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### 1. Summary

*A desk-based assessment undertaken by University of Leicester Archaeological Services for proposed development at Manor Farm, Main Street, Tugby, Leicestershire (Browning 2013) highlighted surviving earthworks which were surveyed in 1992 and have been interpreted as a possible manor house with associated terraces and gardens. At the request of Leicestershire County Council, Historic and Natural Environment Team, as advisors to the planning authority an additional earthwork survey has been undertaken to assess the condition of the earthworks. This has confirmed that the earthworks are relatively well preserved and any archaeological deposits are likely to be relatively undisturbed.*

### 2. Introduction

This document is an archaeological earthwork survey report for land at Manor Farm, Main Street, Tugby, Leicestershire (NGR SK 7632 0098). The survey has been commissioned from University of Leicester Archaeological Services (ULAS) by Corporate Architecture Ltd., in advance of the submission of a planning application for proposed residential development. The site comprises an area of c.1.83 hectares, centred on NGR SK 7632 0098 (Figure 1).

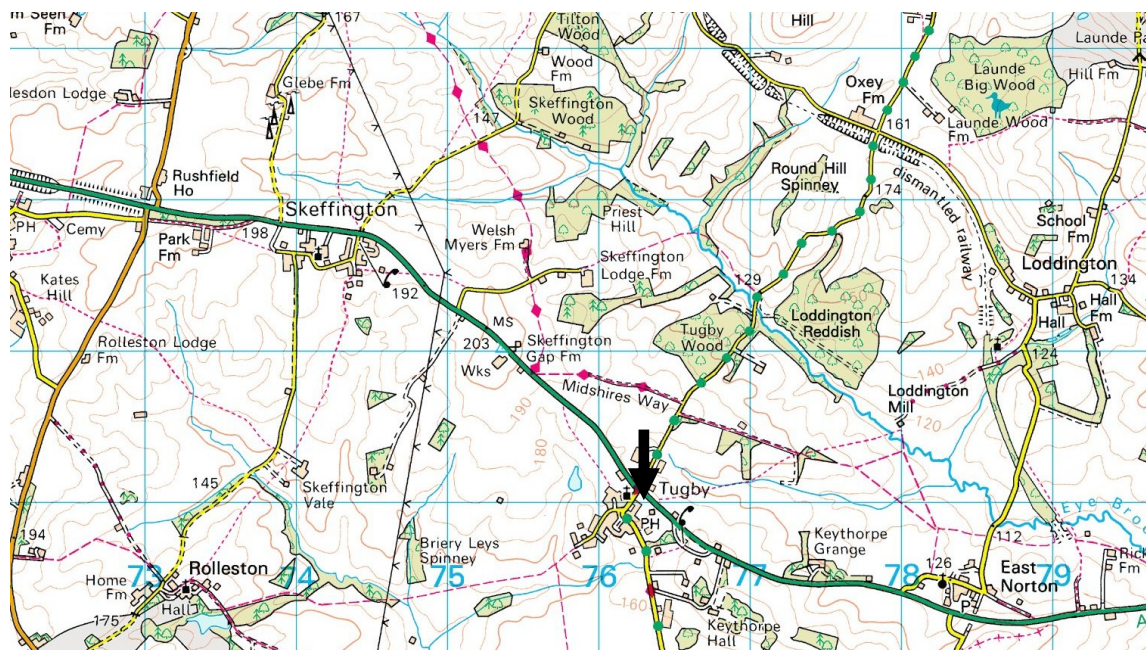


Figure 1: Location plan with site location arrowed

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### 3. Site Location

The assessment area is located on the eastern side of Tugby, which lies *c.* 19 km to the east of Leicester, in Tugby and Keythorpe Parish in Harborough District (Figure 1). The proposed development area consists of a pasture field, with a dwelling, Manor Farm, to the south.

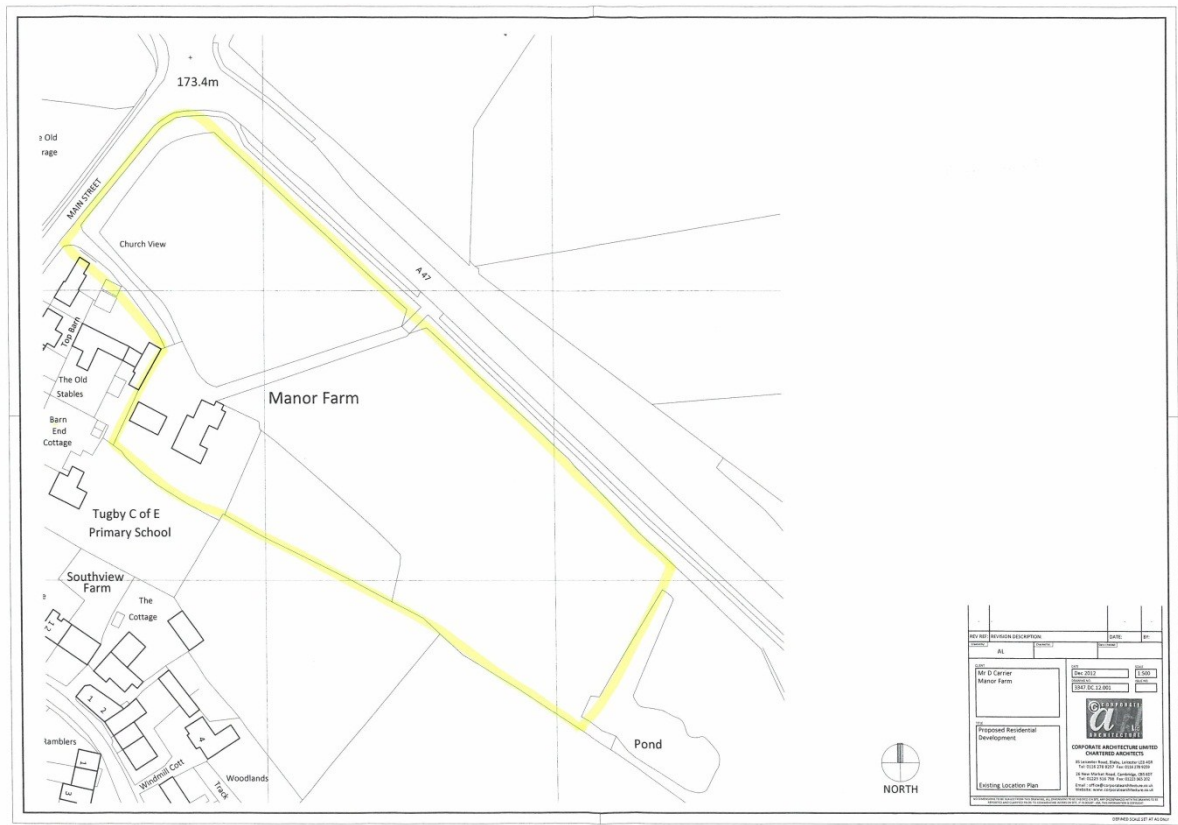


Figure 2: Location of the proposed development area (supplied by Corporate Architecture Ltd.).

### 4. Aims and Objectives

The aim of the earthwork survey is to provide additional information on the extent, character, date, integrity, state of preservation and relative quality of archaeological deposits, heritage assets and the historic built environment within the proposed development area. This should be considered in conjunction with the results of the desk-based (Browning 2013).

All work follows the Institute for Archaeologist's Code of Conduct (2010) and adheres to their *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Field evaluations* (2008).

### 5. Methodology

The earthwork survey was undertaken between 18-22.04.2013 using a Topcon Hyper V Global Positioning System (GPS). This can provide resolution to an accuracy of 10mm. The changes in level of all the earthworks and nine sections across the earthworks were recorded. Photographs were also taken to supplement the survey.

## 6. Archaeological Background

The site is within medieval and post-medieval historic settlement core of the village, as deduced using historic maps, landscape maps, **MLE10345** (SK 761 008). The proposed development area contains two sets of earthworks which are listed on the HER (see Figure 3). A site survey in 1992 revealed earthworks indicating a complex of substantial buildings, **MLE2572** (SK 762 010). There are further earthworks located directly south-east, north of Fishpool Spinney, which possibly represent a terraced garden, a fishpond and other boundary features (**MLE20620** SK 763 009). The appearance of the earthworks, with apparent building platforms and indications of formal gardens, as well as their close proximity to the church, suggests that they could represent the site of a Manor House and its associated grounds.



Figure 3: Unpublished survey of village earthworks by R. F. Hartley 1992 (kindly supplied by Leicestershire County Council). An extensive complex of earthworks can be seen on the site

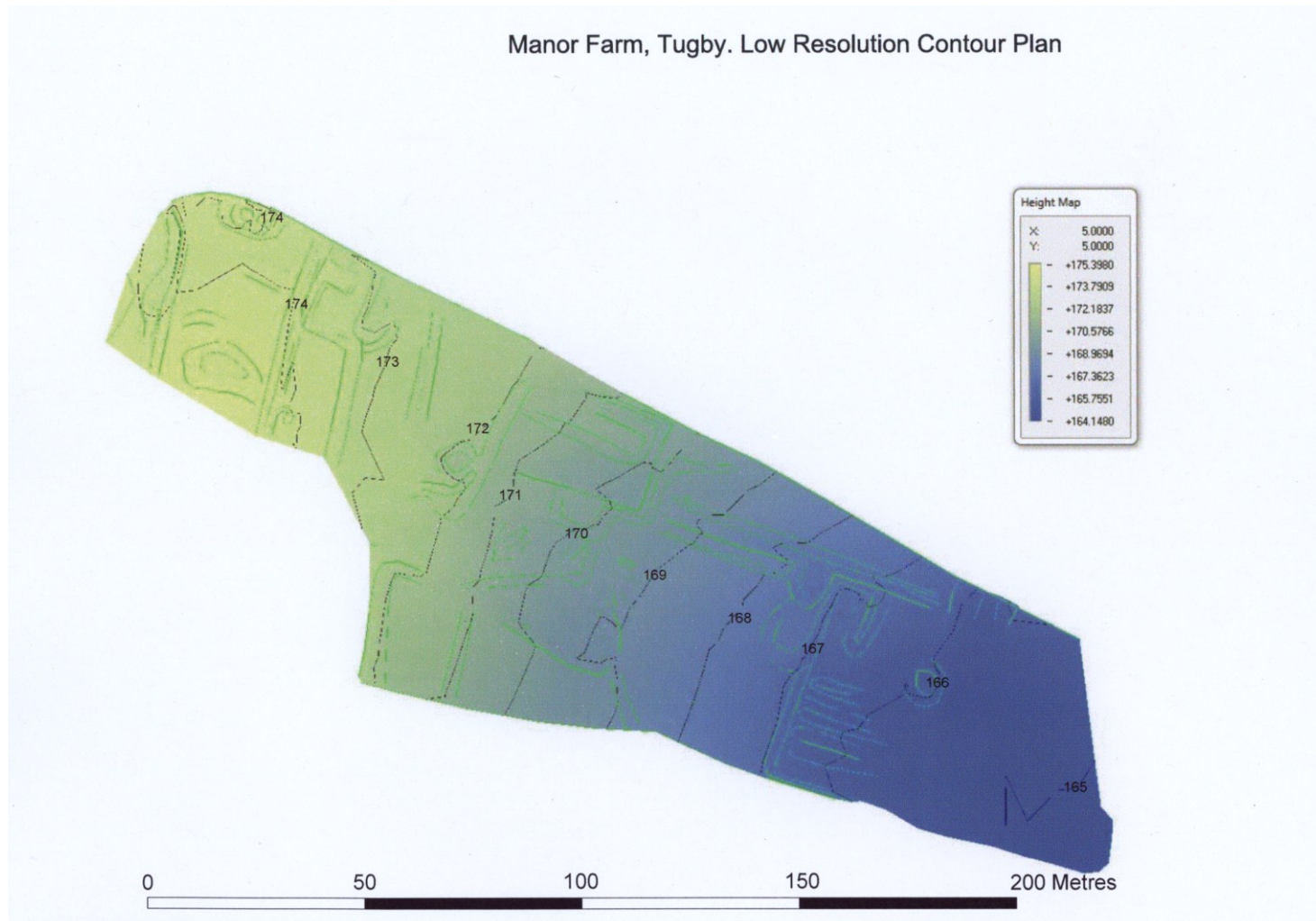


Figure 4: Contour plan of the earthworks

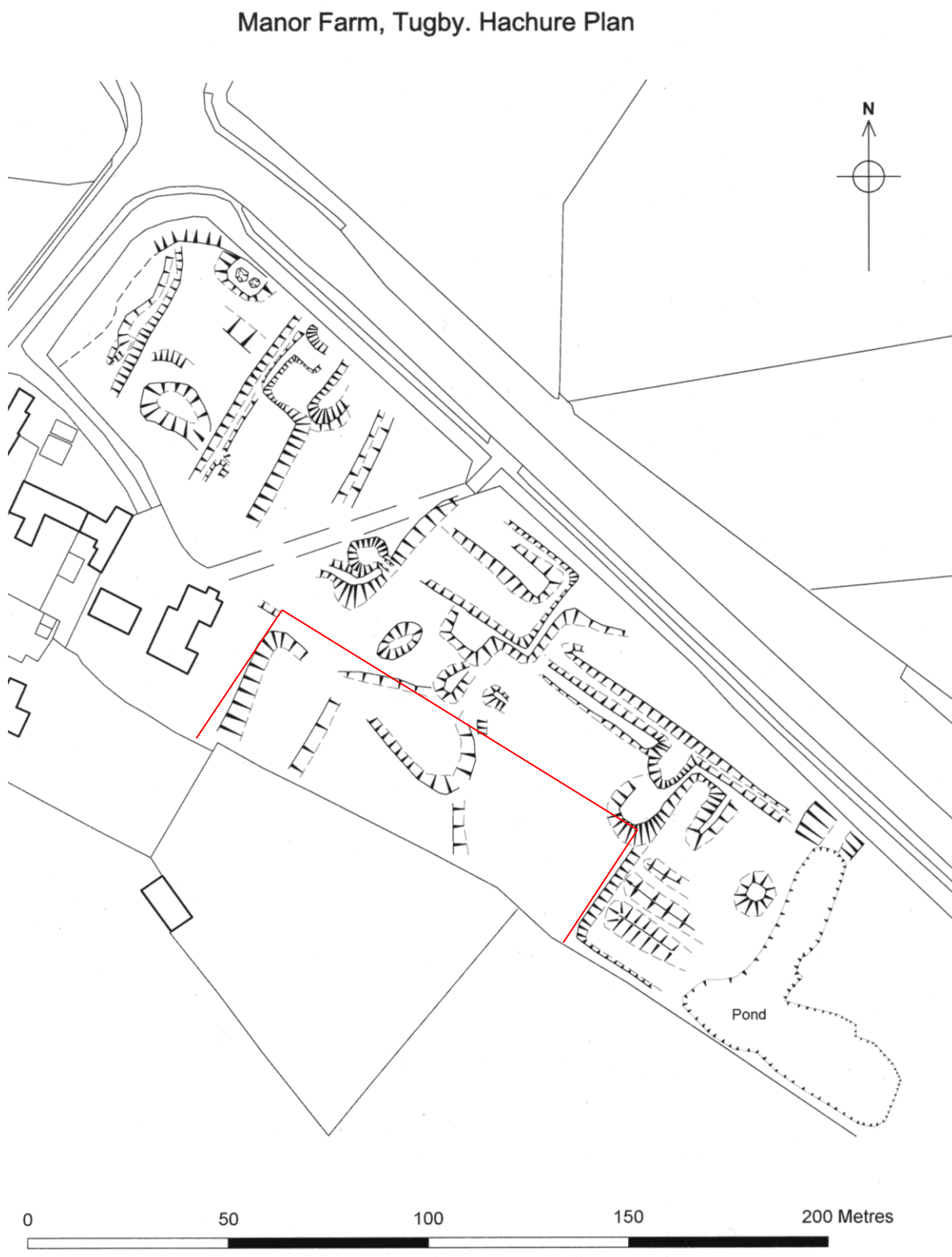


Figure 5: Hachured plan of the earthworks. Additional landscaping of late 20th century date outlined in red (D. Carrier pers. comm.).





Figure 6: Plan of location of profile transects

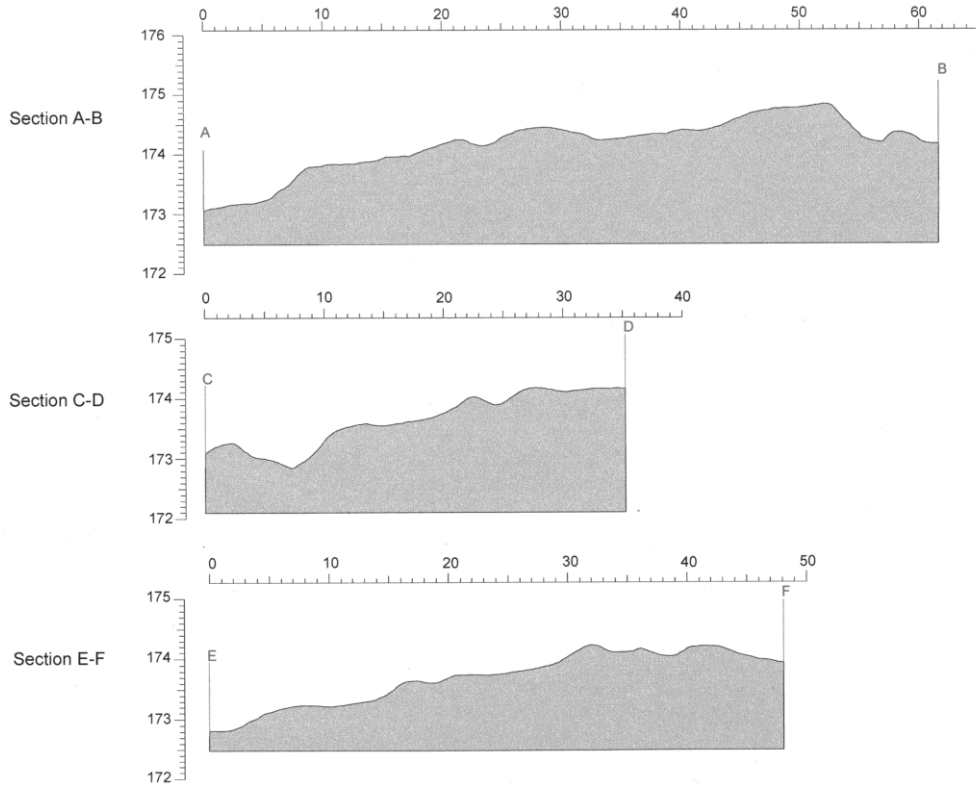


Figure 7: Profiles A-B, C-D and E-F (Vertical scale exaggerated; See Fig.6)

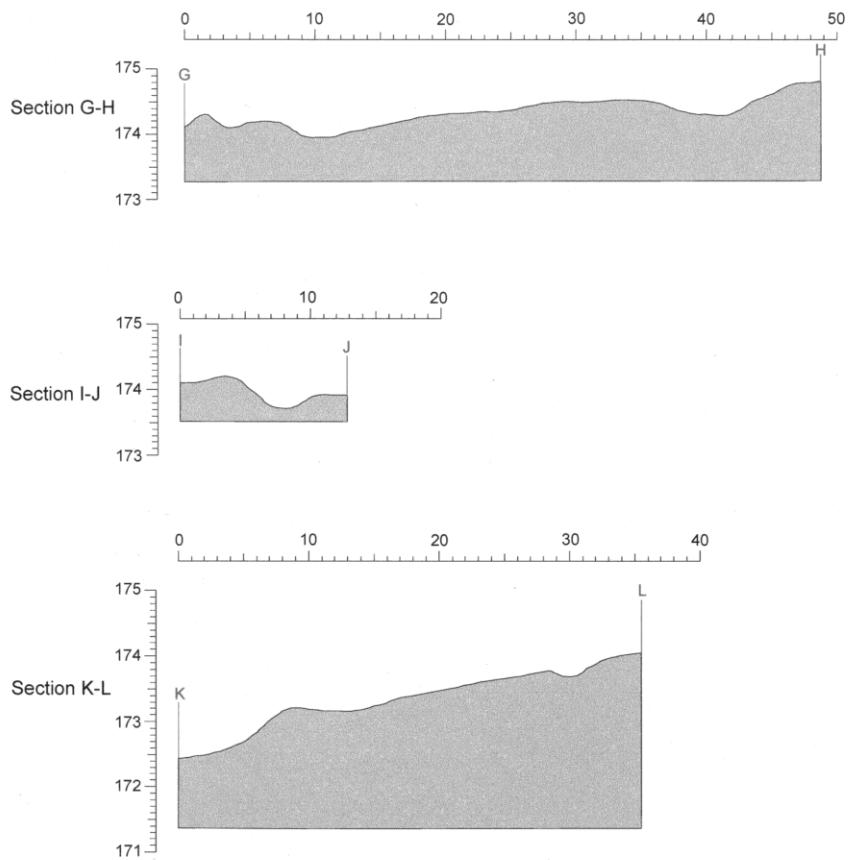


Figure 8: Profiles G-H, I-J and K-L (Vertical scale exaggerated; See Fig.6)

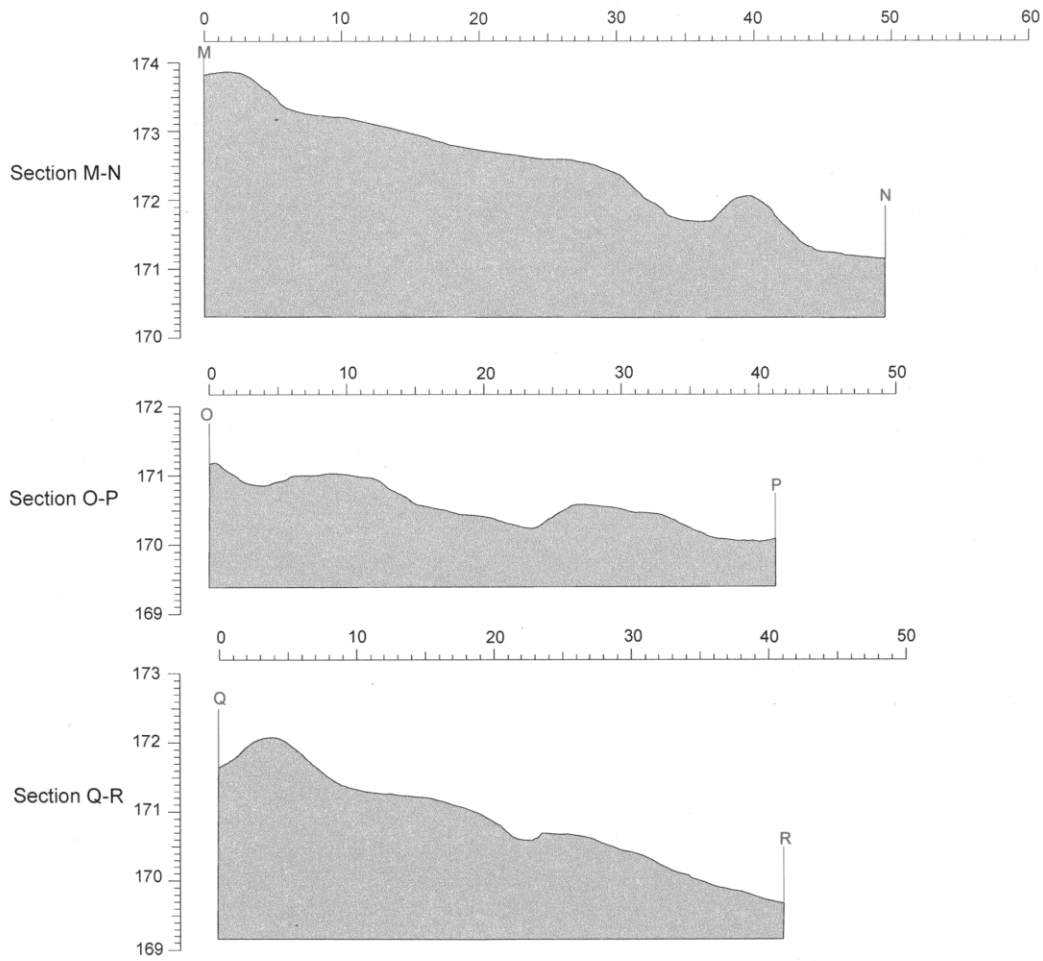


Figure 9: Profiles M-N, O-P and Q-R (Vertical scale exaggerated; See Fig.6)



Figure 10: View of earthworks looking north-west along Transect N-M.



## 7. Conclusion

The earthwork survey has confirmed that the earthworks are recorded in the HER (MLE20620 and MLE 2572) and were surveyed in 1992 by R. F. Hartley are still extant and in a relatively good state of preservation. They were interpreted as a possible manor house, with associated terracing and gardens. No other site within the village has yet been identified as the putative manor house and the prominent position of the site opposite the church, as well as the supportive place-name makes it highly probable.

However there are some differences between the 1992 and 2013 surveys with some apparent earthworks along the southern boundary of the application area. The landowner David Carrier has confirmed that buildings were formerly on this part of the site and he has landscaped and terraced a strip c. 40m wide along this boundary since 1997. The earthworks within this area therefore may be the result of this work in the late 20th century.

## 8. References

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Figure 11. Provisional plan of the development

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