## PREMISES AT AYLESBURY TA OXFORD ROAD, AYLESBURY, BUCKS

#### REPORT ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVALUATION

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#### **Summary**

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The evaluation was required in order to obtain information to support a planning application (03/00520/AOP & 03/00521/AOP) to Aylesbury Vale District Council for redevelopment of the TA centre. The evaluation was carried out in accordance with a Project Design approved by Buckinghamshire County Council's County Archaeological Officer.

The objective of the evaluation was to provide information concerning the presence/absence, date, nature and extent of any buried archaeological remains within the Site. In particular, the Site was identified as having the potential to contain remains of a Medieval Leper Hospice.

The evaluation achieved the excavation of ten trenches totalling 101.6m in length, by 1.8m wide. The trenches were positioned to take account of the existing use of the Site by the TA and Red Cross centres, and buried services. As a result, the layout and sizes of trenches varied from those proposed in the Project Design. However, the total length of trenches achieved the sample size that was required for the first stage.

The evaluation, comprising only the first proposed stage, established no evidence for the Medieval Leper Hospice and in general a low level of archaeological potential across the area investigated. This potential would appear to result, at least in part, from the impact of modern buildings and services on the Site, and may reflect its low lying position.

The two possible pits in Trench 4 are most likely of Post-medieval date, and the ditch in Trench 6 remains undated. Of more interest, three linear features of probably Medieval date, recorded in Trench 7, contain environmental evidence indicative of domestic activities in the vicinity of the Site.

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#### 1.1. Project background

- 1.1.1. Wessex Archaeology was commissioned by Defence Estates through their agents RPS Planning, Transport and Environment to carry out an archaeological evaluation at the Aylesbury Territorial Army (TA), Oxford Road, Aylesbury, hereafter the Site (NGR 481275 213850).
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- 1.1.3. This report sets out the results of the evaluation and is intended to provide the information required to support the planning application for redevelopment of the TA centre.

#### 1.2. The Site

1.2.1. The Site covers an area of approximately 2ha and is bounded to the east by Oxford Road, by housing to the north and industrial units to the west and south (**Figure 1**). To the south it is also incorporates a Red Cross Training Centre. Originally the Site was bounded by Bear Brook to the south but modern developments since the 1950s have covered and redirected this minor waterway. The Site is located to the south-west of Aylesbury town centre.

#### 1.3. Archaeological background

1.3.1. The archaeological background to the Site is contained within the Project Design (Wessex Archaeology 2003) and is not repeated here.

#### 2. OBJECTIVE

#### 2.1. Archaeological evaluation

2.1.1. The objective of the evaluation was to provide information concerning the presence/absence, date, nature and extent of any buried archaeological remains within the Site. In particular, the Site was identified as having the potential to contain remains of a Medieval Leper Hospice.

2.1.2. The information obtained by the evaluation was intended to assist in the determination of what adverse impact proposed development of the Site may have on archaeological remains and what measures may be required to offset that impact.

#### 3. METHODOLOGY

#### 3.1. Fieldwork

- 3.1.1. The Project Design set out a two stage trench evaluation of the Site, agreed with the County Archaeological Officer. The first stage was to comprise seven trenches totalling 100m in length by 1.8m positioned in the area of the Site of greatest perceived potential, the south-eastern portion of the Site occupied by the TA. The need for the second stage of trenches was to be informed by the results of the first stage.
- 3.1.2. The evaluation (first stage) achieved the excavation of ten trenches totalling 101.6m in length, by 1.8m wide (**Figure 1**). The trenches were positioned to take account of the existing use of the Site by the TA and Red Cross centres, and buried services. As a result, the layout and sizes of trenches varied from those proposed in the Project Design. However, the total length of trenches achieved the sample size that was required for the first stage.
- 3.1.3. On the basis of the results (below) of the first stage of trenches, and in consultation with the County Archaeological Officer, the second stage was not undertaken.

#### 4. RESULTS

#### 4.1. Introduction

4.1.1. The results of the evaluation are summarised below. More detailed trench summaries are provided in **Appendix 1**, based on the field record of the evaluation, which is currently held by Wessex Archaeology as an archive under project code 52435.

#### **4.2.** Evaluation trenches 1-10

- 4.2.1. All trenches were excavated by machine around the buildings of the TA centre and the adjacent Red Cross centre immediately to the south-west. Trenches 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, & 10 were machine excavated through hard surfacing, while trenches 3, 4, 5, & 6 were machine excavated through topsoil.
- 4.2.2. Sub-surface ground conditions were dry to the north-east and increasingly wet to the south-west. Trench 4 and all trenches south-west of it became partially filled by groundwater when excavated. This would appear to reflect the topography of the area, which rises to the north-west, away from the low-lying area of the Bear Brook. Natural deposits in the north-east included calcareous silty loam, in contrast to more alluvial deposits recorded in the south-west.

#### 4.3. Archaeological features and deposits

- 4.3.1. Archaeological features and deposits were recorded in Trenches 4, 6, and 7 (**Figure 2**).
- 4.3.2. In Trench 4 two features, possibly pits, were revealed, **046** and **048**. Although only partially revealed, these appeared to be sub-circular in plan and at least 2m in diameter. Owing to groundwater egress, these features were rapidly sampled for dating evidence before the Trench was abandoned. The fill (**046**) of feature **045** contained animal bone, ceramic building material (CBM) and clay pipe, while the fill (**047**) of feature **048** contained animal bone and CBM.
- 4.3.3. In Trench 6 a linear feature aligned north-south was revealed, 0.6m wide and 0.15m deep. The fills, **606** and **607**, contained no finds.
- 4.3.4. In Trench 7, three linear features, **709**, **710**, and **711**, were revealed, approximately aligned north-south. Feature **710** appeared to be at least 1m wide and had two fills, **704**, which contained medieval pottery, and **706**. Feature **709** was possibly a re-cut of **710**, was 2.2m wide and contained four fills **701**, **702**, **703**, **708** and **712**. Medieval pottery was recovered from fill **701/712**. South-west of **710** was feature **711**, at least 0.5m wide. This contained two fills, **705** and **707**, from which Medieval pottery was recovered.
- 4.3.5. All other features and deposits were natural, Post-medieval, or modern.

#### 5. FINDS

#### 5.1. Introduction

5.1.1. A small quantity of finds was recovered during the evaluation, from Trenches 4, 7, 8 and 10. These have been quantified by material type within each context, and this information is presented in **Table 1**. The date range of the assemblage is from later prehistoric to Post-medieval.

#### 5.2. Pottery

- 5.2.1. Pottery, recovered from two Trenches only (7 and 8), constitutes the only close dating evidence from the site. This small assemblage includes sherds of later prehistoric, Romano-British and medieval date, some at least of which appears to have been re-deposited in later contexts. The condition of the material is poor, with sherds small and abraded (mean sherd weight overall is 5.9 grammes).
- 5.2.2. One coarse, flint-tempered sherd from ditch **809** (fill **808**) can be relatively confidently identified as of later prehistoric date, probably Late Bronze Age, on fabric grounds. This feature was otherwise datable by Post-medieval CBM. A second flint-tempered sherd from ditch **709** (fill **701**) is less certainly attributed.

- 5.2.3. Four of the five Romano-British sherds came from a single context in Trench 7 (ditch **709**), comprising three coarse greywares and one shelly ware; none can be more closely dated within the Roman period. A second shelly sherd, from ditch **809** (fill **808**) is also likely to be Romano-British although less diagnostic.
- 5.2.4. The remaining ten sherds are of Medieval date; all are coarsewares, some sandy and some with added flint inclusions. None are attributable to known sources, although all are likely to be of at least relatively local manufacture. There are no diagnostic sherds, but the potential date range of these sherds is 12<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> century. All these sherds came from Trench 7 (ditches **709**, **710** and **711**).

#### **5.3.** Ceramic Building Material

5.3.1. This category includes fragments of flat roof tile (peg tile) and brick, the former predominant here. Most of this material is of obviously Post-medieval date, but there are a few fragments of peg tile in coarser, less well fired fabrics, which could be of medieval date, although all these occurred with post-medieval fragments. Most of the CBM came from Trenches 4, 8 and 10.

#### **5.4.** Animal Bone

5.4.1. The faunal assemblage, most of which derived from contexts in Trench 7, comprises a range of medium to large size mammals – identifiable species include sheep/goat and cattle. Most of the material is quite fragmentary.

#### 5.5. Other Finds

5.5.1. Other finds include clay tobacco pipes (plain stem fragments), one piece of burnt, unworked flint (unknown date), a single oyster shell, a modern glass bottle and two tiny fragments of slag or cinder material.

**Table 1: All finds by context** 

Trench	Context	Animal	CBM	Clay	Prehist	RB	Med	Other Finds
		Bone		Pipe	pottery	pottery	Pottery	
4	45	10/132	12/330	1/3				1 oyster shell
	47	1/4	3/56					
7	701	67/573	1/45		1/1	4/30	3/21	1 burnt flint
	704	25/19					1/3	1g slag
	707						3/21	
	708	1/53						
	712	5/8					3/20	
8	801							1 glass bottle
	802			1/1				
	804	3/28	18/1146	1/3				
	808		3/72		1/3	1/2		
10	1004	1/13	5/355	1/4				
	1006		5/76	1/2				
	TOTAL	113/830	47/2080	5/13	2/4	5/32	10/65	

#### 6. ENVIRONMENTAL

#### **6.1.** Aims

6.1.1. Three samples were taken to evaluate the presence of charred remains and aid with defining the role and significance of the site. This report provides comments on sample size and strategy if further field intervention is warranted.

#### **6.2.** Samples taken and palaeo-environmental evidence

6.2.1. A series of three bulk samples of between 12 and 40 litres were processed from two Medieval ditches **709** and **710** for the recovery and assessment of charred plant remains and charcoal and land snails.

#### **6.3.** Assessment results

Charred Plant Remains and Charcoals

- 6.3.1. The bulk samples were processed by standard flotation methods; the flot retained on a 0.5 mm mesh and the residues fractionated into 5.6 mm, 2 mm and 1 mm fractions and dried. The coarse fractions (>5.6 mm) were sorted, weighed and discarded.
- 6.3.2. The flots were scanned under a x10 x30 stereo-binocular microscope and presence of charred remains quantified (**Table 2**), to record the preservation and nature of the charred plant and charcoal remains.

Charred plant remains

- 6.3.3. The flots were small (average flot size for a 10 litre sample is 60 millilitres) with 40-50% rooty material and low numbers of uncharred weed seeds, which can be indicative of stratigraphic movement.
- 6.3.4. Large quantities of charred grain fragments and small amounts of charred weed seeds were recorded in all three samples. A few charred chaff fragments and charred pea/beans were observed in a single sample. Small mammal bones, land snails and fresh and brackish water snails were present in all samples.

Charcoal

6.3.5. Charcoal was noted from the flots of the bulk samples and is recorded in **Table 2**. A small quantity of charcoal fragments of greater than 5.6 mm were retrieved from one sample.

Land snails

- 6.3.6. The snails noted in the bulk samples were as follows:
  - Ditch 709 molluscs include whole *Helix aspersa*, *Candidula*, *Cernuella*, *Helicella itala*, *Vertigo*, *Vallonia*, *Trichia hispida*, *Punctum pygmaeum*, *Cochlicopa*, *Oxychilus*, *Aegopinella*, *Ena*, *Lymnaea* and *Bithynia*.
  - Ditch **710** molluscs include whole *Helix aspersa*, *Candidula*, *Cernuella*, *Helicella itala*, *Vertigo*, *Vallonia*, *Trichia hispida*, *Punctum pygmaeum*, *Cochlicopa*, *Oxychilus*, *Aegopinella*, *Ena*, *Lymnaea* and *Bithynia*.

There were some molluscs with periostracums in both ditches.

**Table 2: Environmental evidence by context** 

							Flot				Residue
Feature type/ no	Context	Sample	size litres		Grain	Chaff	Weed Uncharre d	seeds charred	Charcoal >5.6mm		Charcoal >5.6mm
Medieval D	Ditches										
710	704	3	40	175 87.5	A	_	С	С	-	moll-t (A) moll-f (A) smb (C)	-
709	701	1	40	175 70	A*	-	С	С	С	moll-t (A) moll-f (C) smb (A)	-
709	708	2	12	50 25	A	С	С	С	-	moll-t (A) moll-f (C) smb (C) p/beans (C)	_

KEY:  $A^{**}$  = exceptional,  $A^{*}$  = 30+ items,  $A = \ge 10$  items, B = 9 - 5 items, C = < 5 items, (h) = hazelnuts, smb = small mammal bones; Moll-t = terrestrial molluscs Moll-f = freshwater molluscs;

NOTE: <sup>1</sup>flot is total, but flot in superscript = ml of rooty material. <sup>2</sup>Unburnt seed in lower case to distinguish from charred remains

#### 6.4. Potential

#### Charred plant remains and charcoal

6.4.1. The presence of charred plant remains has the potential to indicate the crops grown, processing in the area and the nature of storage. This information can help define the activities on site and nature of the archaeological remains. The presence of peas/ beans indicates a diverse cultivated assemblages not untypical of medieval contexts. The remains seemed to be dumped and the remains have the potential to help define the processes and activities relating to the burnt remains. The sparse charcoal indicates little burnt material was deposited in the ditches and there is little potential for future analysis.

#### Land snails

6.4.2. The land snail assemblage is typical of a syanthropic post-Roman garden assemblage. Analysis will not provide further details of the environment.

#### Palaeo-environmental Summary

6.4.3. The quantity of charred remains from the ditches is high indicating domestic activity in the vicinity. It is not uncommon to find rich charred assemblages of Medieval date. The lack of an archaeological site to provide a framework into which to place this data reduces the significance of these finds. The evaluation trench, however, is unlikely to have been far from the source of the burning activity, unless this derives from a midden/manure heap in an agricultural landscape.

#### 6.5. Proposals

6.5.1. If further field work is undertaken then an appropriate sampling stagy should be implemented. Sample size of 10 –20 litres would be appropriate. If no further field work is undertaken no analysis is proposed unless the Medieval remains can be directly related to other defined features.

#### 7. CONCLUSION

#### 7.1. Evaluation results

- 7.1.1. The evaluation, comprising only the first proposed stage, established no evidence for the Medieval leper hospice and in general a low level of archaeological potential across the area investigated. This potential would appear to result, at least in part, from the impact of modern buildings and services on the Site, and may reflect its low lying position.
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### **Appendix 1: Trench summaries**

Trench 1		Max Depth: 1.2m	Length: 6m	Width:	
				2m	
No.	Interpretation	Description		Depth	
011		Tarmac and modern over	0.2m		
012		Crushed brick and dem	0.4m		
		levelling deposit.			
013	Natural clay	Dark grey / black staine	Dark grey / black stained sandy clay. Stained natural clay		
		deposit.			
014	Natural clay	Light brown sandy clay n	natural	0.95m	
015	Natural clay	Light brown silty clay	natural with c.20% chalk rock	1.1m	
		fragments within matrix.			

Trench 2 Max Depth: 0.5m Length: 6.2m		Length: 6.2m		
No.	Interpretation	Description		Depth
021		Tarmac and modern over	burden	0.2m
022		Crushed brick and dem	olition waste used as hogging /	0.4m
		levelling deposit.		
023		Upper surface of mixed of	lay and rubble interface	c.o.5m

Tren	ich 3	Max Depth: 1.2m Ler	Length: 2m		
No.	Interpretation	Description		Depth	
031	topsoil			0.3m	
032	subsoil	mid brown sandy clay		0.7m	
033	natural	Light brown silty clay		1.05m	
034	natural	Light brown silty clay with	c. 5-10% inclusions of chalk	1.05+	
		gravel			

Tren	ch 4	Max Depth: 1.1m	Length: 10m	Width: 21	m
No.	Interpretation	Description		J	Depth
041	topsoil			(	0.12m
042	subsoil	mid brown silty clay loar	n	(	0.3m
043	Possible buried	Dark brown silty clay loa	ım	(	0.45m
	soil horizon				
044	Natural	Light brown silty clay		(	0.45m+
045	Fill of cut	It was not possible to har	It was not possible to hand excavate this deposit due to rapid		
	feature [046]	flooding of trench.			
046	Cut feature	Cut feature, full extent u	nknown. Possibly a pit (?) n	ot fully (	0.45m
		examined within this tren	nch due to rapid flooding of t	rench.	
047	Fills of cut	It was not possible to h	and excavate these deposits	due to (	0.45m
	feature [048]	rapid flooding of trench.			
048	Cut feature	Cut feature, full extent u	nknown. Possibly a pit (?) n	ot fully (	0.45m
		examined within this tren	nch due to rapid flooding of t	rench.	

Tren	ich 5	Max Depth: 0.5	Length: 25m	Width: 21	m
No.	Interpretation	Description			Depth
501	topsoil				0.2m
502	subsoil				0.4m
503	natural	Sandy clay matrix with i	nclusions of pea grit and g	ravel.	0.5m
504	Fill of cut	Black humic clay depos	sit. Very loose. Modern b	ackfill of	
	feature [505]	machine dug (?) pit/trend	ch of unknown purpose.		
505	Cut feature (modern)	Straight sided sub-linear south-west side of trend were exposed. Excavat None recovered. The	cut feature revealed only ch 5. Approximately 8m ed by machine, fill sifted size and character (deep likely to have been exca	in length for finds.	Not known

Tren	ch 6	Max Depth: 0.8m	Length: 10m + 8m	Width	: 2m
No.	Interpretation	Description			Depth
601	Topsoil				0.2
602	Subsoil				0.4
603	Layer	Mid brown silty clay loa	am. Inclusions of less than 19	% pea	0.65
		grit.			
604	Natural	Matrix of c.50% yellow	brown sandy clay, c.25% per	a grit,	0.75
		c.30% small sub-angular			
605	Linear cut	Cut of linear feature of u	north-	0.85	
	feature	south at an oblique ang	le to trench. Contained fills	s 606,	
		607. The westernmost e	extent of this feature was true	ncated	
		by modern buildings on s	site.		
606	Primary fill of	Dark brown sandy clay.	Inclusions comprised c.10%	small	
	cut [605]	sub-angular gravels. Lo	wer (primary?) fill of north-	-south	
		cut linear feature			
607	Upper fill of cut	Mid brown silty clay lo	am. Note that the horizon be	tween	
	[605]	deposits (606) and (607	7) is diffuse and the distinct	ion is	
		therefore an arbitrary one	2.		

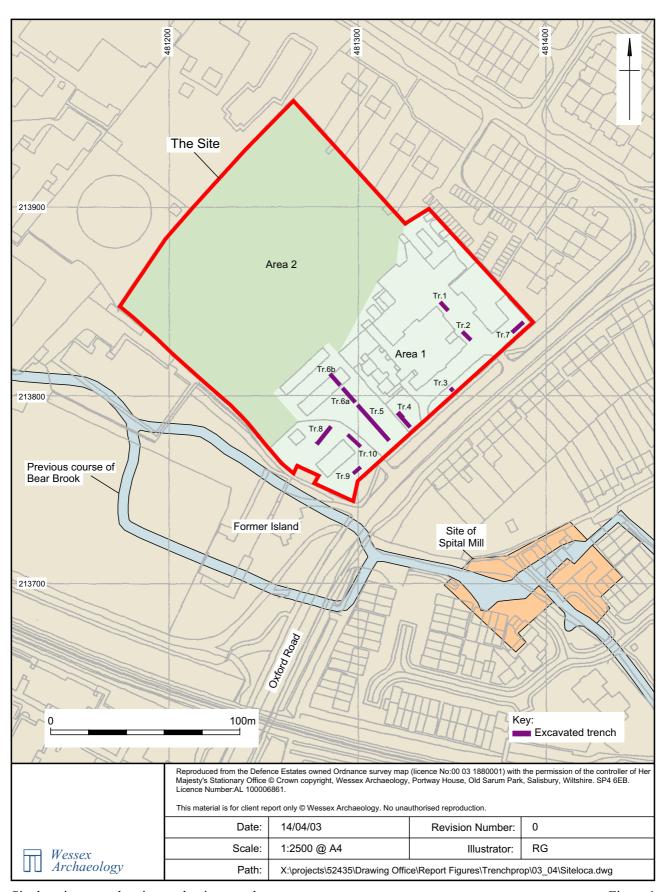
Tren	ch 7	Max Depth: 1.5m	Length: 8m	Width: 2m		
No.	Interpretation	Description			Depth	
N/a		Tarmac and modern over	burden		0.13m	
N/a		Crushed brick and dem levelling deposit.	Crushed brick and demolition waste used as hogging / levelling deposit.			
701	Fill of ditch 709 See also 712	Mid brown sandy clay.			1.05m	
702	Fill of ditch 709		ay matrix with inclusions of was confined to the eastern		0.7m - 1.1m	
703	Fill of ditch 709	The horizon between the were less conspicuous in	This deposit very similar e two deposits was diffuse, this deposit, though this maplume of the deposit sampled ds its base).	Finds y result	1.35m	
704	Fill of ditch 710	Dark yellow brown silt deposit and 701 was diffi	y clay. The interface between use.	een this	1.15m	
705	Fill of possible ditch 711		dy clay. Deposit disturb cound the western edge of the	•	0.9m	
706	Fill of ditch 710		y. A very slight and poorly by bioturbation around the		0.9m	

707	Fill of possible	Dark brown silty clay. Deposit disturbed by extensive	0.85m
	ditch 711	bioturbation around the Western edge of the ditch fills.	
708	Fill of ditch 709	Dark green/brown silty clay.	1.5m
709	Cut of north-	North-south aligned ditch. Contained fills 701, 702, 703,	1.5m
	south ditch	708, 712. Note that the distinction between the fills of this	
		ditch and adjacent features 710 and 711 was not clear in	
		section.	
710	Cut of north-	Ditch cut on same axis as 709. Associated with, and possibly	1.15m
	south ditch	re-cut by 709, however the relationship between these two	
		features is unclear and they may have been contemporary.	
711	Cut of possible	Eastern edge only of cut revealed within evaluation trench.	0.9m
	ditch	Possibly a third N-S ditch contiguous with 709 and 710.	
712	Fill of ditch	Lens, dark brown/black sandy clay. Wholly contained within	
	[709]	deposit 701	
713	Natural	Yellow brown silty clay.	0.25m

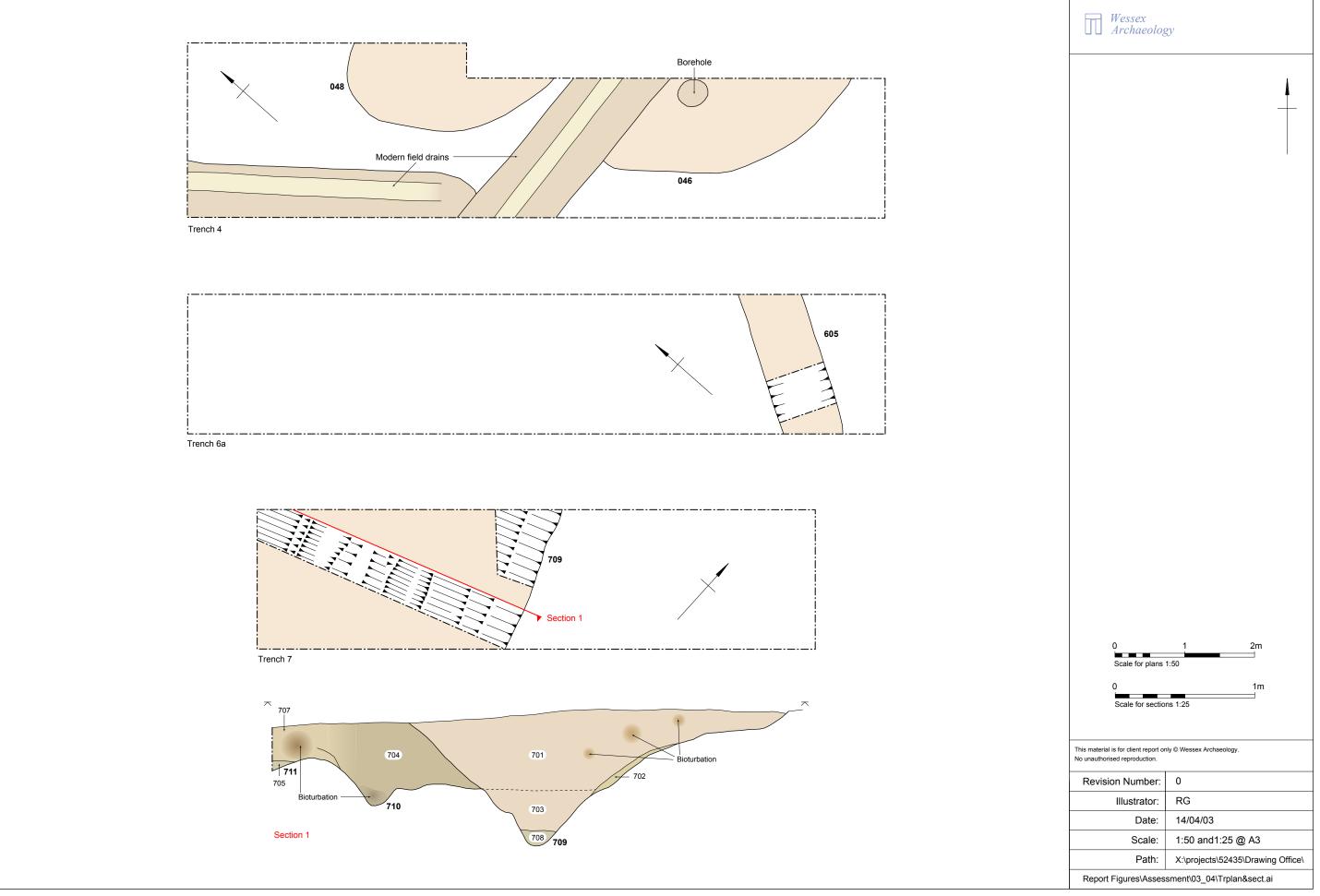
Tren	ch 8	Max Depth: 1.2m	Length: 12.2m	Width: 2	2m
No.	Interpretation	Description			Depth
N/a		Modern tarmac overburd	len		0.1m
801	layer	Dark brown silty clay	with c.5% inclusions of pea	gravel.	0.55m
		Re-deposited material.			(max)
802	layer	Mid brown silty clay. No	visible inclusions.		0.3m
					(max)
803	layer	Pale grey brown silty	clay with inclusions of c.1	0% silt	0.7m
		derived from natural cha			(max)
804	Fill of 807		n clay matrix containing		1.5m+
			of chalk rubble. This depo		
			ondage to a depth of over 1.5		
		1 1	it was not reached, as the	deposits	
			ecord beyond that depth.		
805	Lens	v	ying natural boulder clay 810		
806	Natural gravels	1	ural gravels overlying bould	der clay	1.00m
		810.			+
807	Cut of modern		ern feature only partially i		
	feature		ench. Possibly associated		
			ng of site prior to construc		
			ontains fill 804. Sealed belo	ow 801,	
000	E'11 - C 000	802, 803.		004	
808	Fill of 809	*	in character / composition to		
809	Modern cut		al modern cut feature. Ex	tent not	
011	feature	fully exposed. Compone		1	
811	structure		rick structure. Not fully	-	
			h. No construction cut vi	sidle in	
		section. Sealed by 801, 8	802, 803.		

Trench 9		Max Depth: 1.2m	Length: 5m	
No.	Interpretation	Description		Depth
		Modern tarmac and overburden		0.2m
901	layer	Dark brown humic sandy clay. Inclusions comprise c.40%   0.35m		0.35m
		flint and gravel fragments of mixed size. Modern		
		disturbance.		
902	layer	Mid brown silty clay loa	am. Inclusions comprise c. 5% flint	1.15m
		and gravel @ c.30x20x10mm (max).		
903	Natural	Matrix of yellow brown clay with moderate sized gravels. 1.15m+		
904	Natural	Pocket of natural blue-grey boulder clay. Investigated by 1.15m+		
		machine sondage. Full depth not revealed. Variation within		
		alluvial geology.		

Trench 10		Max Depth: 1.2m   Length: 9.2m	
No.	Interpretation	Description	Depth
		Modern tarmac and overburden	0.25m
1001	layer	Black sandy clay. Modern levelling / dump deposit.	0.65m
1002	layer	Dark brown clay loam. Inclusions comprise c.5% small gravel fragments.	
1004	layer	Dark brown / black sandy clay. Contains modern demolition waste.	
1003	Natural gravels	Natural alluvial gravels.	



Site location map showing evaluation trenches.



Archaeological features, plans and sections.