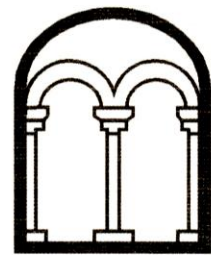


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Preface

All statements and opinions in this document are offered in good faith. This document is limited by the state of knowledge at the time it was written.

This report has been prepared for the joint benefit of Pigeon and The Landowner and the contents should not be relied upon by others without the express written authority of Albion Archaeology. If any unauthorised third party makes use of this report they do so at their own risk and Albion Archaeology owes them no duty of care or skill.

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Key Terms

The following terms and abbreviations are used throughout this report:

CBCA	Central Bedfordshire Council Archaeologist
CIfA	Chartered Institute for Archaeologists
HER	Central Bedfordshire and Luton Historic Environment Record
LPA	Local planning authority
Site	Land to the north of Sunderland Road, Sandy.



WSI Written scheme of investigation



Non-Technical Summary

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Archaeological trial trenching took place between 21st September and 9th October 2017. Archaeological features were identified in twenty of the twenty-nine trenches excavated, with the majority of remains recorded in the northern field of the Site. The trench evaluation has largely confirmed the presence of features identified during the geophysical survey and also revealed a number of remains that were not detected during the survey. The investigation has provided evidence of activity on the Site dating from the early-middle Iron Age to the early Roman period and from the medieval to modern period. The early-middle Iron Age to early Roman remains are of regional significance and have the potential to address regional research objectives.

An early-middle Iron Age enclosure system was identified in the centre of the northern field, with peripheral activity revealed immediately to the north-east as well as further to the south-west. Enclosure ditches, a few pits (including a storage pit), sparse postholes and a possible roundhouse were revealed, which together are indicative of settlement activity.

The late Iron Age/early Roman transitional period saw a major change in settlement pattern. Two distinct settlement foci seem to have developed to the west and north of the early-middle Iron Age enclosure system, which, in turn, appears to have gone out of use by this time. The western settlement focus was larger in size, whilst the northern settlement focus comprised a wider range of feature types, which (in addition to ditches) included possible quarry pits, a possible stone surface and a possible cremation burial.

Early Roman settlement remains revealed in the north-east corner of the Site correspond with geophysical anomalies that seem to indicate a large settlement, which extends beyond the northern limit of the Site. It is likely that the two late Iron Age/early Roman settlement foci remained in use at this time.

Late Bronze Age/early Iron Age pottery recovered from a later feature is residual. It does, however, hint at activity of the period within the wider vicinity of the Site.

The potential archaeological impact of the proposed development is considered in detail in the heritage statement prepared for the planning application. In summary, the proposed development will involve significant groundworks that are likely to adversely affect the sub-surface archaeological heritage assets within the northern half of the Site. In contrast, the evaluation has indicated that the archaeological potential of the southern half of the Site is confined to a discrete area of undated



ditches and medieval furrows and the potential impact of the groundworks on the southern half of the Site is, therefore, negligible.

With the agreement of the LPA, any impacts of the proposed development on sub-surface archaeological remains within the northern half of the Site could be mitigated by the implementation of a further programme of archaeological works prior to the commencement of construction.



1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 *Planning Background*

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Albion Archaeology was commissioned to carry out an archaeological field evaluation to support the planning application. A geophysical survey of the Site had been previously carried out (Stratascan 2017). This was followed by a programme of archaeological trial trenching that completed the evaluation of the Site. The work was carried out in accordance with the *National Planning Policy Framework – Section 12: Conserving and enhancing the historic environment* (NPPF) (DCLG 2012). The scope of the latter stage of works was described in a Written Scheme of Investigation (Albion Archaeology 2017a) and this report details the findings of these works.

1.2 *Site Location and Geology*

Sandy is a small town in the east of Bedfordshire; it lies on the eastern bank of the River Ivel and in a gap in the hills of the Greensand Ridge. The A1 Great North Road runs alongside the western edge of the town.

The Site comprises an area of *c.* 13.0ha on the northern edge of the town to the north of Sunderland Road (Figure 1). It is bounded by the A1 to the west and by further arable fields to the north and east. At the time of the fieldwork the majority of the Site was under arable cultivation, although there was a paddock in the south-west corner that which was not subjected to trial trenching.

The Site is centred at TL 16583 51020. It lies on broadly level ground at a height of *c.* 23m OD at the southern end of a low N-S ridge that runs northwards from Highfield Farm towards Tempsford.

The underlying bedrock is Peterborough Member – Mudstone, formed *c.* 164–6 million years ago in the Jurassic Period. The ridge that extends into the northern part of the Site is Quaternary Diamicton (boulder clay). No drift geology is recorded over the southern part of the Site.

1.3 *Archaeological Background*

1.3.1 **HER background data**

The northern part of the Site falls within the bounds of a group of cropmarks (HER 1661) recorded in the Central Bedfordshire and Luton Historic Environment Record (HER). They represent a series of enclosures on the low



ridge to the south of Highfield Farm. The extent and nature of the cropmarks had been more precisely defined by the geophysical survey (see below).

Further cropmarks (HER 10281) are recorded to the north of Highfield Farm. They comprise a curvilinear enclosure, a trapezoidal enclosure and a ring ditch. Like HER 1661, they represent evidence for former activity (probably prehistoric) on the low ridge running northwards towards Tempsford.

Further to the south and south-west of the Site (on the west side of the A1) there are other known cropmark sites north of Pope's Farm (HER 13968) and west of Dane Hill Farm (HER 9096). These respectively comprise a possible linear NW-SE trackway and other linear features, including a probable east-west trackway.

Find-spots in the area include a 17th-century silver box (HER 16811) from Dane Hill Farm (on the southern margins of the Site) and Neolithic axe fragments (HER 14662 and 14661) from in and around the gravel pits to the east of Blunham (to the west of the A1).

More recent heritage assets are represented by: the Grade II 17th-century, timber-framed Dick Turpin PH (HER 6566) to the north-west of the Site on the west side of the A1; a post-medieval milestone (HER 9894) to the north of the pub; and the line of the Bedford to Sandy railway (HER 11833), which was opened in 1862 and closed in 1967. Now-demolished WW2 structures include the site of an anti-aircraft battery (HER 17978) to the north of Highfield Farm and a tank trap (HER 17983) on London Road, Sandy.

1.3.2 Geophysical survey

A detailed gradiometry survey was carried out over *c.* 22ha of arable land (including the whole of the Site except the paddock) to the north of Sunderland Road. The results are detailed in a separate report (Stratascan 2017) and are summarised here (see also Figures 3–7).

A number of features indicative of late prehistoric / Romano-British occupation activity were identified. They include two complex series of linear anomalies, enclosures and pits, one of which extends beyond the northern edge of the Site onto the south-facing slope of the boulder clay ridge. Evidence of ridge and furrow cultivation, a former field boundary and trackway indicate that the Site has been used for agricultural purposes since the medieval period. The remaining features were modern in origin and include land drains and disturbance from substantial nearby ferrous metal objects, such as fences or other modern debris.

1.4 Project Objectives

The principal purpose of the archaeological trial trenching was to recover information on the:

- location, extent, nature, and date of any archaeological features or deposits that might be present within the Site;
- integrity and state of preservation of any archaeological features or deposits that might be present within the Site;



- nature of palaeo-environmental remains to determine local environmental conditions.

The significance of any archaeological remains uncovered during the trial trenching was to be assessed against the published research frameworks for the region. The relevant documents for the region are provided by *Research and Archaeology: A Framework for the Eastern Counties* (Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Hertfordshire and Essex) (Brown and Glazebrook 2000) and *Research and Archaeology Revisited: A Revised Framework for the East of England* (Medlycott 2011).

In addition to these regionally focussed documents, work has also specifically been done on the county of Bedfordshire: *Bedfordshire Archaeology. Research and Archaeology: Resource Assessment, Research Agenda and Strategy* (Oake et al 2007).

These documents are vital tools for the assessment of any heritage asset within its local, regional and national historic environment setting.

The following research topic was deemed likely to be most relevant to the Site. On morphological grounds the two settlement foci recorded by the geophysical survey were interpreted as indicative of late prehistoric / Romano-British occupation activity. Understanding this period's landscape development, settlement distribution and typology is a research aim highlighted in the local research framework for Bedfordshire (Oake 2007, 11).



2. METHODOLOGY

The methodological approach to the project is summarised below; a full methodology is provided in the WSI (Albion Archaeology 2017a).

The standards and requirements set out in the following documents were adhered to throughout the project:

• Albion Archaeology	<i>Procedures Manual: Volume 1 Fieldwork</i> (2nd ed., 2001).
• Bedford Museum	<i>Procedure for Preparing Archaeological Archives for Deposition in Registered Museums in Bedfordshire. Version 2.8</i> (2010).
• ClfA	<i>Charter and By-law; Code of Conduct</i> (2014).
	<i>Standard and guidance for archaeological field evaluation</i> (2014).
	<i>Standard and guidance for the collection, documentation, conservation and research of archaeological materials</i> (2014).
• EAA	<i>Standards for Field Archaeology in the East of England</i> (2003)
• Historic England	<i>Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment PPN3: Archaeological Excavation</i> (2015)
	<i>Environmental Archaeology: A guide to the theory and practice of methods, from sampling and recovery to post-excavation</i> (2nd ed.) (2011).

The trial trenching took place between 21st September and 9th October 2017. Twenty-nine trenches, all measuring 50m long by 1.8m wide, were opened across the whole Site, with the exception of the paddock (Figure 1). The trenches were positioned to give even spatial coverage and to characterise the geophysical anomalies while also testing those parts of the Site that appeared to be “blank” on the geophysical survey.

The trenches were opened by a mechanical excavator fitted with a flat-edged bucket, operated by an experienced driver under close archaeological supervision. Overburden was removed down to the top of the archaeological deposits or undisturbed geological deposits, whichever were encountered first.

An appropriate sample and percentage of the revealed archaeological features was investigated. The investigation strategy was agreed with the CBCA, who visited the Site regularly to monitor the works.

All excavation and recording was carried out by experienced Albion staff. The bases and sides of the trenches were cleaned by hand. Any potential archaeological features were cleaned and recorded using Albion Archaeology’s *pro forma* sheets. All features and deposits were assigned a unique context number commencing at 100 for Trench 1, 200 for Trench 2 *etc.* Each trench was subsequently drawn and photographed as appropriate.



The project archive will be deposited at The Higgins Art Gallery & Museum, Bedford (accession no.: BEDFM 2017.98). Details of the project and its findings will be submitted to the OASIS database (reference no.: albionar1-295217) in accordance with the guidelines issued by Historic England and the Archaeology Data Service.



3. RESULTS

3.1 Introduction

All significant deposits and features found within the trial trenches are summarised below and shown on Figures 2–14. Context numbers in square brackets refer to cuts [***] and round brackets to fills or layers (***). Details of all observed deposits and archaeological features are provided in Appendix 1, whilst detailed artefactual and ecofactual information is contained in Appendix 2.

Archaeological features were identified in twenty of the twenty-nine trenches; Trenches 15, 16, 18 and 25–29 were devoid of archaeological features, whilst Trench 20 only revealed the remains of a tree-throw. The vast majority of the archaeological remains were located in the field making up the northern half of the Site (Figure 2).

The revealed sub-surface remains are discussed chronologically from earliest to latest. The chronological division reflects the actual characteristics of the Site and was principally based on a combination of finds data and stratigraphy. Undated features, wherever possible, were also assigned to a chronological period, based on their correspondence with geophysical anomalies, spatial association or similarity of deposits with other, securely dated, archaeological remains.

3.2 Overburden and Geological Deposits

In the vast majority of the trenches the overburden consisted of topsoil and subsoil. The topsoil was generally 0.24–0.36m thick and consisted of dark brown-grey sandy silt to clay silt deposits. The subsoil comprised mid-orange-grey and orange-brown to grey-brown deposits of clayey sands and silts to silty clays and sands; it was predominantly 0.14–0.28m thick but was in excess of 0.35m thick in Trenches 21 and 24. In addition, colluvial deposits were recorded beneath the subsoil in Trenches 5, 9 and 16 — layers (502), (902) and (1602) respectively; they sealed the archaeological remains.

The combined depth of overburden was 0.29–0.85m; the greater depths were generally seen at the bottom of the slope in the central part of the Site. The vast majority of archaeological features were sealed by the overburden; the only exception was ditch [1011], which was cut into the subsoil in Trench 10.

Undisturbed geological strata within the Site varied from silty and sandy clays to silty and clayey sands with pockets of chalk, pure clay and gravel also present. In addition, colluvial layer (509) had formed on top of the geological stratum in Trench 5 with archaeological features cut into it.

In general, both the overburden and the geological strata had more clayey components in the northern part of the Site (on the slope) and were sandier in the southern, flatter part of the Site.



3.3 Early-Middle Iron Age Activity

Archaeological remains dating to this chronological period were encountered in Trenches 2, 11, 12 and 17.

3.3.1 Enclosure system

The area around Trenches 11 and 12 in the centre of the northern field appears to have been a focus of early-middle Iron Age activity; twelve ditches, a possible pit and two postholes were recorded.

Ditches are broadly N-S and E-W aligned and most of them correspond with geophysical anomalies that seem to form a distinct enclosure system extending approximately 70m N-S by up to 40m E-W (Figure 4).

Ditches [1103] (with a re-cut [1107]), [1111], [1218] and [1220] appear to form external boundaries of a larger enclosure, whilst ditch portions [1203] and [1216] seem to be parts of an internal, roughly sub-circular enclosure measuring *c.* 15m across. These ditches ranged from 0.7–2.9m wide by up to 0.71m deep. The remainder of the ditches¹ are likely to constitute subdivisions within the larger enclosure; they were generally less substantial and were 0.45–1m wide by 0.15–0.43m deep. Most ditches had U- to V-shaped profiles with the exception of a curvilinear, near vertical-sided ditch [1109] (Figures 10 and 13). Ditches [1109] and [1210] appeared to terminate within the trenches.

Possible pit [1113] was 1.02m long and 0.6m+ wide by 0.19m deep; it continued beyond the confines of Trench 11. Two isolated postholes [1206] and [1212] were 0.2–0.45m in diameter and up to 0.14m deep.

These features were generally filled with mid- to dark brown-grey and grey-brown clay silt and silty clay deposits, except for ditch [1109], which was filled with a dark grey-black material (1110). Pottery dating to the early-middle Iron Age was recovered from the majority of the features, along with considerable quantities of animal bone. A loom weight fragment (RA7) was also recovered from enclosure ditch [1203].

Although a number of the features are undated, on the basis of stratigraphy and spatial patterning they can be considered to be contemporary. These include: [1107], [1206], [1210], [1212], [1216], [1218] and [1220].

3.3.2 Peripheral activity

An isolated storage pit [203] was revealed in Trench 2, approximately 50m north-east of the enclosure system (Figure 4). It was probably circular, measuring 1.91m in diameter by 0.94m deep and continued beyond the limit of the trench (Figures 8 and 11). Of its three fills, two produced considerable quantities of early-middle Iron Age pottery and animal bone.

A peripheral area of activity was also encountered in Trench 17 to the south-west of the main enclosure system. It comprised gully [1703/1705] and pit

¹ [1109], [1208], [1210], [1214] and [1222].



[1707], which were not identified by the geophysical survey (Figure 7). The gully was 0.45m wide, had a concave profile up to 0.23m deep and terminated within the trench; its curvilinear form in plan may suggest it represents the drip gully of an east-facing roundhouse. The adjacent sub-circular pit was up to 0.85m in diameter and 0.1m deep. Fill (1704) of the gully terminus [1703] yielded early-middle Iron Age pottery (*c.* 1.6kg), whereas the associated pit was undated.

3.4 Late Iron Age/Early Roman Remains

The late Iron Age/early Roman period saw a major change in a settlement pattern. Two distinct settlement foci seem to have developed to the west and north of the early-middle Iron Age enclosure system, which, in turn, appears to have been abandoned by this time.

3.4.1 Western settlement focus

Located in Trenches 7, 9 and 10 in the western part of the northern field, this roughly sub-square settlement focus occupied an area of approximately 1ha (*c.* 100x100m) (Figures 2 and 5), with the features dug into sandier geological deposits. The vast majority of features were in the form of ditches/gullies — twenty-six in total — with only two pits and two postholes also revealed. Most of these remains had been detected during the geophysical survey.

Twenty-one ditches had roughly E-W alignments with only four NW-SE ditches² and one N-S ditch [920]. Several E-W aligned ditches were redefined on a few occasions and represent long-lived external settlement boundaries³ or major internal divisions⁴. The most substantial examples were 2–2.8m wide and up to 1.2m deep (Figures 10, 12 and 13). Minor linear sub-divisions⁵ were generally less substantial and ranged from 0.3–1.5m wide by 0.1–0.5m deep (Figure 9). All ditches had either V-shaped profiles that were generally steeper or gradually sloping U-shaped profiles.

Deposits within the ditches varied from mid-orange-grey to dark brown-grey in colour and from sandy silt to silty clay in composition. Most of the deposits encountered within the linear features are likely to have been derived from erosion of an upper soil profile, although there was also evidence of deliberate dumping of domestic waste material.

Two postholes [725] and [922] as well as two pits [727] and [1013] were identified within the western settlement focus. The postholes were up to 0.5m in diameter by up to 0.12m deep. The pits measured 0.72–2.2m in plan; pit [1013] was 0.36m deep and pit [727] was not excavated. Both pits intersected with ditches [1016] and [719] respectively. Deposits within the discrete features ranged from mid-grey-brown to dark brown-grey in colour and from silty sand to clay silt in composition. The fills of pit [1013] are thought to have been deliberately dumped, whilst the others are likely to have formed via natural, erosional processes.

² [1009], [1013], [1016] and [1024].

³ [703]/[706]/[712]/[716] and [1003]/[1005]/[1007].

⁴ [908]/[913]/[915]/[925], [1018]/[1020] and [1026]/[1028].

⁵ [719], [723], [904], [906], [918], [920], [1009], [1016], [1022] and [1024].



Almost all the artefactual material recovered from several ditches and pit [1013] can be comfortably dated to the late Iron Age/early Roman period. The only exceptions were:

- a 3rd-century Roman coin (RA6) from ditch [703];
- late Bronze Age/early Iron Age pottery fragments recovered from an earlier ditch [712] within the same excavated segment.

The late Bronze Age/early Iron Age pottery assemblage is likely to be residual; it is indicative of limited activity of this date in the general vicinity rather than providing a date for the feature itself. The 3rd-century coin is considered intrusive within the ditch.

3.4.2 Northern settlement focus

The settlement focus in the northern part of the Site was examined in Trenches 3–6 (Figure 3). The number of features recorded is similar to the western settlement focus but they were generally smaller in size. A wider range of feature types was represented: twenty-three ditches/gullies, two possible quarry pits, one posthole, a possible cremation burial, two wheel ruts and a possible stone surface. Most of the revealed remains in Trenches 3 and 5 correspond with anomalies detected during the geophysical survey and, conversely, most of features in Trenches 4 and 6 had not been detected by the survey. This might be due to the presence of heavier clay and chalk geological strata in that area.

Ditches were principally aligned N-S (seventeen features); three had a NE-SW alignment⁶; another two were on aligned E-W⁷; and one gully ([405]) was aligned NW-SE.

Three ditches showed evidence of repeated re-cutting, indicating the presence of major, longer-lived boundaries in Trenches 3, 4 and 6⁸. Their largest forms were 1.5–2.1m wide and 0.3–0.48m deep (Figures 9 and 11). Though unexcavated, the alignment of ditch [318] in Trench 3 suggests it is likely to be a continuation of the same N-S aligned multiple-ditch boundary [409]–[419] to the south. The remaining ditches within the settlement focus⁹ were generally not as substantial; they were 0.25–1.5m wide and 0.06–0.39m deep. All ditches had either gradual U-shaped profiles or V-shaped profiles that were generally steeper.

Deposits within the ditches varied from light grey-brown to dark brown-grey silty clays that predominantly had formed via natural silting processes; however, fill (605) of ditch [603] contained abundant, deliberately dumped pottery fragments.

A possible cremation burial [607] was dug into the top of ditch [603] (Figure 3). The feature was circular, c. 0.5m diameter by 0.1m deep, and contained a

⁶ [603], [611] and [614].

⁷ [316] and [504].

⁸ [303]/[305]/[307]/[310], [409]/[411]/[413]/[416]/[419] and [603]/[611].

⁹ [316], [320], [403], [405], [504], [510/512], [614], [621], [623] and [625].



dark grey clay-sand deposit (609/627) with moderate charcoal flecks inclusions and a small quantity of largely undiagnostic burnt bone fragments that may comprise mixed human and animal remains. The deposit was accompanied by a possible accessory jar (608).

In Trench 5 the remains of a possible quarry pit [514] was cut into an earlier pit [518] (possibly also a quarry). They were 7.75–12m+ long by 1.04–1.21m deep and both extended eastwards and westwards beyond the trench limits (Figures 9 and 12). They were infilled by a series of deliberately dumped deposits, comprising a combination of re-deposited geological strata and domestic refuse.

N-S aligned possible wheel ruts [617] and [619] were uncovered in Trench 6; they were *c.* 2m apart and 1.32–1.48m wide by up to 0.17m deep (Figure 9). They were filled by homogenous mid-orange-brown silty clay deposits.

A possible metallated surface (628) was revealed in the area between ditches [603]/[611] and [614]. It was 3.45m wide, extended beyond the trench on a NE-SW alignment and comprised a large quantity of small- to medium-sized stones pressed into a grey clay deposit (Figure 12).

A single posthole [507] was revealed in the southern part of Trench 5. It was 0.39m in diameter, 0.13m deep and was filled by mid-grey-brown silty clay that formed once the post had been removed.

Eleven archaeological features in the northern settlement focus yielded artefactual evidence dated to late Iron Age/early Roman period. This principally comprised considerable quantities of pottery, an early Roman nail cleaner (RA2) and a copper alloy late Iron Age coin (RA3) (the latter from ditch [310] and wheel rut [619] respectively). A moderate animal bone assemblage was also recovered. A small amount of early-middle Iron Age pottery recovered from ditch [413] is considered to be residual, derived from the early-middle Iron Age enclosure system to the south.

3.4.3 Peripheral activity

A single posthole [1303] was unearthed in Trench 13 in the south-east corner of the northern field (Figure 4). It was 0.48m in diameter and had a concave, slightly steeped profile that was 0.18m deep. Its dark grey-brown sandy clay fill (1304) produced a small quantity of abraded late Iron Age/early Roman pottery.

3.5 Early Roman Settlement

Evidence for dense early Roman activity was recorded in Trench 1 in the north-east corner of the Site. All the archaeological features within the trench seem to correspond with geophysical anomalies. The revealed remains probably form the south-east corner of a substantial settlement enclosure that extends beyond the northern limit of the Site (Figure 3). The features comprised fourteen ditches/gullies of various sizes and a layer.



A substantial ESE-WNW ditch was re-cut on at least three occasions¹⁰ and appeared to mark the southern extent of the early Roman settlement. The final form of the ditch [103] was 3.36m wide and had a stepped profile that was 0.73m deep (Figures 8 and 11). Intermediate ditch [112] seems to have terminated within the excavated segment.

A total of ten intersecting ditches and less substantial gullies were recorded at the northern end of the trench — part of the settlement enclosure's internal subdivisions. Most of them were on a similar NW-SE alignment¹¹, with ditch [120] following an E-W alignment and gully [133] being aligned NE-SW; curvilinear ditch [126] was on a NW-SE alignment and turned southwards within the excavated segment. The earliest features within the segment were ditch [122] and gully [137], with gully [131] being the latest in the stratigraphic sequence; ditches [122], [135] and [139] terminated within the excavated section. Ditches ranged from 0.14–1.14m wide and 0.11–0.68m deep; the profiles were generally U- to V-shaped and steep-sided (Figures 8 and 11). Deposits infilling ditches within Trench 1 ranged from light grey-brown to dark brown-grey in colour and clay-silt to silty clay in composition.

A mid-grey silty clay layer (143) was truncated by ditches [131] and [135]; it was 0.04m thick and it had probably formed as a result of extensive human activity in the area, i.e. frequent re-cutting of linear features.

Dating evidence was collected from nine features and was consistently early Roman (1st–2nd century AD) in date; no late Iron Age material was recovered. The finds included almost 0.8kg of pottery, c. 1.2kg of animal bone and 1.1kg of largely amorphous fired clay; an undated iron strap fragment (RA8) was also recovered from fill (107) of ditch [103].

3.6 *Medieval Cultivation*

Fourteen furrows were identified in ten trenches¹². These features had characteristic wide, shallow profiles, often with uneven bases. They were 0.7–1.6m wide by 0.06–0.2m deep and were filled with mid-orange-grey to grey-brown clay-sand to silty clay deposits. The furrows had roughly N-S and ENE-WSW alignments in the northern and southern fields respectively (Figure 2).

3.7 *Post-Medieval and Modern Activity*

A number of land drains were revealed across the Site; some of them were inserted into earlier furrows, on a very similar alignment. These would have utilised the existing depressions to assist drainage of the land in the post-medieval and modern periods. Land drain [116] in Trench 1 (Figure 11) was recorded separately, as its fill produced residual early Roman artefacts; this is due to the fact that it was cut into early Roman ditch [103] and had probably been backfilled with material derived from the ditch.

¹⁰ [103]/[108]/[110]/[112].

¹¹ [114], [122], [128], [131], [135], [137] and [139].

¹² Gen. [118], Gen. [314], [407], [1115], [1409], [1709], [1908], Gen. [2103], [2203] and [2414].



Modern ditch [1011] in Trench 10 was cut into the subsoil; it was machine-excavated (Figure 5) and recorded only in baulk sections of the trench. The ditch was aligned NE-SW; it was 0.8m wide and 0.26m deep. The distinctive dark grey-brown fill (1012) contained modern brown earthenware pottery.

3.8 Undated Features

A number of archaeological remains were identified in Trenches 14, 23 and 24 in the eastern part of the Site; the majority of them were not detected by the geophysical survey (Figure 6). The features comprised seven ditches/gullies¹³, two parallel wheel ruts¹⁴ (Figure 14) as well as two tree-throws¹⁵. On five occasions features were aligned NW-SE, with two gullies being aligned E-W¹⁶; gully [2305] was on a N-S alignment (Figure 14) and ditch [2403] was aligned NE-SW (Figure 14). The remains had irregular and U-shaped to near-vertical profiles. They were generally small in size and were 0.27–1.13m wide by 0.1–0.3m deep; they were infilled by similar mid-brown-orange to grey-brown silty clay deposits that had formed via natural silting.

The only datable artefact was an iron object with copper alloy casing (RA5), which may be Iron Age in date; it was collected from the surface of ditch [2403]. An unidentified tiny pottery sherd (1g) and undated lead alloy circular disc (RA4) were also recovered from ditches [1405] and [2408] respectively. The general lack of datable material is notable, particularly in comparison to the amount of artefacts recovered from features in the other areas within the Site. It seems, therefore, plausible to suggest that the archaeological remains in this area are essentially undated.

A large NW-SE ditch [1903] was recorded in the south-west part of the Site; it was not recorded during the geophysical survey (Figure 7). It was 3.39m wide and had a concave profile that was 1m deep (Figures 10 and 14). It was infilled by a series of mid-brown to dark grey-black sandy silt deposits. Secondary fill (1905) contained large quantities of charcoal and fired clay and is thought to have derived from the deliberate deposition of burnt material. Tertiary fill (1906) yielded a considerable amount of animal bone, indicative of the incorporation of domestic waste material.

No artefacts were recovered from a single posthole [803] in the north-west part of the Site (Figure 2). It may date to the late Iron Age/early Roman period, given the presence of features of this date to the south and east.

¹³ [1403], [2303], [2305], [2307], [2403], [2408] and [2412].

¹⁴ [1405] and [1407].

¹⁵ [2406] and [2410].

¹⁶ [2303] and [2307].



4. CONCLUSIONS

4.1 *Summary and Significance of Results*

The trenching evaluation has largely confirmed the presence of features identified during the geophysical survey; however, it also revealed a number of remains that were not detected by the survey. The features have provided evidence of activity on the Site dating from the early-middle Iron Age to the early Roman period and from the medieval to modern period. The early-middle Iron Age to early Roman remains are of regional significance and have the potential to address regional research objectives. The medieval to modern remains are of low to negligible significance and have no potential to address regional research objectives.

In the early-middle Iron Age period, the focus of activity took the form of an enclosure system in the centre of the northern field, with peripheral activity also identified immediately to the north-east as well as further to the south-west in Trench 17. For this period, as well as enclosure ditches, the presence of few pits (including a storage pit), sparse postholes and a possible roundhouse are suggestive of settlement.

The late Iron Age/early Roman transitional period saw a major change in settlement pattern. Two distinct settlement foci seem to have developed to the west and north of the early-middle Iron Age enclosure system. The western settlement focus occupies an area of approximately 1ha with the vast majority of features being in the form of ditches; two pits and two postholes were also revealed. The northern settlement focus appeared smaller in size and, in turn, comprised a wider range of feature types, which (in addition to ditches) included possible quarry pits, a possible stone surface and a possible cremation burial. Peripheral activity in this period is represented by a single posthole recorded in the south-east corner of the northern field.

Archaeological remains revealed in the north-east corner of the Site correspond with geophysical anomalies that seem to indicate a large settlement, which extends beyond the northern limit of the Site. Dating evidence obtained may suggest a new settlement was established in this area in the early Roman period. It is likely that the two late Iron Age/early Roman settlement foci remained in use at this time.

Several ditches within the late Iron Age/early Roman settlement foci as well as within the early Roman settlement (principally major settlement boundaries) showed evidence of repeated re-cutting. This, and the presence of other types of features, would indicate the potential to determine the settlements' development and pattern and to understand use of the landscape in these periods (Oake 2007, 11; Medlycott 2011, 30–1, 47).

Reasonably substantial assemblages of artefacts were recovered from the early-middle Iron Age to early Roman features, including pottery, animal bone as well as metal objects, a loom weight and ferrous slag. This indicates potential to gain insight into the economy and industry of these settlements (Medlycott 2011, 30–1).



Late Bronze Age/early Iron Age pottery recovered from a later feature is residual. It does, however, hint at activity of the period within the wider vicinity of the Site.

Traces of medieval cultivation furrows revealed across the Site are of little archaeological significance beyond adding to our knowledge of the areas under ridge and furrow cultivation during the period.

Undated, but possibly of some antiquity, the remains revealed in the south-west and eastern parts of the Site have the potential to provide less significant information on past human activity.

4.2 *Impact of the Proposed Development and Mitigation*

The potential archaeological impact of the proposed development is considered in detail in the heritage statement prepared for the planning application (Albion Archaeology 2017b).

In summary, the proposed development will involve significant groundworks that are likely to adversely affect the sub-surface archaeological heritage assets within the northern half of the Site. In contrast, the evaluation has indicated that the archaeological potential of the southern half of the Site is confined to a discrete area of undated ditches and medieval furrows and the potential impact of the groundwork's on the southern half of the Site is, therefore, negligible.

With the agreement of the LPA, any impacts of the proposed development on sub-surface archaeological remains within the northern half of the Site could be mitigated by a further programme of archaeological works prior to the commencement of construction.



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6. APPENDIX 1: TRENCH SUMMARIES

Trench: 1

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.3 m. Max: 0.48 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16694; Northing: 51264)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16680; Northing: 51216)

Reason: To test geophysical anomalies.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
100	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey clay silt moderate small-medium stones Up to 0.28m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
101	Subsoil	Compact mid grey brown silty clay occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.2m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
102	Natural	Compact light grey clay occasional small-medium stones With orange-brown silt patches and white chalk patches.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
103	Ditch	Linear ESE-WNW sides: stepped base: concave dimensions: max breadth 3.36m, max depth 0.73m, min length 1.8m It truncates ditches [108], [110], [112] and is truncated by land drain [116].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
104	Lower fill	Compact mid grey clay occasional flecks chalk, occasional flecks charcoal, occasional small-medium stones With yellow mottling. Up to 0.3m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
105	Fill	Compact light grey brown silty clay occasional flecks chalk, occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.26m thick deposit of slumped in material from the NE side.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
106	Fill	Compact light brown silty clay occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.14m thick deposit of slumped in material from the SW side.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
107	Upper fill	Compact mid grey silty clay occasional small-medium stones With occasional yellow mottling. Up to 0.46m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
108	Ditch	Linear ESE-WNW sides: steep base: flat dimensions: min breadth 0.64m, min depth 0.45m, min length 1.8m Truncated by ditches [103] and [112].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
109	Fill	Compact mid orange brown silty clay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
110	Ditch	Linear ESE-WNW sides: U-shaped base: concave dimensions: min breadth 1.1m, max depth 0.48m, min length 1.8m Truncated by ditch [103].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
111	Fill	Compact mid grey silty clay occasional flecks chalk, occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
112	Ditch	Linear ESE-WNW sides: concave base: flat dimensions: min breadth 0.45m, min depth 0.24m, min length 0.47m Truncated by ditch [103] and it truncates ditch [108]. It terminates within the segment.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
113	Fill	Compact mid brown clay occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
114	Ditch	Linear NW-SE dimensions: min breadth 0.6m, min length 1.9m Truncated by ditch [120]. It was only visible within the NE slope of trench.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
115	Fill	Compact mid grey silty clay occasional small-medium stones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
116	Land drain	Linear N-S sides: steep base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.25m, max depth 0.46m, min length 5m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
117	Backfill	Friable mid grey brown clay silt occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
118	Furrow	Linear N-S sides: concave base: uneven dimensions: max breadth 1.3m, max depth 0.06m, min length 3m A series of 2 furrows within the trench.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
119	Fill	Compact mid brown silty clay occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
120	Ditch	Linear E-W sides: steep base: concave dimensions: max breadth 1.14m, max depth 0.45m, min length 0.5m Truncated by ditch [126] and it truncates ditches [114] and [122].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
121	Fill	Compact dark brown grey silty clay occasional flecks chalk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Trench: 1**

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.3 m. Max: 0.48 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16694; Northing: 51264)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16680; Northing: 51216)

Reason: To test geophysical anomalies.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
122	Ditch	Linear NW-SE sides: steep base: concave dimensions: min breadth 0.83m, max depth 0.68m, min length 0.5m Truncated by ditches [120] and [126]. It terminates within the segment.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
123	Primary fill	Compact mid grey clay occasional flecks chalk, occasional small-medium stones With patches of orange grey clay. Up to 0.24m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
124	Secondary fill	Compact mid grey silty clay Up to 0.16m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
125	Tertiary fill	Compact mid orange grey clay occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.27m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
126	Ditch	Curving linear sides: V-shaped base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.8m, max depth 0.37m, min length 1.1m NW-SE aligned, then turns to a N-S angle. Truncated by ditch [128] and it truncates ditches [120], [122], [137], [139].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
127	Fill	Compact dark grey silty clay occasional flecks chalk, occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
128	Ditch	Linear NW-SE sides: steep base: concave dimensions: max breadth 1.09m, max depth 0.5m, min length 1.8m Truncated by ditch [131], it truncates ditches [126], [135], [137].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
129	Lower fill	Compact mid grey clay occasional flecks chalk, occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.11m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
130	Upper fill	Compact dark grey silty clay occasional flecks charcoal, occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.39m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
131	Gulley	Linear NW-SE sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.64m, max depth 0.26m, min length 1.8m The latest feature within the excavated segment. It truncates ditches [128], [133] and layer (143).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
132	Fill	Compact mid grey silty clay occasional flecks chalk, occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
133	Gulley	Linear NE-SW sides: U-shaped base: uneven dimensions: min breadth 0.14m, max depth 0.21m, min length 0.56m Truncated by ditch [131].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
134	Fill	Compact mid grey silty clay occasional flecks chalk, occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
135	Gulley	Linear NW-SE sides: U-shaped base: concave dimensions: min breadth 0.44m, max depth 0.11m, min length 0.32m Truncated by ditch [128], it truncates layer (143). It terminates within the segment.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
136	Fill	Compact mid grey silty clay occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
137	Gulley	Linear NW-SE sides: U-shaped base: flat dimensions: min breadth 0.42m, max depth 0.24m, min length 0.7m Truncated by ditches [126], [128], [139].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
138	Fill	Compact dark grey clay silt occasional flecks charcoal, occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
139	Ditch	Linear NW-SE sides: V-shaped base: v-shaped dimensions: min breadth 0.96m, max depth 0.49m, min length 1.2m Truncated by ditch [126], it truncates ditch [137] and terminates within the trench.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
140	Lower fill	Compact mid grey clay occasional flecks chalk, occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.17m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
141	Main fill	Compact mid grey silty clay With reddish mottling. Up to 0.23m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
142	Upper fill	Compact mid orange grey clay occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.11m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
143	Layer	Compact mid grey silty clay occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.04m thick deposit formed between intersecting ditches. Truncated by ditches [131] and [135].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Trench: 2**

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.42 m. Max: 0.43 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16661; Northing: 51209)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16626; Northing: 51173)

Reason: To assess archaeological potential.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
200	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey clay silt moderate small-medium stones Up to 0.27m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
201	Subsoil	Compact mid orange brown silty clay occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.17m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
202	Natural	Compact light grey clay occasional small-medium stones And white chalk patches.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
203	Pit	Sub-circular sides: near vertical base: concave dimensions: min breadth 0.85m, max depth 0.94m, max length 1.91m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
204	Lower fill	Compact light brown silty clay occasional flecks chalk, occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.21m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
205	Main fill	Friable mid grey brown clay silt occasional flecks charcoal, occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.64m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
206	Upper fill	Friable dark grey clay silt occasional flecks charcoal, occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.47m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Trench: 3**

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.5 m. Max: 0.63 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16615: Northing: 51224)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16566: Northing: 51232)

Reason: To test geophysical anomalies.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
300	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey clay silt occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.35m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
301	Subsoil	Compact mid orange brown silty clay occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.28m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
302	Natural	Compact light orange yellow silty clay frequent small-medium stones, moderate large stones With chalk patches.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
303	Ditch	Linear N-S sides: U-shaped base: concave dimensions: min breadth 0.32m, min depth 0.14m, min length 1.8m Truncated by ditch [307].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
304	Fill	Compact mid brown grey silty clay occasional flecks chalk, occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
305	Ditch	Linear N-S sides: concave base: concave dimensions: min breadth 0.7m, min depth 0.46m, min length 1.8m Truncated by ditches [307] and [310].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
306	Fill	Compact mid brown grey silty clay moderate flecks chalk, frequent small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
307	Ditch	Linear N-S sides: V-shaped base: concave dimensions: min breadth 1.45m, max depth 0.41m, min length 1.8m Truncated by ditch [310] and it truncates ditches [303] and [305].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
308	Lower fill	Compact mid grey brown silty clay occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.22m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
309	Upper fill	Compact dark grey brown silty clay occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.2m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
310	Ditch	Linear N-S sides: U-shaped base: concave dimensions: max breadth 2.m, max depth 0.45m, min length 1.8m It truncates ditches [305] and [307].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
311	Lower fill	Compact light grey brown silty clay occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.1m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
312	Main fill	Compact dark brown grey silty clay occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.32m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
313	Upper fill	Compact mid grey brown silty clay occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.14m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
314	Furrow	Linear N-S sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.95m, max depth 0.07m, min length 1.8m A series of 3 furrows.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
315	Fill	Firm mid grey brown silty clay occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
316	Ditch	Linear E-W dimensions: min breadth 0.5m, min length 0.8m It is located in the NW corner of the trench. Its relationship with a perpendicular ditch [318] was not investigated.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
317	Fill	Compact dark brown grey silty clay occasional small-medium stones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
318	Ditch	Linear N-S dimensions: max breadth 1.9m, min length 1.8m Its relationship with ditch [316] was not investigated.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
319	Fill	Compact dark brown grey silty clay occasional small-medium stones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
320	Ditch	Linear N-S dimensions: max breadth 1.1m, min length 1.8m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
321	Fill	Compact mid grey brown silty clay occasional small-medium stones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Trench: 4**

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.4 m. Max: 0.5 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16616: Northing: 51198)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16568: Northing: 51182)

Reason: To test geophysical anomalies.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
400	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey clay silt occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.36m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
401	Subsoil	Compact mid orange brown silty clay occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.14m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
402	Natural	Compact light orange yellow silty clay frequent small-medium stones, occasional large stones With chalk patches.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
403	Ditch	Linear N-S sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 1.2m, max depth 0.19m, min length 1.9m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
404	Fill	Compact mid brown grey silty clay occasional flecks chalk, occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
405	Gulley	Linear NW-SE sides: U-shaped base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.5m, max depth 0.12m, min length 2.8m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
406	Fill	Compact mid yellow brown silty clay occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
407	Furrow	Linear NNW-SSE dimensions: max breadth 1.6m, min length 1.8m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
408	Fill	Compact mid grey brown silty clay occasional small-medium stones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
409	Ditch	Linear N-S sides: U-shaped base: flat dimensions: min breadth 0.65m, max depth 0.24m, min length 1.8m Truncated by ditch [411].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
410	Fill	Compact mid grey brown silty clay occasional flecks chalk, occasional flecks charcoal, occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
411	Ditch	Linear N-S sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 1.15m, max depth 0.38m, min length 1.8m It truncates ditches [409] and [413].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
412	Fill	Compact mid brown grey silty clay occasional flecks chalk, occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
413	Ditch	Linear N-S sides: concave base: concave dimensions: min breadth 1.05m, max depth 0.36m, min length 1.8m Truncated by ditches [411] and [416].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
414	Lower fill	Compact light brown grey silty clay occasional flecks chalk, occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.2m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
415	Upper fill	Compact dark brown grey silty clay occasional flecks chalk, occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.16m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
416	Ditch	Linear N-S sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 2.1m, max depth 0.6m, min length 1.8m It truncates ditches [413] and [419].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
417	Lower fill	Compact mid brown silty clay occasional flecks chalk, occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.4m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
418	Upper fill	Compact dark brown grey silty clay occasional flecks chalk, occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.2m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
419	Ditch	Linear N-S sides: U-shaped base: concave dimensions: min breadth 1.2m, max depth 0.34m, min length 1.8m Truncated by ditch [416].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
420	Fill	Compact mid brown silty clay occasional flecks chalk, occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 5

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.45 m. Max: 0.73 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16557; Northing: 51232)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16554; Northing: 51182)

Reason: To test geophysical anomalies.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
500	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey clay silt occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.3m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
501	Subsoil	Firm mid grey brown silty clay occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.28m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
502	Colluvium	Compact mid orange brown silty clay frequent small-medium stones Up to 0.15m thick deposit that was recorded only in the northern half of the trench. It seals archaeological remains.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
503	Natural	Compact light orange yellow silty clay occasional small-medium stones With chalk patches.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
504	Ditch	Linear E-W sides: V-shaped base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.8m, max depth 0.39m, min length 1.55m It terminates within the trench.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
505	Lower fill	Compact mid grey brown silty clay occasional flecks chalk, occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.09m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
506	Upper fill	Compact dark brown grey silty clay occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.3m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
507	Posthole	Sub-circular sides: U-shaped base: concave dimensions: max depth 0.13m, max diameter 0.39m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
508	Fill	Compact mid grey brown silty clay occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
509	Colluvium	Compact mid brown orange silty clay moderate small-medium stones Up to 0.15m thick deposit with archaeological remains - i.e. gully [510] - cut into it.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
510	Gulley	Linear N-S sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.22m, max depth 0.06m, max length 3.3m Same as [512].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
511	Fill	Compact mid brown grey silty clay occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
512	Gulley	Linear N-S sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.25m, max depth 0.04m, max length 3.3m The northern terminus of gully. Same as [510].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
513	Fill	Compact mid brown grey silty clay occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
514	Pit	Irregular sides: near vertical dimensions: min breadth 1.8m, max depth 1.21m, min length 12.m Possible quarry pit. Investigated by hand to a depth of 0.76m, then augered to reveal its full depth. It truncates pit [518].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
515	Lower fill	Friable dark grey clay silt moderate flecks charcoal, occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.7m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
516	Secondary fill	Compact mid yellow brown clay sand occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.15m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
517	Upper fill	Compact dark grey brown clay silt occasional flecks chalk, occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.57m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
518	Pit	Irregular dimensions: min breadth 1.3m, max depth 1.04m, max length 7.75m Possible quarry pit. Investigated by hand to a depth of 0.74m, then augered to reveal its full depth. Truncated by pit [514].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
519	Lower fill	Compact mid yellow brown sandy clay occasional flecks chalk, occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.61m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
520	Upper fill	Compact light brown grey sandy clay moderate flecks chalk, occasional small-medium stones With frequent orange sand patches. Up to 0.51m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Trench: 6**

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.29 m. Max: 0.46 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16506; Northing: 51211)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16544; Northing: 51178)

Reason: To assess archaeological potential.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
600	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey clay silt occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.29m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
601	Subsoil	Compact mid grey brown silty clay frequent small-medium stones, occasional large stones Up to 0.18m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
602	Natural	Compact light orange yellow silty clay frequent small-medium stones, occasional large stones With moderate chalk patches.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
603	Ditch	Linear NE-SW sides: U-shaped base: concave dimensions: max breadth 1.82m, max depth 0.48m, min length 1.8m It truncates ditch [611], truncated by cremation [607].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
604	Secondary fill	Compact mid brown grey silty clay occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.2m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
605	Tertiary fill	Compact dark brown grey silty clay occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.04m thick deposit of deliberately dumped frequent pottery fragments.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
606	Upper fill	Compact dark brown grey silty clay frequent small-medium stones Up to 0.21m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
610	Primary fill	Compact mid yellow brown silty clay occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.19m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
607	Grave	Circular sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max depth 0.1m, max diameter 0.5m Un-urned cremation burial that was cut into the top fill of ditch [603].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
608	Finds deposit	Fragments of an accessory vessel associated with the burial.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
609	Cremation deposit	Friable dark grey clay sand moderate flecks charcoal Up to 0.05m thick deposit - the lower spit of cremation. It contained occasional bunt human bone fragments.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
627	Cremation deposit	Friable dark grey clay sand moderate flecks charcoal Up to 0.05m thick deposit - the upper spit of cremation. It contained occasional bunt human bone fragments.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
611	Ditch	Linear NE-SW sides: U-shaped base: concave dimensions: min breadth 1.6m, max depth 0.45m, min length 1.8m Truncated by parallel ditch [603].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
612	Primary fill	Compact mid yellow brown silty clay frequent small-medium stones Up to 0.34m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
613	Main fill	Compact dark yellow brown silty clay frequent small-medium stones, occasional large stones Up to 0.45m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
614	Ditch	Linear NE-SW sides: V-shaped base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.8m, max depth 0.23m, min length 1.8m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
615	Lower fill	Compact mid orange brown silty clay occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.12m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
616	Upper fill	Hard dark grey brown clay gravel Up to 0.12m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
617	Wheel ruts	Linear N-S sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 1.32m, max depth 0.08m, min length 2.2m Parallel with the nearby remains [619]; these may form wheel ruts.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
618	Fill	Compact mid orange brown silty clay frequent small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
619	Wheel ruts	Linear N-S sides: concave base: uneven dimensions: max breadth 1.48m, max depth 0.17m, min length 2.1m Parallel with the nearby remains [617]; these may form wheel ruts.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
620	Fill	Compact mid orange brown silty clay frequent small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
621	Ditch	Linear N-S sides: V-shaped base: concave dimensions: max breadth 1.55m, max depth 0.36m, min length 2.35m It runs parallel to ditches [623] and [625].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
622	Fill	Compact mid grey brown silty clay occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
623	Ditch	Linear N-S sides: V-shaped base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.88m, max depth 0.24m, min length 2.4m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
624	Fill	Compact mid grey brown silty clay occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
625	Ditch	Linear N-S sides: U-shaped base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.38m, max depth 0.08m, min length 2.4m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
626	Fill	Compact mid grey brown silty clay occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
628	External surface	Hard light grey clay frequent small-medium stones 1.8m+ long by 3.45m wide layer of possible external surface.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Trench: 7**

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.45 m. Max: 0.54 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16502: Northing: 51175)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16512: Northing: 51126)

Reason: To test geophysical anomalies.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
700	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey sandy silt occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.32m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
701	Subsoil	Friable mid orange brown silty sand occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.22m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
702	Natural	Friable mid orange yellow silty sand moderate small-medium stones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
703	Ditch	Linear ENE-WSW sides: V-shaped base: concave dimensions: max breadth 2.34m, max depth 0.94m, min length 1.8m The latest ditch within the excavated segment, containing also ditches [712], [706] and [716]. It truncates ditch [716].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
704	Lower fill	Firm mid orange grey clay silt occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.24m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
705	Main fill	Compact dark grey sandy clay moderate flecks chalk, occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.73m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
706	Ditch	Linear ENE-WSW sides: V-shaped base: concave dimensions: min breadth 1.74m, max depth 0.83m, min length 1.8m It truncates ditch [712], truncated by ditch [716].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
707	Upper fill	Compact mid orange grey sandy clay occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.32m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
709	Primary fill	Friable mid brown orange clay sand occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.14m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
710	Secondary fill	Compact mid orange grey sandy clay moderate flecks chalk, occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.22m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
711	Tertiary fill	Compact mid grey sandy clay occasional flecks charcoal, occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.33m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
712	Ditch	Linear ENE-WSW sides: concave base: concave dimensions: min breadth 0.9m, min depth 0.51m, min length 1.8m The earliest ditch within the excavated segment. Truncated by ditches [706] and [716].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
713	Primary fill	Firm mid brown orange clay sand occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.07m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
714	Secondary fill	Compact mid grey sandy clay moderate flecks chalk, occasional flecks charcoal, occasional small-large stones Up to 0.25m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
715	Tertiary fill	Firm mid grey clay sand moderate flecks chalk, occasional flecks charcoal, occasional small-large stones Up to 0.26m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
716	Ditch	Linear ENE-WSW sides: V-shaped dimensions: min breadth 1.8m, min depth 0.9m, min length 1.8m Truncated by ditch [703], it truncates ditch [706].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
708	Upper fill	Firm mid orange grey clay sand occasional flecks chalk, occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.31m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
717	Lower fill	Compact mid orange grey silty clay occasional flecks charcoal, occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.16m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
718	Main fill	Friable mid orange grey clay sand moderate flecks chalk, occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.34m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Trench: 7**

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.45 m. Max: 0.54 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16502; Northing: 51175)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16512; Northing: 51126)

Reason: To test geophysical anomalies.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
719	Ditch	Linear ENE-WSW sides: V-shaped base: flat dimensions: max breadth 0.7m, max depth 0.36m, min length 1.8m It intersects with a possible pit [727] - relationship not investigated.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
720	Primary fill	Friable mid yellow grey clay sand occasional flecks chalk Up to 0.18m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
721	Secondary fill	Friable mid brown yellow clay sand Up to 0.1m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
722	Tertiary fill	Friable dark grey sandy clay occasional flecks chalk, occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.17m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
723	Gulley	Linear ENE-WSW sides: U-shaped base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.28m, max depth 0.09m, min length 1.8m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
724	Fill	Friable mid grey clay silt occasional small stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
725	Posthole	Circular sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max depth 0.12m, max diameter 0.5m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
726	Fill	Friable mid grey clay silt occasional small stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
727	Pit	Sub-circular dimensions: min breadth 0.4m, min length 2.2m A possible pit continues beyond the trench. It intersects with ditch [719] - relationship not investigated.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
728	Fill	Friable mid grey brown clay sand occasional small-medium stones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
729	Ditch	Linear ENE-WSW dimensions: max breadth 1.9m, min length 1.8m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
730	Fill	Friable mid grey brown clay sand occasional small-medium stones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Trench: 8

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.57 m. Max: 0.6 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16461; Northing: 51200)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16438; Northing: 51155)

Reason: To assess archaeological potential.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
800	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey sandy silt occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.34m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
801	Subsoil	Compact mid orange brown clay sand occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.3m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
802	Natural	Compact mid yellow brown sandy clay occasional small-medium stones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
803	Posthole	Circular sides: near vertical base: concave dimensions: max depth 0.19m, max diameter 0.25m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
804	Fill	Compact dark grey brown clay silt occasional flecks charcoal, occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Trench: 9**

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.61 m. Max: 0.82 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16458; Northing: 51131)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16445; Northing: 51083)

Reason: To test geophysical anomalies.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
900	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey sandy silt occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.32m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
901	Subsoil	Friable mid orange brown silty sand occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.31m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
902	Colluvium	Firm mid red brown sandy silt occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.23m thick deposit - only recorded in the SW half of trench.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
903	Natural	Friable mid orange yellow silty sand occasional small-medium stones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
904	Ditch	Linear E-W sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 1.82m, max depth 0.44m, min length 1.8m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
905	Fill	Firm dark brown sandy silt occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
906	Ditch	Linear E-W sides: V-shaped base: concave dimensions: max breadth 1.37m, max depth 0.49m, min length 1.8m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
907	Fill	Firm dark brown sandy silt occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
908	Ditch	Linear E-W sides: U-shaped dimensions: min breadth 2.2m, max depth 0.94m, min length 1.8m It was excavated by hand to a depth of 0.84m, then augered to reveal its full depth. Truncated by ditch [925], it truncates ditches [913] and [915].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
909	Lower fill	Firm dark brown sandy silt occasional small-medium stones At least 0.34m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
910	Finds deposit	A near complete vessel with no base surviving in an upside down position. Likely deliberately placed at the bottom of deposit (911). It contained fill (924).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
911	Upper fill	Firm mid grey brown silty sand occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.57m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
924	Fill	Firm mid grey brown silty sand occasional small-medium stones Deposit within vessel FD(910).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
913	Ditch	Linear E-W sides: concave base: concave dimensions: min breadth 0.59m, min depth 0.35m, min length 1.8m The earliest ditch within the excavated segment. Truncated by ditches [908] and [915].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
914	Fill	Firm mid orange brown silty sand occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
915	Ditch	Linear E-W sides: U-shaped dimensions: min breadth 2.8m, max depth 1.2m, min length 1.8m It was excavated by hand to a depth of 0.95m, then augered to reveal its full depth. Truncated by ditch [908], it truncates ditch [913].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
916	Lower fill	Firm dark brown sandy silt occasional small-medium stones At least 0.46m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
917	Upper fill	Firm mid brown silty sand occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.68m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
918	Ditch	Linear E-W sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 1.m, max depth 0.13m, min length 1.8m Truncated at right angles by ditch [920].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
919	Fill	Friable mid brown grey sandy silt occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
920	Ditch	Linear N-S sides: U-shaped base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.85m, max depth 0.3m, min length 6.5m It truncates ditch [918] at right angles and terminates within the trench.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
921	Fill	Friable dark brown grey sandy silt occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
922	Posthole	Sub-circular sides: U-shaped base: flat dimensions: max depth 0.05m, max diameter 0.33m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
923	Fill	Friable mid brown sandy silt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
925	Ditch	Linear E-W sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 1.2m, max depth 0.33m, min length 1.8m The latest and smallest ditch within the excavated segment. It truncates ditch [908].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
912	Fill	Firm dark brown grey sandy silt occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 10

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.52 m. Max: 0.53 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16525; Northing: 51116)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16525; Northing: 51066)

Reason: To test geophysical anomalies.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
1000	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey sandy silt occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.33m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1001	Subsoil	Firm mid orange brown silty sand occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.22m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1002	Natural	Friable mid brown orange silty sand moderate small-medium stones, occasional large stones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1003	Ditch	Linear E-W sides: U-shaped base: concave dimensions: min breadth 1.19m, max depth 0.67m, min length 1.8m The earliest of three ditches within the excavated segment. Truncated by ditch [1005].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1004	Fill	Friable mid orange brown silty sand occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1005	Ditch	Linear E-W sides: U-shaped base: concave dimensions: min breadth 1.35m, max depth 0.76m, min length 1.8m It truncates ditch [1003], truncated by ditch [1007].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1006	Fill	Friable dark brown grey sandy silt occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1007	Ditch	Linear E-W sides: V-shaped base: concave dimensions: max breadth 2.29m, max depth 1.12m, min length 1.8m The final re-cut within the excavated segment. It truncates ditch [1005].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1008	Fill	Firm dark brown grey sandy silt occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1009	Gulley	Linear NW-SE sides: irregular base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.55m, max depth 0.2m, min length 1.2m It peters out within the trench. Possibly a tree-throw or small gully remains.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1010	Fill	Firm mid brown orange sandy silt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1011	Ditch	Linear NE-SW sides: U-shaped base: flat dimensions: max breadth 0.8m, max depth 0.26m, min length 1.9m Modern ditch that was cut into the subsoil.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1012	Fill	Firm dark grey brown silty sand moderate small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1013	Pit	Oval NW-SE sides: steep base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.72m, max depth 0.36m, max length 1.15m It was cut into ditch [1016], truncated by modern ditch [1011].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1014	Lower fill	Firm dark brown grey silty sand moderate flecks charcoal Up to 0.23m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1015	Upper fill	Firm mid orange brown silty sand occasional small-large stones Up to 0.19m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1016	Ditch	Linear NW-SE sides: U-shaped base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.72m, max depth 0.21m, min length 7.4m Truncated by pit [1013].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1017	Fill	Firm mid grey brown silty sand occasional small-medium stones With yellow-brown clay inclusions.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1018	Ditch	Linear E-W dimensions: max breadth 2.05m, min length 1.8m Parallel and adjacent to ditch [1020]; relationship not investigated.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1019	Fill	Firm mid grey brown silty sand occasional small-medium stones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1020	Ditch	Linear E-W dimensions: max breadth 1.m, min length 1.8m Parallel and adjacent to ditch [1018]; relationship not investigated.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1021	Fill	Firm light grey brown silty sand occasional small-medium stones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1022	Ditch	Linear E-W dimensions: max breadth 0.9m, min length 1.8m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1023	Fill	Firm mid grey brown silty sand frequent small-medium stones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1024	Ditch	Linear NW-SE sides: U-shaped base: flat dimensions: max breadth 1.55m, max depth 0.34m, min length 2.1m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1025	Fill	Firm mid brown grey silty sand moderate small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1026	Ditch	Linear E-W dimensions: max breadth 2.m, min length 1.9m Partly adjacent and parallel to ditch [1028]; relationship not investigated.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1027	Fill	Firm mid grey brown silty sand frequent small-medium stones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1028	Ditch	Linear E-W dimensions: min breadth 1.1m, min length 1.8m Partly adjacent and parallel to ditch [1026]; relationship not investigated.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1029	Fill	Firm mid brown grey silty sand occasional small-medium stones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Trench: 11**

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.39 m. Max: 0.48 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16633; Northing: 51109)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16583; Northing: 51110)

Reason: To test geophysical anomalies.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
1100	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey sandy silt occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.32m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1101	Subsoil	Compact mid orange brown clay silt occasional flecks chalk, moderate small-medium stones, occasional large stones Up to 0.18m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1102	Natural	Compact light grey clay moderate flecks chalk, moderate small-large stones With patches of brown-orange clay sand and frequent gravel inclusions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1103	Ditch	Linear NNW-SSE sides: V-shaped base: concave dimensions: min breadth 1.34m, max depth 0.71m, min length 1.8m Truncated by parallel ditch [1107].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1104	Lower fill	Compact mid grey orange silty clay moderate flecks chalk, occasional small-large stones Up to 0.15m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1105	Main fill	Compact mid grey silty clay occasional flecks chalk, occasional small-large stones Up to 0.31m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1106	Upper fill	Friable dark grey clay silt occasional flecks chalk, occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.25m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1107	Ditch	Linear NNW-SSE sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.7m, max depth 0.26m, min length 1.8m Re-cut of ditch [1103].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1108	Fill	Friable mid grey brown clay silt occasional flecks chalk, occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1109	Ditch	Curving linear ESE-WNW sides: near vertical base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.45m, max depth 0.43m, min length 3.m It turns towards the NE. It terminates within the trench.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1110	Fill	Friable dark grey black clay silt occasional medium-large burnt stones, occasional flecks chalk, occasional flecks charcoal, occasional small-large stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1111	Ditch	Linear NE-SW sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.62m, max depth 0.2m, min length 1.9m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1112	Fill	Friable dark brown grey clay silt occasional flecks chalk, occasional small-large stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1113	Pit	Sub-circular sides: concave base: concave dimensions: min breadth 0.6m, max depth 0.19m, max length 1.02m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1114	Fill	Friable mid brown grey clay silt occasional flecks chalk, occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1115	Furrow	Linear N-S dimensions: max breadth 0.9m, min length 1.8m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1116	Fill	Friable mid brown grey clay silt occasional small-medium stones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Trench: 12**

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.38 m. Max: 0.47 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16603; Northing: 51170)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16605; Northing: 51120)

Reason: To test geophysical anomalies.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
1200	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey clay silt occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.33m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1201	Subsoil	Compact mid orange brown clay silt occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.14m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1202	Natural	Compact light orange yellow silty clay moderate small-medium stones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1203	Ditch	Linear ESE-WNW sides: V-shaped base: concave dimensions: max breadth 1.6m, max depth 0.69m, min length 1.8m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1204	Lower fill	Compact mid grey brown silty clay occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.17m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1205	Main fill	Compact mid brown grey silty clay frequent small-medium stones, moderate large stones Up to 0.42m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1206	Posthole	Sub-circular sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max depth 0.14m, max diameter 0.45m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1207	Fill	Compact mid orange brown silty clay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1208	Ditch	Linear NW-SE sides: U-shaped base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.54m, max depth 0.16m, min length 2.m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1209	Fill	Compact mid orange brown silty clay occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1210	Ditch	Linear E-W sides: U-shaped base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.62m, max depth 0.15m, min length 0.8m It terminates within the trench.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1211	Fill	Compact mid orange brown silty clay occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1212	Posthole	Oval NW-SE sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.2m, max depth 0.05m, max length 0.4m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1213	Fill	Compact mid orange brown silty clay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1214	Ditch	Linear N-S sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.58m, max depth 0.19m, max length 3.m Short gully; it is on the same alignment as ditch [1222].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1215	Fill	Compact dark grey brown silty clay occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1216	Ditch	Linear E-W dimensions: max breadth 2.9m, min length 1.8m Likely part of the same enclosure as ditch [1203].	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1217	Fill	Compact mid grey brown silty clay occasional small-medium stones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1218	Ditch	Linear ENE-WSW dimensions: max breadth 1.m, min length 1.8m Partly adjacent and parallel with ditch [1220]. Relationship between these two and ditch [1222] (at right angles) was not investigated.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1219	Fill	Compact dark brown grey silty clay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1220	Ditch	Linear ENE-WSW dimensions: max breadth 0.9m, min length 1.8m Partly adjacent and parallel to ditch [1218]. Relationship between these two and ditch [1222] (at right angles) was not investigated.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1221	Fill	Compact mid brown grey silty clay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1222	Ditch	Linear N-S dimensions: max breadth 1.m, min length 9.5m It intersects with ditch [1218] at right angles - relationship not investigated. Likely associated with gully [1214] on the same alignment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1223	Fill	Compact dark brown grey silty clay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Trench: 13**

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.37 m. Max: 0.44 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16693; Northing: 51164)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16664; Northing: 51123)

Reason: To assess archaeological potential.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
1300	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey sandy silt occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.24m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1301	Subsoil	Compact mid orange brown sandy clay occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.2m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1302	Natural	Compact mid yellow brown sandy clay moderate small-medium stones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1303	Posthole	Circular sides: U-shaped base: concave dimensions: max depth 0.18m, max diameter 0.48m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1304	Fill	Compact dark grey brown sandy clay occasional flecks charcoal, occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Trench: 14

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.41 m. Max: 0.62 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16686; Northing: 51054)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16657; Northing: 51013)

Reason: To test geophysical anomalies.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
1400	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey sandy silt moderate small-medium stones Up to 0.34m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1401	Subsoil	Compact mid orange brown sandy clay occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.32m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1402	Natural	Friable mid brown orange silty sand moderate small-medium stones With patches of blue-grey clay.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1403	Ditch	Linear NW-SE sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.9m, max depth 0.3m, min length 1.8m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1404	Fill	Firm mid grey brown clay silt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1405	Wheel ruts	Linear NW-SE sides: irregular base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.7m, max depth 0.15m, min length 1.8m Likely associated with nearby parallel remains [1407].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1406	Fill	Firm mid grey brown clay silt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1407	Wheel ruts	Linear NW-SE sides: irregular base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.62m, max depth 0.16m, min length 1.8m Likely associated with nearby parallel remains [1405].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1408	Fill	Firm mid grey brown clay silt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1409	Furrow	Linear NW-SE sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 1.2m, max depth 0.1m, min length 2.m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1410	Fill	Friable mid brown grey clay silt occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Trench: 15**

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.42 m. Max: 0.63 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16613; Northing: 51011)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16568; Northing: 51034)

Reason: To assess archaeological potential.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
1500	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey sandy silt occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.3m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1501	Subsoil	Compact mid orange grey sandy clay moderate small-medium stones, occasional large stones Up to 0.34m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1502	Natural	Compact mid blue grey clay moderate small-large chalk, moderate small-medium stones With patches of grey-orange clay sand.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Trench: 16

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.55 m. Max: 0.85 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16557; Northing: 50972)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16515; Northing: 50999)

Reason: To assess archaeological potential.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
1600	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey sandy silt occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.35m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1601	Subsoil	Compact mid orange grey sandy clay moderate small-medium stones, occasional large stones Up to 0.3m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1602	Colluvium	Friable dark brown clay sand occasional small-medium chalk, occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.2m thick deposit - only recorded in the SE half of the trench.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1603	Natural	Friable mid grey orange silty sand occasional small-medium chalk, moderate small-medium stones With grey-orange clay sand patches.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Trench: 17**

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.56 m. Max: 0.6 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16486; Northing: 50982)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16444; Northing: 50954)

Reason: To assess archaeological potential.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
1700	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey sandy silt occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.36m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1701	Subsoil	Firm mid red brown clay sand occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.27m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1702	Natural	Firm mid orange yellow clay sand occasional small-medium stones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1703	Gulley	Curving linear sides: U-shaped base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.45m, max depth 0.23m, min length 0.9m NE-SW aligned, then it turns towards NW beyond the limit of trench. It terminates within the trench. Same as [1705]. Shape in plan may suggest a possible roundhouse remains.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1704	Fill	Friable dark brown grey sandy silt occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1705	Gulley	Curving linear NE-SW sides: U-shaped dimensions: min breadth 0.23m, min depth 0.09m, min length 0.35m No relationship with pit [1707]. Same as gully terminus [1703].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1706	Fill	Friable dark brown grey sandy silt occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1707	Pit	Sub-circular sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.67m, max depth 0.1m, max length 0.85m Adjacent to but not intersecting with gully [1705].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1708	Fill	Friable mid brown sandy silt occasional medium-large burnt stones, moderate medium-large stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1709	Furrow	Linear E-W sides: concave base: uneven dimensions: max breadth 0.7m, max depth 0.08m, min length 3.5m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1710	Fill	Friable mid grey brown clay sand occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Trench: 18

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.56 m. Max: 0.57 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16423; Northing: 51007)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16398; Northing: 50964)

Reason: To assess archaeological potential.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
1800	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey sandy silt occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.35m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1801	Subsoil	Compact mid orange brown clay sand occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.24m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1802	Natural	Firm mid orange brown clay sand frequent small-large stones With blue-grey clay patches.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Trench: 19**

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.4 m. Max: 0.48 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16402: Northing: 50878)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16435: Northing: 50915)

Reason: To assess archaeological potential.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
1900	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey sandy silt occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.32m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1901	Subsoil	Friable mid grey brown sandy silt occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.16m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1902	Natural	Firm mid yellow orange silty sand frequent small-medium stones, moderate large stones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1903	Ditch	Linear NW-SE sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 3.39m, max depth 1.m, min length 1.8m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1904	Primary fill	Friable mid grey sandy silt occasional flecks charcoal, occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.1m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1905	Secondary fill	Friable dark grey black sandy silt frequent flecks charcoal Up to 0.07m thick layer - likely burned or decayed material.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1906	Tertiary fill	Compact mid grey brown sandy silt occasional flecks charcoal, occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.27m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1907	Upper fill	Friable mid brown sandy silt occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.6m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1908	Furrow	Linear E-W sides: concave base: uneven dimensions: max breadth 0.85m, max depth 0.06m, min length 2.4m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1909	Fill	Friable mid grey brown silty sand occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Trench: 20

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.5 m. Max: 0.5 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16466: Northing: 50940)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16510: Northing: 50915)

Reason: To assess archaeological potential.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
2000	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey sandy silt occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.31m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2001	Subsoil	Compact mid orange brown clay sand occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.2m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2002	Natural	Firm mid orange yellow clay sand occasional small-medium stones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Trench: 21**

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.49 m. Max: 0.7 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16571: Northing: 50918)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16600: Northing: 50959)

Reason: To assess archaeological potential.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
2100	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey sandy silt occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.33m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2101	Subsoil	Firm mid orange grey sandy clay moderate small-medium stones, occasional large stones Up to 0.37m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2102	Natural	Compact mid grey orange clay sand occasional small-medium chalk, moderate small-medium stones With patches of blue-grey clay.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2103	Furrow	Linear ENE-WSW sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 1.m, max depth 0.2m, min length 3.1m Two furrows recorded within trench.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2104	Fill	Friable mid orange grey clay sand occasional flecks chalk, occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Trench: 22

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.44 m. Max: 0.52 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16621: Northing: 50959)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16665: Northing: 50936)

Reason: To assess archaeological potential.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
2200	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey sandy silt occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.3m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2201	Subsoil	Firm mid orange grey sandy clay moderate small-medium stones, occasional large stones Up to 0.22m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2202	Natural	Compact mid grey orange clay sand occasional small-medium chalk, moderate small-medium stones With patches of blue-grey clay.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2203	Furrow	Linear ENE-WSW sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 1.2m, max depth 0.18m, min length 2.25m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2204	Fill	Friable mid orange grey clay sand occasional flecks chalk, occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Trench: 23**

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.46 m. Max: 0.52 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16646: Northing: 50994)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16682: Northing: 50960)

Reason: To assess archaeological potential.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
2300	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey sandy silt moderate small-medium stones Up to 0.31m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2301	Subsoil	Firm mid orange brown sandy clay occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.21m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2302	Natural	Friable mid brown orange silty sand moderate small-medium stones With patches of blue-grey clay.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2303	Gully	Linear E-W sides: near vertical base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.27m, max depth 0.18m, min length 2.25m It runs parallel to gully [2307].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2304	Fill	Friable mid orange brown silty sand	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2305	Gully	Linear N-S sides: U-shaped base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.45m, max depth 0.19m, min length 3.25m It terminates where it meets gully [2307].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2306	Fill	Firm mid brown orange silty clay occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2307	Gully	Linear E-W sides: U-shaped base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.53m, max depth 0.1m, min length 2.2m It runs parallel to gully [2303].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2308	Fill	Firm mid brown orange silty clay occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Trench: 24

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.44 m. Max: 0.65 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16696: Northing: 51022)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16730: Northing: 50985)

Reason: To assess archaeological potential.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
2400	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey sandy silt occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.3m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2401	Subsoil	Firm mid orange brown sandy clay occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.35m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2402	Natural	Friable mid brown orange silty sand moderate small-medium stones With patches of blue-grey clay.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2403	Ditch	Linear NE-SW sides: asymmetrical base: concave dimensions: max breadth 1.13m, max depth 0.23m, min length 2.1m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2404	Upper fill	Firm mid brown orange silty clay Up to 0.13m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2405	Lower fill	Firm mid grey brown silty clay occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.12m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2406	Treethrow	Irregular sides: concave base: uneven dimensions: max depth 0.04m, max diameter 0.19m Truncated by ditch [2408].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2407	Fill	Firm mid grey brown silty clay moderate small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2408	Ditch	Linear NW-SE sides: concave base: uneven dimensions: max breadth 1.01m, max depth 0.15m, min length 4m It truncates tree-throw [2406].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2409	Fill	Firm mid grey brown silty clay occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2410	Treethrow	Irregular E-W sides: concave base: uneven dimensions: min breadth 0.44m, max depth 0.22m, max length 0.9m Truncated by gully [2412].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2411	Fill	Firm mid orange brown silty clay occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2412	Gully	Linear NW-SE sides: U-shaped base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.49m, max depth 0.2m, min length 4.7m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2413	Fill	Firm mid grey brown silty clay occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2414	Furrow	Linear ENE-WSW dimensions: max breadth 1.05m, min length 1.8m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2415	Fill	Friable mid grey brown clay silt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Trench: 25**

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.47 m. Max: 0.5 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16648; Northing: 50914)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16615; Northing: 50875)

Reason: To assess archaeological potential.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
2500	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey sandy silt occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.3m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2501	Subsoil	Firm mid orange grey sandy clay moderate small-medium stones Up to 0.2m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2502	Natural	Compact mid blue grey clay moderate small-medium chalk, moderate small-medium stones With patches of grey-orange silty sand.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Trench: 26

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.44 m. Max: 0.48 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16599; Northing: 50846)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16561; Northing: 50879)

Reason: To assess archaeological potential.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
2600	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey sandy silt occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.3m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2601	Subsoil	Compact mid orange grey sandy clay moderate small-medium stones Up to 0.18m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2602	Natural	Friable mid grey orange silty sand occasional small-medium chalk, moderate small-medium stones With patches of blue-grey clay.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Trench: 27

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.52 m. Max: 0.58 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16574; Northing: 50780)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16600; Northing: 50822)

Reason: To assess archaeological potential.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
2700	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey sandy silt occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.32m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2701	Subsoil	Firm mid orange grey sandy clay moderate small-medium stones, occasional large stones Up to 0.26m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2702	Natural	Friable mid grey orange silty sand occasional small-medium chalk, moderate small-medium stones With patches of blue-grey clay.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Trench: 28**

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.46 m. Max: 0.47 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16651; Northing: 50802)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16630; Northing: 50847)

Reason: To assess archaeological potential.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
2800	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey sandy silt Up to 0.29m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2801	Subsoil	Firm mid orange grey sandy clay moderate small-medium stones, occasional large stones Up to 0.22m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2802	Natural	Compact mid grey orange clay sand occasional small-medium chalk, moderate small-medium stones With patches of blue-grey clay.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Trench: 29

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.54 m. Max: 0.55 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16690; Northing: 50841)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 16653; Northing: 50875)

Reason: To assess archaeological potential.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
2900	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey sandy silt occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.32m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2901	Subsoil	Firm mid orange grey sandy clay moderate small-medium stones, occasional large stones Up to 0.25m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2902	Natural	Compact mid grey yellow clay sand occasional small-medium chalk, occasional small-large stones With patches of brown-orange silty sand and blue-grey clay.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



7. APPENDIX 2: ARTEFACT AND ECOFACT SUMMARIES

Fifty-four features across seventeen trenches yielded an assemblage comprising pottery, animal bone, fired clay, ferrous slag and seven metal artefacts (Table 1). No finds were recovered from Trenches 8, 15, 16, 18, 20–22 or 25–29.

Tr.	Feature	Description	Fill	Date range	Finds summary
1	103	Ditch	104	Early Roman	Pottery (230g); animal bone (111g)
	103	Ditch	107	Early Roman	Pottery (175g); iron strap fragment (RA8); animal bone (461g)
	116	Land drain	117	Early Roman	Pottery (15g); animal bone (319g)
	120	Ditch	121	Undated	Fired clay (13g)
	122	Ditch	123	Undated	Fired clay (60g); animal bone (59g)
	122	Ditch	125	Undated	Fired clay (5g)
	126	Ditch	127	Early Roman	Pottery (39g); fired clay (163g); animal bone (16g)
	128	Ditch	130	Early Roman	Pottery (284g); animal bone (165g)
	131	Ditch	132	Early Roman	Pottery (6g)
	135	Ditch	136	Early Roman	Pottery (26g)
	137	Ditch	138	Undated	Fired clay (845g); animal bone (57g)
	139	Ditch	140	Undated	Animal bone (6g)
	2	203	Storage pit	205	Early or mid-Iron Age
203		Storage pit	206	Early or mid-Iron Age	Pottery (194g); animal bone (770g)
3	307	Ditch	309	Late Iron Age	Pottery (38g); animal bone (12g)
	310	Ditch	312	Late Iron Age	Pottery (104g); animal bone (24g)
	310	Ditch	313	Early Roman	Copper alloy nail cleaner (RA2)
4	413	Ditch	415	Early or mid-Iron Age	Pottery (33g); animal bone (9g)
	416	Ditch	417	Mid to late Iron Age	Pottery (195g); animal bone (303g)
	416	Ditch	418	Mid to late Iron Age	Pottery (50g); fired clay (10g); animal bone (26g)
5	504	Ditch	506	Undated	Fired clay (120g); animal bone (123g)
	514	Quarry pit	515	Late Iron Age	Pottery (17g); animal bone (1g)
	514	Quarry pit	517	Late Iron Age	Pottery (51g)
	518	Quarry pit	519	Late Iron Age	Pottery (97g)
6	603	Ditch	605	Late Iron Age	Pottery (1.3kg); animal bone (43g)
	607	Grave	608	Late Iron Age	Pottery (598g)
	607	Grave	609	Late Iron Age	Pottery (49g); animal bone (2g); burnt bone (19g)
	607	Grave	627	Late Iron Age	Pottery (35g); burnt bone (10g)
	614	Ditch	616	Undated	Animal bone (106g)
	619	Wheel ruts	620	Iron Age	Copper alloy coin (RA3)
	703	Ditch	704	Late Iron Age	Pottery (30g); animal bone (5g)
7	703	Ditch	705	Early Roman	Pottery (400g); fired clay (14g); copper alloy coin (RA6); animal bone (95g)
	706	Ditch	707	Late Iron Age	Pottery (271g); animal bone (261g)
	706	Ditch	710	Late Iron Age	Pottery (25g); animal bone (6g); burnt stone (39g)
	712	Ditch	713	Late Iron Age	Pottery (57g); animal bone (34g)
	712	Ditch	715	LBA / EIA	Pottery (443g); animal bone (995g)
	716	Ditch	708	Late Iron Age	Pottery (37g); animal bone (44g)
	719	Ditch	722	Early Roman	Pottery (22g)
	901	Subsoil	-	Early Roman	Copper alloy brooch (RA1)
	908	Ditch	910	Early Roman	Pottery (583g)
	908	Ditch	911	Early Roman	Pottery (294g); animal bone (38g)
9	908	Ditch	924	Early Roman	Pottery (64g)
	915	Ditch	916	Late Iron Age	Pottery (871g); fired clay (454g); animal bone (686g)
	918	Ditch	919	Undated	Fired clay (8g)
	920	Ditch	921	Early Roman	Pottery (17g); animal bone (107g)
	1003	Ditch	1004	Undated	Pottery (13g); fired clay (44g); slag (466g); animal bone (10g)
	1005	Ditch	1006	Early Roman	Pottery (524g); animal bone (159g)
10	1007	Ditch	1008	Late Iron Age	Pottery (128g); worked flint (2g); animal bone (268g)
	1011	Ditch	1012	Modern	Pottery (2g)
	1013	Pit	1014	Late Iron Age	Pottery (64g)



Tr.	Feature	Description	Fill	Date range	Finds summary
	1013	Pit	1015	Late Iron Age	Pottery (48g); animal bone (40g)
	1016	Ditch	1017	Late Iron Age	Pottery (119g); fired clay (21g); animal bone (161g)
11	1103	Ditch	1105	Early or mid-Iron Age	Pottery (15g); animal bone (202g)
	1109	Ditch	1110	Early or mid-Iron Age	Pottery (101g); animal bone (175g)
	1111	Ditch	1112	Early or mid-Iron Age	Pottery (33g); animal bone (65g)
	1113	Pit	1114	Early or mid-Iron Age	Pottery (9g); animal bone (10g)
12	1203	Ditch	1205	Early or mid-Iron Age	Pottery (89g); ceramic loom weight (RA7); animal bone (315g)
	1208	Ditch	1209	Early or mid-Iron Age	Pottery (17g); animal bone (304g)
	1212	Post hole	1213	Undated	Animal bone (16g)
	1214	Ditch	1215	Early or mid-Iron Age	Pottery (26g); animal bone (54g)
	1222	Ditch	1223	Early or mid-Iron Age	Pottery (13g); animal bone (59g)
13	1303	Post hole	1304	Late Iron Age	Pottery (11g)
14	1405	Ditch	1406	Undated	Pottery (1g)
17	1703	Ditch	1704	Middle Iron Age	Pottery (1.6kg)
19	1903	Ditch	1905	Undated	Fired clay (232g); animal bone (2g); burnt flint (29g)
	1903	Ditch	1906	Undated	Animal bone (642g)
23	2307	Ditch	2308	Undated	Animal bone (1g)
24	2403	Ditch	2404	Iron Age	Iron and copper alloy object (RA5)
	2408	Ditch	2409	Undated	Lead alloy object (RA4)

Table 1: Artefact summary by trench and feature

7.1 Pottery

The assemblage totals 544 sherds (9.6kg), representing a minimum of 185 vessels, mainly datable to the late Iron Age and early Roman period (*c.* 50 BC–AD 250). Sherds have a mean weight of 18g, and are moderately abraded. Thirty fabric types were identified in accordance with the Bedfordshire Ceramic Type Series (Table 2).

Fabric code	Common name	No. Sherd	Wt. (g)	Fill / No. Sherd
<i>LBA & Iron Age</i>				
F01A	Coarse flint	2	70	(715):2
F01C	Flint and quartz	12	334	(715):12
F16	Coarse shell	17	168	(206):2, (415):2, (1105):1, (1110):1, (1704):11
F17	Grog	3	25	(710):3
F18	Sand and shell	5	93	(206):1, (418):1, (1110):2, (1223):1
F19	Sand and organic	5	46	(1112):3, (1215):1, (704):1
F28	Fine sand	9	145	(715):1, (1105):2, (1110):5, (1215):1
F29	Coarse sand	34	1,555	(206):1, (1205):3, (1209):2, (1704):28
F37	Calcareous mixed	14	220	(205):6, (206):3, (1114):2, (1205):3
<i>Later Iron Age</i>				
F03	Grog and sand	30	295	(417):14, (418):2, (1006):2, (1704):12
F05	Grog and shell	7	69	(916):1, (1006):4, (1008):2
F06A	Fine grog	2	13	(1008):2
F06B	Medium grog	59	650	(309):3, (312):2, (417):2, (515):1, (605):3, (609):1, (704):5, (705):2, (707):14, (708):2, (713):1, (916):9, (921):1, (924):1, (1006):1, (1008):11
F06C	Coarse grog	7	104	(515):1, (707):2, (916):1, (1014):3
F07	Shell	98	1,310	(417):1, (605):61, (704):4, (708):1, (713):3, (911):1 (916):7, (1006):19, (1304):1
F09	Sand and grog	57	1,433	(309):2, (312):1, (517):1, (519):2, (605):4, (705):10, (707):3, (911):1, (916):18, (1006):5, (1015):2, (1017):6, (1304):2
F34	Sand	10	139	(705):4, (707):1, (911):1, (1006):3, (1008):1
F39	Grog and mica	69	701	(417):1, (608):54, (609):7, (627):4, (916):3
<i>Early Roman</i>				
R01	Samian	2	21	(104):1, (136):1
R05A	Oxidised sandy	1	4	(136):1



Fabric code	Common name	No. Sherd	Wt. (g)	Fill / No. Sherd
R06B	Coarse grey ware	10	188	(136):1, (705):1, (722):1, (911):4, (924):2, (1006):1
R06C	Fine grey ware	11	232	(104):4, (107):3, (705):1, (722):1, (911):2
R06F	Grog and sand grey ware	13	56	(1006):13
R06I	Black-slipped grey ware	4	107	(104):2, (107):1, (921):1
R10B	Fine buff sandy ware	1	61	(130):1
R13	Shell	26	726	(104):3, (107):3, (117):1, (130):6, (705):1, (911):5, (916):3, (1006):4
R14	Sand (red-brown harsh)	16	207	(104):1, (127):2, (132):1, (705):9, (911):3
R17	Smooth oxidised sandy	1	25	(705):1
R18B	Fine pink ware	14	620	(910):8, (924):6
<i>Post-Roman</i>				
P100	Mass-produced earthenware	1	2	(1012):1

Table 2: Pottery type series

Iron Age

The earliest pottery comprises 14 flint-tempered base and lower body sherds (404g) representing two late Bronze Age/early Iron Age vessels. Collected from the tertiary fill (715) of ditch [712] which also contained later Iron Age pottery, the former are considered to be residual.

Eighty-seven early or middle Iron Age sherds (2.2kg) derived from features in Trenches 2, 4, 7, 11, 12 and 17, the majority focused on the enclosure system observed in Trenches 11 and 12. Sand-tempered fabrics dominate, principally type F29, supplemented by wares variously containing fossil shell, grog, calcareous and organic matter. Diagnostic forms are represented by round-shouldered hand-built vessels. Sherds are generally plain, although two are deliberately scored. No rims or base survive – the only feature sherd is a strap handle deriving from a sizeable vessel (1.4kg) collected from ditch [1703].

Deriving mainly from the northern and western settlement foci, the late Iron Age assemblage totals 339 sherds (4.7kg). Fabrics comprise a range of grog-, sand- and shell-tempered wares, typical of the transitional late 1st century BC / 1st century AD across the county. Both hand-built and wheel-thrown examples occur. Forms are jars (some cordoned), with simple everted or lid-seated rims; and larger storage-type vessels, the latter with occasional linear or wavy combed decoration. Single examples of a platter and probable butt beaker also occur. The largest single vessel comprises 54 grog-tempered rim and body sherds (598g) from an everted rim jar, thought to represent an accessory vessel recovered from a possible cremation burial [607].

Roman

Early Roman pottery totalling 99 sherds (2.2kg) was concentrated in the western settlement focus (Trenches 7, 9 and 10), with a small quantity occurring in Trench 1. The assemblage comprises local shelly and sand-tempered coarse wares (mainly reduced ware variants) and two abraded central Gaulish samian sherds. Forms are jars with simple everted rims and single examples of a lid-seated jar, straight-sided dish, beaker and bowl. A few of the shelly examples are combed, and two of the grey ware jars have cordons, reminiscent of the preceding later Iron Age tradition. The largest single vessel comprises eight rim and upper body sherds (583g) from a jar, which had been inverted and deliberately placed within the upper fill (911) of ditch [908].



Post-Roman

Modern ditch [1011] yielded a glazed brown earthenware sherd (2g), probably deriving from a teapot (not retained).

7.2 Fired Clay

Sixty-one fired clay fragments (1.9kg) were collected from twelve features in Trenches 1, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10 and 19, the largest deposit (845g) from undated ditch [137]. The sand and organic fabrics are well-fired and reasonably robust, with a mean fragment weight of 33g. Pieces are either amorphous, or retain flat finger-smoothed surfaces and edges suggesting they represent hand-built slabs or bricks, ranging in thickness between 25mm-35mm. Commonly occurring on late Iron Age and early Roman sites, they are likely to represent pre-fabricated furniture from simple domestic hearths or ovens.

7.3 Other Finds

The upper fill (1205) of Iron Age enclosure ditch [1203] yielded approximately one quarter of a triangular ceramic loom weight (RA7). The object retains a partial corner and one diagonal perforation, although the full thickness and height do not survive.

An incomplete iron object with copper alloy casing, possibly representing part of a bridle side link or mouthpiece (RA5), was the sole find from otherwise undated ditch [2403]. The object is wishbone-shaped with a rounded stem, broken at one end, which bifurcates at the other end forming an oval link.

Copper alloy objects collected from the northern settlement focus are a damaged leaf-shaped Type 2a nail cleaner (RA2: Crummy 1983, 58) of mid-late 1st–2nd-century date (upper fill (313) of ditch [310]), and a worn, iron-stained coin of uncertain ruler (RA3), possibly of late Iron Age date (wheel ruts [619]). The upper fill (705) of northern settlement focus ditch [703] yielded a 3rd-century copper alloy radiate coin (RA6), and subsoil (901) a copper alloy Colchester derivative brooch (RA1) of Mackreth's type 3.d (2011, 64 and plate 40) datable to *c.* AD 40–65.

Undatable finds collected respectively from ditches [103] and [2408] are a poorly preserved iron strap fragment (RA8), and a small lead alloy disc (RA4) with worn decorated surfaces and a diameter of 15.5mm, possibly representing a token, seal or weight. A sizeable piece of ferrous smelting tap slag (466g) was recovered from undated, though likely late Iron Age, ditch [1003], and a damaged residual tertiary flint flake from late Iron Age ditch [1007].

7.4 Ecofacts

7.4.1 Animal bone

A faunal assemblage totalling 531 fragments (7.5kg) was collected from forty features across Trenches 1–7, 9–12, 19 and 23, and represents the general accumulation of domestic refuse, generated by processing, preparation and consumption of livestock. The largest deposits (*c.* 950g) derived from Iron Age ditch [712] and storage pit [203], while ditches [915] and [1903] each



yielded *c.* 650g. All other features contained less than 450g. Individual pieces are small, with a mean weight of 14g and most display surface erosion.

Ordered by prevalence, identified species are cattle, pig, sheep/goat and horse, and include both adult and immature animals. Diagnostic bone elements (Table 3) are mainly representative of post-cranial meat-bearing parts (limb bones, ribs, scapulae). However, the presence of a number of vertebrae (including a horse sacrum), foot bones (phalanges, astragali) and cranial elements (loose teeth, horn cores and skull/mandible fragments) suggests butchery. No complete bones survive. Cut marks were noted on a number of fragments, although there is no clear evidence for splitting the long bones for marrow extraction. None of the better-preserved bones appear to have been gnawed, and no pathologies were readily apparent.

Element	Species				
	Cattle	Horse	Pig	Sheep/goat	Indeterminate
Horn core	●	-	-	-	-
Skull	●	-	-	-	●
Mandible	●	-	●	●	●
Ribs	●	-	-	-	●
Vertebra	-	-	-	-	●
Sacrum	-	●	-	-	-
Scapula	●	-	-	-	●
Limb long bone	●	●	-	-	●
Pelvis	-	-	-	-	●
Astragalus	●	-	-	-	-
Calcaneus	●	-	-	-	-
Phalanx	●	-	●	-	●
<i>Teeth:</i>					
Incisor	-	-	●	-	-
Molar	●	●	●	●	-

Table 3: Summarised anatomical elements

7.4.2 Soil samples

A total of six samples were taken from a variety of features including a cremation burial, the fill of a pottery vessel, two ditches and a pit. The processed volumes ranged from 5–20 litres, with the samples processed in a flotation tank. The flot was captured on a 300 micron mesh. The residue, once dry, was passed over a nest of sieves to separate into three fractions for scanning, with artefacts being recovered, whilst ecofacts were assessed by eye. Two of the residues were re-floated once dry, to recover additional charred plant remains.

The size and nature of the flots varied considerably and are summarised by feature:

Cremation burial [607]

Two samples <3> and <4> were taken from the feature. Sample <3> from the upper fill contained occasional charcoal, mostly flecks with occasional small abraded lumps. Very small quantities of charred grain were also present, often poorly preserved and pitted. In contrast, abundant charcoal was present within



the lower spit, again comprising mostly flecks, as well as small, often abraded lumps, together with very sparse cereal grains.

The samples also contained indeterminate calcined bone fragments (29g) collected from the sieved residues. They are largely undiagnostic, although appear to include a fragmented pig tooth. They may comprise mixed human and animal remains, although their fragmented nature precludes positive identification.

Finds deposit (910)

Sample <1> was the deposit contained within ceramic vessel (910). This material did not yield a flot of charred remains.

Ditches

Samples from ditches [1903] (sample <2>) and [137] (sample <5>) contained varying quantities of charcoal, with occasional charred grains in the latter. A large quantity of charcoal was recovered from the lower fill of ditch [1903]. It mostly comprised flecks and small flakes as well as small lumps, which exhibited considerable variation in the degree of surface abrasion. Both samples contained burnt clay; burnt bone was also present in sample <2>.

Pit [514]

The lowest exposed fill (515) of the pit was sampled <6>. Frequent charcoal and charred grain were identified. The charcoal was mostly flecks and small flakes. As well as grain, occasional charred weed seeds and fragments of crop-processing waste were also present. The deposit also contained small quantities of snails, flints, burnt bone and burnt clay.

The samples indicate considerable variations in the nature and quantities of ecofacts present. However, they indicate potential to gain information on aspects of economy/diet and landscape of the settlements from which they derive. The charcoal lumps have some potential to provide information on the associated landscape, although the surface abrasion on some of the lumps suggests a degree of reworking of the material.

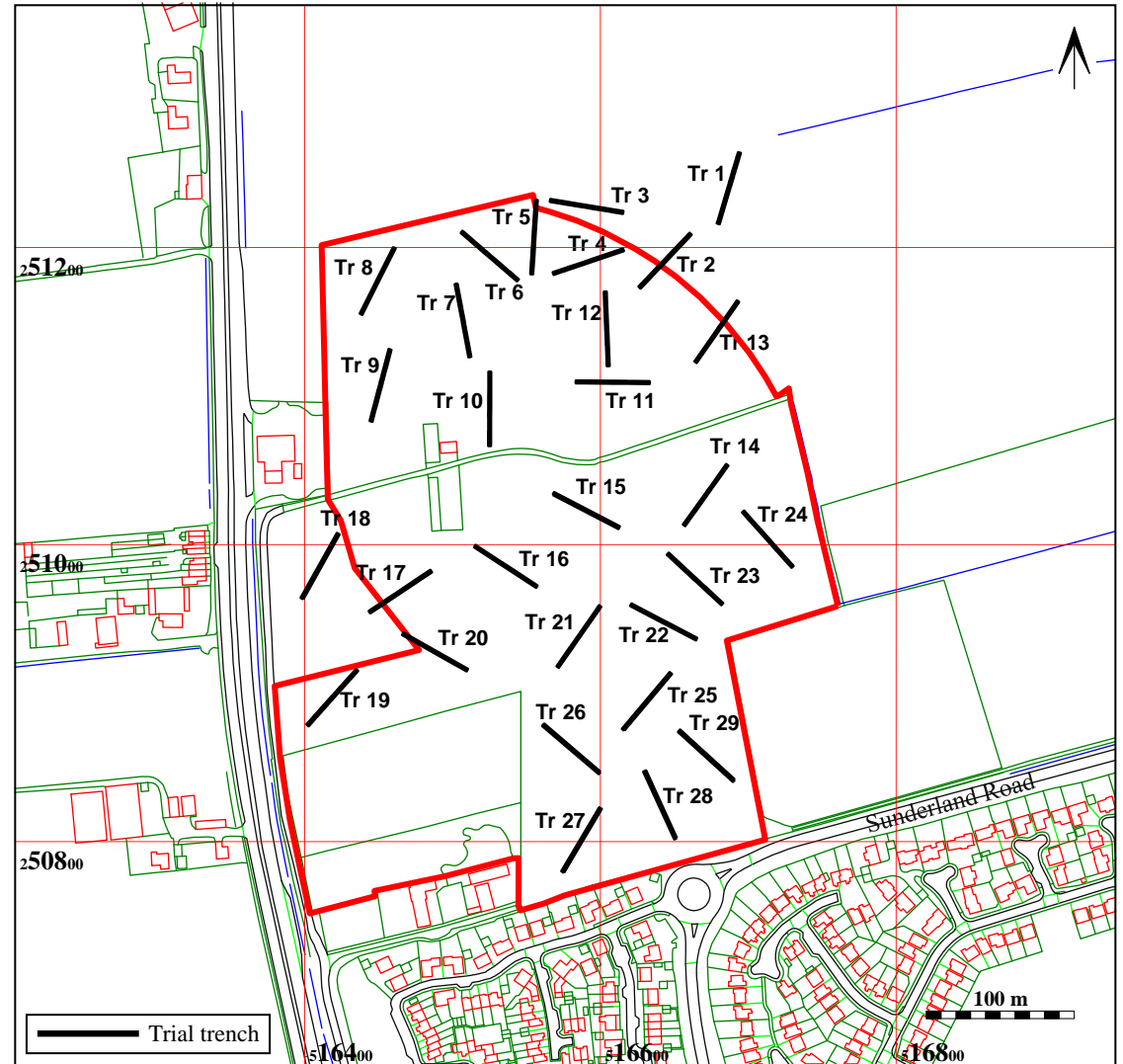
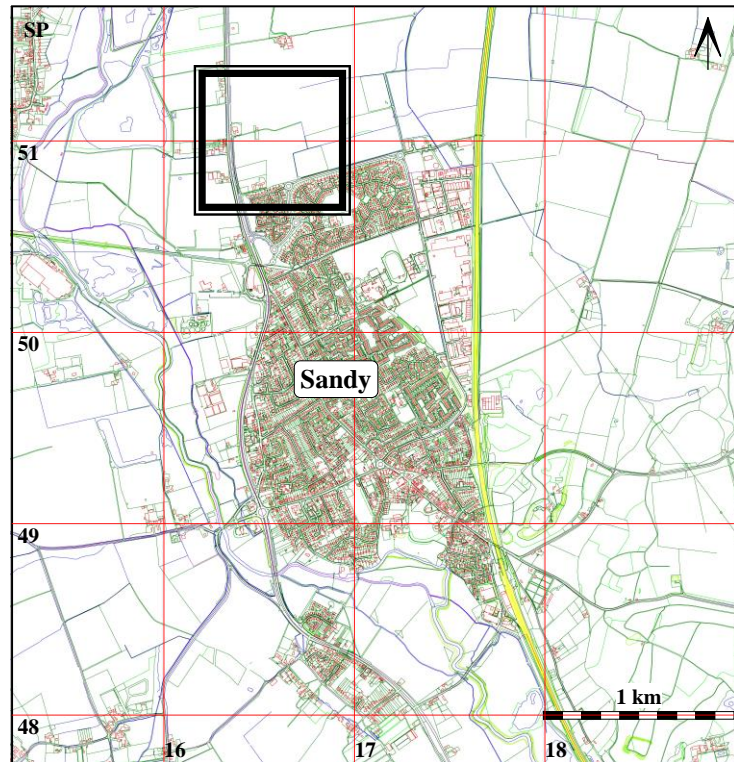


Figure 1: Site location

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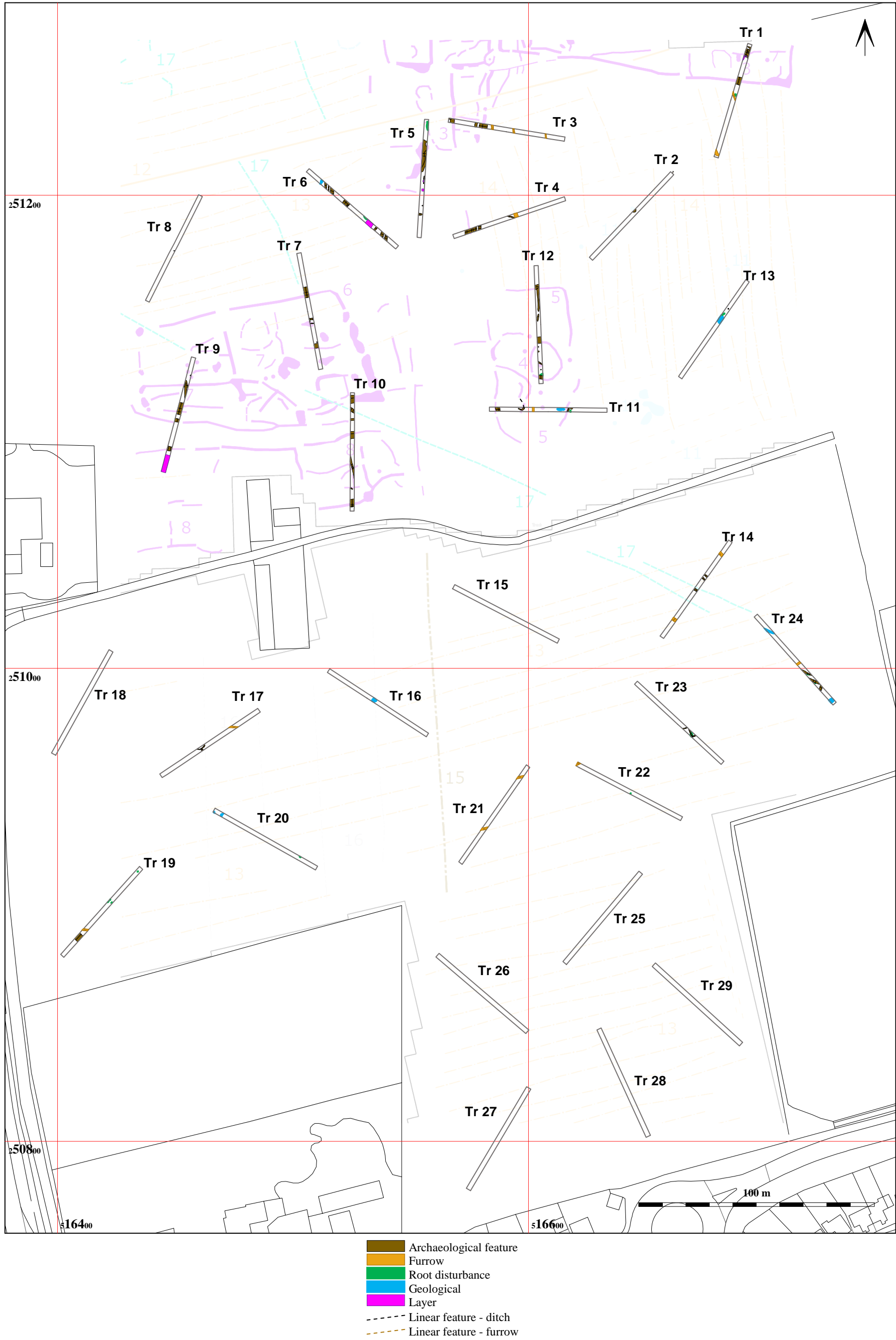
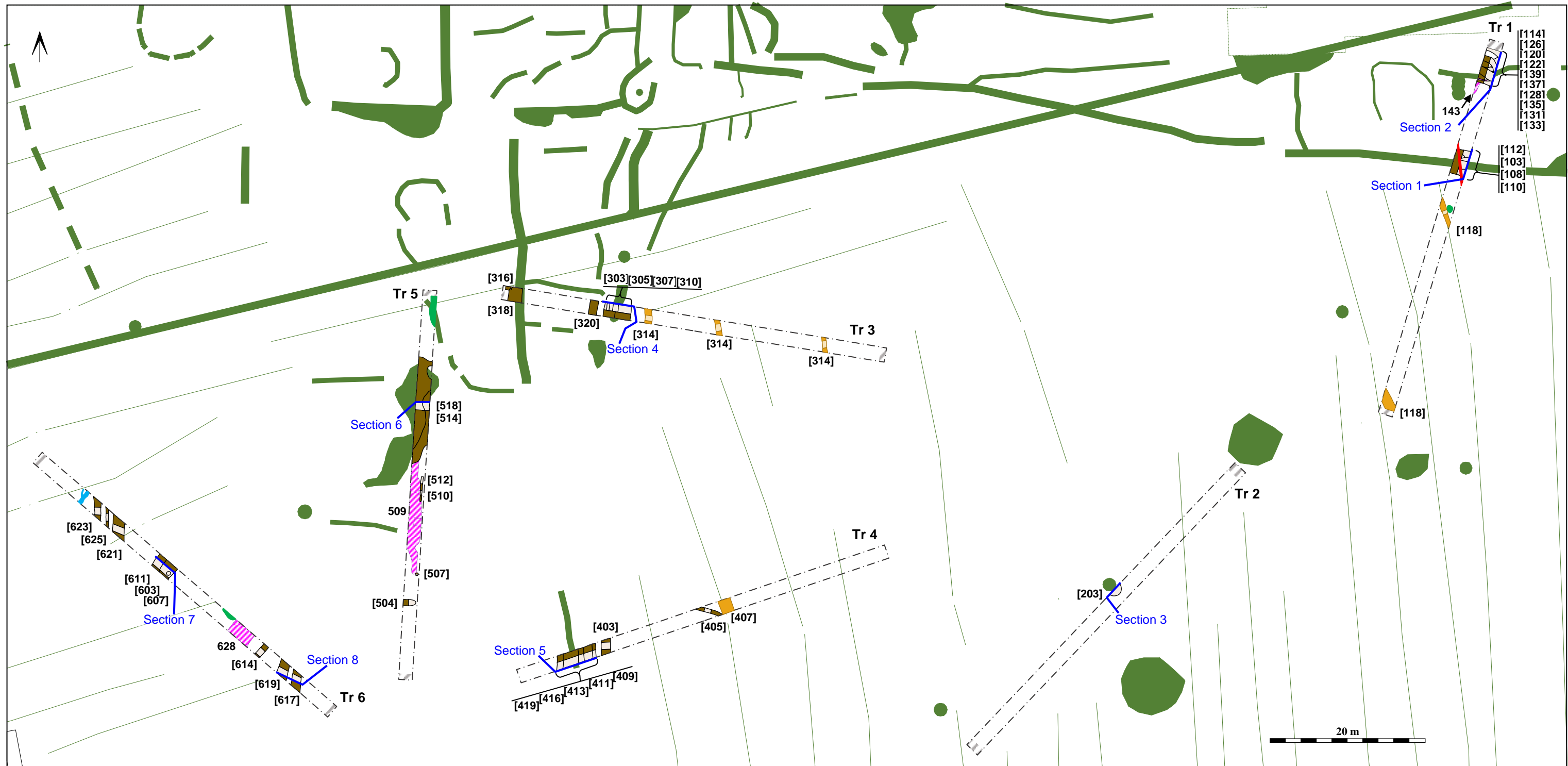


Figure 2: Trenching and geophysical survey results

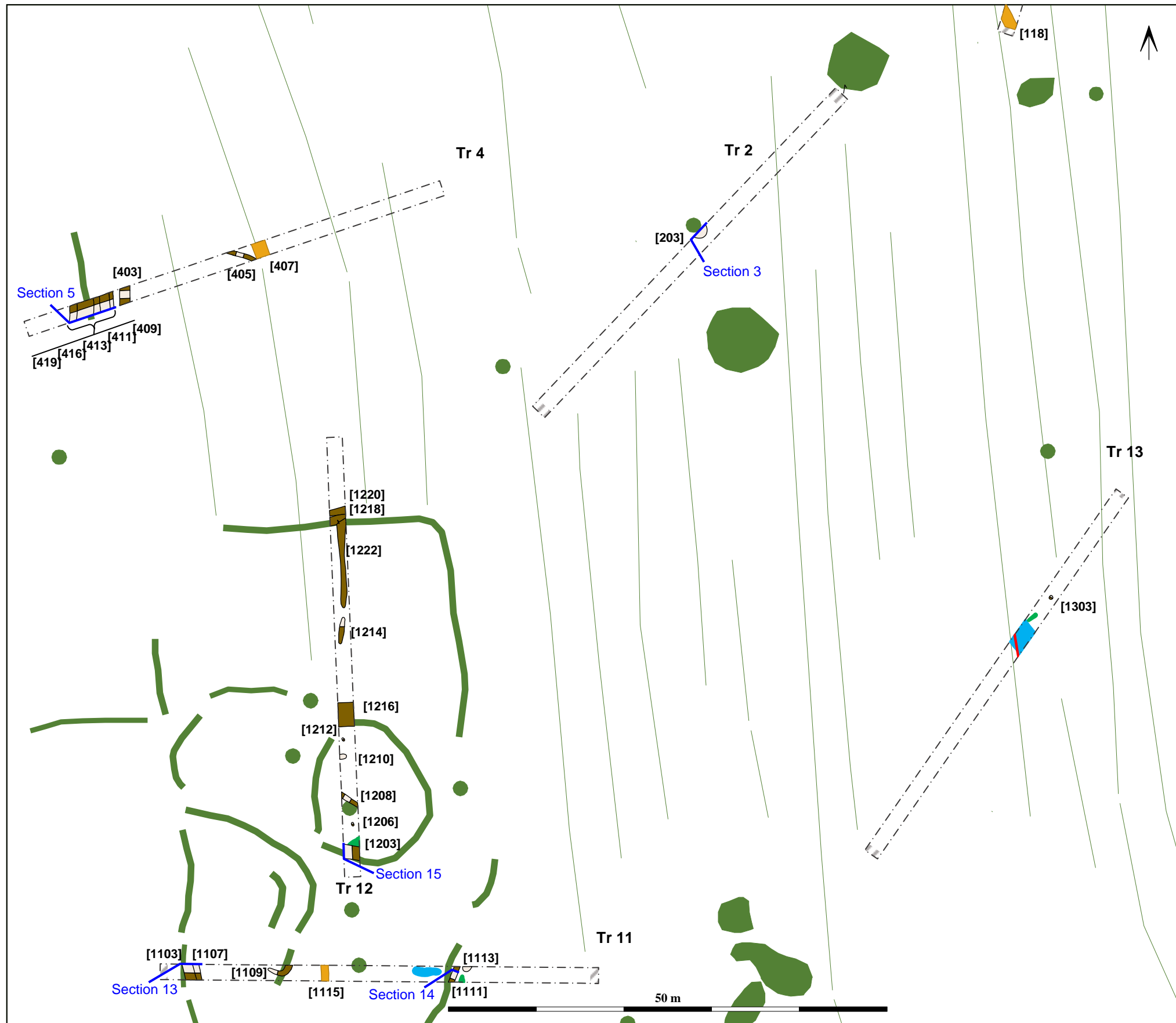
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| Trial trench | Modern |
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| Excavated segment | Geological |
| Furrow | Slope at end of trench |
| Excavated segment | Geophysical anomaly |
| Layer | |

Figure 3: Trenches 1–6

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- Root disturbance
- Geological
- Geophysical anomaly

Figure 4: Trenches 2, 4 and 11–13

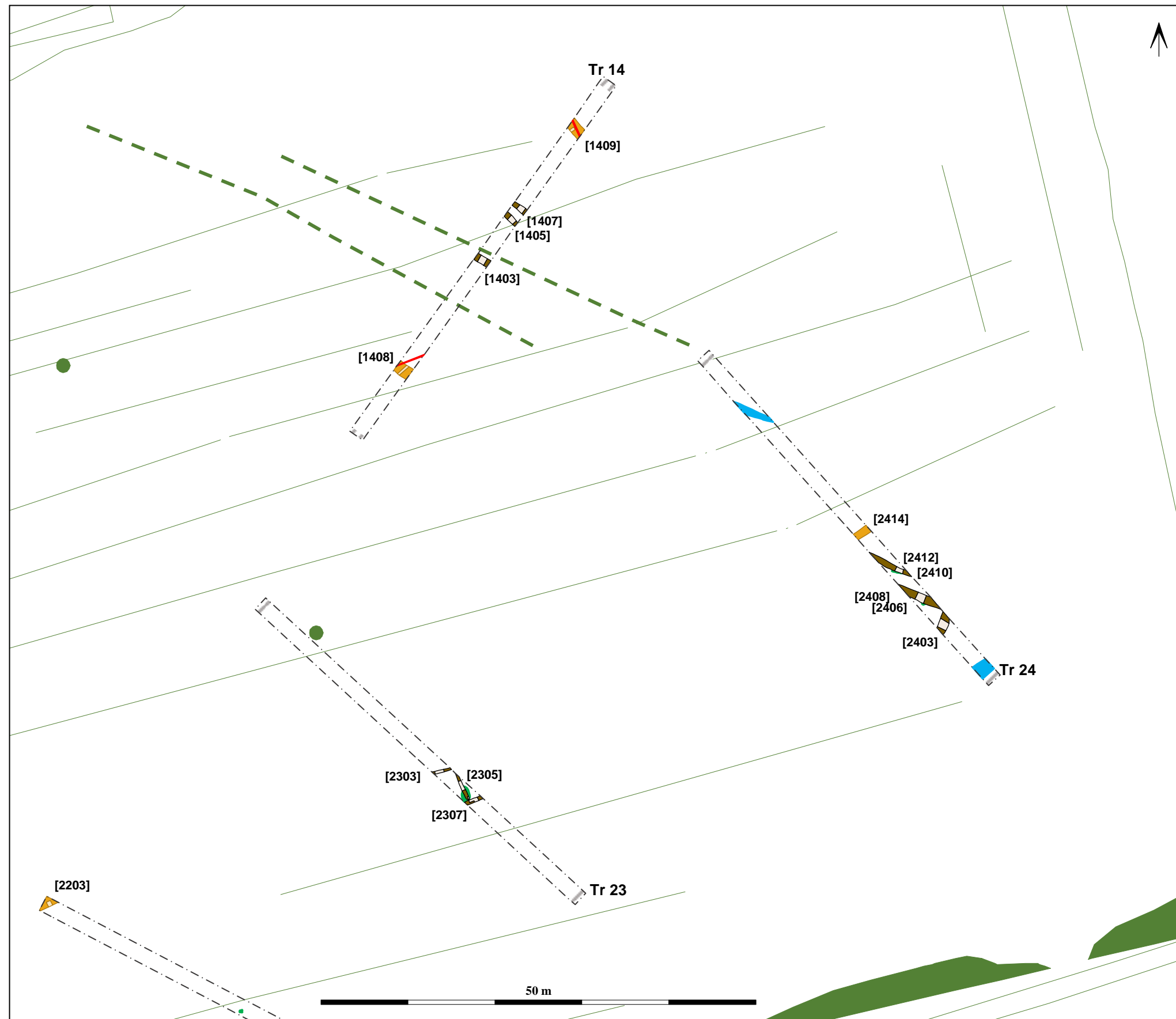
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- Layer
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- Geophysical anomaly

Figure 5: Trenches 7 and 9–10

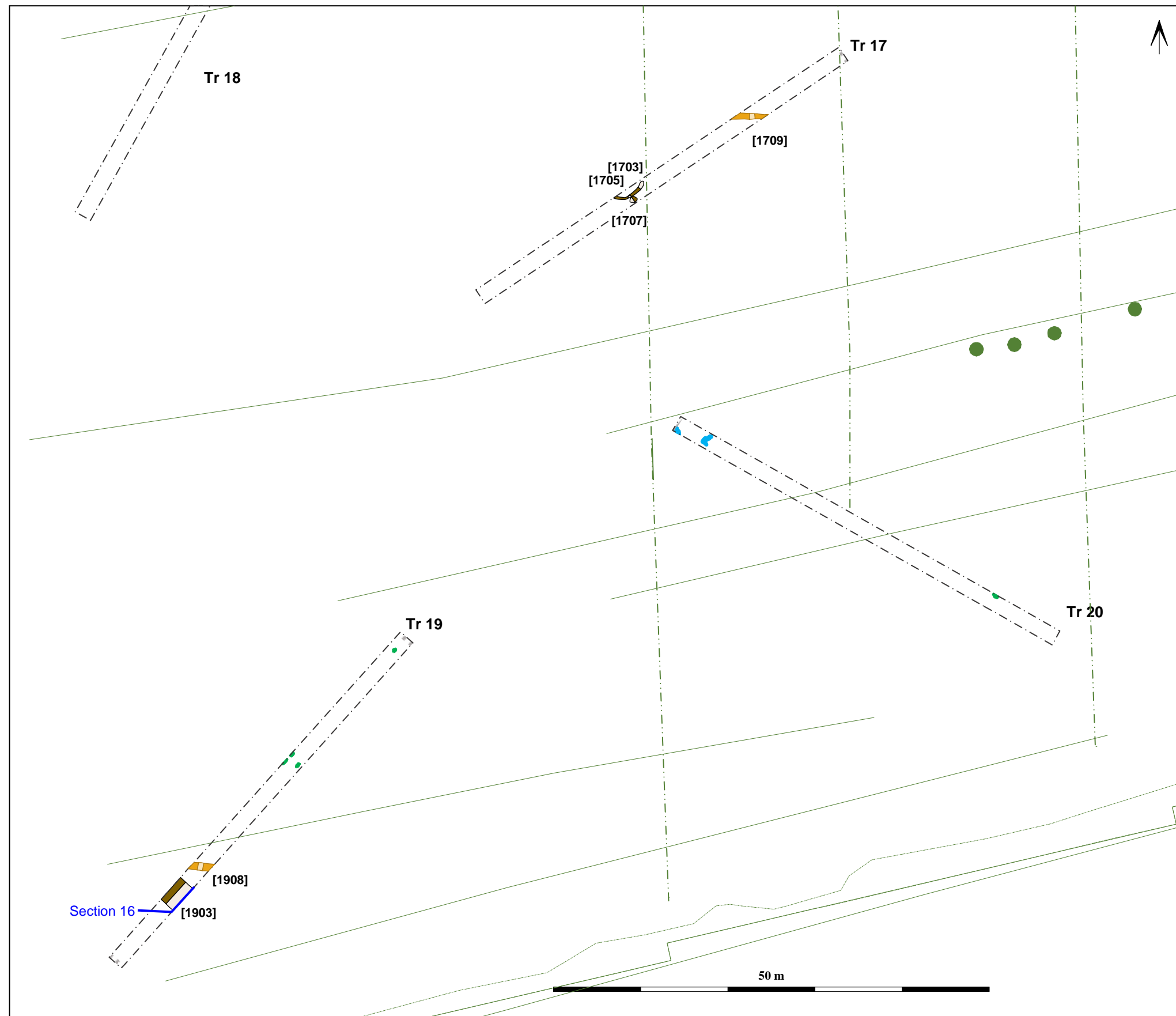
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Figure 6: Trenches 14 and 22–24

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Figure 7: Trenches 17–20

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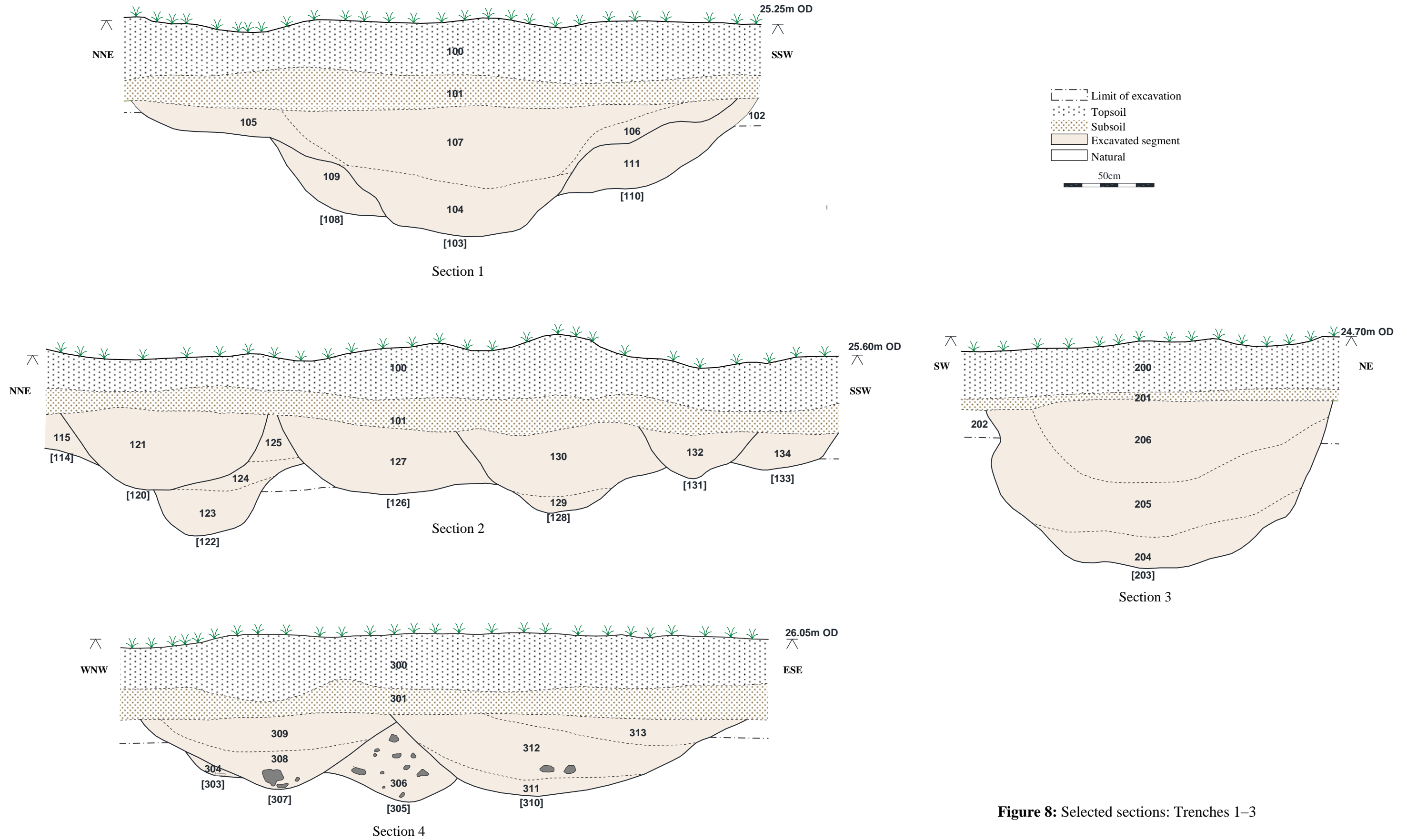


Figure 8: Selected sections: Trenches 1–3

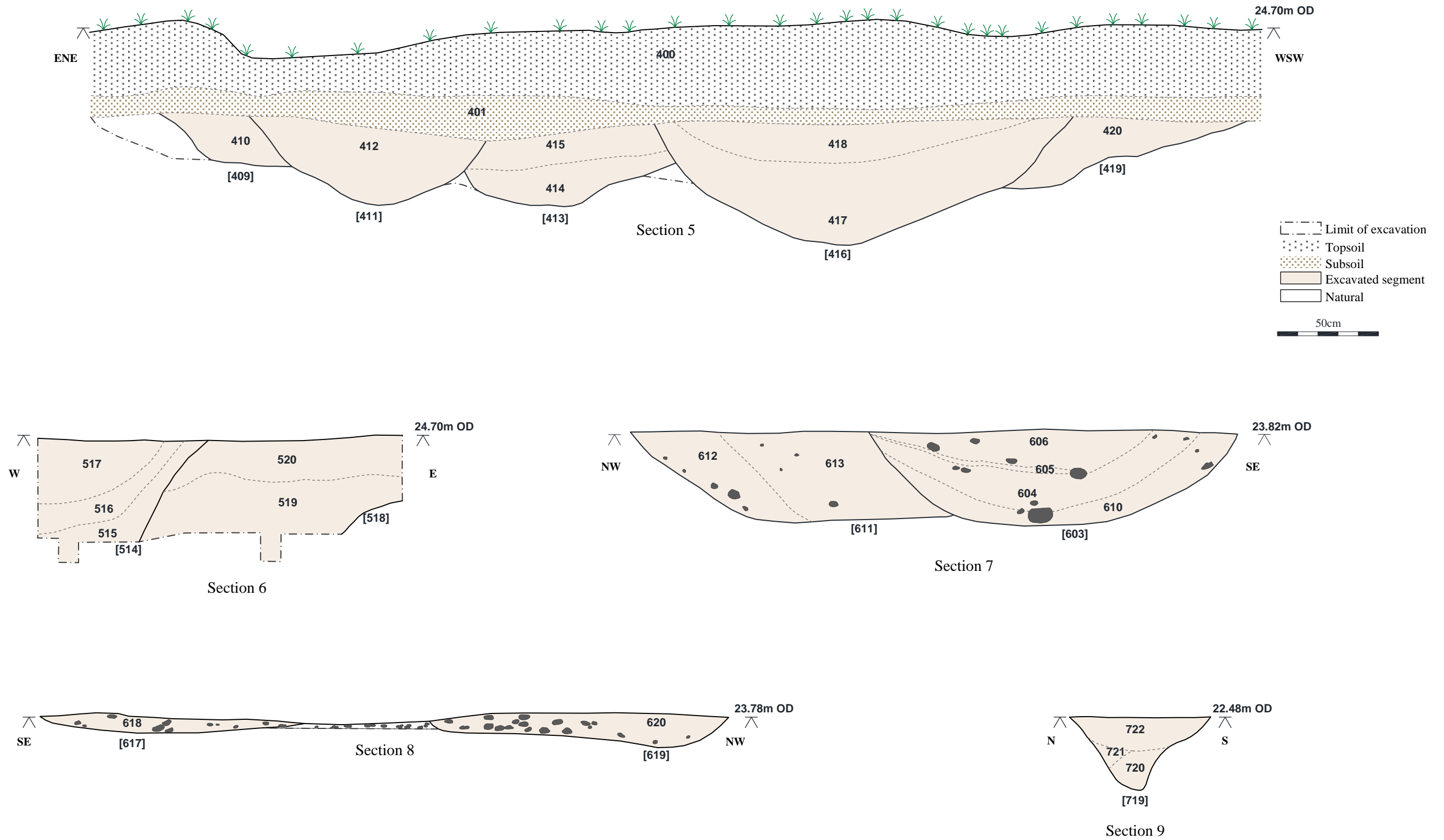


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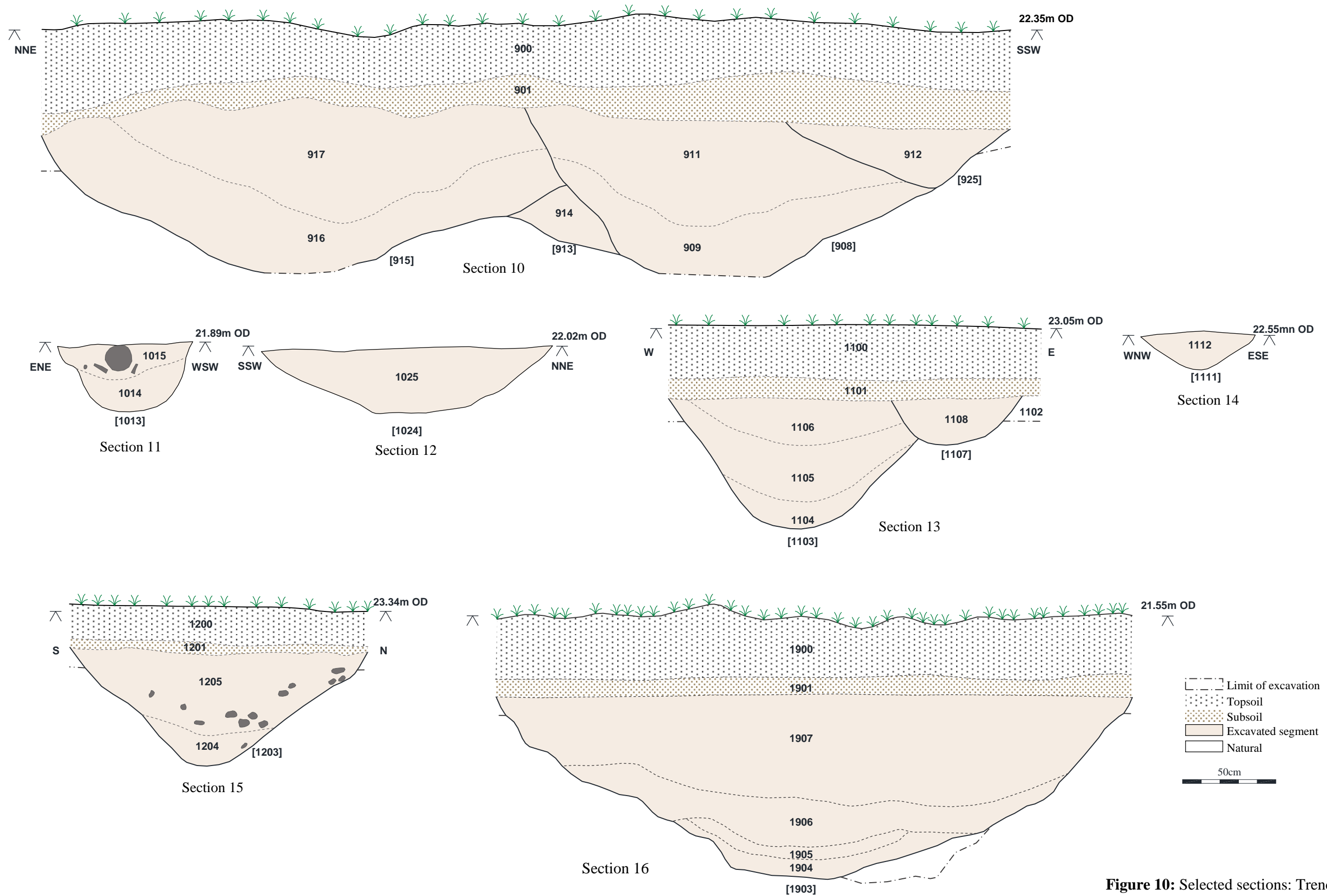


Figure 10: Selected sections: Trenches 9–12 and 19



Image 1: Ditches [103], [108], [110], [112] and land drain [116]; looking NW. Scale 1m



Image 2: Ditches/gullies [114], [120], [122], [126], [128], [131], [133], [135], [137], [139] and layer (143); looking NNE. Scale 1m



Image 3: Storage pit [203]; looking NW. Scale 1m



Image 4: Ditches [409], [411], [413], [416] and [419]; looking SE. Scale 1m

Figure 11: Selected images: Trenches 1–2 and 4



Image 5: Quarry pits [514] and [518]; looking N.
Scale 1m



Image 6: Layer (628); looking SW. Scale 1m



Image 7: Ditches [703], [706], [712] and [716]; looking NW.
Scale 1m



Image 8: Ditch [906]; looking NW.
Scale 1m

Figure 12: Selected images: Trenches 5–7 and 9



Image 9: Ditches [908], [913], [915] and [925]; looking SE. Scale 1m



Image 10: Ditches [1003], [1005] and [1007]; looking W. Scale 1m



Image 12: Curvilinear gully [1109]; looking ESE. Scale 40cm



Image 11: Pit [1013] cut into ditch [1016]; looking SE. Scale 40cm



Image 13: Ditch [1203]; looking W. Scale 1m

Figure 13: Selected images: Trenches 9–12



Image 14: Wheel ruts [1405] and [1407];
looking NW. Scale 1m



Image 17: Gullies [2403], [2408] and [2412]; looking SE.
Scale 1m



Image 15: Ditch [1903]; looking SE.
Scale 1m



Image 16: Gullies [2303], [2305] and [2307]; looking NW.
Scale 1m

Figure 14: Selected images: Trenches 14, 19 and 23–24



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