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Summary

Site name: Buckhurst Farm, London Road, Wokingham, Berkshire

Grid reference: SU 8300 6850

Site activity: Evaluation

Date and duration of project: 7th – 27th November 2012

Project manager: Steve Ford

Site supervisor: Daniel Bray

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Area of site: 21 ha within larger area **(**36 ha)

Summary of results: One small area containing a concentration of medieval features and a surprising large volume of pottery finds is the only area of potential identified for this site. A few sherds of Roman pottery are noteworthy only to indicate that some of this land was farmed at that time. Many linear features located closely matched boundaries depicted on the 1817 Enclosure map and later Ordnance Survey maps. Relatively few undated linear features could not be assigned to a chronological phase.

Location and reference of archive: The archive is presently held at Thames Valley Archaeological Services, Reading and will be deposited with an appropriate repository in due course.

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Introduction

This report documents the results of an archaeological field evaluation carried out at Buckhurst Farm, Wokingham, Berkshire (SU 8300 6850) (Fig. 1). The work was commissioned by Ms Sally Dicks of CgMs Consulting, Morley House, 26 Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1A 2AT on behalf of David Wilson Homes as a part of a proposal to develop the site for housing. A planning application (O/2010/1712) has been approved by Wokingham Borough Council to construct housing on this c. 36 ha parcel of land. The consent gained is subject to a condition (34) relating to archaeology, which requires a phased programme of archaeological fieldwork, initially taking the form of field evaluation to be carried out prior to groundworks.

This is in accordance with the Department for Communities and Local Government's Planning Policy Statement, *Planning for the Historic Environment* (PPS5 2010), which has now been superseded by the *National Planning Policy Framework* (NPPF 2012), and the Borough Council's policies on archaeology. The field investigation was carried out to a specification prepared by CgMs and approved by Berkshire Archaeology. The fieldwork was undertaken by Daniel Bray along with Kyle Beaverstock, Aiji Castle, Aidan Colyer, Chris Crabb and James Earley between the 7th and 27th November 2012 and the site code is BFW12/166. The archive is presently held at Thames Valley Archaeological Services, Reading and will be deposited at an appropriate repository in due course.

Location, topography and geology

The site is located 2.5km west of Wokingham town centre. The A329 (London Road) forms the northern boundary of the site and the London Waterloo -Reading railway line marks the southern extent. The A329(m) is located directly to the east (Fig 1). The site consists of mainly arable farm land with a strip to the north previously used for pasture. The ground slopes slightly from north to south and the underlying geology is recorded as London Clay (BGS 1981). This geology was observed but gravel, sand and silt outcrops were also observed. The site lies at a height of 73m above Ordnance Datum. The entire site covers around 36ha, of which around 21 ha is to be developed; the evaluation trenching covered the latter area only.

Archaeological background

The archaeological potential of the site has been highlighted in a specification provided by CgMs Consulting (Dicks 2012). In summary, the site lies on the London Clayland of East Berkshire, which is a geological outcrop not noted for an extensive and dense archaeological heritage (Ford 1987). Nevertheless more recent field survey has provided more detail and shown the presence and scale of occupation during the Bronze Age, Iron Age, Roman and medieval periods.

For the site itself, small scale evaluation was carried out in 1992 which comprised fieldwalking and a small number of trenches. The fieldwalking recovered a single Mesolithic flint blade and a prehistoric flint fabricator. The subsequent evaluation trenches (Fig. 2) produced another piece of struck flint as well as 10 pieces of Medieval/late Medieval pottery sherds dispersed across the site, but did not reveal any cut features nor dense concentrations of artefacts (Ford 1992).

Objectives and methodology

The purpose of the evaluation was to determine the presence/absence, extent, condition, character, quality and date of any archaeological deposits within the area of development.

Specific aims of the project were:

to establish in more detail the date, character and extent of the archaeological remains on the site;

to seek to clarify the nature and extent of existing disturbance and intrusions and hence assess the degree of archaeological survival of buried deposits and any surviving structures of archaeological significance; and

to inform the design of suitable mitigation measures and the production of a written scheme of investigation for zoned excavation or an archaeological watching brief if archaeology is identified.

It was proposed to dig 162 trenches each 25m long, using a 360° type machine fitted with a toothless grading bucket under constant archaeological supervision. All spoilheaps were monitored for finds. A sufficient amount of features would be investigated with discrete features half sectioned and a slot dug through linear features.

Results

It was decided mid-project and after discussion with CgMs and in consultation with Berkshire Archaeology to decrease the number of proposed trenches. Eventually a total of 141 trenches (Fig. 2) were excavated measuring 1.80m wide, with the exception of trenches 1–30, which measured 2m wide. The trenches were between 13m

and 32m in length and between 0.21m and 0.60m deep. These were set out using a GPS system. A complete list of trenches giving lengths, breadths, depths and a description of sections and geology is given in Appendix 1.

The stratigraphy within the trenches consisted of topsoil which in most trenches directly overlay the natural geology. The natural geology varied between trenches but was mainly yellow sandy clay. Some trenches were darker with gravel natural and some were lighter with more sand and silt than clay.

Two test pits (TP1 and 2) were also excavated as a part of geotechnical investigations in an area beyond the main development zone (Fig. 2).

Only the trenches which revealed archaeological deposits are discussed below.

Post-medieval cartographic features

Several trenches revealed features that closely matched the presence of boundaries on the Wokingham Enclosure map of 1817 (Fig. 3).

Trenches 57, 61, 67, 69, 70, 75, 76, 77, 81 and 82 contain a post medieval ditch which matches well with a boundary to a green on the 1817 Enclosure Map (Fig. 3, ditch A). Slots 14 (Figs 4 and 7 and Pl. 3) and 13 were dug through this ditch in trenches 61 and 70. The ditch contained brick, tile and a field drain.

Trenches 106, 107, 108 and 115; and 109, 111, 121 and 123 respectively, located linear features that corresponded well with NE – SW boundary ditches B and C on Figure 3.

Two trenches (117 and 126) located a ditch that corresponded with a NW – SE boundary (Fig. 3, ditch D).

Slot 3 (Fig. 9) was dug across the feature in Trench 33 and recovered brick and tile. This corresponded well with a boundary on Figure 3 (ditch E) as does the unexcavated ditch in Trench 39.

Trenches 137 and 138 contain a ditch which appears to correspond with ditch F on Figure 3.

Evaluation trenches (Fig. 2)

Trench 1 (Fig. 4)

Trench 1 was aligned E – W and was 24.50m long and 0.40m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of 0.40m of topsoil overlying natural geology. A single gully (1) was excavated. It measured 0.48m wide and 0.13m deep (Fig. 6) and was filled with a soft light brownish grey silty clay (52) but contained no datable artefacts.

Trench 8 (Fig. 4)

Trench 8 was aligned N – S and was 25.00m long and 0.40m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of 0.30m of topsoil and 0.10m of subsoil overlying natural geology. One gully (2) was excavated and measured 0.60m wide and 0.12m deep (Fig. 6). It was filled with a soft light brownish grey silty clay (53) but produced no artefacts.

Trench 41 (Fig. 4)

Trench 41 was aligned N - S and was 25.3m long and 0.36m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of 0.36m of topsoil overlying natural geology of patchy yellow clay with gravel. Three features were recorded. Ditch 10 was modern. Ditch 5 measured 0.95m wide and 0.2m deep (Fig. 6). It was filled with a mid brownish grey silty clay (58) but produced no dateable artefacts. Neither of these linear features are seen on the Enclosure or later maps. Posthole or pit 4 was 0.75m in diameter and 0.25m deep and a bowl shaped profile (Fig. 6). It was filled with mottled yellow brown silty clay (57) but produced no dateable artefacts.

Trench 48 (Fig. 4)

Trench 48 was aligned NW–SE and was 26.6m long and 0.35m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of 0.35m of topsoil overlying natural geology. Four linear features were recorded. Two of these (8 and 9) were modern and cut each other, though ditch 8 (fill 64) produced a sherd of abraded Roman pottery. Ditches 6 and 7 lay parallel to each other and one recut the other though the sequence is not known (Fig. 6). Ditch 6 was 0.14m deep and was filled with light grey brownish clay with occasional pebbles (59) but produced no dateable artefacts. Ditch 7 was 0.13m deep and was filled with light grey brownish clayey sand with occasional pebbles (60). It produced no dateable artefacts. None of these features are recorded on the Enclosure or later maps.

Trench 51 (Figs 4 and 8)

Trench 51 was aligned N - S and was 21.70m long and 0.60m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of 0.40m of topsoil and 0.05m subsoil overlying natural geology. Three linear features (11, 12 and 16) (Figs 4 and 8 and Pls 2). were recorded. Gully 11 was 0.40m wide and 0.25m deep and filled with a bluish grey silty clay with occasional charcoal flecks and fired clay flecks (66) (Fig. 6). It contained medieval pottery and brick/tile. Gully 12 was 0.40m wide and 0.15m deep and filled with a bluish grey silty clay with occasional charcoal flecks (67) and contained a large quantity of medieval pottery and brick/tile. Ditch 16 was 0.65m wide and 0.40m deep (Fig. 7) and filled with a bluish grey silty clay with occasional charcoal flecks and fired clay flecks (72). It contained medieval pottery and a single abraded sherd of Roman pottery. Between gullies 11 and 12 was a spread (71) which was the same in character as the fills of linear features.

Trench 83 (Figs 5 and 8 and Pl. 4)

Trench 83 was aligned N – S and was 16.20m long and 0.45m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of 0.30m of topsoil and 0.15m of subsoil overlying natural geology. A single linear feature (20) was recorded measuring 0.40m wide and 0.10m deep (Fig. 7). The fill (76) was a mid greyish friable silty clay and contained a single sherd of medieval pottery.

Trench 84 (Figs 5 and 8; Pls 5 and 6)

Trench 84 was aligned NE – SW and was 13.00m long and 0.28m deep. The stratigraphy comprised of 0.28m of topsoil overlying the natural geology. Three linear features (17, 18 and 19) were recorded. Gully 17 was 0.50m wide and 0.07m (Fig. 7)deep and filled with a friable mid grey silty clay (73) which produced no archaeological finds. Gully 18 was 0.75m wide and 0.10m deep and filled with similar friable mid grey silty clay (74) which also produced no archaeological finds. Gully 19 was 0.60m wide and 0.30m deep and filled with a firm mid blueish grey silty clay (75) which produced pottery and tile of medieval date. Any relationship between gullies 18 and 19 was lost due to a field drain that cut the features.

Trench 105 (Fig. 2)

Trench 105 was aligned N – S and was 25.4m long and 0.35m deep. The stratigraphy comprised of 0.35m of topsoil overlying the natural geology. A modern ditch which did not correspond to the enclosure map was revealed.

Finds

Pottery by Paul Blinkhorn

The pottery assemblage comprised 60 sherds with a total weight of 1153g. It was entirely medieval, other than two probably residual sherds of Roman date. The following fabric types were noted:

EMW: Medieval Sandy ware, Late 11th - 14th century? Dense sub-rounded white, grey and clear quartz up to 0.5 mm. Early medieval pottery types similar to this are found along a considerable length of the middle Thames Valley and its hinterland, and the problem of differentiating between the numerous different wares has been noted in the past (Mellor 1994, 84). 28 sherds, 634g.

SW: Surrey Whiteware, mid 13th – mid 15th century (Pearce and Vince 1988). A range of whitewares from several sources in Surrey, including Kingston and Cheam. Range of vessel forms which changes over time, but the earlier assemblages are dominated by glazed jugs, some with slipped, incised and plastic decoration. 30 sherds, 506g.

In addition, two sherds (13g) of Roman material were also present. They were both heavily abraded. The pottery occurrence by number and weight of sherds per context by fabric type is shown in Table 1. The medieval pottery types are both common finds in the region, and indicate that the main period of activity at the site was from the mid 13th – 14th centuries. Late medieval wares which are common in the region are entirely absent, as are any fragments of late Surrey Whiteware vessel forms.

All the sherds are slightly abraded but, given their generally large mean size, this seems more likely to be due to the soil conditions rather than redeposition, and suggests that there was significant activity in the immediate vicinity of these excavations in the medieval period. The rimsherd assemblage comprises entirely

jars in the case of the EMW vessels, some of which were from large vessels which may have been used for storage, whereas the Surrey Whiteware assemblage is a typical mixture of glazed jars and jugs.

The Roman sherd from gully 8 (64) is very abraded, and appears likely to be residual. The Roman sherd in ditch 12 (fill 67) is certainly so as it is associated with medieval pottery.

Ceramic Building Materials by Danielle Milbank

A total of 4.03kg of ceramic building material (29 fragments) was recovered during the evaluation, all of which came from deposits infilling ditches (Appendix 4). Ceramic building material was recorded most frequently in modest quantities, typically 200g to 500g, with ditch slot 3 containing the largest quantity (1494g). The majority of the fragments were tile, with a small number of brick fragments and several small pieces which could not be identified.

Tiles

The fabric was examined at x10 magnification and ranged from medium (slightly weak or friable) to hard and well-fired, and two main types were noted. The majority of the pieces are of a fine sandy fabric with moderate to frequent small well-sorted quartz sand inclusions. The colour varied from pale orange red to a medium red, with one examples of a grey core. A smaller number of fragments, all from ditch 19 (75), are a coarser sandy fabric and have sparse small burnt flint inclusions. These are slightly darker red and the tile thickness is *c*.14mm with some variation.

All the tile fragments have a rough underside, indicating that they were made using a sanded mould. The majority of the tile fragments which were recovered were flat, with no notable marks or features, with two showing peg holes. The majority were small fragments, and cannot be closely dated. Many of these are likely to be peg tiles, where the pierced part is not present.

This type of tile was produced from the late 12th to 19th century, though it did not become widespread until the late 13th century and was generally limited to high-status buildings before becoming more common from the 15th century onwards.

Bricks

Brick fragments were recovered from ditches 3 and 8. These were all fairly large pieces, however no complete bricks were present. They were examined under x10 magnification and categorised according to Harley 1974. Ditch 3 (fill 56) contained three fragments, of which two are a fairly hard, evenly fired sandy fabric with

occasional small groggy inclusions (up to 1mm). These are a light red colour and are fairly abraded. A third piece from this context is a slightly soft, sandy fabric with occasional small quartz inclusions and very sparse larger (1-2mm) quartz inclusions. The colour is orange red, and the form of the brick (on the basis of the intact sides) is fairly uneven and irregular, with both upper and lower surfaces slightly convex, and slightly rounded arrises. It has marks on the underside suggesting straw was used in its manufacture. Although the piece is incomplete and the length cannot be determined, the width of the brick is at least 110mm and the thickness is 48mm. The overall characteristics of the piece suggest that it represents part of a handmade brick of possible later medieval (14th or 15th century) date.

An example from ditch 8 (64) is a sandy, hard, evenly-fired fabric with occasional small rounded flint and groggy inclusions. The colour is medium red, and although the length and width of the brick cannot be determined, the thickness is 55m and the upper surface and base are slightly convex. The piece is broadly datable to the medieval or early post-medieval period based on form and fabric.

Overall, the brick and tile assemblage recovered in the course of the evaluation is modest. Although the tiles are generally not closely datable, two brick fragments could be tentatively dated to the later medieval and early post-medieval periods. Due to re-use and their durable nature, bricks of early date are often found eventually discarded in much later contexts.

Sieved Samples

Soil samples were taken (40l in total) from linear features 17 and 19. These were floated and sieved using a 2mm and 5mm sieve and checked for charred seeds and charcoal. Nothing but modern root contaminants was present within the samples.

Conclusion

The evaluation trenching revealed a moderate volume of cut features though very few can be considered to be of archaeological interest. Many of the linear features found corresponded well with boundaries present on the early 19th-century enclosure map and, where sampled, produced finds of late post-medieval date. A number of other linear features were clearly of modern, post-Enclosure, date corresponding to former boundaries on Ordnance Survey maps or producing modern artefacts. One of these modern features did though produce a tiny abraded sherd of Roman pottery.

A final category of linear features were undated and it is uncertain to which period(s) these should be assigned though again, they appear to be field boundaries. The general poverty of artefacts and other features such as pits or postholes suggests that none of these deposits lay close to occupied areas.

The one exception to this overview relates to a cluster of three linear features found in the north-east corner of the site close to London Road. Investigation of these features produced a surprisingly large quantity of medieval pottery of 13th-15th century date. The sherds were far too large to be a by-product of the manuring of farmland and appear to be primary refuse. Surrounding trenches were devoid of further deposits, though due to the proximity of London Road contingency trenches were not dug to the north of the findings. There are various interpretations of its significance. It is possible that it represents an isolated dump of refuse well away from an occupied site. Or, it could reflect the presence of an occupation site represented by dispersed, low density features not consistently located by evaluation trenching. A third possibility is that it represents part of an occupation site that is preferentially located adjacent to the London Road to the north. Nevertheless, whatever the interpretation, this location does represent the only area of archaeological potential identified for this site.

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APPENDIX 1: Trench details
0m at S or W end

Trench	Length (m)	Breadth (m)	Depth (m)	Comment
1	24.50	2.00	0.40	0-0.40m topsoil; 0.40m+ light brownish yellow sandy clay natural geology. Gully [1]
2	22.40	2.00	0.50	0-0.45m topsoil; 0.45m+ light brownish yellow sandy clay natural geology
3	30.00	2.00	0.50	0-0.45m topsoil; 0.45m+ mid yellow sandy clay natural geology
4	25.00	2.00	0.60	0-0.35m topsoil; 0.35m+ mid yellow sandy clay natural geology
5	22.50	2.00	0.40	0-0.30m topsoil; 0.30m-0.40m mid greyish brown sandy clay subsoil; 0.40m+ light brownish yellow clay sand natural geology
6	27.00	2.00	0.40	0-0.35m topsoil; 0.35m+ light brownish yellow clay sand natural geology
7	25.70	2.00	0.30	0-0.30m topsoil, 0.30m+ light brownish yellow sandy clay natural geology
8	25.00	2.00	0.40	0-0.30m topsoil; 0.30m-0.40m mid brownish grey subsoil; 0.40m+ light brownish yellow sandy clay natural geology. Gully [2]
9	26.00	2.00	0.40	0-0.40m topsoil; 0.40m+ mid brownish yellow clay natural geology
10	24.30	2.00	0.50	0-0.35m topsoil; 0.35m-0.50m mid greyish brown clay silt subsoil; 0.50m+ mid yellowish brown clay sand natural geology
11	25.00	2.00	0.40	0-0.40m topsoil; 0.40m+ mid yellowish brown clay sand natural geology
12	23.20	2.00	0.37	0-0.30m topsoil; 0.30m+ mid yellowish brown clay sand natural geology
13	26.00	2.00	0.34	0-0.34m topsoil; 0.35m+ mid brownish yellow clay sand natural geology
14	26.00	2.00	0.30	0-0.30m topsoil; 0.30m+ mid yellow clay sand natural geology
15	27.30	2.00	0.38	0-0.35m topsoil; 0.35m+ mid brownish yellow clay sand natural geology
16	26.7m	2.00	0.40	0-0.34m topsoil; 0.34m-0.40m mid greyish brown silty clay subsoil; 0.40m+ mid brownish yellow clay sand natural geology
17	24.40	2.00	0.33	0-0.33m topsoil; 0.33m+ mid brownish yellow clay silt natural geology
18	26.00	2.00	0.37	0-0.37m topsoil; 0.37m+ mid brownish yellow clay silt natural geology
19	25.50	2.00	0.38	0-0.33m topsoil; 0.33m+ mid brownish yellow clay silt natural geology
20	24.00	2.00	0.37	0-0.37m topsoil; 0.37m+ mid brownish yellow clay silt natural geology
21	24.00	2.00	0.35	0-0.30m topsoil; 0.30m+ mid brownish yellow clay sand natural geology
22	25.60	2.00	0.35	0-0.30m topsoil; 0.30m+ mid brownish yellow clay sand natural geology with patches of pale yellow gravelly sand
23	25.80	2.00	0.35	0-0.30m topsoil; 0.30m+ mid brownish yellow clay sand natural geology with patches of pale yellow gravel
24	26.00	2.00	0.36	0-0.36m topsoil; 0.36m+ mid brownish yellow clay sand natural geology with patches of pale yellow brown gravel
25	26.70	2.00	0.28	0-0.28m topsoil; 0.28m+ mid brownish yellow clay sand natural geology
26	25.20	2.00	0.35	0-0.30m topsoil; 0.35m+ mid brownish yellow clay sand natural geology
27	24.60	2.00	0.40	0-0.35m topsoil; 0.35m+ mid brownish yellow clay sand natural geology
28	26.40	2.00	0.50	0-0.40m topsoil; 0.40m+ mid brownish yellow clay sand natural geology
29	26.20	2.00	0.35	0-0.32m topsoil; 0.32m+ mid brownish yellow clay silt with lighter patches of natural geology
30	24.70	2.00	0.45	0-0.40m topsoil; 0.40m+ mid brownish yellow clay sand with lighter patches of natural geology
31	25.40	1.80	0.50	0-0.45m topsoil; 0.45m+ mid brownish yellow sandy clay natural geology wit patches of lighter greyish gravel
32	23.20	1.80	0.40	0-0.36m topsoil; 0.36m+ mid brownish yellow clay sand natural geology
33	25.00	1.80	0.48	0-0.30m; topsoil; 0.30-0.48m mid greyish brown silty clay subsoil; 0.48m+ pale greyish yellow clay sand natural geology. Modern ditch [3]
34	24.20	1.80	0.40	0-0.36m topsoil; 0.36m+ mid brownish yellow clay sand natural geology
35	25.00	1.80	0.38	0-0.38m topsoil; 0.38m+ mid reddish yellow clay sand natural geology
36	25.60	1.80	0.35	0-0.35m topsoil; 0.35m+ mid brownish yellow clay sand natural geology

37	25.80	1.80	0.38	0-0.36m+ topsoil; 0.36m+ mid brownish yellow clay sand natural geology
38	26.50	1.80	0.36	0-0.36m topsoil; 0.36m+ mid brownish yellow clay sand natural geology
39	25.90	1.80	0.32	0-0.32m topsoil; 0.32m+ mid brownish yellow clay sand natural geology. Modern ditch not excavated
40	27.00	1.80	0.30	0-0.30m topsoil; 0.30m+ mid brownish yellow clay sand natural geology
41	25.30	1.80	0.36	0-0.36m topsoil; 0.36m+ yellow clay natural geology wit patches of mid brownish yellow sandy clay and mid grey gravel. Posthole/pit [4]; ditch [5]; ditch [10]
42	28.30	1.80	0.38	0-0.30m topsoil; 0.30m-0.38m mid brownish yellow sandy clay subsoil; 0.38m+ mid brownish yellow clay sand natural geology
43	26.50	1.80	0.36	0-0.36m topsoil; 0.36m+ mid brownish yellow clay sand natural geology
44	23.00	1.80	0.30	0-0.30m topsoil; 0.30m+ mid brownish yellow clay sand natural geology
45	24.00	1.80	0.45	0-0.40m topsoil; 0.40m-0.45m mid brownish yellow sandy clay subsoil; 0.45m+ mid brownish yellow clay sand natural geology
46	24.00	1.80	0.36	0-0.36m topsoil; 0.36m+ mid brownish yellow clay sand natural geology
47	24.50	1.80	0.36	0-0.36m topsoil; 0.36m+ mid brownish yellow clay sand natural geology
48	26.60	1.80	0.35	0-0.35m topsoil; 0.35m+ mid brownish yellow clay sand natural geology. Gully [6]; gully [7]; ditch [8]; ditch [9]
49	23.20	1.80	0.40	0-0.30m topsoil; 0.30m-0.40m mid pale grey silty sand subsoil; 0.40m+ mid brownish yellow clay sand natural geology
50	25.60	1.80	0.38	0-0.38m topsoil; 0.38m-0.50m mid pale grey silty sand subsoil; 0.50m+ mid brownish yellow clay sand natural geology
51	21.70	1.80	0.40	0-0.40m topsoil; 0.40m-0.45m mid pale grey silty sand subsoil; 0.40m+ mid brownish yellow clay sand natural geology. Ditch [11]; ditch [12]; ditch [16]; spread (71)
52	23.30	1.80	0.40	0-0.30m topsoil; 0.30-0.40m mid grey silty sand subsoil; 0.40m+ mid brownish yellow and pale grey sand natural geology
53	22.30	1.80	0.36	0-0.25m topsoil; 0.25m-0.30m mid grey silty sand subsoil; 0.30m+ mid brownish yellow and pale grey sand natural geology
54	23.00	1.80	0.40	0-0.16m topsoil; 0.16m-0.30m mid grey sandy silt subsoil; 0.30m+ light brownish grey silty sand natural geology
55	24.60	1.80	0.37	0-0.26m topsoil; 0.26m-0.30m mid grey sandy silt subsoil; 0.30m+ light brownish grey silty sand natural geology
56	19.50	1.80	0.28	0-0.10m topsoil; 0.10m-0.22m mid greyish sandy silt subsoil; 0.22m+ light brownish grey silty sand natural geology
57	19.90	1.80	0.40	0-0.18m topsoil; 0.18m-0.27m mid grey sandy silt subsoil; 0.27m+ light brownish grey silty sand natural geology. Modern ditch not excavated
58	22.20	1.80	0.42	0-0.23m topsoil; 0.23m-0.39m mid grey sandy silt subsoil; 0.39m+ mid brownish grey silty sand natural geology
59	22.30	1.80	0.36	0-0.19m topsoil; 0.19m-0.25m mid grey sandy silt subsoil; 0.25+ mid brownish grey sandy silt natural
60	20.10	1.80	0.30	0-0.23m topsoil; 0.23m+ mid reddish brown silty clay natural geology
61	24.90	1.80	0.39	0-0.22m topsoil; 0.22m-0.36m mid grey sandy silt subsoil; 0.36m+ mid greyish brown silty clay natural geology. Modern ditch [14]
62	23.10	1.80	0.41	0-0.23 topsoil; 0.23m-0.35m mid grey sandy silt subsoil; 0.35m+ mid greyish brown silt clay natural geology wit gravel patches
63	21.30	1.80	0.23	0-0.18m topsoil; 0.18m+ mid greyish brown silty clay natural geology with gravel patches
64	24.70	1.80	0.37	0-0.24m topsoil; 0.24m-0.34m mid grey sandy silt subsoil; 0.34m+ mid greyish brown silty clay natural geology wit gravel patches
65	25.80	1.80	0.40	0-0.24m topsoil; 0.24m-0.35m mid grey sandy silt subsoil; 0.35m+ mid brownish grey silty clay natural geology with gravel patches
66	24.80	1.80	0.42	0-0.24m topsoil; 0.24m-0.35m mid grey sandy silt subsoil; 0.35m+ mid brownish grey silty clay natural geology with gravel patches
67	26.60	1.80	0.32	0-0.20m topsoil; 0.20m-0.29m mid grey sandy silt subsoil; 0.29m+ mid brownish grey silty clay natural geology. Modern ditch not excavated
68	25.80	1.80	0.38	0-0.30m topsoil; 0.30m-0.38m mid grey sandy silt subsoil; 0.38m+ mid brownish grey silty clay natural geology
69	26.40	1.80	0.21	0-0.21m topsoil; 0.21m-0.29m mid grey sandy silt subsoil; 0.29m+ mid brownish grey sandy silt natural geology. Modern ditch not excavated
70	23.60	1.80	0.21	0-0.21m topsoil; 0.21m-0.35m mid grey sandy silt subsoil; 0.35m+ mid brownish grey sandy silt natural geology. Modern ditch [13]
71	25.20	1.80	0.44	0-0.25m topsoil; 0.25m-0.40m mid grey sandy silt subsoil; 0.40m+ mid brownish grey sandy silt natural geology

72	25.20	1.80	0.40	0-0.26m topsoil; 0.26m-0.38m mid grey sandy silt subsoil; 0.38m+ mid yellowish grey sandy silt natural geology
73	21.40	1.80	0.27	0-0.21m topsoil; 0.21m-0.27m mid grey sandy silt subsoil; 0.27m+ mid yellow grey sandy silt natural geology
74	25.60	1.80	0.40	0-0.23m topsoil; 0.23m-0.38m mid grey sandy silt subsoil; 0.38m+ mid yellow grey sandy silt natural geology
75	24.90	1.80	0.39	0-0.26m topsoil; 0.26m-0.36m mid grey sandy silt subsoil; 0.36m+ mid yellow grey sandy silt natural geology. Modern ditch not excavated
76	30.40	1.80	0.39	0-0.26m topsoil; 0.26m-0.39m mid grey sandy silt subsoil; 0.39m+ mid yellow grey sandy silt natural geology. Modern ditch not excavated
77	26.40	1.80	0.54	0-0.26m topsoil; 0.26m-0.47m mid grey sand silt subsoil; 0.47m+ mid yellowish grey sandy silt natural geology. Modern ditch not excavated
78	24.50	1.80	0.27	0-0.25m topsoil; 0.25m+ mid yellowish grey sandy silt natural geology
79	26.00	1.80	0.44	0-0.25m topsoil; 0.25m-0.39m mid grey sand silt subsoil; 0.39m+ mid yellowish grey sandy silt natural geology
80	27.50	1.80	0.30	0-0.26m topsoil; 0.26m-0.30m mid grey sand silt subsoil; 0.30m+ mid yellowish grey sandy silt natural geology with gravel patches
81	29.10	1.80	0.36	0-0.20m topsoil; 0.20m-0.31m mid grey sandy silt subsoil; 0.31m+ mid yellow grey sandy silt natural geology. Modern ditch not excavated
82	24.90	1.80	0.39	0-0.20m topsoil; 0.20m-0.34m mid grey sandy silt subsoil; 0.34m+ mid yellow grey sandy silt natural geology. Modern ditch not excavated
83	16.20	1.80	0.45	0-0.30m topsoil; 0.30m-0.45m mid yellow brown sandy silt subsoil; 0.45m+ mid grey yellow silty sand natural geology. Gully [20]
84	13.00	1.80	0.28	0-0.28m topsoil; 0.28m+ light grey yellow clay silt natural. Gully [84], gully [18] and ditch [19]
85	24.30	1.80	0.40	0-0.35m topsoil; 0.35m+ light grey yellow sandy clay natural geology
86	24.50	1.80	0.30	0-0.35m topsoil; 0.30m+ light grey yellow sandy clay natural geology
87	24.50	1.80	0.35	0-0.32m topsoil; 0.32m+ light grey yellow sandy clay natural geology
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90	26.50	1.80	0.40	0-0.40m topsoil; 0.40m+ mid grey yellow clay sand natural geology
91	29.00	1.80	0.40	0-0.40m topsoil; 0.40m+ mid grey yellow clay sand natural geology
92	24.80	1.80	0.30	0-0.30m topsoil; 0.30m+ mid grey yellow silty sand natural geology
93	27.00	1.80	0.37	0-0.37m topsoil; 0.37m+ mid yellow silty sandy natural geology
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96	23.70	1.80	0.40	0-0.40m topsoil; 0.40m+ light yellow grey clay sand natural geology
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98	24.50	1.80	0.45	0-0.30m topsoil; 0.30m-0.45m mid brown grey silty sand subsoil; 0.45m+ mid yellow brown silty sand natural geology
99	23.50	1.80	0.50	0-0.30m topsoil; 0.30m-0.50m mid brown grey silty sand subsoil; 0.50m+ mid yellow brown silty sand natural geology
100	19.00	1.80	0.50	0-0.25m topsoil; 0.25m-0.50m mid brown grey sandy silt subsoil; 0.50m+ dark brown yellow silty sand natural geology
101	25.40	1.80	0.45	0-0.20m topsoil; 0.20m-0.45m mid grey brown silty sand subsoil; 0.45m+ light grey yellow sand natural geology
102	25.40	1.80	0.45	0-0.25m topsoil; 0.25m-0.45m mid grey brown silty sand subsoil; 0.45m+ mid brown yellow silty sand natural geology
103	29.00	1.80	0.34	0-0.34m topsoil; 0.34m+ light grey yellow silty sand natural geology
104	29.60	1.80	0.40	0-0.35m topsoil; 0.35m+ light grey yellow silty sand natural geology
105	25.40	1.80	0.35	0-0.35m topsoil; 0.35m+ light grey yellow silty sand natural geology. Modern ditch unexcavated
106	27.60	1.80	0.35	0-0.35m topsoil; 0.35m+ light grey yellow silty sand natural geology. Modern ditch unexcavated
107	26.00	1.80	0.35	0-0.35m topsoil; 0.35m+ mid grey yellow silty sand natural geology. Modern ditch unexcavated
108	26.70	1.80	0.40	0-0.40m topsoil; 0.40m+ mid grey yellow silty sand natural geology. Modern ditch unexcavated
109	24.00	1.80	0.35	0-0.35m topsoil; 0.35m+ light grey yellow sand natural geology. Modern ditch unexcavated
110	25.00	1.80	0.35	0-0.35m topsoil; 0.35m+ mid grey yellow clay sand natural geology
111	28.00	1.80	0.32	0-0.32m topsoil; 0.32m+ light brown yellow silty sand natural geology. Modern ditch unexcavated
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113	22.00	1.80	0.50	0-0.20m topsoil; 0.20m-0.50m mid brown grey sandy silt subsoil; 0.50m+ mid grey yellow sand natural geology
114	27.20	1.80	0.35	0-0.35m topsoil; 0.35m+ mid grey yellow sand natural geology
115	27.00	1.80	0.37	0-0.35m topsoil; 0.35m+ light brown yellow silty sand natural

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116	26.00	1.80	0.40	0-0.40m topsoil; 0.40m+ light brown yellow sand natural geology
117	32.00	1.80	0.40	0-0.37m topsoil; 0.37m+ light grey yellow silty sand natural geology. Modern ditch unexcavated
118	25.40	1.80	0.30	0-0.30m topsoil; 0.30m+ mid brown yellow sandy clay natural geology
119	22.00	1.80	0.35	0-0.35m topsoil; 0.35m+ mid brown yellow sandy clay natural geology
120	27.50	1.80	0.37	0-0.37m topsoil; 0.37m+ mid grey yellow clay sand natural geology
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122	26.30	1.80	0.35	0-0.30m topsoil; 0.30m+ light grey yellow sandy clay natural geology
123	28.50	1.80	0.40	0-0.35m topsoil; 0.35m+ mid yellow orange sandy clay natural geology with blue mottling. Modern ditch unexcavated
124	28.50	1.80	0.35	0-0.35m topsoil; 0.35m+ mid grey yellow clay sand natural geology
125	22.50	1.80	0.36	0-0.36m topsoil; 0.36m+ light grey yellow clay sand natural geology
126	27.40	1.80	0.30	0-0.30m topsoil; 0.30m+ light brown yellow sandy clay natural geology. Modern ditch unexcavated
127	25.50	1.80	0.30	0-0.30m topsoil; 0.30m+ light brown yellow sandy clay natural geology
128	21.50	1.80	0.30	0-0.30m topsoil; 0.30m+ light brown yellow sandy clay natural geology
129	21.50	1.80	0.42	0-0.30m topsoil; 0.30m+ light brown yellow silty sand natural geology
130	25.00	1.80	0.35	0-0.30m topsoil; 0.30m+ mid brown yellow sandy clay natural geology
131	24.00	1.80	0.30	0-0.30m topsoil; 0.30m+ mid brown yellow clay sand geology natural geology
132	24.30	1.80	0.37	0-0.30m topsoil; 0.30m+ light grey yellow silty sand natural geology
133	23.50	1.80	0.30	0-0.30m topsoil; 0.30m+ mid yellow clay natural geology with blue grey mottling
134	25.00	1.80	0.40	0-0.40m topsoil; 0.40m+ mid brown yellow silty sand natural geology
135	22.00	1.80	0.37	0-0.30m topsoil; 0.30m-0.37m mid brown grey sandy silt subsoil; 0.37m+ mid yellow clay natural geology with blue grey mottling
136	22.50	1.80	0.40	0-0.32m topsoil; 0.32m+ light brown yellow sandy silt natural geology
137	23.00	1.80	0.50	0-0.40m topsoil; 0.40-0.50m mid brown grey sandy silt subsoil; 0.50m+ mid grey yellow silty sand natural geology. Modern ditch unexcavated
138	24.00	1.80	0.50	0-0.40m topsoil; 0.40m-0.50m mid brown grey sandy silt subsoil; 0.50m+ mid grey brown sandy silt natural geology. Modern ditch
139	25.00	1.80	0.50	0-0.30m topsoil; 0.30m-0.45m mid brown grey sandy silt subsoil; 0.45m+ mid grey brown sandy silt natural geology
140	21.20	1.80	0.40	0-0.35m topsoil; 0.35m-0.40m mid brown grey sandy silt subsoil; 0.40m+ mid grey brown sandy silt natural geology
141	22.50	1.80	0.35	0-0.33m topsoil; 0.33m+ light grey yellow silty sand natural geology

APPENDIX 2: Feature details

Trench	*Cut*	*Fill (s)*	*Type*	*Date*	*Dating evidence*
1	1	52	Gully	-	
8	2	53	Gully	-	
33	3	54, 55, 56	Ditch	Post medieval	Cartographic
41	4	57	Posthole/pit	-	
41	5	58	Ditch	-	
48	6	59	Gully	-	
48	7	60	Gully	-	
48	8	64	Ditch	Post medieval	
48	9	65	Ditch	Post medieval	
41	10	61, 62, 63	Ditch	Post medieval	
51	11	66	Ditch	Medieval	Pottery
51	12	67	Ditch	Medieval	Pottery
70	13	68, 79	Ditch	Post medieval	Cartographic
61	14	69, 70	Ditch	Post medieval	Cartographic
	15		VOID		
51	16	72	Ditch	Medieval	Pottery
84	17	73	Gully	Medieval	
84	18	74	Gully	Medieval	Same as 12
84	19	75	Ditch	Medieval	Pottery
83	20	76	Gully	Medieval	Pottery
39	21	77	Gully	Post medieval	Cartographic

APPENDIX 3: Pottery occurrence by number and weight (in g) of sherds per context by fabric type

		Roman		*EMW*		*SW*	
Cut	*Fill*	*No*	*Wt*	*No*	*Wt*	*No*	*Wt*
8	64	1	3	-	-	-	-
9	75	-	-	1	2	-	-
12	66	-	-	1	9	2	83
12	67	1	10	24	598	20	333
16	72	-	-	-	-	6	29
19	75	-	-	2	25	1	51
20	76	-	-	-	-	1	10
	Total	2	13	28	634	30	506

APPENDIX 4::Brick and tile by number and weight

Cut	*Deposit*	*Type*	*B-T*	*No*	*Wt (g)*
3	54	Ditch	tile	3	206
3	56	Ditch	brick	3	1288
10	61	Ditch	tile	3	124
10	62	Ditch	tile	1	110
8	64	Ditch	brick	1	570
12	67	Ditch	tile	7	556
14	70	Ditch	tile	4	424
19	75	Ditch	tile	7	752

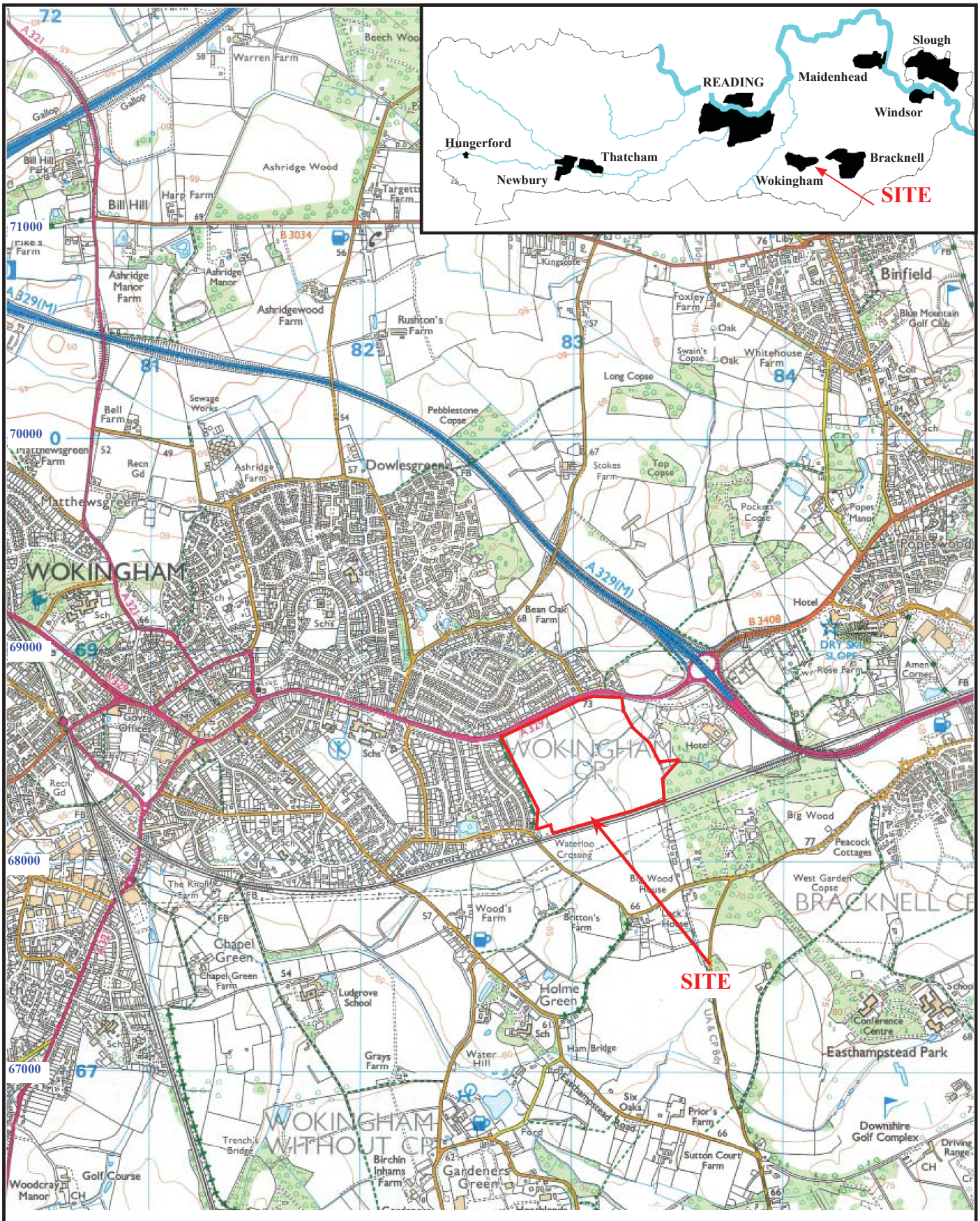

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Figure 1. Location of site within Wokingham and Berkshire.

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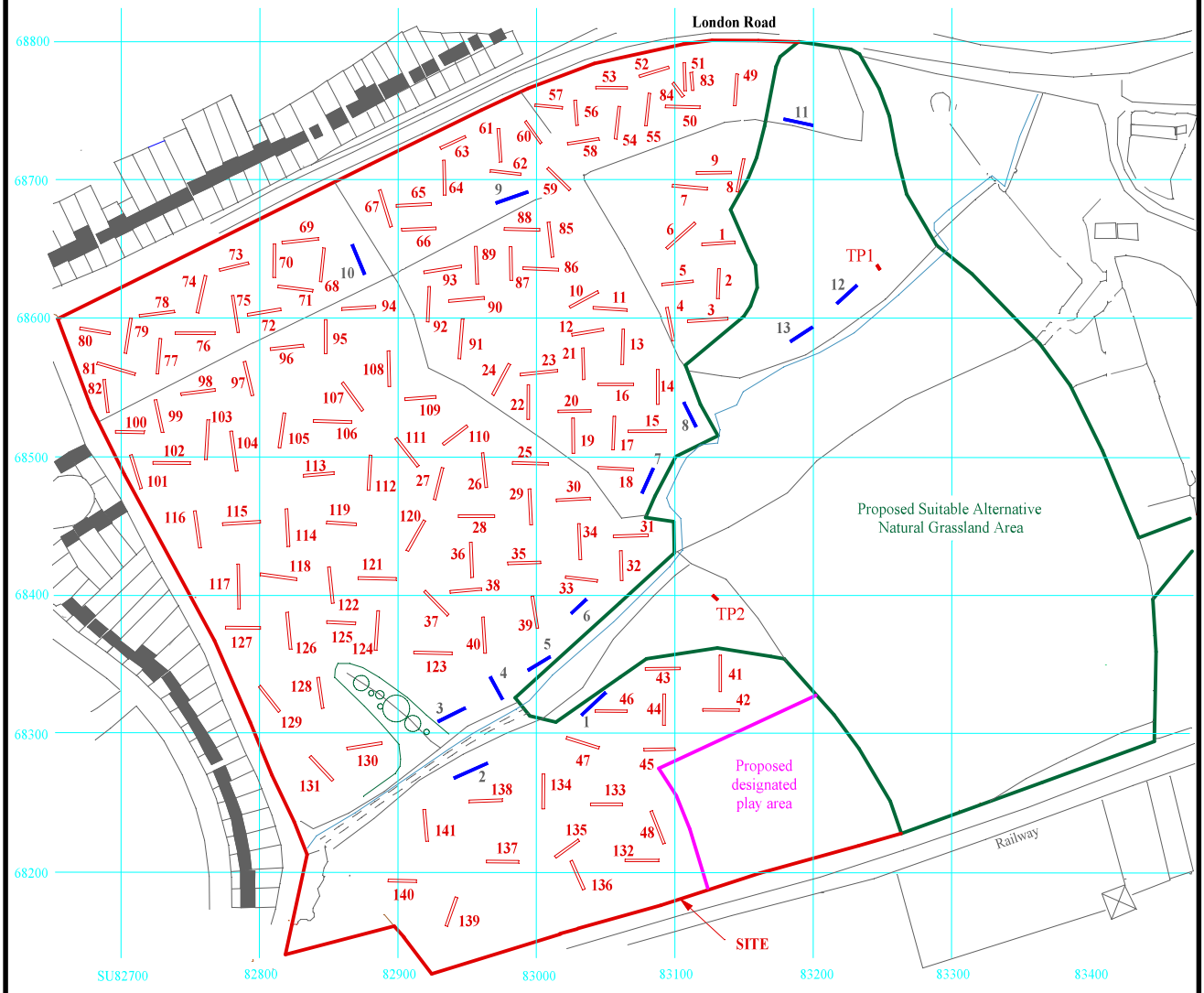

Key

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Figure 2. Location of trenches.

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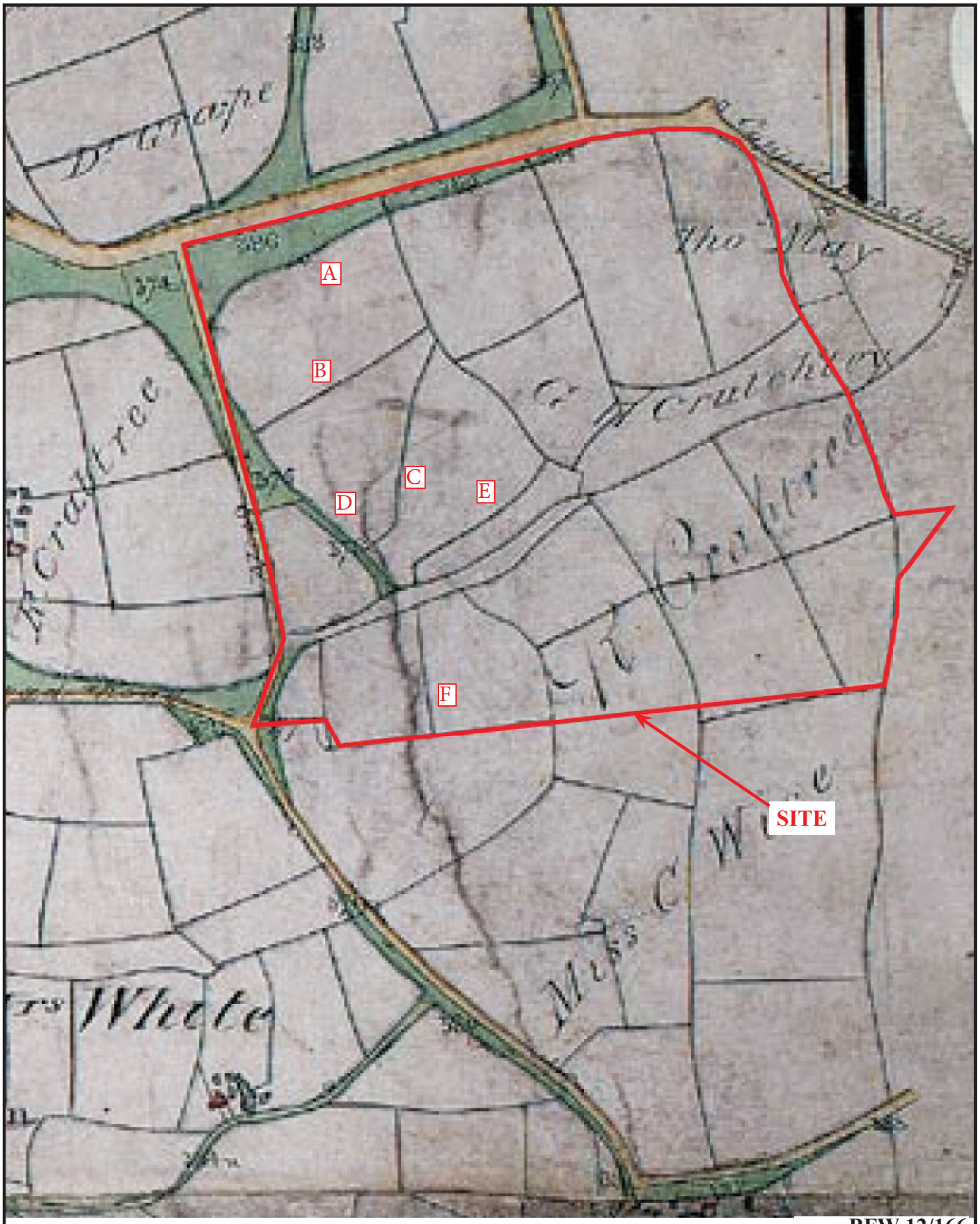

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Figure 3. Wokingham Enclosure Map, 1817.
Enclosure boundaries probably located during trenching.

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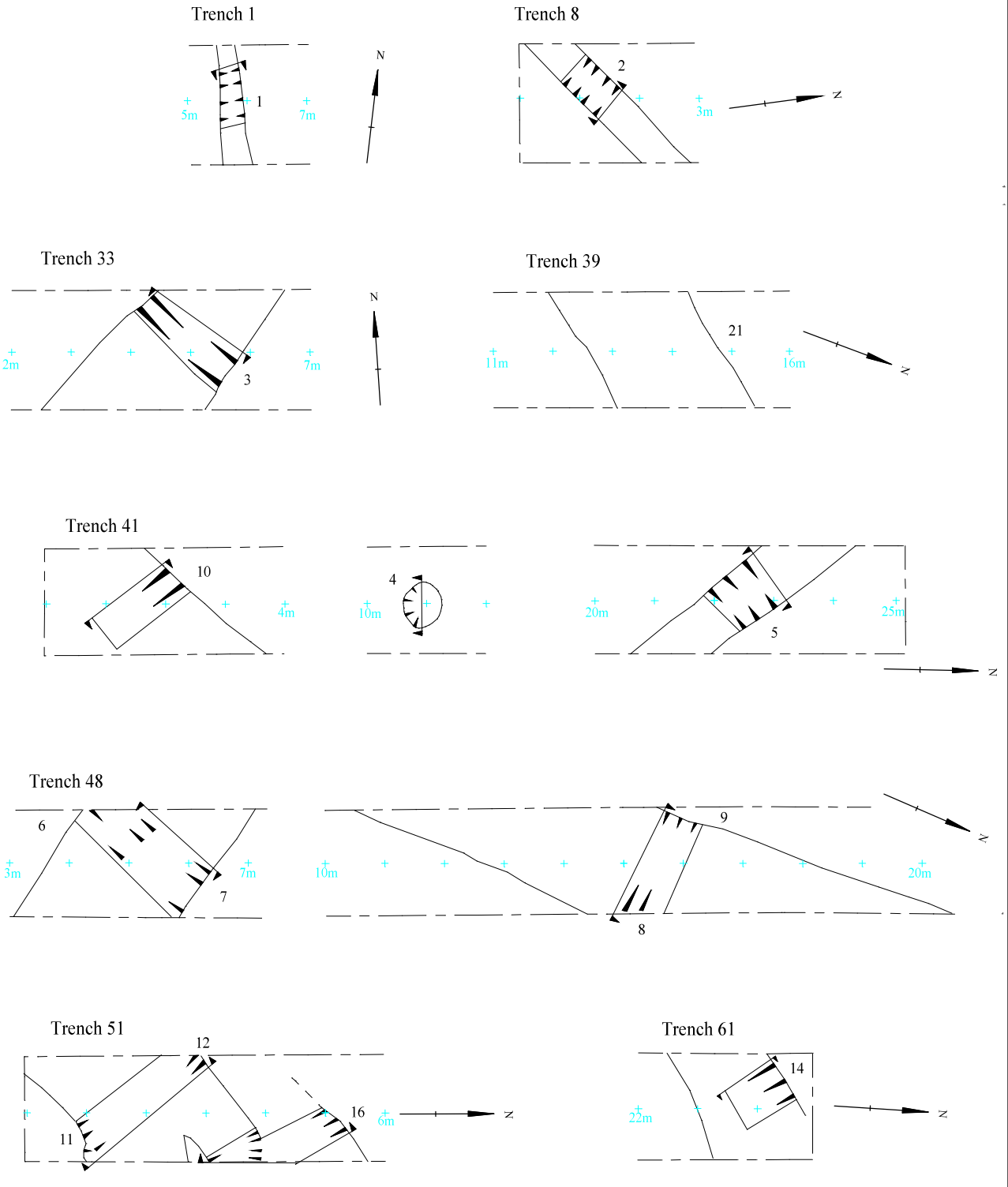

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Figure 4. Detail of trenches.

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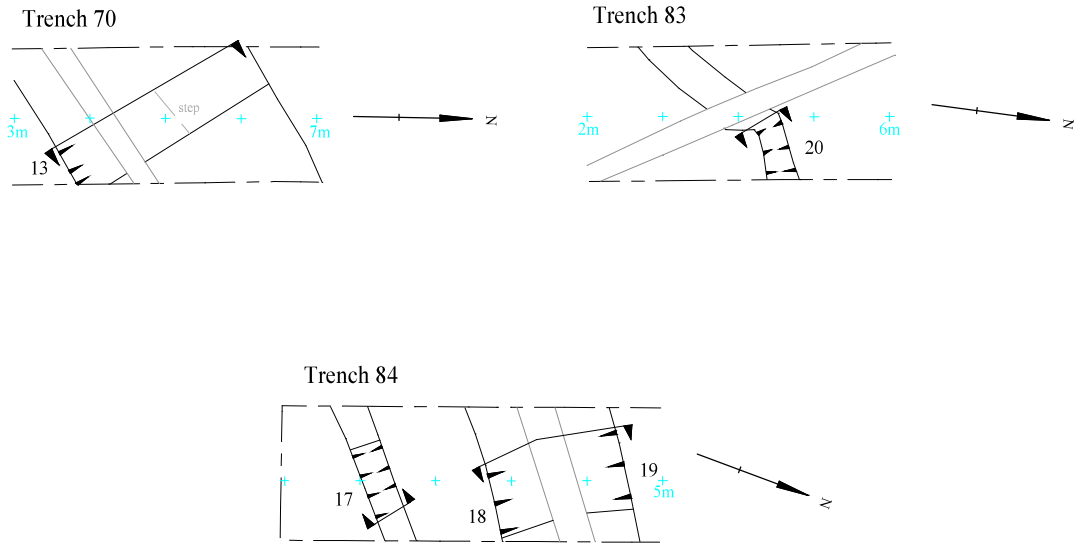

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Figure 5. Detail of trenches.

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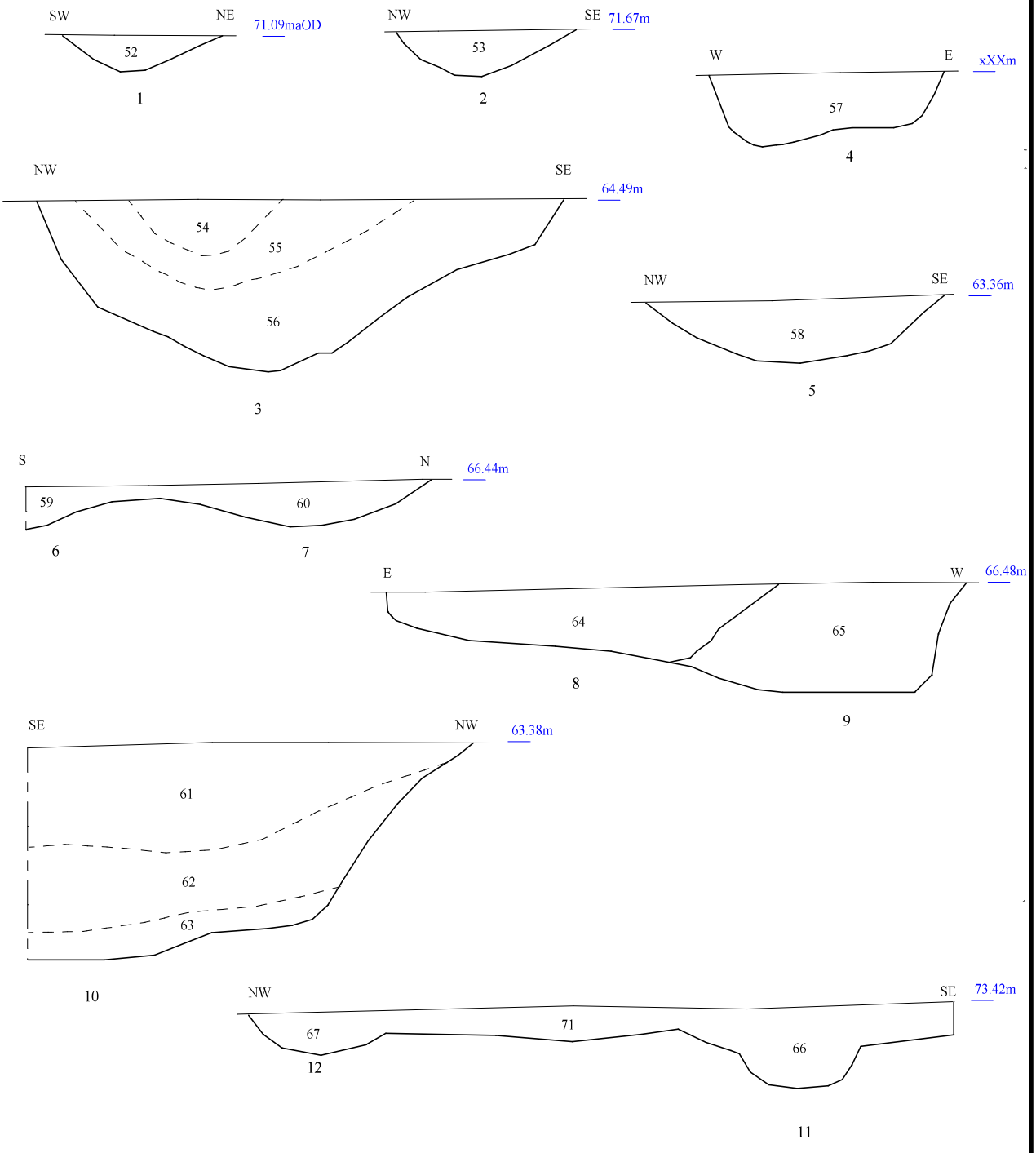

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Figure 6. Sections.

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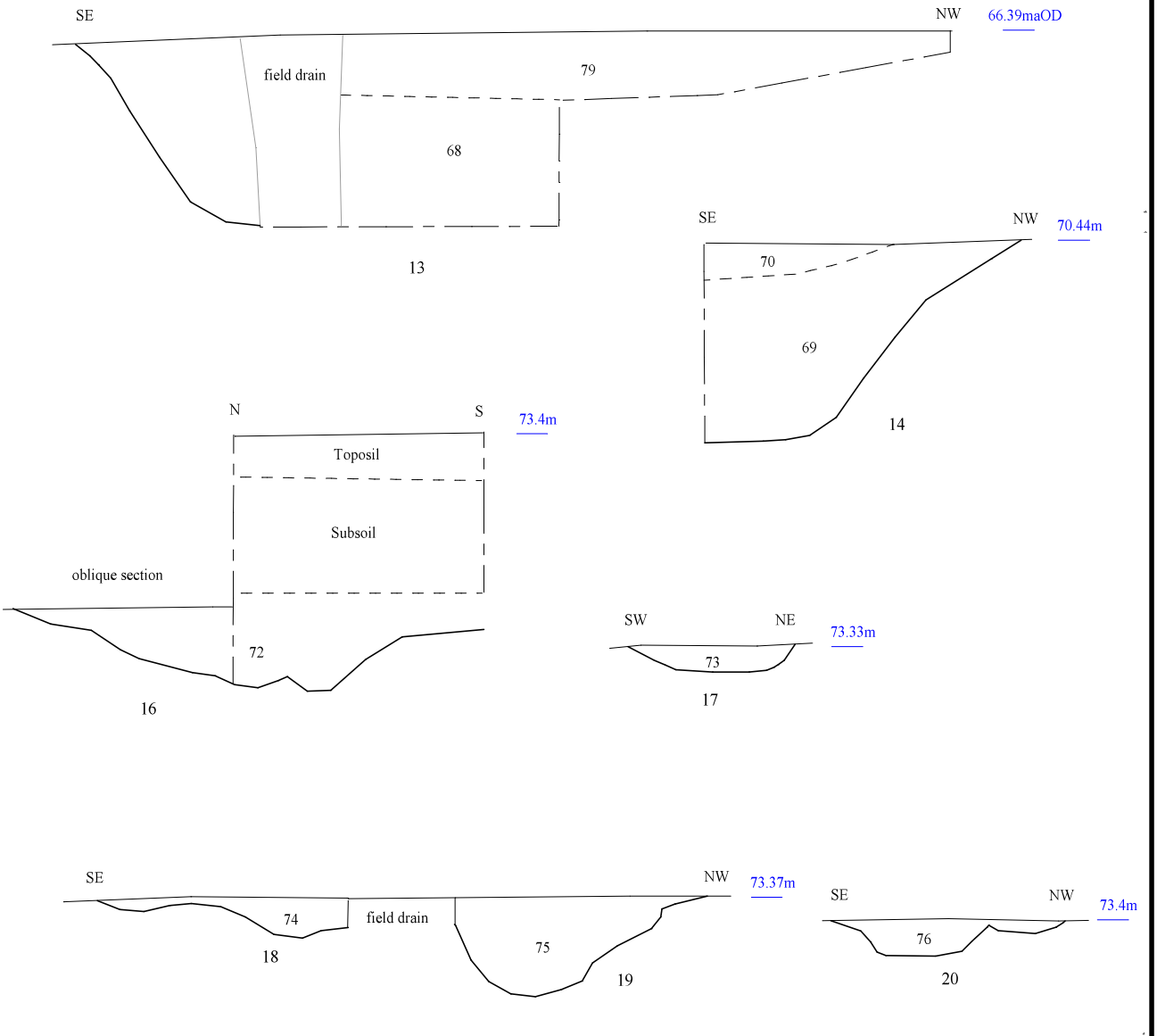

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Figure 7. Sections.

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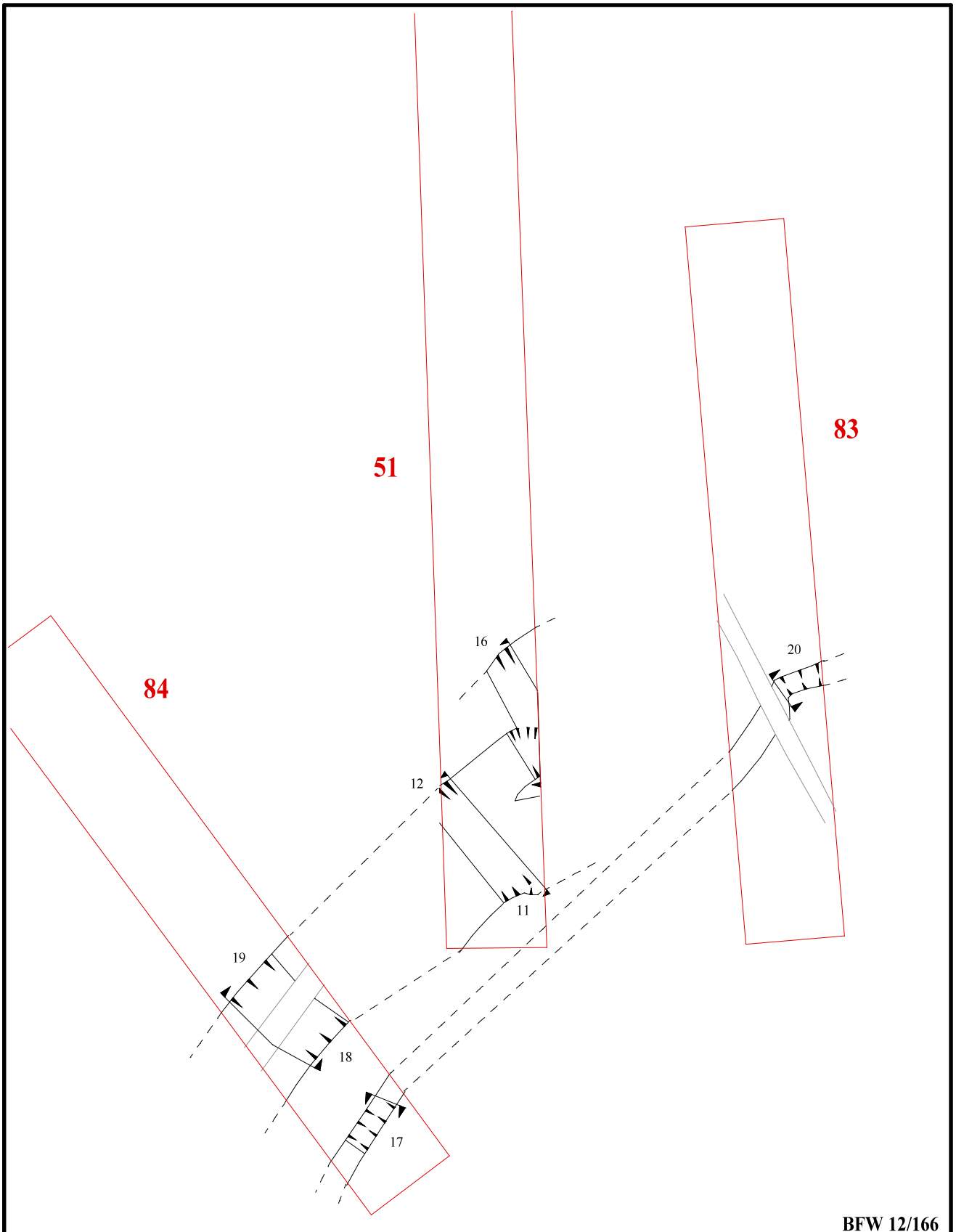

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Figure 8. Trench detail showing Medieval features

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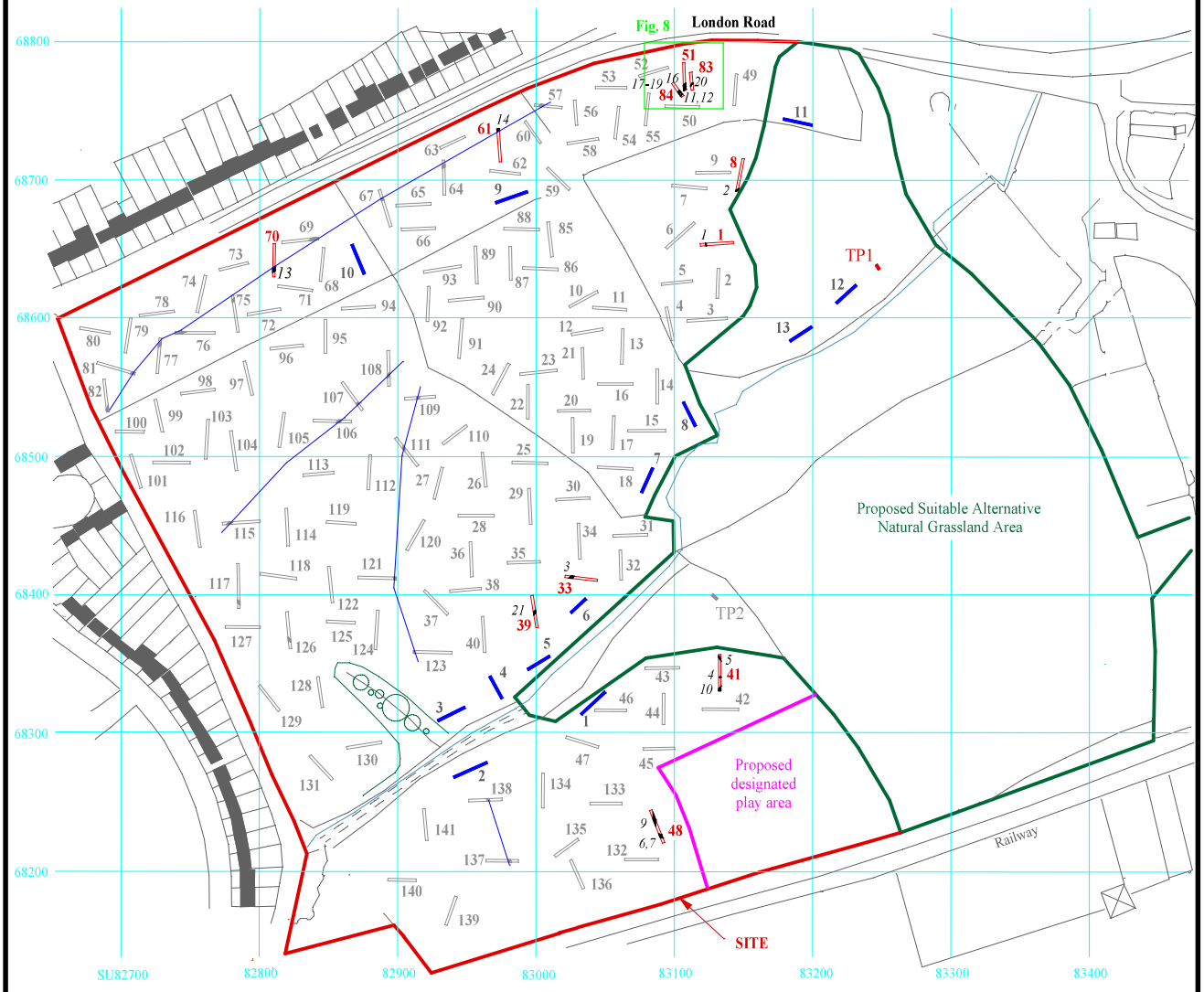

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Figure 9. Location of trenches revealing features.

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Plate 1. Trench 41, ditch 10, looking north east, Scales: 1m and 0.3m.

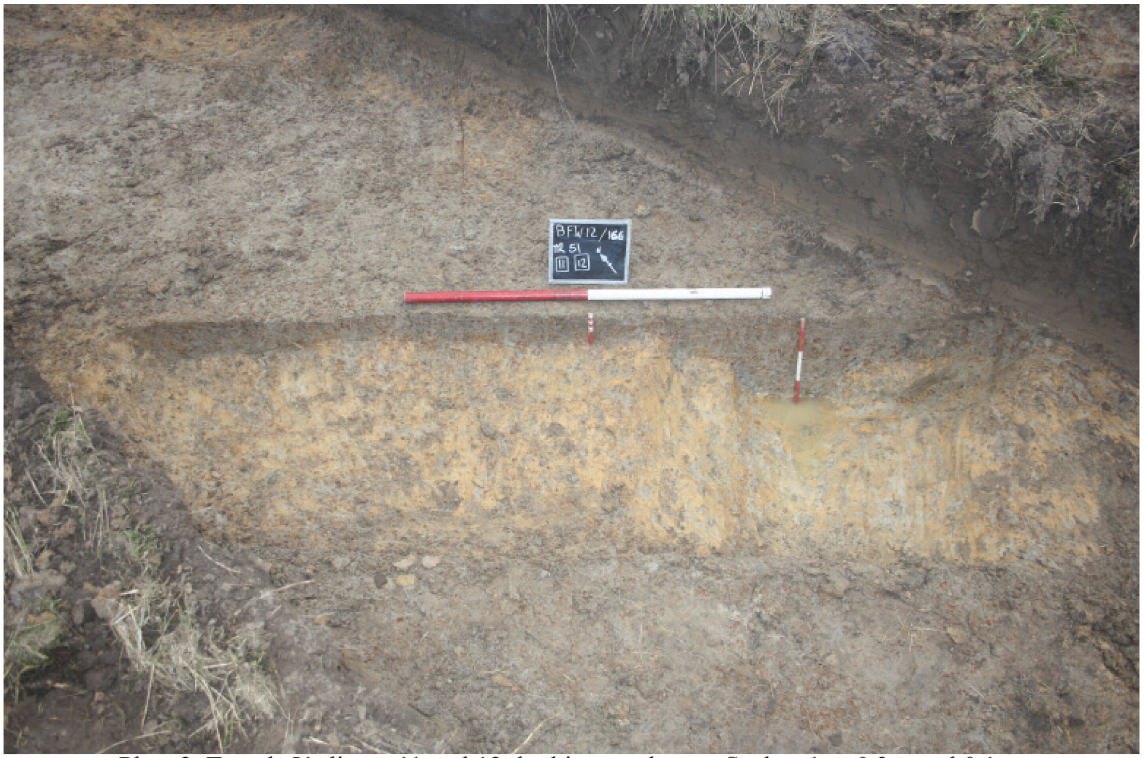

Plate 2. Trench 51, linear 11 and 12, looking north east, Scales: 1m, 0.3m and 0.1m.

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Plates 1 and 2.

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Plate 3. Trench 61, ditch 14, looking south west, Scales: 1m and 0.3m.


Plate 4. Trench 83, looking north, Scales: 2m and 1m.

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Plates 3 and 4.

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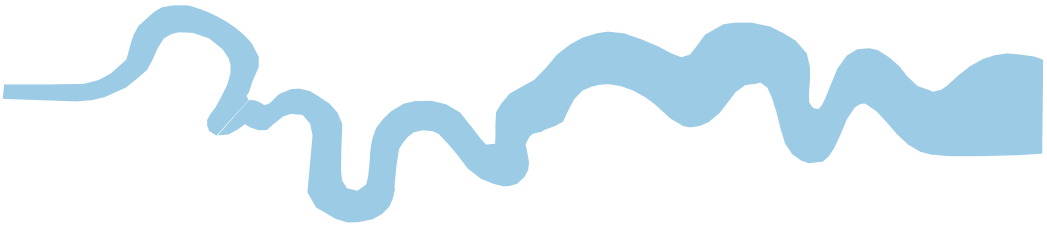
Plate 5. Trench 84, looking north west, Scales: 2m, 1m and 0.5m.

Plate 6. Trench 84, ditches 18 and 19, looking south west, Scales: 1m and 0.5m.

TIME CHART

	Calendar Years
Modern	AD 1901
Victorian	AD 1837
Post Medieval	AD 1500
Medieval	AD 1066
Saxon	AD 410
Roman	AD 43
Iron Age	BC/AD 750 BC
Bronze Age: Late	1300 BC
Bronze Age: Middle	1700 BC
Bronze Age: Early	2100 BC
Neolithic: Late	3300 BC
Neolithic: Early	4300 BC
Mesolithic: Late	6000 BC
Mesolithic: Early	10000 BC
Palaeolithic: Upper	30000 BC
Palaeolithic: Middle	70000 BC
Palaeolithic: Lower	2,000,000 BC



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