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Wessex Archaeology Ltd was commissioned by Morgan Sindall Plc to undertake an archaeological watching brief to mitigate the potential loss of archaeological remains during groundworks associated with the renewal of sewage main between Long Lawford and Rugby, Warwickshire (**Figure 1**). An archaeological desk-based assessment (DBA) of the Scheme was prepared by Wessex Archaeology in January 2011.

The renewal of the sewage main involved the excavation of 24 pits to allow for the insertion of the new pipeline through the direction drilling method. Archaeological monitoring took place in areas where the Scheme passed through areas of archaeological potential as identified in the DBA. The watching brief was carried out between July 14th and September 1st 2011 in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation.

Few archaeological deposits were identified during the work. A buried soil associated with extant ridge and furrow was identified at the western end of the Scheme. The remains of a field boundary were also identified in this area. No other archaeological deposits were identified during the course of the watching brief.

This document contains the results of the watching brief recorded and presented on a *pro forma* sheet.

The project archive is currently held at Wessex Archaeology's offices in Sheffield.

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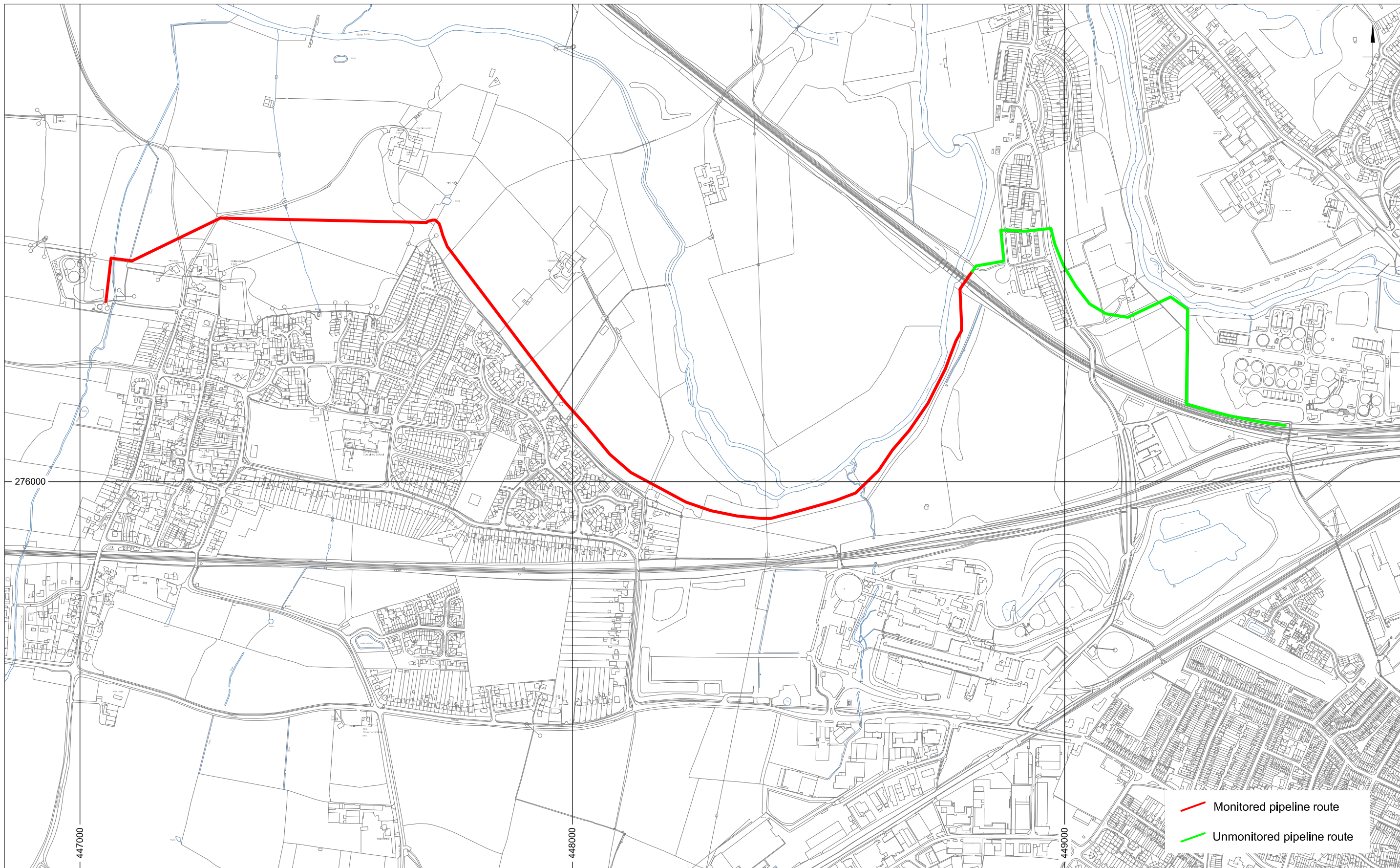
Site name	Long Lawford to Rugby Transfer Scheme		
Site address	Long Lawford, Warwickshire, CV23 9BE		
Site code	76311	Grid ref (centred)	447052, 276365 to 449448, 276114
Planning ref	N/A		
Dates(s) of attendance	Intermittently 14-07-11 to 01-09-11		
Description of construction activities monitored	Excavation of 24 pits along the length of the Scheme, within areas identified as having archaeological potential (Figure 1).		
Summary of site stratigraphy			
<p>Topsoil consisted of dark greyish brown silty clay which overlay stiff light brownish yellow silty clay subsoil. The natural varied between blue grey clay and sandy gravel. The pits were excavated along, and either side, of an existing asbestos pipe. The pits revealed the cut and backfill of the old pipe. Modern land drains were observed in some pits.</p> <p>The western end of the Scheme was identified as having high archaeological potential as it passed through an area of ridge and furrow (Plate 1). A layer of buried soil, possibly a former agricultural soil, was identified beneath the subsoil in this area, which is thought to relate to these features. It consisted of mid-yellowish brown sandy silt. A boundary ditch running perpendicular to, and respecting the extent of the ridge and furrow, was also identified in this area; it was filled by mid-yellowish brown silty clay with rounded (Plate 2). The remains of this can still be seen on the surface.</p>			
Archaeological features	Ridge and furrow	Natural features	None
Finds collected	Two fragments of ceramic land drain and a plain glass marble were found. Both are of post-medieval, probably modern date.		
Finds retained	None	Samples	N/A
Photography	Digital: 45 shots		
Other records	Day book, Photo register, Scale drawing, trench record sheets		
Current archive location	Wessex Archaeology, Sheffield		
Long term archive location	Not yet known		
Interpretation			
Remains of ridge and furrow cultivation present at the western end of the Scheme.			
Other information			
Form completed by	GC	Date	05-09-11
Checked by	AB	Date	20-09-11
Additional documentation attached -			
1.	Annotated plan of monitored areas		
2.	Written scheme of investigation		



Plate 1 Ridge and furrow at western end of Scheme



Plate 2 North facing section of boundary ditch at western end of Scheme.



— Monitored pipeline route
— Unmonitored pipeline route



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Watching brief area

Figure 1



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