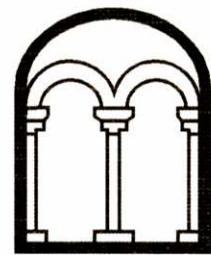


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## **Preface**

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## **Key Terms**

The following abbreviations are used throughout this report:

|      |  |
|------|--|
| CHER | Cambridgeshire Historic Environment Record                 |
| HET  | Historic Environment Team of Cambridgeshire County Council |
| CifA | Chartered Institute for Archaeologists                     |
| LPA  | Local Planning Authority                                   |



## **Non-Technical Summary**

*Outline planning permission (14/00046/OUM) has been granted for residential and employment development of land off Reach Road, Burwell, Cambridgeshire.*

*One of the conditions of the permission related to archaeology and Cambridgeshire County Council's Historic Environment Team issued a brief for an initial stage of archaeological field evaluation comprising trial trenching.*

*The trial trenching took place between 18th and 28th November 2014. Twelve trenches were opened across the site. A low density of archaeological features was revealed across the evaluation area in all but one of the trenches. The features comprised mainly ditches with two clusters of small pits.*

*A small amount of pottery was recovered from three of the ditches. Most of it is medieval in date and, in some cases, more specifically early medieval.*

*The remaining undated ditches had broadly similar fills and alignments to the dated features and to the medieval settlement evidence excavated in an adjacent plot to the east. This suggests that most of the undated ditches within the evaluation are also likely to be medieval in date.*

*In addition to the ditches, two clusters of possible small pits were also revealed. Although no datable artefacts were recovered from them, it is possible that they were also medieval in date because similar clusters of pits were evident in the settlement area to the east.*

*The results of the trial trenching suggest that the evaluation area was in use during the medieval period. However, the low density of features and relatively small number of artefacts suggest that the site may have been agricultural land, rather than a focus of domestic occupation. The features have limited potential to add to our understanding of former land-use on the periphery of the large fen-edge village of Burwell. Overall, the medieval remains revealed by the evaluation are likely to be of local and, possibly, regional interest.*



## 1. INTRODUCTION

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### 1.1 *Project Background*

Outline planning permission (14/00046/OUM) has been granted for a residential and employment development of land off Reach Road, Burwell, Cambridgeshire.

One of the conditions of the permission related to archaeology and Cambridgeshire County Council's Historic Environment Team (HET) issued a brief for an initial stage of archaeological field evaluation (HET 2014) comprising trial trenching.

The purpose of the evaluation phase is to determine the potential impact of the development proposals on archaeological remains in order to devise an appropriate mitigation strategy, if necessary.

The trial trenching was carried out in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation (Albion Archaeology 2014a) that was approved by the HET prior to commencement of fieldwork.

### 1.2 *Site Location, Topography and Geology*

Burwell lies *c.* 12km north-east of Cambridge and *c.* 4km north-west of Newmarket to the north of the A14. Reach Road lies to the south of Burwell and connects the B1102 Swaffham Road with the village of Reach to the north-west of Burwell (Figure 1).

The proposed development area lies on the south side of Reach Road. It comprises: the former DS Smith commercial site; two areas of rough grassland, lined with trees to the west and south; and a narrow access route from Swaffham Road in the south-east. It is bordered by modern residential properties along Swaffham Road in the south and Railway Close in the south-east, industrial units in the north and pasture and arable to the north-east and west.

Burwell lies on the edge of a chalk ridge which defines the change from the higher agricultural land to the south of the village and the lower ground to the north, which was fenland until its drainage in 1850 (Wareham and Wright 2002).

The site lies on level ground at *c.* 10m OD. The underlying geology is West Melbury Marly Chalk Formation with no superficial deposits recorded. The site is centred on grid reference TL 585 657.

### 1.3 *Archaeological Background*

A desk-based heritage assessment was recently compiled for the site (Albion Archaeology 2014b). The document reviewed known heritage assets in the vicinity of the site and a 1km-radius study area around it and assessed the potential for further assets on the site itself. Its main conclusions are summarised here.



A significant number of Neolithic or Bronze Age ring ditches are scattered throughout the study area to the south of the site; the closest example lies c. 150m to the south-east.

Roman settlement evidence was recorded to the north of Reach Road. This consisted of large quantities of Roman pottery, box tiles and roof tiles revealed during deep ploughing of the field opposite the site (HER 04663). A wide scatter of Roman pottery and occupation debris was also recorded stretching underneath Burwell Castle, and recently a decorated lead vat was discovered by a metal detectorist (HER 06807).

A group of undated linear and square enclosure cropmarks lie between the site and the castle (MCB 16981) and an evaluation to the north-east of the site has revealed Iron Age and Roman settlement and burial evidence (MCB 17708).

Burwell is listed in the Domesday Survey of 1086 as a large manor in the hundred of Staploe with 63.5 households, land for 16 ploughlands and two mills. A stray find of a late Saxon coin was found in Spring Close, Burwell (CB 14760) and this area is suggested as a place for the late Saxon settlement. Earthworks suggesting the existence of enclosures and medieval houses lie to the north and east of the medieval castle to the south of Spring Close (HER 01775). Part of the settlement was obliterated by the construction of the castle in the 12th century (Wareham and Wright 2002).

The Devil's Dyke (HER 10550), a post-Roman bank and ditch of possible defensive purposes, lies at the south-west edge of the study area. It is a scheduled monument.

Burwell Castle (HER 01775) is a scheduled monument (NHLE 1015596). The castle lies at the southern edge of the village to the west of St Mary's Church and north of Reach Road, c. 300m north of the site. It is a motte and bailey-type castle, believed to have been constructed by King Stephen's forces in the mid 12th century.

Isolated finds of Bronze Age to post-medieval date, including a small Bronze Age metalwork hoard, are scattered throughout the study area.

Burwell is an elongated settlement with a medieval focus around the castle and at least two hamlets that grew into a combined village. Several listed buildings from the 16th to the 19th century line the High Street and The Causeway, the central spine of the village. Throughout the 19th century, with the increased drainage of the fens and availability of farmland, further farm buildings were added and the village expanded westwards

The railway line (HER 07633) was opened in 1884 and provided good transport links for the residents and industries in Burwell. The track of the railway crossed the southern part of the site and the station building was situated just to its south-east. Part of the platform (and the access to it) extended into the site. The station has now been replaced by a modern housing development.



Subsequent to the preparation of the heritage assessment, it has been established that an archaeological excavation was conducted in 2002 in a plot of land to the east of the site. At the time of writing, this excavation is not listed in the HER and it is understood that no report has been prepared. However, a plan was obtained from the excavators (Figure 2) and reference is made to the findings of 11th- to 15th-century settlement activity, including the remains of a later medieval limekiln and a lode channel, in a later publication (Muldowney 2007).

#### **1.4 Project Objectives**

Archaeological evidence from the surrounding area indicated that there was the potential for the survival of archaeological remains within the development site.

The objective of the evaluation was to provide information on any archaeological remains present and to enable an appropriate mitigation strategy to be formulated, if necessary.

Information on the following was required:

- The location, extent, nature and date of any archaeological features or deposits that might be present.
- Determining the amount of truncation that may affect any remains, and whether palaeosols or 'B' horizons are present.

The report would also examine the significance of the results with reference to regional research frameworks, which for this area are *Research and Archaeology Revisited: a revised framework for the East of England* (Medlycott 2011).





## 2. METHODOLOGY

The trial trenching took place between 18th and 28th November 2014. Twelve trenches were opened across the site (Figure 2).

Trenches 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 were 30m long and 1.8m wide. Trenches 5, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 were 20m long and 1.8m wide.

The trenches were opened by a tracked 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.

Any potential archaeological features were cleaned, excavated by hand and recorded using Albion Archaeology's pro forma sheets. All deposits were assigned a unique context number commencing at 100 for Trench 1, and 200 for Trench 2 etc. Each trench was subsequently drawn and photographed as appropriate.

The project adhered throughout to the standards prescribed in the following documents:

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| • Albion Archaeology            | <i>Procedures Manual: Volume 1 Fieldwork</i> (2nd edn, 2001).   |
| • ALGAO (east)                  | <i>Standards for Field Archaeology in the East of England</i>   |
| • Archaeological Archives Forum | <i>Archaeological Archives: A Guide to best practice in creation, compilation, transfer and curation</i> (2nd ed. 2011)               |
| • Cambs. County Council         | <i>Deposition of Archaeological Archives in Cambridgeshire</i> (CCC 14/05/14).  |
| • English Heritage              | <i>Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MoRPHE)</i> (2009)  |
|                                 | <i>Environmental Archaeology: A guide to the theory and practice of methods, from sampling and recovery to post-excavation</i> (2011) |
| • CIfA                          | <i>By-Laws and Code of Conduct</i>  |
|                                 | <i>Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Field Evaluation</i>  |

The archive of finds and records generated during the project will be deposited with the Cambridgeshire County Council Archaeology Store under event number ECB4280.

Details of the project and its findings will be submitted to the Archaeology Data Service's OASIS database under reference number albionar1-192201.



## 3. RESULTS

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### 3.1 Introduction

All deposits found during the investigations are described below and shown in Figures 2–6. Detailed information on all features and deposits can be found in Appendix 1.

### 3.2 Overburden and Undisturbed Geological Deposits

Trenches 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 were situated in areas of open ground. Overburden in all of them, with the exception of Trench 4, consisted of topsoil that was dark brown-grey in colour and varied from sandy silt to silty clay in composition, overlying light to mid brown-grey subsoil that varied in composition from chalky silt to silty clay. In Trench 4, buried topsoil (402) was overlain by a possible make-up layer or external surface layer (401) and an upper topsoil layer (400).

Trenches 5, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 were situated in areas that had been developed as part of the former DS Smith commercial site and had been surfaced in concrete, tarmac or coarse gravel. Below the external surfaces were make-up layers that had been laid down over a reduced ground surface. In many places topsoil had been completely removed leaving only subsoil, which in a few places survived as a 0.5m-thick layer.

The undisturbed geological deposit varied from light grey to yellow-white in colour and from chalky clay to chalk in composition.

### 3.3 Roman

Residual Roman pottery was recovered from ditch [506] in Trench 5. This suggests that there was Roman activity in the area but not within the site as none of the features found within the trenches are believed to be Roman in date.

### 3.4 Early Medieval Features

Pottery recovered from three ditches, one in the north-west [108], one in the south [506] and one in the south-west [703] of the evaluation area was identified as medieval (1150–1500) in date. Some of the pottery was identified, more specifically, as early medieval in date (1150–1250).

#### 3.4.1 Trench 1

Four east-west aligned, inter-cutting ditches [103], [105], [108], [111] were revealed towards the south-east end of Trench 1. They were 0.8–1.85m wide and up to 0.56m deep. Three sand-tempered pottery sherds (6g) recovered from the secondary fill of ditch [108] are datable to the 12th–13th century, while an indeterminate, abraded grey ware sherd (2g) from ditch [111] may be Romano-British in date. It is probable that these ditches defined a medieval boundary that was important enough to be repeatedly re-established despite it being located in an area that was low-lying and prone to flooding.



### 3.4.2 Trench 5

An ENE-WSW aligned ditch [506] was revealed in Trench 5. It was 0.88m wide and 0.47m deep. The secondary fill (508) produced seven medieval sand-tempered pottery sherds (17g), including a glazed vessel of 13th–14th-century date. Two residual Roman coarse ware sherds (3g) and an undated (possibly Roman) reduced sandy ware sherd (9g) derived from the same fill.

### 3.4.3 Trench 7

A 1.2m-wide, 0.29m-deep, NW-SE aligned ditch [703] in Trench 7 produced two early medieval sand-tempered pottery sherds (7g), and eight abraded animal bone fragments (6g) of indeterminate form. The feature was perpendicular to a 2.75m-wide ditch [707] from which no datable artefacts were recovered. A small posthole [705] was located on its north-eastern side.

## 3.5 Undated Features

Undated features, including several ditches and pits, were revealed in a number of trenches. Due to flooding in Trenches 1, 2, 3, 11 and 12 some of these features could not be excavated. However, the deposits within them were similar to deposits found within other ditches identified by their pottery assemblages as medieval in date.

The majority of undated features across the evaluation area were ditches. They were 0.37–2.75m wide and 0.2–0.6m deep.

Four ditches [1005], [1007], [1011], [1013] in Trench 10 were close together and all aligned NW-SE. Although the features produced no datable artefacts, [1005] yielded an oyster shell (15g), and 11 pieces of animal bone (51g), the latter comprising abraded long bone fragments and a sheep/goat molar.

Ten highly abraded, undiagnostic animal bone fragments (5g) were collected from the secondary fill of ditch [405].

Other undated features found in Trenches 8 and 12 are described below.

### 3.5.1 Trench 8

Two N-S linear features [806] and [808] were revealed in Trench 8. Both were shallow with irregular sides. The upper fill of feature [808] was unusual in that it contained some peat. It is not known whether the features were natural in origin, e.g. small stream channels, or whether they were deliberately dug and left untended to become more irregular through erosion. In addition to the linear features, Trench 8 contained two oval pits [811] and [813] that were 1.11–1.25m wide and up to 0.37m deep.

### 3.5.2 Trench 12

Six features [1205], [1207], [1209], [1211], [1213], [1215] were identified in Trench 12, several of which were inter-cutting. They included three pits, two gullies and a rectilinear feature. None was excavated due to flooding. The pits were sub-oval or sub-circular in shape and were 0.5–1.25m in diameter. The gullies were 0.33–0.52m wide; the rectilinear feature was 0.5m long and at least 1.65m wide.



### **3.6 Modern Features**

In addition to modern make-up layers (gravel, tarmac and concrete surfaces associated with the former DS Smith commercial site) the footings for the corner of a modern, but earlier, brick building (1017) were revealed in Trench 10.



## 4. CONCLUSIONS

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### 4.1 *Summary*

Archaeological features were revealed across the evaluation area in all of the trenches except Trench 9. The density of archaeological remains revealed within the trial trenches was fairly similar across the site.

A small amount of pottery was recovered from some of the archaeological features. Although some of it was residual Roman material, most of it was identified as medieval in date and, in some cases, specifically early medieval.

The features comprised mainly ditches with two clusters of small pits and irregular features in Trenches 8 and 12. Some of the latter may have been natural in origin.

Three of the ditches across the site were dated from their pottery as medieval, while a fourth contained oyster shells which are often associated with medieval or Roman sites. The remaining undated ditches had similar fills and alignments that broadly corresponded with the dated features and medieval settlement evidence previously excavated in the adjacent plot to the east. This suggests that most of the undated ditches within the evaluation were also medieval in date. The overall density of ditches appears to be less than in the adjacent plot suggesting that the evaluation area was peripheral to a core settlement area that lay further to the east towards the centre of the village.

In addition to the ditches, two clusters of small pits were also revealed. Although no datable artefacts were recovered from them, it is possible that they were also medieval in date because similar clusters of pits were evident in the settlement area to the east.

The results of the trial trenching suggest that the evaluation area was in use during the medieval period. However, the low density of features and relatively small number of artefacts suggest the site may have been agricultural land, rather than a focus of domestic occupation.

### 4.2 *Discussion*

The limited assemblage of finds and the low density of ditches in comparison to the medieval settlement evidence to the east suggest that the evaluation area was peripheral to the main occupation area in this part of Burwell. As such, the development area has limited potential to add to our understanding of former land-use on the periphery of this large fen-edge village (Medlycott 2011, 70). Overall, the medieval remains revealed by the evaluation are likely to be of local and, possibly, regional interest.



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## 6. APPENDIX 1: CONTEXT DETAILS

Trench: 1

Max Dimensions: Length: 30.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.7 m. Max: 0.8 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 58467; Northing: 65767)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 58491; Northing: 65750)

Reason: To evaluate area.

| Context: | Type:        | Description:   | Excavated:                          | Finds Present:                      |
|----------|--------------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 100      | Topsoil      | Friable dark brown grey clay silt 0.35m thick.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 101      | Subsoil      | Firm mid grey silty clay occasional flecks chalk 0.4m thick.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 102      | Natural      | Firm light grey chalky clay  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 103      | Ditch        | Linear ENE-WSW dimensions: min breadth 0.4m, min depth 0.15m, min length 2.m                                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 104      | Fill         | Firm dark grey silty clay  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 105      | Ditch        | Linear ENE-WSW sides: concave base: concave dimensions: min breadth 1.5m, max depth 0.56m, min length 2.m    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 106      | Primary fill | Firm dark grey brown silty clay 0.06m thick.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 107      | Main fill    | Firm mid grey chalky clay 0.51m thick.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 108      | Ditch        | Linear ENE-WSW sides: 45 degrees base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.8m, max depth 0.33m, min length 2.m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 109      | Primary fill | Firm light grey chalky clay 0.05m thick.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 110      | Main fill    | Firm mid blue grey silty clay 0.29m thick.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 111      | Ditch        | Linear ENE-WSW sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 1.85m, max depth 0.48m, min length 2.m   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 112      | Fill         | Firm mid brown grey silty clay 0.48m thick.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 113      | Backfill     | Firm light grey chalky clay 0.16m thick.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 114      | Ditch        | Linear NE-SW dimensions: min breadth 1.4m, min length 1.8m   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 115      | Fill         | Firm mid grey silty clay   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

Trench: 2

Max Dimensions: Length: 30.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.6 m. Max: 0.65 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 58505; Northing: 65691)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 58505; Northing: 65721)

Reason: To evaluate area.

| Context: | Type:   | Description:   | Excavated:                          | Finds Present:           |
|----------|---------|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 200      | Topsoil | Friable dark brown grey clay silt 0.3m thick.                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 201      | Subsoil | Firm mid grey silty clay occasional flecks chalk 0.4m thick. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 202      | Natural | Firm light grey chalky clay                                  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 203      | Ditch   | Linear E-W dimensions: max breadth 1.95m, min length 1.8m    | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 204      | Fill    | Firm dark grey silty clay                                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Trench: 3**

**Max Dimensions:** Length: 30.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.65 m. Max: 0.7 m.

**Co-ordinates:** OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 58520: Northing: 65666)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 58546: Northing: 65651)

**Reason:** To evaluate area.

| Context: | Type:   | Description:   | Excavated:                          | Finds Present:           |
|----------|---------|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 300      | Topsoil | Friable dark brown grey clay silt 0.4m thick.                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 301      | Subsoil | Firm mid grey silty clay 0.3m thick.                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 302      | Natural | Firm light grey chalky clay                                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 303      | Ditch   | Linear NNW-SSE dimensions: max breadth 0.37m, min length 2.75m | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 304      | Fill    | Firm mid grey silty clay                                       | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 305      | Ditch   | Linear N-S dimensions: max breadth 0.55m, min length 2.05m     | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 306      | Fill    | Firm dark grey silty clay                                      | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Trench: 4**

**Max Dimensions:** Length: 30.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.43 m. Max: 0.8 m.

**Co-ordinates:** OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 58610: Northing: 65608)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 58640: Northing: 65608)

**Reason:** To evaluate area.

| Context: | Type:          | Description:   | Excavated:                          | Finds Present:                      |
|----------|----------------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 400      | Topsoil        | Friable dark grey clay silt occasional small stones 0.35m thick.                               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 401      | Make up layer  | Firm light grey chalky clay frequent small chalk 0.08m thick.                                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 402      | Buried topsoil | Firm dark grey clay silt occasional small chalk 0.3m thick.                                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 403      | Subsoil        | Firm mid grey chalky clay occasional small chalk 0.25m thick.                                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 404      | Natural        | Firm light grey clay chalk   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 405      | Ditch          | Linear NE-SW sides: 45 degrees dimensions: min breadth 1.5m, min depth 0.47m, min length 2.25m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 406      | Primary fill   | Firm light grey white chalky silt occasional small-medium chalk At least 0.07m thick.          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 407      | Main fill      | Firm light brown grey chalky silt At least 0.47m thick.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |



**Trench: 5**

**Max Dimensions:** Length: 20.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 1.1 m. Max: 1.18 m.

**Co-ordinates:** OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 58620; Northing: 65641)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 58601; Northing: 65636)

**Reason:** To evaluate area.

| Context: | Type:          | Description:  | Excavated:                          | Finds Present:                      |
|----------|----------------|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 500      | Concrete       | 0.25m thick.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 501      | Make up layer  | Loose dark grey sand moderate small-medium CBM, moderate small stones<br>Tarmac planings, 0.25m thick.          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 502      | Make up layer  | Loose mid orange brown sandy gravel 0.25m thick.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 503      | Buried topsoil | Firm dark grey sandy silt 0.3m thick.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 504      | Subsoil        | Firm mid grey chalky silt 0.4m thick.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 505      | Natural        | Firm light yellow white clay chalk  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 506      | Ditch          | Linear ENE-WSW sides: 45 degrees base: flat dimensions: max breadth<br>0.88m, max depth 0.47m, min length 3.75m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 507      | Primary fill   | Firm light grey silty clay 0.07m thick.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 508      | Main fill      | Firm mid grey silty clay 0.39m thick.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

**Trench: 6**

**Max Dimensions:** Length: 30.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.63 m. Max: 0.65 m.

**Co-ordinates:** OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 58672; Northing: 65628)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 58689; Northing: 65603)

**Reason:** To evaluate area.

| Context: | Type:      | Description:  | Excavated:                          | Finds Present:           |
|----------|------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 600      | Natural    | Firm white clay chalk   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 601      | Subsoil    | Firm mid grey chalky clay 0.35m thick.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 602      | Topsoil    | Friable dark grey silty clay 0.3m thick.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 603      | Ditch      | Linear ENE-WSW sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth<br>0.97m, max depth 0.44m, min length 1.8m  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 604      | Lower fill | Firm mid brown grey silty clay frequent small chalk, occasional medium-large<br>stones 0.41m thick.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 608      | Upper fill | Firm mid brown grey chalky clay frequent small chalk, occasional small-medium<br>stones Possible collapsed or ploughed in bank material. 0.24m thick. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 605      | Ditch      | Linear NE-SW sides: 45 degrees base: concave dimensions: max breadth<br>1.33m, max depth 0.56m, min length 1.8m                                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 606      | Lower fill | Firm mid brown grey silty clay frequent small chalk, occasional small-medium<br>stones 0.24m thick.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 607      | Upper fill | Firm light brown grey silty clay occasional small chalk, occasional small-medium<br>stones 0.34m thick.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 609      | Ditch      | Linear NE-SW dimensions: min breadth 2m, min length 1.8m  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 610      | Fill       | Firm mid brown grey silty clay occasional small stones  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |



Trench: 7

Max Dimensions: Length: 30.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.47 m. Max: 0.69 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 58729; Northing: 65633)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 58700; Northing: 65638)

Reason: To evaluate area.

| Context: | Type:        | Description:  | Excavated:                          | Finds Present:                      |
|----------|--------------|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 700      | Topsoil      | Friable dark grey sandy silt 0.26m thick.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 701      | Subsoil      | Friable light grey chalky silt 0.34m thick.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 702      | Natural      | Firm light yellow white chalk   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 703      | Ditch        | Linear NNW-SSE sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 1.2m, max depth 0.29m, min length 3.m     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 704      | Fill         | Firm light grey chalky silt occasional flecks chalk, occasional small chalk                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 705      | Posthole     | Circular sides: near vertical base: concave dimensions: max depth 0.23m, max diameter 0.15m                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 706      | Fill         | Firm light grey chalky silt occasional flecks chalk, occasional small chalk                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 707      | Ditch        | Linear ENE-WSW sides: asymmetrical base: flat dimensions: max breadth 2.75m, max depth 0.47m, min length 2.5m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 708      | Primary fill | Firm mid grey silty clay moderate small chalk 0.23m thick.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 709      | Lower fill   | Firm mid brown grey silty clay occasional flecks chalk 0.09m thick.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 710      | Fill         | Firm dark brown grey clay silt occasional small stones 0.1m thick.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 711      | Main fill    | Firm mid brown grey silty clay occasional small stones 0.23m thick.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 716      | Ditch        | Linear NNE-SSW dimensions: max breadth 0.9m, min length 1.7m  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 717      | Fill         | Firm mid brown grey silty clay occasional small chalk, occasional small stones                                | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 718      | Ditch        | Linear ENE-WSW dimensions: max breadth 0.7m, min length 3.m   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 719      | Fill         | Firm light brown grey silty clay occasional small stones  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**Trench: 8**

**Max Dimensions:** Length: 22.30 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.69 m. Max: 0.8 m.

**Co-ordinates:** OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 58686: Northing: 65663)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 58666: Northing: 65663)

**Reason:** To evaluate area.

| Context: | Type:            | Description:   | Excavated:                          | Finds Present:           |
|----------|------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 800      | Concrete         | 0.27m thick.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 801      | External surface | Loose mid brown grey gravel 0.3m thick.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 802      | Make up layer    | Firm dark grey sandy clay occasional small-large CBM, frequent small stones 0.18m thick.                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 803      | Make up layer    | Loose mid yellow brown sandy gravel 0.2m thick.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 804      | Subsoil          | Firm mid brown grey silty clay 0.32m thick.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 805      | Natural          | Firm white chalky clay   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 806      | Feature          | Irregular N-S sides: assymetrical base: uneven dimensions: max breadth 2.m, max depth 0.33m, min length 1.8m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 807      | Fill             | Firm mid brown grey silty clay occasional flecks chalk, occasional small chalk                               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 808      | Feature          | Linear N-S sides: assymetrical base: uneven dimensions: max breadth 1.07m, max depth 0.26m, min length 1.8m  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 809      | Lower fill       | Firm mid grey chalky silt frequent flecks chalk, occasional small chalk 0.16m thick.                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 810      | Main fill        | Firm dark grey clay peat occasional flecks chalk 0.26m thick.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 811      | Pit              | Oval E-W sides: steep base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.8m, max depth 0.37m, max length 1.25m          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 812      | Fill             | Firm mid grey silty clay occasional flecks chalk, occasional small chalk                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 813      | Pit              | Oval E-W sides: concave base: concave dimensions: min breadth 0.35m, min depth 0.36m, max length 1.11m       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 814      | Fill             | Firm mid grey silty clay frequent flecks chalk, frequent small-large chalk                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 815      | Buried topsoil   | Firm dark grey silty clay 0.09m thick.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Trench: 9**

**Max Dimensions:** Length: 20.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.95 m. Max: 0.95 m.

**Co-ordinates:** OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 58645: Northing: 65660)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 58637: Northing: 65679)

**Reason:** To evaluate area.

| Context: | Type:            | Description:   | Excavated:                          | Finds Present:           |
|----------|------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 900      | Concrete         | 0.15m thick.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 901      | Make up layer    | Loose dark grey silty sand moderate small-large CBM, frequent small stones 0.17m thick.                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 902      | Buried topsoil   | Firm dark grey clay silt 0.4m thick.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 903      | Subsoil          | Firm mid grey silty clay 0.35m thick.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 904      | Natural          | Firm light yellow white chalky clay  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 905      | Modern intrusion | sides: vertical dimensions: min breadth 1.8m, min depth 1.2m, min length 10.m                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 906      | Backfill         | Friable dark grey silty sand moderate large CBM At least 0.6m thick.                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 907      | Backfill         | Friable mid grey brown silty sand occasional medium-large CBM, frequent small-large stones 0.7m thick. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Trench: 10**

**Max Dimensions:** Length: 20.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.73 m. Max: 0.89 m.

**Co-ordinates:** OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 58654; Northing: 65717)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 58644; Northing: 65700)

**Reason:** To evaluate area.

| Context: | Type:            | Description:  | Excavated:                          | Finds Present:                      |
|----------|------------------|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1000     | Natural          | Firm light grey white clay chalk  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 1001     | Subsoil          | Firm mid brown grey silty clay 0.4m thick.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 1002     | Buried topsoil   | Friable dark brown grey silty clay 0.08m thick.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 1003     | Make up layer    | Loose mid orange brown sandy gravel 0.2m thick.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 1004     | External surface | Loose light brown yellow sandy gravel 0.3m thick.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 1005     | Ditch            | Linear NW-SE sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 1.6m, max depth 0.4m, min length 1.8m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 1006     | Fill             | Firm mid brown grey chalky clay occasional small stones   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 1007     | Ditch            | Linear NW-SE sides: convex base: flat dimensions: max breadth 1.3m, max depth 0.6m, min length 1.8m     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 1008     | Primary fill     | Firm light grey white chalky clay frequent medium-large chalk 0.27m thick.                              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 1009     | Fill             | Firm light grey silty clay frequent flecks chalk, frequent small chalk 0.17m thick.                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 1010     | Upper fill       | Firm mid grey silty clay occasional flecks chalk 0.2m thick.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 1011     | Ditch            | Linear NW-SE sides: concave dimensions: min breadth 0.37m, min depth 0.2m, min length 0.9m              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 1012     | Fill             | Firm dark brown grey silty clay   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 1013     | Ditch            | Linear NW-SE dimensions: min breadth 1.25m, min length 1.15m  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 1014     | Fill             | Firm mid grey silty clay  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 1015     | Modern intrusion | Irregular N-S dimensions: min breadth 2.6m, min length 2.8m   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 1016     | Backfill         | Loose mid orange brown sandy gravel   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 1017     | Wall             | Wall footings comprising two rows of modern bricks with a cavity between them.                          | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**Trench: 11**

**Max Dimensions:** Length: 20.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.6 m. Max: 1. m.

**Co-ordinates:** OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 58611; Northing: 65738)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 58623; Northing: 65722)

**Reason:** To evaluate area.

| Context: | Type:          | Description:   | Excavated:                          | Finds Present:           |
|----------|----------------|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1100     | Tarmac         | 0.05m thick.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1101     | Concrete       | 0.2m thick.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1102     | Make up layer  | Loose mid brown orange sandy gravel frequent small-large CBM 0.1m thick. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1103     | Make up layer  | Firm dark grey silty clay occasional medium-large CBM 0.1m thick.        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1104     | Subsoil        | Firm mid grey silty clay 0.4m thick.                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1105     | Buried topsoil | Firm dark grey clay silt 0.5m thick.                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1106     | Natural        | Firm white chalky clay   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1107     | Ditch          | Linear NE-SW dimensions: max breadth 0.6m, min length 1.85m              | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1108     | Fill           | Firm mid grey brown silty clay   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |



Trench: 12

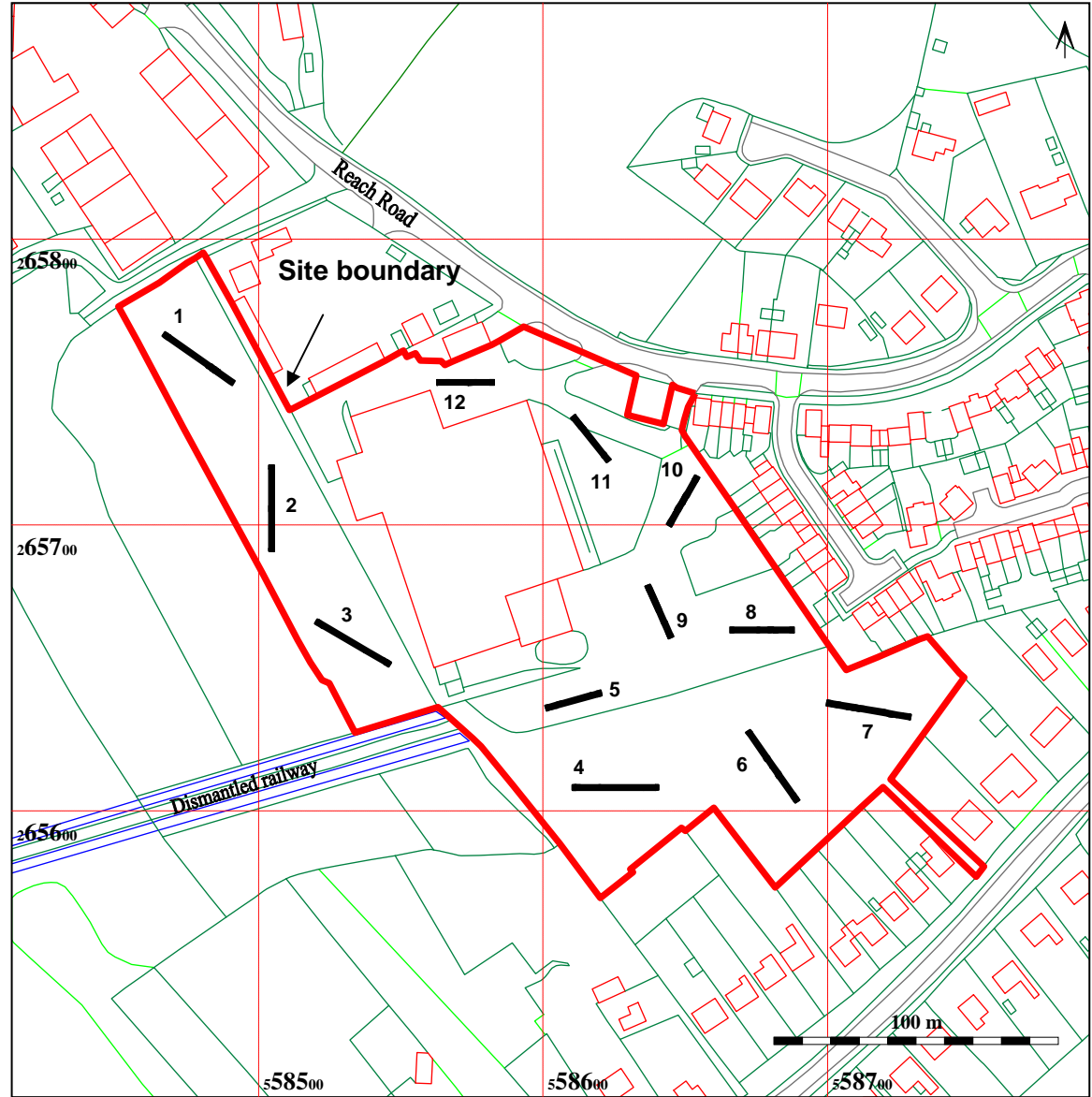
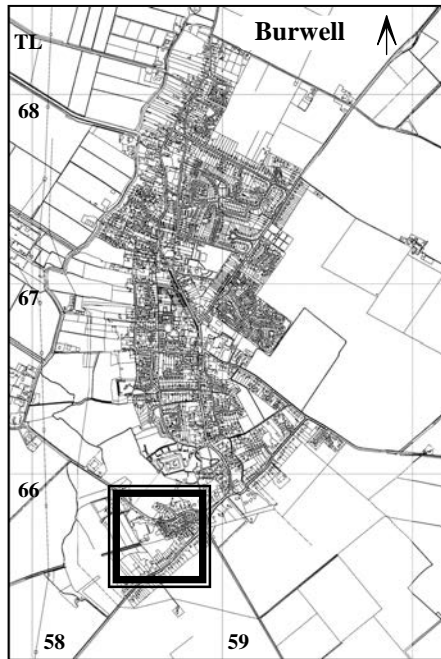
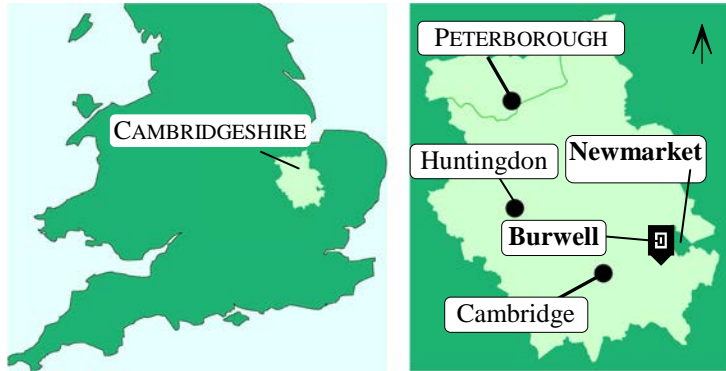
Max Dimensions: Length: 20.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.5 m. Max: 0.6 m.

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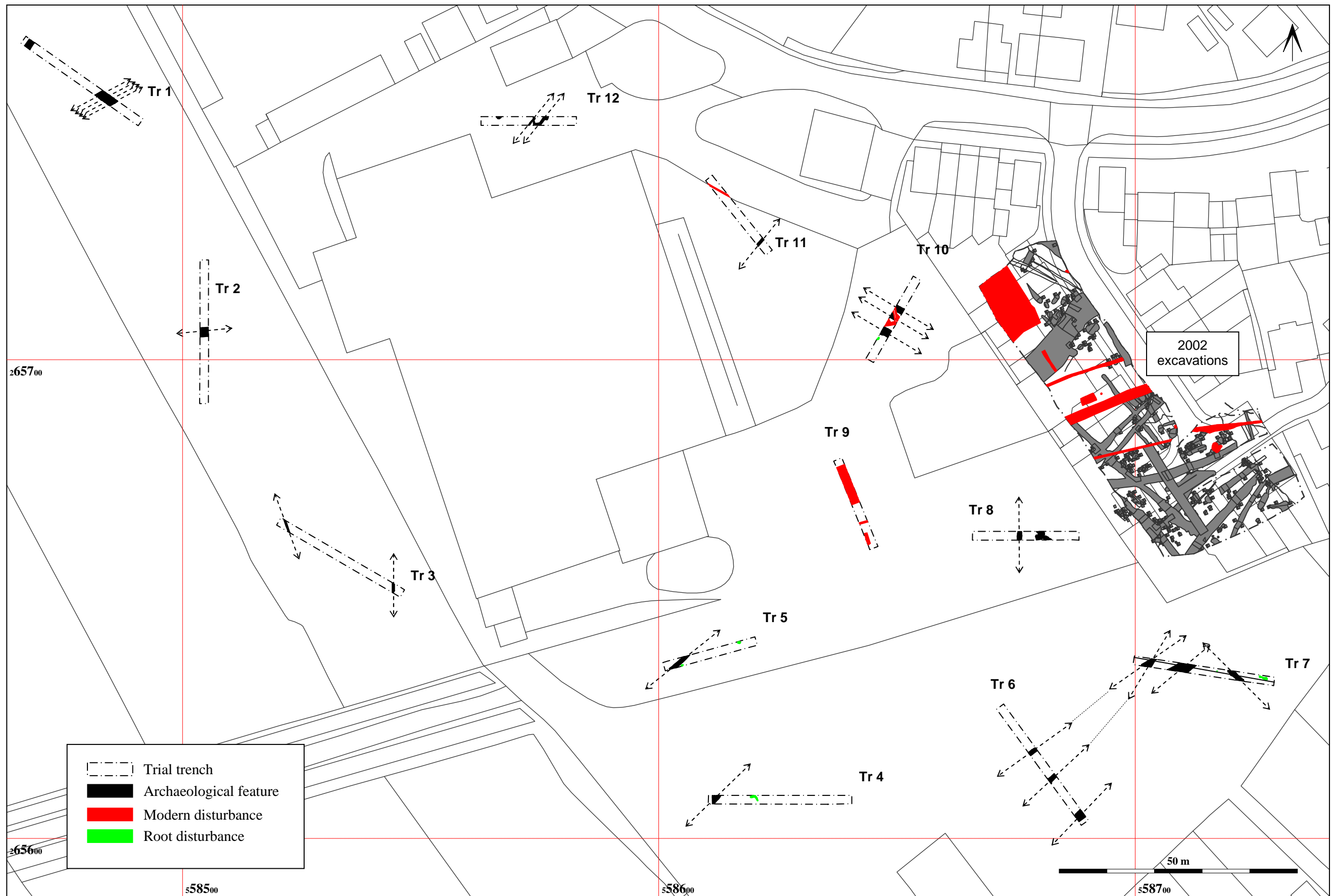
Reason: To evaluate area.

| Context: | Type:         | Description:  | Excavated:                          | Finds Present:           |
|----------|---------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1200     | Concrete      | 0.25m thick.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1201     | Make up layer | Loose mid brown orange sandy gravel frequent small-large CBM 0.25m thick. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1202     | Make up layer | Firm dark grey silty clay occasional medium CBM 0.2m thick.               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1203     | Subsoil       | Firm mid grey silty clay 0.2m thick.                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1204     | Natural       | Firm white chalky clay  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1205     | Pit           | Sub-circular dimensions: min breadth 0.47m, max length 1.25m              | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1206     | Fill          | Firm dark grey silty clay   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1207     | Gulley        | Linear NE-SW dimensions: max breadth 0.33m, min length 1.72m              | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1208     | Fill          | Firm mid brown grey silty clay  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1209     | Pit           | Sub-oval N-S dimensions: max breadth 0.37m, max length 0.5m               | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1210     | Fill          | Firm mid grey silty clay  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1211     | Feature       | Sub-rectangular E-W dimensions: min breadth 0.5m, min length 1.65m        | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1212     | Fill          | Firm mid grey silty clay  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1213     | Gulley        | Linear NE-SW dimensions: max breadth 0.52m, min length 1.9m               | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1214     | Fill          | Firm mid grey brown silty clay  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1215     | Pit           | Sub-circular dimensions: max diameter 0.9m                                | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1216     | Fill          | Firm mid brown grey silty clay  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |



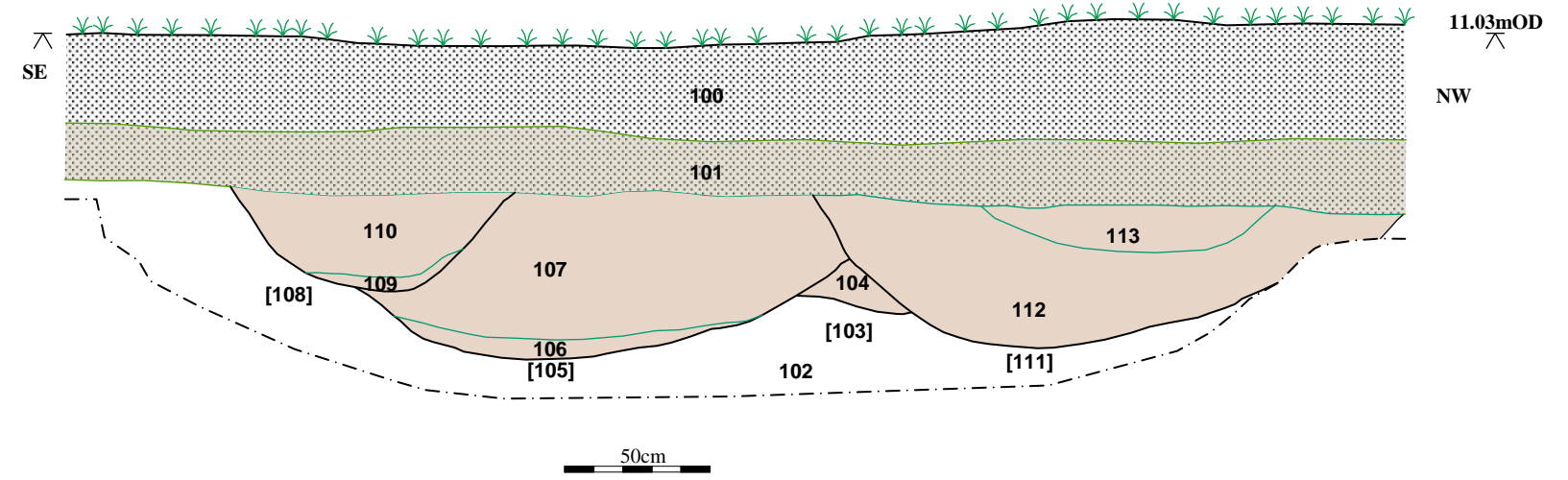
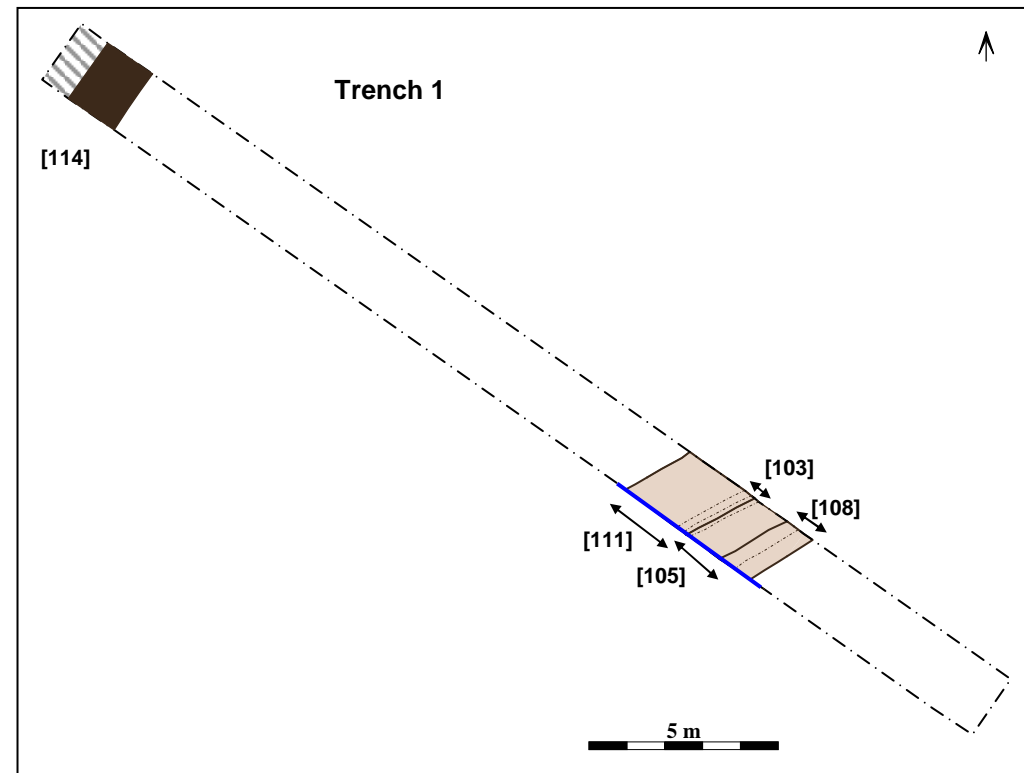
**Figure 1: Site location**

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**Figure 2: Trenching results**

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- Trial trench
- Sloping end of trench
- Topsoil
- Subsoil
- Archaeological feature unexcavated/excavated
- Illustrated section

**Figure 3: Trench 1**



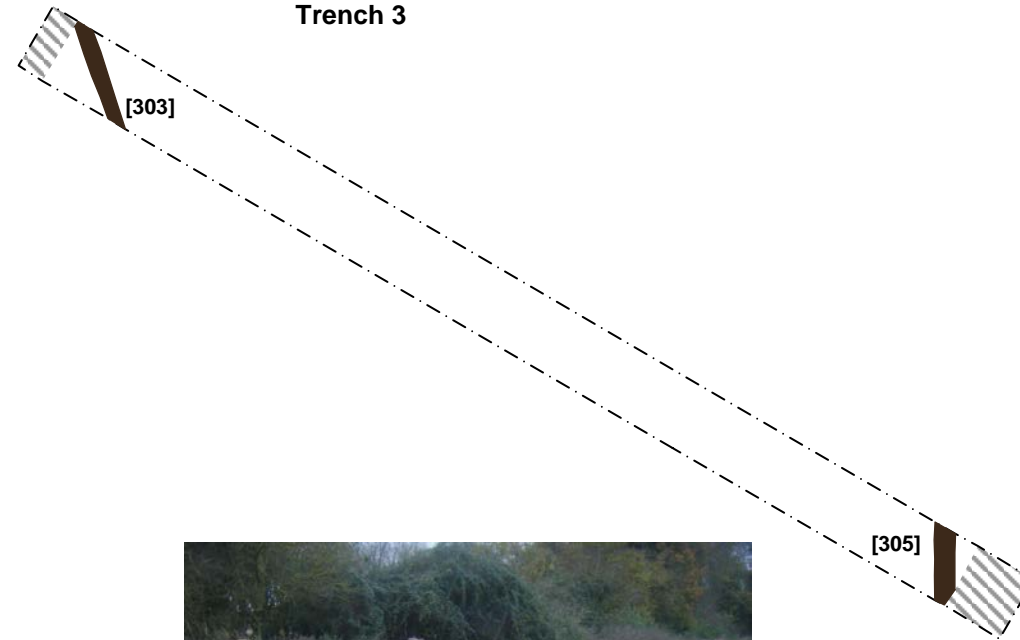


Trench 2



Trench 2 looking south. Scale 1m

Trench 3



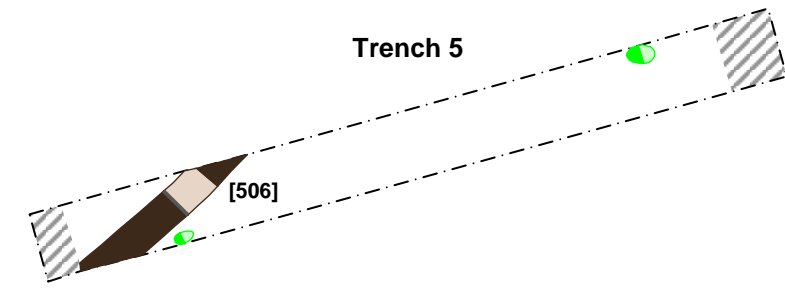
Trench 3 looking north-west. Scale 1m

Trench 4



[405] looking north. Scale 1m

Trench 5



[506] looking south-west. Scale 1m

- Trial trench
- Sloping end of trench
- Topsoil
- Subsoil
- Archaeological feature unexcavated/excavated
- Root disturbance unexcavated/excavated

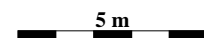


Figure 4: Trenches 2, 3, 4, and 5

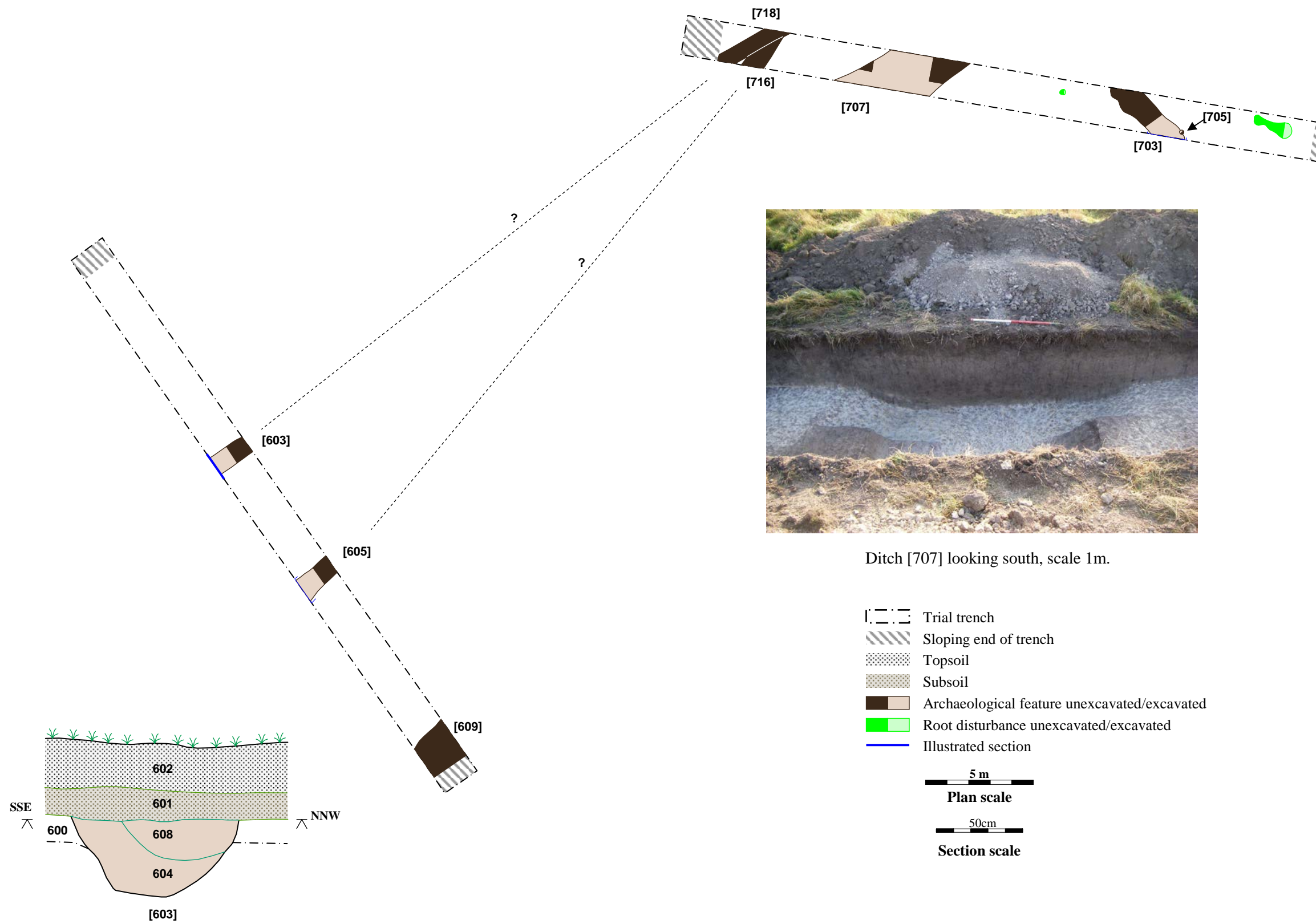
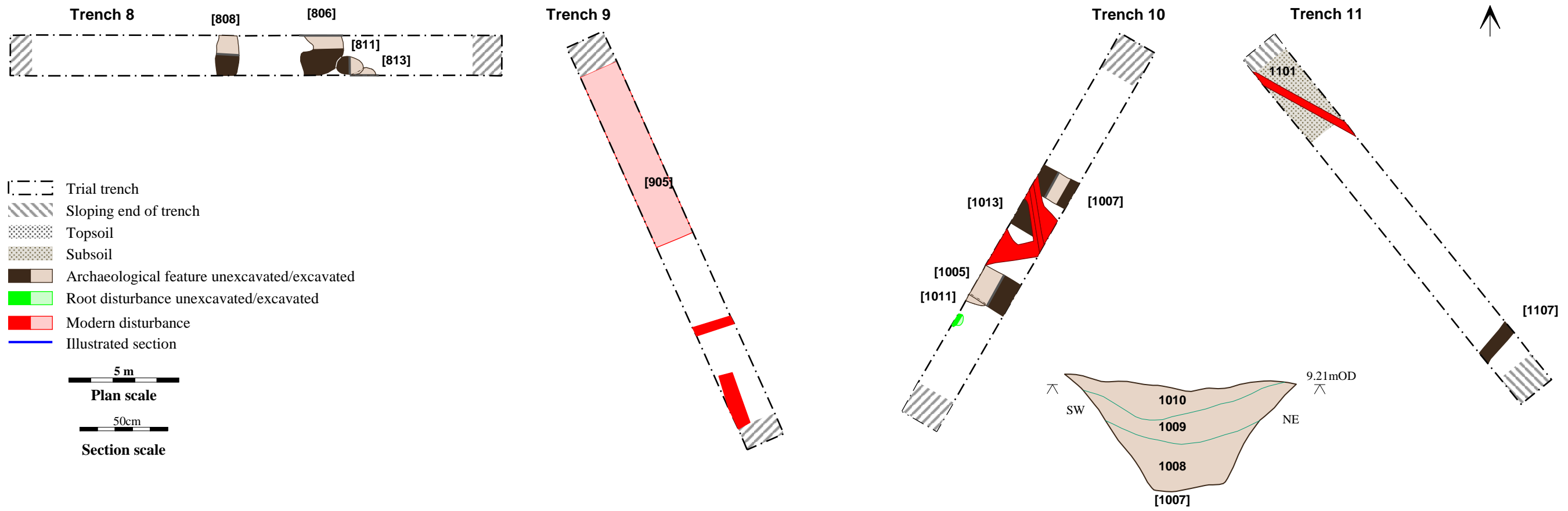


Figure 5: Trenches 6 and 7



[808] looking south, scale 1m



[806] looking north, scale 1m



[1005] looking south-east, scale 1m



[1007] looking north-west, scale 1m

**Figure 6:** Trenches 8, 9, 10 and 11

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