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**Archaeological Watching Brief**

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**(SU 8496 8047)**

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## Summary

**Site name:** Land north of A4 to the east of Burchett's Green Lane, Bath Road, Littlewick Green, Maidenhead, Berkshire

**Grid reference:** SU 8496 8047

**Site activity:** Watching Brief

**Date and duration of project:** 17th May 2016

**Project manager:** Steve Ford

**Site supervisor:** Kyle Beaverstock

**Site code:** BRB 15/220

**Summary of results:** No archaeological features were observed during the course of the watching brief in the area for the agricultural building.

**Location and reference of archive:** The archive is presently held at Thames Valley Archaeological Services, Reading and will be deposited with an approved local museum willing to accept the material.

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## Introduction

This report documents the results of an archaeological watching brief carried out at Land north of A4 to the east of Burchett's Green Lane, Bath Road, Littlewick Green, Maidenhead, Berkshire (SU 8496 8047) (Fig. 1). The work was commissioned by Mr Phil Harding, 96 Branksome Hill Road, College Town, Sandhurst, Berkshire GU47 0QG.

Planning permission (14/00677) has been gained on appeal (APP/T0355/A/14/2222) from the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead for the construction of a number of small scale agricultural buildings. The consent included a condition (3) relating to archaeology which requires that a watching brief be carried out during the groundworks.

This is in accordance with the Department for Communities and Local Government's *National Planning Policy Framework* (NPPF 2012) and the Borough's policies on archaeology. The field investigation was carried out to a specification approved by Mr Roland Smith, Archaeology Officer from Berkshire Archaeology. The fieldwork was undertaken by Kyle Beaverstock on 17th May 2016 and the site code is BRB 15/220.

The archive is presently held at Thames Valley Archaeological Services, Reading and will be deposited with an approved local museum willing to accept the material.

## Location, topography and geology

The site is located in a paddock on the north side of the A4, west of Maidenhead Thicket and east of Burchett's Green Lane (Fig. 2). The site lies on level ground at a height of c. 47m above Ordnance Datum) with an underlying geology of upper chalk ( BGS 1999) which was the geology that was observed on site.

## Archaeological background

In summary, the site lies close to the site of a suspected Bronze Age round barrow located within Maidenhead Thicket to the east, which is a scheduled monument. There is a possibility of contemporary occupation deposits in the vicinity. Further afield, an Iron Age enclosure (Robin Hoods Arbor) and a linear ditch with Iron Age

occupation are recorded to the north east also within Maidenhead Thicket (Cotton 1961; Bowden 1983) with a probable Bronze Age burnt mound to the north west (Ford 1987) and prehistoric occupation also to the north (Bosimier 1995).

## **Objectives and methodology**

The purpose of the watching brief was to excavate and record any archaeological deposits affected by the groundworks. This was to involve examination of all areas of intrusive groundworks, in particular the stripping of overburden and the digging of foundation trenches and service runs. Any archaeological deposits threatened by the groundworks were to be excavated and recorded with sufficient time allowed within the groundworks schedule without causing undue delay.

## **Results**

The footprint for the agricultural building was fully stripped of topsoil and subsoil under archaeological supervision (Fig. 3) (Pl. 1). The stripping was carried out by a machine fitted with a toothless ditching bucket. The stratigraphy showed 0.15m of topsoil overlying 0.20m subsoil overlying a pale chalk with occasional flint nodules which was the natural geology (Fig. 4) (Pl. 2). No evidence of archaeological features or deposits was observed.

## **Finds**

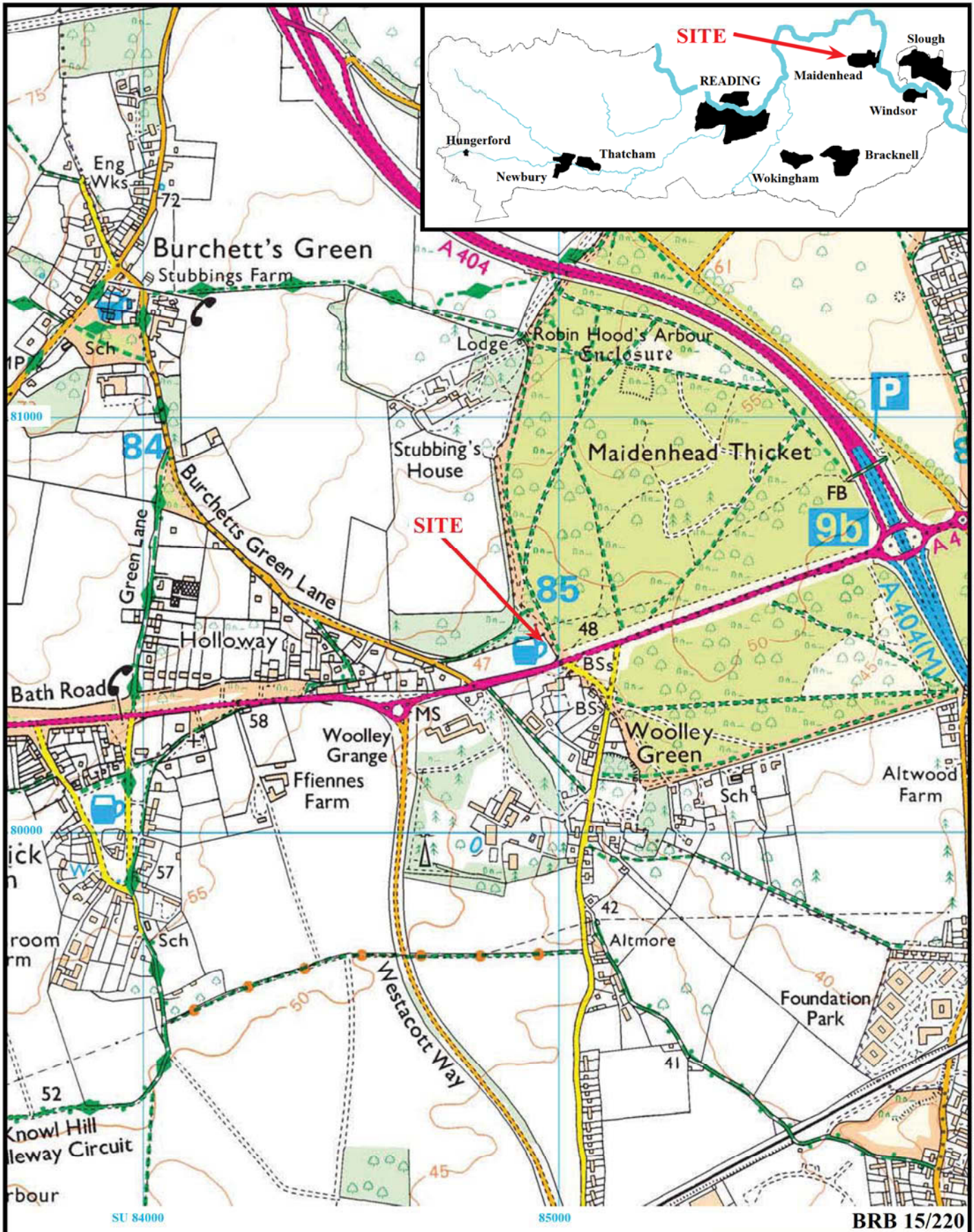
No finds of archaeological interest were recovered.

## **Conclusion**

Despite the potential for archaeological deposits being present in the area, no features or finds of archaeological significance were observed during the groundworks.

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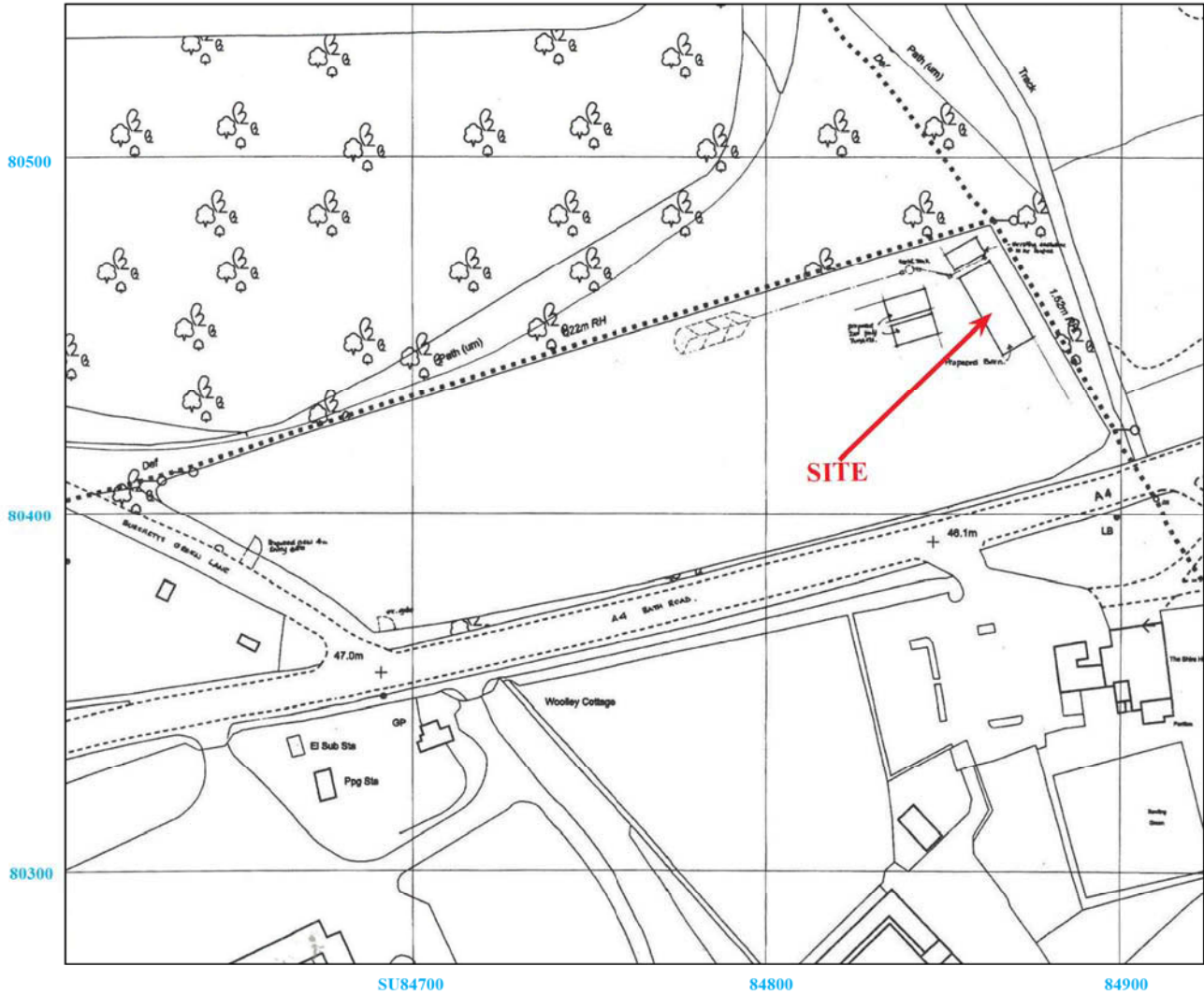
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Figure 1. Location of site within Littlewick Green and Berkshire

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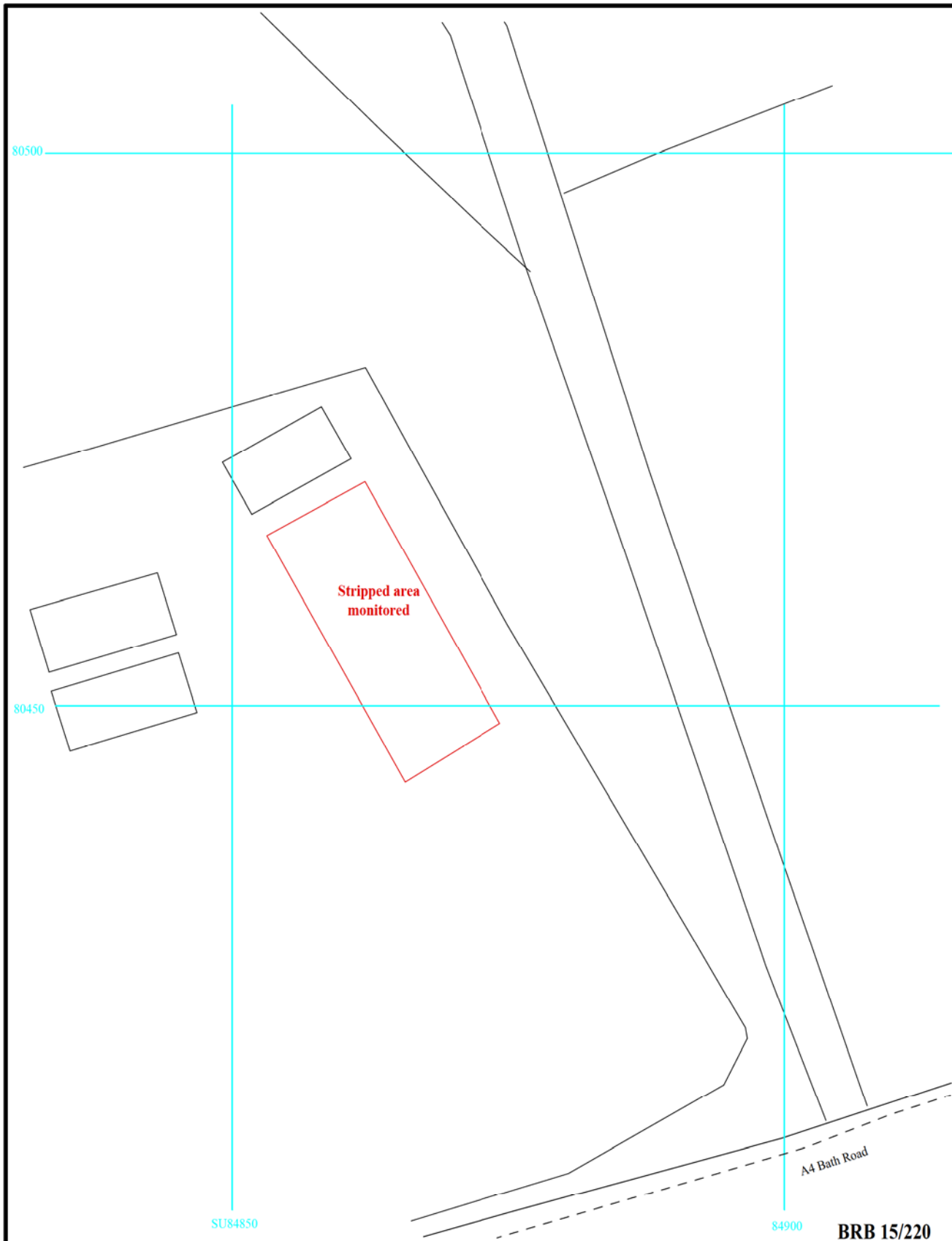


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 Figure 2. Detailed location of site off Bath Road.

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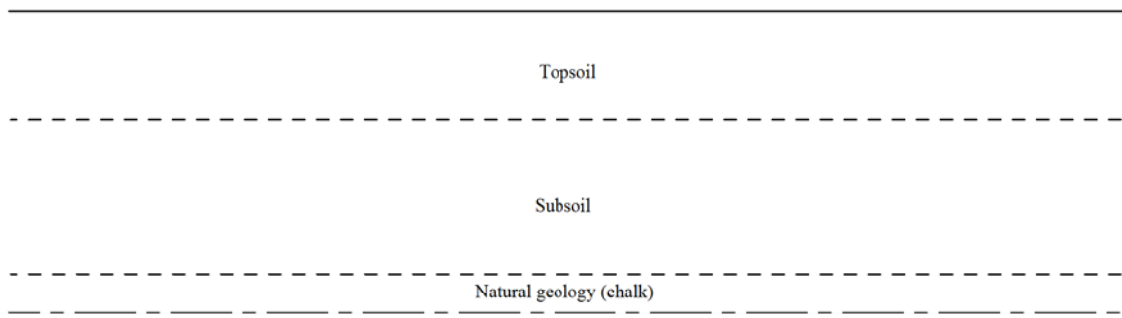


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Figure 3. Detailed site plan showing stripped area



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Figure 4. Representative section



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Plate 1. Stripped area, looking west, Scales: 1m and 2m.



Plate 2. Stratigraphy, looking north west, Scales: 0.5m and 1m.

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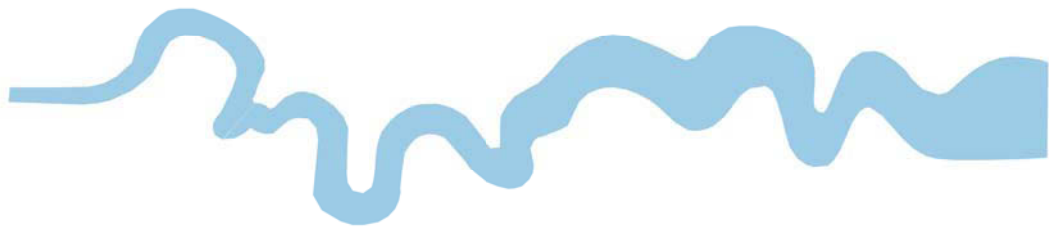
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Plates 1 - 2.

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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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