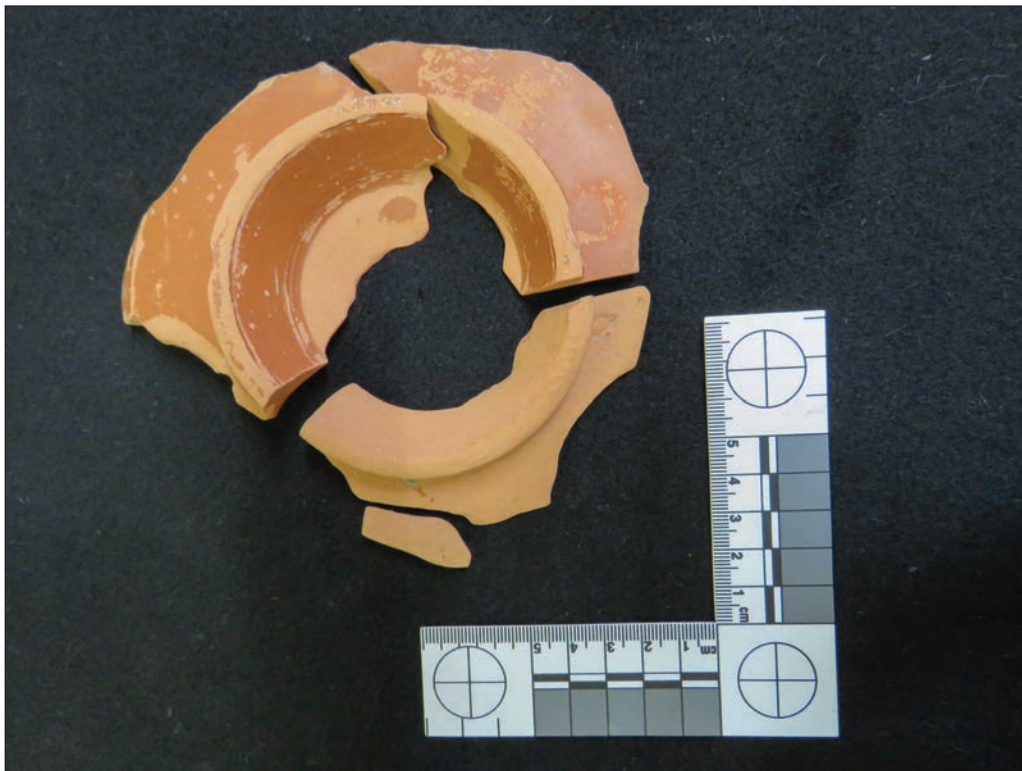




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Summary

Wessex Archaeology was commissioned by Orion Heritage, on behalf of BAM Construction Ltd, to undertake an archaeological evaluation of a 6.2 ha parcel of land located on land north of Oundle Road, Weldon, Corby, Northamptonshire, as part of the pre-application works for the building of a secondary school.

The evaluation succeeded in achieving its aims and objectives, as set out in the WSI. The trenching identified the post-medieval field boundaries where they remained, as well as identifying a small number of Romano-British cut features within the north-eastern edge of the site. It also established that the remainder of the site does not contain large concentrations of archaeological features, with 43 of the 48 trenches excavated reporting no archaeological remains.

The Romano-British features uncovered along the north-eastern edge of the site suggest enclosure and possible sparse settlement activity within this area. A pit or ditch terminus was found in trench 25 and contained a moderate quantity of 1st and 2nd century AD Roman ceramics, and the remains of a probable square/rectilinear enclosure or structure within trench 14. The size of the enclosed area identified with the two parallel east–west ditches and possible north–south return in trench 14 would suggest that these features were more likely to relate to a structure rather than an enclosure, although no internal features or postholes were identified. The recovered environmental evidence backs up the presence of Romano-British agricultural regimes within the area.

The post-medieval remains located on site reflect the field boundaries in place during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, but the evaluation has demonstrated that only a north–south running boundary was a ditch, while the lack of any east–west ditch running across the field would suggest that this boundary comprised a hedgerow.

The archive resulting from the evaluation is currently held at the offices of Wessex Archaeology in Sheffield. The Northamptonshire Archaeological Resource Centre has agreed in principle to accept the archive on completion of the project, under the accession code ENN110031. Deposition of any finds with the museum will only be carried out with the full written agreement of the landowner to transfer title of all finds to the museum.

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Archaeological Evaluation

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project and planning background

1.1.1 Wessex Archaeology was commissioned by Orion Heritage Limited, on behalf of BAM Construction Ltd, to undertake an archaeological evaluation of a 6.2 ha parcel of land located on land north of Oundle Road, Weldon, Corby, Northamptonshire, NN17 3JU, centred on NGR 493863 289119 (**Figure 1**).

1.1.2 The proposed development comprises buildings and playing fields relating to the proposed Corby Secondary Academy, for which an application for planning permission will be submitted to the Local Planning Authority (LPA) Corby Borough Council (CBC). Due to the time constraints on the construction programme, and following consultation with the archaeological advisors to the LPA, archaeological works were planned to occur during the pre-application phase, to support the application.

1.1.3 All works were undertaken in accordance with a written scheme of investigation (WSI) which detailed the aims, methodologies and standards to be employed in order to undertake the evaluation (Orion Heritage 2020). The WSI was approved by the Assistant Archaeological Advisor at Northamptonshire County Council (NCC), on behalf of the LPA, prior to fieldwork commencing.

1.1.4 The evaluation, planned to comprise 51 trial trenches measuring 30 x 1.8 m (a 4 % sample) was undertaken between 02/11/2020 – 13/11/2020. Five trenches within the south-eastern corner of the site were not excavated due to a lack of access. Two extra trenches were excavated in the vicinity of identified archaeological features to clarify the extent of these features.

1.2 Scope of the report

1.2.1 The purpose of this report is to provide a detailed description of the results of the evaluation, to interpret the results within a local, regional or wider archaeological context and assess whether the aims of the evaluation have been met.

1.2.2 The presented results will provide further information on the archaeological resource that may be impacted by the proposed development and facilitate an informed decision with regard to the requirement for, and methods of, any further archaeological mitigation.

1.3 Location, topography and geology

1.3.1 The evaluation area is located within an arable field to the north of Oundle Road, Weldon, Corby. The south-eastern corner of the site is covered by a small parcel of scrubland immediately next to Oundle Road.

1.3.2 Existing ground levels rise from 99 mOD (metres above Ordnance Datum) in the north of the site to 105 mOD within the scrubland parcel in the south-east.



- 1.3.3 The underlying geology is mapped as Jurassic Rutland Formation mudstones, sandstones and limestones, overlain by superficial Quaternary deposits of diamicton clays from the Oadby Member relating to glacial meltwater deposits (British Geological Survey online viewer).
- 1.3.4 The ploughsoil was identified as part of Soilscape 9: lime-rich loamy and clayey soils with impeded drainage (SUMO 2020).

2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

2.1 Introduction

- 2.1.1 The following is a summary of the desk-based assessment (DBA) produced for the site (Pre-Construct Archaeology 2019).

2.2 Archaeological and historical context

Prehistoric (pre 800 BC)

- 2.2.1 Cropmarks for a number of probable prehistoric ring ditches have been identified on aerial photography c. 1 km to the north-west of the site. A Bronze Age collared urn was recovered during work at Weldon School and was identified as being in association with some of these ditches.

- 2.2.2 A prehistoric pit, cut by a later Romano-British ditch, was found during archaeological excavations 620 m to the north-west of the site.

Iron Age and Romano-British (800 BC to AD 410)

- 2.2.3 The Little Weldon Roman Villa (Scheduled Monument NHLE 24724) is present 1.2 km to the west of the site. It forms a large complex including a 2nd century bath house, 4th century bakehouse, barn, workshop and other associated buildings, covering an area 313 x 367 m. The site has been excavated in antiquity and more recently. Archaeological excavations to the west of the current site located a number of ditches, pits and other features potentially relating to a 2nd century Roman farmstead, as well as a pit containing 1st century ceramics and ditches containing early Roman ceramics, which may be related to the Little Weldon villa.

Early Medieval (AD 410 to 1066)

- 2.2.4 Excavations at Deene End (1 km north-west of the site) uncovered a possible 11th century posthole building, while Early Middle Saxon pottery was recovered from the upper fill of a Roman ditch during archaeological excavations 660 m to the north-west of the site.

Medieval (AD 1066 to 1485)

- 2.2.5 While no medieval remains have been identified within the area of the site, the medieval village of Weldon, containing domestic buildings and industrial buildings relating to iron smelting was present c. 1 km to the west, while the medieval deer park of Weldon Park was established during the early 14th century 1 km to the north. Medieval activity relating to these two sites has been uncovered within the area, including remains of quarrying 1 km to the north-west.

Post-Medieval and Modern (AD 1485 to present)

- 2.2.6 The village of Weldon continued to develop and expand during the post-medieval and modern periods, with the most recent expansion being the residential construction site immediately west of the site. Evidence for ridge and furrow field systems was found in



geophysical surveys 500 m to the west of the site, suggesting that the area was under cultivation during the post-medieval period. Cartographic sources show the site as being open fields with some additional sub-divisions during the 19th and 20th centuries.

3 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

3.1 General aims

3.1.1 The general aims of the evaluation, as stated in the WSI (Orion Heritage 2020) and in compliance with the ClfA *Standard and guidance for archaeological field evaluation* (ClfA 2014a), were to:

- provide information about the archaeological potential of the site; and
- inform either the scope and nature of any further archaeological work that may be required; or the formation of a mitigation strategy (to offset the impact of the development on the archaeological resource); or a management strategy.

3.2 General objectives

3.2.1 In order to achieve the above aims, the general objectives of the evaluation were to:

- determine the presence or absence of archaeological features, deposits, structures, artefacts or ecofacts within the specified area;
- establish, within the constraints of the evaluation, the extent, character, date, condition and quality of any surviving archaeological remains;
- place any identified archaeological remains within a wider historical and archaeological context in order to assess their significance; and
- make available information about the archaeological resource within the site by reporting on the results of the evaluation.

4 METHODS

4.1 Introduction

4.1.1 All works were undertaken in accordance with the detailed methods set out within the WSI (Orion Heritage 2020) and in general compliance with the standards outlined in ClfA guidance (ClfA 2014a). The methods employed are summarised below.

4.2 Fieldwork methods

General

4.2.1 The trench locations were set out using a Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS), in the approximate positions proposed in the WSI, although trenches 47-51 were not excavated due to lack of access to the south-eastern parcel of land (**Figure 1**). An additional two trenches, 52 and 53, were excavated around trenches 25 and 14 to further investigate the archaeological remains located within those trenches.

4.2.2 In total 48 trial trenches, each measuring 30 m in length and 1.8 m wide, were excavated in level spits using a 360° excavator equipped with a toothless bucket, under the constant supervision and instruction of the monitoring archaeologist. Machine excavation proceeded until either the archaeological horizon or the natural geology was exposed.



- 4.2.3 Where necessary, the base of the trench/surface of archaeological deposits were cleaned by hand. A sample of archaeological features and deposits was hand-excavated, sufficient to address the aims of the evaluation.
- 4.2.4 Spoil from machine stripping and hand-excavated archaeological deposits was visually scanned for the purposes of finds retrieval. Artefacts were collected and bagged by context. All artefacts from excavated contexts were retained.
- 4.2.5 Trenches completed to the satisfaction of the client and the Assistant Archaeological Advisor at NCC were backfilled using excavated materials in the order in which they were excavated, and left level on completion. No other reinstatement or surface treatment was undertaken.

Recording

- 4.2.6 All exposed archaeological deposits and features were recorded using Wessex Archaeology's pro forma recording system. A complete record of excavated features and deposits was made, including plans and sections drawn to appropriate scales (generally 1:20 or 1:50 for plans and 1:10 for sections) and tied to the Ordnance Survey (OS) National Grid.
- 4.2.7 A Leica GNSS connected to Leica's SmartNet service surveyed the location of archaeological features. All survey data is recorded in OS National Grid coordinates and heights above OD (Newlyn), as defined by OSTN15 and OSGM15, with a three-dimensional accuracy of at least 50 mm.
- 4.2.8 A full photographic record was made using digital cameras equipped with an image sensor of not less than 16 megapixels. Digital images have been subject to managed quality control and curation processes, which has embedded appropriate metadata within the image and will ensure long term accessibility of the image set.

4.3 Finds and environmental strategies

- 4.3.1 Strategies for the recovery, processing and assessment of finds and environmental samples were in line with those detailed in the WSI (Orion Heritage 2020). The treatment of artefacts and environmental remains was in general accordance with: *Guidance for the collection, documentation, conservation and research of archaeological materials* (ClfA 2014b) and *Environmental Archaeology: A Guide to the Theory and Practice of Methods, from Sampling and Recovery to Post-excavation* (English Heritage 2011).

4.4 Monitoring

- 4.4.1 The Assistant Archaeological Advisor at NCC monitored the evaluation on behalf of the LPA. Any variations to the WSI, if required to better address the project aims, were agreed in advance with the client and the Assistant Archaeological Advisor at NCC.

5 STRATIGRAPHIC EVIDENCE

5.1 Introduction

- 5.1.1 Five of the 48 excavated trial trenches contained archaeological features and deposits, with two trenches along the north-eastern edge of the site containing cut features with Romano-British ceramics (**Figure 1**).
- 5.1.2 Three trenches contained remains relating to the post-medieval field boundary ditch running north–south within the southern part of the site. The east–west post-medieval field boundary

possibly identified within the geophysical survey was not found in the majority of the trenches placed to locate it, suggesting it may have been a hedgerow, rather than a boundary ditch. A possible shallow east–west hedge terminus was located within the northern part of trench 26, which may relate to part of this boundary.

- 5.1.3 The majority of the trenches within the site returned no archaeological material, suggesting that archaeological remains are sparse within the area, and are concentrated along the north-eastern edge.
- 5.1.4 The following section presents the results of the evaluation with archaeological features and deposits discussed by period.
- 5.1.5 Detailed descriptions of individual contexts are provided in the trench summary tables (**Appendix 1**). **Figure 1** shows all archaeological features recorded within the trenches, together with the preceding geophysical survey results (SUMO 2020). **Figures 2 and 3** provides detail of the post-medieval ditch system within the south of the site and the Romano-British features along the north-eastern edge of the site.

5.2 Soil sequence and natural deposits

- 5.2.1 All trenches on the site were excavated to the natural substrate which was a mid orangish-yellow sandy clay with occasional bands of stiff clay, both containing moderate angular flint inclusions up to 50 mm. Rounded lime inclusions up to 8 mm were present within the sandy clay bands but not within the stiff clay bands. This layer was encountered at between 150 and 200 mm below ground level (bgl). Directly above it was a layer of mid greyish brown silty clay ploughsoil with occasional flint inclusions. The transition between these two layers was generally clean, however some plough scars were present.

5.3 Romano-British (AD 43 - 410)

- 5.3.1 Trench 14 contained two 'U'-shaped east–west aligned ditches (1403 and 1407) within its southern end (**Figure 2; Plate 1**). These ditches, running roughly parallel 4.5 m apart, each measured 0.6 x 0.25 m deep and contained upper fills (1404 and 1408) of dark blackish grey clayish silt with charcoal and ash (containing Romano-British ceramics and ceramic building material- **Plates 2 and 3**). Ditch 1403 contained a lower fill (1405) of pale whitish-yellow silty clay, typical of a slow accumulation deposit while the ditch was in use, as well as a possible dumped deposit (1406) of greyish yellow silty clay (**Plate 3**). The eastern edge of a possible north–south return (1409) between these two ditches was uncovered along the western edge of the trench, again containing a fill of dark blackish grey clayish silt (1410; **Plate 2**). This would suggest, along with the fact that these ditches did not continue to the west within trenches 15 or 53, that they form part of a small square or rectilinear enclosure or structure. They may be beam slots for a building; however no internal features were identified within the exposed natural within the trench.
- 5.3.2 A large pit or ditch terminus 2503 was located within the southern end of trench 25, extending into the western side of the trench (**Figure 2; Plate 4**). This feature, measuring 1.3 x 0.45 m deep had moderately sloping sides onto a flattish base and contained a series of whitish yellow sandy clay lower fills suggesting gradual infilling and slumping while the feature was in use. These deposits were overlain by fills of dark blackish grey clayish silt with charcoal, ash and moderate quantities of Romano-British ceramics (**Plate 5**). It is unclear whether this feature was a partially uncovered pit or the terminus of a larger ditch, however, it was not found to continue to the west in either trench 24 or 52 and so is more likely to be an individual pit.



5.3.3 Fieldwalking around these trenches recovered a small number of Romano-British ceramics towards the northern end of trench 25 (SF01), which may have been from pit 2503 or may be from another similar feature not uncovered by the trench.

5.4 Post-medieval and modern (AD 1485 - present)

5.4.1 The post-medieval field boundary running east–west across the site (present on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd edition OS maps), which was provisionally identified within the geophysical survey results, was not identified in trenches positioned to locate it (19, 20, 23 and 27). A possible western terminus of an east–west running shallow ditch 2603 was found within trench 26. The ditch, measuring 1.2 m wide by 0.1 m deep, had an uneven base and shallow sides, containing a dark greyish brown silty clay fill (**Figure 3; Plate 6**). As this was the only section of the east–west boundary found, it would suggest that the majority of the length of this boundary was a hedgerow, rather than a boundary ditch.

5.4.2 The north–south field boundary present on the same maps, running from the east–west boundary to the southern boundary of the site on the Oundle Road was located within trenches 28 (2803), 36 (3603) and 42 (4203), which had been positioned to locate it. This boundary proved to be a simple 'U'-shaped ditch measuring 0.65 x 0.3 m with a single fill of mid greyish brown silty clay (**Figure 3; Plate 7**). The identification of this ditch within these three trenches backs up the conclusion that the east–west boundary was not made up of a ditch, as it would most likely have been found within at least one of the trenches further north.

6 FINDS EVIDENCE

6.1 Introduction

6.1.1 A small quantity of finds was recovered during the evaluation, consisting largely of pottery. These came from feature fills in two of the trenches excavated (trenches 14 and 25). All datable finds (pottery, ceramic building material) are Romano-British.

6.1.2 All finds have been quantified by material type within each context, and the results are given in **Table 1**.

Table 1: All finds by context (number / weight in grammes)

| Context | Animal Bone | CBM | Pottery | Other finds |
|--------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| 1406 | 8/89 | | 15/169 | 1 shell, 4 burnt flint |
| 1408 | | 1/103 | 27/250 | |
| 1410 | | | 1/7 | |
| 2505 | | 2/185 | 50/1036 | |
| 2506 | 3/13 | | 111/2083 | 4 burnt flint, 25 fired clay |
| 2507 | | | 1/12 | 3 stone |
| Unstrat. | | | 2/63 | |
| Total | 11/102 | 3/288 | 207/3620 | |

CBM = ceramic building material

6.2 Pottery

6.2.1 Pottery amounting to 207 sherds (3620 g) was recovered from six contexts; it includes both hand-collected material and sherds from bulk soil samples. The assemblage is of Roman date; it derives from three ditches in trench 14 (1403, 1407 and 1409) and one ditch or pit in trench 25 (2503). Two unstratified sherds were also recovered. The largest group is that from feature 2503 (162 sherds, 3130 g); the other features each contained 15 sherds or

fewer. The pottery is in moderate to poor condition, with an average sherd weight of 18.4 g but many sherds display surface abrasion. The assemblage has been quantified by broad ware group in each context; this information is summarised in **Table 2**. Details of form type, decoration, rim diameter and any other salient features have been recorded as appropriate. The level of recording accords with the 'basic record', aimed at rapidly characterising an assemblage, and providing a comparative dataset Barclay *et al* 2016, section 2.4.5).

Table 2: Quantification of pottery, by ware type

| Ware | Number | Weight (g) |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Central Gaulish samian | 4 | 142 |
| Fumed whiteware | 40 | 680 |
| Greyware | 22 | 170 |
| Grog-tempered ware | 5 | 133 |
| Pink grog-tempered | 12 | 210 |
| Nene Valley colour-coated ware | 1 | 4 |
| Oxidised ware | 2 | 4 |
| Sandy ware | 11 | 177 |
| Shell-tempered | 1 | 24 |
| Fossiliferous shelly limestone fabric | 104 | 1846 |
| Vesicular fabric | 2 | 7 |
| Whiteware | 3 | 223 |
| Total | 207 | 3620 |

Feature 2503

- 6.2.2 The group from feature 2503 is dominated by the remains of a large (c. 340 mm rim diameter; 0.55 EVE) jar with triangular rim, decorated with three tooled horizontal lines around the shoulder. It was found across fills 2505 and 2506. The fabric of the vessel contains abundant inclusions of fossiliferous shelly limestone – traces of bryozoa indicate a Jurassic source. The surfaces are predominantly fired to a reddish brown; the core is unoxidised. Much of the calcareous material has leached, but the surface condition is particularly poor on the interior of the vessel, perhaps due to the nature of its original contents, abrasion through use or simply the post-depositional environment. One rim sherd has a black tar or resin coating across its break, indicating repair of this vessel in antiquity. A second large jar with thickened rim is represented by two rim fragments, broken at the neck. Other vessels in this ware include two smaller, necked jars with triangular rims - one is predominantly oxidised, the other is unoxidised. A flat-topped bowl or dish in a sandwich fired vesicular fabric may also have contained inclusions of shelly limestone.
- 6.2.3 Vessels in other fabrics include a wide-mouthed, necked jar with triangular rim in a grog-tempered ware; a mortarium-like bowl with wide, grooved flange and spout (but no trituration grits) in a coarse whiteware; a plain-rimmed dish and triangular-rimmed bowl in unoxidised sandy wares; a round-rimmed bowl in a greyware; an everted rim jar, lid-seated jar and a bowl with undercut rim in a fumed whiteware, and a bowl (form 18/31) in south Gaulish samian. Other wares represented amongst the body sherds include a single abraded sherd of Nene Valley colour-coated ware.

Ditches 1403, 1407 and 1409

- 6.2.4 A similar range of fabrics is represented amongst the material from the features in trench 14, with the notable exception of the shelly limestone fabric. Identifiable forms comprise a cordoned jar with out-turned, squared rim and short neck in a fumed whiteware (ditch 1407); a lid-seated jar with fine rilling on the shoulder in a shell-tempered fabric (ditch 1407), and a small, thin-walled beaker with out-turned rim in a sandy greyware (ditch 1403). A hooked rim jar in a sandy ware was unstratified (ON 3).

Discussion

- 6.2.5 The pottery assemblage is dominated by locally or regionally produced coarsewares, particularly the fossiliferous shelly-limestone fabric. Shelly wares are common in this region, with a production centre known at Harrold, Bedfordshire (Brown 1994; Marney 1989). The vessels may also have been made more locally as Jurassic deposits outcrop within 2 km of the site. Fumed whitewares and the pink grog-tempered wares are also common types locally (for example at Higham Ferrers, Timby 2009) and across the Midlands. Sources for the sandy grey, oxidised and white wares are likely to include the Lower Nene Valley as well local producers. The range of fabrics and forms identified from these three features are indicative of a mid/late 2nd century to 3rd century date for this assemblage.

6.3 Ceramic Building Material

- 6.3.1 Three fragments of ceramic building material were found, all are Romano-British. One is part of a curved roofing tile (imbrex); the other two are featureless flat fragments, deriving from brick or tile of unspecified type.

6.4 Animal Bone

- 6.4.1 Eleven fragments of animal bone were recovered, from two contexts (fill 1406 of ditch 1403, and fill 2506 of ditch terminal/pit 2503). The small group from 1403 includes three teeth and other fragments from a cattle mandible. The three fragments from 2503 are abraded and are not identifiable to species.

6.5 Other Finds

- 6.5.1 Other finds recovered from ditch terminal/pit 2503 comprise three pieces of micaceous sandstone, possibly roof tile fragments; 25 small, featureless fragments of fired clay, probably deriving from a structure or hearth, and 22 g of burnt flint. One oyster shell and 7 g of burnt flint came from ditch 1403. None of these finds are datable, but are probably Romano-British, based on associated finds.

7 ENVIRONMENTAL EVIDENCE

7.1 Introduction

- 7.1.1 Four bulk sediment samples were taken from ditches of Romano-British chronology and were processed for the recovery and assessment of the environmental evidence.

7.2 Aims and Methods

- 7.2.1 The purpose of this assessment is to determine the potential of the site for the preservation of environmental evidence and the potential of the environmental remains preserved at the site to address project aims and to provide data valuable for wider research frameworks. The nature of this assessment follows recommendations set up by Historic England (Campbell et al. 2011).



7.2.2 The size of the three larger bulk sediment samples was on average around 37 litres in volume, with the fourth sample measuring 12 litres in volume. The samples were processed by standard flotation methods on a Siraf-type flotation tank; the flot retained on a 0.25 mm mesh, residues fractionated into 5.6 mm and 1 mm fractions. The coarse fractions (>5.6 mm) were sorted by eye and discarded. The environmental material extracted from the residues was added to the flots. The grid method was used to split large residues into smaller subsamples when appropriate. The fine residue fractions and the flots were scanned using a stereo incident light microscopy (Leica MS5 microscope) at magnifications of up to x40 for the identification of environmental remains. Different bioturbation indicators were considered, including the percentage of roots, the abundance of modern seeds and the presence of mycorrhizal fungi sclerotia (e.g. *Cenococcum geophilum*) and animal remains, such as burrowing snails, or earthworm eggs and insects, which would not be preserved unless anoxic conditions prevailed on site. The preservation and nature of the charred plant and wood charcoal remains, as well as the presence of other environmental remains such as terrestrial and aquatic molluscs and animal bone was recorded. Preliminary identifications of dominant or important taxa are noted below, following the nomenclature of Stace (1997) for wild plants, and traditional nomenclature, as provided by Zohary and Hopf (2000), for cereals. Abundance of remains is qualitatively quantified (A*** = exceptional, A** = 100+, A* = 30-99, A = >10, B = 9-5, C = <5) as an estimation of the minimum number of individuals and not the number of remains per taxa.

7.3 Results

7.3.1 The flots from the bulk sediment samples were generally small (**Table 3**). There were high numbers of roots and low numbers of modern seeds that may be indicative of some stratigraphic movement and the possibility of contamination by later intrusive elements. Environmental evidence comprised plant remains poorly preserved by carbonisation with some iron coating, small to moderate amounts of mature and roundwood charcoal (also iron coated) and the remains of terrestrial molluscs.

7.3.2 Charred material was generally dominated by the remains of cereals. Two samples were taken from ditch terminus /pit 2503 (deposits 2505 and 2506). Deposit 2506 (one of the upper fills) was the richer of the two, being dominated by both cereals and other taxa. Cereal remains included *Triticum spelta* (spelt), *Hordeum vulgare* (barley) and a glume base. Also present were charred *Corylus avellana* (hazel) nutshell fragments, seeds of *Poa/Phleum* (meadow grass/cat's tail and a fairly large amount of mature and roundwood charcoal. Deposit 2505 contained only small numbers of *Triticum* sp. (wheat), grains, Triticeae (unidentified cereal grain fragments) and hazel nutshell fragments. Spelt was also solely present in ditch 1403 (deposit 1406).

7.3.3 Ditch 1407 (deposit 1408) contained moderate numbers of grains of wheat, barley and Triticeae (unidentified cereal grain fragments) and small numbers of hazel nutshell fragments.

7.4 Conclusions

7.4.1 The site has the potential for the preservation of environmental evidence, primarily charred plant remains and wood charcoal, and further sampling.

7.4.2 The evidence of charred cereal remains retrieved so far suggests that there were domestic crop processing activities occurring in the area, and also exploitation of wild plants, as indicated by the presence of hazelnut shells. The range of species identified so far is consistent with Romano-British agriculture.



8 CONCLUSIONS

8.1 Summary

8.1.1 The evaluation succeeded in achieving its aims and objectives, as set out in the WSI (Orion Heritage 2020). The trenching identified the post-medieval field boundaries where they remained, as well as identifying a small number of Romano-British cut features within the north-eastern edge of the site. It also established that the remainder of the site does not contain large concentrations of archaeological features, with 43 of the 48 trenches excavated reporting no archaeological remains.

8.2 Discussion

8.2.1 The Romano-British features uncovered along the north-eastern edge of the site suggest enclosure and possible sparse settlement activity within this area, with a pit or ditch terminus being found in trench 25 (containing a moderate quantity of 1st and 2nd century AD Roman ceramics) and the remains of a probable square/rectilinear enclosure or structure within trench 14. The size of the enclosed area identified with the two parallel east–west ditches and possible north–south return in trench 14 would suggest that these features were more likely to relate to a structure rather than an enclosure, although no internal features or postholes were identified. Further excavation of this feature may provide more information about its size, shape and function. The recovered environmental evidence backs up the presence of Romano-British agricultural regimes within the area.

8.2.2 The post-medieval remains located on site reflect the field boundaries in place during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, but the evaluation has demonstrated that only the north–south running boundary was a ditch, while the lack of any east–west ditch running across the field would suggest that this boundary was only a hedgerow.

9 ARCHIVE STORAGE AND CURATION

9.1 Museum

9.1.1 The archive resulting from the evaluation is currently held at the offices of Wessex Archaeology in Sheffield. The Northamptonshire Archaeological Resource Centre has agreed in principle to accept the archive on completion of the project, under the accession code **ENN110031**. Deposition of any finds with the museum will only be carried out with the full written agreement of the landowner to transfer title of all finds to the museum.

9.2 Preparation of the archive

Physical archive

9.2.1 The physical archive, which includes paper records, graphics, artefacts and ecofacts, will be prepared following the standard conditions for the acceptance of excavated archaeological material by Northamptonshire Archaeological Resource Centre, and in general following nationally recommended guidelines (SMA 1995; ClfA 2014c; Brown 2011).

9.2.2 All archive elements will be marked with the accession number, and a full index will be prepared. The physical archive currently comprises the following:

- 1 cardboard box of artefacts and ecofacts
- 1 file of paper records



Digital archive

- 9.2.3 The digital archive generated by the project, which comprises born-digital data (eg site records, survey data, databases and spreadsheets, photographs and reports), will be deposited with a Trusted Digital Repository, in this instance the Archaeology Data Service (ADS), to ensure its long-term curation. Digital data will be prepared following ADS guidelines (ADS 2013 and online guidance) and accompanied by full metadata.

9.3 Selection strategy

- 9.3.1 It is widely accepted that not all the records and materials (artefacts and ecofacts) collected or created during the course of an archaeological project require preservation in perpetuity. These records and materials will be subject to selection in order to establish what will be retained for long-term curation, with the aim of ensuring that all elements selected to be retained are appropriate to establish the significance of the project and support future research, outreach, engagement, display and learning activities, ie the retained archive should fulfil the requirements of both future researchers and the receiving Museum.
- 9.3.2 The selection strategy, which details the project-specific selection process, is underpinned by national guidelines on selection and retention (Brown 2011, section 4) and generic selection policies (SMA 1993; WA's internal selection policy) and follows ClfA's 'Toolkit for Selecting Archaeological Archives'. It should be agreed by all stakeholders (Wessex Archaeology's internal specialists, external specialists, local authority, museum) and fully documented in the project archive.
- 9.3.3 In this instance, given the relatively low level of finds recovery, the selection process has been deferred until after the fieldwork stage was completed. Project-specific proposals for selection are presented below but should be reviewed in the event of any further fieldwork on the site. These proposals are based on recommendations by Wessex Archaeology's internal specialists and will be updated in line with any further comment by other stakeholders (museum, local authority). The selection strategy will be fully documented in the project archive.
- 9.3.4 Any material not selected for retention may be used for teaching or reference collections by Wessex Archaeology.

Finds

- Pottery (207 sherds): small assemblage, but of some archaeological significance, and with research potential beyond the immediate remit of the current project. Retain all.
- CBM (3 fragments): negligible quantity, datable but undiagnostic. Very limited archaeological significance; no further research potential. Retain none.
- Animal bone (11 fragments): negligible quantity, not all identifiable to species. Little or no archaeological significance; no further research potential. Retain none.
- Other finds (3 stone, 8 burnt flint, 25 burnt clay, 1 shell): negligible quantity of undated (although presumed Romano-British) items. Little or no archaeological significance; no further research potential. Retain none.

Palaeoenvironmental material

- Flots (4 samples): potential for further analysis; retain all.



Documentary records

- 9.3.5 Paper records comprise site registers (other pro-forma site records are digital), drawings and reports (Written Scheme of Investigation, client report). All will be retained and deposited with the project archive.

Digital data

- 9.3.6 The digital data comprise site records (tablet-recorded on site) in spreadsheet format; finds records in spreadsheet format; survey data; photographs; reports. All will be deposited, although site photographs will be subject to selection to eliminate poor quality and duplicated images, and any others not considered directly relevant to the archaeology of the site.

9.4 Security copy

- 9.4.1 In line with current best practice (eg, Brown 2011), on completion of the project a security copy of the written records will be prepared, in the form of a digital PDF/A file. PDF/A is an ISO-standardised version of the Portable Document Format (PDF) designed for the digital preservation of electronic documents through omission of features ill-suited to long-term archiving.

9.5 OASIS

- 9.5.1 An OASIS (online access to the index of archaeological investigations) record (<http://oasis.ac.uk/pages/wiki/Main>) has been initiated, with key fields completed (**Appendix 4**). A .pdf version of the final report will be submitted following approval by the Assistant Archaeological Advisor at NCC on behalf of the LPA. Subject to any contractual requirements on confidentiality, copies of the OASIS record will be integrated into the relevant local and national records and published through the Archaeology Data Service (ADS) ArchSearch catalogue.

10 COPYRIGHT

10.1 Archive and report copyright

- 10.1.1 The full copyright of the written/illustrative/digital archive relating to the project will be retained by Wessex Archaeology under the *Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988* with all rights reserved. The client will be licenced to use each report for the purposes that it was produced in relation to the project as described in the specification. The museum, however, will be granted an exclusive licence for the use of the archive for educational purposes, including academic research, providing that such use conforms to the *Copyright and Related Rights Regulations 2003*. In some instances, certain regional museums may require absolute transfer of copyright, rather than a licence; this should be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.
- 10.1.2 Information relating to the project will be deposited with the Historic Environment Record (HER) where it can be freely copied without reference to Wessex Archaeology for the purposes of archaeological research or development control within the planning process.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Trench summaries

NGR coordinates and OD heights taken at centre of each trench; depth bgl = below ground level

| Trench No 1 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.32 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 101 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodule fragments <80mm (poorly sorted). Crop stubble along upper horizon. Sharp interface with natural (102). | 0.00-0.30 |
| 102 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay, occasional SA-SR flint gravels / nodules <160mm, light manganese flecking throughout. Firm, plastic composition. Plough scars visible. | 0.30+ |

| Trench No 2 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth Unknown |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|---------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 201 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, very sparse SA-SR flint gravels <60mm. Crop stubble along upper horizon. Sharp interface with natural (202). | 0.00-0.30 |
| 202 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay (low silt content), very sparse SA-SR flint gravels <70mm, very sparse R-SR chalk fragments <50mm. Firm, plastic composition. | 0.31+ |

| Trench No 3 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.26 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 301 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, sparse SA-SR flint gravels <70mm (poorly sorted). Crop stubble along upper horizon, with associated light rooting. Sharp interface with natural (302). | 0.00-0.26 |
| 302 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay, occasional patches of R-SR chalk fragments <70mm, sparse SA-SR flint gravels <80mm, light manganese flecking throughout. Firm, plastic composition. | 0.26+ |

| Trench No 4 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.29 m |
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|-------------|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|



| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---|-----------|
| 401 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, very sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodules <90mm (poorly sorted), occasional patches of natural clay particularly concentrated near lower extent. Crop stubble along upper horizon, with associated light rooting. Sharp interface with natural (402). | 0.00-0.27 |
| 402 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay (low silt content), sparse SA-SR flint gravels <70mm, light manganese flecking throughout. Firm, plastic composition. | 0.27+ |

| Trench No 5 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.36 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 501 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, very sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodule fragments <60mm (poorly sorted). Crop stubble along upper horizon, with associated light rooting. Sharp interface with natural (501). | 0.00-0.30 |
| 502 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay (low silt content), sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodules <140mm, sparse R-SR chalk fragments <80mm, light manganese flecking throughout. Firm, plastic composition. | 0.30+ |

| Trench No 6 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.30 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 601 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, very sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodules <80mm (poorly sorted). Crop stubble along upper horizon, with associated light rooting. Sharp interface natural (702). | 0.00-0.26 |
| 602 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay (low silt content), sparse SA-SR flint gravels <80mm, very sparse R-SR weathered chalk fragments <50mm, light manganese flecking throughout. Firm, plastic composition. | 0.26+ |

| Trench No 7 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.33 m |
|-------------|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|
|-------------|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|



| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---|-----------|
| 701 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, very sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodules <110mm (poorly sorted). Crop stubble along upper horizon, with associated light rooting. Sharp interface with natural (702) | 0.00-0.32 |
| 702 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay (low silt content), sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodules <120mm, very sparse R-SR chalk fragments <60mm. Firm, plastic composition. | 0.32+ |

| Trench No 8 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.28 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 801 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, very sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodules <90mm, very sparse SA-SR flint grit <10mm. Crop stubble along upper horizon. Sharp interface with natural (802). | 0.00-0.28 |
| 802 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay (low silt content), occasional SA-SR flint grit <10mm, sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodule <90mm, very sparse R-SR chalk fragments <60mm. Firm, plastic composition. | 0.28+ |

| Trench No 9 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.29 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 901 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, very sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodule fragments <70mm, occasional patches of natural clay throughout, though concentrated near lower extent. Crop stubble along upper horizon. Sharp interface with natural (902) | 0.00-0.27 |
| 902 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay (low silt content), sparse flint grit <10mm, very sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodules <80mm, very sparse R-SR chalk fragments <50mm. Firm, plastic composition. | 0.27+ |

| Trench No 10 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.31 m |
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| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|-----------|
| 1001 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, very sparse SA-SR flint grit <10mm, very sparse SA-SR flint gravels <60mm, small, irregular patches of natural clay throughout. Crop stubble along upper horizon. Sharp interface with natural (1002). | 0.00-0.30 |
| 1002 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay (low silt content), sparse SA-SR flint gravels / grit <70mm, light manganese flecking throughout. Firm, plastic composition. | 0.3+ |

| Trench No 11 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.29 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 1101 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodule fragments <80mm (poorly sorted). Crop stubble along upper horizon, with associated rooting. Sharp interface with natural (1102) | 0.00-0.26 |
| 1102 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay (low silt content), sparse SA-SR flint gravels / grit <70mm, light manganese flecking throughout. Firm, plastic composition. | 0.26+ |

| Trench No 12 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.34 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 1201 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, very sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodules <120mm (poorly sorted). Crop stubble along upper horizon, with associated light rooting. Sharp interface with natural (1202) | 0.00-0.26 |
| 1202 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty (low silt content), occasional R-SR weathered chalk fragments <70mm, sparse SA-SR flint gravels <80mm, light manganese flecking throughout. Firm, plastic composition. | 0.26+ |

| Trench No 13 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.34 m |
|--------------|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|
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| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---|-----------|
| 1301 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, very sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodules <80mm (poorly sorted). Crop stubble along upper horizon, with associated light rooting. Sharp interface with natural (1302) | 0.00-0.30 |
| 1302 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay (low silt content), sparse SA-SR flint gravels <70mm, very sparse R-SR chalk fragments <50mm, light manganese flecking throughout. Firm, plastic composition. | 0.30+ |

| Trench No 14 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.31 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 1401 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, 5% sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodule fragments <80mm. Crop stubble along upper horizon. Sharp interface with natural (1402). | 0.0 - 0.29 |
| 1402 | | Uncategorised context | Natural Mid yellowish brown silty clay (very low silt content), with 10% moderate SA-SR flint gravels <+=200mm x 150mm. light manganese flecking throughout and frequent mudstone. Firm, plastic texture. | 0.29+ |
| 1403 | 1404, 1405, 1406 | Ditch | Curvilinear ditch with steep, irregular sides and a v-shaped base. Length: >1.80 m. Width: 0.84 m. Depth: 0.27 m. | 0.6 |
| 1404 | 1403 | Secondary fill | Mid red yellow silty clay with rare 5% fine <5mm chalk flecks inclusions | 0.4 |
| 1405 | 1403 | Primary fill | Light brown yellow silty clay with rare 1% manganese fine <5mm moderately sorted rare 1% chalk flecks fine <5mm moderately sorted inclusions | 0.5 |
| 1406 | 1403 | Deliberate backfill | Mid black grey clay silt with rare flint gravels 5% fine-medium 5-40mm moderately sorted inclusions | 0.4 |
| 1407 | 1408 | Ditch | Curvilinear ditch with moderate, straight sides and a flat base. Length: >1.80 m. Depth: 0.23 m. | 0.6 |



| Trench No 14 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.31 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 1408 | 1407 | Deliberate dump | Mid bluish grey silty clay with 3% sparse sub-rounded flints well sorted <+=20mm x 15mm, occasional charcoal flecking inclusions | 0.3 |
| 1409 | 1410 | Ditch | Linear ditch with moderate, straight sides. Length: >4.00 m. Width: >0.14 m. Depth: 0.11 m. | 0.4 |
| 1410 | 1409 | Deliberate dump | Mid bluish grey silty clay with 3% rare small rounded flints <+=15mm x 10mm well sorted, 1% rare small chalk pieces, occasional charcoal flecking inclusions | 0.3 |

| Trench No 15 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.30 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 1501 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, very sparse SA-SR flint gravels <70mm. Crop stubble along upper horizon, with associated light rooting. Sharp interface with natural (1502) | 0.00-0.28 |
| 1502 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay (low silt content), occasional SA-SR flint gravels / nodules <90mm, very sparse R-SR weathered chalk fragments <50mm, light manganese flecking throughout. Firm, plastic composition. | 0.28+ |

| Trench No 16 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.34 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 1601 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, very sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodules <90mm, very rare R-SR sandstone blocks <160mm. Crop stubble along upper horizon, with associated light rooting. Sharp interface with natural (1602). | 0.00-0.31 |
| 1602 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay (low silt content), sparse SA-SR flint gravels <90mm, very sparse R-SR weathered chalk fragments <50mm, light manganese flecking throughout. Firm, plastic composition. | 0.31+ |



| Trench No 17 | | Length Unknown | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.27 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 1701 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, very sparse SA-SR flint gravels <70mm (poorly sorted), sparse patches of natural clay throughout, though concentrated towards lower interface. Sharp interface with natural (1702) | 0.00-0.27 |
| 1702 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay, sparse SA-SR flint gravels & nodules <140mm, more frequent fine flint gravels <10mm. Sparse manganese flecking throughout. Firm, plastic composition. | 0.27+ |

| Trench No 18 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.30 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 1801 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, sparse SA-SR flint gravels <70mm. Crop stubble along upper horizon with associated light rooting. Sharp interface with natural (1802) | 0.00-0.29 |
| 1802 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay, sparse SA-SR flint gravels <70mm, very sparse SA-SR flint nodules <140mm, light manganese flecking throughout. Firm, plastic composition. | 0.29+ |

| Trench No 19 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.26 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 1901 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, very sparse SA-SR flint gravels <70mm, sparse patches of natural clay throughout, though particularly concentrated near lower extent. Crop stubble along upper horizon. Sharp interface with natural (1902) | 0.00-0.24 |
| 1902 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay, sparse SA-SR flint gravels & nodules <120mm, light manganese flecking throughout. Firm, plastic composition. | 0.24+ |



| Trench No 20 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.26 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 2001 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silt clay. Sparse SA-SR flint gravels <60mm, poorly sorted. Fairly firm, plastic composition. Crop stubble on upper horizon, sharp interface with natural (2002). | 0.00-0.25 |
| 2002 | | Natural | Light yellowish brown silty clay. Occasional SA-SR flint gravels, poorly sorted but in vague concentrations throughout. Homogeneous, with a firm, plastic texture. | 0.25+ |

| Trench No 21 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.34 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 2101 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, very sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodule fragments <50mm,. Crop stubble and light rooting along upper horizon, with a sharp interface with natural (2102).firm, plastic texture. | 0.00-0.32 |
| 2102 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay (very low silt content), occasional SA-SR flint gravels <70mm (poorly sorted though with areas of concentrated deposition), very sparse manganese flecking. Firm, plastic composition. | 0.32+ |

| Trench No 22 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.32 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 2201 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, with very sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodule fragments <70mm. Crop stubble along upper horizon, with a sharp interface with natural (2202) | 0.00-0.30 |
| 2202 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay (low silt percentage), sparse SA-SR flint gravels <80mm | 0.30+ |



| Trench No 23 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.26 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 2301 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, very sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodule fragments <70mm. Crop stubble along upper horizon, with a sharp interface with natural (2302) | 0.00-0.25 |
| 2302 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay, sparse SA-SR flint gravels <80mm, light manganese flecking throughout. Firm, plastic composition. | 0.25+ |

| Trench No 24 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.31 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 2401 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, very sparse SA-SR flint gravels <70mm, sparse patches of natural clay throughout. Crop stubble along upper horizon, with associated light rooting. Sharp interface with natural (2402) | 0.00-0.30 |
| 2402 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay (low silt content), sparse SA-SR flint gravels & nodules <140mm, light manganese flecking throughout. Firm, plastic composition. | 0.30+ |

| Trench No 25 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.25 m |
|----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|---|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 2501 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, 5% sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodule fragments <70mm. Crop stubble along upper horizon with rooting disturbances throughout. Sharp interface with natural (2502). | 0.0 - 0.25 |
| 2502 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay (very low silt content), with 5% sparse SA-SR flint gravels <60mm x 65mm and manganese flecking throughout with mudstone occasionally. Firm, plastic texture. | 0.25+ |
| 2503 | 2504, 2505, 2506, 2507, 2508 | Ditch terminus or pit cut | Linear ditch terminus or pit cut with moderate, concave sides and a flat base. Length: >1.49 m. Width: 1.90 m. Depth: 0.40 m. | 0.65 |
| 2504 | 2503 | Primary fill | Light yellow red silty clay with common 15% fine <5mm chalk flecks inclusions | 0.6 |



| Trench No 25 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.25 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 2505 | 2503 | Secondary fill | Mid white grey silty clay with 5-10% flint gravels fine- med 5-20mm sub-angular moderately sorted inclusions | 0.45 |
| 2506 | 2503 | Deliberate dump | Mid black grey silty clay with 5-10% fine-coarse flint gravels 5-50mm inclusions | 0.4 |
| 2507 | 2503 | Primary fill | Light white yellow silty clay with rare 5% flint gravels and cobbles 5-80mm sub-angular moderately sorted inclusions | 0.3 |
| 2508 | 2503 | Tertiary fill | Mid grey brown clay silts | 0.25 |

| Trench No 26 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.33 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 2601 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay. Very sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodule fragments <70mm, very sparse manganese flecking throughout . Crop stubble along upper horizon, with a sharp interface with natural (2602). | 0.00-0.30 |
| 2602 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay, sparse SA-SR flint gravels <70mm, very sparse SA-SR limestone fragments, light manganese flecking throughout. | 0.30+ |
| 2603 | 2604 | Ditch terminal | Linear ditch terminal with shallow, concave sides and a concave base. Length: 1.20 m. Width: 1.20 m. Depth: 0.15 m. | |
| 2604 | 2603 | Secondary fill | Mid brown grey clay silt with rare >3% fine-medium flints 5-20mm sub-angular moderately sorted inclusions | |



| Trench No 27 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.29 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 2701 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, very sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodule fragments <60mm (poorly sorted). Occasional patches of natural clay near lower extent. Crop stubble along upper horizon, sharp interface with natural (2702) | 0.00-0.27 |
| 2702 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay, sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodules <150mm, light manganese flecking throughout. Firm, plastic composition. | 0.27+ |

| Trench No 28 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.31 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 2801 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, very sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodule fragments <60mm, very light manganese flecking throughout. Patches of natural clay visible throughout, though concentrated near lower extent. Crop stubble along upper horizon. Sharp interface with natural (2801). | 0.00-0.29 |
| 2802 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay, sparse SA-SR flint gravels <80mm, light manganese flecking. Fairly firm, plastic composition. | 0.29+ |
| 2803 | 2804 | Ditch | Linear ditch with steep, straight sides. Length: >1.80 m. Depth: 0.16 m. | 0.6 |
| 2804 | 2803 | Secondary fill | Mid greyish brown silty clay with 3% sparse small sub-rounded flint <+ = 20mm x 15mm well sorted, 3% sparse small rounded chalk well sorted <+ = 10mm x 10mm inclusions | 0.3 |



| Trench No 29 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.30 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 2901 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, very sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodule fragments <50mm. Crop stubble along upper horizon, clear interface with natural (2902), though evidence of ploughing to this depth visible. | 0.00-0.28 |
| 2902 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay (very low silt content), sparse SA-SR flint gravels <80mm, very sparse R-SR chalk fragments, light manganese flecking throughout. | 0.28+ |

| Trench No 30 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.26 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 3001 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, very sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodule fragments <40mm, sparse mid yellowish brown redeposited natural clay patches near lower interface with (3002). Sharp interface with natural (3002) | 0.00-0.25 |
| 3002 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay, sparse SA-SR flint gravels <70mm (poorly sorted), very sparse manganese flecking throughout. Firm, plastic texture. | 0.25+ |

| Trench No 31 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.33 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 3101 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, very sparse SA-SR flint gravels <50mm. Crop stubble and light rooting along upper horizon, with a sharp interface with underlying natural (3102). | 0.00-0.32 |
| 3102 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay (very low silt composition). Occasional SA-SR flint gravels / nodule fragments <80mm, with light manganese flecking throughout. Firm, plastic composition. | 0.32+ |



| Trench No 32 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.31 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 3201 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, very sparse SA-SR flint gravels <70mm. Homogeneous composition, firm, almost plastic texture. Crop stubble along upper horizon, interface with (3201) sharp though undulating likely due to ploughing. | 0.00-0.29 |
| 3202 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay. Occasional SA-SR flint gravels and nodule fragments < 80mm, sparse manganese flecking. Uniform firm composition. | 0.29+ |

| Trench No 33 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.31 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 3301 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodule fragments <50mm (poorly sorted). Firm, plastic composition. Crop stubble along upper horizon. Sharp, though undulating, interface with (3302). | 0.00-0.29 |
| 3302 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay, occasional SA-SR flint gravels <60mm. Sparse manganese flecking throughout. Firm, plastic texture. | 0.29+ |

| Trench No 34 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.34 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 3401 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodule fragments <60mm (poorly sorted). Firm, plastic composition. Crop stubble along upper horizon, with a sharp interface with natural (3402). | 0.00-0.28 |
| 3402 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay (very low silt content). Common SA-SR flint gravels / nodule fragments (<110mm), sparse manganese flecking. Firm, plastic composition. | 0.28+ |



| Trench No 35 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.34 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 3501 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, very sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodule fragments <40mm, sparse mid yellowish brown redeposited natural clay patches near lower interface with (3502). Sharp interface with natural (3502) | 0.00-0.30 |
| 3502 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay (very low silt content), common SA-SR flint gravels / nodule fragments <70mm, occasional R-SR chalk fragments <50mm (poorly sorted but occurring in patches). Firm, plastic composition. | 0.30+ |

| Trench No 36 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.31 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 3601 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown. Very sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodule fragments <60mm (poorly sorted), very sparse R-SR chalk fragments <40mm. Crop stubble along upper horizon, sharp interface with natural (3602) | 0.00-0.28 |
| 3602 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay with occasional SA-SR flint gravels <90mm, sparse manganese flecking throughout. Firm, plastic texture. | 0.28+ |
| 3603 | 3604 | Ditch | Linear ditch with steep, straight sides and a flat base. Length: >1.80 m. Depth: 0.29 m. | 0.28 - 0.57 |
| 3604 | 3603 | Secondary fill | Mid greyish brown silty clay with 5% sparse sub-rounded / sub-angular flints moderately well sorted <+=25mm x 20mm, 3% sparse small rounded chalk well sorted <+=10mm x 10mm inclusions | 0.28 - 0.57 |



| Trench No 37 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.29 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 3701 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, very sparse SA-SR flint gravels <60mm (poorly sorted). Patches of disturbed natural clay near interface with natural (3702), though interface still sharp. | 0.00-0.27 |
| 3702 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay (very low silt content). Sparse poorly sorted SA-SR flint gravels throughout, with very light manganese flecking. Firm, plastic composition. | 0.27+ |

| Trench No 38 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.29 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 3801 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, very sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodule fragments <60mm. Crop stubble along upper horizon. Sharp interface with natural (3801). | 0.00-0.29 |
| 3802 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay (very low silt content), occasional SA-SR flint gravels <70mm, very sparse manganese flecking throughout. Firm, plastic composition. | 0.29+ |

| Trench No 39 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.33 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 3901 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, very sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodule fragments <110mm, very sparse R-SR chalk fragments <50mm (both poorly sorted). Crop stubble along upper horizon. Sharp interface with natural (3902) | 0.00-0.33 |
| 3902 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay (very low silt percentage, very sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodules <200mm, with light manganese flecking throughout. Firm, plastic composition. | 0.33+ |



| Trench No 40 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.29 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 4001 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, with very sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodule fragments <80mm. Crop stubble along upper horizon. Interface with natural (4002) clear, though undulating and with patches of natural clay common along length. | 0.00-0.28 |
| 4002 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay (very low silt content). Occasional SA-SR flint gravels / nodules <130mm (poorly sorted), with light manganese flecking throughout. Fairly firm, plastic composition. | 0.28+ |

| Trench No 41 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.29 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 4101 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, with very sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodule fragments <50mm (poorly sorted). Crop stubble along upper horizon, with a sharp interface with natural (4102). | 0.00-0.27 |
| 4102 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay (very low silt content), with sparse SA-SR flint gravels <70mm and light manganese flecking throughout. Firm, plastic texture. | 0.27+ |

| Trench No 42 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.28 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 4201 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, very sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodule fragments <50mm. Crop stubble along upper horizon, sharp interface with natural (4202). | 0.00-0.26 |
| 4202 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay (very low silt content), common SA-SR flint gravels <80mm, very sparse R-SR chalk fragments, light manganese flecking throughout. | 0.26+ |
| 4203 | 4204 | Ditch | Linear ditch with steep, straight sides and a flat base. Length: >1.80 m. Depth: 0.19 m. | 0.26 - 0.45 |



| Trench No 42 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.28 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 4204 | 4203 | Secondary fill | Mid greyish brown silty clay with 3% sparse flints sub-rounded <+ = 15mm x 10mm well sorted. 5% sparse chalk, moderately well sorted <+ = 20mm x 20 mm inclusions | 0.26 - 0.45 |

| Trench No 43 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.29 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 4301 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, very sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodule fragments <50mm (poorly sorted), sparse patches of mid yellowish brown natural clay likely derived from ploughing. Clear interface with natural (4302) | 0.00-0.27 |
| 4302 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay (very low silt content), with occasional SA-SR flint gravels <50mm poorly sorted throughout, very sparse manganese flecking. Firm composition. | 0.27+ |

| Trench No 44 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.34 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 4401 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, very sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodule fragments <40mm, sparse mid yellowish brown redeposited natural clay patches near lower interface with (4402). Sharp, undulating interface with natural (4402) | 0.00-0.29 |
| 4402 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay (very low silt content), common SA-SR flint gravels / nodule fragments <70mm, sparse R-SR chalk fragments <50mm (poorly sorted but occurring in patches). Firm, plastic composition. | 0.29+ |



| Trench No 45 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.28 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 4501 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, very sparse flint gravels / nodule fragments <50mm (poorly sorted). Very sparse redeposited natural clay patches. Firm, plastic composition, with crop stubble on upper surface. Sharp interface with (4502) | 0.00-0.27 |
| 4502 | | Natural | Light yellowish brown silty clay (very low silt content), with sparse SA-SR flint gravels <60mm throughout, though with a concentration towards the north. Very sparse sub-rounded sandstone(?) fragments <120mm. Firm, plastic composition. | 0.27+ |

| Trench No 46 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.32 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 4601 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, very sparse flint gravels / nodule fragments <50mm (poorly sorted). Firm, plastic composition, with crop stubble on upper surface. Sharp interface with (4602) | 0.00-0.25 |
| 4602 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay (very low silt content). Sparse SA-SR flint gravels <70mm poorly sorted throughout, sparse manganese flecking. Firm composition. | 0.25+ |

| Trench No 52 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.30 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 5201 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, very sparse SA-SR flint gravels <60mm. Crop stubble along upper horizon with light rooting. Sharp interface with natural (5202). | 0.00-0.27 |
| 5202 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay, sparse SA-SR flint gravels <70mm, light manganese flecking throughout. Firm, plastic composition. | 0.27+ |



| Trench No 53 | | Length 30 m | Width 1.80 m | Depth 0.30 m |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------|
| Context Number | Fill Of/Filled With | Interpretative Category | Description | Depth BGL |
| 5301 | | Topsoil | Ploughsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay, very sparse SA-SR flint gravels <80mm (poorly sorted). Crop stubble along upper horizon, with associated light rooting. Sharp interface with natural (5302) | 0.00-0.29 |
| 5302 | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay (low silt content), sparse SA-SR flint gravels / nodules 120mm, very sparse R-SR chalk fragments <50mm, light manganese flecking throughout. Firm, plastic composition. | 0.30+ |



Appendix 2 Environmental data

Table 3: Assessment of the environmental evidence

| Feature | Context | Sample | Vol (l) | Flot (ml) | Sub-sample | Bioturbation proxies | Grain | Chaff | Cereal Notes | Charred Other | Charred Other Notes | Charcoal > 2mm (ml) | Charcoal | Other (type and abundance) | Preservation |
|---------|---------|--------|---------|-----------|------------------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|--|---------------|--|---------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1403 | 1406 | 1401 | 36 | 50 | 25% <4mm residue | 90%, A, E | C | - | <i>Triticum spelta</i> | - | - | 4.5 | Mature, some iron coating | Moll-t (C) | Poor |
| 1407 | 1408 | 1402 | 36 | 100 | 25% <4mm residue | 60% (modern crop chaff A), A, E | A | | <i>Triticum sp.</i> , <i>Hordeum vulgare</i> , Triticeae | C | <i>Corylus avellana</i> | 13 | Mature + roundwood, some iron coating | Moll-t (C) | Poor |
| 2503 | 2505 | 2501 | 12 | 20 | | 90%, C, E, I | C | - | <i>Triticum sp.</i> , Triticeae | C | <i>Corylus avellana</i> | 1.25 | Mature, some iron coating | - | Poor, some iron coating |
| 2503 | 2506 | 2502 | 39 | 60 | 25% <4mm residue | 70% (modern crop chaff C), C, E | A | | <i>Triticum sp.</i> (inc. <i>spelta</i>) grains and glume base, <i>Hordeum vulgare</i> | A | <i>Corylus avellana</i> , <i>Poa/Phleum</i> | 55 | Mature + roundwood, some iron coating | - | Poor, some iron coating |

Key: Scale of abundance: A*** = exceptional, A** = 100+, A* = 30-99, A = 30-10, B = 9-5, C = <5; Bioturbation proxies: Roots (%), Uncharred seeds (scale of abundance), F = mycorrhizal fungi sclerotia, E = earthworm eggs, I = insects



Appendix 3 OASIS record

OASIS ID: wessexar1-407726

Project details

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| Project name | Land North of Oundle Road, Northamptonshire |
| Short description of the project | Wessex Archaeology was commissioned by Orion Heritage, on behalf of BAM Construction Ltd, to undertake an archaeological evaluation of a 6.2 ha parcel of land located on land north of Oundle Road, Weldon, Corby, Northamptonshire, as part of the pre-application works for the building of a secondary school. The trenching identified the post-medieval field boundaries in the south of the site, as well as identifying a small number of Romano-British cut features within the north-eastern edge of the site. It also established that the remainder of the site does not contain large concentrations of archaeological features, with 42 of the 48 trenches excavated reporting no archaeological remains. |
| Project dates | Start: 02-11-2020 End: 13-11-2020 |
| Previous/future work | Yes / Yes |
| Any associated project reference codes | 240990 - Contracting Unit No. |
| Any associated project reference codes | ENN110031 - Museum accession ID |
| Type of project | Field evaluation |
| Site status | None |
| Monument type | DITCH Post Medieval |
| Monument type | DITCH Roman |
| Monument type | PIT Roman |
| Significant Finds | POTTERY Roman |
| Significant Finds | CERAMIC BUILDING MATERIAL Roman |
| Methods & techniques | "Sample Trenches", "Targeted Trenches" |
| Development type | Public building (e.g. school, church, hospital, medical centre, law courts etc.) |
| Prompt | Direction from Local Planning Authority - PPG16 |
| Position in the planning process | Pre-application |

Project location

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|---------------|---|
| Country | England |
| Site location | NORTHAMPTONSHIRE CORBY WELDON Land north of Oundle Rd, Weldon |
| Postcode | NN17 3JU |
| Study area | 6.2 Hectares |



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|-------------------|---|
| Site coordinates | SP 93863 89119 52.49152480478 -0.617381986975 52 29 29 N 000 37 02 W Point |
| Height OD / Depth | Min: 99m Max: 105m |

Project creators

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| Project brief originator | Orion Heritage |
| Project design originator | Orion Heritage |
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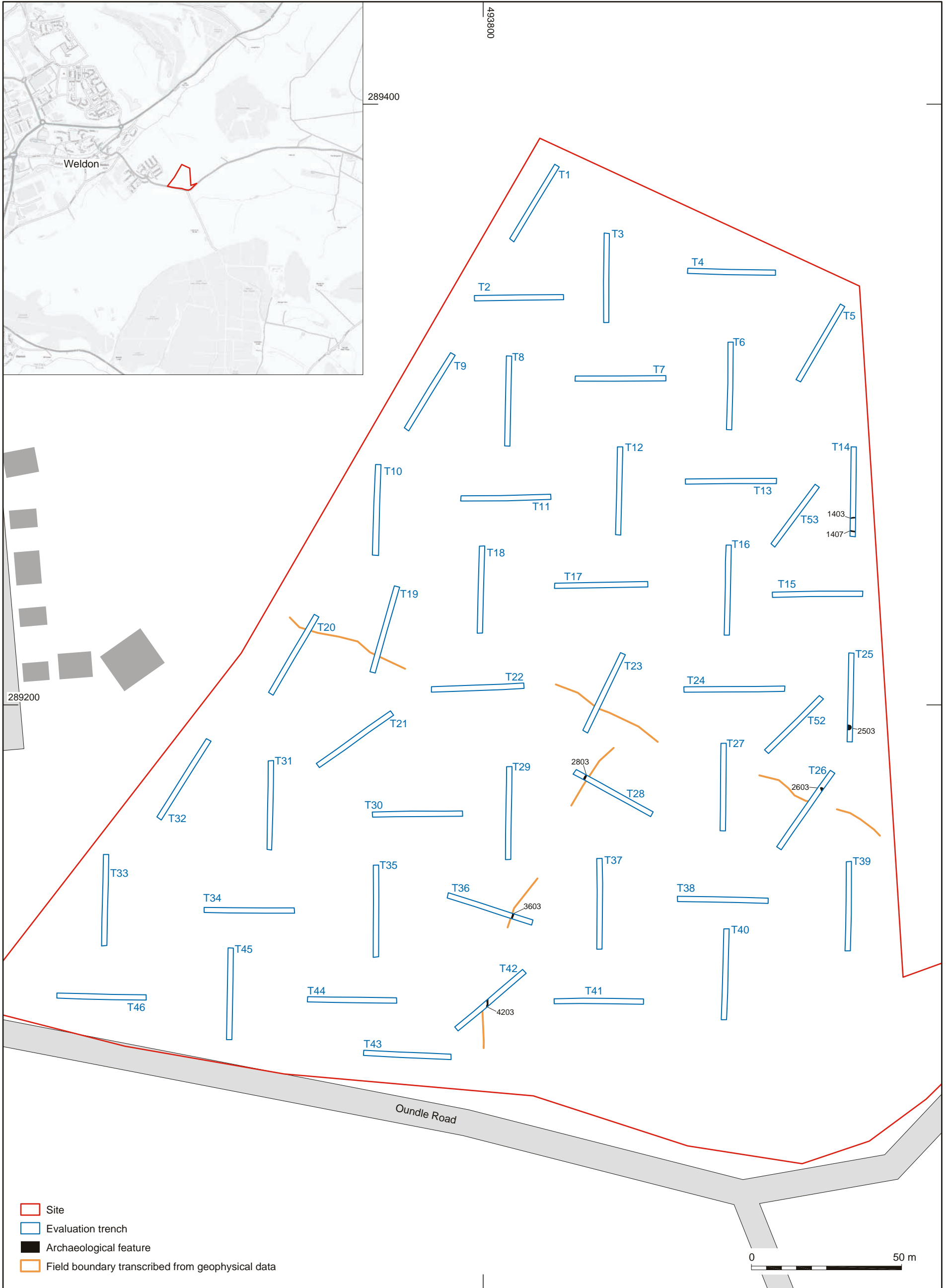
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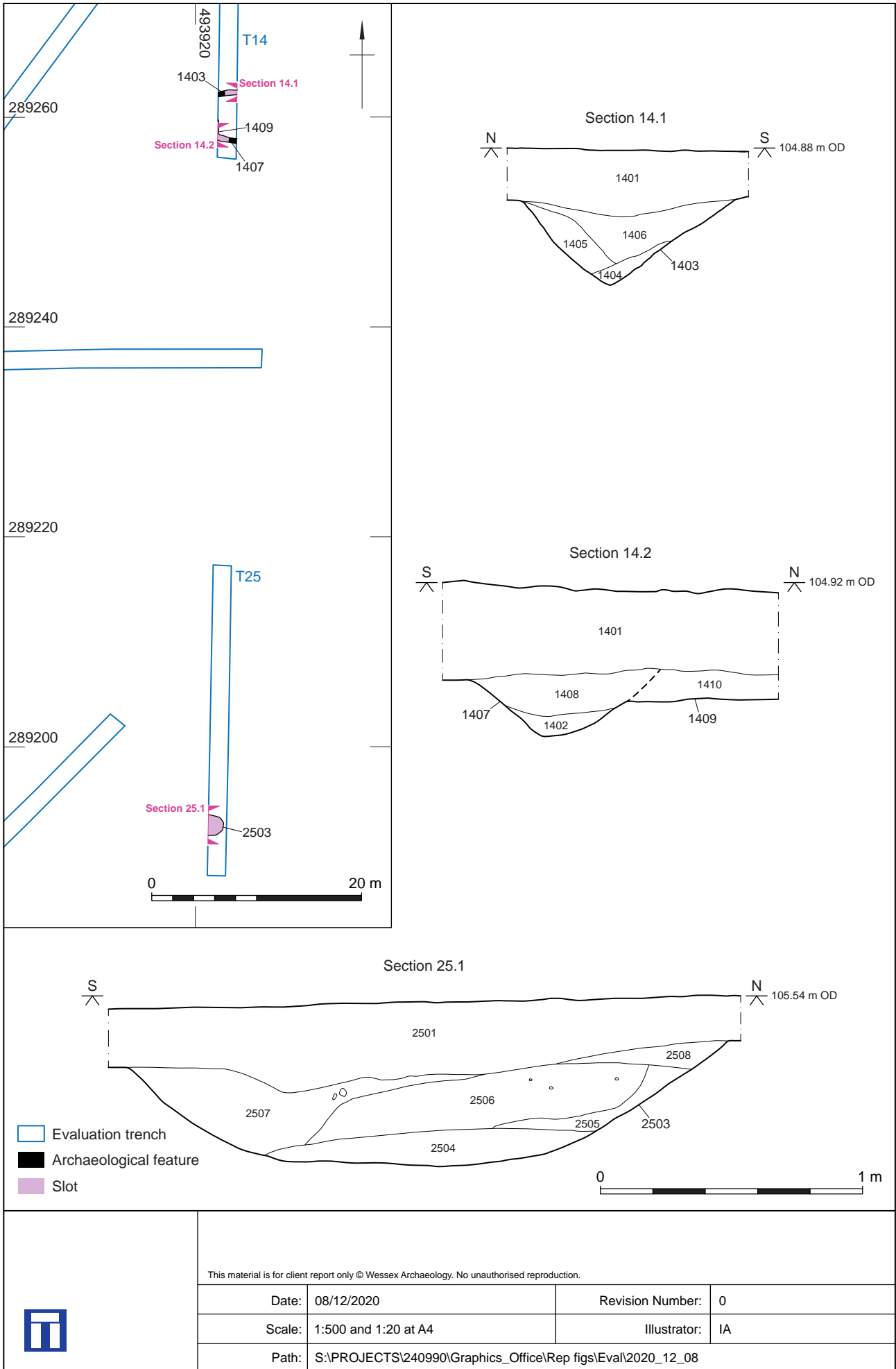
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Site location and trench layout

Figure 1



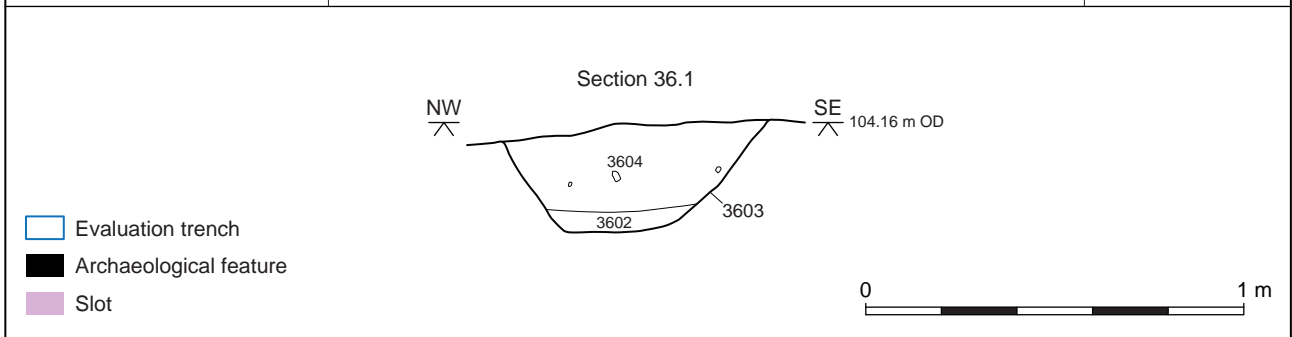
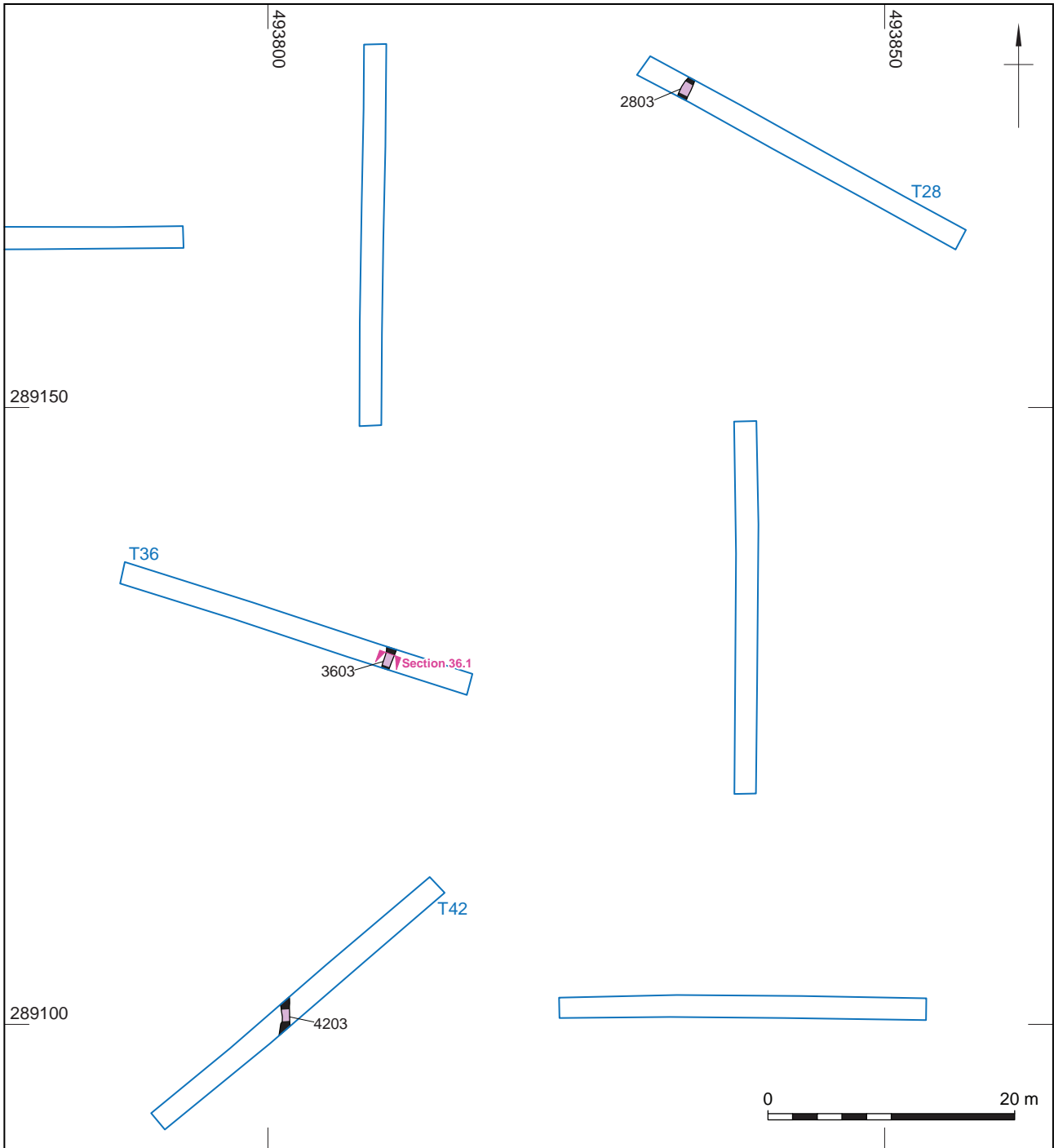
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Romano-British features

Figure 2



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Post-medieval boundary ditches

Figure 3



Plate 1: Parallel east–west ditches 1403 and 1407, with north–south return 1409, from the south



Plate 2: Western baulk of trench 14, showing east–west ditch 1407 and north–south return 1409, from the east


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Plate 3: Eastern baulk of trench 14, showing section through east-west ditch 1403



Plate 4: Pit or ditch terminus 2503, from the east


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Plate 5: Pit or ditch terminus 2503 with in situ pottery, from the east



Plate 6: Ditch terminus 2603, from the west



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Plate 7: Boundary ditch 3603, from the south

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