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**Archaeological Watching Brief**

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**(SU 7320 5191)**

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## Summary

**Site name:** Albion Yard, Hook Road, North Warnborough, Odiham, Hampshire

**Grid reference:** SU 7320 5191

**Site activity:** Watching Brief

**Date and duration of project:** 28th October 2013

**Project manager:** Steve Ford

**Site supervisor:** Andy Taylor

**Site code:** AYW 13/96

**Area of site:** c.140 sq m

**Summary of results:** No deposits or finds of archaeological interest were observed, however ground reduction for the new foundations was insufficient to expose the archaeologically relevant levels

**Location and reference of archive:** The archive is presently held at Thames Valley Archaeological Services, Reading and will be deposited with Hampshire Museum Service in due course.

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**Report 13/96**

## **Introduction**

This report documents the results of an archaeological watching brief carried out at Albion Yard, Hook Road, North Warnborough, Odiham, Hampshire (SU 7320 5191) (Fig. 1). The work was commissioned by Mr John Champion of Wycliffe House, Hook Road, North Warnborough, Hook, Hampshire, RG29 1EU. Planning consent (13/00355/FUL) has been gained from Hart District Council to build two new semi-detached houses. The consent is subject to a condition relating to archaeology.

This is in accordance with the Department for Communities and Local Government's *National Planning Policy Framework* (NPPF 2012) and the District Council's policies on archaeology. The field investigation was carried out to a specification approved by Dr Hannah Fluck, Senior Archaeologist with Hampshire County Council, advisers to the District on matters relating to archaeology. The fieldwork was undertaken by Andy Taylor on the 28th October 2013 and the site code is AYW 13/96.

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## **Location, topography and geology**

The site is located on the northern edge of North Warnborough and the western side of Hook Road and is currently occupied by a grassed area and a Tarmacadamed car park (Fig. 2). The underlying geology is mapped as Low Level Terrace Deposits (BGS 1978), although the natural geology was not reached in the stripped area. The site lies at a height of c.75m above Ordnance Datum.

## **Archaeological background**

The archaeological potential of the site has been highlighted in a briefing note prepared by Dr Fluck of Hampshire County Council. In summary, the potential of the site stems from its location close to the historic (medieval) centre of North Warnborough. The village is not mentioned in Domesday Book of 1086 (Williams and Martin 2002) though its presumed parent settlement is. The area is designated an Area of High

Archaeological Potential in the historic rural settlement survey of the county. However, a recent watching brief 30m to the west of the proposal site did not reveal any deposits of archaeological interest (Taylor 2013).

## **Objectives and methodology**

The purpose of the watching brief was to excavate and record any archaeological deposits threatened by the proposed works. This was to involve the examination of all areas of intrusive groundworks but principally foundation and service trenches. An area was to be reduced for a concrete raft rather than foundation trenches.

## **Results**

The reduced area (Pl. 1) measured 12.30m x 12.50m and was dug to a depth of 0.44m (Figs 3 and 4). The stratigraphy observed consisted of 0.26m of topsoil overlying 0.18m of brown silty clay subsoil on the eastern side of the site. The full extent of the subsoil was not stripped and the natural geology, anticipated to be a clayey gravel as experienced next door to the west, was not observed. On the western side 0.26m of gravel and Tarmac overlying 0.14m of mid grey brown silty clay. The latter contained fragments of china and brick and tile, none of which was retained.

## **Finds**

No finds of an archaeological nature were recovered during the watching brief.

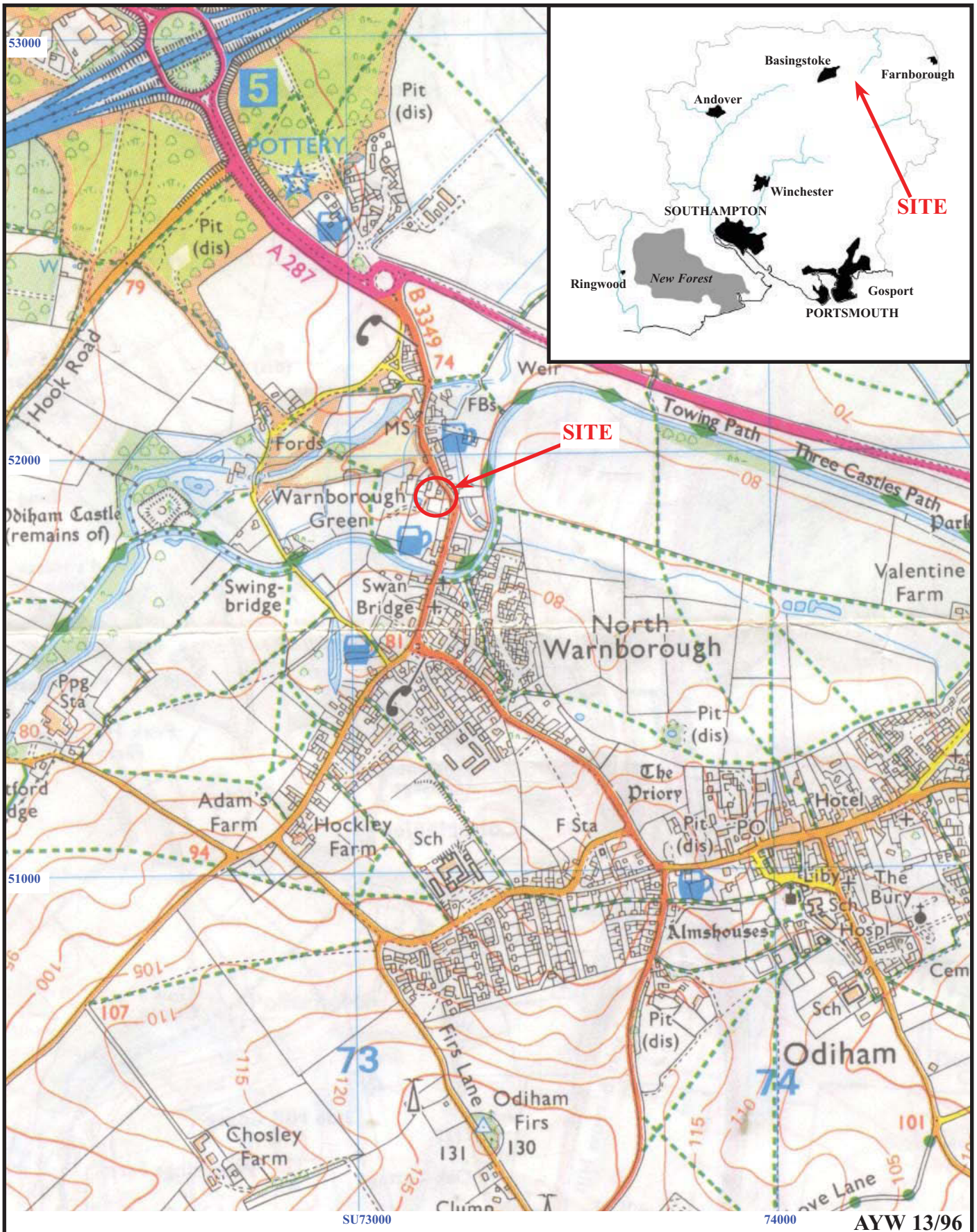
## **Conclusion**

Despite the modest potential for archaeological features to be present on the site, the watching brief did not identify any deposits or finds of an archaeological nature. However, the excavations for the new foundations were shallow and did not fully remove overlying subsoil deposits. and archaeological features could survive beneath. There were no service runs to monitor as these linked into existing nearby services and were to be in relatively shallow ground within the site.

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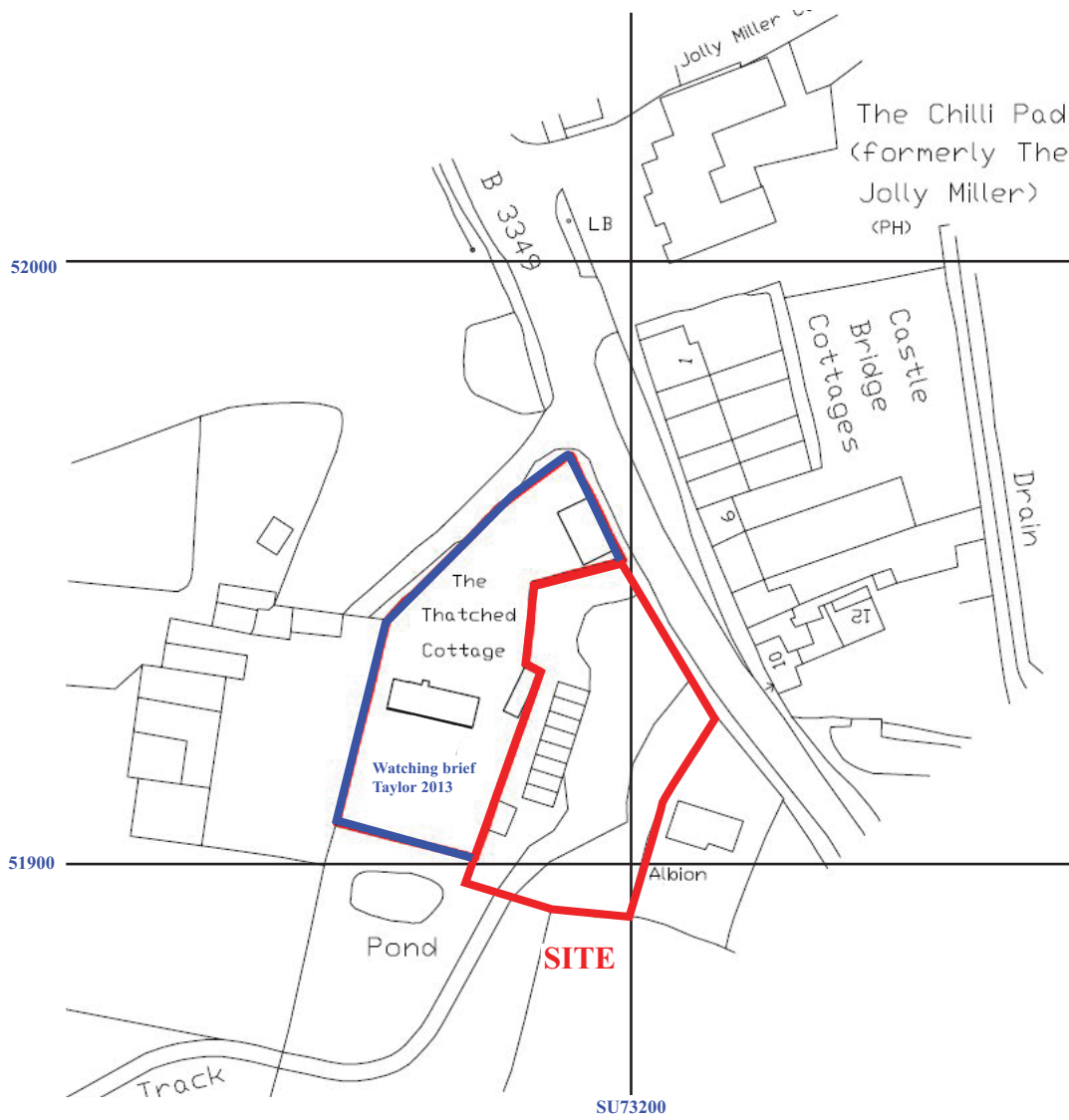


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Figure 1. Location of site within North Warnborough and Hampshire.

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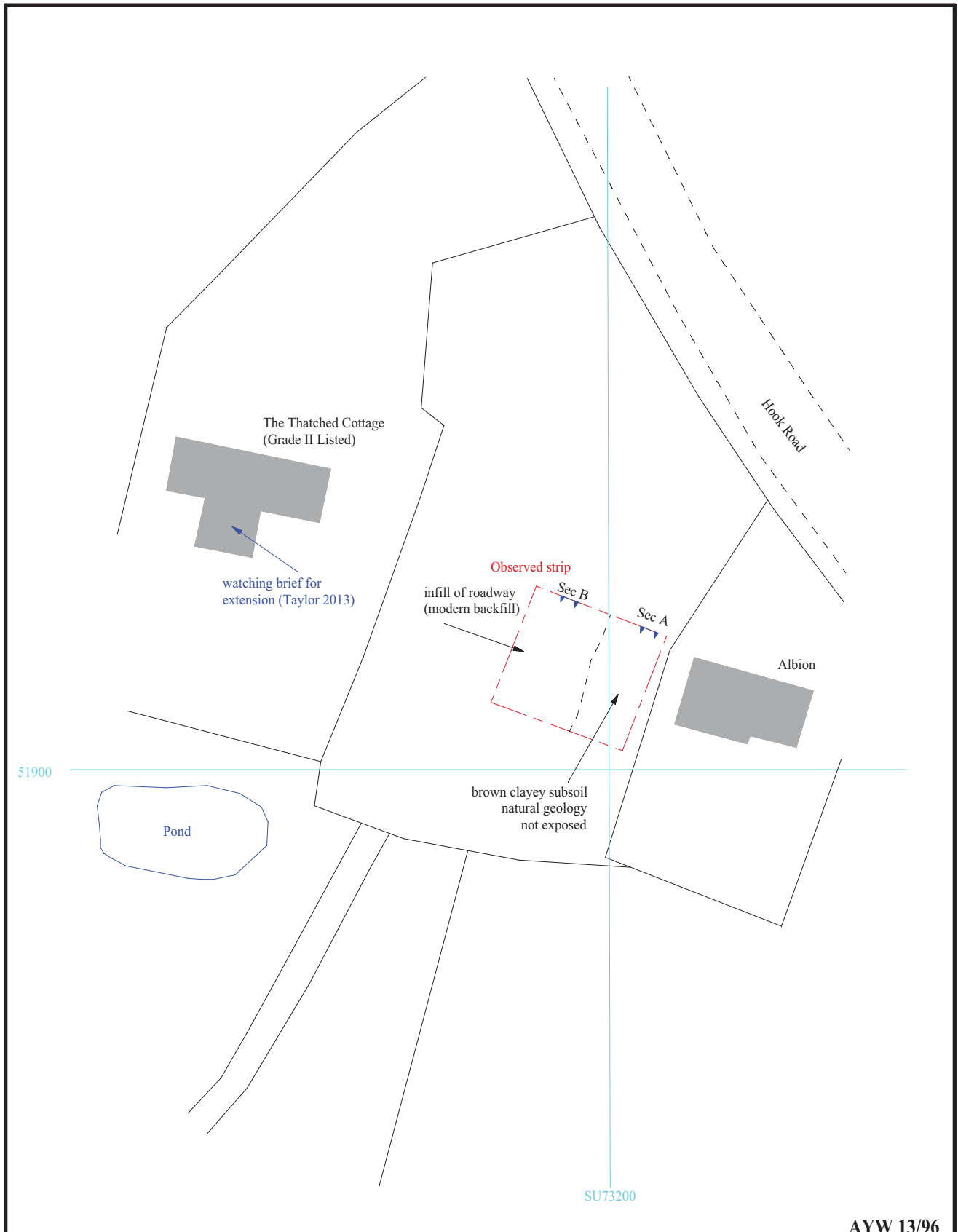


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 Figure 2. Detailed location of site.

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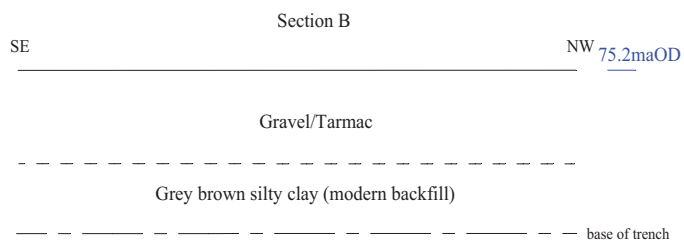
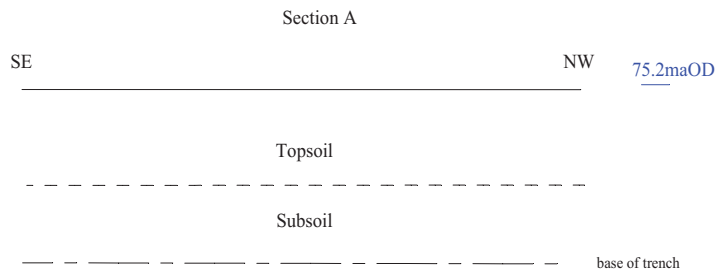
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Figure 3. Location of observed strip.



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Figure 4. Section.



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Plate 1. Stripping progress, looking south east, Scales: 2m, 1m and 0.5m.

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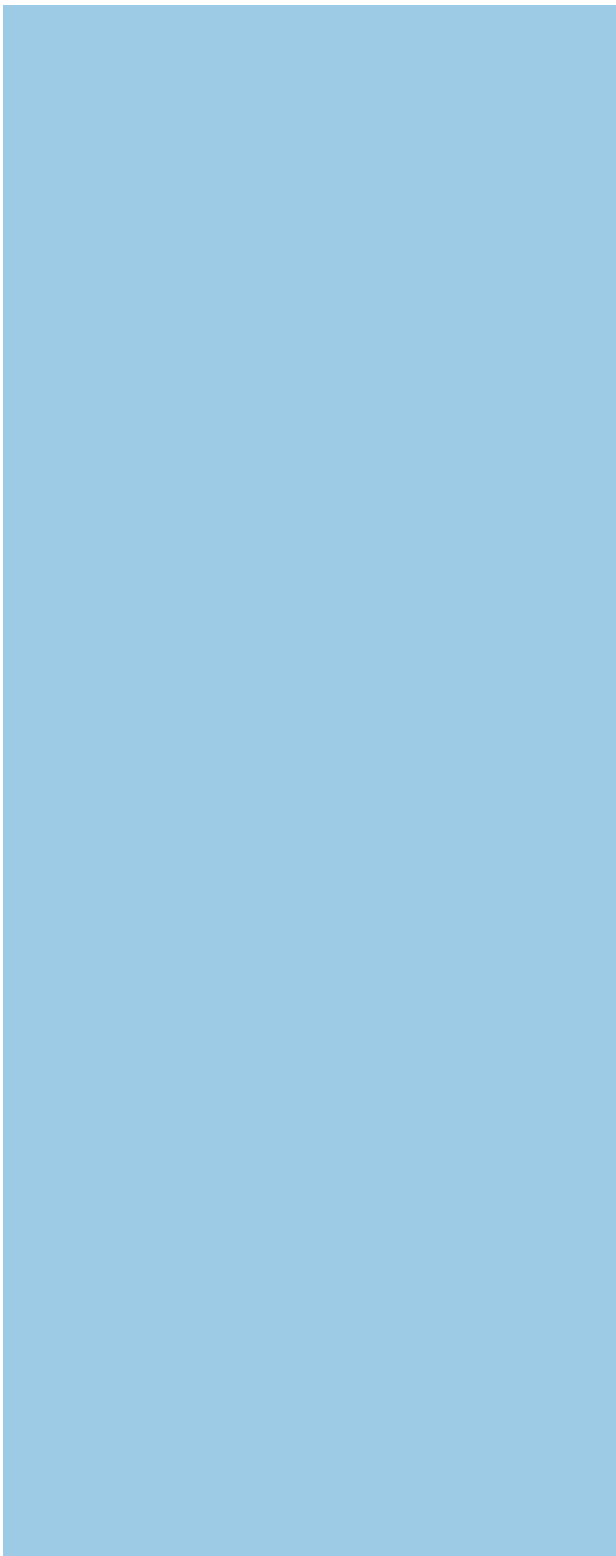
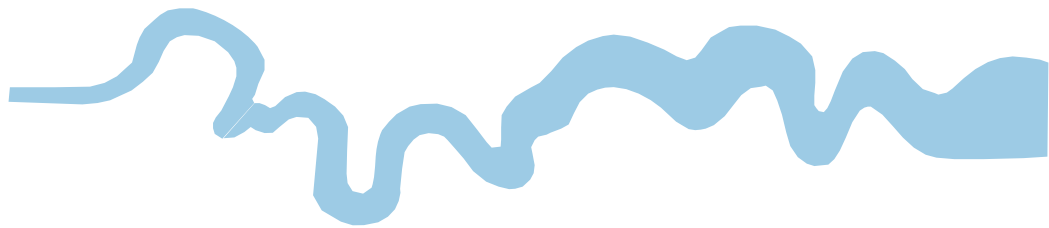
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## TIME CHART

	<b>Calendar Years</b>
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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