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Summary

Site name: Land North of Aylesbury Road, Tring, Hertfordshire

Grid reference: SP 9105 1124

Site activity: Evaluation

Date and duration of project: 5th August to 12th September 2019

Project coordinator: Tim Dawson

Site supervisor: Pierre-Damien Manisse

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Area of site: about 13.13ha

Summary of results: A total of 95 trial trenches were opened with only minor variations compared to the proposed locations. Potential archaeological features were seen in a limited number of them (13) and includes some very shallow gullies, 2 possible furrows and 3 ditches, all undated except for a single ditch slot containing a small fragment of pottery dating to the Iron Age (probably) or Saxon (possibly) period but which does not necessarily date the feature. A single prehistoric flint flake was also recovered, also unlikely to date the feature.it was recovered from All in all, these results, supported by the results of the previous evaluation and geophysics survey indicate that that the archaeological potential of the site is low.

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

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Introduction

This report documents the results of an archaeological field evaluation carried out at land to the north of Aylesbury road, Tring, Hertfordshire (centred on SP 91049 11238) (Fig. 1). The work was commissioned by Ms Vikki Roe of CALA Homes (Chiltern) Ltd, Gemini House, Mercury Park, Wooburn Green, Buckinghamshire HP10 0HH.

Planning consent (4/00958/18/MFA) has been granted by Dacorum Borough Council for the development of several pieces of land between Icknield Way and Aylesbury Road, partly for new housing but also as part of the town cemetery extension, associated facilities (car park, toilet block) and a public open space. A condition was attached, pertaining to archaeology, that stated that a programme of archaeological work was required. This is in accordance with the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government's *National Planning Policy Framework* (NPPF 2012) and Dacorum Borough Council's policies on archaeology. The field investigation was carried out to a specification approved by Mr Simon Wood, Historic Environment advisor for Hertfordshire County Council, advising the Borough. The fieldwork was undertaken by Pierre-Damien Manisse, Anne-Michelle Huvig and Andy Taylor, between 5th August and 12th September 2019. The site code is ART 18/04. The archive is presently held at Thames Valley Archaeological Services, Reading and will be deposited with Dacorum Heritage Trust in due course.

Location, topography and geology

The site is located just beyond the western edge of Tring, Hertfordshire, between Icknield Way (B488) and Aylesbury Road (B4635) (Fig. 1). It comprises several pieces of land, currently used as arable lands/meadows or for horse pastures, separated by hedgerows (Fig. 2). To the west it is bordered by further pastures, to the east by some residential properties or commercial units. In the south-east corner lies Tring's cemetery. It can be accessed by the aforementioned streets and also through a gate in Beaconsfield Road. It encompasses a total of 13.13ha, of which the north-west part (2.25ha) was to be almost untouched by the development. The underlying geology as recorded on maps (BGS 1990) as Middle Chalk (white chalk with few flints). The site gently slopes down

from north (*c*. 163m above Ordnance Datum) to south (*c*. 159m aOD at south-west and *c.* 155m aOD at south-east).

Archaeological background

The sites' archaeological potential was highlighted in two desk-based assessments (Hunn 2013; Baljkas 2018), where a more detailed account of the archaeological environment can be found. To sum up, though scattered isolated finds and a moderate amount of sites are known for the prehistoric and historic periods in the vicinity, the site's detailed potential remains unknown. A historic hedgerow on the western edge of the site marked the old limit between Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire. The southern limit, Aylesbury road, corresponds more or less to Akeman Street, the Roman route between *Verulamium* (St Albans) and *Corinium Dobunnorum* (Cirencester).

Prior to this investigation, other projects had targeted the site. A geophysical survey (Stratascan 2013) revealed a paucity of anomalies. This was confirmed by an initial evaluation programme (ASC 2013) which revealed only an undated NNW-SSE ditch close to the eastern edge of the site.

Objectives and methodology

The purpose of the evaluation was to determine the presence/absence, extent, condition, character, quality, state of preservation, importance and date of any archaeological or palaeo-environmental deposits within the area of development. More specifically, this project intends to:

determine the presence and survival of any archaeological levels; and

provide sufficient information to decide on a further course of action if necessary

It was proposed to dig 95 trenches, between 1.6-2m wide and 25m long so as to sample 4% of the field. They were to be randomly positioned but avoid previous trial trenches. This work was to be done under constant archaeological supervision with an appropriate mechanical excavator, fitted with a bladed bucket. Spoilheaps would be monitored for finds. Any archaeological feature(s) were to be hand cleaned, dug, photographed and sampled in a way to satisfy the aims of the project. The evaluation will follow the standards described by the CIfA (CIfA 2014).

Results

Trenches were excavated using a 360° 13-ton tracked excavator as close as possible to their proposed locations (Fig. 2). The orientations of Trenches 5, 6, 10, 37 were modified. Trench 76 was moved between Trenches 68 and 74, Trench 13 was also displaced as well as trenches 12 and 29 (renumbered = 96) to avoid previous

trenches or due to site constraints. An extra trench was dug (97) as present on the pre-evaluation map on the GPS. The trenches all measured 1.80m wide, except trenches 1-8, which were excavated using a 4.7-ton Kubota with a 1.5m wide bucket. Their length ranged between 24.40m and 27.80m. They were generally very shallow, between 0.25m and 0.40m deep, with the exception of the lowest trenches on this hill slope, that had accumulated more sediments.

Cooperation with a local metal detectorist to check the spoil heaps did not yield more any evidence and only scrap metals were found.

The deepest deposit encountered was nodular chalk (53) within a scarce light brown silty matrix, which matches the geological map. In the lowest part of the fields, towards Aylesbury Road, another transitional geological deposit was considered (52). It was a mid brown silt with very frequent chalk flecks that could be considered as the upper geology and the result of weathered chalk hillwash. Not present everywhere, mostly in the north-eastern field was subsoil (51) above (53). It was a light to mid brown silt with occasional chalk flecks. It could reflect ploughwash deposits as not only encountered more frequently towards the lowest part of the fields but also on the eastern edge. Elsewhere the natural geology was directly topped by topsoil (50), a dark grey silt with rare small limestone inclusions (<0.05m), usually between 0.23-0.32m thick. Modern north-south plough scars were frequently seen in the central and western (arable) fields. Excavated topsoil and lower deposits were piled separately on each side of the trenches. On job completion, trenches were backfilled as instructed by CALA Homes.

A complete list of trenches giving lengths, breadths, depths and a description of sections and geology is given in Appendix 1. The excavated features, with detail of any dating evidence, are summarized in Appendix 2.

Trench 1 (Figs 2, 3 and 5; Pl. 24)

Trench 1 was aligned E - W and was 25.90m long and on average 0.58m deep (deeper at west than at east). The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.26m of topsoil (50), above 0.24m of subsoil (51) overlying upper geology (52). An undated ditch, 19, had a concave profile with moderate sides. It measured 0.70m wide and 0.16m deep. It was seen for at least 5m, aligned ESE-WNW. Fill (73) was a firm light to mid brown clayey silt with occasional chalk flecks and rare small stones (<0.05m). What might have been another ditch (20) at the west end of the trench was in fact a modern path and was not excavated.

Trench 2 (Figs 2, 3 and 5; Pls 20, 23)

Trench 2 was aligned SSW - NNE and was 26.30m long and up to 0.70m deep, depth decreasing towards the north end. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.26m of topsoil (50), 0.40m of subsoil (51), overlying upper

geology (52). a single ESE-WNW ditch (18) was noted, roughly aligned on ditch 19 from Trench 1. It was however much more substantial, 1.50m wide in section and 0.30m deep. Its profile was concave with gentle sides. It was filled with (72), a sterile light to mid yellow-brown clayey silt with rare chalk inclusions.

Trench 3

Trench 3 was aligned E - W and was 26.60m long and 0.31m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25-0.28m of topsoil (50), 0.08m of subsoil (51) overlying upper geology (52). No features or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 4 (Figs 2, 3 and 5; Pl. 22)

Trench 4 was aligned SE - NW and was 26m long and 1.24m deep. The stratigraphy at the south end consisted of about 0.30m of topsoil (50), 0.40m of subsoil (51) overlying upper geology (52). The presence of a linear feature, 17, aligned ESE-WNW, was noted. It was 1.28m long and had a depth of 0.42m. It had a concave profile with irregular slopes. Fill (71) was a firm whitish-brown clayey silt with occasional chalk flecks. No dating evidence was present.

Trench 5 (Pl. 19)

Trench 5 was aligned SW - NE and was 25.20m long and 0.48m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25m of topsoil (50), 0.16m of subsoil (51) overlaying the upper geology (52). No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 6

Trench 6 was aligned ESE - WNW and was 25.40m long and 0.35m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.32m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology (53). No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 7

Trench 7 was aligned S - N and was 25.50m long. It was 0.42m deep at south but only 0.20m deep at north. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.26m of topsoil (50), 0.15m of subsoil only present in the first 14.60m, overlying upper geology (52) in lower half and lower geology (53) in the other half. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 8

Trench 8 was aligned ESE - WNW and was 27.80m long and 0.40m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.18m of topsoil (50), 0.20m of subsoil (51) overlying natural geology (53). No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 9

Trench 9 was aligned SE - NW and was 27.80m long and 0.31m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.30m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. A bit of colluvium was visible in south-east end of the trench for three meters. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 10

Trench 10 was aligned WNW - ESE and was 25.80m long and 0.35m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.34m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 11

Trench 11 was aligned W - E and was 27.25m long and 0.30m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.26m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 12

Trench 12 was aligned SW - NE and was 27.70m long and 0.32m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.28m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 13

Trench 13 was aligned almost S-N and was 25.20m long and 0.26m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 14

Trench 14 was aligned SE - NW and was 27.55m long and 0.29m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.26m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 15

Trench 15 was aligned W - E and was 28m long and 0.26m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 16

Trench 16 was aligned S - N and was 26m long and 0.31m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.30m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 17 (Pl. 7)

Trench 17 was aligned W - E and was 25.15m long and 0.31m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.30m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 18

Trench 18 was aligned W - E and was 26.70m long and 0.26m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 19

Trench 19 was aligned NNW - SSE and was 27.20m long and 0.25m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.23m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 20

Trench 20 was aligned SW - NE and was 26.40m long and 0.26m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 21

Trench 21 was aligned NW - SE and was 25m long and 0.30m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.28m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 22

Trench 22 was aligned SE - NW and was 26.70m long and 0.30m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 23

Trench 23 was aligned W - E and was 25.40m long and 0.30m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 24

Trench 24 was aligned NW - SE and was 26.10m long and 0.32m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.28m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 25

Trench 25 was aligned S - N and was 28.75m long and 0.26m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 26

Trench 26 was aligned SSE - NNW and was 24.85m long and 0.29m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 27

Trench 27 was aligned SSW - NNE and was 26.05m long and 0.31m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.28m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 28

Trench 28 was aligned WNW - ESE and was 25.10m long and 0.30m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.28m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 29 was moved and renumbered 96 (see below).

Trench 30

Trench 30 was aligned W - E and was 26.05m long and 0.34m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.32m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 31

Trench 31 was aligned SSE - NNW and was 26.20m long and 0.26m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 32

Trench 32 was aligned WNW - ESE and was 26m long and 0.30m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.28m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 33

Trench 33 was aligned W - E and was 26.60m long and 0.31m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.30m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 34

Trench 34 was aligned S - N and was 26.50m long and 0.31m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.28m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 35

Trench 35 was aligned W - E and was 27.30m long and 0.31m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.30m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 36

Trench 36 was aligned SE - NW and was 25.90m long and 0.41m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.21m of topsoil (50) overlying up to 0.20m of subsoil (51) in the SE half of the trench. Natural geology was found below. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 37

Trench 37 was aligned SW - NE and was 24.80m long and 0.29m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.18m of topsoil (50), 0.11m of subsoil (51) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 38

Trench 38 was aligned S - N and was 24.80m long and 0.45m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.26m of topsoil (50), 0.18m subsoil (51) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 39

Trench 39 was aligned ESE - WNW and was 25.70m long and 0.34m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.22m of topsoil (50), 0.12m subsoil (51) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological

interest were encountered. The accumulation of subsoil in trenches 36-39 can be understood as they were positioned at the lowest part of one of the fields.

Trench 40

Trench 40 was aligned SSE - NNW and was 25.05m long and 0.26m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 41 (Figs2, 3 and 5; Pl.16)

Trench 41 was aligned W - E and was 25.20m long and 0.25m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. At 13m from the west end of the trench, ditch 10 was aligned SSE-NNW. It was 2m wide and 0.60m deep. It had moderate slopes and a slightly rounded base. It was filled with a single sterile homogeneous fill (64), that could represent in fact several phases of infill by natural hillwash. It was a firm light to mid greyish brown silt with common chalk flecks (<0.10m). Sieving of a soil sample produced a single struck flint of only broadly prehistoric date.

Trench 42

Trench 42 was aligned SSE - NNW and was 27.20m long and 0.32m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25m of topsoil (50), 0.05m of subsoil (51) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 43

Trench 43 was aligned W - E and was 26.20m long and 0.26m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 44

Trench 44 was aligned W - E and was 26.60m long and 0.26m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 45

Trench 45 was aligned S - N and was 26.60m long and 0.26m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 46

Trench 46 was aligned W - E and was 25.50m long and 0.28m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.18m of topsoil (50), 0.10m of subsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 47

Trench 47 was aligned S - N and was 25.40m long and 0.22m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.22m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 48

Trench 48 was aligned W - E and was 24.90m long and 0.26m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 49 (Figs 2, 3 and 5; Pl. 3)

Trench 49 was aligned W - E and was 25m long and 0.30m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.28m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. At 12m from the west end of the trench, a dubious gully (9) was observed. It was 0.35m wide but only 0.08m deep at maximum. It was going S-N. It had a flattish base and very gentle sides. Its fill (63) was a firm light to mid greyish brown silt with rare small bits of chalk but devoid of any finds.

Trench 50

Trench 50 was aligned WSW - ENE and was 26.90m long and 0.25m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 51

Trench 51 was aligned SE - NW and was 25.80m long and 0.20m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.20m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 52 (Figs 2, 3 and 5; Pl. 4)

Trench 52 was aligned S - N and was 26m long and 0.24m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.24m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. At 6m from the south end of the trench, ditch 11 was recorded on a SSW-NNE orientation. It was 0.80m wide and 0.15m deep. It had moderate slopes and a flat base. It was filled by natural colluvium (65), the usual sterile light to mid greyish brown silt with scarce chalk bits but no finds.

Trench 53

Trench 53 was aligned SW - NE and was 24.40m long and up to 0.47m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25-0.30m of topsoil (50), 0.10-0.17m of subsoil (51) overlying natural geology. The subsoil was only present in the 2/3rd south-western part of the trench. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 54

Trench 54 was aligned SW - NE and was 26.90m long and 0.36m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25m of topsoil (50), 0-0.10m of subsoil (51), overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered. The subsoil was only present in the north-east part of the trench.

Trench 55 (Figs 2, 3 and 5; PL.15)

Trench 55 was aligned SSW - NNE and was 23.50m long and 0.46m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25m of topsoil (50), 0.20m of subsoil (51) overlying natural geology. The subsoil was only present in the northern part of the trench. A possible gully, 8, was recorded at 17m from the SSW end of the trench. It was

slightly curved but aligned almost E-W. It was very shallow, only 0.05m deep and 0.35m wide. Filling it was a firm light to mid greyish brown silt with rare bits of chalk (62), not providing any dating evidence.

Trench 56

Trench 56 was aligned W - E and was 26.70m long and 0.30-0.45m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.28m of topsoil (50), 0-0.16m of subsoil (51), overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered. The subsoil was only present in the eastern half of the trench.

Trench 57

Trench 57 was aligned S - N and was 25m long and 0.26m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.26m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 58

Trench 58 was aligned SW - NE and was 26.20m long and up to 0.40m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25m of topsoil (50), 0.05-0.15m of subsoil (51), overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 59

Trench 59 was aligned W - E and was 25.40m long and 0.26m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 60 Figs 2, 3 and 5; Pl. 8)

Trench 60 was aligned W - E and was 26.50m long and 0.45m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.22m of topsoil (50), 0.18m of subsoil (51), overlying natural geology. Between 8-8.50m from the west end, a test pit was observed. At 10m from the west end of the trench, ditch 12 was recorded. It was a linear feature going SSE-NNW, with moderate slopes and slightly rounded base. It was 1.85m wide and 0.54m deep. Fill (66) was the same as (64) previously described. It yielded a single pottery sherd, probably Iron Age.

Trench 61

Trench 61 was aligned SW - NE and was 23.50m long and 0.25m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 62

Trench 62 was aligned S - N and was 25.70m long and 0.30m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25-0.30m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 63

Trench 63 was aligned S - N and was 24.80m long and 0.24m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 64

Trench 64 was aligned WSW - ENE and was 28.50m long and 0.30m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.30m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 65 (Pl. 13)

Trench 65 was aligned WNW - ESE and was 26.70m long and 0.40m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25m of topsoil (50), 0.13m of subsoil (51) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 66

Trench 66 was aligned W - E and was 26.40m long and 0.25m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 67

Trench 67 was aligned SW - NE and was 25.20m long and 0.35m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25-0.30m of topsoil (50), 0-0.10m of subsoil (51) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered. Subsoil was only present towards the N-E end.

Trench 68

Trench 68 was aligned W - E and was 25m long and 0.26m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 69

Trench 69 was aligned SSE - NNW and was 25.50m long and 0.40-0.45m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.20-0.25m of topsoil (50), 0.15m of subsoil (51) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered. A very unclear superficial trace that could have been a continuation of a feature seen in trench 71 had been discarded as too ephemeral.

Trench 70

Trench 70 was aligned SE - NW and was 28.10m long and 0.36m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.22m of topsoil (50), 0.12m of subsoil (51) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 71 (Figs 2, 3 and 5; Pl. 9, 13)

Trench 71 was aligned W - E and was 26.70m long and 0.25m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.20-0.25m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. At 3m from the west end was shallow feature 13, 0.85m wide and 0.05m deep. It was interpreted as the truncated base of a possible furrow as seen wider in section. It was aligned SE-NW. A fragment of tile came from it. Fill 67 was a light to mid greyish brown silt with occasional chalk flecks and bits. At 17m from the west end of the trench was ditch 14, also on SE-NW line. It was 1.42m

wide and 0.50m deep. It had a V-shaped profile with a slightly rounded base. Both slopes were moderate but N-E side was steeper. It had a single sterile homogeneous fill, (68), equivalent to (64) but with no finds.

Trench 72 (Figs 2, 4 and 5; Pl. 18)

Trench 72 was aligned WSW - ENE and was 23m long and 0.25m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. A single feature was noted, ditch 15, visible from *c.*14m from the WSW end of the trench. It was linear, SSE-NNW aligned. It measured 1.47m wide and 0.42m deep. The west edge was moderately sloping with a step at mid-course while eastern side was steeper. The base was slightly rounded. Fill (69) was the same as (64).

Trench 73

Trench 73 was aligned SSE - NNW and was 25.60m long and 0.30m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.30m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 74

Trench 74 was aligned SSW - NNE and was 25.20m long and 0.20-0.25m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.20-0.25m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 75 (Figs 2, 4 and 5; Pl.21)

Trench 75 was aligned W - E and was 26.60m long and 0.46m deep maximum. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25m of topsoil (50), 0-0.20m of subsoil (51) overlying natural geology. The subsoil was only apparent at east end of the trench. At 11m from the west end was ditch 16, orientated SE-NW, with moderate slopes, irregular at NE, more straight at SW. Its base was slightly curved. Fill (70) was the same as (64) and again there were no finds.

Trench 76

Trench 76 was aligned SE - NW and was 25.30m long and 0.26m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 77

Trench 77 was aligned W - E and was 26m long and 0.32m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.30m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 78

Trench 78 was aligned SSE - NNW and was 25.80m long and 0.32m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.30m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 79 (Figs 2, 4 and 5; Pl. 10, 12)

Trench 79 was aligned W - E and was 26m long and 0.32m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.30m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. Some modern burnt rubbish was observed towards the eastern end. Two features were excavated, both very shallow. Less than 3m from the east end of the trench, gully 6 was 0.40m wide and just 0.04m deep. It was orientated almost N-S. It was not seen in further trenches. Parallel to it was ditch 5, 1.90m wide and also 0.04m deep. It was seen at 17m from east end. Considering its width, it might have been a furrow but the fact that it appeared isolated casts some doubt on this interpretation. Both features are undated. Their respective fills (59 and 58), are best described as firm light brown silt with common chalk fragments; 59 was only a little darker with supplementary scarce small limestone inclusions.

Trench 80

Trench 80 was aligned SW - NE and was 23.60m long and 0.31m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25-0.30m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 81

Trench 81 was aligned S - N and was 24.80m long and 0.31m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.30m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 82

Trench 82 was aligned SSE - NNW and was 24.80m long and 0.35m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.30m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 83

Trench 83 was aligned almost S - N and was 27.80m long and 0.38m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.30m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 84 (Figs 2, 4 and 5; Pl.11)

Trench 84 was almost aligned S - N and was 26.20m long and 0.31m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.30m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. A single feature was noted, a shallow narrow gully (4), 0.30m wide and 0.04m deep, aligned SSE-NNW. Though apparently isolated it could be the remnant of older truncated ploughmarks, orientated a bit differently from the modern one. No dating evidence came from fill 57, a firm light brown silt with occasional chalk flecks. It was also seen in Trench 87 as cut 3.

Trench 85

Trench 85 was aligned S - N and was 26.80m long and 0.35m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.30m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 86

Trench 86 was aligned SE - NW and was 24.70m long and 0.32m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.30m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 87 (Figs 2, 4 and 5; Pl. 6)

Trench 87 was aligned W - E and was 26.40m long and 0.31m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.30m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. At 16m from west end of the trench was gully 3, a continuation of 4 from trench 84. It was 0.35m wide and 0.04m deep. It had a sterile fill, (56), the same as (57).

Trench 88 (Pl. 1)

Trench 88 was aligned SSW - NNE and was 25.50m long and 0.34m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.30m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 89

Trench 89 was aligned SW - NE and was 27.70m long and 0.35m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.30m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 90

Trench 90 was aligned S - N and was 26m long and 0.26m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 91

Trench 91 was aligned SSE - NNW and was 27.30m long and 0.31m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.30m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 92

Trench 92 was aligned SE - NW and was 26.60m long and 0.31m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25-0.30m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 93

Trench 93 was aligned SSW - NNE and was 29.40m long and 0.31m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.30m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 94 (Figs 2, 4 and 5)

Trench 94 was aligned ESE - WNW and was 25.10m long and 0.40m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.30m of topsoil (50), 0.10m of subsoil (51) overlying natural geology. A S-N linear feature, [7], was considered at 20.5m from the SE end. It had very gentle slopes and a flattish base. It was 1.20m wide and 0.08m deep. Fill(60) was a firm light brown silt with occasional to common chalk flecks. Though not seen in intermediary trenches, it might be related to distant ditch/furrow 5 in trench 79.

Trench 95 (Figs 2, 4 and 5; Pls 2, 5)

Trench 95 was aligned SSE - NNW and was 26.55m long and 0.56m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25-0.40m of topsoil (50), 0-0.20m of subsoil (51) overlying natural geology. This is the only trench where the geology was broken down into an upper layer (52) of mid brown silt with very frequent chalk flecks, up to 0.20m thick, and the more compact lower geology (53) with larger chalk nodules. Coincidentally the deep slot made at the SSE of this trench to interpret the geology, as it was the first trench excavated, also partially uncovered a feature. It was ditch 1, presumably E-W but only seen in section. It had a concave base. The only slope visible at north was moderate. It was at least 1.60m wide and 0.40m deep. Two fills were distinguished. Upper deposit (54), below subsoil (51), was a firm light grey-brown silt, about 0.30m thick. Lower deposit (61), 0.10m thick, was a firm mid brown silt with scarce chalk flecks. None provided any dating evidence.

At 10m from the SSE end was another feature, 2, regarded as a possible furrow. It was 3.10m wide but only 0.18m deep. It had gentle slopes and a flattish base. It was naturally backfilled by (55), a firm mid brown silt with occasional chalk bits and rare small limestones.

Trench 96 (= Trench 29)

Trench 96 was aligned SSE - NNW and was 26.55m long and 0.32m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.28m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Trench 97

Trench 97 was aligned ESE - WNW and was 25.10m long and 0.30m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of about 0.25m of topsoil (50) overlying natural geology. No feature or finds of archaeological interest were encountered.

Finds

Pottery by Cristina Mateos

The pottery assemblage comprised a total of 1 sherd (6g) from ditch 12 (66) in Trench 60. It is a small body sherd. As a consequence a date can only be suggested by the fabric. The sherd was black throughout and smoothed on both surfaces. It was tempered with moderate to abundant flint and some chaff. It is likely to be of Iron Age date with a small possibility that it may Anglo-Saxon in date.

Struck flint by Steve Ford

A single struck flint was recovered from ditch 10 (64) sample 10. It comprised a large patinated flake. It is not closely datable but is probably of Neolithic or Bronze Age date.

Ceramic Building Material by Danielle Millbank

A single fragment (10g) of tile was recovered from furrow 13 (67|). It is no closely datable but is likely to be of post-medieval date.

Conclusion

Only a limited number of deposits of possible archaeological interest were observed. Due to the proximity of Akeman Street, it is tempting to associate the ditches seen in the lower part of the field (Trenches 1, 2, 4, and 95) with a side ditch of the Roman road, despite their disparity in terms of width and depth, but they are just as likely to be post-medieval. Certainly no trace of an *agger* could be seen. The other features observed in the western field (furrow?, gullies, and one ditch) were all very shallow and without much substance nor dating evidence. In the eastern part of the site, the same applies to gullies in Trenches 55 and 49, that could even be of natural origin. The NNW–SSE ditch revealed in the previous evaluation and visible among the anomalies in the geophysical survey (Stratascan 2016).was noted in several trenches (Trenches 41, 60, 71, 72 an 75, as well as ASC trenches 13 and 14) but contained only a single sherd of pottery and remains more or less undated. It was parallel with the modern field boundary and need not be of any great antiquity.

Only one other ditch had any ground for attributing an archaeological origin. Ditch 11 in Trench 52 was not observed in any other trench nor was it detected by the geophysical survey. It contained a single struck flint, most unlikely to provide a reliable prehistoric date, and so also remains undated.

All in all, the archaeological potential is considered to be very low.

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APPENDIX 1: Trench details

Trench	*Length (m)*	*Breadth (m)*	*Depth (m)*	*Orientation*	*Comment*
1	25.90	1.50	0.58	W-E	0-0.26m topsoil, 0.26-0.50 subsoil (51), >0.50m natural geology. Ditch 19 [**Pl. 24]**
2	26.30	1.50	0.70	SSW-NNE	0-0.26m topsoil, 0.26-0.66 subsoil (51), >0.66m natural geology. Ditch 18 [**Pls 20, 23]**
3	25.10	1.50	0.40	W-E	0-0.28m topsoil, 0.28-0.36 subsoil (51), >0.36m natural geology.
4	26.00	1.50	1.20	SE-NW	0-0.30m topsoil, 0.30-0.70 subsoil (51), >0.70m natural geology. Ditch 17
5	25.20	1.50	0.48	SW-NE	0-0.25m topsoil, 0.25-0.41 subsoil (51), >0.41m natural geology. [**Pl. 19]**
6	25.40	1.50	0.35	WNW-ESE	0-0.32m topsoil, >0.32m natural geology.
7	25.50	1.50	0.42	S-N	0-0.26m topsoil, 0.26-0.41 subsoil (51), >0.41m natural geology. Subsoil only in the first 14.60m from the south end. Ditch 17 [**Pl. 22]**
8	27.80	1.50	0.40	WNW-ESE	0-0.18m topsoil, 0.18-0.38 subsoil (51), >0.38m natural geology.
9	27.80	1.80	0.31	SE-NW	0-0.30m topsoil, >0.30m natural geology.
10	25.80	1.80	0.35	WNW-ESE	0-0.34m topsoil, >0.34m natural geology.
11	27.25	1.80	0.30	W-E	0-0.26m topsoil, >0.26m natural geology.
12	27.70	1.80	0.32	SW-NE	0-0.28m topsoil, >0.28m natural geology.
13	25.20	1.80	0.26	Almost S-N	0-0.25m topsoil, >0.25m natural geology.
14	27.55	1.80	0.29	SE-NW	0-0.28m topsoil, >0.28m natural geology.
15	28.00	1.80	0.26	W-E	0-0.25m topsoil, >0.25m natural geology.
16	26.00	1.80	0.31	S-N	0-0.30m topsoil, >0.30m natural geology.
17	25.15	1.80	0.31	W-E	0-0.30m topsoil, >0.30m natural geology. [**Pl. 7]**
18	26.70	1.80	0.26	W	0-0.25m topsoil, >0.25m natural geology.
19	27.20	1.80	0.25	SSE-NNW	0-0.23m topsoil, >0.23m natural geology.
20	26.40	1.80	0.26	SW-NE	0-0.25m topsoil, >0.25m natural geology.
21	25.00	1.80	0.30	SE-NW	0-0.28m topsoil, >0.28m natural geology.
22	26.70	1.80	0.30	SE-NW	0-0.25m topsoil, >0.25m natural geology.
23	25.40	1.80	0.30	W-E	0-0.25m topsoil, >0.25m natural geology.
24	26.10	1.80	0.32	SE-NW	0-0.28m topsoil, >0.28m natural geology.
25	28.75	1.80	0.26	S-N	0-0.25m topsoil, >0.25m natural geology.
26	24.85	1.80	0.29	SSE-NNW	0-0.25m topsoil, >0.25m natural geology.
27	26.05	1.80	0.31	SSW-NNE	0-0.28m topsoil, >0.28m natural geology.
28	25.10	1.80	0.30	WNW-ESE	0-0.28m topsoil, >0.28m natural geology.
29					See 96
30	26.05	1.80	0.34	W-E	0-0.32m topsoil, >0.32m natural geology.
31	26.20	1.80	0.26	SSE-NNW	0-0.25m topsoil, >0.25m natural geology.
32	26.00	1.80	0.30	WNW-ESE	0-0.28m topsoil, >0.28m natural geology.
33	26.60	1.80	0.31	W-E	0-0.30m topsoil, >0.30m natural geology.
34	26.50	1.80	0.31	S-N	0-0.28m topsoil, >0.28m natural geology.
35	27.30	1.80	0.31	W-E	0-0.30m topsoil, >0.30m natural geology.
36	25.90	1.80	0.41	SE-NW	0-0.21m topsoil, 0.21-0.41 subsoil, >0.41m natural geology.
37	24.80	1.80	0.29	SW-NE	0-0.18m topsoil, 0.18-0.29 subsoil, >0.29m natural geology.
38	24.80	1.80	0.45	S-N	0-0.26m topsoil, 0.26-0.44 subsoil, >0.44m natural geology.
39	25.70	1.80	0.34	WNW-ESE	0-0.22m topsoil, 0.22-0.34 subsoil, >0.34m natural geology.
40	25.05	1.80	0.26	SSE-NNW	0-0.25m topsoil, >0.25m natural geology.
41	25.20	1.80	0.25	W-E	0-0.25m topsoil, >0.25m natural geology. Ditch 10 [**Pl. 16]**
42	27.20	1.80	0.32	SSE-NNW	0-0.25m topsoil, 0.25-0.30 subsoil, >0.30m natural geology.
43	26.20	1.80	0.26	W-E	0-0.25m topsoil, >0.25m natural geology.
44	26.60	1.80	0.26	W-E	0-0.25m topsoil, >0.25m natural geology.
45	26.60	1.80	0.26	S-N	0-0.25m topsoil, >0.25m natural geology.
46	25.50	1.80	0.28	W-E	0-0.18m topsoil, 0.18-0.28 subsoil, >0.28m natural geology.
47	25.40	1.80	0.22	S-N	0-0.22m topsoil, >0.22m natural geology.
48	24.90	1.80	0.26	W-E	0-0.26m topsoil, >0.26m natural geology.
49	25.00	1.80	0.30	W-E	0-0.28m topsoil, >0.28m natural geology. Gully 9 [**Pl. 3]**
50	26.90	1.80	0.25	WSW-ENE	0-0.25m topsoil, >0.25m natural geology.
51	25.80	1.80	0.20	SE-NW	0-0.20m topsoil, >0.20m natural geology.
52	26.00	1.80	0.24	S-N	0-0.24m topsoil, >0.24m natural geology. Ditch 11 [**Pl. 4]**
53	24.40	1.80	0.50	SW-NE	0-0.30m topsoil, 0.30-0.47m subsoil, >0.47m natural geology.
54	26.90	1.80	0.36	SW-NE	0-0.20m topsoil, 0.20-0.30m subsoil, >0.30m natural geology.
55	23.50	1.80	0.46	SSW-NNE	0-0.25m topsoil, 0.25-0.45m subsoil, >0.45m natural geology. Gully 8 [**Pl. 15]**
56	26.70	1.80	0.45	W-E	0-0.28m topsoil, 0.28-0.44m subsoil, >0.44m natural geology.
57	25.00	1.80	0.26	S-N	0-0.26m topsoil, >0.26m natural geology.
58	26.20	1.80	0.40	SW-NE	0-0.25m topsoil, 0.25-0.15m subsoil, >0.40m natural geology.
59	25.40	1.80	0.26	W-E	0-0.25m topsoil, >0.25m natural geology.
60	26.50	1.80	0.45	W-E	0-0.22m topsoil, 0.22-0.40m subsoil, >0.40m natural geology. Ditch 12 [**Pl. 6]**
61	23.50	1.80	0.25	SW-NE	0-0.25m topsoil, >0.25m natural geology.

Trench	*Length (m)*	*Breadth (m)*	*Depth (m)*	*Orientation*	*Comment*
62	25.70	1.80	0.30	S-N	0-0.30m topsoil, >0.30m natural geology.
63	24.80	1.80	0.24	S-N	0-0.24m topsoil, >0.24m natural geology.
64	28.50	1.80	0.30	WSW-ENE	0-0.30m topsoil, >0.30m natural geology.
65	26.70	1.80	0.40	WNW-ESE	0-0.25m topsoil, 0.25-0.38m subsoil, >0.38m natural geology. [**Pl. 13]**
66	26.40	1.80	0.25	W-E	0-0.25m topsoil, >0.25m natural geology.
67	25.20	1.80	0.35	SW-NE	0-0.30m topsoil, >0.30m natural geology.
68	25.00	1.80	0.26	W-E	0-0.25m topsoil, >0.25m natural geology.
69	25.50	1.80	0.45	SSE-NNW	0-0.20m topsoil, 0.20-0.35m subsoil, >0.35m natural geology.
70	28.10	1.80	0.36	SE-NW	0-0.22m topsoil, 0.22-0.34m subsoil, >0.34m natural geology.
71	26.70	1.80	0.25	W-E	0-0.25m topsoil, >0.25m natural geology. Furrow 13, ditch 14 [**Pls 9, 17]**
72	23.00	1.80	0.25	WSW-ENE	0-0.25m topsoil, >0.25m natural geology. Ditch 15 [**Pl. 18]**
73	25.60	1.80	0.30	SSE-NNW	0-0.30m topsoil, >0.30m natural geology.
74	25.20	1.80	0.25	SSW-NNE	0-0.25m topsoil, >0.25m natural geology.
75	26.60	1.80	0.46	W-E	0-0.25m topsoil, 0.25-0.45m subsoil, >0.45m natural geology. Ditch 16 [**Pl. 21]**
76	25.30	1.80	0.26	SE-NW	0-0.25m topsoil, >0.25m natural geology.
77	26.00	1.80	0.32	W-E	0-0.30m topsoil, >0.30m natural geology.
78	25.80	1.80	0.32	SSE-NNW	0-0.30m topsoil, >0.30m natural geology.
79	26.00	1.80	0.32	W-E	0-0.30m topsoil, >0.30m natural geology. Ditch 5, gully 6 [**Pls 10, 12]**
80	23.60	1.80	0.31	SW-NE	0-0.30m topsoil, >0.30m natural geology.
81	24.80	1.80	0.31	S-N	0-0.30m topsoil, >0.30m natural geology.
82	27.00	1.80	0.35	SSE-NNW	0-0.30m topsoil, >0.30m natural geology.
83	27.80	1.80	0.38	Almost S-N	0-0.30m topsoil, >0.30m natural geology.
84	26.20	1.80	0.31	W-E	0-0.30m topsoil, >0.30m natural geology. Gully 4 [**Pl.11]**
85	26.80	1.80	0.35	S-N	0-0.30m topsoil, >0.30m natural geology.
86	24.70	1.80	0.32	SE-NW	0-0.30m topsoil, >0.30m natural geology.
87	26.40	1.80	0.31	W-E	0-0.30m topsoil, >0.30m natural geology. Gully 3 [**Pl. 6]**
88	25.50	1.80	0.34	SSW-NNE	0-0.30m topsoil, >0.30m natural geology. [**Pl. 1]**
89	27.70	1.80	0.35	SW-NE	0-0.30m topsoil, >0.30m natural geology.
90	26.00	1.80	0.26	S-N	0-0.25m topsoil, >0.25m natural geology.
91	27.30	1.80	0.31	SSE-NNW	0-0.30m topsoil, >0.30m natural geology.
92	26.60	1.80	0.31	SE-NW	0-0.30m topsoil, >0.30m natural geology.
93	29.40	1.80	0.31	SSW-NNE	0-0.30m topsoil, >0.25m natural geology.
94	25.10	1.80	0.40	ESE-WNW	0-0.30m topsoil, 0.30-0.40m subsoil, >0.40m natural geology. Ditch 7 [**Pl.14]**
95	26.00	1.80	0.56	S-N	0-0.40m topsoil, 0.40-0.55m subsoil, >0.55m natural geology. Ditch 1, furrow 2 [**Pls 2, 5]**
96	26.55	1.80	0.32	SSE-NNW	0-0.28m topsoil, >0.25m natural geology.
97	25.10	1.80	0.30	WNW-ESE	0-0.25m topsoil, >0.25m natural geology.

APPENDIX 2: Feature details

Trench	*Cut*	*Fill (s)*	*Type*	*Date*	*Dating evidence*	*Plates*
95	1	54, 61	Ditch	Unknown		Pl.2
95	2	55	Furrow?	Unknown		Pl.5
87	3	56	Gully	Unknown		Pl.6
84	4	57	Gully	Unknown		Pl.11
79	5	58	Ditch	Unknown		Pl.12
79	6	59	Gully	Unknown		Pl.10
94	7	60	Ditch	Unknown		Pl.14
55	8	62	Gully	Unknown		Pl.15
49	9	63	Gully	Unknown		Pl.3
41	10	64	Ditch	Unknown		Pl.16
52	11	65	Ditch	Unknown		Pl.4
60	12	66	Ditch	Prehistoric or later	Pottery	Pl.8
71	13	67	Furrow?	Post-medieval	tile	Pl.17
71	14	68	Ditch	Unknown		Pl.9
72	15	69	Ditch	Unknown		Pl.18
75	16	70	Ditch	Unknown		Pl.21
4	17	71	Ditch	Unknown		Pl.22
2	18	72	Ditch	Unknown		Pl.23
1	19	73	Ditch	Unknown		Pl.24
1	20	-	Path	Modern	Not excavated	

APPENDIX 3

HERTFORDSHIRE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD SUMMARY SHEET

Site name and address: **Land North of Aylesbury Road, Tring, Hertfordshire**		
County: **Hertfordshire**	District: Dacorum	
Village/Town: Tring	Parish: Drayton Beauchamp	
Planning application reference: **4/00958/18/MFA**		
HER Enquiry reference:		
Funding source: **CALA Homes (Chiltern) Ltd**		
Nature of application: Mixed (residential, cemetery, facilities, open space)		
Present land use: arable		
Size of application area: 13.13ha	Size of area investigated: c. 11 ha	
NGR (to 8 figures minimum): SP 9105 1124		
Site code (if applicable): ART18/04		
Site director/Organization: Pierre-Damien Manisse, Thames Valley Archaeological Services		
Type of work Evaluation		
Date of work:	Start: 05-08-2019	Finish: 12-09-2019
Location of finds & site archive/Curating museum: The archive is presently held at Thames Valley Archaeological Services, Reading and will be deposited with Dacorum Heritage Trust in due course.		
Related HER Nos:	Periods represented: None	
Relevant previous summaries/reports Stratascan, 2013, Geophysical Survey: Dacorum Area, Hertfordshire, Stratascan, unpublished report ASC, 2013, Archaeological Evaluation: - Stage 2: Preliminary Targeted Field Evaluation - Land West of Tring - *Local Allocation 5*, Archaeological Services and Consultancy Ltd, unpublished report no. 1605/DHI/LA5/2r		
Summary of fieldwork results: A total of 95 trial trenches were opened. Potential archaeological features were seen in a limited number of them (13) and includes some very shallow gullies, 2 possible furrows and 3 ditches, all undated except for a single ditch containing a small fragment of pottery dating to the Iron Age (probably) or Saxon period (possibly) A single prehistoric flint flake was also recovered. Neither of these provide reliable dates for the features. All in all, it confirms previous evaluation results and geophysics survey that the archaeological potential of the site is low.		
Author of summary: Pierre-Damien Manisse	Date of summary: 17-09-2019	

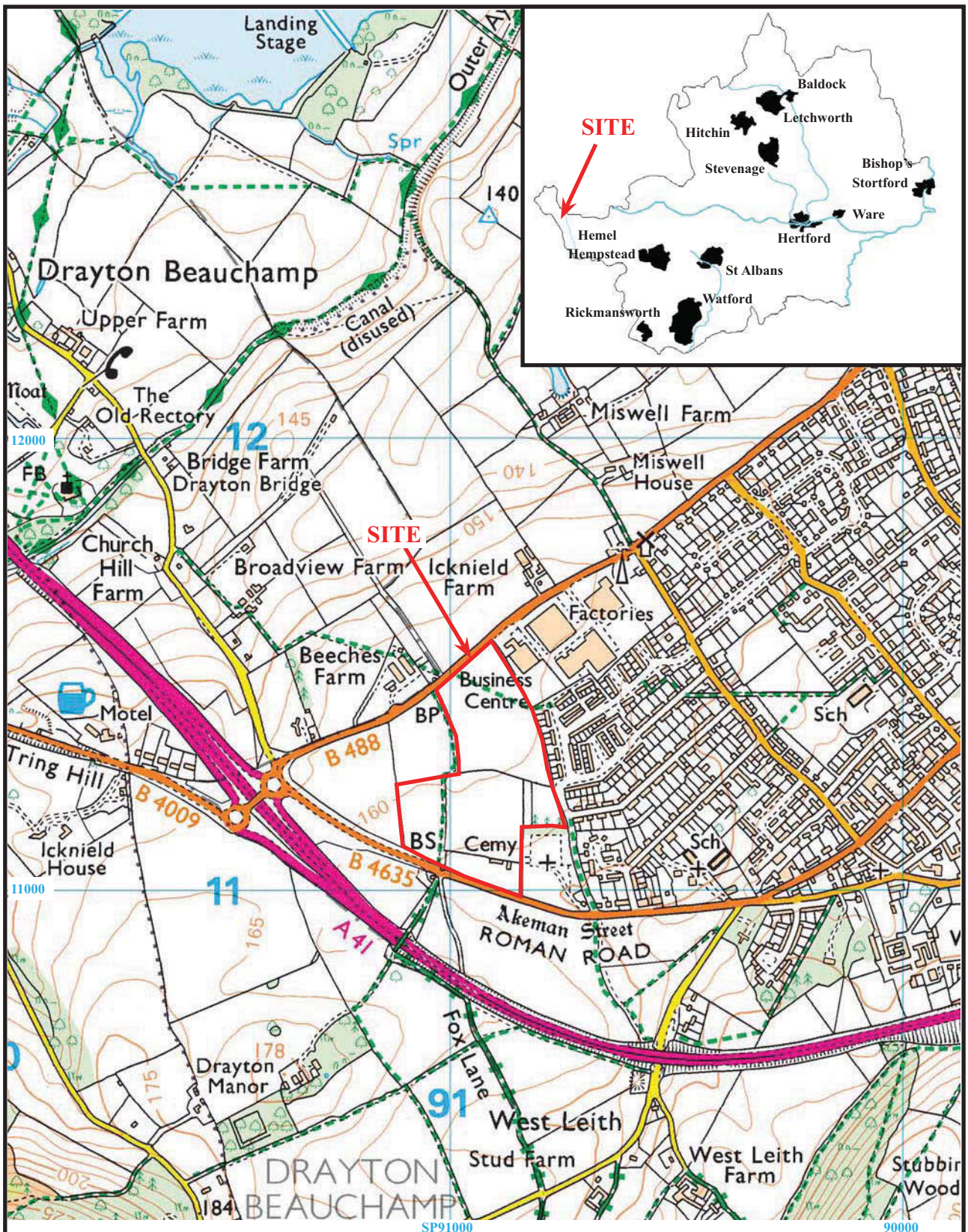

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Figure 1. Location of site within Tring and Hertfordshire.

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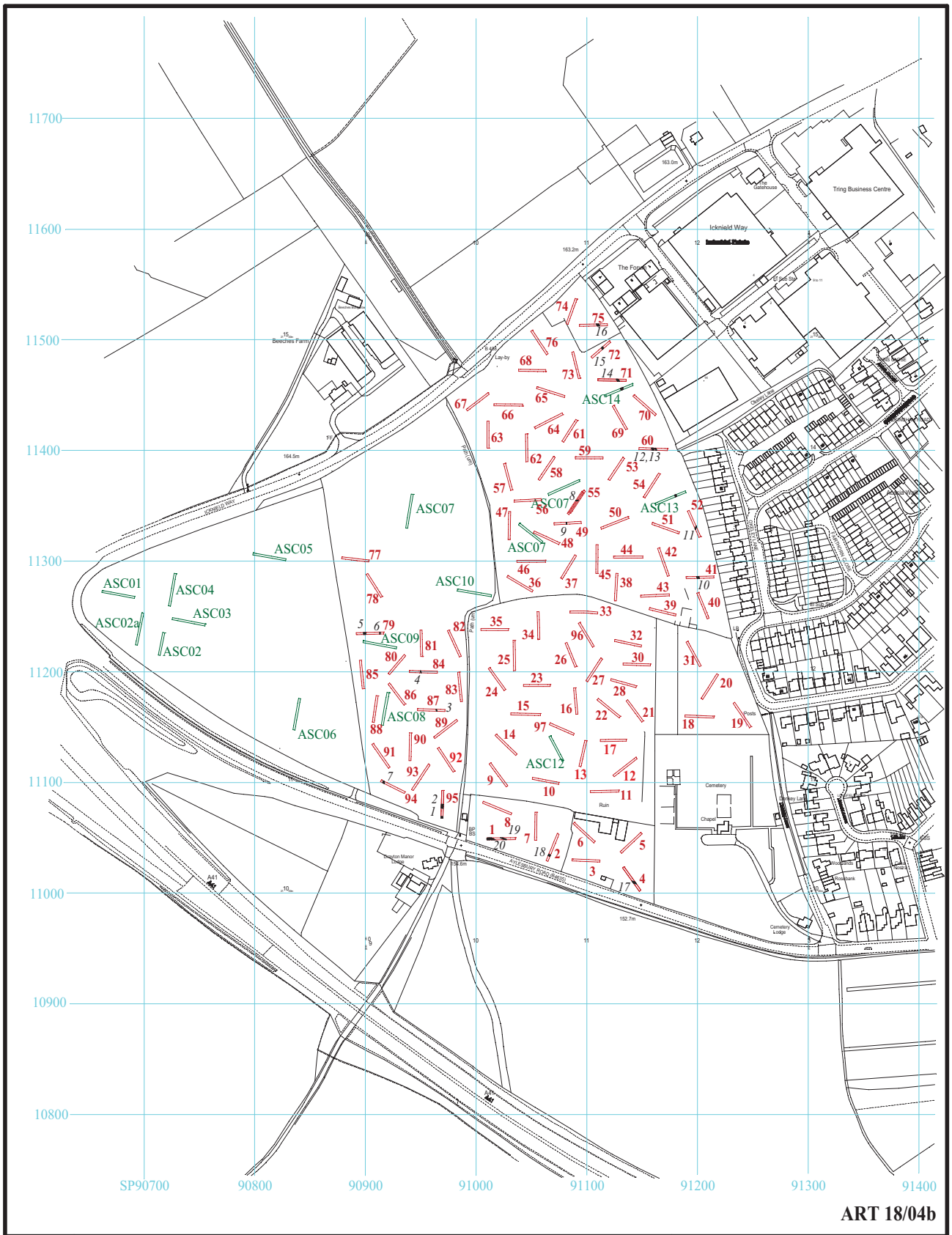

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Figure 2. Locations of evaluation trenches, current trenches in red, Previous trenches in green, showing features.

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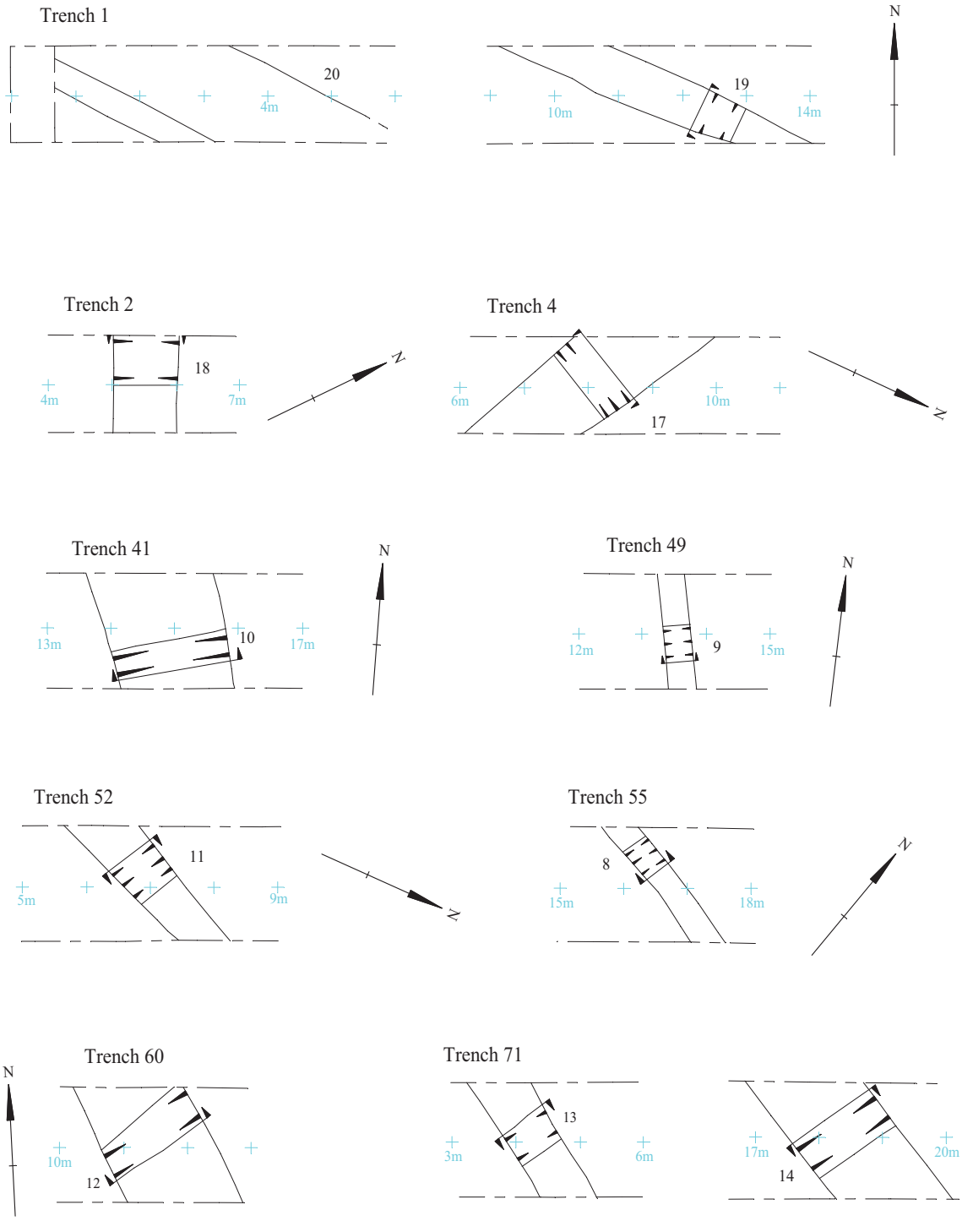

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Figure 3. Detail of trenches.

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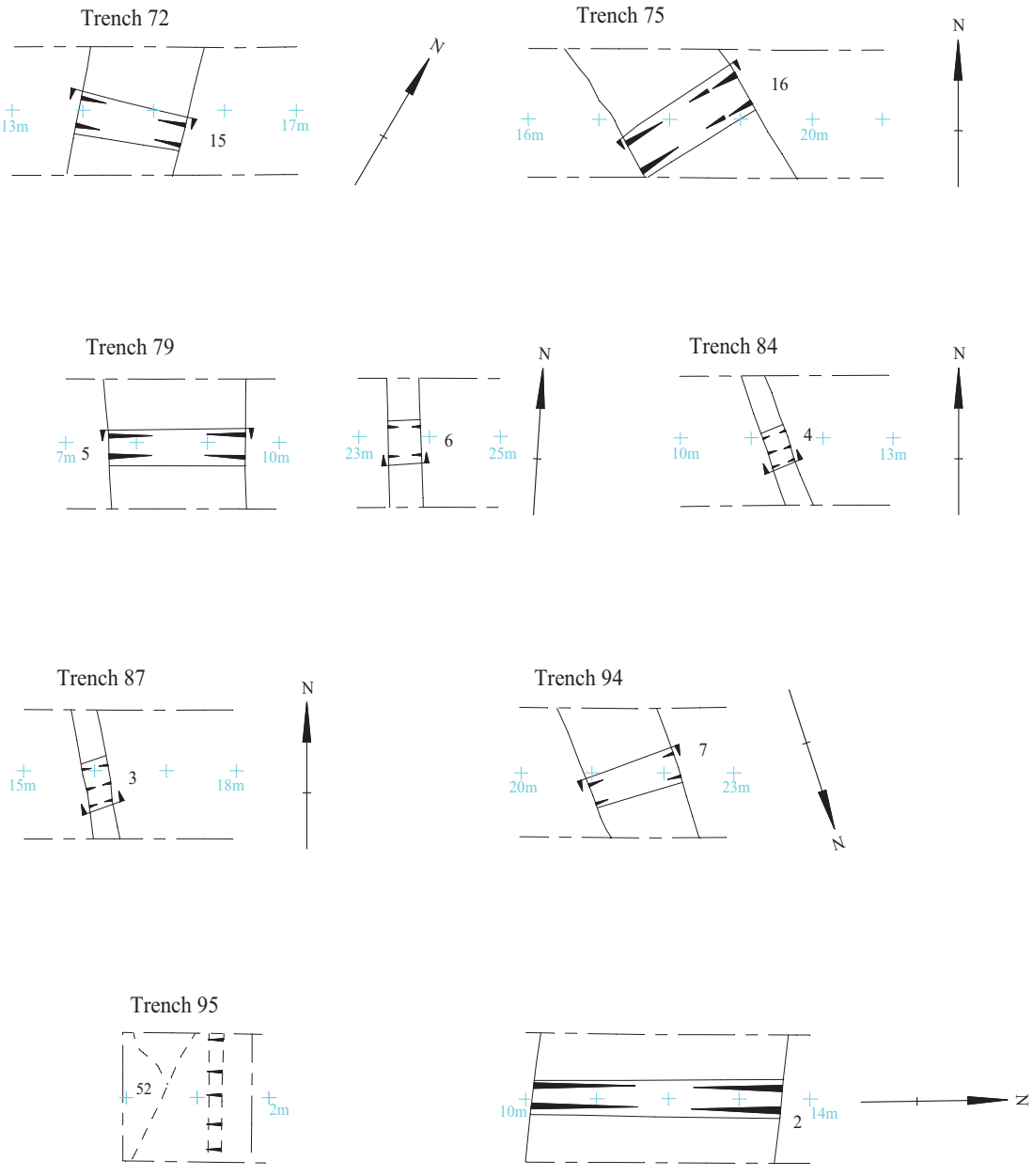

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Figure 4. Detail of trenches.

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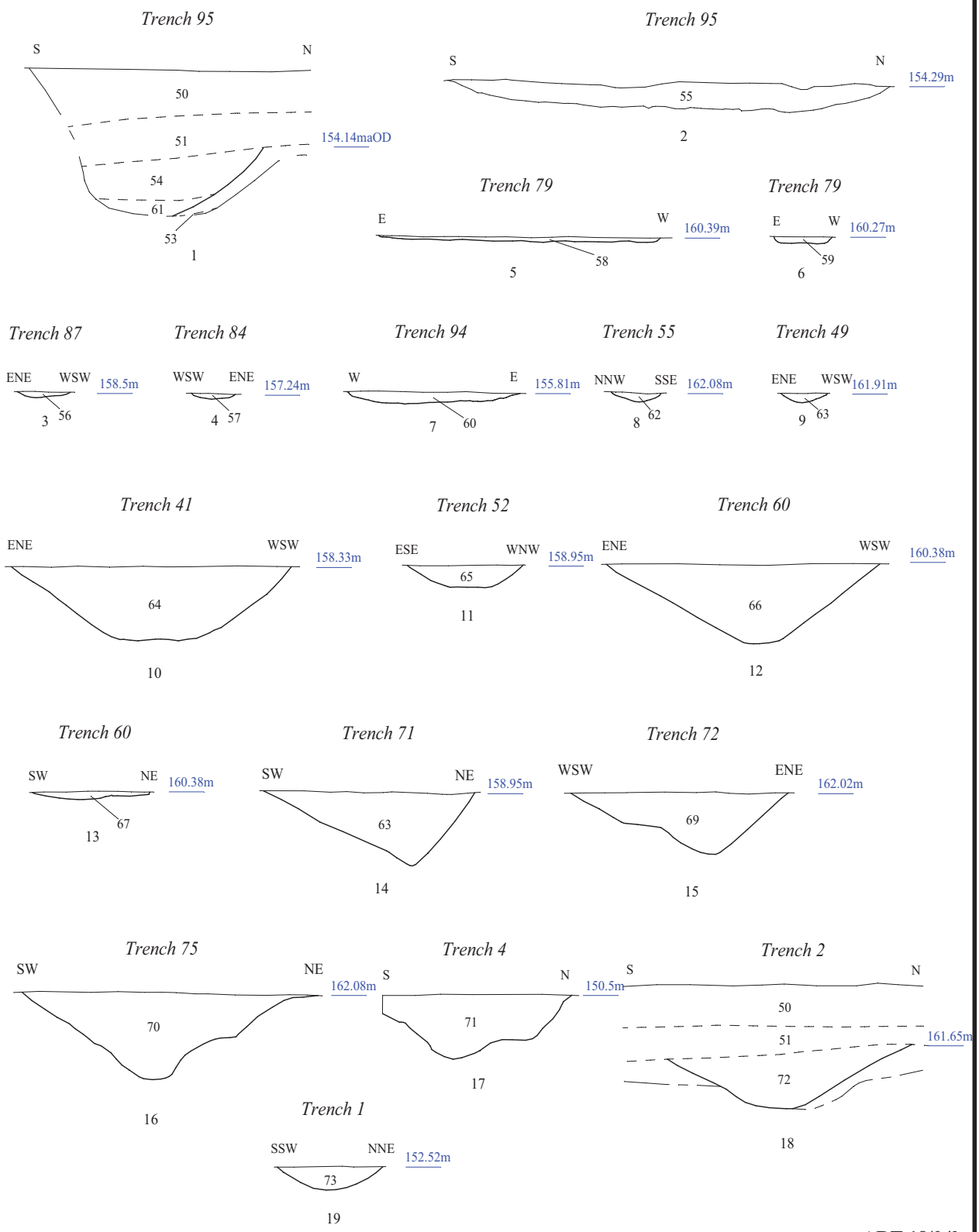

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Figure 5. Sections.

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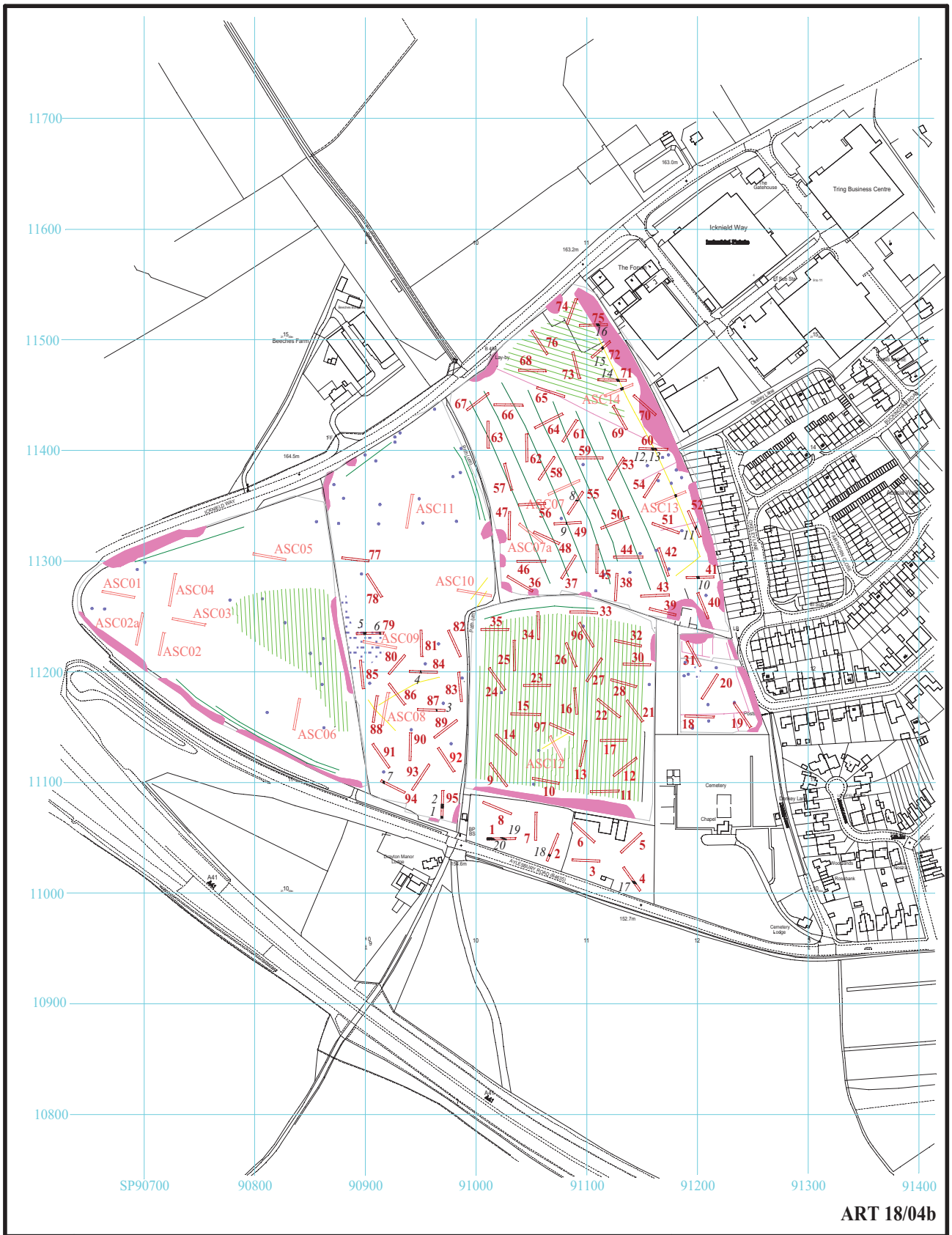

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Figure 6. Locations of features, compared to geophysical anomalies.

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Plate 1. General shot of trench 88 with plough scars, looking North, Scales: 2x1m.

Plate 2. Ditch [1] in trench 95, looking West, Scales: 2x1m.

Plate 3. Gully [9] in trench 49, looking South, Scales: 0.20 m and 0.10m.

Plate 4. Ditch [11] in trench 52, looking South West, Scales: 1m and 0.20m.

Plate 5. Furrow? [2] in trench 94, looking West, Scales: 2 m and 0.10m.

Plate 6. Gully [3] in trench 87, looking South East Scales: 0.30m and 0.10m.

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Plates 1 to 6.

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Plate 7. General shot of trench 17, looking East, Scales: 2x1m.

Plate 8. Ditch [12] in trench 60, looking South East, Scales: 2x1m.

Plate 9. Ditch [14] in trench 71, looking North West, Scales: 1m and 0.50m.

Plate 10. Gully [06] in trench 79, looking South, Scales: 0.30m and 0.10m.

Plate 11. Gully [4] in trench 84, looking North West, Scales: 0.30m and 0.10m.

Plate 12. ditch? [05] in trench 79, looking South, Scales: 0.30m and 0.10m.

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Plates 7 to 12.

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Plate 13. General shot of trench 65, looking South East, Scales: 2x1m.

Plate 14. Ditch? [7] in trench 94, looking South, Scales: 1m and 0.10m.

Plate 15. Gully [8] in trench 55, looking North East, Scales: 0.20m and 0.10m.

Plate 16. Ditch [10] in trench 41, looking South East, Scales: 2x1m.

Plate 17. Gully [13] in trench 71, looking North West, Scales: 1m and 0.10m.

Plate 18. ditch [15] in trench 72, looking North West, Scales: 1m and 0.30m.

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Plates 13 to 18.

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Plate 19. General shot of trench 5, looking North, Scales: 2x1m.

Plate 20. Representative section in trench 2, looking North East, Scales: 2x1m.

Plate 21. Ditch [16] in trench 75, looking North West, Scales: 1m and 0.30m.

Plate 22. Ditch [17] in trench 4, looking West, Scales: 1m amd 0.30m.

Plate 23. Gully [18] in trench 2, looking West, Scales: 1m and 0.30m.

Plate 24. Ditch [19] in trench 1, looking North West, Scales: 1m and 0.10m.

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Plates 19 to 24.

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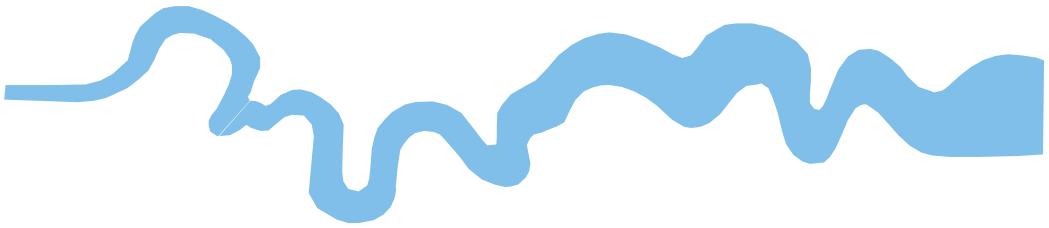
TIME CHART

	Calendar Years
Modern	AD 1901
Victorian	AD 1837
Post Medieval	AD 1500
Medieval	AD 1066
Saxon	AD 410
Roman	AD 43
	AD 0 BC
Iron Age	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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