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Summary

Wessex Archaeology were commissioned by CgMs Consulting to undertake a programme of archaeological evaluation by trial trenching within a parcel of land to the west of St Andrew's Road, Warminster, Wiltshire, centred on National Grid Reference (NGR) 385564 144444.

The evaluation was undertaken between 17th and 20th March 2014 and consisted of twenty five 30m trenches, which identified a number of linear ditches and a few discrete features within the area of a proposed residential development. Archaeological artefacts recovered were all post-medieval in date. The features have been identified on the Pre-Enclosure Map of 1780 as former field boundaries. No other archaeological deposits or features were present.

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The evaluation was directed by Mike Dinwiddy, assisted by Ed Grenier, Dave Murdie, and Phoebe Olsen. This report was written and compiled by Mike Dinwiddy with finds assessment by Sue Nelson and illustrations by Rob Goller. The project was managed for Wessex Archaeology by Andy King.

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project background

1.1.1 It is proposed to develop a single pasture field, approximately 7 hectares in extent, to the west of St Andrews Road, Warminster, Wiltshire (**Figure 1**).

1.1.2 Wessex Archaeology were commissioned by CgMs Consulting to undertake a programme of archaeological evaluation by trial trenching, in advance of proposed residential development, on land west of St Andrew's Road, Warminster, Wiltshire hereafter 'the Site', **Figure 1**), centred on National Grid Reference (NGR) 385564 144444

1.1.3 A previous archaeological desk-based assessment (DBA) indicated a potential for archaeological remains of prehistoric and Romano-British date. The site has remained undeveloped farmland throughout its documented history, and geotechnical information derived from the site typically revealed c.0.3m of topsoil above the natural geology (CgMs 2014).

1.1.4 Following the DBA; a geophysical survey was undertaken, revealing anomalies of possible archaeological origin, magnetic disturbance, ferrous responses and modern services (Wessex Archaeology 2014).

1.1.5 The Wiltshire Council Assistant County Archaeologist, Rachel Foster, decided that based on the results of the DBA and geophysical survey an archaeological evaluation of the Site should be undertaken, in order to inform the extent and nature of any subsequent stage of archaeological mitigation.

1.1.6 The full detailed methodology of the archaeological evaluation was set out in a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI), which required investigation of a 2% sample of the Site with the aim of clarifying the presence/absence, date, condition and character of any archaeological remains which may be present (CgMs March 2014).

1.1.7 The evaluation was carried out in accordance with the relevant guidance given in the Institute for Archaeologist's *Standard and Guidance for archaeological field evaluation* (IfA 2008).

1.2 The Site

1.2.1 The Site is located to the southwest of the town of Warminster, comprising approximately 7.36ha of land currently used for the grazing of livestock. The Site lies on a north-facing slope, with ground level falling gently from its highest point of around 148.22m above Ordnance Datum (aOD) at the southern boundary to around 131.53m aOD at the north-eastern corner. The north-western corner lies at around 135.86m AOD.

1.3 Geology

1.3.1 The British Geological Survey Online shows the solid geology of the Site to be Boyne Hollow Chert Member (Sandstone).

2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

2.1 Archaeological potential

2.1.1 What follows comprises a summary of the DBA (CgMs 2014)

2.1.2 A review was undertaken of archaeological records for a 1km radius of the centre of the Site, held on the Wiltshire Historic Environment Record (HER), and the Portable Antiquities Scheme database (PAS), together with a historic map regression exercise charting the development of the site from the eighteenth century to the present day. It also considers the results of geophysical survey and fieldwalking which took place to the north and northwest of the Site in 2012/13 in the area of the West Warminster Urban Extension.

2.1.3 There are no Scheduled Monuments, Listed Buildings, Registered Battlefields or Registered Parks or Gardens within the study area. Nor does the Site lie within an Area of Higher Archaeological Potential/Area of Archaeological Interest. The Scheduled Monument of Cley Hill lies c.1.2km to the west of the western edge of the Site.

2.2 Prehistoric

2.2.1 Within 1Km radius of the site archaeological artefacts from prehistory have been discovered. A Palaeolithic axe, two Neolithic axes as well as scarce finds of hand axes associated terraced deposits are noted. Field walking by Wessex Archaeology collected 49 worked flints and associated debitage in 2013 (Wessex Archaeology 2013)

2.2.2 Further evidence of prehistoric activity is visible in the surrounding landscape. The Iron age hillfort Cley Hill to the immediate west of the Site is one of many within the environs, Battlesbury, Scratchbury and Bratton Castle are located on the north western edge of the Salisbury Plain. The hillforts and barrows indicate activity in the wider area during the Bronze and Iron Ages.

2.3 Romano-British

2.3.1 Two Roman Villas exist to the south-east of Warminster, and there is settlement evidence near Arn Hill and Mancombe Down to the north-east of the town (VCH). Artefacts of Roman date have been found by Metal detectorists and a small quantity of Roman pottery is listed through the Portable Antiquities Scheme as discovered locally.

2.4 Saxon/Medieval

2.4.1 Although Warminster developed in the early Medieval period, It was a Saxon Royal Manor in the 9th century (VCH,1965), and a mint prior to the Norman Conquest (Haslam, 1984). An 11th-century fabric hangs in the tower at the Minster Church of St Denys (National Heritage List Entry).

2.4.2 The town expanded with the market place being laid out in the 13th century. Cropmarks located c.700m east of the Site are likely to represent Medieval enclosures. A Medieval settlement dating to the early 14 century was known as Bugley existed some 200m to the north west, now Bugley Farm.

2.5 Post Medieval and Modern

2.5.1 An early cartographic depiction of the Site is a manuscript map of the town of Warminster dated 1780. Folly Farm existed to the south west of the Site. The farm consisted of a number of fields. Two buildings in small enclosures had been erected along the northern boundary of the Site, and a track on a north-south alignment existed through the centre. (**Figure. 2).**

2.5.2 The Parish Survey map of Warminster from 1838 shows the building in the north-eastern corner of the Site had been demolished, yet the garden enclosure remained. Also the north-south track from Folly Farm once transecting the Site is no longer in existence. The Schedule associated with this map indicates that all of the fields were in arable cultivation, except one, which was pasture.

2.5.3 The 1886 published edition Ordnance Survey map showed the majority of field boundaries no longer existed, leaving the site as two fields, with only small structures remaining in the north on the edge of the enclosed area.

2.5.4 The Ordnance map of 1924 shows no significant changes other than a row of pens had been erected at the northern boundary.

2.5.5 The HER records indicate that during WW2 a searchlight battery was within the site though the description suggests it could be anywhere to the west of Haygrove Road.

2.5.6 Between 1960 and 1982 maps indicate the field boundaries had been reconfigured, leaving the site divided across two fields by an east/west field boundary and more recently aerial photography shows that by 1982 the fields had been reconfigured to one.

3 METHODOLOGY

3.1 General project aim and objectives

3.1.1 With due regard to the IfA Standard and Guidance for archaeological evaluation (IfA 2008), the generic aims of the project can be defined as:

- *To establish the presence or otherwise of prehistoric and any later activity, and to define the date and nature of such activity;*
- *To establish the environmental context of prehistoric and later activity;*
- *Evaluate the likely impact of past land use and development;*
- *Provide sufficient information to construct an archaeological mitigation strategy if necessary.*

1.1 Fieldwork methodology

3.1.2 The full detailed methodology of the archaeological works was set out in a Written Scheme of Investigation (CgMs 2014) and is summarised below:

3.1.3 The evaluation comprised the excavation of 25 trenches; each 30m by 1.8m. The location of these trenches has been indicated in **Figure 1**, the final precise positioning of 2 trenches was adjusted during the course of the fieldwork due to existing service constraints.

3.1.4 The evaluation trenches were accurately located using GPS survey equipment. The excavation of the evaluation trenches was carried out by mechanical excavator in discrete 0.20m spits.

3.1.5 Topsoil and subsoil/overburden deposits were stored separately and scanned for artefacts and stored at a minimum of 1m from the trench edge. The spoil from the trenches was scanned for artefacts. The trenches were backfilled with the excavated spoil, topsoil last in order to preserve the soil stratigraphy.

3.1.6 Where archaeological features were encountered they were investigated by hand, with a sufficient sample of each layer/feature type excavated, in order to establish, as was possible, their date, nature, character, extent and condition.

3.1.7 Any archaeological deposits and features were recorded using Wessex Archaeology's *pro forma* recording system with a unique numbering system for individual contexts. Archaeological features and deposits were hand-drawn at either 1:10 or 1:20, including both plans and sections; these were referred to the Ordnance Survey National Grid. The Ordnance Datum (OD) height of all principal features and levels were calculated. A representative section of each trench was recorded showing the depth of the overburden deposits.

3.1.8 A digital photographic record was compiled showing the trenches and their location within the general context of the Site. Digital images have been subject to a managed quality control and curation process which has embedded appropriate metadata within the image and ensures the long term accessibility of the image set.

3.1.9 The survey was carried out with 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.

3.1.10 A unique site code **102881** was allocated to the Site, and was used on all records and finds.

3.2 Health and Safety

3.2.1 Health and Safety considerations were of paramount importance in conducting all fieldwork. Safe working practices will override archaeological considerations at all times.

3.2.2 All work was carried out in accordance with the *Health and Safety at Work* etc. Act 1974 and the *Management of Health and Safety Regulations* 1992, and all other relevant Health and Safety legislation, regulations and codes of practice in force at the time.

4 ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESULTS

4.1 Introduction

4.1.1 The general stratigraphic sequence encountered (**Plate 1**) consisted of approx 0.13m of modern topsoil overlying 0.16m of subsoil. Beneath this was the natural silty clay and sandstone geology. Details of the individual excavated contexts and features are retained in the project archive. Summaries of the excavated sequences can be found in **Appendix 1**.

4.1.2 Eight trenches contained archaeological features (**Figure 1**), the majority of these features were discovered to be parts of the same ditch transecting the centre of the Site on a north-south orientation; A further ditch was identified in trench **10** which was part of the

same field system but on an east-west direction. The remaining seventeen trenches were without archaeology.

4.2 Blank trenches

4.2.1 To the east and west of the investigation area seventeen trenches (**Trenches 1, 3, 5, 6 - 9, 13 - 17, 21 - 25**) contained no archaeology. At a depth of around 0.5m natural geology (**Plate 1**) was encountered.

4.3 Grubbed out Hedgerows

4.3.1 Within Trenches **2**, **12** and **20** shallow irregular-edged linear features, which in Trench **2** were segmentary in nature, were investigated by section. Although sparse, archaeological artefacts recovered from these features were post-medieval.

4.4 Post-medieval

4.4.1 In Trenches **4, 11, 18, 19,** the archaeological investigation uncovered a linear ditch on a north-south orientation. In all, it was excavated twice by way of section. In the northernmost trench (**Trench 4**), ditch **404** was 1.25m wide and 0.5m deep with moderate sloping sides and a concave base. In the southern trench (**Trench 18**), ditch **1805** was 1m wide and 0.38m deep (**Plate 2**), the sides were straight sloping with a concave base. The ditch fills were all orangey-brown sandy silts with frequent sub-angular flint coarse components. Archaeological artefacts recovered from within these fills were post-medieval in date.

4.4.2 Linear ditch **1006** was excavated by section in Trench **10**. The orientation was east-west and the ditch was 1.85m wide and 0.68m deep (**Plate 3**) with flat sloping sides and a concave base. The brownish-orange silty fill had within it an iron nail.

5 ARTEFACTUAL EVIDENCE

5.1 Introduction

5.1.1 A small assemblage of finds was recovered. All finds have been quantified by material type within each context, and the results are presented in **Table 1**.

5.2 Flint

5.2.1 Two small sub-angular pieces of worked flint were recovered from the topsoil and subsoil, and one worked flint from a ditch fill that also contained post medieval artefacts (ditch **1805**). Flint is intrinsically undatable but is associated with prehistoric activity.

5.3 Post medieval/modern

5.3.1 Thirty five artefacts were recovered of post-medieval date; much of the assemblage was from topsoil or subsoil. The remaining items, all of which are 19th-20th century in date, were collected from within the fills of the ditches and grubbed out hedge lines excavated during the evaluation.

Table 1: All finds by context

Context	CBM	Ceramic	Clay pipe	Metal object	Clay pipe	Worked flint	Glass
102	1		1				
302	1			1	1		
401		1				1	
502	1						
602	1	1					
702				1			
802		1			1		
902		1					
1004				1			
1105					1		1
1205	1	1					1
1402	1	1			1		
1502	1	1					
1602		1				1	
1804	1	1	1			1	
1904	1						2
2006		1					
2202		1					
2301		1					
2502		1					
Total	**9**	**13**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**3**	**4**

6 ENVIRONMENTAL EVIDENCE

6.1.1 Due to the absence of any dating evidence or archaeological feature earlier than post medieval, the Wiltshire Council Assistant County Archaeologist, Rachel Foster decided that environmental sampling was not required.

7 CONCLUSIONS

7.1.1 The archaeological evaluation identified two ditches, and the existence of associated bordering hedgerows. The fills from within these features contained archaeological artefacts of post-medieval date. However, these features may have existed prior to the later 18th century; they are possibly later 17th century in origin. Bugley village is 200m to the north, and noted in a document from AD1236. The development of Folly Farm however has greater significance to the Site (**Figure 2**). The north-south trackway and associated hedgerows clearly illustrated on the map of 1780, fit perfectly to the ditch layout observed and recorded in this archaeological evaluation.

7.1.2 The three worked flints collected can only support the documented knowledge that prehistoric activity occurred within the wider landscape.

8 STORAGE AND CURATION

8.1 Museum

8.1.1 It is recommended that the project archive resulting from the excavation be deposited with Wiltshire Heritage Museum. The Museum is not currently accepting archives.

8.1.2 The project archive on completion of the project will be stored under the accession code [**102881**]. Deposition of the archive with the Museum will only be carried out with the full agreement of the landowner.

8.2 Preparation of Archive

8.2.1 The complete site archive, which will include paper records, photographic records, graphics and digital data, will be prepared following the standard conditions for the acceptance of archaeological material by the Museum, and in general following nationally recommended guidelines (SMA 1995; IfA 2009; Brown 2011; ADS 2013).

8.2.2 All archive elements will be marked with the Site code **102881**, and a full index will be prepared.

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.

8.4 Security Copy

8.4.1 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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APPENDIX 1: TRENCH TABLES

bgl = below ground level

TRENCH 1			
Northing 385594		**Easting** 144295	
Dimensions: 27.4x2.15m	**Max. depth:**0.45m	**Ground level:**146.83 aOD	
Context	**Description**		**Depth (m)**
101	*Topsoil*	Turfed, rooted greyish-brown sandy silt with rare sub-rounded flints	0.00-0.1 bgl
102	*Subsoil*	Greyish orangey-brown, sandy silt with occasional sub-rounded flints	0.1-0.3 bgl
103	*Natural*	Light brownish-orange silty sand, occasional sub-rounded flint	0.3+ bgl

TRENCH 2			
Northing 385656		**Easting** 144296	
Dimensions: 30x2.2m	**Max. depth:**0.25m	**Ground level:**146.27 aOD	
Context	**Description**		**Depth (m)**
201	*Topsoil*	Mid greyish-brown sandy silt, occasional well sorted sandstone fragments,	0.00-0.25 bgl
202	*Natural*	Orangey-brown sandy clay, common angular sandstone	0.25+ bgl
203	*Fill*	Mid greyish-brown sandy silt (similar to the topsoil) occasional sandstone fragments, shallow intermediate feature,	0.25-0.28 bgl
204	*Cut*	Cut of N-S linear runs down centre of trench, shallow truncated furrow or ditch type feature.	0.25-0.28 bgl

TRENCH 3			
Northing 385704		**Easting** 144343	
Dimensions: 29.2x2.15m	**Max. depth:**0.36m	**Ground level:**142.65 aOD	
Context	**Description**		**Depth (m)**
301	*Topsoil*	Turfed, rooted greyish-brown sandy silt	0.00-0.12 bgl
302	*Subsoil*	Greyish orangey-brown, sandy silt with occasional sub-rounded flints	0.12-0.36 bgl
303	*Natural*	Light brownish-orange silty sand, abundant well sorted sub-rounded flint	0.36+ bgl

TRENCH 4			
Northing 385648		**Easting** 144345	
Dimensions: 29x2.2m	**Max. depth:**0.29m	**Ground level:**144.131 aOD	
Context	**Description**		**Depth (m)**
401	*Topsoil*	Mid greyish-brown sandy silt occasional well sorted sandstone fragments,	0.00-0.29 bgl
402	*Natural*	Orangey-brown sandy clay, common angular sandstone	0.29+ bgl
403	*Fill*	Very light orange sandy silt, ditch fill	0.29-0.80+ bgl
404	*Cut*	Cut of NS orientated ditch	0.29-0.80+ bgl

TRENCH 5			
Northing 385586		**Easting** 144345	
Dimensions: 28.43x2.12m	**Max. depth:**0.38m	**Ground level:**144.777 aOD	
Context	**Description**		**Depth (m)**
501	*Topsoil*	Turfed, rooted greyish-brown sandy silt with rare sub-rounded flints	0.00-0.16

			bgl
502	*Subsoil*	Greyish orangey-brown, sandy silt with rare sub-rounded flints	0.16-0.38 bgl
503	*Natural*	Light brownish-orange silty sand, abundant sub-rounded flint	0.38+ bgl

TRENCH 6			
Dimensions: 28x2.12m		**Max. depth:**0.33m	**Ground level:**143.43 aOD
Northing 385587		**Easting** 144393	
Context	**Description**		**Depth (m)**
601	*Topsoil*	Turfed, rooted greyish-brown sandy silt with ocassional sub-rounded flints	0.00-0.15 bgl
602	*Subsoil*	Greyish orangey-brown, sandy silt with occasional sub-rounded flints	0.15-0.33 bgl
603	*Natural*	Light brownish-orange silty sand, occasional sub-rounded flint	0.33+ bgl

TRENCH 7			
Northing 385645		**Easting** 144395	
Dimensions: 28.45x2.18m		**Max. depth:**0.32m	**Ground level:**142.237 aOD
Context	**Description**		**Depth (m)**
701	*Topsoil*	Turfed, rooted greyish-brown sandy silt with rare sub angular flints	0.00-0.14 bgl
702	*Subsoil*	Greyish orangey-brown, sandy silt with occasional sub angular flints	0.14-0.32 bgl
703	*Natural*	Light brownish-orange silty sand, occasional sub-rounded flint	0.32+ bgl

TRENCH 8			
Northing 385670		**Easting** 144393	
Dimensions: 29.38x2.14m		**Max. depth:**0.35m	**Ground level:**141.773 aOD
Context	**Description**		**Depth (m)**
801	*Topsoil*	Turfed, rooted greyish-brown sandy silt with rare sub-rounded flints	0.00-0.12 bgl
802	*Subsoil*	Greyish orangey-brown, sandy silt with occasional sub-rounded flints	0.12-0.35 bgl
803	*Natural*	Light brownish-orange silty sand, occasional sub-rounded flint	0.35+ bgl

TRENCH 9			
Northing 385704		**Easting** 144393	
Dimensions: 27.5x2.12m		**Max. depth:**0.28m	**Ground level:**141.129 aOD
Context	**Description**		**Depth (m)**
901	*Topsoil*	Turfed, rooted greyish-brown sandy silt with rare sub-rounded flints	0.00-0.15 bgl
1002	*Subsoil*	Greyish orangey-brown, sandy silt with occasional sub-rounded flints	0.15-0.28 bgl
1003	*Natural*	Light brownish-orange silty sand, occasional sub-rounded flint	0.28+ bgl

TRENCH 10			
Northing 385703		**Easting** 144440	
Dimensions: 27.8x2.14m		**Max. depth:**0.3m	**Ground level:**139.723 aOD
Context	**Description**		**Depth (m)**
1001	*Topsoil*	Turfed, rooted greyish-brown sandy silt with rare sub angularflints	0.00-0.2 bgl

1002	*Subsoil*	Greyish orangey-brown, sandy silt with occasional sub angular flints	0.2-0.3 bgl
1003	*Natural*	Light brownish-orange silty sand, abundant sub angular flint	0.3+ bgl
1004	*Secondary Fill*	Dark brownish grey sandy silt, occasional sub angular flint	0.1.85-0.68 blg
1005	*Primary Fill*	Brownish-orange silty sand, frequent sub angular flint	0.1.85-0.68 blg
1006	*Cut*	Shallow linear E-W orientation. Concave base shallow slope on sides.	0.1.85-0.68 blg

TRENCH 11			
Northing 385647		**Easting** 144437	
Dimensions: 27x2m	**Max. depth:**0.25m	**Ground level:**141.657 aOD	
Context	**Description**		**Depth (m)**
1101	*Topsoil*	Grey-brown sandy loam with rare sub angular limestone pebbles	0.00-0.11 bgl
1102	*Subsoil*	Brownish-orange, sandy loam with occasional sub angular limestone fragments	0.11-0.25 bgl
1103	*Natural*	Orangey-brown sandy clay, abundant sub-rounded limestone cobbles	0.25+ bgl
1104	*Cut*	Cut of linear feature, NS orientation, not excavated	
1105	*Fill*	Fill of linear feature, NS orientation, not excavated	

TRENCH 12			
Northing 385586		**Easting** 144442	
Dimensions: 26x2.10m	**Max. depth:**0.38m	**Ground level:**141.715 aOD	
Context	**Description**		**Depth (m)**
1201	*Topsoil*	Mid greyish-brown, sandy loam, occasional sandstone pebbles	0.00-0.10 bgl
1202	*Subsoil*	Greyish orangey-brown, sandy silt with occasional sub-rounded flints	0.10-0.35 bgl
1203	*Natural*	Light brownish-orange silty sand, occasional sub-rounded flint	0.35+ bgl
1204	*Cut*	Cut of an irregular shaped feature, concave sides and base, excavated by square intervention.	
1205	*Fill*	Soft brown grey silt, occasional fragments of sandstone.	

TRENCH 13			
Northing 385590		**Easting** 144489	
Dimensions: 29.5x2.2m	**Max. depth:**0.25m	**Ground level:**140.174 aOD	
Context	**Description**		**Depth (m)**
1301	*Topsoil subsoil*	Mid greyish-brown sandy silt, occasional angular sandstone fragments	0.00-0.25 bgl
1302	*Natural*	Light yellowish-brown, very sandy clay, common angular sandstone fragments	0.25+ bgl

TRENCH 14			
Northing 385624		**Easting** 144494	
Dimensions: 28.85x2.13m	**Max. depth:**0.35m	**Ground level:**138.813 aOD	
Context	**Description**		**Depth (m)**
1401	*Topsoil*	Turfed, rooted greyish-brown sandy silt with rare sub-rounded flints	0.00-0.15 bgl
1402	*Subsoil*	Greyish orangey-brown, sandy silt with occasional sub-rounded flints	0.15-0.35 bgl
1403	*Natural*	Brownish-orange silty sand, occasional sub-rounded flint	0.35+ bgl

TRENCH 15			
Northing 385645		**Easting** 144477	
Dimensions: 27.7x2.15m	**Max. depth:**0.38m	**Ground level:**139.386aOD	
Context	**Description**		**Depth (m)**
1501	*Topsoil*	Turfed, rooted greyish-brown sandy silt with rare sub-rounded flints	0.00-0.18 bgl
1502	*Subsoil*	Greyish orangey-brown, sandy silt with occasional sub-rounded flints	0.18-0.38 bgl
1503	*Natural*	Light brownish-orange silty sand, occasional sub-rounded flint	0.38+ bgl

TRENCH 16			
Northing 385705		**Easting** 144504	
Dimensions: 27.3x2.15m	**Max. depth:**0.45m	**Ground level:**137.26 aOD	
Context	**Description**		**Depth (m)**
1601	*Topsoil*	Turfed, rooted greyish-brown sandy silt with rare sub-rounded flints	0.00-0.2 bgl
1602	*Subsoil*	Greyish orangey-brown, sandy silt with occasional sub-rounded flints	0.2-0.45 bgl
1603	*Natural*	Light brownish-orange silty sand, occasional sub-rounded flint	0.45+ bgl

TRENCH 17			
Northing 385703		**Easting** 144542	
Dimensions: 29.2x2.12m	**Max. depth:**0.38m	**Ground level:**136.127 aOD	
Context	**Description**		**Depth (m)**
1701	*Topsoil*	Turfed, rooted greyish-brown sandy silt with rare sub-rounded flints	0.00-0.2 bgl
1702	*Subsoil*	Greyish orangey-brown, sandy silt with occasional sub-rounded flints	0.2-38 bgl
1703	*Natural*	Light brownish-orange silty sand, occasional sub-rounded flint	0.38+ bgl

TRENCH 18			
Northing 385659		**Easting** 144537	
Dimensions: 28.3x2.14m	**Max. depth:**0.36m	**Ground level:**135.896 aOD	
Context	**Description**		**Depth (m)**
1801	*Topsoil*	Turfed, rooted greyish-brown sandy silt with rare sub-rounded flints	0.00-0.18 bgl
1802	*Subsoil*	Greyish orangey-brown, sandy silt with occasional sub-rounded flints	0.18-0.36 bgl
1803	*Natural*	Light brownish-orange silty sand, occasional sub-rounded flint	0.36+ bgl
1804	*Fill*	Mid dark greyish-brown sandy silt	
1805	*cut*	U shaped ditch N S orientation	1 x 0.38
1806	*Fill*	Orangey-brown silty sand, frequent sub angular flint	

TRENCH 19			
Northing 385650		**Easting** 144548	
Dimensions: 27.8x2.2m	**Max. depth:**0.42m	**Ground level:**135.432 aOD	
Context	**Description**		**Depth (m)**
1901	*Topsoil*	Mid greyish-brown sandy silt with occasional sub-rounded sandstones	0.00-0.28 bgl
1902	*Subsoil*	Pale greyish-brown, sandy clay with occasional sub sandstone fragments	0.28-0.44 bgl
1903	*Natural*	Mid yellowish-brown sandy clay, common large sub angular	0.44+

		sandstone	bgl
1904	*Fill*	Mid greyish-brown sandy silt occasional sandstone flint fragments	2.5 x 0.05
1905	*Cut*	Very shallow rectangular feature of NW-SE orientation	2.5x0.66x0.05
1906	*Fill*	Fill of ditch unexcavated	
1907	*Cut*	Cut of ditch unexcavated	

TRENCH 20			
Northing 385528		**Easting** 144535	
Dimensions: 29.5x2m	**Max. depth:**0.31m	**Ground level:**138.069 aOD	
Context	**Description**		**Depth (m)**
2001	*Topsoil*	Mid greyish-brown silty sand	0.00-0.25 bgl
2002	*Subsoil*	Mid greyish-brown with orange hue	0.25-0.31 bgl
2003	*Natural*	Mid orange brown sandy clay with common flint and sandstone	0.31+ bgl
2004	*Fill*	Fill of tree throw	0.31-0.42
2005	*Cut*	Cut of tree throw	0.31-0.42
2006	*Fill*	Fill of tree throw	0.31-0.40
2007	*Cut*	Cut of tree throw	0.31-0.40

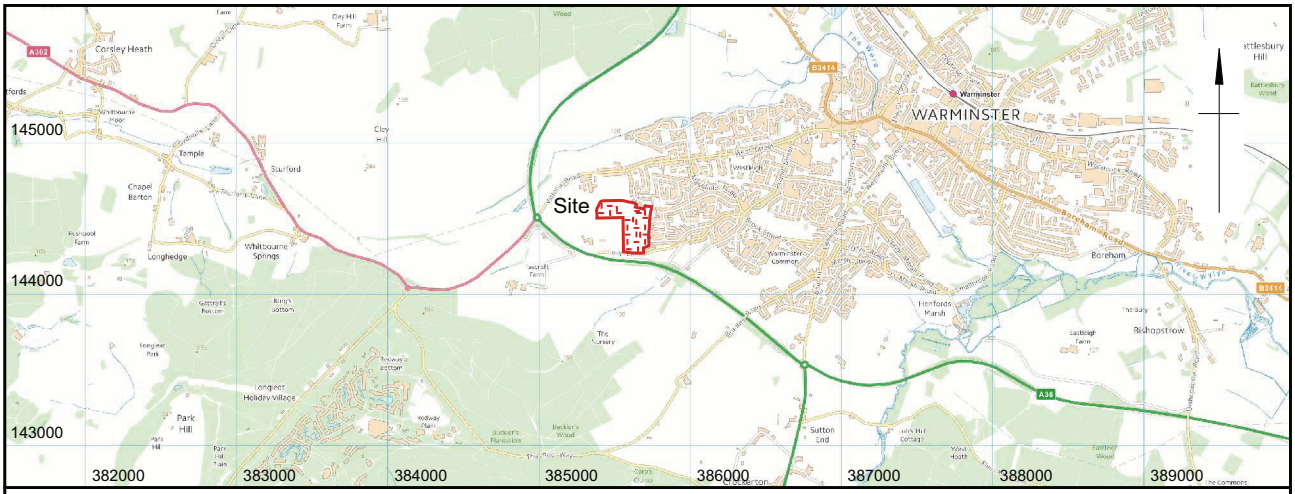
TRENCH 21			
Northing 385471		**Easting** 144535	
Dimensions: 29.1x2m	**Max. depth:**0.37m	**Ground level:**138.463aOD	
Context	**Description**		**Depth (m)**
2101	*Topsoil*	Mid greyish-brown silty sand, v rare flint	0.00-0.28 bgl
2102	*Subsoil*	Mid yellowish brown with a grey hue, silty clay sand	0.28-0.37 bgl
2103	*Natural*	Mid yellowish brown with an orange hue, sandy clay, common sandstone	0.3+ bgl

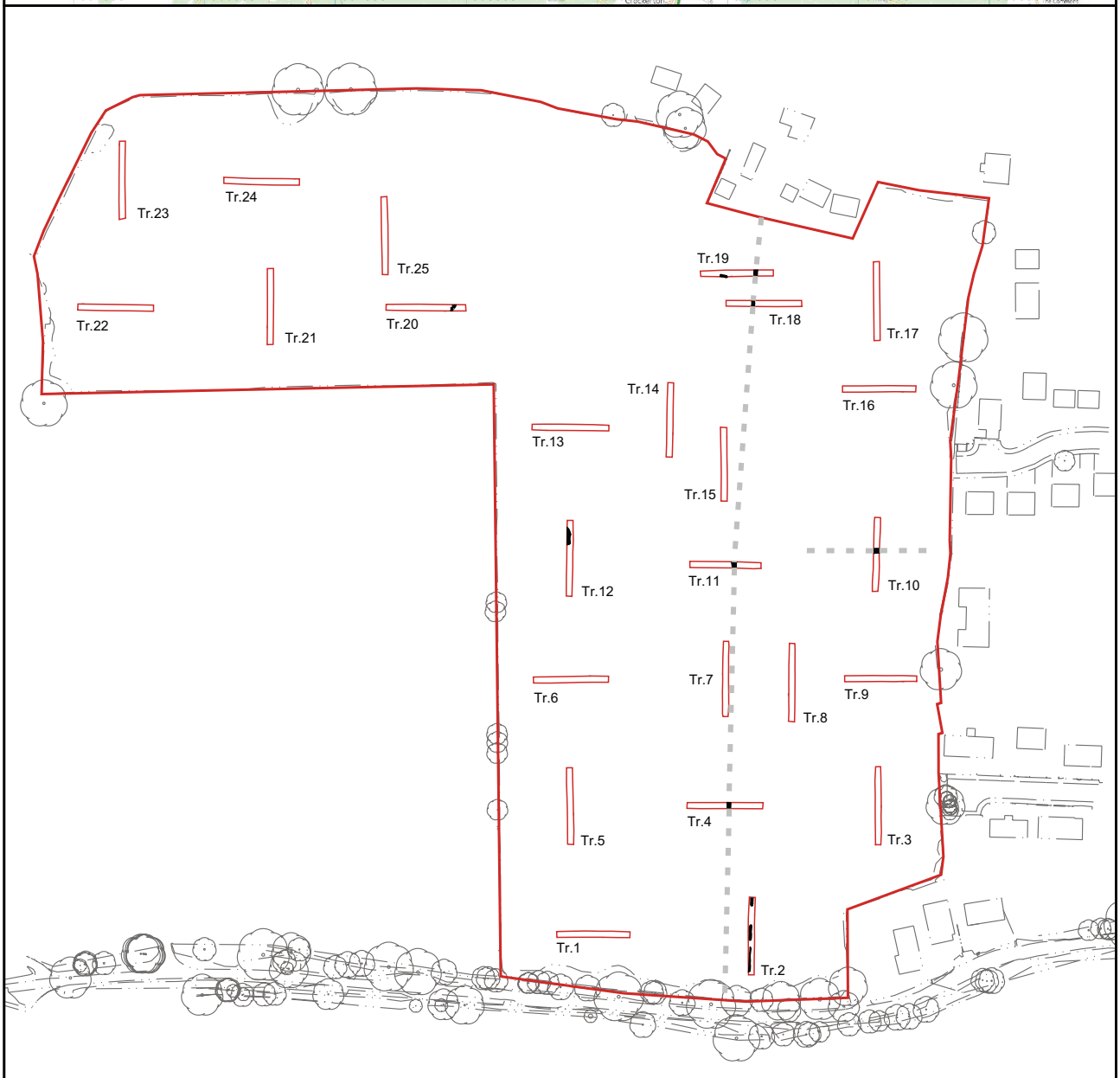
TRENCH 22			
Northing 385411		**Easting** 144536	
Dimensions: 29.5x2m	**Max. depth:**0.34m	**Ground level:**189.034 aOD	
Context	**Description**		**Depth (m)**
2201	*Topsoil*	Mid greyish-brown silty sand	0.00-0.13 bgl
2202	*Subsoil*	Mid greyish-brown with yellow hue silty clay sand, rare stone	0.13-0.32 bgl
2203	*Natural*	Mid brown with orange hue, sandy clay, sparse stones	0.32+ bgl

TRENCH 23			
Northing 385415		**Easting** 144584	
Dimensions: 28.80x2m	**Max. depth:**0.86m	**Ground level:**138.518 aOD	
Context	**Description**		**Depth (m)**
2301	*Topsoil*	Mid greyish-brown silty sand	0.00-0.36 bgl
2302	*Subsoil*	Mid greyish-brown silty clay sand, with yellow hue	0.36-0.61 bgl
2303	*Natural*	Mid greyish-brown sandy clay with patches of greyish green sand alluvial deposit	0.61+ bgl

TRENCH 24			
Northing 385470		**Easting** 144583	
Dimensions: 29x2m	**Max. depth:**0.43m	**Ground level:**136.422 aOD	
Context	**Description**		**Depth (m)**
2401	*Topsoil*	Mid greyish-brown sandy silty clay	0.30 bgl
2402	*Subsoil*	Mid greyish-brown sandy silt clay with an orange hue	0.30-0.45 bgl
2403	*Natural*	Mid orangey-brown sandy clay sparse stones, flint and sandstone	0.45+ bgl

TRENCH 25			
Northing 385515		**Easting** 144536	
Dimensions: 27.4x2.15m	**Max. depth:**0.45m	**Ground level:**147.83 aOD	
Context	**Description**		**Depth (m)**
2501	*Topsoil*	Mid orangey-brown sandy clay	0.00-0.13 bgl
1002	*Subsoil*	Mid greyish-brown with orange hue, sandy silt	0.13-0.3 bgl
1003	*Natural*	Mid greyish-brown sandy silty clay	0.3+ bgl





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Site and trench location showing projected lines of 18th century field boundaries Figure 1

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1780 Manuscript map of Warminster and surrounding area showing fields prior to enclosure

Figure 2

Plate 1: General site stratification, west-facing representative section from **Trench 25**

Plate 2: South-facing section through ditch 1805

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Plate 3: East-facing section through ditch **1006**

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