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Project dates (fieldwork)	3 rd - 16 th Se	ptember 2015	
Previous work (Y/N/?)	N	Future work (Y/N/?)	Υ
P. number	6409	Site code	GHSH15
Type of project	Archaeologic	cal Evaluation	
Site status	None		
Current land use	Open field		
Planned development	Industrial Ur	nits	
Main features (+dates)	Medieval dit	ches, pits and possible	quarry pits
Significant finds (+dates)	Medieval po	ttery, animal bone and	shell
Project location			
County/ District/ Parish	Essex	Uttlesford	
HER/ SMR for area	Essex Histor	ric Environment Record	1
Post code (if known)	CM22 7DG		
Area of site	c. 2.3ha.		
NGR	TL 52693 21	332	
Height AOD (min/max)	c.94m AOD		
Project creators			
Brief issued by	Essex Coun	ty Council	
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- 1.2 The evaluation was undertaken in accordance to a brief prepared by the Historic Environment Advisor of Essex County Council (ECC HEA; *Brief for Archaeological Trial Trenching and Excavation on Land South of Dunmow Road, Great Hallingbury,* dated 25th August 2015), and a written scheme of

investigation (specification) prepared by AS (dated 27th August 2015), and approved by ECC HEA. The project conformed to the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (ClfA) *Code of Conduct* and *Standard and Guidance for an Archaeological Watching Brief* (revised 2008), as well as the document *Standards for Field Archaeology in the East of England* (Gurney 2003).

- 1.3 The objectives of the evaluation were to determine the location, date, extent, character, condition significance and quality of any archaeological remains liable to be threatened by the proposed development.
- 1.4 The specific aims of the project were to identify and characterise any evidence of prehistoric, Roman or medieval activity.

Planning policy context

- 1.5 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF 2012) states that those parts of the historic environment that have significance because of their historic, archaeological, architectural or artistic interest are heritage assets. The NPPF aims to deliver sustainable development by ensuring that policies and decisions that concern the historic environment recognise that heritage assets are a non-renewable resource, take account of the wider social, cultural, economic and environmental benefits of heritage conservation, and recognise that intelligently managed change may sometimes be necessary if heritage assets are to be maintained for the long term. The NPPF requires applications to describe the significance of any heritage asset, including its setting that may be affected in proportion to the asset's importance and the potential impact of the proposal.
- 1.6 The NPPF aims to conserve England's heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, with substantial harm to designated heritage assets (i.e. listed buildings, scheduled monuments) only permitted in exceptional circumstances when the public benefit of a proposal outweighs the conservation of the asset. The effect of proposals on non-designated heritage assets must be balanced against the scale of loss and significance of the asset, but non-designated heritage assets of demonstrably equivalent significance may be considered subject to the same policies as those that are designated. The NPPF states that opportunities to capture evidence from the historic environment, to record and advance the understanding of heritage assets and to make this publicly available is a requirement of development management. This opportunity should be taken in a manner proportionate to the significance of a heritage asset and to impact of the proposal, particularly where a heritage asset is to be lost.

2 DESCRIPTION OF THE SITE

2.1 The site lies north-west of Hatfield Forest and directly to the south of the junction of the M11 and A120 in the county of Essex. Directly to the north is London Stansted Airport and *c.*2.4km to the west is Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire.

2.2 The site is on the southern side of Dunmow Road at Start Hill, Great Hallingbury, bounded to the south by the Flitch Way path (formerly a railway line). It extends to some 2.3ha.

3 TOPOGRAPHY, GEOLOGY AND SOILS

- 3.1 The surrounding topography is dominated by London Stansted Airport *c*.200m to the north of the site. Hatfield Forest and Country Park is located to the south-east with the land sloping downwards towards the south-west. The River Stort runs through Bishop's Stortford on a north/south alignment *c*.3km to the west. The surrounding landscape has smaller brooks which run towards the confluence with the River Stort.
- 3.2 The underlying geological bedrock is of the London Clay Formation, formed of clay, silt and sand in the Palaeogene period. The overlying soil type is a freely draining, slightly acidic but base-rich soil.

4 ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Prehistory

- 4.1 The modern development of Stansted Airport dominates the historic record as large scale excavations were concurrent with its development. Fieldwalking and later excavations revealed areas of Mesolithic activity, evidence of which was presented in the form of flint flakes near natural springs (EHER 9028 & 14338). Further evidence was found during field walking c.120m to the north of the site at Priory Farm in the form of flint tools and cores, but no excavation was undertaken as the site was unaffected by the airport development (EHER 14330). Bronze Age pits containing large quantities of pottery, worked antler and bird bones have been recorded. An isolated middle-late Bronze Age cremation was also excavated (EHER 9029), and large pits with pottery (EHER 14339).
- 4.2 Iron Age settlement was also present at Stansted, focused on the car parks and c.1km to the north of site. Features included pits and gullies possibly represent the remains of roundhouses; truncated by WWII USAAF buildings (EHER 9037). During the modern development of Stansted a series of late Iron Age cremations were excavated in a similar position to the possible settlement. They were clustered in small groups and the earliest date attributable to them is 50 BC (EHER 14332 & 14340). Further to the south, adjacent to the site, Dunmow Road follows the route of the Roman road of Stane Street. It is thought this road is Iron Age in origin (EHER 4698).

Romano-British

4.3 The Iron Age cemetery present under the modern Stansted long stay car parks to the north appear to have continued in use up until the 2nd century

- AD. A total of 50 burials were excavated, two of which were of high status; one contained a complete set of Samian and glass vessels and five bronze vessels, the second burial contained glass and pottery, a pair of sandals, a mirror and a decorated box. Occupation of this area also continued with re-cut ditches forming enclosures and cobbled surfaces (EHER 14333). Further to the south of this site another cemetery contained 14 cremations, some richly furnished, but was abandoned in the mid-Roman period. A series of pits and ditches and a small shack-like structure suggested the site was reoccupied again in the late Roman period (EHER 7293).
- 4.4 The line of the Roman road, Stane Street, runs under the modern road of Dunmow road; which fronts the north of the site. As previously mentioned this was an Iron Age, or earlier, track which was subsequently metalled and linked Braughing to Colchester (EHER 1226). In the industrial park to the west of the site Roman pottery has been found (EHER 4633).

Medieval

- 4.5 Evidence of Saxon occupation is limited; two pits excavated on the car park site at Stansted produced pottery dating to between 550-800 AD. The utilitarian nature is typical of settlement assemblages and its presence indicates the existence of a small settlement close by (EHER 7287). Although no evidence of this settlement has been found during excavations, medieval occupation is evident in field ditches and post holes with substantial amounts of 12th to 14th century pottery in the same area (EHER 14334). There is documentary evidence suggesting a medieval hunting park was located on the Stansted site, further to the north than previous excavations, centred *c*.1.3km to the north of the site (EHER 46757).
- 4.6 The Augustinian priory, founded by Gilbert Mountfichet, in the 12th century, lies c.450m to the north-east of Thremhall Park. To the north of the current house excavations revealed of a large medieval building, comprising clunch and mortar pads for columns, robbed out walls and tile floored surfaces (EHER 4599). The bowl of the 13th century font was found buried in a flower border and removed in 1938 (Doel 1999, 3). Further to the south is a moated mill mound which is suspected to have been attached to the priory (EHER 4663). An inventory of the Priory at the Dissolution in 1536 records a quire, two alters, a Lady Chapel, Convent Hall and parlour, buttery, kitchen, brewhouse, cakehouse, 'osarye', hall, second chamber and third, dairy and stable (Fowler 1906). The goods from the site were valued at £17 2s. 3d. as well as cattle worth £8, 10s. 4d, corn worth £14, 16s. 8d. and 20 ounces of plate valued at £3, 12s. 0d. At the Dissolution the site and manor was granted to John Cary and Joyce Walsingham and the prior was given a pension of £10 (Goldsmith 2005, 7).
- 4.7 The possible site of a medieval tile kiln lies *c*.800m to the west of the site, along Dunmow Road. Evidence for which are large quantities of broken, unused tile on the surface of a ploughed field; similar to those from the tile kiln at Stebbing (EHER 4661). Land to the north-west of the site also shows evidence of medieval occupation comprising pottery scatters, beam slots and

several post holes; identified during excavations following field walking. However no clear building plan could be identified and relatively few features were found; it is possible the site has been badly damaged by ploughing (EHER 672).

4.8 Hatfield forest, located c.440m to the south-east, is another remnant of the medieval landscape. A royal forest preserving elements of its medieval form; these include areas of coppice and tracts of rough grazing with pollard trees, other trees and scrub. The pollards are now the oldest living examples and the coppice woods certainly existed in the 17^{th} century, but probably far earlier (EHER 17333).

Post-medieval

- 4.9 Evidence from the post-medieval period comprises field boundaries (EHER 14335 & 14341) and a windmill $c.1.4\mathrm{km}$ to the north-west (EHER 47455). Lewis's or Lewismead is a $16^{th}/17^{th}$ century timber framed house $c.700\mathrm{m}$ to the south-west (EHER 4640). The Pyghtle is a 17^{th} century timber framed house $c.870\mathrm{m}$ to the south (EHER 37996) and Harp's farm, a 19^{th} century house and 18^{th} century stables, has a late $16^{th}/\mathrm{eary}$ 17^{th} century barn to the south which suggests a farm precluded the building of the farmhouse (EHER 37988).
- 4.10 The hamlet of Tilekiln Green, within which Pyghtle and Lewis's are located, is named after a common local industry. The earliest record of brick and tile making in the parish was in 1553 when William Naylor owed an annual rent of 1,000 tiles. His descendant John Naylor was still paying for it in 1653 (EHER 15631). There are many references to brickmakers and brickmaking in the late 17th and 18th centuries. Great Hallingbury has a 'Brick Kiln Field' and Little Hallingbury a 'Kiln Croft' field. Bedlar's Green Brick and Tile Works is located *c*.1km to the south of the site, perhaps dating to the 1870s (EHER 15677).
- 4.11 There is evidence of a transitional building on the Thremhall Priory site following the Dissolution, and before the current 18th century house was built. Wall foundations of this transitional structure were found during excavations in 2005. The current house foundations and cellar also incorporate numerous masonry blocks and column fragments from the medieval Priory building (EHER 4600). During the 19th century a servants' wing was added to the original late 18th century form (EHER 36642). Most of the Thremhall Priory Farm buildings are 18th or 19th century and include a dovecote, cart lodge and a granary (EHER 36656, 36652 & 36654). Archaeological monitoring directly to the west of Thremhall Priory recorded evidence of post-medieval features and structures (EHER 46521).
- 4.12 The introduction of the railway in the 1860s impacted the surrounding landscape. The line from Braintree and Bishop's Stortford runs directly to the south of the site, creating its southern limit. It was closed in the 1950s and dismantled (EHER 19629).

4.13 Stansted Airport was originally an American built wartime airfield with three runways, perimeter track and bomb stores. In 1946 it opened for civilian use and subsequently was developed into a major international airport. The current runway follows the course of the original but much has been altered beneath the modern development (EHER 16639).

5 METHODOLOGY

- 5.1 The brief required trial trenches to be excavated across the site which extends to some 2.3ha. A 5% sample was required. Sixteen trenches each 40m x 1.8m were proposed. However prior to the commencement of the archaeological evaluation the whole site was mechanically stripped and the ground level reduced. This stripping amounted to a reduction in excess of 1m at the southern edge of the site, removing all soil/build up layers and extending deep into the natural deposits, removing any archaeological features in the process. Due to the natural slope of the site the ground reduction was far less significant on the northern side of the site adjacent to Dunmow Road. Here a thin layer of subsoil remained.
- 5.2 In the circumstances it was only possible to evaluate the northern half of the site. Nine trenches were excavated (five were 40m long and four were 20m long). The proposed trench locations were altered to take account of the practical circumstances of the site.
- 5.3 The subsoil was mechanically excavated under close archaeological supervision. Exposed surfaces were cleaned by hand and examined for archaeological features. Deposits were recorded using *pro forma* recording sheets, drawn to scale, and photographed as appropriate. Excavated spoil was searched for finds and the trenches were scanned by a metal detector.

6 DESCRIPTION OF RESULTS

6.1 The individual trench descriptions are presented below:

Geotechnical Pits Fig.6

Nine geotechnical investigation pits were excavated. These were observed and are described below. No archaeological features or finds were present.

Geotechnical Pit 1

West facing		
0.00 – 0.15m	L1001	Subsoil. Firm, mid orange brown clay silt with occasional small and medium angular, sub-angular, and rounded flint, and small rounded chalk.
0.15 – 0.60m	L1002	Natural deposits. Very firm, very pale yellow brown chalky

0.60 – 1.20m	L1015	clay silt with occasional small, medium, and large sub- rounded and rounded chalk. Also patches of very firm, dark-mid brown orange silty clay with occasional medium and large sub-rounded and rounded flints, and firm, mid brown orange clay silt with very occasional medium sub- angular and sub-rounded flint. Natural deposits. Very firm, pale yellow brown silty clay with occasional small medium and large sub-rounded and rounded chalk, and occasional small and medium angular
		and sub-angular flints.
1.20 – 2.00m+	L1016	Natural deposits. Friable, pale brown yellow sand.

Geotechnical Pit 2

West facing		
0.00 – 0.28m	L1002	Natural deposits. As GTP1.
0.28 - 1.05m+	L1015	Natural deposits. As GTP1.

Geotechnical Pit 3

West facing		
0.00 – 0.02m	L1017	Subsoil/Natural interface layer. Firm, pale yellow brown clay silt with occasional medium angular flint, and medium and very small rounded chalk.
0.02 – 0.95m	L1002	Natural deposits. As GTP1.
0.95 – 1.90m+	L1015	Natural deposits. As GTP1.

Geotechnical Pit 4

West facing		
0.00 – 1.00m	L1002	Natural deposits. As GTP1.
1.00 – 1.80m+	L1015	Natural deposits. As GTP1.

Geotechnical Pit 5

West facing		
0.00 - 0.40m+	L1002	Natural deposits. As GTP1.

Geotechnical Pit 6

West facing		
0.00 – 0.07m	L1017	Natural deposits. As GTP3.
0.07 – 1.20m+	L1002	Natural deposits. As GTP1.

Geotechnical Pit 7

West facing		
0.00 – 0.70m	L1002	Natural deposits. As GTP1.
0.70 - 1.05m+	L1015	Natural deposits. As GTP1.

Geotechnical Pit 8

West facing		
0.00 – 0.17m	L1001	Subsoil. Firm, mid orange brown clay silt with occasional small and medium angular, sub-angular, and rounded flint, and small rounded chalk.
0.17 – 0.30m	L1018	Layer. Firm, Very dark brown grey clay silt with occasional small and medium angular and sub-angular flint.
0.30 – 0.50m	L1002	Natural deposits. As GTP1.
0.50 – 1.18m	L1015	Natural deposits. As GTP1.
1.18 – 1.20m+	L1016	Natural deposits. As GTP1.

Geotechnical Pit 9

West facing		
0.00 - 0.32m	L1001	Subsoil. As GTP8.
0.32 – 1.10m	L1002	Natural deposits. As GTP1.
1.10 – 1.40m	L1015	Natural deposits. As GTP1.
1.40m+	L1016	Natural deposits. As GTP1.

Trial Trenches

Trenches 1 – 4

Not excavated

Trench 5 (Figs. 2-3)

Sample section					
West end, north	West end, north facing				
0.00 = 92.66m	AOD				
0.00 – 0.005m	L1001	Subsoil. Firm, mid orange brown clay silt with occasional small and medium angular, sub-angular, and rounded flint, and small rounded chalk.			
0.005 – 0.03m	L1013	Layer. Firm, dark grey brown clay silt with occasional small and medium angular, sub-angular, and rounded flint, and small rounded chalk.			
0.03m+	L1002	Natural deposits. Very firm, very pale yellow brown chalky clay silt with occasional small, medium, and large subrounded and rounded chalk. Also patches of very firm,			

dark-mid brown orange silty clay with occasional medium
and large sub-rounded and rounded flints, and firm, mid
brown orange clay silt with very occasional medium sub-
angular and sub-rounded flint.

Sample section 5	5B	
East end, north fa	acing	
0.00 = 92.64m A	NOD	
0.00 - 0.005m	L1001	Subsoil. As above.
0.005m+	L1002	Natural. As above.

Description: Trench 5 contained a medieval ditch (F1021), a small undated ditch (F1029), and two modern pits (F1031 and F1034).

Ditch F1021 was linear (10.00+ x 1.65 x 0.78m), orientated west/east, with steep sides and a narrow concave base. It was cut by the terminus of Ditch F1029. Its lower fill (L1024) was a firm, mid grey brown silty clay with moderate medium sub-angular chalk and flints. The middle fill (L1023) was a firm, mid orange brown silty clay with moderate medium sub-angular chalk and flints. The upper fill (L1022) was a firm mid grey brown silty clay with moderate medium sub-angular chalk and flints. It contained medieval (mid $12^{th} - 14^{th}$ century) pottery.

Ditch F1029 was linear (1.75 x 0.50 x 0.23m), orientated north/south, with moderately sloping sides and a concave base. Its fill (L1030) was a firm, mid grey brown silty clay with moderate medium sub-angular chalk and flints. It contained no finds.

Pit F1031 was subcircular (1.05 x 0.58 x 0.42m) with very steep sides and a concave base. Its fill (L1032) was a firm, dark grey brown silty clay with moderate medium sub-angular chalk and flints. It contained modern CBM (1766g).

F1034 was a large modern pit $(6.00+ \times 2.50+ \times 0.43m)$ in the centre of the trench. It was possibly the same Pit F1059 in Trench 6. It had moderately sloping sides and a concave base. Its fill (L1035) was a firm, dark grey brown silty clay with moderate medium sub-angular chalk and flints. It contained modern CBM (1179).

Trench 6 (Figs. 2-3)

Sample section 6 West end, north 0.00 = 92.65m A	facing	
	1	Subsoil. As Sample Section 5A.
0.06m+	L1002	Natural. As Sample Section 5A.

Sample section 6B		

East end, north fa 0.00 = 92.63m A		
0.00 – 0.22m	L1014	Made ground. Firm, mixed patches of dark grey brown, and mid orange brown, clay silt with occasional small and medium sub-angular and sub-rounded flint and chalk, and very occasional medium and large sub-angular other stones.
0.22m+	L1002	Natural. As Sample Section 5A.

Description: Trench 6 contained four medieval pits (F1009, F1011, F1025 and F1027), and two modern pits (F1057 and F1059).

Pit F1009 was sub-circular (2.30+ x 1.65+ x 0.19m). It had gently sloping sides and a concave base. Its fill (1010) was a firm, mid grey brown silty clay with occasional small sub-rounded chalk. It contained medieval (mid 12^{th} – early 14^{th} century) pottery (5; 23g), and Fe fragments (3; 41g).

Pit F1011 was sub-circular (1.20 x 0.50 x 0.05m). It had gently sloping sides and a concave base. Its fill (L1012) was a firm, mid grey brown silty clay with occasional small sub-rounded chalk. It contained medieval $(13^{th} - 15^{th}$ century) pottery (4; 9g).

Pit F1025 was sub-circular (2.50 x 0.90+ x 0.80m). It had steep sides and a concave base. It was cut by Pit F1027. Its fill (L1026) was a firm, dark grey brown silty clay with occasional small and medium sub-rounded flints. It contained medieval ($13^{th} - 14^{th}$ century) pottery (15; 58g), animal bone (13g) and CBM (4g).

Pit F1027 was a sub-circular (3.90 x 1.80+ x 0.88m). It had near vertical sides and a flattish base. It cut Pit F1025. Its lower fill (L1028) was a firm, dark grey brown silty clay with moderate medium sub-rounded flints, and occasional medium sub-angular flints, charcoal and chalk flecks. It contained medieval (13th – 15th century) pottery (208; 1457g), animal bone (542g), CBM (1825g), Fe fragments (48g), struck flint (1; 3g) and oyster shell (24g). The middle fill (L1056) was a firm mid yellow brown silty clay with moderate chalk flecks, and occasional small sub-rounded flints. It contained medieval (13th – early 14th century) pottery (7; 32g), animal bone (6g), and CBM (140g). The upper fill (L1033) was a firm, dark grey brown silty clay with occasional medium sub-rounded flints, chalk and charcoal flecks. It contained medieval (13th – mid 14th century) pottery (53; 292g), animal bone (285g), and CBM (1571g), shell (76g), Fe. Fragments (5; 24g) and fired clay (16g).

F1057 was a modern sub-circular pit (3.50 x 12.0+ x 0.50m+). It had moderately sloping sides. Its fill (L1058) was a firm, dark grey brown silty clay with moderate small and medium sub-rounded flints and charcoal. It contained modern pottery, modern CBM, and modern metal fragments.

F1059 was a large modern sub-circular pit $(16.00 \times 2.50 + \times 1.00 \text{m}+)$. It had moderately sloping sides. It was possibly the same pit as Pit F1034 in Trench 5. Its fill (L1058) was a firm, dark grey brown silty clay with moderate small

and medium sub-rounded flints and charcoal. It contained modern pottery, modern CBM, and modern metal objects.

Trench 7 (Figs. 2 & 4)

Sample section 7	7A	
North end, west facing		
0.00 = 92.62m AOD		
0.00 – 0.39m	L1001	Subsoil. As Sample Section 5A.
0.39m+	L1002	Natural. As Sample Section 5A.

Sample section	7B	
South end, east facing		
0.00 = 92.62m AOD		
0.00 – 0.04m	L1001	Subsoil. As Sample Section 5A.
0.04m+	L1002	Natural. As Sample Section 5A.

Description: Trench 7 contained medieval Ditch F1043 and its Re-Cut F1036, medieval features Ditch F1039 and Pit F1047. And two undated ditches (F1045 and F1049).

Pit F1039 was oval in plan $(2.55+x2.32 \times 0.89m)$ with moderately steep sides and a concave base. Its lower fill (L1040) was a very firm, mid reddish brown silty clay with occasional-moderate small rounded chalk, and occasional medium sub-rounded flints and charcoal flecks. It contained medieval $(13^{th}-14^{th}$ century) pottery (27; 114g) and animal bone (34g). Its upper fill (L1041) was a very firm, pale-mid reddish brown silty clay with frequent small rounded chalk, and occasional small and medium sub-angular flints and charcoal flecks. It contained animal bone (101g). It was cut by Ditch F1043

Ditch F1043 was linear (2.55+ x 2.24 x 0.47m), orientated east/west. It was re-cut by Ditch F1036, and was probably the same Ditch F1061 in Trench 10. It had moderately steep sides and a concave base. Its fill (L1044) was a very firm, mid reddish grey brown silty clay with moderate small and medium rounded chalk, and occasional medium sub-rounded flint and charcoal flecks. It contained medieval (mid $12^{th} - 14^{th}$ century) pottery (12; 87g) and animal bone (1g). F1043 was re-cut (F1036).

Re-Cut F1036 was linear $(2.55+x 1.51 \times 0.36)$ orientated east/west. It was a re-cut of Ditch F1043, and was probably the same ditch as Ditches F1021 (Trench 5) and F1064 (Trench 10). It had moderately steep sides and a narrow concave base. Its lower fill (L1037) was a very firm, dark-mid grey brown silty clay with occasional-moderate charcoal flecks, and occasional small and medium angular flints and sub-rounded chalk. It contained medieval (mid $12^{th} - 14^{th}$ century) pottery (2; 42g) and fired clay (16g). Its upper fill (L1038) was a very firm, mid reddish grey brown silty clay with occasional small, medium, and large angular and sub-angular flint, small rounded chalk, and charcoal flecks. It contained no finds.

F1045 was an undated possible ditch terminus (2.10+ x 1.18 x 0.17m), orientated northeast/southwest, with gently sloping sides and a concave base. Its fill (L1046) was a firm, mid reddish brown silty clay with occasional small and large angular and sub-rounded flint. It contained no finds.

Pit F1047 was subcircular (0.60 x 0.57 x 0.10m) with gently sloping sides and a concave base. Its fill (L1048) was a firm, pale reddish rown silty clay with moderate small rounded chalk. It contained medieval (mid $12^{th} - 14^{th}$ century) pottery (1; 18g).

F1049 was a small ?curvilinear ditch $(3.20+ \times 0.89 \times 0.14m)$, with irregular sides and a concave base. Its fill (L1050) was a very firm, mid reddish brown silty sand with occasional small angular flint and rounded chalk. It contained no finds.

Trench 8 (Figs. 2 & 4)

Sample section	Sample section 8A			
West end, north facing				
0.00 = 93.61m A	4 <i>0D</i>			
0.00 – 0.03m	L1001	Subsoil. As Sample Section 5A.		
0.03m+	L1002	Natural. As Sample Section 5A.		

Sample section	8B	
East end, south facing		
0.00 = 93.63m AOD		
0.00 – 0.04m	L1001	Subsoil. As Sample Section 5A.
0.04m+	L1002	Natural. As Sample Section 5A.

Description: Trench 8 contained modern Ditch F1003.

Ditch F2003 was linear (2.50+ x 1.56 x 0.33m), orientate north/south, with moderately sloping sides and a concave base. Its fill (L1004) was a firm, dark grey brown silty clay with moderate small sub-angular flints. It contained modern ($18^{th} - 19^{th}$ century) pottery (5; 14g), CBM (22g), struck flint (2; 49g), and Fe fragments (3; 60g).

Trench 9 (Fig. 2)

Sample sec	Sample section 9A		
West end, north facing			
0.00 = 93.60 m AOD			
0.00m+	L1002	Natural. As Sample Section 5A.	

Sample secti	on 9B		
East end, north facing			
0.00 = 93.47m AOD			
0.00m+	L1002	Natural. As Sample Section 5A.	

Description: Trench 9 contained no archaeological features or finds.

Trench 10 (Figs. 2 & 5)

Sample section	10A		
South end, east facing			
0.00 = 93.40 m AOD			
0.00 – 0.06m L1001 Subsoil. As Sample Section 5A.			
0.06m+	L1002	Natural. As Sample Section 5A.	

Sample section 1	10B			
North end, west t	North end, west facing			
0.00 = 93.27m A	OD ¯			
0.00 – 0.34m		Modern made ground, Firm, mixed patches of dark red brown sandy silt, mid orange brown silty clay, and pale yellow brown silt clay with occasional-moderate small and medium sub-angular and rounded flints, and occasional small sub-rounded chalk.		
0.34m+	L1002	Natural. As Sample Section 5A.		

Description: Trench 10 contained two re-cut medieval ditches (F1061 (Re-Cut F1064) and F1073 (Re-Cut F1069)).

Ditch F1061 was linear $(2.50+ \times 0.94 \times 0.75m)$, orientated east/west. It had steep sides and a concave base. Its basal fill (L1062) was a firm, pale yellowy grey brown silty clay with moderate small and medium sub-rounded chalk, and occasional small and medium angular flints. It contained medieval $(11^{th}-13^{th}$ century) pottery (2; 24g) and animal bone (27g). The upper fill (L1063) was a firm, dark red brown clay silt with occasional small and medium angular flints. It contained no finds. It was re-cut by Ditch F1064 and was probably the same ditch as F1036 (Trench 7).

Re-Cut Ditch F1064 was linear $(2.50+ x 1.75 \times 0.75m)$, orientated east/west, with steep sides and a narrow concave base. It was a re-cut of Ditch F1061 and was probably the same ditch as F1036 (Trench 7) and Ditch F1021 (Trench 5). Its basal fill (L1065) was a firm, pale yellow brown clay silt with moderate small sub-rounded chalk. It contained no finds. L1066 was a firm, mid yellow grey silty clay with occasional small and medium sub-rounded chalk, very occasional small and medium angular flint, and sparse large flint nodules. It contained CBM (46g). L1067 was a firm, dark-mid orange brown

silty clay with very occasional small and medium angular flint and subrounded chalk. It contained medieval $(13^{th} - 15^{th}$ century) pottery (1; 3g). The uppermost fill (L1068) was a firm, dark-mid orange / grey brown clay silt with occasional small and medium angular flints and sub-rounded chalk. It contained medieval $(13^{th} - 15^{th}$ century) pottery (7; 23g), CBM (57g), animal bone (5g) and oyster shell (9g).

Ditch F1073 was linear (4.50 x 0.25 x 0.26m), orientated north/south, with a moderately sloping eastern side. Its fill (L1074) was a firm, dark grey brown silty clay with occasional small rounded chalk. It contained medieval (mid 12^{th} – 14^{th} century) pottery (2; 10g). F1073 was re-cut by Ditch F1069

Re-Cut Ditch F1069 was linear (10.00+ x 1.40+ x 0.58m), orientated north/south, with moderate sloping sides and a concave base. Its basal fill (1070) was a firm, dark grey brown silty clay moderate medium sub-angular and sub-rounded flints, and occasional small sub-angular and sub-rounded flints. It contained medieval (mid $12^{th} - 14^{th}$ century) pottery (10; 136g). L1071 was a firm, mid grey brown silty clay with occasional small and medium sub-angular flints. It contained medieval (mid $12^{th} - 14^{th}$ century) pottery (6; 22g). The upper fill (L1072) was a firm, dark grey brown silty clay with occasional small and medium sub-angular flints. It contained medieval (mid $12^{th} - 14^{th}$ century) pottery (42; 344g), slag (12g) and oyster shell (8g). F1069 was a re-cut of Ditch F1073.

Trench 11 (Figs. 2 & 5)

Sample section West end, sout 0.00 = 92.73m	h facing	
0.00 – 0.09m	L1001	Subsoil. As Sample Section 5A.
0.09 – 0.44m	L1053	Fill of pit F1051. Firm, mid yellow brown clay silt with occasional, large flint nodules, small and medium subangular and rounded flints, and charcoal flecks.
0.44 – 0.76m	L1052	Fill of pit F1051. Firm, dark grey brown silty clay with moderate medium and large sub-angular and sub-rounded flints.
0.76m+	L1002	Natural. As Sample Section 5A.

Sample section	Sample section 11B			
East end, south facing				
0.00 = 93.09m	0.00 = 93.09m AOD			
0.00 – 0.32m L1019 Modern made ground, As Tr.10B.				
0.32m+ L1002 Natural. As Sample Section 5A.				

Description: Trench 11 contained undated Ditches F1054 and F1075, which cut a large medieval pit (F1051 (=F1077)). Ditch F1075 contained a sherd of medieval pottery.

F1051 (=F1077) was a large pit of unknown shape (5.86+ x 2.50+ x 0.67m) with a moderately sloping eastern side and a flattish base. Its basal fill (L1052), present in Excavated Segment A only, was a firm, dark grey brown silty clay with moderate medium and large sub-angular and sub-rounded flints. It contained no finds. Its principal fill (L1053 (=L1078)) was a firm, mid yellow brown clay silt with occasional small and medium sub-angular and sub-rounded flints. It contained medieval (mid $12^{th} - 14^{th}$ century) pottery (8; 30g) and animal bone (92g).

Ditch F1054 was linear $(4.25+ \times 0.70+ \times 0.36m)$, orientated east/west, with a moderately steeply sloping northern side and a concave base. Its fill (L1055) was a firm, dark-mid brownish grey clay silt with moderate small and medium sub-angular and sub-rounded flints. It contained no finds.

Ditch F1075 was linear (2.50+ x 1.60 x 0.56m), orientated north/south, with moderately sloping sides and a concave base. Its fill (L1076) was a firm, dark grey brown silty clay with frequent large sub-angular flints. It contained medieval (mid $12^{th} - 14^{th}$ century) pottery (1; 6g).

Trenches 12 – 14

Not excavated

Trench 15 (Fig. 2)

Sample section 15A South end, east facing 0.00 = 94.10m AOD			
0.00 – 0.39m		Modern made ground. Firm, mixed patches of dark grey brown, and mid orange brown, clay silt with occasional small and medium sub-angular and sub-rounded flint and chalk, and very occasional medium and large sub-angular other stones.	
0.39m+	L1002	Natural. As Sample Section 5A.	

Sample section North end, east 0.00 = 94.16m A	facing	
0.00 – 1.12m L1020 Modern made ground. As Sample Section 15A.		
1.12m+ L1002 Natural. As Sample Section 5A.		

Description: Trench 15 contained a deep layer of modern made ground (F1020), but no archaeological features or finds.

Trench 16 (Fig. 2)

Sample section 16A		
West end, north facing		

0.00 = 94.12m AOD			
0.00 – 1.20m	L1020	Modern made ground, As Sample Section 15A.	
1.20m+	L1002	Natural. As Sample Section 5A.	

Sample section 16B east end, north facing		
0.00 = 94.13m AOD		
0.00 – 1.20m+ L1020 Modern made ground, As Sample Section 15A.		
0.34m+ L1002 Natural. As Sample Section 5A.		

Description: Trench 16 contained a deep layer of modern made ground (F1020), but no archaeological features or finds.

Stripped Area (Figs. 2 & 6)

Ditch F1005 was linear (40.00+ x 1.00 x 0.18m), orientated north/south. It was immediately adjacent to Ditch F1007. One feature may have been a re-cut of the other but this relationship was lost by the depth of the strip. F1005 had gently sloping sides and a concave base. Its fill (L1006) was a firm, mid grey brown silty clay with occasional small and medium sub-rounded flints and chalk flecks. It contained CBM (140g).

Ditch F1007 was linear (40.00 x 1.00 x 0.45m), orientated north/south, located in the far western side of the site. It was immediately adjacent to Ditch F1005. It had moderately sloping sides and a concave base. Its fill (L1008) was a firm, mid grey brown silty clay with occasional small rounded flints and chalk. It contained post-medieval/modern CBM (42g) and Fe. Fragments (10; 116g).

7 CONFIDENCE RATING

- 7.1 Prior to the evaluation dumps of material were removed and in doing so the site stratigraphy was truncated. Large modern pits were present, for example, Trench 6. These factors reduced the preservation of the archaeological remains.
- 7.2 The site had suffered quite severe truncation as a consequence of the recent ground clearance operations. This resulted in the potential loss of archaeological remains that may have been present within approximately the southern two thirds of the site. Truncation was less severe on the northern side of the site, adjacent to Dunmow Road. Here a thin layer of subsoil remained and this sealed the archaeological features. But even on this side of the site there were large areas of previous modern truncation, particularly in the north- eastern sector. Excepting the areas of modern truncation, preservation of the archaeological features beneath the subsoil layer was good.

8 DEPOSIT MODEL

- 8.1 No topsoil remained on the area to be trenched. Some subsoil (L1001) remained in the northern half of the site, comprising a firm, mid orange brown clay silt with occasional small and medium angular, sub-angular, and rounded flint, and small rounded chalk. This was present in a layer increasing in depth from 0.00m in the south (Trench 9) to 0.39m in the north (Trench 7). This overlay the natural deposits (L1002) of very firm, very pale yellow brown chalky clay silt with occasional small, medium, and large sub-rounded and rounded chalk. Also patches of very firm, dark-mid brown orange silty clay with occasional medium and large sub-rounded and rounded flints, and firm, mid brown orange clay silt with very occasional medium sub-angular and sub-rounded flint.
- 8.2 The geotechnical pits revealed three layers of natural deposits. The top layer (L1002) was present in a layer of between 0.20m and 1.00m thick. This overlay L1015, a very firm, pale yellow brown silty clay with occasional small medium and large sub-rounded and rounded chalk, and occasional small and medium angular and sub-angular flints. On the northern side of the site, at a depth of between 1.20m and 1.40m a layer (L1016) of friable, pale brown yellow sand, 0.80m+ thick, was encountered.
- 8.3 In the northeast of the site (Trenches 15 and 16) the ground had been reduced in the recent past. The uppermost layer (L1020) comprised made ground of firm, mixed patches of dark grey brown, and mid orange brown, clay silt with occasional small and medium sub-angular and sub-rounded flint and chalk, and very occasional medium and large sub-angular other stones. This directly overlay the natural deposits (L1002) at depths of between 0.39m at the southern end of Trench 15 and 1.12m at its northern end. Just to the west, in Trench 16 the natural had not been exposed at a depth of 1.20m.

9 DISCUSSION

9.1 The recorded features are tabulated:

Trench	Context	Description	Spot date
5	F1021	Ditch	Medieval
	F1029	Ditch	-
	F1031	Pit	Modern
	F1034	Pit	Modern
6	F1009	Pit	Medieval
	F1011	Pit	Medieval
	F1025	Pit	Medieval
	F1027	Pit	Medieval
	F1057	Pit	Modern
	F1059	Pit	Modern
7	F1036	Re-cut	
	F1039	Ditch	Medieval
	F1043	Ditch	Medieval
	F1045	Pit	-
	F1047	Pit	Medieval

	F1049	Ditch	-
8	F1003	Ditch	Modern
10	F1061	Ditch	Medieval
	F1064	Re-cut	Medieval
	F1069	Re-cut	Medieval
	F1073	Ditch	Medieval
11	F1051 = F1077	Pit	Medieval
	F1054	Ditch	-
	F1075	Ditch	-

- 9.2 The site lies on the south side of Dunmow Road, which follows the line of Roman Stane Street. Just to the north east is the important medieval site or Thremhall Priory. Close by, to the north west, extensive multi-period occupation from the Bronze Age to the post-medieval period are known. Aerial photography has recorded cropmarks in the vicinity of the site. The latter therefore has a potential for multi-period archaeological remains.
- 9.3 The trial trenches revealed ditches and pits. Five of the ditches were medieval and three had been re-cut. Four ditches were undated and one was post-medieval/modern. Six of the pits were medieval, one was undated and four were modern. No evidence of activity prior to the medieval period was present within the trenches excepting sparse struck flint.
- 9.4 Medieval Ditch F1021 (=F1036, =F1064) was orientated east/west and was a Recut of Ditch F1043 (=F1061). It was parallel to Dunmow Road and Ditches F1029 and F1069 ran off it at 90° northwards towards the road. It may represent the rear boundary of plots fronting the road. It had been in use for some time, long enough for it to have silted up and been re-cut.
- 9.5 Within the plot bounded by Ditches F1029, F1021, and F1069 was a large medieval pit (F1077 (Trench 11). The scarcity of finds from this feature suggests it may be the result of quarrying. Also in the medieval period, some time after this pit had been in-filled, another, smaller, enclosure was excavated with the south-eastern corner represented by Ditches F1054 and F1075 (Trench 11).
- 9.6 Four medieval pits were recorded. F1025 and F1027 (Trench 6) intercut, were quite deep and vertically sided, and may represent small scale quarrying. They did, however, yield a large assemblage of pottery suggesting a subsequent use for waste disposal. Pits F1009 and F1011 (Trench 6) just to the west were much shallower.
- 9.7 Post-medieval/modern activity is represented by north/south Ditches F1003 and F1005/F1007; part of a post-medieval/modern field system. A very large modern pit (F1059), and a smaller, but still large, Pit (F1057) were recorded in Trench 6.
- 9.8 Undated Ditches F1045 and F1049 were present in Trench 7. F1045 may be an earlier ditch terminus, however, it slightly irregular shape and

profile suggests it may be of natural origin. Whilst Ditch F1049 is likely of late medieval, or later, date as it appears to cut the subsoil (L1001).

10 DEPOSITION OF THE ARCHIVE

10.1 Archive records, with inventory, will be deposited at Saffron Walden Museum in accordance with their requirements. The archive will be quantified, ordered, indexed, cross-referenced and checked for internal consistency. In addition to the overall site summary, it will be necessary to produce a summary of the artefactual and ecofactual data.

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APPENDIX 1 CONCORDANCE OF FINDS

THKF15, P4354, Kemps Farm, South Ockendon

Concordance of finds by feature

Feature	Context	Seq	Trench	Description	Spot Date (Pot Only	Pot	Pottery	СВМ	A.Bone	Other	Other	Other
				'	' ' ' '	Qty	-	(g)	(g)	Material	Qty	(g)
	1000			Topsoil			197	127	, , ,	C.Pipe	1	2
1005	1006		3	Fill of Land Drain	Mid 19th to mid 20th C	3	7	108		C.Pipe	1	1
										Coal		1
										Fe.Frags	5	33
1009	1010		3	Fill of Ditch	Mid 19 th to mid 20 th C	7	263	66		Glass	1	8
										Cu.Wire	3	9
										Fe.Frag	1	45
1011	1012		4	Fill of Ditch						B.Clay		4
										C.Pipe		<1
1015	1016		8	Upper Fill of Ditch	11th - 13th	1	2	112				
1023	1025		26	Fill of Ditch	19th-20th C AD	1	50					
1026	1027		20	Fill of Post Hole	Late Bronze Age-Early Iron Age	1	4					
	1028		20	Fill of Post Hole	Middle Bronze Age-Early Iron Ae	6	6					
1029	1031		24	Middle fill of Ditch		3	52			C.Bone		12
1034	1035		24	Fill of Post Hole	Middle Bronze Age	2	7					
1036	1037		24	Fill of Post Hole	Early Neolithic-Bronze Age	42	154	8				
1042	1043		24	Fill of Pit	Middle Bronze Age-Early Iron Ae	1	18					
1044	1045		12	Fill of Pit	Medieval	7	42					
1046	1047		12	Fill of Ditch				71				
1053	1054		12	Fill of Pit	Medieval	11	71					
1055	1056		12	Fill of Pit	Medieval	9	34					
1068	1069		23	Fill of Post Hole	Late Bronze Age-Early Iron Age	2	14					
1070	1071		23	Fill of Post Hole	Late Bronze Age-Early Iron Age	1	6					
	1072		22	Layer	Late Bronze Age-Early Iron Age	1	2					
1073	1074		22	Fill of Pit	Middle Bronze Age	12	127					
1080	1081		23	Fill of Ditch	Late Bronze Age	6	34					
	1099		28	Buried Soil	?Medieval	1	<1					
1102	1103		24	Fill of Gully	Middle Bronze Age-Early Iron Ae	1	3					
1106	1109		23	Fill of Quarry Pit	Medieval	1	1			SF1 - Jetton	1	5
1106	1107		23	Fill of Quarry Pit					157			
1106	1108		23	Fill of Quarry Pit	Post Medieval	3	53					

1112	1113	28	Fill of Drain Ditch	Late Bronze Age-Early Iron Age	1	5			
U/S	U/S							Fe.Frags	214

APPENDIX 2 SPECIALIST REPORTS

The Medieval Pottery by Peter Thompson

Introduction

The trial trenching recovered 444 sherds weighing 3.034kg from seventeen features. All of the pottery is of medieval date bar three post-medieval sherds (8g) from Ditch F1003 (L1004). The assemblage is in mixed condition with small abraded sherds predominant, but there are also several diagnostic forms in good condition present. Pit F1027 (L1028, L1033 & L1056) contained the most pottery (266 sherds/1.838kg), accounting for almost 60% of the sherd total.

Methodology

The sherds were examined under x35 binocular microscope and recorded on Excel database in keeping with the Post-Roman Pottery Research Group Guidelines (Slowikowski 2001, Table 1). The database will form part of the archive. The fabrics have been assigned codes used in Essex for Post-Roman pottery (Cotter 2000). Forms are identified according to the Medieval Pottery Research Group guidelines (MPRG 1998). Dating is consistent with that used in Essex and also for fabrics listed on the Museum of London Database (Cotter 2000, MoLA 2014).

The Pottery

The medieval assemblage is quite a homogenous group which can be broadly divided into medieval sandy coarse wares (118/823g), and those of the East Anglian red ware tradition (323/2,203g). The medieval sandy coarsewares comprise early medieval sandy wares and medieval sandy greywares which between them span the 11th-14th centuries. The two are fairly similar in fabric, but the medieval sandy grey wares are distinguished by a generally more uniform greyness and better firing. Six greyware sherds with distinctive quartz inclusion are probably Hedingham products. Ditch F1073 (L1072 B) contained a rim and scar of a handle in medieval sandy greyware, in otherwise fairly good condition, and probably deriving from a rounded jug.

Seventy-one of the East Anglian red ware sherds (22%) contain glaze and or white slip decoration. The majority of the red wares (198/1,166g) were unsourced medieval sandy orange wares (Essex Fabric Code 21) fairly gritty to the touch containing abundant quartz. The forms include a small flanged cooking pot rim likely to date mid to late 14th century to mid 15th century, although the presence of the earlier wares would suggest the earlier date (Cotter 2000, 141). A smaller group (29/325g) containing more distinctive milky and clear quartz may be Colchester products and have been termed

Colchester-type ware. This includes an unidentified thick sherd with green glaze and square grid stamps on both sides from Pit F127 (L1028). A group of orange brown sherds are similar in description to Harlow ware and have been termed Harlow-type. Some of these contain clear patchy glaze. They include a frilled base from a baluster jug from Pit F1027 (L1028).

Twenty-nine sherds (235g) are Hedingham fine wares. A smaller group of sherds (13/108g) are in a similar fabric but lack the micaceous appearance usually present in Hedingham fine wares. Pit F1027 (L1028) contained an unglazed jug rim with strap handle with inturned rim. The form is not typical of Hedingham wares but the fabric is too coarse for London ware.

Essex Fabric Code	Ware	Date Range	Sherd Number	Fabric Weight
13	Early medieval sandy ware (as in Cotter 2000)	11 th -13 th	17	225
20	Medieval sandy greyware (as in Cotter 2000)	12 th -14 th	95	592
20	Hedingham type coarse ware (as in Cotter 2000)	Mid 12 th -mid 14 th	6	6
22	Hedingham Fine Ware (as in Walker 2012))	Mid 12 th -mid 14 th	29	235
22	Hedingham type ware (as for Hedingham ware but little or no mica)	Mid 12 th -mid 14 th	13	108
21D	Harlow type ware (as in Davey & Walker 2009)	13 th – 15 th	50	347
21	Medieval sandy orange ware ware (as in Cotter 2000)	13 th -mid 16 th	198	1,166
21A	Colchester type ware (as in Cotter 2000)	13 th -mid 16 th	29	325
98	Unprovenanced medieval glazed wares	13 th -14 th	4	22
40	Post-medieval red earthenware as in Cotter 2000)	Late 16 th -19 th	3	8
			444	3,034

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The Environmental Samples

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Introduction

During trial excavations at land off Dunmow Road, 14 bulk soil samples for environmental archaeological assessment were taken and processed. The majority of the sampled features date to the 12th-14th century. This report presents the results from the assessment of the bulk sample light fractions, and discusses the significance and potential of any remains recovered.

Methods

Samples were processed at the Archaeological Solutions Ltd facilities in Bury St. Edmunds using standard flotation methods. The light fractions were washed onto a mesh of 500µm (microns), while the heavy fractions were sieved to 1mm. The dried light fractions were scanned under a low power stereomicroscope (x10-x30 magnification). Botanical and molluscan remains were identified and recorded using a semi-quantitative scale (X = present; XX = common; XXX = abundant). Reference literature (Cappers *et al.* 2006; Jacomet 2006; Kerney and Cameron 1979; Kerney 1999) and a reference collection of modern seeds was consulted where necessary. Potential contaminants, such as modern roots, seeds and invertebrate fauna were also recorded in order to gain an insight into possible disturbance of the deposits.

All samples >10 litres were 50% sub-sampled for the purpose of the assessment. Any samples with the potential to produce >30 items from the entire sample will be 100% processed and retained with the site archive.

Results

The assessment data from the bulk sample light fractions are presented in Table 2.

Plant macrofossils

Five of the eleven samples from dateable deposits contained carbonised plant macrofossils. These comprised barley (*Hordeum* sp.), free-threshing type wheat (*Triticum aestivum/ turgidum* type) and oat (*Avena* sp.). A single medium/ large legume (Fabaceae), which could be a pea or bean, was present in L1037. This range of cultivated taxa is typical of the period (e.g. Carruthers 2008; Ballantyne 2005; Moffett 2006).

Charcoal

Charcoal was recovered from a number of samples, being abundant in Sample 2 of L1028. The majority of the pieces that were fractured displayed diffuse porous vessel patterns, although oak (*Quercus* sp.) was recorded in L1022.

Terrestrial molluscs

Shells of terrestrial molluscs were present in eight of the samples, with species characteristic of ground litter predominating. This indicates scrub or waste ground conditions in the vicinity of some of the sampled features.

Contaminants

Modern rootlets and seeds were present in the samples but the concentrations were generally low and are unlikely to represent significant biological disturbance of the sampled deposits.

Conclusions and statement of potential

Carbonised remains of cereals and associated weed taxa were relatively sparse in the sampled deposits from Dunmow Road. This indicates that the sampled features were not receiving large concentrations of carbonised debris from nearby activities or refuse disposal. Ongoing excavations at the site may recover more concentrated samples to allow the detailed investigation of the medieval diet and arable economy at the site.

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										Ce	reals	Nor	n-cereal taxa		Cł	arcoal		Molluscs		Con	tamin	ants		
Site code	Sample number	Context	Feature	Description	Spot date	Volume taken (litres)	Volume processed (litres)	% processed	Cereal grains	Cereal chaf	Notes	Seeds	Notes	Hazelnut shel	Charcoal>2mm	Notes	Molluscs	Notes	Roots	Molluscs	Modern seeds	Insects	Earthworm capsules	Other remains
GHS15	1	1022	1021	Fill of Ditch	Mid 12th-14th	40	20	50%	X	-	FTW (2), Trit (1), NFI (1)	-	-	-	xx	Quercus sp., Diffuse porous (incl. RW)	XX	Lymnaea truncatula, Trichia hispida group, Vallonia sp.	xx	-	-	3	-	-
GHS15	2	1028	1027	Fill of Pit	13th-15th C	40	20	50%	-	1	-	-	-	-	XXX	Diffuse porous	XX	<i>Vallonia</i> sp.	XX	_	_		1	-
GHS15	3	1033	1027	Fill of Pit	13th-mid 14th	40	20	50%	X	-	Oat (1)	-	-	_	xx	Diffuse porous	XX	Trichia hispida group, Vallonia sp.	xx	_	-	-	,	_
GHS15	4	1053A	1051	Fill of Pit	-	40	20	50%	Х	-	Trit (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Х	-	-	-	-	-
GHS15	5	1055	1054	Fill of Ditch	-	40	20	50%	-	-	-	-	-	-	Х	-	-	-	Х	-	х	-	-	-
GHS15	6	1048	1047	Fill of Pit	Mid 12th-14th C	20	10	50%	_	_	-	_	-	_	X	-	_	-	Х	_	Х	_	-	l -
GHS15	7	1042	1036	Fill of Pit	Mid 13th- 14thC	20	10	50%	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	Diffuse porous	XX	Carychium sp., Discus rotundatus, Trichia hispida group	x	-	-	1	-	-
GHS15	8	1037		Fill of Pit	Mid 12th-14th	20	10	50%	_	-	-	х	Medium/ Large Fabaceae (1)	_	х	-	XX	Vallonia sp.	х	_	_	_	-	-

GHS15	9	1044	1043	Fill of Pit	Mid 12th-14th C	20	10	50%	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	x	_	_	_	_	_
GHS15	10	1046	1039	Fill of Ditch	-	20	10	50%	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	х	-	-	-	-	_
GHS15	11	1041	1039	Fill of Ditch	Mid 12th-14th	20	10	50%	Х	_	Hord (1), Trit (1), NFI (2)	_	-	_	XX	Diffuse porous	Х	Vallonia sp.	х	_	-	_	-	Mammal bone (X)
GHS15	12	1068	1064	Fill of Ditch	13th-15th C AD	40	20	50%	X	-	Hord (1)	-	-	-	Х	-	XX	Discus rotundatus, Oxychilus sp.	X	-	X	-	_	-
GHS15	13	1076	1075	Fill of Ditch	Mid 12th-14th C	40	20	50%	1	-		-	-	-	X	-	XX	Carychium sp., Discus rotundatus, Helix sp., Trichia hispida group	xx	-	1	-	-	-
GHS15	14	1078	1077	Fill of Pit	Mid 12th-14th C	40	20	50%	-	-	-	-	-	-	Х	-	-	-	XX	-	-	-	-	-

Table 2: Results from the assessment of bulk sample light fractions from Dunmow Road. Abbreviations: Hord = barley (*Hordeum* sp.); FTW = free-threshing type wheat (*Triticum* aestivum/ turgidum); Trit = wheat (*Triticum* sp.); Oat (*Avena* sp.); NFI = not formally identified (indeterminate cereal grain).

Concordance of Finds

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Feature	Context	Segment	Trench	Description	Spot Date	Pot	Pottery	CBM	A.Bone	Other	Other	Other
					(Pot Only	Qty	(g)	(g)	(g)	Material	Qty	(g)
1003	1004		8	Fill of Ditch	18th-19th	5	14	22		Coal		2
										Fe.Frags	3	60
										Str.Flint	2	49
1005	1006			Fill of Gully				140				
1007	1008			Fill of Ditch	12th-14th			42		Fe.Frags	10	116
					mid 12th-early							
1009	1010		6	Fill of Pit	14th	5	23			Fe.Frags	3	41
1011	1012		6	Fill of Pit	13th-15th	4	9					
1021	1022		5	Fill of Ditch	mid 12th-14th							
1025	1026		6	Fill of Pit	13th-14th	15	58	4	13			
1027	1028		6	Fill of Pit	13th-15th	208	1457	1825	542	Str.Flint	1	3
										Fe.Frags		48
										O.Shell		24
1031	1032		5	Fill of Pit				1766				
1027	1033		6	Fill of Pit	13th-mid 14th	53	292	1571	285	Shell		76
										Fe.Frags	5	24
										F.Clay		16
1034	1035		5	Fill of Pit				1179		·		
1036	1037		7	Fill of Pit	mid 12th-14th	2	42			F.Clay		16
										Sn.Shell		<1
1039	1040		7	Fill of Ditch	13th-14th	27	114		34	Sn.Shell		<1
	1041		7	Fill of Ditch					101			
1036 + 1039	1042		7	Slumping Fill of Pit	mid 13th-14th	19	78			F.Clay		2
										Fe.Frags		10
										O.Shell		3
1043	1044		7	Fill of Pit	mid 12th-14th	12	87		1	F.Clay		13
1047	1048		7	Fill of Pit	mid 12th-14th	1	18			,		
1051	1053	А	11	Fill of Pit					92			
1027	1056		11	Fill of Pit	13th-early 14th	7	32	140	6			
1061	1062		10	Main Fill of Ditch	11th-13th	2	24		27			

1064	1066		10	Fill of Ditch				46				
	1067		10	Fill of Ditch	13th-15th	1	3					
	1068		10	Fill of Ditch	13th-15th	7	23	57	5	Shell		9
1069	1070		10	Fill of Ditch	mid 12th-14th	10	136					
	1071		10	Fill of Ditch	mid 12th-14th	6	22					
	1072		10	Fill of Ditch	mid 12th-13th	30	192			Shell		14
										Slag		12
										F.Clay		2
		В			mid 12th-14th	12	152			O.Shell		8
1073	1074		10	Fill of Ditch	mid 12th-14th	2	10					
1075	1076		11	Fill of Ditch	mid 12th-14th	1	6					
1077	1078		11	Fill of Large Pit	mid 12th-14th	8	30					
U/S	U/S			Unstratified	mid 12th-14th	6	13			Str.Flint	4	97

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View of site looking west.



3
View of southern baulk looking southwest.



Geo pit 1 looking east.



View of site looking east.



4
View of southern baulk showing machined out feature.



Geo pit 5 looking east

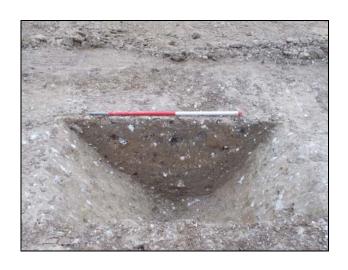




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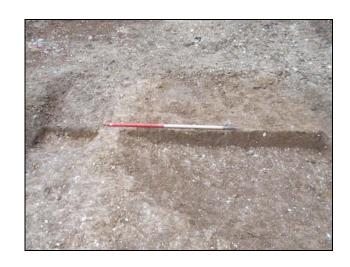
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8 Ditch F1021, Trench 5, looking east.



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Sample Section 5B looking south.

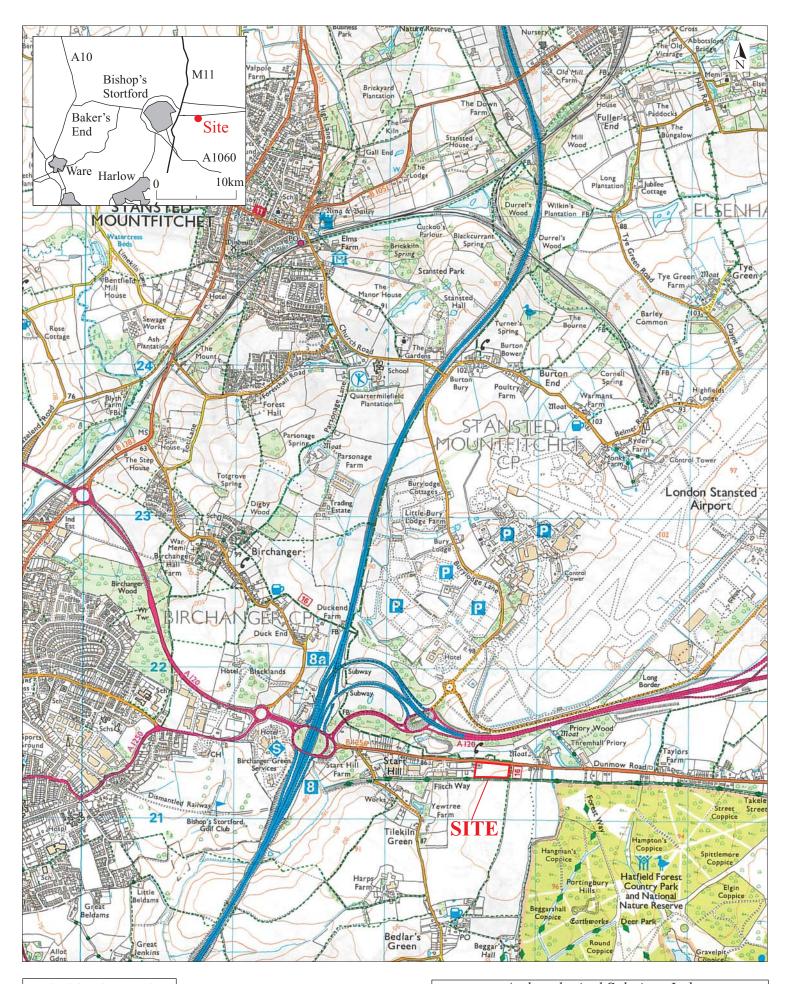


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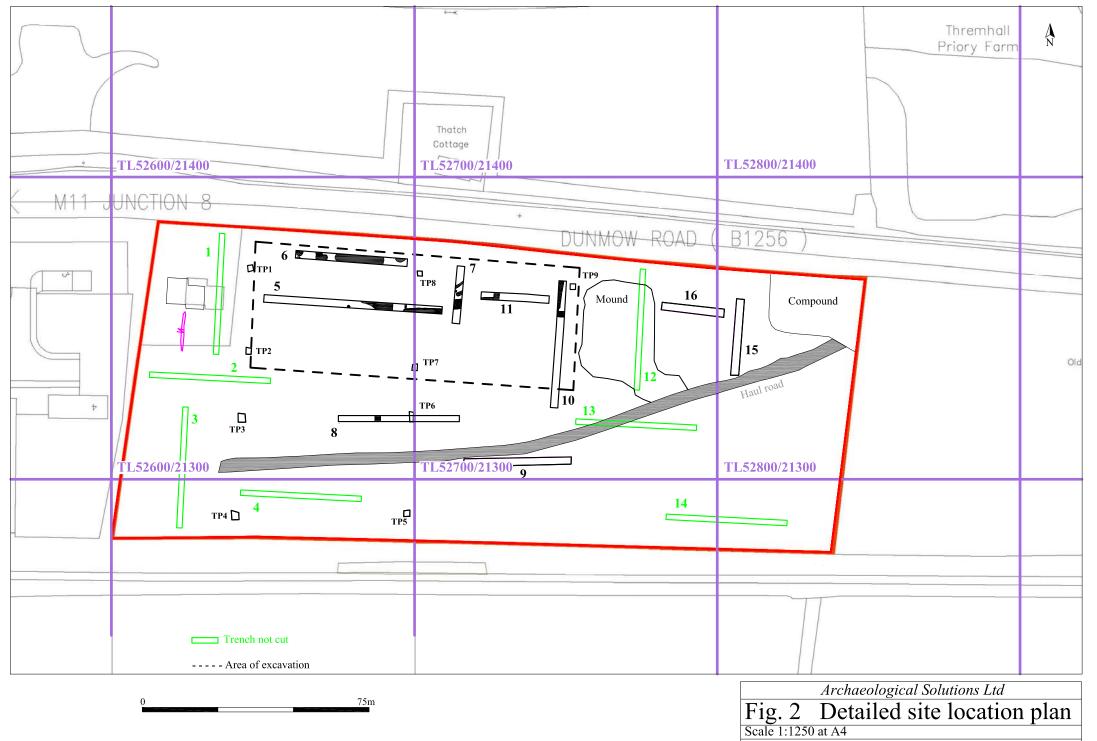


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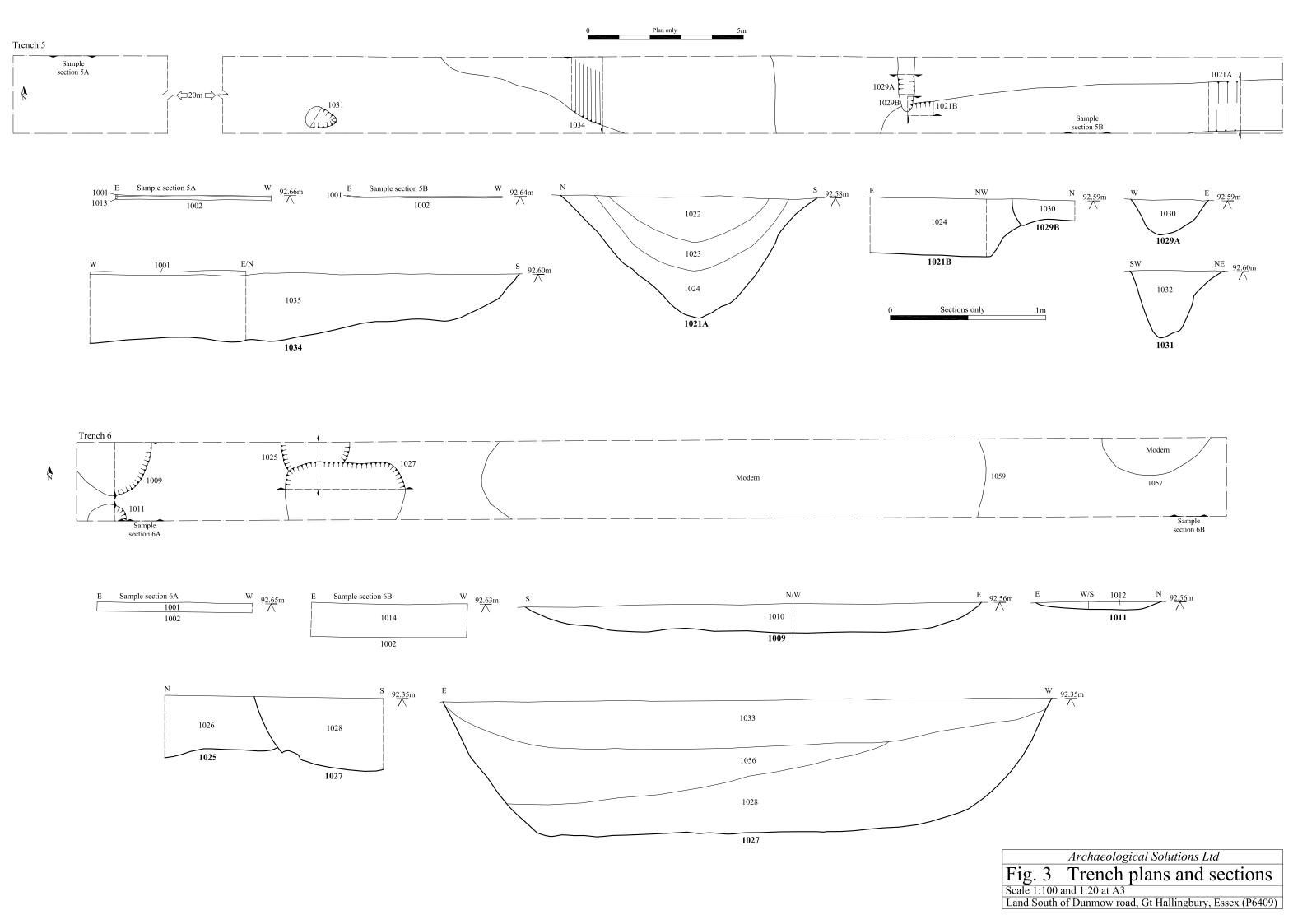
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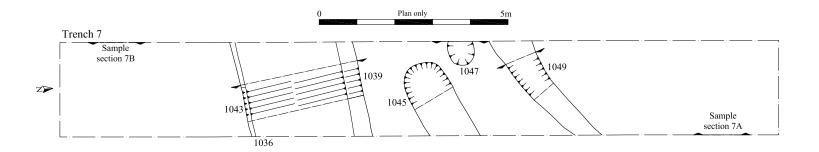
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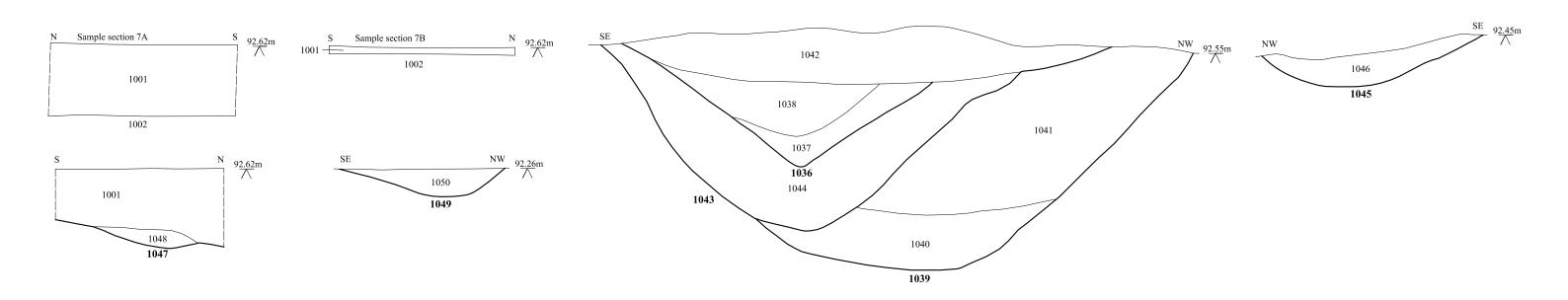
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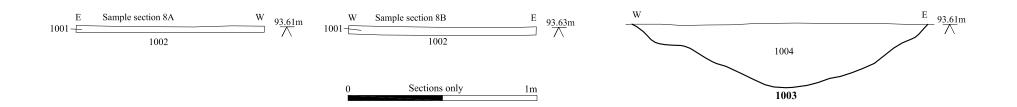
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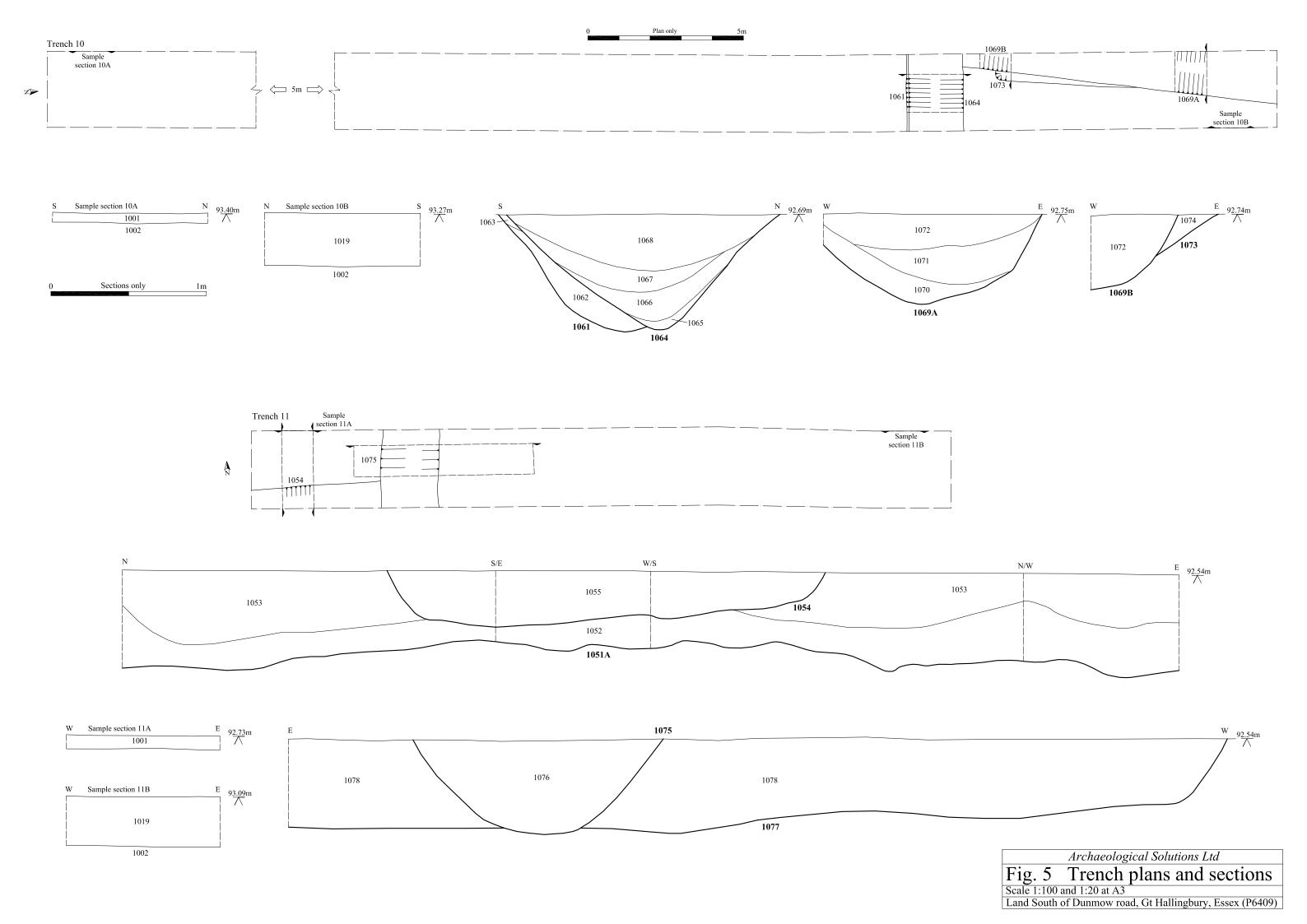


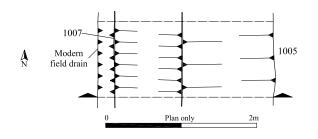


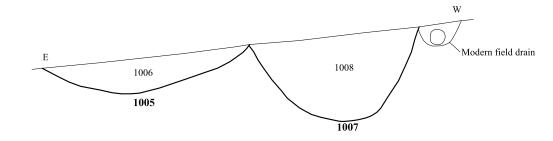


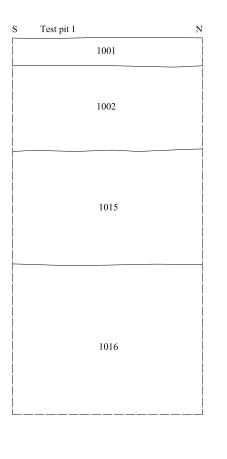
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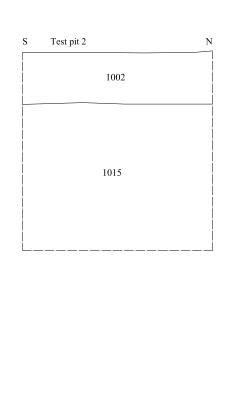
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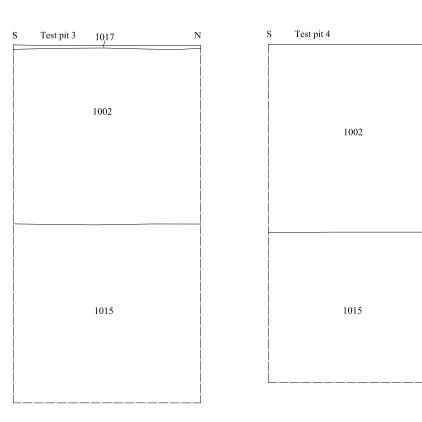


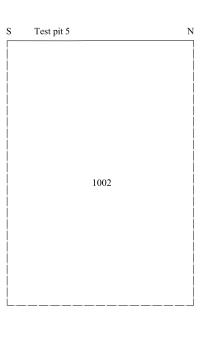


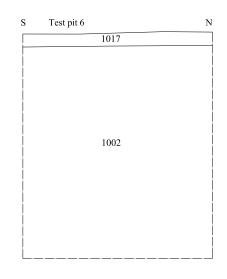


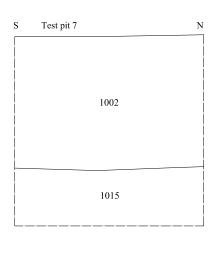


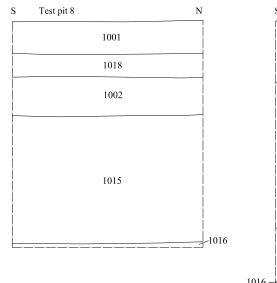


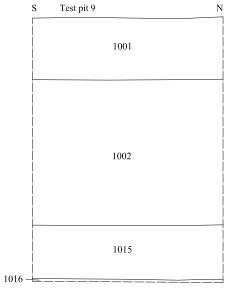












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Fig. 6 Feature plan and GTP sections
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