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## Summary

Wessex Archaeology was commissioned by BACTEC hereafter 'the Client', to carry out an Archaeological Watching Brief on Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) investigations and a series of Archaeological Investigations on land at Dagenham Park Community School, in the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham, hereafter 'the Site' (centred on NGR 549487 184008) (**Figure 1**). The works were carried out in response to a planning condition attached to the outline planning consent (Planning Reference 10/00587/FUL) granted by the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham for the construction of a new two floor building with associated sports pitches and infrastructure.

The Site lies within an Archaeological Priority Area and has a high potential for Prehistoric remains. Recent investigations have identified Late Bronze Age to Early Iron Age activity adjacent to the Site.

A total of ninety-five UXO targets were excavated under constant archaeological supervision. No archaeological features or deposits were identified.

A total of twenty evaluation trenches were opened to record the presence or absence of archaeological remains. These trenches were excavated using a mechanical excavator with a toothless bucket, under constant archaeological supervision.

The archaeological evaluation resulted in a small area being excavated in order to record archaeological features identified within the footprint of the building which would be impacted by the new development.

Following the archaeological excavation, a watching brief was undertaken to monitor the reduction of ground level across the Site and all other ground works associated with the construction of the new development. Results from the watching brief are detailed in a second report (Wessex Archaeology 2011).

The fieldwork took place between the 23<sup>rd</sup> August and 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010.

The Archaeological Investigations undertaken on the Site revealed evidence of prehistoric activity. The features identified included a probable double ditch and bank enclosure, a series of pits, postholes, boundary and drainage ditches, and a buried land surface. The excavation revealed the continuation of some of the ditches recorded during the evaluation, as well as revealing additional inter-cutting pits and ditches. The pottery assemblage suggests that the majority of activity relates to the Middle to Late Bronze Age period, with possibly some activity dating to the Early Neolithic. There was a general pattern across the Site whereby the east-west aligned ditches were truncated by the north-south ditches, possibly suggesting a change in activity. The results of the archaeological investigations suggest that the settlement activity recorded to the east of the Site in 2005 extends further west and points to an earlier phase of use; the Middle to Late Bronze Age.



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**1 INTRODUCTION**

**1.1 Project Background**

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1.1.2 The works were carried out in response to a planning condition attached to the outline planning consent (Planning Reference 10/00587/FUL) granted by the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham for the construction of a new two floor building with associated sports pitches and infrastructure.

1.1.3 An Archaeological Desk Based Assessment (DBA) was prepared for the Site by RPS Planning (2008); this identified good potential for archaeological evidence dating to the Prehistoric period, in particular Late Bronze Age to Early Iron Age.

1.1.4 The archaeological works were undertaken in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) (Wessex Archaeology 2010), which was agreed in advance of the fieldwork with Jane Sidell of the Greater London Archaeological Advisory Service (GLAAS), the Archaeological Advisor acting on behalf of the Local Planning Authority. All works were carried out in accordance with the relevant guidance given in the Institute for Archaeologists' *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Field Evaluation* (2009), *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Excavation* (2008) and *Standard and Guidance for an Archaeological Watching Brief* (2008).

1.1.5 The fieldwork included a watching brief on Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) investigations and an evaluation followed by an excavation; this was conducted between the 23<sup>rd</sup> August and 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010.

1.1.6 This report documents the results of the archaeological investigations, and presents an assessment of the results. A second report (Wessex Archaeology 2011) details results from the subsequent watching brief.

**1.2 Site location, topography and geology**

1.2.1 The Site is located to the north of School Road and is bound to the south by residential housing fronting School Road, to the west by an office block and residential care home, to the north by William Ford Junior School and Old Dagenham Park, and to the west by Dagenham Park Community School and Dagenham Park Leisure Centre.

1.2.2 The Site is currently used as sports pitches by Dagenham Park Community School.

- 1.2.3 The Site lies on a gentle northeast facing slope with the highest point measuring 5.3m above Ordnance Datum (aOD) in the southwest corner descending to 3.2m aOD towards the northeast corner. The northeast area of the Site overlooks the Wantz Stream, a tributary of the Beam River.
- 1.2.4 Across the northern half of the Site an east-west aligned bank can be seen extending for c. 55m. This bank defines a low lying terrace to the north and a similar east-west aligned terrace can be seen to the north of the Site in Old Dagenham Park.
- 1.2.5 The underlying geology is mapped as London Clay overlain by Head deposits of clay, silt, sand and gravel (British Geological Survey 1976). A series of borehole samples were taken at the Site; these recorded 0.3-0.5m of topsoil or hard-standing overlying brown sandy clay. Three of the boreholes taken close to the northeast boundary of the Site recorded grey clay which may be associated with a former line of the Marley Ditch (a tributary of the Wantz Stream) (RPS 2008).

## **2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

### **2.1 Recent investigations in the area**

- 2.1.1 The Site lies within an Archaeological Priority Area with a good potential for Prehistoric remains. This potential arises from an archaeological evaluation conducted by Wessex Archaeology (2005) immediately adjacent to the Site. This evaluation revealed a Late Bronze Age – Early Iron Age ditched enclosure, a buried land surface and a palaeochannel (MLO98232). The finds consisted of ceramic bars (briquetage) which may have come from a pottery kiln or were used in Late Bronze Age – Early Iron Age salt production.
- 2.1.2 An archaeological evaluation and watching brief were undertaken by Oxford Archaeology in 2010 on land at Beam Washlands Reservoir (Wylie 2011). A large ditch, associated with the Late Iron Age and Roman settlement, was found running parallel to the course of the Wantz Stream; this may have formed an early flood defence barrier. The watching brief recorded four early prehistoric flint scatters and two areas of burnt flint, including evidence of Upper Palaeolithic long blades.
- 2.1.3 An Archaeological Desk Based Assessment was prepared by RPS Planning (2008) detailing the archaeological potential of the Site; the following text is a summary of that report.

### **2.2 Prehistoric (500,000BC – AD 43)**

- 2.2.1 Two concentrations of Early Mesolithic flint work were identified during archaeological investigations in 2005-2006 at Beam Washlands, 700m to the southeast of the Site. The assemblage was recovered from the edge of the Wantz stream and consisted of blades, flakes and cores (MLO99492). Worked flint, including a leaf-shaped arrowhead dated to the Late Neolithic/Early Bronze Age was recovered from the same site (MLO99493).
- 2.2.2 To the southwest of the Site a wooden idol and deer skeleton of possible Neolithic date were found in a peat deposit (MLO5743).



- 2.2.3 An evaluation at Church Street, c. 500m northeast of the Site uncovered a Bronze Age ditch (MLO75013). A little further to the north of this site, on Blackbourne Road a small pit containing two sherds of Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age pottery was revealed including an undated feature (MLO77909; MLO77910; MLO77999).
- 2.2.4 During the archaeological investigations at Beam Washlands a number of features including ditches, pit clusters, postholes and a burnt flint deposit were identified. The features have been dated to the Middle Iron Age and the finds recorded can be associated with industrial activity (MLO78367). One of the ditches contained a large quantity of burnt clay which appeared to have come from a hearth, oven or kiln.
- 2.2.5 Several cropmarks, including two trackways, an enclosure and a ring ditch (MLO58226; MLO58232; MLO58243; MLO58320), have been identified from a 1976 aerial photograph of Old Dagenham Park. Although the origin and date of these cropmarks are unknown, they are likely to be Prehistoric in date.
- 2.3 Romano-British (AD 43 - 410)**
- 2.3.1 During the Roman period the Site was situated on Marshland which most likely accounts for the lack of archaeological evidence dating to this period. The closest Roman road, the London to Colchester road, was also located c. 3km to the north of the Site.
- 2.3.2 Evidence of Roman activity was identified during an evaluation at Beam Washlands; this comprised a series of ditches which may have formed part of a field system or enclosure. The excavations which followed identified three phases of Roman activity; 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> century, 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> century and 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> century. During the first phase of activity the site was characterised as having two functional zones; a domestic and economic zone in the northwest area and a farming area in the southeast, with a cremation cemetery located at the edge of the Wantz Stream. This focus of activity continued into the second phase of occupation but with a different pattern of land division and new enclosure ditches. Two single chambered pottery kilns were also recorded which appeared to have had a long period of use. During the third phase the focus of activity shifted to the south of the 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> century enclosure (MLO78368). It is possible that this site continued in use through to the early medieval period (MLO99519).
- 2.4 Saxon (AD 410 - 1066) and Medieval (AD 1066 - 1500)**
- 2.4.1 The village of Dagenham is thought to be one of the earliest Saxon settlements in Essex and its name, possibly derived from the Saxon *Deccanhaam* meaning Decca's Home, suggests a Saxon presence in the area. However, no evidence of Saxon occupation has been found within the vicinity of the Site.
- 2.4.2 During the 13<sup>th</sup> century, the village of Dagenham was centred on the parish churches of Saints Peter and Paul and the east-west lane which later became Crown Street, to the northeast of the Site. The rest of Dagenham appears to be mostly rural throughout the period.

- 2.4.3 A number of manor houses and moated sites are recorded around the Site. The 13<sup>th</sup> century Manor of Gallance was situated immediately to the northwest of the Site off Broad Street (MLO26325). It was first recorded in 1412 as a free tenement held to the Manor of Barking. The 1864 Ordnance Survey Map shows that by the 19<sup>th</sup> century the main house had become known as Potters Farm.
- 2.4.4 Immediately to the southeast of the Site was the Manor of East Hall (MLO26078) which dates back to the 14<sup>th</sup> century. It consisted of 150 acres of farmland and a timber hall which went into ruin after 1665 and was finally demolished in 1792. It is thought to lie on Old Dagenham Park.
- 2.4.5 The Manor of Cockermouth, first recorded in 1250, was situated c. 500m to the southwest of the Site (MLO26064; MLO43711; MLO44366; MLO44371). The manor was moated on three sides and comprised a Tithe Barn. The manor was later known as Pound House and eventually demolished in 1922.
- 2.4.6 Excavations at Church Street uncovered pits dating to the 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> century; these were discovered under post-medieval structures including a 16<sup>th</sup> century house and a later 18<sup>th</sup> century building. Also on this site were the remains of a 14<sup>th</sup> century house with associated industrial features for a wheelwright (MLO24110 – 24113; MLO25175).
- 2.4.7 Medieval flood defences which separate Barking and Dagenham marshes were recorded at Highams Wall, Ripple Road, to the south of the Site (MLO1434).
- 2.5 Post-medieval and Modern (AD 1500 – present)**
- 2.5.1 During an evaluation at Church Street a 17<sup>th</sup> century building and an 18<sup>th</sup> century ditch were uncovered, along with medieval pits, postholes and gravel surfaces (MLO75014 -75016; MLO75018). A post-medieval ditch was also recorded during an evaluation on Ford Road, to the northwest of the Site (MLO72146 – 72147). Post-medieval features, including postholes, rubbish pits, a ditch and flood defences were recorded at Ferry House on Crown Street, along with ditches and a cultivation layer dated to the medieval period (MLO59889 – 59894).
- 2.5.2 The London to Tilbury Railway line was built during the late 19<sup>th</sup> century to the north of the Site.
- 2.5.3 During the 1920s Dagenham expanded massively with the construction of the Beacontree Estate; which covered an area of over 3000 acres.
- 2.5.4 The Chapman and Andre map of 1777 shows a small settlement on Broad Street, to the east of the Site, along with a number of buildings, lanes and / or streams immediately adjacent to the Site.
- 2.6 Recent investigations within the wider landscape**
- 2.6.1 A number of worked flints dating from the Palaeolithic period were discovered at Rainham Road, Rainham and Beacontree Heath to the north of the Site.



- 2.6.2 To the east of the Beam River at Walden Avenue in Rainham a single Mesolithic flint was recovered.
- 2.6.3 A Bronze palstave axe was discovered at Selinas Lane, Beacontree Heath and a quantity of Iron Age pottery was uncovered at Westrow Drive, Dagenham.
- 2.6.4 A Romano-British farmstead was discovered at Walden Avenue to the east of the Beam River and Roman cemeteries have been found at Whalebone Lane, Beacontree Heath and Manser Road, Rainham.
- 2.6.5 To the south of Dagenham village most of the area retained its rural character until the 20<sup>th</sup> century when the Ford motor works and associated housing was constructed.

### **3 AIMS AND METHODS**

#### **3.1 Introduction and General Objectives**

3.1.1 The general aims of the archaeological investigations, as specified in the WSI (Wessex Archaeology 2010), were:

- To determine the location, form, extent, date, character, condition, significance and quality of any surviving archaeological remains, irrespective of period, liable to be threatened by the proposed development;
- To assess the degree of archaeological survival of buried deposits or features and any surviving structures of archaeological significance; and
- To inform and provide information for any future mitigation that may be required.

3.1.2 The specific objectives, as specified in the WSI (Wessex Archaeology 2010), were:

- To address the potential for prehistoric activity within the Site given the range of evidence for the period from the vicinity of the Site.

#### **3.2 Stripping and Fieldwork Methodology**

3.2.1 The following methodology was proposed in order to meet the aims of the archaeological investigations. All fieldwork was conducted in accordance with the methodology set out in the WSI (Wessex Archaeology 2010) and carried out in compliance with the standards outlined in the Institute for Archaeologists' *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Field Evaluation* (2009), *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Excavation* (2008) and *Standard and Guidance for an Archaeological Watching Brief* (2008).

#### **3.3 Service location**

3.3.1 Prior to and during the archaeological works, the areas were scanned to verify the absence of any underground services using a Cable Avoidance



Tool (CAT). As a result no underground services were found to be present within the Site.

### **3.4 Monitoring**

- 3.4.1 An archaeological watching brief was undertaken to monitor the excavation of 95 test pits targeted over a number of potential unexploded ordnance (UXO) which had been identified by a geophysical survey.
- 3.4.2 A total of twenty evaluation trenches (**Trenches 1-13** and **15-21**), each measuring 30m by 1.8m, were opened to record the presence or absence of archaeological remains. All features identified as of possible archaeological interest were hand excavated and recorded.
- 3.4.3 **Trenches 14** and **22** were not excavated as the area had been included in a previous archaeological evaluation (Wessex Archaeology 2005) and had subsequently been levelled and tarmaced to form a car park.
- 3.4.4 All evaluation trenches, and the excavation area, were marked out on the ground using a Global Positioning Survey (GPS) prior to the commencement of work.
- 3.4.5 All trenches, on agreement with the Greater London Archaeological Advisor, were backfilled on completion of the archaeological recording.
- 3.4.6 As a result of the archaeological findings and following discussion with the Greater London Archaeological Advisor, a small excavation followed. The excavation area measured 25m by 25m and was located within the footprint of the new building, where the impact of development upon the archaeological features would be greatest.
- 3.4.7 The evaluation trenches and excavation area were stripped with a mechanical excavator, using a toothless bucket, under constant archaeological supervision. Machining continued to the first recognisable archaeological horizon or the underlying geological deposits, whichever was encountered first.
- 3.4.8 All archaeological features were surveyed using a Global Positioning System (GPS) and tied into the Ordnance Survey.
- 3.4.9 Following the first phase of archaeological works, a watching brief was undertaken to monitor all ground works associated with the construction of the new development.
- 3.4.10 Following completion of the archaeological works, the archive and all artefacts were taken to the offices of Wessex Archaeology Rochester where they were processed and assessed for this report.

### **3.5 Recording**

- 3.5.1 All recording was undertaken using Wessex Archaeology's *pro forma* recording system.

- 3.5.2 All archaeological features and deposits exposed were hand cleaned and excavated to determine their nature, character and date.
- 3.5.3 A complete drawn record of the evaluation trenches and excavated features comprising both plans and sections, drawn to appropriate scales (1:20 for plans, 1:10 for sections) were undertaken. The plans and sections were annotated with coordinates and aOD heights.
- 3.5.4 Photographs were taken as appropriate, providing a record of excavated features and deposits, and images of the overall Site to illustrate the location and context of the archaeological features. The photographic record comprises black and white, colour images and digital photography. A photographic register of all photographs taken is contained within the project archive.
- 3.5.5 All interventions were surveyed using a GPS tied into the Ordnance Survey.

### **3.6 Health and Safety**

- 3.6.1 All work was carried out in accordance with the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, the Management of Health and Safety regulations 1992 and Health and Safety in Field Archaeology 1997, and all other relevant Health and Safety legislation, regulations and codes of practice in force at the time.
- 3.6.2 A Health and Safety Risk Assessment was produced by Wessex Archaeology (2010), which was read and understood by all staff attending the Site before groundwork commenced.

## **4 ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESULTS**

### **4.1 Introduction**

- 4.1.1 This section presents the results of the archaeological investigations. Detailed descriptions of the contexts recorded are included in **Appendix 1** and **2**. **Figure 1** presents the location of the evaluation trenches and excavation area. **Figures 2-13** provide illustrations of the archaeological features along with key sections and photographs.

### **4.2 Natural deposits and soil sequences**

- 4.2.1 The soil stratigraphy across the Site consisted of mid to dark brown sandy silt topsoil overlying orange brown sandy silt subsoil with mottled yellow orange and light brown sand and gravel natural beneath. On average the natural sand and gravels were encountered between 0.14m (**Trench 7**) and 1.11m (**Trench 4**) below ground level.
- 4.2.2 A probable buried land surface was recorded between the subsoil and natural interface across the majority of the Site and more specifically within **Trenches 5-6, 8-11, 13** and **15-21**. This surface comprised light yellow brown sandy silt with occasional pottery and charcoal flecks and was encountered between 0.19m (**Trench 5**) and 0.45m (**Trench 16**) below ground level. The pottery from this buried surface has been dated to the Late Bronze Age.



4.2.3 **Trenches 3-6 and 13**, towards the north-eastern area of the Site, comprised a series of made ground deposits below the topsoil to a maximum depth of 0.96m below ground level. In **Trenches 4-5 and 13** the made ground sealed a layer of buried topsoil and subsoil which descended gently from south to north, from 3.87m aOD to 3.19m aOD. This buried slope represents an east-west aligned bank which still exists further to the west. These trenches identify this area of the Site as having been made up and levelled at some point, possibly in relation to the construction of the basketball pitch to the east.

### 4.3 Summary of the evaluation results

4.3.1 A total of twenty trenches were excavated of which fifteen revealed evidence of past human activity. **Trenches 4, 5, 16, 17 and 21** recorded no features of archaeological significance; however a buried land surface was recorded (see section 4.2.2).

### 4.4 Palaeolithic (c.500,000 – 10,000 BC) and Mesolithic (c.8500 – 4000 BC)

4.4.1 No evidence of human activity dating to these periods was identified within the evaluation trenches.

### 4.5 Neolithic (c.4000 – 2400 BC)

4.5.1 No evidence of human activity dating to this period was identified within the evaluation trenches.

### 4.6 Bronze Age (c.2400 – 700 BC)

4.6.1 A ditch (**807**) aligned northwest-southeast was recorded in **Trench 8**; it retained a V-shaped profile with dark orange brown sandy silt containing pottery dated to the Late Bronze Age. This ditch was fairly wide and deep suggesting it may have been a boundary ditch.

4.6.2 A series of small pits and postholes were revealed within **Trench 11** of which only one produced datable artefacts; pit **1106 (Figure 2)**. This pit contained two fills both with pottery sherds dated to the Middle-Late Bronze Age. The lower fill also contained an abundant amount of charcoal and some burnt flint and burnt stones suggesting burning *in situ* or a deliberate dump of burnt material. The remaining postholes contained sandy silt with moderate coarse flint gravels suggesting that they were filled naturally. No apparent structure or alignment was clear from the positioning of the postholes within the trench. Only one relationship was identified between these postholes; posthole **1121** was truncated by a later posthole **1111**. The features within this trench were all sealed by a buried surface (**1103**) which contained Late Bronze Age pottery; it is likely that the undatable pits and postholes predate this surface and are contemporary with pit **1106**.

4.6.3 Four ditches were recorded within **Trench 12** of which two contained datable artefacts (**Figure 3 and 4**). Extending out from the eastern end of the trench was a northwest-southeast aligned ditch **1204**; it retained a concave profile with two gravelly fills. The contents of the fills suggest that they most likely derived from natural erosion and weathering of the surrounding surface and edges of the ditch. Abutting this ditch on its western edge, and possibly sharing some sort of relationship with, was a north-south



aligned ditch or large oval pit **1207**. This feature contained a primary silting deposit along the base of its north-eastern edge and a secondary fill containing pottery and ceramic building material. To the west was a northeast-southwest aligned ditch which turned north-westwards as it approached the southern edge of the trench; **1209**. The sole fill of this ditch contained a fragment of burnt clay and burnt flint. In plan this ditch appears to be the south-eastern corner of an enclosure. Running into the western end of the trench was a northwest-southeast aligned ditch or gully **1211**. The profile of this gully may have originally been V-shaped however erosion of the edges has resulted in an irregular profile with a gravelly fill containing Late Bronze Age pottery.

4.6.4 Four ditches were also recorded within **Trench 13** of which only one produced datable artefacts (**Figure 3** and **4**). At the southern end of the trench a northwest-southeast aligned ditch or gully **1305** was recorded. The projected alignment of this gully appeared to align with gully **1211** and also retained a similar profile and dimensions. To the north of this was a northwest-southeast aligned ditch **1307** which also appeared to line up with ditch **1204** to the northwest. Just to the north of this ditch was an east-west aligned ditch **1309** containing probable deliberate backfill with pottery sherds and ceramic building material. Towards the centre of the trench a second east-west aligned ditch **1311** was recorded which appeared to have silted up naturally.

4.6.5 Towards the centre of **Trench 15** was an east-west aligned ditch **1505** with a concave profile and a large quantity of pottery within its upper fill, dated to the Middle-Late Bronze Age (**Figure 5**). The dimensions of this ditch suggest it was most likely used for drainage. Projecting out from the eastern edge of the trench was a large shallow pit **1508** with Late Bronze Age pottery sherds retrieved from its upper fill. A shallow posthole **1510** was recorded at the northern end of the trench; this appeared to be heavily truncated and contained no datable artefacts.

4.6.6 Within **Trench 20** two intercutting pits and one posthole were uncovered towards the southern end of the trench (**Figure 6**). The earliest of these three features was a large shallow oval shaped pit **2009** which contained burnt flint and pottery dated to the Late Bronze Age. This pit had been truncated along its western edge by posthole **2007** which in turn was truncated by a shallow oval pit **2005** to the west. The posthole and later pit contained no datable artefacts and appeared to have infilled naturally. Projecting out from the western edge of **Trench 20** towards the northern end was a large pit **2011**, with a concave profile comprising pottery and burnt and worked flint. This pit may have been used for rubbish disposal. This pit contained fifteen sherds of pottery dated to the Middle-Late Bronze Age with a single sherd of post-medieval pottery; this is most likely to be intrusive.

#### **4.7 Iron Age to Medieval (c.700 BC – AD 1500)**

4.7.1 No evidence of human activity dating to these periods was identified within the evaluation trenches.

#### **4.8 Post-medieval and modern (AD 1500 onwards)**

- 4.8.1 Within the northern half of the Site a ditch aligned northwest-southeast was recorded within **Trenches 1, 2 and 6**; this ditch was also recorded in **Trench 3** on a northeast-southwest alignment (**Figure 7**). The ditch retained moderately steep stepped sides with a flat base and consisted of two fills of mid to dark grey brown silty sandy clay. The ditch contained post-medieval to modern material along with a deposit of small wooden branches; these were all aligned length-ways along the length of the ditch. It is possible that the wood formed some sort of crude drainage system or, more likely, that the branches once formed part of a hedge line that was then deposited into the ditch when it went out of use. Sherds of Middle/Late Bronze Age pottery were retrieved from the ditch in **Trenches 1 and 6**; it is probable that these are intrusive as the majority of other finds point to a post-medieval date.
- 4.8.2 Towards the eastern end of **Trench 19** were three small postholes which truncated an earlier north-south aligned ditch (**Figure 8**). The eastern most posthole **1901** was square shape in plan and contained glass, nails and metal objects. The remaining two postholes **1903** and **1905** were circular in plan and retained similar profiles. The smaller of the two **1903** contained fragments of metal and glass. It is likely that all three postholes are contemporary and date to the modern period. The postholes may have formed a fence line which truncates an earlier ditch **1907**, from its eastern edge across to its western edge. This ditch was aligned north-south and retained steep convex sides and a concave base. It contained no datable artefacts; however it may be possible that it is the continuation of one of the ditches recorded in **Trench 10** (see section 4.9.4) further to the north.
- 4.9 Features of uncertain date**
- 4.9.1 Within the eastern half of **Trench 7** were three very shallow postholes containing burnt flint. Two of the postholes (**705** and **707**) were situated next to each other with the third posthole (**709**) located 3.3m to the southeast. These features appeared to be heavily truncated and contained no datable evidence; providing an unknown function.
- 4.9.2 A possible curvilinear ditch (**809**) which terminated on a northern alignment was recorded to the north of a ditch (**807**) dated to the Late Bronze Age, in **Trench 8**. The ditch retained a concave profile and contained two gravelly fills which appeared to have been deposited naturally. No dating evidence was retrieved from the ditch; it may be contemporary with ditch **807** to the south.
- 4.9.3 A small pit or posthole **906** with possible evidence of burning was recorded towards the centre of **Trench 9**. This pit contained burnt flint and charcoal, and the fill appeared hardened around the edges of the pit. This was either heat affected material or possible packing material for a post. To the southwest of this were two east-west aligned linears; **909** a narrow gully and **911** a possible boundary ditch. Both features contained similar secondary fills with no datable evidence. However these features were sealed by a buried surface containing Late Bronze Age pottery.
- 4.9.4 Within **Trench 10** a number of features were identified; including two ditches; two postholes and a pit (**Figure 8**). The ditches (**1005** and **1010**) ran parallel to each other on a north-south alignment 3.8m apart; both measured the same width and contained similar fills. The most easterly of these two



ditches (**1005**) recorded a bank along its eastern and western edges (**1008** and **1007** respectively). A buried soil (**1009**) was observed beneath these two banks, most likely representing the original ground surface. The banks were most likely formed from the material dug out of the ditches. A posthole (**1013**) was recorded to the west of ditch **1010**; this was fairly shallow and contained burnt flint. An irregular shaped pit (**1015**) was partially observed along the southern edge of the trench which contained a moderate amount of charcoal. Further to the west of this pit was a second posthole **1018** which appeared to have been heavily truncated and contained an abraded fragment of ceramic building material. No datable artefacts were retrieved from any of the features within this trench.

- 4.9.5 Towards the southern end of **Trench 18** were two postholes situated 0.1m apart on a northeast-southwest alignment. Posthole **1806**, to the northeast, retained a deep concave profile with an organic deposit. Posthole **1808** was larger in plan but shallower and recorded a weathered sandy silt fill. No datable artefacts were recorded within either posthole.

#### **4.10 Summary of the excavation results**

- 4.10.1 The excavation uncovered a series of intercutting ditches, small pits and postholes (**Figure 9**).

#### **4.11 Palaeolithic (c.500,000 – 10,000 BC) and Mesolithic (c.8500 – 4000 BC)**

- 4.11.1 No evidence of human activity dating to these periods was identified from the excavation.

#### **4.12 Neolithic (c.4000 – 2400 BC)**

- 4.12.1 A discrete feature located within the northern half of the excavation area, next to the western edge of ditch group **3001**, was a large shallow posthole or pit **3234**. This posthole recorded steep concave sides and a flat base with a deliberate backfill of dark brown grey silty sand containing charcoal and pottery. The majority of pottery suggests an Early Neolithic date however a couple of sherds may be Middle Bronze Age in date (see section 5.2). For what purpose this posthole served is unclear as no other was found within close proximity. However it is possible that other discrete features may have been truncated away, as **3234** only survives to a depth of 0.08m.

#### **4.13 Bronze Age (c.2400 – 700 BC)**

- 4.13.1 A large east-west ditch (group **3003**) which ran across the centre of the excavated area, recorded steep sloping sides and a shallow concave base (**Figure 10**). This ditch contained two fills of which its primary fill contained pottery dated to the Middle Bronze Age. One of the excavated slots, towards the eastern end of the excavation area, revealed a re-cut (ditch group **3014**) which contained Middle-Late Bronze Age pottery and a small quantity of fired clay which appeared to form small rectangular blocks. Both ditch groups were truncated by north-south ditch groups **3001**, **3016** and **3002** at the centre of the excavation area. To the west of ditch group **3001**, it was unclear in plan whether or not ditch re-cut **3014** extended further westwards.
- 4.13.2 A large irregular shaped pit (**3181**) with an irregular profile truncated the eastern edge of undated ditch group **3010** (**Figure 13**). This pit contained



gravelly sandy silt with a single sherd of pottery dated to the Late Bronze Age. The characteristics of the pit suggest that it was a tree throw and therefore the pottery sherd is most likely intrusive.

- 4.13.3 Just to the east of tree throw **3181** were three intercutting pits and a single posthole. The earliest of the intercutting pits was **3211** which was circular in plan with steep straight sides and a flat base (**Figure 11**). This larger pit was then truncated by posthole **3213** along its internal south-western edge. This posthole had moderately steep sloping sides with a flat narrow base. The north-eastern edge of this posthole, and situated within the north-eastern half of pit **3211**, was later truncated by pit **3215**. This pit also recorded steep straight sides with a flat base. All three pits contained burnt clay of which some retained a rectangular shape. Posthole **3213** and pit **3215** also contained pottery which point to a Middle-Late Bronze Age date. The single posthole **3209**, situated next to the south-western edge of pit **3211**, retained steep straight sides with a flat base. It contained mid orange brown sandy silt with charcoal and pottery. The pottery suggests an Early Neolithic date however due to the fabric (see section 5.2) it could just as likely be Late Bronze Age. If this posthole is contemporary with the intercutting pits then it is most likely of Late Bronze Age date.
- 4.13.4 Other features which also contained pottery of a possible Early Neolithic or Middle-Late Bronze Age date include posthole **3227** and intercutting pits **3205** and **3207** (**Figure 11**). Posthole **3227** was located just to the north of ditch group **3006**; it retained steep concave sides and a flat base. A few sherds of pottery were retrieved which could have an Early Neolithic date or Late Bronze Age date. A second posthole **3229** was identified just to the east, it contained no datable evidence however it did retain the same characteristics as posthole **3227** and so is most likely contemporary. Intercutting posthole **3205** and pit **3207** were located towards the western limits of the excavation, just south of ditch group **3012**. Posthole **3205** was circular in plan with steep straight sides and a flat base. It contained mid orange brown sandy silt with charcoal. This posthole truncated the western edge of an earlier shallow pit (**3207**) with a similar fill as the posthole. Dating evidence was only retrieved from posthole **3205** which also suggests an Early Neolithic or Middle-Late Bronze Age date.
- 4.13.5 An oval shaped pit **3149** which truncated the southern edge of ditch group **3012** retained a shallow concave profile with dark grey brown silty sand containing charcoal and pottery (**Figure 11**). The ditch this pit truncated (group **3012**) was aligned east-southeast – west-northwest and retained steep stepped sides with a flat base. The fill contained pottery and charcoal. The pottery within both these features could either date to the Early Neolithic or Late Bronze Age. The pottery within pit **3149** is more likely to be Late Bronze Age in date due to the pottery found during the evaluation within ditch group **3012** pointing to a positive Late Bronze Age date.
- 4.13.6 A large oval pit (group **3011**) with a concave profile and flat base was located towards the centre of the excavation area. This pit truncated the southern terminus of ditch group **3002** (**Figure 12**) and the south-eastern edge of ditch group **3004**, to the north. To the south, pit group **3011** was truncated by ditch group **3005** (**Figure 13**). The fill of **3011** contained mid to dark brown sandy silt with burnt flint. No further dating evidence was found

during the excavation, however this pit was dated to the Middle-Late Bronze Age period during the evaluation.

#### **4.14 Iron Age to Medieval (c.700 BC – AD 1500)**

- 4.14.1 No evidence of human activity dating to these periods was identified from the excavation.

#### **4.15 Post-medieval and modern (AD 1500 onwards)**

- 4.15.1 One feature identified as modern was an oval pit with sharp oval sides and a flat base (**3197**), containing brick and tile fragments. This pit truncated ditch group **3002** towards its southern end.

#### **4.16 Features of uncertain date**

- 4.16.1 Extending out from the northern limits of the excavation were four intercutting ditches on a north-northeast – south-southwest alignment and included **Groups 3001, 3015, 3016 and 3002**, from west to east respectively (**Figure 10**). Ditch group **3001** measured 18.28m in length and 1.35m wide and retained a concave profile with a single fill containing burnt flints. It is likely that this ditch terminated c.1m south of its southern-most excavation slot. Within the northern excavation slot, ditch group **3001** was initially truncated by ditch group **3016** along its eastern edge and then later both ditch groups were truncated by ditch group **3015**. Ditch group **3015** measured 11m long by 0.78m wide and comprised a U-shaped profile with a single secondary fill. This ditch was not present in the southern excavation slot and so must terminate before this; however evidence for its terminus was not clear in plan. The southern terminus of ditch group **3001** was also unclear in plan but it was most likely truncated by pit **3187** to the south, which also truncated the southern terminus of ditch group **3016** (**Figure 12**). Ditch group **3016** retained a steep concave profile and measured 16m long and 2.45m wide. Its southern terminus appeared bowl-shaped in plan and had been truncated by pit group **3013**. The eastern-most ditch group **3002** was the latest of these four ditches, as it truncated the eastern edge of ditch group **3016**. This ditch measured 14.75m long and 1.6m wide and recorded a concave profile. The very southern edge of its terminus was truncated by a large oval-shaped pit (group **3011**) (**Figure 12**). No datable artefacts were retrieved from these four ditch groups; however they were recorded as truncating east-west ditch groups **3003** and **3014** which contained Middle-Late Bronze Age pottery.
- 4.16.2 Three undated pits were recorded as truncating ditch groups **3001** and **3016** towards their southern ends (**Figure 10**). Ditch group **3001** was truncated by circular pit **3217** which had a steep concave profile. Ditch group **3016** had been truncated by two sub-oval pits; **3246** and pit group **3013** which was situated across the southern terminus of the ditch. All three pits contained sterile brown sandy silt with gravels; as a result the function of these pits was unclear.
- 4.16.3 Two ditches (group **3004** and **3007**) aligned northwest-southeast were identified running into ditch group **3003**. Both ditches measured over 1m wide and retained steep concave profiles suggesting that they functioned as boundary ditches. The exact relationship between ditch **3003** and **3004** was unclear; however it was identified that ditch **3007** truncated ditch **3003**



towards the western end of the excavation area (**Figure 11**). Neither ditch produced any datable evidence.

- 4.16.4 The south-eastern terminus of ditch **3007** was recorded as truncating ditch group **3006** along its northern edge just before its western terminus (**Figure 13**). Ditch group **3006** was aligned roughly east-west and extended from the eastern limits of the excavation for 21m. This ditch was narrower than the other ditches on Site and retained a step concave profile. In close proximity to where ditch group **3007** truncated its northern edge, ditch group **3006** had been truncated by a shallow circular pit (**3160**) and the terminus of a north-south aligned ditch (group **3010**) (**Figure 13**). This north-south ditch extended out from the southern limits of the excavation for 5.5m and measured 1.6m wide, with steep sloping sides and a concave base. Ditch group **3010** truncated the eastern terminus of ditch group **3012**.
- 4.16.5 It may be possible that ditch group **3010** is contemporary with ditch group **3008** and **3009** to the east. All three ditches are on the same alignment with ditches **3009** and **3010** terminating just a few meters in from the southern limits of the excavation. It is likely that ditch group **3008** also terminated a few meters in from the excavation edge, as it appears very wide in plan and then becomes very narrow just to the south of its truncation through ditch group **3006**. The slot excavated at the southern end of ditch **3008** recorded a similar profile and dimension to ditch **3009**; a concave profile measuring 1.26m wide.
- 4.16.6 As ditch group **3008** extended northwards it truncated ditch group **3006** and then ditch group **3005** further to the north (**Figure 13**). Both of these ditches were aligned east-west and retained shallow concave profiles. Ditch **3005** measured 8.41m long and 0.74m wide. This ditch also truncated the south-eastern edge of an earlier pit (group **3011**) (**Figure 13**).
- 4.16.7 Other undated features include ditch **3154**, pits **3162** and **3251**, and postholes **3249**, **3231** and **3253**. Ditch **3154** was aligned north-northeast – south-southwest and extended out of the southern limits of the excavation for c.2m where it then terminated. The north-eastern terminus retained a steep concave profile with mid orange brown silty loam. Next to its western edge and also extending out from the southern limits of the excavation was a large pit or possible ditch terminus **3162**. This feature revealed a shallow concave profile with a loose gravelly fill. Just to the north of this feature was posthole **3249** which recorded steep straight edges and a flat base with dark grey black silty sand, suggesting a probable dump of burning within the backfill of the posthole. Located just to the south of ditch group **3006** was a shallow posthole **3231** which had steep straight sides and a flat base. This posthole may be associated with the other dated postholes and pits situated around it. A small pit **3251** was located within the south-eastern area of the excavation, in between ditch groups **3008** and **3009**. This pit recorded steep sloping edges and a flat base with its contents containing charcoal and burnt flint. To the northeast of this pit on the eastern side of ditch terminus **3009** was posthole **3253** which also had steep straight sides and a flat base with dark brown grey silty sand. The purpose of these undated discrete features was unclear.

#### 4.17 UXO test pits



- 4.17.1 No archaeological features or deposits were revealed within the UXO test pits. A small sample of artefacts were recorded but not retained as they were all dated as modern.

## **5 ARTEFACTS**

### **5.1 Introduction**

- 5.1.1 A relatively small finds assemblage was recovered from the Site, deriving from evaluation trenches (from 15 of the 20 trenches excavated), and from the excavated area. Only pottery occurred in any significant quantity within this assemblage, which is largely of prehistoric date, with a few later items.
- 5.1.2 Of interest is the presence of a small Early Neolithic component amongst the pottery assemblage, although difficulties of secure identification were encountered.
- 5.1.3 All finds have been quantified by material type within each context, and the results are presented in **Table 1**.

### **5.2 Pottery**

- 5.2.1 The pottery assemblage is largely of prehistoric date, with a few post-medieval sherds.

#### ***Prehistoric***

- 5.2.2 With the exception of eight sherds in sandy fabrics, and one in a shelly fabric, the prehistoric pottery comprises sherds in flint-tempered fabrics, with a wide range of variation in the frequency, size and sorting of the flint inclusions. This preponderance of flint-tempered fabrics has led to some difficulty in identification, as they have a lengthy currency from the Early Neolithic period, intermittently through to the Iron Age in the lower Thames valley.
- 5.2.3 There are certainly sherds here that can be assigned to the Early Neolithic period, comprising two rolled-over rims and one horizontally perforated lug from a decorated bowl (posthole **3234**). These sherds are in a relatively fine flint-tempered fabric variant, with frequent small but well sorted inclusions. Nine other sherds in a similar fabric from the same context, including two sherds with tooled decoration, are assumed to be of the same ceramic tradition, although undiagnostic. Although two other sherds also from the same context are in a much coarser fabric variant that is very similar to the diagnostic Middle Bronze Age material (see below).
- 5.2.4 There are no other diagnostically Early Neolithic sherds present, but another ten undiagnostic body sherds and one rim sherd (pit **3149**, ditch **3199**, postholes **3205**, **3209** and **3227**) can be highlighted as of possible Early Neolithic date. These are either in finely tempered fabrics similar to the sherds from **3234**, or in coarser fabrics with rare, randomly sorted, larger inclusions; both variants are fairly typical of Early Neolithic ceramics in the region. The single rim sherd (which is not clearly diagnostic of the Early Neolithic period) is in a shelly fabric.

5.2.5 Alternatively, these sherds could be of Middle/Late Bronze Age date, accompanying the remainder of the assemblage, which includes fabrics and forms diagnostic of the Middle to Late Bronze Age, and incorporating traits characteristic of the Deverel-Rimbury ceramic tradition, and plainware 'post-Deverel-Rimbury' ceramics. Recent research suggests that these two traditions do not have a straightforward relationship of succession and replacement (e.g. Morris 2004), but it may be that some of the material here falls within a 'transitional' stage between the two. Fabrics are mostly fairly coarse, although the frequency of the inclusions decreases through time, and the sorting becomes more random. Sherds typical of Deverel-Rimbury include at least one applied impressed cordon (ditch **1309**), and several sherds in finer fabric variants that could represent the fineware component of the tradition, although no diagnostic sherds are present here (medium-sized globular vessels). Apart from the single sherd with an applied cordon, there are no diagnostic sherds from the typical Deverel-Rimbury coarseware forms – large bucket- or barrel-shaped vessels - and the rim sherds that are present (12 examples) appear to derive from small to medium-sized tub-shaped vessels, one with fingernail impressions on the rim (ditches **104** and **1505**, ditch re-cut **3178**, posthole **3213**), which can also occur in late Bronze Age assemblages. One vessel with definite post-Deverel-Rimbury traits was found unstratified (object number **3701**); sherds comprise a large part of the vessel, which has a flared neck, an internally bevelled rim, and an applied neck cordon with finger pinching.

5.2.6 The remaining eight sherds, which are in sandy fabrics, have been broadly dated as Middle to Late Bronze Age; none are diagnostic.

### ***Post-medieval***

5.2.7 There are five post-medieval sherds, four in coarse redwares (PMR), and one in English stoneware (ENGS). These came from ditch **205**, buried subsoil **508**, and pit **2011**.

## **5.3 Ceramic Building Material**

5.3.1 The ceramic building material includes fragments of flat roof tile (medieval and post-medieval), and brick (all post-medieval, one with a vitrified surface). One group of roof tiles (pit **3197**) are in a white-firing fabric.

## **5.4 Fired Clay**

5.4.1 This category includes a group of fragments, from ditch **1309**, ditch re-cut **3178**, pits **3211** and **3215**, and posthole **3213**, that appear to derive from a series of small rectangular blocks; none are reconstructable. All are made from similar fabrics, poorly wedged but in a relatively fine fabric lacking any macroscopic inclusions. These objects are of uncertain function. They were associated with sherds of Middle/Late Bronze Age pottery, but are comparable to similar small blocks ('Belgic bricks') found on various sites in Essex and conjectured to be kiln bars, but the latter are apparently of much later date (Late Iron Age or Early Roman; e.g. Major 1998; Mephram forthcoming).

5.4.2 Other fragments of fired clay are featureless, and of uncertain date and function.



## 5.5 Worked and Burnt Flint

- 5.5.1 The worked flint comprises five flakes, a broken blade and a small, crudely made scraper. None of these is particularly chronologically distinctive, and such a small group cannot be dated more closely in the absence of tools or other utilised pieces.
- 5.5.2 Burnt, unworked flint was found in larger quantities, although in terms of distribution it formed only a very low level background scatter across the Site. This material type is intrinsically undatable, although often taken as an indicator of prehistoric activity. In this instance its distribution coincides only partially with that of the prehistoric pottery.

## 5.6 Metalwork

- 5.6.1 Metal objects are all of iron, and include two nails; other objects are fragments of sheet metal or plate, and of uncertain form or function. All objects are likely to be of post-medieval date.

## 5.7 Animal Bone

- 5.7.1 Two fragments of animal bone were recovered, both from evaluation trenches. The first is a fragment of thoracic vertebra (spinous process) from a medium-sized mammal (e.g. sheep/goat/pig) from ditch **104** (fill **106**). The second is the shaft of pig humerus from ditch **205** (fill **207**). The cortical surface of the humerus fragment is flaky and the broken edges of the fragment are slightly abraded. This suggests that the fragment is likely to be residual, having been reworked from earlier deposits. Gnaw marks were also observed on the end of the humerus shaft.

## 5.8 Other Finds

- 5.8.1 Other finds comprise a small quantity of modern vessel glass; a possible ashlar fragment in limestone; four clay tobacco pipe stems (one with a damaged spur with the maker's initials S/?), and four pieces of ironworking slag.

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

Context	Burnt Flint	CBM	Fired Clay	Worked Flint	Pottery	Other finds
<b>EVAL</b>						
0106	1/7	1/15			3/35	1 animal bone
0107						1 clay pipe
0112						1 slag
0206		4/116				1 clay pipe; 4 glass; 2 iron
0207		1/131			3/36	1 animal bone; 1 clay pipe; 5 glass
0508					2/31	
0609		1/22			1/5	1 glass
0706	1/5					
0708	1/2					
0710	1/6					
Tr 7 u/s				1/4		



0808					2/12	
0907	6/20					
0908					1/7	
1014	3/20					
1019						
1103					3/22	
1107	2/19				4/34	3 slag
1108					6/69	
1208	3/41	1/7			1/11	
1210	3/179					
1212					2/5	
1303			1/15	1/16	1/14	1 clay pipe
1310			2/159		1/20	
1506			2/113		69/949	
1509					3/44	
1609			3/27			
1902						10 iron
1904						
2010	2/13				3/20	
2012	30/395			1/9	16/134	
<b>EXCAV</b>						
3110	2/10					
3112	1/5					
3128	1/12					
3148	1/33			1/11		
3149					1/11	
3167					8/54	
3168	8/72		13/445	1/14	139/1273	
3170	2/15			1/9		
3172	1/25					
3174	3/35					
3176	3/38					
3182					1/12	
3190	4/35					
3198	3/71	21/2037				1 building stone
3200					5/15	
3202	1/4				4/16	
3204	1/4					
3206					2/41	
3210					1/24	
3212			46/1058			
3214	1/12		25/763		5/57	
3216	5/35		18/634		7/128	
3223	1/4					
3226	1/40					
3228					2/21	
3233						
3235				1/1	14/102	
3252	3/4					
u/s (object no. 3701)					97/1192	

<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>95/1161</b>	<b>29/2328</b>	<b>110/3214</b>	<b>7/64</b>	<b>407/4394</b>	
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## 6 ENVIRONMENTAL EVIDENCE

### 6.1 Introduction

6.1.1 A total of 10 bulk samples were taken from pits, ditches and postholes from a number of phases and were processed for the recovery and assessment of charred plant remains and wood charcoals.

6.1.2 The bulk samples break down into the following phase groups:

**Table 2: Sample Provenance Summary**

<i>Phase</i>	<i>No of samples</i>	<i>Volume (litres)</i>	<i>Feature types</i>
M-LBA	6	93	Ditch, pits and postholes
BA	1	5	Pit
Post-med	3	28	Ditches
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>126</b>	

6.1.3 The three samples from Post-medieval ditches were also sub-sampled for the recovery of waterlogged remains.

### 6.2 Charred Plant Remains

6.2.1 Bulk samples were processed by standard flotation methods; the flot retained on a 0.5 mm mesh, residues fractionated into 5.6 mm, 2mm and 1mm fractions and dried. The coarse fractions (>5.6 mm) were sorted, weighed and discarded. Flots were scanned under a x10 – x40 stereo-binocular microscope and the preservation and nature of the charred plant and wood charcoal remains recorded in **Appendix 4**. Preliminary identifications of dominant or important taxa are noted below, following the nomenclature of Stace (1997).

6.2.2 The flots were generally large with high numbers of roots and modern seeds that are indicative of stratigraphic movement and the possibility of contamination by later intrusive elements. Coal fragments were also recovered from the Middle/Late Bronze Age pit **1106** and Post-medieval ditch **606**. Charred material comprised varying degrees of preservation.

6.2.3 Moderate quantities of charred cereal remains, including a possible free-threshing wheat (*Triticum turgidum/aestivum* type) grain fragment and hulled wheat, emmer or spelt (*Triticum dicoccum/spelta*), glume fragments and a spikelet fork were recovered from the Middle/Late Bronze Age pit **1106**. The chaff fragments generally appeared to be those of emmer (*Triticum dicoccum*) rather than spelt (*Triticum spelta*). There were also a small number of weed seeds, including seeds of oats/brome grass (*Avena/Bromus* sp.) and goosefoot (*Chenopodium* spp.). Emmer is thought to be the principal wheat during the Middle Bronze Age, as noted at West Thurrock (Stevens forthcoming) and at Dartford (Pelling 2003), although at both these sites in some samples spelt is equally as common (Pelling forthcoming) but

free-threshing wheat grain is thought to become common within the Saxon and medieval periods (Greig 1991).

6.2.4 The six samples from the Middle to Late Bronze Age features only produced a few charred remains. The low number of cereal remains mainly comprised indeterminate grain fragments, but also included a single barley (*Hordeum vulgare*) grain fragment. The small quantities of weed seeds included seeds of oats/brome grass, sedge (*Carex* sp.) and goosefoots, the latter however were possibly modern intrusions. There was also a possible sloe (*Prunus* sp.) stone fragment in Bronze Age pit **3251** and shell fragments of hazelnut (*Corylus avellana*) in the Middle to Late Bronze Age pits **3211** and **3215** and posthole **3213**.

6.2.5 No charred plant remains were observed within the three Post-medieval ditches.

### 6.3 Wood Charcoal

6.3.1 Wood charcoal was noted from the flots of the bulk samples and is recorded in **Appendix 4**. Wood charcoal fragments of >4 mm were only recovered in relatively small quantities from the prehistoric samples.

### 6.4 Waterlogged plant remains

6.4.1 Subsamples of one litre were taken from the bulk samples from the Post-medieval ditches **104**, **205** and **606** and were processed for the recovery of waterlogged remains. Laboratory flotation was undertaken with flots retained on a 0.25mm mesh and residues on a 0.5mm mesh. Residues and flots were stored in sealed containers with Industrial Methylated Spirits (IMS). The larger fraction (>5.6mm) was sorted, weighed and discarded. The flots were visually inspected under a x10 to x40 stereo-binocular microscope to determine if waterlogged material occurred. Where waterlogged material was present, preliminary identifications of dominant taxa were conducted and are presented below.

6.4.2 The waterlogged sample from ditch **104** produced a large number of small wood fragments, thorns of hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*) and uncharred weed seeds. These included seeds of bramble (*Rubus* spp.), nettle (*Urtica* sp.), elder (*Sambucus nigra*), campion (*Silene* sp.), woundwort (*Stachys* sp.), fumitory (*Fumaria* sp.) and sedge.

6.4.3 A similar assemblage of a large number of small wood fragments, thorns of hawthorn and uncharred weed seeds was recovered from ditch **205**. The weed seeds included those of elder, bramble, nettle, sedge, fumitory, woundwort, buttercup (*Ranunculus* sp.), wood stitchwort (*Stellaria nemorum*) and goosefoots. There were also a number of buds.

6.4.4 The waterlogged sample from ditch **606** was again similar with large numbers of small wood fragments, uncharred weed seeds and buds. The weed seeds include seeds of elder, bramble, nettle, fumitory, sedge, woundwort, buttercup, hawthorn, knotgrass (*Polygonum aviculare*), goosefoots and greater stitchwort (*Stellaria holostea*).



- 6.4.5 These assemblages are typically indicative of overgrown hedge and scrub species in the vicinity of the ditches with very little indication of more open environments or field edge species.

## 7 DISCUSSION

- 7.1.1 The archaeological investigations have revealed a high potential for prehistoric activity on the Site, mostly pointing to the Middle to Late Bronze Age. The features identified included a probable double ditched and banked enclosure, a series of pits, postholes, boundary and drainage ditches, and a buried land surface dated to the Late Bronze Age.
- 7.1.2 The archaeological evaluation revealed a series of pits and postholes in **Trenches 9-11, 15 and 20**. These features contained varying amounts of Middle to Late Bronze Age pottery and flint. A number of ditches were recorded within **Trenches 9, 12-13 and 15**; these also contained varying amounts of Middle to Late Bronze Age pottery. Two of the ditches recorded in **Trench 13** appeared to continue into **Trench 12**. The alignment of another ditch within **Trench 12** suggested that it may have formed the southeast corner of an enclosure.
- 7.1.3 A double ditch and bank was recorded in **Trench 10** and possibly continued southwards into **Trench 19**. This double ditch ran parallel with a similar feature found during an archaeological evaluation to the east of the Site in 2005 (Wessex Archaeology), and may represent the western extent of this ditched enclosure.
- 7.1.4 To the north of the Site, within **Trenches 1, 2, 3 and 6**, a drainage ditch or palaeochannel with wooden branches lying length-ways along the base of the ditch were recorded. The environmental evidence suggests that the area was overgrown with hedge and scrub species. It is possible that this ditch may be a tributary of the Wantz Stream and relate to the palaeochannel recorded during the evaluation to the east of the Site in 2005 (Wessex Archaeology).
- 7.1.5 The archaeological excavation revealed the continuation of the ditches previously recorded during the evaluation (**Trenches 12 and 13**) and also identified the potential southeast corner of an enclosure (**Trench 12**) as that of two abutting ditch termini instead. The majority of features uncovered within the excavation area were intercutting one another. A series of interventions were therefore excavated to better understand these relationships. There appeared to be a general pattern where by the east-west aligned ditches were later truncated by the north-south ditches. This may indicate either a change in farming practice or a change in use of the Site.
- 7.1.6 The finds retrieved from the Site consisted mainly of pottery which has been dated from the Middle to Late Bronze Age, with a small assemblage dating to the Early Neolithic period. Small assemblages of burnt clay, forming small rectangular slabs, were also found in association with the Middle to Late Bronze Age pottery. It has been suggested that these are kiln bars related to

pottery production. Similar artefacts were found to the east of the Site in 2005 (Wessex Archaeology).

- 7.1.7 The results of the archaeological investigations reveal that the area previously recorded in 2005 (Wessex Archaeology) extends further to the west and possibly dates to an earlier phase of activity during the Bronze Age. Recent investigations in the area, further to the east of the Site, suggest that settlement activity may have moved from west to east along the course of the Wantz Stream from the prehistoric through to the Romano-British period.

## **8 ARCHIVE**

### **8.1 Preparation and Deposition**

- 8.1.1 The complete project archive will be prepared in accordance with the Museum of London's *General standards for the preparation of archaeological archives deposited with the Museum of London* (2009), and in general following nationally recommended guidelines (Walker 1990; SMA 1995; Richards and Robinson 2000; Brown 2007). On completion of the project, the archive will be deposited with the Museum of London.

### **8.2 Archive**

- 8.2.1 Following the fieldwork the archive and all artefacts were subsequently transported to Wessex Archaeology's Rochester office where they were processed and assessed for this report. The accompanying documentary records from the archaeological works have been compiled into a stable fully cross-referenced and indexed archive in accordance with Appendix 6 of *Management of Archaeological Projects* (English Heritage 1991).
- 8.2.2 The contents of the project archive, comprises four A4 ring-bound files containing the following:
- 29 Trench Record Sheets
  - 278 Context Sheets, including 8 Context Indices
  - 19 A3 and 78 A4 Drawings, including 8 Graphic Registers
  - 43 Photographic Records
  - 13 Environmental Sample Sheets, including 2 Environmental Sample Registers
  - 1 Object Register
  - Day Book (49 sheets)
  - A copy of the WSI
- 8.2.3 The project archive including plans, photographs and written records are currently held at Wessex Archaeology's Rochester office under the MOL Site code **DPC10**. The project archive will be deposited with Museum of



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London. Deposition of the finds with the museum will only be carried out with the full agreement of the landowner.

### **8.3 Copyright**

- 8.3.1 The full copyright of the written/illustrative archive relating to the Site will be retained by Wessex Archaeology Ltd under the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 with all rights reserved. The recipient museum, however, will be granted an exclusive license for the use of the archive for educational purposes, including academic research, providing that such use shall be non-profit making, and conforms to the Copyright and Related Rights regulations 2003.

### **8.4 Security Copy**

- 8.4.1 In line with current best practice, on completion of the project a security copy of the paper records will be prepared, in the form of microfilm. The master jackets and one diazo copy of the microfilm will be submitted to the National Monuments Record Centre (NMR) (English Heritage) in Swindon; a second diazo copy will be deposited with the paper records at the Museum of London, and a third diazo copy will be retained by Wessex Archaeology.
- 8.4.2 In addition an OASIS online record will be completed for submission to the London Archaeological Archives and Research Centre (LAARC) of the Museum of London. This will include an uploaded digital version of the report. The summary sheet is included as **Appendix 4**.

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## APPENDIX 1: TABLE OF TRENCH DESCRIPTIONS

All archaeological deposits/features shown in **bold**

All (+) indicate deposits/features not fully excavated

Trench 1	Dimensions: 30m x 1.8m / Max. depth 0.80m		
	Coordinates: 549420.177, 184109.095, 3.489m aOD		
Context	Description	Interpretation/Process of deposition	Dimensions (m)
101	Mid brown sandy silt with occasional sub-rounded flint pebbles	Topsoil	0.00-0.18
102	Light to mid brown sandy silt with occasional sub-rounded flint pebbles	Subsoil	0.18-0.43
103	Orange brown clay and silt overlying orange brown clay with abundant sub-rounded flint pebbles	Natural	0.43+
<b>104</b>	NW-SE aligned ditch with concave SE side and a convex NW side, and a flat base	<b>Cut of Ditch – possible drainage ditch, continuation of ditch 205 and 606</b>	2.15 wide x 0.66 deep
<b>105</b>	Black brown silty clay containing degraded wooden sticks situated along the NE side, all on a NW-SE alignment	<b>Fill of 104 – lower secondary fill</b>	0.24 deep
<b>106</b>	Brown silty clay containing pottery, CBM and worked stone	<b>Fill of 104 – secondary fill</b>	0.33 deep
<b>107</b>	Mid brown sandy silt containing a fragment of clay pipe	<b>Fill of 104 – upper secondary fill</b>	0.28 deep

Trench 2	Dimensions: 30m x 1.8m/ Max. depth 0.80m		
	Coordinates: 549464.446, 184106.505, 3.201m aOD		
Context	Description	Interpretation/Process of deposition	Dimensions (m)
201	Mid grey brown sandy loam with rare gravel inclusions	Topsoil	0.00-0.17
202	Light Grey brown sandy silt with moderate coarse gravel inclusions	Subsoil	0.17-0.54
203	Void	/	/
204	Yellow white sandy clay with common coarse gravel and fine gravel inclusions	Natural	0.54m+
<b>205</b>	NW-SE aligned ditch with moderately stepped sides and a flat base	<b>Cut of Ditch – possible drainage ditch, continuation of ditch 104 and 606</b>	1.72 wide x 0.6 deep
<b>206</b>	Mid grey brown sandy silt containing glass, pottery and clay pipe fragments	<b>Fill of 205 – upper secondary fill</b>	0.27 deep
<b>207</b>	Dark grey black silty clay containing organic material and wooden sticks, and a clay pipe	<b>Fill of 205 – lower secondary fill</b>	0.34 deep

Trench 3	Dimensions: 30m x 1.8m / Max. depth 1.3m		
	Coordinates: 549492.194, 184105.331, 3.162m aOD		
Context	Description	Interpretation/Process of deposition	Dimensions (m)
301	Mid brown clayey silt with moderate small sub-round stones (at base of horizon)	Topsoil	0.00-0.22
302	Mid orange brown sandy clayey silt with occasional small sub-rounded stones	Subsoil	0.22-0.44



303	Mid grey brown clayey sandy silt with CBM and occasional small sub-rounded stones	Made Ground	0.44-0.72
304	Mid orange brown sandy silty clay with occasional small sub-round stones and Fe panning	Made Ground	0.72-0.81
305	Mottled light blue grey sandy clay with common sub-rounded and rounded stones	Natural	0.81+
<b>306</b>	NE-SW aligned ditch with dark brown silty clay containing wood fragments	<b>Cut of Ditch – possible drainage ditch, similar to 104; 205 and 606</b>	0.66m wide

<b>Trench 4</b>			
<b>Dimensions:</b> 30m x 1.8m / Max. depth 1.24m			
<b>Coordinates:</b> 549515.552 x 184059.069, 3.904m aOD			
<b>Context</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Interpretation/Process of deposition</b>	<b>Dimensions (m)</b>
401	Mid brown clayey silt with moderate small-medium sub-rounded and sub-angular stones	Topsoil	0.00-0.2
402	Mottled light grey brown, friable clayey silt with occasional small sub-rounded stones. Contains lens of buried topsoil	Bank Material	0.2-0.65
<b>403</b>	Mottled light grey orange silty clay with occasional plastic, brick and moderate small-medium sub-rounded and sub-angular stones	<b>Made Ground – possible fill of 411</b>	0.2-0.65
404	Dark grey brown clayey silt	Buried Topsoil (similar to 408)	0.65-0.7
405	Mid grey brown with orange mottled sandy clayey silt with occasional small sub-rounded stones	Buried Subsoil	0.7-0.78
406	Mottled light to dark brown orange sandy silt with common sub-rounded stones	Natural (similar to 409)	0.78+
407	Mottled mid grey orange brown clayey silt with occasional small sub-rounded stones	Made Ground	0.2-0.48
408	Dark grey brown clayey silt	Buried Topsoil (similar to 404)	0.48-0.62
409	Mottled light grey orange sandy clayey silt with occasional sub-rounded stones	Natural (similar to 406)	0.96-1.11
410	Mottled dark orange brown clayey silty sand with common sub-rounded stones	Natural	1.11+
<b>411</b>	Moderately steep straight sides with a flat base. Cuts into bank material in order to re-level ground to the north.	<b>Truncation of Bank</b>	0.45 deep
412	Mottled light yellow brown grey sandy silt with occasional sub-rounded and sub-angular stones and CBM	Made Ground	0.62-0.96

<b>Trench 5</b>			
<b>Dimensions:</b> 30m x 1.8m / Max. depth 0.75m			
<b>Coordinates:</b> 576700.367, 152373.849, 95.654m aOD			
<b>Context</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Interpretation/Process of deposition</b>	<b>Dimensions (m)</b>
501	Mid grey brown friable clayey silt with common small sub-rounded stones	Topsoil	0.00-0.10
502	Mid orange brown friable clayey silt with moderate small sub-angular and sub-rounded stones	Subsoil	0.10-0.19

503	Mottled light yellow brown orange soft sandy silt with occasional small sub-rounded stones	Tertiary Soil Layer – possible buried surface	0.19-0.45
504	Mottled light brownish yellow orange fine silty sand with occasional small sub-rounded stones	Natural Sand	0.45-0.63
505	Mid brown orange clayey sand with abundant small-medium sub-rounded pebbles	Natural Sand and Gravel	0.63+
506	Mid grey brown friable clayey silt with moderate small sub-rounded and sub-angular stones, occasional metal and plastic.	Made Ground	0.10-0.51
507	Dark grey brown clayey silt with decomposed grass (contains glass). Within cut of bank <b>509</b>	Buried Topsoil	0.05 thick
508	Mid brown clayey silt with occasional sub rounded stones, ceramic and glass. Within cut of <b>509</b> .	Buried Subsoil	0.08-0.29 thick
<b>509</b>	Moderately steep stepped sides with a flat base. Filled with <b>507</b> and <b>508</b> . Southern edge of bank cutting through <b>503</b> .	<b>Cut of Bank – possible terracing</b>	0.27 deep

Trench 6	Dimensions: 30m x 1.8m / Max. depth 0.95m		
	Coordinates: 549472.58, 184074.779, 3.531m aOD		
Context	Description	Interpretation/Process of deposition	Dimensions (m)
601	Mid brown friable clayey silt	Topsoil	0.00-0.14
602	Mid brown friable clayey silt with moderate very small sub-rounded stones	Subsoil	0.14-0.24
603	Mottled light yellow brown clayey sandy silt with occasional small sub-angular stones	Tertiary Soil Layer – possible buried surface	0.24-0.43
604	Mottled light grey orange brown sandy silt with occasional small sub-rounded stones	Natural	0.43-0.57
605	Mottled light brown orange grey silty sand with occasional small sub-rounded stones	Natural	0.57+
<b>606</b>	WNW-ESE aligned ditch with moderately steep straight sides and a concave base	<b>Cut of Ditch – possible palaeochannel. Lower fills similar to 104; 205 and 306</b>	4.13 wide x 1.06 deep
<b>607</b>	Dark grey brown sandy clay containing wooden sticks along NE side, all aligned NW-SE, and occasional charcoal fragments	<b>Fill of 606 – primary silting of ditch</b>	0.32 deep
<b>608</b>	Mid brown sandy clay with occasional sub-angular stones	<b>Fill of 606 – secondary fill</b>	0.16 deep
<b>609</b>	Mid brown clayey sandy silt containing occasional CBM, glass, pottery and coal	<b>Backfill/Made Ground of 606 – possible levelling layer</b>	0.27 deep
<b>610</b>	Mid brown clayey sandy silt containing occasional glass and coal. Fill similar to <b>602</b> and <b>609</b> .	<b>Backfill/Made Ground of 606 – possible levelling layer</b>	0.26 deep
611	Mid brown sand with abundant small-medium sub-rounded and rounded pebbles and stones	Natural Gravel	0.68+



Trench 7	Dimensions: 30m x 1.8m / Max. depth 0.75m		
	Coordinates: 549436.605, 184091.42, 3.605m aOD		
Context	Description	Interpretation/Process of deposition	Dimensions (m)
701	Mid brown friable clayey silt with occasional small sub-rounded stones	Topsoil	0.00-0.11 (W end) 0.00-0.07 (E end)
702	Mid brown sandy clayey silt with common small/medium sub- rounded and sub-angular stones towards its lower horizon	Subsoil	0.11-0.23 (W end) 0.07-0.14 (E end)
703	Mottled dark red brownish orange sandy gravel with abundant small/medium sub- rounded and sub-angular stones and flints. With mottled light yellow orange sand lenses	Natural	0.23+
704	Mottled light yellow brown orange hard and friable silty sand with moderate small to medium sub-rounded and sub-angular flints	Natural	0.14+
<b>705</b>	Sub-circular in plan with very steep straight sides and a concave base	<b>Cut of Posthole</b>	0.24 x 0.21 x 0.11
<b>706</b>	Light orange brown clayey sandy silt containing burnt flint	<b>Fill of posthole 705</b>	0.11 deep
<b>707</b>	Sub-oval in plan with a concave profile	<b>Cut of Posthole – only base remains</b>	0.36 x 0.31 x 0.05
<b>708</b>	Mottled light grey orange brown clayey sandy silt containing burnt flint	<b>Fill of posthole 707</b>	0.05 deep
<b>709</b>	Sub-circular in plan with moderately steep, straight sides and a concave base. Slightly irregular, possible natural feature	<b>Cut of small Posthole or root action</b>	0.29 x 0.18 x 0.07
<b>710</b>	Mid orange brown sandy clayey silt containing occasional burnt flint and charcoal flecks	<b>Fill of small posthole 709</b>	0.07 deep

Trench 8	Dimensions: 30m x 1.8m / Max. depth 0.66m		
	Coordinates: 549420.325, 184064.793, 4.548m aOD		
Context	Description	Interpretation/Process of deposition	Dimensions (m)
801	Dark brown slightly clayey silt with abundant roots	Topsoil	0.00-0.11
802	Mid grey brown friable clayey silt with moderate small sub-rounded pebbles	Subsoil	0.11-0.32
803	Light orange brown compact and friable sandy silt with occasional small sub-rounded stones	Tertiary Soil	0.32-0.47
804	Abundant small sub-rounded stones within mid orange brown friable sandy silt	Natural Gravel Lens	0.47-0.57
805	Mottled dark orange brown and light orange brown sand with abundant gravel	Natural Sands and Gravel	0.57+
806	Void	/	/
<b>807</b>	SE/NW aligned linear with a V shaped profile	<b>Cut of Ditch</b>	2.68 x 1.05 x 0.56
<b>808</b>	Dark orange brown sandy silt with flint pebbles and occasional pottery fragments	<b>Fill of Ditch 807 – secondary fill</b>	0.56 deep
<b>809</b>	Curvilinear in plan with a concave profile	<b>Cut of Ditch</b>	2.50 x 1.25 x 0.44

<b>810</b>	Mid brown sandy silt with occasional flint pebbles	<b>Fill of Ditch 809 – secondary fill</b>	0.31 deep
<b>811</b>	Mottled light brown sandy silt with common flint pebbles	<b>Fill of Ditch 809 – primary fill</b>	0.13 deep

<b>Trench 9</b>	<b>Dimensions:</b> 30m x 1.8m / Max. depth 0.64m		
	<b>Coordinates:</b> 549428, 184036, 4.562m aOD		
Context	Description	Interpretation/Process of deposition	Dimensions (m)
901	Mid brown sandy silt with moderate small sub-rounded and sub-angular stones and flints	Topsoil	0.00-0.15
902	Light orange brown sandy silt with common small sub-rounded and sub-angular stones and flints	Subsoil	0.15-0.30
903	Light yellow brown hard and friable silty sand with moderate sub-rounded stones and flints	Tertiary Soil Layer	0.30-0.44
904	Hard light yellow orange sandy silt	Natural sand	0.44-0.59
905	Mottled mid red brown sandy gravel	Natural Gravel	0.59+
<b>906</b>	Circular in plan with moderate concave sides and base	<b>Cut of small pit/posthole</b>	0.30 x 0.18 x 0.10
<b>907</b>	Dark greyish brown sandy silt with occasional small angular and sub-angular flints, burnt flints and charcoal flecks	<b>Deliberate Backfill of small pit/posthole 906</b>	0.10 deep
908	Mid orange brown soft clayey silt with occasional pottery and small sub-rounded stones	Patches of rooting within <b>902</b> and <b>903</b> horizon	0.16-0.50 deep
<b>909</b>	E/W aligned gully with concave sides and a rounded base	<b>Cut of Gully – possibly for drainage</b>	0.22m wide x 0.06m deep
<b>910</b>	Mid greyish brown sandy silt with frequent small rounded stones and occasional small sub-angular stones	<b>Fill of Gully 909 – secondary fill</b>	0.06 deep
<b>911</b>	E/W aligned ditch with concave sides and a flat base	<b>Cut of Ditch – possible boundary ditch</b>	1m wide x 0.24m deep
<b>912</b>	Light grey brown sandy silt with very occasional small flints and pebbles	<b>Secondary Fill of ditch 911 – final silting stage</b>	0.10 deep
<b>913</b>	Dark orange brown with orange and yellow mottling silty sand with abundant sub-angular flints and pebbles	<b>Primary Fill of ditch 911</b>	0.14 deep

<b>Trench 10</b>	<b>Dimensions:</b> 30m x 1.8m / Max. depth 0.64m		
	<b>Coordinates:</b> 549427.81, 184019.237, 4.657m aOD		
Context	Description	Interpretation/Process of deposition	Dimensions (m)
1001	Brown sandy silt	Topsoil	0.00-0.12
1002	Orange brown silty sand with abundant pebbles	Subsoil	0.12-0.23
1003	Void	/	/
1004	Orange sand and gravels with abundant rounded pebbles	Natural sand and Gravel	0.23+



<b>1005</b>	N/S aligned ditch with a concave profile. Bank material recorded to either side of ditch	<b>Cut of Ditch – boundary ditch, possibly western limit of enclosure</b>	0.96m wide x 0.23m deep
<b>1006</b>	Orange brown sandy silt with flint pebbles	<b>Secondary Fill of ditch 1005</b>	1.70m wide x 0.42m deep in trench section
<b>1007</b>	Brown sandy silt with moderate flint pebbles and gravel, forming a convex profile	<b>Bank material – located to west of 1005</b>	0.55m wide x 0.12m deep
<b>1008</b>	Brown sandy silt with moderate flint pebbles and gravel, forming a convex profile	<b>Bank material – located to east of 1005</b>	1.25m wide x 0.21m deep
1009	Dark brown sandy silt with moderate small-medium flint pebbles	Buried soil – previous ground surface buried under banks <b>1007</b> and <b>1008</b>	3.10m wide x 0.05m deep
<b>1010</b>	N/S aligned ditch with a V shaped profile, running parallel to ditch <b>1005</b>	<b>Cut of ditch – possible drainage ditch</b>	0.96m wide x 0.45m deep
<b>1011</b>	Mid brown sandy silt with occasional flint pebbles	<b>Secondary upper fill of ditch 1010</b>	0.29 deep
<b>1012</b>	Orange brown sandy silt with common flint pebbles	<b>Secondary lower fill of ditch 1010</b>	0.16 deep
<b>1013</b>	Circular in plan with vertical sides and a flat base	<b>Cut of posthole</b>	0.15m diameter x 0.16m deep
<b>1014</b>	Mid brown sandy silt with occasional burnt flint	<b>Secondary fill of posthole 1013</b>	0.16 deep
<b>1015</b>	Irregular in plan with convex sides and a flat base	<b>Cut of pit/tree throw</b>	1.32m wide x 0.31m deep
<b>1016</b>	Light greyish brown sandy silt with moderate charcoal flecks	<b>Secondary fill of pit/tree throw 1015</b>	0.19 deep
<b>1017</b>	Mid reddish brown silty sand with moderate small sub-angular stones	<b>Redeposited natural at base of 1015</b>	0.12 deep
<b>1018</b>	Circular in plan with moderate concave sides and a shallow concave base	<b>Cut of posthole</b>	0.30 x 0.29 x 0.07
<b>1019</b>	Mid brown sandy silty clay containing one small fragment of CBM	<b>Secondary fill of posthole 1018</b>	0.07 deep

<b>Trench 11</b>	<b>Dimensions:</b> 30m x 1.8m / Max. depth 0.63m		
	<b>Coordinates:</b> 549465,184028, 4.512m aOD		
<b>Context</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Interpretation/Process of deposition</b>	<b>Dimensions (m)</b>
1101	Mid brown sandy silt with moderate small sub-rounded and sub-angular stones and flints	Topsoil	0.00-0.12
1102	Light orange brown sandy silt with abundant small sub-rounded and sub-angular stones and flints	Subsoil	0.12-0.23
1103	Mottled mid orange brown sandy silt with occasional pottery and charcoal flecks	Tertiary subsoil / buried landscape	0.23-0.34
1104	Abundant small/medium sub-rounded stones within friable light orange brown silty sand	Gravel	0.34-0.51

1105	Mottled mid orange brown sand with gravel	Natural	0.51+
<b>1106</b>	Oval in plan with steep concave sides and a concave base	<b>Cut of Pit – contains burnt material</b>	0.64m wide x 0.08m deep
<b>1107</b>	Black silty sand containing occasional pottery and burnt flint and burnt stone, and abundant powdered charcoal	<b>Secondary Fill of pit 1106 – deliberate deposition of occupation waste</b>	0.06 deep
<b>1108</b>	Mid brown sandy silt containing occasional pottery and small sub-angular and sub-rounded flints	<b>Secondary upper fill of pit 1106</b>	0.02 deep
<b>1109</b>	Sub-circular in plan with steep concave sides and a concave base	<b>Cut of small pit/posthole</b>	0.46 x 0.38 x 0.19
<b>1110</b>	Mid yellow brown silty sand with moderate small/medium sub-rounded stones and flints and occasional rooting	<b>Secondary fill of small pit/posthole 1109</b>	0.19 deep
<b>1111</b>	Sub-circular in plan with steep concave sides and a concave base	<b>Cut of small pit/posthole – truncates posthole 1121</b>	0.39 x 0.32 x 0.11
<b>1112</b>	Mottled dark brown and mid yellow brown sandy silt with moderate small to medium sub-rounded stones and flints	<b>Secondary fill of small pit/posthole 1111</b>	0.11 deep
<b>1113</b>	Sub-circular in plan with steep concave sides and a concave base	<b>Cut of small pit/posthole</b>	0.46 x 0.41 x 0.18
<b>1114</b>	Mid yellow brown friable sandy silt with common small-medium sub-rounded stones and flints and moderate rooting	<b>Secondary Fill of small pit/posthole 1113</b>	0.18 deep
<b>1115</b>	Sub-circular in plan with steep concave sides and a concave base. Profile is angled towards the east.	<b>Cut of Posthole</b>	0.32 x 0.20 x 0.20
<b>1116</b>	Mottled mid brown and mid orange brown sandy clayey silt with moderate small-medium sub-rounded stones and flints	<b>Secondary Fill of posthole 1115</b>	0.20 deep
<b>1117</b>	Sub-circular in plan with steep concave sides and a concave base	<b>Cut of Posthole</b>	0.22 x 0.20 x 0.13
<b>1118</b>	Mid brown friable sandy silt with abundant small-medium sub-rounded stones and flints	<b>Secondary Fill of posthole 1117</b>	0.13 deep
<b>1119</b>	Sub-circular in plan with steep concave sides and a concave base.	<b>Cut of Posthole</b>	0.48 x 0.28 x 0.12
<b>1120</b>	Mottled mid yellow orange brown sandy silt with abundant small to medium sub-rounded stones and flints	<b>Secondary Fill of posthole 1119</b>	0.12 deep
<b>1121</b>	Sub-circular in plan with very steep straight sides and a concave base	<b>Cut of posthole – truncated by 1111</b>	0.22 x 0.23 x 0.21
<b>1122</b>	Mid yellow brown sandy silt with common small-medium sub-rounded stones and flints	<b>Fill of posthole 1121</b>	0.21 deep

<b>Trench 12</b>	<b>Dimensions:</b> 30m x 1.8m / Max. depth unknown		
	<b>Coordinates:</b> 549478, 184030, 4.423m aOD		
<b>Context</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Interpretation/Process of deposition</b>	<b>Dimensions (m)</b>
1201	Mid brown sandy silt with occasional flint pebbles	Topsoil	0.00-0.11
1202	Light brown sandy silt	Subsoil	0.11-0.22
1203	Orange and beige sand with flint pebbles and gravel	Natural	0.22+



<b>1204</b>	NW/SE aligned ditch with a concave profile	<b>Cut of Ditch – possible boundary ditch, continuation of 1307</b>	>5.22 x 1.16 x 0.38
<b>1205</b>	Mid brown sandy silt with occasional flint pebbles and gravel	<b>Secondary fill of 1204</b>	0.12 deep
<b>1206</b>	Mottled Brown and white sand with abundant flint pebbles and gravels.	<b>Primary Fill of 1204 – redeposited natural</b>	0.26 deep
<b>1207</b>	Aligned N/S in plan with concave sides and a flat base.	<b>Cut of Pit or Ditch</b>	>1.8 x 0.76 x 0.38
<b>1208</b>	Dark brown silty sand containing occasional pottery and CBM	<b>Secondary Fill of ditch 1207</b>	0.38 deep
<b>1209</b>	Curvilinear in plan with concave sides and a flat base	<b>Cut of ditch – boundary ditch/possible SE corner of an enclosure</b>	>14m x 1.19 x 0.44
<b>1210</b>	Mid brown silty sand containing occasional pottery/CBM and burnt flint	<b>Secondary fill of Ditch 1209</b>	0.44 deep
<b>1211</b>	NW/SE aligned ditch with steep straight irregular sides and a sharp pointed base.	<b>Cut of Gully/Ditch</b>	0.48m wide x 0.29m deep
<b>1212</b>	Dark brown sandy silt with angular and sub-angular pebbles	<b>Secondary Fill of gully 1211</b>	0.29 deep
<b>1213</b>	Orange brown silty sand with flint pebbles	<b>Primary Fill of ditch 1207 – redeposited natural</b>	0.13 deep

<b>Trench 13</b>	<b>Dimensions:</b> 30m x 1.8m / Max. depth 0.86		
	<b>Coordinates:</b> 549511, 184024, 4.232m aOD		
<b>Context</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Interpretation/Process of deposition</b>	<b>Dimensions (m)</b>
1301	Dark grey brown silty loam with rare angular gravel inclusions	Topsoil	0.00-0.18
1302	Mid grey sandy silt with rare angular gravel inclusions	Subsoil	0.18-0.45
1303	Orange yellow sand with very common angular gravel and pottery	Tertiary Soil Layer	0.20-0.75
1304	Mottled yellow orange sand with rare angular gravel inclusions.	Natural	0.45+ (S) 0.75+ (N)
<b>1305</b>	E/W aligned gully with concave sides and a concave base	<b>Cut of Gully – possible drainage gully</b>	0.43m wide x 0.22 deep
<b>1306</b>	Dark grey brown sandy silt with common rounded, sub-rounded and sub-angular pebbles and fine gravel.	<b>Secondary fill of 1305</b>	0.22 deep
<b>1307</b>	NW/SE aligned ditch with a concave profile	<b>Cut of Ditch – possible boundary ditch, continuation of 1204</b>	1.2m wide x 0.21m deep
<b>1308</b>	Dark brown sandy silt with moderate angular gravel	<b>Secondary fill of ditch 1307</b>	0.21 deep
<b>1309</b>	E/W aligned ditch with moderate concave sides and a flat base	<b>Cut of Ditch – possible boundary ditch</b>	1.88m wide x 0.38m deep
<b>1310</b>	Dark orange brown sand containing pottery and CBM.	<b>Deliberate backfill of ditch 1309</b>	0.38 deep

1311	E/W aligned gully with shallow concave sides and a flat base	<b>Cut of Gully – possible drainage gully</b>	0.77m wide x 0.15m deep
1312	Mid grey brown sandy silt with very common angular gravels	<b>Secondary Fill of gully 1311</b>	0.15 deep
1313	Black organic layer containing degraded grass with grey silty loam towards lower horizon	Buried Topsoil – overlying 1315	0.10m thick
1314	Mottled orange and yellow clay with sub-rounded cobbles and angular gravel.	Made Ground – levelling layer sealing 1313	0.20-0.60
1315	Light grey brown silty material similar to 1302. Shallow slope descending south to north (approx 3.5m long)	Bank	0.15-0.70

<b>Trench 15</b>	<b>Dimensions: 30m x 1.8m / Max. depth 0.80m</b>		
	<b>Coordinates: 549505, 183990, 4.421m aOD</b>		
<b>Context</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Interpretation/Process of deposition</b>	<b>Dimensions (m)</b>
1501	Dark grey silt loam with rare angular flint pebbles	Topsoil	0.00-0.22
1502	Light grey brown sandy silt with frequent sub-angular gravel and pebble inclusions	Subsoil	0.22-0.35
1503	Yellow brown sandy loam with moderate angular gravel	Tertiary Layer	0.35-0.45
1504	Orange yellow sand and gravel (90% sand, 10% gravel)	Natural	0.45+
<b>1505</b>	E-W aligned ditch with a concave profile	<b>Cut of ditch – possible drainage ditch</b>	0.77m wide x 0.27m deep
<b>1506</b>	Dark grey brown sandy silt containing abundant pottery	<b>Secondary fill of ditch 1505</b>	0.17 deep
<b>1507</b>	Orange sand and gravel with rounded sub-angular pebbles and angular gravels	<b>Primary fill of ditch 1505</b>	0.11 deep
<b>1508</b>	Circular in plan with a concave profile	<b>Cut of pit</b>	1.46m diam. X 0.27m deep
<b>1509</b>	Dark grey sandy silt containing occasional pottery	<b>Secondary fill of pit 1508</b>	0.20 deep
<b>1510</b>	Circular in plan with a shallow concave profile	<b>Cut of shallow posthole or natural depression</b>	0.36m diam. X 0.12m deep
<b>1511</b>	Dark grey black silt with occasional sub-angular pebbles	<b>Fill of 1510</b>	0.12 deep
<b>1512</b>	Orange sand and gravel with small gravel inclusions	<b>Primary silting of pit 1508</b>	0.07 deep

<b>Trench 16</b>	<b>Dimensions: 30m x 1.8m / Max. depth 0.86m</b>		
	<b>Coordinates: 549489.963, 183985.307, 4.553m aOD</b>		
<b>Context</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Interpretation/Process of deposition</b>	<b>Dimensions (m)</b>
1601	Dark greyish brown silty loam with rare sub-angular stones	Topsoil	0.00-0.16
1602	Mid greyish brown friable sandy silt with moderate small sub-angular stones	Subsoil	0.16-0.45



1603	Light greyish brown friable sandy silt with rare small angular and sub-angular stones	Tertiary layer	0.45-0.80
1604	Mid reddish brown sand with abundant small rounded stones	Natural	0.80+

<b>Trench 17</b>	<b>Dimensions:</b> 30m x 1.8m / Max. depth 0.62m		
	<b>Coordinates:</b> 549437.415, 183976.604, 4.793m aOD		
<b>Context</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Interpretation/Process of deposition</b>	<b>Dimensions (m)</b>
1701	Dark greyish brown friable silty loam with rare small sub-rounded stones	Topsoil	0.00-0.14
1702	Mid greyish brown sandy silt with rare small sub-rounded and sub-angular stones	Subsoil	0.14-0.39
1703	Mid greyish brown silty sand with abundant small rounded and large sub-angular stones	Rooting – concentration of gravels	0.32-0.49
1704	Light reddish brown friable silty sand with moderate sub-angular stones and rare small rounded stones	Tertiary layer	0.39-0.58
1705	Dark reddish brown sand with rare small sub-angular and sub-rounded stones	Natural	0.58+

<b>Trench 18</b>	<b>Dimensions:</b> 31.2m x 1.8m / Max. depth 0.71m		
	<b>Coordinates:</b> 549398.034, 183961.81, 5.33m aOD		
<b>Context</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Interpretation/Process of deposition</b>	<b>Dimensions (m)</b>
1801	Dark brown clay silt	Topsoil	0.00-0.16
1802	Mid grey brown silty clay with occasional flint pebbles.	Subsoil	0.16-0.40
1803	Orange brown compact silt	Tertiary layer	0.40-0.71
1804	Beige medium to fine sand	Natural sand	0.71-0.78
1805	Sand and gravel with common sub-rounded pebbles and gravel	Natural	0.78+
<b>1806</b>	Sub-circular in plan with steep concave sides and a concave base	<b>Cut of Posthole</b>	0.38 x 0.26 x 0.32
<b>1807</b>	Dark grey brown sandy silt containing pottery and fired clay	<b>Secondary fill of posthole 1806</b>	0.32 deep
<b>1808</b>	Circular in plan with shallow concave sides and a concave base	<b>Cut of Posthole</b>	0.4 x 0.34 x 0.10
<b>1809</b>	Mid brown sandy silt with rare small flint pebbles	<b>Secondary fill of posthole 1808</b>	0.10 deep

<b>Trench 19</b>	<b>Dimensions:</b> 30m x 1.8m / Max. depth 0.52m		
	<b>Coordinates:</b> 549422.158, 183968.459, 5.021m aOD		
<b>Context</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Interpretation/Process of deposition</b>	<b>Dimensions (m)</b>
<b>1901</b>	Sub-circular in plan with stepped sides and a flat base	<b>Cut of Posthole</b>	0.20 x 0.21 x 0.09
<b>1902</b>	Light greyish brown sandy silt with occasional metal fragments, nails and glass	<b>Secondary Fill of posthole 1901</b>	0.09 deep
<b>1903</b>	Sub-circular in plan with concave sides and a rounded base	<b>Cut of Posthole</b>	0.20 x 0.17 x 0.07
<b>1904</b>	Mid greyish brown sandy silt with occasional glass and metal fragments	<b>Secondary fill of posthole 1903</b>	0.07 deep
<b>1905</b>	Sub-circular in plan with concave sides and a rounded base	<b>Cut of Posthole</b>	0.32 x 0.26 x 0.10

1906	Dark greyish brown sandy silt with moderate sub-angular stones	<b>Secondary fill of posthole 1905</b>	0.10 deep
1907	N/S aligned ditch with steep convex sides and a concave base	<b>Cut of Ditch – possible continuation of ditch 1005</b>	0.81m wide x 0.22m deep
1908	Mid greyish brown sandy silt with moderate sub-angular and rounded stones	<b>Secondary fill of ditch 1907</b>	0.22 deep
1909	Dark greyish brown silty loam with moderate sub-angular stones and rare small pebbles	Topsoil	0.0-0.14
1910	Mid orange brown sandy silt with moderate sub-angular and rounded stones	Subsoil	0.14-0.28
1911	Mid orange brown silty sand with abundant gravels	Tertiary layer	0.28-0.46
1912	Dark reddish brown sand with abundant sub-angular stones	Natural	0.46+

<b>Trench 20</b>	<b>Dimensions:</b> 30.40m x 1.82m / Max. depth 0.56m		
	<b>Coordinates:</b> 549460, 183950.978, 4.958m aOD		
<b>Context</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Interpretation/Process of deposition</b>	<b>Dimensions (m)</b>
2001	Dark brown clayey silt	Topsoil	0.00-0.11
2002	Mid grey brown silty clay	Subsoil	0.11-0.26
2003	Orange brown compact silt	Tertiary layer	0.26-0.50
2004	Orange sand and gravels with sub-rounded stones	Natural	0.50+
<b>2005</b>	Oval in plan with concave sides and a flat base.	<b>Cut of small pit – truncates pit 2007</b>	0.82 x 0.36 x 0.12
<b>2006</b>	Mid brown sandy silt with sub-rounded flint pebbles	<b>Secondary fill of pit 2005</b>	0.12 deep
<b>2007</b>	Sub-circular in plan with a concave profile	<b>Cut of Posthole – truncated by 2005 and truncates 2009</b>	0.36 x 0.20 x 0.17 deep
<b>2008</b>	Mid to dark brown sandy silt with rounded flint pebbles	<b>Secondary fill of posthole 2007</b>	0.17 deep
<b>2009</b>	Oval in plan with a concave profile	<b>Cut of Pit – truncated by 2007</b>	1.12 x 0.50 x 0.22
<b>2010</b>	Dark brown silty sand containing occasional pottery and burnt flint	<b>Secondary fill of pit 2009</b>	0.22 deep
<b>2011</b>	Sub-circular in plan with a concave profile	<b>Cut of Pit – possible working area</b>	>0.98 x 1.16 x 0.31
<b>2012</b>	Grey brown silty sand containing pottery, CBM and burnt and worked flint	<b>Secondary fill of pit 2011</b>	0.31 deep

<b>Trench 21</b>	<b>Dimensions:</b> 30m x 1.8m / Max. depth 0.7m		
	<b>Coordinates:</b> 549481.806, 183960.667, 4.705m aOD		
<b>Context</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Interpretation/Process of deposition</b>	<b>Dimensions (m)</b>
2101	Mid brown sandy silt with moderate small sub-rounded and sub-angular stones and flints	Topsoil	0.00-0.16
2102	Light greyish orange compacted sandy silt with abundant small sub-rounded and sub-angular stones and flints	Subsoil	0.16-0.31
2103	Mid yellow brown compacted and friable silty sand with moderate gravel	Tertiary Soil	0.31-0.47
2104	Light yellow brown silty sand	Natural Sand	0.47-0.54



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2105	Dark orange brown sandy gravel	Natural Gravel	0.54+
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## APPENDIX 2: EXCAVATION: CONTEXT SUMMARY TABLE

All archaeological deposits/features shown in **bold**  
 All (+) indicate deposits/features not fully excavated

Context	Description	Interpretation/Process of deposition	Dimensions (m)
3001	NNE/SSW aligned boundary ditch; comprised of slots <b>3203</b> and <b>3219</b>	Ditch Group	18.28 x 1.35
3002	NNE/SSW aligned boundary ditch; comprised of slots <b>3171</b> , <b>3195</b> and <b>3225</b>	Ditch Group	14.75 x 1.6
3003	E/W aligned boundary ditch; comprised of <b>3119</b> , <b>3166</b> , <b>3191</b> , <b>3193</b> , <b>3201</b> and <b>3242</b>	Ditch Group	26.41 x 2.66
3004	ESE/WNW aligned boundary ditch; comprised of <b>3123</b> , <b>3137</b> , <b>3164</b> and <b>3238</b>	Ditch Group	12.25 x 1.26
3005	E/W aligned drainage ditch; comprised of <b>3115</b> , <b>3133</b> , <b>3143</b> and <b>3147</b>	Ditch Group	8.41 x 0.74
3006	ESE/WNW aligned drainage ditch; comprised of <b>3109</b> and <b>3158</b>	Ditch Group	21 x 0.64
3007	NW/SE aligned boundary ditch; comprised of <b>3156</b> and <b>3189</b>	Ditch Group	8 x 1.45
3008	N/S aligned drainage ditch; comprised of <b>3107</b> , <b>3111</b> , <b>3113</b> and <b>3125</b>	Ditch Group	9 x 1.26
3009	N/S aligned boundary ditch; comprised of <b>3105</b>	Ditch Group	2.9 x 1.26
3010	N/S aligned boundary ditch; comprised of <b>3117</b> and <b>3139</b>	Ditch Group	5.5 x 1.6
3011	Large oval pit; comprised of <b>3127</b> , <b>3135</b> , <b>3169</b> and <b>3236</b>	Pit Group	3 x 1.9
3012	ESE/WNW aligned drainage ditch; comprised of <b>3141</b> and <b>3199</b>	Ditch Group	5 x 0.8
3013	Oval pit comprised of <b>3173</b> and <b>3183</b>	Pit Group	1.85 x 1.08
3014	E/W aligned boundary ditch (re-cut); comprised of <b>3178</b> and <b>3255</b>	Ditch Group	10.3 x 1.5
3015	NNE/SSW aligned boundary ditch; comprised of <b>3223</b>	Ditch Group	11 x 0.78
3016	NNE/SSW aligned boundary ditch; comprised of <b>3175</b> , <b>3185</b> , <b>3221</b> and <b>3244</b>	Ditch Group	16 x 2.45
3101	Mid-dark brown sandy silt with occasional small sub-rounded flints	Topsoil	0.00-0.20
3102	Orange brown sandy silt with occasional small sub-rounded gravels	Subsoil	0.20-0.38
3103	Light yellow brown sandy silt with occasional pottery fragments and charcoal flecks	Tertiary layer / buried landscape surface	0.38-0.63
3104	Mottled yellow orange and light brown sand and gravel	Natural	0.63+
<b>3105</b>	N/S aligned ditch with a concave profile	<b>Cut of Ditch Terminus – possible boundary ditch</b>	1.26 wide x 0.37 deep
<b>3106</b>	Mid orange brown sand with occasional worked flint	<b>Fill of ditch 3105 – secondary fill</b>	0.37 deep
<b>3107</b>	N/S aligned ditch with a concave profile	<b>Cut of ditch – drainage ditch, truncates ditch 3109</b>	0.64 wide x 0.15 deep



<b>3108</b>	Mid brown sandy silt with occasional small sub-rounded flint pebbles	<b>Fill of ditch 3107 – secondary fill</b>	0.15 deep
<b>3109</b>	E/W aligned ditch with a concave profile	<b>Cut of ditch – drainage ditch, truncated by 3107</b>	0.64 wide x 0.23m deep
<b>3110</b>	Mid brown sandy silt with occasional burnt flints	<b>Fill of ditch 3109 – secondary fill</b>	0.23 deep
<b>3111</b>	N/S aligned ditch with a concave profile	<b>Cut of Ditch – drainage ditch</b>	1.26 wide x 0.22 deep
<b>3112</b>	Mid brown sandy silt with occasional burnt flint	<b>Fill of ditch 3111 – secondary fill</b>	0.22 deep
<b>3113</b>	N/S aligned ditch with a concave profile	<b>Cut of Ditch – drainage ditch, truncates ditch 3115</b>	0.93 wide x 0.26 deep
<b>3114</b>	Mid brown sandy silt with occasional sub-rounded flint pebbles	<b>Fill of ditch 3113 – secondary fill</b>	0.26 deep
<b>3115</b>	E/W aligned ditch with a concave profile	<b>Cut of ditch – drainage ditch, truncated by ditch 3113</b>	0.91 wide x 0.23 deep
<b>3116</b>	Mid brown sandy silt with occasional small flint pebbles	<b>Fill of ditch 3115 – secondary fill</b>	0.23 deep
<b>3117</b>	NNE/SSW aligned ditch with steep concave sides and a concave base	<b>Cut of Ditch – boundary ditch</b>	1.5 wide x 0.56 deep
<b>3118</b>	Light grey brown silty sand containing moderate angular gravels	<b>Fill of ditch 3117 – secondary fill</b>	0.56 deep
<b>3119</b>	E/W aligned ditch with a gradual sloping southern side (full profile not excavated here)	<b>Cut of Ditch – boundary ditch, truncated by tree throw 3121</b>	>0.55 wide x 0.16 deep
<b>3120</b>	Mid orange brown clayey sandy silt with moderate small-medium sub-rounded stones	<b>Fill of ditch 3119 – secondary fill</b>	0.16 deep
<b>3121</b>	Sub-oval in plan with concave sides and an irregular base	<b>Cut of Tree Throw – truncates ditches 3119 and 3123</b>	0.85 x 0.77 x 0.12
<b>3122</b>	Mottled dark orange brown sandy silt with moderate small sub-rounded stones and occasional medium sub-rounded stones	<b>Fill of tree throw 3121</b>	0.12 deep
<b>3123</b>	WNW/ESE aligned ditch with moderately steep straight sides and concave base	<b>Cut of Ditch – possible boundary ditch, truncated by tree throw 3121</b>	0.98 wide x 0.23 deep
<b>3124</b>	Mid orange brown sandy clayey silt with common small-medium sub-rounded and sub-angular stones	<b>Fill of ditch 3123 – secondary fill</b>	0.23 deep
<b>3125</b>	N/S aligned ditch with a concave profile	<b>Cut of Ditch – drainage ditch, truncates ditch 3133 and pit 3127</b>	0.67 wide x 0.21 deep
<b>3126</b>	Mid brown sandy silt with occasional small sub-rounded flint pebbles	<b>Fill of ditch 3125</b>	0.21 deep
<b>3127</b>	Oval in plan with concave sides and a flat base	<b>Cut of Pit – truncated by ditches 3125 and 3133</b>	1.83 wide x 0.40 deep
<b>3128</b>	Mid to dark brown sandy silt with 1 fragment of burnt flint	<b>Fill of pit 3127</b>	0.40 deep
<b>3129</b>	Void	/	/
<b>3130</b>	Void	/	/
<b>3131</b>	Void	/	/
<b>3132</b>	Void	/	/

3133	E/W aligned ditch with a concave profile	<b>Cut of Ditch – drainage ditch, truncates pit 3127 and truncated by ditch 3125</b>	0.09 deep
3134	Mid brown sandy silt with occasional small sub-rounded flint pebbles	<b>Fill of ditch 3133 – secondary fill</b>	0.09 deep
3135	Oval in plan with concave sides and a flat base	<b>Cut of Pit – truncates ditch 3137</b>	0.29 deep
3136	Mid to dark brown sandy silt with 1 fragment of burnt flint	<b>Fill of pit – secondary fill</b>	0.29 deep
3137	ESE/WNW aligned ditch with a concave profile	<b>Cut of Ditch – boundary ditch truncated by pit 3135</b>	0.29 deep
3138	Mid brown sandy silt with occasional sub-rounded flint pebbles	<b>Fill of ditch 3137 – secondary fill</b>	0.29 deep
3139	N/S aligned ditch with steep slightly stepped sides and a concave base	<b>Cut of Ditch terminus – possible terminus of a boundary ditch, truncates ditch 3141 and truncated by tree throw 3181</b>	1.6 wide x 0.47 deep
3140	Light grey brown silty sand containing moderate angular gravels	<b>Fill of ditch 3139 – upper secondary fill</b>	0.47 deep
3141	ESE/WNW aligned ditch with steep concave side and a flat base	<b>Cut of Ditch – possible drainage ditch, truncated ditch 3158 and truncated by ditch 3139</b>	0.8 wide x 0.29 deep
3142	Light grey brown sandy silt with rare charcoal flecks and gravels	<b>Fill of ditch 3141 – secondary fill</b>	0.29 deep
3143	E/W aligned ditch with a concave profile	<b>Cut of Ditch terminus – drainage ditch</b>	0.39 wide x 0.19 deep
3144	Mid brown sandy silt with occasional small sub-rounded flint pebbles	<b>Fill of ditch 3143 – secondary fill</b>	0.19 deep
3145	Orange sand with very common angular gravels and moderate small rounded gravels	<b>Fill of ditch 3139 – secondary fill / redeposited natural along the sides</b>	0.18 wide x 0.33 deep
3146	Orange sand with very common angular gravels and moderate small rounded gravels	<b>Fill of ditch 3141 – secondary fill / redeposited natural on southern side</b>	0.06 wide x 0.2m deep
3147	E/W aligned ditch with a concave profile	<b>Cut of Ditch terminus – drainage ditch, truncates natural feature 3151</b>	0.64 wide x 0.26 deep
3148	Mid brown sandy silt with occasional small sub-rounded flint pebbles	<b>Fill of ditch 3147 – secondary fill</b>	0.26 deep
3149	Oval in plan with shallow concave sides and a flat base	<b>Cut of Pit – truncates ditch 3199</b>	0.77 x 0.5 x 0.08
3150	Dark grey brown silty sand with rare pottery and charcoal flecks, and occasional small sub-angular and sub-rounded stones	<b>Fill of pit 3149 – secondary fill</b>	0.08 deep
3151	Irregular in plan with irregular sides and a flat base	<b>Cut of natural feature – possible hedge line, truncated by ditch 3147</b>	>0.5 wide x 0.19 deep



3152	Mid orange brown sandy silt with occasional small sub-rounded flint pebbles	<b>Fill of natural feature 3151 – secondary fill</b>	0.19 deep
3153	Light grey sandy silt with occasional sub-angular gravel	<b>Fill of ditch 3139 – primary backfill</b>	0.43 wide x 0.24 deep
3154	NNE/SSW aligned ditch with moderately steep concave sides and a concave base	<b>Cut of Ditch terminus – possible boundary ditch</b>	0.74 wide x 0.22 deep
3155	Mid orange brown silty loam containing 1 fragment of worked flint	<b>Fill of ditch 3154 – secondary fill</b>	0.22 deep
3156	NW/SE aligned ditch with shallow concave sides and a flat base	<b>Cut of Ditch – possible terminus of a boundary ditch, truncates ditch 3158</b>	1.45 wide x 0.25 deep
3157	Light grey brown sandy silt with rare medium gravel, more common towards base	<b>Fill of ditch 3156 – secondary fill</b>	0.25 deep
3158	ESE/WNW aligned ditch with slightly stepped concave sides and a concave base	<b>Cut of ditch – drainage ditch, truncated by ditches 3156 and 3141 and pit 3160</b>	0.56 wide x 0.38 deep
3159	Light grey brown sandy silt with rare sub-angular gravels	<b>Fill of ditch 3158 – secondary fill</b>	0.36 deep
3160	Sub-circular in plan with a shallow concave profile	<b>Cut of Pit – truncates ditch 3158</b>	0.94 x .084 x 0.27
3161	Light grey brown sandy silt with rare small gravels	<b>Fill of pit 3161 – secondary fill</b>	0.27 deep
3162	Sub-circular in plan with a shallow concave profile	<b>Cut of Pit or possible ditch terminus</b>	>1.28 x 1.96 x 0.33
3163	Light grey brown silty loam with common gravels	<b>Fill of pit 3162 – secondary fill</b>	0.33 deep
3164	ESE/WNW aligned ditch with gently sloping straight sides (base not excavated)	<b>Cut of Ditch – boundary ditch</b>	0.20 deep
3165	Mid orange brown sandy clayey silt with common small-medium sub-rounded flints	<b>Fill of ditch 3164 – secondary fill</b>	0.20 deep
3166	E/W aligned ditch with a moderately steep straight northern side and steep concave down to convex southern side, and a shallow concave base	<b>Cut of Ditch – large boundary ditch containing a re-cut 3178</b>	2.20 wide x 0.61 deep
3167	Light grey silty sand containing occasional pottery and abundant sub-rounded and sub-angular flints	<b>Fill of ditch 3166 – secondary fill / primary silting</b>	1.25 wide x 0.33 deep
3168	Light grey brown sandy silt containing moderate pottery, fired clay, occasional worked and burnt flint and charcoal flecks	<b>Fill of ditch re-cut 3178 – deliberate backfill</b>	0.32 deep
3169	Oval in plan with concave sides and a flat base	<b>Cut of Pit – truncates ditch terminus 3171</b>	1.82 wide x 0.41 deep
3170	Dark brown sandy silt with burnt flint and moderate small sub-rounded flint pebbles	<b>Fill of pit 3169 – secondary fill</b>	0.41 deep
3171	NNE/SSW aligned ditch with a concave profile	<b>Cut of Ditch terminus – truncates ditch 3175 and truncated by pit 3169</b>	>0.90 wide x 0.57 deep
3172	Light brown sandy silt containing burnt flint and occasional small flint pebbles	<b>Fill of ditch terminus 3171 – secondary fill</b>	0.57 deep
3173	Oval in plan with concave sides and a flat base	<b>Cut of Pit – truncates ditch terminus 3175 and 3185</b>	1.75 x 1.08 x 0.25



<b>3174</b>	Mid to dark brown sandy silt containing 1 fragment of burnt flint	<b>Fill of pit 3173 – secondary fill</b>	0.25 deep
<b>3175</b>	NNE/SSW aligned ditch with a concave profile	<b>Cut of Ditch terminus – truncated by pit 3173 and ditch terminus 3171</b>	2.43 wide x 0.40 deep
<b>3176</b>	Mid brown sandy silt containing occasional burnt flints and small sub-rounded flint pebbles	<b>Fill of ditch terminus 3175 – secondary fill</b>	0.40 deep
<b>3177</b>	Orange yellow sand with abundant gravels	<b>Fill of ditch 3158 – primary silting along northern side</b>	0.19 wide x 0.25 deep
<b>3178</b>	E/W aligned ditch with moderately steep concave sides and a shallow concave base	<b>Cut of Ditch – re-cut of ditch 3166</b>	1.50 wide x 0.32 deep
<b>3179</b>	Mottled orange brown clayey sandy silt with moderate small-medium rounded and sub-rounded flint pebbles	<b>Fill of ditch 3166 – secondary fill similar to fill 3180</b>	0.42 wide 0.18 deep
<b>3180</b>	Mottled orange brown clayey sandy silt with moderate small-medium rounded and sub-rounded flint pebbles	<b>Fill of ditch 3166 – secondary fill similar to fill 3179</b>	0.35 wide 0.20 deep
<b>3181</b>	Irregular in plan with moderately steep irregular sides and an irregular base	<b>Cut of Tree Throw – truncates ditch 3139</b>	2.50 x 1.04 x 0.16
<b>3182</b>	Mid brown sandy silt with 1 fragment of pottery and moderate small gravels	<b>Fill of pit 3181 – secondary fill</b>	0.16 deep
<b>3183</b>	Oval in plan with concave sides and a flat base	<b>Cut of Pit – truncates ditch 3185</b>	0.26 deep
<b>3184</b>	Dark brown sandy silt with common gravels	<b>Fill of pit 3183 – secondary fill</b>	0.26 deep
<b>3185</b>	NNE/SSW aligned ditch with a flat base (sides not observed in archaeological intervention)	<b>Cut of Ditch terminus – boundary ditch, truncated by pits 3183 and 3187</b>	0.28 deep
<b>3186</b>	Dark brown sandy silt with moderate small and large gravels	<b>Fill of ditch terminus 3185 – secondary fill</b>	0.28 deep
<b>3187</b>	Oval in plan with steep concave sides and a flat base	<b>Cut of large Pit – truncates ditch terminus 3185</b>	1.56 wide x 0.30 deep
<b>3188</b>	Mid brown sandy silt with rare small gravels	<b>Fill of pit 3187 – secondary fill</b>	0.30 deep
<b>3189</b>	NW/SE aligned ditch with moderately steep straight sides (base not excavated)	<b>Cut of Ditch – boundary ditch, truncates ditch 3191</b>	c.1.50 wide x 0.38 deep
<b>3190</b>	Mottled mid-dark brown sandy clayey silt containing occasional burnt flint	<b>Fill of ditch 3189 – secondary fill</b>	0.38 deep
<b>3191</b>	E/W aligned ditch with moderately steep straight sides (base not excavated)	<b>Cut of Ditch – boundary ditch, truncated by ditch 3189</b>	2.66 wide x 0.36 deep
<b>3192</b>	Mid orange brown clayey sandy silt with moderate small sub-rounded and sub-angular flints, and large sub-rounded flints	<b>Fill of ditch 3191 – secondary fill</b>	0.36 deep
<b>3193</b>	E/W aligned ditch with gently sloping concave sides (base not excavated)	<b>Cut of Ditch – boundary ditch, truncated by ditches 3195 and 3255 and pit 3197</b>	0.69 excavated width x 0.16 excavated depth
<b>3194</b>	Mid brown orange silty sand with moderate small-medium sub-rounded stones	<b>Fill of ditch 3193 - secondary</b>	0.16 excavated depth

3195	NNE/SSW aligned ditch with moderately steep sloping sides (base not excavated)	<b>Cut of Ditch – boundary ditch, truncated by pit 3197 and ditch 3246</b>	0.54 wide x 0.51 deep
3196	Mid brown sandy silt with occasional small sub-rounded stones	<b>Fill of ditch 3195 – secondary fill</b>	0.29 deep
3197	Sub-oval in plan with sharp concave sides and a flat base	<b>Cut of Pit – truncates ditches 3193 and 3195</b>	0.78 wide x 0.33 deep
3198	Mid-dark brown sandy silt containing occasional CBM fragments	<b>Fill of pit 3197 – secondary fill</b>	0.33 deep
3199	ESE/WNW aligned ditch with steep slightly stepped sides and a flat base	<b>Cut of Ditch – drainage ditch, truncated by pit 3149</b>	1.02 wide x 0.28 deep
3200	Mid orange brown silty sand containing occasional pottery and charcoal	<b>Fill of ditch 3199 – secondary fill</b>	0.28 deep
3201	E/W aligned ditch with gradual sloping straight sides and a concave base	<b>Cut of Ditch – boundary ditch, truncated by ditch 3203</b>	0.74 excavated width x 0.26 excavated depth
3202	Light orange brown sandy silt containing occasional pottery and burnt flint	<b>Fill of ditch 3201 – secondary fill</b>	0.26 excavated depth
3203	NNE/SSW aligned ditch with slightly stepped sides and a concave base	<b>Cut of Ditch – boundary ditch, truncates ditch 3201 and truncated by pit 3217 and ditch 3244</b>	0.8 wide x 0.33 deep
3204	Mid orange brown sandy silt containing burnt flint	<b>Fill of ditch 3203 – secondary fill</b>	0.33 deep
3205	Circular in plan with steep straight sides and a flat base	<b>Cut of Posthole – truncates pit 3207</b>	0.55 x 0.43 x 0.23
3206	Mid orange brown sandy silt containing occasional pottery and charcoal	<b>Fill of posthole 3205</b>	0.23 deep
3207	Circular in plan with shallow concave sides and a flat base	<b>Cut of small Pit – truncated by posthole 3205</b>	0.36 diam. x 0.15 deep
3208	Mid orange brown silty sand containing occasional charcoal and sub-rounded and sub-angular stones	<b>Fill of small pit 3207 – secondary fill</b>	0.15 deep
3209	Circular in plan with steep straight sides and a flat base	<b>Cut of Posthole</b>	0.30 diam. x 0.21 deep
3210	Mid orange brown sandy silt containing 1 fragment of pottery and occasional charcoal	<b>Fill of posthole 3209 – secondary fill</b>	0.21 deep
3211	Circular in plan with straight steep sloping sides and a flat base	<b>Cut of Pit – containing 2 re-cuts; 3213 and 3215</b>	0.9 x 0.48 x 0.24
3212	Light brown yellow firm silty sand containing occasional fired clay	<b>Fill of pit 3211 – deliberate backfill</b>	0.24 deep
3213	Not visible in plan with steep straight, slightly convex, sides and a flat narrow base	<b>Cut of Posthole – truncates pit 3211 and truncated by pit 3215</b>	0.19 diam. x 0.2 deep
3214	Mid orange brown sandy silt containing common fired clay fragments and occasional pottery and charcoal	<b>Fill of posthole 3213 – deliberate backfill</b>	0.2 deep
3215	Not visible in plan with steep straight sides and a flat base	<b>Cut of Pit – truncates posthole 3213 and pit 3211</b>	0.48 diam. x 0.26 deep



<b>3216</b>	Dark orange brown sandy silt containing common pottery and fired clay fragments and occasional charcoal	<b>Fill of pit 3215 – deliberate backfill</b>	0.26 deep
<b>3217</b>	Circular in plan with steep concave sides and a concave base	<b>Cut of Pit – truncates ditch 3203</b>	0.4 wide x 0.35 deep
<b>3218</b>	Mid orange brown slightly sandy silt with moderate small sub-rounded stones	<b>Fill of pit 3217 – secondary fill</b>	0.35 deep
<b>3219</b>	NNE/SSW aligned ditch with steep concave sides and a gentle concave base	<b>Cut of Ditch – boundary ditch, truncated by ditches 3221 and 3223</b>	1.47 wide x 0.38 deep
<b>3220</b>	Light yellow brown fine sandy silt with occasional small sub-rounded stone	<b>Fill of ditch 3219 – secondary fill</b>	0.38 deep
<b>3221</b>	NNE/SSW aligned ditch with steep concave side and a concave base	<b>Cut of Ditch – boundary ditch, truncates ditch 3219 and truncated by ditches 3223 and 3225</b>	1.17 wide x 0.54 deep
<b>3222</b>	Mid yellow brown silty sand with occasional small and large sub-rounded stones	<b>Fill of ditch 3221 – secondary fill</b>	0.54 deep
<b>3223</b>	NNE/SSW ditch with a U-shaped profile	<b>Cut of Ditch – boundary ditch, truncates ditches 3221 and 3219</b>	0.78 wide x 0.47 deep
<b>3224</b>	Mid orange brown clayey sandy silt with occasional small sub-rounded and sub-angular stones	<b>Fill of ditch 3223 – secondary fill</b>	0.47 deep
<b>3225</b>	NNE/SSW aligned ditch with a gentle concave eastern side and a steep concave western edge, and a flat base	<b>Cut of Ditch – boundary ditch, truncates ditch 3223</b>	1.64 wide x 0.3 deep
<b>3226</b>	Mid brown sandy silt containing burnt flint and moderate small-medium sub-rounded stones	<b>Fill of ditch 3225 – secondary fill</b>	0.3 deep
<b>3227</b>	Circular in plan with moderately steep concave sides and a flat base	<b>Cut of Posthole</b>	0.4 x 0.37 x 0.18
<b>3228</b>	Mid orange brown sandy silt containing occasional pottery	<b>Fill of posthole 3227 – secondary fill</b>	0.18 deep
<b>3229</b>	Circular in plan with moderately steep concave side and a flat base	<b>Cut of Posthole</b>	0.31 x 0.3 x 0.12
<b>3230</b>	Mid orange brown silty sand with small sub-rounded stones	<b>Fill of posthole 3229 – secondary fill</b>	0.12 deep
<b>3231</b>	Circular in plan with straight steep sides and a flat base	<b>Cut of Posthole</b>	0.31 x 0.23 x 0.11
<b>3232</b>	Mid orange brown silty sand with occasional sub-rounded stones	<b>Fill of posthole 3231 – secondary fill</b>	0.11 deep
<b>3233</b>	Mid orange brown sandy silt containing occasional pottery and burnt flint	<b>Fill of ditch re-cut 3255 – secondary fill</b>	0.15 deep
<b>3234</b>	Circular in plan with moderately steep concave sides and a flat base	<b>Cut of Posthole/Pit</b>	0.44 diam. x 0.08 deep
<b>3235</b>	Dark brown grey silty sand containing occasional pottery and moderate charcoal	<b>Fill of posthole/pit 3234 – deliberate backfill</b>	0.08 deep
<b>3236</b>	Oval in plan with moderately steep concave sides and a flat base	<b>Cut of Pit – truncates ditch 3238</b>	0.33 excavated width x 0.33 deep
<b>3237</b>	Mid orange brown silty sand with occasional sub-angular and sub-rounded stones	<b>Fill of pit 3236 – secondary fill</b>	0.33 deep
<b>3238</b>	ESE/WWN aligned ditch with a concave profile	<b>Cut of Ditch – boundary ditch, truncated by pit 3236 and tree throw 3240</b>	0.26 deep



<b>3239</b>	Mid orange brown sandy silt with occasional sub-angular and sub-rounded stones	<b>Fill of ditch 3238 – secondary fill</b>	0.26 deep
<b>3240</b>	Sub-oval in plan with a concave northern side and a stepped southern side and a flat base	<b>Cut of Tree Throw – truncates ditches 3238 and 3242</b>	0.65 wide x 0.25 deep
<b>3241</b>	Mid brown orange silty sand with occasional sub-rounded stones	<b>Fill of tree throw 3240 – secondary fill</b>	0.25 deep
<b>3242</b>	E/W aligned ditch with a gently sloping, slightly convex southern edge (base not excavated)	<b>Cut of Ditch – boundary ditch, truncated by tree throw 3240</b>	0.3 excavated width x 0.15 excavated depth
<b>3243</b>	Mid orange brown silty sand with occasional sub-rounded stones	<b>Fill of ditch 3242 – secondary fill</b>	0.15 deep
<b>3244</b>	NNE/SSW aligned ditches with moderately steep concave sides and a concave base	<b>Cut of Ditch – boundary ditch, truncates ditch 3203 and truncated by pit 3246</b>	1.24 wide x 0.4 deep
<b>3245</b>	Mid orange brown sandy silt with occasional small-medium sub-rounded and sub-angular flints	<b>Fill of ditch 3244 – secondary fill</b>	0.4 deep
<b>3246</b>	Not visible in plan, possibly sub-oval with a very steep concave western side and moderately steep straight eastern side and a concave base	<b>Cut of probable Pit – truncates ditch 3244 and truncated by ditch 3195</b>	0.63 wide x 0.32 deep
<b>3247</b>	Mid brown slightly sandy silt with occasional orange mottles and moderate small-medium sub-rounded stones	<b>Fill of pit 3246 – secondary fill</b>	0.32 deep
<b>3248</b>	Mottled light grey yellow orange sand with occasional small sub-rounded stones	<b>Basal fill of ditch 3195 – redeposited natural</b>	c. 0.72 wide x 0.18 deep
<b>3249</b>	Sub-circular in plan with a stepped southern side and a steep straight northern side and a flat narrow base	<b>Cut of Posthole</b>	0.54 x 0.47 x 0.39
<b>3450</b>	Dark grey black silty sand with moderate small sub-angular stones	<b>Fill of posthole 3249 – secondary fill</b>	0.39 deep
<b>3251</b>	Circular in plan with a moderately steep concave southern side and a steep straight northern side and a flat base	<b>Cut of small Pit</b>	0.56 x 0.52 x 0.21
<b>3252</b>	Dark brown grey silty sand with black mottles and occasional burnt flints	<b>Fill of pit 3251 – deliberate backfill</b>	0.21 deep
<b>3253</b>	Sub-circular in plan with steep straight sides and a flat base	<b>Cut of Posthole</b>	0.43 x 0.36 x 0.19
<b>3254</b>	Dark brown grey silty sand with moderate small sub-angular stones	<b>Fill of posthole 3253 – secondary fill</b>	0.19 deep
<b>3255</b>	E/W aligned ditch with a gentle sloping northern side (base not excavated)	<b>Cut of Ditch re-cut – boundary ditch, truncates ditch 3193</b>	0.15 excavated depth

### APPENDIX 3: ASSESSMENT OF THE CHARRED PLANT REMAINS AND CHARCOAL

Feature Number	Context	Sample	Size Litres	Flot Size ml	Roots %	Grain	Chaff	Cereal Notes	Charred Other	Notes for Table	Charcoal >4/2mm	Other	Analysis
Middle-Late Bronze Age													
Pit													
1106	1107	1101	8	100	60	B	A	?F-threshing wheat, indet. grain frags, glumes and spikelet fork including those of emmer	C	<i>Avena/Bromus, Chenopodium</i>	5/10 ml	coal	P
3251	3252	3606	5	60	70	-	-	-	C	<i>Prunus</i> stone frag	3/8 ml	-	
3211	3212	3604	16	110	70	-	-	-	C	<i>Corylus avellana</i> shell frag, <i>Chenopodium</i> (prob. modern)	5/15 ml	-	
3215	3216	3602	17	140	70	C	-	Barley grain frag	C	<i>Corylus avellana</i> shell frag	5/15 ml	-	
Ditch													
3178	3168	3601	35	350	80	C	-	Indet. grain frag	-	-	3/5 ml	-	
Postholes													
3213	3214	3603	10	100	60	C	-	Indet. grain frag	C	<i>Avena/Bromus, Corylus avellana</i> shell frag	5/20 ml	-	
3234	3235	3605	7	100	60	C	-	Indet. grain frag	C	<i>Carex, Chenopodium</i> (prob. modern)	8/10 ml	-	
Post medieval													
Ditches													
104	105	101	12	80	n/a	-	-	-	-	-	-	wood frags	?W
205	207	201	9	175	n/a	-	-	-	-	-	-	wood frags	?W

Feature Number	Context	Sample	Size Litres	Flot Size ml	Roots %	Grain	Chaff	Cereal Notes	Charred Other	Notes for Table	Charcoal >4/2mm	Other	Analysis
606	607	601	7	175	n/a						2/1 ml	wood frags, coal	?W

Key: A\*\*\* = exceptional, A\*\* = 100+, A\* = 30-99, A = >10, B = 9-5, C = <5; Analysis: C = charcoal, P = plant, W = Waterlogged Plant Remains



## APPENDIX 4: OASIS FORM

**OASIS ID: wessexar1-112754**

### Project details

Project name Dagenham Park Community School, Report on Archaeological Investigations

Short description of the project A watching brief on unexploded ordnance investigations alongside a series of archaeological investigations, including an evaluation followed by a small excavation and then a watching brief. The investigations revealed evidence of Middle to Late Bronze Age activity, with possible earlier activity dating to the Early Neolithic. The features identified included a probable double ditch and bank enclosure, a series of pits, postholes, boundary and drainage ditches, and a buried land surface dated to the Late Bronze Age. As well as pottery, the artefact assemblage included fired clay in the form of rectangular bars (kiln bars) which may be associated with pottery production.

Project dates Start: 23-08-2010 End: 16-08-2011

Previous/future work No / No

Any associated project codes reference DPC10 - Sitecode

Any associated project codes reference 75520 - Sitecode

Type of project Field evaluation

Site status Local Authority Designated Archaeological Area

Current Land use Community Service 2 - Leisure and recreational buildings

Monument type BOUNDARY DITCH Middle Bronze Age

Monument type BOUNDARY DITCH Late Bronze Age

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Monument type	FIELD SYSTEM Middle Bronze Age
Monument type	PITS Middle Bronze Age
Monument type	POST HOLE Early Neolithic
Monument type	POST HOLE Middle Bronze Age
Monument type	DOUBLE DITCHED ENCLOSURE Uncertain
Monument type	DRAINAGE DITCH Post Medieval
Monument type	PALAEOCHANNEL Uncertain
Significant Finds	POT Early Neolithic
Significant Finds	POT Middle Bronze Age
Significant Finds	POT Late Bronze Age
Significant Finds	KILN FURNITURE Late Bronze Age
Significant Finds	ANIMAL REMAINS Uncertain
Investigation type	'Part Excavation', 'Test-Pit Survey', 'Watching Brief'
Prompt	Planning condition

### **Project location**

Country	England
Site location	GREATER LONDON BARKING AND DAGENHAM, DAGENHAM, Dagenham Park Community School
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### Project archives

Physical Archive Museum of London  
recipient

Physical Contents 'Ceramics'

Digital Archive Museum of London  
recipient

Digital available Media 'Database', 'Images raster / digital photography', 'Survey'

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Paper available Media 'Context sheet', 'Drawing', 'Notebook - Excavation', 'Research',  
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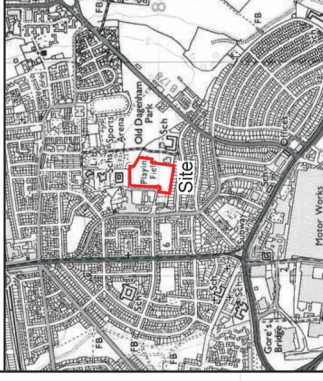
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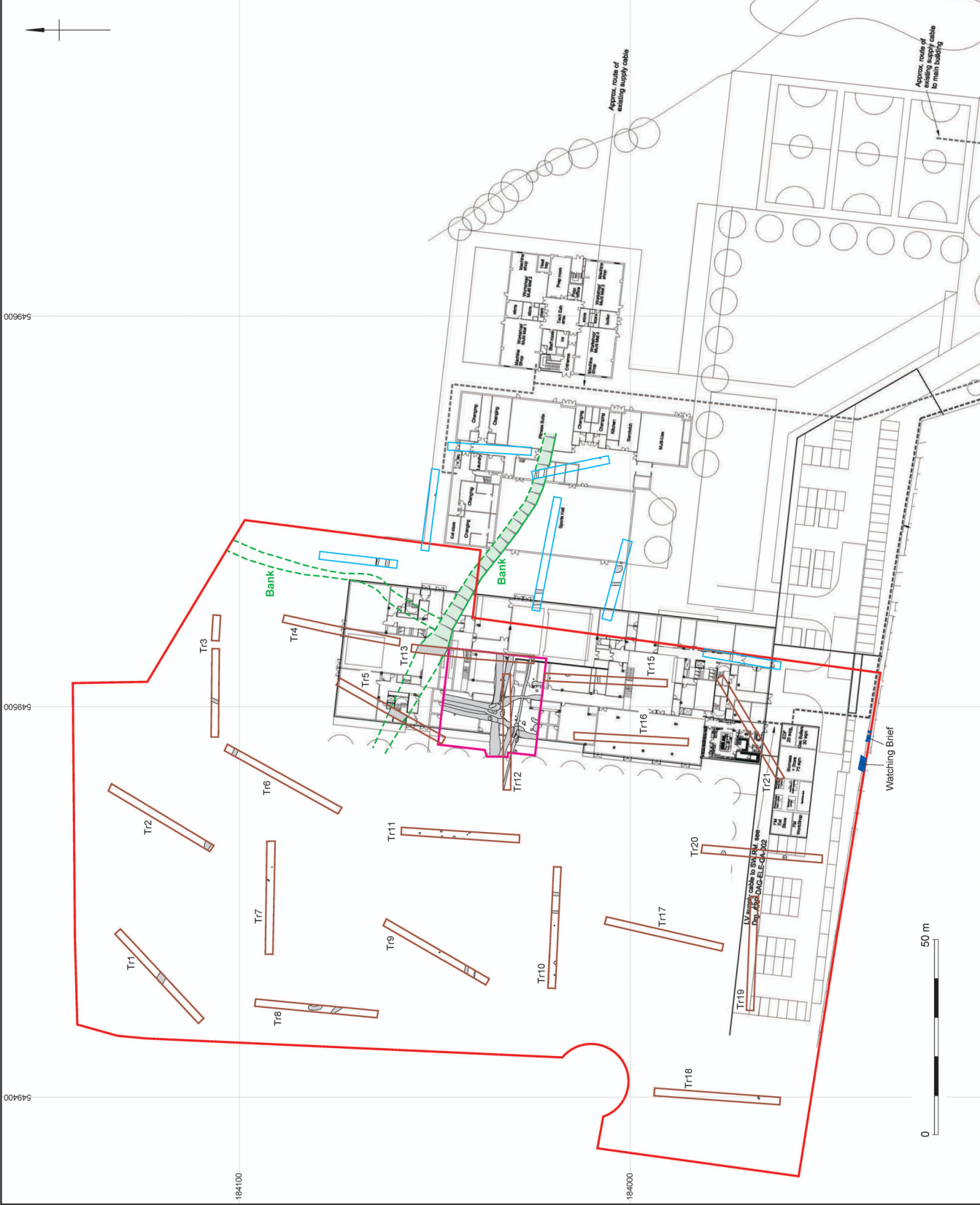


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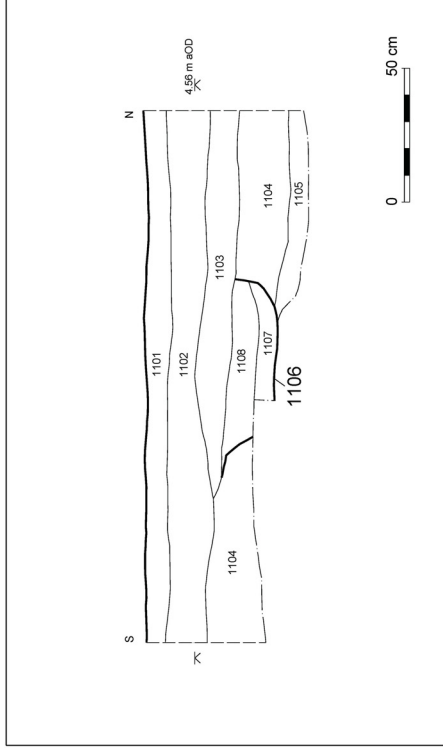
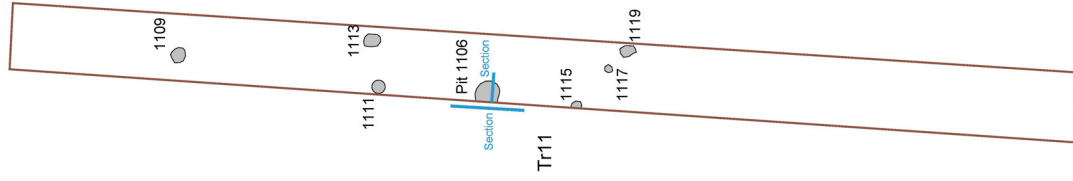
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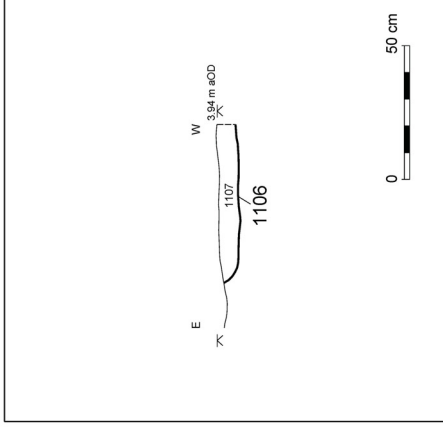


The Site location plan with evaluation trenches and excavation area

Figure 1



East facing section of Trench 11 and pit 1106



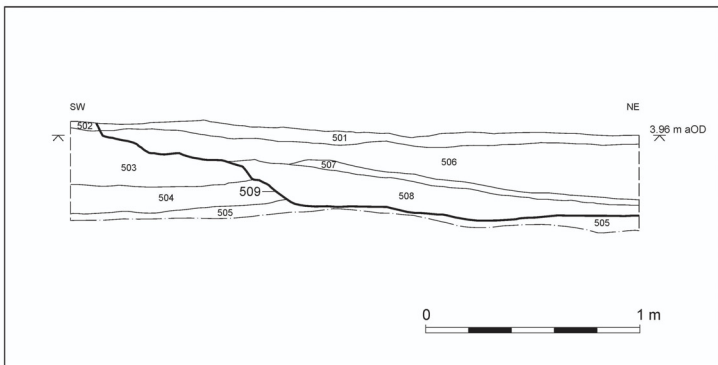
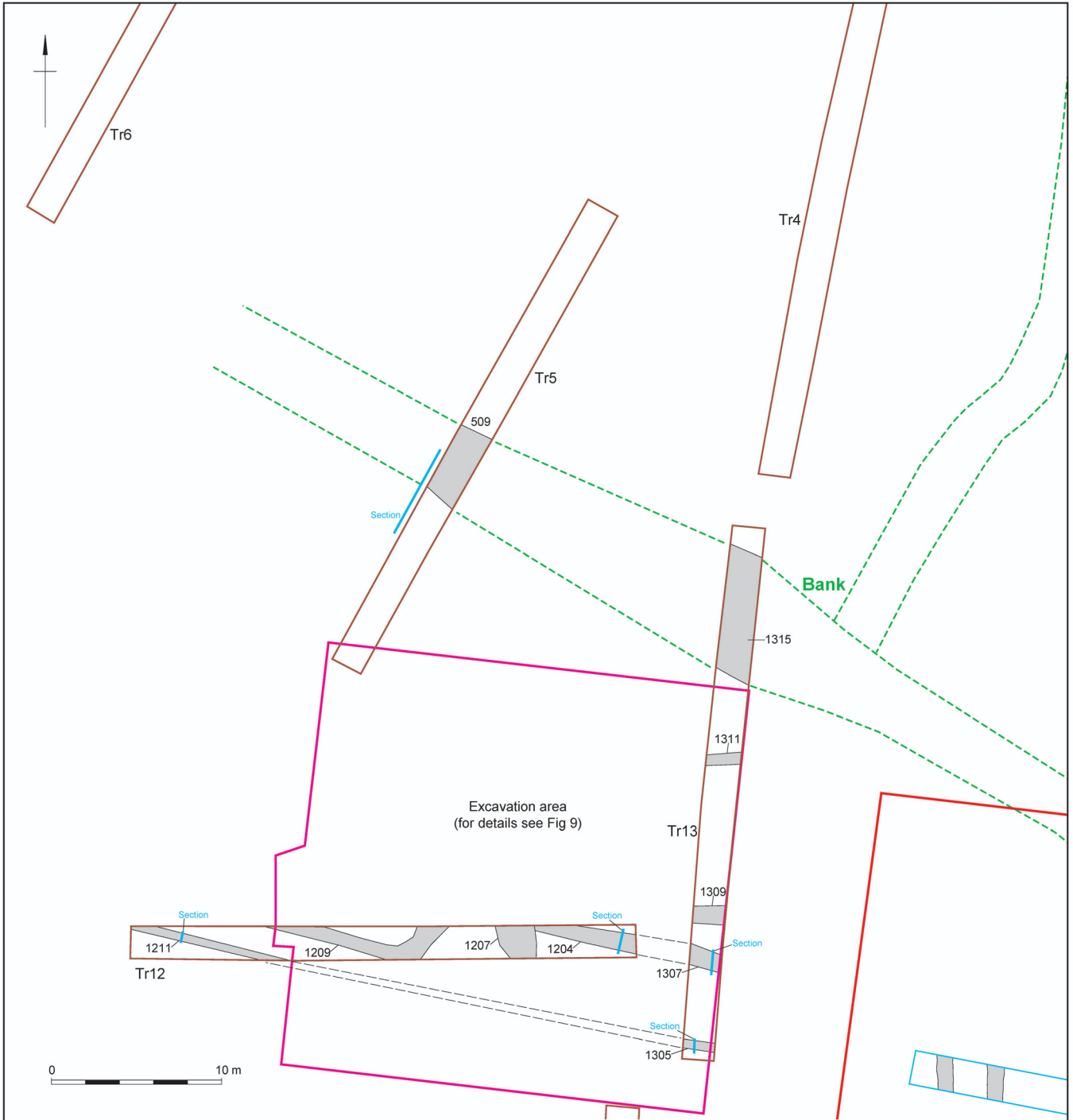
North facing section of pit 1106



Plate 1: East facing section of Trench 11 and pit 1106



Plate 2: North facing section of pit 1106



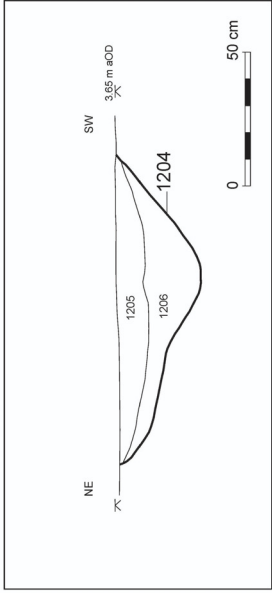
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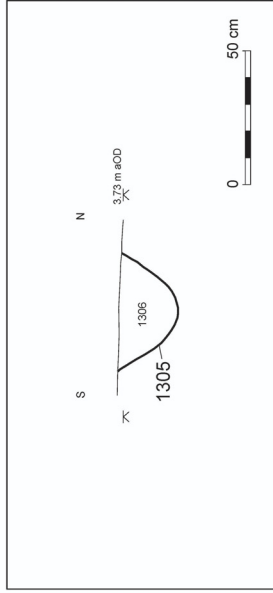
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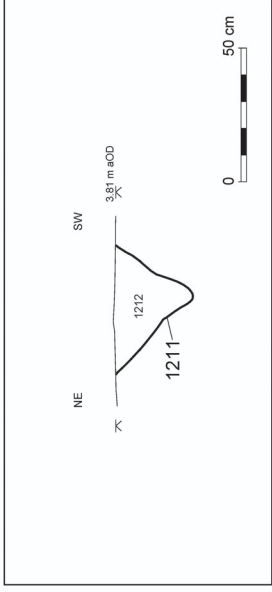




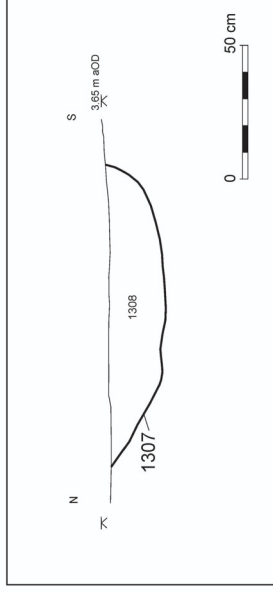
North-west facing section of ditch 1204



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West facing section of ditch 1307



Plate 4: Trench 12, view from east



Plate 5: Trench 12, view from west



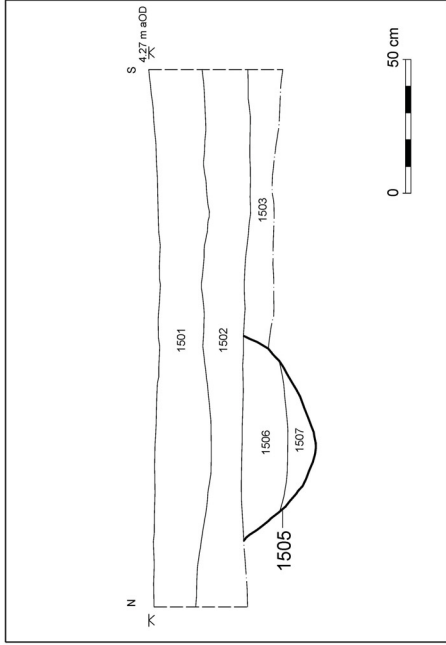
Plate 6: Trench 13, view from south



Plate 7: East facing section of bank 1315



Plate 8: Trench 15, view from north



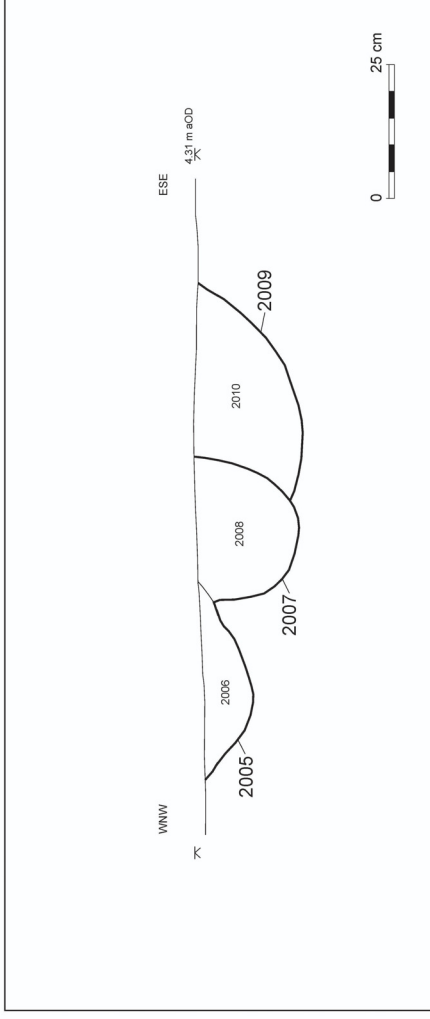
West facing section of ditch 1505



Plate 9: West facing section of ditch 1505

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South facing section of intercutting pits 2005, 2007 and 2009

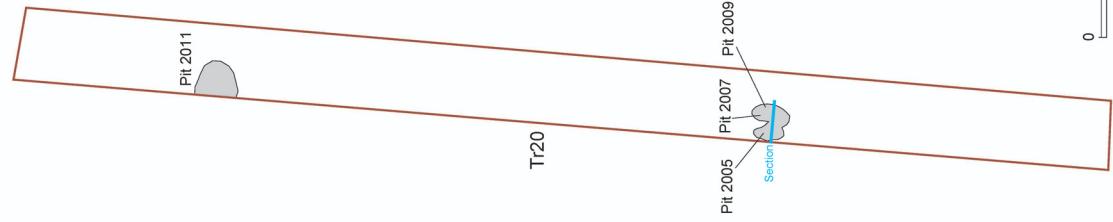


Plate 10: South facing section of intercutting pits 2005, 2007 and 2009



Plate 11: South facing section of pit 2011





Plate 12: East facing section ditch 205



Plate 13: Detail of wooden branches in ditch 205

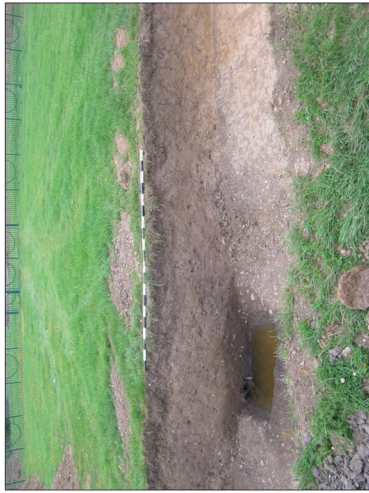
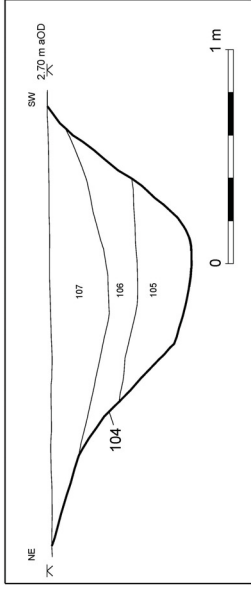
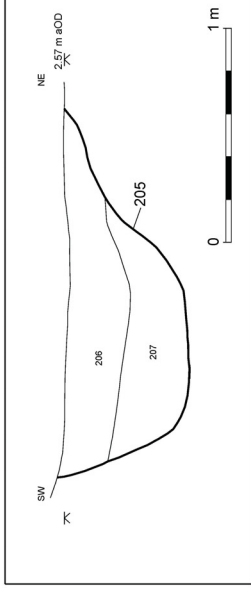


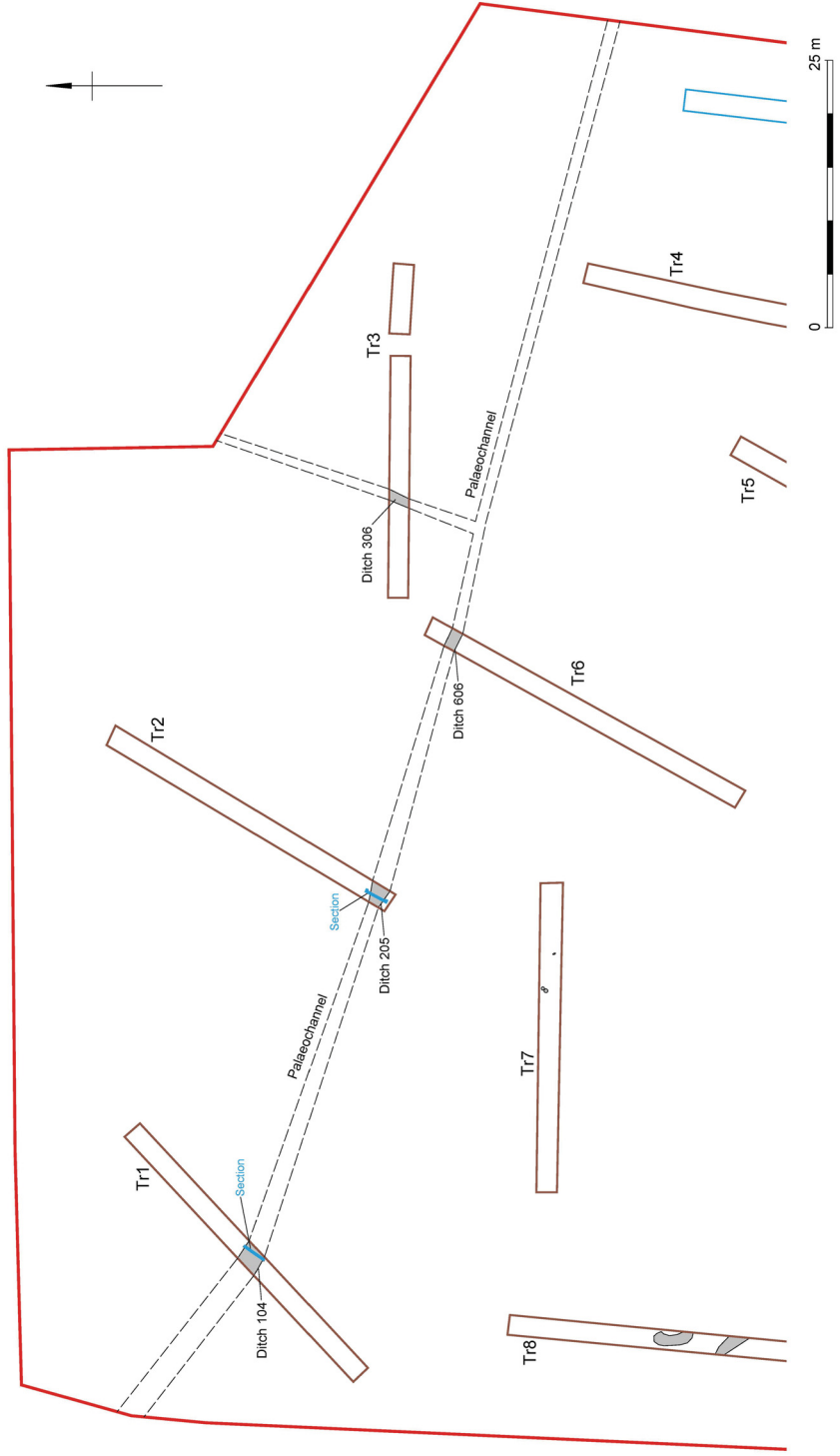
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North-west facing section of ditch 104



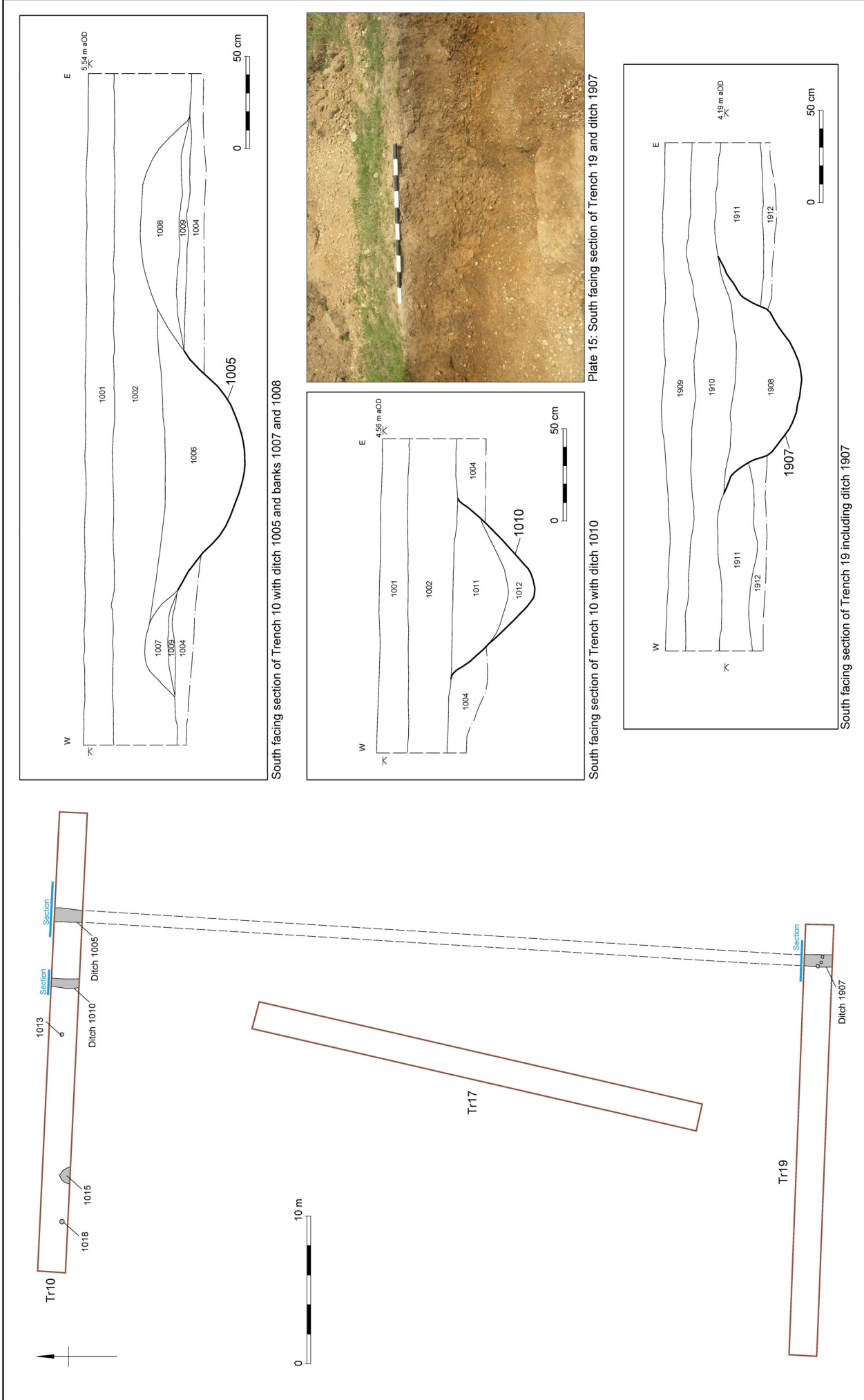
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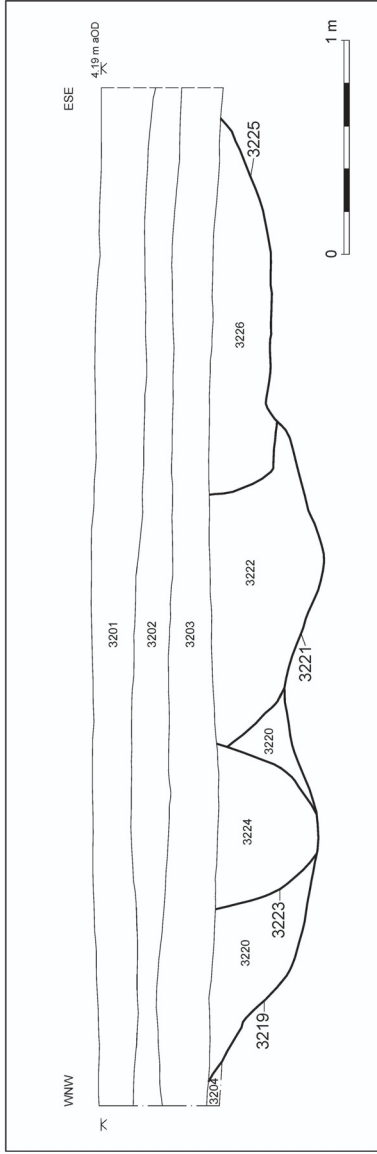
Trench 10 showing bank and double ditch with possible continuation into Trench 19



Plate 16: Overview of excavation area, viewed from south-east

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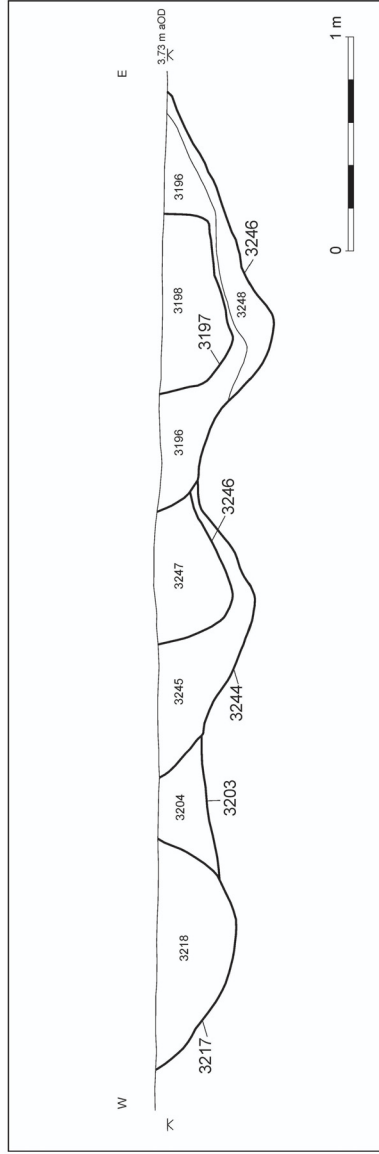




South facing section of ditch groups 3001, 3015, 3016 and 3002



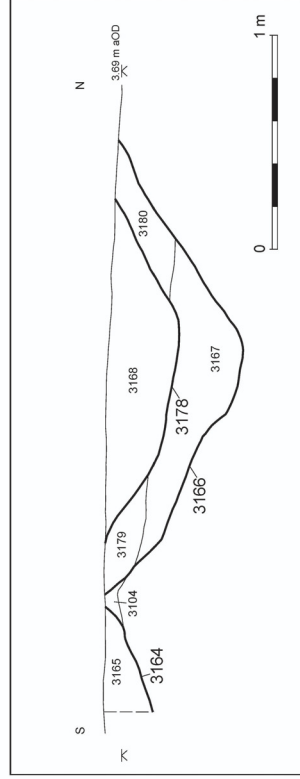
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South facing section of ditch groups 3001, 3016 and 3002, and pits 3217, 3246 and 3197



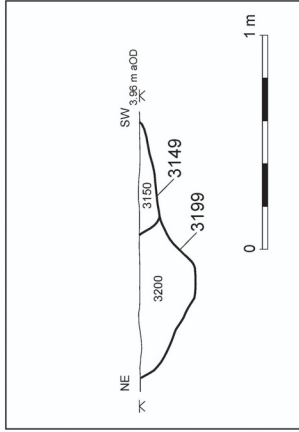
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East facing section of ditch group 3004, 3003 and 3014



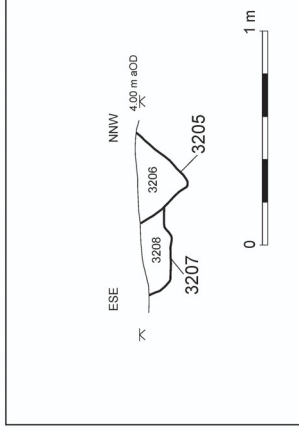
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West facing section of ditch group 3012 and pit 3149



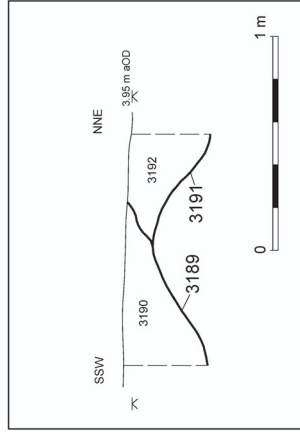
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North facing section of pits 3207 and 3205



Plate 22: North facing section of pits 3207 and 3205 (from east to west)



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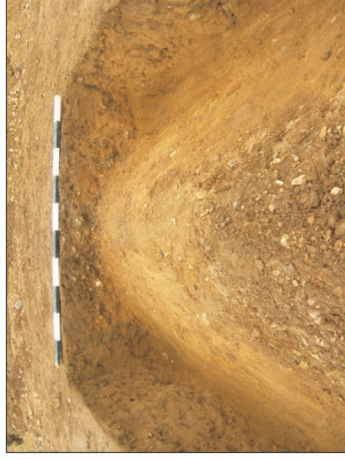
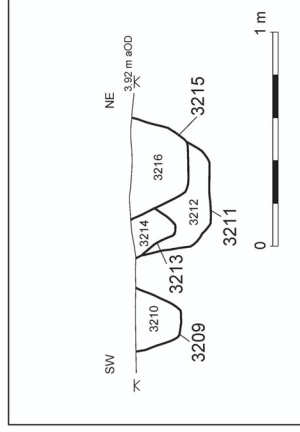


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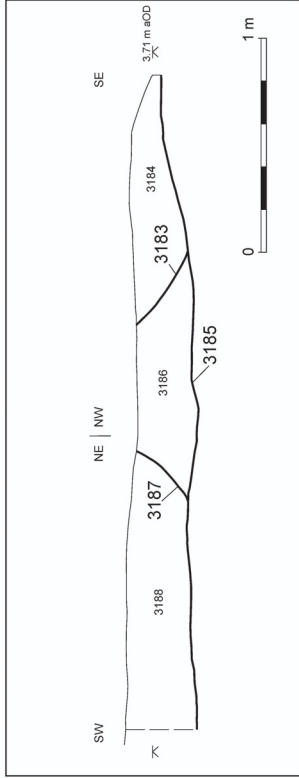


South-east facing section of posthole 3209 and intercutting pit 3211, 3213 and 3215



Plate 23: South-east facing section of posthole 3209 and intercutting pit 3211, 3213 and 3215





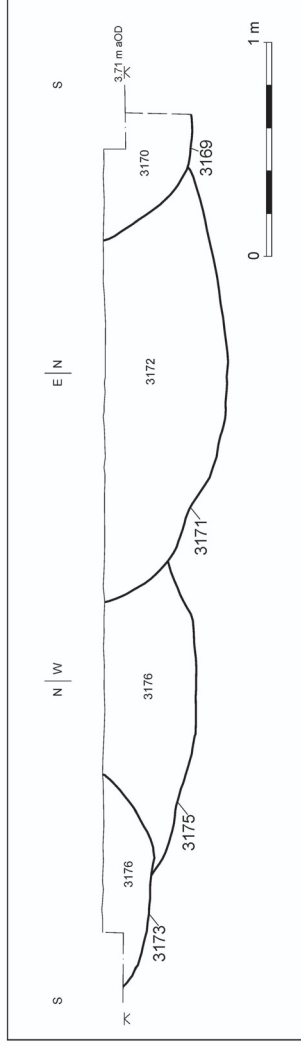
Section of pit 3187 ditch group 3016 and pit group 3013



Plate 24: South-east facing section of pit 3187 and ditch group 3016 (from south-west to north-east)



Plate 25: South-west facing section of ditch group 3016 and pit group 3013 (from north-west to south-east)



Section of pit group 3013 and 3011, and ditch group 3016 and 3002



Plate 26: East facing section of pit group 3013 and ditch group 3016 (from south to north)

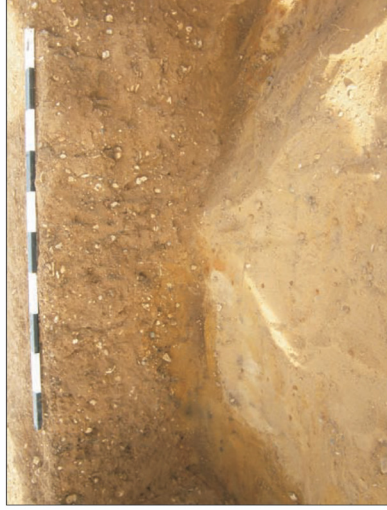
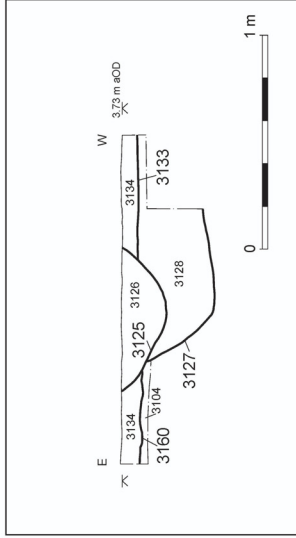


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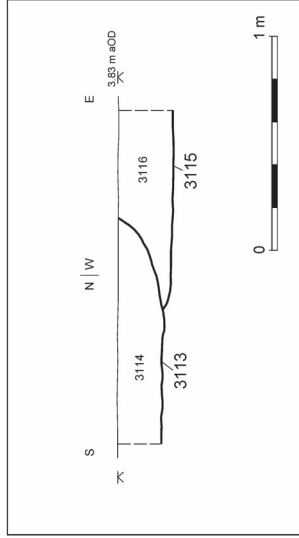


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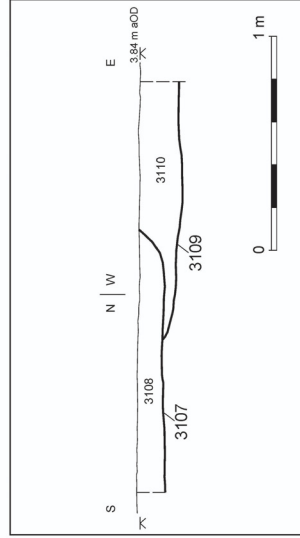




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South facing section of ditch groups 3008 and 3005



South facing section of ditch groups 3008 and 3006



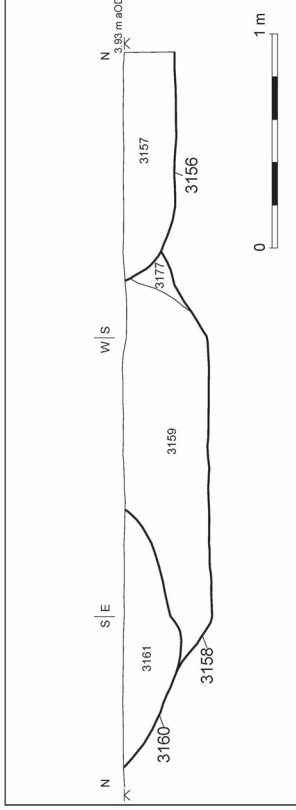
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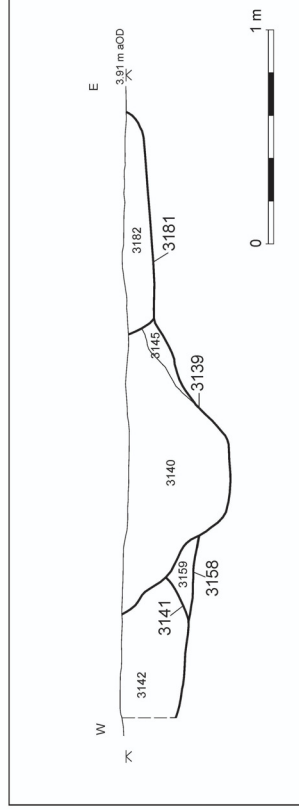
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Plate 31: South facing section of ditch groups 3008 and 3006 (from west to east)



Section of pit 3160 and ditch groups 3006 and 3007



Section of ditch groups 3012, 3006 and 3010, and pit 3181



Plate 32: South facing section of ditch groups 3012, 3006 and 3010, and pit 3181 (from west to east)

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Plate 33: East facing section of Palaeochannel 4026



Plate 34: East facing section of pit 4000



Plate 35: North facing section of ditch 4028



Plate 36: North facing section of intercutting ditches 4032 and 4030



Plate 37: North facing section through pit 4034



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