

**LAND AT WALTON BRIDGE,
WALTON ON THAMES,
SURREY.**

NGR: TQ 091 663 (centred)

ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVALUATION

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Land at Walton Bridge, Walton on Thames: Archaeological Evaluation

Site Name: Land at Walton Bridge, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey

Grid Reference: NGR TQ 091 663 (centred)

Site Activity: Evaluation

Date of Project: 16th May - 6th July 2011

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Site Code: WBW11

SUMMARY

Between 16th May and 6th July 2011 Foundations Archaeology undertook a programme of archaeological evaluation on land at Walton Bridge, Walton on Thames, Surrey (NGR: TQ 091 663 - centred). The project was commissioned by Costain.

The project comprised the excavation and recording of 52 evaluation trenches within a proposed development area.

The archaeological evaluation has indicated a low potential for the presence of archaeological deposits in the areas around Trenches 1 to 36, although a wooden artefact, located at the base of marsh deposits within Trench 11, indicated the potential for the preservation of organic materials and artefacts in the Cowey Sale area (Trenches 8 to 21 and 24 to 36).

A number of dispersed features, which included ditches, a gully, a posthole and a pit, along with other cut features, were possibly related to agricultural activity in the areas around Trenches 37 to 53. Although these features were poorly dated, the recovered pottery assemblage indicated that activity in this area could date to the Prehistoric and/or Roman periods.

GLOSSARY OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Archaeology

For the purpose of this project, archaeology is taken to mean the study of past human societies through their material remains from prehistoric times to the modern era. No rigid upper date limit has been set, but AD 1900 is used as a general cut-off point.

CBM

Ceramic Building Material.

Medieval

The period between the Norman Conquest (AD 1066) and *circa* AD 1500.

Natural

In archaeological terms this refers to the undisturbed natural geology of a site.

NGR

National Grid Reference from the Ordnance Survey Grid.

OD

Ordnance datum; used to express a given height above sea-level. (AOD Above Ordnance Datum)

OS

Ordnance Survey

Post-medieval

The period between *circa* AD 1500 and AD 1900.

Prehistoric

The period prior to the Roman invasion of AD 43. Traditionally sub divided into; *Palaeolithic* – c. 500,000 BC to c. 12,000 BC; *Mesolithic* – c. 12,000 BC to c. 4,500 BC; *Neolithic* – c. 4,500 BC to c. 2,000 BC; *Bronze Age* – c. 2,000 BC to c. 800 BC; *Iron Age* – c. 800 BC to AD 43.

Roman

The period between AD 43 and AD 410.

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report presents the findings of an archaeological evaluation undertaken by Foundations Archaeology between 16th May and 6th July 2011 on land at Walton Bridge, Walton on Thames, Surrey (NGR: TQ 091 663). The project was commissioned by Costain.
- 1.2 The archaeological works were undertaken in accordance with the Written Scheme of Investigation (2011), based upon The Brief issued by Atkins Heritage, on behalf of the archaeological representative of Surrey County Council (2011), and the Institute for Archaeologists' *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Field Evaluation* (2008).

2 PROJECT BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Surrey County Council (SCC) intends to build a new bridge with associated amendments to the linking roads across the Thames on both the Walton (southern) and Shepperton (northern) banks of the river. New permanent parking to the southwest of the existing car park will also be constructed on the Walton bank. Flood alleviation work will be provided by extending the general Cowey Sale floodplain level into the slightly higher ground at Broadwater Farm. Further alleviation will be provided by the lowering of ground levels to create wetland areas in the area of the existing and new viaducts.
- 2.2 The main site compound will be sited within an area of Broadwater Farm adjacent to Walton Lane on the Walton bank of the Thames. A hardened access track will be constructed from an existing access off Walton Lane to the fenced compound area. The site compound will provide off road parking and temporary secure storage for site offices, materials and plant.
- 2.3 The bridge and enabling works are likely to affect potential buried archaeology. Impacts to the alluvium will include: new bridge and viaduct foundations; the construction of the amended roads, of which, some will cut below the current ground level and some will involve new embankments with no below ground impacts; the removal of material to the south-west to provide flood alleviation and the preparation of a site compound and temporary access road.
- 2.4 Construction will also require the demolition of two non-designated buildings of local interest on the Shepperton bank (the Toll Cottage and a late 19th century Walton Bridge house), while on the Walton bank the existing footway will be removed along with redundant pipeline along the eastern side of the Victorian viaduct. The easternmost section of the listed wall at Bridge Street, Walton on Thames, including the wall pier, will be moved up to 1.5m to the north of its current position. Although there will not be any direct impacts to two Coal and Wine Tax posts and a pair of gate piers there will be alteration to the setting of these three listed structures.

- 2.5 The archaeological background to the site has been detailed in desk-based work carried out by Atkins Heritage (2011). This document has highlighted that archaeological remains have previously been discovered within the footprint of the proposed development, indicating that further remains may be disturbed during groundworks.
- 2.6 Archaeological finds from within the development footprint include a Middle Bronze Age rapier, a short Saxon sword and spur and an undated bridge, weir and trackway, all recovered from Conway Stakes; as well as an early Medieval cinerary urn which may have formed part of a cemetery from Walton Green. A number of other archaeological finds have been located in the near vicinity and include a late Mesolithic/Neolithic greenstone axe from the Thames, a number of Neolithic flints from 18 Oatlands Drive, early Medieval decorated pot, found in 1927, on high ground overlooking Conway and Walton Bridge. There is also documentary evidence for round barrows at Windmill Hill, near Walton Bridge.
- 2.7 In light of the potential for the presence of buried archaeological remains within the development area, the archaeological representative of SCC required that a programme of archaeological evaluation was to be undertaken in advance of construction groundworks.
- 2.8 There was also a requirement to undertake a programme of historic building recording, the results of which are presented in a separate report (forthcoming).

3 AIMS

- 3.1 The aims of the archaeological evaluation were to gather high quality data from the direct observation of archaeological deposits, in order to provide sufficient information to establish the nature, extent, preservation and potential of any surviving archaeological remains; as well as to make recommendations for management of the resource, including further archaeological works if necessary. In turn this would allow reasonable planning decisions to be taken regarding the archaeological provision for the areas affected by the proposed development.
- 3.2 These aims were achieved through pursuit of the following specific objectives:
- i) To define and identify the nature of archaeological deposits on site, and date these where possible;
 - ii) To attempt to characterise the nature of the archaeological sequence and recover as much information as possible about the spatial patterning of features present on the site;
 - iii) To recover a well dated stratigraphic sequence and recover coherent artefact, ecofact and environmental samples.

4 METHODOLOGY

- 4.1 The WSI required the excavation of 53 trial trenches, equivalent to 3,140 linear metres of trenching; or a 5% sample of the development area. The trenches measured between 20m and 50m long by 1.6 – 2.1m wide, as detailed in Figures 2 and 3.
- 4.2 The site was divided into Areas A-N, representing various depths of construction formation level. In general, the trenches were excavated to the top of archaeological or natural deposits, or to a maximum depth of 0.5m below formation level. The location and length of some trenches were subject to minor alterations due to space constraints or to avoid services. Due to the presence of dry asbestos fragments, it was not possible to excavate Trench 13. Any variations from the trenching methodology set out in the WSI were agreed, on site, with the archaeological representative of SCC.
- 4.3 Topsoil and non-significant overburden was removed to the top of archaeological or natural deposits, or, up to 0.5m below formation level, whichever was encountered first. This was achieved by the use of a 360° mechanical excavator, equipped with a toothless grading bucket, whilst under constant archaeological direction. Thereafter all additional investigation was conducted manually by archaeologists.
- 4.4 All excavation and recording work was undertaken in accordance with the Written Scheme of Investigation and the Foundations Archaeology Technical Manual 3: Excavation Manual.

5 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

- 5.1 A full stratigraphic description of all the contexts identified in the course of the project is presented in Appendix 1, along with a report on the recovered pottery in Appendix 2. A miscellaneous finds list is detailed in Appendix 3, with a note on Small Find 1 in Appendix 4. A summary discussion is given below.
- 5.2 **Trenches 1 to 7** were located to the west of Walton Bridge, on the north bank of the Thames. Pleistocene gravels were encountered at an average depth of 1.29m (9.63m OD) below Modern ground. Some of the trenches contained probable alluvial clay/sand/gravels, which were overlaid by Modern deposits, whilst in other trenches Modern deposits directly overlaid the natural gravels. No archaeological finds or features were present in the trenches.
- 5.3 **Trenches 8 to 21 and 24 to 36** were situated in the ‘Cowey Sale’ area, on the south bank of the Thames. Pleistocene gravels were present at an average depth of 1.38m (8.62m OD) below Modern ground. In this area, the depth of the gravels was highly variable, with Trenches 20, 24, 25 and 29 containing undulating natural gravel profiles. This suggested that the Cowey Sale area formerly comprised multiple palaeochannels. The frequent occurrence of

relatively substantial deposits of shell-rich, dark brown to blue-grey, peat-clay-sands, located directly above the natural gravels, was entirely consistent with this interpretation. It is likely that these represented wetland or marsh deposits, which accumulated in the former channels. No archaeological features were present in the trenches.

- 5.4 Fragments of CBM and a small amount of Post-medieval pottery were recovered from marsh deposits (1503), (2903), (3503) and (3603). It is likely that these relatively dense artefacts had sunken into the generally soft marsh and therefore represented intrusive material.
- 5.5 Small Find 1 comprised part of a 'toothed' wooden artefact, which measured 570mm long, 50mm wide and 15mm thick (Appendix 4). The artefact was situated at the base of marsh deposit (1105), which was 0.66m thick. The location the artefact, beneath a substantial amount of marsh fill, indicated that it was unlikely to be intrusive, and therefore, probably represented an archaeological artefact; although an initial assessment has indicated that it is not particularly diagnostic or likely to be datable. Its presence, however, does indicate the potential for the preservation of organic materials and artefacts within the marsh deposits.
- 5.6 **Trenches 22 and 23** were located on the edge of higher ground to the southeast of, and overlooking the Cowey Sale. Trench 22 was excavated into Modern deposits to a depth of 1.50m (12.48m OD) below Modern ground. In Trench 23, the Pleistocene gravels were present at an average depth of 0.50m (15.42m OD) below Modern ground. No archaeological finds or features were present in the trenches.
- 5.7 **Trenches 37 to 53** were situated the southwest of the Cowey Sale, on slightly higher ground. Pleistocene gravels, where encountered, were present at an average depth of 0.90m (11.64m OD) below Modern ground.
- 5.8 A total of 11 features were present within nine trenches. The features comprised five ditches [4005], [4106], [4205], [4703] and [4903], a gully [4105], a posthole [3906] and a pit [5304], along with three other cut features [4504], [4905] and [5106]. The features were cut into the top of alluvial deposits, at an average depth of approximately 0.60m below Modern ground.
- 5.9 The features were associated with a small amount of artefactual material, which included pottery, struck/burnt flints and CBM. The pottery assemblage, although small, contained earlier and later Prehistoric material, along with Roman wares.
- 5.10 The types of features present in this area may pertain to agricultural activity, although the presence of pottery, along with struck and burnt flint may suggest settlement activity in the vicinity.

6 CONCLUSION

- 6.1 The evaluation has indicated a low potential for the presence of archaeological deposits in the areas around Trenches 1 to 36, although a wooden artefact, located at the base of marsh deposits within Trench 11, indicated the potential for the preservation of organic materials and artefacts in the Cowey Sale area (Trenches 8 to 21 and 24 to 36).
- 6.2 A number of dispersed features, which included ditches, a gully, a posthole and a pit, along with other cut features, were possibly related to agricultural activity in the areas around Trenches 37 to 53. Although these features were poorly dated, the recovered pottery assemblage indicated that activity in this area could date to the Prehistoric and/or Roman periods.
- 6.3 The archive is currently held at the offices of Foundations Archaeology, but will be deposited within 12 months with the appropriate museum. A short note will be submitted for publication in the relevant local archaeological journal and an OASIS form will also be submitted to ADS.

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APPENDIX 1: Stratigraphic Data

CXT	L(m)	W(m)	D(m)	DESCRIPTION	CUTS/LATER THAN	CUT BY/EARLIER THAN
				Trench 1; 20m by 2.1m		
101	na	na	0.12	Turf.	102	na
102	na	na	1.25	Modern detritus; loose gravel and sand matrix, which contained frequent plastic, concrete and metal.	103	101
103	na	na	0.05	Layer of black silt clay, which contained occasional chalk fragments, occasional CBM and occasional glass.	104	102
104	na	na	0.14	Dark grey brown plastic clay.	105	103
105	na	na	?	Pleistocene gravels; dark grey and yellow sand and gravels.	?	104
				No archaeological finds or features were present within the trench.		
				Trench 2; 10m by 2.1m*		
201	na	na	0.1	Turf.	202	na
202	na	na	1.17	Yellow brown clay sand, which contained occasional CBM fragments, occasional metal artefacts and occasional tarmac fragments.	203	201
203	na	na	0.1	Black brown sand clay, which contained occasional CBM fragments, along with china-ware pottery.	204	202
204	na	na	0.3	Grey plastic clay.	205	203
205	na	na	?	Pleistocene gravels; grey orange and yellow sand and gravels.	?	204
				*Excavated to a maximum depth of 1.2m across 7m of the trench. Only able to excavate a 10m long trench due to on-site space constraints.		
				No archaeological finds or features were present within the trench.		

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CXT	L(m)	W(m)	D(m)	DESCRIPTION	CUTS/LATER THAN	CUT BY/EARLIER THAN
				Trench 3; 28m by 2.1m*		
301	na	na	0.1	Turf.	302	na
302	na	na	0.97	Yellow brown clay sand, which contained occasional CBM fragments, occasional metal artefacts and occasional tarmac fragments, along with Modern shoe soles and china-ware pottery.	303	301
303	na	na	0.16	Black brown sand clay, which contained occasional CBM fragments, along with china-ware pottery.	304	302
304	na	na	0.3	Grey plastic clay.	305	303
305	na	na	?	Pleistocene gravels; light to dark grey sand and gravels.	?	304
				*Excavated to a maximum depth of 1.2m across 23m of the trench. Trench extended in order to partially compensate for short Trenches 2 and 4.		
				No archaeological finds or features were present within the trench.		
				Trench 4; 12m by 2.1m*		
401	na	na	0.09	Turf.	402	na
402	na	na	0.48	Yellow brown clay sand, which contained occasional CBM fragments, occasional metal artefacts and occasional tarmac fragments.	403	401
403	na	na	0.36	Brown yellow plastic sand clay, which contained frequent Modern artefacts.	404	402
404	na	na	0.15	Black brown sand clay, which contained occasional CBM fragments, along with china-ware pottery.	405	403
405	na	na	0.06	Grey plastic clay.	406	404
406	na	na	?	Pleistocene gravels; grey brown orange gravels.	?	405
				*Only able to excavate a 12m long trench due to presence of asbestos at northwest end of the trench.		
				No archaeological finds or features were present within the trench.		

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CXT	L(m)	W(m)	D(m)	DESCRIPTION	CUTS/LATER THAN	CUT BY/EARLIER THAN
				Trench 5; 20m by 2.1m		
501	na	na	0.17	Topsoil; dark grey brown sand silt.	502	na
502	na	na	0.38	Mixed light yellow clay sand, which contained frequent CBM fragments and glass bottles.	503	501
503	na	na	0.24	Brown orange clay sand gravel.	504	502
504	na	na	0.42	Dark brown sand gravels, which contained occasional CBM fragments.	505	503
505	na	na	?	Pleistocene gravels; yellow gravels.	?	504
				No archaeological finds or features were present within the trench.		
				Trench 6; 13m by 2.1m*		
601	na	na	0.09	Topsoil; dark grey brown silt clay.	602	na
602	na	na	0.58	Brown clay sand, which contained frequent Modern artefacts.	603	601
603	na	na	0.23	Dark brown sand, which contained frequent glass, metal and china-ware pottery.	604	602
604	na	na	0.08	Dark blue grey plastic clay, which contained frequent gravel.	605	603
605	na	na	?	Pleistocene gravels; grey orange yellow sand and gravels.	?	604
				*Only able to excavate a 13m long trench due on-site space constraints.		
				No archaeological finds or features were present within the trench.		
				Trench 7; 20m by 2.1m		
701	na	na	0.2	Topsoil; dark brown silt sand.	702	na
702	na	na	0.12	Light brown gravel sand clay, which contained occasional CBM fragments.	703	701
703	na	na	0.14	Light brown sand clay, which contained occasional CBM fragments and pieces of plastic.	705	702
704	na	na	0.25	Yellow orange sand gravel.	707	706
705	na	na	0.1	Dark brown clay sand peat.	706	703
706	na	na	0.1	Dark brown sand silt gravel.	704	705
707	na	na	?	Pleistocene gravels; dark grey brown sand and gravels.	?	704
				No archaeological finds or features were present within the trench.		

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CXT	L(m)	W(m)	D(m)	DESCRIPTION	CUTS/LATER THAN	CUT BY/EARLIER THAN
				Trench 8; 18m by 1.8m*		
801	na	na	0.25	Topsoil; dark brown clay sand.	802	na
802	na	na	0.2	Light grey sand, soot and gravel, which contained occasional Modern artefacts.	803	801
803	na	na	0.63	Beige clay sand.	804	802
804	na	na	?	Pleistocene gravels; beige gravels.	?	803
				*Only able to excavate an 18m long trench due on-site space constraints.		
				No archaeological finds or features were present within the trench.		
				Trench 9; 20m by 1.8m		
901	na	na	0.25	Topsoil; dark brown clay sand.	902	na
902	na	na	0.25	Grey brown clay sand and grit, which contained frequent Modern artefacts.	903	901
903	na	na	0.9	Beige clay silt.	904	902
904	na	na	?	Pleistocene gravels; beige gravels.	?	903
				No archaeological finds or features were present within the trench.		
				Trench 10; 20m by 1.8m		
1001	na	na	0.1	Tarmac.	1002	na
1002	na	na	0.7	Cinder and clinker make-up layer.	1003	1001
1003	na	na	0.6	Green blue clay sand.	1004	1002
1004	na	na	?	Pleistocene gravels; beige grey gravels.	?	1003
				No archaeological finds or features were present within the trench.		

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CXT	L(m)	W(m)	D(m)	DESCRIPTION	CUTS/LATER THAN	CUT BY/EARLIER THAN
				Trench 11; 20m by 1.8m		
1101	na	na	0.1	Tarmac.	1102	na
1102	na	na	0.09	Pink gravel bedding layer.	1103	1101
1103	na	na	0.7	Mixed beige gravel, soot and clinker make-up layer.	1104	1102
1104	na	na	0.65	Blue green clay sand.	1105	1103
1105	na	na	0.66	Grey brown soft clay sand, which contained frequent small shells. Contained wooden artefact	1106	1104
				(Small Find 1), which was located at the interface between deposit 1105 and natural gravels 1106.		
1106	na	na	?	Pleistocene gravels; dark grey gravels.	?	1105
				Trench 12; 16m by 1.8m*		
1201	na	na	0.5	Topsoil; dark brown clay sand.	1202	na
1202	na	na	0.7	Beige brown clay sand.	1203	1201
1203	na	na	?	Pleistocene gravels; beige gravels.	?	1202
				*Only able to excavate a 16m long trench due on-site space constraints.		
				No archaeological finds or features were present within the trench.		
				Trench 13; excavation abandoned due to presence of dry asbestos in subsoil.		
				Trench 14; 20m by 1.8m		
1401	na	na	0.3	Topsoil; dark brown clay sand.	1402	na
1402	na	na	0.34	Mixed Modern make-up layer.	1403	1401
1403	na	na	0.75	Beige clay sand.	1404	1402
1404	na	na	?	Pleistocene gravels; beige gravels.	?	1403
				No archaeological finds or features were present within the trench.		

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Trench 15; 21m by 1.8m						
1501	na	na	0.27	Topsoil; dark brown clay sand.	1502	na
1502	na	na	0.4	Beige clay sand.	1503	1501
1503	na	na	0.8	Blue grey soft clay sand silt peat, which contained frequent shells.	1504	1502
1504	na	na	?	Pleistocene gravels; blue black gravels.	?	1503
				No archaeological features were present within the trench.		
Trench 16; 21m by 1.8m						
1601	na	na	0.3	Topsoil; dark brown clay sand.	1602	na
1602	na	na	0.3	Beige clay sand.	1603	1601
1603	na	na	0.9+	Blue grey soft clay sand silt peat, which contained frequent shells.	?	1602
				No archaeological finds or features were present within the trench.		
Trench 17; 22m by 1.8m						
1701	na	na	0.25	Topsoil; dark brown clay sand.	1702	na
1702	na	na	0.2	Beige orange clay sand.	1703	1701
1703	na	na	?	Pleistocene gravels; beige orange gravels.	?	1702
				No archaeological finds or features were present within the trench.		
Trench 18; 22m by 1.8m						
1801	na	na	0.21	Topsoil; dark brown clay sand.	1802	na
1802	na	na	0.15	Beige brown clay gravel sand.	1803	1801
1803	na	na	0.46	Beige sand.	1804	1802
1804	na	na	?	Pleistocene gravels; beige orange gravels.	?	1803
				No archaeological finds or features were present within the trench.		

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Trench 19; 21m by 1.8m						
1901	na	na	0.3	Topsoil; dark brown clay sand.	1902	na
1902	na	na	0.5	Beige clay sand, which contained occasional lenses of gravel.	1903	1901
1903	na	na	0.7+	Blue grey soft clay sand silt peat, which contained frequent shells.	?	1902
				No archaeological features were present within the trench.		
Trench 20; 20m by 1.8m						
2001	na	na	0.2	Dark brown clay sand.	2002	na
2002	na	na	0.7	Beige clay sand.	2003	2001
2003	na	na	0.6	Blue grey soft clay sand silt, which contained occasional shells.	2004	2002
2004	na	na	?	Pleistocene gravels; yellow sand and gravels. Height level of natural deposits undulated across the length of the trench.	?	2003
				No archaeological features were present within the trench.		
Trench 21; 20m by 1.8m						
2101	na	na	0.6	Mixed dark brown soil and red sand.	2102	na
2102	na	na	0.6	Beige clay sand, which contained frequent brick and tile fragments.	2103	2101
2103	na	na	?	Pleistocene gravels; green grey gravels.	?	2102
				No archaeological finds or features were present within the trench.		
Trench 22; 20m by 1.8m						
2201	na	na	0.3	Topsoil; dark brown clay sand.	2202	na
2202	na	na	0.4	Layered beige and brown sand, which contained frequent Modern artefacts.	2203	2201
2203	na	na	0.7	Grey blue mixed clay sand, which contained occasional Modern artefacts.	2204	2202
2204	na	na	0.1+	Pale yellow sand.	?	2203
				No archaeological finds or features were present within the trench.		

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				Trench 23; 20m by 1.8m		
2301	na	na	0.2	Topsoil; dark brown clay sand.	2302	na
2302	na	na	0.3	Orange brown clay sand.	2303	2301
2303	na	na	?	Pleistocene gravels; beige sand and gravels.	?	2302
				No archaeological finds or features were present within the trench.		
				Trench 24; 20m by 1.8m		
2401	na	na	0.25	Topsoil; dark brown humic clay sand.	2402	na
2402	na	na	0.75	Beige clay sand, which contained occasional lenses of gravel.	2403	2401
2403	na	na	0.5	Blue grey soft clay sand, which contained occasional shells.	2404	2402
2404	na	na	?	Pleistocene gravels; yellow sand and gravels. Height level of natural deposits undulated across the length of the trench.	?	2403
				No archaeological finds or features were present within the trench.		
				Trench 25; 20m by 1.8m		
2501	na	na	0.3	Topsoil; dark brown humic clay sand.	2502	na
2502	na	na	0.5	Beige clay sand.	2503	2501
2503	na	na	0.41	Blue grey soft clay sand silt, which contained rare shells.	2504	2502
2504	na	na	?	Pleistocene gravels; beige gravels. Height level of natural deposits undulated across the length of the trench.	?	2503
				No archaeological finds or features were present within the trench.		

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CXT	L(m)	W(m)	D(m)	DESCRIPTION	CUTS/LATER THAN	CUT BY/EARLIER THAN
				Trench 26; 20m by 1.8m		
2601	na	na	0.3	Topsoil; dark brown humic clay sand.	2602	na
2602	na	na	0.7	Beige clay sand.	2603	2601
2603	na	na	0.5+	Blue grey soft clay sand silt, which contained rare shells.	?	2602
				No archaeological finds or features were present within the trench.		
				Trench 27; 21m by 1.8m		
2701	na	na	0.2	Topsoil; dark brown clay sand.	2702	na
2702	na	na	0.5	Beige clay sand, which contained occasional lenses of gravel.	2703	2701
2703	na	na	1	Grey blue soft clay.	2704	2702
2704	na	na	?	Pleistocene gravels; dark grey gravels.	?	2703
				No archaeological finds or features were present within the trench.		
				Trench 28; 20m by 1.8m		
2801	na	na	0.3	Topsoil; dark brown clay sand.	2802	na
2802	na	na	0.5	Beige clay sand.	2803	2801
2803	na	na	0.5	Orange beige sand.	2804	2802
2804	na	na	?	Pleistocene gravels; light grey gravels.	?	2803
				No archaeological finds or features were present within the trench.		
				Trench 29; 21m by 1.8m		
2901	na	na	0.25	Topsoil; dark brown clay sand.	2902	na
2902	na	na	0.5	Beige clay sand, which contained occasional lenses of gravel.	2903	2901
2903	na	na	0.41	Dark brown soft clay sand, which contained frequent shell.	2904	2902
2904	na	na	0.75	Grey sand.	2905	2903
2905	na	na	?	Pleistocene gravels; light grey gravels. Height level of natural deposits undulated across the length	?	2904
				of the trench.		
				No archaeological features were present within the trench.		

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CXT	L(m)	W(m)	D(m)	DESCRIPTION	CUTS/LATER THAN	CUT BY/EARLIER THAN
Trench 30; 21m by 1.8m						
3001	na	na	0.2	Topsoil; dark brown clay sand.	3002	na
3002	na	na	0.45	Beige clay sand.	3003	3001
3003	na	na	0.45	Mottled brown beige clay sand.	3004	3002
3004	na	na	0.5	Grey soft sand peat, which contained occasional shell.	3005	3003
3005	na	na	?	Pleistocene gravels; light grey gravels.	?	3004
				No archaeological finds or features were present within the trench.		
Trench 31; 20m by 1.8m						
3101	na	na	0.1	Tarmac.	3102	na
3102	na	na	0.1	Pink gravel bedding layer.	3103	3101
3103	na	na	0.8	Dark green grey clay sand.	3104	3102
3104	na	na	0.5+	Dark grey brown soft clay sand, which contained frequent shell.	?	3103
				No archaeological finds or features were present within the trench.		
Trench 32; 20m by 1.8m						
3201	na	na	0.25	Topsoil; dark brown clay sand.	3202	na
3202	na	na	0.6	Beige clay sand.	3203	3201
3203	na	na	0.5	Blue grey soft clay sand peat, which contained occasional shell.	3204	3202
3204	na	na	?	Pleistocene gravels; dark grey gravels.	?	3203
				No archaeological features were present within the trench.		
Trench 33; 21m by 1.8m						
3301	na	na	0.3	Topsoil; dark brown clay sand.	3302	na
3302	na	na	0.6	Beige clay sand.	3303	3301
3303	na	na	0.6+	Blue grey soft sand silt, which contained frequent shell.	?	3302
				No archaeological finds or features were present within the trench.		

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CXT	L(m)	W(m)	D(m)	DESCRIPTION	CUTS/LATER THAN	CUT BY/EARLIER THAN
				Trench 34; 20m by 1.8m		
3401	na	na	0.3	Topsoil; dark brown clay sand.	3402	na
3402	na	na	0.6	Beige clay sand.	3403	3401
3403	na	na	0.7	Blue grey soft clay sand silt, which contained occasional shell.	3404	3402
3404	na	na	0.4+	Grey sand, which contained occasional gravel.	?	3403
				No archaeological finds or features were present within the trench.		
				Trench 35; 20m by 1.8m		
3501	na	na	0.3	Topsoil; dark brown clay sand.	3502	na
3502	na	na	0.75	Beige clay sand.	3503	3501
3503	na	na	0.45+	Blue grey soft clay sand, which contained frequent shell.	?	3502
				No archaeological features were present within the trench.		
				Trench 36; 20m by 1.8m		
3601	na	na	0.3	Topsoil; dark brown clay sand.	3602	na
3602	na	na	0.9	Beige clay sand.	3603	3601
3603	na	na	0.9	Blue grey soft clay silt sand, which contained occasional shell.	3604	3602
3604	na	na	?	Pleistocene gravels; grey gravels.	?	3603
				No archaeological features were present within the trench.		
				Trench 37; 50m by 2.1m		
3701	na	na	0.29	Topsoil; dark brown grey clay sand.	3702	na
3702	na	na	0.18	Yellow plastic sand clay.	3703	3701
3703	na	na	?	Natural deposits; mottled yellow grey sand and gravels.	?	3702
				No archaeological finds or features were present within the trench.		

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Trench 38; 50m by 2.1m						
3801	na	na	0.3	Topsoil; dark grey brown silt sand, which contained occasional CBM fragments.	3802	na
3802	na	na	0.06	Grey brown plastic sand clay.	3803	3801
3803	na	na	0.22	Orange yellow plastic clay sand, which contained rare small CBM fragments.	3804	3802
3804	na	na	?	Natural deposits; yellow sand and gravels.	?	3803
				No archaeological finds or features were present within the trench.		
Trench 39; 50m by 2.1m						
3901	na	na	0.23	Topsoil; dark brown sand clay.	3902	na
3902	na	na	0.08	Grey brown plastic sand clay.	3903	3901
3903	na	na	0.11	Yellow compact sand clay.	3904	3902
3904	na	na	0.15	Variable blue yellow grey orange plastic clay.	3905	3903
3905	na	na	?	Natural deposits; orange red sand and gravels.	?	3904
[3906]	0.27	0.21	0.16	Sub-oval posthole with steep sides and a rounded base. Contained fill 3907.	3905	3907
3907	0.27	0.21	0.16	Fill of posthole [3906]; brown sand clay, which contained occasional small stones.	[3906]	3904
Trench 40; 50m by 2.1m						
4001	na	na	0.25	Topsoil; grey brown sand silt.	4004	na
4002	na	na	0.14	Brown yellow plastic clay sand.	4003	[4005]
4003	na	na	0.25	Yellow plastic clay.	4009	4002
4004	na	na	0.02	Layer of gravel.	4008	4001
[4005]	2.1	4.5	1.42	East-west aligned cut feature, possibly a ditch, with irregular sloping sides and a flat base. Contained	4002	4006
				fills 4006, 4007 and 4008.		
4006	2.1	3.4	0.8	Fill of feature [4005]; mottled blue grey orange brown compact clay, which contained occasional	[4005]	4007
				small stones.		
4007	2.1	3.8	0.4	Fill of feature [4005]; orange brown compact clay silt, which contained rare small stones.	4006	4008
4008	2.1	4.5	0.41	Fill of feature [4005]; brown beige silt sand, which contained frequent small stones, along	4007	4004
				with occasional CBM flecks.		
4009	na	na	?	Natural deposits; mottled yellow grey sand and gravels.	?	4003

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Trench 41; 50m by 2.1m						
4101	na	na	0.27	Topsoil; grey brown plastic clay sand, which contained rare charcoal flecks and small pieces of chalk, along with occasional CBM fragments.	4102	na
4102	na	na	0.09	Grey yellow brown plastic sand clay, which contained occasional CBM fragments.	4103	4101
4103	na	na	0.33	Brown yellow plastic clay.	4105, 4107	4102
[4104]	3.3	0.3+	0.09	East-west aligned cut feature, possibly a gully, with a shallow, flat profile. Terminated at the east. Contained fill 4105.	4108	4105
4105	3.3	0.3+	0.09	Fill of feature [4104]; light grey brown clay, which contained occasional small stones.	[4104]	4103
[4106]	2.1	0.9	0.26	North-south aligned ditch with a shallow, sloping profile. Contained fill 4107.	4108	4107
4107	2.1	0.9	0.26	Fill of ditch [4106]; light brown grey clay silt, which contained frequent charcoal flecks and frequent small stones.	[4106]	4103
4108	na	na	?	Natural deposits; yellow clay sand.	?	4103
Trench 42; 50m by 2.1m						
4201	na	na	0.3	Topsoil; grey brown plastic clay sand, which contained rare charcoal flecks and small pieces of chalk, along with occasional CBM fragments and a single sherd of china-ware pottery.	4202	na
4202	na	na	0.11	Grey yellow brown plastic sand clay, which contained occasional CBM fragments.	4203	4201
4203	na	na	0.47	Variable grey brown yellow plastic clay.	4206	4202
4204	na	na	?	Natural deposits; mottled yellow and orange sand and clay.	?	[4205]
[4205]	2.3	1.6	0.59	Northwest-southeast aligned ditch with sloping sides and a rounded base. Contained fill 4206.	4204	4206
4206	2.3	1.6	0.59	Fill of ditch [4205]; orange grey clay silt, which contained occasional charcoal flecks and frequent small stones.	[4205]	4203

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CXT	L(m)	W(m)	D(m)	DESCRIPTION	CUTS/LATER THAN	CUT BY/EARLIER THAN
Trench 43; 50m by 2.1m						
4301	na	na	0.25	Topsoil; grey brown clay sand, which contained occasional CBM fragments, along with occasional charcoal flecks.	4302	na
4302	na	na	0.14	Compact yellow clay sand, which contained a fragment of tile.	4303	4301
4303	na	na	0.24	Yellow brown plastic sand clay.	4304	4302
4304	na	na	0.2	Mottled yellow orange grey clay, which contained two fragments of CBM.	4305	4303
4305	na	na	?	Natural deposits; yellow red grey sand and gravel.	?	4304
No archaeological finds or features were present within the trench.						
Trench 44; 50m by 2.1m						
4401	na	na	0.3	Topsoil; grey brown sand silt.	4402	na
4402	na	na	0.03	Brown yellow sand silt, which contained occasional CBM flecks, occasional charcoal flecks and occasional pieces of chalk.	4403	4401
4403	na	na	0.24	Brown yellow plastic clay.	4404	4402
4404	na	na	0.16	Grey yellow plastic clay.	4405	4403
4405	na	na	?	Natural deposits; brown yellow clay sand.	?	4404
No archaeological finds or features were present within the trench.						
Trench 45; 50m by 2.1m						
4501	na	na	0.23	Topsoil; grey brown plastic clay sand, which contained rare charcoal flecks and small pieces of chalk, along with occasional CBM fragments.	4502	na
4502	na	na	0.09	Grey yellow brown plastic sand clay, which contained occasional CBM fragments.	4503	4501
4503	na	na	0.33	Yellow plastic sand clay.	4505	4502
[4504]	2	1	0.23	Amorphous feature with a rounded, shallow profile. Contained fill 4505.	4506	4505
4505	2	1	0.23	Fill of feature [4504]; light brown clay silt, which contained frequent charcoal flecks.	[4504]	4503
4506	na	na	?	Natural deposits; light brown yellow clay sand.	?	[4504]

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CXT	L(m)	W(m)	D(m)	DESCRIPTION	CUTS/LATER THAN	CUT BY/EARLIER THAN
				Trench 46; 50m by 1.6m		
4601	na	na	0.26	Topsoil; dark brown clay sand, which contained frequent Modern artefacts.	4602	na
4602	na	na	0.25	Light orange brown compact clay sand.	4603	4601
4603	na	na	?	Orange brown compact clay.	?	4602
				No archaeological finds or features were present within the trench.		
				Trench 47; 50m by 1.6m		
4701	na	na	0.29	Topsoil; dark brown clay sand, which contained occasional Modern artefacts.	4702	na
4702	na	na	0.28	Light orange brown compact clay sand.	4704	4701
[4703]	1.7	1	0.38	Northeast-southwest aligned ditch with sloping sides and a rounded base. Contained	4705	4704
				fill 4704.		
4704	1.7	1	0.38	Fill of [4703]; brown orange clay silt, which contained occasional charcoal flecks and occasional	[4703]	4702
				small stones.		
4705	na	na	?	Orange brown compact clay.	?	[4703]
				Trench 48; 50m by 1.6m		
4801	na	na	0.3	Topsoil; dark brown clay sand.	4802	na
4802	na	na	0.23	Light orange brown compact clay sand.	4803	4801
4803	na	na	0.22	Orange brown compact clay.	4804	4802
4804	na	na	0.14	Orange beige compact clay silt sand.	4805	4803
4805	na	na	?	Pleistocene gravels; beige sand and gravel.	?	4804
				No archaeological finds or features were present within the trench.		

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CXT	L(m)	W(m)	D(m)	DESCRIPTION	CUTS/LATER THAN	CUT BY/EARLIER THAN
				Trench 49; 50m by 1.6m		
4901	na	na	0.25	Topsoil; dark brown clay sand, which contained occasional Modern artefacts.	4902	na
4902	na	na	0.32	Light orange brown compact clay sand.	4904/4906	4901
[4903]	2.5	0.9	0.27	Northwest-southeast aligned ditch with sloping sides and a rounded base. Contained fill 4904.	4907	4904
4904	2.5	0.9	0.27	Fill of [4903]; light brown grey clay silt, which contained occasional small stones.	[4903]	4902
[4905]	1.5	2.8	0.73	Cut feature with sloping sides and a rounded base. Contained fill 4906.	4907	4906
4906	1.5	2.8	0.73	Fill of [4905]; light brown beige clay silt, which contained occasional small stones and	[4905]	4902
				occasional charcoal flecks.		
4907	na	na	?	Orange brown compact clay.	?	[4903]/[4905]
				Trench 50; 50m by 1.6m		
5001	na	na	0.3	Topsoil; dark brown clay sand.	5002	na
5002	na	na	0.26	Light orange brown compact clay sand.	5003	5001
5003	na	na	0.31	Orange brown compact clay.	5004	5002
5004	na	na	?	Pleistocene gravels; beige sand and gravel.	?	5003
				No archaeological finds or features were present within the trench.		
				Trench 51; 50m by 1.6m		
5101	na	na	0.26	Topsoil; dark brown clay sand, which contained frequent Modern artefacts.	5102	na
5102	na	na	0.22	Light orange brown compact clay sand.	5107	5101
5103	na	na	0.3	Orange brown compact clay.	5104	[5106]
5104	na	na	0.16	Dark brown plastic clay silt.	5105	5103
5105	na	na	?	Pleistocene gravels; beige sand and gravel.	?	5104
[5106]	3.8	0.68	0.37	Cut feature with a sloping profile. Contained fill 5107.	5103	5107
5107	3.8	0.68	0.37	Fill of [5106]; light brown orange sand silt, which contained occasional charcoal flecks and	[5106]	5102
				occasional small stones.		

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CXT	L(m)	W(m)	D(m)	DESCRIPTION	CUTS/LATER THAN	CUT BY/EARLIER THAN
				Trench 52; 50m by 1.6m		
5201	na	na	0.27	Topsoil; dark brown clay sand, which contained occasional Modern artefacts.	5202	na
5202	na	na	0.3	Light orange brown compact clay sand.	5203	5201
5203	na	na	?	Orange brown compact clay.	?	5202
				No archaeological finds or features were present within the trench.		
				Trench 53; 50m by 1.6m		
5301	na	na	0.27	Topsoil; dark brown clay sand.	5302	na
5302	na	na	0.32	Light orange brown compact clay sand.	5305	5301
5303	na	na	?	Orange brown compact clay.	?	[5304]
[5304]	1.3	1.3	0.2	Sub-circular pit with a shallow, flat profile. Contained fill 5305.	5303	5305
5305	1.3	1.3	0.2	Fill of pit [5304]; light brown beige silt clay, which contained occasional small stones and occasional charcoal flecks.	[5304]	5302

APPENDIX 2: The Pottery

By Dr. Jane Timby

The archaeological evaluation resulted in the recovery of a very small assemblage of 20 sherds of pottery, weighing 212.2 g dating to the early Prehistoric, later Prehistoric, Roman and Post-medieval periods.

For the purposes of the assessment the pottery was examined to determine broad fabric type and form and quantified by sherd count and weight. The resulting data can be found summarized in Pottery Table 1. The pottery was of mixed condition with small abraded pieces for the earlier material and fresh, moderately large fragments from the latest Post-medieval wares. The sherds were distributed across eight individual contexts; thus the number of sherds per context is extremely low and potentially not chronologically reliable. No detailed research has been carried out in conjunction with this report to place the sherds into their local context, or to look for direct parallels.

The earliest diagnostic material present are two much abraded fragments of coarse calcined flint-tempered ware from (4206) which are likely to be from a Bronze Age urn. The association of these sherds with a later jar rim, probably of Roman date, suggested they are re-deposited. Small crumbs with sparse fine calcined flint from (4107), (4704), (4904) and (5305) are also likely to be Prehistoric but are too tiny to ascribe a closer date. Similarly, a basesherd from (4505) with a sand and calcined flint temper is probably of later Prehistoric or early Roman date.

Context (4206) contained the rim of a small everted rim jar of probably Roman date; whilst five grey, sandy, wares from (4505) from a closed, wheel-made form are also likely to be Roman. The remaining four sherds, from two vessels, came from context (3503) and comprise two pieces of Surrey-Hampshire Border ware from a ribbed pipkin or similar and two sherds from the base of a black iron-glazed red earthenware small jug. These are likely to date to the early Post-medieval period.

The assemblage is very small and appears to be quite disturbed. If not re-deposited material from elsewhere, it would appear to indicate activity in the broad vicinity, dating from the Bronze Age onwards. No further work is recommended on the assemblage.

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Pottery Table 1: The pottery from the Walton Bridge evaluation (WBW11)

Context	Preh	Roman	Pmed	Tot No	Tot wt	Date
404	0	0	2	2	22	C19+
3503	0	0	4	4	144	C16-C18
4107	2	0	0	2	0.3	?Preh
4206	2	1	0	3	11	BA; ?Roman
4505	1	5	0	6	34	LIA-ERO; Ro
4704	1	0	0	1	0.4	?Preh
4904	1	0	0	1	0.3	?Preh
5305	1	0	0	1	0.2	?Preh
TOTAL	8	6	6	20	212.2	

APPENDIX 3: Miscellaneous Finds

CXT	DESCRIPTION	Wt. (g)
504	ceramic tile X 2 fragments	71
1502	handmade brick X 1 fragment	427
1503	handmade brick X 1 fragment	238
1902	handmade brick X 1 fragment	210
2002	handmade brick X 1 fragment	18
2903	ceramic tile X 1 fragment	34
3202	bone X 1 fragment	27
3502	handmade brick X 1 fragment	405
3503	handmade brick X 2 fragments	89
3603	handmade brick X 2 fragments	81
3803	ceramic tile X 2 fragments	158
3907	burnt flint X 1 fragment	21
4006	ceramic tile X 1 fragment	73
4505	burnt stone/flint X 8 fragments	248
4704	burnt stone/flint X 2 fragments	6
4904	burnt stone/flint X 2 fragments	8
4904	struck flint X 1 piece	3
5107	burnt stone/flint X 1 fragment	5
tr41 u/s	struck flint X 1 piece	3

APPENDIX 4: Small Find 1

A note by Steve Allen, wood technologist, York Archaeological Trust:

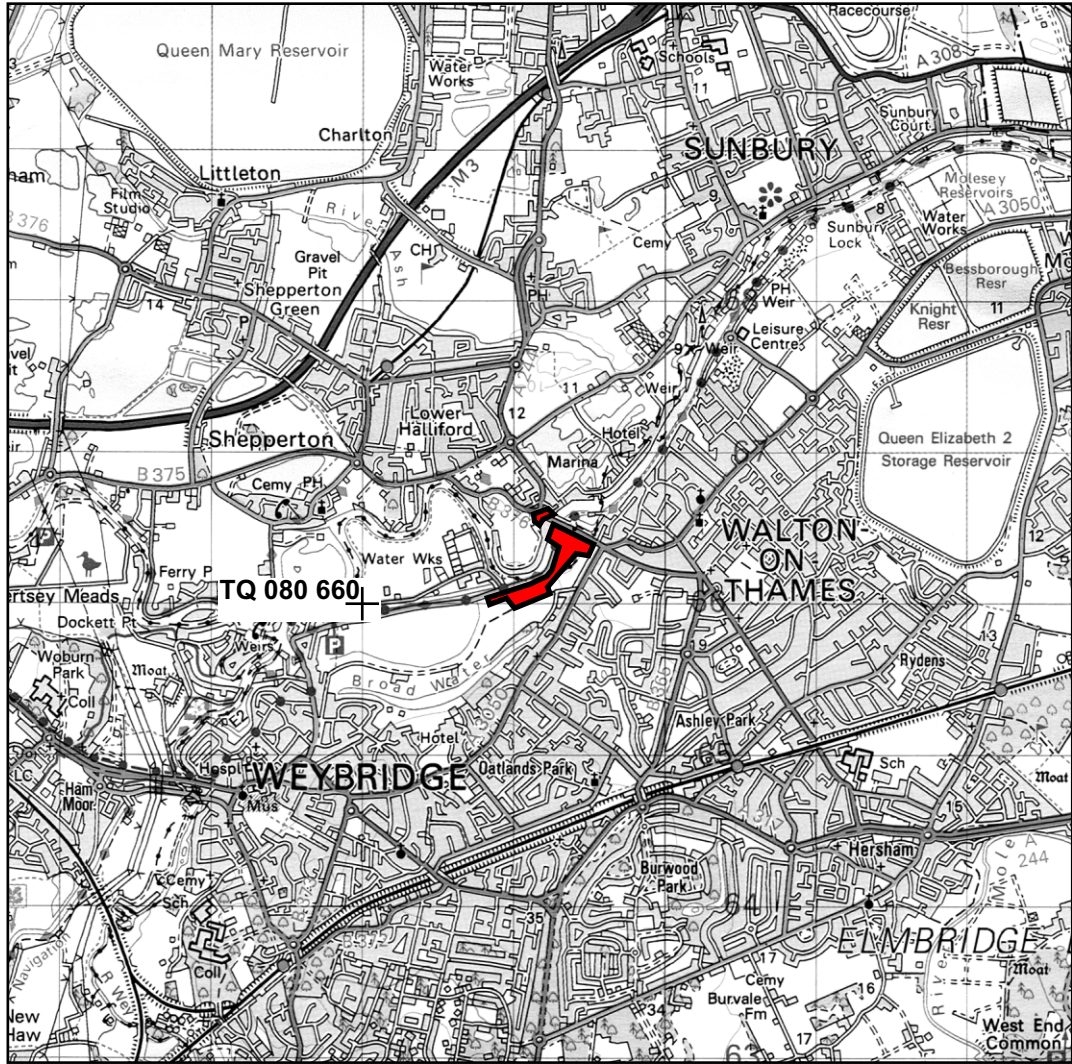
My first impressions are that this is part of an artefact, rather than complete in itself; the teeth look pretty much like the remaining wood left between a row of drilled/augered holes cut through the face of this board and which has subsequently broken along the grain through the line of weakness created by the holes. If this is the case, it is possibly an element from a cage/trap or perhaps part of a frame used to fix another piece(s) of wood at different relative heights/locations.

It is very unlikely to be datable by dendrochronology so 14C would be your only scientific dating option. Unless it has sapwood present (which it doesn't appear to have) 14C dating will only give you a date for the formation of the last surviving rings on the artefact, which might be a lot earlier than when the parent tree was felled.

11th July 2011.

Photo 1: Small Find 1 from context (1105), Walton Bridge evaluation.





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FIGURE 1: Site Location



- Notes**
1. Refer to the Brief of Archaeological Evaluation and Historic Building Recording for methodology, methodology and recording.
 2. Trenches 01 to 31 to be 5m in length unless specified otherwise on this drawing. Trenches 1 to 30 to be 2.0m in length unless specified otherwise on this drawing.
 3. Coordinate these locations to provide 1m Area Level. Draper trenches will require a wide excavation and as such this drawing is to be used in conjunction with laser surveys.
 4. Final position and shape of trenches are to be agreed with the client and the archaeologist. A 3m minimum clearance between the archaeological trench and the site via fire/garment exit is to be maintained between the archaeological trench and the site.
 5. Once an excavation is completed, the site to be returned to its original condition.
 6. Lattice frames shall be installed in all trenches with proposed double glass doors with rubber bottom to allow trench and working area to be available access.
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	Access Road		Accurate depth of formation - 0.5m (C & D)
	Working Area		2.5m (E)
	Trench Number		5m (A, F, G & H)
			1.5m (I) (Pole Level)
			1m (J, K, L, M & N)
			0.5m (O)

NO.	DESCRIPTION	DATE	BY	CHKD	APPD	STATUS
01	SOC COMMENTS INCORPORATED	04/11/11	MSJ	RWH	C	ISSUED FOR CONSTRUCTION
02	COMMENTS INCORPORATED	03/11/11	MSJ	RWH	E	ISSUED FOR SOC REVIEW
03	FINAL ISSUE	03/11/11	MSJ	RWH	A	FINAL ISSUE TO COSTAIN & SOF
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FIGURE 2: Trench Location Plan A

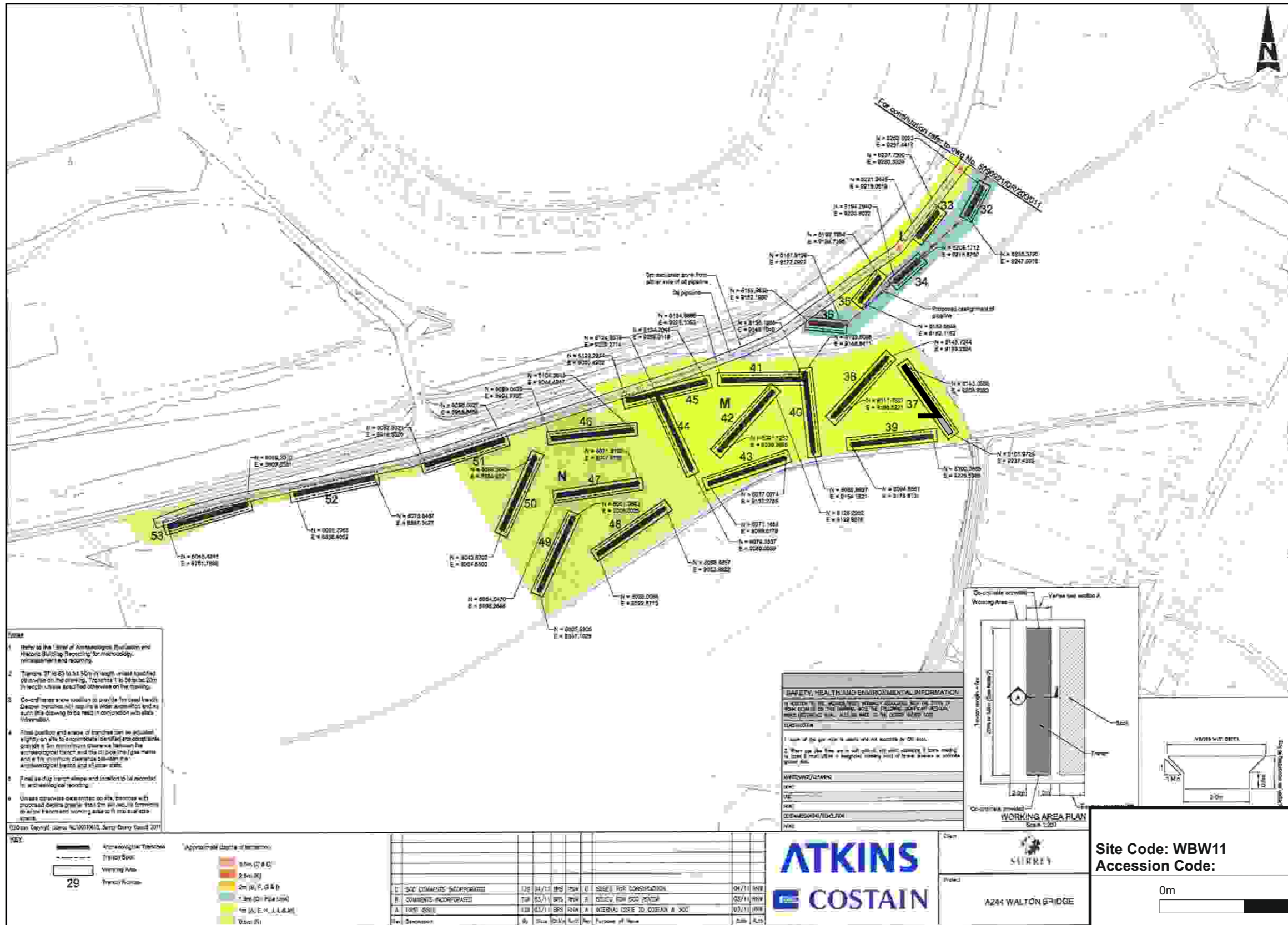
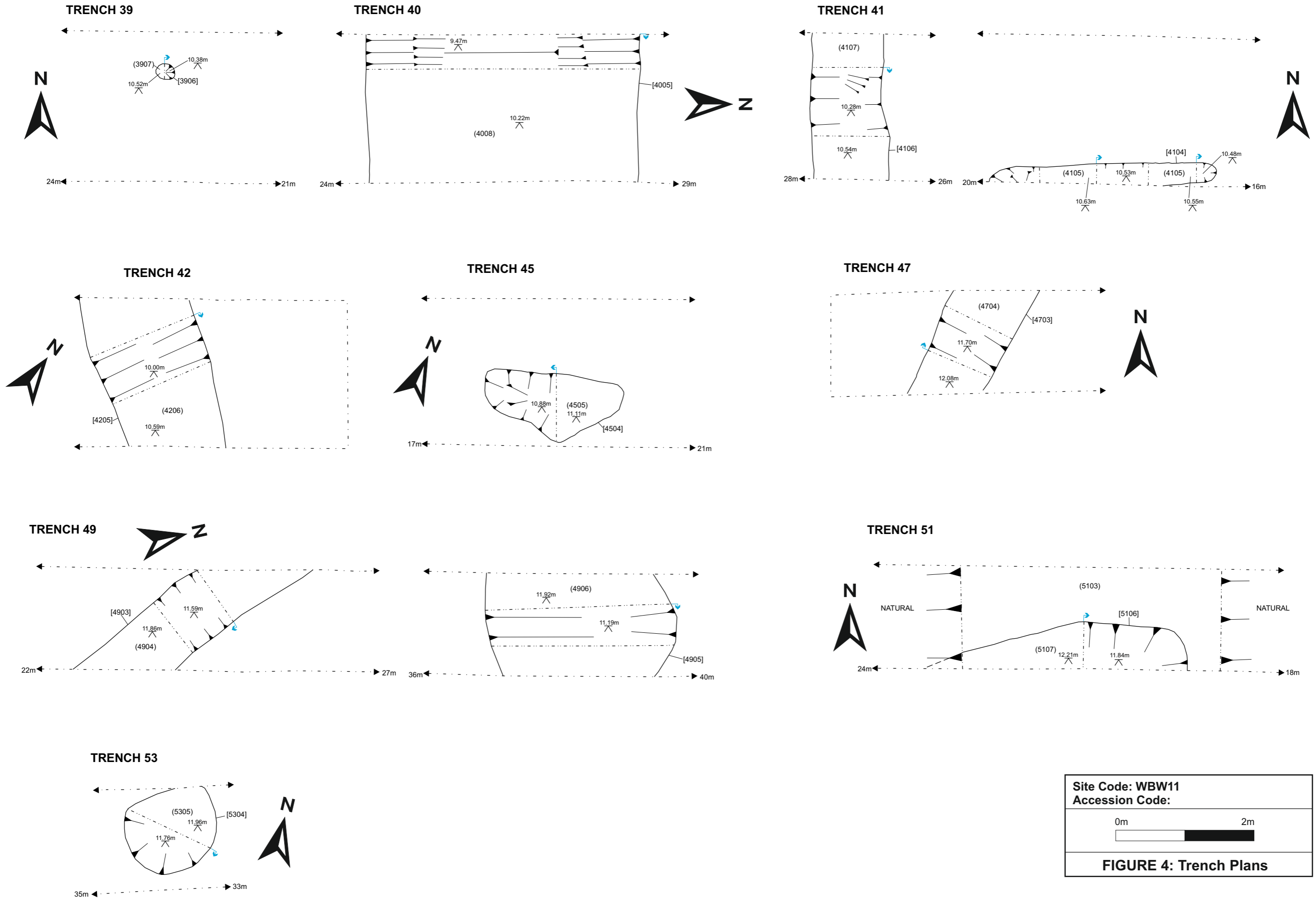
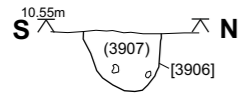


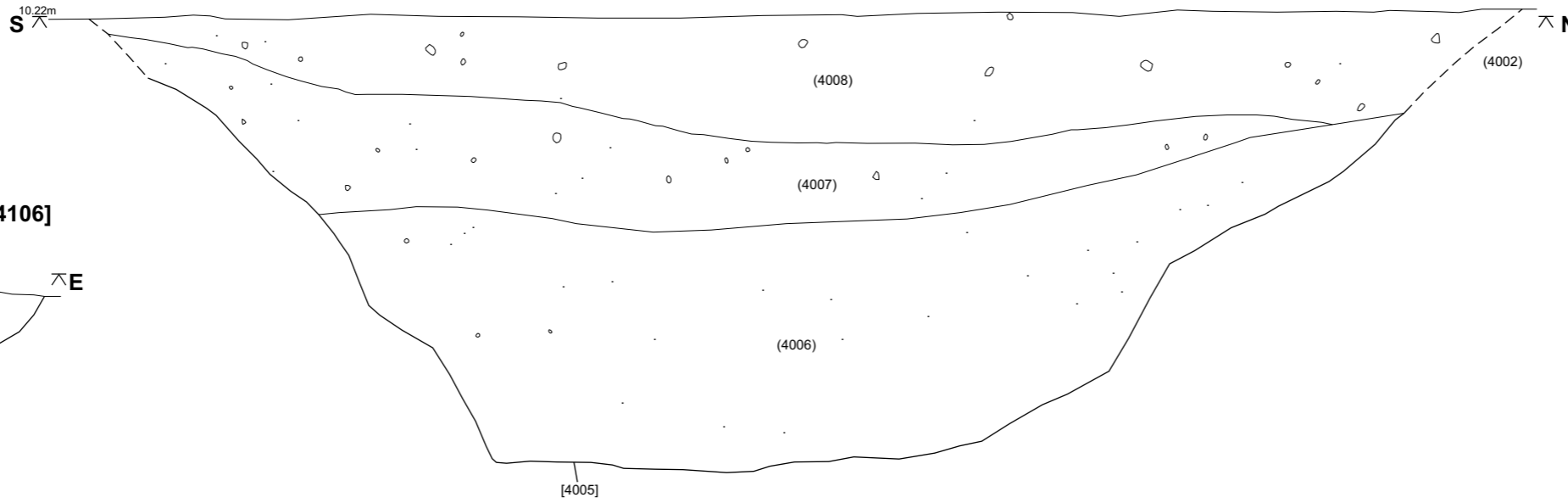
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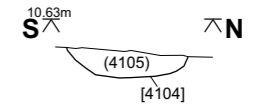
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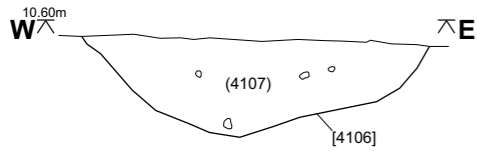
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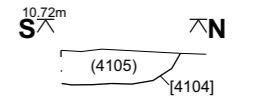
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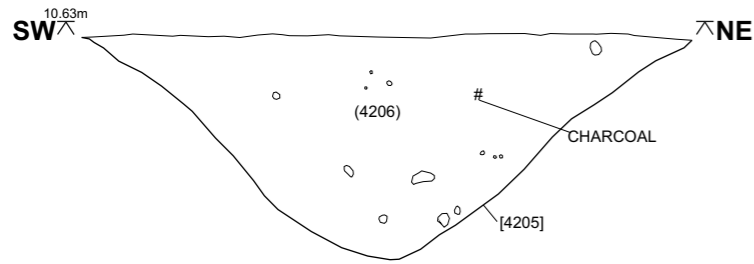
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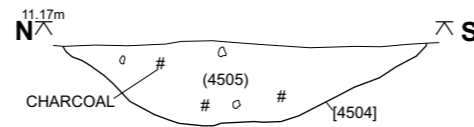
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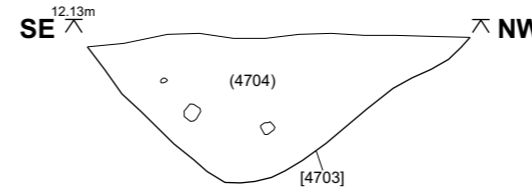
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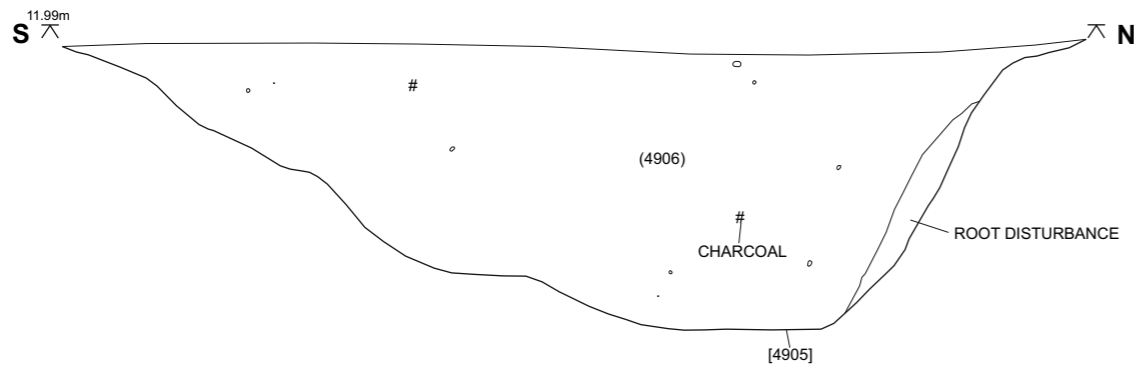
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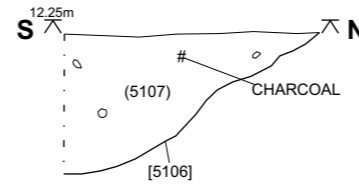
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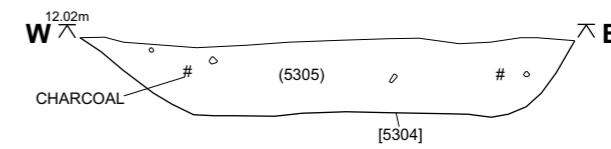
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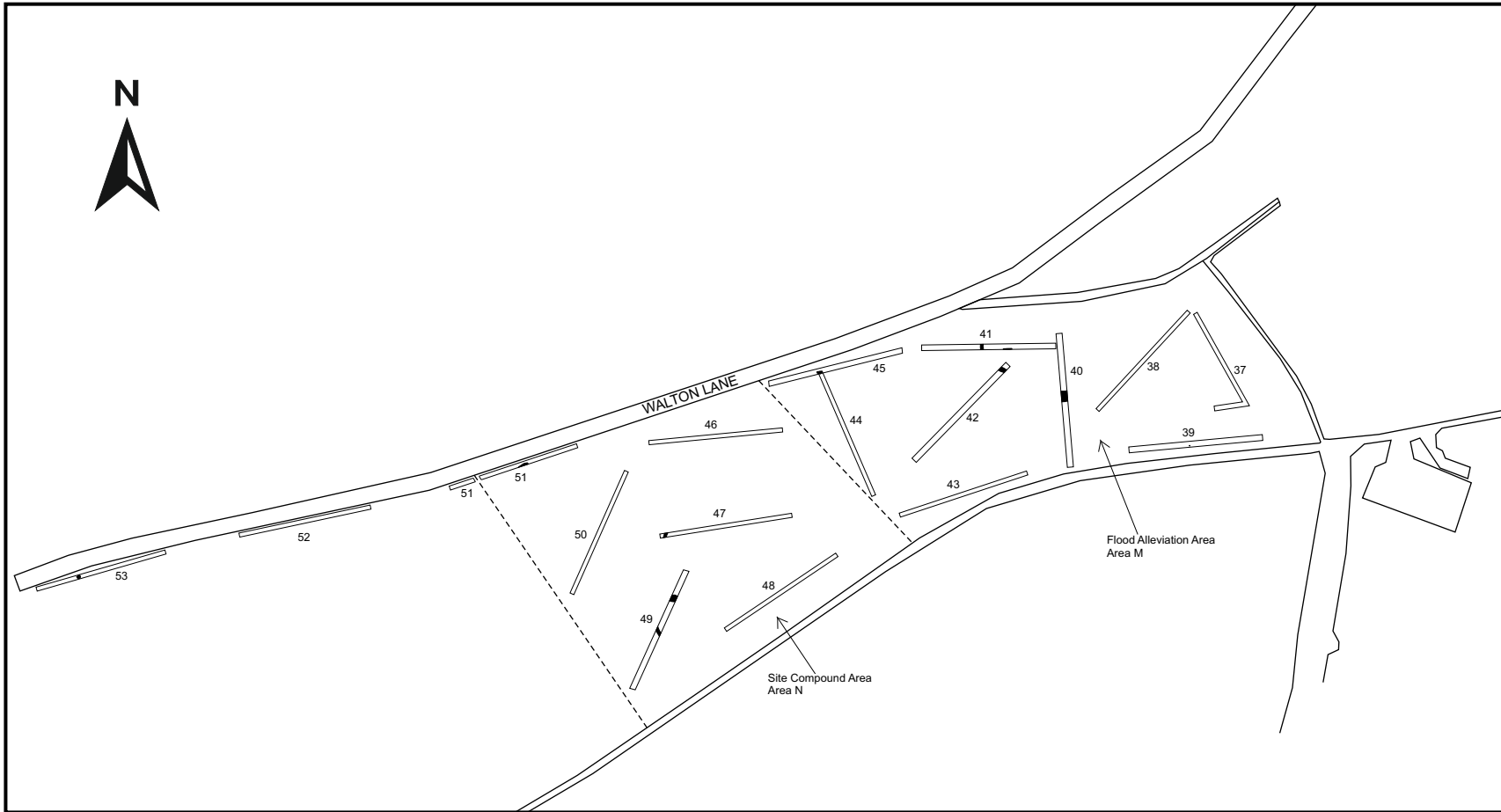
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SOUTH FACING SECTION [5304]



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**FIGURE 6: Plan Showing
 Feature Locations**