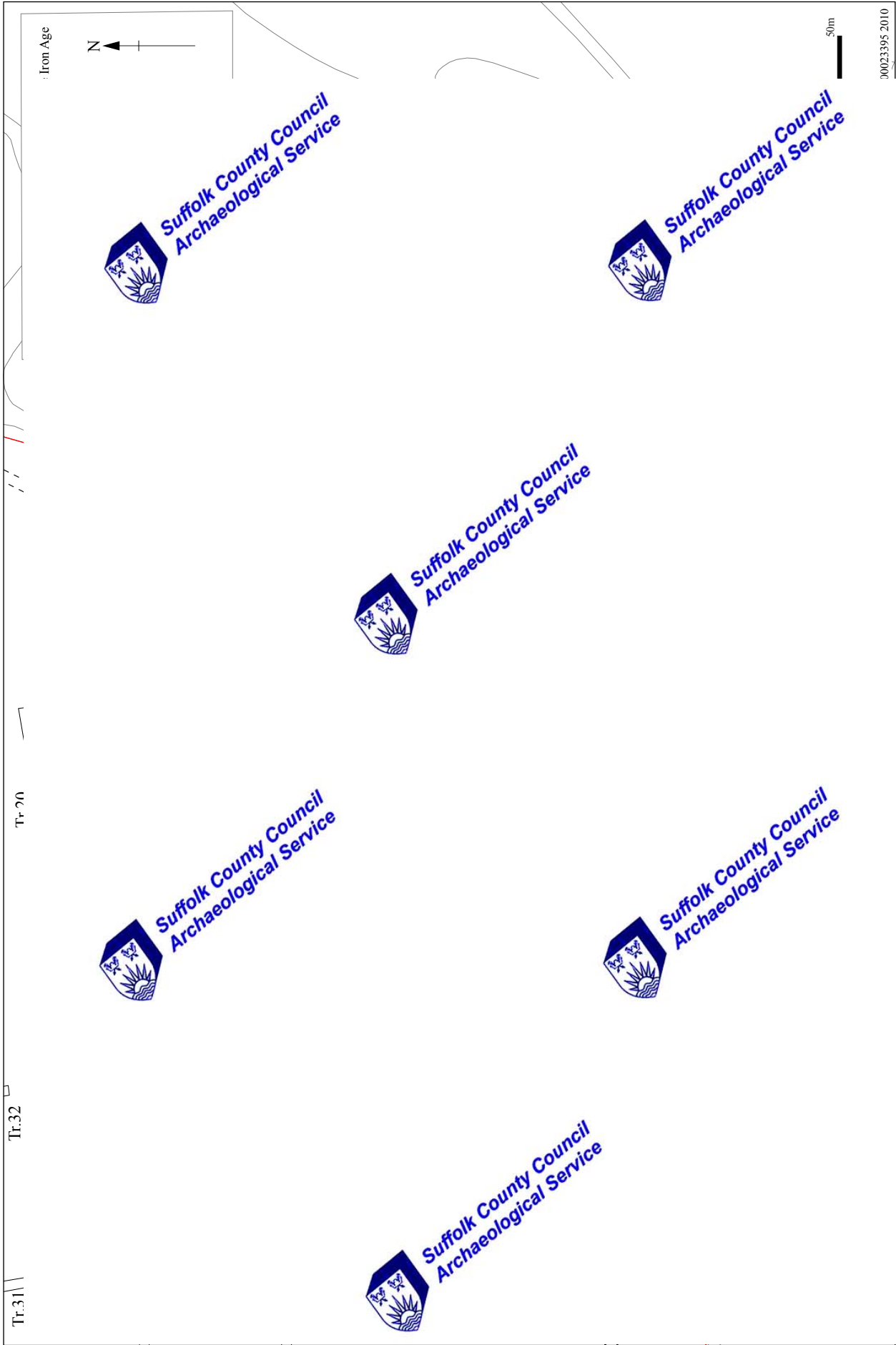


Figure 8. Overall site phasing

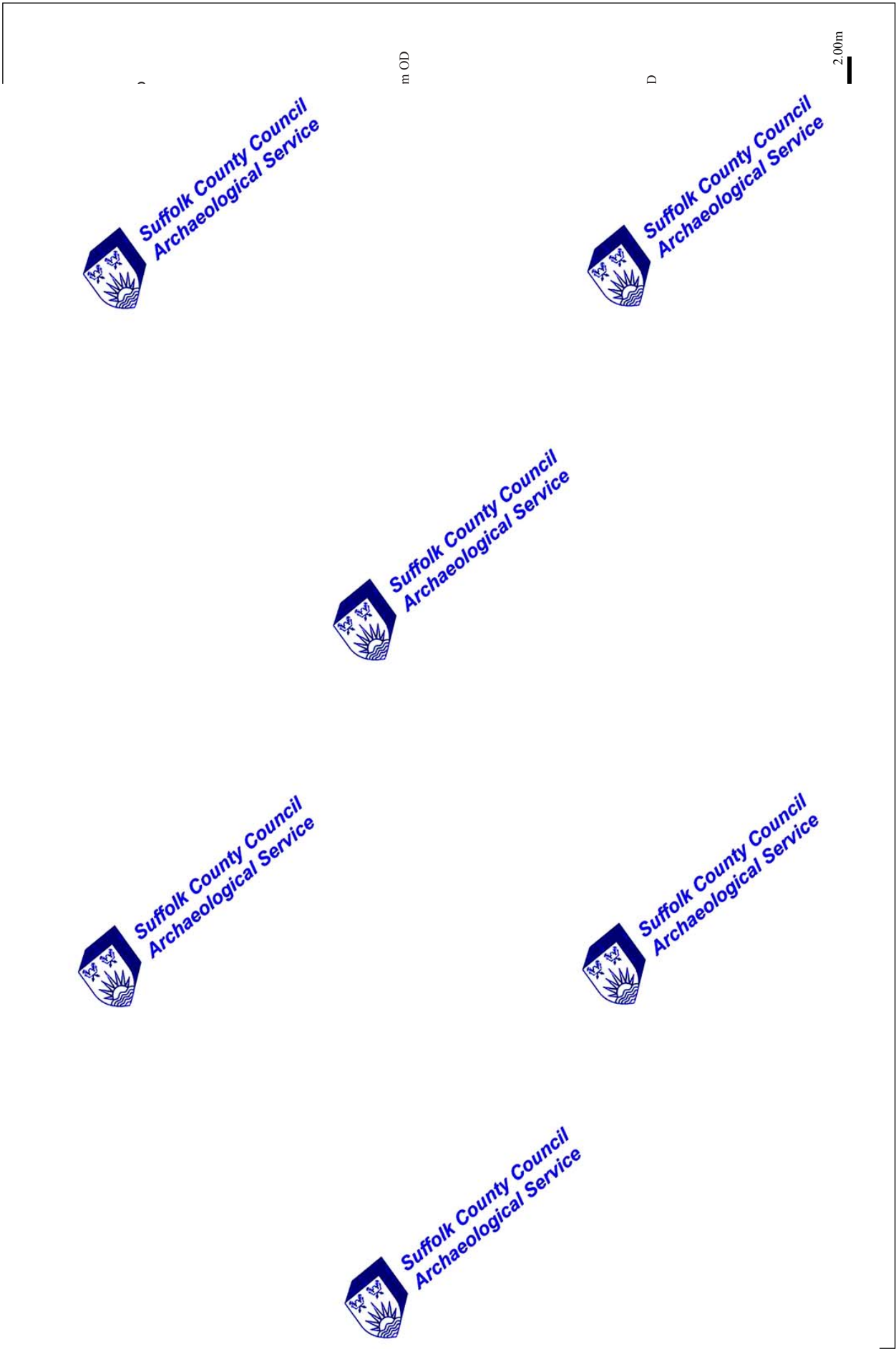


Figure 9. Sections

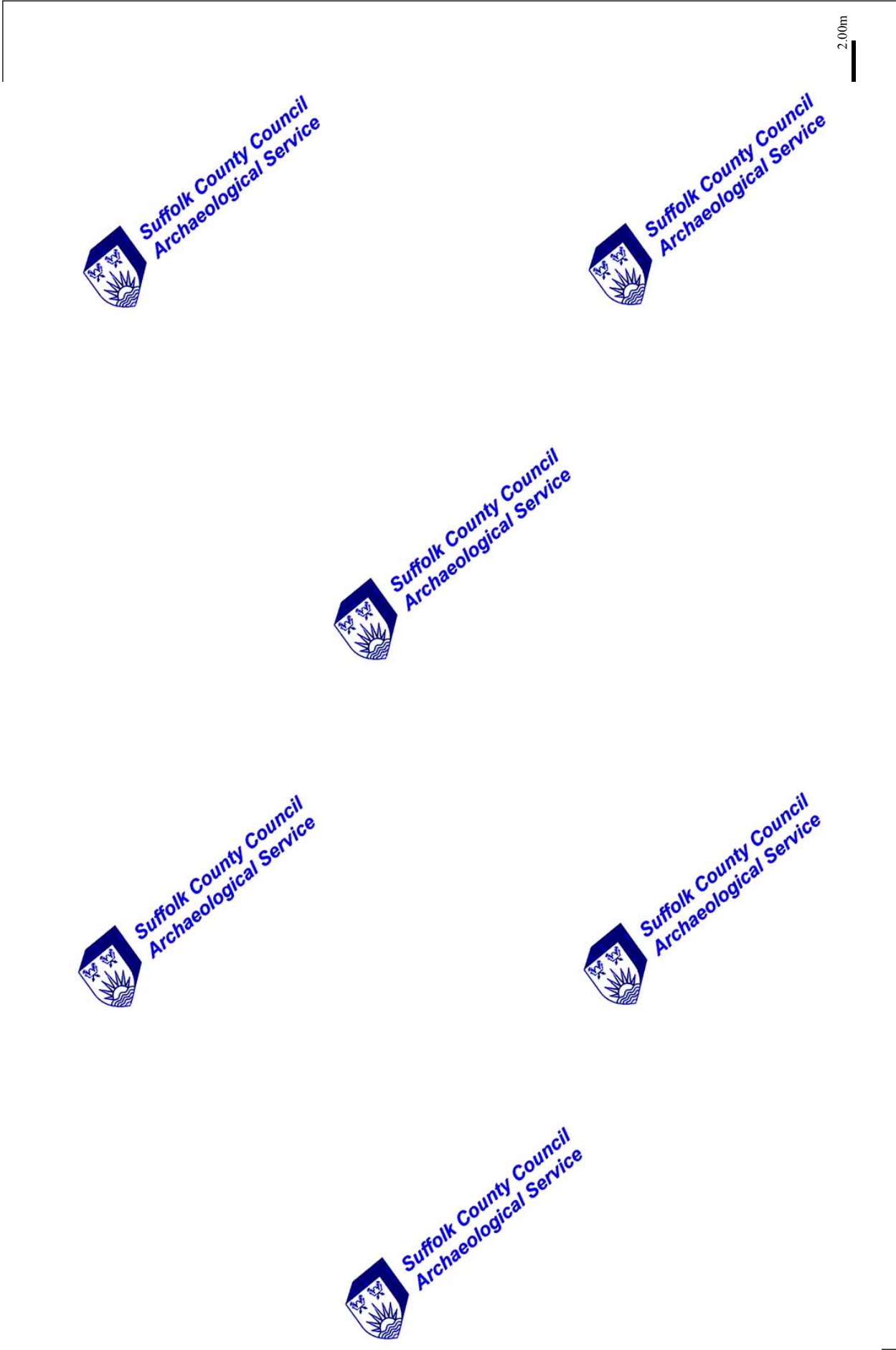


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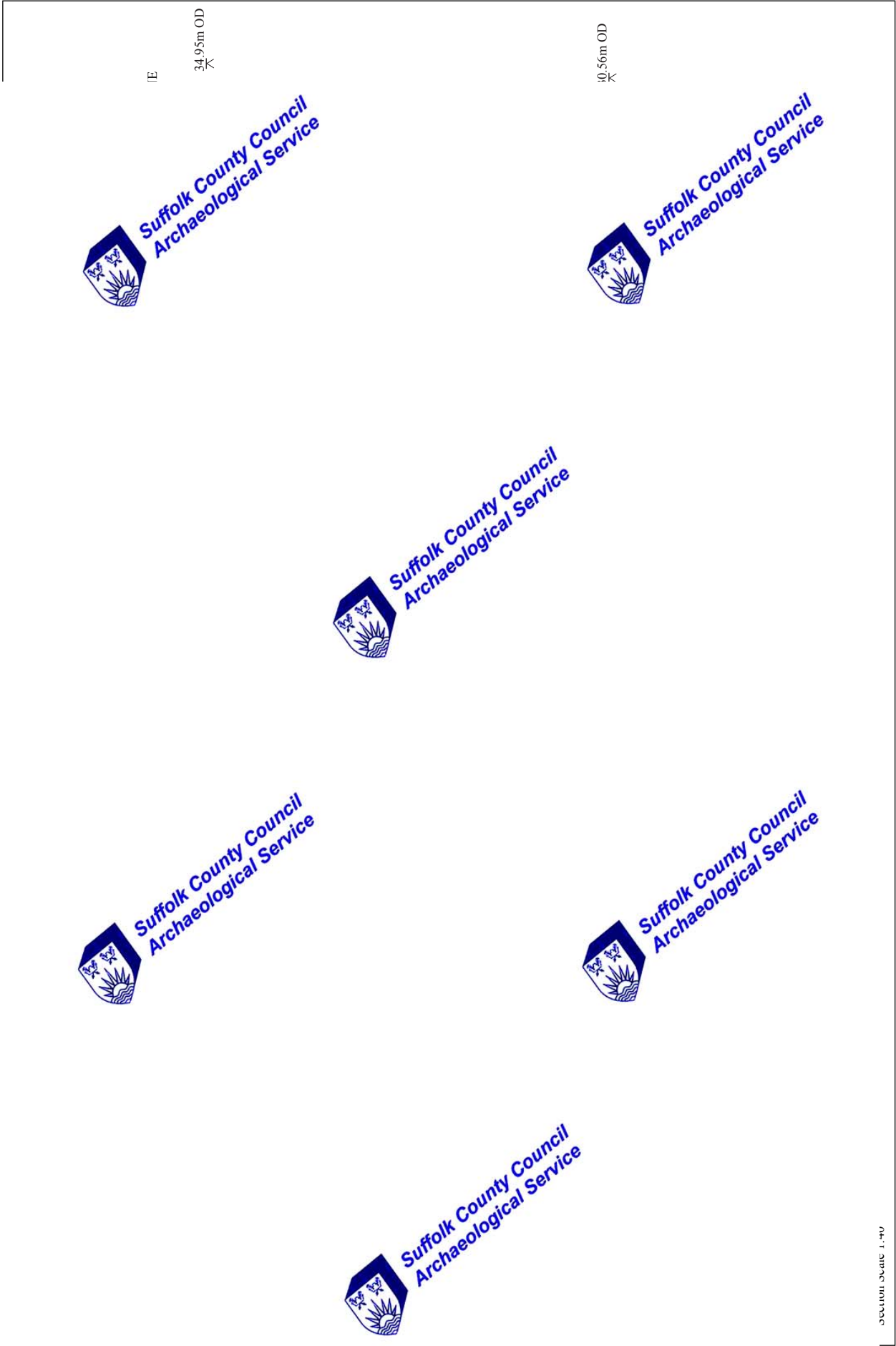


Figure 11. Sections



Figure 12. Sections

## 5 Quantification and assessment



Appendix 6.7 All of the finds from both the evaluation and the excavation are

reported here together by finds type. The significant archaeological finds date





# Pottery by Period



The sand-tempered pottery (Fabric HMS) can be dated to the period of the



**Roman pottery**



Imported fine wares are represented by samian and by a sherd of Central



The sherd of Central-Gaulish Black slipped ware (CGBL), which is abraded, is



Most of the body of a large pottery jar in coarse grey ware (Fabric GX) was



Of interest are a small number of sherds (twenty-two in total) which, based on



2nd-3rd centuries and the Nene valley in the late 3rd-4th century. The only

other import is from a Dressel 20 Spanish oil amphora (current from the 1st-



present, so that the pieces appear to from part of a semi-circular tile. I ne



curved edge is uneven and the brick or tile clearly was not originally



**Fired clay**



pieces weighing 864g), with significant, but lesser quantities from 0125, 0302,





**Flint by context**



An irregular flake was from unstratified context 0100.

## Discussion



prehistoric (Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age & Iron Age) pottery. Of the burnt

flint, eight pieces weighing 191g came from these contexts with pottery of this



natural, finds collected have not been recorded among the bulk finds in





### 5.3.8 Small finds



**5.3.9 The plant macrofossils and other remains (Val Fryer)**



remains were scarce, but did include black porous and tarry residues (both of



recovered. This came almost exclusively from different contexts to the flint-

tempered pottery, suggesting that here the two fabric types represent different



habitation, or both.

### 5.3.11 Requirements for further work



Looking at the pot and commenting will take half a day. Reconstruction of the



## 6 Potential of the data



OR4: Establish the potential for the survival of environmental evidence.





*Is there continuity of land-use between the periods of activity identified during*



or enclosures, one of which had a probably gated entrance. Also in this

phase, but with an uncertain chronological relationship to the gated entrance



produced and consumed in the settlement.

A late medieval or early post-medieval house is likely to have been



fabrics, together with the few diagnostic pieces, would allow the

assemblage to be seen in relation to the wider background of



In relation to regional research agendas (as defined in Brown & Glazebrook,



of continuity between the late Iron Age and the early Roman period in the

region. This too is evident at the Sparrowhawk Road site, with clear continuity



## 8 Recommendation for Analysis and Publication



### 8.3 Display





## 9 Acknowledgements



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**Appendix 1. Context list**



Context	Type	Identifier	Description
0136	Fill	Ditch	Primary fill of ditch [0133]. Pale grey flecked with dark orange clay sand.



Context	Type	Identifier	Description
0173	Fill	Ditch?	Primary fill of ditch terminal? [0174]. Light grey sand silt.



Context	Type	Identifier	Description
0209	Deposit	Topsoil	Trench 25 Topsoil.





Context	Type	Identifier	Description
0246	Deposit	Subsoil	Trench 31 Subsoil.



Context	Type	Identifier	Description
0284	Deposit	Topsoil	Trench 43 Topsoil.



Context	Type	Identifier	Description
0324	Fill	Pit	Mottled pink and purple and lt grey brown and lt orange brown silty clay. Firm and



Context	Type	Identifier	Description
0346	Cut	Ditch	NE-SW aligned linear plan. U shaped profile with a sharp and v steep (85 degree)



Context	Type	Identifier	Description
0366	Cut	Ditch	Linear in plan. Aligned SW-NE. shallow with a broad base in section. BOS sharp,



Context	Type	Identifier	Description
0388	Fill	Gully	Mottled mid orange grey slightly sandy clay. Firm. Frequent small flecks of



Context	Type	Identifier	Description
0410	Cut	Ditch	Linear NE-SW. irregular shallow sloped sides to a concave base. 0.75m x 0.8m



Context	Type	Identifier	Description
0440	Fill	Pit	Dark orange brown. Silty clay. Firm. Occ flint. [0439]. Horiz diffuse. Fill of [0439]





Context	Type	Identifier	Description
0466	Cut	Ditch	Sharp BOS at top. Mod concave sides. Gradual BOS at base. Concave base.





## Appendix 2. Group discussions



Western side of the enclosure was represented by a 0.7m NE angled ditch in

excavation area A, that was 17.3m long by 1m wide. Two slots were



**Group 1003: Two Ditches and their fills (Late Bronze Age/Early-Middle**



The feature only partly overlay the earlier ditch, so is unlikely to be the upper



In the central portion of Excavation Area B, beside the possible trackway



moderately sized assemblage of sand and flint tempered pot, fired clay and



was over 7.0m long by 1.17m wide, and 0.20m deep. It held a single thin



orangey brown sandy clay fill. A single sherd of flint tempered prehistoric pot,



brown silty clay fill. No finds were recovered from the fill of this ring-ditch.



0.64m and 0.54m deep. It held two mottled grey and orangy brown silty clay

fills. A good assemblage of pottery (153 sherds) fired clay, animal bone and





Just to the west of ditch **Group 1031**, in the eastern portion of Excavation



Two parts of a SW-NE aligned ditch were seen during the evaluation phase,



### Appendix 3. Finds quantification

Ctxt	Pot No	Pot Wt g	CBM No	CBM Wt g
0100			5	485
0110			2	109
0120			1	386
0134	6	50		
0137	1	1		
0149	114	369		
0159	1	3	1	3
0166	9	65	5	206
0171	1	13		
0172	1	2		
0190				
0206	6	13		
0207	1	3		
0213			5	272
0215	48	251		
0216	17	78		
0219	3	8		
0220	4	7		
0301	3	14		
0302	124	624		
0303	29	233		
0304				
0306	1	6	20	4382
0310	8	30		
0313	2	2		



Final one Vt g	Miscellaneous	Spot date
	nat frag 1@37g	mod
		Rom
		Rom
60	iron 1@1g	Rom
3		Rom
3		preh
	charcoal 1@1g	p-med
		Rom
		p-med/mod
1	brt flint 2@15g, iron 1@1g	preh?
		preh
1		
		LBA-EIA?
		Rom?
		Rom?
7	brt flint 2-39g, chalk 2@1g	Rom
10		Rom
		Rom
		Rom
		Rom
35	charc 2@1g	Rom
	brt animal bone 4@4g	Rom
105	clay pipe 1@7g; coal 1@3g;	p-med/mod?
	fe nail @18g	
63		Rom
	burnt stone 2@23g	Rom

Ctxt	Pot No	Pot Wt g	CBM No	CBM Wt g
0315	35	517		
0317	16	46		
0319	34	297		
0324	5	2		
0326	6	4		
0327	2	5		
0329	1	3		
0332				
0334	2	7		
0336				
0339	14	92		
0340	1	1	1	1
0342	2	9		
0345	43	134		
0347	1	7		
0350	108	905	1	21
0351	2	15		
0352	43	487		
0355	75	772		
0356	4	27		
0358	2	16		
0359	11	57		
0361	28	117		
0362	28	125		
0367	1	5		



Final one Vt g	Miscellaneous	Spot date
139		Rom
102	heated stone pieces 4@189; brt animal bone 8@2g	preh
30		Rom
	brt animal bone 1@1g	
	heated stone piece 1@440g	preh
	sandstone piece 1@90g, Fe ?slag 1@46g	
27		
1	unident stone frags 6@37	preh
6		Rom
18		preh
	brt stone cobble 1@46	preh
		preh
		Rom
112	brt stone cobble 5@57g; Fe handle @ 31g & nail end @2g; bt bone 1@3g	mod
4		Rom
190	other shell 1@1g	Rom
26		Rom
		Rom
3	coal 3@3g	Rom
		Rom
4	Fe nail end @2g	Rom
1	unident micaceous ironstone 1@13g	Rom
		Rom



Ctxt	Pot No	Pot Wt g	CBM No	CBM Wt g
0375	35	109		
0378	8	35		
0383	8	33		
0386	70	1166		
0388	2	13		
0389				
0391	8	50		
0392				
0401			4	19
0409				
0411	14	98		
0414	6	23		
0417	17	208		
0420	3	10		
0422	1	13		
0427				
0430	25	123		
0432	8	92		
0433				
0434	1	10		
0442	3	14		
0448				
0454	2	4		
0455	37	619		
0469	1	7	1	46
0470	1	2		
0473	63	182		



Final one Vt g	Miscellaneous	Spot date
105	?heated stone 1@13; other shell 2@1g	Rom
1	water-round stone 1@40g	Rom
43		Rom
		Rom
		Preh
		preh
		L-med/p-med
		Rom
		Rom
	?coal 2@1g	?Rom
		Rom
		Rom
	?heated nat stone 1@59	
37		Rom
26		Rom
	?heated stone piece 1@20g	
		Rom
13		Rom
	charc 2@1g	preh
	charc 1@2g	preh
	p-tile 11mm thick	preh
	worked flint flake 1@7g burnt	preh



## Appendix 4. Pottery catalog

Ctxt	Fabric	Form	No
0134	GX	b	3
	GX	r	1
	BSW	b	2
0137	BUF	b	1
0149	HMS	r	2
	HMS	ba	1
	HMS	r	2
	HMS	rbba	109
0159	BSW	b	1
0166	LSRW	b	3
	GX	b	4
	BSW	b	1
	YELW	b	1
0171	HMF	b	1
0172	HMF	b	1
0206	HMF	b	5
	HMF	b	1
0207	GX	b	1
0215	BSW	r	1
	SACG	b	1
	BSW	b	29
	SACG	f	1
	BUF	b	3
	SACG	b	1
	GX	b	9
	GX	f	1
	BSW	r	1
	BSW	r	1



Spot date
Rom
E-M 2C+?
Rom
1-2/3C?
IA
preh
preh
preh
Rom
18th-19th C
Rom
Rom
L18th-19th C
preh
preh
preh
preh
Rom
1-2/3C?
2C
Rom
M-L 2C
Rom
2C
Rom
Rom
Rom
Rom

Ctxt	Fabric	Form	No
0216	GX	b	1
	GMG	b	2
	GX	b	11
	SACG	b	1
	BUF	b	2
0219	GMB	b	3
0220	GX	b	4
0301	GX	b	1
	GX	r	2
0302	GX	b	6
	GX	r	1
	GX	b	5
	BUF	b	71
	BUF	bba	6
	GX	r	1
	GMB	b	12
	BSW	r	4
	SASG	b	1
	BSW	b	7
	BSW	rb	7
	GMG	r	2
	BSW	rbba	1
0303	GMG	b	26
	SASG	b	1
	BSW	b	2
0306	GX	b	1
0310	BUF	bh	8
0313	GX	b	1
	GMG	b	1
0315	BSW	b	14
	GX	r	4



	Spot date
	C1
	Rom
	Rom
	Had-Ant
	Rom
	Rom
	Rom
	2-3C
	Rom
	Rom
	Rom
	Rom
	1-2/3C
	Rom
	Rom
	Rom
	1-E2CC
design	Claudio-Neronian
	Rom
	1-E2C
	1-E2/2C
	1-E2C
	1-E2C
	L1C
	Rom
	1-2C?
	1-2/3C
	Rom
	Rom
	Rom
	Rom

Ctxt	Fabric	Form	No
	GX	b	10
	COLBM	rs	1
	GX	r	6
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	HMS	b	10
	HMS	b	5
0319	BSW	r	1
	STOR	b	3
	BSW	r	1
	BSW	r	1
	GX	b	15
	BSW	b	8
	GX	ba	1
	BSW	r	1
	GX	r	3
0324	HMS	b	5
0326	HMS	b	6
0327	HMS	b	2
0329	HMF	b	1
0334	HMS	b	1
	HMF	b	1
0339	BUF	b	2
	SACG	r	1
	GMG	b	3
	GMG	r	1
	BSW	r	3
	GMG	r	1
	CGBL	b	1
	BSW	b	2
0340	HMS	b	1
0342	HMS	b	1



	Spot date
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	L1C
	2C
	IA
	IA
ff	MIA
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	1-2C
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	Rom
	IA?
0327)	IA?
0326)	IA?
	Preh
	IA
	preh
	1-2/3C
	2/L2C
	Rom
	Rom
	2-3/4C
	2-3C
	M2-E3C
	Rom
	MIA?
	IA?

Ctxt	Fabric	Form	No
	HMS	b	1
0345	HMS	b	5
	HMS	b	38
0347	GX	r	1
0350	GX	ba	2
	GX	b	46
	BSW	r	1
	GMG	b	1
	BSW	r	2
	HOG?	b	14
	STOR	bba	3
	BSW	b	18
	HOG?	b	1
	BSW	r	1
	BSW	r	1
	SACG	r	1
	BSW	r	1
	BSW	r	1
	BSW	r	1
	GX	r	1
	GX	r	1
	BSW	r	1
	HOG?	ba	1
	GMG	r	1
	BSW	r	1
	SACG	b	1
	SAEG	b	3
	BUF	b	3
	COLC	b	1
0351	GMG	r	1
	BSW	ba	1



Spot date
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2-3/4C
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L2/3-4C
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2-3/4C
2-3C
Rom
2C
M2-M3C
Rom
M2-M3C
?1-2C
Rom

Ctxt	Fabric	Form	No	
0352	HOG?	r	1	
	BSW	r	3	
	COLC	r	1	
	SAEG	r	1	
	HOGB?	ba	3	
	GMG	b	1	
	GX	b	23	
	BSW	r	1	
	BSW	b	7	
	GX	r	1	
	GX	ba	1	
	0355	GX	r	1
		HOG?	r	1
BSW		r	1	
GMG		r	1	
GMG		r	2	
GX		ba	1	
GX		r	3	
BSW		r	1	
SAEG		b	1	
SAEG		rbba	2	
GMG		b	10	
SAEG		r	1	
SAEG		b	2	
GX		b	34	
NVCC		b	1	
BUF		b	1	
BSW	b	11		
SAEG	f	1		
0356	GX	b	4	
0358	GX	b	1	



Spot date
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M2-3/4C
2C
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1C?
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Rom
2-3/4C?
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2C?
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2-4C?
Rom
L2-M3C
M2-M3C
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L2-M3C
M2-M3C
Rom
L3-4C
Rom
Rom
L2-M3C
Rom
Rom

erial/votive

Ctxt	Fabric	Form	No
	GX	r	1
0359	GX	b	11
0361	BUF	b	1
	GMG	b	5
	GX	b	8
	BSW	b	10
	BSW	r	1
	BSW	r	1
	BSW	r	1
	GMG	r	1
0362	GX	b	3
	GX	b	11
	GX	r	1
	BSW	b	11
	BSW	b	1
	BSW	r	1
0367	GX	b	1
0375	BSW	b	8
	BSW	b	10
	GMG	b	1
	GX	r	1
	HOG?	r	1
	GX	b	14
0378	GX	b	1
	BSW	b	6
	GRF	b	1
0383	GMG	b	4
	GMB	b	1
	GX	b	3
0386	GX	b	70



Spot date
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Ctxt	Fabric	Form	No
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	HMS	b	1
0391	GX	b	2
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	BSW	b	1
	BSW	r	1
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	GMG	b	2
0411	BSW	b	8
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	GX	r	1
	BSW	r	1
	BSW	r	1
	BSW	ba	1
	GMB	r	1
0414	BSW	b	3
	BSW	r	1
	GX	b	2
0417	GX	b	4
	GMG	b	1
	GX	r	1
	BSW	b	6
	GMB	b	1
	GMG	r	1
	BSW	r	1
	AA	b	2
0420	BUF	b	1
	GX	b	2
0422	GX	r	1
0430	GX	r	1
	BSW	b	19



Spot date
Preh
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1-2C
E Rom
R Rom
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E Rom?
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1-E2?
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E/M2C+?
1-2C?
1-2/E3C
Rom
Rom
1C
E-Rom?
Rom

Ctxt	Fabric	Form	No
	GX	rb	4
	STOR	b	1
0432	SACG	r	3
	GX	b	2
	BSW	b	2
	BSW	b	1
0434	GX	b	1
0442	GX	b	2
	GX	r	1
0454	HMF	b	1
	HMF	b	1
0455	HMF	rb	36
	HMF	b	1
0469	HMF	b	1
0470	HMS	b	1
0473	HMF	b	1
	HMF	ba	1
	HMF	b	60
	HMS	b	1



Spot date
1C
1-E2C
L2C
Rom
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2-3/4C?
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of pot, votive? (0459)
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# Appendix 5. Fired clay catalogue



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**Appendix 6. CBM catalogue**





## Appendix 7. Worked flint cat

Ctxt	Identifier	F	Cat.	
0100	Finds No.		flak	flake
0171	Ditch?	0174	flak	flake
0190	Post-hole	0191	flak	flake
0319	Ditch	0321	flak	flake
0326	posthole	0328	flak	flake
0327	posthole	0328	flak	flake
0329	Ditch	0330	flak	flake
0332	ditch	0333	flak	flake
	ditch	0333	utfl	utilise
0336	Ditch	0337	flak	flake
	Ditch	0337	stfr	struck
	Ditch	0337	retf	retouc
0339			retf	retouc
			flak	flake
0345	Gully	0344	flak	flake
0352	Pit	0353	flak	blade
0378	Ditch	0379	flak	flake
0389	Pit	0390	flak	flake
0392	Pit	0393	flak	flake
0409	Posthole	0408	flak	flake
0417	Pit	0415	flak	flake
	Pit	0415	utfl	utilise
	Pit	0415	flak	blade
0473			flak	flake



Comment
ckish - hh, pat
jat, thin but broad convex cort plat, v slight milky pat
, cort plat
white pat cort, cort plat
< missing, qu sm, slight milky pat
ad but some on part of left edge cld be due to use ?,
< longish, 1 squat slight pat gingery fl, both with pat
rt
y piece - poss been struck, or a sm frag from str
?
m them frag but poss slight ret/ut one seep edge -
d as scr type edge
j - but prob thermal, has slight ret of one edge - irreg
d irreg, burnt
y white qu thick cort, cort plat, hinge
poss slight burnt
fitting fls - greyish cort
nt
slight burnt/pinkish, 1 v irreg thick-irreg cortical
1 squat fl with cort plat, burnt
ish fl - poss lsight use one edge - tho some is
x missing





## Appendix 8. Catalogue of ch

Sample No.	Ev1	Ev
Context No.	0134	014
Feature No.	0133	014
Feature type	Ditch	Pi
Date	R	IA
<b>Cereals</b>		
<i>Hordeum</i> sp. (grains)		
<i>Triticum</i> sp. (grains)		xc
<i>T. spelta</i> L. (glume base)		
Cereal indet. (grains)		xf
<b>Herbs</b>		
<i>Galium aparine</i> L.		
<i>Rumex</i> sp.		
<b>Tree/shrub macrofossils</b>		
<i>Corylus avellana</i> L.		
<b>Other plant macrofossils</b>		
Charcoal <2mm	xxx	xx
Charcoal >2mm	xx	x
Charcoal >5mm		
<b>Other remains</b>		
Black porous 'cokey' material		x
Black tarry material		x
Bone		x
Small coal frags.		
<b>Sample volume (litres)</b>		
<b>Volume of flot (litres)</b>	<0.1	0.
<b>% flot sorted</b>	100%	100

**Key to Table:** x = 1 – 10 specimens    xx = compare    fg = fragment    b = burnt    R =



Ex5	Ex6	Ex7	Ex8	Ex9
J375	0391	0417	0454	0463
J353	0393	0415	0453	0462
Pit	Pit	Pit	Pit	Ditch
R	R	R	LBA/IA	U/D
x				
				xf
		x		
		x		
xxx	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	xxx
x	xxxx	xxxx	x	x
	xxx	xx		
	x	x		
	x			
20	20	20	20	20
<0.1	0.4	0.3	<0.1	<0.1
00%	25%	50%	100%	100%

is. Ev = evaluation    Ex = excavation    cf =  
U/D = undated    ph = post-hole

