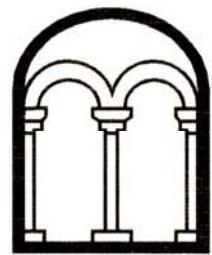


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Preface

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Key Terms

The following terms and abbreviations are used throughout this report:

BBC	Bedford Borough Council
CI/A	Chartered Institute for Archaeologists
HER	Historic Environment Record
HET	Bedford Borough Council Historic Environment Team
PDA	Proposed development area
WSI	Written Scheme of Investigation



Non-Technical Summary

Cemetery Development Services Ltd are investigating the potential of land at Cotton End Road, Wilstead for use as a natural burial ground.

As the proposed development area (PDA) falls within a locally designated Area of Archaeological Interest the Borough's Historic Environment Team recommended that an archaeological field evaluation be carried out to determine the archaeological potential of the site.

The field evaluation comprised two stages of work: Stage 1 geophysical survey, followed by Stage 2 trial trenching. The Stage 1 geophysical survey was carried out in April 2016. This report details the findings of the Stage 2 trial trenching.

The trial trenching took place between 17th and 24th July 2017. A total of twenty-five trenches, each measuring 1.8m wide and 40m long, were opened to sample 3% of the c. 6.1ha PDA.

The trial trenching identified limited archaeological remains in the north-west corner of the PDA. These comprised a ditch or large pit of probable late pre-Belgic Iron Age date and a possible post-medieval pond.

A number of tree throws were also found in this part of the PDA, indicating it had been formerly wooded. Some of the tree throws showed signs of in-situ burning, which may indicate land clearance. Artefactual evidence suggests this could have occurred in the post-medieval period.

No archaeological features were found in the trenches covering the remainder of the PDA. This confirms the findings of the geophysical survey, which also did not locate any anomalies indicative of archaeological features.

The most significant finding of the archaeological evaluation is the probable late pre-Belgic Iron Age ditch/pit. However, on its own (and given the paucity of artefacts within it) this isolated feature is of limited significance and is not indicative of a nearby focus of settlement. The PDA is unlikely to contain further significant archaeological remains that could contribute to understanding of Iron Age settlement and patterns of land use. In conclusion, the proposed development is unlikely to have a significant archaeological impact.

The project archive will be deposited at The Higgins Art Gallery & Museum, Bedford (accession no.: BEDFM 2016.27). Details of the project and its findings will be submitted to the OASIS database (reference no.: albionar1-248349) in accordance with the guidelines issued by Historic England and the Archaeology Data Service.



1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 *Planning Background*

Cemetery Development Services Ltd are investigating the potential of land at Cotton End Road, Wilstead for use as a natural burial ground.

As the proposed development area (PDA) falls within a locally designated Area of Archaeological Interest (based on the postulated extent of the medieval settlement of Wilstead) the Borough's Historic Environment Team (HET) recommended an archaeological field evaluation in accordance with *National Planning Policy Framework – Section 12: Conserving and enhancing the historic environment* (March 2012).

The field evaluation comprised two stages of work: Stage 1 geophysical survey, followed by Stage 2 trial trenching. The work was carried out in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) (Albion 2016) that was agreed with the HET.

The Stage 1 geophysical survey was carried out in April 2016 (Stratascan 2016). This report details the findings of the Stage 2 trial trenching.

1.2 *Site Location and Geology*

The PDA is located off Cotton End Road to the east of Wilstead, adjacent to the Whitworth Way and Armstrong Close housing development and opposite Chapel Lane (Figure 1). It measures *c.* 6.1 hectares in area and is bounded to the north by Cotton End Road and to the south and east by agricultural fields. Hedges and a wide grass verge separate the PDA from the housing to the west.

Topographically Wilstead lies within the clay vale at the northern foot of the Greensand Ridge. The PDA lies on level ground at *c.* 39m OD and the underlying geology comprises Stewartby Member And Weymouth Member Mudstone bedrock with no superficial geology recorded (British Geological Survey 2016).

The PDA is centred on grid reference TL 0710 4344.

1.3 *Archaeological and Historical Background*

In preparation of the WSI, an HER enquiry was made, the results of which are summarised below.

There are no archaeological remains pre-dating the medieval period within the vicinity of the PDA. To the west of Wilstead excavations took place prior to a major housing development between Luton Road and the A6 and uncovered the remains of a small Iron Age farmstead that was replaced in the Roman period (HER 18220 and HER 18221). The remains of domestic timber buildings were uncovered along with evidence for sheep and cattle cultivation. Religious ritual was evidenced by a pit containing three sheep skulls each facing a different direction (Luke and Preece 2010).



Wilstead is listed in Domesday Book as a large settlement of around 23 households. The medieval settlement of Wilstead (HER 17652) was concentrated along Luton Road and Cotton End Road and is a locally designated Area of Archaeological Interest, which includes the northern part of the PDA.

In the garden of the vicarage human and animal bone was collected along with some sherds of 11th- to 12th-century pottery (HER 16133). A few pits and ditches of medieval to post-medieval date were excavated as part of the investigations at Luton Road (HER 18220). Ridge and furrow earthworks — the remainders of medieval agricultural fields — survive in several places around Wilstead (HER 662, 3570 and 4466).

The farmhouse on Manor Farm (NHLE 1321583), at the northern end of Chapel Lane opposite the PDA, originated in the 16th century and has many 19th-century re-workings. No. 58 Cotton End Road (NHLE 1321584) to the immediate north-east of the PDA is a Grade II listed 18th-century house that was probably originally a pair. The majority of buildings along Cotton End Road are post-medieval and modern in date.

The Stage 1 geophysical survey of the site was carried out on 27th and 28th April 2016 (Stratascan 2016). The survey identified evidence of ridge and furrow cultivation, a former field boundary and other modern features but did not identify any anomalies of probable archaeological origin. There was no evidence for the prehistoric or Roman activity, seen elsewhere in the surrounding area.

1.4 Project Objectives

The principal purpose of the archaeological field evaluation was to recover information on the:

- location, extent, nature, and date of any archaeological features or deposits that were present within the proposed development site;
- integrity and state of preservation of any archaeological features or deposits that were present at the proposed development site.
- nature of palaeo-environmental remains to determine local environmental conditions.

This information will be used by the HET and the LPA to evaluate the significance of the potential impact of the proposed development on any archaeological remains that might survive within the site.

The significance of archaeological remains uncovered during the evaluation was assessed against the published research frameworks for the region (Brown and Glazebrook 2000; Medlycott 2011) as well as specifically for the county of Bedfordshire (Oake *et al* 2007).

These documents typically come in two parts: the first provides a comprehensive chronological review of the historic environment as investigated so far within Bedfordshire and the eastern counties; the second establishes a research agenda and strategy for future investigations and for



consolidating and integrating current knowledge. They are therefore vital tools for the assessment of any heritage asset within its local, regional and national historic environment setting.



2. METHODOLOGY

The methodological approach to the project is summarised below; a full methodology is provided in the WSI (Albion 2016).

2.1 Methodological Standards

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 edn, 2001).
• Bedford Museum	<i>Preparing Archaeological Archives for Deposition in Bedfordshire</i> (2010).
• ClfA	<i>Charter and By-law; Code of Conduct</i> (2014).
	<i>Standard and guidance for an archaeological field evaluation</i> (2014).
	<i>Standard and guidance for the collection, documentation, conservation and research of archaeological materials</i> (2014).
• EAA	<i>Standard and guidance for archaeological geophysical survey</i> (2014).
	<i>Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment PPN3: Archaeological Excavation</i> (2015).
• Historic England	<i>Standards for Field Archaeology in the East of England</i> (2003).
	<i>Environmental Archaeology: A guide to the theory and practice of methods, from sampling and recovery to post-excavation</i> (2nd edn) (2011).
	<i>Geophysical Survey in Archaeological Field Evaluation</i> (2008).

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2.2 Trial Trenching

The trial trenching took place between 17th and 24th July 2017. A total of twenty-five trenches, each measuring 1.8m wide and 40m long, were opened to sample 3% of the c. 6.1ha site. The trial trenches were positioned to give even coverage across the site and to investigate anomalies identified by the geophysical survey (Figures 1 and 2). As no archaeological geophysical anomalies were identified, the trenches targeted probable modern and agricultural anomalies to confirm their interpretation.

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. 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, excavated by hand 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 trenches were inspected by the HET on 20th July 2017.



3. RESULTS

3.1 Introduction

All significant deposits and features found within the trial trenches are described below and shown on Figures 2–4. The remains are discussed by chronological period. Context numbers in square brackets refer to cuts [***] and round brackets to fills or layers (***). Only Trenches 5 and 8 contained archaeological features, whilst Trenches 1, 3, 6, 7, 10, 16, 18 and 20 revealed a number of tree-throw remains. The remaining fifteen trenches were devoid of any features.

Detailed technical information on all deposits and archaeological features is provided in Appendix 1.

3.2 Overburden and Geological Deposits

In the vast majority of trenches the overburden consisted of topsoil and subsoil. Topsoil was generally 0.25–0.3m thick, with the maximum thickness of 0.47m recorded in Trench 5. It was very homogenous across the site and comprised dark brown-grey clay silt. The subsoil comprised mid orange-brown to grey-brown silty clay. It predominantly ranged from 0.07–0.2m thick and was up to 0.29m thick in Trench 6. It was revealed in all trenches with the exception of Trench 5.

The combined depth of overburden was 0.3–0.64m; the greater depths were generally seen in the north-west part of the PDA.

Undisturbed geological strata within the majority of the trenches comprised yellow-grey and blue clay, with gravelly deposits of mid brown-orange sandy clay and clay sand revealed mainly in the north-west part of the PDA.

3.3 Late pre-Belgic Iron Age Feature

In the north-east part of Trench 8 a possible pit or ditch corner [803] was revealed. It was 4.75m long, at least 1.8m wide and in excess of 0.8m deep, extending beyond the trench to the east. The base of the feature was not exposed due to the depth of the trench (Figure 3: Section 3; Figure 4: Image 3).

The feature was filled with a 0.15m+ thick grey-brown silty clay deposit (805), which may have formed in waterlogged conditions. This was overlain by the main fill (804), which comprised a 0.65m-thick deposit of brown-grey silty clay. The latter produced late pre-Belgic Iron Age pottery in the form of three sherds in grog- and sand-tempered fabric F03 (49g), as well as five abraded sherds in grog-tempered fabric F17 (54g). Ten fragments of animal long bone, teeth and skull (27g) were also recovered from the deposit.

3.4 Post-medieval Pond

At the north-east end of Trench 5 in the north-west part of the PDA (Figure 2) the remains of a possible pond [503] were revealed (Figure 3: Section 1; Figure 4: Image 2). This probably formed part of the same irregular feature as



pond [506] as both shared similar profiles, size and sequence of infilling deposits.

The two features were at least 6.2–9.5m wide and had irregular, gradually sloping profiles that were 0.7–0.9m+ deep. Both features extended beyond the trench to the north-west and south-east. The primary fills (504/507) consisted of brown-grey clay with moderate amounts of stone inclusions; this material had probably formed in waterlogged conditions. Main fills (505/508) as well as upper deposits (501/509) also seem to have been homogenous; they comprised mid grey-brown clay and mid orange-brown silty clay respectively. Fill (501) of pond [503] produced a piece of a clay pipe stem (1g), one fragment of black-glazed earthenware (fabric P03) (11g), an abraded brick fragment (64g) as well as an animal long bone shaft (126g).

3.5 Tree throws

A total of twenty-eight tree throws were found within the trenches, fifteen of which were investigated by hand. Twenty-two of the tree throws were recorded in Trenches 6, 7 and 8 in the north-west part of the PDA (Figure 3 and Figure 4: Image 1), whilst the others were scattered across the remainder of the PDA in Trenches 1, 3, 10, 16, 18 and 20 (Figure 2).

The tree throws were generally sub-oval or irregular in shape and ranged from 0.35–3.2m in plan; they shared similar asymmetrical and irregular profiles with uneven to concave bases and were 0.12–0.3m deep. Twelve tree-throws — recorded as [103], [303], [607], [703] and [806] — probably represent a burning-out event (or events) associated with clearing vegetation from the land. These were infilled by mid to dark brown-grey silty clay deposits with some heat-affected red and dark grey stains. The others were generally filled with lighter, mid yellow-grey to brown-grey silty clay deposits.

Fill (606) of tree-throw [605] in the centre of Trench 6 (Figure 3: Section 2; Figure 4: Image 4) yielded three small and abraded sherds of late pre-Belgic Iron Age pottery in grog-tempered fabric F17 (7g) as well as a post-medieval flat roof tile (26g).



4. CONCLUSIONS

4.1 *Summary of Results*

The trial trenching identified limited archaeological remains in the north-west corner of the PDA. These comprised a ditch or large pit of probable late pre-Belgic Iron Age date and a possible post-medieval pond.

A number of tree throws were also found in this part of the PDA, indicating it had been formerly wooded. Some of the tree throws showed signs of *in-situ* burning, which may indicate land clearance. Artefactual evidence suggests this could have occurred in the post-medieval period.

No archaeological features were found in the trenches covering the remainder of the PDA. This confirms the findings of the geophysical survey, which also did not locate any anomalies indicative of archaeological features.

4.2 *Significance of Results*

In summary, the most significant finding of the archaeological evaluation is the probable late pre-Belgic Iron Age ditch/pit. However, on its own (and given the paucity of artefacts within it) this isolated feature is of limited significance and is not indicative of a nearby focus of settlement. The PDA is unlikely to contain further significant archaeological remains that could contribute to understanding of Iron Age settlement and patterns of land use — which are research priorities for the region (Oake *et al* 2007, 11; Medlycott 2011, 30).



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6. APPENDIX 1: TRENCH SUMMARIES

Trench: 1

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.4 m. Max: 0.4 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7055; Northing: 43566)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7082; Northing: 43596)

Reason: To assess archaeological potential.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
100	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey clay silt occasional small-large stones Up to 0.27m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
101	Subsoil	Compact mid orange brown silty clay occasional small-large stones Up to 0.14m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
102	Natural	Compact light yellow grey clay With mid brown orange sandy clay pockets with frequent gravel inclusions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
103	Treethrow	Sub-oval sides: irregular base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.7m, max depth 0.15m, min length 1.6m Likely a burnt out tree bole remains.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
104	Fill	Compact dark brown grey silty clay occasional flecks charcoal With red stained, heat affected silty clay.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Trench: 2

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.4 m. Max: 0.42 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7070; Northing: 43541)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7109; Northing: 43546)

Reason: To assess archaeological potential.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
200	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey clay silt occasional small-large stones Up to 0.28m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
201	Subsoil	Compact mid orange brown silty clay occasional small-large stones Up to 0.14m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
202	Natural	Compact light yellow grey clay With mid brown orange sandy clay pockets with frequent gravel inclusions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Trench: 3**

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.36 m. Max: 0.38 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7099; Northing: 43499)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7126; Northing: 43528)

Reason: To assess archaeological potential.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
300	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey clay silt occasional small-large stones Up to 0.28m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
301	Subsoil	Compact mid orange brown silty clay occasional small-large stones Up 0.11m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
302	Natural	Compact mid brown orange sandy clay frequent small-medium stones With bands of mid yellow and grey-blue clay.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
303	Treethrow	Sub-oval sides: irregular base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.35m, max depth 0.18m, max length 1.2m Likely a burnt out tree bole remains.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
304	Fill	Compact dark brown grey silty clay occasional flecks charcoal With red stained, heat affected clay.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Trench: 4

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.34 m. Max: 0.38 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7113; Northing: 43477)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7152; Northing: 43473)

Reason: To assess archaeological potential.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
400	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey clay silt occasional small-large stones Up to 0.28m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
401	Subsoil	Compact mid orange brown silty clay occasional small-large stones Up to 0.12m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
402	Natural	Compact mid brown orange sandy clay frequent small-medium stones With bands of yellow and mid grey-blue clay.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Trench: 5**

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.3 m. Max: 0.47 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 6977; Northing: 43627)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7013; Northing: 43646)

Reason: To assess archaeological potential.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
500	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey clay silt occasional small-large stones Between 0.3-0.47m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
502	Natural	Compact mid brown orange clay sand frequent small-medium stones With outcrops of mid blue-grey clay.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
503	Pond	Irregular NW-SE sides: irregular dimensions: min breadth 6.2m, min depth 0.9m, min length 1.8m Likely the same feature as [506]. Not bottomed.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
501	Upper fill	Compact mid orange brown silty clay occasional small-large stones Up to 0.24m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
504	Lower fill	Plastic mid brown grey clay moderate small-medium stones At least 0.42m thick deposit. It was formed in waterlogged conditions.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
505	Main fill	Compact mid grey brown clay Up to 0.31m thick deposit, formed likely in waterlogged conditions.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
506	Pond	Irregular NW-SE sides: irregular base: concave dimensions: max breadth 9.5m, max depth 0.7m, min length 1.8m Excavated entirely by machine. Likely the same feature as [503].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
507	Lower fill	Plastic mid brown grey clay moderate small-medium stones Up to 0.34m thick deposit. It was formed in waterlogged conditions.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
508	Main fill	Compact mid grey brown clay Up to 0.28m thick deposit, likely formed in waterlogged conditions.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
509	Upper fill	Compact mid orange brown silty clay occasional small-large stones Up to 0.25m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Trench: 6

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.36 m. Max: 0.64 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7011; Northing: 43622)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 6987; Northing: 43590)

Reason: To assess archaeological potential.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
600	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey clay silt occasional small-large stones Up to 0.35m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
601	Subsoil	Compact mid orange brown silty clay occasional small-large stones Between 0.07-0.29m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
602	Natural	Compact mid brown orange clay sand frequent small-medium stones With pockets of mid blue-grey clay.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
603	Treethrow	Irregular sides: irregular base: uneven General no. for five tree throws, two of which remained unexcavated. They were between 1.0-3.2m long, 0.6-1.2m+ wide by up to 0.22m deep.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
604	Fill	Friable mid yellow grey silty clay occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
605	Treethrow	Sub-oval sides: asymmetrical base: uneven dimensions: min breadth 0.4m, max depth 0.3m, max length 1.35m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
606	Fill	Friable mid yellow grey silty clay occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
607	Treethrow	Irregular sides: irregular base: uneven General no. for three burnt out tree boles, two of which remained unexcavated. They were between 0.7-1.2m+ long by 0.45-1.15m+ wide and up to .21m deep.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
608	Fill	Friable mid brown grey silty clay occasional flecks charcoal, moderate small-medium stones With some heat affected red and dark grey stains.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Trench: 7**

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.44 m. Max: 0.46 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 6991: Northing: 43549)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7009: Northing: 43584)

Reason: To assess archaeological potential.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
700	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey clay silt occasional small-large stones Up to 0.28m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
701	Subsoil	Compact mid orange brown silty clay occasional small-large stones Up to 0.18m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
702	Natural	Compact mid brown orange clay sand frequent small-medium stones With pockets of mid blue-grey clay.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
703	Treethrow	Irregular General no. for four burnt out tree boles. They were between 0.6-1.0m+ long by 0.4-0.7m wide.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
704	Fill	Compact mid brown grey silty clay moderate small-medium stones With some heat affected red and dark grey stains.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
705	Treethrow	Irregular General no. for three tree boles. They were between 1.0-1.5m+ long by 0.4-0.8m wide.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
706	Fill	Friable mid yellow grey silty clay occasional small-medium stones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Trench: 8

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.48 m. Max: 0.5 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7008: Northing: 43536)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7001: Northing: 43497)

Reason: To assess archaeological potential.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
800	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey clay silt occasional small-large stones Up to 0.3m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
801	Subsoil	Compact mid orange brown silty clay occasional small-large stones Up to 0.2m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
802	Natural	Compact mid brown orange clay sand frequent small-medium stones With pockets of mid blue-grey clay.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
803	Pit	Sub-circular sides: irregular dimensions: min breadth 1.8m, min depth 0.8m, max length 4.75m Unclear, whether it is a pit or ditch corner.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
804	Main fill	Friable mid brown grey silty clay occasional flecks charcoal, occasional small-medium stones Up to 0.65m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
805	Lower fill	Compact mid grey brown silty clay occasional flecks charcoal, frequent small-medium stones, occasional large stones with blue clay inclusions. At least 0.15m thick deposit that likely formed in waterlogged conditions.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
806	Treethrow	Irregular sides: asymmetrical base: uneven General no. for three burnt out tree boles, one of which remained unexcavated. They were up to 2.2m long by up to 1.8m+ wide and up to 0.25m deep.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
807	Fill	Friable mid brown grey silty clay moderate small-medium stones With some heat affected red and dark grey stains.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
808	Treethrow	Irregular sides: asymmetrical base: concave General no. for three tree boles, one of which remained unexcavated. They were up to 1.7m+ long by up to 1.1m wide and up to 0.22m deep.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
809	Fill	Friable mid yellow grey silty clay occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Trench: 9**

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.32 m. Max: 0.41 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7032; Northing: 43499)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7052; Northing: 43534)

Reason: To assess archaeological potential.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
900	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey clay silt occasional small-large stones Up to 0.27m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
901	Subsoil	Compact mid orange brown silty clay occasional small-large stones Up to 0.14m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
902	Natural	Compact light yellow grey clay occasional small-large stones With bands of mid brown-orange sandy clay with frequent gravel inclusions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Trench: 10

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.4 m. Max: 0.53 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7058; Northing: 43472)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7018; Northing: 43472)

Reason: To test geophysical anomalies.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
1000	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey clay silt occasional small-large stones Up to 0.31m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1001	Subsoil	Compact mid orange brown silty clay occasional small-large stones Up to 0.22m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1002	Natural	Compact mid brown orange sandy clay frequent small-medium stones With pockets of yellow and mid grey-blue clay.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1003	Treethrow	Irregular sides: asymmetrical base; uneven dimensions: max breadth 1.m, max depth 0.12m, max length 2.5m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1004	Fill	Compact mid brown grey silty clay occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Trench: 11

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.38 m. Max: 0.4 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7089; Northing: 43462)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7073; Northing: 43498)

Reason: To assess archaeological potential.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
1100	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey clay silt occasional small-large stones Up to 0.25m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1101	Subsoil	Compact mid orange brown silty clay occasional small-large stones Up to 0.16m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1102	Natural	Compact light yellow grey clay With bands of mid brown-orangesandy clay with frequent gravel inclusions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Trench: 12**

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.43 m. Max: 0.46 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7047: Northing: 43430)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7086: Northing: 43441)

Reason: To test geophysical anomalies.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
1200	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey clay silt occasional small-large stones Up to 0.3m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1201	Subsoil	Compact mid orange brown silty clay occasional small-large stones Up to 0.16m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1202	Natural	Compact light yellow grey clay With pockets of mid brown-orange sandy clay with frequent gravel inclusions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Trench: 13

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.41 m. Max: 0.48 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7025: Northing: 43407)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7025: Northing: 43447)

Reason: To assess archaeological potential.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
1300	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey clay silt occasional small-large stones Up to 0.3m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1301	Subsoil	Compact mid orange brown silty clay occasional small-large stones Up to 0.18m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1302	Natural	Compact mid yellow grey clay With mid brown-orange sandy clay pockets with frequent gravel inclusions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Trench: 14

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.32 m. Max: 0.35 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7088: Northing: 43392)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7048: Northing: 43387)

Reason: To assess archaeological potential.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
1400	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey clay silt occasional small-large stones Up to 0.27m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1401	Subsoil	Compact mid grey brown silty clay occasional small-large stones Up to 0.08m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1402	Natural	Compact mid yellow grey clay occasional small-large stones With blue and brown bands of clay.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Trench: 15**

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.36 m. Max: 0.37 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7132: Northing: 43433)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7123: Northing: 43394)

Reason: To test geophysical anomalies.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
1500	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey clay silt occasional small-large stones Up to 0.28m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1501	Subsoil	Compact mid orange brown silty clay occasional small-large stones Up to 0.1m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1502	Natural	Compact mid yellow grey clay With bands of mid brown-orange sandy clay with frequent gravel inclusions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Trench: 16

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.36 m. Max: 0.38 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7173: Northing: 43452)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7177: Northing: 43412)

Reason: To assess archaeological potential.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
1600	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey clay silt occasional small-large stones Up to 0.28m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1601	Subsoil	Compact mid orange brown silty clay moderate small-large stones Up to 0.1m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1602	Natural	Compact mid brown orange sandy clay frequent small-medium stones, occasional large stones With bands of yellow and mid grey-blue clay.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1603	Treethrow	Sub-oval sides: asymmetrical base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.5m, max depth 0.15m, max length 1.4m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1604	Fill	Compact mid brown grey silty clay occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Trench: 17

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.33 m. Max: 0.34 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7195: Northing: 43388)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7156: Northing: 43381)

Reason: To test geophysical anomalies.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
1700	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey clay silt occasional small-large stones Up to 0.26m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1701	Subsoil	Compact mid orange brown silty clay moderate small-large stones Up to 0.08m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1702	Natural	Compact mid brown orange sandy clay frequent small-medium stones, occasional large stones With bands of yellow and mid blue-grey clay.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Trench: 18**

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.3 m. Max: 0.33 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7114: Northing: 43369)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7148: Northing: 43348)

Reason: To assess archaeological potential.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
1800	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey clay silt occasional small-large stones Up to 0.25m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1801	Subsoil	Compact mid grey brown silty clay occasional small-large stones Up to 0.08m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1802	Natural	Compact mid yellow grey clay occasional small-large stones With blue and brown clay patches.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1803	Treethrow	Sub-oval sides: asymmetrical base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.52m, max depth 0.16m, max length 2.3m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1804	Fill	Compact mid brown grey silty clay occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Trench: 19

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.33 m. Max: 0.36 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7097: Northing: 43328)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7077: Northing: 43363)

Reason: To test geophysical anomalies.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
1900	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey clay silt occasional small-large stones Up to 0.28m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1901	Subsoil	Compact mid grey brown silty clay occasional small-large stones Up to 0.08m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1902	Natural	Compact mid yellow grey clay occasional small-large stones With mid blue-grey clay patches.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Trench: 20

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.33 m. Max: 0.34 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7134: Northing: 43324)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7107: Northing: 43294)

Reason: To test geophysical anomalies.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
2000	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey clay silt occasional small-large stones Up to 0.26m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2001	Subsoil	Compact mid grey brown silty clay occasional small-large stones Up to 0.08m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2002	Natural	Compact light yellow grey clay occasional small-large stones With mid grey-blue clay patches.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2003	Treethrow	Sub-oval sides: asymmetrical base: uneven dimensions: max breadth 0.3m, max depth 0.12m, max length 1.m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2004	Fill	Compact mid brown grey silty clay occasional small-medium stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Trench: 21**

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.32 m. Max: 0.35 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7179; Northing: 43349)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7174; Northing: 43309)

Reason: To assess archaeological potential.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
2100	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey clay silt occasional small-large stones Up to 0.28m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2101	Subsoil	Compact mid grey brown silty clay occasional small-large stones Up to 0.07m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2102	Natural	Compact mid yellow grey clay With mid brown-orange bands of sandy clay with frequent gravel inclusions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Trench: 22

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.35 m. Max: 0.36 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7211; Northing: 43335)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7214; Northing: 43375)

Reason: To assess archaeological potential.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
2200	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey clay silt occasional small-large stones Up to 0.28m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2201	Subsoil	Compact mid grey brown silty clay occasional small-large stones Up to 0.08m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2202	Natural	Compact mid yellow grey clay With mid brown-orange bands of sandy clay with frequent gravel inclusions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Trench: 23

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.3 m. Max: 0.35 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7253; Northing: 43290)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7219; Northing: 43312)

Reason: To assess archaeological potential.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
2300	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey clay silt occasional small-large stones Up to 0.27m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2301	Subsoil	Compact mid grey brown silty clay occasional small-large stones Up to 0.08m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2302	Natural	Compact mid yellow grey clay With mid brown-orange sandy clay pockets with frequent gravel inclusions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Trench: 24**

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.32 m. Max: 0.34 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7176; Northing: 43264)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7205; Northing: 43291)

Reason: To assess archaeological potential.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
2400	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey clay silt occasional small-large stones Up to 0.27m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2401	Subsoil	Compact mid grey brown silty clay occasional small-large stones Up to 0.07m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2402	Natural	Compact light yellow grey clay With mid brown-orange sandy clay pockets with frequent gravel inclusions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Trench: 25

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 1.80 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.31 m. Max: 0.32 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7147; Northing: 43293)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 7142; Northing: 43253)

Reason: To assess archaeological potential.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
2500	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey clay silt occasional small-large stones Up to 0.25m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2501	Subsoil	Compact mid grey brown silty clay occasional small-large stones Up to 0.08m thick deposit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2502	Natural	Compact light yellow grey clay With blue and brown clay pockets and occasional gravel inclusions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

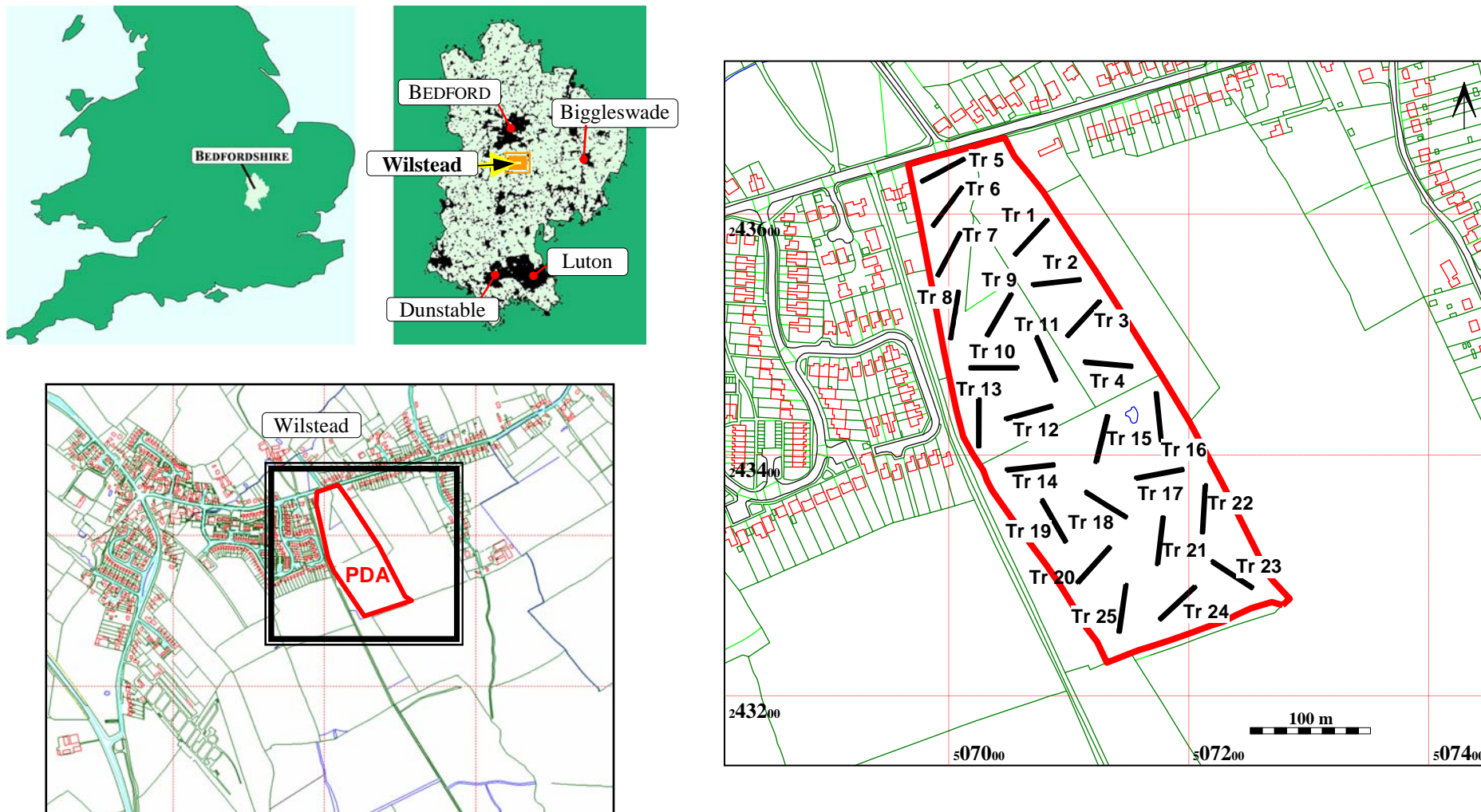


Figure 1: Site location plan and trench layout

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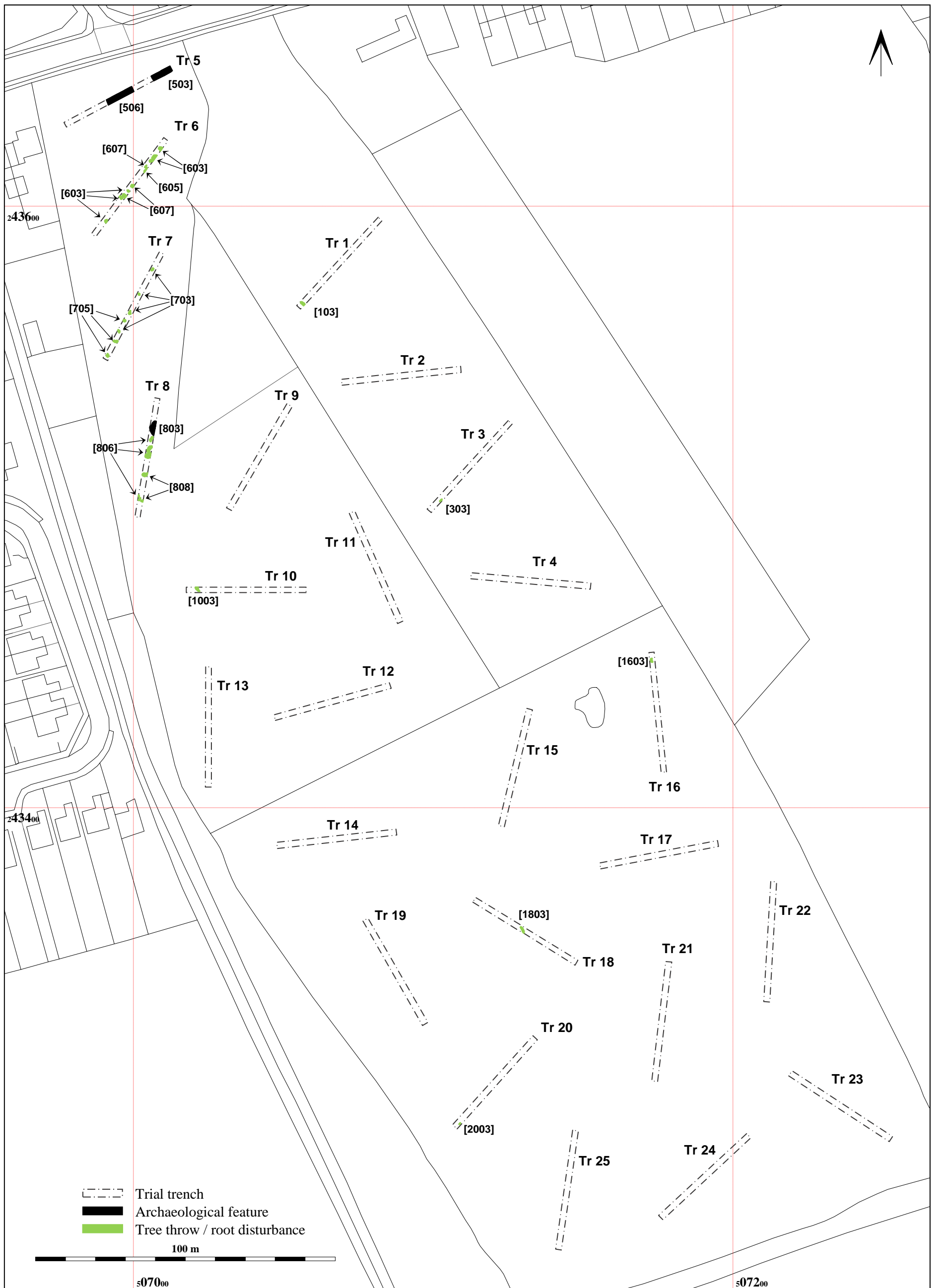
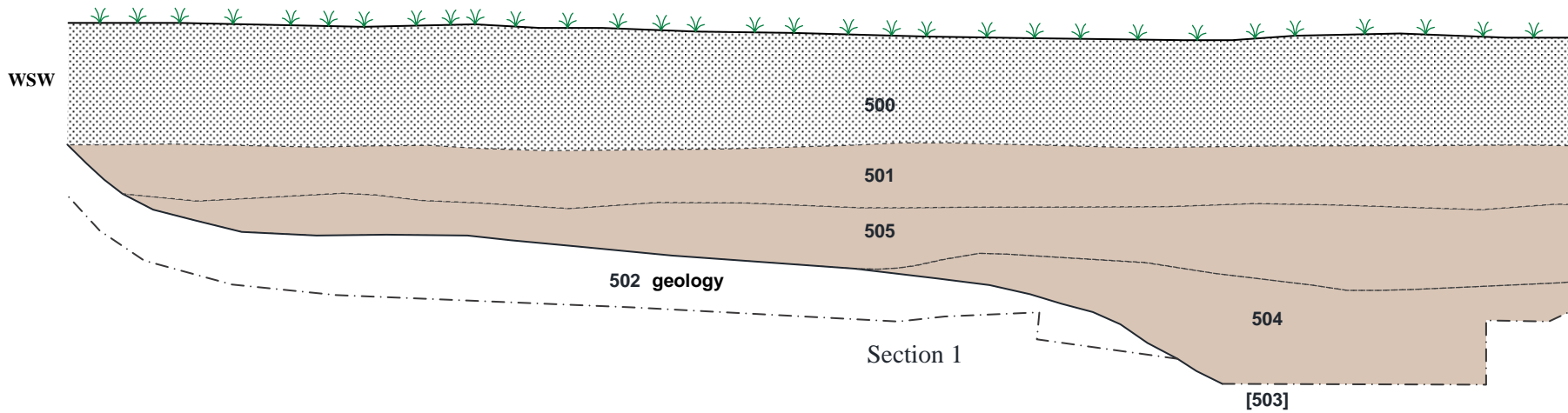
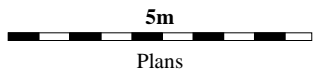


Figure 2: All-features plan

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- Trial trench
- Topsoil
- Subsoil
- Archaeological feature

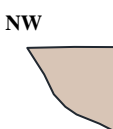
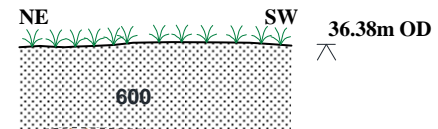




Image 1: Pre-excavation view of Trench 8.
Looking SW. Scale 1m





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