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TRIAL TRENCH EVALUATION

Summary

Headland Archaeology (UK) Ltd undertook an archaeological evaluation of the land adjacent to Walton Manor, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire in October 2018. The work was commissioned by CgMs Heritage on behalf of Milton Keynes Development Partnership LLP (MKDP) in advance of development. Heritage Assets were identified, comprising a likely Iron Age ring ditch and associated postholes in the northwest corner and medieval cultivation, possibly of Saxon origin, spread across the site.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Planning Background

Headland Archaeology Ltd was commissioned by CgMs Heritage on behalf of Milton Keynes Development Partnership LLP (MKDP) to undertake a programme of archaeological works in advance of a planning application for the development of land of the site.

This work followed the compilation of a Heritage Assessment (Albion Archaeology 2017) and geophysical prospections (Sumo 2018). The Heritage Assessment highlighted heritage assets surrounding the proposed development area (PDA). The geophysical survey identified a series of anomalies including two rectilinear responses, ridge and furrow cultivation and two former field boundaries.

Headland Archaeology prepared a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) on behalf of the client setting out the proposed strategy for archaeological evaluation (Pirisino 2018). The WSI was submitted to, and agreed by Nick Crank, Senior Archaeology Officer (SAO) at Milton Keynes Council who advises the Local Planning Authority on archaeological matters. This report details the results of the work.

1.2 Site Description

The PDA is located west of Walton Manor, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire and west of the River Ouzel (NGR: SP8883 3636; Illus. 1). It is bounded by Groveway to the north, Simpson Road to the south, unimproved grassland on the west and commercial and residential buildings to the east.

The PDA covers an area of approximately 9.6ha and currently comprises unimproved grassland. It lies at 70m AOD and gently sloped down to the southwest.

The solid geology of the PDA comprises Peterborough clay and Oxford clay formation – mudstone. Superficial deposits overlying this are River Terrace deposits – sand and gravel and Oadby Member - diamicton (<http://www.bgs.ac.uk>).

1.3 Archaeological Background

The Archaeological and historical background for the PDA has already been comprehensively covered in the Heritage Statement by Albion Archaeology (2017) and therefore a summary is presented below.

Prehistoric to Roman (pre-AD 43 – 410)

Evidence for prehistoric activity is represented by a cropmark of a Neolithic/Bronze Age ring ditch located at the southern edge of the study area (HER 1800).

Iron Age to Roman

Evidence of an Iron Age to Roman settlement was found 100m from the north-east corner of the PDA. This comprised cobbled surfaces, building debris, pits, ditches and a possible pottery kiln, along with a large quantity of domestic refuse material (EMK62, 395, 522, 523, 657). Ditches and postholes connected with Roman activity (EMK1105) were found in the field to the immediate north-east corner of the PDA.

Roman pottery was also found approximately 150m north of the PDA (HER 7841) and a coin was found in the northern area of the the PDA itself (HER 7844). Dredging of the River Ouzel recovered several sherds of Roman potsherds the west of the PDA (HER 1356–9).

Medieval

Anglo-Saxon finds within the PDA were limited to a single brooch fragment (HER 1990).

Isolated medieval artefacts were found within the 500m of the PDA and comprised a bronze vessel rim (HER 2379) and the neck of a glass bottle (HER 3071). Human remains were found 80m north of the PDA (HER 2535, 2536).

Walton

The medieval hamlet of Walton is located to the immediate northeast of the PDA. Earthworks, features and finds associated with the hamlet were recorded. In the medieval period, the PDA was probably agricultural land associated with Walton hamlet.

Simpson

The medieval hamlet of Simpson lies to the west of the PDA with the remains of the Scheduled Monument (NHLE 1021370) of Simpson manor and an area of well-defined earthworks which lie 250m west of the PDA. Medieval artefacts, pits and earthworks relating to the hamlet of Simpson have been found on Simpson Road and near St Thomas' Church (HER 2559, 2436, 2437).

Geophysical survey

The PDA was subject to a recent geophysical survey (SUMO 2018). Two rectilinear anomalies measuring approximately 20m and 30m square were detected in the centre/north part of the PDA which may be part of former enclosures. In the same area, a north-east to south-west aligned linear, interpreted as a plough-damaged ditch was identified. A similar feature on the same orientation was also identified to the south of the northern area of site. The evaluation trenches targeted these anomalies.

2. OBJECTIVES

2.1 General

The methodology followed was outlined in the WSI (Pirisino 2018). Generally, the archaeological investigations were undertaken in order to:

- establishing the depth and character of archaeologically 'sterile' overburden;
- identify, characterise and date any potential archaeological remains within the site;
- defining any constraints encountered during the evaluation and any potential constraints for further archaeological fieldwork (e.g. areas of disturbance, service locations, etc.);

- place the findings of the investigation within the context of previous work undertaken within the vicinity of the site.

2.2 Specific

More specifically, the Research Framework for the Solent-Thames Research Framework for the Historic Environment (Hey and Hind 2014) include the following research questions and topics that were incorporated into the WSI:

Iron Age: The development of the architecture of late prehistoric houses over a long time scale from the middle Bronze Age to late Iron Age may be clarified (Lambrick in Hey and Hind 2014, 149).

Roman: Sites with well-preserved deposits of both late Iron Age and Roman date should be given careful attention in order to investigate continuity of local tradition at the sites. Sampling strategies should ensure that as wide a range of contexts are sampled as possible. Excavations of deep, well-sealed features are required (as opposed to buildings) (Fulford 2014, 179).

Medieval: The identification of the extent to which there was continuity of use between Romano-British sites and Anglo-Saxon (Dodd, Crawford and Allen 2014, 227).

The resulting archive will be organised and deposited in the appropriate registered museum (Buckinghamshire County Museum) to facilitate access for future research and interpretation for public benefit (ClfA 2014a). An online OASIS form has been completed and will be ultimately submitted with the approved version of the report (OASIS ID: headland4-329112).

3. METHODOLOGY

In total, 34 trenches were excavated within the PDA. The trenches were set out using a Trimble GNSS device and surveyed again after excavation to obtain their actual position. In total, 33 trenches were 40m in length, Trench 7 was shortened to 20m due to presence of service pipes. All trenches were 1.80m wide (Illus. 2).

A mechanical excavator equipped with a toothless ditching bucket was used to remove the overburden under direct archaeological supervision. Investigation of archaeological remains was undertaken through hand excavation. A representative sample sufficient to meet the objectives of the evaluation, of identified archaeological or potentially archaeological remains were investigated and recorded. The stratigraphy of each trench was recorded in full. Where appropriate, bulk soil samples were taken from features.

3.1 Recording

All recording followed the guidance laid down by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (ClfA 2014b) and was in line with the approved WSI (Headland Archaeology 2018). All trenches and contexts were given a unique number. All recording was undertaken on pro forma recording sheets which conform to archaeological standards. All stratigraphic relationships were recorded.

A plan of the trenches and features across the entire site was recorded digitally using a Trimble GNSS device. A full photographic record was taken using digital photography and incorporating black and white print photographs where appropriate. A metric scale was clearly visible in record photographs.

4. RESULTS

4.1 Introduction

Full context descriptions and trench descriptions, including dimensions, depths and orientations, are presented in Appendix I. Contexts are identified numerically by trench (i.e. Trench 01: (0101), Trench 02: (0201)) with cuts indicated by square brackets and deposits by rounded brackets.

Archaeology was found in 11 trenches spread evenly across site. Ditches were the most numerous feature type found across the PDA, being found most frequently in the north-west, central and south-west areas. Medieval and post medieval furrows were concentrated in the north-west and south-west areas. A particular focus of activity was situated in the north-west area of the PDA in the form of a ring ditch and associated postholes.

4.2 Trench Results

Prehistoric

Trench 01

Curvilinear [01006], the same as [01020] (Illus. 6), measured 9.30m in diameter was observed and excavated in Trench 01. It measured 0.43m wide and 0.10m deep and included a 1.60m gap separating two probable termini. The northern terminus [01022] measured 0.30m wide and 0.06m deep with gently sloping sides and a round base. Each included a single, grey-brown silty-clay fill (01007) and (01021) with occasional small gravels. Material recovered from (01007) included one very abraded, Iron Age pottery fragment, a lithic blade flake and a cow femur fragment. Fill (01021) yielded an abraded Iron Age pottery fragment, two undated CBM fragments and a single sheep metacarpal.

Ditch [01014] was aligned north-east to south-west with gradually sloping sides, a flat base and included a single fill (01015) of grey-brown silty-clay with moderate small gravels. It cut through the southern segment of the ring ditch [01016]. The similarity between fills (01015) and (01007) suggests [01014] could be contemporary with [01016] but with an unknown function.

Four postholes were excavated in Trench 01. Postholes [01008], [01010] and [01012] were on an approximate north-east to south-west alignment across the southern segment of ring-ditch [01006] (Illus. 4 and 5). Posthole [01018] was 3.20m south of [01006]. All included a single dark grey-brown, silty-clay fill.

Posthole [01010] measured 0.20m wide and 0.18m deep with steep sides and cuts through the centre of the southern segment of ring-ditch [01006]. Several medium-sized, sub-rectangular and irregular stones averaging from 0.06 to 0.10m were bedded at the base of fill (01009).

Posthole [01008] measured 0.30m wide and 0.17m deep with steep sides and a stony bedding at the base of fill (01009). It is situated directly east of, and cuts through posthole [01010] which could suggest a possible re – cut.

Posthole [01012] was located slightly west of and within the area enclosed by ring-ditch [01006]. It was irregular in plan with steep sides and rounded base. A single Iron Age pottery sherd was recovered from fill (01013).

Posthole [01018] situated 3.30m south of [01010], measured 0.27m wide and 0.05m deep with gradually sloping sides and rounded base. It included a moderate amount of stones at the base of its fill (01019).

The morphology of [01006] is suggestive of a prehistoric structure, possibly that of a ring-ditch enclosure or a roundhouse. The gap between the two possible termini could indicate an entrance for the enclosure. Postholes [01008], [01010] and [01018] included a moderate amount of stones at the base of their associated fills which is an indication of deliberate packing.

Medieval and post Medieval

Pit [01004] was located towards the southern end of Trench 01, 5.50m south of ring ditch [01006] measuring 0.5m wide and 0.22m deep. It included a grey-brown fill, silty-clay fill (01005) which yielded eight abraded late Saxon pottery fragments. Animal remains included moderate unburnt rodent bones, very occasional burnt mammal bones and terrestrial snail shell. Charcoal was commonly present, identified as mostly oak and occasional roundwood. Charred cereal grains were retrieved from the fill, made up of mostly bread/club wheat and sparse hulled barley and spelt wheat.

Eight furrows were investigated and recorded in three trenches: TR02, TR22 and TR25. All furrows excavated had an approximate east-west alignment and contained a light grey-brown silty-clay fill. They measured between 0.47m and 1.34m in width and between 0.09m and 0.23m in depth. The profiles were either shallow and slightly concave or with moderately sloping sides and more rounded bases.

Furrows [02005], [02007] and [02009] are representative of furrows revealed by the evaluation in Trench 02 and Trench 04 within the north – west area of the site. They appear in plan as five or six parallel linears of varying width between which ran approximately east to west through these trenches and show to be relatively consistent with the presence of ridge and furrow from the geophysical survey results.

Furrows [22004], [25005], [25007], [25015] and [25017] are representative of the four or five parallel linears revealed in the south-west area of site which were shown to be aligned approximately east – west and run through TR22, TR25, TR30.

In the absence of datable finds, the chronology of the furrows cannot be determined with absolute certainty. However, the presence of [02009] and [25017] with steeper sides and more rounded bases, together with their very close proximity to other furrows which are moderately spaced from each other, suggests at least two phases of ploughing on site in two different periods (from medieval through the modern periods).

Uncertain date/function

Trench 04

Pit [04005] was seen in the eastern edge of Trench 4 had a steeply sloping northern side and slightly rounded base. It had a single grey-brown silty-clay fill (04006) and was cut to the southern side by ditch [04007] (Illus. 9).

Ditch [04007] was aligned north-east to south -west had a steeply sloping side, slightly rounded base and single grey-brown silty-clay fill (04006). It cuts pit [04005] to the north and is cut by pit [04009] to the south

Pit [04009] was seen in the eastern edge of Trench 5. It had a moderately sloping side to the south – east with a moderately flat base. It cuts ditch [04007] and is cut by modern land drain [04011]. Included a single whitish-grey, silty-clay fill (04008) which yielded an abraded early medieval, pottery fragment. Late medieval/post medieval CBM fragments were also retrieved which consisted of four roof tile fragments and three brick fragments.

Ditch [04013] was aligned north-east to south-west. It had moderately steep sides and slightly rounded base (Illus. 10). It measured 0.58m wide and 0.15m deep and included a single reddish-brown silty clay. It was shown to cut pit [04009] to the north.

Trench 05

Ditch [05006] was orientated approximately east – west was 0.70, wide and 0.35m deep with steep sides and a rounded base. Consisted of a single grey-brown silty-clay fill (05007) which included a single cow vertebra. Cut by a modern land drain [05008] which included a 0.11m wide ceramic pipe.

Trench 09

Ditch [09004] was aligned north – east to south – west measured 0.65m wide and 0.23m deep. It had concave sides with a rounded base and cuts [09006]. Included a single dark reddish-brown mottled clay fill (09005) with frequent iron panning and yielded a rare amount of terrestrial snail shell.

Ditch [09006] was aligned north – east to south – west included a reddish - brown clay fill with frequent iron panning (09007). It was 0.20m deep with only 0.20m of the feature visible in section as it was truncated to the west by [09004] and to the east by linear [09008] (Illus. 12 and 13).

Ditch [09008] was aligned north-east to south-west. It measured at least 1.45m in width and 0.80m deep with steep sides and a rounded base. The primary fill (09009) was a dark reddish - brown clay with frequent iron panning fragments and was 0.47m in depth. Environmental remains included occasional charcoal and terrestrial snail shell fragments. The secondary fill (09010) was a light yellow-brown clay 0.32m in depth.

Trench 25

Ditch [25009] was aligned east to west with moderately sloping side to the south – east and a slightly rounded base. It had a grey-brown sandy-clay fill (25008). It cuts tree bole [25011] to the south and is cut by furrow [25007] to the north (Illus. 14).

Gully [25019] was aligned north – west to south – east measured 0.68m wide and 0.10m deep with moderately sloping sides and rounded base (Illus. 15). Included a dark brown-grey sandy-clay fill (25018). Is spaced 10.50m from, and runs parallel with, furrow [25005]. While it is possible this feature could be a possible furrow, given it is on the same alignment and has a similar profile. the fill is distinctively darker than all those excavated in other furrows. This therefore alludes to a different function or phase of deposition.

Trench 27

Posthole [27004] was a sub – circular cut 0.75m wide and 0.22m in depth. It had steep concave sides with shallow concave base and included a grey-brown clay-silt fill (27005). It was situated directly adjacent to pit [27006] and cut by ditch [27009].

Pit [27006] had a sub – circular cut measuring 1.04m wide and 0.30m deep. Steeply sloping side to the north – west. Filled by a dark brown clay-sand with frequent medium sized pebbles and flint (27007), the frequency of the stones within the fill suggests possible deliberate backfilling (Illus. 16 and 17).

Ditch [27009] was orientated north – east to south – west. It measured 1.80m in width and 0.40m in depth. It included a single grey-brown clay-silt fill (27008) and cut post hole [27004] and pit [26006].

Trench 33

Ditch [33004] was aligned north – east to south – west with moderately sloping sides and un-even base. It was 2.25 wide and 0.43m deep. The basal fill (33005) consisted of a loose, sterile yellow-brown clay-sand measuring 0.09m in depth. The secondary fill (33006) was a grey-brown silt-clay which yielded two abraded, Iron Age pottery fragments and two lithic blades dated to the Mesolithic or early Neolithic. It was re-cut by [33007] (Illus. 18 and 19), measuring 0.46m wide and 0.29m deep. The fill (33008) of re-cut [33007] was a grey-brown silty-clay and included 12 abraded Iron Age pottery fragments.

A shallow cut [33009] with a flat base and gradually sloping sides was seen at the top of ditch [33007]. Measuring 0.66m wide and 0.10m deep, it included a dark, grey-brown silty-clay fill (33010). Material included four abraded Iron Age pottery fragment, four undated coarse CBM fragments, two undated lithic flakes and a Mesolithic or early Neolithic bladelet. Animal remains consisted of an unburnt mammal bone. Occasional charcoal fragments and rare bread/club wheat cereal grains were also retrieved.

Trench 34

Ditch [34004] aligned north-west to south-east. It was at least 2.10m wide and 0.49m deep. The full extent of the profile could not be established as the ditch section extended into the edge of the baulk (Illus. 20). It had steep sides and a flat base. The primary fill (34007) was a light orange-brown clayey-sand, however, it is sterile and similar to the natural substrate. The secondary fill (34006) was a grey-brown sandy, gravelly-clay and the upper fill (34005) was a grey-brown silty-clay.

Geological and features of a natural originTrench 15

Linear [15004], same as [15008], a north – east to south – west aligned irregular linear measuring 0.77m wide and 0.10m deep with [15008] measuring 1.60m in width and 0.12m deep. It had gently sloping sides and flat base. It contained a single fill (15009) of grey brown silty clay and cut linear [15006] (Illus. 21).

Linear [15006] was aligned north – west to south – east and had gently sloping sides with a flat base. It measured 0.65m wide and was very shallow at 0.03m. It had a single grey-brown silt-clay fill (15005), which was similar to the natural geology. It was cut by linear [15004] to the south.

Trench 25

Linear [25013] was aligned approximately east – west it was 0.96m wide and 0.20m deep with gently sloping sides and a slightly rounded base with a single fill (25014) of grey-brown sandy-clay.

Linear [15004] was irregular in plan and similarly to [15006] and [25013], they all had shallow, fairly irregular profiles and single alluvial fills. It is likely these features are not a result of human intervention, instead, these could be channels formed as a result of water draining into the nearby river, for example, flooding.

Several darker areas in the natural substrate were found throughout the extent of the PDA. These were tested in trenches 05, 25 and 30 and were interpreted as tree boles. They varied from 0.77m to 1.42m in length, 0.37m to 1.50m in width and had an average depth of 0.20m deep. They were sub-circular or irregular in plan with gentle to moderate sloping sides. Their bases were slightly concave or uneven and all included a dark grey clay-silt fill which did not yield any dating evidence.

4.3 Finds

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The finds assemblage numbered 59 sherds (283g) of pottery, seven lithics, two iron objects, five sherds (6g) of fired clay, eight sherds (953g) of brick and tile and 31g of industrial waste. These were found in five separate trenches. The Mesolithic/early Neolithic, Iron Age and medieval to post-medieval periods are represented. The finds are summarised by feature in Table 1 and a complete catalogue presented in Appendix IV.

Tr	Feature	Pottery (PH)	Pottery (PH)	Pottery (Medi)	Pottery (Medi)	Lithics	Lithics	Iron	Fired Clay	Fired Clay	Brick/ Tile	Brick/ Tile	Ind Waste	Spot Date
-	-	Count	Wgt (g)	Count	Wgt (g)	Count	Wgt (g)	Count	Count	Wgt (g)	Count	Wgt (g)	Wgt (g)	-
01	subsoil (01002)	15	72	-	-	1	6	-	-	-	1	3	-	IA/Medi
01	pit [01004]	-	-	8	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	LSax
01	ring gully [01006]	1	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	IA
01	post-hole [01012]	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	IA
01	gully [01016]	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	IA
01	gully [01020]	14	63	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	IA

Tr	Feature	Pottery (PH) Count	Pottery (PH) Wgt (g)	Pottery (Medi) Count	Pottery (Medi) Wgt (g)	Lithics Count	Lithics Wgt (g)	Iron Count	Fired Clay Count	Fired Clay Wgt (g)	Brick/ Tile Count	Brick/ Tile Wgt (g)	Ind Waste Wgt (g)	Spot Date
04	topsoil (04001)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	?
04	pit [04009]	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	7	950	-	LMedi/PM
04	drain [04011]	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	?
09	ditch [09004]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	?
09	ditch [09008]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	?
25	furrow [25015]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	?
33	ditch [33004]	18	126	-	-	5	3	-	3	4	-	-	12	IA
-	Total	50	266	9	17	7	10	2	5	6	8	953	31	-

Table 1 Summary of finds assemblage by feature with spot dating

4.3.1 Methodology

The report includes both hand-collected finds and those from sample retents. The finds were collected, processed and packaged for long term storage in accordance with professional guidelines (ClfA 2014; Watkinson & Neal 1998). The finds were each assessed and recorded by appropriate specialists. The resultant data was then drawn together into one MS Access database. A copy of this data is given at the end of the report.

The pottery was examined visually, using x20 magnification where necessary. It was recorded according to standards set out by specialist bodies (Barclay et al 2016; PCRG 2010; Slowikowski 2001). The medieval pottery was recorded using the fabric codes of Mynard (1992).

4.3.2 Prehistoric pottery

The prehistoric pottery assemblage amounts to 50 sherds (266g) retrieved from six features in Trenches 01 and 33. The material is abraded and well-fragmented. They are broadly datable to the pre-'Belgic' Iron Age, and comprise hand-built vessels in a range of grog-, sand- and shell-tempered fabrics (**Error! Reference source not found.**), similar to those identified on later prehistoric sites in the vicinity (cf Hartigans (Knight 1993, 230)).

Fabric Code	Fabric	Dating	Sherds	Wgt (g)
GR	Grog	Iron Age	11	21
GRS	Grog and sand	Iron Age	22	110
GRSH	Grog and shell	Iron Age	1	2
SA	Sand	Iron Age	5	84
SAOR	Sand and organic	Iron Age	6	16
SH	Shell	Iron Age - Late Iron Age/early Roman?	5	33
Total	-	-	50	266

Table 2 Prehistoric pottery type series

Most of the assemblage is represented by plain handmade body sherds, with a couple of simple, rounded rims. A total of three wheel-thrown shell-tempered sherds (13g) of possible late Iron Age/early Roman date were collected from subsoil (1002) in Trench 01. The absence of vessel forms and the fragmentary condition of the pottery means that dating cannot be further refined.

4.3.3 Medieval pottery

The medieval pottery assemblage comprises nine sherds (17g), retrieved from Trenches 01 and 04.

Fabric Code	Fabric	Dating	Sherds	Wgt (g)
MS2	Sand-tempered	Early medieval	1	4
SNC1	St Neots-type ware	Late Saxon	8	13
Total	-	-	9	17

Table 3 Medieval pottery type series (Mynard 1992)

Pit [01004] (01005) in Trench 01 yielded eight small body sherds (13g) of late Saxon St Neots-type ware (SNC1). A single battered early medieval sand-tempered body sherd (MS2) was retrieved from pit [04009] (04008) in Trench 04.

4.3.4 Metalwork

Two iron finds were recovered from Trench 4. A fragment of calcined horseshoe heel was recovered from drain [04011] (4010). Part of a scale-tanged table knife was recovered from topsoil (4001). The knife is likely to be of modern date. The horseshoe could be of any date between the medieval and modern periods.

4.3.5 Lithics

A total of seven pieces (10g) of worked flint were recovered from subsoil (01002), ring gully [01006] (01007) and ditch [33004] (33006) (33010). The assemblage only contains debitage, comprising relatively small flakes, blade-like flakes and bladelets. Dorsal blade scars indicating removal from planned bladelet cores are present on three of the pieces and indicate a potential Mesolithic or earlier Neolithic date for the material, however this cannot be confirmed or refined without the presence of chronologically diagnostic tools. Slight post-depositional damage, in the form of chips to delicate edges, occurred on four pieces, while the rest remain in a fresh condition. Light to moderate cortication is present on four pieces, and the rest remain unaffected by any form of surface alteration. Three pieces are broken.

4.3.6 Fired Clay

Fragments of fired clay amounting to five sherds (6g) were retrieved from gully [01020] (0121) and in the re-cut of ditch [33004] (33010). The sherds comprise amorphous oxidised sand-tempered pieces.

4.3.7 Brick and Tile

The brick and tile assemblage amounts to eight sherds (953g) retrieved from Trenches 01 and 04. This includes a total of four sand-tempered pieces of flat roof tile (59g) broadly datable to the late medieval/post-medieval period from pit [04009] (04008). The feature also yielded three joining fragments from a similarly dated stock-moulded brick (891g), which appears to have been roughly re-shaped into an oblong, suggesting modification for secondary use. A fragment (3g) retaining a surface collected from subsoil (01002) probably represents a degraded piece of brick or tile.

4.3.8 Industrial waste

A total of 31g of magnetic residues were retrieved from six features in Trenches 01, 09, 25 and 33. They comprise solely of magnetised gravels, which indicate no more than burning activity on site.

4.3.9 Discussion

The early prehistoric lithic material appears to be residual. The types of pottery present suggest Iron Age dating for gully [01020] and ditch [33004] and potentially, though less securely for ring-gully [01006], post-hole [01012] and gully [01016]. The only other finds associated with this activity are scant fragments of fired clay and magnetised gravels consistent with burning and may derive from domestic hearths.

The pottery suggests a late Saxon date for pit [01004]. The brick and tile suggest a late medieval or post-medieval date for pit [04009]. There is, however, little to indicate the nature of activity during these periods.

4.3.10 Recommendations for further work

No further work is recommended for these finds as the small size and fragmentary nature of the assemblage limits the potential for further analysis. However, if further work is to be carried out then the finds should be re-evaluated in this light.

4.3.11 Recommendations for archive

The lithics, pottery and ceramic building material should be retained. The iron finds and industrial waste could be discarded. The archive has been prepared in accordance with professional standards (AAF 2011) and the specific requirements of Buckinghamshire County Museum (Thorn & Everitt 2013).

4.4 Environmental Report

By Laura Bailey

4.4.1 Introduction

Six samples were extracted during the evaluation work. The samples were taken from a range of features including pits and ditches dating to the Iron Age period. In addition to the bulk samples, animal bone was hand collected from a further five contexts. The aims of the assessment were to assess the presence, preservation and abundance of any environmental remains and to determine the potential of the material for indicating the character and significance of the deposit.

4.4.2 Method

Bulk 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. All 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) and Zohary et al. (2012); nomenclature for wild taxa follows Stace (1997).

Faunal remains were examined by eye or under low magnification and, as far as possible, identified to species and skeletal element, with reference to Schmid (1972) and Hillson (1992), and any marks of butchery were noted.

4.4.3 Results

Results of the assessment are presented in Appendix V (Environmental flotation results) and Appendix VI (Animal bone catalogue). Many of the samples contained abundant modern roots.

4.4.4 Cereal grain

A moderate (c 50) number of cereal grains were recovered from the fill (1005) of Pit [1005]. The grains exhibited mixed levels of preservation ranging from moderate to poor. Cereals present included hulled barley (*Hordeum vulgare*), spelt wheat (*Triticum Spelta*) and bread/club wheat (*Triticum aestivo-compactum*). Some of the grains were vesicular, broken and heavily abraded and therefore could not be identified. A single very poorly preserved bread wheat was recovered from the fill (33010) of ditch [33004].

4.4.5 Wild taxa

A single chickweed (*Stellaria media*) seed was recovered from the fill (1017) of gully [1016].

4.5 Animal bone report

Unburnt bone

A moderate assemblage of fragmented animal bone was recovered from seven features (Appendix VI). The bone was fragmented and demonstrated mixed levels of preservation ranging from fair to poor. The Minimum Number of Individuals (MNI) and Number of Identified Specimens (NISP) determined for each context was low (Appendix V). Most of bone was recovered from features dating to the Iron Age. Identifiable elements included cow tooth and longbone fragments, proximal femur and vertebra fragments. A small number of fragmented rodent bones were recovered from the fill (1005) of pit [1004], which dated to the late Saxon period, together with heavily fragmented long bones. Elements of sheep and pig were also recovered from, undated, deposits (1021) and (2008) respectively.

All other animal bone recovered from across the site was heavily fragmented and lacked diagnostic features.

Burnt bone

A small assemblage of burnt bone was recovered from the fill (1005) of pit [1004]. The bone was heavily fragmented and lacked diagnostic features required for identification.

4.5.1 Scientific dating potential of the remains

The dating potential of the remains will be dependent on the nature of the research questions posed. Of the environmental evidence recovered the remains that offer the best potential for AMS radiocarbon dating are the better-preserved animal bone and cereal grains.

4.5.2 Discussion and recommendations

The small cereal grain assemblage does not offer any significant information relating to site economy other than possible crop choices. Once incorporated into negative features charred remains tend to survive well but, as in this case, their inclusion is often incidental, and the materials have no direct relationship to the features themselves.

The animal bone assemblage provides limited information pertaining to site economy. Due to the size and fragmented nature of the assemblage, it is unlikely that analysis would provide significant further information other than broad dietary preferences. The identifiable bones present in the assemblage represent middle and low utility bones, which carry less amounts of meat, and so are likely to represent the less desirable elements discarded during the butchery process.

The paucity of remains precludes further analysis.

5. DISCUSSION

5.1 Quality of preservation

The depth of the overburden at this site varied from 0.35m in the central north area of the PDA to 0.85m in the south-east corner with the overburden across the remainder of site averaging at 0.50m. The remains were moderately well preserved and identifiable in all parts of the PDA.

5.2 Efficacy of other investigative methods used at the site

A geophysical survey preceded the trial trenching stage of works and the anomalies identified were targeted via the trenches (Illus. 2). In general, the trenches uncovered these anomalies. In some cases, the trenches picked up additional remains (which is not un-common). The survey identified larger linears more effectively than discreet features and some features, such as shallow linears and postholes were missed completely, such as in Trench 01. Two rectilinear anomalies alluded to possible prehistoric enclosures in the vicinity of Trenches 10, 11, 13, 15 and 33. Although a ditch was found in Trench 33 the other anomalies seem to be geological in origin, which created a coincidental rectilinear pattern.

5.3 Summary of remains by Period

Prehistoric activity

The Mesolithic or early Neolithic lithics are likely to be residual but are indicative of human activity in the vicinity.

The evaluation identified a ring ditch with associated archaeological evidence though there was no clear evidence of its full form or function. A probable Iron Age date for the ring ditch has been identified through the pottery assessment. It may relate to the prehistoric cropmark known to the south of the PDA.

Medieval Activity

The evaluation did find evidence for cultivation in the form of furrows, though with the absence of dating evidence these could not be given an absolute chronology. It does however indicate that this area was probably used as the agricultural hinterland of the deserted medieval hamlet of Walton. The Saxon pottery, in conjunction with the earlier Saxon brooch findspot, is indicative of early medieval activity that became the hamlets of Walton or Simpson.

The potential for heritage assets of post-medieval and modern periods to exist on the PDA was deemed negligible. However, furrows in the northern, central and south-west areas of PDA could be medieval or post-medieval.

5.4 Description of heritage assets

Description of Heritage Asset	Trench	Feature	Significance of heritage asset (Low, Medium, High) and of local, regional, national, international interest
HA1: Prehistoric (Iron Age) features: ring ditch, associated postholes	01	[01006], [01008], [01010], [01012], [01014], [01018], [01022]	Medium significance of local interest
HA2: Medieval furrows	02, 22, 25	[02005], [02007], [02009], [22004], [25007], [25015], [25017]	Low significance of local interest

Table 4 Description of heritage assets

HA1 comprises evidence for prehistoric activity. This is considered to have medium significance of local interest as it adds to the evidence for possible prehistoric structures or enclosures in Buckinghamshire. Although the aim taken from the research agenda was specifically Iron Age (see page 6), this could be expanded to apply more generally to the prehistoric with this evidence.

HA2 comprises evidence for medieval ploughing activities within the site. This is considered to have low significance of local interest. Whilst the evidence is indicative of activity within the medieval period, it is not substantial or clearly dateable to make any meaningful contribution to understanding continuity of use of the landscape before or after the medieval period.

6. CONCLUSION

The trial trenching evaluation revealed the remains of a likely Iron Age ring ditch and associated postholes in the northwest corner and medieval cultivation, possibly of Saxon origin, spread across the site. This ties into evidence in the surrounding landscape for prehistoric cropmarks and the hamlet of Walton.

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APPENDICES

Appendix I – Trench and Context Summary

Trench Number	1				
Length	40m	Width	1.80m		
Minimum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.50m	Maximum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.70m		
Context No	Description (Layer, Cut, Fill)	Dimensions (as appropriate)			
		Length	Width	Diameter	Depth
01001	Topsoil: Loose greyish-brown silty loam with frequent rooting and occasional small sub-angular and rounded stones	-	-	-	0.30m
01002	Subsoil: Mid greyish-brown sandy clay loam, with occasional small sub-angular and rounded stones	-	-	-	0.20m
01003	Natural: Mid reddish-brown clay, with frequent small to large rounded and sub-angular stones	-	-	-	0.50m+ (BGL)
[01004]	Cut of pit - Circular cut with shallow concave sides leading gradually to a slightly undulating concave base	-	0.96m	-	0.22m
01005	Fill of [01004] Dark greyish brown firm silty clay. Frequent charcoal and chalk flecks and occasional small to medium sized stones	-	-	-	0.22m
[01006]	Ring Gully: Curvilinear with gradual, irregular sides leading gradually to an uneven base	0.50+	0.43m	-	0.10m
01007	Fill of [01006] Mid greyish brown soft silty loam, with occasional small to medium round, angular and subangular stones with very rare charcoal flecks	0.50m+	0.43m	-	0.10m
[01008]	Posthole: Sub-oval cut, with steep sides and uneven base	0.42m	0.3m	-	0.17m

01009	Fill of [01008] Mid. greyish brown clay silt with small to medium rounded pebbles at base	0.42m	0.30m	-	0.17m
[01010]	Cut of post hole: Sub-oval feature with steep sides and uneven base	0.24m	0.20m	-	0.18m
01011	Fill of [01010] Mid greyish brown soft, silty clay loam with very rare small to medium rounded and sub-angular stone inclusions	0.24m (truncated)	0.20m	-	0.18m
[01012]	Posthole: Irregular sub-rectangular cut with steep concave sides and rounded base	0.40m	0.26m	-	0.14m
01013	Fill of [01012] Mid greyish brown soft silty clay loam with a sharp interface. Very rare small rounded and sub-angular stone and charcoal flecks	0.40m	0.26m	-	0.14m
[01014]	Gully: East to West aligned linear with gradual sloping sides and flat base	0.70m+	0.47m	-	0.07m
01015	Fill of [01014] Firm mid greyish brown silty clay with moderate small to medium sized round and angled stone and charcoal inclusions	-	0.47m	-	0.07m
[01016]	Gully: North to South aligned curvilinear with gradually sloping sides and flat base	0.80m	0.26m	-	0.06m
01017	Fill of [01016] Dark greyish brown firm silty clay with a clear interface with moderate small to medium stones, chalk and charcoal inclusions	-	-	-	0.06m
[01018]	Posthole: Circular cut with gradually sloping sides leading to a concave base	0.30m	0.27m	-	0.05m

01019	Fill [01018] friable mid greyish brown silty clay with occasional small to medium sized stones	-	-	-	0.05m
[01020]	Gully: NE-SW aligned curvilinear with a gently sloping Southeast side and steep Northwest side that break gradually and abruptly to an uneven base	1.00m+	0.60m	-	0.20m
01021	Fill of [01020] Mid greyish brown soft silty clay loam with occasional large rounded, angular and subangular stone and very rare chalk and charcoal flecks	-	-	-	0.20m
[01022]	Gully Terminus: Curvilinear cut with gently sloping sides leading gradually to a concave base	1.15m+	0.30m	-	0.06
01023	Fill of [01022] Mid greyish brown silty clay with occasional small to medium stone inclusions	-	0.30m	-	0.60m

Trench Number	2				
Length	40m	Width	1.80m		
Minimum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.45m	Maximum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.65		
Context No	Description (Layer, Cut, Fill)	Dimensions (as appropriate)			
		Length	Width	Diameter	Depth
02001	Topsoil: Mid greyish brown sandy loam with occasional small - medium rounded pebbles and sub-angular stones	-	-	-	0.30m
02002	Subsoil: Mid. Reddish brown sandy clay loam with frequent small to medium sized rounded pebbles and angular stones and occasional Small - medium chalk fragments	-	-	-	0.20m

02003	Natural - Dark reddish-brown sandy clay with very frequent small - medium rounded pebbles, angular and sub-angular stones and occasional chalk fragments	-	-	-	0.50m+ (BGL)
02004	Fill of [02005]: Moderate to firm mid brownish-grey silty clay, with moderate to small angular and subangular stones and occasional chalk and charcoal flecks	-	-	-	0.19m
[02005]	Cut of furrow: NE-SW aligned linear with shallow sides that break gradually to a flat base	1.20m+	1.22m	-	0.19m
02006	Fill of furrow [02007]: Moderately firm to compact mid grey silty-clay with moderate small sub-round and angular stones and occasional chalk and charcoal flecks throughout	-	0.85m	-	0.16m
[02007]	Cut of furrow: NE-SW aligned linear with shallow sides that break gradually to a flat base	1.00m+	0.85m	-	0.16m
02008	Fill of furrow [02009]: Moderately firm to compact mid grey silty clay with moderate small sub-round and angular stone and occasional chalk and charcoal flecks throughout	-	0.77m	-	0.23m
[02009]	Cut of furrow: NE-SW aligned linear with moderately sloping sides that break gradually to a rounded base	1.00m+	0.77m	-	0.23m

Trench Number	3				
Length	40m	Width	1.80m		
Minimum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.40m	Maximum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.55m		
Context No	Description (Layer, Cut, Fill)	Dimensions (as appropriate)			
		Length	Width	Diameter	Depth

03001	Topsoil: Loose greyish-brown silty loam deposit with frequent rooting and occasional small subangular and rounded stones	-	-	-	0.30m
03002	Subsoil: Mid reddish-brown sandy clay loam, with frequent small to medium subangular and rounded stones	-	-	-	0.20m
03003	Natural: Mid reddish-brown clay, with frequent small to large rounded and subangular stones, occasional small chalk frags	-	-	-	0.50m+ (BGL)

Trench Number	4				
Length	40m	Width	1.80m		
Minimum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.4m	Maximum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.75m		
Context No	Description (Layer, Cut, Fill)	Dimensions (as appropriate)			
		Length	Width	Diameter	Depth
04001	Topsoil: Mid greyish-brown sandy loam with occasional small to medium sub-angular and rounded stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.30m
04002	Subsoil: Mid reddish-brown sandy clay loam with frequent small to medium rounded pebbles, angular stones and occasional small to medium chalk fragments	-	-	-	0.20m
04003	Natural: Dark reddish-brown sandy clay with small to medium sizes rounded pebbles, angular and subangular stones with occasional chalk	-	-	-	0.50m+ (BGL)
04004	Fill of [04005]: Moderate to firm mid brownish grey silty clay, with moderate to small angular and subangular stones and occasional chalk and charcoal flecks	-	1.02m	-	0.40m
[04005]		-	1.02m	-	0.40m

	Cut of pit: NE-SW aligned linear with shallow sides that break gradually to a flat base				
04006	Fill of [04007]: Moderately firm to compact mid grey, silty clay with moderate small sub-round and angular stone and occasional chalk flecks	-	0.43m	-	0.28m
[04007]	Cut of ditch: NE-SW aligned linear feature with shallow sides that break gradually to a flat base	1.00m+	0.43m	-	0.28m
04008	Fill of [04009]: Moderately firm light whitish grey silty clay with moderate small sub-round and angular stone and occasional chalk flecks	-	0.77m	-	0.23m
04009	Cut of pit: Moderately sloping sides and moderately flat base	1.0m+	2.23m	-	0.31
04010	Fill of [04011]: Mid. Whitish grey firm silty clay with moderate chalk fragments and small to medium rounded stone inclusions			-	0.32m
[04011]	Cut of possible modern drain: NE-SW aligned linear feature with steep sides and sharp breaks of slope to a slightly rounded base	1.0m+	0.30m	-	0.32m
04012	Fill of [04013]: Mid reddish, greyish brown firm silty clay with moderately small sub-angular stone inclusions	-	0.82m	-	0.15m
[04013]	Cut of ditch: NE-SW aligned linear with moderately sloping sides that break gradually to a slightly rounded base	1.0+	0.82m	-	0.15m

Trench Number	5		
Length	40.40m	Width	1.90m
Minimum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of	0.40m	Maximum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.60m

archaeological significance						
Context No	Description (Layer, Cut, Fill)	Dimensions (as appropriate)				
		Length	Width	Diameter	Depth	
05001	Topsoil: Mid reddish-brown sandy loam with occasional small to medium subangular and rounded stone inclusions throughout.	-	-	-	0.30m	
05002	Subsoil: Light reddish-brown sandy clay loam with frequent small to medium rounded pebbles, angular stones and occasional small to medium chalk fragments	-	-	-	0.20m	
05003	Natural: Mid reddish-brown sandy clay with small to medium sized rounded pebbles, angular and subangular stones with occasional chalk	-	-	-	0.50m+ (BGL)	
[05004]	Cut of Tree Throw: N-S aligned discrete irregular oblong feature with gradual sloping sides that break gradually to an uneven base	1.03m	0.37m	-	0.15m	
05005	Fill of [05004]: Firm dark greyish brown silty clay with rare small to medium stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.15m	
[05006]	Cut of field drain: E-W aligned linear with a steep northern edge that breaks gradually to a rounded base; southern edge is fully truncated	1.80m+	0.70m	-	0.35m	
05007	Fill of [05006]: Malleable mid greyish brown silty clay loam with very rare small to medium rounded and sub-angular stone and charcoal flecks	-	-	-	0.35m	
[05008]	Cut for ceramic field drain (inverted U shape): E-W aligned linear re-cut with steep sides that break sharply to a rounded base	1.0m	0.27m	-	0.50m	

05009	Fill of [05008]: Malleable mid greyish brown silty clay loam with frequent small to medium rounded and sub-angular stone and charcoal inclusions mainly towards the base	1.0m+	0.27m	-	0.50m
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Trench Number	6				
Length	40m	Width	1.80m		
Minimum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.40m	Maximum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.65		
Context No	Description (Layer, Cut, Fill)	Dimensions (as appropriate)			
		Length	Width	Diameter	Depth
06001	Topsoil: Mid reddish-brown sandy loam with occasional small pebbles and chalk fragments	-	-	-	0.30m
06002	Subsoil: Light reddish-brown sandy clay loam with frequent small to medium rounded pebbles, and sub-angular stone and occasional small to medium chalk fragments	-	-	-	0.20m
06003	Natural: Mid reddish-brown sandy clay with small to medium sized rounded pebbles, angular and subangular stones with occasional chalk	-	-	-	0.50m+ (BGL)

Trench Number	7				
Length	25m	Width	1.80m		
Minimum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.35m	Maximum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.60m		
Context No	Description (Layer, Cut, Fill)	Dimensions (as appropriate)			
		Length	Width	Diameter	Depth

07001	Topsoil: Mid reddish-brown sandy loam deposit with occasional very small and chalk pebbles and fragments inclusions	-	-	-	0.25m
07002	Subsoil: Light reddish-brown sandy clay loam with frequent small to medium rounded pebbles, and sub-angular stone and occasional small to medium chalk fragments	-	-	-	0.10m
07003	Natural: Mid reddish-brown sandy clay with small to medium sized rounded pebbles, angular and subangular stones with occasional chalk flecks	-	-	-	0.35m (BGL)

Trench Number		8					
Length		40m		Width		1.80m	
Minimum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance		0.50m		Maximum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance		0.60m	
Context No	Description (Layer, Cut, Fill)	Dimensions (as appropriate)					
		Length	Width	Diameter	Depth		
08001	Topsoil: Mid reddish-brown sandy loam with very rare small rounded, angular and sub-angular stone and chalk fleck inclusions	-	-	-	0.30m		
08002	Subsoil: Light reddish-brown sandy clay loam with rare small to medium rounded pebbles, angular and sub-angular stone and very rare chalk fleck inclusions	-	-	-	0.15m		
08003	Natural: Mid reddish-brown sandy clay with small to medium sized rounded pebbles, angular and subangular stones with rare chalk	-	-	-	0.45m+ (BGL)		

Trench Number		9					
Length		40.30m		Width		1.80m	

Minimum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.40m	Maximum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.60m			
Context No	Description (Layer, Cut, Fill)	Dimensions (as appropriate)				
		Length	Width	Diameter	Depth	
09001	Topsoil: Mid reddish-brown sandy loam with very rare small rounded, angular and sub-angular stones and chalk flecks	-	-	-	0.35m	
09002	Subsoil: Light reddish-brown sandy clay loam with rare small to medium rounded pebbles, angular and sub-angular stone and very rare chalk flecks	-	-	-	0.20m	
09003	Natural: Mid reddish sandy clay with small to medium sized rounded pebbles, angular and subangular stones with rare chalk	-	-	-	0.55m+ (BGL)	
[09004]	Cut of Ditch: NE-SW aligned shallow linear with concave sides that lead gradually to a rounded base	0.60m+	0.65m	-	0.23m	
09005	Fill [09004]: Firm reddish-brown clay mottled with grey and reddish-brown iron (pan) deposits with occasional rounded stones, very rare small chalk fragments and charcoal flecks	-	0.65m	-	0.23m	
[09006]	Cut of ditch: Linear truncated to the East and West by [09004] and [09008]	0.60m+	-	-	0.22m	
09007	Fill of [09006]: Stiff mid reddish-brown clay, with rare chalk fragments and very rare small rounded, angular and subangular stone inclusion. Occasional chalk and iron panning	0.60m+	-	-	0.22m	

[09008]	Cut of drainage/boundary ditch: NE-SW aligned linear feature with very steep, slightly concave sides and an abrupt break of slope to a narrow, rounded base (N.F.E)	0.60+	1.45m	-	0.80m
09009	Fill [09010]: Stiff dark reddish-brown (and mottled grey and natural iron colouring) clay, with very rare small to medium rounded and angular stone and rare chalk flecks	0.60+	1.45m+	-	0.47m
09010	Fill [09008]: Light yellowish brown stiff but malleable clay with grey mottling, occasional small rounded and angular chalk fragments and flecks and rare charcoal flecks	0.60m+	0.94m+	-	0.32m

Trench Number	10				
Length	40.5m	Width	1.80m		
Minimum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.40m	Maximum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.70m		
Context No	Description (Layer, Cut, Fill)	Dimensions (as appropriate)			
		Length	Width	Diameter	Depth
10001	Topsoil: Mid reddish-brown silty loam with very rare small rounded, angular and sub-angular stones and chalk flecks	-	-	-	0.30m
10002	Subsoil: Light reddish-brown silty clay loam with rare small to medium rounded and sub-angular stones	-	-	-	0.20m
10003	Natural: Light reddish-brown sandy clay with rare small to medium sized subangular stones	-	-	-	0.50+ (BGL)

Trench Number	11				
Length	40m	Width	1.80m		

Minimum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.40m	Maximum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.70m		
Context No	Description (Layer, Cut, Fill)	Dimensions (as appropriate)			
		Length	Width	Diameter	Depth
11001	Topsoil: Mid reddish-brown silty loam with very rare small rounded, angular and sub-angular stone and chalk flecks	-	-	-	0.30m
11002	Subsoil: Light reddish-brown clayey sand with rare very small sub-angular stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.25m
11003	Natural: Light reddish-brown sandy clay with occasional very small stones	-	-	-	0.55m+ (BGL)

Trench Number	12				
Length	40m	Width	1.80m		
Minimum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.45m	Maximum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.80m		
Context No	Description (Layer, Cut, Fill)	Dimensions (as appropriate)			
		Length	Width	Diameter	Depth
12001	Topsoil: Dark reddish-brown silty loam with rare very small sub-angular stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.35m
12002	Subsoil: Mid reddish-brown clayey sand with occasional very small stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.25m
12003	Natural: Mid greyish-brown sandy clay with moderate sub-angular stones	-	-	-	0.60m+ (BGL)

Trench Number	13				
Length	40m	Width	1.80m		

Minimum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.55m	Maximum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.75m		
Context No	Description (Layer, Cut, Fill)	Dimensions (as appropriate)			
		Length	Width	Diameter	Depth
13001	Topsoil: Mid reddish-brown silty loam with rare very small to medium round and angular stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.30m
13002	Subsoil: Light reddish-brown silty clay loam with occasional very small stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.30m
13003	Natural: Mid reddish-brown clay with frequent rounded and angular stones and very rare small chalk flecks	-	-	-	0.60m+ (BGL)

Trench Number	14				
Length	40m	Width	1.80m		
Minimum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.55m	Maximum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.65m (overcut)		
Context No	Description (Layer, Cut, Fill)	Dimensions (as appropriate)			
		Length	Width	Diameter	Depth
14001	Topsoil: Mid reddish-brown silty loam with rare very small sub-angular stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.30m
14002	Subsoil: Light reddish-brown silty sand with rare very small stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.25m
14003	Natural: Light reddish-brown sandy clay with rare very small to medium sized sub-angular stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.55m+ (BGL)

Trench Number	15				
Length	40m	Width	1.80m		

Minimum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.50m	Maximum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.50m			
Context No	Description (Layer, Cut, Fill)	Dimensions (as appropriate)				
		Length	Width	Diameter	Depth	
15001	Topsoil: Mid reddish-brown sandy loam with very rare very small rounded and angular stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.30m	
15002	Subsoil: Light reddish-brown silty clay loam with small to medium rounded and angular stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.25m	
15003	Natural: Mid reddish-brown sandy clay with common small to medium sized rounded and sub-angular stone inclusions and small chalk fragments	-	-	-	0.50m+ (BGL)	
[15004]	Cut of drainage/boundary ditch: E-W aligned linear with gently sloping sides and flat, shallow base	1.0m+	0.77m+	-	0.10m	
15005	Fill of [15004]: Loose mid greyish-brown alluvial silty clay with occasional small stones and flint	-	-	-	0.10m	
[15006]	Cut of Gully: SEE-NWW aligned linear with gently sloping sides and flat base; truncated by [15004]	1.35m	0.65m	-	0.03m	
15007	Fill of [15006]: Loose mid greyish-brown alluvial silty clay	-	-	-	0.03m	
[15008]	Natural channel: SEE-NWW aligned linear feature with gently sloping sides and flat base	1.73	1.6	-	0.12m	
15009	Fill of [15008]: Loose mid greyish-brown silty clay with occasional small stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.12m	

Trench Number	16		
Length	40m	Width	1.80m

Minimum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.50m	Maximum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.60m		
Context No	Description (Layer, Cut, Fill)	Dimensions (as appropriate)			
		Length	Width	Diameter	Depth
16001	Topsoil: Mid reddish-brown silty loam with very rare small rounded and angular stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.30m
16002	Subsoil: Light reddish-brown silty clay loam with small to medium rounded and angular stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.20m
16003	Natural: Mid reddish-brown silty clay with common small to medium sized rounded and sub-angular stone inclusions and rare small chalk fragments	-	-	-	0.50m+ (BGL)

Trench Number	17				
Length	40m	Width	1.80m		
Minimum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.50m	Maximum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.60m		
Context No	Description (Layer, Cut, Fill)	Dimensions (as appropriate)			
		Length	Width	Diameter	Depth
17001	Topsoil: Mid reddish-brown silty loam with rare small rounded and angular stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.30m
17002	Subsoil: Light reddish-brown silty clay loam with small to medium rounded and angular stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.20m
17003	Natural: Mid reddish-brown silty clay with small to medium sized rounded and sub-angular stones and rare small chalk fragments	-	-	-	0.50+ (BGL)

Trench Number	18				
Length	40m	Width	1.80m		

Minimum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.50m	Maximum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.60m		
Context No	Description (Layer, Cut, Fill)	Dimensions (as appropriate)			
		Length	Width	Diameter	Depth
18001	Topsoil: Mid reddish-brown silty loam with rare small rounded and angular stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.30m
18002	Subsoil: Light reddish- brown silty clay loam with small to medium rounded and angular stones	-	-	-	0.20m
18003	Natural: Mid reddish-brown silty clay with small to medium sized rounded and sub-angular stones with rare chalk flecks	-	-	-	0.50m+ (BGL)

Trench Number	19				
Length	40m	Width	1.80m		
Minimum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.50m	Maximum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.70m		
Context No	Description (Layer, Cut, Fill)	Dimensions (as appropriate)			
		Length	Width	Diameter	Depth
19001	Topsoil: Mid reddish-brown silty loam with very rare small rounded, angular and sub-angular stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.30m
19002	Subsoil: Light reddish-brown silty clay loam with rare small to medium rounded, angular and sub-angular stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.20m
19003	Natural: Mid reddish-brown clay with small to medium rounded and sub-angular stone inclusions and small to medium chalk fragments	-	-	-	0.50m+ (BGL)

Trench Number	20				
Length	40m	Width	1.80m		

Minimum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.50m	Maximum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.70m		
Context No	Description (Layer, Cut, Fill)	Dimensions (as appropriate)			
		Length	Width	Diameter	Depth
20001	Topsoil: Mid reddish-brown silty loam with very rare small rounded, angular and sub-angular stones	-	-	-	0.30m
20002	Subsoil: Light reddish-brown silty clay loam with rare small to medium rounded, angular and sub-angular stones	-	-	-	0.20m
20003	Natural: Mid reddish-brown clay with small to medium rounded and sub-angular stones and small to medium chalk fragments	-	-	-	0.50m (BGL)

Trench Number	21				
Length	40m	Width	1.80m		
Minimum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.57m	Maximum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.90m		
Context No	Description (Layer, Cut, Fill)	Dimensions (as appropriate)			
		Length	Width	Diameter	Depth
21001	Topsoil: Mid reddish-brown silty loam with very rare small rounded stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.35m
21002	Subsoil: Light reddish-brown clayey sand with rare small stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.25m
21003	Geological Deposit: Mid brownish red sandy clay with occasional small to medium sized stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.60m+ (BGL)

Trench Number	22				
Length	40m	Width	1.80m		

Minimum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.43m	Maximum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.67m			
Context No	Description (Layer, Cut, Fill)	Dimensions (as appropriate)				
		Length	Width	Diameter	Depth	
22001	Topsoil: Mid reddish-brown silty loam with rare very small sub-angular stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.32m	
22002	Subsoil: Light reddish-brown clayey sand with rare very small to medium sub-angular stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.18m	
22003	Natural: Mid brownish red sandy clay with frequent small to medium sized stones	-	-	-	0.50m+ (BGL)	
[22004]	Cut of furrow: E-W orientated very shallow linear with concave sides and flat base	1.00m+	1.33m	-	0.12m	
22005	Fill of [22004] Yellow slightly clayey sand	-	-	-	0.12m	
22005	Fill of [22004] Mid grey slightly clayey	-	-	-	0.12m	

Trench Number	23				
Length	40m	Width	1.80m		
Minimum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.57m	Maximum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.75m		
Context No	Description (Layer, Cut, Fill)	Dimensions (as appropriate)			
		Length	Width	Diameter	Depth
23001	Topsoil: Mid reddish-brown silty loam with rare very small and small stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.32m
23002	Subsoil: Light reddish-brown clayey sand with rare small stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.18m
23003	Natural: Light brownish red sandy clay with occasional very small to medium sized stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.55m+ (BGL)

Trench Number	24				
Length	40m	Width	2.25m		
Minimum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.66m	Maximum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.72m		
Context No	Description (Layer, Cut, Fill)	Dimensions (as appropriate)			
		Length	Width	Diameter	Depth
24001	Topsoil: Mid reddish-brown silty loam with rare small stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.32m
24002	Subsoil: Light reddish-brown sandy clay with rare small to medium sized stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.18m
24003	Natural: Mid brownish red clayey sand with frequent small to medium sized stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.55m (BGL)
24004	Secondary fill of [24005]: Mid brownish grey moderately soft silty clay	-	-	-	0.29m
[24005]	Cut of Tree bole: NW-SE aligned irregular oval with moderately sloping NW side and gently sloping SE side that break moderately to a rounded base	1.32m	0.70m	-	0.25m
24006	Primary fill of [24005]: Light yellowish grey moderately firm sandy clay with one large cuboid stone 0.13m x 0.16m long x 0.15m occasional small stones	-	-	-	0.12m
[24007]	Cut of Pit: WNW-ESE aligned sub-circular feature with moderately sloping sides and a gradual break of slope to a slightly concave base	1.42m	0.6m	-	0.30m
24008	Fill of [24007]: Mid greyish-brown soft silty clay with occasional small to medium stones	-	0.60m	-	0.30m

Trench Number	25				
Length	40.30m	Width	2.05m		

Minimum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance		0.47m	Maximum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance		0.57m
Context No	Description (Layer, Cut, Fill)	Dimensions (as appropriate)			
		Length	Width	Diameter	Depth
25001	Topsoil: Mid reddish-brown silty loam with rare small stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.25m
25002	Subsoil: Light reddish-brown sandy clay with rare small to medium sized stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.15m
25003	Natural: Mid brownish red clayey sand with frequent small to medium sized stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.40m+ (BGL)
25004	Fill of [25005]: Moderately loose light greyish-brown sandy clay with moderately small angular gravels	1.00m+	0.45m	-	0.20m
[25005]	Cut of Gully: East to West aligned linear with moderately steep sides that break moderately sharply to a rounded base	1.00m+	0.45m	-	0.20m
25006	Fill [25007]: Moderately loose light greyish-brown sandy clay with occasional small angular stone inclusions	-	0.68m	-	0.09m
[25007]	Cut of furrow: East to West aligned linear with gently sloping sides that break gradually to a slightly rounded base	1.00m+	0.68m	-	0.09m
25008	Fill of [25009]: Moderately loose light greyish-brown sandy clay with moderate small angular stone inclusions	-	1.35m	-	0.30m
[25009]	Cut of Ditch: NE-SW aligned linear feature with moderately sloping sides breaking moderately to a slightly rounded base	1.00m+	1.35m	-	0.30m

25010	Fill of [25011]: Moderately firm light brownish grey sandy clay with occasional small pebbles and angular stones	1.00m+	0.77m	-	0.23m
[25011]	Cut of Tree Bole: Circular feature with moderately sloping sides that break moderately to a slightly rounded base	1.00m+	0.77m	-	0.23m
25012	Fill of [25012]: Moderately loose mid greyish-brown sandy clay with moderate small rounded pebbles and sub-rounded stones	1.0m+	1.28m	-	0.13m
[25013]	Cut of Shallow Ditch/Furrow: NE-SW aligned linear with gently sloping sides that break gradually to a slightly rounded base	1.00m+	1.28m	-	0.13m
25014	Fill of [25015]: Moderately firm mid greyish-brown sandy clay with occasional to moderate small pebbles and rounded stone inclusions	1.00m+	0.96m	-	0.20m
[25015]	Cut of possible furrow: NE-SW aligned linear with moderately sloping sides that break moderately to a slightly rounded base	1.00m+	0.96m	-	0.20m
25016	Fill of [25017]: moderately loose mid brownish grey sandy clay with occasional small pebbles	1.00m+	0.45m	-	0.12m
[25017]	Cut of furrow: NE- SW aligned linear with moderately sloping sides and slightly rounded base	1.00m+	0.47m	-	0.12m
25018	Fill of [25019] Mid. Greyish brown, mod. Soft, sandy clay with occ. Small pebbles and sub-angular stones	-	0.68m	-	0.20m
[25019]	Cut ditch: E-W aligned linear with mod. Sloping sides and slightly rounded base	1.00m+	0.68m	-	0.20m

Trench Number	26		
Length	40m	Width	1.80m

Minimum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.26m	Maximum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.65m		
Context No	Description (Layer, Cut, Fill)	Dimensions (as appropriate)			
		Length	Width		Depth
26001	Topsoil: Mid reddish-brown sandy loam with occasional small to medium stone inclusions	-	-		0.35m
26002	Subsoil: Light reddish-brown silty clay loam with frequent small to medium sized rounded and angular stone inclusions	-	-		0.20m
26003	Natural: Mid brownish red clay with abundant small to medium sized rounded stone and small to medium sized angular and sub-angular stone inclusions	-	-		0.55m+

Trench Number	27				
Length	40m	Width	1.80m		
Minimum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.60m	Maximum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	1.0m		
Context No	Description (Layer, Cut, Fill)	Dimensions (as appropriate)			
		Length	Width	Diameter	Depth
27001	Topsoil: Mid reddish-brown silty loam with rare small stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.35m
27002	Subsoil: Light reddish-brown sandy clay with rare small to medium sized stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.75m
27003	Geological Deposit: Mid brownish red clayey sand with frequent small to medium sized stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.75m+ (BGL)
[27004]	Cut for possible Posthole: Circular cut with steep concave sides that break gradually to a shallow concave base	-	0.75m	-	0.22m

27005	Primary fill of possible Posthole [27004]: Mid grey/reddish brown friable clayey silt with rare round and subangular stone inclusions at base and western side	-	0.75m	-	0.17m
27006	Cut for Post Packing: Sub-circular feature. Steep western side that breaks sharply to a flattish base	-	1.04m	-	0.30m
27007	Fill of [27006] Dark reddish-brown loose clayey sand with unsorted stone inclusions ranging in size from 0.01m-0.10m	-	1.04m	-	0.30m
27008	Cut of Ditch: NNW - SSE aligned linear with wide, shallow slightly concave sides that break gradually to a slightly concave base	1.00m+	1.80m	-	0.40m
27009	Fill of [27008] Mid reddish-grey/brown clayey silt with occ. stones	-	1.80m	-	0.40m
27010	Possible Post Hole Packing, immediately south of (27007): unexcavated. Dark reddish - brown clay sand with unsorted stones ranging in size from 0.01 - 0.10m	0.60m	0.50m	-	-

Trench Number	28				
Length	40m	Width	1.80m		
Minimum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.90m	Maximum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	1.40m		
Context No	Description (Layer, Cut, Fill)	Dimensions (as appropriate)			
		Length	Width	Diameter	Depth
28001	Topsoil: Reddish-brown silty loam with rare small stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.25m
28002	Subsoil: Light reddish-brown sandy clay with rare small to medium sized rounded and angular stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.60m

28003	Natural: Mid brownish red clay with abundant small to medium sized rounded stone and small to medium sized stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.85m+
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Trench Number	29				
Length	40m	Width	1.80m		
Minimum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.65m	Maximum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.75m		
Context No	Description (Layer, Cut, Fill)	Dimensions (as appropriate)			
		Length	Width	Diameter	Depth
29001	Topsoil: Reddish-brown silty loam with rare small stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.20m
29002	Subsoil: Light reddish-brown sandy clay with rare small to medium sized rounded and angular stone inclusions	-	-	-	0.35m
29003	Natural: Mid brownish red clay with abundant small to medium sized rounded stones	-	-	-	0.55m+

Trench Number	30				
Length	40m	Width	1.80m		
Minimum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.55m	Maximum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.70m		
Context No	Description (Layer, Cut, Fill)	Dimensions (as appropriate)			
		Length	Width	Diameter	Depth
30001	Topsoil: Mid. Reddish brown silty loam with rare, small stones	-	-	-	0.30m
30002	Subsoil: Light reddish-brown sandy clay with rare, small - medium stones	-	-	-	0.20m

30003	Natural: Mid. Brownish red sandy clay with freq. small - medium stones	-	-	-	0.50m+ (BGL)
[30004]	Cut of tree bole: Sub-oval cut with concave, gradual sloping sides and mod. Flat base	0.85m+	1.50m	-	0.26m
30005	Fill of [30004] Soft, dark grey clayey silt with very rare small stones	-	-	-	0.26m

Trench Number	31				
Length	40m	Width	1.80m		
Minimum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.65m	Maximum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.90m		
Context No	Description (Layer, Cut, Fill)	Dimensions (as appropriate)			
		Length	Width	Diameter	Depth
31001	Topsoil: Mid. Reddish brown sandy clay with very rare small-medium rounded stones	-	-	-	0.25m
31002	Subsoil: Light reddish brown, silty clay loam with occ. Small-medium rounded, angular and sub-angular stones	-	-	-	0.50m
31003	Natural: Mid. Reddish brown clay with abundant small-large rounded pebbles	-	-	-	0.75 - 0.90m+ (BGL)
31004	Alluvial layer: Light brownish grey clay	-	-	-	0.75 - 0.90m+ (BGL)

Trench Number	32				
Length	40m	Width	1.80m		
Minimum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.55m	Maximum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.65m		
Context No	Description (Layer, Cut, Fill)	Dimensions (as appropriate)			
		Length	Width	Diameter	Depth

32001	Topsoil: Mid. Reddish brown silty loam with rare small stones	-	-	-	0.35m
32002	Subsoil: Light reddish-brown silty clay with rare small to medium stones	-	-	-	0.15m
32003	Natural: Mid brownish red clayey sand with freq. small to medium stones	-	-	-	0.50 - 0.58m+ (BGL)
32004	Alluvial: Mid. Greyish brown clay	-	-	-	0.50 - 0.58m+ (BGL)

Trench Number		33			
Length		40m		Width	
				1.80m	
Minimum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance		0.50m		Maximum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	
				0.70m	
Context No	Description (Layer, Cut, Fill)	Dimensions (as appropriate)			
		Length	Width	Diameter	Depth
33001	Topsoil: Mid. Reddish brown, sandy loam with rare, small-medium rounded and sub-angular stones and very rare chalk flecks	-	-	-	0.30m
33002	Subsoil: Light reddish-brown silty clay loam with rare small-medium rounded	-	-	-	0.25m
33003	Natural: Mid. Red-yellow clay with frequent small-medium rounded stones and very rare chalk flecks.	-	-	-	0.55m+ (BGL)
[33004]	Cut of ditch: NE-SW aligned linear with moderately sloping sides and uneven base	1.00m+	2.25m	-	0.43m
33005	Primary fill of [33004] Loose, light yellowish-brown clayey sand	-	-	-	0.09
33006	Fill of [33004] Mid. Greyish brown silty clay with rare, medium angular stones	-	-	-	0.30m
[33007]	Re-cut of ditch [33004] NE-SW aligned linear with steep sides and flat base	1.00m+	0.46m	-	0.29m

33008	Fill of [33007] Light greyish brown plastic, silty clay with occ. Small-medium stones	-	-	-	0.29m
[33009]	Re-cut in ditch [33004] linear with gradually sloping sides and flat base	1.00m+	0.60m	-	0.10m
33010	Fill of [33009] Plastic, dark greyish brown silty clay	-	0.60m	-	0.1

Trench Number	34				
Length	40m	Width	1.80m		
Minimum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.55m	Maximum Depth to Geological Deposit/level of archaeological significance	0.75m		
Context No	Description (Layer, Cut, Fill)	Dimensions (as appropriate)			
		Length	Width	Diameter	Depth
34001	Topsoil: Mid. Reddish brown silty loam with rare and very small sub-angular stones	-	-	-	0.35m
34002	Subsoil: Light reddish-brown clayey sand with rare, very small sub-angular stones	-	-	-	0.25m
34003	Natural: Light brownish-red sandy clay with rare, very small sub-angular stones	-	-	-	0.60m+
[34004]	Cut of ditch/channel: NE-SW aligned linear with steep sides and flat base	1.00m+	2.10m	-	0.49m
34005	Tertiary fill of [34004]: Plastic mid greyish-brown silty clay with rare small - medium stones and occasional charcoal	-	-	-	0.20m
34006	Loose, mid. Greyish brown sandy clay with freq. small rounded and angular stones	-	-	-	0.23m
34007	Fill of [34004] loose, light orange brown sandy clay with freq. small- medium rounded stones	-	-	-	0.26m

Appendix II – Photographic Register

Photo Number	Direction Facing	Description
001	NW	South-eastern field
002	NW	South-eastern field
003	SW	South-eastern field
004	NNW	South-eastern field
005	NW	Access to north-western area of site. Foot/cycle path to the left
006	NNW	Access to north-western area of site. Foot/cycle path to the left
007	E	East-West track dividing site
008	NW	Access to north-western area of site
009	NW	North-western area (TR1) pre-machining. Path to the left
010	SE	North-western corner of site (TR1). Foot/cycle path on right
011	SE	Access (gap in hedge) to north-eastern side of site
012	NNW	Northern-eastern field. Footpath/cycle path right to left
013	S	South-eastern field from north-eastern field
014	NW	North-eastern field
015	NW	North-eastern field service/ inspection shaft covers
016	S	North-eastern field
017	SW	TR01 North-east facing section
018	SSE	TR01 General shot
019	NNW	TR01 General shot
020	SSE	TR02 General shot (portrait)
021	SSE	TR02 General shot (portrait)
022	ESE	TR02 West facing section
023	NNW	TR02 General shot
024	WSW	TR03 General shot
025	NNW	TR03 SSE facing section
026	ENE	TR03 General shot
027	SSE	TR04 General shot
028	ENE	TR04 WSW Facing section
029	NNW	TR04 General shot
030	SE	TR02 Netlon and sign after trenching
031	SE	TR04 Netlon and sign after trenching
032	NNE	TR01 Netlon and sign after trenching
033	SSE	TR01 Netlon and sign after trenching
034	WSW	Site gate with signs at end of day
035	SSE	TR05 General shot
036	NNW	TR05 General shot
037	W	TR05 East facing section
038	NE	TR06 General shot
039	S	TR06 North facing section
040	SW	TR06 General shot
041	SSW	TR09 General shot

042	ENE	TR09 WSW facing section
043	NNE	TR09 General shot
044	NE	TR06 General shot after machining
045	SW	TR06 General shot after machining
046	WSW	TR08 General shot
047	NNW	TR08 SSE facing section
048	ENE	TR08 General shot
049	NNW	TR07 General shot
050	WSW	TR07 ENE Facing section
051	SSE	TR07 General shot
052	NE	TR10 General shot
053	NW	TR10 SE facing section
054	SW	TR10 General shot
055	NW	TR33 General shot
056	NNE	TR33 SSW facing section
057	SE	TR33 General shot
058	NW	TR11 General shot
059	NE	TR11 SW facing section
060	SE	TR11 General shot
061	ENE	TR12 General shot
062	SSE	TR12 NNW facing section
063	WSW	TR12 General shot
064	WSW	TR13 General shot
065	SSE	TR13 NNW facing section
066	ENE	TR13 General shot
067	SSE	TR14 General shot
068	ENE	TR14 WSW Facing section
069	NNW	TR14 General shot
070	SW	TR15 General shot
071	NW	TR15 SE facing section
072	NE	TR15 General shot
073	SSE	Netlon and safety signs along southern border of site
074	NNE	Netlon and safety signs along southern border of site
075	ENE	TR34 WSW facing section
076	SE	TR16 General shot
077	NW	TR16 General shot
078	NE	TR17 General shot
079	SW	TR17 General shot
080	SSE	TR18 General shot
081	NNW	TR18 General shot
082	SSE	TR34 General shot
083	NNW	TR34 General shot
084	SSE	TR20 General shot
085	ENE	TR20 WSW Facing section

086	NNW	TR20 General shot
087	NNW	TR17 SSE facing section
088	NE	TR16 SW facing section
089	NE	TR18 SW facing section
090	WSW	TR19 General shot
091	N	TR19 South facing section
092	ENE	TR19 General shot
093	NW	TR21 General shot
094	NE	TR21 SW facing section
095	SE	TR21 General shot
096	NW	TR23 General shot
097	NE	TR25 SW facing section
098	SE	TR23 General shot
099	SE	TR21 Netlon and safety signs at northern end of site
100	SW	Netlon and safety signs at southwest of site
101	NNE	TR22 General shot
102	NW	TR22 SW facing section
103	SWS	TR22 General shot
104	NNW	TR23 General shot
105	E	TR23 West facing section
106	E	TR24 General shot
107	S	TR24 North facing section
108	WSW	TR24 General shot
109	SSE	TR25 General shot
110	W	TR25 East facing section
111	NNW	TR25 General shot
112	S	TR30 General shot
113	E	TR30 West facing section
114	N	TR30 General shot
115	S	TR26 General shot
116	E	TR26 West facing section
117	N	TR26 General shot
118	ENE	TR31 General shot
119	S	TR31 North facing section
120	WSW	TR31 General shot
121	N	TR32 General shot
122	E	TR32 West facing section
123	S	TR32 General shot
124	S	TR28 General shot
125	WSW	TR28 East facing section
126	N	TR28 General shot
127	S	TR29 General shot
128	W	TR29 East facing section
129	N	TR29 General shot

130	E	West facing section of pit [01004]
131	E	West facing section of pit [01004] - Close up
132	E	West facing section of pit [01004] - Without scale
133	NE	SW Facing section of furrow [02005] in TR02 section
134	NE	SW Facing section of furrow [02005] in TR02 section
135	NE	VOID
136	NE	SW Facing section of furrow [02005] in TR02 section
137	NE	SW Facing section of furrow [02005] in TR02 section with vertical scale
138	NE	SW Facing section of furrow [02007] and ditch [02009]
139	NE	SW Facing section of furrow [02007] and ditch [02009]
140	NE	SW Facing section of furrow [02007] and ditch [02009] with vertical scale
141	NW	SE facing section of tree throw [05004]
142	NW	SE facing section of tree throw [05004] oblique shot
143	N	South facing section of post hole [01012]
144	N	South facing section of ditch [01006] and posthole [01008]
145	NW	South facing section of ditch [01006] and posthole [01012] oblique shot
146	E	West facing section of relationship slot [01014] and [01016]
147	E	West facing section of relationship slot [01014] and [01016]
148	E	West facing section of posthole [01018]
149	SW	NE facing section of ditch [01020] with baulk
150	SW	NE facing section of ditch [01020] with baulk oblique
151	NNW	SSE facing section of [01022] of gully – close up
152	NNW	SSE facing section of [01022] of gully - oblique shot
153	NNW	TR16 General shot
154	W	TR16 East facing section
155	SSE	TR16 General shot
156	E	TR17 General shot
157	S	TR17 North facing section
158	W	TR17 General shot
159	S	TR18 General shot
160	E	TR18 West facing section
161	N	TR18 General shot
162	S	TR20 General shot
163	E	TR20 West facing section
164	N	TR20 General shot
165	-	VOID
166	E	West facing section with pit [04005] ditch [04007] pit [04009] and land drain [04011]
167	E	West facing section with pit [04005] ditch [04007] pit [04009] and land drain [04011]
168	SW	NE facing section of linear [04013]
169	SW	NE facing section of linear [04013]
170	NW	SE facing section of ditch [34004] close up
171	NW	SE facing section of ditch [34004] close up

172	-	VOID
173	NE	Oblique shot of ditch [34004]
174	WWN	VOID
175	WWN	EES Facing section of furrow [22004]
176	WWN	EES Facing section of furrow [22004]
177	NE	Plan shot of tree bole [24005]
178	NE	SW facing section of tree bole [24005]
179	NE	SW Facing section of tree bole [24005]
180	W	East facing section of tree bole [30004]
181	N	South facing section of tree bole [30004]
182	N	South facing section of pit [24007]
183	N	South facing section of pit [24007]
184	E	West facing section of Tree bole [24005]
185	E	West facing section of Tree bole [24005]
186	WSW	ENE Facing section of ditch [33004]
187	WSW	ENE Facing section of ditch [33004]
188	N	South facing section of tree bole in TR26
189	E	West facing section of Tree bole in TR26
190	W	East facing section of [05006]
191	W	East facing section of ditch [25005]
192	W	East facing section of furrow [25007]
193	NE	SW facing section of furrow [25007] ditch [25009] and tree bole [25011]
194	SW	NE facing section of ditch [25009]
195	SW	NE facing section of furrow [25015]
196	SW	NE facing section of furrow [25015]
197	SW	NE Facing section of ditch [25015] and furrow [25017]
198	SE	NW Facing section of relationship slot of gully [15004] and ditch [15006] and TR15 baulk
199	SE	NW Facing section of relationship slot of gully [15004] and ditch [15006] and TR15 baulk
200	S	Relationship slot of gully [15004] and ditch [15006] and trench baulk
201	SW	NE facing section of Ditches [09004] and [09006]
202	N	South facing section of root bole in TR29
203	-	VOID
204	E	West facing section of curvilinear [25019]
205	SE	NW facing section of root bole in TR29
206	NE	Channel [15008] in west facing section
207	SW	Channel [15008] in east facing section
208	N	Oblique shot of channel [15008]
209	SSE	NNW facing section of tree bole [27004], [27007] and ditch [27008]
210	SSE	NNW facing section of ditch [27008]
211	SSE	NNW facing section of ditch [27008]
212	NW	SE facing section of ditches [09004], [09006] and [09008]
213	NW	SE facing section of ditches [09004], [09006] and [09008]

214	S	Plan shot of ditch [27008]
215	S	Plan shot of ditch [27008]
216	S	Plan shot of ditch [27008]
217	S	Plan shot of ditch [27008]

Appendix III – Sample Register

Sample Number	Context Number	Description
001	01005	Bulk sample of Iron Age pit [01004]
002	02004	Bulk sample of furrow [02005]
003	02008	Bulk sample of ditch [02009]
004	05005	Bulk sample of tree throw [05004]
005	01007	Bulk sample of ditch [01006]
006	01009	Bulk sample of post hole [01008]
007	01013	Bulk sample of post hole [01012]
008	01015	Bulk sample of gully [01014]
009	01017	Bulk sample of curvilinear [01016]
010	01019	Bulk sample of posthole [01018]
011	01021	Bulk sample of ditch [01020]
012	34005	Bulk sample of linear [34004]
013	34006	Bulk sample of linear [34004]
014	04012	Fill of ditch [04013]
015	24004	Fill of Tree bole [24005]
016	24008	Fill of pit [24007]
017	33010	Dark, charcoal rich fill of ditch [33004]
018	25018	Fill of curvilinear [25019]
019	25008	Fill of ditch [25009]
020	25004	Fill of gully [25005]
021	25006	Fill of furrow [25007]
022	25014	Fill of ditch [25015]
023	15009	Fill of channel [15008]
024	09005	Fill of ditch [09004]
025	09009	Fill of ditch [09008]
026	27005	Fill of posthole [27004]

Appendix IV – Finds Catalogue

Tr	Context	Sample	Qty	Wgt (g)	Material	Object	Description	Spot Date
01	01002	-	6	15	Pottery (PH)	GRS	abraded handmade vessel	IA
01	01002	-	1	23	Pottery (PH)	GRS	abraded handmade vessel; flat rounded rim	IA
01	01002	-	1	7	Pottery (PH)	GRS	abraded, handmade	IA

Tr	Context	Sample	Qty	Wgt (g)	Material	Object	Description	Spot Date
01	01002	-	1	3	Pottery (PH)	GRS	abraded	IA
01	01002	-	1	2	Pottery (PH)	GRSH	very abraded, handmade	IA
01	01002	-	3	13	Pottery (PH)	SH	everted rim jar, wheel-thrown	LIA/eRom?
01	01002	-	1	3	CBM	brick/tile	coarse oxidised sandy, degraded	-
01	01002	-	1	6	Lithics	blade-like flake	side trimming, light cortication, slight post-depositional damage	-
01	01002	-	2	9	Pottery (PH)	GRS	abraded handmade vessel	IA
01	01005	-	1	4	Pottery (Medi)	SNC1	abraded	LSax
01	01005	-	7	9	Pottery (Medi)	SNC1	abraded handmade vessels, likely four separate	LSax
01	01005	1	-	9	Industrial Waste	mag res	magnetised gravels	-
01	01007	-	1	2	Pottery (PH)	GR	very abraded	IA
01	01007	-	1	1	Lithics	blade-like flake	distal break, parallel lateral edges, light cortication, slight post-depositional damage	-
01	01013	-	1	2	Pottery (PH)	SA	small upright rounded rim	IA
01	01017	9	1	1	Pottery (PH)	GR	abraded, crumbs	IA
01	01017	9	-	3	Industrial Waste	mag res	magnetised gravels	-
01	01021	-	5	35	Pottery (PH)	GRS	abraded handmade vessel	IA
01	01021	-	3	12	Pottery (PH)	GRS	abraded	IA
01	01021	-	6	16	Pottery (PH)	SAOR	abraded handmade vessel	IA
01	01021	-	2	2	CBM	fired clay	amorphous, coarse oxidised sandy	-
04	04001	-	1	35	Iron	knife	Part of tang and blade of table knife. Scale tang missing both handle scales, round iron collar, short stump of blade remaining	-
04	04008	-	1	4	Pottery (Medi)	MS2	abraded, reduced sandy fabric	eMedi
04	04008	-	4	59	CBM	roof tile	flat	LMedi/PM
04	04008	-	3	891	CBM	brick	stock-moulded, 175mm x 50mm	LMedi/PM
04	04010	-	1	47	Iron	horseshoe	heel fragment with calkin, broken at nail hole	-
09	09005	24	-	2	Industrial Waste	mag res	magnetised gravels	-
09	09009	25	-	1	Industrial Waste	mag res	magnetised gravels	-
25	25014	22	-	4	Industrial Waste	mag res	magnetised gravels	-

Tr	Context	Sample	Qty	Wgt (g)	Material	Object	Description	Spot Date
33	33006	-	2	20	Pottery (PH)	SH	abraded handmade vessel	IA
33	33006	-	1	1	Lithics	bladelet	cortical butt, dorsal blade scars, uncorticated, slight post-depositional damage	Meso/eNeol?
33	33006	-	1	1	Lithics	blade-like flake	parallel lateral edges, dorsal blade scars, moderate cortication, fresh post-depositional damage	Meso/eNeol?
33	33008	-	7	12	Pottery (PH)	GR	abraded handmade vessel	IA
33	33008	-	3	6	Pottery (PH)	GRS	abraded handmade vessel	IA
33	33008	-	2	41	Pottery (PH)	SA	abraded handmade vessel	IA
33	33010	-	2	6	Pottery (PH)	GR	abraded handmade vessel	IA
33	33010	17	2	41	Pottery (PH)	SA	abraded vessel	IA
33	33010	-	3	4	CBM	fired clay	amorphous, coarse oxidised sandy	-
33	33010	17	1	0	Lithics	flake	side trimming, distal break, uncorticated, slight post-depositional damage	-
33	33010	-	1	1	Lithics	bladelet	proximal & distal breaks, dorsal bladelet scars, uncorticated, fresh post-depositional damage	Meso/eNeol?
33	33010	-	1	0	Lithics	flake	smaller, light cortication, fresh post-depositional damage	-
33	33010	17	-	12	Industrial Waste	mag res	magnetised gravels	-

Appendix V – Environmental Flotation Catalogue

Context		01005	01017	33010	25014	09005	09009
Sample		1	9	17	22	24	25
Context type		Fill of pit [1004]	Fill of curvilinear [1016]	Fill of ditch [33004]	Fill of ditch [25015]	Fill of ditch [9004]	Fill of ditch [9008]
Spot Date		LSax	IA	IA	?	?	?
Sample Vol (l)		30	5	25	22	14	21
Retent Vol (l)		2.3	0.8	1.2	2.9	0.4	0.4
Flot Vol (ml)		100	5	150	250	10	10
Sufficient for AMS?		Y	N	N	N	N	N
Plant remains							
cereal grains	ch	+++	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Hordeum vulgare</i> Hulled barley	ch	++	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Triticum aestivo-compactum</i> Bread/club wheat	ch	+++	-	+	-	-	-
<i>Triticum spelta</i> Spelt wheat	ch	++	-	-	-	-	-
Indeterminate cereal	ch	+	-	-	-	-	-
weed seeds	ch	-	+	-	-	-	-
Charcoal							
Charcoal Qty	ch	+++	+	++	-	-	+
Max size (mm)	ch	20	5	5	-	-	1
Oak	ch	++	-	-	-	-	-
Non-oak	ch	+	-	-	-	-	-
Roundwood	ch	+	-	-	-	-	-
Animal Remains							
Burnt bone Mammal Qty	u	+	-	-	-	-	-
Unburnt bone Mammal Qty	u	+++	+	+	-	-	-
Terrestrial snail shell	u	+	-	-	-	+	+

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

ch = charred, w/l = waterlogged, u = uncharred

NB charcoal over 10mm is sufficient for identification and AMS dating

Appendix VI – Animal Bone Catalogue

Context	Sample	Hand collected	Feature	Spot date	Unburnt bone						Burnt bone				Comments	
					Preservation	NISP	Minimum Number of Individuals (MNI)	Weight (g)	Large Mammal (e.g. cow/horse)	Medium sized mammal (e.g. pig/sheep/goat)	Small animal (e.g. /dog/ cat/ rabbit)	Preservation	Minimum Number of Individuals (MNI)	Weight (g)		No. of fragments
1002	-	x	Subsoil	IA	Fair	1	1	54	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	Cow tooth and heavily fragmented longbone
1005	001	-	Fill of pit [1004]	Lsax	Fair	20	2	37	-	6	20	Poor	1	<0.1	6	Indet burnt bone fragments. Rodent bone fragments including long bones, scapula and phalanx. Indet longbone fragments
1007	-	x	Fill of Gully [1006]	IA	Poor	1	1	19	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	Cow; proximal femur
1017	009	-	Fill of Gully [1016]	IA	Poor	-	1	<0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Indet bone fragment
1021	-	x	Fill of Ditch [1020]	IA	Poor	1	1	20	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	Sheep; metacarpal
2008	-	x	Fill of Ditch [2009]	-	Fair	1	1	9	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	Pig incisor
5007	-	x	Fill of field drain [5006]	-	Fair	1	1	134	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	Cow; Vertebra
33010	017	-	Fill of ditch [33004]	IA	Poor	-	1	<0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Indet bone fragments

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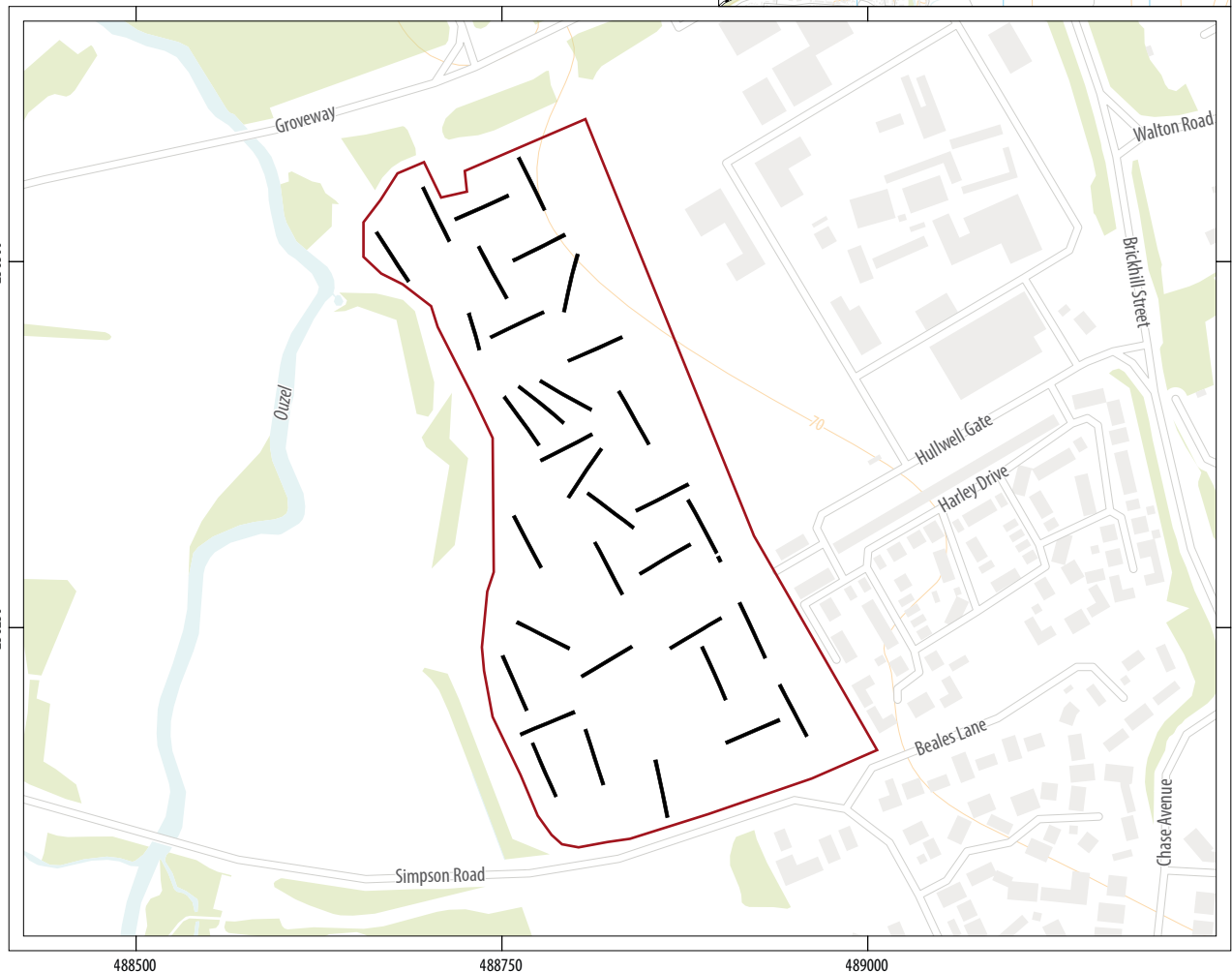
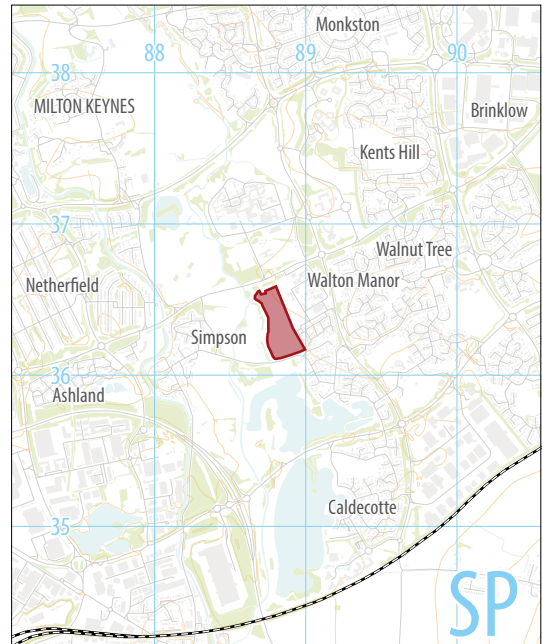
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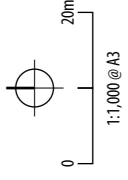
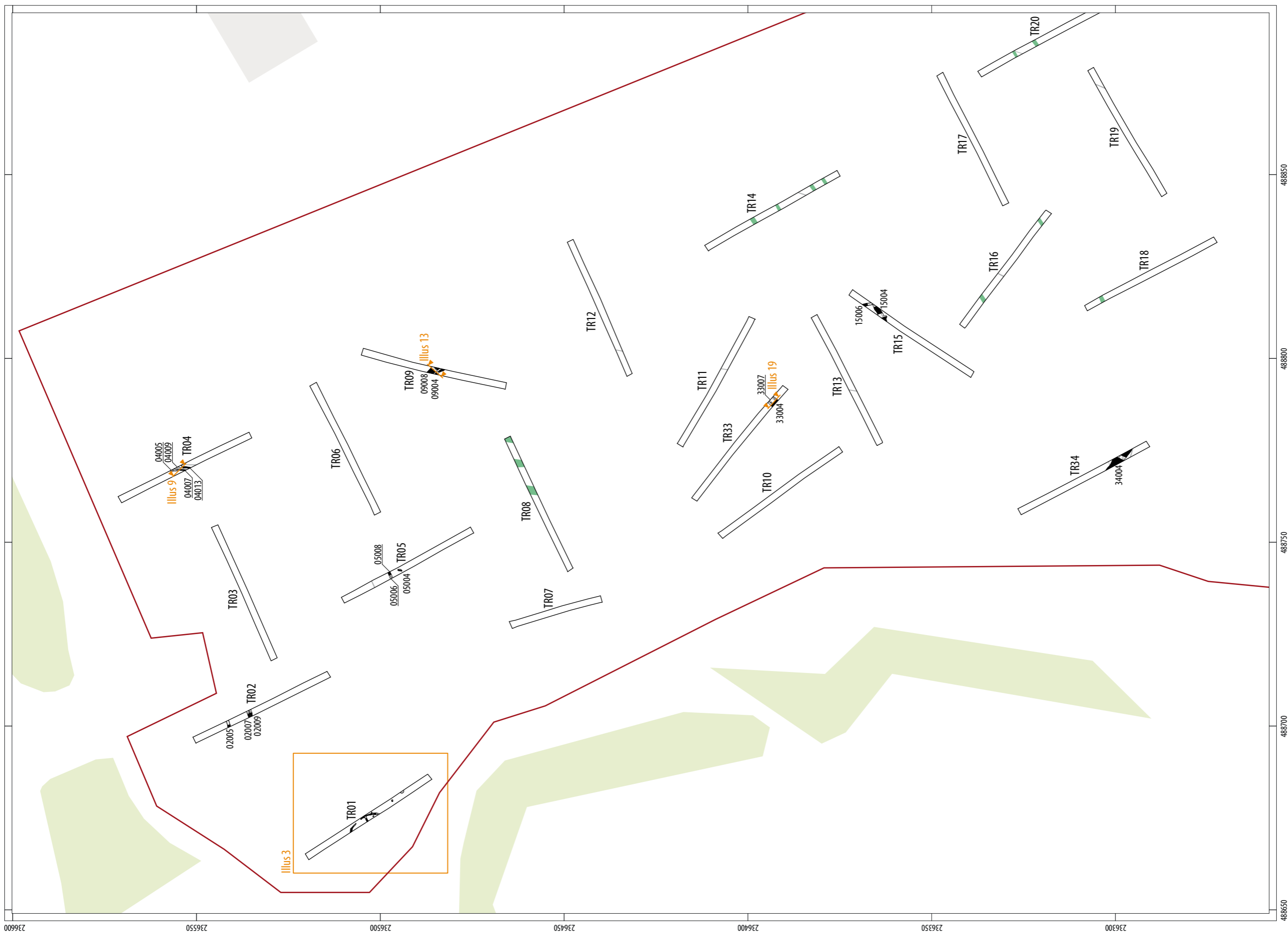
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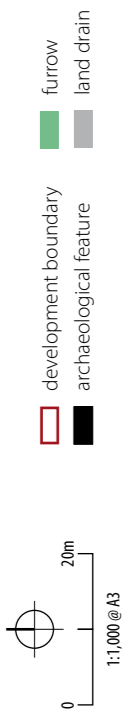
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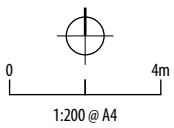
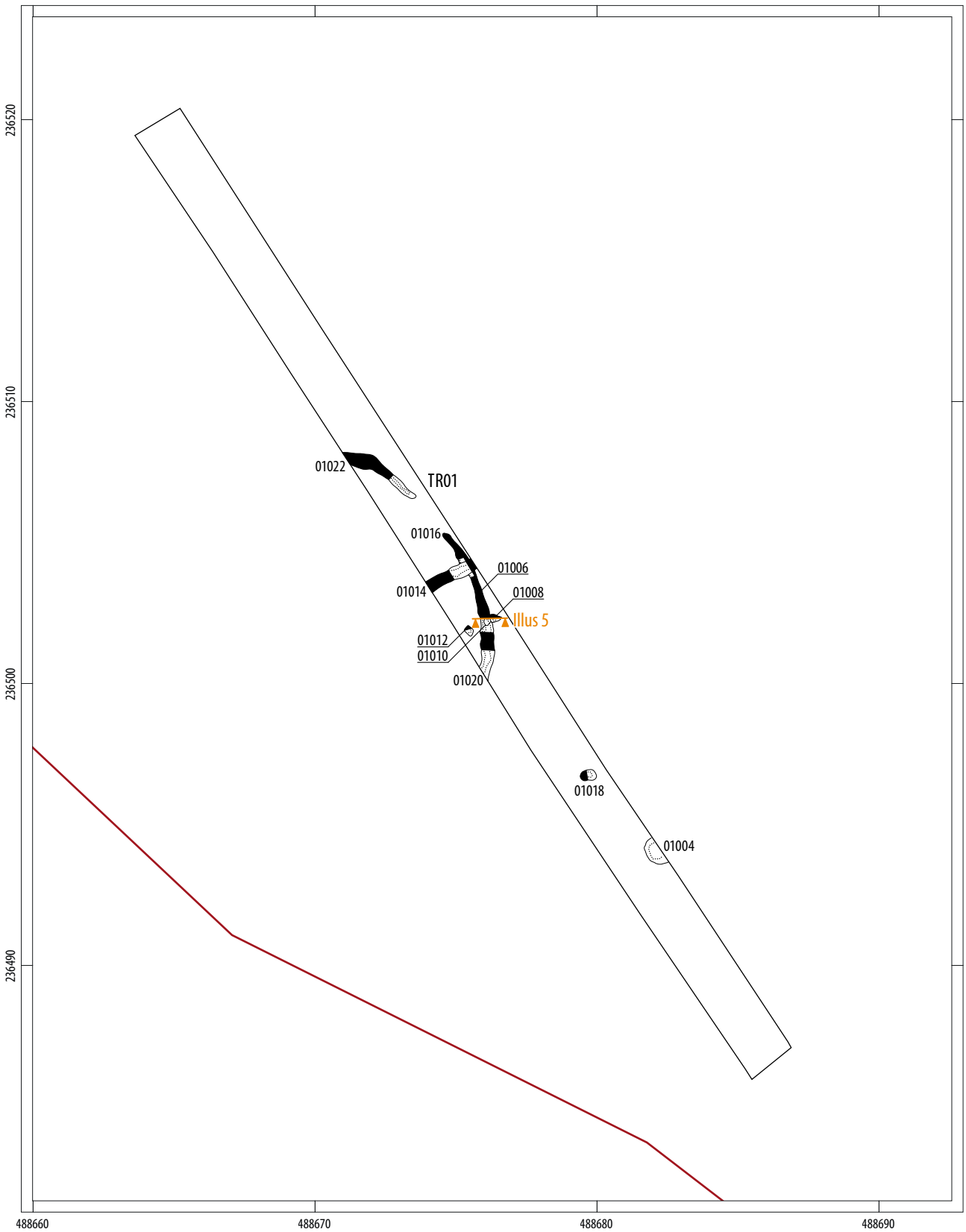


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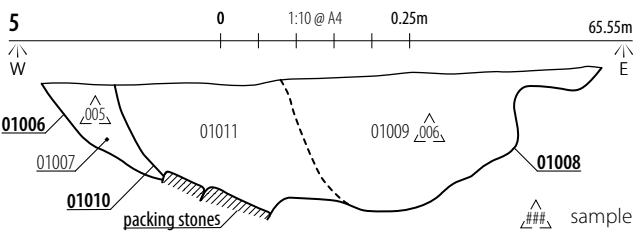


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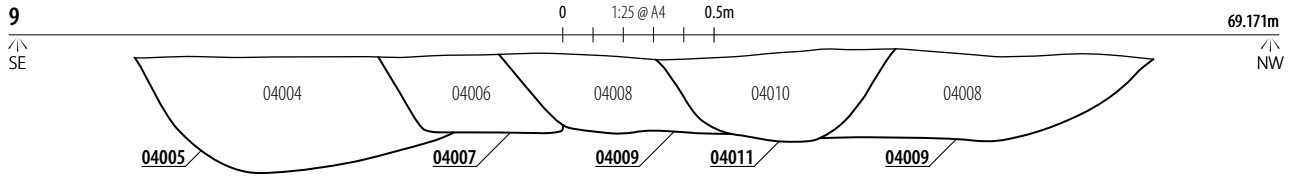
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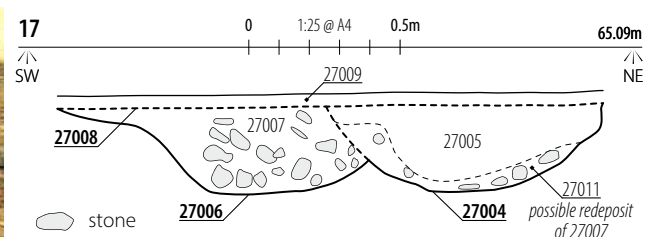
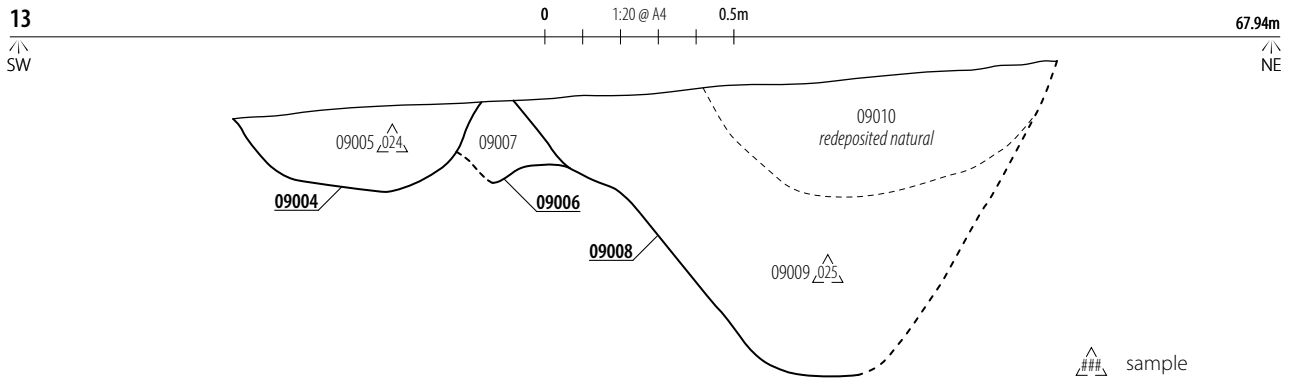


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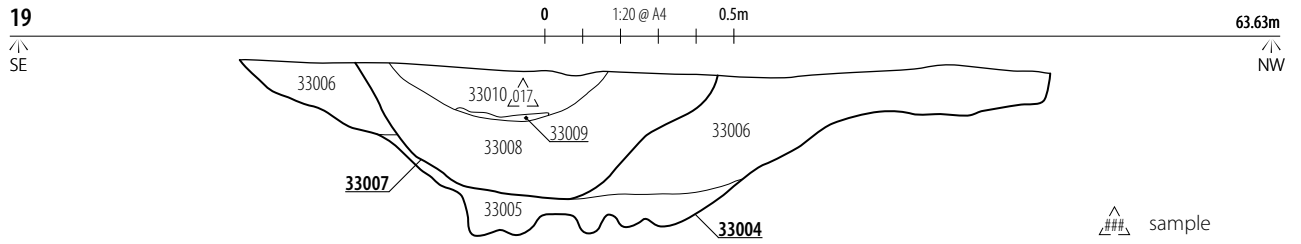
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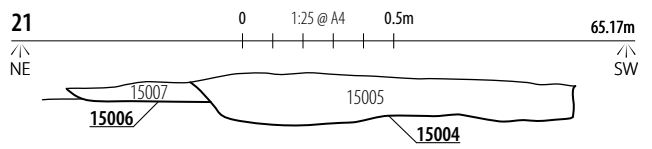
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