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## GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

### *Archaeology*

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

### *Medieval*

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

### *OS*

Ordnance Survey.

### *Post-Medieval*

Refers to the period from *c.* AD 1500 to AD 1900.

### *Prehistoric*

In Britain this term is generally used for any of the traditionally defined periods such as Palaeolithic (*c.* 480,000-12,000 BC), Mesolithic (*c.* 12,000-4000 BC), Neolithic (*c.* 4,000-2,500), Bronze Age (*c.* 2500-600 BC) and Iron Age (*c.* 800 BC – AD 43).

### *Romano-British*

Term used to describe the fusion of indigenous late Iron Age traditions with the invasive Roman culture. Traditionally dated between AD 43 and AD 410.

### *Saxon*

Term used to describe the period between the end of Roman Britain *c.* AD 410 and the Norman Conquest (AD 1066).

## SUMMARY

Between January and September 2015 Foundations Archaeology undertook a programme of archaeological monitoring during the groundworks for the expansion of Ashford Park Primary School. The work was commissioned by Property Services Cluster.

Archaeological features within the watched areas were present in the form of a probable co-axial Post-medieval field system at the western end of the site, as well as two further intercutting undated linear features and two undated pits or tree throws in the southeast of the site. Artefactual evidence was sparse within the watched areas and mainly consisted of late Post-medieval/Modern material. However, a single sherd of late Bronze Age-early Iron Age pottery was recovered from a subsoil layer in the northeast area of the site.

Observations made during the watching brief identified that there were preserved subsoils across the majority of the site, which would suggest good preservation conditions for any potential archaeology that might survive outside of the monitored areas.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Between January and September 2015 Foundations Archaeology undertook a programme of archaeological monitoring during the groundworks for the expansion of Ashford Park Primary School, Ashford, Middlesex (NGR: TQ 056 719). The work was commissioned by Property Services Cluster.
- 1.2 The project was undertaken in accordance with the Written Scheme of Investigation prepared by Foundations Archaeology (2014). The WSI was produced in accordance with the archaeological requirements of Surrey County Council as well as the *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Watching Briefs* issued by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (2008).
- 1.3 This document presents the findings of the archaeological monitoring.

## 2 PROJECT BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Planning permission (**REF: 14/00805/SCC**) was granted for the expansion of the school, which comprised a single storey building with nine classrooms and associated accommodation, alterations to the existing building and external works including hard and soft landscaping, ten additional parking spaces, fire tender access, new pedestrian path, refuse enclosure and covered walkways.
- 2.2 The archaeological representative of Surrey County Council advised that a programme of archaeological monitoring and recording be undertaken during the associated groundworks.
- 2.3 The site was initially subject to a desk-based assessment (Foundations Archaeology 2014). The assessment highlighted that the site was of moderate-high potential for the recovery of Prehistoric and Roman activity and moderate potential for the recovery of Saxon, Medieval and Post-medieval activity. It also noted that consideration should be given to the fact that the site had already been landscaped and no archaeological finds or features had been recorded during the earlier phases of work – most notably the renovation and extension work that was undertaken during 2010-2012. It was not known, however, whether this earlier work had been subject to archaeological monitoring.
- 2.4 The site is located at the west end of Station Crescent, Ashford, Middlesex at NGR: TQ 0562 7197 and covers an area of approximately 1.4 ha. The site lies to the northwest of the historic core of Ashford on land that would have been used for agriculture. A suburb of Ashford lies immediately to the east, while to the west there are open fields. HMP Bronzefield lies to the south, while to the north is a recreation ground and the A30, London Road. The site lies in the Borough of Spelthorne and was formerly in the parish and tithing of Staines-on-Thames.

- 2.5 The solid geology for this site is *London Clay Formation - Clay, Silt and Sand*, with superficial deposits of *Kempton Park Gravel Formation - Sand and Gravel* recorded (BGS 2017).
- 2.6 The site therefore contained the potential for the presence of archaeological remains, predominately dating to the Prehistoric period. This did not prejudice the works against evidence relating to other periods.

### 3 AIMS

- 3.1 The aims of the archaeological watching brief recording were to make a complete record of all features of archaeological interest that were exposed during groundworks associated with the development, including during the installation of services. The fieldwork will therefore establish, as far as possible, a full record of the archaeologically significant activities that have taken place within the site.
- 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 and preservation of the archaeological sequence and recover as much information as possible about the spatial patterning and extent of features present on the site;
  - iii) to recover a well dated stratigraphic sequence which will attempt to determine the complexity of the horizontal and vertical stratigraphy present, and to recover coherent artefact, ecofact and environmental samples;
  - iv) to recover palaeoenvironmental and/or economic evidence.

### 4 METHODOLOGY

- 4.1 All groundworks that had the potential to impact upon archaeological deposits were carried out under constant archaeological observation and, should the results of the initial ground reduction dictate it, were to be under the subsequent control of the archaeologist. In particular, any area strips - such as access routes, contractors compounds or other reduced areas, as well as service trenches and footings were excavated to the top of archaeological deposits or natural, whichever was encountered first. When area reductions did not reach significant levels, investigation was undertaken to the level at which the archaeological horizons may exist through the excavation of trial pits. Where an adequate buffer did not remain to allow for the preservation *in situ* of the archaeological horizons, suitable mitigation measures were adopted that either provided for such preservation, or further ground reduction was

undertaken to allow the excavation of any deposits therein, as per this scheme of works. In the event that a suitable buffer zone (*c.*300mm depending on site conditions) was identified, further excavations were monitored only to formation depth. Deep excavations (services/footings) that penetrated below natural were only monitored to the archaeological/natural surface and then released to the contractor once all relevant recording has been completed.

- 4.2 All excavations were undertaken using a mechanical excavator using a toothless bucket (as appropriate to the ground conditions) and under constant supervision of an archaeologist. All excavation and recording work was undertaken in accordance with the WSI and the Foundations Archaeology Technical Manual 3: Excavation Manual.

## 5 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

- 5.1 For ease of discussion, with the exception of Area 1, the other monitored areas have been labelled A to R throughout this report (see Figure 2). The stratigraphy was fairly consistent across the majority of the site, with an orange/brown sand clay gravel natural, sealed by a yellow beige/brown sand clay subsoil, which was in turn sealed by a dark brown grey clay silt topsoil. There was also little variation in the heights across the site, with the natural deposits present at around 14.30m OD in the south (within Area 1) and 14.15m OD (location N) in the north.

### 5.2 Area 1

- 5.2.1 A large area in the southeast corner of the site was stripped down to the natural deposits prior to the construction of a temporary lorry turning circle. A number of archaeological features were present within this stripped area.
- 5.2.2 Two intercutting, shallow ditches were identified. Linear [1005] was orientated northeast-southwest and linear [1007] was orientated east-west. The fills of the two ditches were similar and therefore it was difficult to determine the relationship between the two features. Also, due to plough damage, it was not possible to determine if [1007] terminated at [1005] or continued west. No dating evidence was present within either of these linear features.
- 5.2.3 Two tree-throws or pits were also present within the area. No dating evidence was contained in either of these features, however, the fills were markedly different to each other and so they are unlikely to be contemporary.
- 5.3 A series of east southeast-west northwest and north northeast-south southwest perpendicular ditches (A[1003], B[1006], C[1012], D[1014], E[1016]) were observed at the western edge of the site during the excavation of footing trenches. On the whole the ditches had similar profiles and were most likely contemporary, although dating



evidence in the form of late Post-medieval/early Modern porcelain was only present in ditch A[1003]. Artefactual evidence in the form of a few crumbs of burnt or fired clay and ecofactual evidence in the form of small undiagnostic fragments of bone was also present in ditch D[1014]

- 5.4 No further archaeological features were present within any of the observed areas. However, a single sherd of late Bronze Age-early Iron Age pottery was recovered from a subsoil layer within area L, in the northeast of the site. There was no evidence within the excavated service trench of any associated feature for this artefact.
- 5.5 Within area R there was evidence for the reduction of the site into the natural substrates, possibly during the renovation and extension work that was undertaken during 2010-2012, as Modern artefacts, which included plastic and concrete had been incorporated within the backfilled material.
- 5.6 Further artefactual evidence throughout the site consisted of animal bone, clay pipe, Modern CBM/brick and Modern pottery

## 6 CONCLUSION

- 6.1 Archaeological features within the watched areas were present in the form of a probable co-axial Post-medieval field system at the western end of the site, as well as two further intercutting undated linear features and two undated pits or tree throws in the southeast of the site. Artefactual evidence was sparse within the watched areas and mainly consisted of late Post-medieval/Modern material. However, a single sherd of late Bronze Age-early Iron Age pottery was recovered from a subsoil layer in the northeast of the site.
- 6.2 Observations made during the watching brief identified that there were preserved subsoils across the majority of the site, which would suggest good preservation conditions for any potential archaeology that might survive outside of the monitored areas.

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## APPENDIX 1: Watching Brief Log and Stratigraphic Data

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DATE/ INITIALS	ACTIVITY/ GENERAL NOTES	PLAN	CONTE XT	L(m)	W(m)	D(m)	DESCRIPTION	LATER THAN	EARLIER THAN
14-Jan-15 NFM	Monitoring, excavation and recording of area for temporary lorry turning circle.	Area 1	1000	15.4	14.4	n/a	Natural; orange sand clay and gravel.	n/a	1002
15-Jan-15 NFM/DL		Area 1	1001	15.4	14.4	0.25	Topsoil; dark brown sand silt gravel, which contained occasional Modern detritus and CBM.	1002	n/a
		Area 1	1002	15.4	14.4	0.1	Subsoil; orange brown sand silt clay gravel.	1000	1001
		Area 1	[1003]	1.07	0.47	0.25	<b>Sub-oval pit or tree-throw hole</b> with a shallow, rounded profile. Contained fill 1004. Uncertain relationship with subsoil 1002.	1000	1004
		Area 1	1004	1.07	0.47	0.25	Fill of feature [1003]; brown yellow clay sand, which contained occasional gravel.	[1003]	1001
		Area 1	[1005]	4	0.73	0.22	<b>Northeast - southwest aligned ditch</b> with a shallow, rounded profile. Contained fill 1006. Probably associated / contemporary with ditch [1007]. Dissipated at northeast and southwest; likely to have been plough truncated. Uncertain relationship with subsoil 1002.	1000	1006
		Area 1	1006	4	0.73	0.22	Fill of ditch [1005]; mid orange brown sand silt, which contained occasional gravel. Similar/equivalent to fill 1008.	[1005]	1001
		Area 1	[1007]	1.5	0.43	0.13	<b>East - west aligned ditch</b> with a shallow, rounded profile. Contained fill 1008. Formed a near right angle with ditch [1005] at the east. Dissipated at the west; likely to have been plough truncated. Uncertain relationship with subsoil 1002.	1000	1008
		Area 1	1008	1.5	0.43	0.13	Fill of ditch [1007]; mid orange brown sand silt, which contained occasional gravel. Similar/equivalent to fill 1006.	[1007]	1001
		Area 1	1009				Void = 1006		
		Area 1	1010				Void = 1008		

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		Area 1	[1011]	0.85	0.85	0.18	Sub-circular pit or tree-throw hole with a shallow, rounded profile. Contained fill 1012. Uncertain relationship with subsoil 1002.	1000	1012
		Area 1	1012	0.85	0.85	0.18	Fill of feature [1011]; dark grey plastic clay sand silt, which contained occasional gravel.	[1011]	1001
04-Feb-15 NFM	Monitoring excavation of footing trenches.	A	A1001	?	?	0.4	Topsoil; dark brown grey clay silt.	A1004	n/a
		A	A1002	?	?	0.28	Subsoil; yellow beige sand clay. Not fully excavated.	?	A[1003]
		A	A[1003]	0.8	0.75	0.53	East-southeast - west-northwest aligned ditch with a steep, rounded profile. Contained fill A1004.	A1002	A1004
		A	A1004	0.8	0.75	0.53	Fill of ditch A[1003]; dark brown loose clay silt, which contained frequent charcoal flecks, as well as porcelain pottery sherds (not retained).	A[1003]	A1001
		B	B1000	?	?	0.17	Natural; orange sand clay and gravel.	n/a	B1002
		B	B1001	?	?	0.4	Topsoil; dark brown grey clay silt.	B1005	n/a
		B	B1002	?	?	0.19	Subsoil; yellow beige sand clay.	B1000	B[1006]
		B	B1005	?	?	0.26	Layer of brown clay silt.	B1007	B1001
		B	B[1006]	1.1	1.03	0.53	East-southeast - west-northwest aligned ditch with a steep, rounded profile. Contained fill B1007. Similar in profile and alignment to ditch A[1003]; possibly related.	B1002	B1007
		B	B1007	1.1	1.03	0.53	Fill of ditch B[1006]; mid grey beige plastic sand clay.	B[1006]	B1005
05-Feb-15 NFM/DL	Monitoring excavation of footing trenches.	C	C1000	?	?	0.16	Natural; orange sand clay and gravel.	n/a	C1002
		C	C1001	?	?	0.23	Topsoil; dark brown grey clay silt.	C1005	n/a
		C	C1002	?	?	0.48	Subsoil; yellow beige sand clay.	C1000	C[1012]

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		C	C1005	?	?	0.26	Layer of brown clay silt.	C1013	C1001
		C	<b>C[1012]</b>	2.3	0.93	0.37	<b>North-northeast - south-southwest aligned ditch</b> with a steep, rounded profile. Contained fill C1013. Terminated at the south-southwest. Similar profile and on a perpendicular alignment to ditches A[1003] and B[1006]; possibly related.	C1002	C1013
		C	C1013	2.3	0.93	0.37	Fill of ditch C[1012]; mottled dark brown clack grey orange clay sand silt.	C[1012]	C1005
		D	D1000	?	?	0.18	Natural; orange sand clay and gravel.	n/a	D1002
		D	D1001	?	?	0.36	Topsoil; dark brown grey clay silt.	D1005	n/a
		D	D1002	?	?	0.27	Subsoil; yellow beige sand clay.	D1000	D[1014]
		D	D1005	?	?	0.4	Layer of grey brown clay silt sand.	D1015	D1001
		D	<b>D[1014]</b>	7.5	0.46	0.35	<b>East-southeast - west-northwest aligned ditch</b> with a steep, rounded profile. Contained fill D1015. Similar profile to and alignment with ditch A[1003]; possibly related.	D1002	D1015
		D	D1015	7.5	0.46	0.35	Fill of ditch D[1014]; mid grey clay, which contained occasional charcoal flecks, rare crumbs of burnt or fired clay and occasional small fragments of bone.	D[1014]	D1005
10-Feb-15 DL	Monitoring excavation of canopy support footings.	E	E1000	?	?	0.2	Natural; orange sand clay and gravel.	n/a	E1002
11-Feb-15 DL		E	E1001	?	?	0.42	Topsoil; dark brown grey clay silt sand.	E1017	n/a
12-Feb-15 DL		E	E1002	?	?	0.33	Subsoil; beige sand clay.	E1000	E[1016]
		E	<b>E[1016]</b>	0.8	0.5	0.43	<b>East - west aligned ditch with a steep, rounded profile.</b> Contained fill E1017. Similar profile to and alignment with ditch A[1003]; possibly related.	E1002	E1017
		E	E1017	0.8	0.5	0.43	Fill of ditch E[1016]; mid dark grey silt clay sand.	E[1016]	E1001

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13-Feb-15 DL	Site attendance; no excavations.								
16-Feb-15 DL	Monitoring excavation of service trenches. Relatively uniform stratigraphy with frequent Modern disturbance. Natural deposits only intermittently exposed.	F	F1000	?	?	>0.85	Natural; orange to beige sand clay and gravel.	n/a	F1002
17-Feb-15 DL		F	F1001	?	?	0.4	Topsoil; dark to grey brown grey clay silt sand.	F1002	n/a
18-Feb-15 DL		F	F1002	?	?	0.25	Subsoil; beige orange sand clay.	F1000	F1001
19-Feb-15 DL							No archaeological features or finds were present.		
20-Feb-15 DL									
23-Feb-15 DL	Site attendance; no excavations.								
18-Mar-15 RB	Monitoring excavation of soakaway trench.	G	G1001	?	?	0.2	Topsoil; dark grey brown clay silt, which contained occasional Modern detritus.	G1004	n/a
19-Mar-15 RB									
20-Mar-15 RB		G	G1002	?	?	0.3	Subsoil; plastic yellow brown clay silt. Possible alluvium.	G1003	G1004
		G	G1003	?	?	>0.5	Natural; dark orange brown gravel.	n/a	G1002
		G	G1004	?	?	0.5	Subsoil; mid brown clay silt.	G1002	G1001
							No archaeological features or finds were present.		
30-Mar-15 DL	Site attendance; no excavations.								
31-Mar-15 DL	Site attendance; no excavations.								
01-Apr-15 DL	Continuation of monitoring excavation of soakaway trench.	G					As per 18-Mar-2015 to 20-Mar-2015.		
02-Apr-15 DL		G					No archaeological features or finds were present.		

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07-Apr-15 DL	Monitoring excavation of service trench.	H	H101	?	?	0.4	Topsoil; dark brown grey clay silt sand.	H102	n/a
		H	H102	?	?	0.1	Subsoil; beige sand clay.	H103	H101
		H	H103	?	?	>0.3	Natural; orange sand clay and gravel.	n/a	H102
							No archaeological features or finds were present.		
22-Jul-15 NFM	Monitoring excavation of test pit and service trenches. Frequent Modern services were noted. These were cut down into the natural deposits.	I	I201	?	?	0.14	Topsoil; loose dark grey sand silt/Tarmac.	I202	n/a
23-Jul-15 NFM		I	I202	?	?	0.48	Layers of variable Modern overburden.	I203	I201
24-Jul-15 NFM		I	I203	?	?	0.26	Subsoil; orange brown plastic sand clay.	I204	I202
27-Jul-15 NFM		I	I204	?	?	>0.22	Natural; orange brown sand and gravel.	n/a	I203
28-Jul-15 NFM							No archaeological features or finds were present.		
29-Jul-15 NFM	Monitoring excavation of service trenches, as well as a small area strip (upto 0.25m deep).	J	J101	?	?	0.08	Tarmac.	J102	n/a
30-Jul-15 NFM		J	J102	?	?	0.09	Gravel with crushed tarmac and sand.	J103	J101
31-Jul-15 NFM		J	J103	?	?	0.2	Topsoil; loose dark grey sand silt/turf.	J104	J102
		J	J104	?	?	0.3	Subsoil?; loose grey tan sandy silt, with gravels.	J105	J103
		J	J105	?	?	0.25	Subsoil?; friable orange tan clay.	J106	J104
		J	J106	?	?	>0.25	Natural; orange brown sand and gravel.	n/a	J105
							No archaeological features or finds were present.		



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03-Aug-15 NFM	Monitoring excavation of service trench and turf strip (upto 0.05m) on area of outside classroom.	K	K101	?	?	0.07	Topsoil; dark grey firm sandy clay silt/turf.	K102	n/a
04-Aug-15 NFM		K	K102	?	?	0.39	Subsoil; mid brown sandy clay silt.	K103	K101
		K	K103	?	?	>0.05	Natural; orange brown sand and gravel.	n/a	K102
							No archaeological features or finds were present.		
05-Aug-15 NFM	Site attendance; no excavations.								
06-Aug-15 NFM	Monitoring excavation of service trench.	L	L101	?	?	0.15	Topsoil; mid brown grey friable sandy silt/turf.	L102	n/a
			L102	?	?	0.24	Mid beige firm sandy silt, with gravel and Modern brick inclusions.	L103	L101
			L103	?	?	0.2	Light beige firm sandy clay with occasional charcoal. Contained <b>1 sherd of late Bronze Age early Iron Age pottery.</b>	L104	L102
			L104	?	?	0.17	Pale grey with orange flecks clean sandy silt.	L105	L103
			L105	?	?	>0.27	Natural; orange brown clay sand and gravel.	n/a	L104
							No archaeological features were present.		
07-Aug-15 NFM	Monitoring excavation of service trench.	M	M101	?	?	0.15	Topsoil; dark brown grey sandy silt/turf.	M102, <b>M[106]</b>	n/a
			M102	?	?	0.25	Beige firm sandy clay silt, with frequent Modern material.	M103	M101, <b>M[106]</b>
			M103	?	?	0.12	Dark brown sandy clay silt and gravel.	M104	M102, <b>M[106]</b>
			M104	7+	?	0.11	Clean pale tan orange and pale grey clay sand, only present in centre of trench.	M107	M103, <b>M[106]</b>

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			M105	3+	0.55+	0.45	Fill of M[106]: Mixed layer of M102, M103, M104 and redeposited natural, with frequent Modern material throughout.	M102, M103 <b>M[106]</b>	M101
			<b>M[106]</b>	3+	0.55+	0.45+	Modern cut, most likely associated with existing services. Contained M105. Continued beyond trench excavation depth. Present at Southern end of trench.	M102, M103	M101, M105
			M107			0.14+	Natural; orange tan sandy clay and gravels.	n/a	<b>M[106]</b> , M104 M103
							No archaeological features or finds were present.		
10-Aug-15 NFM	Area for new bicycle lockup reduced down onto top of natural deposits.	N	N101	?	?	0.15	Topsoil; mid to dark beige grey friable sandy silt/turf.	N102	n/a
11-Aug-15 NFM			N102	?	?	0.26	Mid brown firm sandy silt and gravel, Modern brick and concrete inclusions.	N103	N101
			N103	?	?	n/a	Natural; orange, orange brown sandy clay with gravel.	n/a	N102
							No archaeological features or finds were present.		
17-Aug-15 NFM	Length of proposed pedestrian path reduced down onto top of natural deposits.	O	O101	?	?	0.12	Topsoil; mid to dark beige grey friable sandy silt/turf.	O102	n/a
			O102	?	?	0.1	Subsoil; light to mid beige grey firm sandy silt.	O103, O105	O101
			O103	?	?	upto 0.08	Re-deposited topsoil, only present as lenses between O102 and O104.	O104	O102
			O104	?	?	0.07	Light to mid beige grey firm sandy silt.	O105	O103, O102
			O105	?	?	n/a	Natural; orange tan sand and gravels.	n/a	O104
							No archaeological features or finds were present.		
18-Aug-15 NFM	Reduction of area down onto top of natural deposits for new carpark.	P	P101	?	?	0.12	Topsoil; dark grey brown friable sandy silt/turf.	P102	n/a

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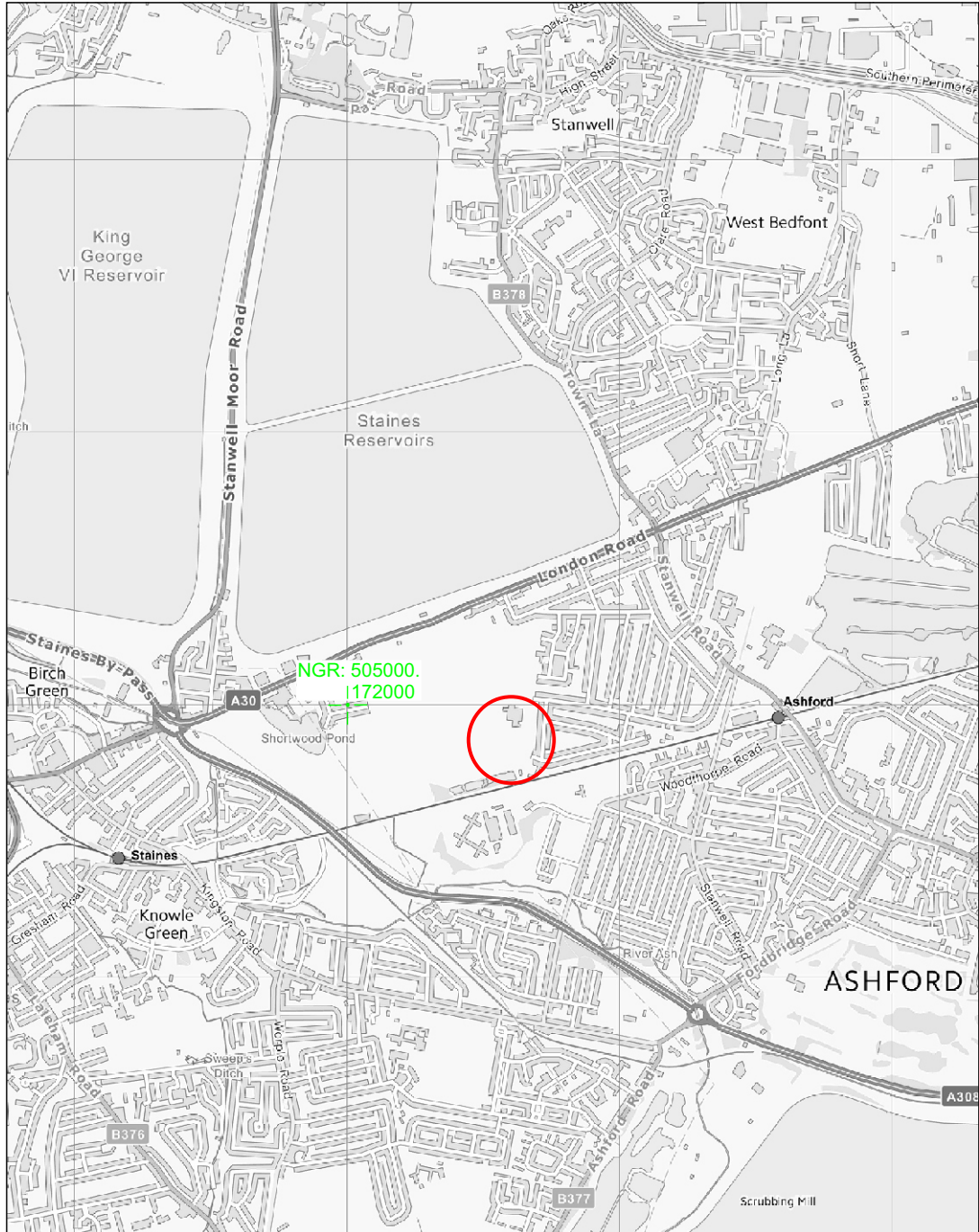
DATE/ INITIALS	ACTIVITY/ GENERAL NOTES	PLAN	CONTE XT	L(m)	W(m)	D(m)	DESCRIPTION	LATER THAN	EARLIER THAN
			P102	?	?	0.3- 0.52	Light grey beige firm sandy clay silt, with frequent late Post-medieval and Modern material present throughout.	P103	P101
			P103	?	?	upto 0.25	Dark grey friable sandy silt, contained one sherd of Modern pottery and animal bone.	P104	P102
			P104	?	?	upto 0.75	Buried subsoil?; orange beige sandy clay, contained occasional charcoal, CBM, animal bone and clay pipe. (not retained)	P105	P103
			P105	?	?	n/a	Natural; orange sand and gravels.	n/a	P104
							No archaeological features were present. All finds of late Post-medieval or later date.		
19-Aug-15 NFM	Reduction of a small area into the natural deposits.	Q	Q101	?	?	0.35	Topsoil; dark grey brown firm sandy clay silt/turf.	Q102	n/a
			Q102	?	?	0.45	Subsoil; mid brown sandy clay silt.	Q103	Q101
			Q103	?	?	>0.32	Natural; orange brown sand and gravel.	n/a	Q102
							No archaeological features or finds were present.		
20-Aug-15 DP	Reduction of small area. Frequent Modern services throughout. Natural ground not reached.	R	R101	?	?	0.1- 0.15	Topsoil; mid grey brown firm sandy silt/turf.	R102	n/a
21-Aug-15 DP			R102	?	?	>2.2	Light yellow grey silty sand. Contained frequent Modern cbm, concrete and plastic-Modern dumped material.	n/a	R101
							No archaeological features or finds were present.		
24-Aug-15 DP	Excavation of test-pit (1mx0.5m) into the previously investigated area P.	P	as above	as above	as above	as above	as above	as above	as above
25-Aug-15 DP	Site attendance; no excavations.								
26-Aug-15 DP	Monitoring excavation of service trenches through previously investigated areas O and Q.	O and Q	as above	as above	as above	as above	a	as above	as above

## **APPENDIX 2: Pottery Summary by *Paul Blinkhorn***

A single sherd of pottery weighing 9g occurred in context L103. It is hand-built, in a fabric with a moderate temper of angular calcined flint up to 1mm. The sherd is undecorated, and seems most likely to be of Late Bronze Age – Early Iron Age date. Certainly, similar fabrics of this date have been noted in previous excavations in the Ashford area (eg Seager Thomas and Hamilton, 2003)

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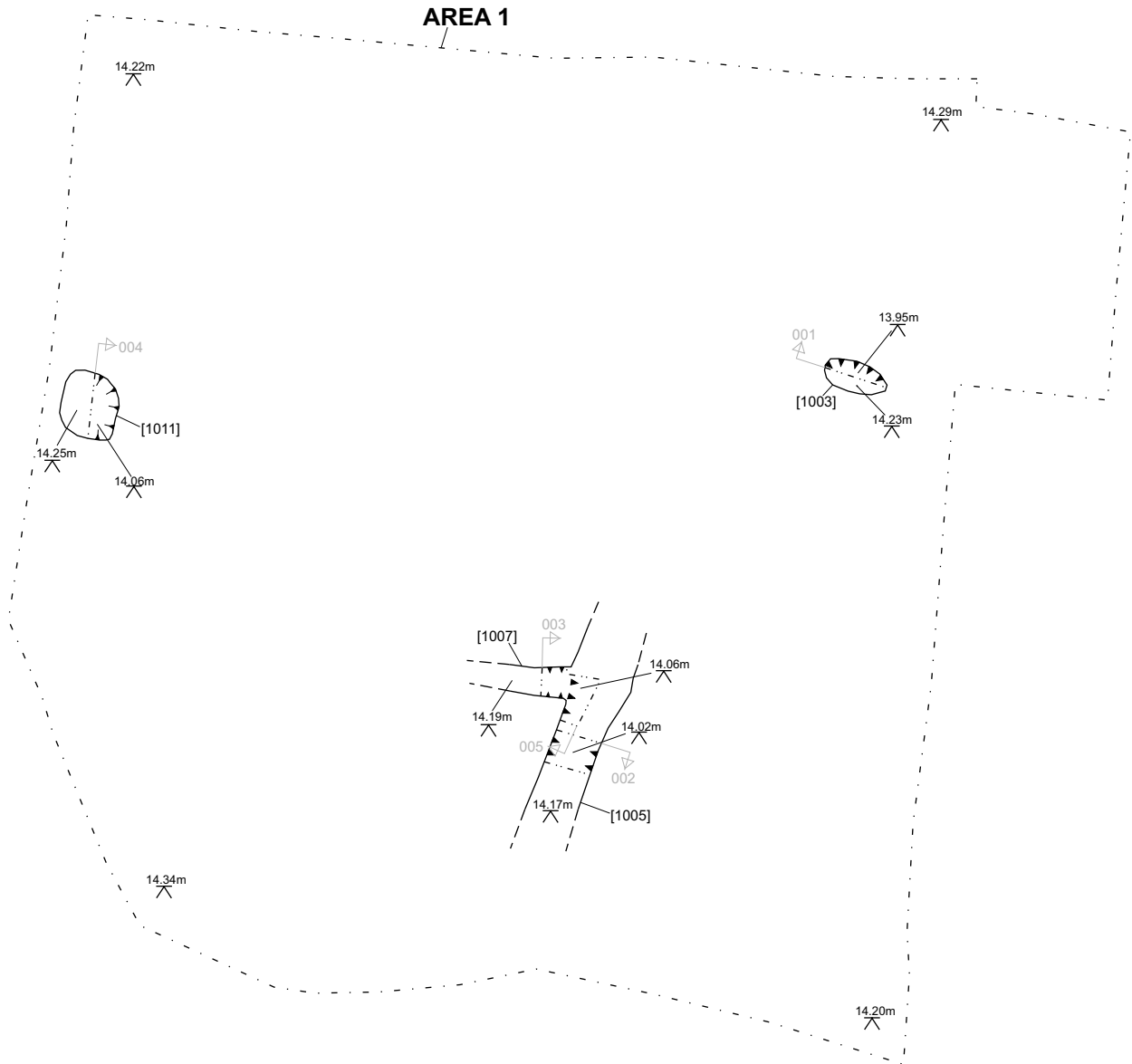
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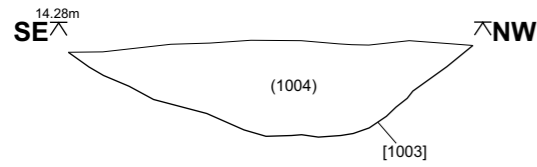
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**FIGURE 2: Site Plan**

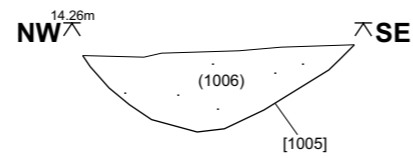


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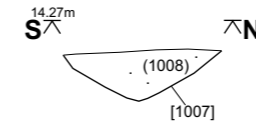
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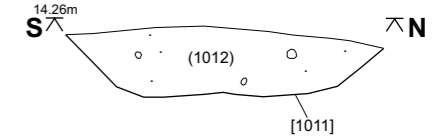
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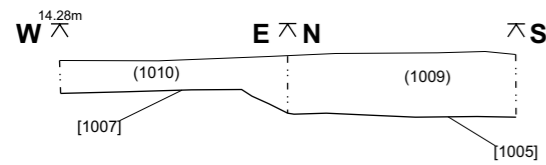
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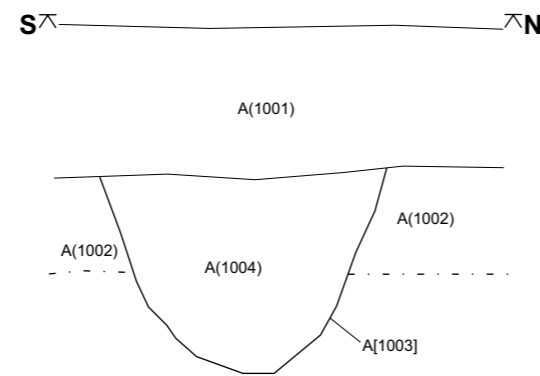
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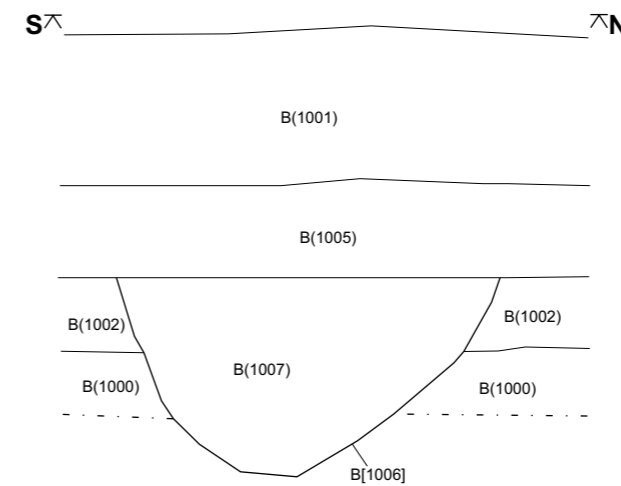
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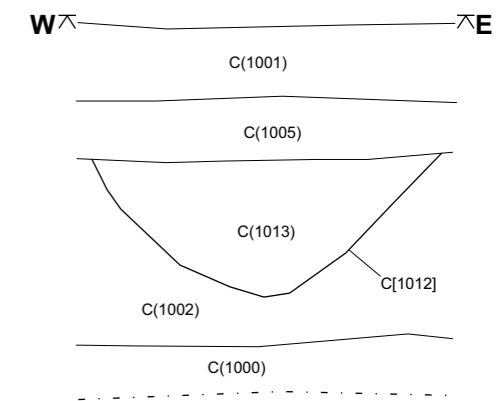
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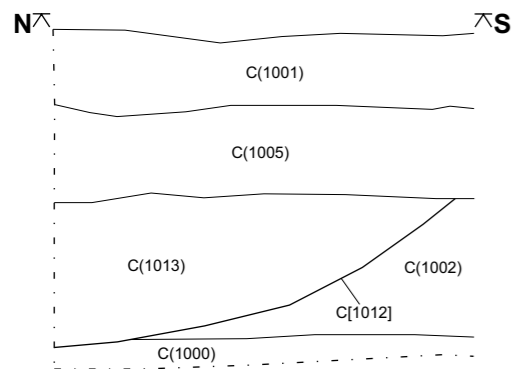
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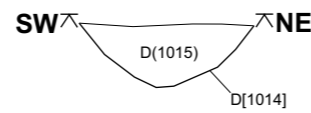
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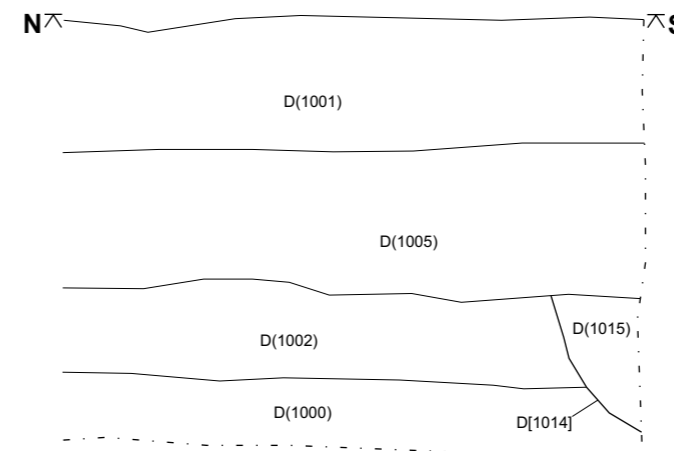
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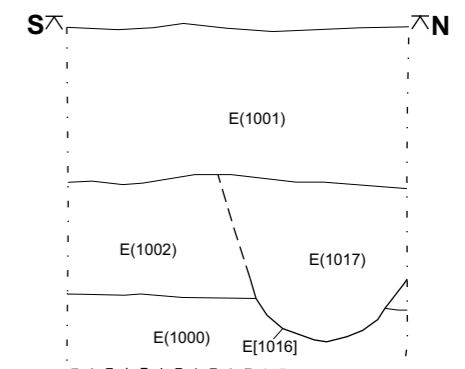
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**SEC 012: EAST FACING SECTION E[1016]**



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<b>FIGURE 4: Sections</b>