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Executive Summary

Wessex Archaeology was commissioned by Henry Streeter (Sand and Ballast) Ltd. (The Client) through their agents Oxford Archaeological Associates Ltd (The Consultant) to undertake an archaeological evaluation of land known as the RMC land, to the north of Sipson Lane Harlington (Fig. 1), for which they propose to seek planning permission for mineral extraction.

The River Thames Taplow Terrace, on which this site is located, forms part of the rich prehistoric and later landscape of the Middle Thames Valley. Excavations to the south of Sipson Lane at Imperial College Sports Ground, undertaken in advance of the current quarry operations, have recovered substantial evidence for almost continuous occupation and settlement on the site for the last 6,000 years.

A project design (WA 2000) for evaluation of the RMC land was prepared and fieldwork carried out between the 1st and 29th September 2000. Work was monitored on behalf of the planning authority by Robert Whythead of English Heritage. The proposed application site covers some 13ha, however the southern most 2.5ha of the site was in use as a rugby pitch and was not available for evaluation.

Evaluation comprised machine excavation of some 53 trenches measuring 25m x 4m, representing 5% of the available area (Fig. 2).

Features comprised truncated pits, post-holes and ditches all found cutting the natural brickearth. The majority of these features either contained no dating evidence or insufficient quantities to provide equivocal dates, however of those that could be dated and in view of the results from excavations in the vicinity they most likely represent activity dating from the Later Neolithic, Bronze Age, Saxon and Medieval periods, with only scant evidence from the Romano-British (Fig. 2).

The evaluation identified two principal foci of activity. In the south-west corner of the Site were a number of features, two containing Latter Neolithic Peterborough ware and a pit containing the remains of a Late Bronze Age pottery vessel. A Later Neolithic pit was found 350m to the east. The dispersed nature of the Neolithic activity is characteristic of the area, whilst the Bronze Age pit is thought to represent the edge of a settlement beyond the site boundary.

The largest focus of activity in the north central part of the site provides good evidence for Saxon/Medieval settlement with associated field-systems to the east. Daub, loomweights, quern stones, pottery and charred processed grain were all recovered from features at the centre of the settlement area. The significance of Saxon and Medieval settlement is considerable but may be even greater if this proves to be transitional Late Saxon /Early Medieval.

Although the archaeological potential of the rugby pitch could not be directly tested it is considered to be similar to that of the evaluated area.

The report concludes that mineral extraction would impact upon these remains.

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The fieldwork was directed by Kevin Ritchie. Lorraine Mepham undertook the finds analysis and Mike Allen the palaeo-environmental assessment. This report was compiled by Kevin Ritchie and Jonathan Nowell, Rob Goller produced the illustrations whilst Jonathan Nowell managed the project on behalf of Wessex Archaeology.

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Project

- 1.1.1 Wessex Archaeology was commissioned by Henry Streeter (Sand and Ballast) Ltd. (The Client) through their agents Oxford Archaeological Associates Ltd (The Consultant) to undertake an archaeological evaluation of land proposed for gravel extraction, known as the RMC land, to the north of Sipson Lane, Harlington.

1.2 Site Location

- 1.2.1 The RMC land (the Site) is located within the London Borough of Hillingdon, with its centre at Ordnance Survey National Grid Reference TQ 0850 7826 and covers an area of approximately 13ha (Fig. 1). It is situated to the north of Heathrow Airport within the A4/M4 corridor and bounded to the north by the M4, to the south by a sports ground to the west by recent gravel pits and to the east by recreation grounds.

1.3 Current Land Use

- 1.3.1 At the time of the evaluation the north part of the Site (10.5ha) was under arable cultivation and had recently been cropped and the southern part (2.5ha) was in use as sports fields (Fig. 2).

1.4 Planning Background

- 1.4.1 A planning application is being prepared by The Client for submission to the Minerals Planning Authority (MPA), the London Borough of Hillingdon, for permission to extract minerals from the Site.
- 1.4.2 There are no Scheduled Monuments, as defined within the Ancient Monument and Archaeological Areas Act 1979, within the Site boundaries.
- 1.4.3 Within the Site there are no Archaeological Priority Areas as designated within the London Borough of Hillingdon's Unitary Development Plan, however immediately to the east of the Site is Archaeological Priority Area BE2.
- 1.4.4 English Heritage's Greater London Archaeological Advisory Service (GLAAS) advised the planning authority that the Site had archaeological potential and that further assessment of this potential should be undertaken before the planning authority determined the application.

- 1.4.5 Wessex Archaeology consequently prepared a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) (WA August 2000) for a field evaluation.

1.5 Scope of Document

- 1.5.1 This document presents the results of the field evaluation undertaken on the RMC Land in order that a reasoned and informed decision can be made in respect of the archaeological implications of the proposed planning application.

2 PLEISTOCENE AND TOPOGRAPHICAL BACKGROUND

- 2.1.1 The following is provided as an introduction to the geological and topographical background to the Heathrow area within which the Site is set (Fig. 1).
- 2.1.2 The Site is located on the north side of the Middle Thames Valley, lying at a height of some 26.5m above Ordnance Datum (aOD). This part of the valley side is gently sloping and the drift geology comprises a series of south facing Pleistocene gravel terraces. These terraces were formed through a sequence of erosional and depositional episodes of the River Thames, with the most recent terraces closest to the river.
- 2.1.3 The Site is founded on the Taplow Gravel terrace, which overlies London Clay, at its boundary with the preceding, older, terrace of Lynch Hill Gravel (Wessex Archaeology 1996) which lies immediately to the north.
- 2.1.4 The Lynch Hill Terrace was formed between the Hoxnian and Ipswichian interglacials (Gibbard 1985) and is dated to Oxygen Isotope stage 8, between c.303,000 BP and c. 250,000 BP (Bridgland 1994). These gravels contain a substantial number of Lower Palaeolithic (500,000 - 150,000 BC) artefacts in a relatively 'unrolled' condition (see below sect 3.2).
- 2.1.5 The Taplow Terrace was also formed between the Hoxnian and Ipswichian interglacials, but is assigned to Oxygen Isotope stage 6, between c.189,000 BP and c.128,000BP (Bridgland 1994). Unlike the Lynch Hill deposits the Taplow Gravels contain few Lower Palaeolithic (500,000 - 150,000 BC) artefacts and usually these are in poor condition (see below sect 3.2).
- 2.1.6 The thickness of the gravel deposit beneath the Site is approximately 3.5m.
- 2.1.7 Overlying areas of both the Lynch Hill and Taplow Gravels is a deposit of yellow/brown silty sandy material known as the Langley Silt Complex. This deposit is of complex origin and different facies within in it are likely to have been accumulated through the action of wind, water or colluviation.
- 2.1.8 Various dates for the formation of the deposit have been obtained. The majority of the Langley Silt Complex appears to date to the Late Devensian (19,000 - 13,000 BP.), however samples from basal facies have been dated to in excess of 75,000 BP and 150,000 BP.

- 2.1.9 The thickness of Langley Silts beneath the Site is thought to be approximately 1.5 to 2m.
- 2.1.10 Drainage of the area is dominated by the Thames, lying some 10km to the south of the Site. The Site is located approximately half way between two major tributaries, the River Colne, to the west and the Crane to the east.

3 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

3.1 Recent Investigations in the Vicinity

- 3.1.1 Over the last twenty years much of the land to the immediate north, west and south of the sites has been subject to archaeological intervention, principally in advance of and during gravel extraction (Fig. 2). These interventions include to the north FDF79, to the west the Wall Garden Farm investigations (WGF 79-84 and WGD 95) and to the south ICSG98 and LHF91.
- 3.1.2 South of Sipson Lane the land at Imperial College Sports Ground has been subject to extensive excavation (IMC96) and further evaluation to the west (SPH99).
- 3.1.3 Together these investigations have revealed an archaeologically rich landscape, with evidence of near continuous occupation and settlement from the Neolithic (BC 4,000-2,400) to the Medieval period (1066-1499AD).
- 3.1.4 The recorded deposits include Neolithic 'ritual' monuments, Bronze Age to post-medieval field systems, Iron Age and Romano British settlements and Bronze Age and Romano- British burials, both inhumations and cremations. Whilst the density and complexity of deposits, as recorded, are greatest to the south of Sipson Lane, this may be a reflection of the method of archaeological intervention rather than a true indication of patterns of occupation.
- 3.1.5 The following provides broad background to the archaeology of the Heathrow area.

3.2 Palaeolithic (500,000 - 10,000 BC)

- 3.2.1 The English Rivers Palaeolithic Survey (TERPS) (Wessex Archaeology 1996) records a substantial number of Lower and Middle Palaeolithic artefacts from the local area. The majority of these have been recovered from the Lynch Hill Gravels to the north of the Site (e.g. 426 hand-axes were recovered from Bowyers Pit off Stockley Road), where they are found in generally sharp condition. A much smaller number of artefacts, in a more rolled condition, have been recovered from the Taplow Gravels. This may indicate that these deposits are reworked Lynch Hill Gravels, which are themselves derived (P. Harding Pers Comm.).

- 3.2.2 TERPS records two Middle Palaeolithic (150,000-30,000 BC) find spots on the Taplow Terrace in the vicinity of the Site, comprising two hand axes and two Levallois flakes. These were recovered from the base of the Langley Silt Complex, however it is considered likely that these silts are too young (see above sect 2.8) to contain *in situ* Middle Palaeolithic material. Their possible origin may be from older Langley Silts redeposited from the Lynch Hill Terrace, where purported *in situ* Levallois flints have been recorded at the Langley Silt/gravel interface, e.g. at Creffield Road.
- 3.2.3 *In situ* Late Upper Palaeolithic (12,000-10,000BC) material comprising flint scatters and faunal remains were excavated by the Museum of London at Three Ways Wharf, Uxbridge, some 8km to the north-west of the Site, these were within Colne Valley Silts. Though of national significance such assemblages are unlikely to be replicated within the Site and indeed no other Upper Palaeolithic material has been recorded from the area.
- 3.2.4 The greatest potential for Palaeolithic material on the Site is for Middle Palaeolithic (150,000-30,000 BC) Levalloisian material at the interface of the Langley Silts and Taplow Gravel.

3.3 Mesolithic (8,500-4000BC)

- 3.3.1 As with the Upper Palaeolithic (30,000-10,000BC), Mesolithic (8,500-4000BC) *in situ* finds have been recorded mainly in association with river valley silts, such as the lithic and faunal scatter, representing a probable butchery site, at Three Ways Wharf. It is likely that the 'Hunter Gatherer' activity was focused on the valleys such as those of the Colne and Crane. These would have provided both plentiful resources (water, fish etc) and acted as corridors allowing relatively easy movement, via the rivers, across an otherwise afforrested landscape.

3.4 Neolithic (4,000-2,400BC)

- 3.4.1 During the Later Neolithic a number of substantial monuments were constructed in this part of the Middle Thames Valley, indicative of a focus of ritual, ceremonial and to a lesser extent domestic activity in the area. At this time a causewayed enclosure was constructed at Yeoveney Lodge in Staines. As with other similar monuments their interpretation is difficult and they possibly serve both ritual and domestic functions.
- 3.4.2 Also possibly constructed at this time are a number of ring ditches, such as those at Horton, Shepperton and at Burrows Hill. Dating of these monuments has proved difficult as structurally they are similar to and may be confused with Early Bronze Age (2,400-1500 BC) ring ditches in the area. However the sub-circular ditch excavated at Burrows Hill can perhaps be more securely dated to the Later Neolithic, as it is truncated by the Late Neolithic (3,000-2,400BC) cursus ditch.

- 3.4.3 The most substantial monument in the area is the Late Neolithic Stanwell Cursus, which at 3.5km long is second only in length to the Dorset Cursus. The monument is aligned approximately north to south on the east side of the River Colne Valley, for much of its length delineating the Taplow Terrace/Colne Valley boundary. Such a large monument would have formed part of, and dominated, the landscape. Tree felling, at least in the immediate environs, probably preceded its construction. Other monuments have been recorded adjacent to the cursus as crop marks, which have been interpreted variously as long barrows or subsidiary cursuses.
- 3.4.4 At the Imperial College Sports Ground (Wessex Archaeology 1998), excavations revealed a Neolithic enclosure some 35m long by 15m wide. Its function is probably ritual and appears to be associated in later periods with a small Bronze Age cremation cemetery. To the south of the enclosure clusters of pits with placed deposits were also located.
- 3.4.5 Although there is substantial evidence for a rich ceremonial/ritual landscape in this part of the Middle Thames Valley, which continues into the Bronze Age, true domestic activity is less evident. The strongest evidence comes from the site at Runnymede Bridge, where flint and ceramic material recovered from topsoil is indicative of domestic settlement at this time. Further tentative evidence was recovered from Cranford Lane, where excavation recorded possible Later Neolithic post-built structures. At Prospect Park several shallow features, pits and postholes, were found to contain Grooved Ware pottery, the remains of apparently once complete vessels. Whilst this may be indicative of Late Neolithic ritual activity some domestic activity may be implied.

3.5 Bronze Age (2,400-700BC)

- 3.5.1 Few definitively dated Early Bronze Age (2,400-1500 BC) features have been found within the area. Of those that have been dated the most notable is a pit containing the 'ritually' dismembered body of an aurochs, associated with six barbed and tanged flint arrow heads. There are also a number of circular crop marks which may be dated to this period and represent the remains of barrows. Few have been securely dated and some at least may be of Later Neolithic date. It has been suggested that the array of 'ring ditches' running east from the southern end of the Stanwell Cursus, along the border between the Taplow and Kempton Park Terraces may be an Early Bronze Age barrow cemetery.
- 3.5.2 Unlike the Early Bronze Age, evidence for the Middle Bronze Age (1,500-1100 BC) from the area is characterised by domestic activity as well as burial. Excavations within the A4/M4 corridor in the immediate environs of the Site record assemblages of Devrel Rimbury pottery, daub, loom weights and flints. Ditches and enclosures of this date have been interpreted as stock enclosures and field boundaries. A number of urned cremations have also been dated to this period.

3.5.3 During the Late Bronze Age (1,100-700 BC) there is evidence for a consolidation of settlement within the area. Settlement evidence is represented by both large defended enclosures, such as the probable Late Bronze Age enclosure at Mayfield Farm, and smaller undefended settlements characterised by huts and associated field systems such as those found at Cranford Lane and more recently to the west of the Site at Imperial College where field systems and a settlement were located.

3.6 Iron Age (700BC-43AD)

3.6.1 The settlement and development of landscape in the Iron Age (700BC-43AD) appears as a broad continuation of landuse patterns established in the Late Bronze Age (1,100-700BC). Both defended enclosures and undefended settlements have been recorded. Characteristic of this period are four-post structures thought to be grain stores.

3.6.2 Excavations preceding the construction of Heathrow Runway 1 at Caesar's Camp recorded a defended enclosure containing eleven Middle Iron Age (400-100BC) round huts. Some of these were truncated by the enclosing bank suggesting that original, more dispersed, settlement was undefended. The enclosure also contained a square shrine.

3.6.3 At Imperial College (IMC'96) a small undefended Iron Age settlement was identified, this contained evidence of both domestic buildings and stock enclosures. One notable aspect of the settlement was that it appeared to be aligned on a precursor road/route running between Cranford and the River Colne at West Drayton.

3.7 Romano-British (43-410 AD)

3.7.1 There is evidence for two broad categories of Roman (43-410 AD) activity within the area. At Staines and Brentford, roadside settlements have been discovered which are comparable with other occupation centres on the roads radiating from Roman London.

3.7.2 More widespread is the emerging evidence for small-scale rural settlements/farmsteads, their pattern and distribution, in the early Roman period, apparently continuing that of the Late Iron Age (100BC-43AD) undefended settlements. Evidence until recently has been in the form of field boundaries, pits, droveways and wells, with little evidence, as yet, of buildings or burials. However the excavation at IMC'96 (Wessex Archaeology 1988) revealed a Romano-British settlement based on an Iron Age predecessor. Evidence for domestic buildings, stock enclosures, a roadway, wells, gravel quarries, burials, pits and middens were all uncovered.

3.8 Saxon (410-1066AD)

- 3.8.1 There is evidence for extensive rural Saxon (410-1066AD) settlement in the vicinity of the Site with particular concentrations around villages such as Sipson and Harmondsworth. Unlike that from the Roman (43-410 AD) period, surviving evidence is mainly of buildings and structures rather than for agricultural activity, though once again burial evidence is scarce.
- 3.8.2 Recent excavations at Prospect Park, near Harmondsworth, have identified a settlement of some eleven widely dispersed Sunken Featured Buildings and a rectilinear post built structure of Mid-Saxon (650-850AD) date with an 'apsidal' end. Limited evidence for agricultural systems, a number of ditches and gullies and cereal residues, was also found.
- 3.8.3 Excavation evidence suggests that these settlements probably shifted, with buildings being gradually abandoned and new ones built. It is likely that the Mid-Saxon settlement around Harmondsworth formed the origins of the later Manor.

3.9 Medieval (1066-1499AD)

- 3.9.1 Medieval settlement is clearly shown by a number of existing villages in the area of Late Saxon and Medieval origin, such as Harlington, Harmondsworth and Sipson. These villages are indicative of an apparently prosperous agricultural settlement of the rural hinterland of medieval London. These villages are generally situated on the roads leading west from London.

3.10 Post-Medieval and Modern (1500AD-present)

- 3.10.1 The pattern of settlement and agricultural landuse appears to have changed little during the post-medieval period and the area remained very much the rural hinterland of urban London. Even with the onset of the industrial revolution, with the construction of canals and railways and the industrialisation of rivers such as the Crane, the rural character of the area predominated. The area missed much of the Victorian conurbanisation experienced by other areas in the environs of London and it is only with the construction of Heathrow Airport, associated infrastructure and post-war housing that the area was developed en mass. Even so, villages such as Harlington and Harmondsworth can still be seen as more or less discrete settlements reflecting their early origins.

4 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF EVALUATION

- 4.1.1 The aims of the field evaluation were to determine, as far as reasonably possible, the location, extent, date, character, condition, significance and quality of any surviving archaeological remains liable to be threatened by the proposed development. An adequate representative sample of all areas where archaeological remains are potentially threatened was to be studied, and

attention given to site remains of all periods (inclusive of evidence of past environments).

5 EVALUATION STRATEGY

- 5.1.1 The WSI (August 2000) proposed that the Site be evaluated through the excavation of a series of machine dug trial trenches. Some 80%(10.5ha) of the Site was accessible for evaluation, the remaining 20% (2.5ha) was still in use as a rugby pitch and could not be subject to trial trenching.
- 5.1.2 Within the accessible 10.5ha 52 trial trenches each measuring 25m x 4m were proposed, representing a 5% sample of the available area.
- 5.1.3 Excavations at Imperial College Sports ground and Cranford Lane both suggest that settlement/occupation patterns are mostly aligned north - south and east - west. The evaluation trenches were therefore to be orientated at approximately 45deg to this alignment to ensure optimum interception of linear features.

6 METHODOLOGY

6.1 Introduction

- 6.1.1 The evaluation was undertaken in general accordance with the methodology as set out in the WSI (WA August 2000).

6.2 Variations

- 6.2.1 On-site obstructions resulted in thirteen trenches having to be moved or re-orientated. To avoid a gas main along the northern boundary of the Site Trenches 15, 21, 28, 35, 42 and 49 were moved southwards or were re-orientated. Trenches 1, 7, 12, 18, 25, 32 and 38 were also re-orientated or moved due to overhead power lines close to the southern Site boundary (Figs. 2 & 3).
- 6.2.2 Trenches 12, 25, 38 and 49 were narrowed to 2m in width to avoid power lines and to avoid obstructing the Site access track. An extra 'narrow' trench (53) was excavated alongside the access track in an attempt to assess the archaeological potential of the rugby pitch (Fig. 2).
- 6.2.3 Trenches 2, 22, 28 and 29 were extended to further define archaeological deposits identified within them.

6.3 Excavation

- 6.3.1 Each of the 53 trenches was surveyed in using an E.D.M, providing a series of eight figure co-ordinates, all related to the Ordnance Survey (OS) National

Grid. The top and bases of each trench and any excavated feature were additionally surveyed, and their levels related to Ordnance Datum (OD).

- 6.3.2 All trenches were excavated using a 13 ton 360° tracked machine under the constant supervision of an archaeologist. All exposed pre-modern archaeological deposits were investigated and recorded using Wessex Archaeology's *pro forma* recording system.
- 6.3.3 A complete drawn record was produced recording the archaeological features and trench sections each at suitable scales.
- 6.3.4 A full photographic archive was generated recording archaeological features, trench layouts, sections and working conditions.
- 6.3.5 The fieldwork was carried out between August 1st to September 29th 2000.

7 RESULTS

7.1 Geology and Topography

- 7.1.1 In all trenches the Taplow gravels were sealed by a deposit of undisturbed yellow/orange brown brickearth (Langley Silt Deposit). Though not tested by excavation, the brickearth was thought to be between 1m and 2.5m in thickness.
- 7.1.2 At the time of the evaluation the field was under short straw stubble. The depth of topsoil ranged from 0.15m to 0.38m which directly overlay a compacted subsoil which was up to 0.25m in thickness. It was beneath this subsoil that the surface of archaeological features were identified.
- 7.1.3 Within the main evaluation area ground levels vary by approximately 1m, with the land generally rising gently from some 26.0m aOD in the north-east to 27.0m aOD in the south-west (**Fig 4**). To the south, within the rugby pitch and access track, the ground continues to rise to a maximum recorded height of 27.3m aOD in the middle of the track.
- 7.1.4 It should however be noted that the general trend for the land to slope down from south to north masks a number of gentle undulations across the Site.

7.2 Archaeological Deposits

- 7.2.1 The archaeological remains comprised mostly pits, post-holes, ditches and tree throws, all surviving as cut features in the upper surface of the undisturbed brickearth. Evaluation did not record the presence of spreads of materials such as the remains of middens or road/track surfaces.
- 7.2.2 Fills were generally similar in colour and texture to the natural brickearth, making identification of these features problematic. Within the features there was little differentiation between fills.

- 7.2.3 Features were generally between 0.2m and 0.6m deep, all had been superficially truncated by ploughing (Fig 5).
- 7.2.4 In addition to archaeological features modern disturbances in the form of 'mole' drains and field drains were encountered frequently across the Site. A small number of which were investigated and fully recorded, the remainder were planned only.
- 7.2.5 All features, including those identified as modern mole/field drains are shown on **Figure 3**. Pottery dating is the principal method by which pre-modern features have been dated, although in some cases typologies of special finds such as loom weights have been used. Only a limited number of archaeological features contained datable material, the majority remain undated as either they contained no finds or material, such as burnt flint, which is intrinsically undateable.
- 7.2.6 However previous evaluation, and subsequent excavation, in the area has shown that many of these undated features, particularly ditches, are likely to be late prehistoric, Romano-British or medieval in date.
- 7.2.7 Thirty one trenches revealed archaeological/ancient features, these being, Trenches 2, 4, 6, 10, 14, 22, 27-32, 34-37, 40-43, 45, 47-52 and 53. Of these trenches only eight, Trenches 2, 6, 10, 22, 29, 34, 37, 43, contained features which could be dated through pottery or other finds.
- 7.2.8 The remaining twenty three trenches, Trenches 1, 3, 5, 7-9, 11-13, 15-21, 23-26, 33, 38, 39, 44, and 46 were devoid of archaeological features, though some contain definitively modern features which are shown on **Figure 3**.
- 7.2.9 Contextual summaries for each trench are given in tabular form within Appendix 3.
- 7.2.10 In the following summary trenches have been placed in groups, broadly based on geo-topography and the nature of archaeological deposits uncovered.

Trenches 1-9 and 11-12

(Figures 3, 4 and 5)

- 7.2.11 Of these eleven trenches, located at the western end of the Site, only three (Trenches 2, 4 and 6) contained archaeological features. In Trench 2 a single, badly defined, pit some 1.75m in diameter was recorded. This contained pottery dated to the Late Bronze Age (1100 – 700 BC), a sarsen pebble and burnt and worked flint. Trench 6 revealed two poorly defined post holes, 0.18m and 0.28m in diameter, both of which contained Later Neolithic pottery.
- 7.2.12 Although Trench 2 was extended to the south-east by c. 36.5m² no other archaeological deposits were located. With the exception of Trench 4 in which a single undated posthole was located, the remainder of the trenches in this group contained only modern mole or land drains, most of which run from north to south.

- 7.2.13 The late prehistoric features in Trenches 2 and 6 appear isolated from any other archaeological features.

Trenches 10, 13 -16

(Figures 3, 4 and 5)

- 7.2.14 Trench 10 contained features dated to the Romano-British, Saxon and medieval periods. The most substantial of these features was a medieval ditch some 1.45m wide and 0.9m deep. Aligned east to west the ditch had a number of features immediately to its north, most significant of which were two intercutting pits one containing Romano-British pottery and one containing half of a glass Saxon bead. Also recorded in this trench was a modern soakaway and land drain.
- 7.2.15 To the south-east of Trench 10, a group of intercutting pits/postholes were identified in Trench 14. These shallow (0.2m deep) pits contained fragments of animal bone and loomweights dated to the Saxon period. A further isolated posthole was excavated in Trench 15, though no datable material was recovered.
- 7.2.16 These pits/postholes in Trench 14 were amongst a group of tree-throws which, though excavated, could not be dated and had no stratigraphic relationship to the Saxon features. Further tree throws were identified to the south and north-east in Trenches 13 and 16 respectively.

Trenches 17 – 20 and 23-26

(Figures 3 and 4)

- 7.2.17 These trenches were located in the central southern part of the Site in an area where the ground was relatively flat. No features were identified in any of these trenches.

Trenches 21, 22, 27-29 and 45

(Figures 3, 4 and 5)

- 7.2.18 This group of trenches is located in the north central part of the Site on a gentle north facing slope. These trenches contain probably the greatest concentration of features on the Site, consequently three of the trenches were extended. Trench 22 was extended to the north by 8.80m² and to the east by 9.80 m², Trench 28 by 49 m² to the west and 32 m² to the east and Trench 29 by 11 m² to the north and 9 m² to the south.
- 7.2.19 Only three features however were definitively dated, a north-south ditch in Trench 22 and an oval pit and north-south ditch/gully in Trench 29. All three features contained Medieval pottery, as well as animal bone, worked / burnt flint and, with the exception of the ditch gully in Trench 29, fired clay.
- 7.2.20 Within Trenches 22, 27, 28, 29 and 45 were a number of inter-cutting narrow (c.0.5m), shallow (c.0.3m) gullies or ditches. With the exception of those containing Medieval pottery (see above) none could be definitively dated, although the larger of the two ditches in Trench 45 contained burnt flint, animal bone and fired clay.

- 7.2.21 The ditches were not in a clearly definable pattern and their orientation differed from trench to trench. In amongst these ditches were a number of pits and post holes. Trench 22 contained a single pit cut by the medieval ditch, Trench 28 two intercutting pits/postholes and a small posthole, Trench 29 a medieval oval shaped pit and two postholes and Trench 45 four pits one of which contained worked and burnt flint.
- 7.2.22 At the western end of this trench group, Trench 21 contained half a dozen tree throws, none of which were excavated.

Trenches 34-36, 41 – 43, 47, 48, 50-52

- 7.2.23 Situated in the north-eastern part of the Site these trenches contained ditches, pits and postholes. With the exception of two pits (Trench 34 and 43), see below, no intrinsically dateable material was recovered from any of these features.
- 7.2.24 The ditches, between 0.35m and 0.75m wide and c.0.3m deep, were generally orientated either north to south or east to west. In several cases individual ditches appear to have been identified crossing two or more trenches, e.g. the east-west ditch in Trenches 34 and 41 and the north-south ditch in Trenches 51 and 52. Worked and burnt flint was recovered from one of the ditches in Trench 43 and charcoal from the ditch in Trench 48.
- 7.2.25 It is likely that these features represent boundary ditches for a rectilinear field system. No direct dating evidence was recovered from any of these ditches which could therefore potentially date from the late prehistoric onwards.
- 7.2.26 In addition to the ditches, some fourteen pits and thirteen postholes were recorded within this group of trenches.
- 7.2.27 Medieval pottery was recovered from two of the pits. Three sherds were found in a 1.5m wide pit in Trench 34, and four sherds from a similar sized pit in Trench 43.
- 7.2.28 Each of the Trenches 34-35, 41, 42, 47, 48, 50 and 52 contained a single pit varying in diameter from c.0.3m to 1.5m wide. Of those that were excavated they varied in depth from c.0.1m to 0.2m. In addition to the pottery from the pit in Trench 34, worked and burnt flint was recovered from the pit in Trench 47.
- 7.2.29 Trench 43 revealed three pits, the largest of which (1.45m x 1.75m wide and 0.6m deep) contained not only Medieval pottery (see above) but ceramic building material, bone and worked and burnt flint. Adjacent to this was a bell-shaped pit measuring 0.95m wide and 0.5m deep. This contained not only bone and fired clay but had a high charcoal content.
- 7.2.30 The third pit in this group was significantly smaller, measuring only 0.25m in diameter and 0.1m deep, and did not contain any artefactual or ecofactual material.
- 7.2.31 Three further undated pits were recorded in Trench 51.

- 7.2.32 Three groups of postholes and an isolated posthole were recorded, none of which were dated. In Trench 36 to the north of the east-west ditch six post/stake holes were recorded each 0.04-0.05m in diameter, they formed no discernible pattern. Three post/stakeholes were revealed in association with the pit group in Trench 43 and four post/stakeholes in Trench 47

Trenches 30-33, 37-40, 44 and 46
(Figures 3 and 4)

- 7.2.33 This group of ten trenches is located in the south-eastern corner of the evaluation area. The density of features is considerably lower than that to the north with almost 50% of the trenches recording no features, however there are more features than in the trench group to the east.
- 7.2.34 With the exception of a short undated linear feature in Trench 40, there is an apparent absence of ditches in the area covered by this trench group.
- 7.2.35 The only dated material from this area is the Later Neolithic pottery recovered from the largest (0.6m wide) of a pair of pits in Trench 37. Some 70m to the west, in Trench 31 a group of approximately 5 intercutting pits of varying dimensions were recorded. Mostly shallow, at some 0.3m deep, these pits contained fired clay and charcoal but no other dating material. A single tree throw was also recorded in this trench.
- 7.2.36 Two further pits were also recorded one in Trench 30 and one in Trench 32 as was a second tree throw in Trench 44.

Trenches 49 and 53
(Figures 3 and 4)

- 7.2.37 The final trench group comprises the two trenches excavated on the access path immediately east of the rugby pitch. None of the features were dated. Trench 49 contained one pit (1.7m x 0.7m in diameter) and two small post holes. Trench 53 contained a tree throw at its northern end and seven stakeholes, each 0.05m across, and one slightly larger posthole, none of which formed a discernible pattern.

8 ARTEFACTUAL EVIDENCE

8.1 Introduction

- 8.1.1 A small quantity of artefactual material was recovered from 15 evaluation trenches. With the exception of metalwork, all finds have been cleaned and quantified by material type within each context; this information is summarised in **Appendix 1/Table 1**. Spot dates have been recorded for pottery, as well as details of broad fabric group (e.g. medieval sandy coarseware). For all other finds, details of potential date range and diagnostic features have been recorded. This information is summarised by material type below.

- 8.1.2 Although small in size, this assemblage includes an interesting range of material. Of particular interest is the occurrence of a small group of Later Neolithic pottery from Trench 6 (and a further sherd from trench 37), and the evidence, albeit scanty, for early/middle Saxon activity from several trenches (pottery, glass bead, ceramic loomweights).

8.2 Pottery

- 8.2.1 This constitutes the primary dating evidence for the site. This small assemblage (104 sherds) includes material of early prehistoric, later prehistoric, Romano-British, Saxon, medieval and post-medieval. The spot-dating/scanning information for pottery is presented in **Appendix 1/Table 1**.
- 8.2.2 The earliest material comprises 29 sherds (127 g) of Later Neolithic Peterborough ware. All but one sherd came from Trench 6 (from two postholes), and includes sherds of at least three vessels (two of Mortlake sub-style and one ?Ebbsfleet), all in coarse, flint-tempered fabrics. The remaining sherd came from Trench 37.
- 8.2.3 Forty sherds from Trench 2, probably representing a single vessel, are in a coarse, flint-tempered fabric characteristic of the post-Deverel-Rimbury ceramic tradition of the Late Bronze Age (?11th to 8th centuries BC), although no diagnostic sherds are present.
- 8.2.4 Two small sherds, both from Trench 10, are Romano-British coarsewares, but cannot be dated more closely within this period (later 1st to 4th centuries AD).
- 8.2.5 Four sherds, two from Trench 10 and two from Trench 29, are in organic-tempered fabrics typical of the Early to Middle Saxon period (5th to 8th centuries AD). Again, no diagnostic sherds are present.
- 8.2.6 Medieval material comprises 22 sherds, recovered from five Trenches (10, 22, 29, 34, 43). All but one sherd are in coarseware fabrics, sandy or calcareous, with a potential date range of 11th to 12th century. Diagnostic sherds include one jar rim and one dish profile. The remaining sherd is a possible import (?North French), a whiteware with yellow glaze (?12th century).
- 8.2.7 The remaining seven sherds are of post-medieval modern date and comprise coarse redwares and industrial wares; all came from Trench 10.

8.3 Worked and Burnt Flint

- 8.3.1 The small worked flint assemblage includes nothing that is closely diagnostic. Most pieces exhibit some degree of edge damage, although a few pieces are in noticeably fresh condition. Apart from one scraper (Trench 2) and one other retouched piece (Trench 3), the pieces comprise flake and core material. Although two pieces were associated with Later Neolithic pottery

in Trench 6, there is little here to suggest the presence of an early prehistoric component, and a broad Neolithic/Bronze Age date is suggested.

- 8.3.2 Burnt, unworked flint was recovered in larger quantities, with a noticeable concentration in trench 43 (32% by weight of the total), where it occurs in contexts without other datable material. In other trenches burnt flint is associated with material of various dates from Late Bronze Age to medieval.

8.4 Fired Clay and Ceramic Building Material

- 8.4.1 The majority of the fired clay consists of small, abraded fragments, some with surfaces but most featureless – most if not all of this material is likely to be of structural origin, from upstanding structures or from hearth/oven linings. One large fragment (Trench 45) has definite wattle impressions. None of this material is intrinsically datable, and most derived from contexts without other datable finds.
- 8.4.2 Fragments of one definite annular loomweight (a Saxon type) were recognised (Trench 14), plus a fragment possibly from a second weight of similar form (Trench 22).
- 8.4.3 One piece of post-medieval ceramic roof tile came from Trench 10.

8.5 Glass

- 8.5.1 A polychrome bead of Saxon type (late 6th/7th century) came from Trench 10.
- 8.5.2 Other glass comprises fragments of modern vessel glass; most from Trench 10, although two tiny fragments were found, presumably intrusive, with the Later Neolithic pottery in Trench 6.

8.6 Stone

- 8.6.1 Most of the stone recovered consists of small, abraded fragments of continental lava stone, almost certainly deriving from quernstones. Lava querns were imported from the continent from the middle Saxon into the early medieval period. These fragments came from four Trenches (10, 22, 29 and 43).
- 8.6.2 Other stone includes a possibly utilised sarsen pebble (Trench 2), a piece of post-medieval roofing slate (Trench 10), and a small, possibly worked sandstone fragment (Trench 29).

8.7 Metalwork

- 8.7.1 The metalwork, all iron objects, includes one possible nail (Trench 2), a large modern fragment and an unidentified object (Trench 10), and a bar fragment of uncertain origin (Trench 43). Apart from the large modern fragment none of these are closely datable.

9 PALAEO-ENVIRONMENTAL EVIDENCE

9.1 Aims

9.1.1 Palaeo-environmental sampling was undertaken to determine the presence and survival of charred remains to evaluate the potential and importance of the contexts on the site and to aid in determining any sampling strategy should further archaeological intervention be warranted.

9.2 Samples taken and palaeo-environmental evidence

9.2.1 A series of seven bulk samples of 10 litres was processed from a range of feature types for the recovery and assessment of charred plant remains and charcoals.

9.2.2 The bulk samples were processed by standard flotation methods; the flot retained on a 0.5 mm mesh and the residues fractionated into 5.6 mm, 2 mm and 1 mm fractions and dried. The coarse fractions (>5.6 mm) were sorted, weighed and discarded.

9.2.3 The flots were scanned under a x10 - x30 stereo-binocular microscope and presence of charred remains were quantified (Table E1), to record the preservation and nature of the charred plant and charcoal remains.

9.2.4 The bulk samples were taken from contexts of four different periods:

Table 2. Palaeo-environmental samples

Period	No of samples	Volume (litres)
?Later Neolithic	1	10
?Saxon	1	10
Medieval	2	20
Undated	3	30
total	7	70

9.3 Charred plant remains

9.3.1 The flots varied in size (average flot size for a 10 litre sample is 60 millilitres) with between 10 and 50% rooty material and low to high numbers of uncharred weed seeds, which can be indicative of stratigraphic movement.

9.3.2 The sample from a possible Later Neolithic posthole contained a few charred grain fragments and a few charred weed seeds including hazelnut fragments.

9.3.3 The sample from a pit of possible Saxon date produced a large quantity of charred grain fragments and small amounts of charred chaff fragments and charred weed seeds.

9.3.4 High numbers of charred grain fragments, a few charred chaff pieces and small quantities of charred weed seeds including hazelnut fragments were

recorded in both samples from medieval features. Small mammal bones were present in one sample.

- 9.3.5 The two undated samples from pits contained large quantities of charred grain fragments and small amounts of charred chaff fragments and charred weed seeds including hazelnut fragments. Small mammal bones were observed in one of these samples. The undated ditch sample only produced a few charred grain and charred weed seed fragments.

9.4 Charcoal

- 9.4.1 Charcoal was noted from the flots of the bulk samples and is recorded in Appendix 2 Table 3. Charcoal fragments of greater than 5.6 mm were only retrieved in large quantities from the two undated samples from pits. The charcoal was mainly large wood fragments.

9.5 Potential

Charred plant remains

- 9.5.1 The presence of charred remains in the Later Neolithic context which included grain and charred weed seeds is highly significant. It provides the potential for the presence and survival of further remains within the area, the analysis of which would be a significant contribution to the understanding of the earlier human activity (i.e. Neolithic) in the area.
- 9.5.2 The remaining samples from dated features consistently contained grain, chaff and weed seeds, indicating the presence of burning and disposal nearby. The presence of these remains in all of the samples indicate occupation or settlement activity in the vicinity and demonstrates the survival of these remains in suitable quantities from all sampled contexts.

Charcoal

- 9.5.3 Charcoal is present, typically in larger quantities in pits than ditches.

9.6 Summary

- 9.6.1 The evidence of preserved Neolithic charred remains provides the potential for obtaining larger more meaningful assemblages which could provide important information about the economy and cultivation practices of communities starting to develop survival strategies more reliant on farming (and sedentism), than on less planned food procurement strategies of hunting and foraging
- 9.6.2 The assessment (Appendix 2 Table 3) shows survival of good quantities of charred remains and thus the likelihood of more extensive survival.

10 SUMMARY

10.1 Site formation and post-depositional impact

- 10.1.1 The nature and survival of archaeological deposits appears largely consistent with conditions found elsewhere on the brickearth covered terraces, such as at Imperial College (IMC96) to the south of Sipson Lane and Wall Garden Farm (WGF 79-84 & WGD95) to the west (Fig. 2).
- 10.1.2 Archaeological remains principally comprise features cut into the natural substrata, in this case brickearth, which have been truncated by medieval and later cultivation. It is estimated that cultivation has removed the upper 0.4m of most features. There was no evidence to suggest significant differences in levels of truncation across the Site.
- 10.1.3 There are a limited number of stratigraphic relationships within the evaluation trenches. Although the quantities of artefactual and ecofactual remains are relatively low, their concentrations vary across the Site.

10.2 The Archaeological Resource

- 10.2.1 The evaluation recorded evidence of human activity within the Site dating from the Neolithic, Bronze Age, Saxon and Medieval and post-medieval periods. Only scant evidence was found (see below) for Romano- British occupation and none for the preceding Iron Age. With the exception of these two apparent period absences, occupation during such a range of periods is consistent with that in the landscape around Heathrow as a whole.
- 10.2.2 Although archaeological deposits were recorded across the Site, there were notable concentrations of features and areas where they were absent. The consistent level of truncation across the site, noted previously, would suggest these variations represent true, rather than recorded, differences in levels of activity.
- 10.2.3 Two principal areas of activity can be identified, one in the south-west corner and a larger one in the north central/eastern part of the site.

Late prehistoric

- 10.2.4 Trenches 2 and 6 in the Site's south-west corner recorded Later Neolithic and Late Bronze Age activity, the topographical model (Fig. 4) shows it is located on one of the highest and flattest areas of the Site. Two postholes in Trench 6 contained some 28 sherds of Later Neolithic Peterborough Ware pottery and evidence of grain processing and hazelnuts. A single pit in Trench 2 contained the remains of a single Late Bronze Age vessel. With the exception of a single posthole in Trench 4 and modern drainage, the land to the north, east and south of this focus is apparently devoid of any activity.
- 10.2.5 Some 350m to the east in Trench 37, a pit was found to contain Peterborough Ware pottery, suggesting that further, isolated, areas of Neolithic activity may be anticipated.

Romano British

- 10.2.6 The only evidence for activity on the Site during this period was in the form of two sherds of pottery both from features in Trench 10, one from an otherwise undated pit and the second as a residual find in a Saxon pit. The quantity of Roman-British finds recovered was very small compared to other evaluations in the area where subsequent excavation revealed Romano-British occupation.

Saxon and Medieval

- 10.2.7 In the northern central and eastern part of the Site is an apparent concentration of Saxon/Medieval occupation, which extends from Trench 10 in the west to the site boundary in the east. This occupation area can however tentatively be divided in two.
- 10.2.8 Within the area of Trenches 10, 14, 16, 22, 28, 29 and 45, and particularly the later four trenches, there is a great density of pits, postholes and ditches. The quantity of finds recovered from features in these trenches was high compared to the rest of the Site. The presence of daub, loomweights, quern stones and evidence of crop processing from palaeo-environmental samples would indicate settlement, during the Saxon and Medieval periods.
- 10.2.9 To the east the concentration of features and finds decrease. There is however strong evidence for a rectilinear field system defined by ditches orientated north-south and east-west. Excavation of the ditches produced small quantities of fired clay as well as worked and burnt flint. Although this field system cannot be directly dated from its finds it is found in association with a number of pits which contain not only fired clay and worked and burnt flint but medieval pottery and charcoal.
- 10.2.10 It is suggested therefore that there is good evidence for Saxon/medieval agricultural settlement on the northern and eastern part of the Site. The topographical model suggests that if this is settlement it is situated on a gentle north facing slope, rather than the flatter area in the centre of the Site. This positioning is probably to encourage free draining of surface water from the settlement.

Undated activity

- 10.2.11 Previous investigations in the area have shown that dating of features located away from settlements is problematic due to the paucity of finds. This is particularly so in the cases of field ditches. Potential therefore exists for undated ditches to be anything from Bronze Age or later in date. However many of the undated ditches in the eastern part of the Site are likely to be Saxon/Medieval by virtue of their hypothesised association with the settlement to the west.
- 10.2.12 Many of the pits/postholes distributed across the Site remain undated. These features could potentially date from the Later Neolithic onwards. Whilst by association many pits/postholes in the northern part of the site are likely to be Saxon/Medieval they potentially represent as yet undefined late prehistoric activity.

- 10.2.13 A number of tree throws were also recorded (e.g. Trench 13 and 21). Although often difficult to directly date many of these features prove to be of late prehistoric origin by association with other activity.

11 CONCLUSION

11.1 Introduction

- 11.1.1 Evaluation has demonstrated that in the northern 10.5ha of the Site the archaeological potential varies from period to period. No evaluation of the southern 2.5 ha (rugby pitch) of could be undertaken, however there is no reason to believe other than that the rugby pitch has a similar level of archaeological potential and significance.

- 11.1.2 The following sections present an assessment of the potential and significance of the archaeology on the evaluated 10.5ha.

11.2 Potential

Neolithic; Moderate to High

- 11.2.1 There is demonstrated potential for remains of Later Neolithic date to survive on the Site and these are likely to take the form of isolated pit clusters, probably of ritual rather than domestic origin. Paleo-environmental remains within the pits have the potential to provide information on the agriculture and environment. Excavations in the vicinity show that the pits may also indicate the presence of larger monuments, such as barrow mounds, though the number and location of these is very difficult to predict.

Bronze Age – Low - Moderate

- 11.2.2 Only a single feature was dated to this period. Unlike Neolithic features these tend not to be isolated in the landscape. The potential therefore exists that the western boundary of the Site just clips the edge of a Bronze Age settlement.

Iron Age and Romano-British – Low

- 11.2.3 There is an almost complete absence of material from these periods. Work on other sites in the vicinity has shown that if present such features are readily identified through evaluation.

Saxon and medieval – Moderate to High

- 11.2.4 Archaeological deposits from these periods offer the greatest potential. There is good evidence for settlement in the northern and central part of the Site. The settlement is likely to comprise both domestic and agricultural activity.

11.3 Significance

- 11.3.1 As a whole the Site's significance is that it offers the potential to understand the interaction of human populations with the landscape from the Neolithic period onwards on a relatively large-scale, and consider it in relation to patterns of occupation recorded elsewhere in the area. However the two areas of greatest significance are the Neolithic and the Saxon and medieval periods of occupation.
- 11.3.2 Whilst in recent years a number of Neolithic monuments and features have been discovered on the Taplow terrace their pattern and purpose is still poorly understood. Generally remains of this period tend to be considered as being ritual in function. Structural features such as postholes may indicate domestic or settlement activity, evidence for which is rare and therefore of significance.
- 11.3.3 The postulated settlement(s) in the northern part of the site have been described as Saxon and Medieval. Whilst rural Saxon settlements have previously been recorded in the vicinity, rural medieval settlements are not so well attested. Settlements of both periods are of significance, however there is potential that this site provides evidence for a transitional Late Saxon/early medieval settlement the presence of which would be highly significant.
- 11.3.4 The evaluation has identified the presence of archaeological deposits within the site which may be of local significance and highlighted the potential for similar remains to survive within that part of the site which was not available for trial trenching.

11.4 Potential Impact

- 11.4.1 Mineral extraction will impact upon these remain.

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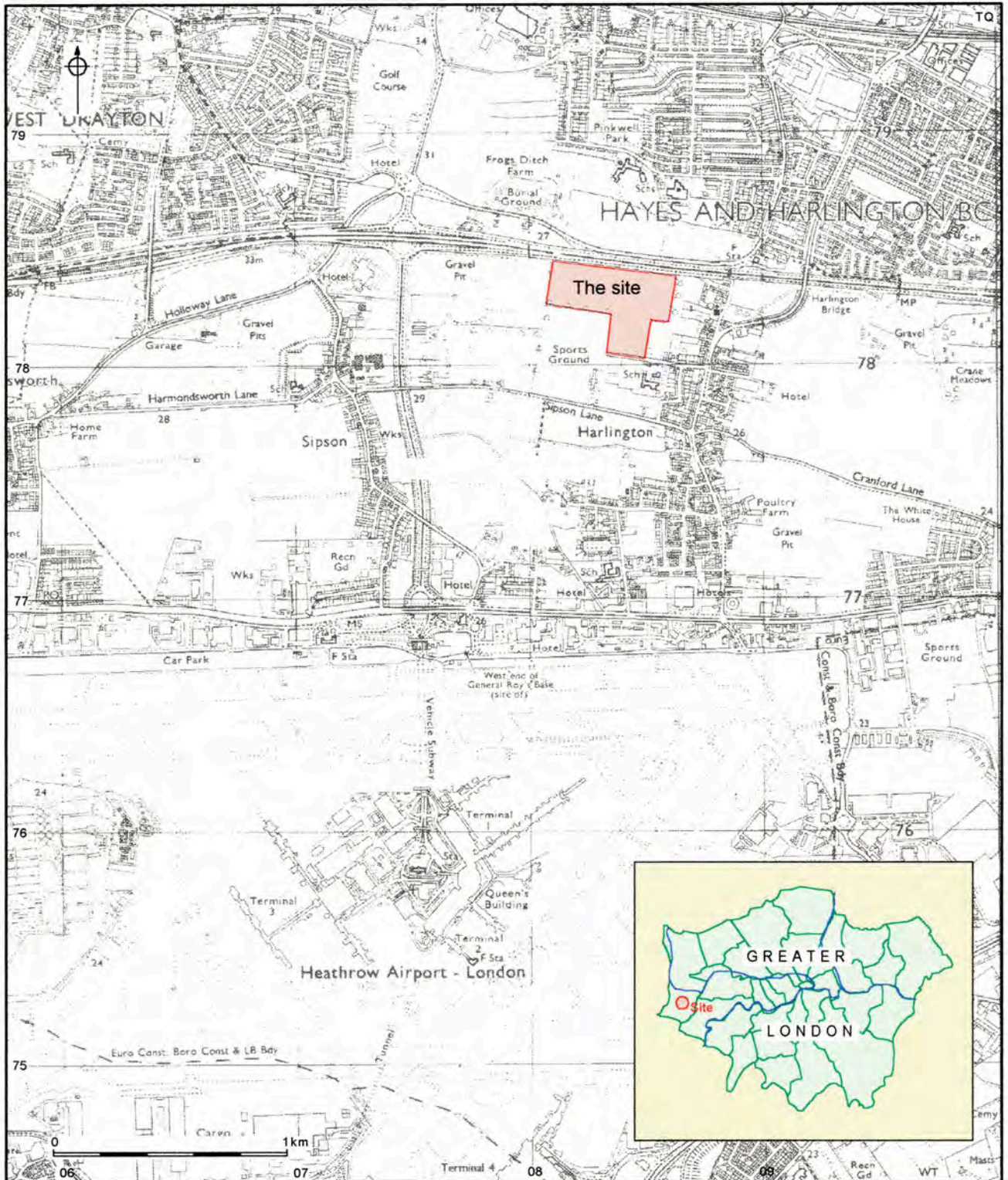


Figure 1: Site location

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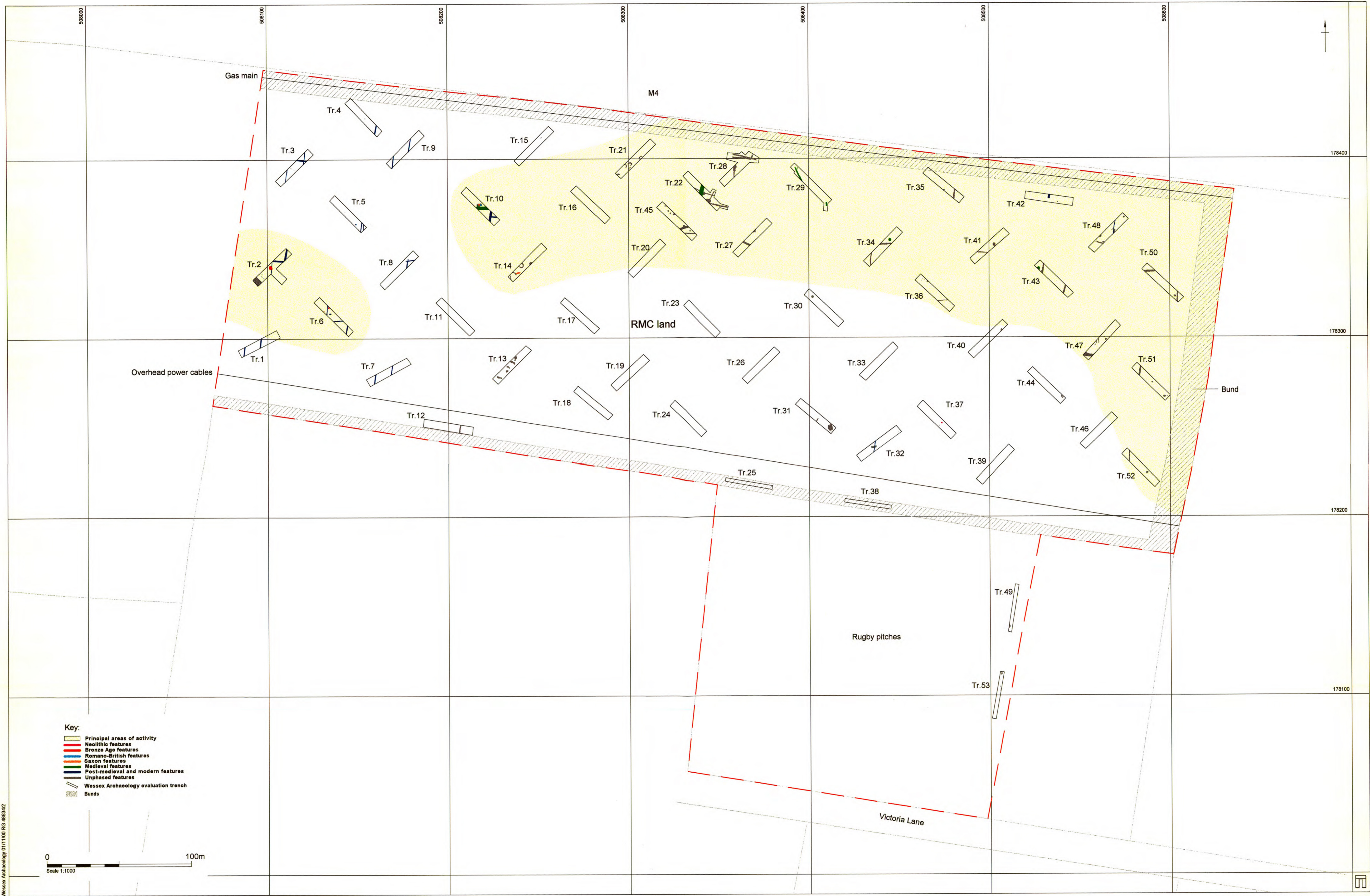


- Principal areas of activity
- Neolithic features
- Bronze Age features
- Iron Age features
- Romano-British features
- Saxon features
- Medieval features
- Post-medieval and modern features
- Unphased features
- Wessex Archaeology evaluation trench
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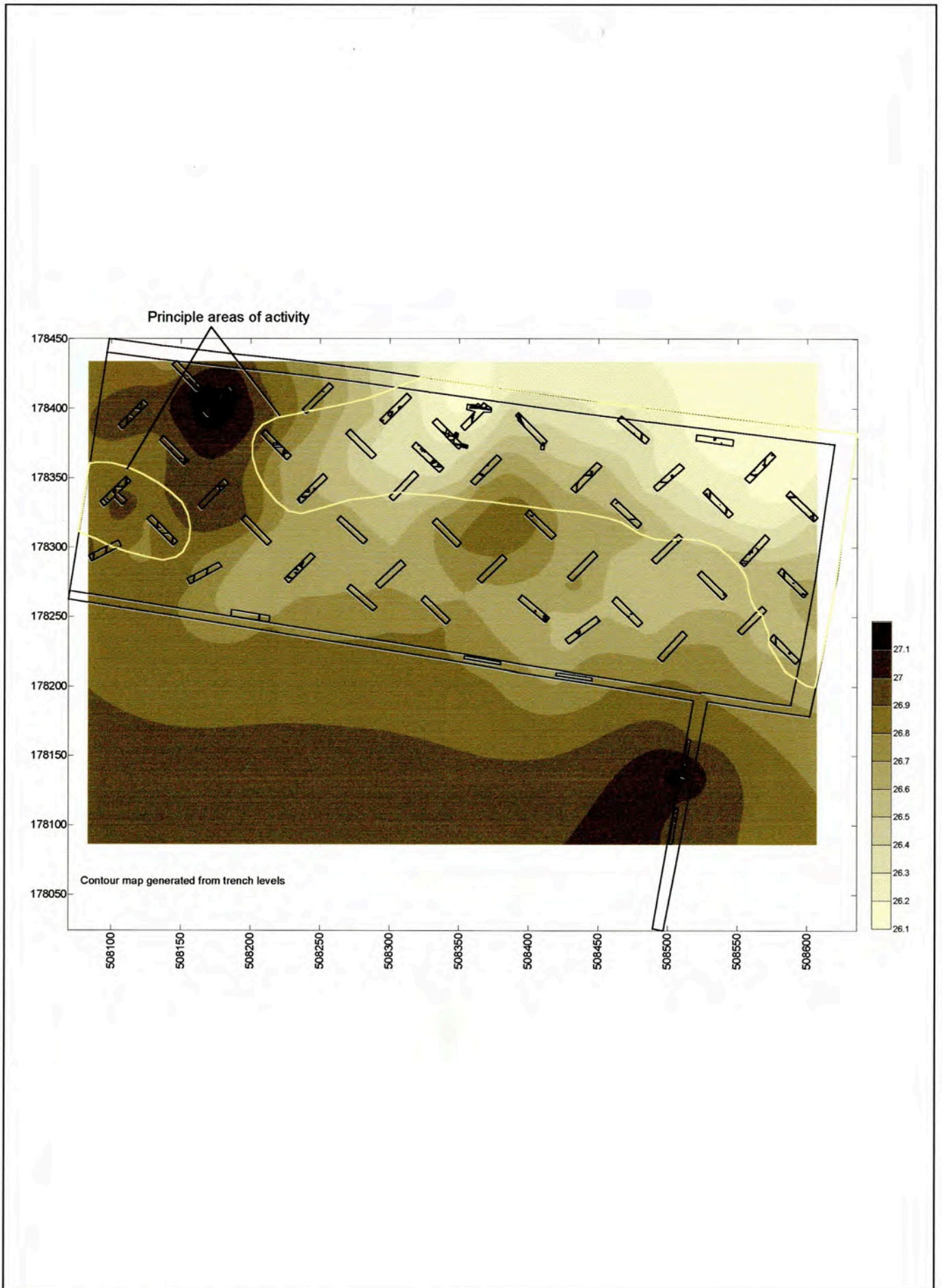
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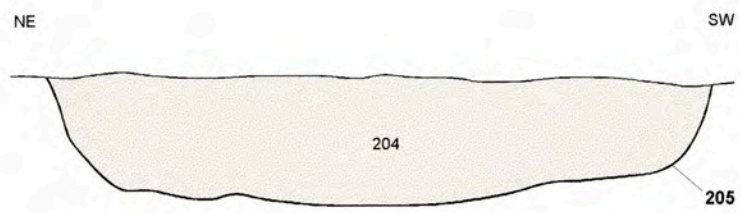
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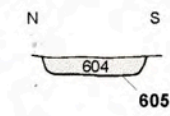


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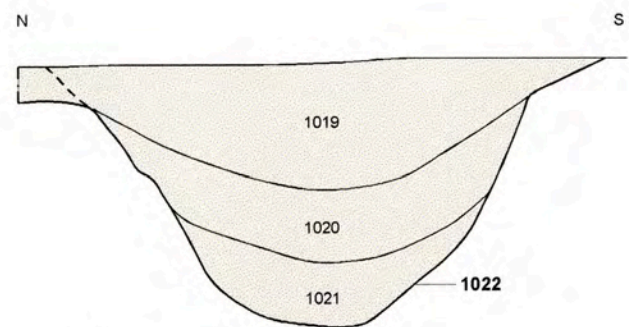
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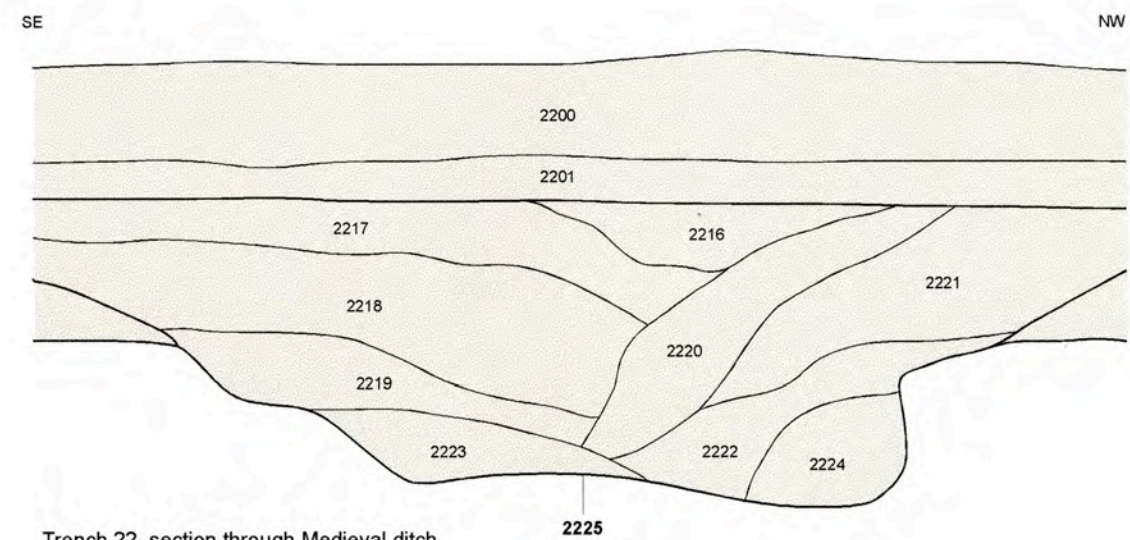
Trench 2, section through Late Bronze Age pit



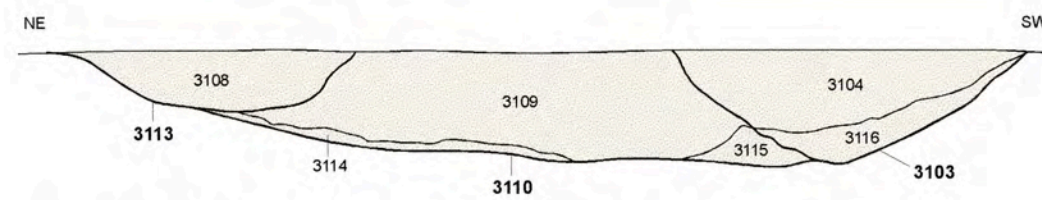
Trench 6, section through pit/posthole with Late Neolithic pottery



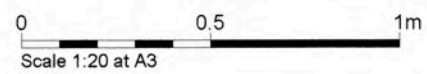
Trench 10, section through Medieval ditch



Trench 22, section through Medieval ditch



Trench 3, section through a group of inter-cutting pits - possibly prehistoric



13 APPENDIX 1 -

Table 1: Pottery by context

E/M Sax = Early/Middle Saxon; LBA = Late Bronze Age; MNEO = Later Neolithic;
p-med = post-medieval; RB = Romano-British

Trench	Context	Date	Ware group	No	Wt	Comments
2	204	LBA	flint-tempered	40	207	probably one vessel
6	604	MNEO	Peterborough ware	9	98	Mortlake sub-style?
6	606	MNEO	Peterborough ware	19	16	Mortlake ?Ebbsfleet +
10	1006	RB	coarse sandy	1	2	
10	1007	p-med	redware	2	8	
10	1007	modern	industrial ware	4	12	
10	1008	modern	industrial ware	1	1	
10	1010	RB	coarse sandy	1	5	
10	1015	E/M Saxon	organic-tempered	2	27	
10	1019	medieval	coarse calcareous	1	1	
10	1019	medieval	coarse sandy	2	10	
10	1021	medieval	coarse sandy	1	2	
22	2222	medieval	coarse calcareous	1	34	
29	2909	E/M Saxon	organic-tempered	1	2	
29	2911	medieval	?import	1	1	glazed whiteware
29	2911	medieval	coarse sandy	2	9	
29	2913	medieval	coarse calcareous	1	2	
29	2914	medieval	coarse calcareous	1	2	
29	2914	medieval	coarse sandy	3	22	
29	2914	E/M Saxon	organic-tempered	1	3	
29	2915	medieval	coarse sandy	2	18	
34	3408	medieval	coarse calcareous	3	79	dish (profile)
37	3705	MNEO	Peterborough ware	1	13	Mortlake sub-style?
43	4305	medieval	coarse calcareous	4	51	jar rim

Table 3. Assessment of the charred plant remains and charcoal

Feature type/ no	Context	Sample	size litres	Flot								Residue
				flot ml	size	Grain	Chaff	Weed seeds uncharred charred	Charcoal >5.6mm	Other	Charcoal >5.6mm	
?Later Neolithic												
Posthole												
608	606	51	10	15 ^{7.5}	C	-	a	C(h)	-	-	-	-
?Saxon												
Pit												
1014	1012	54	10	15 ⁴	A	C	c	C	C	-	-	-
Medieval												
Ditch												
1022	1021	56	10	15 ⁴	A*	C	c	B	C	-	-	-
Pit												
2912	2914	59	10	30 ⁶	A*	C	c	C(h)	C	smb (C)	-	-
Undated												
Pit												
3110	3109	58	10	80 ¹⁶	A	C	c	C(h)	A	-	-	-
4310	4319	65	10	175 ^{17.5}	A*	C	b	C	A*	smb (C)	-	30
Ditch												
4518	4516	61	10	10 ³	C	-	a	C	C	-	-	-

KEY: A** = exceptional, A* = 30+ items, A = ≥10 items, B = 9 - 5 items, C = < 5 items, (h) = hazelnuts, smb = small mammal bones

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

15 APPENDIX 3 – TABLE 2: EVALUATION TRENCH SUMMARIES

Trench Number 1		Co.ords X508084.621 Y178291.814 X 508105.942 Y 178302.849	Level 26.93 26.84
Dimensions 25m X 4.5m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
101	0 – 0.38m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
102	0.38m --	Natural, light yellowish brown compacted silty clay.	

Trench Number 2		Co.ords X 508093.317 Y 178331.228 X 508111.936 Y 178349.073	Level 26.87 26.86
Dimensions 25m X 4.2m Extended area = 36.50m² to south east.			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
201	0 – 0.3m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
202	0.30 – 0.45m	Subsoil, light brownish yellow sandy clay.	
203	0.45m --	Natural, mid-reddish brown silty clay brickearth.	
204	0 – 0.34m	Fill of 205, light yellowish brown compacted silty clay with few natural inclusions, rich in archaeological finds.	
205	0 – 0.34m	Badly defined sub circular pit c.1.75m diameter.	
206	0.30 – 0.55m	Fill of 207, light greyish yellow friable sandy silt.	
207	0.30 – 0.55m	Modern land drain aligned north – south. Width = 0.40m.	

Trench Number 3		Co.ords X 508106.272 Y 178386.665 X508124.343 Y 178404.572	Level 26.92 26.96
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
300	0 – 0.22m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
301	0.22 – 0.32m	Sub soil, similar to topsoil only lighter grey with more flint inclusions.	
302	0.32 – 0.51m	Natural brickearth, pale/ light orange yellow silty clay with occasional small flint inclusions.	
303	0.51 – 0.65m	Natural brickearth, dark orange silty clay, slopes very gently across trench from north - eastern corner.	
304	0.65m --	Natural brickearth, dark orange clayey silt.	
305	0.22m --	Fill of 305, light greyish yellow friable sandy silt.	
306	0.22m --	Modern land drain.	

Trench Number 4		Co.ords X 508145.009 Y 178432.932 X 508162.523 Y 178414.441	Level 26.82 27.15
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
400	0 – 0.22m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
401	0.22 – 0.29m	Sub soil, mid brown silty clay with rare small flint inclusions.	
402	0.29 – 0.43m	Natural brickearth, light orange yellow silty clay with occasional small flint inclusions.	
403	0.43 – 0.55m	Natural brickearth, dark orange silty clay.	
404	0.55m --	Natural brickearth, dark orange clayey silt.	
405	0.29 – 0.33m	Fill of 406, mid greyish brown silty clay with chalk flecking.	
406	0.29 – 0.33m	Post hole, circular in plan with vertical sides and flat/ irregular base, 0.25m diameter.	

Trench Number 5		Co.ords X 508136.049 Y 178378.700 X 508153.570 Y 178360.778	Level 26.91 26.96
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
500	0 – 0.15m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
501	0.15 – 0.23m	Sub soil, mid greyish brown compact silty clay with occasional small chalk and flint inclusions.	
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
502	0.23 – 0.47m	Natural brickearth, light orange yellow silty clay with occasional small flint inclusions.	
503	0.47m --	Natural brickearth, dark orange silty clay.	
504	0.23 – 0.43m	Fill of 505, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint and chalk inclusions.	
505	0.23 – 0.43m	Modern service pipe trench, aligned north – south c. 0.26m wide.	
506	0.23m --	Fill of 507, redeposited natural (502).	
507	0.23m --	'Mole drain' aligned east – west c. 0.30m (max).	

Trench Number 6		Co.ords X 508127.180 Y 178321.753 X 508145.984 Y 178302.984	Level 26.84 26.84
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
600	0 – 0.25m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
601	0.25 – 0.35m	Sub soil, mid greyish brown compact silty clay with occasional small chalk and flint inclusions.	

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Trench Number 6		Co.ords X 508127.180 Y 178321.753 X 508145.984 Y 178302.984	Level 26.84 26.84
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
602	0.35 – 0.54m	Natural brickearth, light orange yellow silty clay with occasional small flint inclusions.	
603	0.54m --	Natural brickearth, dark orange silty clay.	
604	0.35 – 0.40m	Fill of 605, mid brown/grey silty clay with rare small flint inclusions. Worked flint and pottery recovered.	
605	0.35 – 0.40m	Posthole, circular in plan with steep concave sides and flat base c. 0.28m diameter.	
606	0.35 – 0.44m	Fill of 608, light greyish yellow brown clayey silt with occasional very small chalk flecking. Pottery recovered.	
607	0.44 – 0.56m	Primary fill of 608, mid orange brown silty clay with very rare manganese flecking.	
608	0.35 – 0.56m	Post hole, heavily disturbed by plough action and bioturbation. C. 0.18m diameter.	

Trench Number 7		Co.ords X 508155.608 Y 178275.300 X 508178.241 Y 178287.504	Level 26.81 26.73
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
701	0 – 0.33m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
702	0.33m --	Subsoil, compacted mid reddish brown silty clay.	

Trench Number 8		Co.ords X 508163.627 Y 178328.997 X 508182.381 Y 178347.528	Level 27.01 26.94
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
801	0 – 0.29m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
802	0.29 – 0.35m	Subsoil, very light brownish yellow silty clay, compacted.	
803	0.35m --	Natural brickearth, dark orange silty clay.	

Trench Number 9		Co.ords X 508167.670 Y 178396.470 X 508185.897 Y 178414.833	Level 27.16 27.14
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
901	0 – 0.33m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
902	0.33m --	Subsoil, very light brownish yellow silty clay, compacted.	

Trench Number 10		Co.ords X508209.034 Y 178382.913 X508227.380 Y 178364.569	Level 26.94 26.68
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
1001	0 – 0.27m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
1002	0.27 – 0.33m	Sub soil, mid greyish brown compact silty clay with occasional small chalk and flint inclusions.	
1003	0.33 – 0.44m	Natural brickearth, light orange yellow silty clay with occasional small flint inclusions.	
1004	0.44 – 0.55m	Natural brickearth, dark orange silty clay.	
1005	0.33 – 0.67m	Fill of 1014 , mid brownish grey silty clay with rare small flint inclusions. Worked and burnt flint, animal bone, fired clay and pottery recovered.	
1006	0.67 – 0.86m	Fill of 1014 , mid brownish orange silty clay with rare small flint inclusions. Worked and burnt flint, animal bone, fired clay and pottery recovered.	
1007	0.33m --	Fill of 1009 , light grey brown silty clay containing degraded organic material (crop). Modern pottery, glass and corroded metal noted.	
1008	0.33m --	Fill of 1009 , orange brown silty clay. Modern components as in 1007 noted.	
1009	0.33m --	Modern soak-away associated with 1024 . Not fully excavated due to depth/ confines.	
1010	0.86 – 1.11m	Fill of 1014 , mid brown/ orange silty clay with rare flint gravel inclusions. Worked and burnt flint, animal bones and pottery recovered.	
1011	1.11 – 1.21m	Fill of 1014 , mid brown/ orange silty clay with rare flint gravel inclusions.	
1012	1.21 – 1.31m	Primary fill of 1014 , mid brown/ grey silty clay with rare flint gravel inclusions. Animal bone and glass bead {SF 01 } recovered.	
1013	1.31 – 1.34m	Primary fill of 1014 , mid brown/ orange silty clay with occasional flint gravel inclusions.	
1014	0.33 – 1.34m	Bell shaped pit, circular in plan with concave/irregular sides and base. Relationship with pit 1018 to east unclear/ resolved. 1.40m diameter.	
1015	0.33 – 0.77m	Fill of 1016 , grey brown silty clay with occasional flint gravel inclusions. Pottery recovered.	
1016	0.33 – 0.77m	Pit, circular in plan with irregular sides and base. 1.10m diameter.	
1017	0.33 – 0.53m	Fill of 1018 , grey brown silty clay with rare flint gravel inclusions. Animal bone and burnt flint recovered.	
1018	0.33 – 0.53m	Pit, circular in plan with convex sides, not fully excavated. Relationship with 1014 unclear/ resolved. 1.10m diameter.	
1019	0.33 – 0.66m	Fill of 1022 , mid brown/ grey silty clay with occasional flint gravel inclusions. Pottery and burnt flint recovered.	
1020	0.66 – 0.85m	Fill of 1022 , mid brown/ orange silty clay with sparse flint gravel inclusions. Pottery and bone fragments recovered.	

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Trench Number 10		Co.ords X508209.034 Y 178382.913 X508227.380 Y 178364.569	Level 26.94 26.68
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
1021	0.85 – 1.02m	Fill of 1022 , mid brown/ orange silty clay with sparse flint gravel inclusions. Animal bone and burnt flint recovered.	
1022	0.33 – 1.2m	Ditch linear in plan with steep concave sides and base, aligned east – west, 1.45m wide.	
1023	0.33m --	Fill of 1024 , grey silty clay with few flint inclusions contained intact ceramic drain.	
1024	0.33m --	Modern land-drain, aligned north – south, not fully excavated.	

Trench Number 11		Co.ords X 508194.878 Y 178321.413 X 508213.342 Y 178302.939	Level 26.91 26.65
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
1100	0 – 0.18m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
1101	0.18 – 0.36m	Sub soil, mid greyish brown compact silty clay with occasional small chalk and flint inclusions.	
1102	0.36 – 0.60m	Natural brickearth, mid orange/ yellow silty clay with rare flint gravel inclusions.	
1103	0.60 --	Natural brickearth, orange brown clayey silt with rare flint gravel inclusions.	

Trench Number 12		Co.ords X 508186.260 Y 178252.756 X 508213.455 Y 178248.258	Level 26.72 26.81
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
1200	0 – 0.18m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
1201	0.18 – 0.33m	Sub soil, mid greyish brown compact silty clay with occasional small chalk and flint inclusions.	
1202	0.33 – 0.49m	Natural brickearth, mid orange/ yellow silty clay with rare flint gravel inclusions.	
1203	0.49 --	Natural brickearth, orange brown clayey silt with rare flint gravel inclusions.	

Trench Number 13		Co.ords X 508225.964 Y 178275.871 X 508244.679 Y 178294.579	Level 26.68 26.61
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
1300	0 – 0.29m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	

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Trench Number 13		Co.ords X 508225.964 Y 178275.871 X 508244.679 Y 178294.579	Level 26.68 26.61
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
1301	0.29 – 0.40m	Sub soil, mid greyish brown compact silty clay with occasional small chalk and flint inclusions.	
1302	0.40 – 0.48m	Natural brickearth, mid orange/ yellow silty clay with rare flint gravel inclusions.	
1303	0.48 – 0.63m	Natural brickearth, orange brown clayey silt with rare flint gravel inclusions.	
1304	0.63m --	Natural brickearth, dark orange brown clayey silt with rare flint gravel inclusions.	

Trench Number 14		Co.ords X 508234.802 Y 178333.048 X 508253.542 Y 178351.565	Level 26.68 26.58
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
1400	0 – 0.22m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
1401	0.22 – 0.33m	Sub soil, mid greyish brown compact silty clay with occasional small chalk and flint inclusions.	
1402	0.33 – 0.64m	Natural brickearth, mid orange/ yellow silty clay with rare flint gravel inclusions.	
1403	0.64m --	Natural brickearth, orange brown clayey silt with rare flint gravel inclusions.	
1404	0.33m --	Tree-throw, 13m long X 0.60m wide, not fully excavated.	
1405	0.33m --	Tree-throw, 1.5m long X 1m wide, not fully excavated.	
1406	0.33m --	Tree-throw, 3m long X 2m wide, not fully excavated.	
1407	0.33m --	Tree-throw, 2.2m long X 1m wide, not fully excavated.	
1408	0.33 – 0.55m	Fill of 1409, mid grey brown clayey silt with occasional very small flint gravel inclusions. Worked flint and animal bone recovered.	
1409	0.55 – 0.63m	Pit sub-circular in plan with moderately sloping sides and concave base, 0.76m X 0.50m. Intercut with 1411 and 1414 stratified relationship unclear.	
1410	0.33 – 0.61m	Fill of 1411, mid grey brown clayey silt with very occasional small flint inclusions. Fragment of loomweight {02} and fragments of animal bone recovered.	
1411	0.33 – 0.61m	Posthole/ pit circular in plan with vertical sides and concave base. Intercut with 1409 and 1414 stratified relationship unclear.	
1412	0.33 – 0.48m	Fill of 1413, mid grey brown clayey silt with some charcoal flecking.	
1413	0.33 – 0.48m	Pit/ posthole sub-circular in plan with gently sloping sides and flat base. 0.68m X 0.38m.	
1414	0.55 – 0.63m	Fill of 1409, mid yellow brown silty clay with common manganese flecking. Occasional small flecks of fired clay/ CBM noted. Intercut with 1411 and 1409 stratified relationship unclear.	

Trench Number 15		Co.ords X 508238.481 Y 178397.734 X 508257.697 Y 178416.897	Level 26.78 26.67
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
1500	0 – 0.25m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
1501	0.25 – 0.35m	Sub soil, mid greyish brown compact silty clay with occasional small chalk and flint inclusions.	
1502	0.35 – 0.50m	Natural brickearth, light orange brown silty clay with occasional small flint inclusions.	
1503	0.50 – 0.63m	Natural brickearth, orange brown silty clay with occasional small flint inclusions.	
1504	0.63m --	Natural brickearth, orange brown clayey silt with occasional small flint inclusions.	
1505	0.63 – 0.73m	Fill of 1506, mid grey brown silty clay with rare flint inclusions.	
1506	0.63 – 0.73m	Posthole circular in plan, 0.32m diameter with irregular sides and flat base.	

Trench Number 16		Co.ords X 508269.871 Y 178383.439 X 508288.472 Y 178365.327	Level 26.53 26.42
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
1600	0 – 0.16m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
1601	0.16 – 0.31m	Subsoil, mid grey brown silty clay with rare small flint inclusions.	
1602	0.31 – 0.51m	Natural brickearth, pale orange yellow with rare flint gravel inclusions.	
1603	0.51m --	Natural brickearth, dark orange clayey silt.	
1604	0.51m --	Tree-throw, unexcavated, c. 1.5m diameter	

Trench Number 17		Co.ords X 508263.557 Y 178321.115 X 508282.394 Y 178303.835	Level 26.65 26.62
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
1700	0 – 0.30m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
1701	0.30 – 0.40m	Subsoil, mid grey brown silty clay with rare small flint inclusions.	
1702	0.40 – 0.53m	Natural brickearth, pale orange yellow with rare flint gravel inclusions.	
1703	0.53 – 0.65m	Natural brickearth, dark orange clayey silt.	
1704	0.65m --	Natural brickearth, dark orange brown clayey silt.	

Trench Number 18		Co.ords X 508270.728 Y 178271.722 X 508289.491 Y 178255.491	Level 26.69 26.79
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
1800	0 – 0.31m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
1801	0.31 – 0.46m	Subsoil, mid grey brown silty clay with rare small flint inclusions.	
1802	0.46 – 0.55m	Natural brickearth, pale orange yellow with rare flint gravel inclusions.	
1803	0.55m --	Natural brickearth, dark orange clayey silt.	

Trench Number 19		Co.ords X 508291.457 Y 178272.150 X 508309.582 Y 178289.091	Level 26.70 26.64
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
1900	0 – 0.16m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
1901	0.16 – 0.41m	Subsoil, mid grey brown silty clay with rare small flint inclusions.	
1902	0.41 – 0.60m	Natural brickearth, pale orange yellow with rare flint gravel inclusions.	
1903	0.60 --	Natural brickearth, dark orange clayey silt.	

Trench Number 20		Co.ords X 508300.980 Y 178335.055 X 508319.023 Y 178353.591	Level 26.49 26.40
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
2000	0 – 0.27m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
2001	0.27 – 0.35m	Subsoil, mid grey brown silty clay with rare small flint inclusions.	
2002	0.35 – 0.49m	Natural brickearth, pale orange yellow with rare flint gravel inclusions.	
2003	0.49 – 0.66m	Natural brickearth, dark orange clayey silt.	
2004	0.66m --	Natural brickearth, dark orange brown clayey silt.	

Trench Number 21		Co.ords X 508294.410 Y 178390.385 X 508313.725 Y 178409.544	Level 26.48 26.33
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
2100	0 – 0.25m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
2101	0.25 – 0.40m	Subsoil, mid grey brown silty clay with rare small flint inclusions.	

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Trench Number 21		Co.ords X 508294.410 Y 178390.385 X 508313.725 Y 178409.544	Level 26.48 26.33
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
2102	0.40 – 0.64m	Natural brickearth, pale yellow brown with rare flint gravel inclusions.	
2103	0.64m --	Natural brickearth, dark orange clayey silt.	
2104	0.64m --	Tree-throw, unexcavated, diameter c. 1.5m	
2105	0.64m --	Tree-throw, unexcavated, diameter c. 1.5m	
2106	0.64m --	Tree-throw, unexcavated, diameter c. 1.5m	
2107	0.64m --	Tree-throw, unexcavated, diameter c. 1.5m	
2108	0.64m --	Tree-throw, unexcavated, diameter c. 1.5m	

Trench Number 22		Co.ords X 508331.979 Y 178391.592 X 508353.712 Y 178373.037	Level 26.27 26.36
Dimensions 25m X 4m		Extended area = 8.80m² to north/ 9.80m² to east	
Contexts	Depth	Description	
2200	0 – 0.25m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
2201	0.25 – 0.35m	Subsoil dark greyish brown silty clay.	
2202	0.35 – 0.43m	Natural brickearth, mid brown/ orange silty clay with rare flint gravel inclusions.	
2203	0.43 – 0.60m	Natural brickearth, brownish orange silty clay with occasional small flint inclusions.	
2204	0.60m --	Natural brickearth, brownish orange clayey silt with occasional small flint inclusions.	
2205	0.60 – 0.76m	Fill of 2206 , mid brownish grey clayey silt with occasional flint gravel inclusions.	
2206	0.60 – 0.76m	Linear, 0.38m wide with moderately sloping sides and concave base.	
2207	0.60m --	Fill of 2208 , light grey silty loam with some small gravel inclusions. Unexcavated, cut by 2210 .	
2208	0.60m --	Linear aligned Northeast – Southwest 0.50m wide.	
2209	0.60m --	Fill of 2210 , light grey silty loam with some small gravel inclusions. Unexcavated.	
2210	0.60m --	Linear aligned east – west, 0.50m wide. Cuts 2211 and 2212 .	
2211	0.60m --	Fill of 2213 , dark grey silty loam with frequent small gravel inclusions. Central fill unexcavated.	
2212	0.60m --	Fill of 2213 , grey silty loam with some small gravel inclusions. Outer fill unexcavated.	
2213	0.60m --	Pit truncated to west by 2225 and to east by 2210 . Projected diameter c. 1.50m.	
2214	0.60m --	Fill of 2215 , light grey silty loam with some small gravel inclusions. Unexcavated.	
2215	0.60 --	Linear, possibly a continuation of 2210 , east – west aligned 0.50m wide, cuts 2220 .	

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Trench Number 22		Co.ords X 508331.979 Y 178391.592 X 508353.712 Y 178373.037	Level 26.27 26.36
Dimensions 25m X 4m Extended area = 8.80m² to north/ 9.80m² to east			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
2216	(0.15m)	Fill of 2225 , brownish grey friable silty loam with some small flint gravel inclusions.	
2217	(0.20m)	Fill of 2225 , brownish grey silty clay loam with rare flint gravel inclusions.	
2218	(0.40m)	Fill of 2225 , brown silty clay loam with rare flint gravel inclusions. Fired clay and burnt stone recovered.	
2219	(0.20m)	Fill of 2225 , grey silty clay with very rare small flint gravel inclusions.	
2220	(0.40m)	Fill of 2225 , brown with grey mottling silty loam to silty clay loam with some small flint gravel inclusions. Bone recovered.	
2221	(0.30m)	Fill of 2225 , brownish grey friable silty loam with some small flint gravel inclusions.	
2222	(0.30m)	Fill of 2225 , grey silty clay with very rare small flint gravel inclusions. Burnt/ worked flint and pottery recovered.	
2223	(0.20m)	Fill of 2225 , reddish brown silty clay with some pea-grit inclusions.	
2224	(0.30m)	Fill of 2225 , reddish brown silty clay.	
2225	0.65 – 1.40m	Linear aligned north – south with steep sides, convex/ stepped with a flat base.	

Trench Number 23		Co.ords X 508332.161 Y 178319.448 X 508349.773 Y 178301.649	Level 26.69 26.81
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
2300	0 – 0.27m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
2301	0.27 – 0.33m	Subsoil, mid grey brown clayey silt with rare flint inclusions.	
2302	0.33 – 0.75m	Natural brickearth, mid yellow brown silty clay with moderate quantities of manganese staining.	
2303	0.75m --	Natural brickearth, dark yellow brown sticky soft clayey silt with intense manganese staining.	

Trench Number 24		Co.ords X 508324.001 Y 178263.547 X 508341.936 Y 178246.215	Level 26.76 26.80
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
2400	0 – 0.30m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
2401	0.30 – 0.39m	Subsoil, mid grey brown clayey silt with rare flint inclusions.	
2402	0.39 – 0.60m	Natural brickearth, mid brown/ orange silty clay with rare flint gravel inclusions.	
2403	0.60m --	Natural brickearth, mid brown/ orange clayey silt with rare flint gravel inclusions.	

Trench Number 25		Co.ords X 508353.781 Y 178220.841 X 508379.637 Y 178216.383	Level 26.78 26.77
Dimensions 25m X 2m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
2500	0 – 0.15m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
2501	0.15 – 0.30m	Subsoil, mid grey brown clayey silt with rare flint inclusions.	
2502	0.30 – 0.45m	Natural brickearth, mid yellow brown clayey silt no flint inclusions noted.	
2503	0.45m --	Natural brickearth, mid orange brown silty clay with some manganese staining.	

Trench Number 26		Co.ords X 508364.594 Y 178275.817 X 508382.348 Y 178293.271	Level 26.72 26.81
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
2600	0 – 0.25m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
2601	0.25 – 0.34m	Subsoil, mid grey brown clayey silt with rare flint inclusions.	
2602	0.34m --	Natural brickearth, mid yellow brown clayey silt no flint inclusions noted.	

Trench Number 27		Co.ords X 508359.673 Y 178346.311 X 508378.452 Y 178365.176	Level 26.68 26.65
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
2700	0 – 0.28m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
2701	0.28 – 0.36m	Subsoil, mid grey brown clayey silt with rare flint inclusions.	
2702	0.36 – 0.50m	Natural brickearth, dark brown/ orange silty clay with occasional flint inclusions.	
2703	0.50m --	Natural brickearth, mid brown/ orange clayey silt with rare flint inclusions.	
2704	0.50m --	Fill of 2705 , greyish brown slightly clayey silt loam, no inclusions noted, unexcavated.	
2705	0.50m --	Linear aligned east – west c. 1m wide.	
2706	0.50m --	Fill of 2707 , pale greyish brown slightly clayey silt loam, no inclusions noted, unexcavated.	
2707	0.50m --	Irregular feature, very amorphous, not fully exposed within trench.	

Trench Number 28		Co.ords X 508352.372 Y 178385.974 X 50370.2738 Y 17406.1598	Level 26.29 26.24
Dimensions 25m X 2m Extended area = 49m² to west/ 32m² to east.			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
2800	0 – 0.24m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
2801	0.24 – 0.34m	Subsoil, mid grey brown clayey silt with rare flint inclusions.	
2802	0.34 – 0.62m	Natural brickearth, mid yellow brown clayey silty with occasional flint inclusions.	
2803	0.62m --	Natural brickearth, dark yellow brown clayey silty with frequent flint inclusions.	
2804	0.62m --	Fill of 2805 , unexcavated.	
2805	0.62m --	Posthole c.0.18m in diameter.	
2806	0.62m --	Fill of 2807 , unexcavated.	
2807	0.62m --	Linear aligned east – west, 0.50m wide.	
2808	0.62 – 0.73m	Fill of 2809 , mid grey brown clayey silt, no inclusions noted.	
2809	0.62 – 0.73m	Linear aligned Northwest – Southeast 0.50m wide with moderate sloping sides and concave base. Cuts 2803 .	
2810	(0.14m)	Fill of 2819 , mid grey/ brown clayey silt, no inclusions noted.	
2811	(0.11m)	Fill of 2819 , mid grey/ brown clayey silt, occasional fired clay flecking.	
2812	(0.22m)	Fill of 2819 , mid orange brown clayey silt, no inclusions noted. Slopes down from Southeast.	
2813	(0.28m)	Fill of 2819 , mid orange brown clayey silt, no inclusions noted. Slopes down from Northwest.	
2814	(0.32m)	Fill of 2819 , mid grey/ brown clayey silt with occasional burnt flint and fired clay. Slopes in from Southeast.	
2815	(0.32m)	Fill of 2819 , mid orange/ brown clayey silt, no inclusions noted.	
2816	(0.28m)	Fill of 2819 , mid orange/ brown clayey silt, no inclusions noted. Slopes in from Southeast.	
2817	(0.26m)	Fill of 2820 , mid orange/ brown clayey silt, no inclusions noted. Slopes in from Northwest. Cut by 2819 .	
2818	(0.38m)	Fill of 2820 , mid orange brown silty clay, no inclusions noted.	
2819	0.62 – 1m	Irregular oval with irregular moderate sloping edges and concave base, orientated Northwest – Southeast. Cuts and 2817 .	
2820	0.62 – 1m	Irregular oval with moderate sloping sides and concave base.	
2821	(0.40m)	Fill of 2822 , greyish brown silty clay, no inclusions noted.	
2822	0.62 – 1.02m	Curved linear 0.50m wide with regular vertical sides and flat base.	

Trench Number 29		Co.ords X 508391.325 Y 178396.197 X 508411.966 Y 178375.693	Level 26.46 26.54
Dimensions 25m X 4m Extended area = 11m² to north west/ 9m² to south.			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
2900	0 – 0.28m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
2901	0.28 – 0.33m	Subsoil, mid grey brown clayey silt with rare flint inclusions.	
2902	0.33 – 0.44m	Natural brickearth, mid brown/ orange silty clay with	

		occasional flint inclusions.
2903	0.44 – 0.54m	Natural brickearth, orange/ brown silty clay with occasional flint inclusions.
2904	0.54m --	Natural brickearth, dark orange/ brown clayey silt with rare flint inclusions.
2905	0.54m --	Fill of 2906, greyish brown silty clay, unexcavated.
2906	0.54m --	Posthole, 0.20m in diameter.
2907	0.54m --	Fill of 2908, greyish brown silty clay, unexcavated.
2908	0.54m --	Posthole, 0.20m in diameter.
2909	(0.16m)	Fill of 2910, mid grey brown silty clay with occasional flint gravel inclusions. Burnt and worked flint, animal bone, pottery and CBM recovered.
2910	0.54 – 0.70m	Linear aligned north – south 0.80m wide with steep sides and slightly concave base.
2911	(0.26m)	Fill of 2912, dark brown/ grey silty clay with occasional flint gravel inclusions. Pottery, burnt flint, animal bone and fired clay recovered.
2912	0.54 – 1.14m	Oval pit 2.20m x 0.74m with steep/ vertical sides and flat base.
2913	(0.16m)	Fill of 2910, light grey/ yellow/ brown silty clay with occasional small flint inclusions, manganese staining present. Burnt and worked flint and pottery recovered.
2914	(0.10m)	Fill of 2912, orange/ yellow silty clay with rare flint gravel inclusions. Pottery and burnt flint recovered.
2915	(0.27m)	Fill of 2912, dark brown/ grey silty clay with occasional flint gravel inclusions. Pottery, animal bone, burnt flint and fired clay recovered.

Trench Number 30		Co.ords X 508398.756 Y 178325.410 X 508417.854 Y 178307.395	Level 26.89 26.71
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
3000	0 – 0.19m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
3001	0.19 – 0.30m	Subsoil, mid grey brown clayey silt with rare flint inclusions.	
3002	0.30 – 0.69m	Natural brickearth, mid yellow/ brown clayey silt with occasional flint inclusions and manganese staining.	
3003	0.69m --	Natural brickearth, dark yellow/ brown silty clay with occasional flint inclusions and frequent manganese staining.	
3004	0.69m --	Fill of 3005, dark grey silty loam, no inclusions noted, unexcavated.	
3005	0.69m --	Pit c. 1m in diameter.	

Trench Number 31		Co.ords X 508393.803 Y 178264.184 X 508413.434 Y 178247.683	Level 26.67 178247.683
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
3100	0 – 0.25m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	

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Trench Number 31		Co.ords X 508393.803 Y 178264.184 X 508413.434 Y 178247.683	Level 26.67 178247.683
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
3101	0.25 – 0.32m	Subsoil, mid grey brown clayey silt with rare flint inclusions.	
3102	0.32 --	Natural brickearth, mid yellow/ brown clayey silt with occasional flint inclusions and manganese staining.	
3103	0.32 – 0.62m	Pit, rounded rectangular in plan 1.95 x 1m with 'v' profile aligned north – south.	
3104	(0.22m)	Fill of 3103 , dark greyish brown silty loam with frequent charcoal and some flint inclusions, fired clay noted.	
3105	0.32m --	Fill of 3106 , greyish brown silty clay loam with some small flint and charcoal inclusions.	
3106	0.32m --	Pit, circular in plan, very well defined.	
3107	0.32m --	Tree-throw, c.1.5m diameter, unexcavated.	
3108	(0.16m)	Fill of 3113 , dark grey silty clay with rare flints and frequent charcoal inclusions.	
3109	(0.30m)	Fill of 3110 , greyish brown silty clay with very rare flints and frequent fired clay and charcoal inclusions. Cut by 3103 and 3113 .	
3110	0.32 – 0.62m	Pit/ depression, unclear in plan and profile due to truncation to east and west.	
3111	(?)	Fill of 3112 , heavily truncated by 3110 , pale brown sandy silt.	
3112	?	Possible feature very badly truncated, located on fringe of intercutting pit cluster.	
3113	0.32 – 0.48m	Pit/ depression 1.4m x 0.70m ovoid in plan with steep convex sides and flat/ slight 'u' profiled base.	
3114	(0.04m)	Fill of 3110 , mottled grey brown silt/ silty clay with very rare small flint inclusions.	
3115	(0.10m)	Fill of 3110 , mottled grey brown silt/ silty clay, no inclusions noted.	

Trench Number 32		Co.ords X 508427.498 Y 178232.271 X 508449.748 Y 178248.845	Level 26.57 26.61
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
3200	0 – 0.28m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
3201	0.28 – 0.38m	Subsoil, light brown clayey silt with some flint gravel inclusions.	
3202	0.38 – 0.48m	Natural brickearth, mid brown orange silty clay with occasional flint gravel inclusions.	
3203	0.48m --	Natural brickearth, mid orange yellow silty clay with rare flint gravel inclusions.	
3204	0.48m --	Fill of 3205 , grey silty clay with few flint inclusions.	
3205	0.48m --	Sub rectangular feature 2.75m x 0.80m aligned east – west, unexcavated.	

Trench Number 33		Co.ords X 508429.573 Y 178277.362 X 508448.004 Y 178295.765	Level 26.76 26.62
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
3300	0 – 0.26m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
3301	0.26 – 0.32m	Subsoil, light brown clayey silt with some flint gravel inclusions.	
3302	0.32 – 0.54m	Natural brickearth, mid brown orange silty clay with occasional flint gravel inclusions.	
3303	0.54m --	Natural brickearth, mid orange yellow silty clay with rare flint gravel inclusions.	

Trench Number 34		Co.ords X 508431.952 Y 178340.976 X 508450.531 Y 178360.038	Level 26.60 26.52
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
3400	0 – 0.25m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
3401	0.25 – 0.34m	Subsoil, light brown clayey silt with some flint gravel inclusions.	
3402	0.34 – 0.60m	Natural brickearth, mid brown orange silty clay with occasional flint gravel inclusions.	
3403	0.60m --	Natural brickearth, mid orange yellow silty clay with rare flint gravel inclusions.	
3404	0.34m --	Fill of 3405, greyish brown silty clay.	
3405	0.34m --	Linear aligned east – west up to 1m wide, unexcavated.	
3406	0.34m --	Fill of 3407, greyish brown silty clay.	
3407	0.34m --	Linear aligned north - south up to 1m wide, unexcavated.	
3408	0.34m --	Fill of 3409, greyish brown silty clay.	
3409	0.34m --	Pit up to 1.5m in diameter, unexcavated.	

Trench Number 35		Co.ords X 508464.874 Y 178393.167 X 508484.852 Y 178376.531	Level 26.32 26.32
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
3500	0 – 0.25m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
3501	0.25 – 0.31m	Subsoil, light brown clayey silt with some flint gravel inclusions.	
3502	0.31 – 0.44m	Natural brickearth, mid brown orange silty clay with occasional flint gravel inclusions.	
3503	0.44m --	Natural brickearth, mid orange yellow silty clay with rare flint gravel inclusions.	
3504	0.31m --	Fill of 3505, grey silty clay.	
3505	0.31m --	Linear aligned north – south up to 0.75m wide, unexcavated.	

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Trench Number 35		Co.ords X 508464.874 Y 178393.167 X 508484.852 Y 178376.531	Level 26.32 26.32
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
3506	0.31m --	Fill of 3507, grey silty clay.	
3507	0.31m --	Feature protruding from Northeast facing section, 0.75m long X 0.80m wide, unexcavated.	

Trench Number 36		Co.ords X 508460.425 Y 178333.540 X 508479.368 Y 178315.706	Level 26.59 26.64
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
3600	0 – 0.27m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
3601	0.27 – 0.37m	Subsoil, mid grey brown clayey silt with occasional small flint and chalk inclusions.	
3602	0.37 – 0.61m	Natural brickearth, mid yellow brown clayey silt with manganese staining.	
3603	0.61m --	Natural brickearth, dark yellow brown clayey silt with frequent manganese staining.	
3604	0.61m --	Fill of 3605, grey silty loam, unexcavated.	
3605	0.61m --	Posthole 0.15m in diameter.	
3606	0.61m --	Fill of 3607, grey silty loam, unexcavated.	
3607	0.61m --	Posthole 0.05m in diameter.	
3608	0.61m --	Fill of 3609, grey silty loam, unexcavated.	
3609	0.61m --	Posthole 0.10m in diameter.	
3610	0.61m --	Fill of 3611, grey silty loam, unexcavated.	
3611	0.61m --	Posthole 0.40m in diameter.	
3612	0.61m --	Fill of 3613, grey silty loam, unexcavated.	
3613	0.61m --	Posthole 0.05m in diameter.	
3614	0.61m --	Fill of 3615, grey silty loam, unexcavated.	
3615	0.61m --	Linear c.0.75m wide.	
3616	0.61m --	Fill of 3617, grey silty loam, unexcavated.	
3617	0.61m --	Posthole 0.10m in diameter.	
3618	0.61m --	Fill of 3619, very pale brownish grey silty loam, unexcavated.	
3619	0.61m --	Modern land drain aligned Northwest – Southeast c. 0.30m wide.	

Trench Number 37		Co.ords X 508461.390 Y 178262.982 X 508479.970 Y 508479.970	Level 26.59 26.60
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
3700	0 – 0.28m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	

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Trench Number 37		Co.ords X 508461.390 Y 178262.982 X 508479.970 Y 508479.970	Level 26.59 26.60
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
3701	0.28 – 0.36m	Subsoil, mid grey brown clayey silt with occasional small flint and chalk inclusions.	
3702	0.36 – 0.46m	Natural brickearth, mid brown/ orange silty clay with occasional small flint inclusions.	
3703	0.46 – 0.80m	Natural brickearth, mid orange clayey silt with occasional small flint inclusions.	
3704	0.80 --	Natural brickearth, orange clayey silt with rare small flint inclusions.	
3705	0.80 --	Fill of 3706 , greyish brown silty clay, unexcavated, pottery recovered from surface.	
3706	0.80 --	Pit 0.60m in diameter.	
3707	0.80 --	Fill of 3708 , grey silty loam, unexcavated.	
3708	0.80 --	Pit 0.30m in diameter.	

Trench Number 38		Co.ords X 508419.688 Y 178209.122 X 508445.340 Y 178205.227	Level 26.66 26.83
Dimensions 25m X 2m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
3800	0 – 0.15m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
3801	0.15 – 0.30m	Subsoil, mid grey brown silty clay with occasional small flint inclusions.	
3802	0.30 – 0.45m	Natural brickearth, mid yellow brown clayey silt.	
3803	0.45m --	Natural brickearth, mid orange brown silty clay with moderate manganese staining.	

Trench Number 39		Co.ords X 508512.082 Y 178238.460 X 508494.319 Y 178219.368	Level 26.67 26.76
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
3900	0 – 0.20m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
3901	0.20 – 0.30m	Subsoil, mid grey brown silty clay with occasional small flint inclusions.	
3902	0.30 – 0.45m	Natural brickearth, mid yellow brown clayey silt.	
3903	0.45m --	Natural brickearth, mid orange brown silty clay with moderate manganese staining.	

Trench Number 40		Co.ords X 508489.779 Y 178289.729 X 508508.903 Y 178308.336	Level 26.52 26.50
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
4000	0 – 0.29m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
4001	0.29 – 0.36m	Subsoil, mid grey brown silty clay with occasional small flint inclusions.	
4002	0.36 – 0.59m	Natural brickearth, mid yellow brown clayey silt.	
4003	0.59m --	Natural brickearth, mid orange brown silty clay with moderate manganese staining.	
4004	0.36m --	Fill of 4004 , grey silty clay.	
4005	0.36m --	Linear north – south aligned, 0.50m wide, unexcavated.	

Trench Number 41		Co.ords X 508490.788 Y 178342.308 X 508509.747 Y 178359.126	Level 26.39 26.26
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
4100	0 – 0.30m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
4101	0.30 – 0.42m	Subsoil, mid grey brown silty clay with occasional small flint inclusions.	
4102	0.42 – 0.72m	Natural brickearth, mid yellow brown clayey silt.	
4103	0.72 --	Natural brickearth, mid orange brown silty clay with moderate manganese staining.	
4104	0.42m --	Fill of 4105 , grey silty clay.	
4105	0.42m --	Pit c. 1.50m diameter, unexcavated.	
4106	0.42m --	Fill of 4107 , grey silty clay.	
4107	0.42m --	Linear aligned east – west, 0.50m wide, unexcavated.	

Trench Number 42		Co.ords X 508520.181 Y 178379.282 X 508546.604 Y 178375.378	Level 26.19 26.14
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
4200	0 – 0.25m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
4201	0.25 – 0.40m	Subsoil, mid grey brown silty clay with occasional small flint inclusions.	
4202	0.40 – 0.60m	Natural brickearth, mid yellow brown clayey silt.	
4203	0.60 --	Natural brickearth, mid orange brown silty clay with moderate manganese staining.	
4204	0.40m --	Fill of 4205 , gravel.	
4205	0.40m --	Modern geotechnical pit c. 1m X 0.65m. Unexcavated.	
4206	0.40m --	Fill of 4207 , grey silt loam.	
4207	0.40m --	Pit/ posthole, 0.30m diameter, unexcavated.	

Trench Number 43		Co.ords X 508526.812 Y 178341.230 X 508545.172 Y 178323.157	Level 26.26 26.33
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
4300	0 – 0.26m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
4301	0.26 – 0.33m	Subsoil, mid grey brown silty clay with occasional small flint inclusions.	
4302	0.33 – 0.52m	Natural brickearth, dark orange brown clayey silt with CBM and chalk flecking, some flint inclusions.	
4303	0.52 – 0.62m	Natural brickearth, mid orange brown clayey silt with some flint inclusions.	
4304	0.62 --	Natural brickearth, dark orange brown clayey silt with rare flint inclusions.	
4305	(0.61m)	Fill of 4306 , dark grey brown clayey silt with occasional flint inclusions. Animal bone, CBM, pottery and burnt flint recovered.	
4306	0.62 – 1.23m	Pit, sub-square in plan 1.40m x 1.75m with moderate steep sides and uneven base.	
4307	(0.12m)	Fill of 4308 , mid brown/ orange silty clay with rare flint gravel inclusions, burnt flint recovered.	
4308	0.62 – 0.92m	Linear aligned north – south with ‘u’ profile 0.55m wide, identical/same as 4324 .	
4309	(0.06m)	Fill of 4310 , dark brown/ grey silty clay with rare flint gravel inclusions. Burnt flint recovered, charcoal and fired clay noted.	
4310	0.61 – 1.11	Pit, bell shaped, surface diameter 0.95m.	
4311	0.62m --	Fill of 4312 , grey silty clay, unexcavated.	
4312	0.62m --	Posthole.	
4313	0.62m --	Fill of 4314 , grey silty clay, unexcavated.	
4314	0.62m --	Posthole.	
4315	0.62m --	Fill of 4316 , grey silty clay, unexcavated.	
4316	0.62m --	Posthole.	
4317	(0.14m)	Fill of 4324 , mid brown/ orange silty clay with occasional gravel inclusions. Identical to 4307 .	
4318	(0.21m)	Fill of 4310 , light brown/ yellow silty clay with occasional gravel inclusions. Burnt flint and fired clay recovered.	
4319	(0.10m)	Fill of 4310 , black silty clay with very high charcoal content.	
4320	(0.09m)	Fill of 4323 , mid brown/ orange silty clay with occasional flint inclusions.	
4321	(0.08m)	Fill of 4310 , mid/ dark brown clay, fired clay and burnt flint recovered.	
4322	(0.17m)	Fill of 4310 , dark brown silty clay with occasional flint inclusions, some charcoal flecking.	
4323	0.62 – 0.71m	Pit, sub-circular 0.25m diameter with steep concave sides and concave base.	
4324	0.62 – 0.76m	Linear aligned north – south 0.42m wide with steep concave sides and concave base. Cuts 4318 , identical to 4308 .	

Trench Number 44		Co.ords X 508522.595 Y 178281.796 X508540.694 Y 178264.144	Level 26.58 26.57
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
4400	0 – 0.26m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
4401	0.26 – 0.34m	Subsoil, mid grey brown clayey silt with rare small flint gravel inclusions.	
4402	0.34 – 0.60m	Natural brickearth, mid yellow brown clayey silt with moderate manganese staining.	
4403	0.60m --	Natural brickearth, dark yellow brown silty clay with abundant manganese staining.	
4404	0.34 --	Tree-throw, c. 1.50m diameter, unexcavated.	

Trench Number 45		Co.ords X 508317.232 Y 178374.384 X508337.027 Y 178355.660	Level 26.35 26.37
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
4500	0 – 0.26m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
4501	0.26 – 0.38m	Subsoil, mid grey brown clayey silt with rare small flint gravel inclusions.	
4502	0.38 --	Natural brickearth, mid yellow brown clayey silt with moderate manganese staining.	
4503	(0.35m)	Fill of 4504, light grey with yellow/ brown mottling silty clay with occasional flint gravel inclusions. Worked and burnt flint recovered.	
4504	0.38 – 0.83m	Pit, circular with a 1.04m diameter, moderate to steep sides with flat base.	
4505	0.38m --	Fill of 4506, grey silt, unexcavated.	
4506	0.38m --	Pit.	
4507	0.38m --	Fill of 4508, grey silt, unexcavated.	
4508	0.38m --	Pit.	
4509	0.38m --	Fill of 4510, grey silt, unexcavated.	
4510	0.38m --	Pit.	
4511	0.38m --	Fill of 4512, grey silt, unexcavated.	
4512	0.38m --	Vague feature.	
4513	(0.20m)	Fill of 4514, mid greyish brown clayey silt, burnt flint recovered, fired clay noted.	
4514	0.38 – 0.58m	Linear aligned east – west, ‘u’ profile 0.70m wide.	
4515	0.38m --	Natural brickearth, mid yellow brown clayey silt with moderate manganese staining.	
4516	(0.45m)	Fill of 4518, mid brown/ orange silty clay with occasional flint gravel inclusions. Daub, fired clay, burnt flint and animal bone recovered.	
4517	(0.17m)	Fill of 4518, dark brown/ orange silty clay with occasional flint gravel inclusions.	

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Trench Number 45		Co.ords X 508317.232 Y 178374.384 X508337.027 Y 178355.660	Level 26.35 26.37
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
4518	0.38 – 1.11	Linear aligned Northeast – Southwest, 1.38m wide with steep concave sides and concave base, cuts 4519 .	
4519	(0.25m)	Fill of 4521 , cut by 4518 , mid brown/ orange silty clay with occasional flint gravel inclusions.	
4520	(0.09m)	Fill of 4521 , dark brown/ orange silty clay with occasional flint gravel inclusions.	
4521	0.38 – 0.68m	Pit, circular with a 0.71m diameter, steep concave sides and concave base.	

Trench Number 46		Co.ords X 508569.271 Y 178256.206 X 508551.627 Y 178238.716	Level 26.50 26.69
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
4600	0 – 0.25m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
46091	0.25 – 0.30m	Subsoil, dark greyish brown silty clay with some small flint gravel inclusions.	
4602	0.30 – 0.42m	Natural brickearth, mid yellow brown clayey silt with moderate manganese staining.	
4603	0.42 – 0.61m	Natural brickearth, dark yellow brown silty clay with abundant manganese staining.	
4604	0.61m --	Natural brickearth, dark yellow brown clayey silt with abundant manganese staining.	

Trench Number 47		Co.ords X 508571.229 Y 178307.882 X 508553.312 Y 178288.242	Level 26.33 26.57
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
4700	0 – 0.25m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
4701	0.25 – 0.40m	Subsoil, mid greyish brown silty clay with some small flint gravel inclusions.	
4702	0.40 – 0.63m	Natural brickearth, mid yellow brown clayey silt with moderate manganese staining.	
4703	0.50 – 0.63m	Natural brickearth, mid brown clayey silt with moderate manganese staining.	
4704	0.63m --	Fill of 4705 , grey silty clay, unexcavated.	
4705	0.63m --	Posthole.	
4706	0.63m --	Fill of 4707 , grey silty clay, unexcavated.	
4707	0.63m --	Linear.	

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Trench Number 47		Co.ords X 508571.229 Y 178307.882 X 508553.312 Y 178288.242	Level 26.33 26.57
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
4708	0.63m --	Fill of 4709 , grey silty clay, unexcavated.	
4709	0.63m --	Linear.	
4710	0.63m --	Fill of 4711 , grey silty clay, unexcavated.	
4711	0.63m --	Posthole.	
4712	0.63m --	Fill of 4713 , grey silty clay, unexcavated.	
4713	0.63m --	Posthole.	
4714	0.63m --	Fill of 4715 , grey silty clay, unexcavated.	
4715	0.63m --	Posthole.	
4716	(0.22m)	Fill of 4717 , light yellowish grey clayey silt with some manganese flecking. Worked and burnt flint recovered.	
4717	0.63 – 0.85m	Pit sub-oval in plan 0.92m x 0.63m with moderately gently sloping sides and concave base.	

Trench Number 48		Co.ords X 508556.679 Y 178348.361 X508575.600 Y 178367.403	Level 26.20 26.16
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
4800	0 – 0.31m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
4801	0.31 – 0.36m	Subsoil, mid greyish brown silty clay with some small flint gravel inclusions.	
4802	0.36 – 0.45m	Natural brickearth, mid brown silty clay with occasional small flint inclusions.	
4803	0.45 – 0.66m	Natural brickearth, dark brown silty clay with rare gravel inclusions.	
4804	0.66m --	Natural brickearth, mid brown/ orange silty clay with rare gravel inclusions.	
4805	(0.21m)	Fill of 4806 , mid brown/ grey clayey silt with occasional flint inclusions, some manganese staining and charcoal.	
4806	0.66 – 0.87m	Linear aligned east – west, 0.36m wide with moderate to steep sides and concave base.	
4807	(0.11m)	Fill of 4808 , mid brown/ grey clayey silt with charcoal and manganese flecking.	
4808	0.66 – 0.77m	Pit, circular in plan with a diameter of 0.75m, moderate sloping sides with concave base.	

Trench Number 49		Co.ords X 508515.101 Y 178161.751 X508510.915 Y 178135.214	Level 26.92 27.15
Dimensions 25m X 2m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
4900	0 – 0.22m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	

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Trench Number 49		Co.ords X 508515.101 Y 178161.751 X 508510.915 Y 178135.214	Level 26.92 27.15
Dimensions 25m X 2m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
4901	0.22 – 0.40m	Subsoil, mid greyish brown silty clay with some small flint gravel inclusions.	
4902	0.40 – 0.67m	Natural brickearth, mid brown silty clay with occasional small flint inclusions.	
4903	0.67 --	Natural brickearth, mid brown/ orange silty clay with rare gravel inclusions.	
4904	0.67 --	Fill of 4905 , dark grey silty clay, unexcavated.	
4905	0.67 --	Pit, sub-circular 1.70m x 0.70m.	
4906	0.67 --	Fill of 4907 , dark grey silty clay, unexcavated.	
4907	0.67 --	Posthole.	
4908	0.67 --	Fill of 4909 , dark grey silty clay, unexcavated.	
4909	0.67 --	Posthole.	

Trench Number 50		Co.ords X 508586.127 Y 178339.336 X 508606.128 Y 178320.461	Level 26.17 26.41
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
5000	0 – 0.26m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
5001	0.26 – 0.37m	Subsoil, mid greyish brown silty clay with some small flint gravel inclusions.	
5002	0.37 – 0.60m	Natural brickearth, mid brown silty clay with occasional small flint inclusions.	
5003	0.60m --	Natural brickearth, mid brown silty clay with occasional small flint inclusions.	
5004	0.60m --	Fill of 5005 , greyish brown silty clay, unexcavated.	
5005	0.60m --	Linear.	
5006	0.60m --	Fill of 5007 , greyish brown silty clay, unexcavated.	
5007	0.60m --	Pit.	
5008	0.60m --	Fill of 5009 , greyish brown silty clay, unexcavated.	
5009	0.60m --	Linear.	

Trench Number 51		Co.ords X 508580.282 Y 178283.933 X 508598.668 Y 178265.708	Level 26.56 26.65
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
5100	0 – 0.29m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable	

		silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.
5101	0.29 – 0.35m	Subsoil, mid greyish brown silty clay with some small flint gravel inclusions.
5102	0.35 – 0.57m	Natural brickearth, mid brown silty clay with occasional small flint inclusions.
5103	0.57m --	Natural brickearth, mid brown silty clay with occasional small flint inclusions.

Trench Number 52		Co.ords X 508574.594 Y 178235.965 X 508592.881 Y 178217.660	Level 26.55 26.62
Dimensions 25m X 4m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
5200	0 – 0.25m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
5201	0.25 – 0.35m	Subsoil, mid greyish brown silty clay with some small flint gravel inclusions.	
5202	0.35 – 0.59m	Natural brickearth, mid brown silty clay with occasional small flint inclusions.	
5203	0.59m --	Natural brickearth, mid brown silty clay with occasional small flint inclusions.	
5204	0.59m --	Fill of 5205 , grey silty clay, unexcavated.	
5205	0.59m --	Linear.	
5206	0.59m --	Fill of 5207 , grey silty clay, unexcavated/ unable to relocate due to adverse weather conditions..	
5207	0.59m --	Pit, Planned/ observed during machining.	

Trench Number 53		Co.ords X 508506.558 Y 178113.037 X 508501.947 Y 178086.757	Level 27.01 26.99
Dimensions 25m X 2m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
5300	0 – 0.20m	Recently cropped topsoil, dark brown/ greyish brown friable silty clay with rare/ occasional small rounded flint inclusions.	
5301	0.20 – 0.40m	Subsoil, mid greyish brown silty clay with some small flint gravel inclusions.	
5302	0.40 --	Natural brickearth, mid brown silty clay with occasional small flint inclusions.	
5303	0.40 --	Tree-throw c. 0.50m in diameter, unexcavated.	
5304	0.40 --	Stake-hole c. 0.05m diameter.	
5305	0.40 --	Fill of 5304 , grey brown silt, unexcavated.	
5306	0.40 --	Fill of 5307 , grey brown silt, unexcavated.	
5307	0.40 --	Posthole.	
5308	0.40 --	Fill of 5309 , grey brown silt, unexcavated.	
5309	0.40 --	Stake-hole c. 0.05m diameter.	
5310	0.40 --	Fill of 5311 , grey brown silt, unexcavated.	
5311	0.40 --	Stake-hole c. 0.05m diameter.	
5312	0.40 --	Fill of 5313 , grey brown silt, unexcavated.	
5313	0.40 --	Stake-hole c. 0.05m diameter.	
5314	0.40 --	Fill of 5315 , grey brown silt, unexcavated.	

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Trench Number 53		Co.ords X 508506.558 Y 178113.037 X 508501.947 Y 178086.757	Level 27.01 26.99
Dimensions 25m X 2m			
Contexts	Depth	Description	
5315	0.40 --	Stake-hole c. 0.05m diameter.	
5316	0.40 --	Fill of 5317 , grey brown silt, unexcavated.	
5317	0.40 --	Stake-hole c. 0.05m diameter.	
5318	0.40 --	Fill of 5319 , grey brown silt, unexcavated.	
5319	0.40 --	Stake-hole c. 0.05m diameter.	

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1) TYPE OF RECORDING		
Evaluation Machine Trenches x53	Excavation	Watching Brief
Other (please specify)		
2) LOCATION		
Borough:	Hillingdon	
Site address: RMC Land, Victoria Lane, Harlington.		
Site Name: RMC Land		Site Code: SIE 00
Nat Grid Refs:	centre of site: TQ 0850 7826	
limits of site	a)	b)
	c)	d)
3) ORGANISATION		
Name of archaeological unit/company/society Wessex Archaeology		
Address: Portway House, Old Sarum Park. SALISBURY. Wiltshire. SP4 6EB.		
Site director/supervisor: Kevin Ritchie		Project Manager: Jonathan Nowell
Funded by: Commissioned by Henry Street (sand and ballast) Ltd.		
4) DURATION		
Date fieldwork started: 01/09/00		Date finished: 29/09/00
Fieldwork previously notified?		
Fieldwork will continue?		NOT KNOWN
5) PERIODS REPRESENTED		
	Saxon (pre-AD 1066) Y	
Late Neolithic	Medieval	
Bronze Age		
	Unknown	

6) PERIOD SUMMARIES Use headings for each period (ROMAN; MEDIEVAL; etc.), and additional sheets if necessary.

Late Neolithic Two possible postholes with pottery within fills.

Bronze Age, Medieval and Saxon postholes/pits and ditches. Pottery, burnt and worked flint, stone, animal bone, glass bead, loom weight found in mentioned feature types across site.

7) NATURAL (state if not observed; please DO NOT LEAVE BLANK)

Type: Yellow / orange clayey 'brickearth' overlying Taplow gravel.

Height above Ordnance Datum:

From c. 26 –28m.

8) LOCATION OF ARCHIVES		
a) Please indicate those categories still in your possession:		
NOtes Yes	PLans Yes	Photos
NGatives Yes	SLides Yes	COrrispondence Yes
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b) All records will be deposited in the following museum, records office etc: Museum Of London		
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10) BIBLIOGRAPHY		
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SIGNED: Kevin Ritchie		DATED:06/10/2000
NAME (Block capitals):		

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