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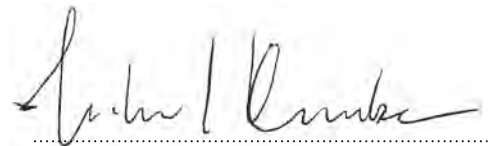
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# NEW EASTERN VILLAGES – MASTERPLAN AREA

## Archaeological Evaluation

Headland Archaeology (UK) Ltd undertook a trial trench evaluation over a 127 hectare site to the east of Lotmead Farm, Swindon. Three areas of Iron Age settlement were identified, two of which were associated with palaeochannel systems identified by previous geophysical survey. Pottery evidence suggests occupation of these sites from the 7th century BC through to the 1st century BC. The presence of a small quantity of 1st century AD Roman pottery may suggest a continuation of occupation into the Roman period, or alternatively, the use of the site for farmland associated with the development of the adjacent Roman town of Durocornovium.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Headland Archaeology (UK) Ltd was commissioned by Ainscough Strategic Land through its agent The Environmental Dimension Partnership (EDP) to undertake an archaeological evaluation on land to the east of Lotmead Farm, Swindon, Wiltshire. The evaluation is connected to a group of planning applications referred to as the Swindon Eastern Village Scheme. An archaeological evaluation was previously undertaken by Headland Archaeology (UK) Ltd in the south-west of the proposed development area (Phase 1 – Fields 01–07; Sworn 2015) during July 2014. This report covers the archaeological trial trenches excavated over the main part of the Masterplan Area (Fields 08–31) between 8th September 2014 and 3rd December 2014.

The trenches were located to target the results of a geophysical survey and to provide even coverage of the site, and were drawn up by EDP and agreed by the archaeological advisor to Swindon Borough Council.

### 1.1 DESCRIPTION OF THE SITE

The site is situated near Wanborough to the east of Swindon, immediately to the east of the A419 and covers an area of approximately 127 hectares centred on NGR SU 20505 85980 (**Illus 1**). To the south-west of the proposed development area lies the site of the former Roman town of Durocornovium.

The site is occupied by pasture on mainly level ground. The area subject to evaluation is bounded to the north and east by tributaries

feeding the River Cole, and to the west by the Dorcan Stream. Enclosed pasture land is present to the south of the evaluation area.

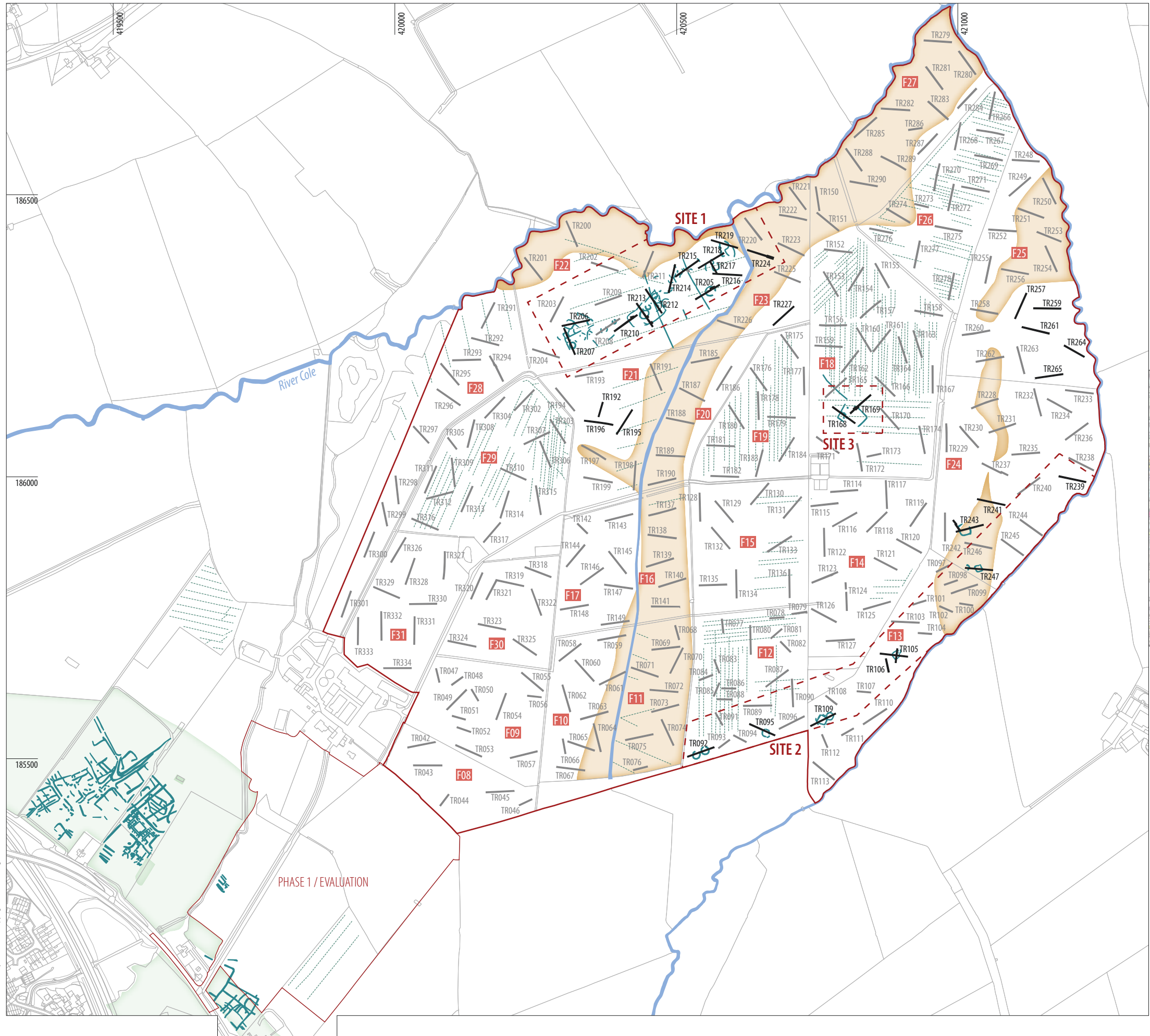
The underlying solid geology within the site comprises mudstone and sedimentary bedrock of the Ampthill Clay Formation, formed during the Jurassic period, 151–161 million years ago (British Geological Survey website; <http://www.bgs.ac.uk>). The superficial deposits recorded for the site comprise alluvial deposits lying within current and former watercourses.

### 1.2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

A number of heritage assets have been identified close to the site. The site lies to the north-east of the scheduled area of the Roman town of Durocornovium which covers at least 25ha in pockets around Covingham, Lotmead and Nythe Farms to the north of Wanborough.

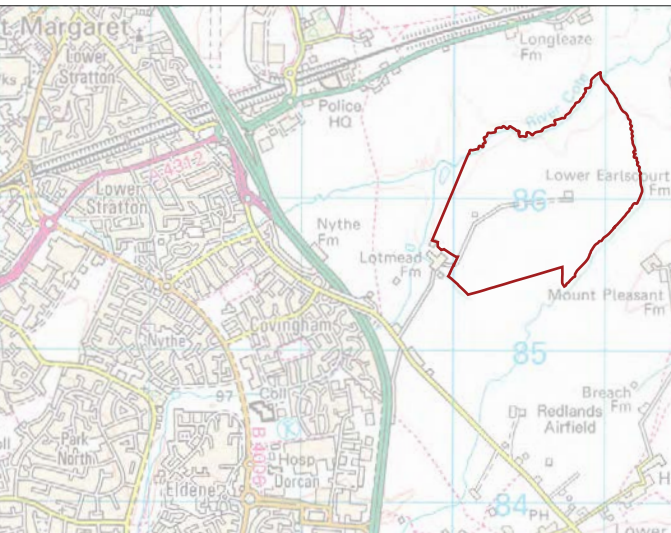
The proposed development area was subject to a desk-based assessment by EDP (forthcoming). The Wiltshire HER lists only a small number of finds within the current survey area. These include find spots of sherds of Roman pottery on the southern edge (HERSU28NW309) and another (HERSU28NW310) to the north of the site. A Roman coin (HERSU28NW311) was also located to the north of the site.

Ordnance Survey mapping from 1880 onwards has shown that there has been very little variation of the field layout from that time to the present day. The site has been used for agricultural purposes from



SWINDON EASTERN VILLAGES  
MAIN SECTION (LOTMEAD FARM)  
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ILLUS 1  
Site location





at least the mid-19th century, with some evidence on site for former ridge and furrow cultivation.

The evaluation followed a geophysical survey, undertaken by Archaeological Surveys Ltd (Sabin and Donaldson 2014). The survey identified the presence of anomalies relating to former watercourses in the north of the site adjacent to the River Cole and associated with the north-south orientated drainage ditch forming the eastern boundary to Fields 10, 17, 21 and 22.

Three concentrations of potential archaeological activity were identified:

- Site 1 – A group of positive linear, rectilinear, curvilinear and discrete anomalies relating to a trapezoidal enclosure with approximate dimensions of 35m by 65m. A number of ring-ditches were also identified along with linear features potentially representing field boundaries.
- Site 2 – A series of positive curvilinear anomalies relating to a succession of ring-ditches along the south-eastern boundary of the evaluation area. Discrete and linear anomalies were also identified.
- Site 3 – A positive rectilinear anomaly forming an enclosure with approximate dimensions of 34m by 41m. Evidence for internal linear, curvilinear and discrete features.

An evaluation of land to the south of Lotmead Farm was undertaken by Headland Archaeology (UK) Ltd in July 2014. This phase of work amounted to 41 trenches excavated on land to the south-west of the current evaluation area. Evidence for Romano-British activity was identified within the southern part of the site. Undated features were identified in the north-west and the north-east of the site. No archaeologically significant finds or features were identified within the northern and the eastern parts of the site.

## 2 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aims of the evaluation were as follows:

- To determine the location, extent, date, character, condition, significance and quality of any archaeological remains within the development site;
- To assess the artefactual and environmental potential of the archaeological deposits encountered;
- To provide further information on the archaeological potential of the site to enable the archaeological implications of the proposed development to be assessed;
- To assess the impact of previous land use on the site;
- To inform formulation of a strategy to avoid or mitigate impacts of the proposed development on surviving archaeological remains;
- To produce a site archive for deposition with an appropriate museum and to provide information for accession to the Wiltshire HER.

The results of the evaluation will enable reasoned and informed recommendations to be made to the local planning authority and a suitable mitigation strategy for the proposed development to be formulated.

## 3 METHOD

Work was undertaken in accordance with the written scheme of investigation approved by the archaeological advisor to Swindon Borough Council (Kimber 2014).

A total of 292 archaeological trial trenches were excavated. The majority of trenches measured 50m in length, although some 25m trenches were excavated in order to target specific geophysical anomalies. All trenches measured 2.10m in width.

Trench 171 was not excavated due to the presence of a slurry pit.

Trenches were excavated under direct archaeological supervision using a 20 tonne tracked excavator fitted with a flat bladed ditching bucket. Machine excavation terminated at the uppermost significant archaeological horizon or when geological deposits were encountered.

All trenches were planned using a Trimble differential GPS system. A record sheet was completed for each trench, even where no deposits of archaeological significance were present. Identified archaeological features were subject to hand excavation, carried out to a sufficient degree to meet the objectives of the evaluation.

All recording followed ClfA Standards and Guidance. All contexts were given unique numbers and recording was undertaken on pro forma record cards. Sections of archaeological features were hand-drawn at a scale of 1:10 or 1:20. Hand drawn plans of certain archaeological features were also undertaken. A photographic record, utilising black and white negative film, supplemented by high resolution digital data capture, was maintained during the course of the fieldwork.

## 4 RESULTS

Full trench descriptions are given in Appendix 1. Three areas of intense archaeological activity were identified by the evaluation and these are described below. Less concentrated areas of archaeological activity are described by trench at the end of this section.

### 4.1 PALAEOCHANNELS AND ALLUVIAL DEPOSITS

The geophysical survey identified the presence of former water courses passing through the proposed development area. The first of these was located adjacent to an extant channel of the River Cole forming the northern boundary of the evaluation area. A second channel system identified by the geophysical survey – now replaced by a post-medieval drainage ditch – crossed the site on a broadly north-south orientation and joined with the River Cole system.

Evaluation trenches located within the vicinity of the former channels identified a braided network of former water channels. Machine excavated sondages were excavated through the channel deposits and identified fills consisting of stiff grey/blue clay interspersed with deposits of sands and gravels.





#### ILLUS 2

Trench 288, SW facing section through paleochannel [288002]



#### ILLUS 3

Trench 220, alluvial deposit [220002] at SE end of trench

appears to have been heavily influenced by the relief and drainage of the site, with settlement evidence located in close proximity to current and former watercourses (Illus 3).

A further palaeochannel system was identified in the east of the site and apparently represented a former channel of the extant stream forming the eastern boundary of the site. The presence of grey clay deposits indicating the course of the channel was observed intermittently in a fairly narrow band between Trenches 256 and 241. The former channel appears to have widened or braided where it converged with the existing channel to the north (Trench 250) and south (Trench 100).

## 4.2 SITE 1

Site 1 was originally identified through geophysical survey as a concentration of rectilinear and curvilinear anomalies located within Field 22. The site is located at the confluence of the two palaeochannel systems discussed above. Archaeological features appear to be arranged around a central enclosure. The trench descriptions below are ordered to reflect the radiation of activity from the central enclosure outwards.

Archaeological features were identified at a depth of between 0.30m and 0.40m below ground level beneath a mid-brown silty clay subsoil e.g. [213001] overlain by a dark brown silty clay topsoil e.g. [213000].

A typical section through the channel deposits was identified in Trench 281 (Field 27). Channel [281002] measured approximately 30m in width. Machine dug sondages were excavated at intervals across the width of the channel. A centrally located sondage identified clean river gravels [281011] at a depth of 3.15m below ground level. Overlying the gravels was a 2m deep deposit of dark grey/black clay [281004] containing rare charcoal flecking. Two fragments of animal bone recovered from the deposit have been identified as an amphibian long bone and a rodent incisor. Deposit [281004] was overlain by further stiff clay deposits [281008] and [281006]. The upper deposit within the channel was a dark blue/grey clay with orange and red flecks [281007].

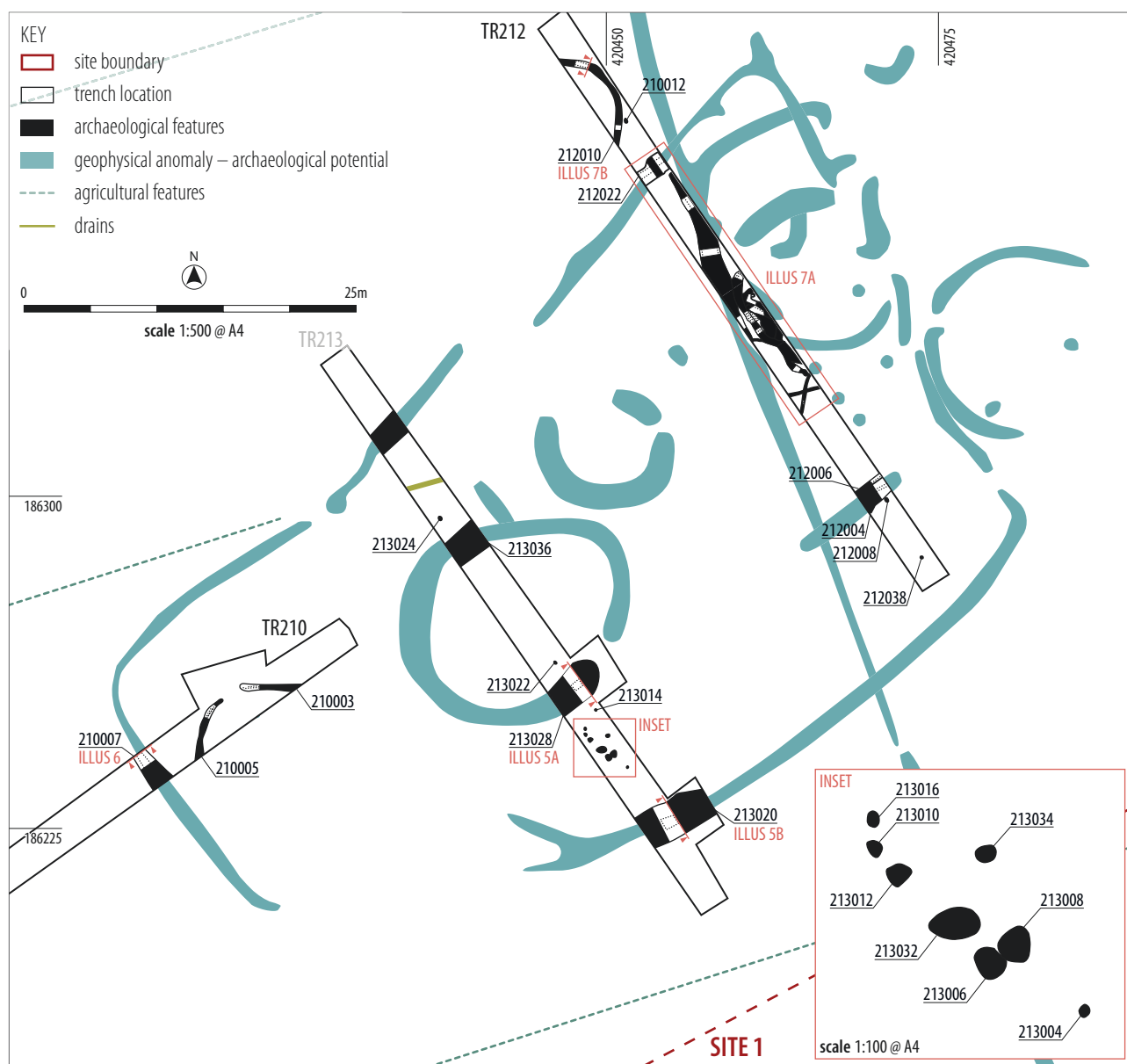
Evidence recovered from Trench 288 suggests that the watercourses were active during the period when the archaeological site to the south-west was occupied. Prehistoric worked flint and pottery dating to the late Iron Age to early Romano-British period was recovered from deposit [288003] within palaeochannel [288002] (Illus 2). The location of areas of former occupation within the evaluation area

## Rectilinear enclosure and internal ring-ditches

### Trench 213

#### Illus 4 and Illus 5

Trench 213 was located over the centre of what appeared on the geophysical survey to be a rectangular or trapezoidal enclosure; the presence of this feature was confirmed. The south-eastern enclosure ditch [213020] was broadly U-shaped in profile but exhibited a slightly sharper break of slope on the outer edge (SE). The ditch measured 2.70m in width and survived to a depth of 1m. The three fills identified [213017, 213018 and 213019] appear to represent the gradual silting up of the feature rather than intentional backfilling episodes, with the upper and middle fills [213017 and 213018] containing pottery dated to the middle to late Iron Age. The



corresponding north-western enclosure ditch was also identified but was not excavated.

Site 1 – plan of Trenches 210, 212 and 213

Equidistant between the ditches of the rectangular (outer) enclosure was what appeared on the geophysical survey to be a smaller, circular enclosure measuring c.17m in diameter; again archaeological features closely conformed to the presence and extent of this anomaly. A slot excavated through the ditch [213028] revealed it to be 2.80m in width and 1.10m in depth. The ditch appeared to be steeper on the inside (NW) edge with the fill [213027] containing sand tempered pottery sherds dating to the middle to late Iron Age.

Twelve small discrete features not shown on the geophysical survey were identified within the trench. The majority were ephemeral post-holes measuring between 0.04m and 0.11m in depth (e.g. [213016]). A cluster of three more substantial post-holes [213010, 213012 and 213034] measuring c.0.25m in diameter and surviving to a depth of between 0.20m and 0.27m was identified to the south-east of the circular enclosure [213028]. The features indicate the presence of post-built structures within the outer enclosure, however, due to the

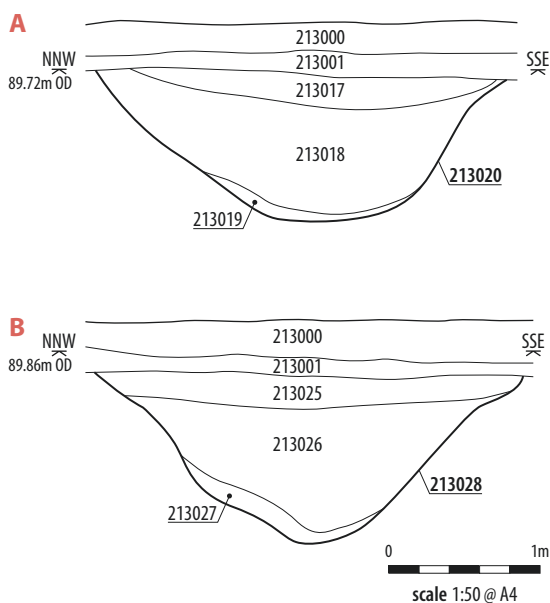
limited excavation area, the overall form of these structures could not be ascertained. No dateable material was recovered from any of the post-holes. A single feature was identified on the interior of the circular (inner) enclosure. Feature [213022] measured 0.20m by 0.29m in plan and was filled with a mid-blue/grey silt clay containing occasional charcoal. The post-hole or small pit survived to a depth of 0.09m, suggesting that significant truncation has taken place within the enclosure area, therefore affecting archaeological survival of all but the deepest archaeological features.

### Trench 210

#### Illus 4 and Illus 6

The south-western extent of the rectangular enclosure was identified in Trench 210. Ditch [210007] measured 1.64m in width and survived to a depth of 0.90m. The feature was steep-sided and regular in section and contained multiple fills formed in tip lines.

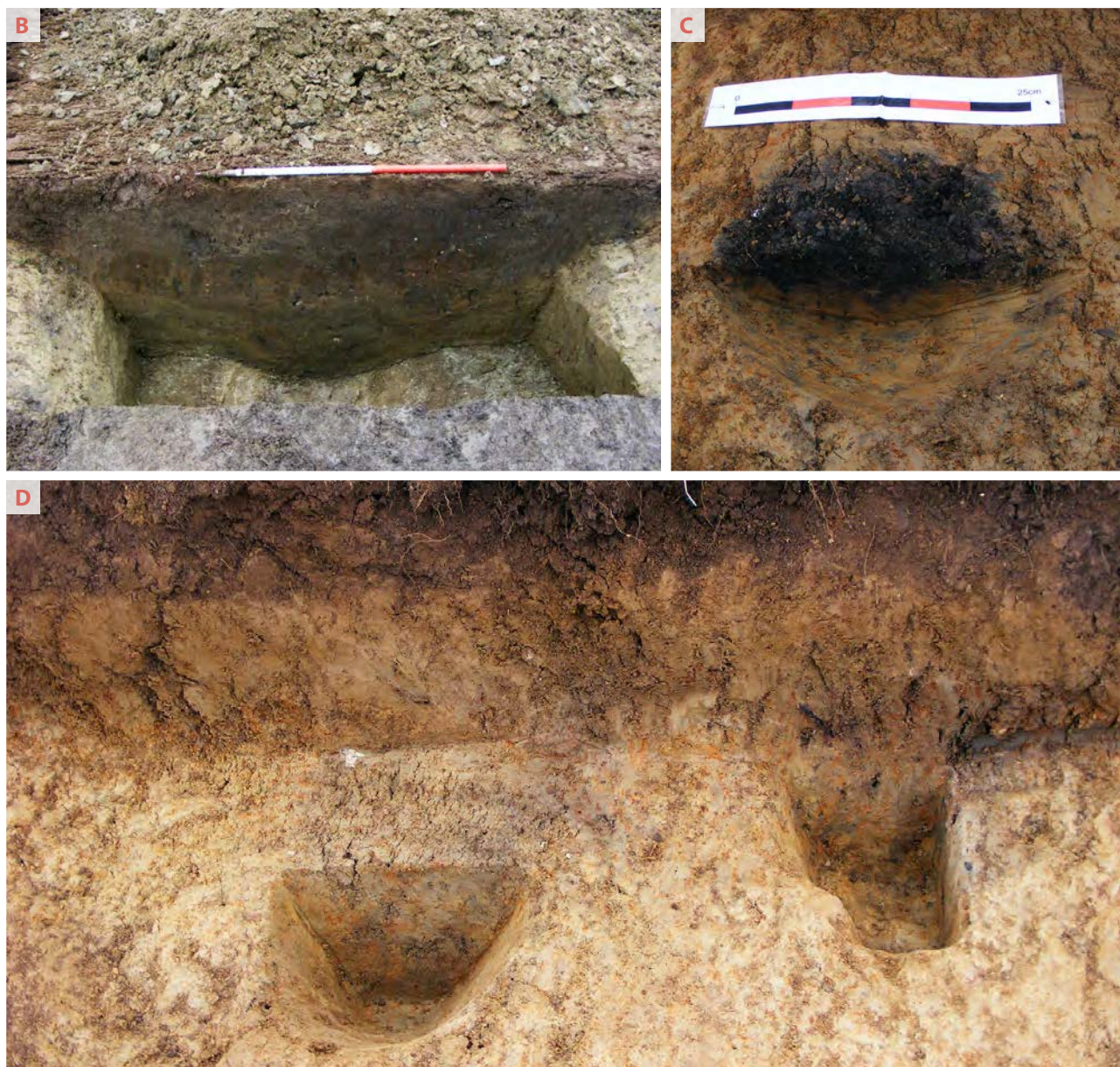




Aside from deposits [210010, 210011 and 210012] which appear to represent natural silting episodes, overlying fills [210013, 210014 and 21015 appear to represent episodes of deliberate backfilling that have been deposited into the feature from alternating sides. A single sherd of Iron Age pottery was recovered from secondary fill [210011]. Following the periods of intentional backfilling represented by deposits [21013–21015], a further period of natural silting [210016] appears to have completed the filling of the feature.

To the north-east of the enclosure ditch and therefore on the interior of the rectangular enclosure, were two curvilinear features apparently representing the two arms of a penannular ring-ditch. The features, [210003 and 210005] which were not identified by geophysical survey, measured c.0.35m wide and survived to depths of 0.07m and 0.06m respectively.

The form of the ring-ditch and its location within a larger enclosure suggests that the feature represents the surviving remains of a



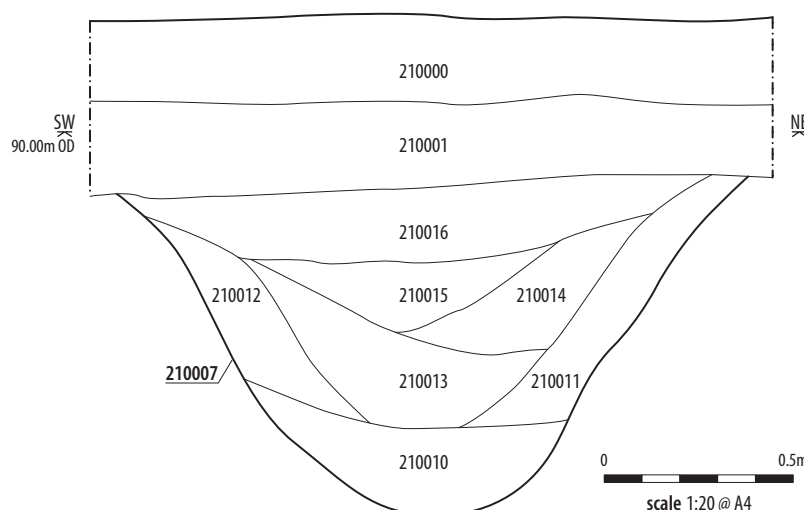
ILLUS 5

Trench 213 **A**) Enclosure ditch [213020]; **B**) Enclosure ditch [213028], SW facing section; **C**) Feature [213016], NE facing section; **D**) NE facing section and features [213010] and [213012]

## ILLUS 6

## Trench 210; Enclosure ditch [210007] SE facing section

roundhouse. Given the limited excavation area available during evaluation it is unclear whether the ring-ditch represents a construction trench for the walls of the structure or a drip gully, where rainwater has flowed off the roof to erode the soil surrounding the structure. A gap of 1.60m between the termini of features [210003 and 21005] potentially represents a (slightly unusually) north-west facing entrance to the roundhouse.



## Trench 212

## Illus 4 and Illus 7

A continuation of the rectangular enclosure was identified at the north-west end of Trench 212. The ditch [212022] measured 1.42m in width and survived to a depth of 0.60m. The fill [212020] contained a single sherd of pottery dating to the middle Iron Age. To the north-west and therefore external to the enclosure was a curvilinear feature [212010], not identified by the geophysical survey and similar in form to the ring-ditch [210003/005] identified in Trench 210. A small quantity of fired clay and pottery dating to the early-middle Iron Age was recovered from the mid grey/brown silt fill [212009] of this feature. A possible post-hole [212012] measuring c.0.25m in diameter and 0.16m in depth was located immediately to the east of [212010].

Towards the centre of the trench an area of intercutting linear features was identified. Linear [212031] was orientated east-west and measured 0.80m in width by 0.33m in depth. Pottery dating to the late Iron Age was recovered from the fill [212030], however, the sherds were small and fragmented potentially representing a later intrusion into the feature. Located to the south-east of [212031] was curvilinear [212018]. The feature, which measured 0.40m in width, survived to a depth of 0.07m, and is believed to represent a ring gully similar in form to [212010]. Further linear features [212029, 212033, and 212048] of uncertain function were also identified. All the aforementioned features were truncated by curvilinear [212016], which appears to relate to a subcircular ring-ditch identified by geophysical survey. An excavated section of the feature measured 0.65m in width and extended to a depth of 0.15m. Pottery recovered from the feature dated to the middle Iron Age.

A linear ditch [212025] on a NW-SE alignment truncated the south-western edge of ring-ditch [212016]. The feature, which measured 0.46m in width and survived to a depth of 0.40m appeared to have been re-cut by ditch [212023]. The fill [212024] of the re-cut ditch contained pottery dating to the middle Iron Age and lithics more broadly dated to the prehistoric period. Geophysical survey suggests that the ditch [212023/025] extended beyond the confines of the rectangular enclosure ditch and appears to post-date the activity occurring within the enclosure.

A narrow (0.18m) gully [212036] on a north-south orientation was identified at the southern extent of the area of intense activity towards the centre of the trench. The feature contained no finds and its function is unclear.

At the south-eastern end of Trench 212 a broad (1.21m), shallow (0.22m) linear was identified on a NE-SW orientation [212004]. Pottery recovered from the fill [212003] dated to the early to middle Iron Age, although the function of the feature is unclear. Geophysical survey results suggest that the feature measured approximately 9.30m in length. A fossilised fragment of mammal longbone was recovered from the feature which showed signs of having been broken by a blade. A further linear [212006] measuring 0.20m in width and 0.06m in depth was situated adjacent to [212004] on a parallel alignment. An oval post-hole [212008] measuring 0.45m by 0.30m in plan was located immediately to the south-east of [212004]. A post-hole [212038] situated 4.70m to the south-east, measured 0.25m in diameter and contained an arrangement of packing stones [212040] sealed by a mid-dark grey silty clay deposit [212039].

## Activity to the south-west of the rectilinear enclosure

## Trench 206

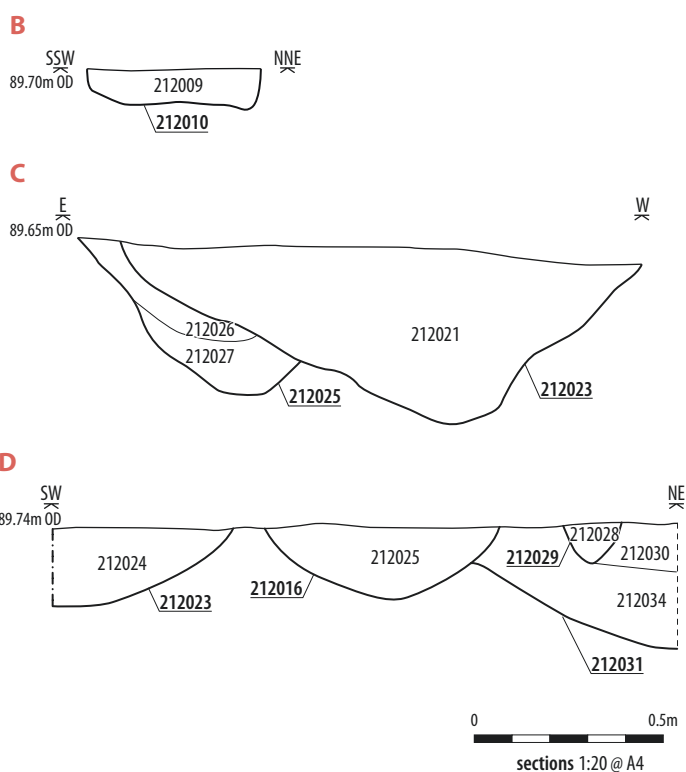
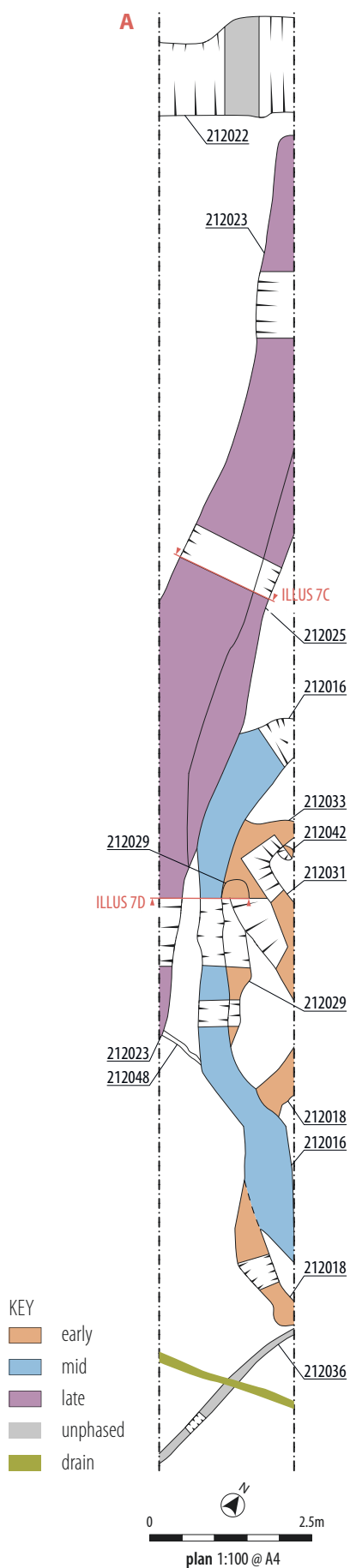
## Illus 8 and Illus 9

Further circular ring-ditches and a sub-square enclosure were identified to the south-west of the rectangular enclosure identified in Trenches 210, 212 and 213.

Linear feature [206005] appeared to correspond to a small sub-square enclosure measuring 17m in width identified by geophysical survey. A slot excavated through the feature revealed a 1.71m wide ditch with steep sides terminating in a flat base at a depth of 0.73m. Pottery dating to the early to middle Iron Age was recovered from the secondary fill [206008] of the ditch. Immediately to the west of [206005] and therefore internal to the postulated enclosure was a further ditch [206012] measuring 0.30m in depth.

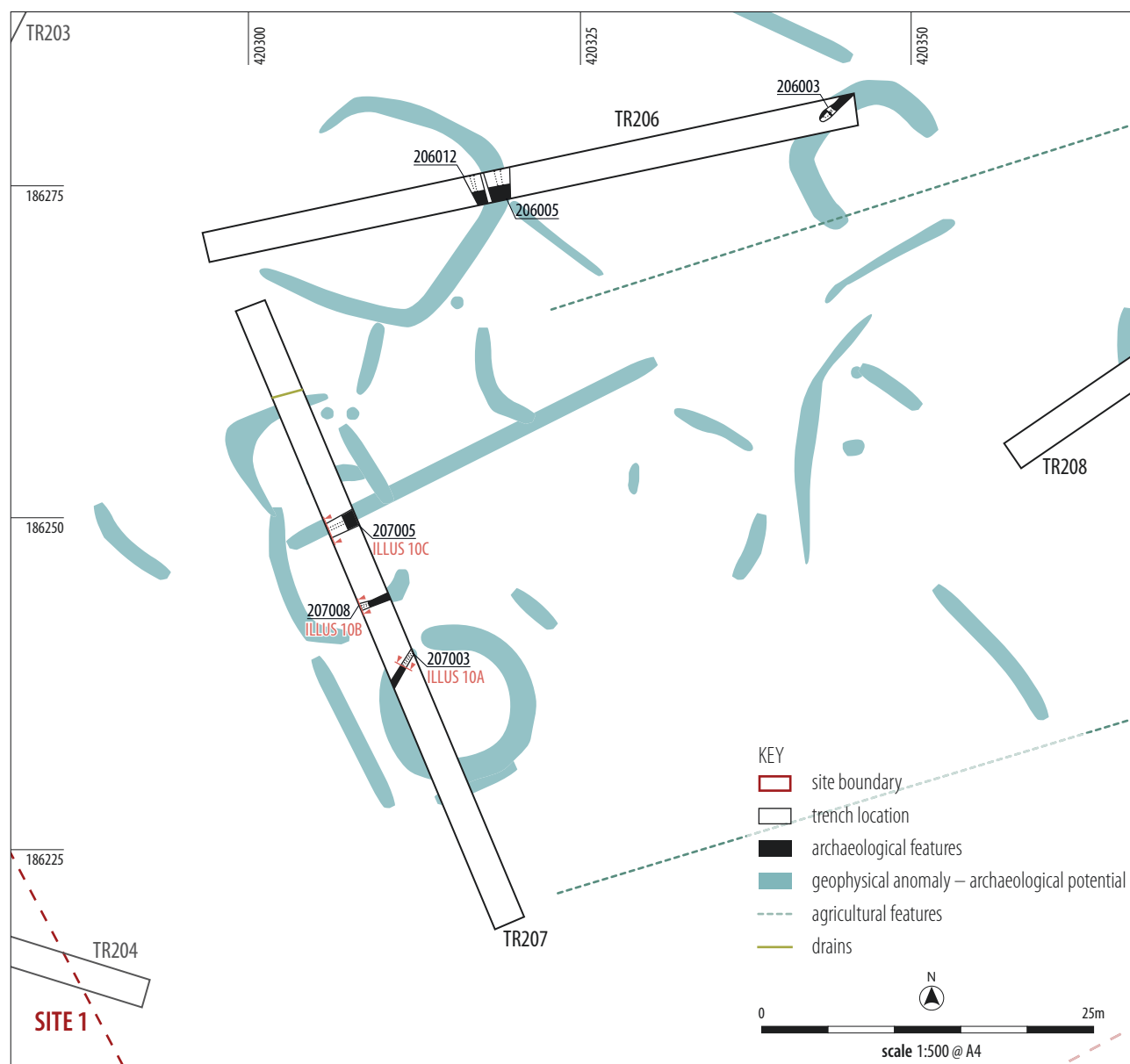
The terminus of a less substantial gully [206003] was identified at the eastern end of the trench, associated with a curvilinear geophysical anomaly. The feature which measured 0.53m in width and 0.14m in depth was similar in form to feature [210003/005]. The fill [206004] contained pottery dated to the Romano-British period, suggesting that activity within the site continued beyond the end of the Iron Age.





# ILLUS 7

**A)** Trench 212 **B)** E facing section through ring ditch [212010]; **C)** N facing section through linear [212025] and [212023]; **D)** SE facing section through [212023], [212029] & [212031];



ILLUS 8

Site 1 – plan of Trenches 206 and 207

### Trench 207

Illus 8 and Illus 10

A narrow linear feature [207003] excavated in the south of the trench would appear to represent a further ring-ditch indicated by the geophysical survey. An excavated section of the feature measured 0.36m in width and 0.25m in depth. Although an entrance was not identified through excavation, the geophysical survey suggests that the ring gully follows the form of features [210003/005] and [206003] with an entrance to the north-west and a diameter of approximately 10m.

Two further linear features were identified to the north. Linear [207008] measured 0.39m in width by 0.13m in depth and was filled with a soft orange/brown silt with charcoal fleck inclusions. The dimensions of the linear were comparable with the ring gully identified to the south and may indicate a feature of similar form. Pottery recovered from the feature indicated an Iron Age date. Linear [207005] measuring 0.94m in width by 0.44m in depth correlated with the position of a straight, linear ditch identified by geophysical survey.

### Activity to the north-east of the rectilinear enclosure

#### Trench 214

Illus 11 and Illus 12

More curvilinear ring-ditches were identified to the north-east of the central rectangular enclosure.

A substantial flat-based ditch [214011] measuring 1.30m in width and 0.78m in depth was identified in the centre of the trench. The feature, which corresponded to a curvilinear geophysical anomaly contained three fills [214008, 214009, 214010], each securely dated to the Iron Age. Further to the north, a ditch terminus [214004] of comparable width (1.48m) to [214011] was identified and may represent the return of the same ditch. The position of the terminus to the north-west is in keeping with the other ring-ditches identified in this area. Lithics potentially dating to the Mesolithic period were



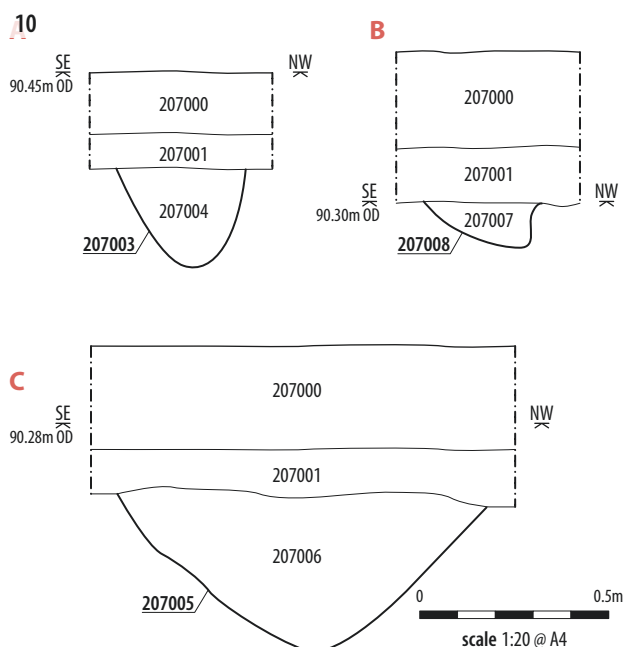
## ILLUS 9

Trench 206, S facing section through ring ditch [206005] and linear [206012]

## ILLUS 10

Trench 207 **A**) NE facing section through ring ditch [207003]; **B**) NE facing section through linear [207008]; **C**) NE facing section through ditch [207005]

eastern entrance to the feature (at odds with the other ring-ditches encountered in this area). Of interest is the presence of internal features within the ring-ditch. Two pits [215014 and 215024] measuring c.0.70m in diameter survived to a depth of c.0.10m, suggesting a degree of truncation. Mesolithic flint tools were present within the pit fills [215015 and 215025] along with middle to late Iron Age pottery in the case of [215025]. Two smaller pits [215012 and 215018] in close proximity contained no dateable material.



Although the Mesolithic material recovered from [215014] and [215024] is potentially residual, its presence, along with the material recovered from the adjacent Trench 214, suggests that Mesolithic activity was occurring at this location, albeit not necessarily associated with the features from which the material was recovered.

Two further potential ring-ditches were identified within the trench. Curvilinear features [215005] and [215032] are likely to relate to each other and represent a ring-ditch measuring c.9m in diameter. Truncating and therefore post-dating ditch [215032] was curvilinear feature [215034] which appears to correspond to feature [215022] itself a later re-cut of ditch [215020].

The close proximity and intercutting of ring-ditches within Trench 215 suggests that the features represent episodes of repair and re-excavation of the ditches, suggesting a settlement existing beyond a single generation.

Bisecting the trench on a NW-SE alignment, linear [215003] appears to represent a boundary ditch post-dating the settlement activity. A slot excavated through the feature revealed a steep-sided profile terminating in a rounded base. Measuring 0.94m in width and 0.53m in depth, geophysical survey suggests that the ditch extends south-east into Trench 205 and follows a parallel alignment to ditch [212023] identified to the west. The ditches, which contained middle to late Iron Age pottery potentially represent land division post-dating the settlement site. Parallel and to the south-west of [215003] a further ditch [215009] potentially served the same function.

An extension to the trench intended to further expose [215003] identified a further linear [215036] on a NE-SW alignment which had been truncated by [215003]. The dark grey silty clay fill [215037] contained sherds of pottery dating to the middle to late Iron Age. Two potential post-holes [215040 and 215042] and a further linear [215038] on a parallel alignment to [215036] were also identified within the trench extension, however, these features were not excavated.

identified within the fill [214003] of the terminus, but their discovery alongside Iron Age pottery suggests that they are residual.

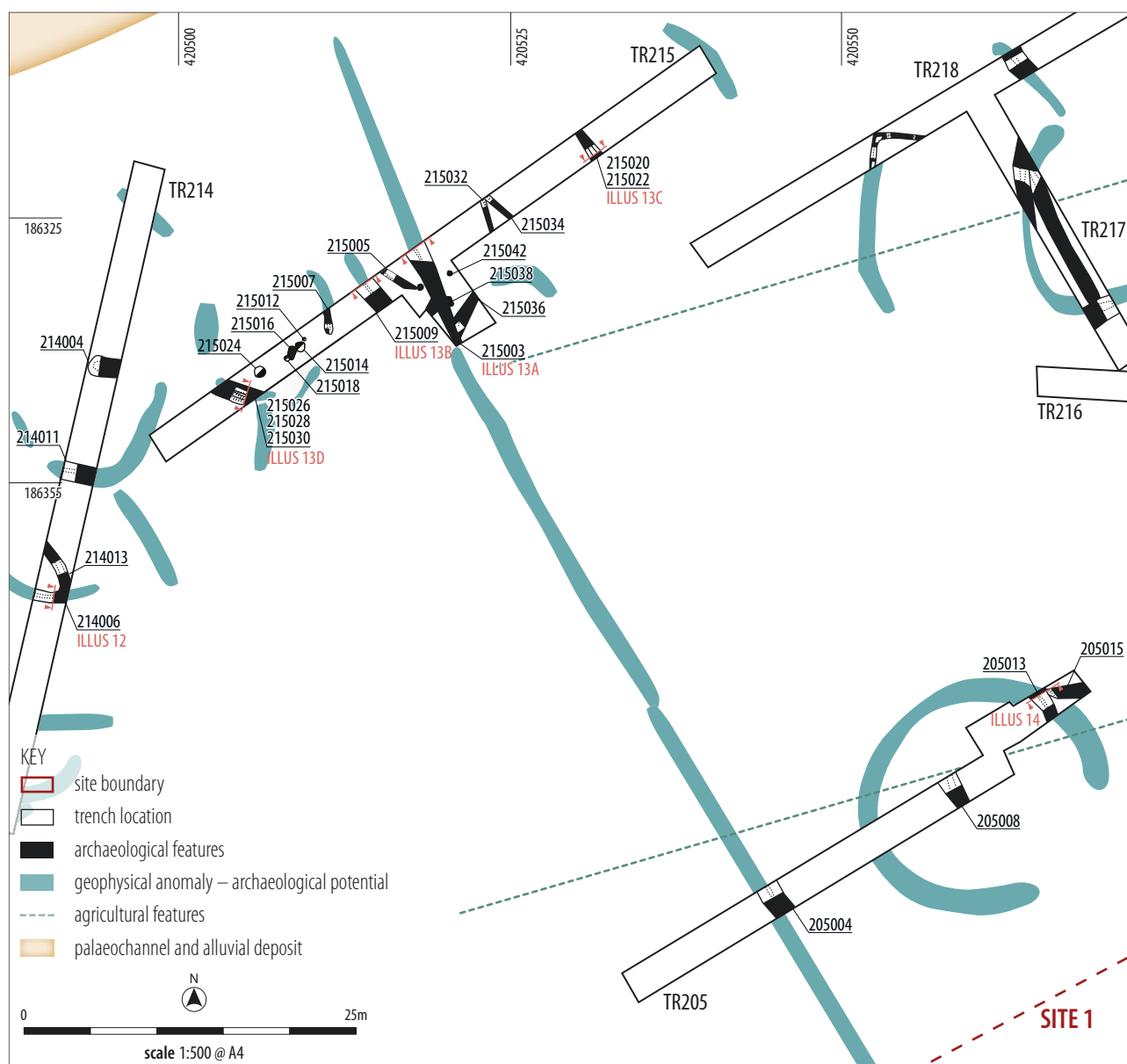
A curvilinear ditch [214006] towards the south of the trench may represent a further ring-ditch. The feature measured 1.08m in width by 0.55m in depth and was filled by a dark brown/black clay silt [214005] containing abundant charcoal and pottery dating to the Iron Age. Projecting from feature [214006] on a NW-SE orientation was curvilinear ditch [214013] potentially representing the truncated remains of a further ring-ditch.

## Trench 215

### Illus 11 and Illus 13

Trench 215 revealed a continuation of the ring-ditch activity. Curvilinear features [215026, 215028 and 215030] appeared to represent the cutting and re-cutting of a ring-ditch. Feature [215007] represents a terminus to the same ditch, but indicates an





ILLUS 11

Site 1 – plan of Trenches 205, 214 and 215

The geophysical survey readings appeared to suggest more fragmentary features in this area, however, excavation identified a high density of substantial features. A potential cause for the disparity in results is the close proximity of the palaeochannel and the likely overbank flooding which appears to have resulted in the deposition of a layer of alluvium [215002] over the features and led to the partial masking of geophysical responses.

### Trench 205

#### ILLUS 11 and ILLUS 14

Trench 205 targeted a geophysical anomaly representing a possible ring-ditch approximately 20m in diameter. A ditch [205013] measuring 1.25m in width by 0.46m in depth was identified towards the north-east of the trench. No dateable material was found within the fills [205011 and 205012]. The subsequent re-cut [205010] of the ring-ditch also truncated an undated linear feature [205015] located to the east of the ring-ditch.

The return of the ring-ditch was not identified in the location suggested by geophysical survey, however a 0.46m deep linear

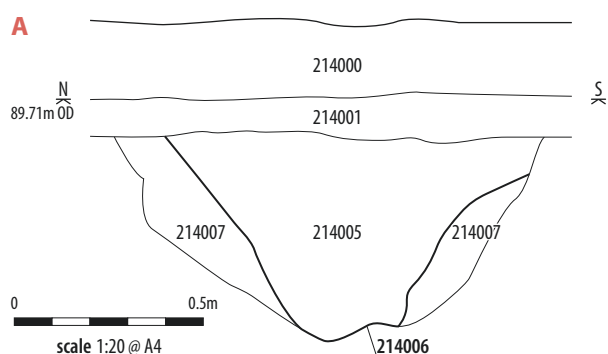
feature [205008] containing Romano-British pottery was excavated within the interior of the postulated ring-ditch. The interpretation of the geophysical data would appear to be erroneous at this location, with the presence of a broad (2.66m) and relatively shallow ditch containing Romano-British pottery at odds with the suggested presence of an Iron Age ring-ditch.

Towards the south-west of the trench a 0.50m deep linear feature [205004] believed to represent the continuation of feature [215003] was identified.

### Trench 219

#### ILLUS 15 and ILLUS 16

Trench 219 targeted an apparent ring-ditch measuring c.16m in diameter as identified by the geophysical survey. Ditch [219011] measured 1.56m in width and 0.30m in depth. A single sherd of



middle to late Iron Age pottery was recovered from the primary fill [219010]. The return of the ring-ditch expected to be present to the west was not identified.

To the east of [219011] was a 4m long curvilinear feature [219006] measuring 0.60m in width and 0.33m in depth. The feature terminated within the trench to the east and west and is of unknown function. Fired clay and pottery of middle to late Iron Age date was recovered from the fill [219005]. The location of a north-south orientated v-shaped ditch [219004] to the east of [219006] correlated with a linear geophysical anomaly. The feature, which contained late Iron Age pottery potentially represents a boundary.

#### *Trench 218*

**Illus 15 and Illus 17**

A potential ring gully identified by geophysical survey was not identified at the north-eastern end of Trench 218, however a shallow (0.13m) linear [218019] feature measuring 0.50m in width was found 2.70m to the south-west of its postulated location.

Feature [218006] represented a substantial ditch on a NW-SE orientation. The steep sided, 1.40m wide feature was cut through bedrock to a depth of 0.75m. The lower fill [218005] of the ditch contained pottery dating to the middle to late Iron Age.

Towards the western end of Trench 218 a possible beam slot or foundation trench was identified [218020]. The linear feature turned 90° within the confines of the trench suggesting the NW corner of a structure. The feature measured c.0.30m in width and varied in

#### **ILLUS 12**

Trench 214 **A)** W facing section through ring ditch [214006]; **B)** E facing section through ring ditch [214006];

depth between 0.12m and 0.20m. The single, uniform fill [218007] of the feature comprised a mid-yellow silty clay with grey hue containing sherds of middle to late Iron Age pottery.

#### *Trench 217*

**Illus 15 and Illus 18**

Trench 217 targeted the location of a well-defined ring-ditch identified by geophysical survey. Excavation revealed the ditch to measure 0.55m in depth in the north of the trench [217004] and 0.70m in depth to the south [217009]. Not identified by geophysical survey, but present for a distance of c.11m within the evaluation trench was a linear feature [217007] apparently confined within the extent of the ring-ditch. The feature, which stratigraphically predated the ring-ditch measured 1.10m in width and 0.57m in depth. Worked lithics including a potential scraper broadly dated to the prehistoric period were recovered from the upper fill [217005].

#### *Trench 216*

**Illus 15**

Trench 216 targeted a region of weak geophysical responses possibly indicating the presence of ring-ditches. A north-south aligned linear [216004] measuring 0.35m in width and 0.23m in depth was identified. middle to late Iron Age pottery was recovered from the fill [216003].

At the eastern end of the trench a possible ditch terminus was identified [216006]. The feature, which contained middle to late Iron Age pottery, measured 0.57m in width and survived to a depth of 0.25m.

The location of the linear features [216004 and 216006] identified within Trench 216 did not correspond with the expected positions of the ring-ditches identified by geophysical survey.

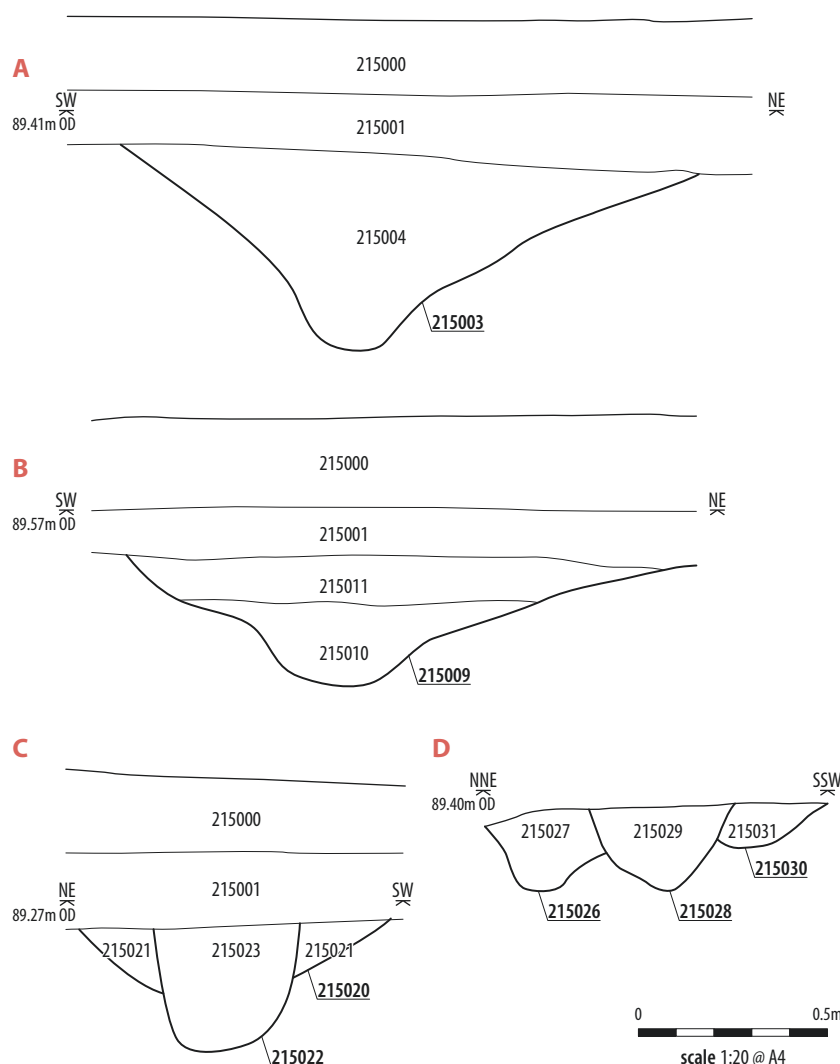
#### *Trench 224*

**Illus 15 and Illus 19**

Located at the western end of Trench 224, two substantial curvilinear features, interpreted as representing a ring-ditch measuring c.18m in diameter were identified. Two slots [224005 and 224010] excavated through the feature revealed a steep sided ditch 1.60–1.80m in width and extending to a depth of 0.75m. A moderate quantity of pottery dating to the middle to late Iron Age was recovered from the fills [224003, 224004 and 224008]. An apparently straight linear feature [224012] passed through the interior of the ring-ditch on a NE-SW alignment. The feature, which measured 0.23m in depth, contained pottery dating to the middle to late Iron Age, however, its relationship to the ring-ditch is unknown.

To the east of the ring-ditch were three parallel linear features on a NE-SW orientation. Gully [224033] measured 0.70m in width and 0.20m in depth and was truncated to the north-east by a

ILLUS 13



Trench 215 **A**) SE facing section through linear [215003]; **B**) SE facing section through linear [215009]; **C**) NW facing section through linear [215020]/[215022]; **D**) W facing section through features [215026], [215028] & [215030]

later ring gully [224018]. Gullies [224035 and 224037] measured 0.90m and 0.30m in width respectively. The features which ran adjacent to one another both measured c.0.20m in width and contained pottery dated to the middle to late Iron Age.

Truncating the NE-SW linears was a succession of curvilinear gullies apparently representing the building and rebuilding of a structure on the same spot. The earliest of the features, [224039] measured 0.90m in width by 0.30m in depth and was situated the furthest east. This gully was replaced with [224015] which contained pottery dating to the middle Iron Age and was of similar dimensions to [224039]. Finally, curvilinear [224018] truncated both the former curvilinear gullies and the earlier NE-SW linear features. The feature measured 0.70m in width by 0.28m in depth and contained pottery dating to the middle to late Iron Age.

Located immediately to the east of the curvilinear gullies, a small pit [224030] and a post-hole [224007] were identified beneath an apparent flood deposit [224013]. The flood deposit consisted of a dark brown/black silty clay which contained animal bone and Iron Age pottery. Flooding in this area is likely to relate to the presence of the adjacent palaeochannel [224026] which was apparently an active watercourse during the life of the settlement.

### 4.3 SITE 2

Site 2 is characterised by the presence of a linear development of potential dwellings along the southern and eastern boundaries of the evaluation area.

Archaeological features were identified at a depth of between 0.30m and 0.40m beneath a mid-orange/brown silty clay subsoil e.g. [113001] overlain by a dark grey/black silty clay topsoil e.g. [113000].

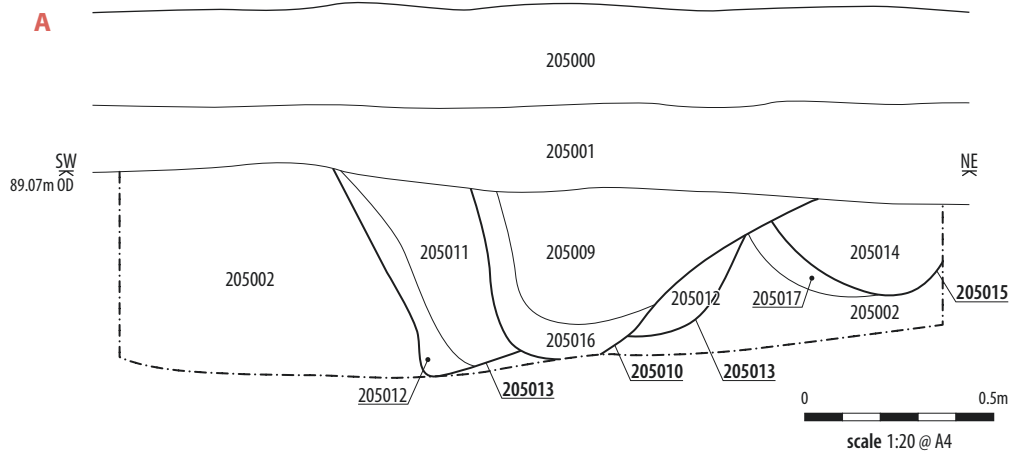
### Trench 092

Illus 20 and Illus 21

Trench 092 identified the presence of two ring-ditches. Linear [092010] measured 0.88m in width and survived to a depth of 0.30m, a small pit feature [092012] containing Iron Age pottery appeared to truncate the feature on its eastern edge. The ditch, which considering the results of the geophysical survey represents a circular ring-ditch, returns in the form of [092022], giving the ring-ditch a diameter of c.12m. Ditch

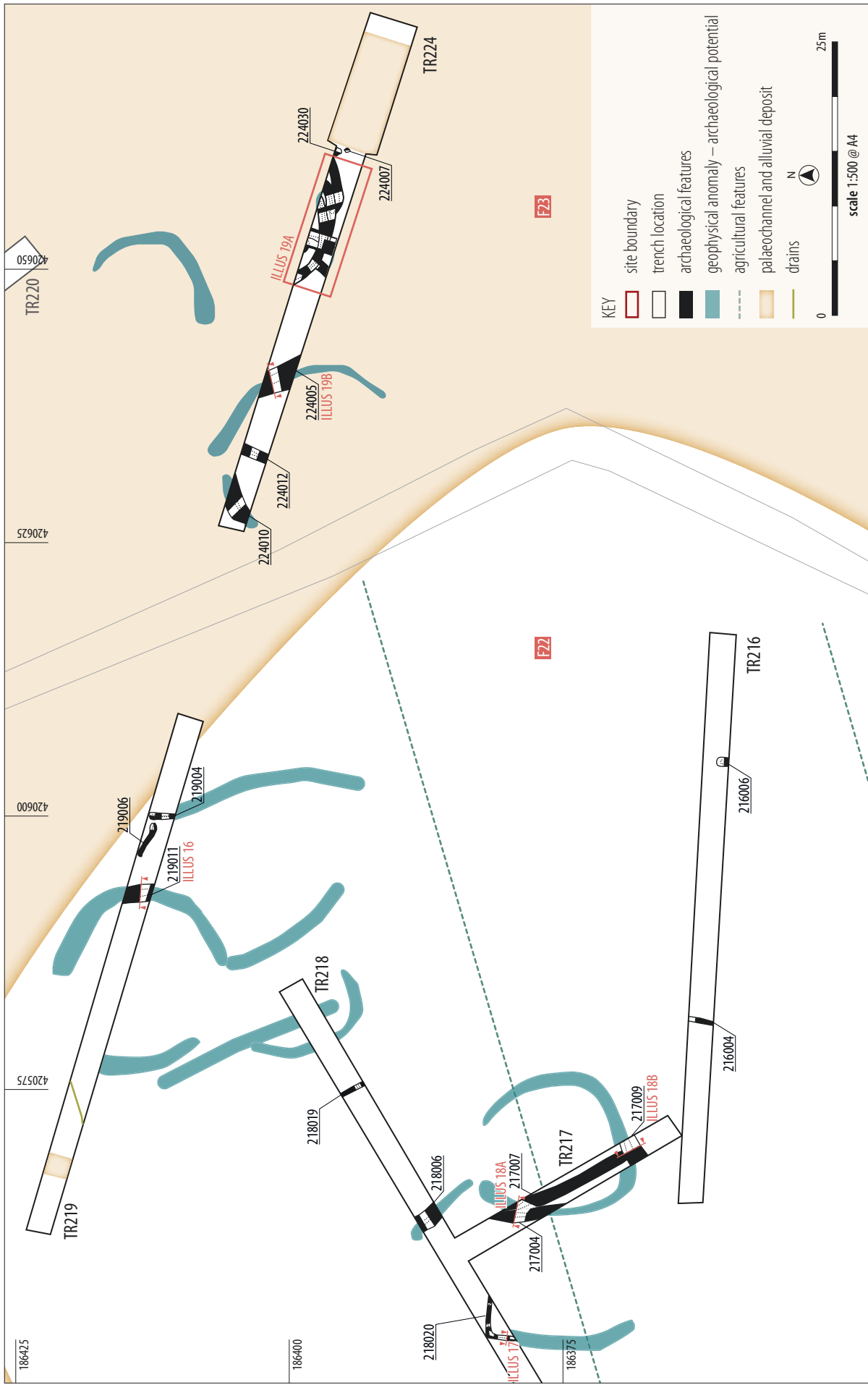






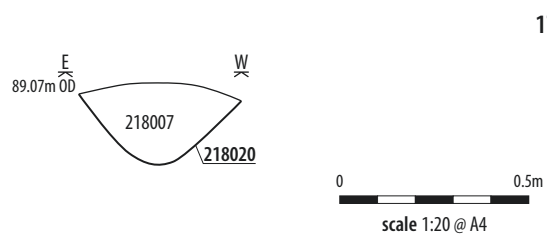
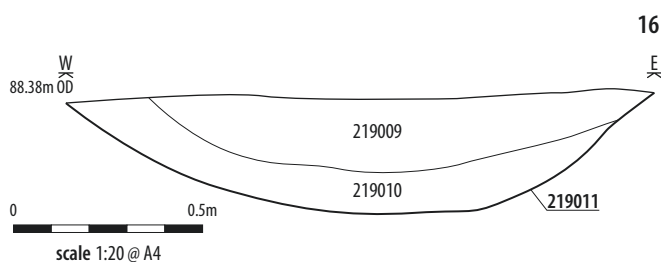
ILLUS 14

Trench 205 **A)** SE facing section through ring ditch [205013]/[205010] and linear [205015]; **B)** SE facing section through linear [205008]



ILLUS 15  
Site 1 – plan of Trenches 216–219 and 224





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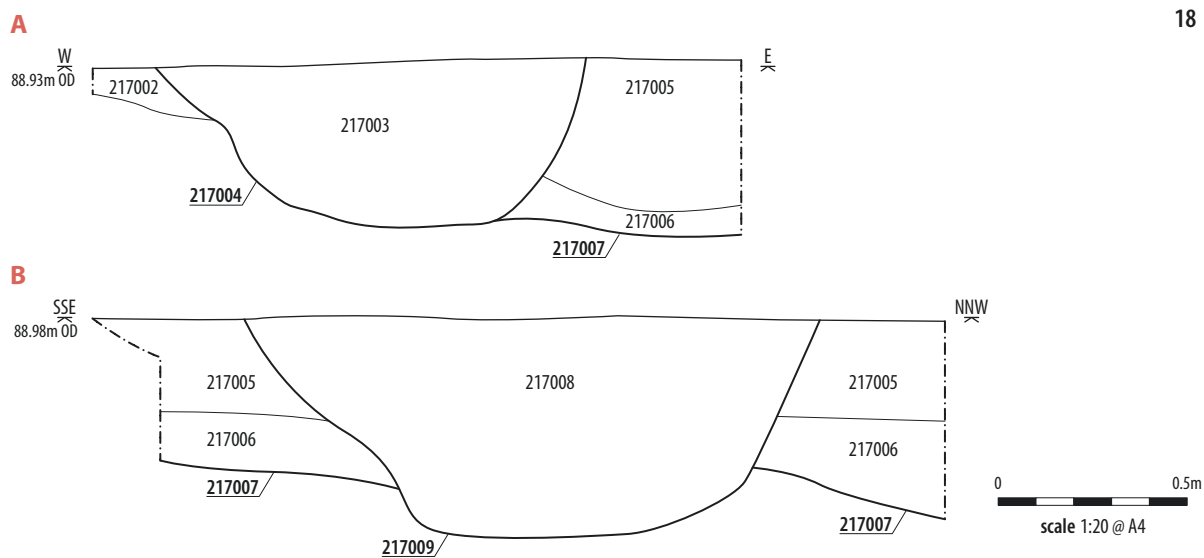
Trench 219; S facing section through ditch [219011]

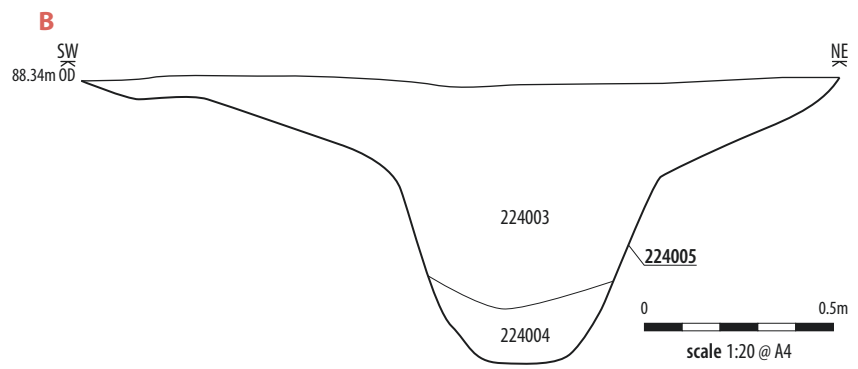
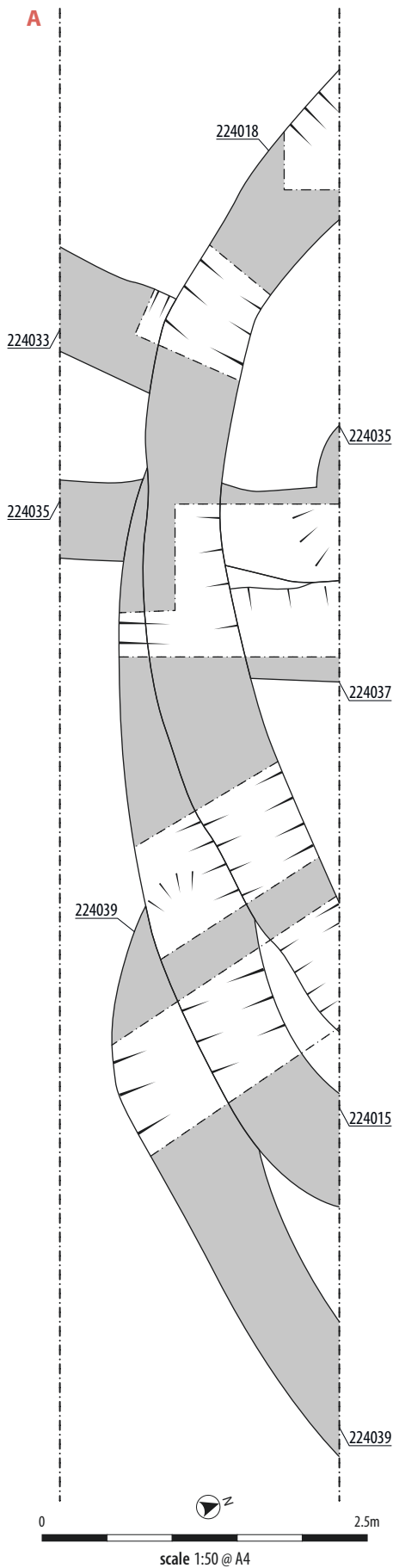
#### ILLUS 17

Trench 218 **A**) N facing section through linear [218020]; **B**) SE facing section through linear [218006]; **C**) Section through feature [218020]

#### ILLUS 18

Trench 217 **A**) S facing section through ring-ditch [217004] and linear [217007]; **B**) NE facing section through ring-ditch [217009]

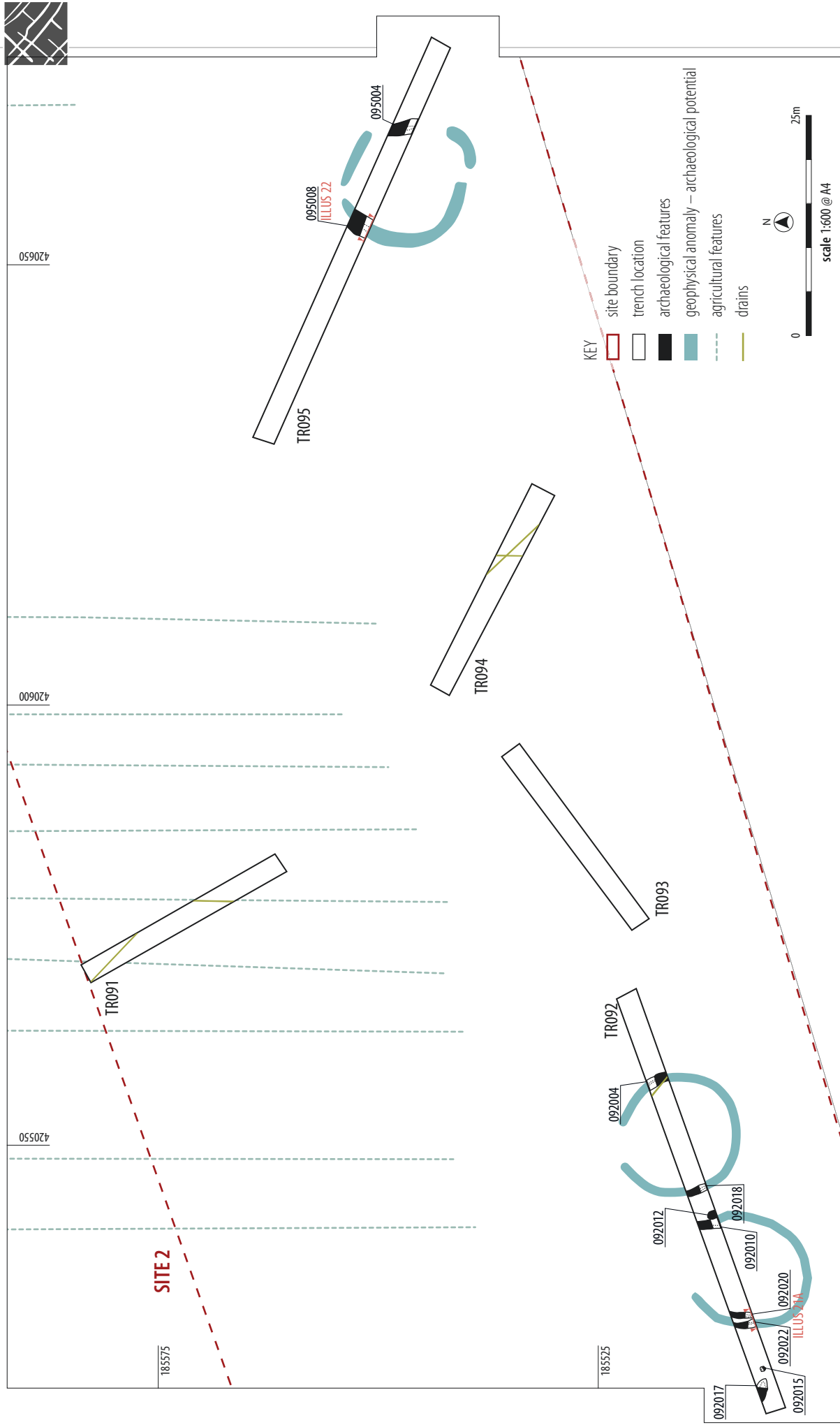




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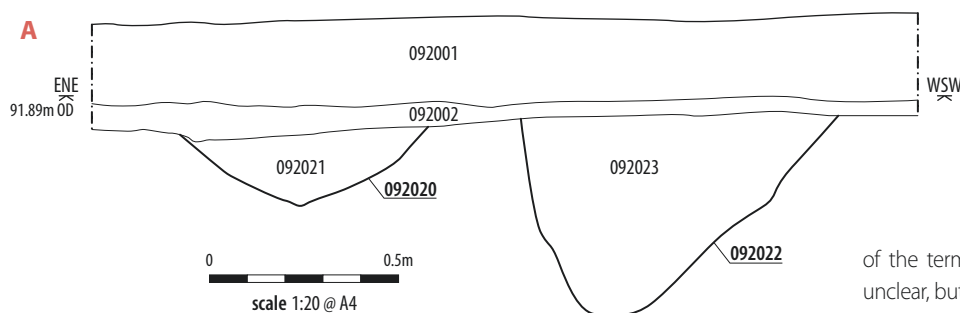
**A**) Trench 224 **B**) SE facing section through ring-ditch [224005]; **C**) S facing section through palaeochannel [224026]; **D**) E facing section through [224018] and [224037]





ILLUS 20

Site 2 – Plan of Trenches 091–095



ILLUS 21

Trench 092 **A**) N facing section through ring-ditch [092022] and curvilinear [092020]; **B**) S facing section through ring-ditch [092004]

of the terminus. The purpose of the features is unclear, but potentially they relate to the entrance way for a further ring-ditch, neither appeared to be associated with geophysical anomalies.



## Trench 095

Illus 20 and Illus 22

A ring-ditch measuring approximately 15m in diameter was identified at the south-eastern end of Trench 095. Ditch [095008] exhibited a regular profile with approximately 45° sides to a flat base. Measuring 3m in width, the ditch contained three fills [095005, 095006 and 095007] terminating at a depth of 0.85m. The return of the ditch [095004] exhibited a similar profile containing a single uniform fill inclusive of sherds of Iron Age pottery and a dog humerus fragment [095003].

[092020] situated immediately to the east of [092022] measured 0.20m in depth and respected the curve of the ring-ditch, suggesting that the features were broadly contemporaneous. To the north-east, a further ring-ditch of similar dimensions was identified in the form of ditches [092018] and [092004]. Ditch [092018] measured 0.94m in width and exhibited a stepped profile down to a depth of 0.27m. Romano-British pottery was recovered from the dark grey silty clay fill [092019]. The corresponding ditch [092004] measured 1.32m in width and was filled with a humic rich fill [092006] containing pottery dating to the Iron Age.

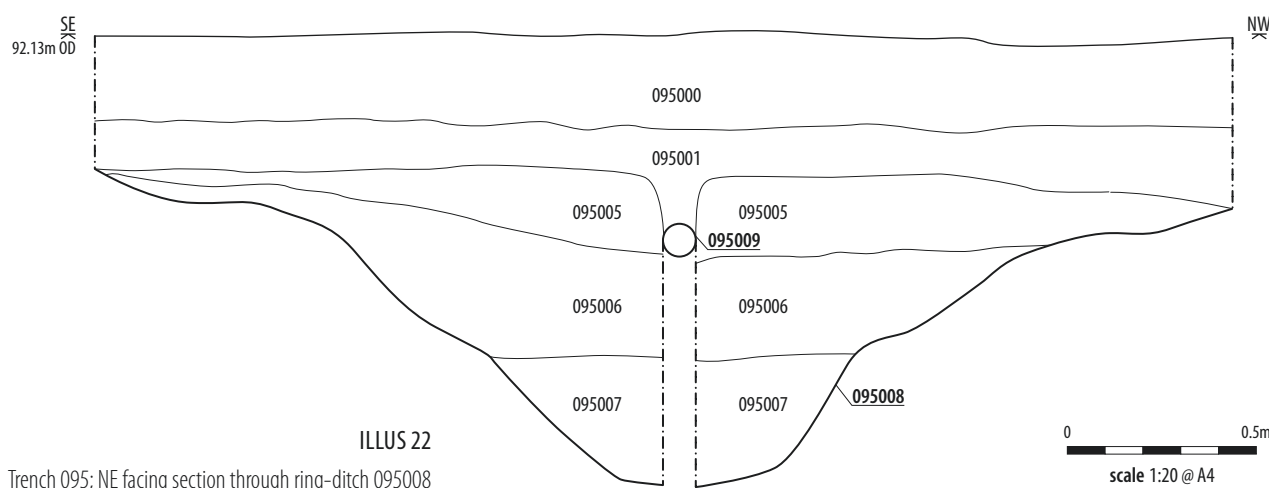
At the western end of the trench, a possible ditch terminus was identified. The feature [092017] which measured 1m in width and extended to a depth of 0.35m contained a large quantity of animal bone within its fill [092016] along with pottery dating to the Iron Age. A small pit [092015] measuring 0.50m in diameter was situated immediately to the east

## Trench 109

Illus 23 and Illus 24

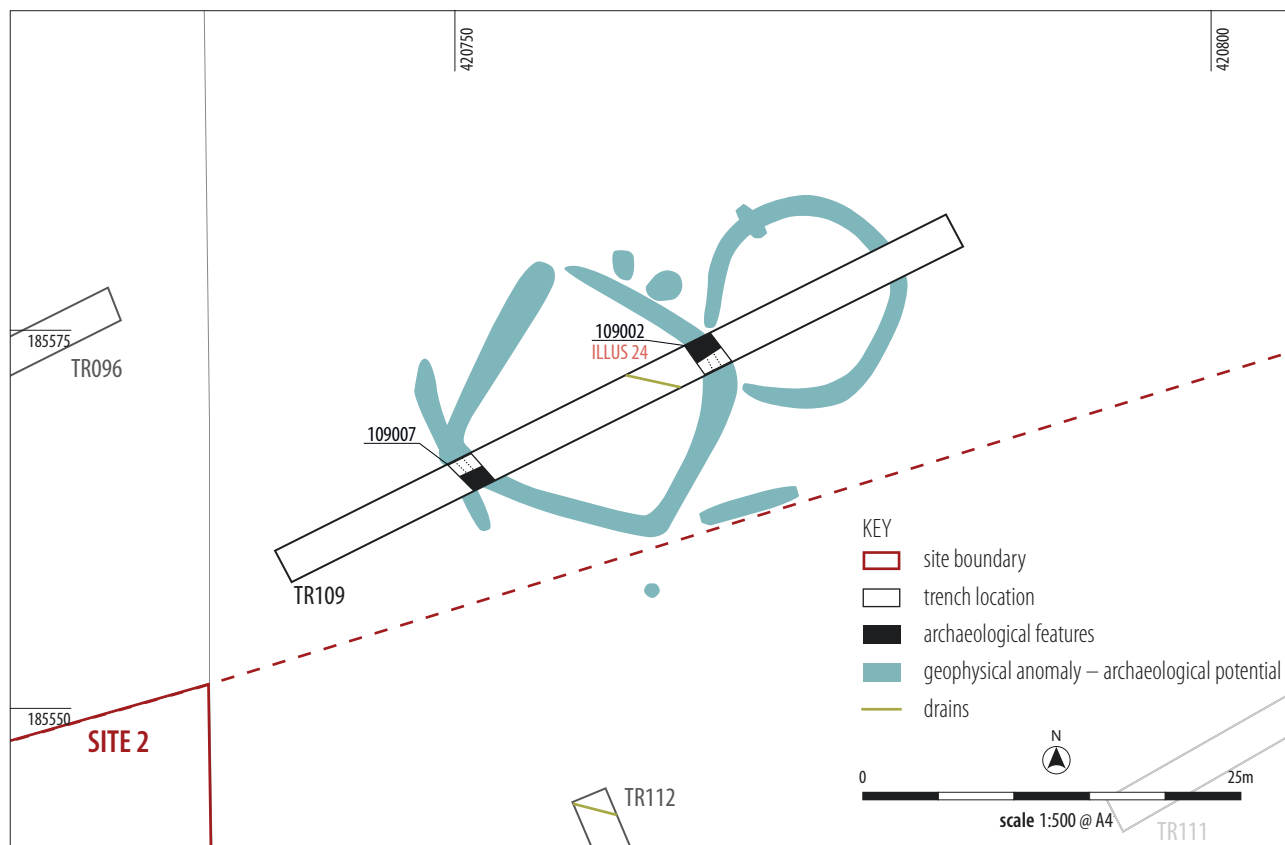
The geophysical survey results from Trench 109 suggested the presence of a sub-square enclosure measuring c.16m in width. A slot excavated through the eastern side of this enclosure [109002] revealed a broad based ditch measuring 1.85m in width and 0.67m in depth. The multiple fills [109003–006] contained flint debitage and pottery dating to the Iron Age. The western ditch of the enclosure [109007] was of corresponding dimensions but contained no dateable material. The enclosure was of dimensions closely approximating to those of feature [206005] in Site 1, and it is likely that the enclosures share a similar function and date.

A potential ring-ditch apparent on the geophysical survey to the east of the sub-square enclosure was not identified during the evaluation.



ILLUS 22

Trench 095; NE facing section through ring-ditch 095008



## ILLUS 23

Site 2 – Plan of Trench 109

## Trench 105

Illus 25 and Illus 26

A further sub-square enclosure was targeted with the excavation of a cross-shaped trench. Consequently four sections were observed through the revealed enclosure. Its ditch was consistently steeper on the outer edge and exhibited a more gradual profile on the interior. The ditch varied in depth from 0.59m in the east [105025] to 0.97m in the north [105010]. Small quantities of Iron Age pottery were recovered from slots [105005] and [105025] and a single sherd of Romano-British pottery was recovered from slot [105019] which appeared to represent a ditch terminus. A dark grey/brown stony clay deposit [105016] identified within the interior of the enclosure contained no cultural material and is likely to represent an area of disturbance caused by the presence of roots.

## Trench 106

Illus 25

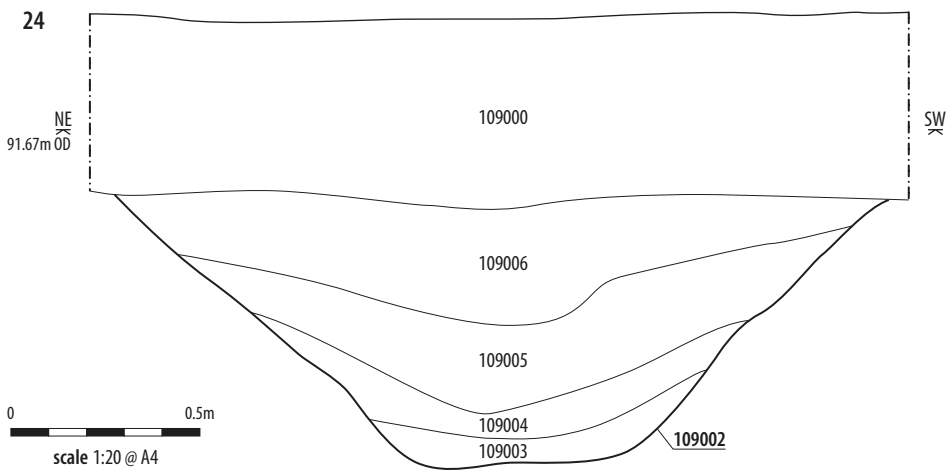
Two adjacent features representing either opposing ditch termini or discrete features extending beyond the bounds of the trench were identified in Trench 106. There was no associated geophysical anomaly. Feature [106003] measured 0.71m in width and was filled with a dark grey clay fill [106004] to a depth of 0.20m. Situated immediately to the east, feature [106005] measured 0.98m in width and contained a mid-brown/red clay [106006] extending to a depth of 0.21m. Early to middle Iron Age pottery was recovered from the deposit.

## Trench 247

Illus 27 and Illus 28

A sub-square enclosure with sides measuring approximately 12m across was identified in Trench 247. Two slots were excavated through the enclosure ditch. The eastern ditch [247003] measured 2.28m in width, 0.73m in depth and contained three fills [247004, 247005 and 247006]. The lower fill [247004] contained a single sherd of Romano-British pottery, with the upper fills [247005 and 257006] containing sherds dating to the middle-late Iron Age. The western side of the enclosure ditch [247010] measured 0.83m in width and 0.55m in depth. In-keeping with [247003], the lower fill [247008] contained Romano-British pottery and the later fills [247011 and 247012] contained pottery dating to the middle to late Iron Age. The stratigraphic inversion suggested by the pottery assemblage may indicate that the enclosure fell out of use during the early Romano-British period and was subsequently in-filled with midden material dating to the Romano-British and earlier periods. Alternatively, the presence of a very small amount of Romano-British pottery within the earlier fill may be intrusive and relate to bioturbation or agricultural processes.

To the west of the enclosure a dark grey band of silty clay bounded by white sand deposit [247016] represented a continuation of the north-south orientated palaeochannel observed in Trenches 241, 243 and 246, and continuing south through Trenches 099 and 100. The channel was machine excavated to a depth of 0.90m, but the base was not identified.



ILLUS 24

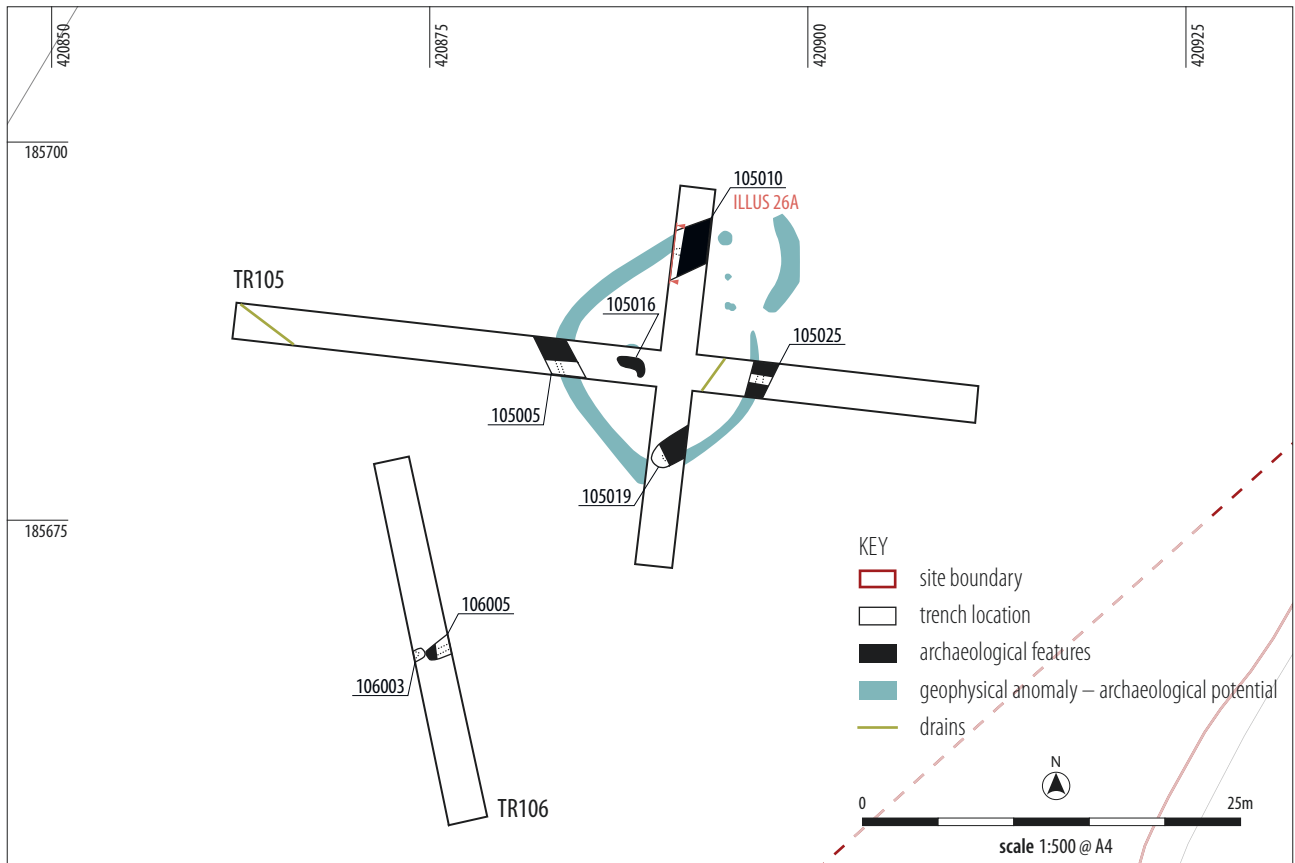
Trench 109; NW facing section through  
enclosure ditch [109002]

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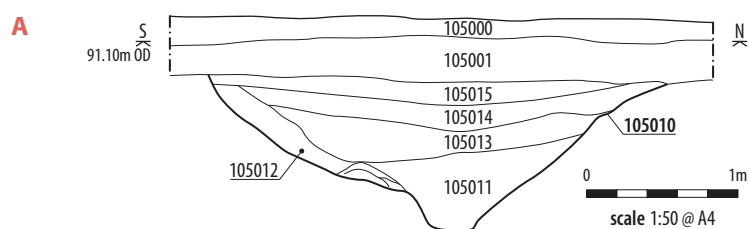
Site 2 – Plan of Trenches 103, 105  
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**ILLUS 26**

Trench 105 **A)** E facing through enclosure ditch [105010]; **B)** N facing section through enclosure ditch [105005]; **C)** SW facing section through enclosure ditch [105019]; **D)** S facing section through enclosure ditch [105025]

## Trench 239

**Illus 29**

Geophysical responses suggest a possible continuation of Site 2 into Trench 239. A curvilinear feature [239003] likely to represent the western extent of a ring-ditch was identified at the eastern end of the trench. Measuring 0.68m in width and 0.26m in depth the feature was filled with a light brown/grey clay [239004] which contained a worked bone object believed to represent a gouge or pin beater. A second curvilinear [239005] represented a re-cut of the earlier ring-ditch.

A NE-SW orientated linear [239007] towards the western end of the trench measured 0.66m in width and 0.22m in depth. No dateable artefacts were recovered from the feature.

## 4.4 SITE 3

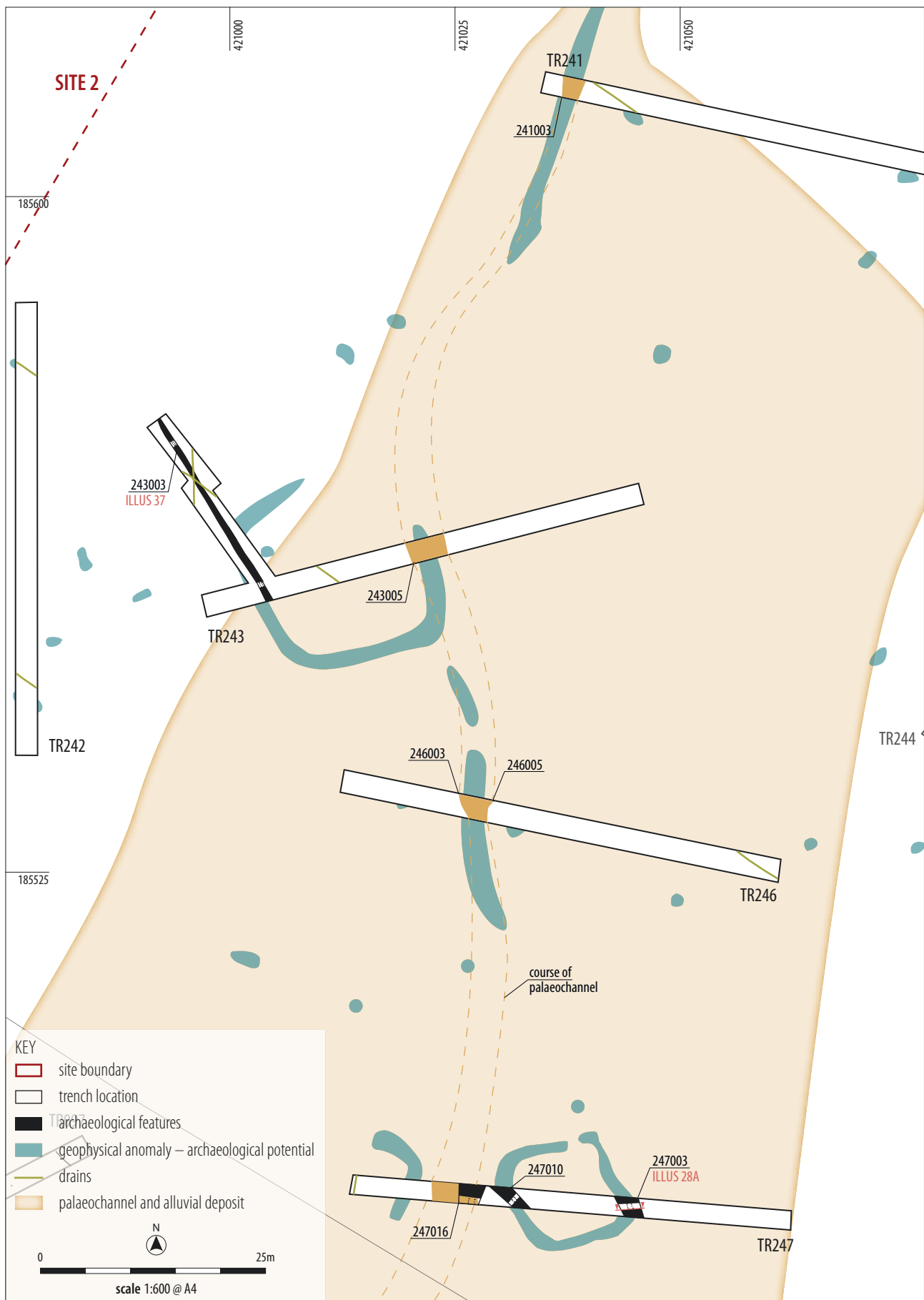
Trenches 168 and 169 targeted the location of a large rectilinear enclosure measuring c.35m x c.45m identified by geophysical survey.

## Trench 169

**Illus 30 and Illus 31**

The north-eastern enclosure ditch [169008] measured 2.64m in width and 0.85m in depth. Pottery dating to the early to middle Iron Age was recovered from fill [169015].

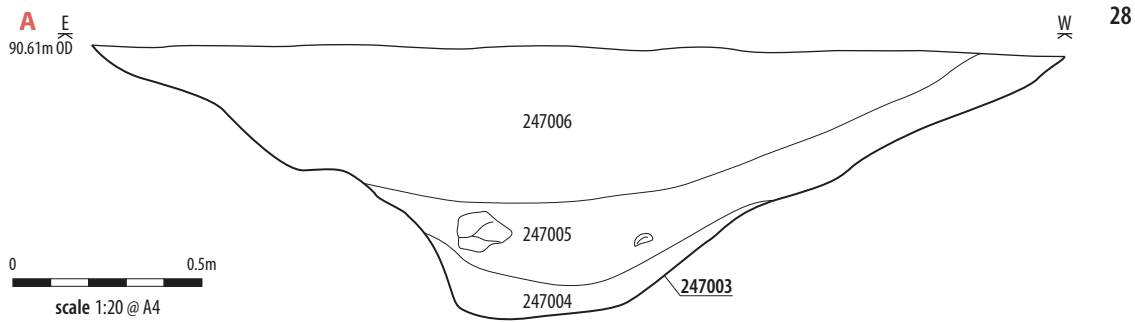
Located to the south of the excavated section and therefore within the interior of the enclosure was a concentration of seven discrete features [169002, 169004, 169006, 169027, 169029, 169031 and 169037] which represent small pits or heavily truncated post-holes. A dense patch of charcoal was identified in pit [169037] and fire-cracked stones were identified in feature [169027]. Truncated by [169027], an irregular feature [169033] was interpreted as a tree throw pit. A flint scraper dating to the late Neolithic to early Bronze Age was recovered from feature [169006]. Towards the south-western end of the trench, a 0.86m wide linear feature [169021] was identified on a northwest-southeast orientation. The feature



ILLUS 27

Site 2 – Plan of Trenches 241–243, 246 and 247



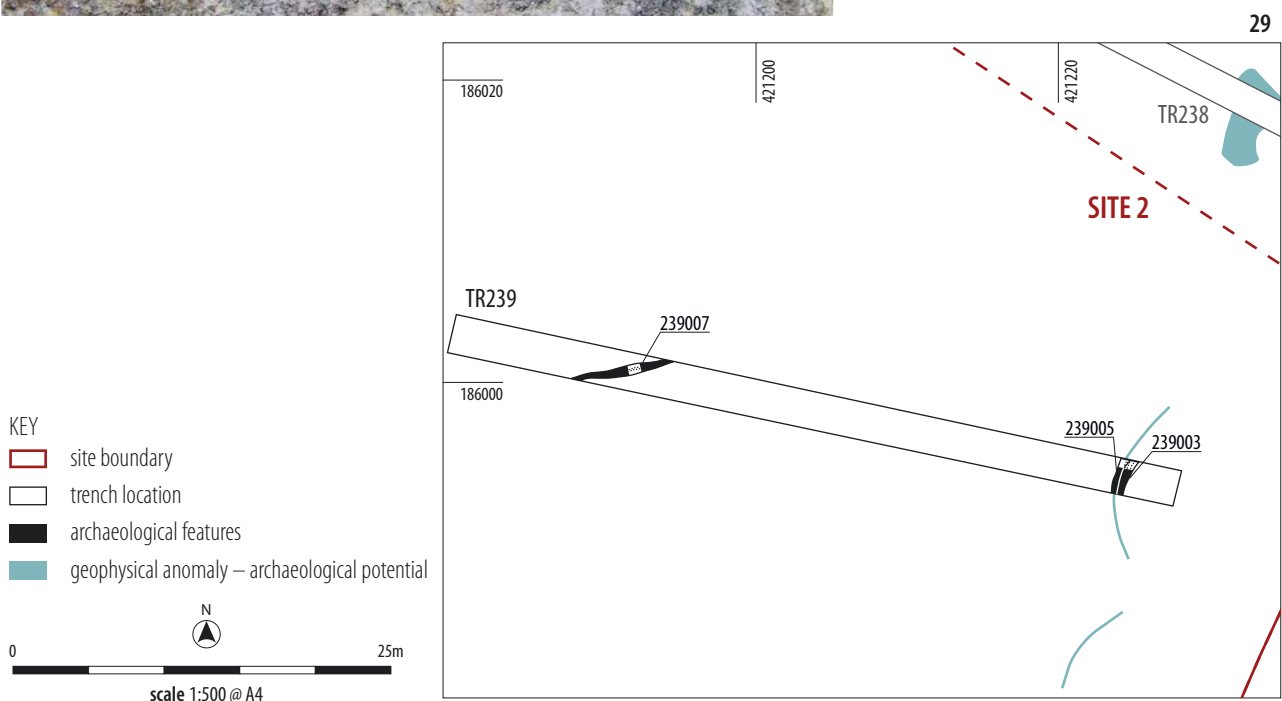


ILLUS 28

Trench 247 **A**) N facing section through enclosure ditch [247003]; **B**) NW facing section through enclosure ditch [247010]

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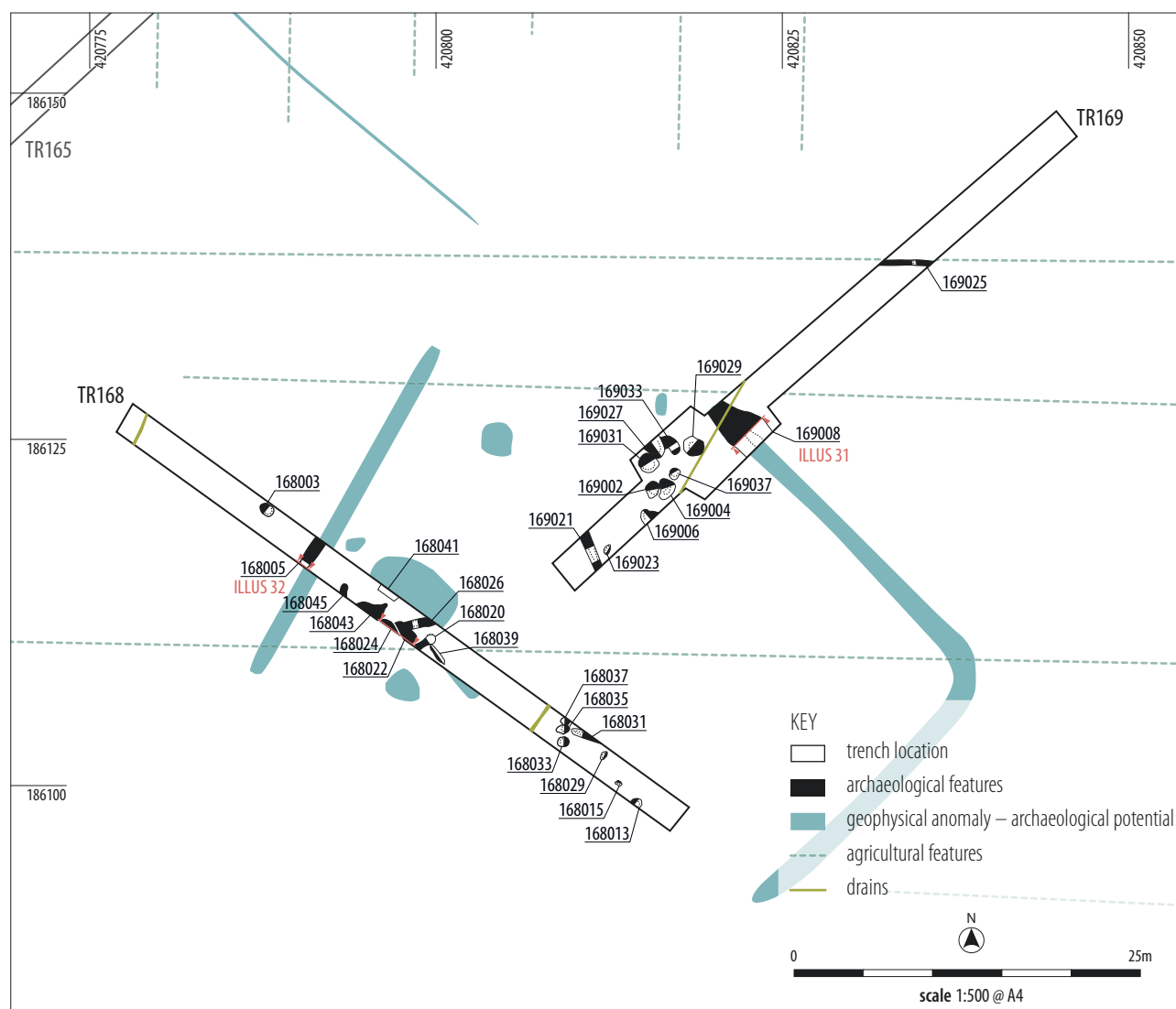
Site 2 – Plan of Trench 239



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- site boundary
- trench location
- archaeological features
- geophysical anomaly – archaeological potential





ILLUS 30

Site 3 – Plan of Trenches 168 and 169

was filled with a light grey/yellow silty clay [169022] containing early to middle Iron Age pottery. Immediately to the east of the linear was a small sub-rectangular pit [169023] measuring 0.81m by 0.54m in plan. No finds were recovered from the feature.

## Trench 168

Illus 30 and Illus 32

Linear feature [168005] appears to delineate the north-western edge of the enclosure. The ditch measured a minimum of 1.90m in width and 0.75m in depth and contained a primary fill [168009] comprising a light blue/grey clay overlain by subsequent flooding deposits [168011, 168012 and 168010]. Due to the presence of encroaching groundwater during excavation, a complete section through the feature was not observed but it appears similar in character to ditch [169008]. The density of features to the south-east of the linear compared to the presence of a single isolated pit [168003] to the north-west suggests that [168005] does indeed enclose the activity in this area. The isolated pit [168003], which measured 1.09m by 0.79m in plan, was filled with a mid-orange/grey clay [168004]

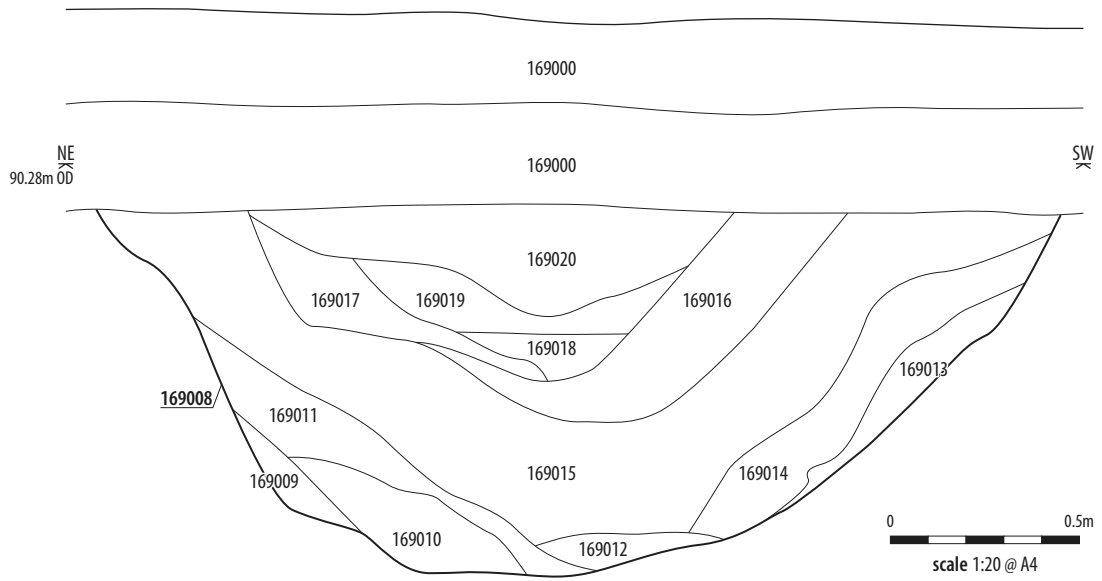
including a dense concentration of charcoal and burnt animal bone fragments towards the top of the deposit.

A concentration of amorphous features was identified to the south-east of ditch [168005], associated with geophysical anomalies. Features [168022, 168024 and 168043] were irregular in plan and of uncertain function. All three features extended beyond the south-western limit of the trench and contained no dateable material. Linear [168026] was orientated E-W and measured 0.92m in width and 0.08m in depth. A further linear [168020] entered the trench from the south-west and appeared to terminate within the trench. This feature, which measured 0.63m in width and 0.17m in depth, contained no dateable material. A rectangular feature [168041] extended beyond the limits of the trench to the north-east. The feature measured 1.62m by 0.48m+ in plan and the light brown/grey sandy clay fill [168042] extended to a depth of 0.26m, the feature contained no artefacts and its purpose is unknown.

To the west of the concentration of features a human burial [168045] was identified (Illus 32a). An articulated skeleton on a N-S



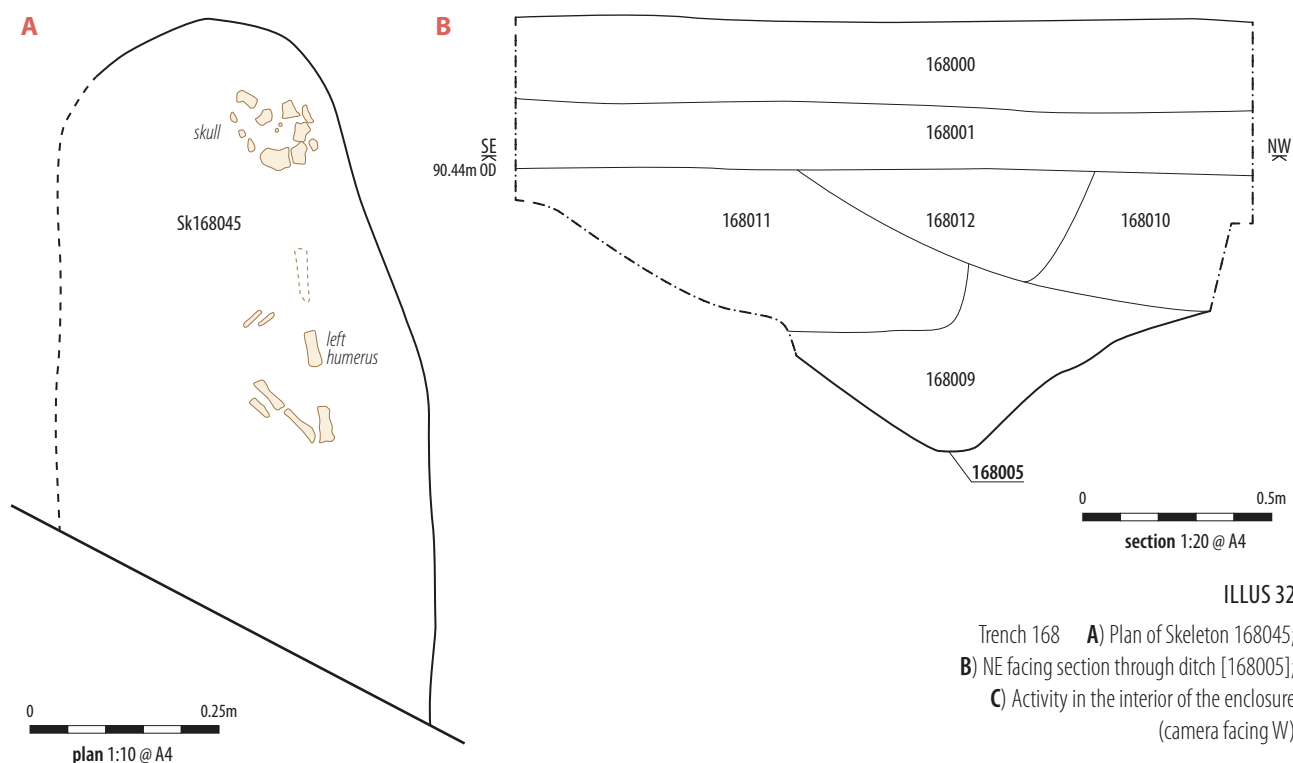
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ILLUS 31

Trench 169 **A)** N facing section through enclosure ditch 169008; **B)** Linear 169021 (camera facing NE); **C)** NE facing section through pit 169027; **D)** Pit activity on interior of enclosure (camera facing N)





The shallow depth of the features (0.07–0.12m) suggests that they had been heavily truncated by later agricultural activity and a lack of consistency in the size and shape of the features suggests that they do not represent post-holes. The terminal end of a linear feature [168031] was identified to the east of pit [168035]. The feature, which measured 2.11m+ by 0.57m in plan and survived to a depth of 0.12m was filled with a mid-grey/brown sandy clay [169032] in common with the adjacent pit features. Of the pit features only [168029] contained dateable material – a single sherd of Iron Age pottery.

#### 4.5 ISOLATED TRENCHES CONTAINING EVIDENCE FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL ACTIVITY

orientation was present at a depth of 0.52m below ground level at the subsoil/natural interface. The skeleton was located within a grave cut which extended beyond the trench to the south, leaving the torso and head present within the evaluation trench. An osteological examination of the exposed parts of the burial identified the presence of a fragmented skull, left humerus, ulna and radius, and the upper ribs on the left side. The skeleton was buried in a supine, apparently extended position with its head to the north. The surface preservation of the bone was assessed as being good. The skeleton was not excavated and was covered with plastic sheeting to protect the remains prior to backfilling.

Further discrete features [168013, 168015, 168029, 168033, 168035, and 168037] were identified at the south-eastern end of Trench 168.

#### Field 21 Illus 33

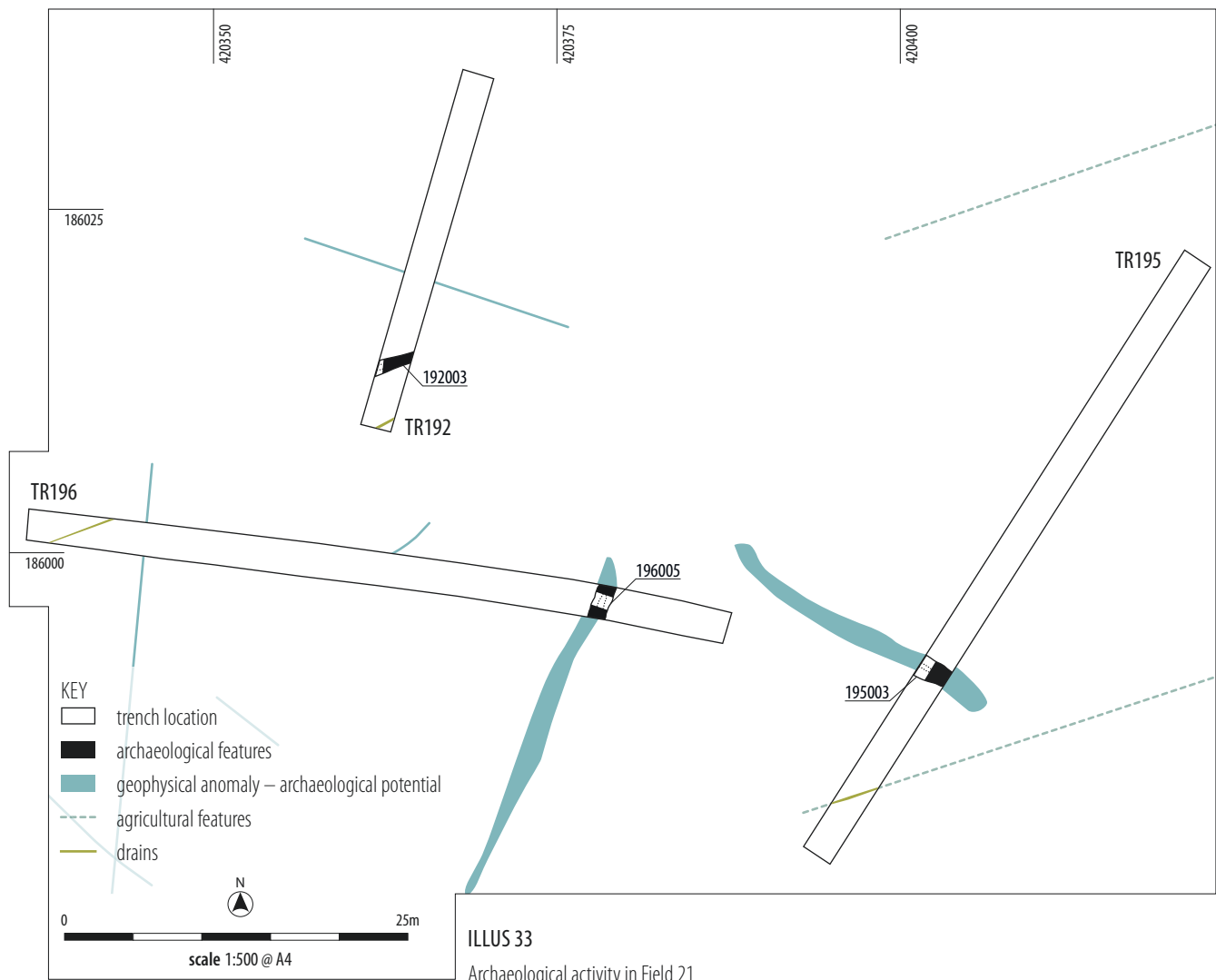
##### Trench 192

A 0.92m wide ditch [192003] on an east-west orientation was identified at the southern end of the trench. The light grey silty clay fill [192004] extended to a depth of 0.37, but no dateable materials were recovered.

##### Trench 195

A linear feature [195003] measuring 1.58m in width and 0.28m in depth was present on a NW-SE orientation at the southern end of the trench. The broad, shallow feature contained two fills. Deposit [195004], a light grey/yellow silty clay contained a single sherd of





pottery dating to the Early to Middle Iron Age. The overlying deposit [195005] consisted of a dark brown clay loam and contained a flint scraper dating to the late Neolithic to early Bronze Age.

#### Trench 196

A ditch [196005] possibly forming the return of [195003] was identified at the eastern end of Trench 196. The feature measured 1.11m in width and 0.47m in depth and contained two fills, one of which [196003] contained pottery sherds dating to the Iron Age.

#### Trench 227 (Field 23)

##### Illus 34

A linear feature [227009] on a SE-NW alignment was identified at the south-western end of Trench 227. The feature measured 1.66m in width and contained a mid-grey/yellow silty clay fill [227010] measuring 0.24m in depth. A circular pit feature [227007] was situated to the north-east of feature [227009]. The pit, which measured 1.06m in diameter and 0.26m in depth was filled with a mid-orange/brown silty clay [227008] containing a significant amount (40 sherds) of pottery dating to the middle to late Iron Age.

A curvilinear feature located to the north-east of [227008] potentially represents a ring gully similar in form to those identified within Site

1 to the north. The feature, which terminated within the trench measured 0.64m in width and 0.14m in depth. Two sherds of middle to late Iron Age pottery were recovered from the fill [227006].

#### Trench 162 (Field 18)

##### Illus 35

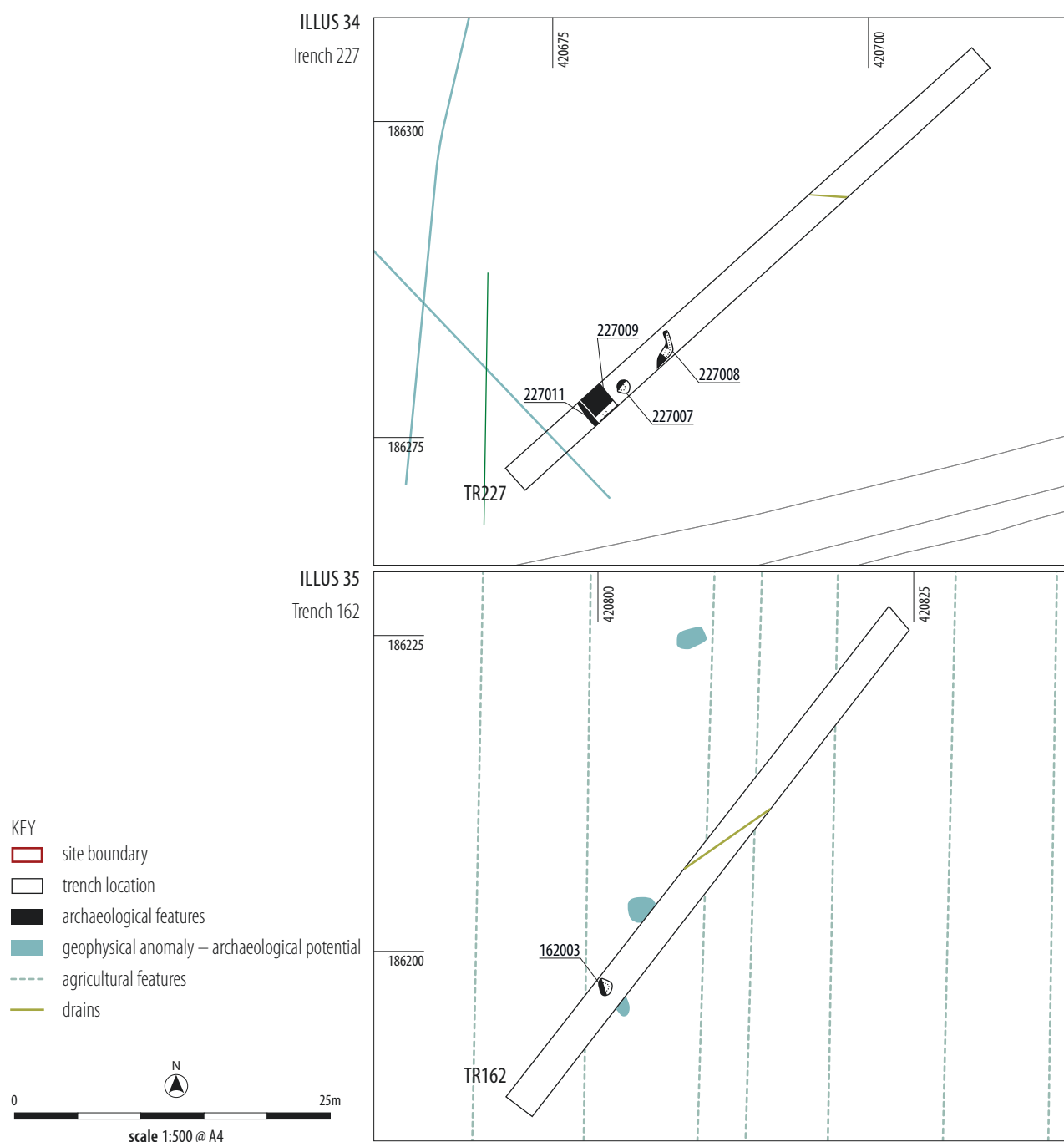
A shallow pit [162003] was identified to the north of Site 3. The feature, measuring c.1m in diameter and 0.23m in depth and contained a charcoal rich fill [162005] suggesting that the feature may have been a fire pit.

#### Field 25

##### Illus 36

#### Trench 257

The terminus of a linear feature [257005] measuring 0.82m in width was identified at the southern end of Trench 257. The NW-SE orientated feature measured 0.38m in depth. The two fills [257006 and 257007] contained occasional charcoal inclusions but no dateable artefacts. A partially exposed feature [257003] extended into the north-western side of the trench. The semi-circular feature measured 1.10m in width and contained a dark orange/grey gravelly clay fill [257004] devoid of cultural material.



### Trench 259

Two undated N-S orientated linear features were identified in Trench 259. Linear [259003] was located towards the centre of the trench and measured 0.85m in width. The feature was filled with a light blue/grey sandy clay [259004] to a depth of 0.22m. Towards the eastern end of the trench a broad (2.62m), shallow (0.30m) linear [259005] is likely to represent a former field boundary.

### Trench 261

A single linear feature [261003] on a N-S orientation was identified at the centre point of the trench. Measuring 1.32m in width and 0.42m in depth, no dateable material was recovered. The feature potentially represents an agricultural furrow.

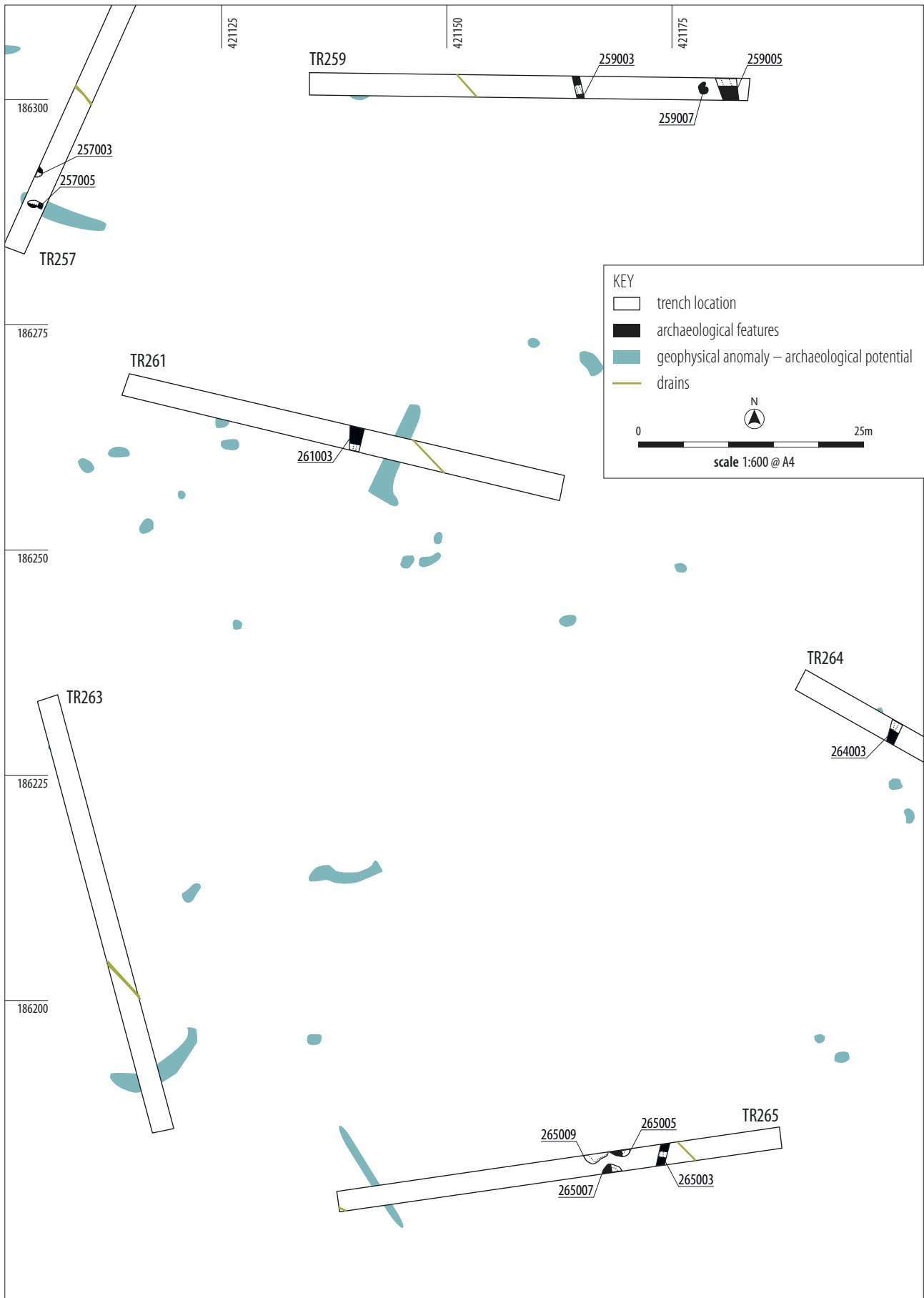
### Trench 264

An undated linear feature [264003] of similar dimensions to [261003]

was identified on a NE-SW orientation at the north-western end of Trench 264. The feature is likely to represent a plough furrow.

### Trench 265

The likely continuation of feature [264003] is present within Trench 265. Linear [265003] measured 1.46m in width and 0.23m in depth and contained a light grey/brown fill [265004]. To the west of [265003] three features were identified which extended beyond the bounds of the trench. Feature [265007] measured 2m by 0.85m in plan and extended beyond the southern extent of the trench. The silty clay fill [265008], which measured 0.18m in depth contained pottery dating to the middle to late Iron Age. Two further undated features [265005] and [265009] extended beyond the northern extent of the trench. The fills, which were similar in composition to [265008] contained no dateable artefacts.



ILLUS 36

Archaeological activity in Field 25



## ILLUS 37

Extension to Trench 243 showing NW-SE aligned linear [243003]

### Trench 243 (Field 24)

Illus 27 and Illus 37

Trench 243 targeted a geophysical anomaly interpreted as a sub-square enclosure. Excavation instead identified the course of a palaeochannel [243005] and a former field boundary [243003].

Romano-British pottery dated to the 1st century AD was recovered from two separate slots excavated into linear [243003], giving a degree of confidence in its dating. Measuring 0.52m in width and extending to a depth of 0.30m, the NW-SE orientated ditch was exposed for a distance of c.23m, however, the continuation of the feature was not identified in trenches located to the north-west (Trench 169) or south-east (Trench 246).



## 5 DISCUSSION

The trial trench evaluation has shown a strong correlation with the results of the geophysical survey with three sites of archaeological significance being identified. On occasion anomalies suggested by the geophysical survey were not identified during the trial trenching. It is worth noting that many of the smaller features identified were ephemeral, and only penetrated into the natural by less than 0.10m in places. It is possible that some of the geophysical 'features' existed only within the subsoil and were not detectable during machining. A small number of features identified during the trial trenching were not identified through geophysical survey, these generally comprised smaller gullies (in particular the potential roundhouses in Site 1) and discrete features.

the scraper was found within a deposit overlying finds of Iron Age date. The scraper found within Trench 208 was associated with a geological anomaly within a predominantly Iron Age occupation site. The finds therefore suggest a background of late Neolithic to early Bronze Age activity within the site, but little to suggest the presence of surviving features of this date.

### 5.1 MESOLITHIC, NEOLITHIC AND BRONZE AGE

Flint tools dated to the Mesolithic period were recovered from features within Trenches 214 and 215 (Field 22). The flints were found in association with later Iron Age pottery in features [214004] and [215024] which suggests that they were residual within the features, however, flint tools recovered from feature [215014] were not associated with later finds and may suggest the presence of an in situ Mesolithic pit. The discovery of material of this date within such a confined area suggests Mesolithic activity occurring at this location.

Flint scrapers dated to the late Neolithic to early Bronze Age were identified within Trenches 169 (Field 18), 195 (Field 21) and 208 (Field 22). In Trench 169 the scraper was recovered from a pit located on the interior of an apparent Iron Age enclosure, and in Trench 195

### 5.2 IRON AGE

The evaluation predominantly identified archaeological remains of Iron Age date.

Site 1 is a settlement located at the confluence of two watercourses and is focussed upon a broadly rectangular enclosure containing a probable central dwelling enclosed by a further circular enclosure ditch. The pottery assemblage suggests that occupation began in the early Iron Age, possibly as early as the 7th century BC and continued into the 1st century BC; the site was probably seasonally wet or flooded and there appears to have been a close relationship between activity on the site and the various water features around it (see Appendix 4).

Evidence for further structures within the rectangular enclosure was identified both through geophysical survey and trial trenching.



Discrete features possibly representing post-holes were found on the interior of the enclosure, but the shallow depth of these features suggests that a significant degree of truncation has taken place and the contemporary ground surface is likely to have been removed.

Further circular ring-ditches, believed to represent the location of roundhouses, are present to the southwest and north-east of the rectangular enclosure. In addition to the circular ring-ditches, the possible remains of a rectangular timber structure [218020] were identified.

A number of small sub-square enclosure features (e.g. [206005 and 109002]) were also identified within Sites 1 and 2. It could not be ascertained whether these features were contemporary with the presumed roundhouses and fulfilled a different – i.e. non-domestic – function; or if they represented a chronological change. Unfortunately the pottery dating evidence was not defined enough to establish a chronology for the structures or sites.

The extremely close proximity of some ring-ditches to others suggests that they were not contemporary and represent different phases of construction. Likewise, instances of two and sometimes three overlapping ring-ditches suggests multiple periods of construction, use, decay and reconstruction on the same site. This is particularly evident at the eastern end of Trench 224 where the presence of a historic watercourse and associated damp conditions appear to have led to numerous rebuilds of the roundhouse, the structure being rebuilt slightly further from the watercourse each time.

The plant remains recovered from the palaeochannel deposits included both sedges and water crowfoot and are likely to represent the vegetation which grew in and around the watercourse, or in damp or waterlogged areas of the site. The presence of amphibian bones within the palaeochannels also confirm the damp nature of the site.

The identification of alluvial deposits within Fields 13 and 24 indicates that the settlement identified at Site 2 follows a linear pattern associated with the presence of the watercourse on the south-eastern edge of the site. The evaluation results suggest that a more dispersed group of enclosures existed at this location. However it is possible that the settlement extends beyond the evaluated area to the south and west of Field 13.

A larger number of the sub-square enclosures were present in Site 2, which adds importance to the question of whether these are contemporary with, but represent a functional difference (e.g. stock enclosures) to the circular ring-ditches, or if they represent a chronological change and represent an occupation site of a different period to Site 1.

Site 3, although apparently Iron Age in date, differs in certain characteristics from Sites 2 and 3. Both the geophysical survey and trial trenching have failed to identify conclusive evidence for ring-ditches within the enclosure, and yet the enclosed area contains a greater density of discrete features suggestive of occupation. The presence of a human burial within the enclosure and the general absence of animal bone (compared to the other sites) also calls into question

the function of the enclosure. Considering that only one burial was identified within the enclosure it seems unlikely that the deposition of the dead was the primary function of the site – the burial may have been interred post-abandonment – but a domestic function may also be less likely. The shallow nature of the internal features suggests a high degree of truncation over the area, which may have removed evidence for the original purpose of the enclosure.

The palaeoenvironmental assemblage recovered from the site was neither abundant nor diverse and offers little information about the site economy. The presence of cattle, sheep, pig and bird bone appears relatively typical for an Iron Age site. There is some suggestion in the distribution of the assemblage that the relatively more complete bones recovered from the Site 2 features might represent primary deposition of waste, whilst the smaller and more abraded fragments found at Site 1 might represent re-worked material in secondary contexts. This may indicate a functional difference between the two sites.

The small number of cereal grains recovered is surprising considering the domestic nature of the site but may merely be a factor of preservation conditions in the probably seasonally wet Site 1.

### 5.3 ROMANO-BRITISH

The interaction between the Roman settlement to the south-west (the Phase 1 area) and the Iron Age settlement sites within the evaluation area is of great interest.

The Phase 1 evaluation (see Sworn 2014) demonstrated a general lack of prehistoric activity in the vicinity of the town of Durocornovium, other than a handful of probably residual potsherds, but significant evidence for Romano-British enclosures forming the hinterland of the town.

In contrast, in the Masterplan area the only securely dated Romano-British feature is the probable field boundary identified within Trench 243. The Romano-British pottery assemblage is comprised of only 60 small and abraded sherds – over half of these sherds were recovered from the field boundary – with the remaining sherds recovered from features associated with the Iron Age settlements.

The presence of pottery of predominantly mid to late 1st century AD within apparent Iron Age features suggests a small degree of overlap between the establishment of Durocornovium and the Iron Age settlements in the Masterplan area, and perhaps a period of Romanisation of the local population within their indigenous settlements prior to their eventual abandonment. Alternatively the small quantity of Roman pottery sherds may have been deposited post-abandonment and relate to Roman agricultural activity in the far hinterland of the town. What is clear is that there was a radical shift in the focus of settlement in this area at around or shortly after the time of the Roman conquest.

The reasons for this shift are not clear. They may be economic, indicating civilian settlement in the area gravitating towards the supposed military site that founded the town, and to the trade flowing along the road between Cirencester and Silchester.

## 6 CONCLUSION

The evaluation has succeeded in determining the location and extent of the archaeological remains within the site. It has confirmed that the geophysical survey is an accurate guide to the location and extent of significant archaeological remains in the proposed development area, and that large parts of it contain no archaeology at all.

Three areas of predominantly Iron Age settlement have been identified, however the quality of the remains has been compromised by truncation likely to have been caused by later agricultural practices.

Assessment of the finds assemblage indicates a relatively low status community occupying small settlements adjacent to watercourses. The types of pottery suggest that occupation began in the early Iron Age, possibly as early as the 7th century BC and continued into the 1st century BC. The presence of a small quantity of 1st century AD Roman pottery may suggest a continuation of occupation into the early Roman period, or alternatively, the use of the site for farmland associated with the development of the adjacent Roman town of Durocornovium.

The relatively small and generally scattered artefact assemblage was dominated by Iron Age pottery, but also contains pottery dating to the Romano-British period and a small quantity of worked flint. Environmental samples recovered from the site contained relatively little information concerning the site economy. The assessment identified a low concentration of both animal bone remains, cereal

grain and charred plant remains. The paucity of environmental remains may reflect the disposal of domestic waste in a non-archaeologically visible fashion (e.g. by burning or deposition in watercourses), or may reflect the loss of environmentally rich deposits through historic truncation of the settlement sites and poor preservation conditions.

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## 8 APPENDICES

### APPENDIX 1 TRENCH AND CONTEXT REGISTER

TR042	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.45
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
042000	Topsoil			0.10
042001	Subsoil			0.15
042002	Natural			0.25+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR043	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
043000	Topsoil			0.10
043001	Subsoil			0.10
043002	Natural			0.30+
Trench description				
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TR044	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	25	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
044000	Topsoil			0.10
044001	Subsoil			0.15
044002	Natural			0.15+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR045	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
045000	Topsoil			0.10
045001	Subsoil			0.13
045002	Natural			0.17+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR046	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	25	2.1	0.33
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
046000	Topsoil			0.10
046001	Subsoil			0.16
046002	Natural			0.07+
Trench description				
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TR047	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	25	2.1	0.37
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
047000	Topsoil			0.08
047001	Subsoil			0.08
047002	Natural			0.14+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR048	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	25	2.1	0.45
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
048000	Topsoil			0.10
048001	Subsoil			0.20
048002	Natural			0.15+
Trench description				
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TR049	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.35
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
049000	Topsoil			0.10
049001	Subsoil			0.15
049002	Natural			0.14+
Trench description				
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TR050	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	25	2.1	0.37
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
050000	Topsoil			0.10
050001	Subsoil			0.13
050002	Natural			0.09+
Trench description				
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TR051	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	25	2.1	0.38
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
051000	Topsoil			0.10
051001	Subsoil			0.15
051002	Natural			0.13+
Trench description				
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TR052	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	25	2.1	0.35
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
052000	Topsoil			0.09
052001	Subsoil			0.16
052002	Natural			0.10+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR053	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.32
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
053000	Topsoil			0.09
053001	Subsoil			0.11
053002	Natural			0.12+
Trench description				
Blank				



TR054	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.28
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
054000	Topsoil			0.06
054001	Subsoil			0.13
054002	Natural			0.09+
Trench description				
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TR055	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.35
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
055000	Topsoil			0.08
055001	Subsoil			0.15
055002	Natural			0.12+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR056	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	25	2.1	0.34
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
056000	Topsoil			0.09
056001	Subsoil			0.13
056002	Natural			0.12+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR057	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.34
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
057000	Topsoil			0.08
057001	Subsoil			0.16
057002	Natural			0.10+
Trench description				
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TR058	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.60
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
058000	Topsoil			0.38
058001	Subsoil			0.17
058002	Natural			0.10+
Trench description				
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TR059	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.56
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
059000	Topsoil			0.27
059001	Subsoil			0.27
059002	Natural			0.06+
Trench description				
Alluvium in E of Trench				

TR060	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.55
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
060000	Topsoil			0.30
060001	Subsoil			0.20
060002	Natural			0.12+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR061	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.45
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
061000	Topsoil			0.20
061001	Alluvium			0.20
061002	Natural			0.09+
Trench description				
Alluvium in NE of Trench				

TR062	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	50	2.1	0.38
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
062000	Topsoil			0.23
062001	Subsoil			0.12
062002	Natural			0.05+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR063	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
063000	Topsoil			0.09
063001	Subsoil			0.11
063002	Natural			0.20+
063003	Alluvium			0.20+
Trench description				
Alluvium in NE of Trench				

TR064	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
064000	Topsoil			0.10
064001	Subsoil			0.10
064002	Alluvium			0.20+
Trench description				
Alluvium throughout Trench				

TR065	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
065000	Topsoil			0.10
065001	Subsoil			0.09
065002	Natural			0.21+
065003	Alluvium			0.21+
Trench description				
Alluvium in SE of Trench				

TR066	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	25	2.1	0.40

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
066000	Topsoil	0.10
066001	Subsoil	0.10
066002	Natural	0.20+

**Trench description**

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TR067	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.40

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
067000	Topsoil	0.10
067001	Subsoil	0.10
067002	Natural	0.20+
067003	Alluvium	0.20+

**Trench description**

Alluvium in E of Trench

TR068	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	25	2.1	0.49

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
068000	Topsoil	0.10
068001	Subsoil	0.19
068002	Alluvium	0.20+

**Trench description**

Alluvium throughout Trench

TR069	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.50

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
069000	Topsoil	0.10
069001	Subsoil	0.20
069002	Alluvium	0.26+
069003	Cut of channel 3.80m wide. Palaeochannel?	0.36
069004	Fill of 069003. Light yellow/orange sandy clay. Occasional chalk and shell throughout.	0.36
069005	Cut of channel.	0.26
069006	Fill of 069005. Mid grey silty gravel. Frequent very small stones.	0.08
069007	Fill of 069005. Light grey sandy silt. Loose, no inclusions.	0.20

**Trench description**

Two 'channels' present in Trench

TR070	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.35

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
070000	Topsoil	0.05
070001	Subsoil	0.15
070002	Alluvium	0.15+
070003	Natural	0.16+

**Trench description**

Alluvium throughout Trench

TR071	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.54

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
071000	Topsoil	0.09
071001	Subsoil	0.20
071002	Alluvium	0.28+

**Trench description**  
Alluvium throughout Trench

TR072	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.27

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
072000	Topsoil	0.05
072001	Subsoil	0.07
072002	Alluvium	0.15+

**Trench description**  
Alluvium throughout Trench

TR073	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.45

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
073000	Topsoil	0.07
073001	Subsoil	0.15
073002	Alluvium	0.25+
073003	Cut of channel c.6m wide. Palaeochannel?	0.20+
073004	Fill of 073003. Light yellow/orange sandy clay. Occasional chalk and shell throughout.	0.20+
073005	Cut of channel c.5m wide. Palaeochannel?	0.20+
073006	Fill of 073005. Light grey/blue sandy clay. Occasional chalk and shell throughout.	0.20+

**Trench description**  
Two 'channels' cut through alluvium

TR074	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.50

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
074000	Topsoil	0.09
074001	Subsoil	0.19
074002	Alluvium	0.23+
074003	Cut of channel. c.3m wide. Palaeochannel?	0.00+
074004	Fill of 074003.	0.00+
074005	Mixed deposit of alluvium and natural. Light yellow/brown clay, plastic, occasional sand/stones throughout. Confined to SE half of the trench.	0.20+

**Trench description**  
'Channel' present in Trench



TR075	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
075000	Topsoil			0.10
075001	Subsoil			0.15
075002	Alluvium			0.20+
Trench description				
Alluvium throughout Trench - up to 3m in depth				

TR076	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	25	2.1	0.45
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
076000	Topsoil			0.09
076001	Subsoil			0.11
076002	Alluvium			0.25+
Trench description				
Alluvium throughout Trench				

TR077	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	25	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
077000	Topsoil			0.18
077001	Subsoil			0.08
077002	Natural			0.19+
Trench description				
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TR078	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	25	2.1	0.45
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
078000	Topsoil			0.25
078001	Subsoil			0.15
078002	Natural			0.08+
Trench description				
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TR079	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	25	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
079000	Topsoil			0.22
079001	Subsoil			0.14
079002	Natural			0.10+
Trench description				
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TR080	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	50	2.1	0.35
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
080000	Topsoil			0.25
080001	Subsoil			0.10
080002	Natural			0.05+
080003	Deposit associated with modern pipe aligned N-S.			0.00+
Trench description				
Mineral deposit identified within Trench				

TR081	Orientation		L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W		25	2.1	0.30
Context	Description				Thickness (m)
081000	Topsoil				0.20
081001	Subsoil				0.10
081002	Natural				0.10+
Trench description					
Blank					

TR082	Orientation		L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE		25	2.1	0.55
Context	Description				Thickness (m)
082000	Topsoil				0.30
082001	Subsoil				0.20
082002	Natural				0.10+
Trench description					
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TR083	Orientation		L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE		25	2.1	0.50
Context	Description				Thickness (m)
083000	Topsoil				0.25
083001	Subsoil				0.10
083002	Natural				0.21+
Trench description					
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TR084	Orientation		L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW		25	2.1	0.45
Context	Description				Thickness (m)
084000	Topsoil				0.20
084001	Subsoil				0.15
084002	Natural				0.10+
Trench description					
Blank					

TR085	Orientation		L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW		25	2.1	0.42
Context	Description				Thickness (m)
085000	Topsoil				0.25
085001	Subsoil				0.15
085002	Natural				0.10+
Trench description					
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TR086	Orientation		L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W		25	2.1	0.50
Context	Description				Thickness (m)
086000	Topsoil				0.30
086001	Subsoil				0.15
086002	Natural				0.15+
Trench description					
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TR087	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.55
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
087000	Topsoil			0.30
087001	Subsoil			0.20
087002	Natural			0.12+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR088	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	25	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
088000	Topsoil			0.25
088001	Subsoil			0.10
088002	Natural			0.09
Trench description				
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TR089	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.50
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
089000	Topsoil			0.30
089001	Subsoil			0.18
089002	Natural			0.07+
Trench description				
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TR090	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	50	2.1	0.45
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
090000	Topsoil			0.25
090001	Subsoil			0.20
090002	Natural			0.05+
Trench description				
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TR091	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	25	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
091000	Topsoil			0.25
091001	Subsoil			0.10
091002	Natural			0.10+
Trench description				
Blank				

## TR092

Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
WSW-ENE	50	2.1	0.40

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
092001	Topsoil	0.20
092002	Subsoil	0.10
092003	Natural	0.05+
092004	Cut of ditch. Crosses trench on E-W alignment. 1.32m wide, 0.43m deep. Steep BOS in the East, shallower towards the West. Truncated by modern pipe. Ditch cut likely to relate to [092022]	0.43
092005	Upper fill of ditch 092004. Brown silty clay. Firm. Likely to be redeposited natural following the abandonment of the feature.	0.12
092006	Middle (main) fill of ditch 092004. Dark grey, plastic clay. Organic rich. Well defined.	0.36
092007	Lower fill of ditch 092004. Mixed brown silty clay with light brown patches.	0.10
092008	Cut of ditch. Aligned N-S. Shallow gully feature measuring 0.73m in width.	0.23
092009	Fill of ditch 092008. Dark grey silty clay with brown patches. Organic rich fill disturbed by animal burrowing. Potentially overcut during machining.	0.23
092010	Cut of ditch. Aligned N-S. Shallow gully feature measuring 0.88m in width.	0.30
092011	Fill of ditch 092010. Dark grey clay. Organic rich fill.	0.30
092012	Cut of pit? Shallow feature measuring 0.87m in width. Appears to cut ditch [092010].	0.29
092013	Fill of feature 092012. Dark grey clay. Organic rich deposit.	0.29
092014	Fill of 092015. Dark blackish grey silty clay. Compact and wet. Charcoal and pebble inclusions.	0.10
092015	Cut of pit. Circular. 0.50m diameter. Shallow profile.	0.10
092016	Fill of 092017. Dark blackish grey silt and redeposited natural. Soft and wet. Charcoal and pebble inclusions.	0.35
092017	Cut of ditch terminus. 1.0m wide. Curvilinear. Terminus of potential ring ditch.	0.35
092018	Cut of N-S aligned gully. 0.94m wide.	0.27
092019	Fill of 092018. Dark grey silty clay. Organic rich deposit disturbed by animal burrows.	0.27
092020	Cut of N-S aligned gully. 0.61m wide.	0.20
092021	Fill of 092020. Light brownish grey silty clay.	0.20

092022	Cut of ditch. 0.74m wide. Steep sides to flat base. Likely relationship with [92004].	0.51
092023	Fill of 092022. Mid brownish grey silty clay.	0.51

### Trench description

Two possible ring ditches

## TR093

Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
NW-SE	25	2.1	0.30

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
093000	Topsoil	0.22
093001	Subsoil	0.09
093002	Natural	0.04+

### Trench description

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## TR094

Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
NW-SE	25	2.1	0.48

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
094000	Topsoil	0.20
094001	Subsoil	0.20
094002	Natural	0.10+

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TR095	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.42

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
095000	Topsoil	0.19
095001	Subsoil	0.17
095002	Natural	0.09+
095003	Fill of 095004. Dark grey/black silty clay. Waterlogged.	0.54
095004	Cut of ring ditch. 1.82m wide curvilinear. Gently sloping sides to rounded base.	0.54
095005	Upper fill of 095008. Mid orangey grey/brown silt.	0.23
095006	Middle fill of 095008. Dark grey silt. Soft compaction. Disuse and rubbish deposit of ring ditch.	0.25
095007	Lower fill of 095008. Dark brown silt. Disturbed by land drain.	0.35
095008	Cut of ring ditch. 3.0m wide curvilinear. Regular sides to flat base.	0.85
095009	Land drain cutting through ring ditch deposits	0.10

**Trench description**

Possible ring ditch

TR096	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
096000	Topsoil			0.15
096001	Subsoil			0.15
096002	Natural			0.10+
Trench description				
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TR097	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	25	2.1	0.52
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
097000	Topsoil			0.17
097001	Subsoil			0.21
097002	Natural			0.14+
Trench description				
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TR098	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	25	2.1	0.56
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
098000	Topsoil			0.22
098001	Subsoil			0.25
098002	Natural			0.10+
098003	Channel approximately 12m wide. Palaeochannel?			0.10+
Trench description				
Palaeochannel				

TR099	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.42

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
099000	Topsoil	0.13
099001	Subsoil	0.12
099002	Natural	0.17+
099003	Cut of palaeochannel. Gently sloping sides to undulating base. c.9m wide. Machine excavated. Cut by possibly later channel [099010]	1.36
099004	Lower fill of 099003. Mid red/orange sandy clay. Occasional small white stones throughout fill.	0.29+
099005	Fill of 099003. Mid grey/blue clay with orange flecking throughout. Firm.	0.37
099006	Fill of 099003. Mid orange/red sandy gravel found in NE of feature. Loose compaction. No	0.14
099007	Fill of 099003. Light orange/grey sand. Loose compaction.	0.25
099008	Fill of 099003. Mid grey/orange clay. Firm. Occasional white flecks throughout.	0.24
099009	Fill of 099003. Light grey/orange sand. Loose. No inclusions.	0.29
099010	Cut of palaeochannel. Gently sloping sides to undulating base. Cuts 099003.	1.22
099011	Fill of 099010. Mixed light orange and dark brown clay. Occasional small stones throughout the deposit.	0.44
099012	Lower fill of 099010. Light orange sandy gravel at north edge of feature.	0.09
099013	Fill of 099010. Mid grey/orange clay with orange flecking throughout deposit.	0.33
099014	Fill of 099010. Same as 099009.	0.29
099015	Mid orange/yellow clay, occasional small stones. Deposit likely formed by frequent flooding of 099003.	0.27
099016	Mid grey clay with orange flecking throughout deposit. Overlies 099015.	0.18
099017	Cut of wide shallow channel.	
099018	Cut for earliest channel. Filled by 099015,099016. Gently sloping sides, diffuse base.	

#### Trench description

Possible palaeochannel

TR100	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	25	2.1	0.46

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
100000	Topsoil	0.20
100001	Subsoil	0.14
100002	Natural	0.12+
100003	Palaeochannel. c.1.2m wide.	-

#### Trench description

Possible palaeochannel

TR101	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	25	2.1	0.37

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
101000	Topsoil	0.12
101001	Subsoil	0.15
101002	Natural	0.10+

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TR102	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	25	2.1	0.41
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
102000	Topsoil			0.17
102001	Subsoil			0.12
102002	Natural			0.12+
102003	Animal bone recovered – not associated with a feature.			–
102004	Palaeochannel. c.3.4m wide.			–
Trench description				
Possible palaeochannel				

TR103	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.33
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
103000	Topsoil			0.13
103001	Subsoil			0.14
103002	Natural			0.06+
103003	Cut of small pit or post hole. Circular, 0.5m in diameter. Steep sides to flat base.			0.20
103004	Fill of 103003. Light red/grey clay. Occasional white flecking.			0.20
Trench description				
Pit/Posthole present				

TR104	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	25	2.1	0.44
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
104000	Topsoil			0.16
104001	Subsoil			0.19
104002	Natural			0.09+
Trench description				
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TR105	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	T-Shaped	50	2.1	0.48

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
105000	Topsoil	0.16
105001	Subsoil	0.38
105002	Natural	0.11+
105003	Cut for sub-circular pit measuring 0.59m x 0.70m in plan. Possible variation in natural.	0.30
105004	Fill of 105003. Mid orange to red clay. Rare flecks of manganese.	0.30
105005	Cut for enclosure ditch. 1.76m wide. Gradual BOS to East. Steep BOS to west. Rounded base.	0.64
105006	Lower fill of 105005. Light brown/grey clay. Firm, moist consistency.	0.15
105007	Fill of 105005. Mid yellow/brown silty clay. Dry, firm. Redeposited natural/slumping.	0.12
105008	Fill of 105005. Mid brown/grey silty clay with orange/brown flecks.	0.12
105009	Fill of 105005. Mid grey/brown clay with frequent orange/brown flecks.	0.54
105010	Cut for enclosure ditch. 3.02m wide. Gradual BOS to south, steep BOS to north. Flat base.	0.97
105011	Fill of 105010. Light grey clay with orange patches. Primary fill.	0.47
105012	Fill of 105010. Mid orange/brown fill. Slumping from southern edge of ditch.	0.17
105013	Fill of 105010. Mid grey/brown clay. White stone inclusions.	0.20
105014	Fill of 105010. Mid grey/brown clay.	0.17
105015	Fill of 105010. Light orange/brown clay. Upper fill.	0.14
105016	Dark brown/grey clay. Organic deposit measuring 2m x 1.9m in plan. Located roughly in the centre of the enclosure.	0.14
105017	Cut for tree bole	0.10
105018	Fill of 105017. Mid brown/grey clay.	0.10
105019	Cut for enclosure ditch terminus. 1.74m wide. Similar profile to other sections through ditch. Rounded base.	0.75
105020	Fill of 105019. Dark grey/blue clay with orange/brown flecks. Lower fill.	0.32
105021	Fill of 105019. Light brown/grey silty clay.	0.24
105022	Fill of 105019. Dark grey/brown silty clay. Upper fill.	0.48

105023	Cut for tree bole	0.19
105024	Fill of 105023. Light orange and mid black clay. Rare charcoal flecks.	0.19
105025	Cut for enclosure ditch. 1.4m wide.	0.59
105026	Fill of 105025. Mid blue/grey clay with orange/brown flecks. Lower fill.	0.09
105027	Fill of 105025. Mid brown/grey silty clay.	0.19
105028	Light grey/brown clay. Upper fill.	0.40
105029	Shingle filled land drain. Pottery found associated with drain.	-

#### Trench description

Enclosure identified

TR106	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.41

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
106000	Topsoil	0.11
106001	Subsoil	0.14
106002	Natural	0.16
106003	Cut of possible ditch terminus. 0.71m wide. Steep BOS to SE, gently sloping to NW. Animal disturbance recorded.	0.20
106004	Fill of 106003. Dark grey clay.	0.20
106005	Cut of possible ditch terminus. 0.98m wide.	0.21
106006	Fill of 106005. Mid red/brown clay.	0.21

#### Trench description

Linear and possible ditch terminus



TR107	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	25	2.1	NR

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
107000	Topsoil	-
107001	Subsoil	-
107002	Natural	-

**Trench description**

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TR108	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	25	2.1	0.32

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
108000	Topsoil	0.17
108001	Natural	0.15+

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TR109	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.43

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
109000	Topsoil	0.31
109001	Natural	0.12
109002	Cut for linear. 1.85m wide. N-S orientation. Possible boundary ditch.	0.67
109003	Primary fill of 109002. Light grey clay.	0.07
109004	Fill of 109002. Light grey clay with orange flecking. Occasional charcoal flecking.	0.08
109005	Fill of 109002. Light grey clay with yellow/orange patches.	0.24
109006	Fill of 109002. Mid grey clay.	0.20
109007	Cut for linear. Possible field boundary or relates to enclosure ditch identified on geophysics. 1.66m wide.	0.66m
109008	Lower fill of 109007. Mid brown/grey clay.	0.25
109009	Upper fill of 109007. Mid grey/brown silty clay with orange/brown flecks.	-

**Trench description**

Two linears identified

TR110	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.48

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
110000	Topsoil	0.30
110001	Natural	0.18+

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TR111		Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
		NE-SW	25	2.1	0.37
Context	Description				Thickness (m)
111000	Topsoil				0.19
111001	Natural				0.18+
Trench description					
Blank					

TR112	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	25	2.1	0.46
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
112000	Topsoil			0.26
112001	Natural			0.20+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR113	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.49
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
113000	Topsoil			0.18
113001	Subsoil			0.13
113002	Natural			0.18+
Trench description				
Modern disturbance				

TR114	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.44
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
114000	Topsoil			0.19
114001	Subsoil			0.14
114002	Natural			0.11+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR115	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	49	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
115000	Topsoil			0.23
115001	Subsoil			0.11
115002	Natural			0.11+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR116	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.52
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
116000	Topsoil			0.16
116001	Subsoil			0.22
116002	Natural			0.14+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR117	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	50	2.1	0.30
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
117000	Topsoil			0.20
117001	Subsoil			0.10
117002	Natural			0.10+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR118	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.30
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
118000	Topsoil			0.20
118001	Subsoil			0.10
118002	Natural			0.10+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR119	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
119000	Topsoil			0.21
119001	Subsoil			0.10
119002	Natural			0.04+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR120	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
120000	Topsoil			0.20
120001	Subsoil			0.10
120002	Natural			0.10+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR121	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	47	2.1	0.45
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
121000	Topsoil			0.10
121001	Subsoil			0.18
121002	Natural			0.17+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR122	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	50	2.1	0.50
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
122000	Topsoil			0.30
122001	Subsoil			0.20
122002	Natural			0.08+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR123	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.48
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
123000	Topsoil			0.33
123001	Subsoil			0.15
123002	Natural			0.08+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR126	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	SE-NW	50	2.1	0.38
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
126000	Topsoil			0.22
126001	Subsoil			0.13
126002	Natural			0.05+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR124	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	50	2.1	0.45
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
124000	Topsoil			0.25
124001	Subsoil			0.15
124002	Natural			0.13+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR127	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
127000	Topsoil			0.24
127001	Subsoil			0.14
127002	Natural			0.08+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR125	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
125000	Topsoil			0.25
125001	Subsoil			0.15
125002	Natural			0.07+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR128	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
128000	Topsoil			0.26
128001	Subsoil			0.12
128002	Natural			0.04+
Trench description				
Blank				



TR129	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.25
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
129000	Topsoil			0.20
129001	Subsoil			0.05
129002	Natural			0.16+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR130	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.44
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
130000	Topsoil			0.25
130001	Subsoil			0.10
130002	Natural			0.09+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR131	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.47
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
131000	Topsoil			0.20
131001	Subsoil			0.15
131002	Natural			0.12+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR132	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.38
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
132000	Topsoil			0.26
132001	Subsoil			0.10
132002	Natural			0.06+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR133	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.50
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
133000	Topsoil			0.30
133001	Subsoil			0.16
133002	Natural			0.14+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR134	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	50	2.1	0.45
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
134000	Topsoil			0.22
134001	Subsoil			0.13
134002	Natural			0.04+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR135	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.48

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
135000	Topsoil	0.30
135001	Subsoil	0.15
135002	Natural	0.03+
135003	Hard, brittle degraded stone deposit.	-

**Trench description**

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TR136	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	50	2.1	0.45

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
136000	Topsoil	0.35
136001	Subsoil	0.07
136002	Natural	0.08+
136003	'Mineral' deposit relating to modern land drain	-

**Trench description**

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TR137	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.45

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
137000	Topsoil	0.23
137001	Subsoil	0.15
137002	Palaeochannel fill. Cut by later seasonal channels.	-
137003	Fill of 137004. Mid brown sandy clay.	-
137004	Cut for palaeochannel	-
137005	Fill of 137006. Grey sandy clay and chalk fragments	-
137006	Cut for palaeochannel	-
137007	Fill of 137008. Grey sandy clay and chalk fragments	-
137008	Cut for palaeochannel	-
137009	Fill of 137010. Grey clayey sand and chalk fragments.	-
137010	Cut for palaeochannel	-

**Trench description**

Palaeochannel banding throughout trench

TR138	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.43

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
138000	Topsoil	0.09
138001	Subsoil	0.10
138002	Alluvium	0.30+
138003	Cut for palaeochannel	-
138004	Fill of 138003. Grey sandy clay with chalk fragments.	-
138005	Cut for palaeochannel	-
138006	Fill of 138005. Grey sandy clay with chalk fragments.	-

**Trench description**

Palaeochannels identified

TR139	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.40

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
139000	Topsoil	0.10
139001	Subsoil	0.13
139002	Alluvium	0.17+
139003	Cut for palaeochannel	-
139004	Fill of 139003. Light orange/grey sandy clay. Occasional chalk flecks.	-
139005	Cut for palaeochannel	-
139006	Fill of 139005. Light orange/grey sandy clay. Occasional chalk flecks.	-
139007	Cut for palaeochannel	-
139008	Fill of 139007. Light orange/grey sandy clay. Occasional chalk flecks.	-
139009	Fill of 139003. Light yellow silty sand.	-
139010	Fill of 139003. Very fine sand, loose, no inclusions	-
139011	Fill of 139003. Light grey/blue silty clay. Occasional chalk flecks.	-
139012	Mid grey/orange silty clay alluvium	0.90+

#### Trench description

Palaeochannels identified

TR140	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.40

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
140000	Topsoil	0.06
140001	Subsoil	0.14
140002	Alluvium	0.20+
140003	Cut for palaeochannel	-
140004	Fill of 140003.	-
140005	Cut for palaeochannel	-
140006	Fill of 140005.	-

#### Trench description

Palaeochannels identified

TR141	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.52

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
141000	Topsoil	0.08
141001	Subsoil	0.15
141002	Alluvium	0.29+
141003	Cut for palaeochannel	-
141004	Fill of 141003. Light yellow/orange sandy clay. Occasional chalk and shell throughout.	-
141005	Cut for palaeochannel	-
141006	Fill of 141005. Light grey/blue sandy clay. Occasional chalk and shell throughout.	-
141007	Cut for palaeochannel	-
141008	Fill of 141007. Light grey/blue sandy clay. Occasional chalk and shell throughout.	-
141009	Cut for palaeochannel	-
141010	Fill of 141009. Light yellow/orange sandy clay. Occasional chalk and shell throughout.	-
141011	Natural	-

**Trench description**

Palaeochannels identified

TR142	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	25	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
142000	Topsoil			0.23
142001	Subsoil			0.13
142002	Natural			0.09+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR143	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
143000	Topsoil			0.22
143001	Subsoil			0.13
143002	Natural			0.15+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR144	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.43
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
144000	Topsoil			0.23
144001	Subsoil			0.12
144002	Natural			0.10+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR145	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.38
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
145000	Topsoil			0.14
145001	Subsoil			0.10
145002	Natural			0.14+
Trench description				
Blank				



TR146	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.50
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
146000	Topsoil			0.22
146001	Subsoil			0.11
146002	Natural			0.22+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR147	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
147000	Topsoil			0.13
147001	Subsoil			0.10
147002	Natural			0.17+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR148	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.45
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
148000	Topsoil			0.21
148001	Subsoil			0.13
148002	Natural			0.12+
148003	Modern hedge line			-
Trench description				
Blank				

TR149	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
149000	Topsoil			0.12
149001	Subsoil			0.12
149002	Natural			0.16+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR150	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.39
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
150000	Topsoil			0.18
150001	Subsoil			0.14
150002	Alluvium. Frequent orange flecking.			0.20
150003	Alluvium. Rare orange flecking.			0.30
150004	Alluvium. Possible fill of palaeochannel.			0.28+
Trench description				
Palaeochannel deposit				

TR151	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.35
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
151000	Topsoil			0.20
151001	Subsoil			0.10
151002	Natural			0.10+
151003	Fill of 151004. Light brown silty clay and occasional small stones			-
151004	N-S aligned palaeochannel cutting 150007. c.4m wide			-
151005	Fill of 151006. Light brown silty sand and occasional small stones			-
151006	NW-SE aligned palaeochannel cutting 150007. c.6m wide.			-
151007	Alluvium			-
Trench description				
Palaeochannels identified				

TR152	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.50
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
152000	Topsoil			0.18
152001	Subsoil			0.18
152002	Natural			0.14+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR153	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.46
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
153000	Topsoil			0.15
153001	Subsoil			0.20
153002	Natural			0.11+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR154	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
154000	Topsoil			0.20
154001	Subsoil			0.10
154002	Natural			0.10+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR155	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.42

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
155000	Topsoil	0.20
155001	Subsoil	0.13
155002	Natural	0.09+
155003	Cut for possible post hole (more likely rooting activity). Oval in plan 0.46m x 0.31m. Steep sides, undercut in places, uneven base.	0.20
155004	Fill of 155003. Dark grey/black clay. Charcoal rich.	0.20
155005	Cut for possible post hole. Oval in plan, 0.32m x 0.26m. Gently sloping sides to rounded base.	0.12
155006	Fill of 155005. Black clay with frequent charcoal. Two large pieces of burnt wood identified. Post burnt in situ?	0.12
155007	Deposit surrounding PH 155005. Light orange clay. Possibly rooting activity.	0.07

**Trench description**

Two possible post holes

TR156	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.45
Context	Description	Thickness (m)		
156000	Topsoil	0.25		
156001	Subsoil	0.10		
156002	Natural	0.10+		
Trench description				
Blank				

TR157	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description	Thickness (m)		
157000	Topsoil	0.20		
157001	Subsoil	0.10		
157002	Natural	0.10+		
Trench description				
Blank				

TR158	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.41
Context	Description	Thickness (m)		
158000	Topsoil	0.19		
158001	Subsoil	0.12		
158002	Natural	0.10+		
Trench description				
Blank				

TR159	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.35
Context	Description	Thickness (m)		
159000	Topsoil	0.20		
159001	Subsoil	0.10		
159002	Natural	0.05+		
Trench description				
Blank				

TR160	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SE	50	2.1	0.35

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
160000	Topsoil	0.20
160001	Subsoil	0.10
160002	Natural	0.10+

**Trench description**

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TR161	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.35

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
161000	Topsoil	0.21
161001	Subsoil	0.10
161002	Natural	0.07+

**Trench description**

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TR162	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.48

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
162000	Topsoil	0.18
162001	Subsoil	0.08
162002	Natural	0.26+
162003	Cut for pit. Irregular oblong 1.12m x 0.92m in plan. Stepped sides to uneven base. Waste pit? Fire pit?	0.23
162004	Fill of 162003. Mid brown/grey clay silt with orange flecks. Occasional charcoal flecks.	0.09
162005	Fill of 162003. Dark grey/black clay.	0.28
162006	Fill of 162003. Light brown/grey silty clay. Occasional charcoal flecks.	0.14

**Trench description**

Single pit identified

TR163	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.40

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
163000	Topsoil	0.20
163001	Subsoil	0.10
163002	Natural	0.10+

**Trench description**

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TR164	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.35
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
164000	Topsoil			0.20
164001	Subsoil			0.10
164002	Natural			0.10+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR167	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
167000	Topsoil			0.20
167001	Subsoil			0.10
167002	Natural			0.01+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR165	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
165000	Topsoil			0.20
165001	Subsoil			0.10
165002	Natural			0.10+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR166	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.47
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
166000	Topsoil			0.09
166001	Subsoil			0.27
166002	Natural - Orange sandy clay			0.11+
166003	Natural - Light grey clay			0.11+
Trench description				
Natural banding - palaeochannels?				

## TR168

Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
NW-SE	50	2.1	0.48

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
168000	Topsoil	-
168001	Subsoil	-
168002	Natural	-
168003	Cut for circular pit 1.09m x 0.79m in plan. Steep sides to rounded base.	0.12
168004	Fill of 168003. Mid orange/grey clay. Concentration of charcoal towards top of fill.	0.12
168005	Cut for palaeochannel. NE-SW orientation. Steep sides to rounded base.	0.41+
168006	Deposit either side of 168005. Light orange clay. Flooding deposit?	0.13+
168007	Deposit to NW of 168005. Light orange/blue clay	0.10
168008	Deposit to SE of 168005. Light orange/blue clay	0.13
168009	Fill of 168005. Light blue/grey clay.	0.50
168010	Deposit above 168005 to NW. Light orange/brown clay.	0.38
168011	Same as 168010. Formed to SE.	0.34
168012	Final deposit above 168005. Mid orange/brown clay.	0.23
168013	Cut for pit. Half in trench section - semi-circular in plan. 0.81m x 0.50m+. Gently sloping sides to flat base.	0.11
168014	Fill of 168013. Mid orange/grey sandy clay.	0.11
168015	Cut for pit or post hole. 0.48m x 0.31m in plan. Gently sloping sides to rounded base.	0.08
168016	Fill of 168015. Light grey silty clay. Occasional orange flecking.	0.08
168017	Cut of possible stone throw. Irregular with uneven base. 0.64m x 0.56m in plan.	0.07
168018	Fill of 168017. Light brown/grey silty clay.	0.07
168019	Bioturbation. Irregular feature indicative of animal/tree root activity. 1.4 x 0.24m in plan.	0.10
168020	Cut for possible linear. Appears to terminate mid-trench. NE-SW alignment. 1.82m x 0.63m. Gently sloping sides to rounded base.	0.17
168021	Fill of 168020. Dark grey/brown loamy clay.	0.17
168022	Cut for possible pit. Irregular, 1.36m x 0.86m in plan. Gently sloping sides to uneven base	0.22

168023	Fill of 168022. Mid brown/grey sandy clay. Occasional charcoal flecks.	0.22
168024	Cut for possible pit. Irregular in plan, 0.32m+ x 1.78m. Gently sloping sides to rounded base.	0.26
168025	Fill of 168024. Mid brown/grey sandy clay.	0.26
168026	Cut for possible linear. E-W aligned. 0.92m wide. Gently sloping sides to rounded base.	0.10
168027	Fill of 168026. Mid grey/brown sandy clay.	0.10
168028	Fill of 168022. Mid brown/yellow clay. Clay deposit sealing pit.	0.13
168029	Cut for oval pit, 0.67m x 0.43m. Gently sloping sides to flat base.	0.08
168030	Fill of 168029. Light grey silty clay.	0.08
168031	Cut for linear terminus. E-W alignment. 0.57m wide.	0.12
168032	Fill of 168031. Light grey silty clay.	0.12
168033	Cut for circular pit, 0.75m diameter. gently sloping sides to flat base	0.07
168034	Fill of 168033. Light grey silty clay.	0.07
168035	Cut for sub-circular pit. 0.89m x 0.69m in plan. Gently sloping sides to flat base.	0.11
168036	Fill of 168035. Light grey silty clay.	0.11
168037	Cut for sub-circular pit. 0.65m x 0.42m in plan. Steep sides to rounded base.	0.12
168038	Fill of 168037. Mid brown/grey silty clay.	0.12
168039	Cut for irregular oblong feature. 1.82m x 0.58m in plan. Gently sloping sides to uneven base.	0.13
168040	Fill of 168039. Mid yellow/grey sandy clay.	0.13
168041	Cut for rectangular feature. 1.62m x 0.48m in plan. Gently sloping sides to rounded base.	0.26
168042	Fill of 168041. Light brown/grey sandy clay.	0.26
168043	Cut for irregular feature. 2.1m x 1.3m in plan. Gently sloping sides to uneven base.	0.19
168044	Fill of 168043. Light brown/grey clay.	0.19
168045	Grave cut for human burial. Skeleton visible on base of trench has been truncated on right side. Skeleton left in situ.	-

### Trench description

Multiple pits and linears. Human burial.

## TR169

Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
NE-SW	50	2.1	0.45

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
169000	Topsoil	0.15
169001	Subsoil	0.16
169002	Cut for possible pit. Irregular 1.2m x 1.04m in plan. Gently sloping sides to uneven base.	0.11
169003	Fill of 169002. Dark grey/brown clay loam. Occasional charcoal.	0.11
169004	Cut for sub-rectangular pit, 1.5m x 0.92m in plan. Gently sloping sides to uneven base.	0.09
169005	Mid brown/grey sandy clay. Occasional charcoal.	0.09
169006	Cut for sub-rectangular pit. 0.97m x 0.85m in plan. Gently sloping sides to uneven base.	0.08
169007	Fill of 169006. Mid brown/grey sandy clay.	0.08
169008	Cut for SE-NW orientated linear. 2.64m wide. Multiple fills. Possible boundary ditch.	0.85
169009	Fill of 169008. Light orange sandy clay. Primary deposit.	0.12
169010	Fill of 169008. Light grey/orange silty clay. Natural silting.	0.16
169011	Fill of 169008. Light grey silty clay. Occasional charcoal.	0.11
169012	Fill of 169008. Light grey/orange silty clay.	0.15
169013	Fill of 169008. Light orange/grey sandy clay.	0.13
169014	Fill of 169008. Light grey silty clay. Natural slumping.	0.18
169015	Fill of 169008. Light orange/brown sandy clay. Main fill of feature.	0.30
169016	Fill of 169008. Mid grey silty clay. Occasional charcoal.	0.24
169017	Fill of 169008. Mid grey/orange sandy clay.	0.07
169018	Fill of 169008. Mid orange/grey sandy clay. Frequent orange flecking.	0.08
169019	Fill of 169008. Dark grey/orange silty clay. Occasional charcoal.	0.12
169020	Fill of 169008. Mid brown/grey clay. Upper deposit.	0.30
169021	Cut for enclosure ditch. Aligned N-S. 0.86m wide. Steep sides to rounded base.	0.29
169022	Fill of 169021. Light yellow/grey silty clay.	0.29
169023	Cut for sub-rectangular pit. 0.81m x 0.54m in plan. Uneven base.	0.08

169024	Fill of 169023. Light grey/brown sandy clay.	0.08
169025	Cut for modern linear. 0.38m in width. Possibly related to field drainage.	0.08
169026	Fill of 169025. Light orange/brown sandy clay.	0.08
169027	Cut for sub-rectangular pit. 1.22m x 1m. Gently sloping sides to undulating base.	0.20
169028	Fill of 169027. Dark grey/brown loamy clay. Occasional charcoal.	0.20
169029	Cut for circular pit. c.1.25m diameter. Gently sloping sides to flat base.	0.19
169030	Fill of 169029. Mid grey/brown silty clay. Occasional charcoal	0.19
169031	Cut for circular pit. 1.30m diameter. Gently sloping sides to rounded base.	0.22
169032	Fill of 169031. Mid brown/grey sandy clay. Occasional charcoal.	0.22
169033	Cut for curvilinear feature. 1.9m x 0.8m in plan. Irregular base. Rooting activity.	0.23
169034	Fill of 169033. Rooting.	0.23
169035	Cut for possible pit. 0.35m x 0.21m in plan. Steep sides to pointed 'v' shaped base.	0.18
169036	Fill of 169035. Mid grey/brown clay silt. Occasional charcoal.	0.18
169037	Cut for circular pit. 0.80m diameter. Gently sloping sides to flat base.	0.06
169038	Fill of 169037. Light orange/grey silty clay. Dense charcoal patch within fill.	0.06
169039	Natural	-

### Trench description

Multiple pits and linears

TR170	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.45
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
170000	Topsoil			0.11
170001	Subsoil			0.23
170002	Natural			0.14+
170003	Cut for tree bole. 3.1m x 1.8m in plan. Steep sides to uneven base.			0.55
170004	Fill of 170003. Tree bole.			0.55
170005	Fill of 170003. Bands of natural within tree bole.			0.55

#### Trench description

Blank

TR171	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	-	50	0	-
Trench description				
Trench Abandoned				

TR172	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
172000	Topsoil			0.20
172001	Subsoil			0.10
172002	Natural			0.10+

#### Trench description

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TR173	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	25	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
173000	Topsoil			0.22
173001	Subsoil			0.10
173002	Natural			0.18+

#### Trench description

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TR174	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	50	2.1	0.52
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
174000	Topsoil			0.19
174001	Subsoil			0.15
174002	Natural			0.18+

#### Trench description

Blank

TR175	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.50
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
175000	Topsoil			0.17
175001	Subsoil			0.14
175002	Natural			0.19+

#### Trench description

Ridge and furrow

TR176	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.40

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
176000	Topsoil	0.19
176001	Subsoil	0.14
176002	Natural	0.07+

**Trench description**

Ridge and furrow

TR179	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.40

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
179000	Topsoil	0.13
179001	Subsoil	0.16
179002	Natural	0.12+

**Trench description**

Ridge and furrow

TR177	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	50	2.1	0.43

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
177000	Topsoil	0.14
177001	Subsoil	0.18
177002	Natural	0.11+

**Trench description**

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TR180	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.40

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
180000	Topsoil	0.20
180001	Subsoil	0.10
180002	Natural	0.10+

**Trench description**

Ridge and furrow

TR178	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	50	2.1	0.38

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
178000	Topsoil	0.15
178001	Subsoil	0.14
178002	Natural	0.09+

**Trench description**

Ridge and furrow

TR181	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.35

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
181000	Topsoil	0.20
181001	Subsoil	0.10
181002	Natural	0.10+

**Trench description**

Ridge and furrow



TR182	Orientation		L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W		50	2.1	0.35
Context	Description				Thickness (m)
182000	Topsoil				0.20
182001	Subsoil				0.10
182002	Natural				0.10+
Trench description					
Ridge and furrow					

TR183	Orientation		L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW		50	2.1	0.35
Context	Description				Thickness (m)
183000	Topsoil				0.20
183001	Subsoil				0.10
183002	Natural				0.10+
Trench description					
Ridge and furrow					

TR184	Orientation		L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
		NE-SW	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description				Thickness (m)
184000	Topsoil				0.20
184001	Subsoil				0.10
184002	Natural				0.10+
Trench description					
Ridge and furrow					

TR185	Orientation		L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W		50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description				Thickness (m)
185000	Topsoil				0.23
185001	Subsoil				0.14
185002	Alluvium				-
185003	Fill of 185004. Light grey/blue sandy clay.				-
185004	Cut for palaeochannel. N-S orientation. c.1m wide. Cuts alluvium.				-
185005	Fill of 185006. Light grey/blue silty clay with brown mottling.				-
185006	Cut for palaeochannel. N-S orientation. c.1m wide. Cuts alluvium.				-
185007	Fill of 185008. Light grey/blue silty clay with brown mottling.				-
185008	Cut for palaeochannel. N-S orientation. c.1m wide. Cuts alluvium.				-
Trench description					
Palaeochannel deposits					

TR186	Orientation		L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S		50	2.1	0.35
Context	Description				Thickness (m)
186000	Topsoil				0.15
186001	Subsoil				0.10
186002	Natural				0.10+
Trench description					
Blank					

TR187	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.40

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
187000	Topsoil	0.25
187001	Subsoil	0.15
187002	Alluvium	-
187003	Fill of 187004.	-
187004	Cut for palaeochannel	-
187005	Fill of 187006	-
187006	Cut for palaeochannel	-

#### Trench description

Palaeochannel deposits

TR188	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.49

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
188000	Topsoil	0.16
188001	Subsoil	0.25
188002	Alluvium	0.08
188003	Fill of 188004. Light orange/grey silty clay.	0.25
188004	Cut for palaeochannel. Gently sloping sides, base not reached. c.2,5m wide.	0.50
188005	Fill of 188006. Light grey silty clay.	0.48
188006	Cut for palaeochannel. Uneven sides, deeper to the west. Base not reached.	0.67
188007	Natural	0.42+
188008	Possible flood deposit. Mid orange silty clay. Occasional charcoal flecks.	0.12
188009	Same as 188002. Differing redox level.	0.20
188010	Same as 188009.	0.30
188011	Fill of 188004. Light grey/yellow silty sand.	-
188012	Fill of 188004. Light blue/grey silty clay. Occasional charcoal flecking.	0.26
188013	Deposit overlying 188004. Light grey clay.	0.32
188014	Primary fill of 188006. Light grey/blue silty clay. Occasional charcoal flecks.	0.45
188015	Fill of 188006. Same as 188014.	0.11
188016	Fill of 188006. Light orange sandy gravel. Occasional charcoal flecks.	0.15
188017	Cut for palaeochannel. Uneven, gently sloping edges. Cuts 188007, cut by 188004 and 188006.	-

#### Trench description

Palaeochannel deposits

TR189	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.46
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
189000	Topsoil			0.13
189001	Subsoil			0.18
189002	Alluvium			-
189003	Fill of 189004.			-
189004	Cut for palaeochannel.			-
189005	Fill of 189006			-
189006	Cut for palaeochannel.			-
189007	Fill of 189008			-
189008	Cut for palaeochannel			-
189009	Natural			0.15+
Trench description				
Palaeochannel deposits				

TR190	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.43
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
190000	Topsoil			0.11
190001	Subsoil			0.13
190002	Alluvium			0.19+
190003	Light yellow/orange deposit between alluvium and natural			-
190004	Natural			-
Trench description				
Palaeochannel deposit				

TR191	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
191000	Topsoil			0.20
191001	Subsoil			0.10
191002	Alluvium			0.10+
191003	Natural			0.10+
Trench description				
Palaeochannel deposit				

TR192	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	25	2.1	0.48
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
192000	Topsoil			0.14
192001	Subsoil			0.27
192002	Natural			0.07+
192003	Cut for linear ditch on NE-SW alignment. 0.92m wide.			0.37
192004	Fill of 192003. Light grey silty clay.			0.37
Trench description				
Ditch identified				

TR193	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.40

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
193000	Topsoil	0.20
193001	Subsoil	0.10
193002	Natural	0.10+

**Trench description**

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TR194	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.47

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
194000	Topsoil	0.19
194001	Subsoil	0.17
194002	Natural	0.11+
194003	Hollow in natural. Likely to have been formed from large sarsens that have been removed and placed in nearby hedgerow.	-
194004	Fill of 194003. Mix of natural and subsoil.	-

**Trench description**

Depression in natural

TR195	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.56

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
195000	Topsoil	0.22
195001	Subsoil	0.14
195002	Natural	0.20+
195003	Cut for linear. 1.58m wide. Gently sloping sides to rounded base.	0.28
195004	Primary fill of 195003. Light grey/yellow silty clay.	0.11
195005	Fill of 195003. Dark brown loamy clay.	0.17

**Trench description**

Linear identified

TR196	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.35

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
196000	Topsoil	0.20
196001	Subsoil	0.10
196002	Natural	0.10+
196003	Upper fill of 196003. Dark grey/brown silty clay. Charcoal rich deposit.	0.33
196004	Lower fill of 196003. Light brown/grey silty clay. Charcoal rich deposit.	0.14
196005	Cut for linear. 1.11m wide. NNE-SSW orientation. Possible relates to boundary ditch 195003.	0.47

**Trench description**

Ditch identified

TR197	Orientation		L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE		50	2.1	0.45
Context	Description				Thickness (m)
197000	Topsoil				0.20
197001	Subsoil				0.15
197002	Alluvium				0.15+
197003	Natural				0.15+
Trench description					
Palaeochannel deposit					

TR198	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	50	2.1	0.50
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
198000	Topsoil			0.25
198001	Subsoil			0.15
198002	Alluvium			0.10+
Trench description				
Alluvial deposit				

TR199	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.45
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
199000	Topsoil			0.19
199001	Subsoil			0.17
199002	Natural			0.09+
Trench description				
Large stones (1m x 1m) within natural				

TR200	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.50
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
200000	Topsoil			0.20
200001	Subsoil			0.13
200002	Alluvium			0.17+
200003	Cut for palaeochannel			-
200004	Fill of 200003. Mid grey/brown sandy clay. Occasional small chalk fragments.			-
200005	Natural			-
Trench description				
Palaeochannel deposits				

TR201	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.50
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
201000	Topsoil			0.22
201001	Subsoil			0.11
201002	Alluvium			0.17+
201003	Cut for palaeochannel			-
201004	Fill of 201003.			-
201005	Natural			-
Trench description				
Palaeochannel deposit				

TR202	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.41

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
202000	Topsoil	0.18
202001	Subsoil	0.16
202002	Natural	0.07+

**Trench description**

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TR203	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.49

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
203000	Topsoil	0.20
203001	Subsoil	0.15
203002	Natural	0.14+

**Trench description**

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TR204	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.41

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
204000	Topsoil	0.14
204001	Subsoil	0.22
204002	Natural	0.05+

**Trench description**

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TR205	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.50

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
205000	Topsoil	0.22
205001	Subsoil	0.20
205002	Natural	0.50+
205003	Fill of 205004. Mid orange/brown silty clay. Frequent chalk flecks.	0.45
205004	Cut for possible boundary ditch. 1.20m wide. ENE/WSW orientation. Irregular sides to flat base.	0.50
205005	Upper fill of 205008. Dark blue/orange silty clay. Alluvial fill of hollow?	0.22
205006	Fill of 205008. Mid grey/orange sandy clay. Redeposited natural.	0.12
205007	Lower fill of 205008. Mid white/brown	0.28
205008	Cut for possible ring ditch. 2.66m wide.	0.46
205009	Fill of 205010. Light yellow/grey sandy clay. Upper fill of ring ditch.	0.36
205010	Cut for ring ditch. 0.90m wide. Irregular sides to concave base.	0.44
205011	Fill of 205013. Light yellow/grey sandy clay. Occasional chalk flecks. Upper fill of ring ditch.	0.54
205012	Lower fill of 205013. Light orange/grey chalky clay.	0.46
205013	Curvilinear cut for ring ditch. 1.25m wide. Irregular sides.	0.46
205014	Upper fill of 205015. Dark yellow/grey silty clay.	0.25
205015	Cut for shallow linear. 1.10m wide. Regular sides to uneven base.	0.25
205016	Lower fill of 205010. Dark yellow/black clay silt.	0.44
205017	Lower fill of 205015. Light orange/grey chalky clay. Slumping.	0.20

**Trench description**

Possible ring ditch



TR206	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.45
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
206000	Topsoil			0.25
206001	Subsoil			0.12
206002	Natural			0.08
206003	Cut for curvilinear gully with terminus. 0.53m wide. Gently sloping sides to rounded base.			0.14
206004	Fill of 206003. Light grey clay loam.			0.14
206005	Cut for large ditch. 1.71m wide. Steep sides to flat base.			0.73
206006	Dark brown/grey silty clay. Sealed ditch 206005.			0.25
206007	Upper fill of 206005. Grey silty clay with brown patches. Occasional charcoal.			0.25
206008	Fill of ditch 206005. Grey clay with occasional brown patches.			0.60
206009	Fill of ditch 206005. Grey clay with occasional charcoal.			0.24
206010	Fill of ditch 206005. Mixed grey/brown silty sand. Lower fill of ditch.			0.02
206011	Fill of ditch 206005. Brown silty clay. Washed in material on sides of cut.			0.73
206012	Cut for small ditch on NNW-SSE orientation. BOS steep to west and slight to east. 1.10m wide.			0.30
206013	Lower fill of 206012. Light brown silty clay.			0.27
206014	Upper fill of 206012. Grey silty clay with brown patches.			0.27

#### Trench description

Three ditches/linears

TR207	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.50
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
207000	Topsoil			0.22
207001	Subsoil			0.25
207002	Natural			0.08+
207003	Cut for linear. Probable gully. 0.36m wide. gently sloping sides to slightly rounded base.			0.25
207004	Fill of 207003. Light blue/grey silty clay.			0.25
207005	Cut for linear. 0.94m wide. Gently sloping sides to rounded base.			0.44
207006	Fill of 207005. Light blue/grey silty clay.			0.44
207007	Fill of 207008. Soft, wet, mid orange/brown silt and redeposited natural clay. Occasional charcoal flecks.			0.13
207008	Cut for possible roundhouse drip gully. 0.39m wide. Irregular.			0.13

#### Trench description

Three ditches/linears

TR208	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SE	50	2.1	0.45
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
208000	Topsoil			0.15
208001	Subsoil			0.20
208002	Natural			0.15+
208003	Cut for geological anomaly			0.50
208004	Fill of 208003. Light grey silty clay.			0.20
208005	Fill of 208003. Light grey silty clay with orange patches.			0.30
208006	Upper fill of 208003. Brown silty clay.			0.17

#### Trench description

Possible palaeochannel deposit

TR209	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.43

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
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209000	Topsoil	0.13
209001	Subsoil	0.17
209002	Natural	0.13+

#### Trench description

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TR210	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.41

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
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210000	Topsoil	0.20
210001	Subsoil	0.14
210002	Natural	0.07+
210003	Cut for ring gully with terminus. 0.36m wide. Rounded base.	0.07
210004	Fill of 210003. Mid grey/yellow silty clay.	0.07
210005	Cut for ring gully. 0.33m wide. Rounded base.	0.04
210006	Fill of 210005. Light grey/yellow silty clay.	0.04
210007	Cut for enclosure ditch. 1.64m wide. Steep sides to rounded base.	0.90
210008	Cut for tree bole	-
210009	Cut for modern rubble spread	-
210010	Fill of 210007. Light yellow/orange fine silty clay.	0.24
210011	Fill of 210007. Light yellow/orange sandy clay. Redeposited natural.	0.68
210012	Fill of 210007. Light yellow/orange sandy clay.	0.52
210013	Fill of 210007. Mid red/yellow silty clay. Frequent charcoal.	0.32
210014	Fill of 210007. Light brown/orange silty clay.	0.20
210015	Fill of 210007. Mid red/orange silty clay. Occasional charcoal.	0.22
210016	Upper fill of 210007. Mid brown/orange silty clay.	0.22

#### Trench description

Ring gully and linear

TR211	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.50

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
211000	Topsoil	0.12
211001	Subsoil	0.14
211002	Alluvium	0.24+
211003	Cut for palaeochannel.	0.34
211004	Fill of 211003. Light orange/grey silty sand	0.14
211005	Natural	0.20+
211006	Fill of 211003. Mid orange sandy gravel.	0.22
211007	Fill of larger alluvial channel. Mid grey silty clay.	0.52+

#### Trench description

Palaeochannel deposit

TR212	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	NR

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
212000	Topsoil	-
212001	Subsoil	-
212002	Natural	-
212003	Fill of 212004. Dark grey/black silty clay. Abundant charcoal.	0.22
212004	Cut for linear on E-W alignment. 1.21m wide. Gently sloping edges to rounded base.	0.22
212005	Fill of 212006. Light blue/grey silt clay.	0.06
212006	Cut for narrow gully. 0.20m wide. Gently sloping sides to rounded base.	0.06
212007	Fill of 212008. Dark grey/black silt clay. Abundant charcoal.	0.23
212008	Cut for oval post hole. 0.45m x 0.30m in plan. Steep sides to rounded base.	0.23
212009	Fill of 212009. Mid grey/brown silt and redeposited natural clay.	0.10
212010	Cut for curving gully. 0.18-0.45m wide. Irregular sides to flat base.	0.10
212011	Fill of 212012. Dark grey silt and redeposited natural clay with orange flecks.	0.16
212012	Cut for oval post hole. 0.26m x 0.30m in plan. Vertical sides to flat base.	0.16
212013	Fill of 212014. Context voided.	-
212014	Cut for linear. Context voided.	-
212015	Fill of 212016. Mid blue/grey silty clay.	0.15
212016	Cut for curvilinear. 0.65m wide. Steep sided to rounded base.	0.15
212017	Fill of 212018. Mid blue/grey silty clay.	0.07
212018	Cut for curvilinear. 0.40m wide. Irregular sides to rounded base.	0.07
212019	Upper fill of 212022. Dark grey/brown silt. Occasional charcoal.	0.28
212020	Fill of 212022. Mid grey/brown silt with orange flecks. Mixed with redeposited natural.	0.28
212021	Fill of 212022. Dark orange/mid grey redeposited natural clay.	0.27
212022	Cut for linear. 1.42m wide. Regular sides to flat base.	0.60
212023	Cut for linear. 1.36m wide. Gently sloping sides to rounded base.	0.45

212024	Fill of 212023. Mid brown/grey clay. Frequent charcoal.	0.45
212025	Cut for linear. 0.46m wide. Truncated by 21023.	0.40
212026	Fill of 212025. light yellow/grey sandy clay.	0.27
212027	Fill of 212025. Light brown/grey silty clay.	0.25
212028	Fill of 1212029. Mid blue/grey with yellow natural patches.	0.10
212029	Cut for linear. Gently sloping sides to rounded base. 0.15m wide.	0.10
212030	Fill of 212034. Dark grey/black silt clay.	0.31
212031	Cut for linear. Steep sided to rounded base. 0.80m wide.	0.33
212032	Fill of 212033. Mid grey/brown silt clay.	0.17
212033	Cut for curvilinear. 0.60m wide. Steep sides to rounded base.	0.17
212034	Dark grey/brown silt clay. Occasional charcoal.	0.17
212035	Fill of 212031. Light yellow clay.	0.04
212036	Cut for Field drain	0.05
212037	Fill of field drain	0.05
212038	Cut for circular post hole. Gently sloping sides to rounded base. 0.24m diameter.	0.11
212039	Fill of 212038. Mid to dark grey/black silty clay. Occasional charcoal. Packing stones present.	0.11
212040	Fill of 212038. Post packing stones.	-
212041	Fill of 212042. Dark blue/grey silt clay. Occasional charcoal.	0.02
212042	Cut for small circular pit or post hole. gently sloping sides to rounded base. 0.20m diameter.	0.02
212043	Fill of 212044. Mid grey/brown silt and redeposited natural.	0.30
212044	Slot excavated into linear 212025. 0.26m wide.	0.26
212045	Fill of 212046. Mid to dark grey/brown silt.	0.70
212046	Cut for linear. 0.64m wide. Regular sides to uneven base. Slot excavated into feature 212023/25	0.40
212047	Fill of 212048. Light blue/grey silt clay.	0.05
212048	Cut for E-W orientated linear. 0.24m wide. Gently sloping sides to rounded base.	0.05
212049	Cut for linear. 0.40m wide. Rounded base. Same as 212016.	0.15
212050	Fill of 212049. Yellow/grey clay. Occasional charcoal.	0.15

#### Trench description

Multiple archaeological features

## TR213

Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
N-S	50	2.1	0.40

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
213000	Topsoil	0.15
213001	Subsoil	0.15
213002	Natural	0.10+
213003	Fill of 213004. Dark blue/grey silty clay.	0.07
213004	Cut for small rectangular pit. 0.20m x 0.13m in plan. Steep sides to irregular base.	0.07
213005	Fill of 213006. Dark grey/blue silt clay. Occasional charcoal.	0.05
213006	Cut for oval pit. 0.53m x 0.30m in plan. Gently sloping sides to rounded base.	0.05
213007	Fill of 213008. Mid blue/grey silt clay. Occasional charcoal.	0.11
213008	Cut for irregular pit. 0.48m x 0.28m in plan. Gently sloping sides to rounded base.	0.11
213009	Fill of 213010. Mid blue/grey silt clay. Occasional charcoal.	0.27
213010	Cut for circular pit. 0.24m x 0.37m in plan. Steep sides to flat base.	0.27
213011	Fill of 213012. Mid blue/grey silt clay. Occasional charcoal.	0.20
213012	Cut for circular pit or post hole. 0.38m x 0.27m in plan. Steep sides to rounded base.	0.20
213013	Fill of 213014. Dark grey/blue silt clay. Occasional charcoal.	0.06
213014	Cut for circular stake-hole. 0.20 x 0.17m in plan. Steep sides to pointed base.	0.06
213015	Fill of 213016. Black charcoal.	0.04
213016	Cut for circular pit. 0.25m diameter. Uneven sides and base.	0.04
213017	Fill of 213020. Dark orange/grey silty clay. Upper fill of ditch.	0.26
213018	Fill of 213020. Mid yellow/grey silty clay.	0.96
213019	Lower fill of 213020. Dark orange/grey clay silt.	0.32
213020	Cut for rectilinear enclosure ditch. 2.70m wide. Irregular sides to flat base.	1.00
213021	Fill of 213022. Mid blue/grey silt clay. Occasional charcoal.	0.09
213022	Cut for circular pit or post hole. 0.20m x 0.29m in plan. Steep sides to rounded base.	0.09

213023	Fill of 213024. Dark blue/black silt clay. Abundant charcoal.	0.08
213024	Cut for circular pit or post hole. 0.30m x 0.40m in plan. Steep sides to flat base.	0.08
213025	Fill of 213028. Dark orange/grey silty clay. Upper fill of ditch.	0.22
213026	Fill of 213028. Mid orange/brown silty clay. Moderate charcoal.	0.90
213027	Fill of 213028. Mid brown/orange silty clay. Occasional charcoal.	0.56
213028	Cut for linear ditch. 2.80m wide. Irregular sides to concave base.	1.10
213029	Fill of 213030. Dark orange/grey silty clay. Occasional charcoal.	0.08
213030	Cut for sub-circular pit. 0.60m x 0.40m in plan. Regular sides to flat base.	0.08
213031	Fill of 213032. Mid orange/grey silty clay.	0.11
213032	Cut for sub-circular pit. 0.80m x 0.40m in plan. Regular sides to flat base.	0.11
213033	Fill of 213034. Dark orange/brown clay silt. Moderate charcoal.	0.27
213034	Cut for post-hole. 0.36m x 0.27m in plan. Irregular sides to concave base.	0.27
213035	Fill of 213036. Dark orange/grey silty clay.	-
213036	Cut for large circular enclosure ditch. 3.50m wide. Not excavated.	-
213037	Fill of 213038. Dark orange/grey clay silt.	-
213038	Cut for rectangular enclosure ditch. Not excavated.	-

### Trench description

Multiple archaeological features

TR214	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	50	2.1	0.50

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
214000	Topsoil	0.30
214001	Subsoil	0.15
214002	Natural	0.07+
214003	Fill of 214004. Mid yellow/grey silty clay.	0.31
214004	Cut for ditch terminus. 1.48m wide. Gradual BOS to north, Sharp BOS to south.	0.31
214005	Dark brownish/black clay silt. Abundant charcoal.	0.55
214006	Cut for linear. 1.08m wide. Irregular with flat base.	0.55
214007	Fill of 214006. Redeposited natural.	0.30
214008	Fill of 214011. Dark orange/brown clay silt. Occasional charcoal.	0.18
214009	Fill of 214011. Mid grey/orange silty clay. Occasional charcoal. Possibly burnt deposit.	0.60
214010	Fill of 214011. Light grey/orange silty clay. Occasional charcoal.	0.80
214011	Cut for linear. 1.30m wide. Possible drainage ditch. Steep sided with a flat base.	0.78
214012	Fill of 214013. Mid orange/grey clay silt. Occasional charcoal.	0.30
214013	Cut for possible ring ditch. 0.40m wide. Regular sides to flat base.	0.30
214014	Fill of 214015. Light orange/brown silty clay. Occasional charcoal.	0.25
214015	Cut for linear. Possible ditch terminus or pit. 0.50m wide. Steep sides, base unclear.	0.25

#### Trench description

Multiple archaeological features

TR215	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.46

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
215000	Topsoil	0.20
215001	Subsoil	0.13
215002	Natural and alluvium - mixed deposit	0.13
215003	Cut for linear ditch. 0.94m wide. Steep sides to rounded base.	0.53
215004	Fill of 215003. Mid brown/red silty clay. Occasional charcoal.	0.53
215005	Cut for curvilinear. 0.43m wide. gently sloping sides to rounded base.	0.15
215006	Fill of 215005. Mid orange/red silty clay.	0.15
215007	Cut for ditch terminus. 0.44m wide. Steep sides to rounded base.	0.12
215008	Fill of 215007. Dark brown/red silty clay. Occasional charcoal.	0.12
215009	Cut for possible field boundary. 1.40m wide. Gently sloping sides to flat base.	0.36
215010	Fill of 215009. Mid orange/brown silty clay. Occasional charcoal.	0.23
215011	Fill of 215009. Mid grey/brown silty clay. Occasional charcoal.	0.13
215012	Cut for circular post hole. 0.25m diameter. Gently sloping sides to rounded base.	0.08
215013	Fill of 215012. Light yellow/grey silty clay. No inclusions.	0.08
215014	Cut for circular pit. 0.70m diameter. Gently sloping sides to flat base.	0.12
215015	Fill of 215014. Mid grey silty clay.	0.12
215016	Cut for modern pit	-
215017	Fill of 215016.	-
215018	Circular cut for pit or posthole. 0.37m+ x 0.34m in plan. Gently sloping sides to rounded base.	0.09
215019	Fill of 215018. Light yellow/grey silty clay. No inclusions.	0.09
215020	Cut for NW-SE linear. 0.83m wide. Gently sloping sides to rounded base. Possible field boundary.	0.18
215021	Fill of 215020. Light yellow/grey silty clay. No inclusions.	0.18
215022	Cut for linear. Possible field boundary. 0.34m wide. Steep sides to flat base.	0.38



215023	Fill of 215022. Mid red/orange silty clay. Occasional charcoal flecks.	0.38
215024	Cut for circular pit. 0.85m diameter. Gently sloping sides to rounded base.	0.10
215025	Fill of 215024.	0.10
215026	Cut for ring gully. 0.32m wide. Steep sides to flat base.	0.21
215027	Fill of 215026. Mid orange/red silty clay. Occasional charcoal.	0.21
215028	Recut of ring gully. 0.37m wide. Steep sides to rounded base.	0.24
215029	Fill of 215028. Mid orange/red silty clay. Occasional charcoal.	0.24
215030	Cut for ring gully. 0.27m+ wide. Gently sloping sides to rounded base.	0.11
215031	Fill of 215030. Light yellow/red silty clay.	0.11
215032	Cut for ring gully. 0.35m+ wide. Gently sloping sides to rounded base.	0.19
215033	Fill of 215032. Light red/orange silty clay.	0.19
215034	Cut for ring gully. 0.50m wide. Steep sides to flat base.	0.26
215035	Fill of 215034. Mid orange/red silty clay.	0.26
215036	Cut for linear. 0.5m wide. Steep sides to flat base	0.18
215037	Fill of 215036. Dark grey silty clay with orange patches.	0.12
215038	Cut for possible linear. Unexcavated.	-
215039	Fill of 215038. Unexcavated.	-
215040	Cut for post hole. Unexcavated.	-
215041	Fill of 215040. Unexcavated.	-
215042	Cut for post hole. Unexcavated.	-
215043	Fill of 215042. Unexcavated.	-

#### Trench description

Multiple archaeological features

TR216	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.50

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
216000	Topsoil	0.25
216001	Subsoil	0.25
216002	Natural	0.20+
216003	Fill of 216004. Mid brown/orange silty clay.	0.23
216004	Cut for curvilinear. 0.35m wide. Regular sides to concave base. Ring ditch gully.	0.23
216005	Fill of 216006. Mid blue/grey clayey silt.	0.25
216006	Cut for sub-circular pit or potential ditch terminus. 0.90m x 0.57m in plan. Regular sides to flat base.	0.25

#### Trench description

Possible ring ditch

TR217	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	-	25	2.1	-

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
217000	Topsoil	0.30
217001	Subsoil	0.15
217002	Natural	0.75+
217003	Fill of 217004. Mid grey/orange silty clay. Occasional charcoal.	0.55
217004	Cut for linear ditch. 1.15m wide. Regular sides to flat base.	0.55
217005	Upper fill of 215007. Light grey/orange silty clay. Occasional charcoal.	0.28
217006	Lower fill of 215007. Dark orange/grey clayey silt. Occasional charcoal.	0.26
217007	Cut for linear ditch. 1.10m wide. Regular sides to flat base. Appears to pre-date other features in trench	0.57
217008	Fill of 217009. Dark orange/grey clayey silt. Occasional charcoal.	0.70
217009	Cut for linear. 1.54m wide. Irregular sides to flat base.	0.70

#### Trench description

Ring ditch identified.

TR218	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.40

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
218000	Topsoil	0.20
218001	Subsoil	0.20
218002	Natural	0.05+
218003	Fill of 218006. Dark grey/black silty clay. Orange redox throughout. Abundant small fragments of charcoal.	0.25
218004	Fill of 218006. Dark yellow/grey silty clay. Frequent charcoal.	0.23
218005	Fill of 218006. Light yellow/grey sandy clay. Rare charcoal. Base fill.	0.25
218006	Cut for linear. 0.70m wide. Steep sides to flat	0.75
218007	Fill of 218008. Mid yellow/grey silty clay.	0.23
218008	Cut for linear. 0.40m wide. Steep sides to rounded base.	0.23
218009	Fill of 218010. Mid yellow/grey silty clay.	0.19
218010	Cut for possible enclosure ditch. 0.20m wide. Same as 218008.	0.19
218011	Fill of 218012. Mid yellow/grey silty clay.	0.20
218012	Cut for possible enclosure ditch. 0.20m wide. Same as 218008.	0.20
218013	Fill of 218014. Mid yellow/grey silty clay.	0.12
218014	Cut for possible enclosure ditch. 0.30m wide. Same as 218008.	0.12
218015	Tree bole or natural disturbance at west end of trench.	0.40
218016	Fill of 218017. Mid yellow/grey silty clay.	0.14
218017	Cut for possible enclosure ditch. 0.37m wide. Same as 218008.	0.14
218018	Fill of 218019. Light blue/grey silty clay.	0.13
218019	Cut for possible linear - very ephemeral - 0.50m wide.	0.13
218020	Group number for features located at the west end of trench. L-shaped linear encompassing slots 218008, 218010, 218012, 218014, 218017.	-

#### Trench description

Four linear features

TR219	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.30

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
219000	Topsoil	0.20
219001	Subsoil	0.10
219002	Natural	-
219003	Fill of 219004. Mid brown/grey silty clay. Occasional charcoal.	0.32
219004	Cut for v-shaped ditch. 0.42m wide. N-S orientation. Steep sides to concave base.	0.32
219005	Fill of 219006. Mid brown/grey silty clay.	0.33
219006	Cut for curvilinear. 4.0m x 0.6m in plan. Steep sides to concave base. Wind break?	0.33
219007	Fill of 219008. Mid brown/grey silty clay	0.18
219008	Cut for tree throw. 0.74m x 0.70m in plan.	0.18
219009	Upper fill of 219011. Dark grey/brown silty clay.	0.19
219010	Lower fill of 219011. Mid grey/brown silty clay.	0.11
219011	Cut for N-S ditch. 1.56m wide. Irregular steep sides to concave base.	0.30
219012	Fill of 219014. Light brown silty clay. Deposit overlies archaeology.	0.80
219013	Fill of 219014. Dark brown/grey fine silty clay.	0.75
219014	Cut for palaeochannel. Unexcavated.	-
219015	Fill of 219014. Dark blue/grey silty clay.	-
219016	Fill of 219014. Light blue/grey silty clay.	-

#### Trench description

Palaeochannel deposits and further linears

TR220	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.45

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
220000	Topsoil	0.14
220001	Subsoil	0.16
220002	Alluvium	0.15+
220003	Fill of 220004.	-
220004	Cut for palaeochannel	-
220005	Fill of 220006.	-
220006	Cut for palaeochannel	-
220007	Lower fill of 220008. Light grey alluvial clay. Compact. Waterlogged. Frequent chalk frags.	-
220008	Cut for palaeochannel. Earliest channel. Only exposed at SE end.	-
220009	Natural chalk, sand and gravels	-
220010	Compact, blue/grey alluvial deposit.	-
220011	Blue alluvial deposit. Occasional chalk fragments and very occasional charcoal.	-

#### Trench description

Palaeochannel deposits

TR221	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.57

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
221000	Topsoil	0.20
221001	Subsoil	0.21
221002	Alluvium	0.16+
221003	Cut for large palaeochannel.	-
221004	Cut for palaeochannel	-
221005	Natural	0.15+

#### Trench description

Palaeochannel deposits

TR222	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.40

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
222000	Topsoil	0.20
222001	Subsoil	0.10
222002	Natural	-
222003	Cut for palaeochannel. N-S orientation. Steep sides to rounded base.	0.70
222004	Fill of 222003. Mid blue/grey clay. Plastic.	0.70
222005	Natural	0.32+
222006	Alluvium	0.15

#### Trench description

Palaeochannel deposits

TR223	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.40

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
223000	Topsoil	0.20
223001	Subsoil	0.15
223002	Natural	0.10+
223003	Cut for palaeochannel	-
223004	Fill of palaeochannel	-

#### Trench description

Palaeochannel

TR224	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.50

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
224000	Topsoil	0.30
224001	Subsoil	0.15
224002	Natural	-
224003	Fill of 224005. Mid brown/grey silty clay. Upper fill.	0.60
224004	Fill of 224005. Mid brown/grey sandy clay. Lower fill.	0.15
224005	Cut for enclosure ditch. 1.82m wide. Steep sided to concave base. Possible bank on inside of ditch?	0.75
224006	Fill of 224007. Dark brown/grey silty clay.	0.07
224007	Cut for oval post hole. 0.45m x 0.36m in plan. Gently sloping sides to rounded base.	0.07
224008	Fill of 224010. Dark grey/black silty clay. Occasional charcoal.	0.42
224009	Fill of 224010. Mottled dark yellow/grey silty clay. Iron panning. Lower fill.	0.30
224010	Cut for curvilinear ring ditch. 1.60m wide. Steep sided to flat base.	0.75
224011	Fill of 224012. Dark grey/brown silty clay.	0.23
224012	Cut for N-S aligned linear. 0.70m wide. Steep sided to concave base.	0.23
224013	Dark brown/black silty clay. Flood deposit from 224015.	0.12
224014	Fill of 224015. Dark grey/black silty clay. Moderate charcoal.	0.18
224015	Cut for linear. Regular sides to concave base. 0.90m wide.	0.18
224016	Mid orange/grey silty clay. Occasional charcoal. Possible buried soil horizon.	0.30
224017	Fill of 224018. Mid orange/grey clayey silt. Occasional charcoal.	0.28
224018	Cut for linear. 0.70m wide. E-W orientation. Regular sides to concave base.	0.28
224019	Alluvial deposit over channel 224026. Light grey fine silty clay. Plastic, compact.	0.75
224020	Upper fill of 224026. Mid grey fine silty clay.	0.26
224021	Fill of 224026. Dark grey fine silty clay.	0.42
224022	Fill of 224026. Mid grey fine silty clay.	0.55+
224023	Fill of earlier channel beneath 224026. White/yellow sandy clay.	0.65+

224024	Fill of 224025. Mid grey silty clay.	0.50
224025	Cut for palaeochannel. Gently sloping edges, rounded base.	0.50
224026	Cut for main palaeochannel	1.00+
224027	Fill of 224028. Dark grey/brown silty clay.	0.19
224028	Cut for curvilinear. 0.88m wide. Steep sides to rounded base. Possible roundhouse ditch.	0.23
224029	Fill of 224030. Light grey silty clay.	0.12
224030	Cut for pit. Half within trench - semi-circular. 0.82m x 0.46m in plan. Gently sloping sides to rounded base.	0.12
224031	Lower fill of 224018. Light grey/orange silty clay.	0.18
224032	Fill of 224033. Light yellow/grey clay. Occasional manganese.	0.20
224033	Cut for linear ditch. 0.70m wide. Gently sloping sides to rounded base. Orientated NE-SW	0.20
224034	Fill of 224035. Mid orange/grey silty clay.	0.24
224035	Cut for linear. 0.90m wide. Gradual sides to concave base.	0.23
224036	Dark orange/grey clay silt.	0.20
224037	Cut for curvilinear. 0.30m wide. Gradual sides.	0.20
224038	Fill of 224039. Mid orange/grey clay silt.	0.30
224039	Cut for curvilinear. 0.90m wide. Irregular sides to flat base.	0.30
224040	Layer of colluvium. Mid grey/orange silty clay. Occasional charcoal. All features truncate this layer.	0.37

#### Trench description

Palaeochannel and other features

TR225	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.35

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
225000	Topsoil	0.18
225001	Subsoil	0.10
225002	Natural	0.12+
225003	Alluvium	0.12+

#### Trench description

Alluvial deposits in west of trench

TR226	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.45

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
226000	Topsoil	0.30
226001	Subsoil	0.25
226002	Natural	0.05+

#### Trench description

Alluvial deposit

TR227	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.41

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
227000	Topsoil	0.10
227001	Subsoil	0.18
227002	Natural	0.13+
227003	Cut for tree throw	-
227004	Fill of 227003.	-
227005	Cut for curvilinear terminus. 0.64m wide. Gently sloping sides to flat base.	0.14
227006	Fill of 227005. Light brown/yellow sandy clay.	0.14
227007	Cut for circular pit. 0.63m x 1.03m in plan. Gently sloping sides to rounded base.	0.26
227008	Fill of 227007. Mid orange/brown silty clay. Occasional charcoal.	0.26
227009	Cut for linear ditch. 1.66m wide. Gently sloping sides to rounded base.	0.24
227010	Fill of 227009. Mid grey/yellow silty clay.	0.24
227011	Silting within natural hollow. Seals 227009.	0.32

Trench description

Two linears and a pit

TR228	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
228000	Topsoil			0.20
228001	Subsoil			0.10
228002	Natural			-
Trench description				
Blank				

TR229	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	50	2.1	0.35
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
229000	Topsoil			0.20
229001	Subsoil			0.10
229002	Natural			0.10+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR230	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
230000	Topsoil			0.20
230001	Subsoil			0.10
230002	Natural			0.10+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR231	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.30
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
231000	Topsoil			0.20
231001	Subsoil			0.10
231002	Natural			0.05+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR232	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	50	2.1	0.35
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
232000	Topsoil			0.20
232001	Subsoil			0.10
232002	Natural			0.10+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR233	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.30
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
233000	Topsoil			0.20
233001	Subsoil			0.10
233002	Natural			0.10+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR234	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.35
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
234000	Topsoil			0.20
234001	Subsoil			0.10
234002	Natural			0.10+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR235	Orientation		L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W		50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description				Thickness (m)
235000	Topsoil				0.20
235001	Subsoil				0.15
235002	Natural				0.10+
Trench description					
Blank					

TR236	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
236000	Topsoil			0.25
236001	Subsoil			0.10
236002	Natural			0.1+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR237	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.35
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
237000	Topsoil			0.21
237001	Subsoil			0.11
237002	Natural			0.08+
Trench description				
Blank				



TR238	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
238000	Topsoil			0.23
238001	Subsoil			0.10
238002	Natural			0.12+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR239	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.42

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
239000	Topsoil	0.19
239001	Subsoil	0.12
239002	Natural	0.11+
239003	Cut for linear. 0.68m wide. Gently sloping sides to rounded base.	0.26
239004	Fill of 239003. Light brown/grey clay with orange flecks.	0.26
239005	Cut for linear. 0.76m wide. Gently sloping sides to v-shaped base.	0.22
239006	Fill of 239005. Dark grey/brown clay.	0.22
239007	Cut for linear. 0.66m wide. Steep sides to rounded base. NE-SW alignment.	0.22
239008	Fill of 239007. Light orange clay. Frequent snail shells. Basal deposit.	0.10
239009	Fill of 239007. Light grey/orange clay.	0.12

**Trench description**

Two linears

TR240	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
240000	Topsoil			0.24
240001	Subsoil			0.11
240002	Natural			0.10+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR241	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.45
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
241000	Topsoil			0.22
241001	Subsoil			0.20
241002	Natural			0.26+
241003	Cut for linear. 1.88 – 2.57m wide. Gently sloping sides to uneven base.			0.34
241004	Fill of 241003. Mid grey/orange clay.			0.34
Trench description				
Possible linear				

TR242	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	50	2.1	0.52
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
242000	Topsoil			0.20
242001	Subsoil			0.15
242002	Natural			0.17+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR243	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.46

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
243000	Topsoil	0.20
243001	Subsoil	0.21
243002	Natural	0.09+
243003	Cut for enclosure boundary. N-S aligned. 0.52m wide. Steep sides to rounded base.	0.30
243004	Fill of 243003. Mid brown/grey clay.	0.30
243005	Palaeochannel. Blue/grey clay bounded by a light yellow/grey clay sand.	-
243006	Cut for enclosure boundary. Same as 243003.	-
243007	Fill of 243006. Mid brown/grey clay.	-

#### Trench description

Palaeochannel and other linears

TR244	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.45

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
244000	Topsoil	0.18
244001	Subsoil	0.16
244002	Natural	0.15+

#### Trench description

Blank

TR245	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.48

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
245000	Topsoil	0.18
245001	Subsoil	0.18
245002	Natural	0.12+

#### Trench description

Blank

TR246	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.57

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
246000	Topsoil	0.34
246001	Subsoil	0.20
246002	Natural	0.07+
246003	Cut for palaeochannel. Gently sloping edges with a slightly rounded base. 3.82m wide.	0.76
246004	Fill of 246003. Mid orange sand near eastern edge of feature.	0.22
246005	Fill of 246003. Primary fill. Mid orange/brown sandy gravel.	0.10
246006	Fill of 246003. Light orange/brown sand.	0.11
246007	Fill of 246003. Mid orange/brown sandy gravel.	0.09
246008	Fill of 246003. Upper fill. Dark grey clay with frequent mid orange flecking.	0.47

#### Trench description

Palaeochannel

TR247	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.50

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
247000	Topsoil	0.11
247001	Subsoil	0.30
247002	Natural	0.60+
247003	Cut for linear. 2.28m wide. Gradually sloping sides to rounded base. Enclosure ditch.	0.73
247004	Fill of 247003. Mid grey/yellow sandy clay.	0.11
247005	Fill of 247003. Mid grey/brown sandy clay.	0.26
247006	Fill of 247003. Dark grey/brown sandy clay. Upper fill.	0.42
247007	Cut for linear. 0.32m wide. Steep sided to rounded base. Enclosure ditch prior to 247010 recut.	0.30
247008	Fill of 247007. Light grey/brown sandy clay.	0.28
247009	Fill of 247007. Mid grey/brown loamy clay.	0.24
247010	Recut of enclosure ditch. 0.83m wide. Steep sides to rounded base.	0.55
247011	Lower fill of 247010. Light brown/grey sandy clay.	0.18
247012	Upper fill of 247010. Mid brown/grey clay.	0.41
247013	Cut for palaeochannel. 3.0m wide. Gently sloping sides to uneven base.	0.39
247014	Fill of palaeochannel. Dark grey/brown silty clay.	0.17
247015	Redeposited natural sealing 247014. Mid brown/grey clay.	0.19
247016	River channel. Grey clay bounded by white/brown sands.	0.90

#### Trench description

Square enclosure and palaeochannel

TR248	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.57

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
248000	Topsoil	0.17
248001	Subsoil	0.12
248002	Natural	0.21
248003	Natural variation	0.07+
248004	Cut for modern feature	-
248005	Fill of 248004. Mix of natural, topsoil and subsoil.	-

#### Trench description

Modern feature in centre of trench

TR249	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.48

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
249000	Topsoil	0.19
249001	Subsoil	0.19
249002	Natural	0.10+
249003	Modern cut associated with field drain.	-

#### Trench description

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TR250	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.50

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
250000	Topsoil	0.20
250001	Subsoil	0.25
250002	Natural	0.65
250003	Variation in natural	0.10+

**Trench description**

Palaeochannel deposit

TR251	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.46
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
251000	Topsoil			0.17
251001	Subsoil			0.19
251002	Natural			0.10
Trench description				
Alluvial deposit				

TR252	Orientation		L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W		50	2.1	0.39
Context	Description				Thickness (m)
252000	Topsoil				0.21
252001	Subsoil				0.11
252002	Natural				0.07+
Trench description					
Blank					

TR253	Orientation		L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE		50	2.1	0.50
Context	Description				Thickness (m)
253000	Topsoil				0.24
253001	Subsoil				0.16
253002	Natural				0.30+
253003	Palaeochannel. Continues into Trenches 256 and 262. c.4m wide. Filled by grey sandy deposit.				-
253004	Alluvium				0.15
253005	Brown/blue alluvium				0.20+

TR254	Orientation		L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE		50	2.1	0.50
Context	Description				Thickness (m)
254000	Topsoil				0.14
254001	Subsoil				0.32
254002	Mid blue/grey alluvial deposit.				-
254003	Palaeochannel. 1.67m wide.				0.40
254004	Natural. Dark blue/grey clay.				0.18
254005	Fill of 254003. Mid orange/brown coarse grained sand.				0.20
254006	Fill of 254003. Mid blue/grey silty clay.				0.36
254007	Fill of 254003. Mid yellow/grey silty clay.				0.22
254008	Fill of 254003. Mid brown/grey clay with orange flacks.				0.32

TR255	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	50	2.1	0.37

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
255000	Topsoil	0.18
255001	Subsoil	0.12
255002	Natural	0.07+
255003	Alluvium	-

#### Trench description

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TR256	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.44

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
256000	Topsoil	0.15
256001	Subsoil	0.25
256002	Natural	0.08+
256003	Palaeochannel. N-S orientation. c.7m wide.	-

#### Trench description

Palaeochannel

TR257	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.53

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
257000	Topsoil	0.23
257001	Subsoil	0.20
257002	Natural	0.10+
257003	Cut for possible pit. Semi-circular. 1.10m x 0.50m in plan. Gently sloping sides to flat base.	0.07
257004	Fill of 257003. Dark orange/grey gravelly clay.	0.07
257005	Cut for possible linear terminus. 0.82m wide. Steep sides to rounded base.	0.38
257006	Fill of 257005. Light orange/brown clay, sand and sandy clay. Rare charcoal flecks.	0.31
257007	Fill of 257005. Light grey sandy clay.	0.20

#### Trench description

Pit and linear terminus

TR258	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.59

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
258000	Topsoil	0.19
258001	Subsoil	0.20
258002	Natural	0.20+
258003	Alluvium	-

#### Trench description

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TR259	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.48

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
259000	Topsoil	-
259001	Subsoil	-
259002	Natural	-
259003	Cut for linear. 0.85m wide. Irregular sides to rounded base.	0.24
259004	Fill of 259003. Light blue/grey sandy clay.	0.22
259005	Cut for linear. 2.62m wide. Gently sloping sides to uneven base.	0.30
259006	Fill of 259005. Mid brown/grey clay.	0.30
259007	Tree throw.	-

#### Trench description

Two linear features

TR260	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.55

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
260000	Topsoil	0.21
260001	Subsoil	0.25
260002	Natural	0.09+

#### Trench description

Blank

TR261	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.50

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
261000	Topsoil	0.14
261001	Subsoil	0.37
261002	Natural	0.04+
261003	Cut for linear. 1.32m wide. Steep sides to rounded base.	0.42
261004	Fill of 261003. Mid brown/grey clay.	0.42

#### Trench description

Linear feature

TR262	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.49

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
262000	Topsoil	0.20
262001	Subsoil	0.14
262002	Natural	0.15+
262003	Cut for palaeochannel	0.40
262004	Primary fill of 262003. Light grey clay.	0.10
262005	Fill of 262003. Dark orange gravelly sand	0.08
262006	Fill of 262003. Light grey sandy clay.	0.24
262007	Upper fill of 262003. Light grey clay. Orange flecks throughout.	0.30

#### Trench description

Palaeochannel

TR263	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.50

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
263000	Topsoil	0.20
263001	Subsoil	0.25
263002	Natural	0.05+

**Trench description**

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TR264	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	40	2.1	0.48

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
264000	Topsoil	0.12
264001	Subsoil	0.30
264002	Natural	0.12+
264003	Cut for linear. 1.32m wide. Gently sloping sides to rounded base.	0.24
264004	Fill of 264003. Light brown/grey silty clay.	0.24

**Trench description**

Linear feature

TR265	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.48

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
265000	Topsoil	0.11
265001	Subsoil	0.26
265002	Natural	0.13+
265003	Cut for linear. 1.46m wide. Gently sloping sides to rounded base.	0.23
265004	Fill of 265003. Light grey/brown silty clay.	0.23
265005	Cut for possible pit. Semi-circular in plan 1.9 x 0.62m. Feature extended beyond excavated area.	0.19
265006	Fill of 265005. Light grey/brown clay.	0.19
265007	Cut for semi-circular pit - extends beyond limit of excavation. 2.0m x 0.85m. Gently sloping sides to rounded base.	0.18
265008	Fill of 265007. Light orange/brown silty clay.	0.18
265009	Cut for possible linear. 1.11m wide. Gently sloping sides to rounded base.	0.12
265010	Fill of 260009. Mid grey/brown silty clay.	0.12
265011	Cut for possible linear. 0.15m wide. Gently sloping sides to rounded base.	0.15
265012	Fill of 265011. Mid grey/brown clay.	0.15

**Trench description**

Linear and three pits identified

TR266	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	50	2.1	0.40

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
266000	Topsoil	0.20
266001	Subsoil	0.10
266002	Natural	0.10+

**Trench description**

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TR267	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.40

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
267000	Topsoil	0.20
267001	Subsoil	0.10
267002	Natural	-
267003	Fill of 267004. Compact mid/dark brown silty clay. Contains a cow burial.	-
267004	Cut for cow burial.	-

**Trench description**

Modern cow burial

TR270	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.44

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
270000	Topsoil	0.13
270001	Subsoil	0.13
270002	Natural	0.18+
270003	Cut for linear. 1.03m wide. Gently sloping sides to flat base.	0.11
270004	Fill of 270003.	0.11

**Trench description**

Linear feature

TR268	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	50	2.1	0.40

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
268000	Topsoil	0.20
268001	Subsoil	0.10
268002	Natural	0.10+

**Trench description**

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TR271	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.40

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
271000	Topsoil	0.20
271001	Subsoil	0.10
271002	Natural	0.10+

**Trench description**

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TR269	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.40

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
269000	Topsoil	0.20
269001	Subsoil	0.10
269002	Natural	0.10+

**Trench description**

Blank

TR272	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	50	2.1	0.40

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
272000	Topsoil	0.10
272001	Subsoil	0.23
272002	Natural	0.12+

**Trench description**

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TR273	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.36
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
273000	Topsoil			0.08
273001	Subsoil			0.26
273002	Natural			0.06+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR274	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.47
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
274000	Topsoil			0.26
274001	Subsoil			0.16
274002	Natural			0.05+
274003	Cut for palaeochannel.			0.58
274004	Fill of 274003. Mid red/brown silty sand.			0.14
274005	Fill of 274003. Mid red/brown sandy gravel.			0.16
274006	Fill of 274003. Light orange/grey silty clay.			0.14
274007	Fill of 274003. Same as 274006.			0.08
274008	Fill of 274003. Light grey sandy clay. Main fill of feature			0.38
274009	Fill of 274003. Light orange/grey silty clay.			0.26
274010	Fill of 274003. Light yellow/orange silty clay.			0.12
274011	Fill of 274003. Same as 274010.			0.24
274012	Fill of 274003. Mid grey/brown clay.			0.10
274013	Possible fill of 274003. Light yellow/orange sandy clay.			-
Trench description				
Palaeochannel				

TR275	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.35
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
275000	Topsoil			0.10
275001	Subsoil			0.28
275002	Natural			-
Trench description				
Blank				

TR276	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
276000	Topsoil			0.08
276001	Subsoil			0.21
276002	Natural			0.13+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR277	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	50	2.1	0.36
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
277000	Topsoil			0.08
277001	Subsoil			0.22
277002	Natural			0.10+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR278	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	50	2.1	0.47

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
278000	Topsoil	-
278001	Subsoil	-
278002	Natural	-
278003	Cut for gully. 0.41m wide. Steep sides to rounded base.	0.20
278004	Fill of 278003. Mid blue/grey clay.	0.20

**Trench description**

Linear feature

TR279	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.70

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
279000	Topsoil	0.18
279001	Subsoil	0.17
279002	Natural	0.15+
279003	Cut for palaeochannel.	0.30
279004	Fill of 279003. Mid grey clay.	0.30
279005	Cut for palaeochannel.	0.75+
279006	Fill of 279005. Dark blue/grey silty clay.	0.46+
279007	Fill of 279005. Light grey clay.	0.20
279008	Fill of 279005. Same as 279004.	0.10
279009	Alluvial deposit above 279003 and 279005. Light grey clay.	0.40

**Trench description**

Palaeochannel

TR280	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.40

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
280000	Topsoil	0.23
280001	Subsoil	0.10
280002	Alluvium	0.87+

**Trench description**

Palaeochannel deposits

TR281	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.40

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
281000	Topsoil	-
281001	Subsoil	-
281002	Group number for palaeochannel	-
281003	Fill of 281002. Mid white/grey clay with orange flecks.	0.45
281004	Fill of 281002. Dark grey/black clay. Occasional charcoal fragments.	0.52
281005	Fill of 281002. Mid brown/grey sandy clay.	0.30
281006	Fill of 281002. Mid yellow/grey clay.	0.20
281007	Fill of 281002. Dark blue/grey clay. Orange flecks.	0.55
281008	Upper fill of 281002. Light brown/grey clay.	0.20
281009	Cut for sub-rectangular pit. 0.40m x 0.28m in plan. Gently sloping sides to rounded base.	0.09
281010	Fill of 281009. Mid grey/black clay. Abundant charcoal.	0.09
281011	Gravel deposit underlying 281004.	0.10

**Trench description**

Palaeochannel deposits

TR282	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.58
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
282000	Topsoil			0.10
282001	Subsoil			0.18
282002	Mid brown/grey clay. River channel deposit.			0.34
282003	Mid grey/brown clay with orange flecks. River channel deposit.			0.30
282004	Mid blue/grey clay. Associated with river channel.			0.20+
Trench description				
Palaeochannel deposits				

TR283	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.46
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
283000	Topsoil			0.16
283001	Subsoil			0.30
283002	Natural			0.50+
283003	Cut for palaeochannel. Observed on surface only and in the NW end of the trench. 2.7m wide.			0.96
283004	Fill of 283003. Mid brown/grey clay with orange flecks.			0.12
283005	Fill of 283003. Light brown/yellow silty clay. Associated with the depositional processes of palaeochannel.			0.15

TR284	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
284000	Topsoil			-
284001	Subsoil			-
284002	Natural			-
Trench description				
Blank				

TR285	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.50
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
285000	Topsoil			0.13
285001	Subsoil			0.26
285002	Deposit associated with palaeochannel activity within this field. Light grey/brown clay. No stones.			-
285003	Light brown/yellow clay observed at a depth of 1.2m BGL at base of sondage.			0.30+
Trench description				
Palaeochannel deposits				

TR286	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	25	2.1	0.55
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
286000	Topsoil			0.09
286001	Subsoil			0.25
286002	Natural variation			-
286003	Alluvial deposit			-
Trench description				
Palaeochannel deposits				

TR287	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	50	2.1	0.50

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
287000	Topsoil	0.12
287001	Subsoil	0.18
287002	Natural	0.25+

**Trench description**

Blank

TR288	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.70

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
288000	Topsoil	-
288001	Subsoil	-
288002	Cut for palaeochannel. c.5.25m wide.	1.5
288003	Fill of 288002. Light brown/grey sandy clay. Red/orange flecks.	0.30
288004	Fill of 288002. Dark grey/brown clay. Abundant charcoal.	0.35
288005	Fill of 288002. Mid grey/brown silty clay.	0.65
288006	Fill of 288002. Light brown/grey clay.	0.80
288007	Same as 288005.	-
288008	Same as 288004. Rare charcoal.	-
288009	Same as 288003.	-
288010	Same alluvial deposit as 288005.	-

**Trench description**

Palaeochannel deposits

TR289	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.60

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
289000	Topsoil	-
289001	Subsoil	-
289002	Natural	-
289003	Alluvium	0.50
289004	Mid brown/yellow clay. No stones. Observed in sondage beneath 289003.	0.17
289005	Dark grey/black organic layer with charcoal inclusions.	0.20
289006	Same as 289003.	0.20+

**Trench description**

Palaeochannel deposits

TR290	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.65

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
290000	Topsoil	0.16
290001	Subsoil	0.46
290002	Alluvial deposit associated with palaeochannels in the area. Mid yellow/grey clay.	0.20
290003	Alluvial deposit associated with palaeochannel. Mid grey/white clay.	-

**Trench description**

Palaeochannel deposits

TR291	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.30
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
291000	Topsoil			0.20
291001	Subsoil			-
291002	Natural			0.30+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR292	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.45
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
292000	Topsoil			0.30
292001	Subsoil			-
292002	Natural			0.30+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR293	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
293000	Topsoil			0.24
293001	Subsoil			-
293002	Natural			0.18+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR294	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.45
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
294000	Topsoil			0.26
294001	Natural			0.30+
294002	Modern linear. E-W alignment.			-
Trench description				
Blank				

TR295	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
295000	Topsoil			0.15
295001	Subsoil			0.10
295002	Natural			0.20+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR296	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.45
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
296000	Topsoil			0.15
296001	Subsoil			0.15
296002	Natural			0.20+
296003	Modern linear. Same as 294002.			-
Trench description				
Blank				

TR297	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.45
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
297000	Topsoil			0.15
297001	Subsoil			0.15
297002	Natural			0.15+
297003	Modern linear. Same as 294002.			0.40+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR298	Orientation		L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S		50	2.1	0.45
Context	Description				Thickness (m)
298000	Topsoil				0.19
298001	Subsoil				0.20
298002	Natural				0.11+
Trench description					
Blank					

TR299	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	50	2.1	0.45
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
299000	Topsoil			0.20
299001	Subsoil			0.10
299002	Natural			0.20+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR300	Orientation		L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW		50	2.1	0.35
Context	Description				Thickness (m)
300000	Topsoil				0.10
300001	Subsoil				0.10
300002	Natural				0.20+
Trench description					
Blank					

TR301	Orientation		L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW		50	2.1	0.35
Context	Description				Thickness (m)
301000	Topsoil				0.10
301001	Subsoil				0.10
301002	Natural				0.15+
Trench description					
Blank					

TR302	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	50	2.1	0.35
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
302000	Topsoil			0.20
302001	Subsoil			0.10
302002	Natural			0.10+
Trench description				
Blank				



TR303	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.45
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
303000	Topsoil			0.25
303001	Subsoil			0.10
303002	Natural			0.13+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR304	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	50	2.1	0.45
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
304000	Topsoil			0.28
304001	Subsoil			0.10
304002	Natural			0.09+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR305	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	25	2.1	0.55
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
305000	Topsoil			0.34
305001	Subsoil			0.13
305002	Natural			0.09+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR306	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.44
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
306000	Topsoil			0.27
306001	Subsoil			0.11
306002	Natural			0.11+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR307	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	50	2.1	0.50
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
307000	Topsoil			0.30
307001	Subsoil			0.15
307002	Natural			0.20+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR308	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.50
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
308000	Topsoil			0.32
308001	Subsoil			0.13
308002	Natural			0.07+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR309	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	50	2.1	0.35
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
309000	Topsoil			0.17
309001	Subsoil			-
309002	Natural			0.20+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR310	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	50	2.1	0.35
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
310000	Topsoil			0.15
310001	Subsoil			-
310002	Natural			0.20+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR311	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
311000	Topsoil			0.20
311001	Subsoil			-
311002	Natural			0.20+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR312	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
312000	Topsoil			0.20
312001	Subsoil			0.10
312002	Natural			0.20+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR313	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
313000	Topsoil			0.20
313001	Subsoil			0.10
313002	Natural			0.20+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR314	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
314000	Topsoil			0.22
314001	Subsoil			0.10
314002	Natural			0.23+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR315	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.52
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
315000	Topsoil			0.35
315001	Subsoil			0.13
315002	Natural			0.11+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR318	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.30
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
318000	Topsoil			0.10
318001	Subsoil			0.15
318002	Natural			0.05+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR316	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
316000	Topsoil			0.19
316001	Subsoil			0.10
316002	Natural			0.21+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR319	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.35
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
319000	Topsoil			0.20
319001	Subsoil			0.10
319002	Natural			0.10+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR317	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
317000	Topsoil			0.22
317001	Subsoil			0.10
317002	Natural			0.20+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR320	Orientation L (m)		W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.35
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
320000	Topsoil			0.08
320001	Subsoil			0.13
320002	Natural			0.15+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR321	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	-	50	0	-
<b>Trench description</b> No Record				

TR322		Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
		NW-SE	50	2.1	0.30
Context	Description				Thickness (m)
322000	Topsoil				0.10
322001	Subsoil				0.10
322002	Natural				0.10+
Trench description					
Blank					

TR323	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.28
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
323000	Topsoil			0.09
323001	Subsoil			0.13
323002	Natural			0.06+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR324	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.35
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
324000	Topsoil			0.08
324001	Subsoil			0.16
324002	Natural			0.11+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR325	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NW-SE	50	2.1	0.30
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
325000	Topsoil			-
325001	Subsoil			-
325002	Natural			-
Trench description				
Blank				

TR326	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.45
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
326000	Topsoil			0.20
326001	Subsoil			-
326002	Natural			0.30+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR327	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	50	2.1	0.45
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
327000	Topsoil			0.21
327001	Subsoil			-
327002	Natural			0.25+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR328	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	NE-SW	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
328000	Topsoil			0.22
328001	Subsoil			-
328002	Natural			0.20+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR329	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
329000	Topsoil			0.20
329001	Subsoil			0.10
329002	Natural			0.13+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR330	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	E-W	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
330000	Topsoil			0.18
330001	Subsoil			0.10
330002	Natural			0.12+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR331	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
331000	Topsoil			0.20
331001	Subsoil			0.10
331002	Natural			0.10+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR332	Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
	N-S	50	2.1	0.40
Context	Description			Thickness (m)
332000	Topsoil			0.20
332001	Subsoil			0.10
332002	Natural			0.10+
Trench description				
Blank				

TR333

Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
N-S	49	2.1	0.40

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
333000	Topsoil	0.20
333001	Subsoil	0.10
333002	Natural	0.10+

**Trench description**

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TR334

Orientation	L (m)	W (m)	Avg. D (m)
E-W	50	2.1	0.40

Context	Description	Thickness (m)
334000	Topsoil	0.20
334001	Subsoil	0.10
334002	Natural	0.15+

**Trench description**

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## APPENDIX 2 FINDS ASSESSMENT

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The finds assemblage amounted to 591 sherds (3.6kg) of pottery, 47 lithic finds, a single bone object, 18 sherds (0.1kg) of fired clay, a fragment of iron and 18g of ironworking waste. The majority of the assemblage is of Iron Age date but the Mesolithic, Neolithic or Bronze Age and Roman periods are also represented.

The pottery has been scanned by context and broad details of fabric types noted using reference to published Iron Age sites in the Swindon area and other specialist studies. Finds have been summarily described. Quantification is by sherd count and weight for each context. Spot dates have been included where possible. The finds evidence has all been collated into one MS Access database. A copy of this data is given as a table at the end of this report. A summary of the assemblage by trench is shown below.

### Prehistoric pottery

A total of 527 sherds (3.390kg) of pottery were of prehistoric handmade vessels, probably of Iron Age date. The majority of the assemblage comprises small and highly abraded body sherds with very few stylistically recognizable features. The average sherd weight is 6.4g. The largest groups (of 20 or more sherds) were found in five contexts: linear features [213028] (213027) and [224018] (224017); possible field boundary [215009] (215011); possible ring ditch [214013] (214012); and pit [227007] (227008). The size of these was limited however, the largest context assemblage by sherd count being only 40 sherds (227008) and by weight 299g (224017).

Detailed identification was hampered by the rarity of diagnostic sherds. Early Iron Age types present were a carinated bowl body sherd (106005) and a body sherd with impressed finger-nail decoration (214010). Both show affinities with the All Cannings repertoire and may be of 7th to 5th century BC date. Middle Iron Age rim types were present in (206008) and (224014), while later Iron Age forms include a bead rim jar (224003) and two countersunk handle jars (213018), (215025). The latter type does not appear until the beginning of the 1st century BC.

Apart from these few diagnostic sherds, broad attribution of date relied on fabric analysis and comparison with two published Iron Age sites in the Groundwell area of north Swindon, approximately 4km to the north-west of the current site: Groundwell West, an early to middle Iron Age settlement complex (Walker et al 1996); and Groundwell Farm, a predominantly middle Iron Age settlement (Gingell 1982). At Groundwell West the early to early middle Iron Age fabrics were dominated by limestone or shelly tempered fabrics (Timby 1996, 19–26) and at Groundwell Farm the middle Iron Age phase is dominated by the sandy fabrics (Gingell 1982). Thus the limestone/shelly fabrics at the present site are perhaps indicative of an early Iron Age origin. The absence of the contemporary haematite coated vessels suggests a relatively low status assemblage. The domination of the sand tempered fabrics, suggests that activity continues during the middle and earlier part of the late Iron Age based on comparison with Groundwell Farm (Gingell 1982).

The total absence of Savernake/North Wiltshire late Iron Age types may indicate a reduced level of activity at the very end of the Iron Age or merely represent a very local sourcing of ceramics.

### Romano-British pottery

The Romano-British assemblage is made up of only 60 sherds (184g). These are again, small and abraded with an average sherd weight of only 2.9g. It is dominated by greywares of local manufacture and is probably of mid to late first century AD date. The only piece of note is the copy of a Gallo-Belgic platter (288003), dating to cAD50–80. The absence of BBI products suggests cessation of activity before the beginning of the 2nd century AD. The only large concentration of sherds was in the boundary ditch [243003] (243004) with 32 sherds (84g) of local greywares.

### Bone object

A single bone object was recovered from the site, found in linear feature [239003] (239004). No other finds were found in this feature, or indeed in the whole trench. It is pointed with a polished surface and with two inset slit-like perforations at the wider end. A third perforation might have been present on a missing section of the edge.

This object could, but for the inset perforated slits, be considered a classic Iron Age 'bone gouge'; a frequent find on settlement sites such as Danebury (Cunliffe 1983, fig. 81; Cunliffe and Poole 1991, 354–68), Winnall Down, both in Hampshire. (Winham 1985, 96 and fig.74 no.14) and Dragonby, Lincolnshire (Taylor and May 1996, 352–3 and fig.14.4). The highly polished surface suggests repeated use. The function of these object is still debated. Study of their wear patterns led to the conclusion that they were bone spearheads, but others have interpreted wear traces as an indication of their use in weaving (pin beaters), while acknowledging that the majority were almost certainly hafted (Olsen 2003; Britnell 2000, 185).

The object type first occurs in the late Bronze Age and was in use throughout the Iron Age (Duncan and Riddler 2011, 66). Although they are most common in Iron Age contexts, they are also known on Roman sites usually rural in nature.

Although a number of these 'bone gouges' do have perforations at the broader end of the implement (e.g. Cunliffe and Poole 1991, fig. 7.32 nos.3.291–3.299; Taylor and May 1996, fig. 14.4 no. 55), the arrangement of two to three inset slit-like perforations which occurs on this example is most unusual.

### Iron

A single iron find was recovered from a sample from a flood deposit (224013) from linear feature [224015]. It is a small 2mm fragment of wire, in remarkably good condition. It is associated with Iron Age pottery but its small size means it could potentially be intrusive.

### Lithics

The lithics assemblage comprises 47 pieces (365g) of chipped flint. The flint appears in variations of grey browns, finer grained translucent browns and yellow browns. The assemblage comprises



16 flakes, eight blades, five cores/core fragments, a microlith, four scrapers, three edge retouched pieces, two notched pieces, three indeterminate pieces and four fragments. The lithics were widely scattered through 15 trenches. The largest concentration was in Trench 212, with 12 lithics, though again these were scattered through a number of different linear features.

The assemblage was multi-phase with three identifiable periods: Mesolithic; later Neolithic/early Bronze Age; and later prehistoric. Mesolithic dated lithics were found in pits [215014] (215015) and [215024] (215025). These included a small triangular cross-sectioned blade fragment and a large scalene triangle. These belong to a narrow blade industry and as such can be dated to the later Mesolithic. In pit [215024] (215025) the lithics are clearly residual, associated as they are with 15 sherds of Iron Age pottery. No other finds were found in pit [215014] (215015), though this single lithic find cannot be used to securely date the feature. The high number of well executed blades in ditch terminus [214004] (214003) are also likely to be earlier prehistoric in date, again potentially Mesolithic, however they are in fragmentary condition and again residual, associated with Iron Age pottery.

The later Neolithic to early Bronze Age period was represented by sub-circular and sub-oval scrapers found in pit [169006] (169007), linear feature [195003] (195005) and geological anomaly [208003] (208004). Only in linear feature [195003] are these early lithics associated with later pottery (fill 195004), though again the one or two lithics found in the other features cannot be used as secure dating evidence.

There were a few odd examples of frost shattered, much abraded pieces in Trench 212 (212015, 212024, 212043) which have been used as flake cores, and another in Trench 217 (217005). Evidence for multi-directional cores was seen in (217005), (227008) and (288003). The flake found in (227008), derived from a multi-directional core also features unusual retouch and may have functioned as a burin. These examples of irregular, multi-directional cores, small irregular flakes and retouch on older abraded pieces all suggest a later prehistoric date, middle Bronze Age onwards, and potentially into the Iron Age. Most of these lithics are associated with Iron Age pottery.

The size of the assemblage and its scattered nature means that closer dating and further interpretation is not possible. The less diagnostic pieces could be from the periods noted above but could equally be from other periods in prehistory.

### Fired clay

Some 18 pieces (128g) of fired clay were recovered. These were definitely not derived from pottery vessels, however all were fragmentary and of a sandy fabric similar to that used for pottery. All the pieces were of indeterminate form and it was not possible to ascribe function to any of the material. All were found in Iron Age contexts.

### Industrial waste

A single lump of iron slag was recovered from ring-ditch [224010] (224008). Small quantities of possible hammerscale were also retrieved from samples taken from linear ditch [213028] (213025,

213027) and ditch terminal [215007] (215008), though these amounted to less than 0.5g of material in total.

As there was no other evidence for ironworking recovered it seems unlikely that it was being undertaken in the immediate vicinity of the excavated trenches.

## Discussion

The finds assemblage is relatively small and generally scattered. Many of the finds are small and abraded and thus clearly the result of secondary deposition. Thus the potential of the assemblage in terms of fine typological dating and in terms of dating the features in which it was found is reduced.

The Mesolithic and late Neolithic/early Bronze Age period is represented entirely by lithics which are thinly scattered across the site and appear to be largely or entirely residual.

The period best represented by the finds is the Iron Age, with material concentrated in Trench 224 with smaller concentrations in Trenches 092, 212, 213, 214, 215, 218 and 227. Pottery is the predominant find of this period though a finely made bone gouge can also be dated to the Iron Age and some associated fragments of ironworking waste and fired clay can be assumed to be contemporary. Some associated poorly made lithics may also be of Iron Age date.

The types of pottery present suggest that occupation began in the early Iron Age, possibly as early as the 7th century BC and continued into the 1st century BC. The lack of early Iron Age haematite coated vessels suggests a relatively lowly status. The scarcity of the ironworking waste and fired clay suggest that these may have been casually introduced to the site rather than being indicative of any on site structures or activities. The absence of Savernake/North Wiltshire late Iron Age types might indicate a lower level of activity towards the end of the Iron Age, but equally may be a factor of pottery sourcing.

The bone gouge appears to be anomalous to the rest of the Iron Age evidence. It is finely made and was found isolated from other material.

The Roman period is again only represented by pottery, but has a very different distribution to the Iron Age material, being largely concentrated in Trench 243. There are no cases of Iron Age and Roman pottery being mixed in the same context. This supports the theory that occupation at the site ended during the late Iron Age, some time before the Roman conquest and that the Roman material represents a different phase of activity. The Roman activity seems to have been short lived, from the mid to the late 1st century.

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TABLE 1

Assemblage summary by trench

TR	Pottery (PH)		Pottery (Rom)		Bone object	Iron	Lithics	Lithics	CBM	CBM	Industrial waste	Dating
	Sherds	Wgt	Sherds	Wgt	Finds	Finds	Finds	Wgt	Sherds	Wgt	Wgt	
092	28	247g	2	14g	—	—	2	22g	—	—	—	IA-RB
095	3	134g	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	IA
105	6	23g	1	5g	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	IA-RB
106	4	21g	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	IA
109	3	6g	—	—	—	—	2	22g	—	—	—	IA
168	11	24g	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	IA
169	5	26g	—	—	—	—	2	20g	2	1g	—	LNeol/EBA, IA
195	1	19g	—	—	—	—	1	14g	—	—	—	LNeol/EBA, IA
196	3	5g	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	IA
205	—	—	1	6g	—	—	1	4g	—	—	—	RB
206	12	64g	5	6g	—	—	3	9g	—	—	—	IA-RB
207	4	19g	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	IA
208	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	15g	—	—	—	LNeol/EBA
210	1	1g	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	IA
212	36	301g	—	—	—	—	12	91g	5	58g	—	IA
213	48	477g	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	12g	<0.5g	IA
214	48	214g	—	—	—	—	5	10g	—	—	—	Meso?, IA
215	74	361g	—	—	—	—	5	17g	—	—	<0.5g	Meso, IA
216	7	5g	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	IA
217	3	12g	—	—	—	—	3	76g	—	—	—	IA
218	49	217g	—	—	—	—	1	14g	1	15g	—	IA
219	19	119g	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	33g	—	IA
224	100	807g	—	—	—	1	3	16g	2	9g	18g	IA
227	42	151g	—	—	—	—	1	15g	—	—	—	IA
233	—	—	2	2g	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	RB
239	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	IA
243	—	—	33	94g	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	RB
247	15	83g	3	10g	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	IA-RB
248	—	—	2	18g	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	RB
259	—	—	3	2g	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	RB
265	1	20g	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	IA
274	2	30g	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	IA
278	2	4g	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	IA
288	—	—	12	27g	—	—	4	20g	1	<0.5g	—	RB
<b>Total</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>3390g</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>184g</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>365g</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>128g</b>	<b>18g</b>	<b>—</b>

## Appendix 2.1 Finds catalogue

TR	Context	Sample	Qty	Weight (g)	Material	Object	Description	Spot date
092	92005	—	4	20	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	IA
092	92013	—	4	112	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	IA
092	92015	—	3	29	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	IA
092	92017	—	1	1	Lithics	Debitage	Flint, translucent yellow brown. Small inner flake	PH
092	92017	—	12	49	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	IA
092	92019	—	1	21	Lithics	Debitage	Flint, grey brown. Secondary flake	PH
092	92019	—	2	14	Pottery (Rom)	—	Wheelmade grey sandy body sherds	RB
092	92023	—	5	37	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	IA
095	95003	—	3	134	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	IA
105	105008	—	2	3	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	IA
105	105020	—	1	5	Pottery (Rom)	—	Wheelmade grey sandy body sherd	RB
105	105028	—	1	4	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherd	IA
105	105029	—	3	16	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	IA
106	106006	—	4	21	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade limestone tempered body sherds. One from an angled jar.	EIA-MIA
109	109005	—	2	22	Lithics	Debitage	Flint, yellow brown. Indeterminate frost shattered piece and an overshot, irregular, secondary, hard hammer on platform blade	PH
109	109006	—	2	4	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	IA
109	109006	—	1	2	Pottery (PH)	—	Limestone tempered body sherd.	IA
168	168023	—	1	11	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherd	IA
168	168025	—	8	5	Pottery (PH)	—	Limestone tempered body sherds	IA
168	168025	—	1	1	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherd	IA
168	168038	—	1	7	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherd	IA
169	169007	—	1	16	Lithics	Tool	Flint, grey brown. Circular scraper. Secondary hard hammer flake, abrupt retouch to all lateral edges and probable subsequent periods or resharpening	L Neol-EBA
169	169015	—	2	2	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade shelly limestone tempered body sherds	EIA-MIA
169	169023	—	2	19	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade limestone tempered body sherds	EIA-MIA
169	169028	109	2	1	CBM	Fired Clay	—	—
169	169028	109	1	4	Lithics	Core	Flint, yellow brown. Possible core fragment	PH
169	169030	—	1	5	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherd	IA
195	195004	—	1	19	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade limestone tempered body sherd	EIA-MIA
195	195005	—	1	14	Lithics	Tool	Flint, mottled grey. Broken distal end of scraper. Secondary sub oval piece (quite long may have been blade) abrupt retouch to almost entire remaining lateral	L Neol-EBA
196	196003	114	1	—	Pottery (PH)	—	sand tempered fragment	IA
196	196003	—	2	5	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	IA
205	205003	—	1	4	Lithics	Debitage	Flint, mottled grey brown. Secondary, small and wide, hard hammer on platform flake with a double bulb. Scars on dorsal indicate flake removal	PH
205	205005	—	1	6	Pottery (Rom)	—	Wheelmade oxidised sandy body sherd	RB
206	206004	—	5	6	Pottery (Rom)	—	Wheelmade grey sandy body sherds	RB



TR	Context	Sample	Qty	Weight (g)	Material	Object	Description	Spot date
206	206008	—	3	9	Lithics	Debitage	Flint, yellow brown, mottled grey and red brown (burnt). Grey, inner, hard hammer on platform flake; yellow, secondary blade with trapezoidal section, missing proximal end and cortical distal; burnt fragment	PH
206	206008	—	9	57	Pottery (PH)	—	8 handmade sand tempered body sherds; 1 friable rim fragment	EIA-MIA
206	206013	—	3	7	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	IA
207	207007	—	1	12	Pottery (PH)	—	Limestone tempered body sherds	IA
207	207007	—	3	7	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherd	IA
208	208004	—	1	2	Lithics	Tool	Flint, yellow brown. Scraper. Distal end of a secondary flake, abrupt retouch to all lateral edges. Retouch near the breaks indicates a change of angle suggesting a sub circular shape	L Neol-EBA
208	208004	—	1	13	Lithics	Tool	Flint, grey brown. Notched. Small sub-oval secondary flake with inverse retouch to the right of a similarly shaped natural notch. Small 'barb' with squared end between	PH
210	210011	134	1	1	Pottery (PH)	—	limestone tempered body sherd	IA
212	212003	132	4	16	Lithics	Debitage	Flint, brown. Two secondary flakes, both hard hammer, one with a platform. Burnt indeterminate piece and burnt fragment	PH
212	212003	—	4	58	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade limestone tempered body sherds	EIA-MIA
212	212009	—	2	28	CBM	Fired Clay	—	—
212	212009	—	4	10	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade limestone tempered body sherds	EIA-MIA
212	212009	—	3	8	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	EIA-MIA
212	212015	—	1	6	Lithics	Core Fragment	Flint, dull grey brown. Small fragment with remains of a single platform with opposing cortical end	PH
212	212015	—	6	100	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds; large jar	MIA
212	212020	—	1	5	Lithics	Debitage	Flint, mottled yellow brown. Secondary, hard hammer flake on platform, missing distal end	PH
212	212020	—	2	18	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	MIA
212	212024	—	3	30	CBM	Fired Clay	—	—
212	212024	—	4	35	Lithics	Debitage and Core	Flint, grey/grey brown and yellow brown. Brown and grey brown secondary hard hammer on platform flakes; yellow brown primary hard hammer flake; and an abraded indeterminate piece which has been used as a platform core at a later date for the production of small flakes or as part of core preparation, only a small section has been flaked	PH
212	212024	—	6	35	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	MIA
212	212028	—	2	48	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	MIA
212	212030	—	8	21	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	LIA
212	212043	—	2	29	Lithics	Debitage and Core/Tool	Flint, mottled grey and brown. Brown secondary hard hammer flake and a much abraded secondary piece where one side has been used as a platform core for short flakes, there is also one edge where it has potentially been used as a tool. The abrasion occurred prior to use as a core/tool	PH
212	212043	—	1	3	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherd	IA
213	213017	—	8	31	Pottery (PH)	—	7 limestone tempered body sherds plus square top rim	MIA
213	213018	—	1	12	CBM	Fired Clay	—	—
213	213018	—	1	18	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherd from countersunk handle jar	MIA-LIA
213	213025	130	—	—	Industrial Waste	Mag Res	Potential hammerscale	—
213	213025	—	5	30	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	IA
213	213025	130	1	1	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	IA
213	213027	131	—	—	Industrial Waste	Mag Res	Potential hammerscale	—

TR	Context	Sample	Qty	Weight (g)	Material	Object	Description	Spot date
213	213027	—	24	261	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	MIA-LIA
213	213036	—	9	136	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	IA
214	214003	—	4	9	Lithics	Debitage and Tool	Flint, mottled grey browns. Secondary, hard hammer on platform blade, missing distal tip; inner hard hammer on platform blade with roughly trapezoidal cross section, missing distal end; inner medial blade fragment; and burnt blade missing distal and proximal (potential core trimming piece)	Meso?
214	214003	—	5	28	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	IA
214	214005	—	1	1	Lithics	Debitage	Flint, dull brown. Small inner hard hammer flake	PH
214	214005	—	5	29	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	IA
214	214008	—	1	1	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherd	IA
214	214009	—	13	32	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	IA
214	214010	—	2	8	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds, one with finger-nail impressed horizontal decorative band	EIA-MIA
214	214012	—	20	114	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered and limestone tempered body sherds	MIA
214	214012	—	2	2	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	IA
215	215004	118	1	7	Lithics	Debitage	Flint, dark grey. Secondary, hard hammer flake	PH
215	215004	118	1	6	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand and flint tempered body sherd	IA
215	215004	—	14	60	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	IA
215	215008	119	—	—	Industrial Waste	Mag Res	Potential hammerscale	—
215	215010	—	6	35	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	MIA-LIA
215	215011	—	20	72	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	MIA-LIA
215	215015	—	1	—	Lithics	Tool	Flint, grey brown. Scalene triangle. Secondary blade with triangular cross-section. Semi abrupt retouch to the right lateral and proximal	Meso
215	215023	—	8	7	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	MIA-LIA
215	215025	120	1	1	Lithics	Debitage	Flint, brown. Fragment of a small triangular sectioned blade. 80% cortical	Meso?
215	215025	—	1	2	Lithics	Tool	Flint, mottled grey brown. Edge retouched. Inner, hard hammer on platform flake. Nibbled retouch along 75% of the left lateral edge	PH
215	215025	—	15	128	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds from countersunk handle jar	MIA-LIA
215	215027	—	1	3	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	MIA-LIA
215	215029	—	2	16	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	MIA-LIA
215	215031	—	2	8	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	MIA-LIA
215	215037	—	1	7	Lithics	Debitage	Flint, mottled grey. Possible core fragment	PH
215	215037	—	5	26	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	MIA-LIA
216	216003	—	1	1	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherd	MIA-LIA
216	216005	—	6	4	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	MIA-LIA
217	217003	—	3	12	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	MIA-LIA
217	217005	—	3	76	Lithics	Debitage, Core and Tool	Flint, dull brown and dark translucent brown. Irregular core multi-directional core; secondary hard hammer on platform flake; much abraded indeterminate piece with fresher abrupt retouch along one edge, probable scraper	PH
218	218003	—	16	87	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	MIA-LIA
218	218005	—	1	14	Lithics	Tool	Flint, dull grey brown. Secondary piece with abruptly retouched notch to one edge	PH



TR	Context	Sample	Qty	Weight (g)	Material	Object	Description	Spot date
218	218005	—	5	40	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	MIA-LIA
218	218007	—	1	15	CBM	Fired Clay	—	—
218	218009	—	9	48	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	MIA-LIA
218	218012	—	5	15	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	MIA-LIA
218	218013	—	14	27	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	MIA-LIA
219	219003	—	6	19	Pottery (PH)	—	Wheelmade grey sandy body sherds	LIA
219	219005	—	1	19	CBM	Fired Clay	—	—
219	219005	—	4	22	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	MIA-LIA
219	219007	—	5	5	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	MIA-LIA
219	219009	—	3	3	CBM	Fired Clay	—	—
219	219009	—	1	2	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	IA
219	219010	—	1	18	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand and flint tempered body sherd	MIA-LIA
219	219013	—	2	11	CBM	Fired Clay	—	—
219	219015	—	2	53	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	MIA-LIA
224	224003	—	17	82	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered and limestone tempered body sherds. 1 bead rim	LIA
224	224004	—	1	15	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherd	MIA-LIA
224	224008	—	1	18	Industrial Waste	Slag	light, amorphous vitrified lump	—
224	224008	—	2	8	Lithics	Debitage	Flint. Burnt indeterminate pieces	PH
224	224008	—	18	40	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherd	MIA-LIA
224	224011	—	1	2	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherd	MIA-LIA
224	224013	124	1	—	Iron	Wire	Small fragment of wire, 1mm diam, 2mm long, good condition	—
224	224013	124	3	7	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered and limestone tempered body sherds	IA
224	224014	—	11	136	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds and slack profile jar with plan rim	MIA
224	224017	—	20	299	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered and limestone tempered body sherds	MIA-LIA
224	224020	—	2	9	CBM	Fired Clay	—	—
224	224027	—	18	184	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	MIA-LIA
224	224034	—	3	17	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade limestone tempered body sherds	MIA-LIA
224	224036	—	8	25	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	MIA-LIA
224	224040	—	1	8	Lithics	Debitage	Flint, mottled, translucent dull brown. Inner, overshot, hard hammer on platform blade. Dorsal indicates probable removal of other blades from the core	PH
227	227006	—	2	5	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	MIA-LIA
227	227008	—	1	15	Lithics	Tool	Flint, dull brown. Edge Retouched. Inner hard hammer flake from multi-directional core. Nibbled retouch to several areas, including inverse right medial, direct left lateral and to either side of the distal point where the retouch becomes semi abrupt	PH
227	227008	—	40	146	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds, same vessel	MIA-LIA
233	233001	—	2	2	Pottery (Rom)	—	Wheelmade oxidised ware body sherds	RB

TR	Context	Sample	Qty	Weight (g)	Material	Object	Description	Spot date
239	239004	—	1	—	Bone Object	Gouge/pin beater	Gouge type object, incomplete. Made from sheep-sized long bone, proximal end removed at an oblique angle, forming a characteristic pointed end. Surfaces polished, especially mid and upper shaft, greater wear on tip. Opposing end cut straight and smoothed, one side of shaft broken away. About 5mm below the cut end two longitudinal notches set c. 2.5mm apart which are angled in, creating an inset, narrow slit-like perforation. Remains of one notch of a second inset perforation, about 9-10mm from the first, survives along the broken edge of the shaft; it is possible a third inset perforation may have originally existed. Possible wear patterns include some longitudinal 'scratches' along the tip and wider, shallow transverse grooves on one side of the mid-shaft. Length 97.1mm; length of tip c.21mm	IA
243	243004	—	32	83	Pottery (Rom)	—	Wheelmade everted rim. Handmade sand tempered body sherds	1st century AD
243	243007	—	1	11	Pottery (Rom)	—	Wheelmade grey ware body sherd	RB
247	247004	100	1	1	Pottery (Rom)	—	Wheelmade oxidised ware body sherd	RB
247	247005	—	7	37	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade limestone tempered body sherds	MIA-LIA
247	247006	—	1	7	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherd	MIA-LIA
247	247008	—	2	9	Pottery (Rom)	—	Wheelmade grey ware body sherds	RB
247	247011	—	4	19	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade limestone tempered body sherds	MIA-LIA
247	247012	—	2	12	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds, jar neck	MIA-LIA
247	247014	—	1	8	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherd	MIA-LIA
248	248005	—	2	18	Pottery (Rom)	—	Wheelmade oxidised ware body sherds	RB
259	259000	—	3	2	Pottery (Rom)	—	Wheelmade oxidised ware body sherds	RB
265	265008	—	1	20	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade limestone tempered body sherds	MIA-LIA
274	274008	—	1	3	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherd	MIA-LIA
274	274011	—	1	27	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade limestone tempered body sherds	MIA-LIA
278	278004	—	2	4	Pottery (PH)	—	Handmade sand tempered body sherds	MIA-LIA
288	288003	—	4	20	Lithics	Debitage and Core	Flint, dull grey brown/dark translucent brown/burnt. Platform core fragment; very small secondary hard hammer on platform flake from a multi-directional core; two burnt fragments	PH
288	288003	—	12	27	Pottery (Rom)	—	Wheelmade oxidised platter copying Gallo-Belgic form	LIA-early RB
288	288004	103	1	—	CBM	Fired Clay	—	—



## APPENDIX 3 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

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### Introduction

23 samples together with hand-collected animal bone recovered during an evaluation at Lotmead Farm, Swindon Eastern Villages, were received for palaeoenvironmental assessment. The samples were from various features including the fills of various ditches, palaeochannels, post-holes and pits. The aims of the assessment were to assess the environmental potential of the deposits.

### Method

The samples were subjected to flotation and wet sieving in a Siraf-style flotation machine. The floating debris (the flot) was collected in a 250 µm sieve and, once dry, scanned using a binocular microscope. Any material remaining in the flotation tank (retent) was wet-sieved through a 1mm mesh and air-dried. The samples were scanned using a stereomicroscope at magnifications of x10 and up to x100. Identifications, where provided, were confirmed using modern reference material and seed atlases including Cappers et al. (2006). Charcoal was identified as oak/non-oak wherever possible.

### Results

Results of the assessment are presented in Appendix 3.1 (Retent samples), Appendix 3.2 (Flot samples) and Appendix 3.3 (Animal bone). Material suitable for AMS (Accelerated Mass Spectrometry) radiocarbon dating is shown in the tables.

#### Charcoal

Wood charcoal was present in varying quantities in 15 samples. Charcoal fragments were heavily fragmented though relatively unabraded. Wherever preservation allowed, charcoal was categorized as oak or non-oak. Both oak and non-oak charcoal were present.

#### Cereal grain

A small number of charred cereal grains were recovered, all were very heavily abraded and in extremely poor condition.

A single barley grain (*Hordeum vulgare*) was present in the fill (247004) of ditch [247003]. A wheat grain was present in the fill (213019) of linear feature [213020] and an indeterminate, vesicular cereal grain was present in the fill (215004) of ditch [215003]. It is likely that the cereal grains were intrusive, having been burnt elsewhere and incidentally incorporated into the back fill.

#### Charred plant remains

A small number of charred 'weed seeds' were present in various features. Sedges (*Carex* sp.) were present in the fill (247004) of ditch [247003], Clover (*Trifolium* sp.) was present in the fill (169007) of pit [169006]. Sheep's sorrel (*Rumex acetosella*) and Fat Hen (*Chenopodium* sp.) was present in the fill (213025) of ditch [213028]. All 'weed seeds' are typical of those found in open communities, on grassland and disturbed, cultivated land.

#### Waterlogged plant remains

A small number of uncharred plant remains, probably preserved through waterlogging, were recovered from the fills (219015), (288004), (281004) of palaeochannels [219014] and [288002]. 'Weed seeds' including elder (*Sambucus nigra*), water crowfoot (*Ranunculus* cf. *aquatilis*), sedges (*Carex* sp.) and Knotgrass (*Polygonum aviculare*) were present. The weed seeds recovered are typical of agricultural fields and nitrogen-rich disturbed ground, with the exception of water crowfoot, that is typically found in ponds, ditches and streams.

#### Shell

Both terrestrial and marine shell were recovered on site. The greatest amount was recovered from the fill (219015) of palaeochannel [219014]. Much of the marine shell was extremely heavily fragmented, and may have been part of the natural geology, given that shell recovered from the fill (213027) of ditch [213028] appeared to be partially fossilized.

It is likely that the terrestrial snail shell is of recent origin given its excellent condition, and the abundance of modern root matter.

### Bone

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Faunal bone was recovered from a total of 78 contexts. A table of species represented in each context is appended to this assessment. Approximately 570 items of bone were recovered, of which 172 were identified to species and skeletal element. No single context yielded more than 11 identifiable fragments of bone, or more than six fragments of any one species and sixty of the contexts produced two or fewer identified fragments.

Within the three main areas of archaeological activity on the site (see Craddock-Bennett, this report) the numbers of identified fragments of bone was as follows:

- Site 1 – 85 fragments, including three fossils;
- Site 2 – 54 fragments;
- Site 3 – 5 fragments.

Palaeochannels and non-grouped contexts: 27 fragments, including one fossil.

#### Species Present

Human. Context (1235) produced a partial human skull, comprising most of frontal bone and part of the left parietal of a male. The bone was unusually thick, but this did not appear to be the result of a pathological process. Many old breaks were present in the bones, suggesting that it was already fragmentary when deposited in the context and may represent a disturbed burial from an earlier era, rather than an individual contemporary with the feature.

The pit fill (168004) contained many tiny (<5 mm max dimension) fragments of burnt bone. Although recovered from relatively close to the unexcavated human skeleton in [168045], no obviously human fragments were noted; it is not interpreted as a cremation deposit.



**Domestic Animals.** The assemblage at each site was dominated by cattle (52% of total identified bone) and sheep/goat bones (32%) with 14 fragments of horse (mostly teeth and jaw fragments) and three fragments of pig. A dog humerus fragment was recovered from (95003), Site 2, and sixteen other fragments of bone from the site showed dog tooth-marks. One chicken (Site 1) and one probable duck bone (Site 2) were identified, it was not possible to determine the species of duck, whether it was domesticated or wild.

In Site 1, 12 of the 31 sheep/goat elements (39%), 11 of the 42 cattle fragments (26%) and two of the five horse bones, were isolated teeth. Most of the other fragments from these species were from those parts of the skeleton (e.g. distal tibia, astragalus, metapodial shafts, etc.) which have a relatively high mineral density (Lyman 1994, Table 7.6) suggesting that any bone on the site had been subject to mechanical or chemical degradation factors, leaving only the toughest parts surviving. The material from Trench 210, in particular, was noted as very abraded. One fragment of a pig rib was also recovered. Most of the unidentifiable material was in the form of tiny (<8 mm maximum dimension) abraded bone fragments.

In Site 2, 30 cattle fragments, 15 sheep/goat bones and six horse bones were recovered. The material from this area was less abraded. A complete horse mandible was recovered from (92017), a possible ditch terminus. The single pig bone was from the trotter of an adult animal, and was eroded in the manner thought to indicate passing through the digestive process of a carnivore, presumably a dog (Lyman 1994, 210). Eight of the 16 bones with signs of carnivore chewing came from Site 2 as did the only dog bone recovered from the excavation.

Site 3 produced one identifiable sheep/goat fragment and four identifiable cattle bone fragments.

**Non-domestic species.** The sieved sample retents yielded two amphibian bones, from the fills of palaeochannels (so probably a damp environment) and three rodent bones.

Also recorded were four fossils; two shark teeth, an unidentified fossil and a fragment of mammal longbone (from a large herbivore). This latter fragment, from fill (212003), showed some signs of having been broken, possibly with the aid of a blade, and so may be of paleontological interest.

## Conclusions

The paucity of remains from any single context over a large area do not warrant further analysis. A total of 83 fragments (complete enough to ascertain the species and skeletal element and excluding fossils) from Site 1, for example, with its probable eight centuries of occupation, cannot yield enough data on which to form any meaningful hypotheses as to status or husbandry practices. If further excavation produces a much larger assemblage of faunal remains from each site, it may be possible to compare spatial and temporal trends, such as, if the presence of dogs is, indeed, more prevalent at Site 2. If the material examined so far is typical, however, it is probable that diagenetic factors (post-depositional degradation) will have overwhelmed the statistical signal of human activities, and only the broadest conclusions might be safely drawn.

## Other remains

Finds including pottery are discussed as the subject of a separate report.

## Discussion

The palaeoenvironmental assemblage was neither abundant nor diverse. The plant macrofossils, including sedges and water crowfoot, preserved by waterlogging from the fills of the palaeochannel were in excellent condition, albeit present in small quantities. They are likely to represent the vegetation which grew in and around the watercourse, or in damp or waterlogged areas of site. The presence of amphibian bones within the palaeochannels also confirm the damp nature of the site.

It is possible that the marine shells may have been part of the natural geology, given that some of them were partially fossilized. Shark teeth and fossils, recovered are also likely to be part of the natural geology, incidentally incorporated into the features. It is possible that the fossils may be of palaeontological interest

The palaeobotanical assemblage offers little information about the site economy. Only small numbers of cereal grain were recovered. It is likely that the cereal grain and charred weed seeds were incidentally incorporated into features from nearby activity and do not relate to their function. The weed seeds were unremarkable, and represent species that grow in open communities, on grassland and disturbed, cultivated land.

The animal bone assemblage however, does provide some information on site economy. Elements of the main domesticates, cattle, sheep and pig were present in varying quantities together with bird bone, indicating that the inhabitants had a varied diet. Comparatively large quantities of animal bone were recovered, indicating that further excavation work at the site has high potential to produce large amounts of material. Should any further work be undertaken, animal bone recovered from this phase of work should be considered in order to garner information on animal husbandry practices.

The recovery of a human skull fragment from deposit 1235 is of interest as no other human remains were identified on site.

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## Appendix 3.1 Retent sample results

Sample	Context	Description	Sample vol (l)	Pottery	Burnt bone	Mammal bone	Marine shell	Terrestrial shell	Charcoal		AMS material	Comments
									Qty	Size (mm)		
100	247004	Fill of ditch [247003]	4	x	—	—	—	—	—	—	No	—
103	288004	Fill of palaeochannel [288002]	20	x	xx	x	—	—	x	10	Yes	Charcoal oak
104	281004	Fill of palaeochannel [281002]	10	—	—	x	—	—	x	—	No	—
105	281010	Fill of pit [281009]	8	—	xx	xx	—	—	x	10	Yes	Charcoal oak
107	169007	Fill of pit [169006]	10	—	—	—	—	—	x	5	No	Charcoal oak
108	169012	Fill of ditch [169008]	10	—	x	x	xx	x	x	5	No	Marine shell heavily fragmented
109	169028	Fill of pit [169027]	10	—	x	—	—	—	xx	5	No	—
110	155004	Fill of posthole [155003]	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	No	Archaeologically sterile
114	196003	Fill of ditch [196005]	10	—	xx	xxx	—	—	xxx	5	No	—
115	219015	Fill of palaeochannel [219014]	10	—	x	—	xxx	xx	xxx	20	Yes	Charcoal non-oak
118	215004	Fill of ditch [215003]	10	x	x	x	—	—	—	—	No	—
119	215008	Fill of ditch [215007]	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	No	Archaeologically sterile
120	215025	Fill of pit [215024]	10	—	—	—	—	—	x	5	Yes	—
121	215027	Fill of ring-gully [215026]	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	No	Archaeologically sterile
123	215031	Fill of ring-gully [215030]	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	No	Archaeologically sterile
124	224013	Flood' deposit from linear [224015]	10	x	x	x	—	—	—	—	No	—
128	213017	Fill of linear [213020]	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Archaeologically sterile
129	213019	Fill of linear [213020]	10	—	—	—	x	—	—	—	No	Marine shell heavily fragmented
130	213025	Fill of ditch [213028]	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	No	Archaeologically sterile
131	213027	Fill of ditch [213028]	10	—	x	—	x	—	—	—	No	Shell- partially fossilised
132	212003	Fill of linear [212004]	10	—	x	xx	—	—	x	5	No	Charcoal non-oak
133	212007	Fill of post-hole [212008]	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	No	Archaeologically sterile
134	210011	Fill of post-hole [210007]	4	x	—	x	—	—	—	—	No	—

Key: + = rare (0–5), ++ = occasional (6–15), +++ = common (16–50) and ++++ = abundant (>50)

NB charcoal over 1cm is suitable for identification and AMS dating

## Appendix 3.2 Flot sample results

Sample	Context	Description	Flot volume (ml)	Wheat grain	Barley grain	Cereal grain indet	Weed seeds	Charcoal	Charcoal size (mm)	Suitable for AMS	Comments
100	247004	Fill of ditch [247003]	5	—	x	—	x	x	<5	No	Contains single barley grain. <i>Carex</i> sp.
103	288004	Fill of palaeochannel [288002]	5	—	—	—	x	—	—	No	Context formerly waterlogged. <i>Sambucus nigra</i> . Terrestrial snail shell
104	281004	Fill of palaeochannel [281002]	20	—	—	—	xx	—	—	No	Context formerly waterlogged. <i>Carex</i> sp., <i>Ranunculus aquatilis</i> , <i>Polygonum aviculare</i> , <i>Monocotyledon</i>
105	281010	Fill of pit [281009]	100	—	—	—	—	xxx	15	Yes	Charcoal non-oak. Charred bud
107	169007	Fill of pit [169006]	15	—	—	—	x	x	<5	No	<i>Trifolium</i> sp.
108	169012	Fill of ditch [169008]	15	—	—	—	x	x	<5	No	<i>Polygonum</i> sp. Terrestrial snail shell
109	169028	Fill of pit [169027]	25	—	—	—	—	x	5	No	Charcoal non-oak
110	155004	Fill of posthole [155003]	50	—	—	—	—	x	<5	No	Modern roots and seeds
114	196003	Fill of ditch [196005]	100	—	—	—	—	x	<5	No	Modern roots
115	219015	Fill of palaeochannel [219014]	80	—	—	—	x	—	—	No	Formerly waterlogged. Contains terrestrial snail shell and <i>Polygonum aviculare</i>
118	215004	Fill of ditch [215003]	10	—	—	x	—	x	<5	No	Cereal very heavily abraded
119	215008	Fill of ditch [215007]	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	No	Modern roots
120	215025	Fill of pit [215024]	50	—	—	—	—	—	—	No	Modern roots and seeds
121	215027	Fill of ring-gully [215026]	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	No	Modern roots
123	215031	Fill of ring-gully [215030]	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	No	Modern roots
124	224013	Flood' deposit from linear [224015]	20	—	—	—	—	x	<5	No	Modern roots
128	213017	Fill of linear [213020]	10	—	—	—	—	x	<5	No	—
129	213019	Fill of linear [213020]	20	x	—	—	x	x	<5	No	Contains terrestrial snail shell
130	213025	Fill of ditch [213028]	20	—	—	—	x	x	<5	—	<i>Rumex acetosella</i> , <i>Chenopodium</i> sp.
131	213027	Fill of ditch [213028]	5	—	—	—	x	x	<5	—	<i>Atriplex</i> sp.
132	212003	Fill of linear [212004]	10	—	—	—	—	x	<5	—	—
133	212007	Fill of post-hole [212008]	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Archaeologically sterile
134	210011	Fill of post-hole [210007]	5	—	—	—	—	x	<5	—	Modern roots

Key: + = rare (0–5), ++ = occasional (6–15), +++ = common (16–50) and ++++ = abundant (>50)  
NB charcoal over 1cm is suitable for identification and AMS dating



### Appendix 3.3 Bone catalogue

Site	Trench	Context	Type	Non-identified (*=estimate)	Sheep/ goat	Cattle	Pig	Horse	Other	Butchery	Dog-chewed	Age indicators	Total ID'd
1	205	205003	Ditch	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
1	205	205007	Ring-ditch	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
1	206	206008	Ditch	15	1	3	—	—	—	Cattle hum	—	Cattle vert	4
1	206	206013	Ditch	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	Sheep teeth	2
1	210	210010	Enclosure ditch	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
1	210	210013	Enclosure ditch	15	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	Cattle tib d	4
1	210	210014	Enclosure ditch	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
1	210	210015	Enclosure ditch	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
1	212	212003	Linear	—	1	—	—	—	Fossil mammal	Fossil poss chopped	—	—	2
1	212	212015	Curvilinear	1 (Burnt)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
1	212	212020	Linear	5	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
1	212	212021	Ditch	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	Cattle mandible	1
1	212	212024	Ditch	1 (Burnt)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
1	212	212043	Ditch	14	—	7	—	1	—	—	—	—	8
1	213	213017	Ditch	11	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
1	213	213018	Ditch	6	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	Sheep MC	2
1	213	213026	Ditch	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	Sheep mand	2
1	213	213027	Ditch	—	—	4	—	—	—	Cattle rib	—	—	4
1	213	213035	Ditch	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
1	214	214003	Ditch terminus	1	—	—	—	—	Fossil shark tooth	—	—	—	1
1	214	214002	Natural (?)	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
1	214	214007	Ditch	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
1	217	217005	Ditch	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	Horse incisor	2
1	217	217008	Ditch	*10	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
1	219	219003	Ditch	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
1	219	219005	Ditch	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
1	219	219009	Ditch	6	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2
1	219	219015	Palaeochannel?	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	Cattle mand	1
1	219	219016	Palaeochannel?	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
1	224	224003	Enclosure ditch	2	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	Sheep teeth	4
1	224	224008	Ring ditch	*20 (1 Burnt)	4	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	5
1	224	224011	Linear ditch	5	2	—	—	—	—	1 NID	—	—	2
1	224	224014	Palaeochannel	*20	5	1	—	—	—	Sheep rib	2 NID	Cattle mand	6
1	224	224017	Ditch	9	1	—	—	—	Chicken 1	—	—	Sheep mand	2
1	224	224020	Palaeochannel	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1

Site	Trench	Context	Type	Non-identified (*=estimate)	Sheep/ goat	Cattle	Pig	Horse	Other	Butchery	Dog-chewed	Age indicators	Total ID'd
1	224	224027	Roundhouse ditch	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
1	224	224034	Ditch	6	3	1	1	1	—	—	1 NID, horse humerus	Sheep tib	6
1	210	210010	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
1	212	212003 <132>	Ditch	53 (5 Burnt)	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
1	213	213019 <129>	Enclosure ditch	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
1	213	213025 <130>	Ditch	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
1	215	215004 <118>	Ditch	1 (Burnt)	—	—	—	—	Fossil shark tooth	—	—	—	1
1	219	219015 <115>	Palaeochannel	2	1	—	—	—	Amphibian longbone; small mammal humerus	—	—	—	3
1	224	224013 <124>	Ditch	*30	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
<b>Total</b>				<b>~260</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>				<b>85</b>
2	92	92005	Ditch fill	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
2	92	92007	Ditch fill	16	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	Lamb ulna	2
2	92	92009	Ditch fill	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
2	92	92011	Ditch fill	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
2	92	92017	Ditch terminus	*25	3	2	—	1	?Duck humerus	Cattle humerus	Cattle humerus	Horse mandible	7
2	92	92019	Gully fill	9	2	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	6
2	92	92023	Ditch fill	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	Cattle	2
2	95	95003	Ring-ditch fill	4	1	2	1	1	Dog: humerus	—	Pig phal: ?digested	Horse tooth	6
2	95	95006	Ring-ditch fill	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	Horse tibia	—	4
2	100	100001	Subsoil	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
2	102	102003	Pit fill	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
2	105	105008	Enclosure ditch	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	2
2	105	105020	Ditch terminus	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
2	105	105026	Enclosure ditch	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
2	105	105027	Enclosure ditch	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
2	105	105028	Enclosure ditch	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	Cattle hum d fused	1
2	109	109005	Ditch	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
2	109	109006	Ditch	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	Cattle MT shafts	—	2
2	239	239004 /006	Surface	—	—	2	—	—	—	Cattle pelvis	Cattle pelvis	—	2



Site	Trench	Context	Type	Non-identified (* = estimate)	Sheep/ goat	Cattle	Pig	Horse	Other	Butchery	Dog-chewed	Age indicators	Total ID'd
2	247	247004	Ditch	—	—	2	—	—	—	Cattle tib d	Cattle tib d, hum d	—	2
2	247	247011	Enclosure ditch re-cut	—	1 (Foot skeleton)	2	—	—	—	Cattle mand condyle	—	—	2
2	247	247012	Enclosure ditch re-cut	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
<b>Total</b>				<b>~56</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>				<b>54</b>
3	168	168004	Pit fill	Burnt fragments	—	—	—	—	Faunal	—	—	—	0
3	168	168009	Ditch?	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
3	169	169009	Boundary ditch	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	Cattle humerus	Hum d fused	1
3	169	169015	Boundary ditch	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
3	169	169030	Pit	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
3	169	169012 <108>	Boundary ditch	6 (5 Burnt)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
3	169	169028 <109>	Pit fill	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
<b>Total</b>				<b>7 + burnt fragments</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>					<b>5</b>
No group	196	196003	Ditch	12	3	6	—	—	—	Cattle rib	Cattle ph1	Lamb mandible	9
No group	196	196004	Ditch	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	Cattle radius	—	1
No group	276	276006	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	Cattle hum	Cattle hum	1
No group	196	196003 <114>	Ditch	*40 (7 Burnt)	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2
Palaeo	99	99007	Palaeochannel	—	—	3	—	—	Fossil (?)	—	—	—	3
Palaeo	262	262007	Palaeochannel	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	Horse and cattle mands	2
Palaeo	288	288003	Palaeochannel	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	Horse teeth	2
Palaeo	274	274008	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Palaeo	281	281010 <105>	—	1 (Burnt)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Palaeo	281	281004 <104>	Palaeochannel	—	—	—	—	—	Amphibian longbone: rodent incisor	—	—	—	2
Palaeo	288	288004 <103>	Palaeochannel	37	3	—	—	—	?Vole humerus fragment	—	—	—	4
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>&gt;400</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5 Horse 9 Cattle 8 Sheep</b>	<b>171</b>

## APPENDIX 4 GEOARCHAEOLOGY AND WATERLOGGED SEDIMENTS

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### Introduction

Archaeological evaluation and geophysical survey at the proposed site of Swindon Eastern Villages located to the east of Lotmead Farm, Swindon, revealed the presence of a system of palaeochannels and alluvial deposits (Illus 1). A site visit was undertaken by the author on Monday 3rd November 2014 in order to determine the potential of the site for geoarchaeological and palaeoenvironmental work.

### Geoarchaeological and palaeoenvironmental background

The evaluation area includes the confluence of the Dorcan Stream and the River Cole (a tributary of the River Thames) and a smaller and un-named tributary to the Cole now confined within a drainage ditch but formerly associated with a channel system. These natural features are associated with ring-ditches and linear features of Iron Age date (Site 1). Of particular interest is the area of floodplain demarcated by a terrace in Field 22, which rises approximately 1.5m above the floodplain and forms a promontory constrained on either side by the modern channels of the River Cole and its unnamed tributary.

The riverine biome represents a rich and readily exploitable, if highly dynamic resource. Patterns of human occupation in such areas are controlled by a number of highly variable factors (Brown 2001). During the late Bronze and Iron Age, the lowland rivers of NW Europe were subject to an episode of enhanced alluviation (Brown 2001). In the wider Thames Valley, the multiphase site a Runnymede (Needham and Longley 1980; Longley 1980; Needham 1985, 1992) and Farmoor, west of Oxford (Lambrick and Robinson 1979) are two sites where the effects of this have been recorded in other areas of the Thames catchment. Increased flooding and waterlogging at both sites is thought to have terminated human occupation of the floodplain at both site. At Farmoor, flooding continued into the Romano-British period. Robinson and Lambrick (1984) suggest that the most significant and severe phase was during the late Iron Age-Romano-British period.

Previous work of this type in the direct area is remarkably limited, it has previously been suggested that the archaeology and hence the geo- and environmental archaeology of the clay surrounding Swindon, is less well understood than that of the gravel terraces of the upper Thames (Mundin and Pine 2012). Much of the work which has been undertaken remains predominantly in the realm of grey literature. Previous excavations with an environmental element on the floodplain of the River Cole in NE Swindon, thought to date to the early Bronze Age produced no palaeoenvironmental evidence (Mundin and Pine 2012). At Shrivenham to the northeast, environmental evidence was restricted to animal bone (Upson Smith and Wolfram Murray 2012).

All recommendations in this report follow the guidelines for environmental archaeology and geoarchaeology recommended by English Heritage (2007, 2011).

### Results

The floodplain of the River Cole demonstrates a high degree of both palaeoenvironmental and geoarchaeological potential.

The promontory in Field 22 is surrounded by a sequence of linear topographic depressions, which have been interpreted as palaeochannels associated with an abraided system. Trial trenching supports this theory, initial interpretation of these features in section, where they appear as shallow ditches, suggests that these linears are 'bournes' or shallow, seasonal streams – such features are common in this area.

Large, deep pockets of alluvium were identified at several locations. In Trench 7 (part of the Phase 1 evaluation) 2–3m of fine grained clay containing organics (703) was identified, a substantial deposit of darker grey alluvium containing clasts of chalk (706) capped the deposit. The former suggests ponding or pooling, and possibly the development of a marshy or boggy area colonized by aquatic/semi-aquatic plants. This feature is adjacent to the nearby Romano-British settlement, as of yet it is not possible to tell whether deliberate anthropogenic intervention or hydrological changes played a role in shaping this area.

Further substantial deposits of alluvium were identified in Field 22, Trench 219 and Field 27, 288 – both are located within the zone of the confluence. Trench 219 was excavated to a depth of 3m and revealed a layer of mollusks, the mandible of a juvenile cow and the humerus of a large bird, in the size range of a swan or a goose. Such items may be used to provide dating evidence for both the potential palaeochannels and the archaeological features outlined above, the absence of organics in this area renders the developing a chronological framework for palaeochannel development/change problematic. Molluscs were prolific at Farmoor in middle Iron Age deposits and defined an episode of enhanced alluviation (Lambrick and Robinson 1979). Further analysis of the molluscan assemblage in the channels adjacent to Site 1 would clarify whether or not this was a permanent or temporary water body.

### Discussion

The palaeoenvironmental potential of the shallow, undulating 'bournes' is limited. Geoarchaeologically they will present evidence of assistance in interpreting hydrological changes, both seasonal and longer term, at the site.

The location of Trenches 219 and 288 at the confluence of the Cole and Dorcan and the substantial nature of the fine grained deposits, suggest that it is possible that this area either formed part of a considerably more substantial palaeochannel or that the area was part of a pool – this area may have been dammed by man-made or natural processes such as Beaver dams. The presence of animal bone, particularly the mammalian mandible indicates that refuse was being thrown into the channels adjacent to Site 1. The assessment of waterlogged plant remains from the area suggests an open landscape colonized by ruderal taxa and a single aquatic species *Ranunculus* subgen. *batrachium* (water crowfoot) which is associated with a variety of aquatic habitats from standing to fast moving waters (Haslam et al. 1982).



The concept that parts of the system may represent deliberate, anthropogenic manipulation of the floodplain, given its proximity to the settlement, is worthy of further investigation. However, the evidence from the wider Thames catchment suggests that humans were settling in areas naturally prone to flooding at this time. The site presents an opportunity to explore and conclusively prove any relationship between enhanced alluviation and human occupation on a multi-phase basis.

Dating of the channels would assist in determining their relationship with the archaeological sites. Both soils and sediments may be submitted for radiocarbon dating, nonetheless, due to bacteria and leaching dating such material can lead to substantial inaccuracies as older, more resistant carbon often remains (Walker 2005) – the application of AMS dating can mitigate for such factors (Brown 2001). Alternatively, the presence of well-preserved in situ bone may present an alternative. Whilst the animal bone found within the alluvial deposits may have been subject to reworking (the state of preservation will provide an indication), the nature of the depositional regime also indicates that substantial reworking as a result of flood spate etc, is unlikely. Dating this material will contribute to both the cultural and environmental chronology.

The alluvium present at the confluence zone presents a number of issues associated with collecting proxy evidence (e.g. pollen or insect remains) from this type of material, despite the low energy regimes involved in its deposition. Quite often pollen from this type of deposit has been subject to substantial reworking and is poorly preserved. Although none were detected in the course of the trial trenching, the site has the potential to contain waterlogged organic deposits like peat in areas where standing bodies of water have formed in redundant stream channels. Isolating this type of deposit would make a substantial contribution to the site and will have a greater potential for providing information on environmental change through the analysis of well preserved in situ pollen and other proxy data.

## Conclusions

After the assessment stage, the combined evidence already indicates a busy, agricultural landscape. Given the paucity of comparative evidence in the immediate area, further palaeoenvironmental and geoarchaeological work, which focuses on both human and riverine activity at the site, has the potential to make a significant contribution to the existing data set at both a local and regional level.

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