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## Summary

**Site name:** Land adjacent to Englishman Public House, 18 English Road, Southampton

**Grid reference:** SU 3980 1336

**Site activity:** Watching Brief

**Date and duration of project:** 13th to 21st November 2019

**Project manager:** Tim Dawson

**Site supervisor:** David Sanchez, Anne-Michelle Huvig

**Project code:** ERS 19/154

**Planning Reference:** 17/1023/FUL

**Site code:** SOU 1853

**Area of site:** c. 130 sq m

**Summary of results:** No archaeological deposits nor artefacts of archaeological interest were recorded.

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

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## Introduction

This report documents the results of an archaeological watching brief carried out at on land adjacent to Englishman Public House, 18 English Road, Southampton, SO154 8QF (centred on SU 3980 1336) (Fig. 1). This work was commissioned by Mr Joe Dorrington on behalf of Dorrington Homes, Paddock View Calcot Lane, Curdridge, Southampton, England, SO32 2BN.

Planning permission (no. 17/1023/FUL) has been granted by Southampton City Council for the construction of two two-storey dwellings on the site, following the demolition of existing structures. The consent is subject to two conditions (16 and 17) that pertained to archaeology, requiring a programme of archaeological investigation, which in this instance was to take the form of a watching brief. This was in accordance with the Department for Communities and Local Government's *National Planning Policy Framework* (NPPF 2012) and the City Council's policies on archaeology. The investigation was undertaken according to a written scheme of investigation (WSI) approved by Southampton City Council as advised by Ms Ingrid Peckham, planning archaeologist of Southampton City Council.

The fieldwork was undertaken by David Sanchez and Anne-Michelle Huvig, between 13th and 21st November 2019. The archive is presently held at Thames Valley Archaeological Services, Reading and will be deposited at Southampton Museum in due course with site code SOU 1853.

## Location, topography and geology

The site is located on the north side of English Road, close to the junction with Imperial Avenue in the Shirley district of Southampton, west-north-west from the city's core (Fig. 1). It is sited in a residential area (Fig. 2). The site was previously occupied by a parking space for the Englishman public house. According to geological maps (BGS 1987), the underlying geology of the site is River terrace deposits (mainly gravel). The site lies at a height of approximately 16m above Ordnance Datum (AOD).

## **Archaeological background**

The archaeological potential of the site is set out in a consultee comment by Southampton City Council. The site's potential stems from its location within a 'Local Area of Archaeological Potential' defined in the City of Southampton Core Strategy. The site lies on the east side of a former stream valley, a tributary of the Itchen (Burgess 1982). Prehistoric and Roman sites and finds are recorded in the valley relatively close to the site. Iron Age and Roman occupation is recorded c. 300m to the east (SOU1577). To the north-west was a burnt mound (SOU 1327) of possible Bronze Age date and to the west further prehistoric deposits and finds were recorded (SOU1317). Ordnance Survey maps from the late 19th century indicate that the site lay within a large field but was subsequently developed by 1910.

## **Objectives and methodology**

The purpose of the watching brief was to monitor any intrusive groundworks that could affect the archaeological horizons. Any archaeological deposits threatened by the development were to be hand cleaned, excavated and recorded as necessary. All work was to be carried out by following the guidelines outlined by the CIfA (CIfA 2014). Any archaeological deposits encountered were to be assessed in view of local (Hey and Hind 2014) or more general research agendas (e.g., HE 2017).

## **Results (Pls 1-6)**

The intrusive groundwork comprised the footings for the two new dwellings and some service trenches and associated manhole/soakaway (Fig. 3). Excavation was carried out using a 360° tracked excavator equipped either with a digging bucket 0.45m wide or a toothless bucket, 0.60m wide. The trenches were 1.20m deep and about 0.70m wide. The deepest layer, the top geological horizon, encountered at 1.05m below the ground level was a light brown gravel in a clay matrix (Fig. 4). Above it was a subsoil of various thickness (between 0.45m and 0.60m) composed of a mid greyish brown silty clay. No dating evidence was recovered from this layer. It was overlaid by 0.25-0.40m of mixed made ground. This levelling layer was a dark grey silty clay or clay with frequent gravel patches and modern brick and tile. This was overlain by a levelling layer of 0.15m thickness, a light to mid gravel deposit. The surface comprised 5mm thick Tarmac.

No finds or deposits of archaeological interest were observed.

## **Finds**

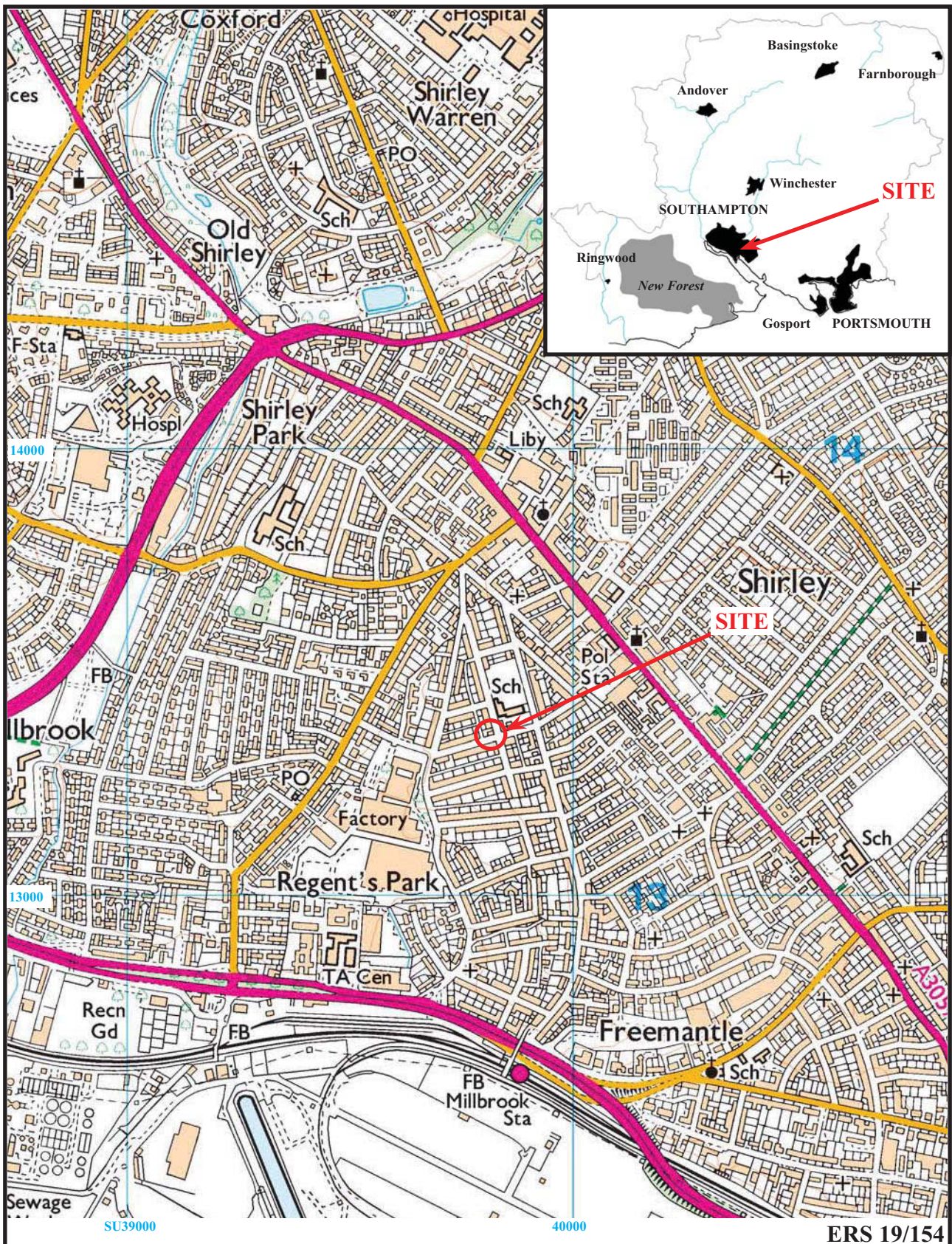
No finds were recovered during the watching brief.

## **Conclusion**

All areas of intrusive groundworks were monitored as intended, and natural geology was observed throughout the footing and service trenches. No archaeological features or finds were encountered.

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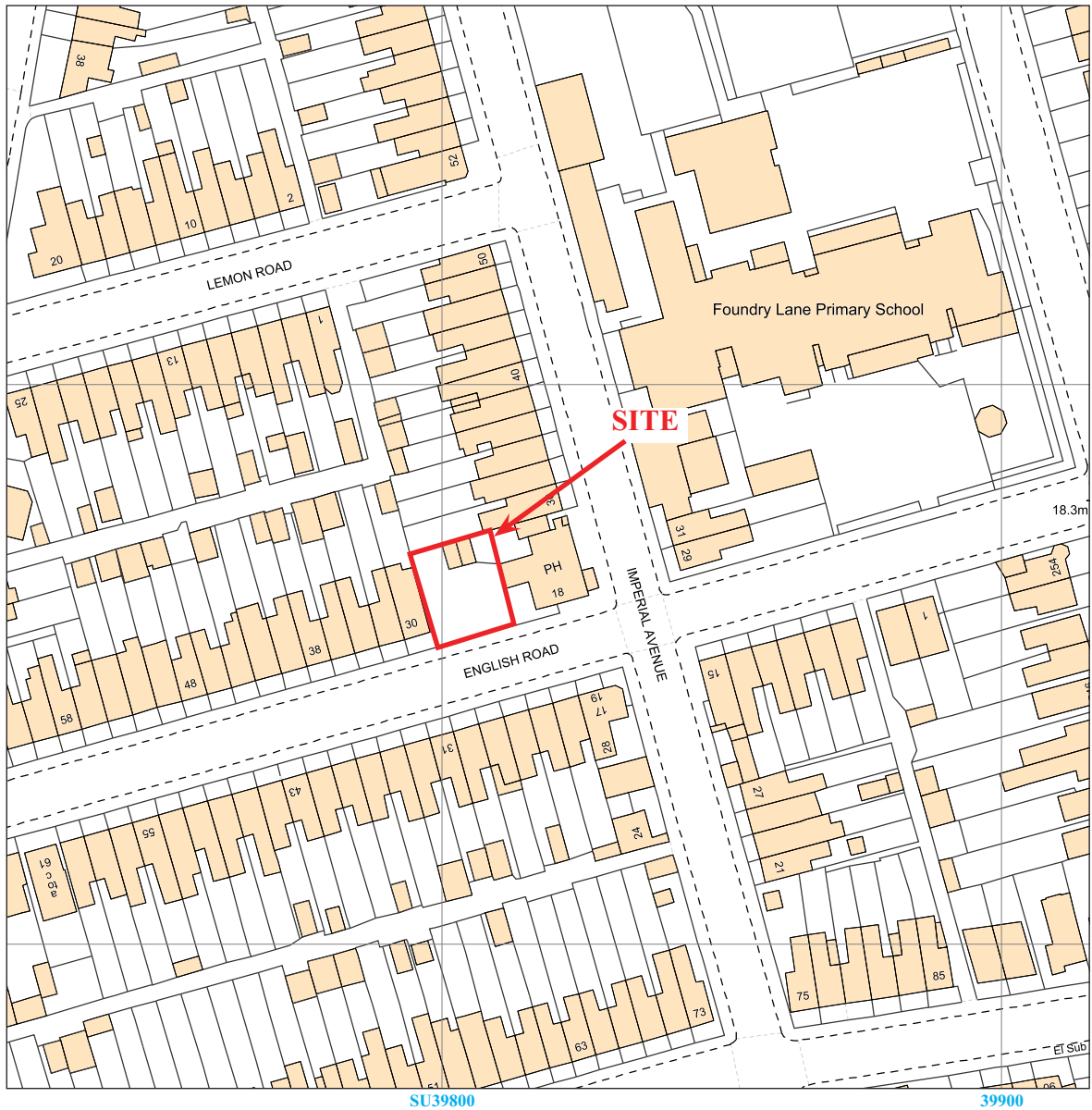
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Figure 1. Location of site within Southampton and Hampshire.

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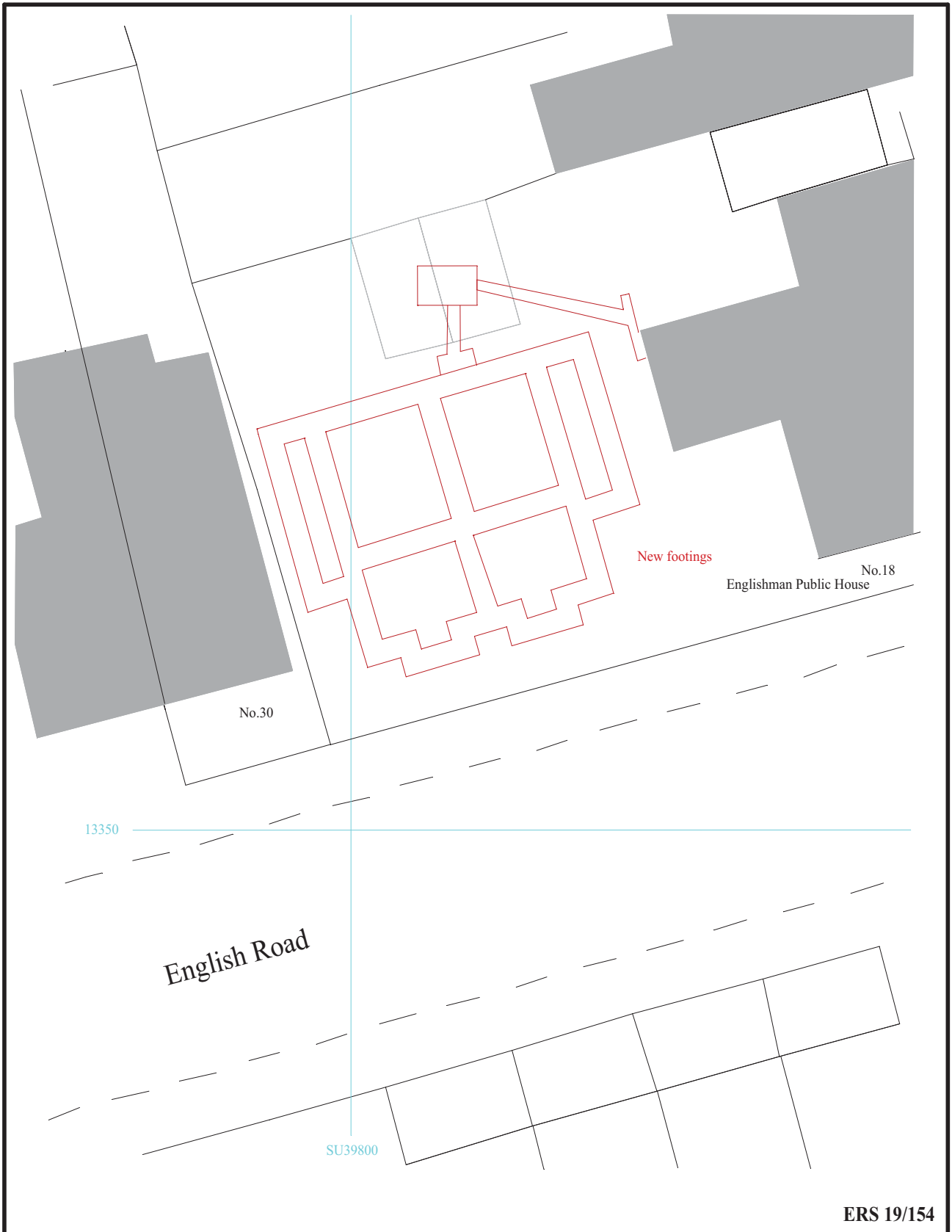


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Figure 2. Detailed location of site off English Road.

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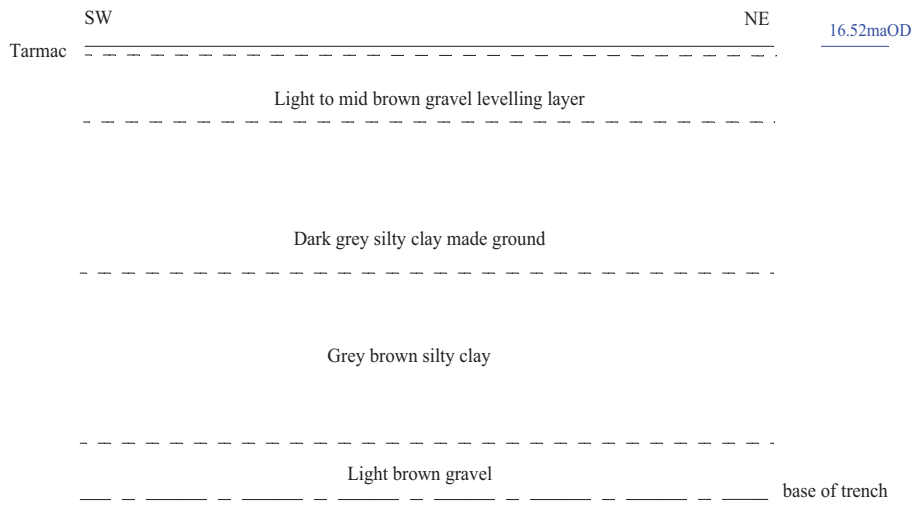


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Figure 3. Observed areas.





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Figure 4. Representative section.



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Plate 1. General view, looking north, Scales: 2 x 1m.



Plate 2. General view, looking east, Scales: 2 x 1m.

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Plates 1 and 2.**

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Plate 3. Trench foundation, looking north east, Scales: 2 x 1m.



Plate 4. Representative section, looking east, Scales: 2 x 1m.

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Plate 3. Trench foundation, looking north east, Scales: 2 x 1m.



Plate 4. Representative section, looking east, Scales: 2 x 1m.



Plate 5. Trench foundation, looking south Scales: 2 x 1m.



Plate 6. Representative section, looking east, Scales: 2 x 1m.

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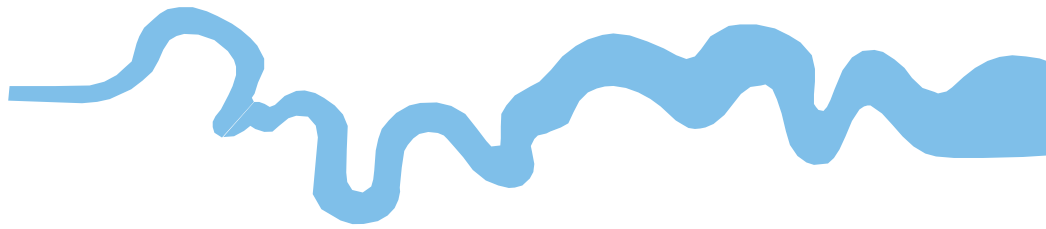
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## TIME CHART

	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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