

240251

**Secret Garden, Welbeck Estate:
Archaeological Watching Brief**

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Test Pit/Trial Trench Records

Site Code: 240251	Site Name: Secret Garden, Welbeck Estate
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Site Sub-division: /	Trench no: 1
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Machined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hand dug <input type="checkbox"/>	Length (m): 9.5	Width (m): 1.8	Thickness/depth (m): 1-65
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X co-ord:	Y co-ord:	Ground level:
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Context number	Context type	Fill of/filled with	Interpretative category/description	Depth from ground surface (m)
(101)	L4R	—	Topsoil - mid-grey brown silty clay. Frequent rooting from overlying grass/vegetation. Regular small sub-rounded stones <4cm. Occasional larger root from nearby trees. Loose compaction.	0-0.20
(102)	L4R	—	Main fill/body of embankment. Medium brown with pink/red hue silty clay. Frequent small sub-rounded stones <6cm and rooting. Compacted. Regular sub-angular red sandstone fragments <10cm. Possibly redeposited natural?	0.20-1.65+
(103)	DEP		Medium brown yellow sand. Appears to be a possible dumping deposit. Frequent rootings from overlying grass and vegetation. Occasional small sub-rounded stone <4cm. Starts at 4.6m from S edge of bank, under (101) and stops 5m from S edge at base.	0.20-1.65+

Plans: /	Sections: 101 - rep sec (see over)	Photographs: WAD 74 (100 -) 6848 - 6879
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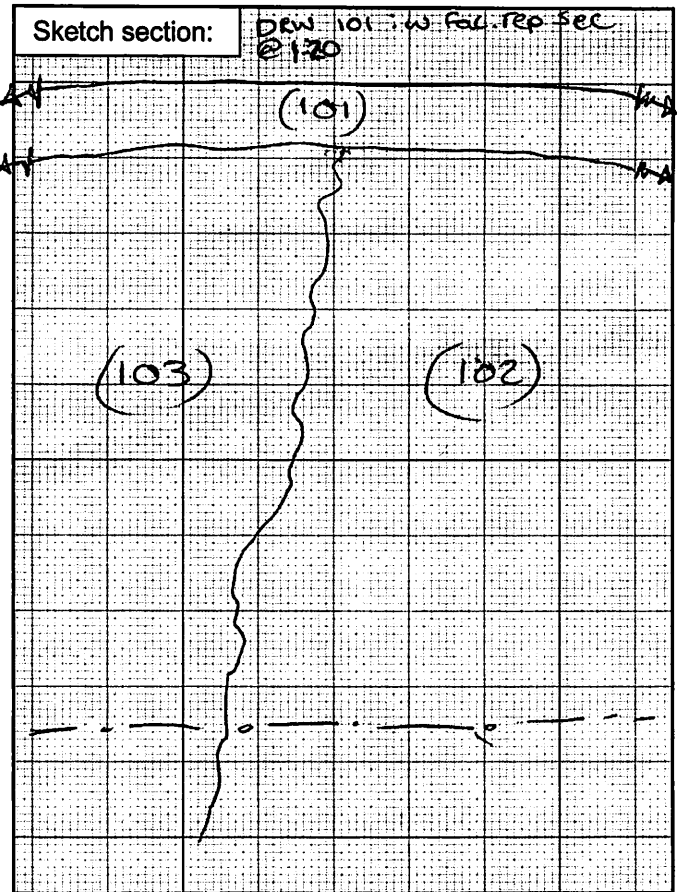
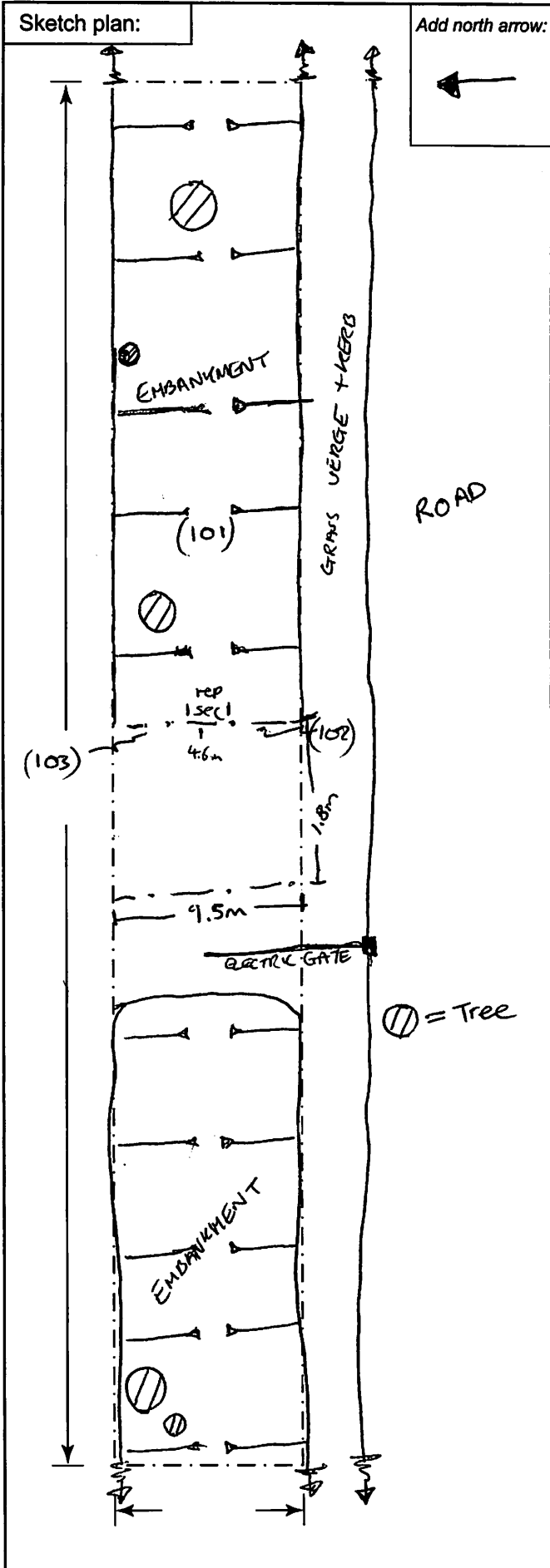
Context:	Pottery	Animal bone	Worked flint	Burnt flint	Fired clay	CBM	Slag	Metal object	Marine shell	Stone	Other (specify)
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Object nos:	Sample nos:
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Notes:

(103) starts 4.6m from the S edge of the bank. Possibly purposefull: putting compact clay (102) by road and sandy clay on side with field and trees?

Only feasible theory is the bank is the spoil from when the gas works was built and dumped as an embankment to hide the gas works from view of the road?

Photographic Register

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PO/PS: JW Camera no: WAD 74 (Tick as appropriate) Digital B&W photo Film no: # 1

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8	6855	surrounding landscape	—	S			
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Daybook

Site Code: 240251	Site Name: Secret Garden, Welbeck Estate
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Site sub-division: FRL

Leaving time from office/accomodation: 7.40	Leaving time from site: 15.40
Time of arrival on site: 8.20	Time of arrival at office/accomodation: 16.20

Staff on site: G NAYLOR
WELBECK ESTATE STAFF

Weather: sunny + windy

Time	Occurrence
8.20	Arrived on site. Unable to see anyone or exactly where the WB will occur. Tried phoning Duncan but straight to voicemail.
8.35	Tried phoning Duncan again. No answer. Walked round to where bank is located. Found 3 Welbeck Estate groundworkers. They said that they just need to cut a tree down first before the excavation begins. Went back to van to collect equipment and get suited & booked. Spoke to Darren from Welbeck. Said he will be out later to check on things.
9.00	Took pre-ex shots of the bank. Waiting for excavation to start.
9.30	excavation began.
10.50	Sandy layer deposit uncovered - possible dumping deposit from when bank was truncated to put the gate in?
11.00	Spoke to welbeck estate groundworker who has worked here 43 years! He said that when the gate was dug for, all material was taken away so the sand is actually a part of the original embankment.

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Time	Occurrence
11.15	Found some ceramic drain pipe in sandy deposit. Appears fairly modern.
12.00	Spoke to groundworker again. He said that local knowledge theory is that the embankment was a result of digging out and building the gas works, looking at topography, wouldn't be likely from tunnels as not enough soil.
13.00	Lunch.
13.30	Continued digging.
14.20	Finished digging through embankment. Working on path. Recorded embankment (TR1). Asked groundworkers if that was it for the embankment and they said they need to angle the section off.
14.50	Started angling top of bank off. Groundworker told me that the other embankments N of this one were the spoil from when the cable and gallery was built.
15.05	Top angled off. was fulfilled. Updated John. Updated paperwork and tracked finds.
15.40	Left site.