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Preface

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Structure of this Report

Section 1 is an introduction to the project. The methodology and results of the fieldwork are presented in Sections 2 and 3. Section 4 comprises a synthesis of the results of the fieldwork. Section 5 is a bibliography.

Appendix 1 contains detailed descriptions of the archaeological deposits recorded on the site.

Key Terms

Throughout this document the following terms or abbreviations are used:

<i>ALGAO</i>	Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers
<i>Client</i>	BIOGEN (UK) Ltd
<i>HER</i>	Historic Environment Record
<i>IFA</i>	Institute of Field Archaeologists
<i>LPAAA</i>	Local Planning Authority's Archaeological Advisor
<i>Procedures Manual</i>	<i>Procedures Manual Volume 1 Fieldwork</i> , 2nd edn, 2001 Albion Archaeology



Non-Technical Summary

BIOGEN (UK) Ltd propose to construct a biogas plant, with associated access roads, on the site of Higham Park, Rushden, centred on (NGR) SP 9889 6323 (Fig. 1).

Further information on the archaeological potential of the site was requested by the Local Planning Authority in order to determine the planning application. The LPAAA specified the requirements for an archaeological field evaluation, the results of which are presented in this report. Albion Archaeology was commissioned by BIOGEN (UK) Ltd to carry out the evaluation.

The development area is located approximately 4.5km to the south-east of Rushden, Northants, close to the county boundary with Bedfordshire (Fig. 1). It covers an area of c. 25,600m² on roughly flat land, at a height of c. 97m OD. The underlying geological deposits comprise chalky Boulder Clay.

The proposed development lies within an area of crop-marks that have provisionally been dated to the prehistoric or Roman periods (Northamptonshire HER nos. 9603 and 3254). These are primarily concentrated to the north of the site, though crop-marks have also been identified within the development area itself. The southern limit of the development area follows the southern boundary of a medieval deer park (Bedfordshire HER 2000, Northants HER no 3253). West Wood, an area of ancient woodland, lies to the south of the development area.

The evaluation revealed the remains of an extensive field system within the development area. Although it remains undated, comparable field systems from the Roman period have been found at Waddesdon, Buckinghamshire (Keir, forthcoming) and near Caxton, Cambridgeshire (Abrams and Ingham, in prep.). A post-medieval ditch, the origin of one of the crop-marks, was also revealed. These features are considered to be of low archaeological significance.

Construction of the proposed biogas plant within the development area would have a negative impact on the archaeological remains identified by the evaluation. However, the presence of at least 0.55m of overburden across the site means that the remains would be preserved in situ wherever excavation is shallower than this.



1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 *Planning Background*

The proposed development includes the construction of a biogas plant, with associated access roads, on the site of Higham Park, Rushden, centred on (NGR) SP 9889 6323 (Fig. 1).

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1.2 *Site Location (Figure 1)*

The development area is located approximately 4.5km to the south-east of Rushden, Northants, close to the county boundary with Bedfordshire (Fig. 1). It covers an area of *c.* 25,600m², and had recently been ploughed at the time of fieldwork.

1.3 *Topography and Geology*

The development area lies on roughly flat land at *c.* 97m OD. The underlying geological deposits comprise chalky Boulder Clay (Albion Archaeology 2007).

1.4 *Archaeological Background (Figure 2)*

The proposed development lies within an area of crop-marks that have provisionally been dated to the prehistoric or Roman periods (Northamptonshire HER nos. 9603 and 3254). These are primarily concentrated to the north of the site, though crop-marks have also been identified within the development area itself (Fig. 1).

The southern limit of the development area follows the southern boundary of a medieval deer park, which was enclosed with earthworks (Bedfordshire HER 2000, Northants HER no 3253). West Wood, an area of ancient woodland, lies to the south of the development area, while the remains of isolated WWII structures are known to the north and south-west.

1.5 *Project Objectives*

The principal objective of the evaluation was to determine whether archaeological remains were present within the development area, and, if so, their depth, extent, condition, nature and significance.

Particular attention was paid to determining the depths of modern agricultural disturbance. The evaluation also investigated the extent to which archaeological remains associated with the crop-marks survived, and whether buried remains associated with the medieval deer park boundary existed.



2. METHODOLOGY

Trial trenching took place between 13th and 18th September 2007. Ten trenches were opened, covering a total area of *c.* 1000m² (Fig. 1). The trench plan was agreed by the LPAAA before the trenching began. Trenches 5, 8 and 9 had to be repositioned slightly further away from the edge of the field than was shown on the original trench plan, in order to enable access; Trench 1 had to be shortened for the same reason.

The trenches were opened by a mechanical excavator fitted with a toothless bucket, under close archaeological supervision. Overburden was removed down to the top of the undisturbed geological deposits. The spoil heaps were scanned for artefacts.

The bases and sides of all trenches were cleaned by hand. Any potential archaeological features were noted, cleaned, excavated by hand and recorded using Albion Archaeology's *pro forma* sheets. Each trench was subsequently drawn and photographed as appropriate. All deposits were recorded using a unique number sequence, commencing at 100 for Trench 1, 200 for Trench 2 *etc.*

A full methodology is provided in the Project Design (Albion Archaeology 2007).

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

- IFA *Code of Conduct*
Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Field Evaluation
- Albion Archaeology *Procedures Manual: Volume 1 Fieldwork* (2nd edn, 2001).
- English Heritage *The Management of Archaeological Projects, 2nd edition*

Permission was obtained from the LPAAA prior to the trenches' being backfilled.



3. RESULTS

The deposits and features of archaeological interest are summarised below. Their location and extent are shown on Figure 2. Detailed technical information on all archaeological features and deposits can be found in Appendix 1.

3.1 *Overburden*

The overburden was homogenous in character across the site. The topsoil comprised a *c.* 0.3m thick deposit, while the underlying subsoil was 0.15–0.35m in thickness. Some of the trenches contained an interface, up to 0.1m thick, between the subsoil and the undisturbed geological deposits. The total depth of overburden was a minimum of 0.55m across the whole site.

Each trench was machined down to the top of the undisturbed clay geological deposits, which comprised homogenous chalky Boulder Clay.

3.2 *Undated Field Systems*

The remains of an extensive field system were recorded in all ten trenches (Fig. 2). Most of the ditches that defined this field system were aligned approximately NW–SE, at *c.* 10m intervals, although a few ditches in Trenches 3, 6 and 7 were perpendicular to this alignment. The remains of the field system were sealed by the subsoil.

The ditches all had steep, mostly ‘U’-shaped profiles. They were 0.2–0.95m wide, though most were near the middle of this range; their maximum surviving depth was 0.43m. Ditch [403] / [409] in Trench 4 had been almost completely truncated by ploughing; the larger intervals between some of the ditches may thus be explained by the total plough-truncation of intermediate ditches. The ditch in the north-western half of Trench 4 had a narrow causeway across it, while terminals were identified at the south-eastern ends of both this ditch and [303] in Trench 3, as well as at the south-western end of [604] in Trench 6.

A single sherd of shell-tempered, abraded, undiagnostic Roman or medieval pottery weighing 1g from ditch [803] was the only artefactual evidence recovered from the ditches. Their sterile, naturally derived infill was unsuitable for environmental sampling.

3.3 *Post-medieval ditch*

Ditch [505] / [608] / [1008], which had been dug through the subsoil, was up to 2.1m wide and 0.9m deep, with a ‘V’-shaped profile. A contemporary ceramic land-drain had been lain along its base.



4. SYNTHESIS

4.1 Discussion

The evaluation revealed the remains of an extensive field system within the development area. Although it remains undated, comparable Roman field systems, with similarly steep-sided ditches and sterile fills, have been found at Waddesdon, Buckinghamshire (Keir, forthcoming) and near Caxton, Cambridgeshire (Abrams and Ingham, in prep.).

Although the dearth of artefactual evidence makes it clear that the field system was solely agricultural in use, with no indication of nearby settlement activity, it is unclear exactly what purpose the ditches served. Similarly arranged ditches on a nearby site at Wollaston, Northamptonshire (Brown and Meadows 2000) were interpreted as bedding trenches, associated with the practice of viticulture. The ditches at Higham Park, however, had lighter fills and less square-sectioned profiles than are usually associated with bedding trenches. It is perhaps more likely that they were designed as part of a land-drainage scheme.

Post-medieval ditch [505] / [608] / [1008] was the origin of the crop-mark identified near the south-western edge of the development area. No trace was found of the crop-mark on which Trench 3 was targeted. The evaluation also did not encounter any boundary remains associated with the medieval deer park, though this may be due to the necessity of leaving an access corridor along the south-western edge of the development area.

The field system is considered to be of low archaeological significance; however, its significance would be increased to moderate in the event of its being confirmed as Roman. The post-medieval ditch also has low archaeological significance.

4.2 Impact of Development on Archaeological Remains

Although modern ploughing has taken place within the development area, archaeological remains survive beneath the level of ploughing. Construction of the proposed biogas plant within the development area would therefore have a negative impact on the archaeological remains identified by the evaluation. However, the presence of at least 0.55m of overburden across the site means that the remains would be preserved *in situ* wherever excavation is shallower than this, with no negative impact.



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6. APPENDIX 1

6.1 Context Summary



Trench: 1

Max Dimensions: Length: 37.80 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.55 m. Max: 0.6 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: SP (Easting: 98883: Northing: 63273)

OS Grid Ref.: SP (Easting: 98906: Northing: 63303)

Reason: Evaluate archaeological potential of development area

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
100	Topsoil	Friable dark brown silty clay 0.3m thick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
101	Subsoil	Firm mid orange brown silty clay 0.2m thick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
102	Natural Interface	Firm light yellow grey silty clay 0.1m thick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
103	Natural	Firm light yellow grey chalky clay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
104	Ditch	Linear NW-SE dimensions: max breadth 0.6m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
105	Fill	Firm mid brown silty clay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
106	Ditch	Linear NW-SE profile: near vertical base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.65m, max depth 0.35m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
107	Fill	Firm mid brown silty clay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
108	Ditch	Linear NW-SE dimensions: max breadth 0.65m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
109	Fill	Firm mid brown silty clay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
110	Ditch	Linear NW-SE profile: near vertical base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.4m, max depth 0.11m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
111	Fill	Firm mid brown silty clay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 2

Max Dimensions: Length: 49.50 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.55 m. Max: 0.6 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: SP (Easting: 98867: Northing: 63264)

OS Grid Ref.: SP (Easting: 98917: Northing: 63264)

Reason: Evaluate archaeological potential of development area

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
200	Topsoil	Friable dark brown silty clay 0.3m thick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
201	Subsoil	Firm mid orange brown silty clay 0.3m thick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
202	Natural	Firm light yellow grey chalky clay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
203	Treethrow	Curving linear dimensions: min length 1.6m, max breadth 0.6m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
204	Lower fill	Firm mid brown red sandy clay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
205	Upper fill	Firm mid blue grey clay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
206	Ditch	Linear NW-SE profile: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.7m, max depth 0.22m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
207	Fill	Firm mid yellow brown silty clay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
208	Ditch	Linear NW-SE dimensions: max breadth 0.6m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
209	Fill	Firm mid yellow brown silty clay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
210	Ditch	Linear NW-SE dimensions: max breadth 0.7m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
211	Fill	Firm mid yellow brown silty clay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 3

Max Dimensions: Length: 49.80 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.55 m. Max: 0.55 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: SP (Easting: 98927: Northing: 63284)

OS Grid Ref.: SP (Easting: 98955: Northing: 63243)

Reason: Evaluate crop-mark within development area

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
300	Topsoil	Friable dark brown silty clay 0.35m thick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
301	Subsoil	Firm mid orange brown silty clay 0.25m thick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
302	Natural	Firm light yellow grey chalky clay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
303	Ditch	Linear NW-SE profile: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.6m, max depth 0.2m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
304	Fill	Firm mid grey brown silty clay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
305	Ditch	Linear NE-SW profile: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.95m, max depth 0.43m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
306	Fill	Firm mid grey brown silty clay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
307	Ditch	Linear NE-SW dimensions: max breadth 0.35m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
308	Fill	Firm mid grey brown silty clay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
309	Ditch	Linear NE-SW dimensions: max breadth 0.35m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
310	Fill	Firm mid grey brown silty clay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 4

Max Dimensions: Length: 49.80 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.6 m. Max: 0.6 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: SP (Easting: 98884: Northing: 63249)

OS Grid Ref.: SP (Easting: 98923: Northing: 63217)

Reason: Evaluate archaeological potential of development area

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
400	Topsoil	Friable dark brown silty clay 0.4m thick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
401	Subsoil	Firm mid orange brown silty clay 0.2m thick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
402	Natural	Firm light yellow grey chalky clay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
403	Ditch	Linear NW-SE profile: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.6m, max depth 0.31m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
404	Fill	Firm mid grey brown silty clay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
405	Ditch	Linear NW-SE profile: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.35m, max depth 0.12m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
406	Fill	Firm mid grey brown silty clay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
407	Ditch	Linear NW-SE base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.2m, max depth 0.05m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
408	Fill	Firm mid grey brown silty clay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
409	Ditch	Linear NW-SE dimensions: max breadth 0.35m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
410	Fill	Firm mid grey brown silty clay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
411	Ditch	Linear NW-SE dimensions: max breadth 0.4m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
412	Fill	Firm mid grey brown silty clay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
413	Ditch	Linear NW-SE dimensions: max breadth 0.15m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
414	Fill	Firm mid grey brown silty clay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 5

Max Dimensions: Length: 48.70 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.3 m. Max: 0.65 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: SP (Easting: 98880: Northing: 63227)

OS Grid Ref.: SP (Easting: 98830: Northing: 63221)

Reason: Evaluate crop-mark within development area

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
500	Topsoil	Friable dark brown silty clay 0.3m thick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
501	Subsoil	Firm mid orange brown silty clay 0.35m thick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
502	Natural	Firm light yellow grey chalky clay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
503	Ditch	Linear NW-SE profile: near vertical base: flat dimensions: max breadth 0.3m, max depth 0.08m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
504	Fill	Firm mid brown silty clay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
505	Ditch	Linear NW-SE dimensions: max breadth 1.2m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
506	Fill	Firm dark orange brown silty clay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
507	Ditch	Linear NW-SE dimensions: max breadth 0.45m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
508	Fill	Firm mid brown silty clay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 6

Max Dimensions: Length: 48.70 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.3 m. Max: 0.6 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: SP (Easting: 98888: Northing: 63222)

OS Grid Ref.: SP (Easting: 98883: Northing: 63173)

Reason: Evaluate crop-mark within development area

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
600	Topsoil	Friable dark brown silty clay 0.3m thick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
601	Subsoil	Firm mid orange brown silty clay 0.2m thick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
602	Natural Interface	Firm light yellow grey silty clay 0.1m thick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
603	Natural	Firm light yellow grey chalky clay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
604	Ditch	Linear NE-SW dimensions: max breadth 0.6m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
605	Fill	Firm mid brown grey clay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
606	Ditch	Linear NE-SW profile: near vertical base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.45m, max depth 0.39m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
607	Fill	Firm mid orange grey silty clay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
608	Ditch	Linear NW-SE profile: 45 degrees base: concave dimensions: max breadth 2.1m, max depth 0.9m Ceramic land drain in base	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
609	Fill	Firm dark grey brown silty clay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 7

Max Dimensions: Length: 49.40 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.6 m. Max: 0.65 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: SP (Easting: 98900: Northing: 63193)

OS Grid Ref.: SP (Easting: 98950: Northing: 63188)

Reason: Evaluate archaeological potential of development area

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
700	Topsoil	Friable dark brown silty clay 0.35m thick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
701	Subsoil	Firm mid orange brown silty clay 0.2m thick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
702	Natural	Firm light yellow grey chalky clay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
703	Ditch	Linear NE-SW profile: near vertical base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.35m, max depth 0.21m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
704	Fill	Firm mid grey brown silty clay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
705	Ditch	Linear NW-SE profile: near vertical base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.4m, max depth 0.25m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
706	Fill	Firm mid grey brown silty clay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
707	Ditch	Linear NW-SE dimensions: max breadth 0.75m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
708	Fill	Firm mid grey brown silty clay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
709	Ditch	Linear NW-SE dimensions: max breadth 0.5m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
710	Fill	Firm mid grey brown silty clay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 8

Max Dimensions: Length: 48.40 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.6 m. Max: 0.7 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: SP (Easting: 98819: Northing: 63161)

OS Grid Ref.: SP (Easting: 98852: Northing: 63199)

Reason: Evaluate archaeological potential of development area

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
800	Topsoil	Friable dark brown silty clay 0.3m thick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
801	Subsoil	Firm mid orange brown silty clay 0.3m thick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
802	Natural	Firm light yellow grey chalky clay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
803	Ditch	Linear NW-SE profile: near vertical base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.8m, max depth 0.37m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
804	Fill	Firm mid orange grey silty clay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
805	Ditch	Linear NW-SE dimensions: max breadth 0.65m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
806	Fill	Firm mid orange grey silty clay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 9

Max Dimensions: Length: 48.50 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.6 m. Max: 0.6 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: SP (Easting: 98889: Northing: 63164)

OS Grid Ref.: SP (Easting: 98856: Northing: 63127)

Reason: Evaluate archaeological potential of development area

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
900	Topsoil	Friable dark brown silty clay 0.3m thick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
901	Subsoil	Firm mid orange brown silty clay 0.15m thick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
902	Natural Interface	Firm light yellow grey silty clay 0.15m thick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
903	Natural	Firm light yellow grey chalky clay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
904	Ditch	Linear NW-SE dimensions: max breadth 0.6m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
905	Fill	Firm mid brown grey clay silt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
906	Ditch	Linear NW-SE profile: near vertical base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.8m, max depth 0.32m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
907	Fill	Firm mid brown grey silty clay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
908	Ditch	Linear NW-SE profile: near vertical base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.85m, max depth 0.36m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
909	Fill	Firm mid grey brown silty clay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
910	Ditch	Linear NW-SE dimensions: max breadth 0.4m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
911	Fill	Firm mid brown grey silty clay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 10

Max Dimensions: Length: 49.20 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.3 m. Max: 0.6 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: SP (Easting: 98944: Northing: 63159)

OS Grid Ref.: SP (Easting: 98913: Northing: 63119)

Reason: Evaluate crop-mark within development area

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
1000	Topsoil	Friable dark brown silty clay 0.3m thick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1001	Subsoil	Firm mid orange brown silty clay 0.25m thick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1002	Natural Interface	Firm light yellow grey silty clay 0.1m thick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1003	Natural	Firm light yellow grey chalky clay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1004	Ditch	Linear NW-SE profile: near vertical base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.7m, max depth 0.35m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1005	Fill	Firm mid orange grey silty clay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1006	Ditch	Linear NW-SE dimensions: max breadth 0.3m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1007	Fill	Firm mid orange grey silty clay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1008	Ditch	Linear NW-SE dimensions: max breadth 1.6m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1009	Fill	Firm dark orange brown silty clay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

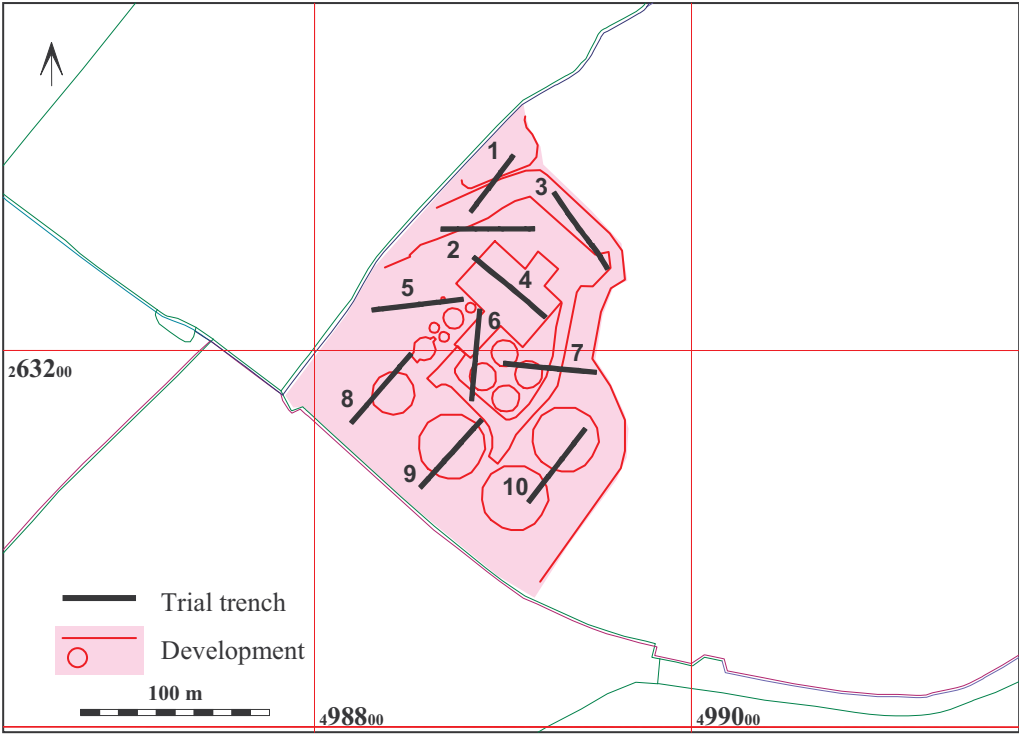
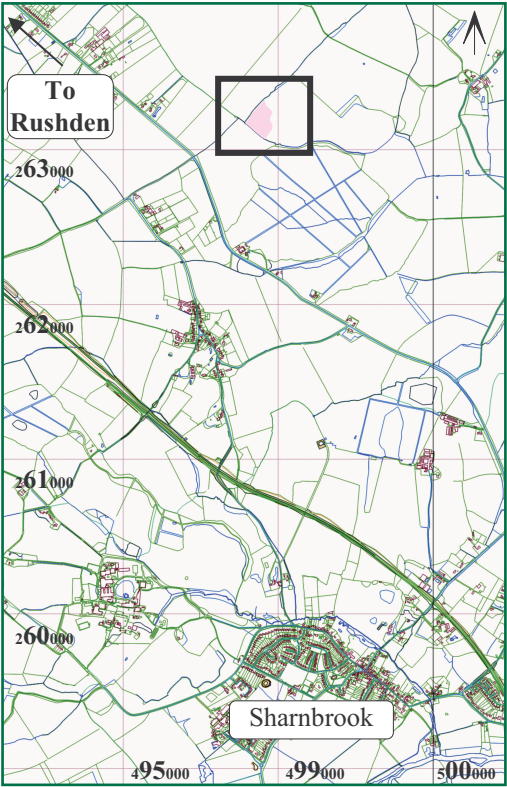
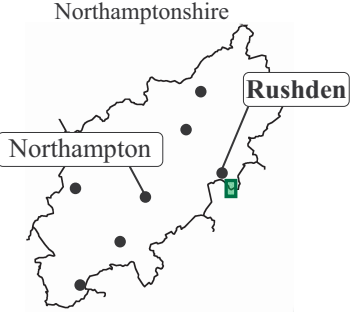


Figure 1: Site location plan

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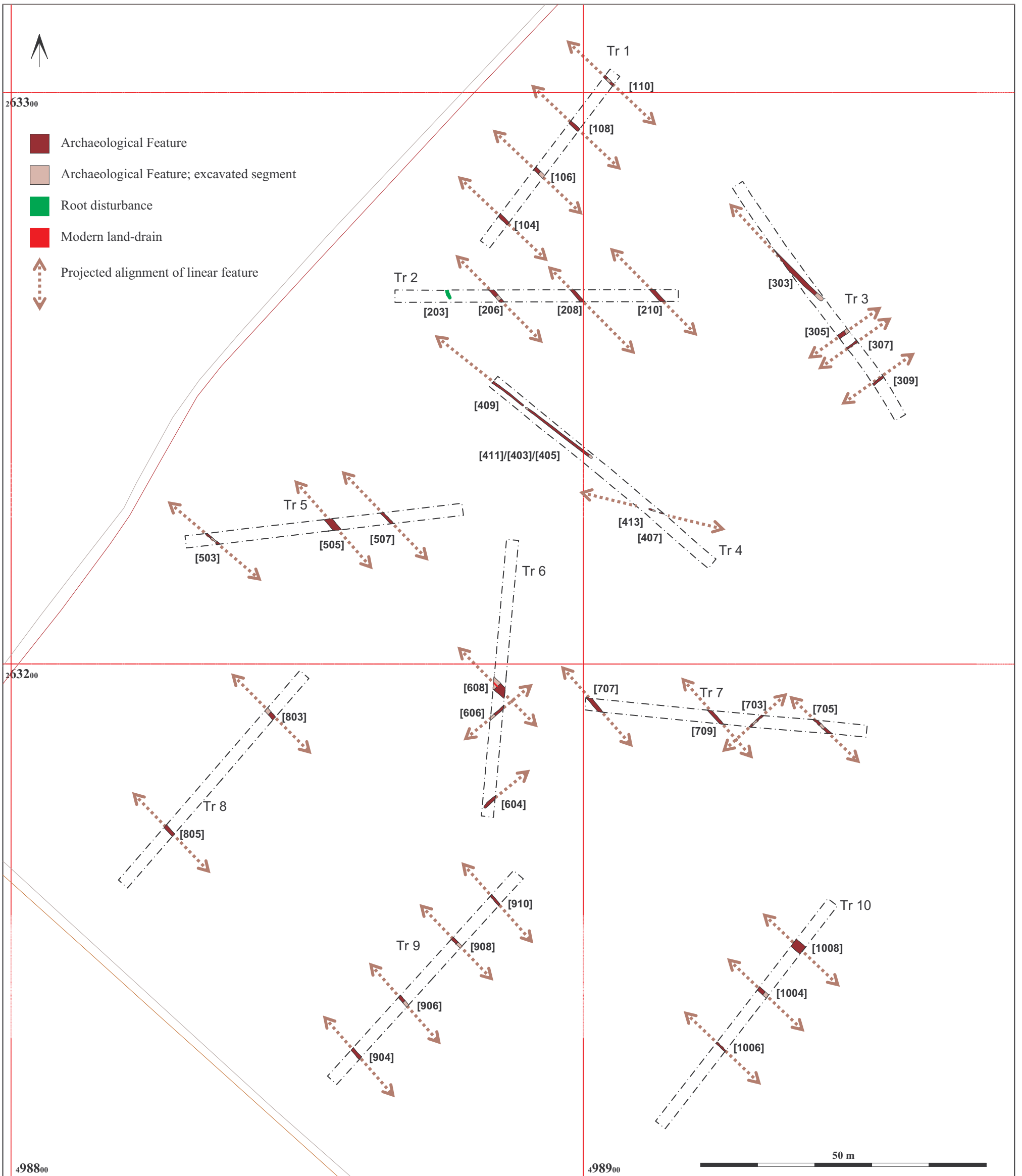


Figure 2 All features

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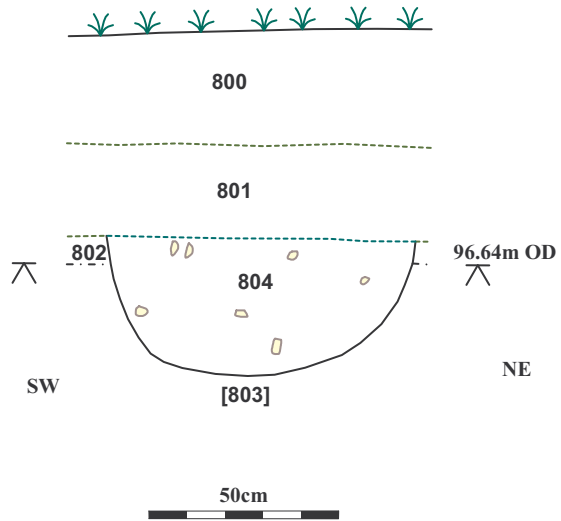


Figure 3: Section through ditch [803]



Figure 4: Photograph of ditch [303]. Scale 25cm