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Summary

Wessex Archaeology (WA) was commissioned by Swindon Borough Council (the Client), to undertake an archaeological trial trench evaluation associated with a proposed development at Wichelstowe, located to the south of Swindon, Wiltshire, centred on National Grid Reference (NGR) 413075, 183020.

Outline Planning Permission (OPP) for a proposed mixed-use development including 4,500 dwellings was granted in 2005. Various intrusive and non-intrusive archaeological projects were undertaken which identified a low level of archaeological activity within the site, including Romano-British agricultural features and a number of medieval clay extraction pits. A supplementary Environmental Statement will be submitted to assess the current development proposals at the site and consultations between Armour Heritage (the Archaeological Consultant) and the County Archaeologist at Wiltshire Council (Archaeological Advisor to Swindon Borough Council) have resulted in a requirement for additional archaeological evaluation on the site.

Due to ecological constraints, the evaluation proposed will be undertaken in two phases, and when complete will comprise a 2.5% sample of the development area. This report relates to the Phase I evaluation which originally proposed the excavation of 168no. trial trenches, with a further 40no. trial trenches proposed for the Phase II works in the spring of 2014. Due to various unforeseen restrictions, a total of 147 evaluation trenches were excavated during the Phase I evaluation.

Archaeological features and deposits were identified in 35% of the excavated trial trenches. The evaluation results have demonstrated that buried archaeological remains are present within the site and include features and artefacts dating from the Mesolithic through to the post-medieval period. Five broad zones of potential have been identified during the evaluation. Two are recorded to the south and east of the shrunken medieval village of West Leaze, where ditches and pits containing Neolithic, Bronze Age and Romano-British pottery were recorded (Trenches 239 – 240 and 250 – 258). The third area of potential relates to Romano-British activity recorded at the western extent of the site, spanning the M4 motorway (Trenches 113 – 127). A further area is coincident with a substantial Late Bronze Age to Early Iron Age ditch recorded within Trench 143 in the West Wichel area of the site. A final area of potential interest, more difficult to define, has been identified in the central area of the site, where Mesolithic worked flints and Bronze Age pottery were recovered (Trenches 195 – 200).

Medieval or post-medieval ridge and furrow was visible as earthworks in a number of fields across the site and was subject to a detailed survey in the 1980s. Remnants of the furrows and field ditches were visible, as negative features cut into the subsoil and natural within the trenches. A section of the infilled Wiltshire and Berkshire Canal, constructed in 1804, crossed the West Wichel area of the site. The canal was visible as a low earthwork within the field and was flanked by a low bank, constructed from up cast clays which, where excavated, survived to a depth of 1.6m.

The fieldwork was carried out between 11th November and 13th December 2013.



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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project background

- 1.1.1 Wessex Archaeology (WA) was commissioned by Swindon Borough Council (the Client), to undertake an archaeological trial trench evaluation associated with the proposed development of land at Wichelstowe, to the south of Swindon, Wiltshire, centred on National Grid Reference (NGR) 413075 183020 (hereafter 'the Site', **Figure 1**).
- 1.1.2 The Wichelstowe Site has been subject to previous relatively low level archaeological evaluation, undertaken in respect of a previous Environmental Statement (ES) completed in 2003 (Foundations Archaeology 2002). This intrusive fieldwork was required to investigate the results of geophysical survey completed with regard to the same ES.
- 1.1.3 Following completion of the 2003 ES, Outline Planning Permission (OPP) for development was granted in 2005. The OPP provided consent for a development comprising up to 4,500 dwellings and facilities including employment and commercial uses, schools, open space, park and ride facility, roads, sewers and associated works.
- 1.1.4 Since the 2005 OPP was granted, a degree of development work has been undertaken at the Site, including the construction of the majority of the eastern part of the Site (East Wichel) and completion of infrastructure comprising new roads and a bridge across the Wiltshire & Berkshire Canal in the northern central part of the Site. Further development at the Site now requires completion and submission of a supplementary environmental statement.
- 1.1.5 Consultation between Armour Heritage (the Archaeological Consultant) and the County Archaeologist at Wiltshire Council, (Archaeological Advisor to Swindon Borough Council) on the current application, resulted in the requirement for further archaeological investigations at the Site, comprising additional geophysical survey and trial trenching.
- 1.1.6 Due to a number of constraints, comprising services and ecological issues, and with the agreement of the County Archaeologist, the archaeological evaluation will be delivered in two separate phases, one to be undertaken between November 2013 and December 2013 and a second in the spring of 2014, most probably after mid-March when the great crested newt population is no longer hibernating and can be successfully managed by the project ecologists.

1.2 The Site

- 1.2.1 The Site comprises an area of land measuring approximately 300ha, the majority of which is located to the north of the M4, east of the Toothill area of Swindon (**Figure 1**). It comprises a number of agricultural fields, which are currently under pasture, areas of woodland, small rivers and drainage features. Boundaries within the Site comprise

predominantly mature hedgerows, ditches and watercourses. The remains of the Wiltshire & Berkshire Canal are present within the central area of the Site and recently constructed infrastructure including a new road (Foxham Way/Black Horse Way/East Wichel Way), a bridge over the former canal and new build housing, are located to the eastern side of the Site.

- 1.2.2 With the exception of its extreme south-western extent, the Site's southern boundary comprises the M4, with a railway line forming the western boundary. To the north, the Site is bounded by the Okus and Kingshill areas of urban Swindon. Further recent development and a Park and Ride facility form the eastern boundary.
- 1.2.3 Within the Site's larger boundary, a number of areas are excluded from the development proposals (**Figure 1**). These include the Scheduled medieval settlement and associated ridge and furrow at West Leaze, the Scheduled site of a watermill to the south-east of West Leaze, and West Leaze itself.
- 1.2.4 The Site is located on gently undulating ground and lies at elevations between 96m above Ordnance Datum (aOD) and 106m aOD. The underlying solid geological deposits within the majority of the Site are mapped as West Walton Formation, Ampthill Clay Formation and Kimmeridge Clay Formation, a sedimentary bedrock formed approximately 151 to 161 million years BP. To the north-east of the Site, around West Leaze, the geology is recorded as Portland Group Limestone and Calcareous Sandstone, a sedimentary bedrock formed c. 146 to 151 million years BP. Superficial deposits of alluvial deposits are recorded along the north-eastern edge of the Site (BGS Online Viewer consulted December 2013).

2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

2.1 Introduction

- 2.1.1 A number of archaeological investigations have already been completed across the Site, and this information is readily available through the Wiltshire and Swindon Historic Environment Record (WHER) and is also contained within a recently completed archaeological desk based assessment (Armour Heritage 2013a). The results of the DBA will not be repeated in detail within this report.
- 2.1.2 In summary, the DBA identified evidence for prehistoric, Romano-British, early, late and post-medieval activity within the bounds of the Site itself and its broader environs. Five Scheduled Monuments were identified within the study area and included a bowl barrow near Rushy Platt farm, medieval settlement and associated ridge and furrow and the site of a watermill at West Leaze.
- 2.1.3 The Scheduled Monument at West Leaze (**Figure 1**), represents important evidence for settlement and land use in the immediate area during the medieval period. The monument includes the remains of a small deserted medieval settlement with an associated hollow way, house platforms and ridge and furrow (Armour Heritage 2013a).
- 2.1.4 The remains of the Wiltshire and Berkshire Canal, which survives in part as a sinuous linear feature, crosses the Site on a north-east to south-west alignment. The Wiltshire & Berkshire Canal was originally constructed in 1804 with a coal wharf at what is now Wharf Farm and another at its junction with Hay Lane. The canal ceased use for commercial traffic in 1906 and was infilled in 1962. Its alignment is preserved by the continuation of Wharf Road and water filled elements within the Site (Armour Heritage 2013a).

2.2 Recent investigations in the area

- 2.2.1 As noted above a number of archaeological investigations have been completed across the Site and include excavations, evaluations and watching briefs (Foundations Archaeology 2002 and 2009). Excavations and subsequent watching briefs, associated with the construction of new roads within the central area of the Site, south of West Leaze, recorded evidence of Romano-British and medieval activity (Foundations Archaeology 2009). During this fieldwork, a number of ditches, pits and postholes were identified. The majority of the ditches were interpreted as field boundaries with the limited stratigraphy indicating that the activity included at least two phases, dating between the 2nd – 4th centuries AD. The only direct evidence for any structural remains within the area comprised a small number of postholes, which were associated with a single sherd of pottery datable to 2nd century AD (Foundations Archaeology 2009).
- 2.2.2 A large number of amorphous, shallow pit features were present within the excavation and watching brief areas. The pits varied in size and contained a mixed group of pottery, including prehistoric, Romano-British and medieval pottery. It is possible that these features represented backfilled clay quarry pits, which would be consistent with their amorphous appearance and may have been associated with pottery production and medieval domestic settlement to the north at West Leaze (Foundations Archaeology 2009).
- 2.2.3 The poorly preserved remains of a farmstead, dating to at least the early 17th century was identified during trial trenching to the south of South Leaze farm (Foundations Archaeology 2002).
- 2.2.4 As part of the recent Heritage Assessment, a review of the aerial photographs of the Site was undertaken (Armour Heritage 2013a). One group dating to 1981 show the remains of what may be a medieval or later farmstead in the south of the Site, adjacent to the M4. Subsequent geophysical survey has failed to clarify to what extent these remains may or may not survive below ground.
- 2.2.5 Extensive remains of ridge and furrow agriculture are recorded across many areas of the Site. The remains were mapped through the South Swindon Survey, undertaken between 1984 and 1986 (Swindon Borough Council 1986).

2.3 Recent investigations in the wider landscape

- 2.3.1 Within the wider environs of the Site evidence for prehistoric and Romano-British activity is recorded within the WHER. Neolithic and Bronze Age sites and finds are well documented in the Okus area of Swindon, some 420m to the north of the Site. Evidence of Iron Age activity is limited to a number of small pits at Westlecot Road, Toothill and at Okus Quarry. Considerable Romano-British activity has been recorded in the Toothill and Okus areas of Swindon to the north and west of the Site (Armour Heritage 2013a).

3 METHODOLOGY

3.1 Aims and objectives

- 3.1.1 Prior to the commencement of the works a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) was submitted to and approved by Wiltshire Council which detailed the standards and specifications of the fieldwork (Armour Heritage 2013b). All trial trenching, excavation and recording was undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the WSI and to the Institute for Archaeologists *Standard and Guidance for Field Evaluation* (IfA 2008).



3.1.2 The general aims of the archaeological evaluation were to:

- Clarify the presence/absence and extent of any buried archaeological remains within the Site that may be impacted by development.
- Identify, within the constraints of the evaluation, the date, character, condition and depth of any surviving remains within the Site.
- Assess the degree of existing impacts to sub-surface horizons and to document the extent of archaeological survival of buried deposits.
- Produce a report which will present the results of the evaluation in sufficient detail to allow an informed decision to be made concerning the Site's archaeological potential.

3.1.3 More specifically the archaeological evaluation sought to:

- Establish the potential for significant palaeoenvironmental deposits to be present across the Site.
- Determine or confirm the approximate date or date range of the remains (should they be present), by means of artefactual or other associated evidence.

3.2 Fieldwork methodology

3.2.1 Due to a number of constraints, including services and ecological issues, and with the agreement of the County Archaeologist, the archaeological evaluation was divided into two separate phases, one undertaken between November 2013 and December 2013 (this report) and a second phase proposed in the spring of 2014. When complete, the trial trenching will comprise a 2.5% sample of the development area. Phase I proposed the excavation of 168no trial trenches with a further 40no trial trenches to be excavated in the spring of 2014. This report is concerned with the results of the Phase I evaluation.

3.2.2 Given the large area investigated by the trial trenching the fieldwork was undertaken by three field teams working concurrently on different parts of the Site. The Site areas, and quantity of trial trench investigations, is summarised below (**Table 1**), and illustrated on **Figure 1 - 3**. The fieldwork was undertaken between 11th November and 13th December 2013.

Table 1: Proposed trenches by Site area

Site Area	Phase I	Phase II
West Wichel	106	33
Middle Wichel	38	1
Area south of M4	24	6
Totals	168	40

3.2.3 The trial trenches were set-out using a Leica Viva series GNSS unit using the OS National GPS Network through an RTK network with a 3D accuracy of 30mm or below. All survey data was recorded using the OSGB36 British National Grid coordinate system.

3.2.4 Prior to machining, the investigation areas were scanned using a cable avoidance tool (CAT) by operatives experienced in the use of such equipment. Trench excavation was carried out by 360° mechanical excavators fitted with a 2.0m wide toothless ditching bucket and were supervised by a suitably qualified archaeologist at all times. Topsoil and subsoil were removed by machine in a series of level spits to the top of the archaeology or

natural, whichever was encountered first. The excavated spoil was stockpiled at a safe distance from the edge of each trench, and separated into topsoil and subsoil bunds.

- 3.2.5 On completion of investigations at each trench, topsoil and subsoil were reinstated to broadly replicate the stratigraphic sequence encountered, and levelled to the existing ground surface.

3.3 Monitoring

- 3.3.1 The fieldwork stage of the evaluation was monitored by Armour Heritage and the County Archaeologist from Wiltshire Council. This was achieved via site visits in which the progress and results of the evaluation were discussed, and recommendations for additional work to answer or define specific queries relating to the overall aims of the evaluation were put forward.

3.4 Recording

- 3.4.1 All archaeological features and deposits exposed in the trial trenches were cleaned and recorded in plan using GPS survey equipment. To ensure that a unique project-wide geo-referenced sequence was maintained, all context numbers were related to the investigation areas (*i.e.*, the trench number).
- 3.4.2 Full written and photographic records were made of each investigation area, even where no archaeological remains were identified. Feature sections and representative sections were recorded at an appropriate scale (1:10). Other plans, sections and elevations of archaeological features and deposits were drawn as necessary at an appropriate scale (normally 1:10 or 1:20). Drawings were made in pencil on permanent drafting film. Written records were made using WA *pro forma* record sheets.
- 3.4.3 The spot height of all principal features and levels was calculated in metres relative to Ordnance Datum, correct to two decimal places. Plans and sections have been annotated with spot heights as appropriate.
- 3.4.4 A digital photographic record was maintained during the evaluation. General site photographs were taken to record the progress of the investigations, including shots suitable for use in publicity material, and to record the condition of the land prior to trenching and after reinstatement.

3.5 Specialist strategies

General

- 3.5.1 All finds and environmental samples were processed according to procedures set out in WA's policies and guidelines on finds analysis, environmental sampling and archive preparation, and in accordance with the Institute for Archaeologists' *Standard and Guidance for the collection, documentation, conservation and research of archaeological materials* (IfA 2008). Copies of the WA policies and guidelines can be supplied on request.

Artefact

- 3.5.2 All artefacts were recovered, stored and processed in accordance with standard methodologies and national guidelines (Institute for Archaeologists 2001; Society of Museum Archaeologists 1993; 1995). Small finds were recorded three-dimensionally using GPS surveying equipment. Bulk finds were collected and recorded by context from both excavated features and the surfaces of unexcavated features.

- 3.5.3 Any finds requiring immediate on site conservation treatment to prevent deterioration were dealt with according to guidelines laid down in *First Aid for Finds* (Watkinson and Neal 1998).

Environmental

- 3.5.4 Bulk environmental soil samples, normally up to 40 litres, for plant macro-fossils, charred plant remains, small animal bones and other small artefacts were taken from appropriate well-sealed and dated/datable archaeological deposits following Wessex Archaeology's standard environmental sampling policy.
- 3.5.5 The environmental sampling strategy followed the recommendations outlined in *Environmental Archaeology: A Guide to the Theory and Practice of Methods, from Sampling and Recovery to Post-excavation (second edition)* (English Heritage 2011).

4 ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESULTS

4.1 Introduction

- 4.1.1 For ease of reference, the evaluation results are described in the following sections by Site area (**Table 1**), period and trench. This approach was adopted due to the large size of the Site and was considered the most appropriate means by which to understand the spatial nature of the buried archaeological remains. A phased interpretation is provided in the discussion (see below).
- 4.1.2 Trench numbers started at 100 in order to take into account the previous phases of evaluation and excavation. Detailed descriptions relating to each identified archaeological feature and deposit can be found in the trench tables at the back of this report (**Appendix 1**).
- 4.1.3 Blank trenches are not covered in the Results section but are detailed in **Appendix 1**. Trench and context numbers are shown in bold (e.g., posthole **10004** in **Trench 100**), while geophysical anomalies are shown in italics (e.g., sub-oval enclosure *4222*).
- 4.1.4 Due to unforeseen issues (including access issues, current construction projects, flooded ground/high water tables and ecological fencing) a number of the proposed trenches were not excavated. These included the following:
- *Middle Wichel: Trenches 230, 257 and 249*
 - *West Wichel: Trenches 131, 140-141, 204-210 and 227-229*
- 4.1.5 The total number of trial trenches opened and investigated during the course of the evaluation was 147 (87.5% of the total originally proposed for Phase I). It may be possible once ecological constraints have been lifted to excavate the remaining Phase I Trenches during the Phase II evaluation, for example **Trenches 204-208**.

4.2 Summary

- 4.2.1 Archaeological features and deposits were identified in 35% of the excavated trial trenches. The evaluation results demonstrate that buried archaeological remains are present within the Site and include features and artefacts dating from the Mesolithic through to the post-medieval period. Identified features include gullies, ditches, postholes and pits.
- 4.2.2 Five areas of archaeological potential were identified during the evaluation, two to the south and east of the shrunken medieval village of West Leaze, where ditches and pits

containing Neolithic, Bronze Age and Romano-British pottery were recorded (**Trenches 239 – 240 and 250 – 258**). The third area of potential related to Romano-British activity recorded to the south of the M4 at the western extent of the Site, and which possibly continued to the north of the motorway (**Trenches 113 – 127**). A further area is coincident with a substantial Late Bronze Age to Early Iron Age ditch recorded within **Trench 143** in the West Wichel area of the Site. A final area of potential interest, more difficult to define, has been identified in the central area of the Site where Mesolithic worked flints and Bronze Age pottery were recovered (**Trenches 195 – 200**).

- 4.2.3 Medieval or post-medieval ridge and furrow was visible as earthworks in a number of fields across the Site and was subject to a detailed survey in the 1980's (Swindon Borough Council 1986). Remnants of the furrow ditches were visible, as negative features cut into the natural within the trenches but are not discussed further below.

4.3 Area South of M4 (Figures 2, 4, 5 and 6)

Introduction

- 4.3.1 The area south of the M4 was located within the south-western corner of the Site and was located across relatively flat low-lying pasture fields at a height of 100m aOD (**Figure 2**). Twenty-four trenches were excavated within the area and archaeological features were identified within sixteen of the excavated trenches. Romano-British pottery was recovered from the excavated features which included ditches and pits. Due to the testing ground conditions and significant ingress of ground water into the trenches, it was not possible to investigate all of the archaeological features, however, where excavation was possible it was significantly hampered by the high local water table (**Figure 6: Plates 1 and 2**). Where identified, prior to flooding of the trenches, archaeological features were recorded in plan only and a number of features had to be abandoned during excavation due to the ground conditions on Site.

Stratigraphic sequence

- 4.3.2 The natural soil sequence recorded across this area of the Site was fairly uniform and comprised a dark grey brown clay loam topsoil (0.1m and 0.34m deep) with a well developed turf. Below the topsoil a mid brownish grey silty clay subsoil with yellow brown mottles was recorded between a depth of 0.16m and 0.50m below ground level (BGL). The underlying natural was yellow brown clay, with blue grey mottles and had a firm compact nature and contained rare flint gravels. The natural clay was encountered from 0.29m BGL and archaeological features were recorded cut into this layer.

Prehistoric

- 4.3.3 Worked flint in the form of a finely worked leaf-shaped arrowhead (**Back cover and Figure 4**), a flake from a polished axe and a flint core provide evidence of Neolithic activity within the area south of the M4. The worked flint was present within both the fills of later features and subsoil of excavated trenches (**Trenches 101, 110 and 120**).

Romano-British

- 4.3.4 Ditch **11006 (Figures 4 and 6: Section 1)** was observed crossing the eastern end of **Trench 110**, it had a wide shallow concave profile (measuring 2.8m wide and 0.28m deep) and contained two naturally derived deposits. Romano-British pottery and ceramic building material (CBM) was recovered from the secondary fill of the ditch. This feature probably represents a Roman drainage ditch and/or field boundary.
- 4.3.5 Approximately 150m to the north of ditch **11006** further ditches, pits and postholes were identified and investigated within **Trenches 113 – 123**. Despite excavation, the majority of

these features remained undated, with relatively few finds recovered from the excavated contexts. Nevertheless, finds from six of the features indicate a likely Romano-British date. Within **Trenches 113** and **115** a shallow linear ditch **11308/11509** (**Figures 4 to 6: Section 3, Plates 3 and 4**) was identified; the ditch had gentle concave sides and a concave base, and measured 1.03m wide and 0.25m deep. It was cut on its northern edge by posthole **11310** and contained abraded Romano-British pottery within the single fill of the ditch.

- 4.3.6 At the western end of **Trench 114**, a small quantity of Romano-British pottery was found within the single fill of a small sub-circular pit **11405** (**Figure 6, Section 2**). The pit measured 0.88m by 0.58m and was 0.1m deep. Romano-British pottery was also recovered from oval pit **11407** (1.45m by 0.8m by 0.15m) which had been cut by undated gully **11409**.
- 4.3.7 Within **Trench 121** a north-east to south-west aligned linear ditch was recorded. Ditch **12110** (**Figures 5 and 6: Section 4**) had a steep concave profile (0.64m wide and 0.21m deep) and contained a single mid brownish grey silty clay primary fill from which Romano-British pottery was collected. In plan, the ditch formed a possible corner/return and may therefore represent a small enclosure.

Undated

- 4.3.8 Undated features were the most prevalent across this area of the Site and included ditches, gullies, pits and postholes. As noted above, the high water table did not allow for the excavation of all the features identified during the initial excavation of the trenches and as a result these features remain undated. Excavation of features was not possible within 10 trenches due to rapid water ingress and it is possible that some of the identified features may not be of archaeological origin.
- 4.3.9 A shallow linear ditch aligned north-east to south-west was recorded in **Trenches 101** and **105** (**Figures 4 and 5**). Ditch **10105/10505** had a steep concave profile and measured 0.5m wide and 0.3m deep, the ditch contained a single mid greyish brown silty clay from which CBM was recovered. Towards the southern edge of the area, within **Trench 107**, two ditches and a posthole were recorded. Ditch terminus **10706** had a moderate concave profile and measured 1.4m wide and 0.13m deep. At the eastern end of the trench a shallow (0.25m deep) u-shaped drainage gully **10709** was excavated and contained a single mid grey brown silty clay secondary fill.
- 4.3.10 Within **Trenches 113 – 123**, 42 undated features were identified, 20 of which were excavated. The features excavated included small shallow drainage gullies, pits and possible post holes. However the shallow nature of many of the features suggests either significant truncation or that some of these features may have been natural in origin. Burnt flint was recovered from the fills of a number of small circular pits and postholes, including **11304** and **11504**.
- 4.3.11 Two parallel gullies were identified within **Trenches 121** and **122** (**Figure 5 and 6, Section 5 and 6**); gullies **12105** and **12204** were aligned north-east to south-west and had shallow moderate concave profiles and measured 0.3m wide and were between 0.18m and 0.3m deep. No finds were recovered from the excavated fills of the feature and these features probably represent small drainage gullies.

4.4 West Wichel (Figures 7 – 14)

Introduction

4.4.1 The West Wichel area of the Site was located to the north of the M4 motorway and bounded by the Great Western Railway in the west, Mill Lane to the east and the Okus area of Swindon to the north. The ground surface of the area was gently undulating and rose steadily, from the south-west (100m aOD) towards the centre of the area (103m aOD) around South Leaze Farm and sloped downwards to the north-east of the area (95m aOD). The majority of the trenches were located within fields laid to pasture and towards the north-eastern edge of the area, the fields had been left fallow. In total 90 trenches were excavated within the area, 16 trenches remained unexcavated due to access issues, ecological concerns or the high, localised water table. Dated archaeological features were recorded sporadically across the area and included a Bronze Age pit, a substantial late Bronze Age to Early Iron Age ditch and Romano-British ditches. Undated features were also present across the area and included shallow pits and linear ditches and gullies.

Stratigraphic sequence

4.4.2 The natural soil sequence was fairly similar across the area and was characterised by dark grey brown clay loam topsoil (between 0.10m and 0.29m deep) with a well developed turf line. A mid grey brown to mid reddish brown silty clay loam subsoil with rare sub-angular flint inclusions was recorded in the majority of the trenches and was present to a depth of 0.44m BGL. The underlying natural geology was consistent across the area and was a light brown yellow clay with blue grey mottles throughout and was present from a depth of 0.31m BGL. Alluvial deposits were recorded within trenches excavated in close proximity to streams and in the low lying area towards the north-east corner of the Site. The alluvial deposits were invariably mid grey blue silty clay deposits and were up to 1m deep.

Prehistoric

4.4.3 Evidence for prehistoric activity within the landscape was attested by the presence of a number of worked flint flakes and blades. The assemblage was collected from both the subsoil of excavated trenches and isolated cut features, and is indicative of a general background of activity within the prehistoric period.

4.4.4 Towards the northern edge of the area, a fairly substantial Late Bronze Age to Early Iron Age ditch (**14307**) was recorded within **Trench 143 (Figures 7 and 13: Section 7)**. The ditch was partially visible cutting across the western end of the trench and continued beyond the limits of the excavated trench. Ditch **14307** had moderate to steep straight sides and contained four naturally formed deposits; it measured 1.22m wide and was excavated to a depth of 1.03m. It was not possible to fully excavate the ditch due to both the high level of the local water table and an existing field boundary to the west, which prevented extending the trench westwards. Late Bronze Age to Early Iron Age pottery and worked flint were recovered from the two lower fills of the ditch. A distinct band of iron staining/panning was visible against the edge of the ditch cut which indicates the leaching of iron from the fills of the ditch due to fluctuating water table levels.

4.4.5 Within **Trench 195** a Late Bronze Age ditch was identified and investigated (**Figures 10, 13 and 14, Section 10 and Plates 5 and 6**). The eastern edge of ditch **19506** was fairly clear in plan but the western edge was somewhat diffuse and it was not possible upon excavation to fully define the western edge or base of the feature due to rapid water ingress into the feature. The ditch had a steep u-shaped profile, was up to 1m deep and

contained three sherds of Late Bronze Age pottery and worked flint within the three naturally formed deposits.

- 4.4.6 An isolated shallow circular pit **20005** (0.5m diameter and 0.08m deep) containing a dark grey brown silty clay deposit that was rich in charcoal and contained Bronze Age pottery was excavated in **Trench 200** (**Figures 9** and **13: Section 9**). The pit had been deliberately backfilled and probably represents a single episode of activity within the landscape. The environmental sample taken from the fill of the pit produced large quantities of wood charcoal, including mature species but few charred plant remains.

Romano-British

- 4.4.7 Romano-British activity was very limited within this area, but was present in the form of linear ditches, recorded in **Trench 127** and **130**, and pottery sherds from alluvial layers within **Trench 222**. Ditch **12705** had a moderate concave profile (1.2m wide and 0.4m deep) and contained a single naturally formed deposit, towards the base of the deposit a sherd of Roman pottery was recovered (**Figures 11** and **13: Section 12**). This ditch correlates well to the results of the earlier evaluation which recorded a Roman ditch within this area of the Site (Foundations Archaeology 2002).
- 4.4.8 Within **Trench 130** a shallow u-shaped ditch was investigated. Ditch **13005** (**Figure 13, Section 13**) had moderately sloping convex sides and measured 1.08m wide by 0.32m deep and contained a single secondary fill which contained small abraded sherds of Romano-British pottery. Worked flint was also found within the subsoil of **Trench 130**.
- 4.4.9 Romano-British pottery was recovered from an alluvial deposit recorded in **Trench 222** towards the north-eastern edge of the area. Pottery and CBM was recovered from a thin (0.2m thick) layer (**22204**) of dark blue grey silty clay which was present above the underlying natural geology. In section the deposit was seen to infill undulations within the underlying clay and was present in various lenses across the base of the trench. Layer **22204** probably indicates slightly drier periods and may represent a stasis horizon within the deeper alluvial sequence.

Post-medieval

- 4.4.10 **Trench 192** was excavated across a section of the infilled Wiltshire and Berkshire Canal (**Figure 10** and **14: Plate 7**). The canal (**19206**) was visible as a low earthwork within the field and was still a functioning canal to the north of the Site. Within **Trench 192** the canal was flanked by a low bank, constructed from up-cast yellow and blue grey clays. The channel of the canal itself was filled by a dark blue grey silty clay with marine and mollusc shell which were more prevalent towards the base of the canal. The canal had a flat base and was excavated by machine to a depth of 1.6m.

Undated

- 4.4.11 Across the West Wichel area, 22 undated features were excavated and recorded. Feature types included ditches, gullies, pits and probable natural features. The majority of the ditches and gullies probably relate to various attempts to drain the local landscape, whilst the undated pits contained sterile natural deposits that may indicate a natural origin for the features. The principal undated features are discussed below.
- 4.4.12 Two substantial ditches were recorded at the western edge of the area, in **Trenches 124** and **125**. Ditch **12408** (**Figures 11, 13** and **14: Section 11, Plate 8**) had steep concave sides and a concave base, measured 2.25m wide and 0.9m deep and contained four naturally derived fills, worked flint was recovered from the upper secondary fill. Two small pits **12403** and **12406** were located to the west of ditch **12408** and may be contemporary

features. Neither pit contained any datable material and they measured between 0.33 and 0.9m wide and 0.13 and 0.17m deep. Within the same field some 85m to the east of ditch **12408**, ditch **12507** was excavated. Ditch **12507** (**Figure 11** and **14: Plates 9** and **10**) had a wide u-shaped profile and survived as an earthwork on the ground surface; it measured 1.2m wide and was 0.7m deep. The earthwork was mapped during the survey carried out in the 1980's and probably relates to a medieval or post-medieval field system, with ridge and furrow laid out to either side of ditch **12507**.

- 4.4.13 Prehistoric pottery and worked flint was recovered from a very shallow feature (**13205**), within **Trench 132**, which probably represents either the truncated remains of a ditch or more likely a hedged boundary. The feature had a wide shallow profile (1.9m wide by 0.2m deep) with an undulating base and contained a dark brownish grey silty clay secondary fill. The feature was aligned at right angles to the ridge and furrow, visible as earthworks within the field, and is therefore thought to predate it. However, a prehistoric date is not certain given the abraded nature of the pottery.
- 4.4.14 Within **Trench 133** an oval pit (**13304**) was identified, the pit had steep almost vertical sides and a flat base and measured 0.84m wide and 0.42m deep (**Figure 13: Section 14**). The lower fill of the pit was primary in nature and was probably the result of slumped material from the edges of the pit. The upper fill was a dark grey silty clay and contained sparse charcoal flecks.
- 4.4.15 A shallow gully was recorded within **Trenches 159, 161** and **162** (**15905, 16105** and **16205**) and probably represents a shallow drainage feature. Where excavated the gully had a shallow concave profile (0.47m wide and 0.2m deep) and contained a single naturally derived fill. Approximately 70m to the south, a similar shallow concave gully (**16905**) was aligned broadly at right angles to gully **15905** and may have formed part of a contemporary enclosure or drainage system.
- 4.4.16 Immediately to the north of the M4, within **Trench 187**, two curvilinear gullies (**18704** and **18706**) were excavated. The gullies had shallow concave profiles, contained mid blue grey silty clay fills and measured between 0.4m and 0.78m wide and were up to 0.22m deep. No finds were recovered from the features. The gullies mirrored a low curving earthwork that was visible on the ground surface immediately to the south of **Trench 187**.
- 4.4.17 Towards the northern edge of the area an undated ditch **22104** (**Figure 13: Section 8**) was identified at the north-eastern end of **Trench 221** and measured 1.55m wide and 0.38m deep. The primary fill of the feature was a mid blue grey silty clay which was heavily iron stained, animal bone was recovered from the fill.

4.5 Middle Wichel (Figures 15 – 18)

- 4.5.1 The Middle Wichel area of the Site was located to the east of Mill Lane, bounded by the M4 motorway to the south and by the new East Wichel development to the east. Four Scheduled Monuments comprising areas of medieval settlement and associated ridge and furrow at West Leaze and the former watermill were located within this area (Armour Heritage 2013a). A potential medieval to post-medieval farmstead, located to the east of Mill Lane, was identified during an aerial photograph review undertaken during an earlier phase of the project and was targeted by trial trenches (*ibid.*). The ground surface of the area rose steadily towards the central area of the Site, from between 98m and 100m aOD to around 105m aOD to the east of West Leaze Farm. In total 35 trenches were excavated; it was not possible to excavate three of the intended trenches (**Trenches 230, 249** and **257**) due to soil stock piles and access issues. Evidence of human activity dating

from the Neolithic to the post-medieval and modern periods was recorded across the area.

Stratigraphic sequence

- 4.5.2 The overlying soil sequence was similar across the area and reflected the topography of the Site with the thickest overburden recorded in the low lying areas and shallow topsoil recorded on the higher ground. The topsoil was typically a dark grey brown clay loam with rare flint inclusions and was present between 0.08m and 0.35m BGL. Underlying the topsoil was a 0.20m thick mid yellow grey to mid yellow brown clay loam with moderate iron staining; the underlying natural, a mid yellow brown clay, was recorded at 0.22m–0.53m BGL.

Prehistoric

- 4.5.3 Within **Trenches 239** and **240** eight similar features were identified and excavated. Two of the eight features contained Neolithic pottery and worked flint, **23909** and **23905**. A third **23907** contained both Late Bronze Age and Romano-British pottery (**Figures 15, 17 and 18: Sections 15 and 16, Plates 11 and 12**). The features were somewhat irregular in plan with undulating bases and contained naturally derived fills with common iron staining throughout. Approximately 50m to the west, two well defined postholes (**24011** and **24013**) and three shallow pits/natural features **24005**, **24007** and **24009** were recorded, all of which were undated. The eight features have been interpreted as probable tree throw type features, given their irregular forms, and may provide evidence for tree clearance during the early prehistoric period. The two postholes within **Trench 240** were more convincing in section (**Figure 17: Section 16**) and may be genuine features, but remain undated. Similar undated irregular features were excavated and recorded in **Trench 242** and **250** and have also been interpreted as natural features. Middle to Late Bronze Age pottery was recovered from the fill of natural feature **25005** (0.17m deep), which was irregular in both plan and section (**Figures 15 and 17: Section 17**).
- 4.5.4 Features dating to the Middle to Late Bronze Age were recorded within **Trench 251** (**Figures 16-18, Sections 18 and 19 and Plate 13**). Two small shallow concave pits **25104** and **25106** (0.05m and 0.25m deep respectively), at the north-eastern end of the trench, have also been dated to the Middle to Late Bronze Age. Residual Bronze Age pottery was also recovered from the fills of later Romano-British features.

Romano-British

- 4.5.5 Seven trenches were located to the east of the medieval village (**SM 1016361**) and were intended to target geophysical anomalies (Archaeological Surveys 2013). Romano-British features were identified within the trenches and included ditches, pits and probable natural features. The results of the evaluation accord well with the earlier excavation carried out prior to the construction of Foxham Way where evidence of a 2nd – 4th century AD Roman rural settlement was recorded (Foundations Archaeology 2009).
- 4.5.6 In total 38 features were identified within **Trenches 251 to 258**, and following consultation with the County Archaeologist sample excavation and the collection of surface finds was carried out. A substantial ditch, **25115** (2.1m wide and 1.0m deep), was located at the south-west end of **Trench 251** and had a moderate concave profile which contained two naturally derived deposits (**Figure 16 – 18, Section 20, Plates 14 and 15**). The lower fills were derived through gradual water borne silting, and Romano-British and Middle Bronze Age pottery were recovered from the upper fills. Immediately to the north-east, ditch **25110** was excavated and continued to the south-east as ditch **25207** (**Figures 16 – 18: Section 22 and Plate 16**), which accords well with geophysical anomaly 23 (Archaeological Surveys 2013). The ditch had a moderate concave profile and measured

1.83m wide and 0.83m deep, three naturally derived deposits were present within the ditch and contained Roman pottery.

- 4.5.7 Within **Trench 253**, ditch **25306** was excavated and may represent further elements of the Romano-British field system (**Figure 16** and **17: Section 21**). Ditch **25306** had steep concave sides was up to 0.43m deep and contained three naturally derived fills which contained Roman pottery. Towards the east of the area, within **Trench 254**, a ditch (**25604**) with a possible flanking hedgerow was recorded. Ditch **25604** had a moderate concave profile to its western edge and a shallow irregular eastern edge, (**Figure 16** and **17: Section 23**). Romano-British grey ware was recovered from the feature.
- 4.5.8 Large amorphous shallow features were recorded within **Trenches 251 to 258** and closely resemble features recorded during the earlier excavation (Foundations Archaeology 2009). Romano-British pottery was collected from the upper fills of features **25108**, **25209** and **25304** all of which were irregular in plan with shallow concave profiles (up to 0.24m deep). These features probably represent natural features which contained residual pottery, although similarly to the 'clay quarry pits' recorded in 2009 (Foundations Archaeology 2009), no medieval pottery was found within these features. The exact nature of these features remains unclear and they may be either natural features or continuations of the clay quarry pits previously recorded, although this seems less likely.

Saxon

- 4.5.9 On the higher ground to the south of the shrunken medieval village at West Leaze (**SM1016361**) three sherds of organic tempered Saxon pottery were identified at the interface of the subsoil and the underlying natural geology within **Trench 42** and a further sherd from feature **23909**. These pottery fragments may indicate Saxon origins for the medieval village.

Post-medieval and modern

- 4.5.10 Post-medieval to modern activity was attested by the presence of both ridge and furrow drainage features and land drains that were recorded in the lower lying trenches located to the north of the M4 motorway.

Undated

- 4.5.11 Undated features were investigated and recorded throughout the area, the majority of which probably represent natural features or shallow tree throws, although undated ditches were also recorded. Full descriptions of recorded features are available in **Appendix 1**, principal features are discussed below.
- 4.5.12 Undated tree throw type features (discussed above para. 4.5.3) were recorded in **Trenches 240**, **242** and **250** and similar features were recorded in **Trench 239** which contained Neolithic pottery. In the northern half of the area similar large irregular features and deposits were encountered. Two small tree throws **25505** and **25507** were recorded at the northern end of **Trench 255**, both were shallow irregular features (0.11m deep) and contained mid grey silty clay deposits with common iron staining. Within **Trench 256**, spread **25609** was investigated and probably represents a layer of bioturbation, the layer was irregular in plan and had clear iron staining throughout the layer.
- 4.5.13 In total, eight undated ditches were identified within the northern half of the Middle Wichel area. Ditch **25806** was the most substantial of the ditches and crossed the southern end of **Trench 258** (**Figures 16** and **17: Section 24**); it had a v-shaped profile with steep straight sides and a concave base (measuring 0.98m by 0.60m) and contained two naturally derived deposits.

5 ARTEFACTUAL EVIDENCE

5.1 Introduction

- 5.1.1 Given the number of trenches excavated, the overall quantity of finds recovered from the Site was relatively small; finds were recovered from 43 out of the 147 trenches excavated, from topsoil and subsoil layers, and also from stratified deposits and cut features (mainly ditches and pits).
- 5.1.2 The assemblage is dominated by pottery, with other material types very limited in range, and occurring only in small quantities. The date range is early prehistoric to post-medieval, with a focus in the Romano-British period.
- 5.1.3 All finds have been quantified by material type within each context, and the results are given in **Appendix 2, Table 4**.

5.2 Pottery

- 5.2.1 The pottery provides the primary dating evidence for the Site, but this exercise is hampered by the condition of the assemblage, which is fair to poor. Most sherds have suffered varying levels of surface and edge abrasion, and some fabric types seem to have suffered more than others, in particular the grog-tempered and calcareous fabrics. Mean sherd weight overall is 8.3g.
- 5.2.2 The assemblage has been quantified by ware type within each context, and the breakdown by period is given below in **Table 2**.

Early prehistoric

- 5.2.3 Sherds from two contexts in **Trench 239** have been identified as Neolithic, probably falling within the Early Neolithic plain bowl tradition. Four sherds from pit **23909** are in a coarse flint-tempered fabric, containing prominent inclusions, randomly sorted; this type of coarse flint-tempered fabric is very characteristic of Neolithic ceramic traditions in the region. There are hints of possible impressed decoration on two of the larger sherds. This pit also, however, contained a small, abraded sherd of Saxon date (see below).
- 5.2.4 Two sherds from pit **23905** are in a similar fabric, and are accompanied by another two sherds which are badly abraded but which appear to be in shelly fabrics (the calcareous inclusions have leached out, leaving voids). Although less commonly occurring than the flint-tempered fabrics, these shelly sherds would also not be out of place within an Early Neolithic assemblage.

Late prehistoric

- 5.2.5 Late prehistoric material amounts to 57 sherds, all but one in coarse flint-tempered fabrics. These contain flint inclusions in a range of sizes and frequency. At the coarser end of the spectrum, sherds containing common but relatively well sorted inclusions can be assigned to the Middle Bronze Age Deverel-Rimbury ceramic tradition (pit **11407**, **Trench 125** subsoil, ditch **13205**, **Trench 147** topsoil, pit **20005**; ditch **25108**, ditch **25110**, ditch **25115**, ditch **25306**), while sherds containing sparser but more randomly sorted inclusions are more characteristic of the succeeding post-Deverel-Rimbury tradition, and are likely to date to the Late Bronze Age (layer **11604**, pit **23907**, ditch **25304**). Some sherds fall within an indeterminate Middle/Late Bronze Age bracket (natural feature **25005**, pit **25104** and ditch **25304**). The most diagnostic sherds came from **Trench 143** (ditch **14307**), and probably represent a single Late Bronze Age vessel, a straight-sided, tub-shaped vessel with a row of finger impressions just below the rim.

Table 2: Pottery totals by ware type

Period	Ware type	No. Sherds	Weight (g)
Early Prehistoric	Flint-tempered ware	6	33
	Shelly ware	2	38
	<i>sub-total early prehistoric</i>	8	71
Late Prehistoric	Flint-tempered ware	56	465
	Sandy ware	1	3
	<i>sub-total late prehistoric</i>	57	468
Roman	Samian	1	32
	RB oxidised ware	7	29
	RB greyware	57	365
	Oxon whiteware	1	23
	Oxon colour coated ware	3	7
	Grog-tempered ware	15	339
	Black Burnished ware	5	26
<i>sub-total Romano-British</i>	89	821	
Saxon	Organic-tempered ware	4	22
Post-medieval	Post-medieval redware	4	48
	Refined whiteware	1	4
	<i>sub-total post-Roman</i>	9	74
Unknown	Uncertain	8	6
Unknown	Oolitic-tempered ware	1	1
	<i>sub-total unknown</i>	9	7
OVERALL TOTAL		172	1443

5.2.6 A sherd in a sandy fabric with rare flint inclusions, from **Trench 250** (natural feature **25005**), occurring with Middle/Late Bronze Age flint-tempered sherds, is likely to be of similar date, although undiagnostic.

5.2.7 Late prehistoric pottery occurred across several trenches in small quantities, but there is a small concentration (20 sherds) in **Trenches 250** and **251**.

Romano-British

5.2.8 Approximately half of the assemblage by sherd count (89 sherds) is of Romano-British date, and this chronological group is dominated by coarsewares, including sandy greywares and oxidised wares, and grog-tempered wares. The sandy wares include south-east Dorset Black Burnished ware (BB1), but otherwise sources have not been positively identified, and could include the Oxfordshire and New Forest production centres, or the kilns of north Wiltshire, operating in the 2nd century AD, the closest of which were located at Toothill Farm and Whitehill Farm, just to the north-west of the Site (Anderson 1979). The only diagnostic sherds belong to everted rim jars; two of these, in Black Burnished ware, can be assigned to type (Seager Smith and Davies 1993): a type 2, dated as 2nd century AD onwards, from **Trench 251** (ditch **25110**), and a type 3, dated 3rd century or later, from **Trench 186** (ditch **18605**). The grog-tempered wares, most if not all of which fall within the Savernake ware tradition of north Wiltshire and the surrounding counties, are used most frequently for thicker-walled storage jars (e.g. pit **25213**); these wares are most likely to date from the early Romano-British period (later 1st or 2nd century AD).

- 5.2.9 Finewares are presented by one sherd of samian from **Trench 252**, from a Curle 21 flanged bowl, dated to the second half of the 2nd century AD (ditch **25207**); one sherd from an Oxfordshire whiteware mortarium from **Trench 222** (layer **22204**; Young 1977, type M14, dated c. AD 180-240), and three sherds which are probably in Oxfordshire colour-coated ware, but from which the colour coat has been abraded (**Trench 119** subsoil; context **16104**, ditch **25306**).
- 5.2.10 The Romano-British pottery occurred as a low-level background scatter across the Site, but there does seem to be a slight concentration in **Trenches 251 – 259**.

Saxon

- 5.2.11 One small, abraded sherd from **Trench 239** (pit **23909**), and three sherds in better condition from **Trench 242** (**24203**), are in organic-tempered fabrics, characteristic of the early to mid Saxon period (5th to 8th centuries AD). None of these sherds are diagnostic.

Post-medieval

- 5.2.12 Post-medieval pottery amounts to five sherds – four sherds in coarse glazed redwares (subsoil in **Trenches 118, 121, 171 and 260**), and one of 19th/20th century refined whiteware (ditch **25207**).

Undated

- 5.2.13 One small sherd in an oolitic fabric from **Trench 169** (stakehole **16909**) is completely undiagnostic, and is of uncertain date, although one possibility is that it is of medieval date, comparable, for example, to Minety-type ware (Musty 1973).
- 5.2.14 Eight body sherds from **Trench 143** (ditch **14307**) are so heavily burnt as to render their original fabric type indeterminate.

5.3 Ceramic building material

- 5.3.1 Of the nine fragments of CBM recovered, eight are certainly or probably (on fabric grounds) Romano-British. Diagnostic pieces comprise two fragments from box flue tiles, with characteristic combing (**11002, 25205**); other fragments cannot be assigned to specific type, but all appear to derive from tiles.
- 5.3.2 One fragment from **Trench 242** (topsoil) is from a crested ridge tile of medieval date.

5.4 Worked flint

- 5.4.1 A total of 25 pieces of worked flint was recovered, as in **Table 3**. The whole assemblage consists of nodular flint. The predominant colour of the visible surfaces is a dark grey-brown to dark brown with some dark brown/black pieces. The majority of the assemblage is unpatinated, although a few pieces are stained.
- 5.4.2 The raw material is mixed. Some flint has a thick unabraded cortex and may have come direct from the undisturbed natural chalk. Other pieces are poorer in quality and have a thin worn cortex. This component is likely to have been obtained from secondary geological sources.

Mesolithic

- 5.4.3 Mesolithic material included a burnt single platform blade/bladelet core with cortical back from layer **11604**; a narrow flake with a faceted butt struck from a bipolar blade core (from fill **12412** of ditch **12408**); and a triangular platform rejuvenation tablet from a blade core (from fill **19504** of ditch **19506**).

Neolithic

- 5.4.4 Most of the pieces dating to the Neolithic are probably early. These include a very finely worked leaf-shaped arrowhead (see rear cover) from subsoil **10102**; the medial portion of a flake struck from a polished flint axe and subsequently used as a knife (from subsoil **12002**); a backed knife from **15402**; two broken blade fragments from fill **23908** of pit **23909** and less definitely an end scraper/edge-flaked knife from subsoil **10002**. Later Neolithic pieces include a worked-out multi-platform flake core from fill **11004** of ditch **11006**; another core with its two platforms at 90 degrees (from subsoil **19502**) and a side scraper with the opposite margin notched and a snub piercer on the distal end formed by a pair of notches (from **25410**).

Table 3: The composition of the flint assemblage

Flint Types	No.	% of assemblage
Retouched tools:		
Scrapers	4	16
Arrowheads	1	4
Knives	2	8
<i>Retouched tools sub-total</i>	7	28
Debitage:		
Flakes (incl. broken)	11	44
Blades (incl. broken)	3	12
<i>Utilised flakes, blades, bladelets</i>	4	16
Core rejuvenation pieces	1	4
Cores	3	12
Total	25	100

Later prehistoric

- 5.4.5 Later prehistoric (Bronze Age or Iron Age) pieces include a very crude end scraper on a reused chunk in subsoil **15302** and a secondary chunk with the convex edge retouched into a scraper-type edge in fill **19307** of gully **19306**.

Potential

- 5.4.6 For such a small group, the number of retouched tools is very high. Additionally, the condition of most of the pieces suggests that little has undergone any significant post-depositional movement. It is therefore likely that this is a small sample of a much larger assemblage of prehistoric material that exists in the locality.

5.5 Other finds

- 5.5.1 Other finds comprise very small quantities of animal bone (abraded and not identified to species) and undiagnostic fragments of fired clay (uncertain date and origin).

6 ENVIRONMENTAL EVIDENCE

6.1 Introduction

- 6.1.1 A bulk sample of 20 litres was taken from a Middle/Late Bronze Age pit **20005** in **Trench 200** to evaluate the presence and preservation of palaeo-environmental remains. This information can contribute to ascertaining the significance of the sampled archaeological

features. The sample was processed for the recovery and assessment of charred plant remains and charcoal.

6.2 Charred plant remains

- 6.2.1 The bulk sample was processed by standard flotation methods; the flot retained on a 0.5mm mesh, the residue fractionated into 5.6mm, 2mm and 1mm fractions and dried. The coarse fraction (>5.6mm) was sorted, weighed and discarded. The flot was scanned under a x10 – x40 stereo-binocular microscope and the preservation and nature of the charred plant and wood charcoal remains recorded in **Appendix 2, Table 4**. Preliminary identifications of dominant or important taxa are noted below, following the nomenclature of Stace (1997).
- 6.2.2 The flot was moderately large, with 20% roots and modern seeds that may be indicative of stratigraphic movement and the possibility of contamination by later intrusive elements. Charred material comprised varying degrees of preservation.
- 6.2.3 Very few charred plant remains were recorded in this sample. These included a small number of indeterminate grain fragments and a seed of docks (*Rumex* sp.).
- 6.2.4 This small assemblage may be indicative of edge of settlement activity.

6.3 Wood charcoal

- 6.3.1 Wood charcoal was noted from the flot of the bulk sample and is recorded in **Appendix 3, Table 5**. Large quantities of wood charcoal fragments were retrieved from pit **20005**. The charcoal pieces included mature wood fragments.

7 DISCUSSION

7.1 Summary

- 7.1.1 The archaeological evaluation has been successful in its stated aims and has identified evidence of human activity on the Site from the Mesolithic, Neolithic, Middle/Late Bronze Age, Romano-British, Saxon and post-medieval periods within the Site. The evaluation indicates a low to moderate archaeological potential across much of the Site with localised areas of higher potential. Five broad areas of archaeological potential have been identified during the Phase I evaluation (**Figure 1**) and relate to both prehistoric and Romano-British activity. The results of the evaluation correlate well with previous investigations undertaken within the Site during previous phases of evaluation, excavation and geophysical survey (Foundations Archaeology 2002, 2009 and Archaeological Surveys 2013). Following completion of the Phase II evaluation, to be carried out in the spring of 2014, it will be possible to outline a suitable mitigation strategy.

7.2 Archaeological conclusion

- 7.2.1 The earliest activity on the Site was present in the form of worked flints dating to the Mesolithic period (8500 – 4000 BC) which were present in a number of locations within the Site, in particular within ditch **19506** and it is likely that further material exists within the locality. In the immediate area, Mesolithic worked flints have been found to the north-east of the Site within the Okus area of Swindon. Further Mesolithic activity was recorded during recent evaluation 5km to the east of the Site, near Coate Water, but was *ex situ* in nature and was located at the base of the local subsoil (Wessex Archaeology 2006). Mesolithic activity is known to have occurred in the vicinity of watercourses throughout southern Britain and the worked flint from **Trench 195** accords well to this model.

- 7.2.2 In the wider landscape, prehistoric monumental and settlement activity is well preserved within the Marlborough Downs to the south of the Site, and more locally at Burderop Down (7km to the south). Two stone circles are known within Swindon, at sites such as Coate Stone Circle (SM 28956) and Broome stone Circle (Burl 2004). More locally Neolithic and Bronze Age artefacts and burials are known from the Okus Quarry area of Swindon, 420m north of the Site. Within the Site a limited evidence of Neolithic and Bronze Age activity was present in the form of both worked flints and pottery recovered from excavated features. The evaluation produced a low density of worked flint from across the Site, including a finely worked leaf-shaped arrowhead, although the number of retouched tools is very high. The condition of the flint indicates it has not undergone any significant post-depositional movement and is therefore possible that this is a small sample of a much larger assemblage of prehistoric material within the locality. Neolithic pottery was found within **Trench 239** although it is unclear whether the excavated features are of an undisputed Neolithic date, or if the pottery is residual, collecting within natural features such as tree throws within the landscape.
- 7.2.3 Late prehistoric (Middle Bronze Age to Late Bronze Age) activity was recorded sporadically across the Site and the features were generally isolated pits and ditches. Small quantities of late prehistoric pottery occurred across several trenches with a concentration of Middle/Late Bronze Age pottery from **Trenches 250** and **251**. These trenches were located on the higher ground to the south and east of the West Leaze Scheduled Monument and may indicate that this area of the Site was a favourable location from the prehistoric period onwards. Of greater note, was the linear ditch recorded in **Trench 143**. Given the limitations of the evaluation, it is difficult to draw parallels with other sites in the locality, however, the excavated slot through the ditch suggests the feature is fairly substantial and indicative of more extensive activity in the immediate vicinity.
- 7.2.4 Romano-British activity was recorded in two areas during the evaluation and corresponded well to the results of previous archaeological surveys carried out on the Site. Ditches, pits and postholes dated to the Romano-British were recorded in the area south of the M4 (**Trenches 113 – 123**) and a concentration of features was recorded within the Middle Wichel area (**Trenches 251 – 258**). Romano-British settlement features were recorded during excavations and watching briefs at Mill Lane, West Leaze (Foundations Archaeology 2009). Taken together the results of this evaluation and the earlier excavation indicate a possible Romano-British settlement on the higher ground in the vicinity of West Leaze. The feature types were predominantly ditches and pits. The Romano-British pottery recovered from the evaluation has been dated to the 2nd – 3rd century AD and included local north Wiltshire wares, south-east Dorset Black Burnished wares and Oxfordshire finewares.
- 7.2.5 Saxon pottery was recovered from **Trenches 239** and **242** and during the earlier phase of excavation (Foundations Archaeology 2009). The pottery from **Trench 242** was characteristic of the early to mid Saxon period and possibly indicates Saxon activity within the medieval village of West Leaze (**SM1016361**).
- 7.2.6 A section of the infilled Wiltshire and Berkshire Canal, constructed in 1804, crossed the West Wichel area of the Site. The canal was visible as a low earthwork within the field and was flanked by a low bank, constructed from up-cast clays, and where excavated was present to a depth of 1.6m.

8 STORAGE AND CURATION

8.1 Museum

- 8.1.1 The archive is currently stored at Wessex Archaeology's office in Salisbury under the project code **102000**. The complete project archive will be prepared in accordance with the relevant standards set out in *'Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment'* (MoRPHE), English Heritage (2006), and in accordance with Wessex Archaeology's Guidelines for Archive Preparation. The archive will be deposited at the completion of all post-excavation works with the appropriate local museum.
- 8.1.2 Deposition of any finds with the Museum will only be carried out with the full agreement of the landowner.

8.2 Preparation of the archive

- 8.2.1 The complete Site archive, which will include paper records, photographic records, graphics, artefacts and ecofacts, and digital data, will be prepared following the standard conditions for the acceptance of excavated archaeological material, and in general following nationally recommended guidelines (SMA 1995; IfA 2009; Brown 2011; ADS 2013).
- 8.2.2 All archive elements are marked with the Site code (**102000**). A fully cross-referenced index of the archive will be prepared on completion of the project.

8.3 Discard policy

- 8.3.1 Wessex Archaeology follows the guidelines set out in *Selection, Retention and Dispersal* (Society of Museum Archaeologists 1993), which allows for the discard of selected artefact and ecofact categories which are not considered to warrant any future analysis. Any discard of artefacts will be fully documented in the project archive.
- 8.3.2 The discard of environmental remains and samples follows nationally recommended guidelines (SMA 1993; 1995; English Heritage 2002).

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8.5 Security Copy

- 8.5.1 In line with current best practice (e.g. Brown 2011), on completion of the project a security copy of the written records will be prepared, in the form of a digital PDF/A file. PDF/A is an ISO-standardised version of the Portable Document Format (PDF) designed for the digital

preservation of electronic documents through omission of features ill-suited to long-term archiving.

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10 APPENDICES

10.1 Appendix 1: Trench Tables

TRENCH 100			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated	
Dimensions: 50m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.45m	Ground level: 100.65m aOD		
Context	Description			Depth (m)	
1001	Layer	Topsoil: Dark brown silty clay topsoil, with no inclusions. Has established turf and rooting.			0-0.20m
1002	Layer	Subsoil: Mid orange-brown silty clay subsoil. No inclusions, rooting evident.			0.20-0.45m
1003	Layer	Natural: Mid greyish orange clay natural, no inclusions.			0.45m+
1004	Cut	Posthole: Sub circular post hole with very dark, almost sooty fill (L 0.14m, W 0.14m, D 0.13m). Also has a concave base with concave steep sides, cuts natural (10003).			0.13m
1005	Fill	Secondary Fill: Greyish - dark brown silty clay fill with no components. A very dark fill of a post hole, possibly the result of water action after the post was purposely removed. Fill of [10004].			0.13m
1006	Fill	Secondary Fill: A mid dark brownish grey silty clay. Contained sparse flint and charcoal inclusions. Also contained one piece of worked flint (possibly natural). Fill of [10007].			0.18m
1007	Cut	Pit: Shallow sub-oval feature, possibly just natural variation in clay (W 0.70m, D 0.18m).			0.18m

TRENCH 101			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated	
Dimensions: 50m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.45m	Ground level: 100.6m aOD		
Context	Description			Depth (m)	
10101	Layer	Topsoil: Dark brown silty clay topsoil with no inclusions. Has established turf, and rooting evident.			0-0.20m
10102	Layer	Subsoil: Mid orange- brown silty clay with no inclusions, rooting evident.			0.20-0.45m
10103	Layer	Natural: Mid greyish - orange clay with no inclusions.			0.45m +
10104	Fill	Secondary Fill: A dark brown-grey silty clay deposit with charcoal and CBM inclusions Fill of 10105 . Full recording of this deposit could not be completed due to prolific flooding within trench. Possibly the same as (10504) as seen in Trench 105.			-
10105	Cut	Gully: A SE-NW aligned linear gully feature, has a flat base with moderate (45 degrees) shallow sides. Filled with secondary deposit (10104), and cuts natural (10103). Full recording could not be completed due to water logging within trench.			-

TRENCH 102			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated	
Dimensions: 50m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.47m	Ground level: 100.4m aOD		
Context	Description			Depth (m)	
10201	Layer	Topsoil: Greyish dark brown silty clay loam natural.			0- 0.14m
10202	Layer	Subsoil: Greyish mid brown silty clay.			0.14-0.34m
10203	Layer	Natural: Yellowish light brown clay natural.			0.34-0.47m

TRENCH 103			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated	
Dimensions: 50m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.4m	Ground level: 100.4m aOD		
Context	Description			Depth (m)	
10301	Layer	Topsoil: Greyish mid brown silty clay loam topsoil.			0-0.13m
10302	Layer	Subsoil: Brownish mid grey silty clay subsoil.			0.13-0.23m
10303	Layer	Natural: Yellowish light brown clay natural.			0.23-0.40m



TRENCH 104			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.3m	Ground level: 100.2m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
10401	Layer	Topsoil: Greyish mid brown silty clay topsoil.		0-0.10m
10402	Layer	Subsoil: Brownish mid grey silty clay subsoil.		0.10-0.19m
10403	Layer	Natural: Yellowish light brown and grey clay natural		0.19-0.30m

TRENCH 105			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.45m	Ground level: 100.2m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
10501	Layer	Topsoil: Dark orange brown silty clay with no inclusions. Has established turf and rooting evident		0-0.25m
10502	Layer	Subsoil: Mid orange brown silty clay with no inclusions, rooting evident.		0.25-0.45m
10503	Layer	Natural: Mid greyish orange clay, no inclusions.		0.45m +
10504	Fill	Secondary Fill: Mid brown silty clay secondary fill with frequent CBM flecking and fragments. Fill of probable modern gully [10505].		0.30m
10505	Cut	Gully: Modern gully filled with (10504) aligned NW-SE. This feature is linear shaped in plan with concave base and concave steep sides (W 0.50M, D 0.30M). Full recording (drawings) not possible due to waterlogged trench.		0.30m

TRENCH 106			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.5m	Ground level: 100.2m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
10601	Layer	Topsoil: Dark blackish brown silty clay topsoil, with no inclusions.		0-0.11m
10602	Layer	Subsoil: Mid grey brown silty clay, no inclusions.		0.11-0.29m
10603	Layer	Natural: Mid mottled grey orange clay, no inclusions.		0.29-0.50m

TRENCH 107			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.5m	Ground level: 100.6m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
10701	Layer	Topsoil: Dark orange brown silty clay topsoil with no inclusions. Also has short grass cover.		0-0.25m
10702	Layer	Subsoil: Mid orange brown silty clay subsoil, no inclusions.		0.25-0.50m
10703	Layer	Natural: Mid greyish orange clay natural, no inclusions.		0.50m+
10704	Cut	Posthole: Fairly shallow post hole with a single secondary fill (10705). No finds and no similar features in the surrounding area. Date and purpose uncertain (L 0.64M, W 0.46M, D 0.16M). Oval shape in plan with concave base and irregular steep sides.		0.16m
10705	Fill	Secondary Fill: Single fill of post hole [10704] with some dark charcoal rich material. Gradually filled over time. No finds- date unknown. Consists of a dark blackish grey silty clay with sparse charcoal inclusions (L 0.64M, W 0.46M, D 0.16M).		0.16m
10706	Cut	Pit/Ditch Terminus: Either an irregular pit or ditch terminus. Feature begins to get narrower towards trench edge. Complete dimensions unknown, as it runs beyond trench limits. Aligned NE-SW and is irregular shaped in plan. Has a concave base with concave moderate sides (W 1.4, D 0.13m.)		0.13m
10707	Fill	Secondary Fill: Result of silting up of feature [10706]. A blue, mid grey silty clay with occasional small pebbles.		0.13m
10708	Fill	Secondary Fill: A mid dark grey silty clay secondary deposit of		0.25m



		ditch/ gully [10709]. Contained burnt flint with rooting evident.	
10709	Cut	Ditch: Shallow U-shaped ditch/gully, probably used as a drainage feature (W 1m, D 0.25m)	0.25m

TRENCH 108		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.43m	Ground level: 100.5m aOD
Context	Description		Depth (m)
10801	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown silty clay top soil, no inclusions.	0- 0.15m
10802	Layer	Subsoil: Mid orange-grey silty clay subsoil, no inclusions.	0.15-0.34m
10803	Layer	Natural: Light brown orange clay natural, no inclusions.	0.34-0.43m

TRENCH 109		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.33m	Ground level: 100.7m aOD
Context	Description		Depth (m)
10901	Layer	Topsoil: Greyish mid brown silty clayey loam topsoil.	0-0.15m
10902	Layer	Subsoil: Brownish mid grey silty clay subsoil.	0.15-0.29m
10903	Layer	Natural: Yellowish light brown clay.	0.29-0.33m

TRENCH 110		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.45m	Ground level: 100.6m aOD
Context	Description		Depth (m)
11001	Layer	Topsoil: Dark brown silty clay with established turf, no inclusions, and rooted.	0-0.25m
11002	Layer	Subsoil: Mid dark orange-brown silty clay, no inclusions, rooted.	0.25-0.45m
11003	Layer	Natural: Orange brown clay natural, no inclusions.	0.45m +
11004	Fill	Secondary Fill: A mid dark greyish orange silt-clay with scarce small sub-angular stones <5mm. Also included pottery, flint, and CBM fragments. This is a secondary deposit, and fill of [11006]. Pottery dates to RB, found in upper part of fill with flint in lower parts	-
11005	Fill	Primary Fill: A greyish orange silty clay with scarce small sub-angular stones <5mm, fill of [11006]. A primary deposit, probably re-deposited natural.	-
11006	Cut	Ditch: Shallow ditch filled with (11005) and (11005), possibly a drainage ditch, and possibly truncated (W 2.80m, D 0.28m). Aligned SE-MW and linear in plan with flat shallow sides. Contained RB pottery and flint core in upper fill.	0.28m

TRENCH 111		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 36m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.29m	Ground level: 100.5m aOD
Context	Description		Depth (m)
11101	Layer	Topsoil: Greyish mid brown silty sandy loam topsoil (0-0.10m).	
11102	Layer	Subsoil: Brownish mid grey silty clay subsoil (0.10- 0.22m).	
11103	Layer	Natural: Yellowish light brown clay natural (0.22- 0.29m).	



TRENCH 112		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.46 m	Ground level: 100.5m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
11201	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown silty clay topsoil, no inclusions (0-0.16m).	
11202	Layer	Subsoil: Mid orange grey silty clay subsoil, no inclusions (0.16-0.31m).	
11203	Layer	Natural: Light greyish orange clay natural, no inclusions (0.31-0.46m).	

TRENCH 113		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.5m	Ground level: 100.4m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
11301	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown silty clay.	
11302	Layer	Subsoil: Dark brownish grey silty clay.	
11303	Layer	Natural: Light greyish orange clay natural.	
11304	Cut	Pit: Circular pit filled with (11305), with concave moderate sides and flat base (L >0.92m, W 0.92m, D 0.14m). Date and purpose uncertain, lays in close proximity, c. 0.20m, to another pit of similar dimension (unex) [11306].	
11305	Fill	Secondary Fill: Mid brownish grey with rare small bits of charcoal and 1 piece of fire altered flint. Single fill of [11304], caused by gradual silting up of feature. Likely to be waterlogged, like surrounding area (L >0.92m, W 0.92m, D 0.14m).	
11306	Cut	Pit: Unexcavated pit.	
11307	Fill	Secondary Fill: Light brown grey sandy clay fill of pit	
11308	Cut	Ditch: Ditch aligned E-W, linear in plan with concave gentle sides and concave base (W 0.10m, D 0.13m). Filled with (11309), possibly Roman in date. Cut by post/pit [11310].	
11309	Fill	Primary Fill: Blue mid grey silty clay with very occasional small rounded pebbles. Also contained pottery and flint. Fill of [11308], cut by [11310]. Silting in base of ditch, pottery possibly Roman in date.	
11310	Cut	Posthole: Cut of p/h filled with (11311) & (11312), also cuts (11309) & [11308]. Circular shape in plan with concave moderate sides and concave base (L 0.60m, W 0.60m, D 0.10m).	
11311	Fill	Primary Fill: Greyish light brown silty clay with very occasional small pebbles. A mix of silty clay and re-deposited clean natural. Fill of p/h [11310].	
11312	Fill	Secondary Fill: Blue dark grey silty clay with occasional small rounded pebbles and moderate charcoal. Fill of p/h [11310].	
11313	Cut	Posthole: Circular p/h with straight steep sides and concave base (L 0.30m, W 0.23m, D 0.11m). Filled with (11314), no associated features with date and purpose uncertain.	
11314	Fill	Secondary Fill: Single fill within p/h [11313] (L 0.30m, W 0.23m, D 0.11m). Dark brownish grey clay. Slightly disturbed by root action.	
11315	Cut	Ditch: Linear shape in plan with straight steep sides and flat base (L >2.10m, W 1.74m, D 0.09m), filled with (11316). A shallow ditch, possibly used for drainage. In close proximity to ditch [11317], no relationship established.	
11316	Fill	Secondary Fill: Dark brownish grey clay with moderate roots, 1 piece of pottery on surface of fill (L >2.10m, W 1.74m, D 0.09m). Single fill within ditch [11315]. Waterlogged conditions.	



11317	Cut	Ditch: Probable ditch filled with (11318), completely submerged, not fully excavated. At surface level looked to run into nearby ditch [11315], but relationship not established through slot. A SE-NW linear with straight moderate sides, unknown base (L >2.10m, W 1.2m, D >0.13m).	0.13m
11318	Fill	Secondary Fill: Fill of ditch [11317], a mid brownish grey clay fill with sparse fine roots, no inclusions (L >2.10, W 1.20m, D >0.13m). Fill of completely submerged feature.	0.13m

TRENCH 114		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.1m		Max. depth: m	Ground level: 100.6m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
11401	Layer	Topsoil: Greyish dark brown silty sand loam topsoil.	
11402	Layer	Subsoil: Brownish mid grey silty clay subsoil.	
11403	Layer	Natural: Greyish orange clay natural.	
11404	Fill	Primary Fill: Greyish mid brown silty clay with occasional small pebbles and also pottery. Fill of [11405], date unknown.	
11405	Cut	Pit: Cut of pit filled with (11404) (L 0.88m, W 0.58m, D 0.10m). Sub-circular in plan with concave and gentle sides and concave base. Similar to others within TR114.	
11406	Fill	Primary Fill: Light blue-grey silty clay with very occasional small pebbles, and also pottery. Fill of pit [11407], and cut by [11409]. Possibly the result of rooting, prehistoric pot in fill.	
11407	Cut		
11408	Fill	Primary Fill: Brownish dark grey silty clay with very occasional small rounded pebbles, fill of gully [11409]. Formed through silting, no finds	
11409	Cut	Gully: Cut of gully filled with (11408) and truncates (11406). Aligned NW-SE and linear in plan, with concave steep sides and concave base (W 0.35m, D 0.16m).	
11410	Layer		
11411	Cut	Ditch: NW- SE aligned ditch with unknown sides and base shape (W 0.90m). Ditch unexcavated, waterlogged trench, filled with (11412).	
11412	Fill	Secondary Fill: Greyish dark brown silty clay, fill of ditch [11411]. Unexcavated due to waterlogged trench.	
11413	Cut	Pit: Possible pit, sub-circular in plan filled with (11414). Unexcavated due to waterlogged trench (diameter 1.50m). However similar in plan to excavated [11405], and possibly related to [11415], and [11419].	
11414	Fill	Secondary Fill: Greyish mid brown silty clay, fill of unexcavated pit [11413].	
11415	Cut	Pit: Circular in plan and filled with (11416). Unexcavated due to flooded trench, but partially visible in section (diameter 0.80m). However probably similar to and related to [11405], [11413], and [11419].	
11416	Fill	Secondary Fill: Fill of unexcavated pit [11415]. A greyish mid brown silty clay, probably similar to other pit fills (11404).	
11417	Cut	Posthole: Possible posthole, unexcavated due to waterlogged trench (diameter 0.30m). Circular shape in plan and filled with (11418).	
11418	Fill	Secondary Fill: Greyish very dark brown silty clay with moderate charcoal inclusions. Fill of [11417], possible posthole.	
11419	Cut	Pit: Unexcavated pit due to waterlogged trench, circular in plan (diameter 0.70m) and filled with (11420). Similar and probably associated with pits [11405], [11413], and [11415] within trench.	
11420	Fill	Secondary Fill: Greyish mid brown silty clay fill of unexcavated	



		pit [11419]. Most likely similar to fills of associated pits within trench,	
11421	Cut	Pit: Unexcavated possible pit filled with (11422). Circular in plan (L 1.40, W 0.60m). Only partly visible from trench edge and possibly related to other unexcavated features at eastern end of trench. Possibly rooting based on slopes.	-
11422	Fill	Secondary Fill: Blue light to mid grey silty clay, fill of possible pit [11421]. Deposit was unexcavated due to waterlogged trench. Likely to be rooting based on fill colour and overall feature shape.	-
11423	Cut	Natural Feature: Possible feature partially visible from trench edge. Most likely rooting due to irregular slope and fill colour. Sub angular shape in plan (L 1.60m, W 1.40m), and filled with (11424).	-
11424	Fill	Secondary Fill: Blue mid grey silty clay, fill of possible feature [11423]. Deposit unexcavated due to waterlogged trench, likely to be rooting.	-
11425	Cut	Natural Feature: Possible feature, but unexcavated due to waterlogged trench. More likely to be rooting or tree bowl on examination of colour. Circular in plan (L 1.60m, W 1m).	-
11426	Fill	Secondary Fill: Blue mid to dark grey silty clay, fill of possible feature [11425]. Most likely rooting.	-
11427	Cut	Natural Feature: Possible feature, unexcavated due to waterlogged trench. Most likely to be rooting. Irregular shape in plan filled with (11428) (L 3m, W 2.10m).	-
11428	Fill	Secondary Fill: Greyish light brown silty clay fill of possible feature [11427]. Most likely to be rooting.	-

TRENCH 115		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.45m	Ground level: 100.7m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
11501	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown silty clay, no inclusion. 0-0.20m	
11502	Layer	Subsoil: Mid orange brown silty clay, no inclusions. 0.20-0.45m	
11503	Layer	Natural: Light greyish orange clay, no inclusions. 0.45m +	
11504	Cut	Circular shape in plan with straight moderate sides and concave base (L 0.80m, W 0.72m, D 0.18m). Small pit filled with (11505). 0.18m	
11505	Fill	Mid brownish grey silty clay, contained a single piece of burnt flint in top half of fill, also had rare charcoal and rooting throughout (L 0.80m, W 0.72m, D 0.18m). A single fill within small pit [11504]. Contained patches of anaerobic blue-grey at base. 0.18m	
11506	Cut	Linear shape in plan with straight steep and flat base (L >2.10m, W 0.74m, D 0.09m). Filled with (11506), very shallow ditch feature. Although possibly a natural feature. 0.09m	
11507	Fill	Mid greyish brown silty clay, fill of ditch feature [11506]. No finds and very shallow (L >2.10, W 0.74m, D 0.09m). Possibly just a layer. 0.09m	
11508	Fill	Mid dark greyish brown silty clay with sparse small stones S/A <5mm. Fill of [11509]. Possibly the continuation of feature [11308] within TR113. 0.25m	
11509	Cut	An E-W aligned shallow ditch, linear in plan with straight shallow sides and flat base (W 1.20m, D 0.25m). Filled with (11508) and cuts natural (11503). Probable continuation, therefore same as, ditch [11308] within TR113. 0.25m	



TRENCH 116			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.55m	Ground level: 100.5m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
11601	Layer	Topsoil: Greyish dark brown silty loam topsoil.	0-0.25m	
11602	Layer	Subsoil: Brownish mid grey silty clay subsoil	0.25-0.45m	
11603	Layer	Natural: Greyish orange clay natural	0.45-0.55m	
11604	Layer	Spread: A silty spread over posthole [11606], pottery found suggests Roman or later? N-S orientated and linear in plan with concave gentle sides and concave base (L 2.5m, W 2.1m, D 0.10m). This is a silty spread between the subsoil and natural.	0.10m	
11605	Fill	Primary Fill: Brownish dark grey silty clay primary fill with burnt stone and charcoal. This is a silty fill of posthole [11606].	0.15m	
11606	Cut	Cut of a possible posthole (or rooting) beneath spread (11604) and filled with (11605). Rounded/irregular shape in plan with concave base and steep concave sides (L 0.35m, W 0.25m D 0.15m).	0.15m	
11607	Fill	Secondary Fill: Mid dark brownish grey silty clay fill of pit [11608]. Aligned N-S and circular shape in plan	0.12m	
11608	Cut	Pit: Circular pit with flat shallow sides (L 0.80m, W 0.16m D 0.12m). A shallow pit no finds, filled with (11607).	0.12m	
11609	Fill	Secondary Fill: Brownish dark grey silty clay with very occasional small rounded pebbles, deposit unexcavated. Fill of posthole [11610].	-	
11610	Cut	Posthole: Unexcavated posthole filled with (11609), and possibly related to [11606]. Circular shape in plan.	-	
11611	Fill	Secondary Fill: Light grey brown silty clay, fill of linear feature [11612]. Unexcavated but visible at surface, no finds.	-	
11612	Cut	Ditch: Unexcavated linear, possibly a ditch. No finds retrieved (L 2.10m). Aligned N-S and filled with (11611).	-	
11613	Fill	Secondary Fill: Fill of unexcavated pit [11614]. A grey dark brown silty clay with occasional small stones.	-	
11614	Cut	Pit: Cut of unexcavated pit filled with (11613). Circular shape in plan.	-	
11615	Fill	Secondary Fill: Fill of unexcavated possible pit [11616]. A greyish dark brown silty clay.	-	
11616	Cut	Pit: Cut of an unexcavated possible pit in TR116, unexcavated due to flooding in trench. Circular shape in plan and filled with (11615).	-	

TRENCH 117			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.4m	Ground level: 100.5m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
11701	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown silty sandy loam.	0-0.15m	
11702	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown silty clay subsoil.	0.15-0.31m	
11703	Layer	Natural: Light greyish orange clay natural.	0.31-0.40m	



TRENCH 118			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.46m	Ground level: 100.6m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
11801	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown silty clay topsoil, no inclusions.	0-0.16m	
11802	Layer	Subsoil: Mid orange grey silty clay subsoil, no inclusions.	0.16-0.34m	
11803	Layer	Natural: Light greyish orange clay, no inclusions.	0.34-0.46m	
11804	Cut	Pit: Pretty convincing looking pit, but unexcavated because of waterlogged trench. Close to another pit of similar dimensions, no finds. Filled with (11805) (Diameter 0.50m) and is circular shaped in plan	-	
11805	Fill	Secondary Fill: Mid orange grey silty clay, no finds. Fill of pit [11804] (Diameter 0.50m). Unexcavated, on examined at surface, upper fill of small circular pit. Completely submerged in water.	-	
11806	Cut	Pit: Unexcavated small oval pit, completely submerged, purpose unclear (L 0.80m, W 0.52m). Filled with (11807).	-	
11807	Fill	Secondary Fill: Mid orange grey silty clay, no finds (W 0.52m). Fill of probable pit [11806], this is a secondary deposit, unexcavated, with no finds at surface. Completely submerged in water within trench.	-	
11808	Cut	Ditch: Aligned E-W linear shape in plan (L 2.10M, W 1.03m). Possible ditch filled with (11809), the fill looks quite irregular, possibly natural? Unexcavated due to flooding within trench.	-	
11809	Fill	Secondary Fill: Dark brownish grey clay, no finds observed at surface, unexcavated (L 2.10M, W 1.03m). Fill of possible ditch [11808], the fill is mottled and irregular, possibly just geology. Completely submerged in water within trench.	-	
11810	Cut	Pit: Orientated N-S, semi-circular in plan (L1.48m, W 0.40m). Possibly a pit partially visible on edge of trench. Possibly just a slight variation in the natural, but it does seem to face a similar looking pit? Unexcavated due to flooding.	-	
11811	Fill	Secondary Fill: Mid orange brown clay, no components (L 1.48m, W >0.40m). Fill of possible pit [11810], however possibly just variation in natural. Completely submerged in water.	-	
11812	Cut	Pit: Orientation N-S and irregular shape in plan (L 2.15m, W >0.50m). Possible pit filled with (11813), an irregular shaped dark patch, could also be just a variation within natural. In close proximity to other (somewhat dubious) features. All unexcavated	-	
11813	Fill	Secondary Fill: Possibly the visible fill of large, irregular shaped pit (L 2.15m, W >0.50m). A mid orange brown clay, no components. Alternatively just slightly different coloured natural. Completely submerged in water, unexcavated. Fill of [11812].	-	

TRENCH 119			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.45m	Ground level: 100.5m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
11901	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown silty clay natural with established turf. Rooting evident with no inclusions.	0-0.25m	
11902	Layer	Subsoil: Mid orange brown silty clay, rooting visible, no inclusions.	0.25-0.45m	
11903	Layer	Natural: Light greyish orange clay natural, no inclusions.	0.45m +	
11904	Fill	Secondary Fill: Dark greyish brown silty clay. Fill of pit [11905], unexcavated due to flooding.	-	
11905	Cut	Pit: Cut of pit filled with (11904) (Width 0.50m). Circular shape in plan orientation N-S. Unexcavated due to flooding within trench.	-	
11906	Fill	Secondary Fill: Dark greyish brown silty clay, fill of posthole/pit [11907]. Unexcavated due to flooding.	-	



11907	Cut	Pit/Posthole: Cut of a pit/ posthole orientated N-S and circular shaped in plan (Width 0.30m). Filled with (11906), unexcavated due to flooding within trench.	-
11908	Fill	Secondary Fill: Dark greyish brown silty clay, fill of posthole/ pit [11909]. Unexcavated due to flooding within trench	-
11909	Cut	Pit/Posthole: Cut of pit/ posthole (Width 0.40m), orientated N-S. Filled with (11908), unexcavated due to flooding with trench.	-
11910	Fill	Secondary Fill: Dark greyish- brown silty clay, fill of pit [11911]. Unexcavated due to flooding within trench.	-
11911	Cut	Pit: Cut of a pit filled with (11910), orientation N-S and oval shaped in plan (L 1.10m, W0.60m). Unexcavated due to flooding within trench.	-
11912	Fill	Secondary Fill: Dark greyish brown silty clay fill of pit/posthole [11913]. Unexcavated due to flooding.	-
11913	Cut	Pit: Cut of a pit, filled with (11912). Circular shape in plan (Width 1.10m), unexcavated due to flooding within trench.	-
11914	Fill	Secondary Fill: Dark greyish brown silty clay fill of posthole/pit [11915], unexcavated due to flooding within trench.	-
11915	Cut	Pit/Posthole: Cut of possible pit/ posthole, orientated N-S and oval shape in plan (L 0.50m, W 0.25m). Filled with (11914), unexcavated due to flooding.	-
11916	Fill	Secondary Fill: Dark greyish brown silty clay fill of pit/posthole [11917]. Unexcavated due to flooding within trench.	-
11917	Cut	Posthole/Pit: Cut of round posthole/ pit orientated N-S (W 0.40m). Filled with (11916), unexcavated due to flooding within trench.	-

TRENCH 120		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.45m	Ground level: 100.6m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
12001	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown silty clay natural, rooting evident with established turf. No inclusions.	
12002	Layer	Subsoil: Mid dark orange brown silty clay, rooting evident. No inclusions.	
12003	Layer	Natural: Orange brown clay natural, no inclusions.	
12004	Fill	Secondary Fill: Mid dark brownish grey silty clay, fill of pit [12005]. Contained moderate charcoal flecking.	
12005	Cut	Pit: Cut of as pit filled with (12004). A sub-oval pit, shallow with no finds. Has a shallow straight edge on south side, curved on north side with a flat base (W 1.60m, D 0.20m).	
12006	Fill	Secondary Fill: Fill of posthole [12007]. A mid dark brownish grey silty clay with moderate charcoal flecking. This is a shallow posthole	
12007	Cut	Posthole: Cut of a posthole filled with (12006). Orientated N-S, circular shape in plan with straight shallow edges and a concave base (Diameter 0.40m, Depth 0.14m). A shallow posthole.	

TRENCH 121		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.42m	Ground level: 100.55m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
12101	Layer	Topsoil: Greyish mid brown silty loam topsoil.	
12102	Layer	Subsoil: Brownish mid grey silty clay subsoil.	
12103	Layer	Natural: Greyish orange clay natural.	
12104	Fill	Primary Fill: Mid blue grey silty clay with very occasional small rounded pebbles. Also contained mottled orange-grey clay patches. Fill of gully [12105], primary fill.	



12105	Cut	Gully: Cut of a gully-small ditch, filled with (12104). Aligned SW-NE and linear shape in plan with concave moderate sides and a flat base (W 0.30m, D 0.30m). No archaeological components, unknown date.	0.30m
12106	Fill	Secondary Fill: Mottled brownish light grey/dark grey silty clay with very occasional small rounded pebbles and occasional charcoal. Fill of pit [12107].	0.12m
12107	Cut	Pit: Possible pit feature filled with (12106). Sub oval shape in plan with concave moderate sides and concave base (L 0.55m, W 0.45m, D 0.12m). A small shallow pit, possibly just the result of rooting.	0.12m
12108	Cut	Gully: Shallow gully has a curvilinear shape in plan with concave moderate sides and concave base (L >1.82m, W 0.70m, D 0.09m), filled with (12109). This gully makes a fairly tight curve at the end of the trench and contains a single fill, no finds. Purpose is unknown.	0.09m
12109	Fill	Secondary Fill: Mid brownish grey silty clay with rare-sparse sub rounded fine pebbles, no finds (L >1.82m, W 0.70m, D 0.09m), fill of gully [12108]. A single secondary fill of shallow gully, formed by gradual silting events.	0.09m
12110	Cut	Gully: A NE-SW aligned linear gully with concave steep sides and concave base (W 0.64m, D 0.21m), filled with (12111). One arm or Y shaped gully. All aspects appear, in plan, to be contemporary. Only part of the feature was investigated.	0.21m
12111	Fill	Secondary Fill: A brownish mid grey silty clay with occasional small rounded pebbles, also contained pottery possibly Roman in date. Fill of gully [12110]. All the fills appear to be the same throughout the feature in plan, suggests all parts are contemporary	0.21m
12112	Cut	Pit: A sub-circular shallow pit with concave gentle sides and a flat base (Diameter 1.35m, D 0.10m). Similar to [12107]. But larger. Filled with (12113).	0.10m
12113	Fill	Secondary Fill: Dark brownish grey silty clay fill with occasional small rounded pebbles and occasional charcoal, fill of shallow pit feature [12112]. Possibly Roman in date based on finds from nearby features.	0.10m

TRENCH 122		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.4m	Ground level: 100.7m aOD
Context	Description		Depth (m)
12201	Layer	Topsoil: Mid grey brown silty clay loam topsoil, loose with very little inclusions.	0- 0.30m
12202	Layer	Subsoil: Mottled brown-grey with brown yellow silty clay ().	0.30-0.34m
12203	Layer	Natural: Mid brown yellow with patches of blue-brown silty clay with very rare inclusions.	0.34m +
12204	Cut	Gully: Cut of a gully, aligned N-S. Linear shape in plan with concave shallow sides to a concave base (W 0.30m, D 0.18m). Filled with (12205), and cuts (12202) and (12203).	0.18m
12205	Fill	Secondary Fill: Fill of gully [12205], mid grey brown sandy clay rare inclusions generally small grits.	0.18m
12206	Gully	Gully: Cut of a gully aligned N-S, filled with (12207). Cuts natural (12203), may be natural geology or related to ridge and furrow (L0.75m, W 2.2m, D 0.25m).	0.25m
12207	Fill	Secondary Fill: Fill of gully/ditch [12206], mid grey brown silty clay with rare sub rounded flint inclusions.	0.25m



TRENCH 123			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated	
Dimensions: 50m x 2.0m		Max. depth: 0.35m	Ground level: 100.6m aOD		
Context	Description			Depth (m)	
12301	Layer	Topsoil: Mid brown, plain, silty clay loam topsoil. No obvious inclusions.			0- 0.08m
12302	Layer	Subsoil: Mid brown with grey hue silty clay, with orange-brown mottling. Had very occasional ironstone flecking.			0.08-0.28m
12303	Layer	Natural: Yellow-orange clay with grey mottling. Also contained very occasional flint- sub-rounded.			0.28m +
12304	Fill	Secondary Fill: Single fill of ditch [12305], likely derived from gradual silting up of ditch. A mid dark grey-brown (plain) silty clay. Also contained very occasional sub rounded/ weathered flint, not sorted <30mm.			0.2m
12305	Cut	Ditch: Ditch cut filled with (12304). Aligned NE-SW and linear in plan with straight gentle sides and a flat base (W 1m, D 0.2m).			0.2m
12306	Layer	Spread: Dark grey but mottled with black-orange clay with frequent semi fired clay spread throughout. A shallow spread of burnt clay material with flecks of charcoal and CBM material (L 0.8m, W 0.4m, D 0.05m).			0.05
12307	Fill	Secondary Fill: Dark grey-brown (plain) silty clay, no components, fill of [12308]. A single fill within ditch feature, likely caused by gradual silting. Feature not drawn.			0.09m
12308	Cut	Ditch/Gully: Possible ditch/ gully but more likely animal activity (not drawn). Orientated E-W and is linear in plan with curved gentle sides and curved base, filled with (12307)(L 0.7m, W 0.4m, D 0.09m).			0.09m

TRENCH 124			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated	
Dimensions: 50m x 1.9m		Max. depth: 0.53m	Ground level: 100.5m aOD		
Context	Description			Depth (m)	
12401	Layer	Topsoil: Dark grey brown clay loam topsoil, with grass root bioturbation and no inclusions evident			0-0.26m
12402	Layer	Subsoil: Mid grey bluish brown clay loam with sparse stone inclusions (no depth given).			0.26-0.40m
12403	Cut	Pit: Small pit with single fill (12404). No finds with date and purpose uncertain. Fairly close to other pits, possibly related (L 0.57m, W 0.33m, D 0.13m). Circular in plan with irregular straight vertical sides			0.13m
12404	Fill	Secondary fill: Fill of small circular pit [12403]. Created by gradual re-deposition of sediments, no finds. Similar makeup to other nearby features (L 0.57m, W 0.33m, D 0.13m). A dark grey with orange mottling silty clay.			0.13m
12405	Layer	Natural: A mid yellow brown clay natural.			0.40-0.53m
12406	Cut	Pit: Possible pit or more likely a spread relating to a possible posthole cutting through it. Irregular oval in plan with concave gentle sides and concave base (L 1.7m, W 0.9m, D 0.17m). Filled with (12407).			0.17m
12407	Fill	Fill/Spread: Fill or spread, possibly the same fill as posthole [12409]. Contained burnt material, but probably not burnt in-situ. A bluish mid grey silty clay with moderate burnt stone and occasional charcoal. Fill of [12406] and cut by [12409].			-
12408	Cut	Ditch: Cut of a ditch aligned SE-NW, linear in plan with straight steep sides and a concave base. Filled with (12411), (12412), (12413), and (12414). Possibly a boundary ditch (W 2.25m, D 0.9m).			0.9m
12409	Cut	Posthole: Sub-circular in shape with concave steep sides and			0.15m



		concave/ flat base (L 0.28m, W 0.20m, D 0.15m). Filled with (12410) and cuts (12407), [12406]. A posthole filled with burnt stone.	
12410	Fill	Secondary Fill: Burnt fill possibly the same as (12404) and (12407). A pale grey- dark red coloured burnt stone interlaced with silty clay with charcoal inclusions.	0.15m
12411	Fill	Secondary Fill: Mid brown with grey hue silty clay fill. With very rare rounded stones <5mm and occasional ironstone grit. Upper fill of ditch [12408], likely derived from initial erosion of sides.	0.3m
12412	Fill	Secondary Fill: Mid dark brown with grey hue silty clay, no components. A secondary fill of ditch [12408].	0.25m
12413	Fill	Secondary Fill: Dark grey with dark blue hue silty clay. Contained rare charcoal flecks and worked flints (x4). A secondary fill of ditch [12408].	0.25m
12414	Fill	Secondary Fill: Light brown- pale grey silty clay with very rare rounded pebbles <5mm. Final secondary fill of ditch [12408]. Derived from slow, gradual silting.	0.35m

TRENCH 125		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 1.85m		Max. depth: 0.7m	
		Ground level: 100.65m aOD	
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
12501	Layer	Topsoil: Mid dark brownish grey silty clay topsoil. No inclusions evident with established turf.	
12502	Layer	Subsoil: Mid brownish orange silty clay, no inclusions.	
12503	Layer	Natural: Bluish grey orange clay, no inclusions.	
12504	Fill	Deliberate Backfill: Fill of drain slot [12505]. Stones used as loose fill for slot of modern field drain and capped with re-deposited subsoil/ natural clay. A modern drainage pipe runs through it. Mid dark orange brown silty clay with S.A stones and pebbles 10-20mm diameter.	
12505	Cut	Land Drain: Cut of drain slot (W 0.80m, D 0.52m). Aligned E-W and linear in plan with regular steep-stepped sides and flat base. Filled with (12504) and cuts (12506).	
12506	Fill	Secondary Fill: Light brownish- blue / orange silty clay with iron panning. Fill of ditch [12507], and cut by drain [12505].	
12507	Cut	Ditch: Cut of ditch filled with (12506), (12504). Aligned E-W and linear in plan with straight moderate sides (45 degrees) and concave base (W 1.20m, D 0.70m). Ditch can be seen as earthwork on surface, cut by modern field drain [12505].	

TRENCH 126		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 1.9m		Max. depth: 0.59m	
		Ground level: 100.45m aOD	
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
12601	Layer	Topsoil: Mid brown grey silty clay loam with turf coverage and rare iron staining.	
12602	Layer	Subsoil: Mid grey with orange mottling and common iron staining, silty clay.	
12603	Layer	Natural: Light brown orange clay with moderate grey mottling and sparse coarse sub-angular flint nodules. Some small patches of gravel.	



TRENCH 127			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 1.9m		Max. depth: 0.6m	Ground level: 99.6m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
12701	Layer	Topsoil: Dark brown black silty clay with turf coverage and no inclusions.	0-0.30m	
12702	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown silty clay subsoil.	0.30-0.60m	
12703	Layer	Natural: Mid greyish orange clay with rare fine flint nodules- sub-angular.	0.60m+	
12704	Fill	Secondary Fill: Mid dark greyish brown silty clay with occasional calcified inclusions/ shell, and occasional small stone (flint) 5-10mm diameter. Also contained pottery (Roman/prehistoric?). Fill of ditch [12705].	0.4m	
12705	Cut	Ditch: Cut of a ditch filled with (12704). Aligned NW-SE with concave shallow sides and concave base (W 1.20m, D 0.40m).	0.4m	

TRENCH 128			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 1.8m		Max. depth: 0.47m	Ground level: 100.4m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
12801	Layer	Topsoil: Mid brownish grey silty clay loam with sparse iron staining and turf surface.	0- 0.10m	
12802	Layer	Subsoil: Light brownish grey silty clay with moderate iron staining.	0.10-0.26m	
12803	Layer	Natural: Light greyish orange clay with rare iron staining.	0.26-0.47m	

TRENCH 129			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 1.8m		Max. depth: 0.55m	Ground level: 100m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
12901	Layer	Topsoil: Mid brownish grey silty clay loam with turf coverage. Rare iron staining.	0-0.14m	
12902	Layer	Subsoil: Light brownish grey silty clay with rare iron staining.	0.14-0.42m	
12903	Layer	Natural: Light greyish orange clay with sparse patches of grey mottling.	0.42-0.55m	

TRENCH 130			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 49.1m x 1.85m		Max. depth: 0.5m	Ground level: 100m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
13001	Layer	Topsoil: Mid dark brownish grey silty clay with no inclusions and rooting evident. Has turfsurface.	0- 0.20m	
13002	Layer	Subsoil: Orange brown silty clay with no inclusions and rooting evident.	0.20-0.50m	
13003	Layer	Natural: Orange clay with brown mottling, no inclusions.	0.50m +	
13004	Fill	Secondary Fill: Mid brownish grey silty clay, contained pottery, fill of ditch [13005]. Probably prehistoric, probably truncated.	0.45m	
13005	Ditch	Ditch: Cut of ditch filled with (13004). Aligned E-W with irregular moderate sides (45 degrees) and concave base (W 1m, D 0.45m). A shallow U shaped ditch.	0.45m	



TRENCH 131		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: m x m		Max. depth: m	Ground level: m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
NOT EXCAVATED			

TRENCH 132		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 1.8m		Max. depth: 0.6m	Ground level: 98.7m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
13201	Layer	Topsoil: Dark brown silty clay loam with turf coverage and no inclusions.	
13202	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown silty clay with no inclusions.	
13203	Layer	Natural: Light yellow- orange clay natural, no inclusions.	
13204	Fill	Secondary Fill: Dark brownish grey silty clay with sparse charcoal flecking. Also contained 2 small sherds of prehistoric pottery and flint flake. Fill of ditch [13205].	
13205	Cut	Ditch: Shallow ditch, probably truncated to leave just the base. Filled with (13204) (W 0.80m, D 0.15m). Linear in plan with straight gradual sides.	
13206	Cut	Gully: Possible gully, more likely to be geology. Part of several other dark splodges within the trench. Aligned NE-SW and linear in plan with straight moderate sides and concave base (L >0.60m, W 0.31m, D 0.13m). Filled with (13207).	
13207	Fill	Secondary Fill: Mid brownish grey clay with brown orange mottling, fill of possible gully [13206] (L >0.60m, W 0.31m, D 0.13m). More likely to be discoloured natural, possibly from water action.	

TRENCH 133		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 1.85m		Max. depth: 0.45m	Ground level: 98.7m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
13301	Layer	Topsoil: Mid dark brownish grey silty clay, no inclusions with established turf and rooting evident.	
13302	Layer	Subsoil: Orange brown silty clay with no inclusions and rooting.	
13303	Layer	Natural: Orange clay with mottled brown, no inclusions.	
13304	Cut	Pit: Sub-circular in shape with straight vertical sides and flat base (L 1.18m, W >0.84m, D 0.42m). Filled with (13305) and (13306). Pit partially visible within trench, irregular shaped, with date and purpose unclear.	
13305	Fill	Primary Fill: Bright orange clay and dark grey mottling with a small amount of fine rooting, in finds (L 1.18m, W >0.84m, D 0.09m). A layer of dense, damp, discoloured re-deposited natural around the sides, and in particular at the bottom of pit. Possibly re-deposited.	
13306	Fill	Secondary Fill: Dark grey silty clay with moderate S.R fine pieces of iron stone and rare charcoal flecking. Very regular colour and rare fine rooting (0.33m thick). Upper most fill of pit[13304], very clean well sorted fill.	



TRENCH 134			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 1.8m		Max. depth: 0.5m	Ground level: 98.7m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
13401	Layer	Topsoil: Dark brownish grey silty clay loam with turf coverage and no inclusions.		0-0.19m
13402	Layer	Subsoil: Dark blue- grey silty clay with no inclusions.		0.19-0.31m
13403	Layer	Natural: Mid orange grey with blue grey mottling clay, sticky, with no inclusions.		0.31-0.50m

TRENCH 135			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2m		Max. depth: 0.67m	Ground level: 103m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
13501	Layer	Topsoil: Mid greyish brown clay loam, no inclusions and turf coverage.		0- 0.21m
13501	Layer	Subsoil: Mid orange brown silty clay with some grey mottling and iron staining, no inclusions.		0.21m-0.52m
13503	Layer	Natural: Light brownish orange silty clay with moderate grey mottling and occasional iron staining.		0.52m +

TRENCH 136			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50 m x 1.8m		Max. depth: 0.63m	Ground level: 101.8m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
13601	Layer	Topsoil: Mid greyish clay loam, crumbly, with no inclusions and turf coverage.		0-0.20m
13602	Layer	Subsoil: Mid orange brown silty clay with some grey mottling and iron staining, no inclusions.		0.20-0.58m
13603	Layer	Natural: Light brown orange silty clay with frequent blue grey mottling and moderate iron staining, no inclusions.		0.58-0.63m

TRENCH 137			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 49.5m x 2m		Max. depth: 0.77m	Ground level: 98m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
13701	Layer	Topsoil: Dark grey brown clay loam topsoil, a friable soil with heavy rooting throughout. Has a turf surface with no visible components.		0-0.16m
13702	Layer	Subsoil: Light grey-brown silty clay subsoil, a very clean soil, with no components evident. Rooting visible throughout.		0.16-0.39m
13703	Layer	Natural: A light brown- orange clay natural, quite a clean natural with occasional flint fragments <50mm- sub-rounded and sub-angular. Also areas of soft chalk/ limestone, possible area of periglacial activity intermixed with blue-grey clay.		0.39-0.54m +

TRENCH 138			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.0m		Max. depth: 0.63m	Ground level: 99.5m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
13801	Layer	Topsoil: Dark grey-brown clay loam topsoil. Very friable, with heavy bioturbation (rooting) throughout. No inclusions visible with turf surface.		0- 0.18m
13802	Layer	Subsoil: Light grey-brown silty clay subsoil, rooting evident throughout. Quite a clean soil, with no inclusions visible.		0.18m-0.32m



13803	Layer	Natural: Light brown-orange clay natural, with grey-blue patching/mottling throughout. Occasional iron stone/ panning within these areas (0.32- 0.63m +).	0.32-0.63m +
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TRENCH 139		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 1.85m		Max. depth: 0.65m	Ground level: 100m aOD
Context	Description		Depth (m)
13901	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown silty clay with established turf, rooting, with no inclusions.	0-0.30m
13902	Layer	Subsoil: Mid orange brown silty clay with rooting evident, no inclusions.	0.30-0.65m
13903	Layer	Natural: Light brownish orange clay, mottled, no inclusions.	0.65m+.

TRENCH 140		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: m x m		Max. depth: m	Ground level: m aOD
Context	Description		Depth (m)
NOT EXCAVATED			

TRENCH 141		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: m x m		Max. depth: m	Ground level: m aOD
Context	Description		Depth (m)
NOT EXCAVATED			

TRENCH 142		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 48.6m x 1.9m		Max. depth: 0.42m	Ground level: 97m aOD
Context	Description		Depth (m)
14201	Layer	Topsoil: Dark grey brown clay loam topsoil, a friable consistency with heavy bioturbation (rooting) throughout, with turf surface. Moderate stone inclusions <70mm, sub-rounded and sub-angular.	0-0.12m
14202	Layer	Subsoil: A light brown with blue-grey hue and silt clay texture. Heavy rooting evident throughout with moderate stone inclusions <60mm, sub-rounded and sub-angular. Contained areas of light brown-orange clay.	0.12-0.28m
14203	Layer	Natural: A light brown-orange clay natural, very clean.	0.28-0.42m +
14204	Fill	Secondary Fill: A dark grey clayey deposit, very clean with no components within slot. Towards the base and at side edges there are areas of yellow-orange clay patches, similar to surrounding natural. This is a single secondary deposit within gully feature [14205].	0.19m
14205	Cut	Gully: Cut of a possible gully feature filled with secondary deposit (14204). Given the waterlogged nature of surrounding area this may be associated with irrigation? To the south of this feature lay 2 more ditches within this trench, aligned NE-SW (L 0.68m, W 0.38m, D 0.19m)	0.19m
14206	Fill	Secondary Fill: A grey-orange silty clay secondary deposit within possible ditch feature [14207]. Possibly deposited through water action, however it was not excavated, only examined at surface level. Was very clean with no components (W c.1.10m).	-
14207	Cut	Ditch: Cut of a possible ditch filled with secondary deposit (14206). Left unexcavated due to waterlogged trench. However another ditch runs parallel to this on the same NE-SW alignment, c. 0.50m to the east, and possibly contemporary. Possibly represents irrigation ditch.	-



14208	Fill	Secondary Fill: Mid pale grey silty clay, very fine, derived from gradual deposition. May be natural geology. Fill of ditch [14209].	0.83m
14209	Cut	Ditch: Possible cut of linear ditch feature, filled with secondary deposit (14208). Aligned N-S and has a flat base with straight steep sides (W 1.1m, D 0.83m). Appeared more clearly in plan, possibly local geology?	0.83m

TRENCH 143			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2m		Max. depth: 0.46m	Ground level: 97.5m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
14301	Layer	Topsoil: Dark grey brown clay loam. Moderately compact with rare inclusions. Well-developed turf with moderate iron staining.		0m - 0.10m
14302	Layer	Subsoil: Mid to dark yellow brown clay loam with common iron staining.		0.10-0.35m
14303	Layer	Natural: Mid yellow clay with blue-grey mottling.		0.35-0.46m
14304	Fill	Secondary Fill: Grey brown silty clay. Sparse charcoal flaking. Very clean deposit, few components. Uppermost fill in ditch [14307]. Clearly visible in section, possibly deposited through water action.		0.28m
14305	Fill	Secondary Fill: Blue-grey/orange silty clay with stone <60mm. Quite an organic deposit, containing a moderate amount of charcoal inclusions and very degraded prehistoric pottery throughout, and flint flakes. Pottery and flint are most likely residual.		0.34m
14306	Fill	Secondary Fill: A lower fill within ditch [14307]. A mixture of blue-grey and orange silty-clay, with occasional prehistoric pottery (found towards the top of the fill) and rare charcoal flecking. A very clean deposit with few components. The general area is completely waterlogged.		0.79m
14307	Cut	Ditch: A NE-SW aligned ditch, with only the eastern edge visible in the trench. Base was never exposed due to depth. Pottery suggests a prehistoric (possibly BA) date. Function is unclear (L 2m, W 1.22m, D 1.15m).		1.15m
14308	Fill	Secondary Fill: The lowermost fill within ditch [14307]. Dark red silty clay, in places gritty in texture. A thin layer of iron panning, caused by the initial filling of the ditch through water action.		0.82m

TRENCH 144			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 47.5m x 2.0m		Max. depth: 0.4m	Ground level: 97m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
14401	Layer	Topsoil: Mid greyish brown clay loam with turf.		0m-0.16m
14402	Layer	Subsoil: Yellow grey silty clay with some evidence of worm activity.		0.16m-0.26m
14403	Layer	Natural: Light yellowish brown clay.		0.26-0.40m



TRENCH 145			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 49m x 2.0m		Max. depth: 0.5m	Ground level: 98m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
14501	Layer	Topsoil: Light-mid grey brown sandy loam.	0m-0.20m	
14502	Layer	Subsoil: Mid brown with orange mottling clay loam.	0.20m-0.50m	
14503	Layer	Natural: Light yellow brown clay. Firm and compact.	0.26-0.4m	
14504	Fill	Primary Fill: Pale grey fine sand/silt with occasional unsorted sub-angular ironstone <10mm	0.40m	
14505	Cut	Ditch: Cut of possible ditch terminal (L1.1, W 0.8m, D 0.4m).	0.40m	

TRENCH 146			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 48.2m x 2.0m		Max. depth: 0.55m	Ground level: 98m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
14601	Layer	Topsoil: Dark grey brown sandy clay loam. Moderately compact but friable. Well-developed turf and rooting.	0m-0.25m	
14602	Layer	Subsoil: Mid grey brown sandy clay with common iron staining throughout, but particularly towards base.	0.25m-0.55m	
14603	Layer	Natural: Mid greyish yellow clay with common iron staining throughout and some blue-grey mottling.	0.55m +	
14604	Cut	Gully: Shallow linear gully which was probably truncated to the east. Possibly represents the base of a shallow drainage or field ditch (L 0.7m, W 0.28m, D 0.1m)	0.1m	
14605	Fill	Secondary Fill: Mid grey with orange mottling silty clay, with occasional poorly sorted iron stone <4mm. Probably formed through natural silting of waterborne sediments.	0.1m	

TRENCH 147			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 49.2m x 2.0m		Max. depth: 0.56m	Ground level: 97m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
14701	Layer	Topsoil: Dark grey brown sandy clay loam. Moderately compact but with a slightly crumbly texture. Well-developed turf.	0m-0.21m	
14702	Layer	Subsoil: Mid grey-brown sandy clay with common iron and manganese staining. Diffuse horizon to topsoil and natural.	0.21m-0.45m	
14703	Layer	Natural: Mid grey with blue mottling sandy clay with abundant iron staining and manganese inclusions throughout. Possibly alluvial in nature.	0.45m-0.56m	

TRENCH 148			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 49.7m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.5m	Ground level: 98m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
14801	Layer	Topsoil: Mid grey brown clay loam with a well-established turf with dense roots, no inclusions observed.	0-0.15m	
14802	Layer	Subsoil: Light greyish brown silty clay with orange mottling/ iron staining.	0.15-0.35m	
14803	Layer	Natural: Orange clay with patches of blue-grey clay. Rare sub-rounded flints 50mm in length.	0.35-0.5m	



TRENCH 149			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50.14m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.6m	Ground level: 97.6m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
14901	Layer	Topsoil: Mid greyish brown clay loam with common rooting and an established turf.	0-0.17m	
14902	Layer	Subsoil: Light greyish brown silty clay with orange mottling. Slight rooting, no inclusions.	0.17-0.33m	
14903	Layer	Natural: Pale brown orange clay with patches of blue grey clay. Rare inclusions of sub-rounded flints 50mm in length.	0.33-0.6m+	

TRENCH 150			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.0m		Max. depth: 0.5m	Ground level: 98.7m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
15001	Layer	Topsoil: Mid to dark grey brown silty clay loam.	0-0.20m	
15002	Layer	Subsoil: Light brown with grey mottling silty clay.	0.20-0.40m	
15003	Layer	Natural: Greyish yellow silty clay.	0.40-0.50m	
15004	Fill	Secondary Fill: Light-mid brown with grey mottling. Unexcavated	-	
15005	Cut	Pit/Posthole: Unexcavated pit visible but unexcavated due to flooding.	-	

TRENCH 151			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 32.4m x 1.9m		Max. depth: 0.6m	Ground level: 99m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
15101	Layer	Topsoil: Dark grey brown clay loam. Moderately compact with a well-developed turf. Very sparse inclusions of flint <50mm.	0-0.15m	
15102	Layer	Subsoil: Mid grey brown silty clay with common manganese and iron staining. Diffuse horizon to topsoil.	0.15-0.32m	
15103	Layer	Natural: Mid brownish yellow clay with blue-grey mottling.	0.32-0.60m	

TRENCH 152			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.0m		Max. depth: 0.60m	Ground level: 100m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
15201	Layer	Topsoil: Dark grey brown clay loam with common iron staining. Moderately compact, with a well-defined turf.	0-0.28m	
15202	Layer	Subsoil: Mid grey brown clay loam with blue grey mottling and iron staining. Moderately compact.	0.28-0.50m	
15203	Layer	Natural: Mid yellow clay with blue-grey mottling throughout.	0.50m +	

TRENCH 153			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.2m		Max. depth: 0.6m	Ground level: 100m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
15301	Layer	Topsoil: Dark brown clay loam topsoil. Defined interface with B horizon below. Firm compaction.	0- 0.30m	
15302	Layer	Subsoil: B horizon- mid yellowish brown clay loam with frequent Fe staining. Firm compaction and diffuse interface with natural below.	0.30-0.50m	
15303	Layer	Natural: Mid orange brown silty clay natural with mottling of mid grey. Very rare sub-rounded flints.	0.5-0.60m+	



TRENCH 154			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 41.28m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.55m	Ground level: 103m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
15401	Layer	Topsoil: Dark grey brown silty clay friable with rare fragments of flint (30mm) frequent orange staining	0-0.3m	
15402	Layer	Subsoil: Mid brown grey silty clay with frequent orange flecks. Not present throughout whole trench mainly noted towards the north	0.10-0.3m	
15403	Layer	Natural: Light brown yellow clay with yellow grey mottles. Infrequent flints 10-50mm in length	0.3m+	

TRENCH 155			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 48.74m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.35m	Ground level: 103.5m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
15501	Layer	Topsoil: Dark brown silty clay topsoil with frequent roots and darker top 5cm.	0-0.15m	
15502	Layer	Subsoil: Mid yellow grey silty clay with rare sub-angular stone between 10-20mm.	0.15-0.3m	
15503	Layer	Natural: Yellow grey clay very compact and dense with rare sub-angular flints between 10-20mm.	0.3m+	

TRENCH 156			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.38m	Ground level: 102.5m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
15601	Layer	Topsoil: Dark brown silty clay friable with common roots and turf.	0-0.12m	
15602	Layer	Subsoil: Grey silty clay with orange flecks, no inclusions.	0.12-0.25m	
15603	Layer	Natural: Mid yellowish grey, clay very dense with moderate angular flints between 20-40mm in length.	0.25m+	

TRENCH 157			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 48.2m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.35m	Ground level: 101m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
15701	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown silty clay turf coverage, no inclusions	0- 0.14m	
15702	Layer	Subsoil: Mid orange grey silty clay with sparse iron staining.	0.14-0.29m	
15703	Layer	Natural: Pale blue-grey with frequent orange mottling clay. Sparse flint sub-rounded pebbles.	0.29-0.35m	

TRENCH 158			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 48.9m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.46m	Ground level: 100.5m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
15801	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown silty clay with turf coverage, no inclusions.	0-0.18m	
15802	Layer	Subsoil: Mid orange grey silty clay with sparse iron staining.	0.18-0.45m	
15803	Layer	Natural: Pale blue grey with frequent orange mottled clay. Moderate- common coarse sub-rounded flint nodules.	0.45-0.46m	



TRENCH 159			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 48.57m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.5m	Ground level: 100m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
15901	Layer	Topsoil: Mid greyish-brown silty clay loam with well-established turf and common roots.		0-0.1m
15902	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown, clay loam with orange grey mottling.		0.1-0.35m
15903	Layer	Natural: Mid greyish orange clay with frequent blue grey mottling. Very rare sub-rounded flints 20mm in length.		0.35-0.5m
15904	Fill	Secondary Fill: Mid blue grey silty clay. Unexcavated in trench as observed and excavated to south-east in Trenches 160 and 161.		-
15905	Cut	Gully: NW - SE aligned linear gully (L 2.5, W 0.5m). Unexcavated in trench as excavated in Trenches 160 and 161.		-

TRENCH 160			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 48.8m x 2.3m		Max. depth: 0.63m	Ground level: 99.5m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
16001	Layer	Topsoil: Dark grey brown clay loam with a well-defined turf and common roots. Dark and humic in colour.		0-0.30m
16002	Layer	Subsoil: Mid yellowish grey sandy clay loam with common iron staining within layer.		0.29-0.45m
16003	Layer	Natural: Mid yellow grey silty clay with blue grey mottles and blue grey patches of clay.		0.42-0.63m

TRENCH 161			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 48.5m x 1.8m		Max. depth: 1.8m	Ground level: 99m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
16101	Layer	Topsoil: Mid greyish brown clay loam with a well-developed turf, no visible inclusions.		0-0.23m
16102	Layer	Subsoil: Mid yellowish grey clay loam with common iron staining.		0.23-0.44m
16103	Layer	Natural: Light yellow orange clay with common blue grey patches.		0.44-0.54m
16104	Fill	Secondary Fill: Light brownish grey silty clay naturally derived and contained a small piece of pottery.		0.2m
16105	Cut	Gully: NW-SE aligned linear ditch with moderate concave sides (W 0.47m, D 0.20m).		0.2m

TRENCH 162			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 49.5m x 1.8m		Max. depth: 0.5m	Ground level: 99.5m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
16201	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown silty loam with no inclusion but heavily rooted with a well-established turf.		0-0.20m
16202	Layer	Subsoil: Light blue-grey sandy clay loam with no visible inclusions.		0.2-0.42m
16203	Layer	Natural: Light orange brown clay with lenses of grey clay within matrix.		0.42-0.50m
16204	Fill	Secondary Fill: mid blue grey silty clay with orange mottles, single fill of gully probably formed slowly through natural silting processes. Fill of 16205 .		0.5-0.59m
16205	Cut	Cut: NW-SE aligned linear gully with moderated concave sides and a concave base. It measured 0.46m wide and 0.09m deep, continued into Trenches 159 and 161.		0.5-0.59m



TRENCH 163			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 48.8m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 2.1m	Ground level: 100m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
16301	Layer	Topsoil: Dark grey brown silty clay loam with a well-established turf, no inclusions.	0-0.20m	
16302	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish-brown clay loam with orange and grey mottling.	0.2-0.42m	
16303	Layer	Natural: Orange clay with frequent blue-grey mottling.	0.42-0.53m	

TRENCH 164			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 48m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.4m	Ground level: 100.5m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
16401	Layer	Topsoil: Mid brown-plain clay loam. Densely rooted with well-established turf, no inclusions observed.	0-0.10m	
16402	Layer	Subsoil: As above but with less rooting. Also lighter brown with slight orange- grey mottling.	0.10-0.25m	
16403	Layer	Natural: Light brown clay with patchy orange- grey mottling. Sparse sub-rounded flints <60mm.	0.25-0.40m	

TRENCH 165			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.2m		Max. depth: 0.44m	Ground level: 99.3m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
16501	Layer	Topsoil: Dark grey- brown clay loam topsoil. Heavy rooting throughout (turf surface), with distinguished horizon with subsoil below. No inclusions observed.	0-0.11m	
16502	Layer	Subsoil: Grey- brown silt clay subsoil. Rooting evident throughout and contains iron panning flecks throughout, quite clean, with no inclusions observed.	0.11-0.29m	
16503	Layer	Natural: Light brown- orange clay natural, intermixed with areas of blue- grey alluvial deposits. Contained very rare flint fragments <40mm (S., SR), 2%.	0.29-0.44m+	

TRENCH 166			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 49.5m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.36m	Ground level: 99.4m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
16601	Layer	Topsoil: Mid grey-brown silty clay, quite dense but not compact. No inclusions except fine roots.	0- 0.17m	
16602	Layer	Subsoil: Mottled grey and yellow- brown silty clay. Dense and quite compact, no inclusions.	0.17-0.36m	
16603	Layer	Natural: Mottled grey and brown -yellow with flecks of bright yellow, clay, very dense and compact. No inclusions observed.	0.36m +	

TRENCH 167			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.0m		Max. depth: m	Ground level: 98.9m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
16701	Layer	Topsoil: Mid brown- plain silty clay loam. Dense rooting of well-developed turf. No inclusions observed.	0-0.15m	
16702	Layer	Subsoil: Same as above but with a grey hue and orange mottling, less rooting.	0.15-0.35m	
16703	Layer	Natural: Pale brown with orange-grey mottling. Silty clay with patches of blue gritty clay with rare sub-rounded flints <60mm.	0.35-0.45m	



TRENCH 168		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.45m	Ground level: 98.9m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
16801	Layer	Topsoil: Mid brown- plain silty clay loam with dense roots of well-developed turf, no inclusions observed.	
16802	Layer	Subsoil: Same as above but with grey hue and less rooting.	
16803	Layer	Natural: Pale brown with orange- grey mottling silty clay with very rare sub-rounded flints <50mm.	

TRENCH 169		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.25m		Max. depth: 0.49m	Ground level: 98.5m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
16901	Layer	Topsoil: Dark grey- brown clay loam topsoil. Heavy root disturbance throughout with turf surface. A friable soil, with a diffuse horizon with subsoil below. No inclusions visible.	
16902	Layer	Subsoil: A blue- grey with orange hue subsoil. Moderate rooting throughout from turf above with a silt- clay texture. Rare probable iron panning throughout, no inclusions evident and a distinguished horizon with natural.	
16903	Layer	Natural: Light brown- orange clay natural. Has occasional flint inclusions <40mm 2%.	
16904	Fill	Secondary Fill: Silt clay blue- grey with orange hue. Contained rare flint fragments <40mm, 1% (L 0.94m +, W 0.43m, D 0.27m). Single fill within gully [16905], deposited probably through alluvial action, possibly relating to drainage? Very clean deposit, slight rooting	
16905	Cut	Gully: NE- SW aligned gully filled with (16904). Linear in plan with straight steep sides and concave base (L 0.94m +, W 0.43m, D 0.27m). Possibly related to drainage, on a similar alignment to drainage furrows in the area, leading to a stream c. 100m south of feature.	
16906	Fill	Secondary Fill: Pale grey with blue hue silty clay. Single fill within feature [16907]	
16907	Cut	Natural Feature: Edge of a possible tree bowl (W 1.1, D 0.09m). More likely geology, but excavated to confirm it is not archaeology. Sub oval shape in plan with straight gentle sides and a flat base. Filled with (16906).	
16908	Fill	Secondary Fill: Light grey- orange silty clay with 1 sherd of pottery embedded within deposit. Possibly Iron Age in date. A very clean deposit of possible stake hole [16909], a naturally occurring deposit (L 0.17m, W 0.16m, D 0.05m).	
16909	Cut	Posthole: Cut of a possible stake hole containing (16908). Pottery would suggest Iron Age, however likely to be residual. Circular shape in plan with concave moderate sides and concave base (L 0.17m, W 0.16m, D 0.05m). A very shallow cut, which lays c. 0.40m to the east of gully 16905.	



TRENCH 170			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 49.2m x 2.15m		Max. depth: 0.45m	Ground level: 98.5m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
17001	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown silty clay topsoil with no inclusions. Rooting evident with turf surface.		0-0.20m
17002	Layer	Subsoil: Orange greyish brown silty clay with no inclusions and rooting evident.		0.20-0.45m
17003	Layer	Natural: Orange greyish brown clay with blue mottling. Contained occasional small stones (flint) 5-10mm diameter.		0.45m +

TRENCH 171			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.4m	Ground level: 100.5m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
17101	Layer	Topsoil: Mid orange brown loamy clay. Turf coverage with no inclusions.		0-0.15m
17102	Layer	Subsoil: Light orange grey silty clay. Sparse iron staining.		0.15-0.34m
17103	Layer	Natural: Light brown yellow clay with no inclusions visible.		0.34-0.40m

TRENCH 172			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 49.2m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.5m	Ground level: 98m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
17201	Layer	Topsoil: Mid brown- plain clay loam topsoil. Well established turf with dense roots and no inclusions observed..		0-0.15m
17202	Layer	Subsoil: Pale brown with orange and grey mottling. Less rooted than topsoil. A silty clay loam with no inclusions observed.		0.15-0.26m
17203	Layer	Natural: Pale brown silty clay with orange- grey mottling. Contained very rare sub-rounded flints <30mm.		0.26-0.50m

TRENCH 173			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 49.1m x 2.15m		Max. depth: 0.5m	Ground level: 97.7m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
17301	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown silty clay with no inclusions. Turf surface with rooting.		0-0.20m
17302	Layer	Subsoil: Orange greyish brown silty clay, no inclusions with rooting evident.		0.20-0.50m
17303	Layer	Natural: Orange greyish brown clay with blue mottling. Contained occasional small stones (flint) 5-10mm diameter.		0.50m +

TRENCH 174			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.15m		Max. depth: 0.5m	Ground level: 100m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
17401	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown silty clay with no inclusions. Rooting evident and turf.		0-0.30m
17402	Layer	Subsoil: Mid dark brownish grey silty clay with no inclusions. Rooting evident and turf surface.		0.30-0.50m
17403	Layer	Natural: Mottled blue grey orange clay with occasional small stones (flint) 5-10mm diameter.		0.50m +



TRENCH 175		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: m x m		Max. depth: m	Ground level: m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
NOT EXCAVATED			

TRENCH 176		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50.1m x 2.3m		Max. depth: 0.55m	Ground level: 100m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
17601	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown silty clay with no inclusions. Has rooting and turf surface.	
17602	Layer	Subsoil: Mid dark brownish grey silty clay with no inclusions and rooting evident.	
17603	Layer	Natural: Orange clay with blue-grey mottling. Contained occasional stones (flint) 5-10mm diameter.	

TRENCH 177		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50.3m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.34m	Ground level: 98.5m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
17701	Layer	Topsoil: Silty clay dark grey brown topsoil. Dense but not compacted, no inclusions except fine moderate roots throughout.	
17702	Layer	Subsoil: Silty clay (pale) with grey- yellow mottling. Dense but not compacted, no inclusions visible.	
17703	Layer	Natural: Natural clay with pale mottled brown-yellow and grey. Very dense and compact.	

TRENCH 178		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.2m		Max. depth: 0.5m	Ground level: 99m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
17801	Layer	Topsoil: Dark grey- brown clay loam topsoil with heavy rooting throughout with turf surface. Has a well-established horizon with subsoil below, no inclusions visible.	
17802	Layer	Subsoil: A mottled grey- blue and light brown- orange silt- clay subsoil. Moderate rooting visible from turf surface above this. Horizon is well established with natural below. Slight iron panning flecks throughout.	
17803	Layer	Natural: Light brown- orange clay natural, mixed with light blue- grey alluvial patching. Predominately clean with occasional S.R & S.A flint <60mm, 2%.	

TRENCH 179		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 49m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.4m	Ground level: 99.2m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
17901	Layer	Topsoil: Mid brown- plain silty clay loam with dense roots and well developed turf. No inclusions visible.	
17902	Layer	Subsoil: As above (topsoil) but with grey hue and less rooting.	
17903	Layer	Natural: Pale brown silty clay with orange and grey mottling. Contained very rare sub-rounded flints <50mm.	



TRENCH 180			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 51m x 1.8m		Max. depth: 0.38m	Ground level: 98.5m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
18001	Layer	Topsoil: Dark- mid greyish brown clay loam. Well established turf, rooting, and no inclusions.	0-0.26m	
18002	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown clay loam. Sparse iron staining.	0.26-0.46m	
18003	Layer	Natural: Pale yellow- brown clay with frequent blue- grey mottling.	0.36-0.58m	
18004	Cut	Gully: Probably a vehicle wheel rut associated with construction of the motorway, filled with loose friable fill with frequent CBM. Could also be a modern gully (L > 0.60m, W 0.65m, D 0.10m), curvilinear shape in plan with straight gradual sides and concave base.	0.10m	
18005	Fill	Primary Fill: Dark brown grey clay loam with modern CBM frequent throughout <0.05m. Fill of [18004] (L > 0.60m, W 0.65m, D 0.10m), a single loose, friable deposit. Looks like backfilled topsoil, generally dirty.	0.10m	

TRENCH 181			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 1.9m		Max. depth: 0.6m	Ground level: 98m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
18101	Layer	Topsoil: Mid dark brown, plain, clay loam with dense rooting and well established turf. No inclusions observed.	0-0.15m	
18102	Layer	Subsoil: Same as above (topsoil) but with grey hue and less rooting.	0.15-0.35	
18103	Layer	Natural: Pale brown clay with patches of gritty grey- blue clay. Contained occasional sub-rounded flints <50mm.	0.35-0.60m	

TRENCH 182			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50.6m x 1.8m		Max. depth: 0.43m	Ground level: 98.5m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
18201	Layer	Topsoil: Mid dark greyish brown clay loam. Well established turf. Rooting, no inclusions.	0-0.13m	
18202	Layer	Subsoil: Mid yellowish brown clay loam. Moderate iron staining.	0.13-0.31m	
18203	Layer	Natural: Pale yellow- brown clay with patches of blue grey clay.	0.31-0.43m	

TRENCH 183			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 35m x 1.8m		Max. depth: 0.45m	Ground level: 98.6m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
18301	Layer	Topsoil: Dark brown, plain clay loam with dense rooting of well-established turf. No inclusions observed.	0-0.15m	
18302	Layer	Subsoil: Same as above (topsoil) but with a grey hue and less rooting.	0.15-0.30m	
18303	Layer	Natural: Pale brown clay with patches of blue-grey and orange clay. Contains occasional sub-rounded flints <60mm.	0.30-0.45m	

TRENCH 184			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 1.85m		Max. depth: 0.55m	Ground level: 98.3m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
18401	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown silty clay with no inclusions evident. Has roots throughout with turf surface.	0-0.35m	
18402	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish orange brown silty clay with no inclusions, rooted.	0.35-0.55m	



18403	Layer	Natural: Brownish orange clay with blue grey mottling. Contained sparse small stones 5-10mm diameter ().	0.55m+
18404	Fill	Secondary Fill: Fill of pit [18405]. A greyish brown silty clay	0.20m
18405	Cut	Pit: A SE-NW orientated sub oval pit, with concave shallow sides and concave base (L 1.60, W 0.50m, D 0.20m). A possible shallow pit filled with (18404), however, probably a tree throw	0.20m
18406	Fill	Ditch: Linear ditch with straight moderate sides and a concave base (L > 1.85m, W 1.15m, D 0.29m). A fairly shallow ditch filled with (18407). Does not tie in with lay out of ridge & furrow visible from the surface. Possibly for drainage or a field boundary.	0.29m
18407	Cut	Secondary Fill: Mid brown grey silty clay with sparse- moderate coarse sub-rounded flint nodules, and rare charcoal flecking (L > 1.85m, W 1.15m, D 0.29m). Single fill of shallow ditch [18406], no finds.	0.29m

TRENCH 185		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 1.8m		Max. depth: 0.4m	Ground level: 98m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
18501	Layer	Topsoil: Mid brown- plain, silty clay loam with dense rooting of well-established turf. No inclusions observed.	
18502	Layer	Subsoil: Same as above but with grey hue and slightly orange mottling. Contained less rooting throughout.	
185403	Layer	Natural: Pale brown with orange- grey mottling silty clay. Contains rare sub-rounded flints <60mm, and also patches of gritty blue clay.	

TRENCH 186		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50.6m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.7m	Ground level: 98m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
18601	Layer	Topsoil: Very dark grey- brown clay loam. Moderately compact, slightly friable. Dark and humic to c. 0.10m in depth, diffuse horizon to subsoil.	
18602	Layer	Subsoil: Mid grey silty clay with yellowish mottling and common iron staining throughout. Has a clear horizon to natural.	
18603	Layer	Natural: Mid yellow clay with blue- grey mottling throughout. Contained sparse sub-rounded flints <100mm.	
18604	Fill	Secondary Fill: Light brown with orange hue silty clay. Fill of 18605. Contained flint frags (S.R, S.A) <60mm, 3% and rare manganese flecking. Also contained 1 sherd of pottery (L 1.16m, W 0.78m, D 0.23m). Predominantly clean deposit with orange clay patching throughout.	
18605	Cut	Ditch: Cut of ditch terminus filled with (18604). Aligned N-S and linear in plan with concave moderate sides and a slightly concave base (L 1.16m, W 0.78m, D 0.23m). If real this ditch has been filled naturally, probably through water action. Possibly a drainage ditch.	



TRENCH 187			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 1.8m		Max. depth: 0.5m	Ground level: 97.5m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
18701	Layer	Topsoil: Mid brown plain silty clay loam. Dense rooting of well-developed turf. No inclusions observed.		0-0.25m
18702	Layer	Subsoil: Same as above but with very grey hue and orange mottling. Less rooting observed.		0.25-0.40m
18703	Layer	Natural: Pale brown- orange silty clay with rare sub-rounded flints <60mm.		0.40-0.50m
18704	Cut	Gully: Cut of gully filled with (18705). Aligned E-W and curvilinear in plan. Has a concave moderate sides and a concave base (L 1m, W 0.78m, D 0.22m).		0.22m
18705	Fill	Secondary Fill: Fill of gully [18704], light grey clay with silt. Contained very occasional rounded limestone <0.02m (L 10m +, W 0.78m, D 0.22m). Horizontal soil deposit fill of ditch, fill of a sinuous gully or track way.		0.22m
18706	Cut	Ditch: Cut of shallow ditch/ gully filled with (18707), appears to run parallel to [18704]. Aligned E-W and curvilinear in plan (L 1m, W 0.4m, D 0.1m). Has curved gentle sides and concave base.		0.1m
18707	Fill	Secondary Fill: Single fill of ditch [18706], possibly related to similar features (18705), [18704]. Dark grey with blue hue silty clay. Contained no inclusions.		0.1m
18708	Layer	Spread: Spread of dark blue clay.		

TRENCH 188			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 46.5m x 1.85m		Max. depth: 0.6m	Ground level: 99.5m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
18801	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown silty clay, no inclusions, turfed, rooted.		0-0.25m
18802	Layer	Subsoil: Mid dark brownish grey silty clay, no inclusions, rooted.		0.25-0.60m
18803	Layer	Natural: Brownish orange clay with mottled blue- grey and no inclusions.		0.60m +

TRENCH 189			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 1.8m		Max. depth: 0.8m	Ground level: 99.2m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
18901	Layer	Topsoil: Mid dark brown plain clay loam. A dense rooting of well-established turf with no inclusions observed.		0-0.22m
18902	Layer	Subsoil: As above (topsoil) but less rooting and with grey hue.		0.22-0.45m
18903	Layer	Natural: A mid- dark blue silty clay alluvial spread. No inclusions observed.		0.45-0.70m

TRENCH 190			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 39.2m x 1.85m		Max. depth: 0.5m	Ground level: 99m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
19001	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown silty clay topsoil with no inclusions. Rooting evident with turf surface.		0-0.25m
19002	Layer	Subsoil: Subsoil/ alluvial layer; A blue- grey silty clay with orange mottling and no inclusions.		0.25-0.5m
19003	Layer	Natural: Orange- blue alluvial clay with no inclusions.		0.5m



TRENCH 191			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 48m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.78m	Ground level: 100m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
19101	Layer	Topsoil: Very dark brown clay loam with friable crumbly structure. Iron panning evident with well-developed turf line.		0-0.29m
19102	Layer	Subsoil: Mid brownish grey silty clay loam, with slightly crunchy-gritty texture. Common iron staining throughout layer.		0.29-0.48m
19103	Layer	Natural: Mid yellowish orange clay with blue-grey mottling through layer and common iron staining. Contained very rare sub-angular flints <60mm.		0.48-0.78m

TRENCH 192			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 49.8m x 1.8m		Max. depth: 0.95m	Ground level: 100.5m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
19201	Layer	Topsoil: Mid brown plain clay loam with extensive rooting of well-established turf. Contained sparse inclusions of flint (sub-rounded) and material (e.g. shell) associated with canal.		0-0.25m
19202	Layer	Subsoil: Same as above but with less rooting and grey hue ().		0.25-0.35m
19203	Layer	Natural: An alluvial layer, dark grey with blue hue. Silty clay patchy calcite grit, up-cast from canal.		0.35-0.55m
19204	Layer	Alluvial layer: pale grey with mottled orange ironstone silty clay. Possibly canal related. Possibly derived from construction of Wilts & Berks canal, a component of [19206].		0.55-0.65m
19205	Layer	Natural: Orange clay with patchy grey clay and rare sub-rounded flints <30mm. Likely up cast of material deposited during original construction of canal [19206], component of [19206].		0.65-0.95m
19206	Cut	Canal: Cut of a canal filled with (19207). Cut of former Wilts & Berks canal. Visible as a depression between banks, Test pit revealed at a depth of 1.60m. Aligned NE-SW and linear shape in plan.		0.1-1.60m

TRENCH 193			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 47.8m x 1.85m		Max. depth: 0.9m	Ground level: 100.4m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
19301	Layer	Topsoil: Greyish brown silty clay topsoil. Has turf coverage and no inclusions.		0-0.15m
19302	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown silty clay with common iron staining, made ground.		0.15-0.35m
19303	Layer	Natural: Old buried topsoil. Dark- blackish grey with common iron staining.		0.35-0.43m
19304	Layer	Subsoil: Mid grey brown silty clay with common iron staining.		0.43-0.79m
19305	Layer	Natural: Bright orange with frequent grey mottling clay containing sparse pebbles.		0.79-0.90m
19306	Cut	Gully: Shallow gully with single fill of 19307. Aligned N-S and linear in plan. Has straight moderate sides and a concave base (L >1.85m, W 0.55m, D 0.20m). Poorly defined edges, possibly relating to drainage.		0.20m
19307	Fill	Secondary Fill: Mid brownish grey with sparse orange mottling silty clay. Contains sparse fine sub-rounded pebbles with common iron panning. Also contained 1 piece of worked flint found on surface of fill (> 1.85m, W 0.55, D 0.20m). A single fill within gully		0.20m



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TRENCH 194		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 48.8m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.8m	Ground level: 100m aOD
Context	Description		Depth (m)
19401	Layer	Topsoil: Mid brown with grey hue and some orange mottling, a silty loam with no inclusions observed.	0-0.24m
19402	Layer	Subsoil: As above but lighter and free of roots.	0.24-0.48m
19403	Layer	Natural: Pale brown with orange- grey mottling silty clay. Occasional patches of gritty iron stone. Contains very rare sub-rounded flints <30mm.	0.48-0.70m

TRENCH 195		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 46m x 1.85m		Max. depth: 0.6m	Ground level: 99.5m aOD
Context	Description		Depth (m)
19501	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown silty clay with no inclusions. Rooting evident and turf.	0-0.25m
19502	Layer	Subsoil: Orange- blue brown silty clay with no inclusions and rooting evident.	0.25-0.60m
19503	Layer	Natural: Brownish orange clay with blue mottling with no inclusions.	0.60m+
19504	Fill	Secondary Fill: Fill of ditch [19506]. A brown blue-grey silty clay with worked flint inclusions.	0.50m
19505	Fill	Secondary Fill: Fill of ditch [19506], blue-grey silty clay. Contained antler components.	0.40
19506	Cut	Ditch: Cut of U shaped ditch, probably prehistoric. Aligned N-S and linear in plan. Has straight moderate sides (45 degrees) and a flat base. Filled with (19504) (19505) & (19507) (W 3m?, D 0.65m).	0.65m+
19507	Fill	Possible Primary Fill: Fill of ditch [19506], a greyish brown silty clay with occasional fine gravel.	0.12m

TRENCH 196		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 48.3m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.7m	Ground level: 99.8m aOD
Context	Description		Depth (m)
19601	Layer	Topsoil: Mid- dark grey brown clay loam with slightly loose and crumbly texture once excavated. Thin turf line and fairly humic for top 100mm.	0-0.26m
19602	Layer	Subsoil: Mid brown sandy clay loam with orange grey mottles throughout. Moderate iron staining and rare sub-angular flints <60mm. Diffuse horizon to topsoil.	0.22-0.50m
19603	Layer	Natural: Mid yellow silty clay fairly well compacted and firm. Blue-grey mottles throughout and occasional lenses of sandier natural.	0.49-0.66m

TRENCH 197		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.5m	Ground level: 98m aOD
Context	Description		Depth (m)
19701	Layer	Topsoil: Mid to dark brown silty clay, friable deposit with frequent fine roots.	0-0.12m
19702	Layer	Subsoil: Mid to dark grey brown silty clay fairly compact with no inclusions.	0.12-0.24m
19703	Layer	Natural: Mid brownish yellow silty clay with no inclusions probably lower layer of subsoil or weathered natural.	0.24-0.43m



TRENCH 198			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 49.1m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.6m	Ground level: 97.5m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
19801	Layer	Topsoil: Mid to dark brown, silty clay friable with no inclusions. Frequent fine roots.		0-0.17m
19802	Layer	Subsoil: Mid brown grey silty clay fairly compact. Upper subsoil.		0.17-0.35m
19803	Layer	Subsoil: Mottled grey brown clay with yellowish orange mottles. Rare angular flints 30mm in length.		0.35-0.60m
19804	Layer	Natural: Mid yellow grey clay with very dense and compact nature, no inclusions.		0.60m+

TRENCH 199			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50.5m x 2m		Max. depth: 0.75m	Ground level: 97.8m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
19901	Layer	Topsoil: Mid grey brown silty clay loam bioturbation throughout with rare sub-rounded flints.		0-0.20m
19902	Layer	Subsoil: Mid yellow brown, silty clay, bioturbation evident through layer and contained rare sub-rounded flints.		0.20-0.50m
19903	Layer	Natural: Light yellow grey clay with blue-grey lenses.		0.50m+

TRENCH 200			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 49m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.55m	Ground level: 99m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
20001	Layer	Topsoil: Mid greyish brown clay loam with a well-established turf and common roots.		0-0.15m
20002	Layer	Subsoil: Pale brown silty clay with grey orange mottling and patchy rooting.		0.15-0.35m
20003	Layer	Natural: Pale brown clay with lenses of orange grey silty clay and rare sub rounded flints 50mm in length.		0.35-0.55m
20004	Fill	Deliberate Backfill: Dark blue grey silty clay with common pottery and charcoal within fill. Environmental sample taken No.1. Fill of 20005		0.08m
20005	Cut	Pit: Small oval pit with gentle concave sides and a concave base, contained a single dark fill, measures 0.5m by 0.4m by 0.08m.		0.08m

TRENCH 201			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 49m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.6m	Ground level: 98.5m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
20101	Layer	Topsoil: Mid brown silty clay fairly friable with common roots and a well-established turf.		0-0.15m
20102	Layer	Subsoil: Grey brown silty clay with mottled grey orange lenses. Upper subsoil.		0.15-0.40m
20103	Layer	Subsoil: Orange grey clay with compact nature and moderate manganese staining.		0.40-0.60m
20104	Layer	Natural: Mid orange grey clay very compact and dense with no visible inclusions.		0.60m+



TRENCH 202			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 47.7m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.5m	Ground level: 99m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
20201	Layer	Topsoil: Mid brown silty clay fairly friable with common roots and a well-developed turf. (deep)	0-0.05m	
20202	Layer	Topsoil: Mid brown grey silty clay with common iron staining fairly compact, probably represents lower topsoil layers that were less humic than top.	0.05-0.22m	
20203	Layer	Subsoil: Mid yellow grey clay very compact with no inclusions.	0.22-0.50m	
20204	Layer	Natural: Mid brown yellow clay with mottled grey patches, no inclusions.	0.50m+	

TRENCH 203			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 40.5m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.55m	Ground level: 98.5m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
20301	Layer	Topsoil: Mid grey brown silty clay loam with a well-established turf and common roots.	0-0.15m	
20302	Layer	Subsoil: Mid to light greyish-brown silty clay with orange grey mottling, no inclusions.	0.15-0.33m	
20303	Layer	Natural: Mid orange clay with blue grey mottles and very rare sub-rounded flint and quartz.	0.33-0.55m	

TRENCH 204			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: m x m		Max. depth: m	Ground level: m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
NOT EXCAVATED				

TRENCH 205			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: m x m		Max. depth: m	Ground level: m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
NOT EXCAVATED				

TRENCH 206			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: m x m		Max. depth: m	Ground level: m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
NOT EXCAVATED				

TRENCH 207			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: m x m		Max. depth: m	Ground level: m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
NOT EXCAVATED				

TRENCH 208			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: m x m		Max. depth: m	Ground level: m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
NOT EXCAVATED				



TRENCH 209		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: m x m		Max. depth: m	Ground level: m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
NOT EXCAVATED			

TRENCH 210		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: m x m		Max. depth: m	Ground level: m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
NOT EXCAVATED			

TRENCH 211		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.2m		Max. depth: 0.8m	Ground level: 94.5m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
21101	Layer	Topsoil: Greyish dark brown silty sandy clay topsoil.	
21102	Layer	Subsoil: Alluvial layer of mottled dark blue grey and reddish-orange flecking.	
21103	Layer	Natural: Alluvial layer of banded blue- light grey and light/mid orange.	

TRENCH 212		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 48.89m x 2.0m		Max. depth: 0.5m	Ground level: 94.5m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
21201	Layer	Topsoil: Dark brown- plain clay loam with heavy rooting with well-developed turf. No inclusions observed.	
21202	Layer	Subsoil: Pale grey with blue hue natural. Also has orange- yellow mottling. A silty clay with no inclusions.	

TRENCH 213		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.2m		Max. depth: 0.5m	Ground level: 94.8m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
21301	Layer	Topsoil: Dark brown plain clay loam with heavy rooting and well developed turf. No inclusions observed.	
21302	Layer	Natural: Light grey clay with blue hue, also contains orange-yellow mottling with inclusions.	

TRENCH 214		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.2m		Max. depth: 0.52m	Ground level: 95m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
21401	Layer	Topsoil: Dark brown plain clay loam topsoil with heavy rooting and established turf, with no inclusions.	
21402	Layer	Natural: Light blue grey silty clay with orange- yellow mottling and no inclusions.	



TRENCH 215			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50.5m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.63m	Ground level: 95m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
21501	Layer	Topsoil: Dark brown clay loam with grass root bioturbation. A loose soil, with 1 slate fragment, none retained ().		0- 0.19m
21502	Layer	Natural: Blue-grey silty clay and orange mottling throughout. No inclusions observed, probably alluvium. (0.19m +)		0.19m +

TRENCH 216			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 1.13m	Ground level: 96.8m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
21601	Layer	Topsoil: Greyish dark brown silty loam with heavy rooting.		0-0.20m
21602	Layer	Alluvium: Mid grey clay, probably alluvial in nature.		0.20-0.60m
21603	Layer	Natural: Orange - grey mottled clay, probably an alluvial clay.		0.60-1.15m

TRENCH 217			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.47m	Ground level: 95m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
21701	Layer	Topsoil: Greyish dark brown silty loam, heavy rooting.		0-0.13m
21702	Layer	Natural: Orange- grey mottled clay, probably alluvial in nature with no inclusions.		0.13-0.47m
21703	Cut	Natural Feature: Thought to have been a pit when observed in plan but excavation proved this to be a small tree throw or area of bioturbation.		-
21704	Fill	Secondary Fill: Dark grey brown silty clay. No inclusions.		-

TRENCH 218			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 30.9m x 2.2m and 16m x 2.2m		Max. depth: 0.38m	Ground level: 95m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
21801	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown silty sandy clay topsoil.		0-0.08m
21802	Layer	Subsoil: Mid brownish grey silty clay subsoil.		0.08-0.18m
21803	Layer	Natural: Mottled grey- orange clay natural.		0.18-0.38m

TRENCH 219			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: m x m		Max. depth: m	Ground level: m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
NOT EXCAVATED				

TRENCH 220			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: m x m		Max. depth: m	Ground level: m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
NOT EXCAVATED				



TRENCH 221			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated	
Dimensions: 50m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.54m	Ground level: 95m aOD		
Context	Description			Depth (m)	
22101	Layer	Topsoil: Mid orange brown silty clay loam with frequent rooting and turf coverage, no inclusions.			0-0.16m
22102	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish orange silty clay. No inclusions.			0.16-0.40m
22103	Layer	Natural: Light brown orange clay with rare flint nodules (sub-angular) and occasional patches of grey mottling.			0.40-0.54m
22104	Layer	Ditch: Linear shape in plan, filled with (22105) & (22111) (1.55 by 0.38m). Probable drainage ditch, well defined in plan and section.			0.38m
22105	Fill	Primary Fill: Fill of [22104] (L >2.10m), with animal tooth within fill mid blue grey silty clay with heavy iron staining.			0.38m
22106	Cut	Pit: Irregular- rounded shape in plan with concave gentle sides and concave base (L 0.59m, W 0.54m, D 0.10m). Filled with (22107) and (22110). A shallow pit but possibly a natural feature.			0.1m
22107	Fill	Secondary Fill: Brownish dark grey silty clay with occasional charcoal and small angular flint (L 0.59m, W 0.54m, D 0.10m). Lower fill of pit [22106], very silty and sooty.			0.1m
22108	Cut	Tree Throw: Cut of a tree or shrub throw, filled with (22109). Sub-circular shape in plan with concave shallow sides and irregular base (L 0.20m, W 0.40m, D 0.04m).			0.04m
22109	Fill	Secondary Fill: Dark brown grey silty clay loam, crumbly in texture (L 0.20m, W 0.40m, D 0.04m). A crunchy texture with organic material remains, fill of natural feature [22108].			0.04m
22110	Fill	Secondary Fill: Mottled grey- orange clay (L 0.40m, W 0.20m, D 0.04m). Re-deposited upper fill of small pit/ natural hollow [22106].			0.04m
22111	Fill	Secondary Fill: Mid- dark grey with blue hue silty clay, no components. Initial secondary type fill of ditch cut or palaeochannels [22104].			0.1m

TRENCH 222			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated	
Dimensions: 50m x 2.2m		Max. depth: 0.6m	Ground level: 95m aOD		
Context	Description			Depth (m)	
22201	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown sandy clay loam.			0-0.19m
22202	Layer	Subsoil: Mid brownish grey silty clay subsoil.			0.19-0.6m
22203	Layer	Natural: Mottled grey- orange clay natural			0.60m+
22204	Layer	Alluvium: A spread of possible alluvium and related to the palaeochannels within trench. Possibly same as (22205), but has another spread above it (22210). Blue- dark grey silty clay with occ. small-medium angular flints. Also contained pottery & CBM.			0.60m+
22205	Layer	Alluvium: A spread possibly the result of water action, appears in patches within trench. Blue-grey clay with occasional charcoal flecks, irregular in plan and poss. Same as (22204).			0.24-0.72m
22206	Cut	Ditch: Possible cut of ditch, or palaeochannels. Aligned E-W and is linear in plan (L 1.8m, D 0.52). Has a uneven gentle sides and concave base. Filled with (22207), (22208) & (22209).			0.52m
22207	Fill	Primary Fill: Early phase secondary fill of possible ditch [22206]. Pale grey with dark blue hue, silty clay contains some gritty			0.15m



		ironstone gravel noted at the base of the deposit.	
22208	Fill	Secondary Fill: A secondary type fill of possible ditch [22206]. A gradual silting with gritty iron stone gravel encountered towards base of deposit. A mid grey with blue hue silty clay with very rare sub-rounded flints <45mm.	0.4m
22209	Fill	Secondary Fill: Final fill of possible ditch [22206], derived from slow gradual silting. Dark brown with orange- grey mottling silty clay. Has rare sub-rounded flints <60mm. Also contained rare charcoal flecking.	0.1m
22210	Layer	Alluvium: An alluvial layer, perhaps relating to possible palaeochannels/ ditch within trench. A clay layer of mottled blue-grey- light orange colour (D 0.43m).	0.19-.60m+

TRENCH 223		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.2m		Max. depth: 0.3m	Ground level: 95.7m aOD
Context	Description		Depth (m)
22301	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown sandy silty loam topsoil.	0-0.15m
22302	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown silty clay subsoil.	0.15-0.24m
22303	Layer	Natural: A mottled orange- grey clay natural.	0.24-0.36m

TRENCH 224		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50.7m x 2.20m		Max. depth: 0.38m	Ground level: 95.8m aOD
Context	Description		Depth (m)
20301	Layer	Topsoil: Mid- dark brown plain but with grey hue. Silty clay loam with well-developed turf.	0-0.19m
20302	Layer	Subsoil: As above but without root action evident.	0.19-0.28m
20303	Layer	Natural: Pale orange- grey clay with occasional sub-rounded flints <60mm.	0.28-0.38m

TRENCH 225		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 51m x 2.2m		Max. depth: 0.42m	Ground level: 95.5m aOD
Context	Description		Depth (m)
22501	Layer	Topsoil: Mid- dark brown with grey hue. Contains very rare sub-rounded flint <40mm, A silty clay loam, heavily rooted.	0-0.22m
22502	Layer	Subsoil: As above but without root activity.	0.22-0.32m
22503	Layer	Natural: Pale orange-grey clay with occasional sub-rounded flints <50mm.	0.32-0.42m

TRENCH 226		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: m x m		Max. depth: m	Ground level: m aOD
Context	Description		Depth (m)
NOT EXCAVATED			

TRENCH 227		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: m x m		Max. depth: m	Ground level: m aOD
Context	Description		Depth (m)
NOT EXCAVATED			



TRENCH 228		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: m x m		Max. depth: m	Ground level: m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
NOT EXCAVATED			

TRENCH 229		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: m x m		Max. depth: m	Ground level: m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
NOT EXCAVATED			

TRENCH 230		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: m x m		Max. depth: m	Ground level: m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
NOT EXCAVATED			

TRENCH 231		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x m		Max. depth: 0.50m	Ground level: 99.5m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
23101	Layer	Topsoil: Dark brown clay loam with very rare sub-rounded flints and a diffuse horizon to subsoil.	
23102	Layer	Subsoil: Mid yellowish brown, clay loam with frequent iron staining.	
23103	Layer	Natural: Mid grey orange silty clay with fairly mottled appearance.	

TRENCH 232		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.2m		Max. depth: 0.41m	Ground level: 99.7m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
23201	Layer	Topsoil: Dark brown clay loam with sparse Fe staining. Clear horizon with B horizon below. Loose compaction.	
23202	Layer	Subsoil: B horizon- Mid orange brown clay-loam with yellow hue. Frequent Fe staining, well compacted.	
23203	Layer	Natural: Natural- mottled mid grey and bright orange silty clay.	

TRENCH 233		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.2m		Max. depth: 0.44m	Ground level: 99.8m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
23301	Layer	Topsoil: Dark brown clay loam with very rare sub-rounded flints. Diffuse border with B horizon below.	
23302	Layer	Subsoil: B Horizon- mid brown clay loam with yellowish hue. Diffuse interface with natural below and frequent Fe staining.	
23303	Layer	Natural: Natural- mid yellowish brown with orange hue mottled with bright orange silty clay.	



TRENCH 234		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.2m		Max. depth: 0.37m	Ground level: 100m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
23401	Layer	Topsoil: Topsoil- dark brown clay loam, diffuse border with subsoil below. Frequent Fe staining.	
23402	Layer	Subsoil: Subsoil- dark yellowish brown clay loam. Diffuse border with natural below. Frequent Fe staining, mottled with mid grey.	
23403	Layer	Natural: Natural- light brown with yellow hue. Mottled with mid grey silty clay, with very rare sub-rounded flints <200mm.	

TRENCH 235		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 48m x 2.2m		Max. depth: 0.54m	Ground level: 100.4m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
23501	Layer	Topsoil: Topsoil- dark brown clay loam, loose compaction. Diffuse horizon with B horizon.	
23502	Layer	Subsoil: B Horizon- Mid brown clay loam with yellow hue. Diffuse border with natural. Firm compaction with frequent Fe staining.	
23503	Layer	Natural: Natural- light brown clay with yellow hue. Mottled with mid grey.	

TRENCH 236		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.2m		Max. depth: 0.48m	Ground level: 101m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
23601	Layer	Topsoil: Topsoil- dark brown clay loam with very rare sub-rounded flint <150mm. Diffuse interface with B Horizon below.	
23602	Layer	Subsoil: B Horizon- mid yellowish brown clay loam. Diffuse interface with natural below. Frequent Fe staining.	
23603	Layer	Natural: Natural- mid orange brown clay silt with mid grey mottling.	

TRENCH 237		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.2m		Max. depth: 0.55m	Ground level: 101.5m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
23701	Layer	Topsoil: Topsoil- dark brown clay loam, diffuse border with B horizon below with loose compaction.	
23702	Layer	Subsoil: B Horizon- mid yellowish brown clay loam with frequent Fe staining. Diffuse interface with natural below.	
23703	Layer	Natural: Natural- mid orange brown clay silt mottled with mid grey.	

TRENCH 238		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.2m		Max. depth: 0.55m	Ground level: 102.2m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
23801	Layer	Topsoil: Topsoil; dark brown clay loam with sparse Fe staining. Diffuse border with B Horizon below, loose compaction.	
23802	Layer	Subsoil: B Horizon; mid brown with orange hue. Frequent Fe staining, and clear interface with natural below.	
23803	Layer	Natural: Natural; mid orange with brown hue. Mottled with mid grey silty clay, very rare Mg staining and very rare sub-rounded flints <10mm.	

TRENCH 239		Type: Evaluation	Machine
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Dimensions: 50m x 2.2m		Max. depth: 0.5m		Ground level: 103m aOD
Context	Description			Depth (m)
23901	Layer	Topsoil: Topsoil; dark brown clay loam with sparse Fe staining. Somewhat diffuse border with B horizon below.		0-0.22m
23902	Layer	Subsoil: B horizon; mid orange brown with grey hue. Clay loam with Fe staining, and diffuse border with natural below.		0.22-0.32m
23903	Layer	Natural: Bright orange clay-silt natural, mottled with mid grey with sparse Mg staining.		0.32-0.50m
23904	Fill	Secondary Fill: Mottled mid grey-brown and bright orange clay loam. Contained sparse coarse sand, rare flints <300mm and abundant Fe staining. Archaeological components included sparse charcoal, pottery, and lithics. Fill of shallow pit [23905].		0.08m
23905	Cut	Pit: Shallow pit filled with (23904). Shape in plan is irregular/incomplete, with irregular sides and base (L 1.58, W 1.27, D 0.08m).		0.08m
23906	Fill	Secondary Fill: A mottled mid grey-mid brown and bright orange clay loam. Contained very rare sub-angular flints <100mm, frequent Fe staining, and sparse med. Sand. Archaeological components included rare charcoal, pottery, and possibly metal? Fill of shallow pit [23907].		0.1m
23907	Cut	Pit: Shallow pit filled with (23906) shape in plan is incomplete and irregular with irregular sides and base (L 1.34m, W 1.02m, D 0.1m). Situated in an area of wet land close to [23904].		0.1m
23908	Fill	Secondary Fill: Mid grey-brown silty clay with very occasional angular gravel and occasional charcoal flecking (L 1.80, W 1.50, D 0.1m). Also contained pottery and flint. Fill is poorly defined in plan, soil looks leached out of any humic material and may have been standing water. Fill of [23909]		0.1m
23909	Cut	Pit: Cut of probable natural hollow/ tree throw. Sub-circular in plan with shallow sides and irregular base (L 1.80m, W 1.50m, D 0.1m), filled with (23908).		0.1m
23910	Fill	Secondary Fill: Grey -brown silty clay with occasional angular flint <10mm and charcoal flecking. Slow silted deposit possibly deposited through water action, fill of [23011].		0.2m
23911	Cut	Pit: Sub-circular in plan with concave steep sides and concave base (L 0.8m, W 0.5m, D 0.2m), filled with (23910), probable animal burrow/ tree throw.		0.2m

TRENCH 240		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50.4m x 2.2m		Max. depth: 0.56m	
		Ground level: 103m aOD	
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
24001	Layer	Topsoil: Dark grey-brown clay loam, friable with heavy rooting throughout and turf surface. Contains occasional flint <80mm.	
24002	Layer	Subsoil: Light brown-orange silty clay with a blue-grey hue. Slight rooting throughout, fairly clean with occasional stone <40mm and flint <60mm.	
24003	Layer	Natural: Orange clay natural with grey-blue mottling, predominantly clean, with occasional flint <60mm sub-angular.	
24004	Fill	Secondary Fill: A mottled blue-grey /orange silt-clay fill of [24005] with 3% flint frags <50mm. Relatively clean with rooting evident, becomes slightly more orange and lighter towards base (L 0.93m, W 0.90m, D 0.12m). Natural deposit, possibly through water action.	
24005	Cut	Pit: Sub circular in plan with concave shallow sides and concave base (L 0.93m, W 0.90m, D 0.12m). Filled with (24004), most	



		likely a natural hollow with natural fill, one of 3 similar features within Trench 240.	
24006	Fill	Secondary Fill: Orange- red/ blue - grey silt clay with flint fragments <40mm. Mostly clean with rooting evident, becomes more orange towards base. Fill of [24007], possibly deposited through water action.	0.06m
24007	Cut	Pit: Sub-rounded in plan with slightly concave and shallow sides and concave base (L 1.02m, W 0.98m, D 0.06m). Filled with (24006), feature is likely to be a natural hollow, one of 3 similar features within Trench 240.	0.06m
24008	Fill	Secondary Fill: Orange-red/ blue-grey silt- clay with flint fragments-rare- <50mm. Mostly clean, becomes slightly more orange towards base. A naturally occurring deposit within [24009] (L 0.92m, W 0.84m D 0.06m).	0.06m
24009	Cut	Pit: Sub-rounded straight-concave shallow sides, with concave base (L 0.92m, W 0.84m, D 0.06m). Likely to be a natural hollow filled with (24008), full extent unknown runs beyond trench.	0.06m
24010	Fill	Secondary Fill: A mottled dark blue- grey/ orange silt clay with flint fragments-rare- <40mm. Also contained charcoal flecking/frags. Deposit was black in places, darkest at surface becoming lighter and more orange towards base. Very recognisable at surface. Fill of 24010.	0.14m
24011	Cut	Posthole: Sub-circular in plan with concave moderate sides and concave base (L 0.29m, W 0.28m, D 0.14m). Cut of posthole filled with (24010), a second posthole of similar size lays c. 0.20m east of this, poss. Contemporary.	0.14m
24012	Fill	Secondary Fill: Dark blue-grey silt clay (L 0.36m, W 0.25m, D 0.12m), contained charcoal flecking/frags. Darkest in plan (at surface), becomes lighter and more orange towards base, quite mixed. Fill of posthole [24013].	0.12m
24013	Cut	Posthole: Cut of posthole filled with (24012). Sub-rounded in plan with concave moderate sides and concave base (L 0.36m, W 0.25m, D 0.12m). One of 2 postholes within trench in close proximity to each other, c. 0.20m west. Poss. Contemporary, no other structural remains within trench.	0.12m

TRENCH 241		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.2m		Max. depth: 0.34m	Ground level:102.5m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
24101	Layer	Topsoil: Dark brown clay loam with sparse Fe staining. Diffuse border with B horizon below, loose compaction.	
24102	Layer	Subsoil: B horizon; dark brown clay loam with orange hue. Frequent Fe staining with defined border with natural below. Rare S/R flints and S/A flints <100mm.	
24103	Layer	Natural: Bright orange silty clay mottled with mid grey. Frequent Fe staining with sparse S/A and S/R flints <100mm.	



TRENCH 242			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.2m		Max. depth: 0.4m	Ground level: 104.5m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
24201	Layer	Topsoil: Dark brown clay loam. Diffuse border with subsoil below. Very rare S/R flints, medium gravel size.		0-0.20m
24202	Layer	Subsoil: Dark brown loamy clay with yellowish hue. Defined border with natural with occasional Fe staining.		0.20-0.30m
24203	Layer	Natural: Mottled silty clay mid grey and bright orange natural with occasional Fe staining. Had rare sub-rounded and sub-angular flint and patches of common coarse sand.		0.30-0.40m

TRENCH 243			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.2m		Max. depth: 0.43m	Ground level: 101-103m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
24301	Layer	Topsoil: Dark brown clay loam, diffuse interface with w/layer below.		0-0.20m
24302	Layer	Subsoil: Dark brown clay loam with yellow hue. Frequent Fe staining, very rare S/R flints, mid gravel size. Diffuse interface with below.		0.20-0.33m
24303	Layer	Natural: Mid yellow brown silty clay, mottled with mid grey and light orange.		0.33-0.43m

TRENCH 244			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.2m		Max. depth: 0.45m	Ground level: 101m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
20301	Layer	Topsoil: Dark brown clay loam with very rare SR/R flint sandstone <20mm. Sharp boundary with layer below.		0-0.20m
20302	Layer	Subsoil: Yellow and grey mottled clay loam with frequent Fe staining and very rare stones as above. Diffuse boundary with layer below.		0.20-0.30m
20303	Layer	Natural: Yellow and grey silty clay with very rare stones as above.		0.30m +

TRENCH 245			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.6m	Ground level: 101m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
24501	Layer	Topsoil: Dark brown clay loam, well defined interface with layer (24502) below. Very rare S/R flints gravel.		0-0.30m
24502	Layer	Subsoil: Mid brown with yellowish hue loamy clay. Frequent Fe staining with very rare S/R and S/A flint gravel. Diffuse interface with below.		0.30-0.50m
24503	Layer	Natural: Yellow- brown with red hue, mottled grey silty clay. Very rare sub-rounded flints.		0.50-0.60m

TRENCH 246			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.2m		Max. depth: 0.7m	Ground level: 101m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
24601	Layer	Topsoil: Dark brown clay loam with very rare SR/R flints <20mm. Sharp interface with layer below.		0-0.25m
24602	Layer	Subsoil: B horizon; yellowish- brown/ grey mottled clay loam with frequent Fe staining and very rare SR/R flints <20mm.		0.25-0.53m
24603	Layer	Natural: Brownish- yellow/ grey very bright orange yellow mottled		0.53m +



		silty clay with very rare SR/R flints <20mm. Somewhat diffuse boundary with layer above.	
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TRENCH 247		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.2m		Max. depth: 0.7m	Ground level: 100m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
24701	Layer	Topsoil: Dark brown clay loam with very rare SR/R flint <20mm. Sharp interface with layer below.	
24702	Layer	Subsoil: B Horizon; yellow- brown clay loam with common but small patches of pale grey and very rare SR/R flints <20mm. Somewhat diffuse interface with layer below.	
24703	Layer	Natural: Yellow-brown/ pale grey mottled silty clay with very rare SR/R flints <20mm.	

TRENCH 248		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 23.3m x 2.3m		Max. depth: 0.53m	Ground level: 100m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
24801	Layer	Topsoil: Dark brown with grey hue. Plain silty clay, with very rare S/R and S/A flint <50mm.	
24802	Layer	Subsoil: Mid brown- yellow sandy clay moderately firm and compact with slightly gritty texture, clear horizon to topsoil.	
24803	Layer	Natural: Mid brown- yellow sandy clay firm and compact with blue-grey mottles and occasional patches of light grey sandy silts.	
24804	Cut	Pit/Tree Throw: Cut of pit aligned NE-SW filled with (24805). Oval in shape with convex moderate sides and unknown base (L 1m, W 0.62m, D 0.34m). Poss. Tree throw?	
24805	Fill	Secondary Fill: Dark brownish grey silty clay with patches of iron staining and very rare S/R flint <30mm (L 1m, W 0.62m, D 0.34m). Fill of possible pit [24804], fairly compact fill and fairly sterile in colour. Probable natural silting.	

TRENCH 249		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: m x m		Max. depth: m	Ground level: m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
NOT EXCAVATED			

TRENCH 250		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.2m		Max. depth: 0.45m	Ground level: 105m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
25001	Layer	Topsoil: Dark brown clay loam, diffuse border with subsoil.	
25002	Layer	Subsoil: Dark brown loamy clay with yellowish hue. Very rare S/R and S/A flint, and clear border with natural.	
25003	Layer	Natural: Mottled mid grey and orange. Mg staining occasional patches of common coarse sand.	
25004	Fill	Secondary Fill: Mottled mid brown and mid grey with common Fe staining. A sandy clay loam with rare sub-angular flints <200mm with pottery (2 pcs) and charcoal (L 1.94, W 1m, D 0.17m). Gritty and mottled in texture with rooting evident, fill of tree throw [25005].	
25005	Cut	Natural Feature: Irregular shape suggests a tree throw with pottery finds in fill (25004) resulting from accidental inclusions, poss. By water action. Has irregular sides and base, fill of [25004] (L 1.94, W 1m, D 0.17m).	



TRENCH 251		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.34m	Ground level: 105m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
25101	Layer	Topsoil: Dark brown clay loam with very rare S/R flints, mid gravel size and diffuse border with below.	
25102	Layer	Subsoil: B Horizon- mid yellowish brown clay loam. Frequent Fe staining, with diffuse border with below.	
25103	Layer	Natural: Mottled mid grey and bright orange silty clay (0.29m+).	
25104	Cut	Pit: Shallow discrete pit, same fill as [25106]. Circular shape in plan with concave gentle sides with concave base (0.39m, W 0.39m, D 0.05m). Filled with (25105). Pottery from fill suggested Bronze Age date.	
25105	Fill	Primary Fill: Mottled light grey- orange brown silty clay with moderate (medium) sized irregular flints and pottery. Fill of [25104], and similar to (25107).	
25106	Cut	Pit: Irregular- rounded shaped pit with concave gentle sides and concave- irregular base (L 1.25m, W 1m, D 0.25m). A shallow irregular pit filled with (25107), pottery suggests a possible Bronze Age date similar to [25104].	
25107	Fill	Primary Fill: Mottled light grey- orange to mid brown silty clay. Contains occasional medium sized angular flint and pottery components. Fill of shallow pit feature [25106]. Similar fill to (25105), possibly deposited through water action.	
25108	Cut	Ditch: Shallow linear similar to others in trench (W 2m, D 0.16m). Aligned W-E with concave moderate sides and flat base. Filled with (25109)	
25109	Fill	Secondary Fill: Mottled light blue grey with mid red brown. A silty clay with very occasional small rounded stones and flints. Also contained pottery, fill of linear feature [25108], naturally deposited.	
25110	Cut	Ditch: An E-W aligned linear with straight moderate sides and flat base (L 2,10m, W 2.50m, D 0.45m). Filled with (25111). Feature runs parallel to irregular linear at SW [25115]. Potentially a ditch related to med. Agriculture, possible boundary ditch.	
25111	Fill	Secondary Fill: Grey with orange flecks clay containing angular and sub-angular flint (20-40mm) and rare rounded pebbles (c. 15mm). Frequent manganese throughout fill which is dense and compact. Fill of irregular linear [25110], a gradual water borne accumulation.	
25112	Fill	Secondary Fill: Grey with flecks of orange silty clay. Contains frequent angular and sub-angular flint (20-40mm) with rounded rare pebbles (c. 20mm). Also contained pottery. Components evenly distributed with also manganese flecking, quite a compact material.	
25113	Cut	Natural Feature: Cut of a probable shrub bowl filled with (25110) (W 1m, D 0.17m). Aligned NE- SW with irregular shape in plan and irregular moderate sides with irregular base. Situated NE of linear [25110] and SW of [25108]. Relationship with [25113] & [25110] is unclear.	
25114	Fill	Secondary Fill: A gradually accumulated fill of natural feature [25113] with evidence of leaching suggesting standing water. A grey silty clay with orange flecks. Contained rare angular and S.A flint 20- 40mm. Dense and compact with frequent manganese flecking.	
25115	Cut	Ditch: Cut of a possible drainage / boundary ditch filled with (25116) & (25117). Aligned E-W and linear in plan with concave sides and base.	



25116	Fill	Secondary Fill: Light yellow-brown clay with mid- grey blue mottling (D 0.23m), fill of [25115]. Contained rare randomly dispersed S.R stones <30mm, common randomly dispersed manganese flecks, and rare randomly dispersed charcoal flecks. Silting of material.	0.23m
25117	Fill	Secondary Fill: Series of water borne silting within [25115] (L 0.80m, W 2.11m, D 0.70m). Mid grey-brown silty clay with mid red-brown mottling. Contained rare S.R stones <40mm, rare charcoal flecking and abundant manganese flecking. Also contained pottery and 1 x flint	0.7m
25118	Cut	Pit: Cut of feature cluster, not excavated.	-
25119	Fill	Secondary Fill: Fill of feature cluster [25118].	-

TRENCH 252		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50.4m x 2.2m		Max. depth: 0.29m	Ground level: 104m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
25201	Layer	Topsoil: Dark grey- brown clay loam topsoil. Contains heavy bioturbation throughout, with turf surface. A friable soil with distinguished horizon with subsoil below.	
25202	Layer	Subsoil: Blue- grey with orange hue, moderate rooting throughout. Probable iron panning visible, moderate flint <50mm (S.R, S.A) inclusions. Has a visible and distinguished horizon with natural below).	
25203	Layer	Natural: Orange clay natural, has a light blue- grey hue possibly relating to water action. Has occasional flint inclusions <80mm (S.R, S.A), 3%.	
25204	Fill	Secondary Fill: A mottled grey- brown & orange silty clay with flint fragments <50mm (S.A, S.R), 2%, and also modern pottery and tile (W 1.41, D 0.18m). Moderate iron panning visible, upper most frill of ditch [25207], possibly deposited through farming activity.	
25205	Fill	Secondary Fill: Grey- blue silty clay with orange hue, contains occasional flint <40mm (S.R, S.A), 4%, and pottery (Roman?) and tile. Relatively clean containing iron panning/ flecks & occasional manganese flecks. Likely residual artefacts and water borne deposit. Fill of [25207].	
25206	Fill	Secondary Fill: Light brown- orange clayey silt (W 1.83, D 0.57m). Lower fill of ditch [25207]. Clean deposit with no inclusions & similar in nature to natural, possibly representing erosion of sides through water erosion.	
25207	Cut	Ditch: NW-SE aligned linear ditch filled with (25204), (25205), and (25206). Linear in plan with slightly concave moderate sides and a concave base (W 1.83m, D 0.57m). One of 4 possible ditches within trench, possibly a drainage or boundary ditch.	
25208	Fill	Secondary Fill: Light grey-orange silty clay with 3% flint (S.R, S.A) <60mm, rare manganese flecking and 1% small pebbles <10mm. Also contained pottery (Roman?). Relatively clean with iron panning evident and rooting. Artefacts likely to be residual through water action. Fill of [25209].	
25209	Cut	Pit: Cut of possible pit filled with (25208). Semi-circular shape in plan with concave moderate sides and concave- irregular base (L 2m, W 1.08m, D 0.24m). Most probable a natural feature (shrub, T.T) containing occasional residual pottery.	
25210	Fill	Secondary Fill: An unexcavated fill of [25211]. A light brown- orange silty clay with flint (S.R, S.A) <80mm, 6%. Also contained	



		pottery retrieved from the surface of feature (Roman?). Had areas of dark grey patches, possibly from plant leaching.	
25211	Cut	Ditch: An unexcavated ditch filled with (25210). Profile unknown (W 1.95m), aligned E-W. One of 4 possible ditches within trench. Possibly a boundary ditch, part of a field system.	-
25212	Fill	Secondary Fill: Brown- orange silty clay unexcavated fill. Contained flint (S.A, S.R) <30mm, 2%, and also pottery retrieved from surface (W 0.60m). Bioturbation visible at surface (rooting) and moderate iron panning with occasional manganese flecking. Full extent unknown. Fill of [25213]	-
25213	Cut	Pit: Unexcavated pit, possibly circular (full extent unknown). Filled with (25212), could possibly just be a natural feature (W 0.60m) with residual artefacts at surface. Profile unknown.	-

TRENCH 253		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.28m	Ground level: 103.5m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
25301	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown silty loam, heavy rooting. 0-0.08m	
25302	Layer	Subsoil: Mid brownish grey silty clay with few rounded small stones. 0.08-0.22m	
25303	Layer	Natural: Mottled light orange to mid grey clay natural. 0.22-0.28m	
25304	Cut	Natural Feature: Possible natural feature filled with (25305). Aligned W-E and linear in plan with concave moderate sides and concave base (W 1.72m, D 0.20m). Edges not completely clear. 0.2m	
25305	Fill	Secondary Fill: Silting of possible natural hollow. Mottled brown-orange clay/ blue mid grey. Contained occasional medium angular flint and occasional charcoal flecks. Also contained pottery found at surface of fill. Fill of [25304]. 0.2m	
25306	Cut	Ditch: Ditch filled with (25307), (25308), & (25309). SW-NE aligned and linear shaped in plan. Has concave steep sides and flat base (W 5.20m, D 0.43m). 0.43m	
25307	Fill	Primary Fill: Primary silting deposit possibly water borne, fill of [25306]. Mottled light orange to dark blue grey silty clay. With frequent reddish dark brown flecking/ mottling. 0.12m	
25308	Fill	Secondary Fill: A mottled mid orange/ blue- dark grey silty clay. Also contained pottery and occasional reddish - dark brown flecking. Possibly the result of the silting of this ditch. Fill of [25306]. 0.15m	
25309	Fill	Deliberate Backfill: Fill of [25306], possibly deliberate backfill with redeposited natural. A mottled blue- mid grey and light orange silty clay. Has occasional small rounded pebbles and pottery, upper most fill. 0.14m	



TRENCH 254			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated	
Dimensions: 49.85m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.34m	Ground level: 103m aOD		
Context	Description			Depth (m)	
25401	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown silt loam, heavily rooted with a well-developed turf.			0-0.13m
25402	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish-brown silty clay with rare flints.			0.13-0.22m
25403	Layer	Colluvium/Subsoil: Mid blue-grey silty clay with occasional orange clayey mottles.			0.22-0.36m
25404	Layer	Natural: Mid yellowish orange clay with blue grey mottles throughout the layer.			0.36m+
25405	Cut	Tree Throw: Tree throw, irregular in plan with steep concave sides and an irregular base 0.4m wide and deep.			0.18m
25406	Fill	Secondary Fill: Mid blue grey silty clay with orange mottling and rare small to medium flints.			0.18m
25407	Cut	Ditch: E-W aligned linear ditch with straight moderate sides and a concave base, two similar features also noted within trench (1.0m wide and 0.16m deep).			0.16m
25408	Fill	Secondary Fill: Bright yellow grey clay with orange flecks, pottery and flint recovered. Naturally derived deposit.			0.16m
25409	Cut	Ditch: E-W aligned ditch unexcavated, 1.5m wide.			-
25410	Fill	Secondary Fill: Mid greyish brown silty clay with light blue grey mottles. Unexcavated.			-

TRENCH 255			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated	
Dimensions: 50.15m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.4m	Ground level: 102.5m aOD		
Context	Description			Depth (m)	
25501	Layer	Topsoil: Mid grey brown silty clay. A friable topsoil with rare sub-angular stones (5-26mm) and frequent fine roots.			0- 0.10m
25502	Layer	Subsoil: Mid brown grey silty clay subsoil. Quite dense but not very compacted with rare sub-angular stone (10-50mm) and frequent fine roots.			0.10-0.22m
25503	Layer	Colluvium/Subsoil: Mottled yellow and grey clay, very dense, with very rare sub-angular stone (c. 50mm).			0.22-0.40m
25504	Layer	Natural: Grey- orange clay, very dense, with frequent sub-angular stone (c .50mm) (0.40m+).			
25505	Cut	Natural Feature: Cut of probable natural feature, possible shrub bowl as very irregular in plan. Has straight to moderate sides with flat base (Dia 0.55m, D 0.11m). Filled with (25506).			0.11m
25506	Fill	Secondary Fill: Fill of probable natural feature [25505]. A grey silty clay with orange flecks, contains rare sub-angular stone <20mm. Gradually accumulated material that probably contained standing water (leached fill). Also had manganese staining and was dense and compact.			0.11m
25507	Cut	Natural Feature: Very irregular cut and location adjacent to natural feature [25505], probable shrub bowl. Had shallow irregular sides and base, filled with (25508) (Dia 0.98m, D 0.09m).			0.09m
25508	Fill	Secondary Fill: Grey silty clay with flecks of orange with rare sub-angular stones (c.10mm). Contained manganese staining throughout. Same as material found in [25505]. Gradually accumulated material, likely to have contained standing water.			0.09m



TRENCH 256		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 51.2m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.42m	Ground level: 103m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
25601	Layer	Topsoil: Dark grey-brown clay silt. Contained sparse random rounded stones <80mm with no obvious artefacts. Has a clear horizon with worm/ plant bioturbation evident.	
25602	Layer	Subsoil: Mid grey-brown clay silt with sparse, randomly dispersed, sub-rounded stones <60mm. A clear horizon with some worm/ plant bioturbation evident.	
25603	Layer	Natural: Light yellow-grey clay with clear horizon. Worm/ plant bioturbation evident and water action.	
25604	Cut	Gully: Possible med/ post-med drainage gully, possibly associated to hedge/ shrub boundary to the north (L 2.10m, W 0.53m, D 0.30m). Aligned NW-SE and linear in plan with concave moderate sides and concave base, filled with (25605).	
25605	Fill	Secondary Fill: Mid grey-brown silt clay containing sparse rounded stones <10mm, common manganese flecks <10mm, sparse charcoal flecking <10mm. Also contained pottery. Probably the result of gradual water borne silting/ stagnation. Some worm/ plant bioturbation evident, and water action.	
25606	Layer	Layer: A layer deposit contemporary with gully [25604]. Worm/ plant bioturbation evident and water action throughout. A mid grey-brown silt clay with irregular shape and sides. Contained rare S.R stones <30mm, rare charcoal <10mm, and common manganese <10mm.	
25607	Cut	Ditch: Cut of a possible medieval ditch filled with (25608). Aligned NW-SE, unexcavated. Pottery was found at surface level.	
25608	Fill	Secondary Fill: Mid grey brown silt clay with sparse sub-rounded stones <30mm, and common manganese flecks <10mm. Fill of unexcavated linear [25607], pottery found at surface level. Plant/ worm bioturbation evident and water action.	
25609	Layer	Secondary Fill: A layer possibly associated with a shrub bowl or hedge row. Mid grey- brown silt clay with sparse S.R stone <30mm (L 2.10m, W 6m). Has an irregular shape in plan and irregular sides (45 degrees) and base.	
25610	Cut	Ditch: Cut of possible medieval drainage ditch. Feature was unexcavated (W 1.30m), but is aligned N-S and linear in plan, and filled with (25611). Unknown relationship with [25612].	
25611	Fill	Secondary Fill: An unexcavated fill of ditch [25610]. A mid grey-brown silt clay with sparse S.R stone <30mm and common manganese <10mm. Also contained pottery found at surface level. Worm or plant bioturbation is evident and water action throughout.	
25612	Cut	Ditch: Possible medieval drainage/ boundary ditch filled with (25613). Aligned N-S and linear in plan. An unexcavated feature, situated on western edge of similar feature [25610].	
25613	Fill	Secondary Fill: An unexcavated mid grey brown silty clay fill of [25612] with sparse S.R stone <30mm and common manganese flecks <10mm. Also contained pottery found at surface level. A gradual silting of material with worm/ plant bioturbation evident.	
25614	Cut	Pit: Cut of pit of unknown date/ purpose, filled with (25615). Circular shape in plan, full profile unknown as not excavated. A N-S land drains runs through the centre of the	
25615	Fill	Secondary Fill: Mid grey-brown silt clay with common manganese flecks <10mm. An unexcavated deposit of [25614]. Worm/ plant bioturbation & water action evident throughout. No artefacts at surface.	



TRENCH 257		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: m x m		Max. depth: m	Ground level: m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
NOT EXCAVATED			

TRENCH 258		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 49.72m x 2.2m		Max. depth: 0.43m	Ground level: 101.3m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
25801	Layer	Topsoil: Dark grey brown clay loam. Friable topsoil with turf. Heavily bioturbated throughout.	
25802	Layer	Subsoil: Orange grey silty clay subsoil with blue mottles. Iron staining visible throughout layer.	
25803	Layer	Natural: Light brownish orange clay natural with rare flint inclusions.	
25804	Fill	Secondary Fill: Mid brownish orange silty clay with occasional flints. Naturally derived fill of ditch [25806] (0.98m wide by 0.30m deep).	
25805	Fill	Secondary Fill: Mid brownish grey silty clay with occasional flints, may well represent primary silting into ditch [25806] (0.39m wide by 0.31m deep).	
25806	Cut	Ditch: NW to SE aligned linear ditch with moderately straight to convex sides and a concave base. V-shaped in profile (0.98m wide by 0.60m deep)	
25807	Cut	Tree Throw: Small irregular pit or area of bioturbation measured 0.58m by 0.4m by 0.06m. Slate observed in top of feature.	
25808	Fill	Secondary Fill: Mid grey brown silty clay single fill of Tree Throw [25807].	

TRENCH 259		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 51m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.48m	Ground level: 101m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
25001	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown silty loam topsoil. Heavily rooted with sparse small rounded stones.	
25002	Layer	Subsoil: Mottled mid brownish grey to dark brown silty clay subsoil. Has occasional small stones and flints.	
25003	Layer	Natural: Mid orange brown sandy clay natural.	

TRENCH 260		Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.3m	Ground level: 101.5m aOD
Context	Description	Depth (m)	
26001	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown sandy loam topsoil with heavy rooting throughout..	
26002	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown sandy clay subsoil.	
26003	Layer	Natural: Bright orange sandy clay natural.	



TRENCH 261			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.55m	Ground level: 100.3m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
26101	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown silty loam. Heavily rooted with no inclusions.	0-0.15m	
26102	Layer	Subsoil: Mid brownish grey silty clay subsoil.	0.15-0.35m	
26103	Layer	Natural: A mottled orange- brown to light blue grey clay natural.	0.35-0.55m	

TRENCH 262			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50.6m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.4m	Ground level: 98.7m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
26201	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown silty loam topsoil, heavily rooted with no inclusions.	0-0.10m	
26202	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown silty sandy clay with occasional small rounded/angular stones with some rooting.	0.10-0.25m	
26203	Layer	Natural: Light greyish brown sandy clay natural. Contained frequent white fragmented mollusc shells.	0.25-0.40m	

TRENCH 263			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 49.9m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.36m	Ground level: 97.7m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
26301	Layer	Topsoil: Mid to dark brown silty clay with loose friable nature well established turf and common roots.	0-0.12m	
26302	Layer	Subsoil: Light brown silty clay probably lower layers of topsoil rather than distinct subsoil.	0.12-0.24m	
26303	Layer	Subsoil: Light brownish grey clay with frequent manganese staining, chalk and shell inclusions.	0.24-0.36m	
26304	Natural	Natural: Mid grey sandy clay fairly firm and compact.	0.36m+	

TRENCH 264			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50.1m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.44m	Ground level: 97.8m aOD	
Context	Description		Depth (m)	
26401	Layer	Topsoil: Dark brown silty clay loam with rare frags of chalk. Well-developed turf/vegetation and common roots.	0-0.24m	
26402	Layer	Subsoil: Light brown clay with orange flecks fairly firm and compact, possibly lower les humic topsoil rather than subsoil.	0.24-0.34m	
26403	Layer	Subsoil: Light brownish grey clay with manganese staining throughout.	0.34-0.44m	
26404	Natural	Natural: Mid grey sandy clay very compact with frequent fragments of chalk and shell, possibly alluvial, in nature.	0.44m+	



TRENCH 265			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50.45m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.34m	Ground level: 98m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
26501	Layer	Topsoil: Dark brown silty clay, friable with no inclusions. Fine and moderate rooting evident.		0-0.15m
26502	Layer	Subsoil: Dark grey brown silty clay, dense, with moderate fragments of soft white gravel (c. 2mm) and rare fine roots.		0.15-0.30m
26503	Layer	Subsoil: Light brown clay with flecks of orange. Dense with moderate fragments of soft white gravel (c. 2mm).		0.30-0.34m
26504	Natural	Natural: Mid grey clay with flecks of orange. Very dense with frequent fragments of soft white gravel (c. 2-4mm).		0.34m +

TRENCH 266			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 49.9m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.6m	Ground level: 98.5m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
26601	Layer	Topsoil: Dark brown silty clay, a loose consistency with frequent fine and moderate roots.		0-0.15m
26602	Layer	Subsoil: Dark grey brown silty clay, quite dense with no inclusions.		0.15-0.24m
26603	Layer	Subsoil: Light grey-brown clay with sandy lenses at base (possibly water borne). Very dense with no inclusions.		0.24-0.40m
26604	Natural	Natural: Dark grey- brown with flecks of dark orange clay. Very dense with no inclusions.		0.40-0.60m

TRENCH 267			Type: Evaluation	Machine excavated
Dimensions: 50.6m x 2.1m		Max. depth: 0.34m	Ground level: 98m aOD	
Context	Description			Depth (m)
26701	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown silty loam with heavy rooting throughout. Contained occasional small rounded stone and flint.		0- 0.15m
26702	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown sandy clay loam with occasional small fragmented shell.		0.15-0.29m
26703	Layer	Natural: Greyish light brown sandy clay loam. Contained frequent small fragmented white shell.		0.29-0.34m



10.2 Appendix 2: Finds by context

Table 4: All finds by context (number / weight in grammes)

Trench	Context	CBM	Worked Flint (no.)	E Prehist Pottery	L Prehist Pottery	RB Pottery	Post-RB Pottery	Undated Pottery	Other Finds
100	10002		1						
101	10102		1						
105	10504								2 fired clay
107	10708								1 burnt flint
110	11002	1/57				1/11			
110	11004		1		4/7	3/33			
113	11309					1/10			
113	11316					1/6			
114	11404					2/3			
114	11406				1/5				
115	11505								1 burnt flint
116	11602					1/2			
116	11604		1			2/13			
118	11802						1/9		
119	11902					1/1			
120	12002		1						
121	12102						1/6		
121	12111					5/6			
124	12412		1						
125	12502		1		1/3	1/13			
127	12704					1/25			1 animal bone
130	13002		1						2 fired clay
130	13004					2/8			
132	13204				2/4				
143	14305		2		7/184				
143	14306							8/6	



147	14701				1/3				
153	15302		1						
154	15402		1			1/12			
161	16104					1/1			
169	16908							1/3	
171	17102						1/11		
185	18502					1/13			
186	18604					1/9			
193	19307		1						
195	19502		3		3/7				
195	19504		5						
195	19505								5 animal bone
200	20004				2/9				
200	20005				9/108				
222	22202		1						
222	22204					1/23			
223	22302					2/31			
225	22502		1			1/2			
239	23904			4/60					
239	23906				1/5	5/7			
239	23908		2	4/11			1/1		
242	24201	1/65							
242	24203						3/21		
250	25004				4/7				
251	25105				4/14				
251	25107				2/2				
251	25109				1/6	6/36			
251	25112	3/53			3/85	2/24			
251	25117		1		6/10	2/5			
251	25119					6/24			
252	25204	1/7				1/2	1/4		



252	25205	1/89				3/38			
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CBM = ceramic building material

10.3 Appendix 3: Environmental Data

Table 5: Assessment of the charred plant remains and charcoal

Samples				Flot								
Feature	Context	Sample	Vol. Ltrs	Flot (ml)	% roots	Charred Plant Remains				Charcoal >4/2mm	Other	Analysis
						Grain	Chaff	Other	Comments			
Trench 200 Middle-Late Bronze Age Pit												
20005	20004	1	20	100	20	C	-	C	Indet. grain frags, <i>Rumex</i>	25/25 ml	-	-

Key: A*** = exceptional, A** = 100+, A* = 30-99, A = >10, B = 9-5, C = <5;



10.4 Appendix 4: Oasis Record

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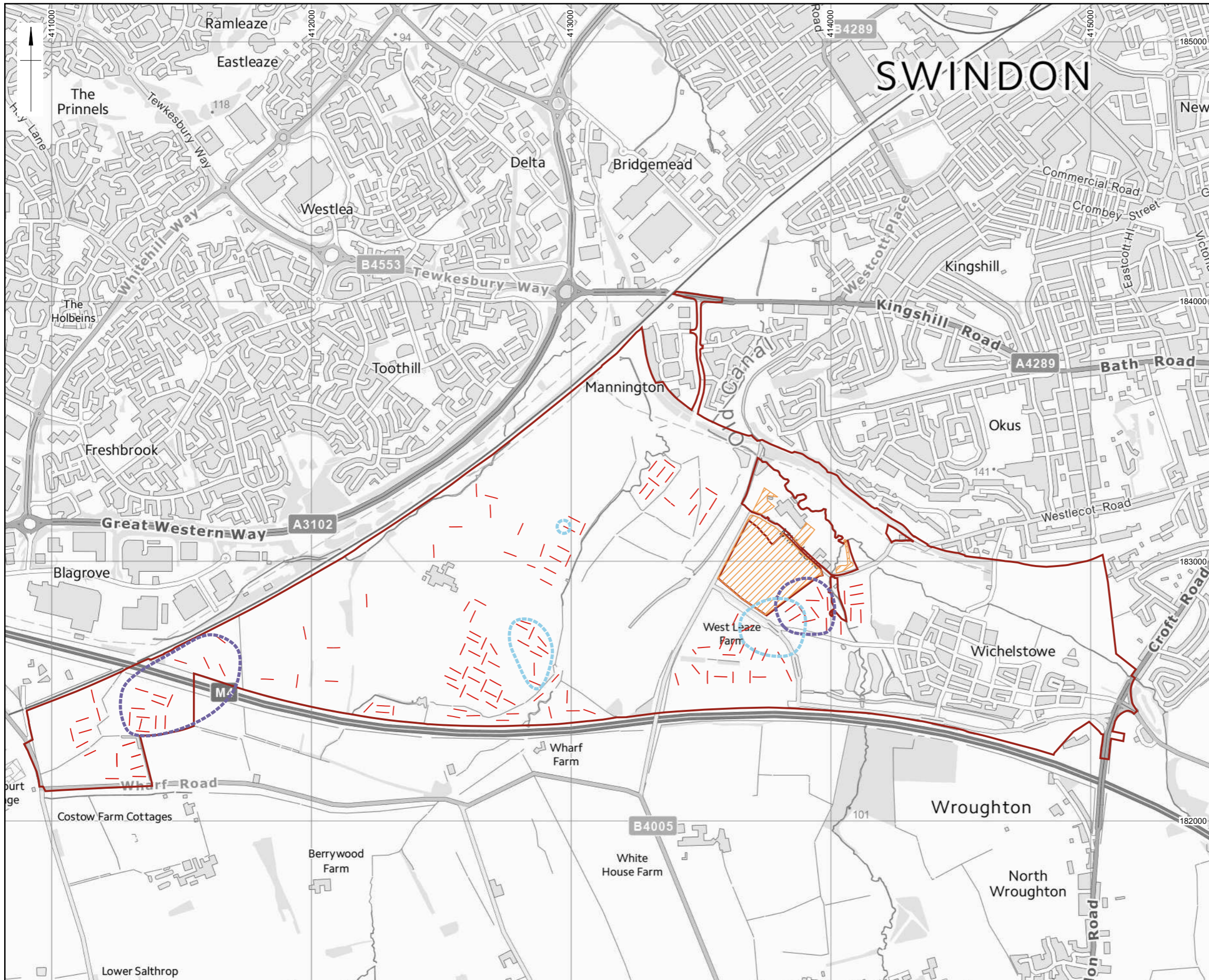
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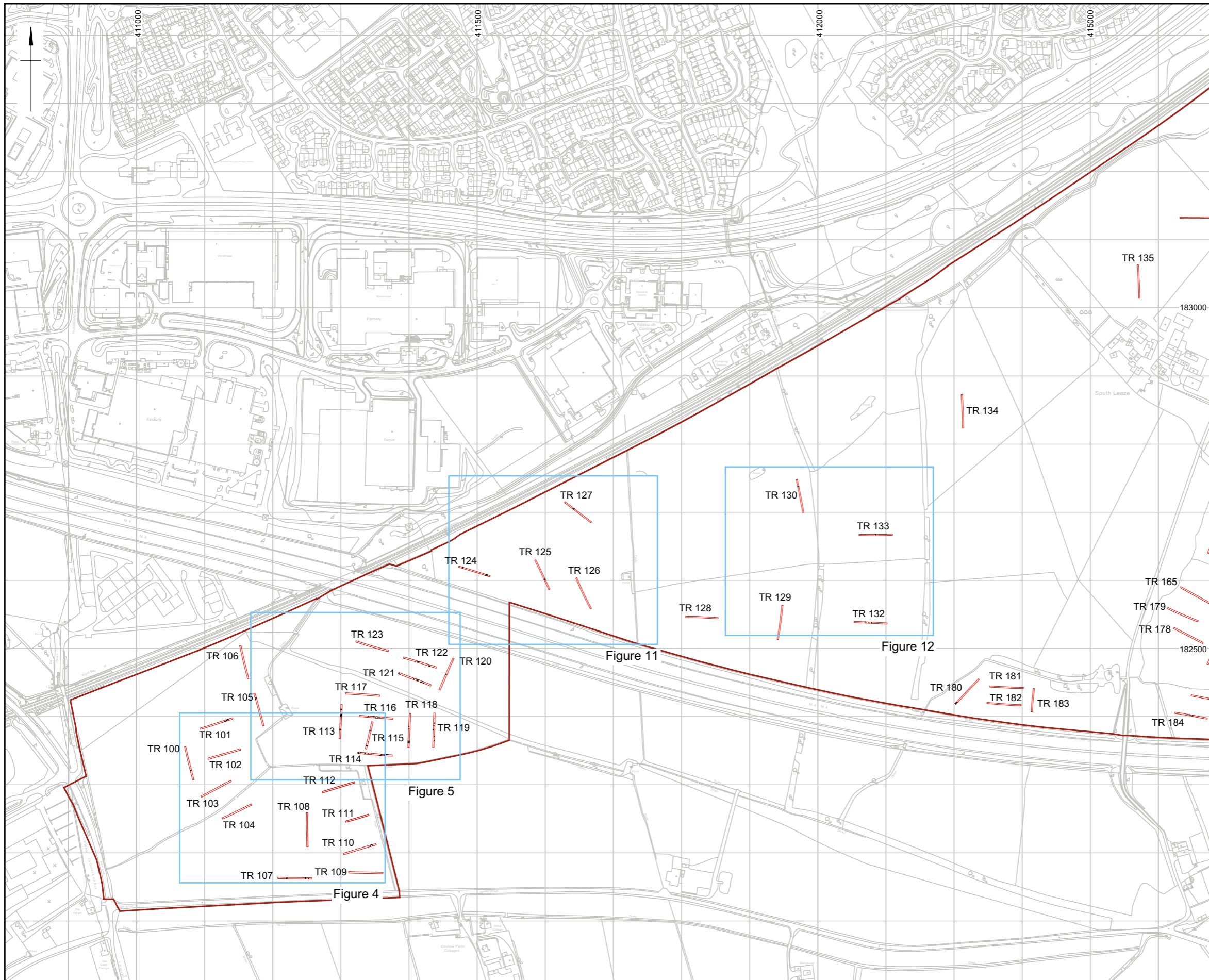
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- Evaluation trench
- Prehistoric area of potential
- Romano-British area of potential
- Scheduled Monument

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Site and evaluation trench location plan showing areas of archaeological potential based on results



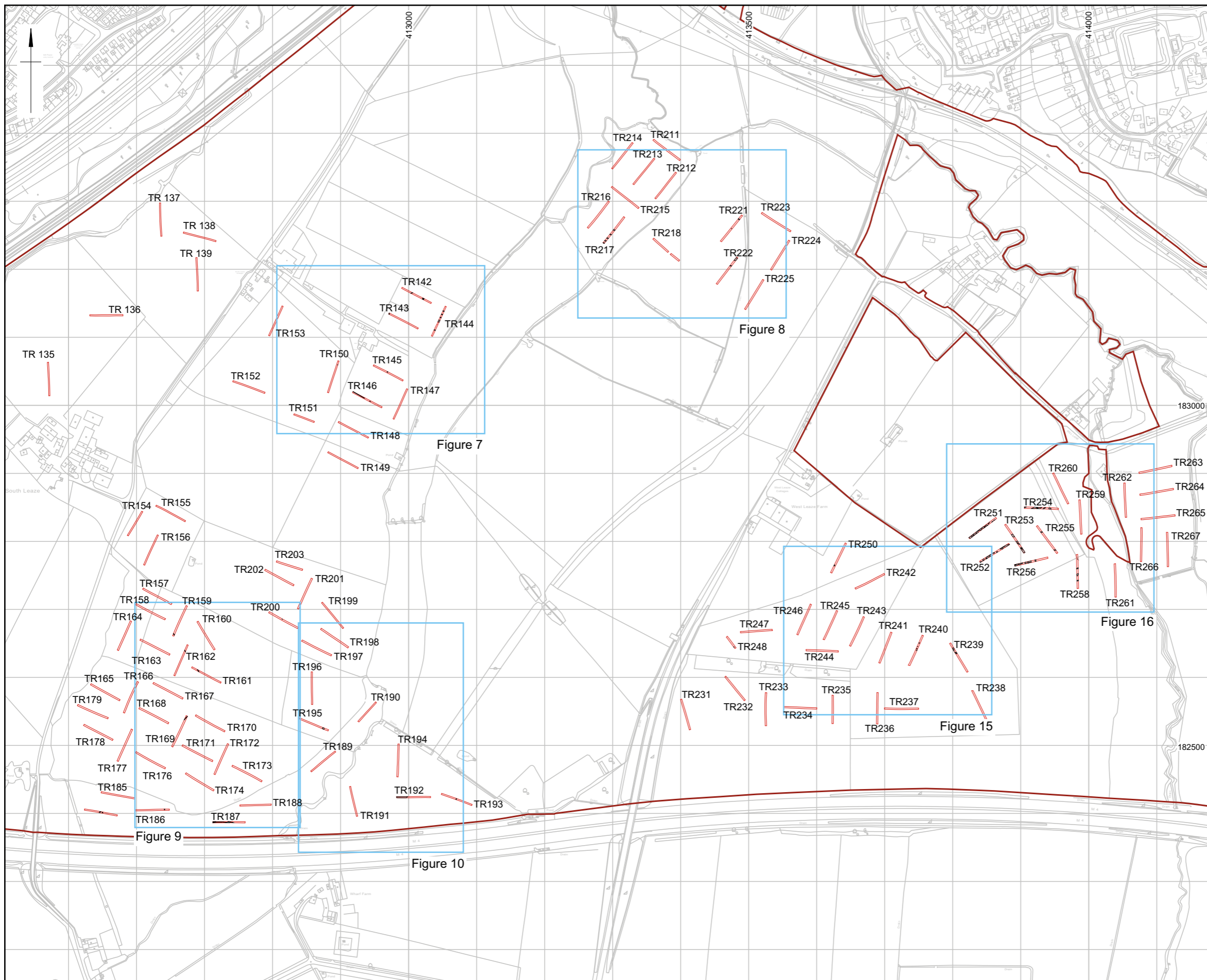
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Evaluation trenches, west side

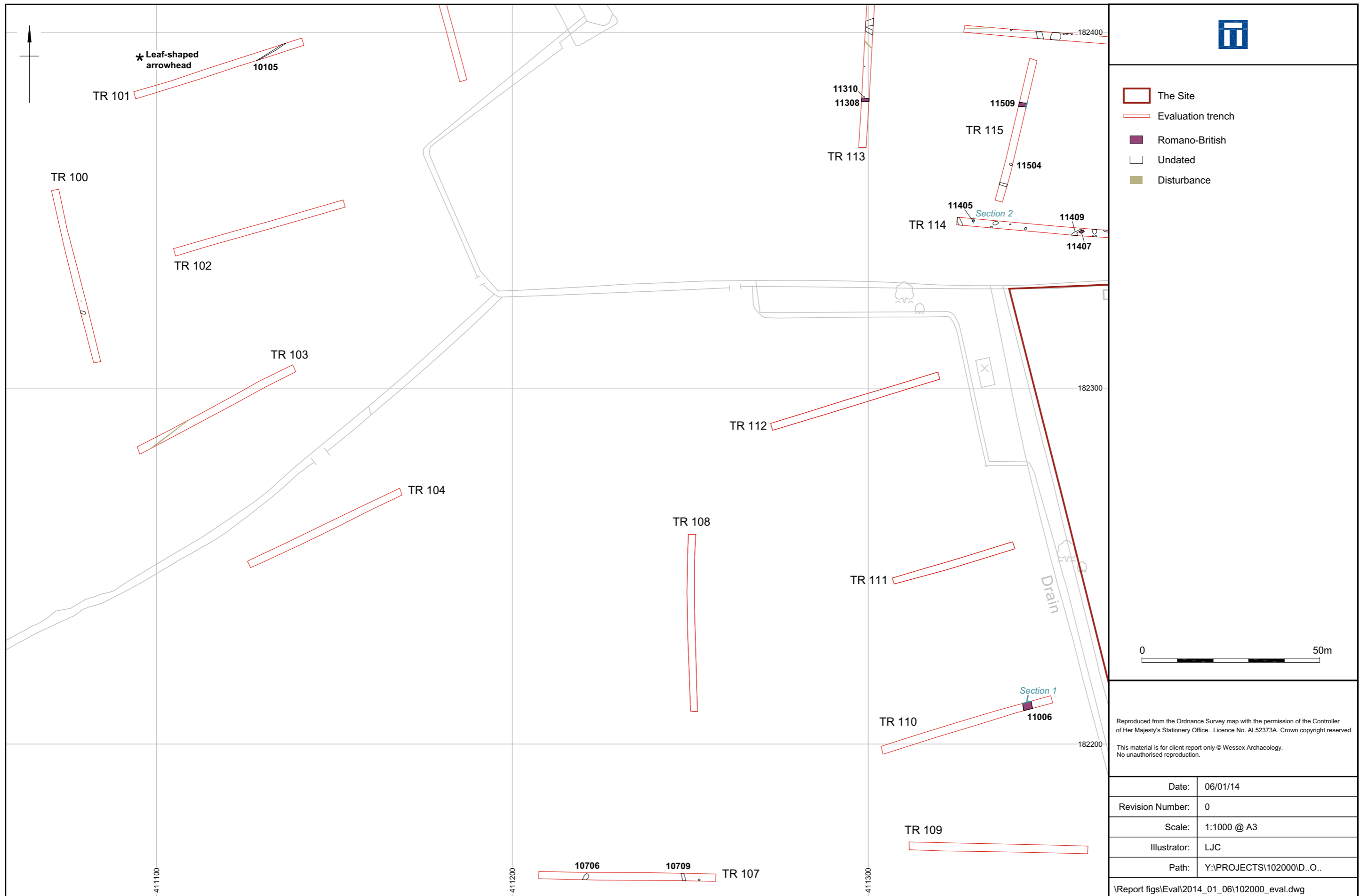
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- Archaeological feature

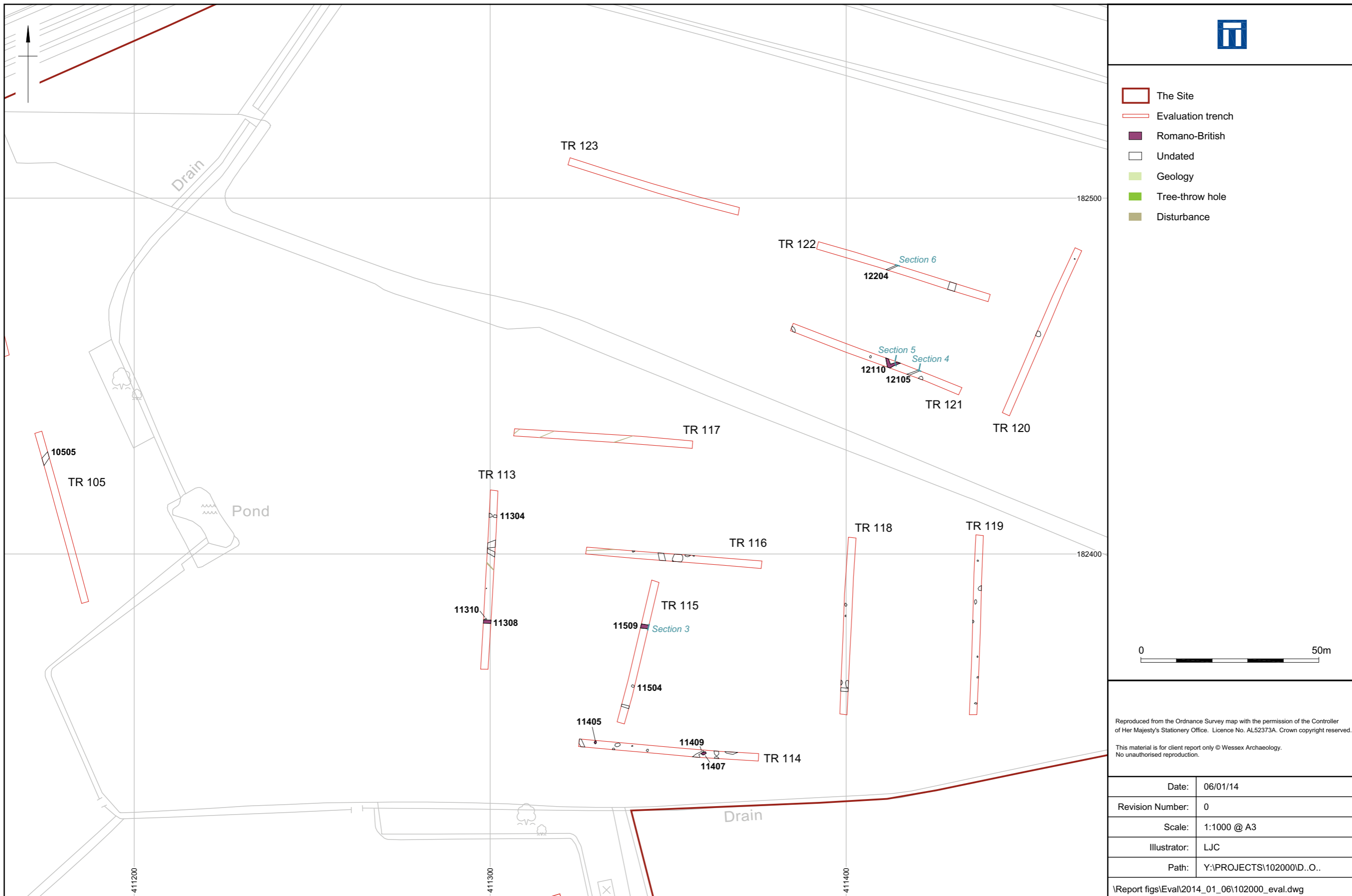
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Area south of M4, trench plans west

Figure 4



Area south of M4, trench plans east

Figure 5



Plate 1: Recording of **Trench 105**



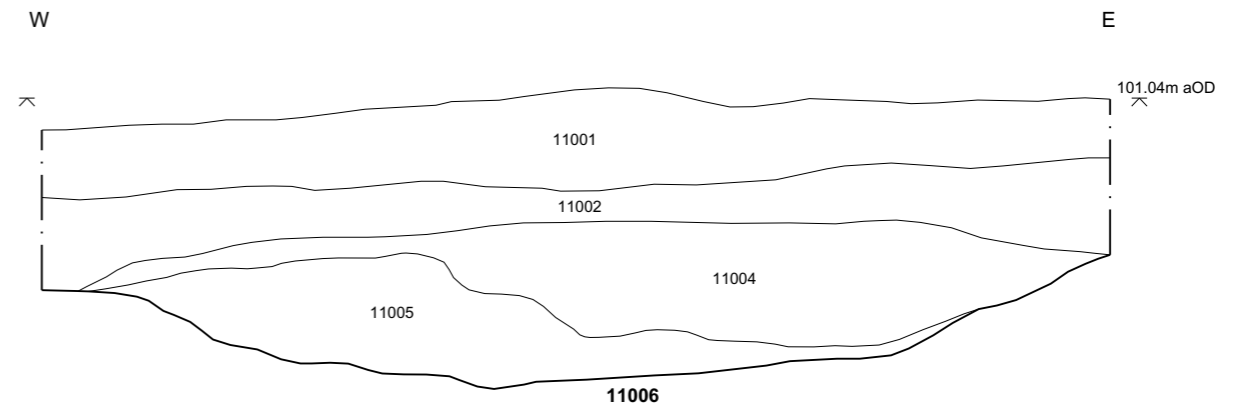
Plate 2: General view of **Trench 111**



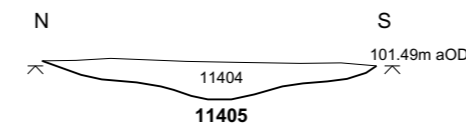
Plate 3: West facing section of ditch **11509**



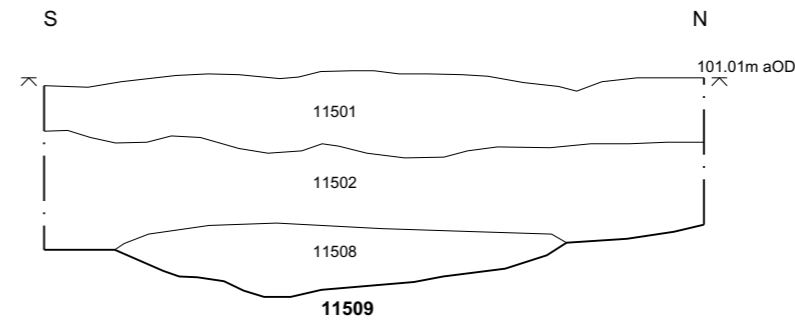
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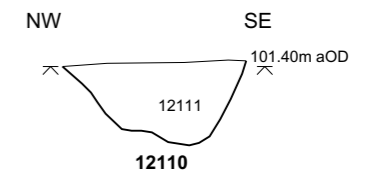
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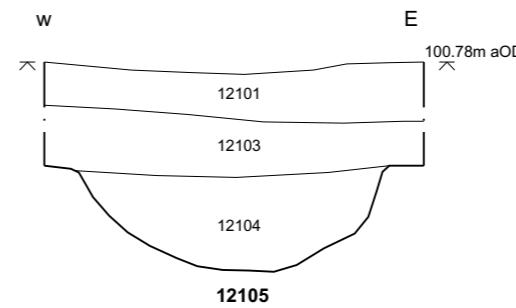
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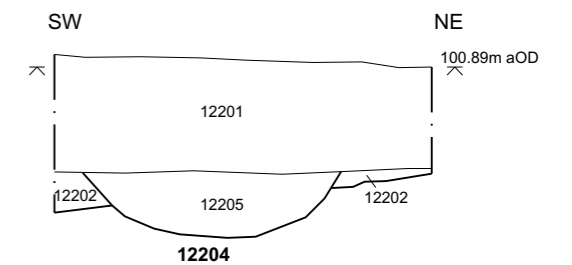
Section 3: West facing section of ditch **11509**



Section 4: South-west facing section of gully **12110**



Section 5: South facing section of gully **12105**

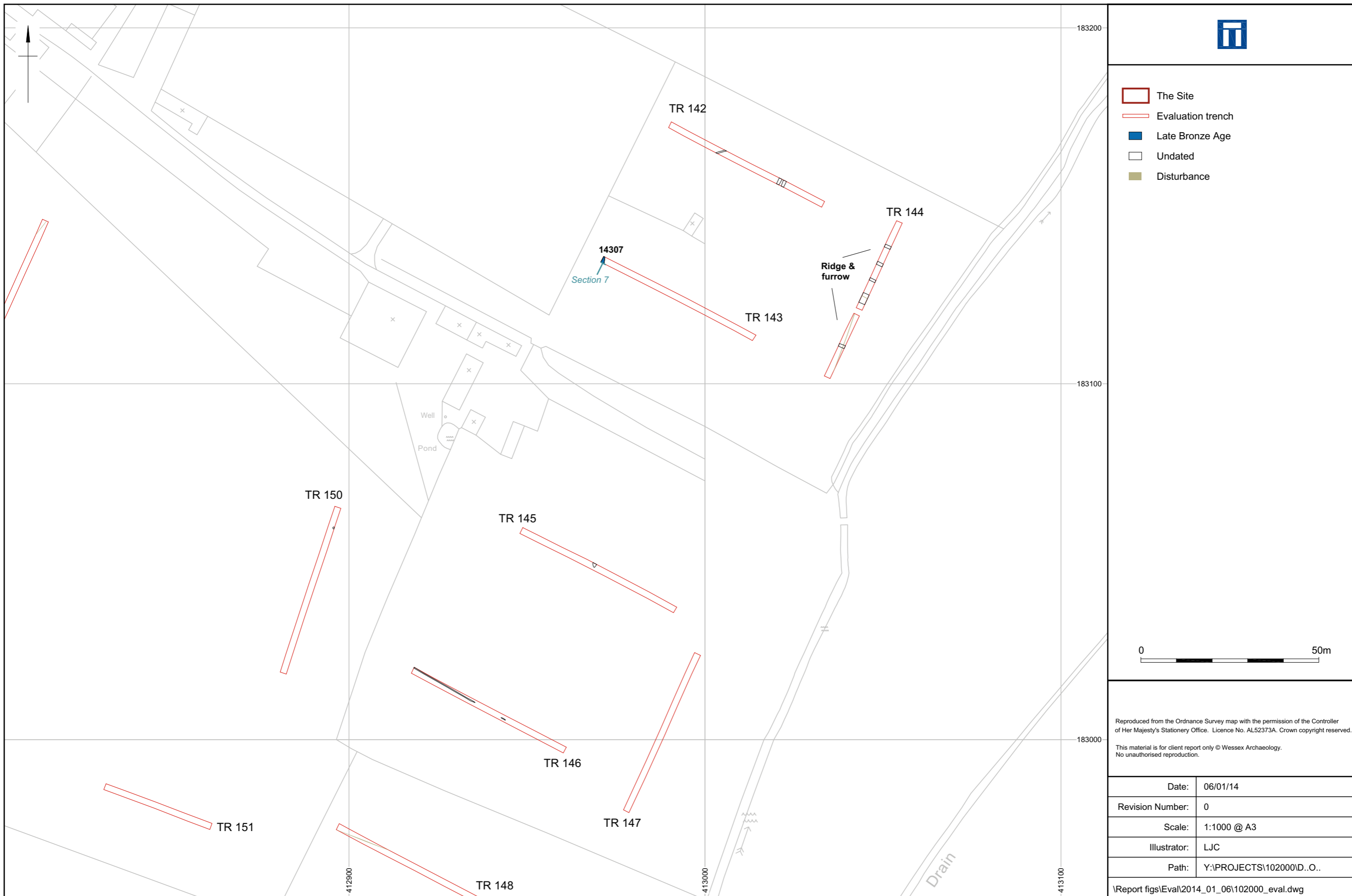


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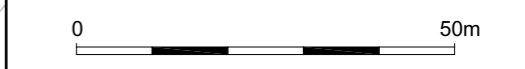


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- Undated
- Disturbance

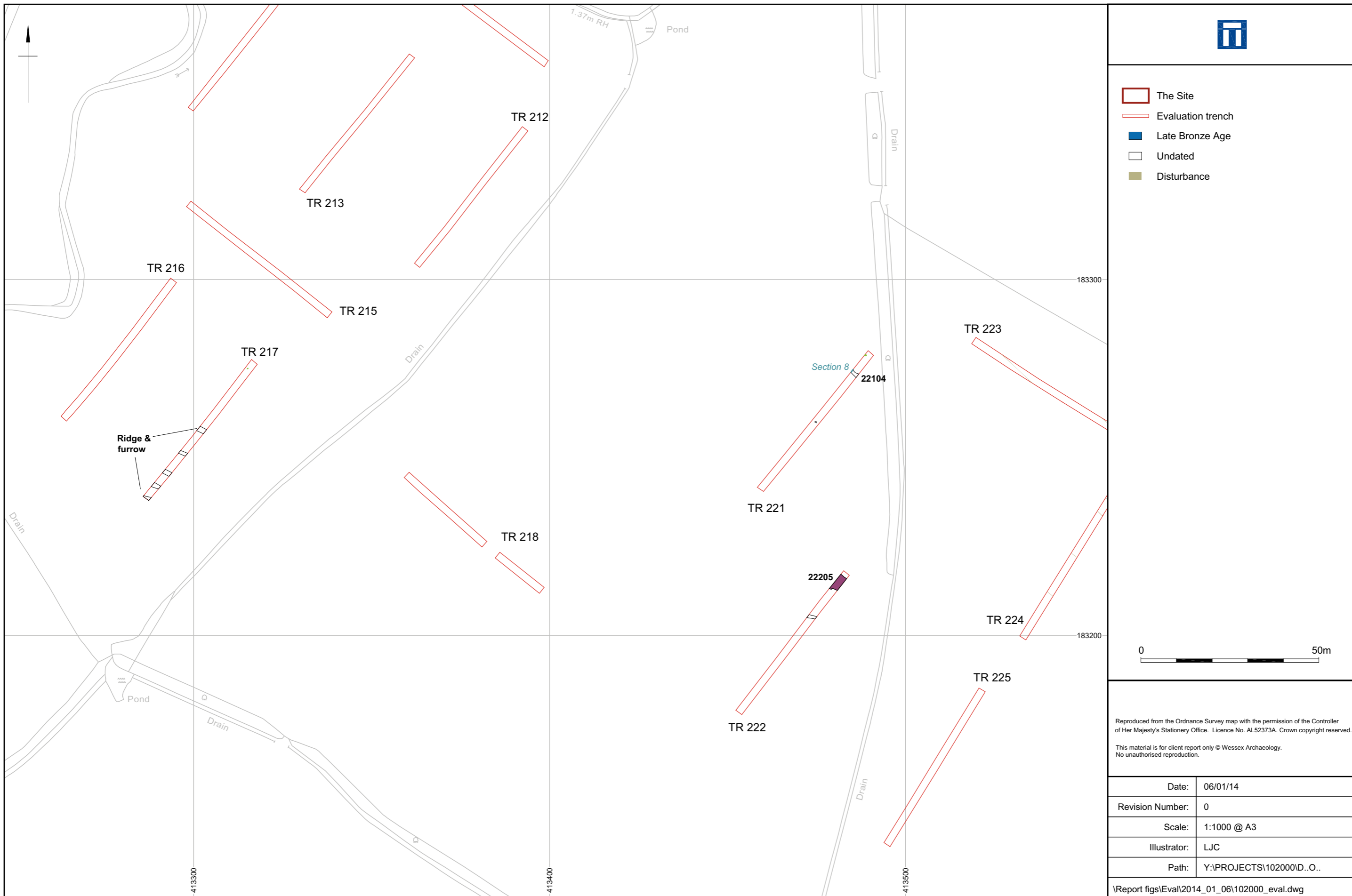


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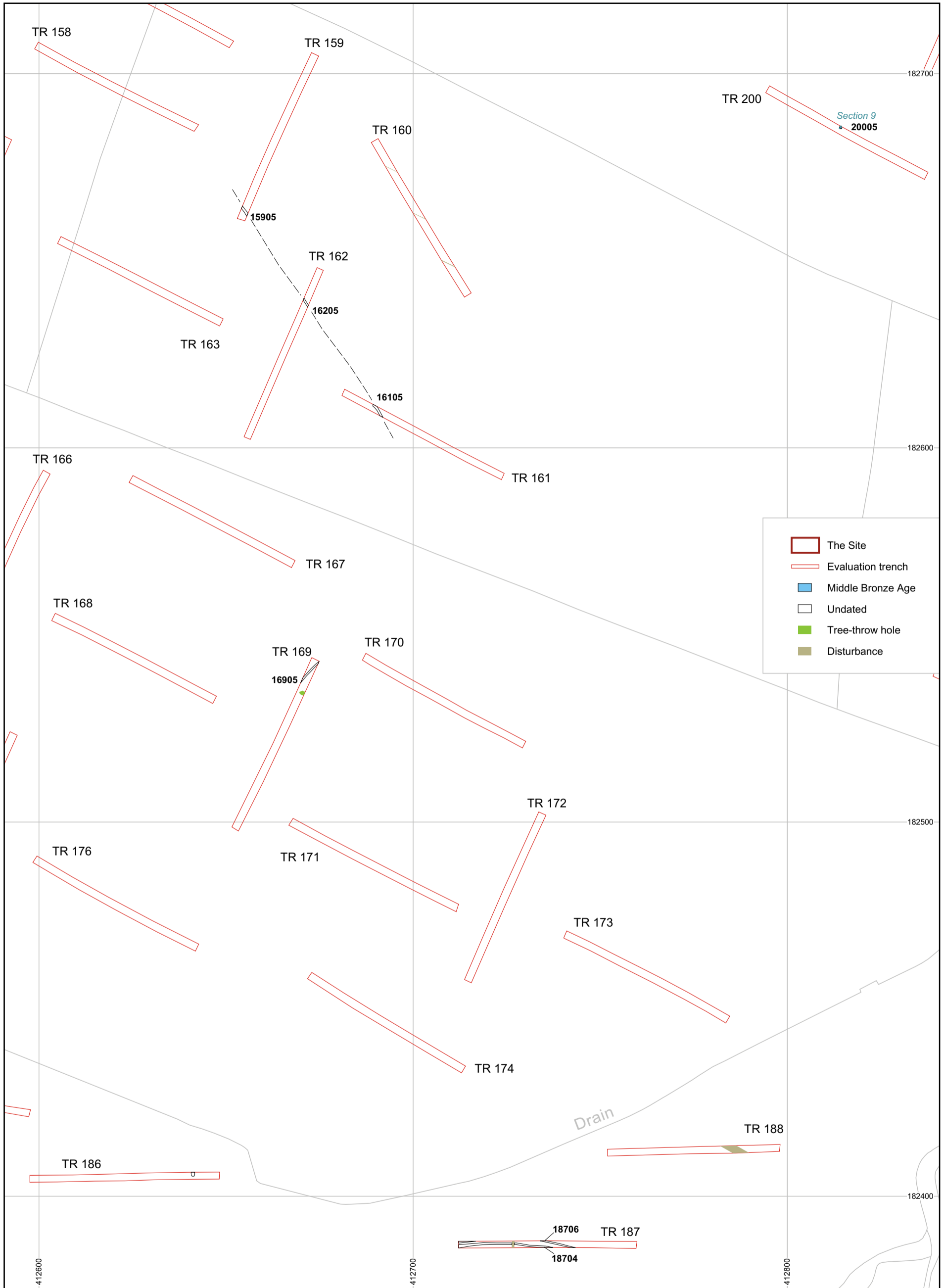
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Figure 7



West Wichel, trench plans north-east

Figure 8

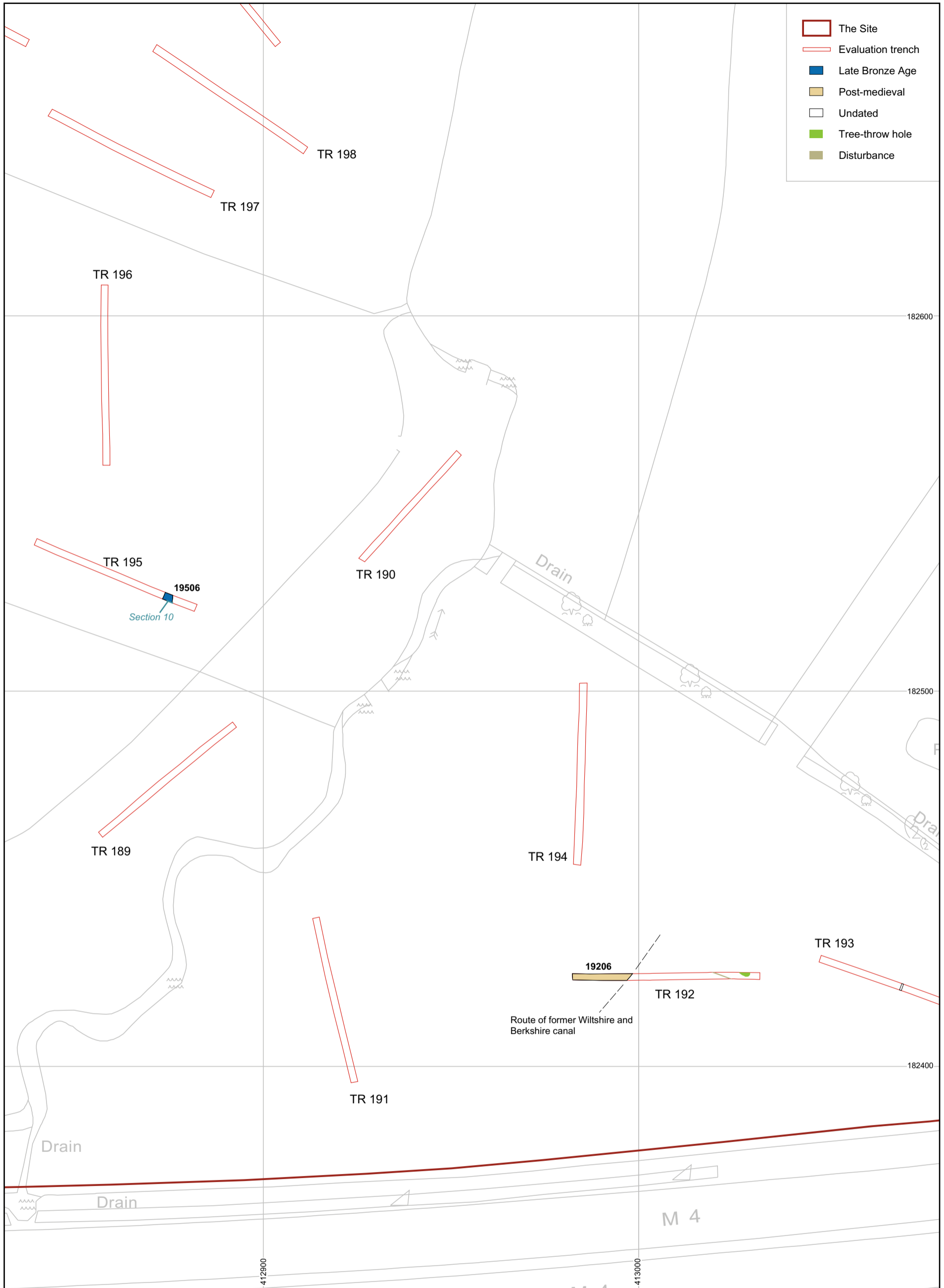


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West Wichel, trench plans south-west

Figure 9

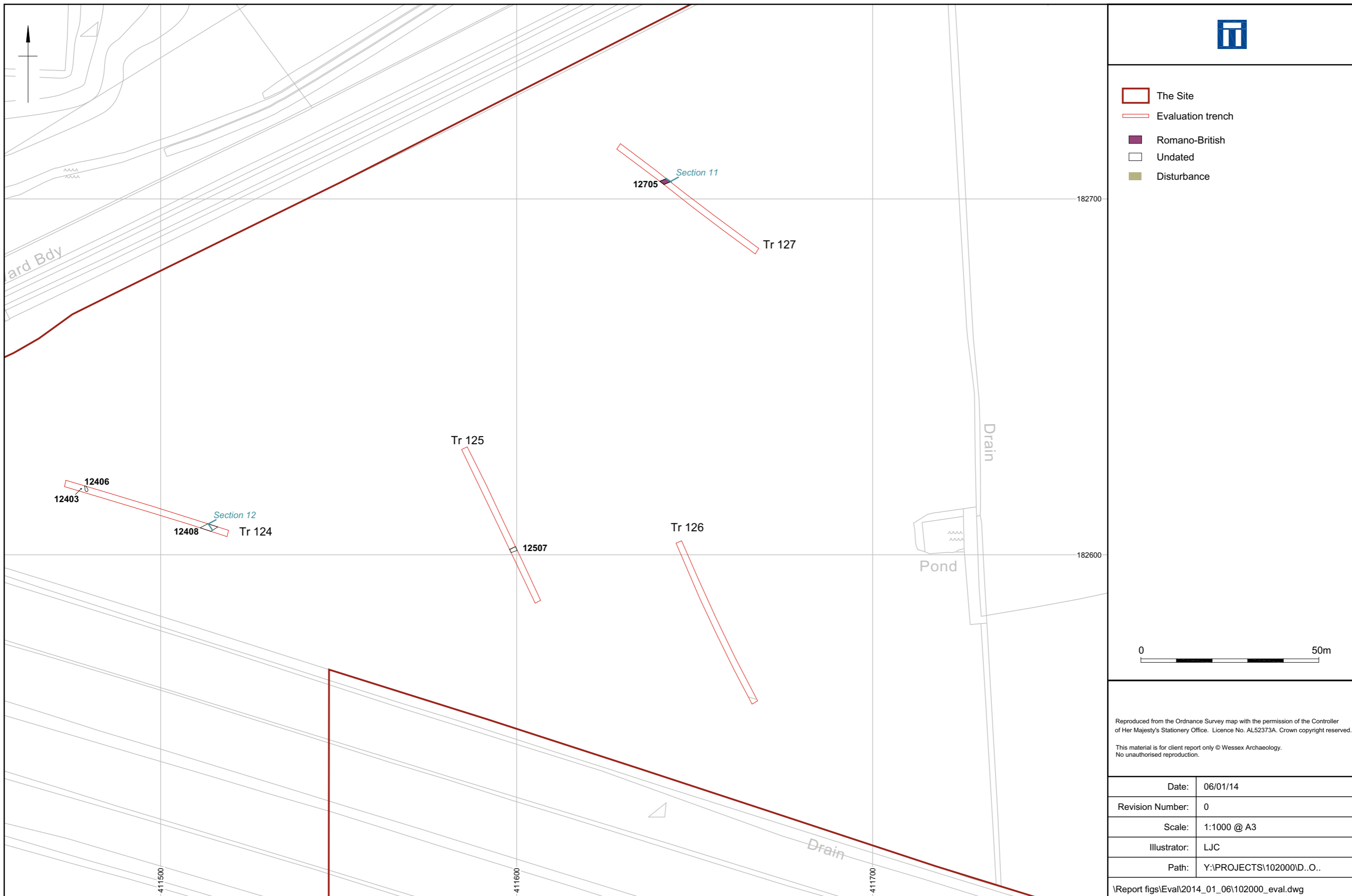


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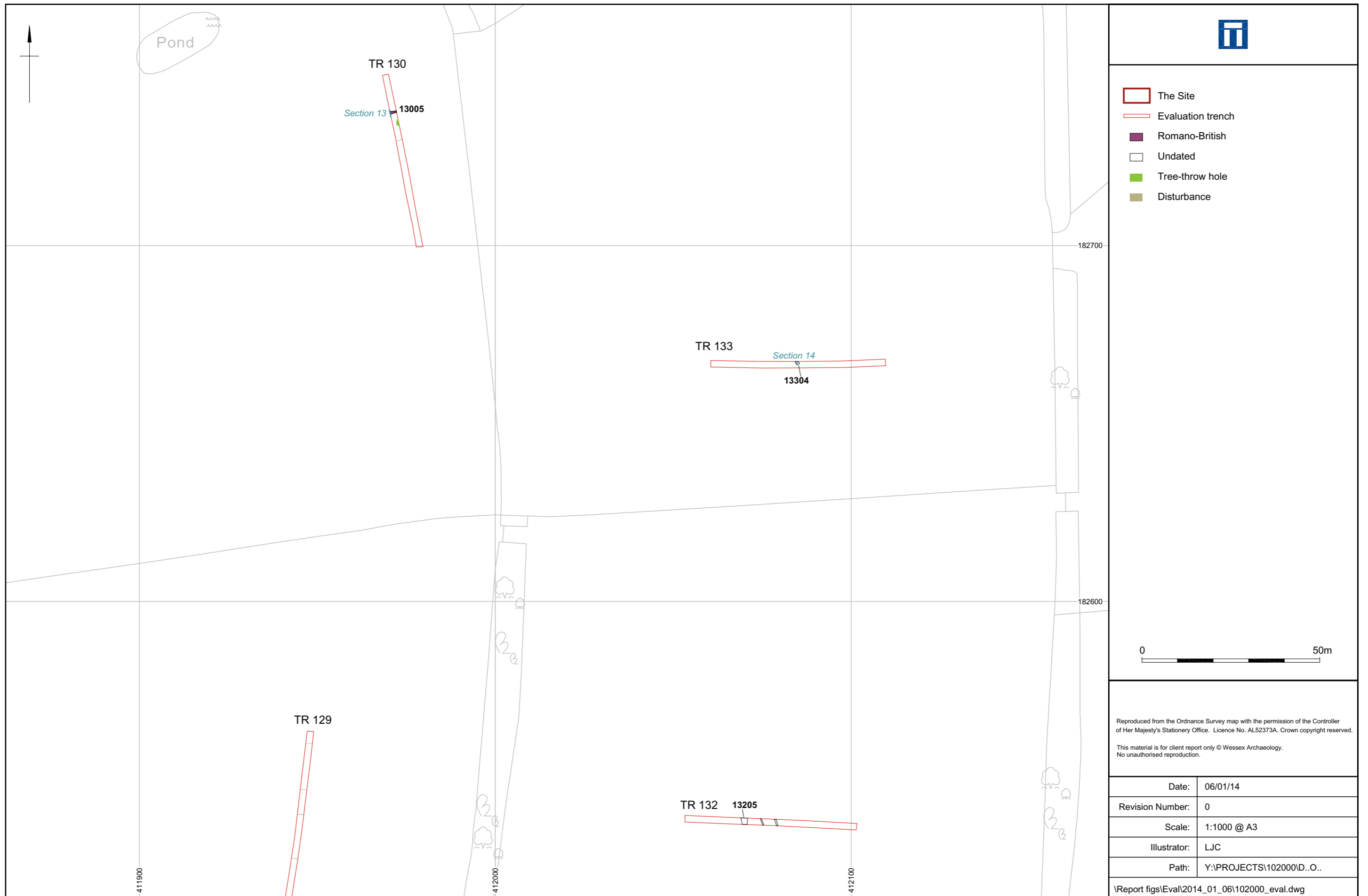
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Figure 10



West Wichel, trench plans west (A)

Figure 11



West Wichel, trench plans west (B)

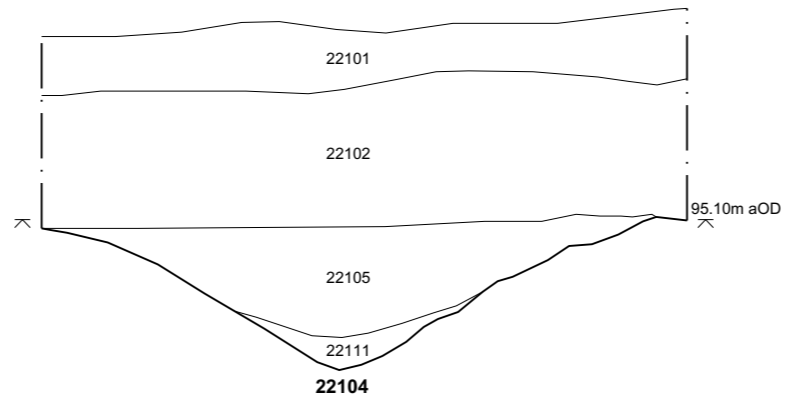
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NW
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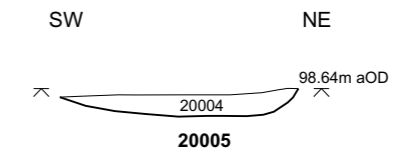


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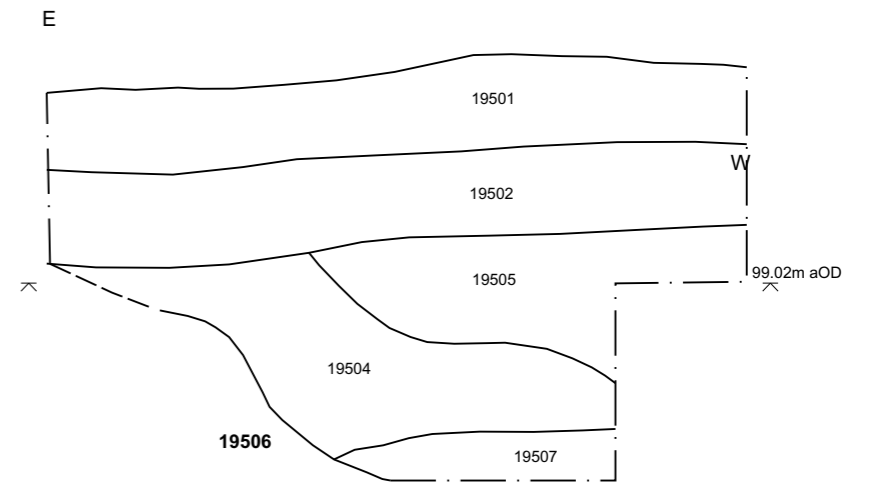
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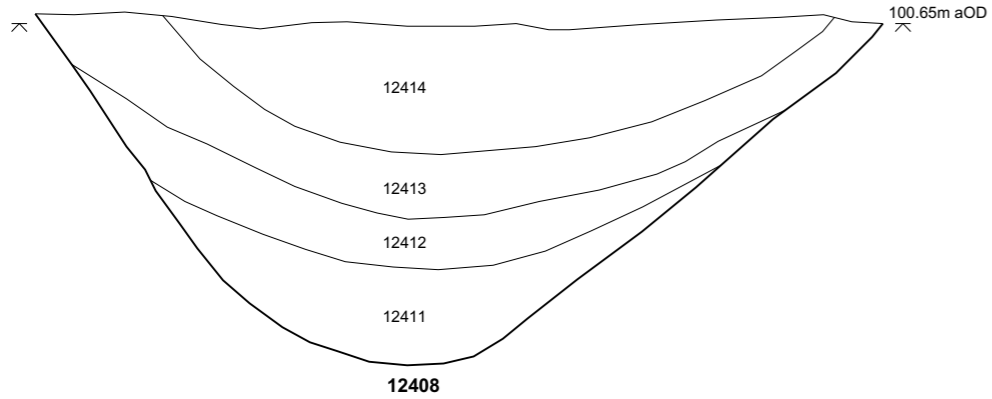


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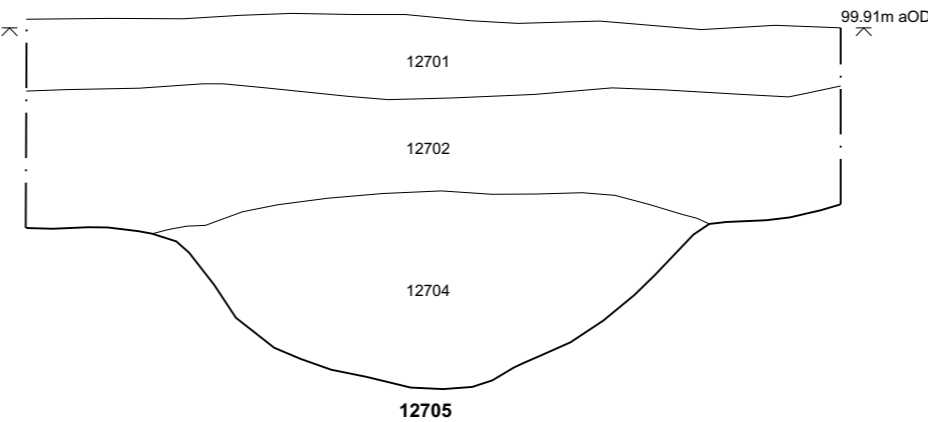
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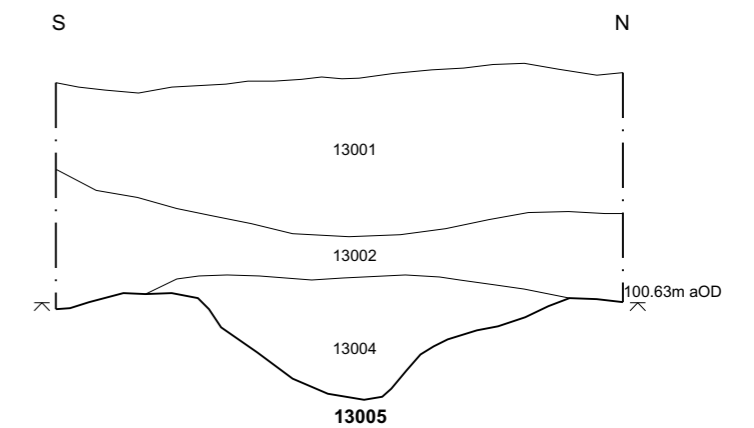


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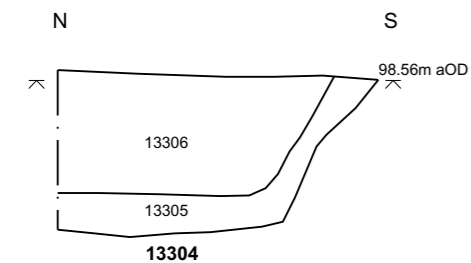
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Section 12: West facing section of ditch **12705**



Section 13: East facing section of ditch **13005**



Section 14: West facing section of pit **13304**



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Plate 5: Recording of ditch **19506**



Plate 6: General view of **Trench 195**



Plate 7: General view of canal, shows machine excavated test pit in foreground



Plate 8: South-west facing section of ditch **12408**



Plate 9: South-west facing section of ditch **12507**

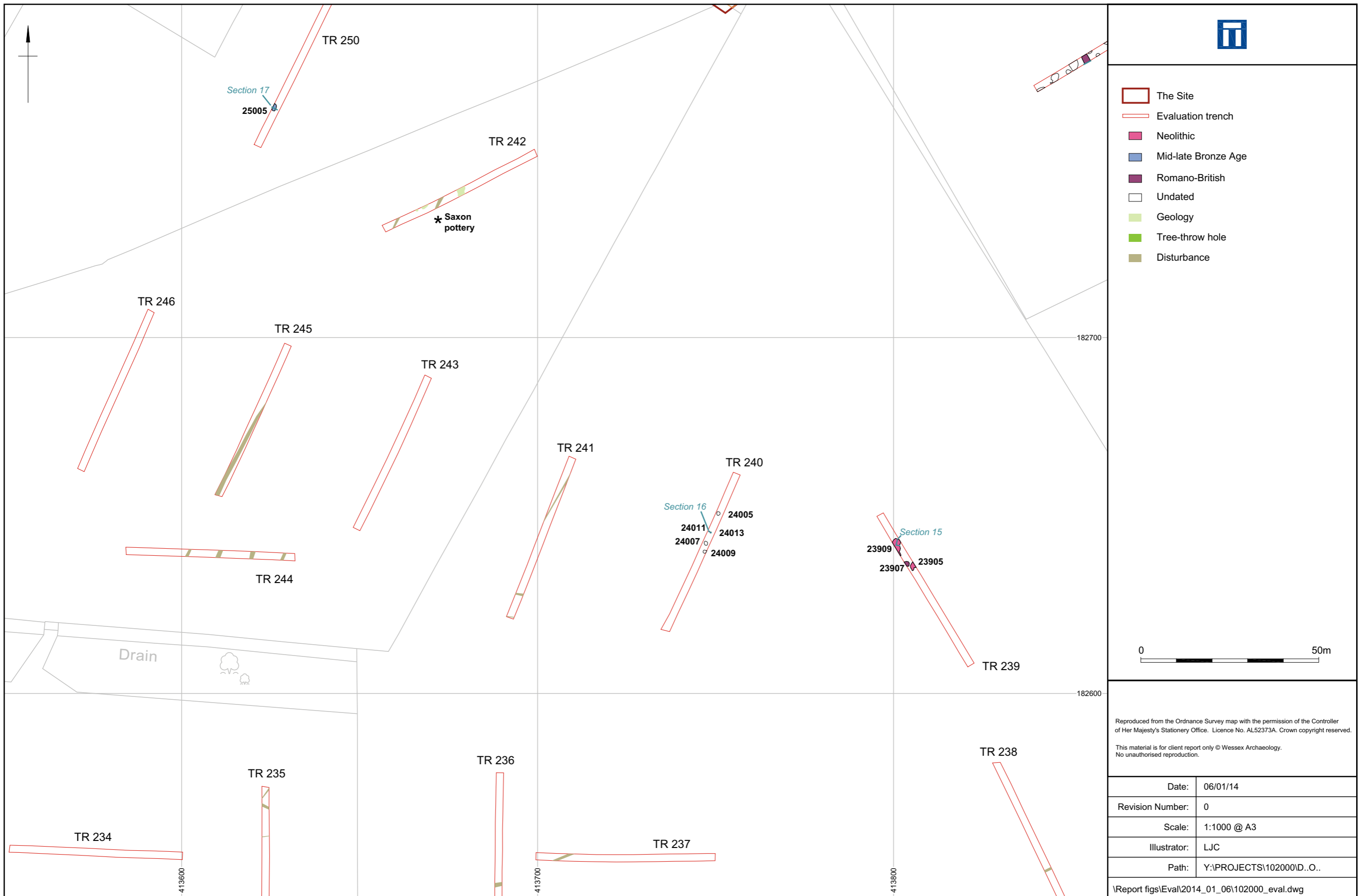


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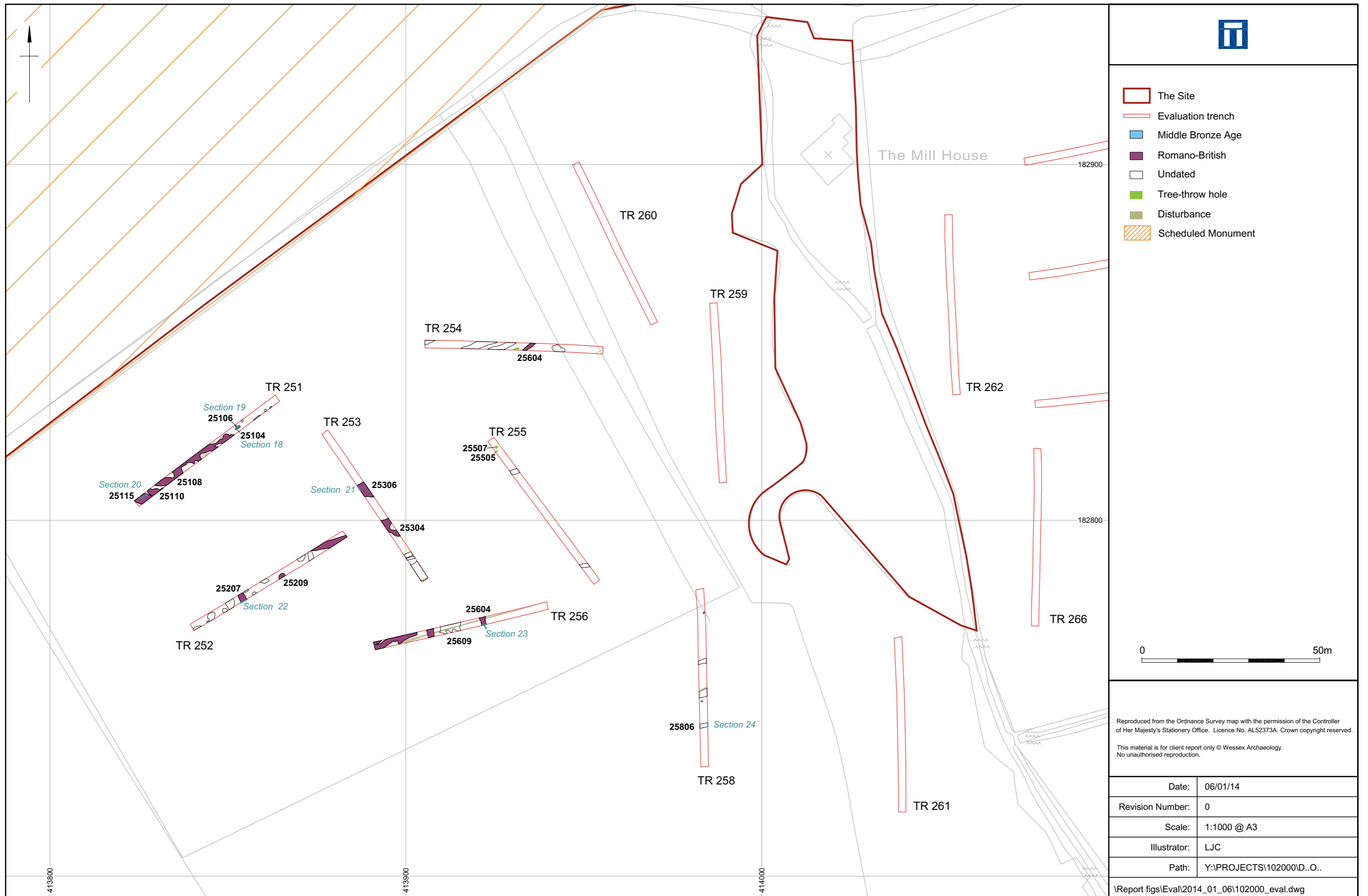
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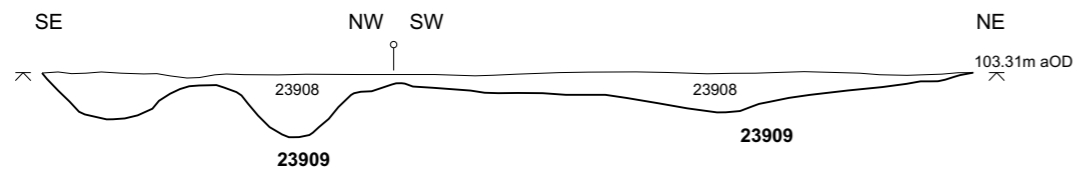
Middle Wichel, trench plans west

Figure 15

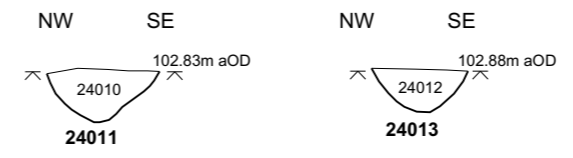


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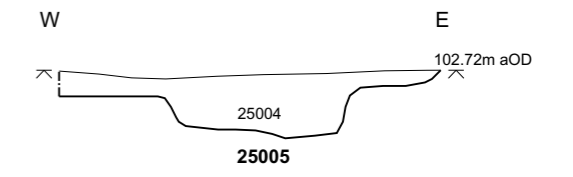
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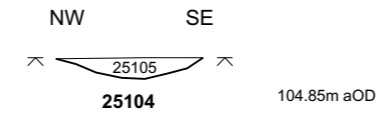
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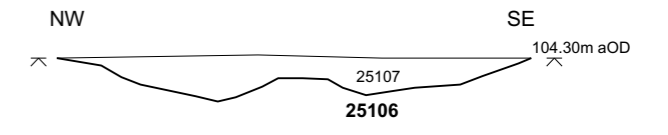
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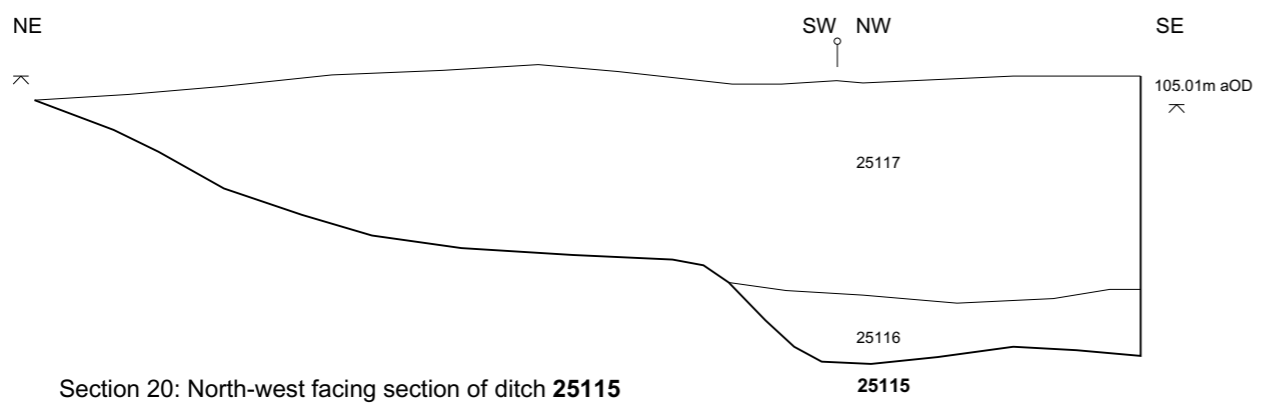
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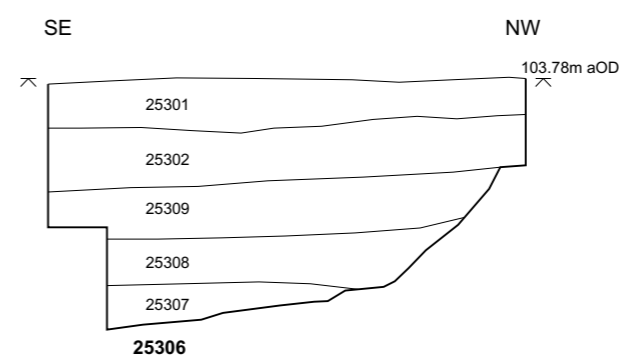
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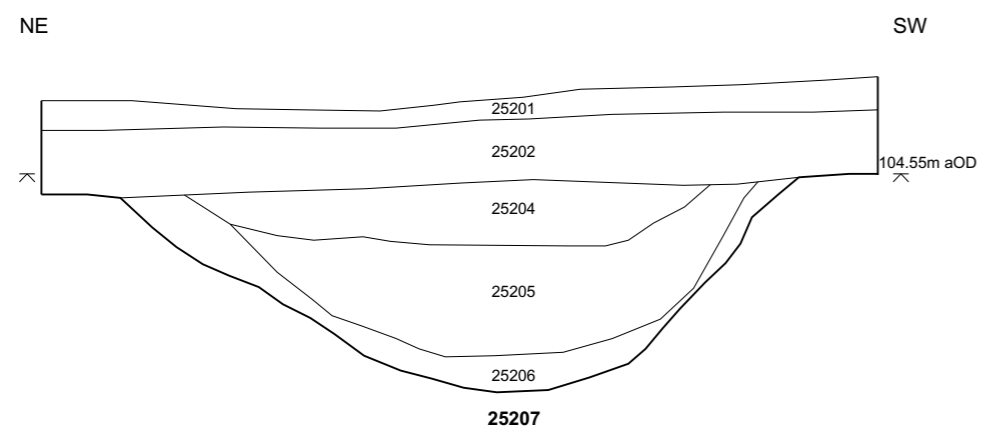
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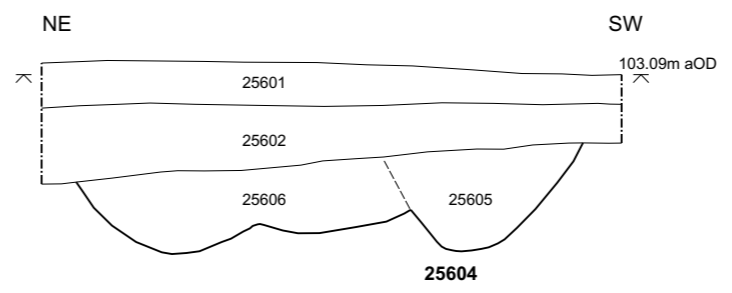
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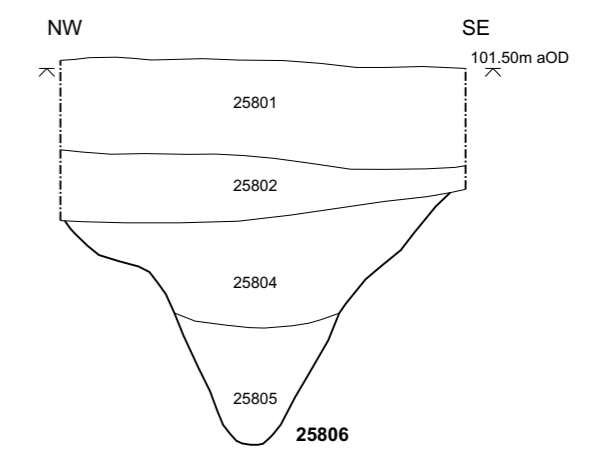
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Section 24: West facing section of ditch **25806**



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Plate 11: North and east facing sections of probable pit/natural feature **23909**



Plate 12: General view of **Trench 239**



Plate 13: South facing section of pits **25104** and **25106**



Plate 14: Oblique view of ditch **25115**



Plate 15: General view of **Trench 251**



Plate 16: North-west facing section of ditch **25207**



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