

**LAND AT LITTLE WALDEN ROAD
SAFFRON WALDEN
ESSEX**

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD EVALUATION

Project: SWLWR10

Document: 2010/93

Compiled by	Checked by	Approved by
Christiane Meckseper	Joe Abrams	Drew Shotliff

23rd November 2010

Produced for:
ORS plc

© Copyright Albion Archaeology 2010, *all rights reserved*



Contents

List of Figures.....	2
Preface	3
Structure of this Report	3
Key Terms	4
Non-Technical Summary.....	5
1. INTRODUCTION	6
1.1 Planning Background	6
1.2 Site Location and Description.....	6
1.3 Archaeological Background.....	6
2. TRIAL TRENCHING	8
2.1 Introduction	8
2.2 Methodology	8
2.3 Overburden and Undisturbed Geological Deposits.....	8
2.4 Palaeochannels and Alluvium.....	9
2.5 Pottery Vessel.....	9
2.6 Boundary ditches	10
2.7 Quarry pits.....	10
2.8 Artefacts.....	10
3. SYNTHESIS	12
4. BIBLIOGRAPHY	13
5. APPENDIX 1 – TRENCH SUMMARIES.....	14



List of Figures

Figure 1: Site location plan

Figure 2: Trench locations

Figure 3: All features plan, alluvium and palaeochannels

Figure 4: Prehistoric pottery vessel and boundary ditches, Trenches 28, 30 and 35

Figure 5: Quarry pits, Trenches 20, 22 and 27

All figures are bound at the back of this report



Preface

Every effort has been made in the preparation of this document to provide as complete an assessment as possible, within the terms of the specification. All statements and opinions in this document are offered in good faith. Albion Archaeology cannot accept responsibility for errors of fact or opinion resulting from data supplied by a third party, or for any loss or other consequence arising from decisions or actions made upon the basis of facts or opinions expressed in this document.

The project was commissioned by ORS plc, and monitored on behalf of the Essex County Council's Historic Environment Management Team (HEM) by Richard Havis and Teresa O'Connor. The fieldwork was undertaken by Christiane Meckseper (Project Officer). Site support and assistance was provided by Robert Wardill (Project Manager) and Ben Carroll (Archaeological Technician). The surveying was undertaken by Souterrain Ltd.

This report was prepared by Christiane Meckseper with figures by Joan Lightning (CAD Technician). Finds were reported on by Jackie Wells (Finds Officer). The report was edited by Joe Abrams (Project Manager). All Albion projects are under the overall management of Drew Shotliff (Operations Manager).

Albion Archaeology is grateful to ORS plc for commissioning the project. Thanks are also due to Tony Carter, local metal detectorist, for sharing his knowledge and for metal detecting the spoil heaps.

*Albion Archaeology
St Mary's Church
St Mary's Street
Bedford, MK42 0AS
☎: 0300 300 8141
Fax: 0300 300 8209
e-mail: office@albion-arch.com
Website: www.albion-arch.com*

Version History

Version	Issue date	Reason for re-issue
1.0	23rd November 2010	n/a

Structure of this Report

Section 1 serves as an introduction to the site, describing its location, archaeological background and the aims and methodology of the project. Section 2 presents the results, which are synthesised in Section 3. Section 4 is a bibliography. Detailed trench summaries and contextual data are given in the Appendix (Section 5).



Key Terms

Throughout this document the following terms or abbreviations are used:

ECC	Essex County Council
Client	ORS plc
HER	Historic Environment Record
HEM	Essex County Council's Historic Environment Management Team
IfA	Institute for Archaeologists
LPA	Local Planning Authority
<i>Procedures Manual</i>	<i>Procedures Manual Volume 1 Fieldwork</i> , 2nd edn, 2001 Albion Archaeology



Non-Technical Summary

The evaluation trenches on land at Little Walden Road exposed very few archaeological remains. One pottery vessel, dating to the late prehistoric period and deposited on the edge of an ancient watercourse, was revealed within the Development Area (DA). The deposition of the vessel probably represents the result of an isolated and chance ritual event.

The rest of the DA was characterised by a post-medieval boundary ditch and several large post-medieval quarry pits. The quarry pits were mainly concentrated to the west of the Madgate Slade where the geological deposits are more homogenous and consist of rich sand and gravel seams below a thick layer of sterile “loamy” alluvium which may also have been quarried.

The exposed geological layers to the east of the stream were much more mixed and revealed a multitude of palaeochannels, running parallel to the existing stream but also collecting water off the hillside and channelling it into the valley bottom.

The evidence for the thick layers of alluvium and ubiquitous water courses suggests that the area was always too wet and prone to flooding to sustain any permanent occupation in the past.

Maintenance of the Madgate Slade and improved drainage of the adjacent fields may have led to the increased exploitation of the area through agriculture, indicated by the establishment of field boundaries in the early 19th century.

The low density of metal finds within the DA suggests that the local market, postulated on the basis of quantities of artefacts from the area of the football field c. 50m to the west of the site, did not extend into the DA.

The findings of this evaluation seem to complement the historical and cartographic evidence, which suggested that the DA was part of the agricultural hinterland of medieval and later Saffron Walden (Albion Archaeology 2009).



1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 *Planning Background*

Planning application (UTT/0407/09) for the development of 15 residential units, public open space, sports and community uses and flood attenuation measures on land at Little Walden Road was submitted to Uttlesford District Council in March 2009.

An archaeological desk-based assessment (Albion Archaeology 2009) was first prepared in 2005 in order to provide baseline information for the client. The assessment highlighted the potential for archaeological remains within the area (Section 1.3). The document was updated in 2009 and was submitted as part of the planning application to Uttlesford District Council.

Subsequently, a brief for archaeological field evaluation, in the form of trial trenching, was prepared by the HEM (ECC 2010). A Written Scheme of Investigation for the works was submitted by Albion Archaeology (Albion 2010) and approved by the HEM. The objective of the evaluation was to determine the extent, condition, date, nature and significance of any archaeological remains within the DA.

1.2 *Site Location and Description*

The DA is situated on the northern edge of Saffron Walden and is currently in use as arable farmland (Figure 1). It is c.6ha in size and is centred on NGR TL 5390 3930.

The DA is bordered to the west by Catons Lane and Saffron Walden football ground whilst to the south and east lies a mix of hedgerow and fencing, forming the boundary to housing and gardens beyond. To the north is a less substantial line of trees and hedgerow. A stream, the Madgate Slade, runs through the western part of the site dividing it into two parts.

The geology of the area comprises superficial “head” deposits, consisting of mixed clay, silt, sand and gravel. The underlying bedrock consists of Lewes nodular chalk formation, Seaford chalk formation and undifferentiated chalk.

1.3 *Archaeological Background*

The archaeological potential of the DA and its wider study area (a radius of 1km around the central point of the DA) was presented in detail in Albion’s desk-based assessment (Albion Archaeology 2009). The following paragraphs provide a summary.

A number of sites and findspots, consisting of prehistoric flint and pottery, and Roman pottery and coins are recorded within the wider study area. Despite the existence of an Anglo-Saxon cemetery c. 700m to the south of the DA, the land at Little Walden Road is situated some distance from the core of the Saxon settlement in Saffron Walden and has low potential for finds from that period.



The DA lies closer to the medieval historic centre of Saffron Walden and a higher number of archaeological sites dating to this period are recorded within the study area. However, few of these records are within 200m of the DA and generally have little bearing on the likelihood for archaeological remains surviving within the site. The DA is situated to the north of the castle and the medieval town core; it is likely that this land would have been part of the wider medieval and post-medieval agricultural landscape around the town.

Significant finds include a collection of artefacts, found during metal detecting following levelling work on the football pitch located c.50m to the west of the DA (HER 45356). These include several Roman coins and a brooch, medieval coins and cloth seals, post-medieval coins ranging from Elizabeth I through to James I and beyond, trade tokens, clothing hooks, buckles and lead cloth seals. The post-medieval finds suggest that a local market may have been sited here, the extent of which could have continued beyond the football pitch. Over a hundred pistol balls were also found as were a scatter of tile and fragments of window lead.

The archaeological potential of the DA from the prehistoric to the modern periods was summarised in the following table, which also gave an indication of the relative significance of any remains from those periods when considered on a regional/national basis. The conclusions presented within the table have not been significantly altered by the current investigation (Section 3).

<i>Period</i>	<i>Potential for finding archaeological remains (Low, Moderate, High)</i>	<i>Relative significance of archaeological remains on a regional/national level (Low, Moderate, High)</i>
<i>Prehistoric (before AD43)</i>	<i>Low-Moderate</i>	<i>High</i>
<i>Roman (AD43 – c.AD450)</i>	<i>Low</i>	<i>High</i>
<i>Anglo-Saxon (c.AD450-AD1066)</i>	<i>Low</i>	<i>High</i>
<i>Medieval (AD1066-AD1550)</i>	<i>Low-Moderate</i>	<i>Low-Moderate</i>
<i>Post-medieval (AD1550-AD1900)</i>	<i>Low</i>	<i>Low</i>
<i>Modern (AD1900-present)</i>	<i>Low</i>	<i>Low</i>



2. TRIAL TRENCHING

2.1 Introduction

Trial trenching took place between 18 and 29 October 2010, comprising the excavation of 34 trenches generally measuring 40m in length (Figure 2). To the east of the Madgate Slade the trenches were 2m wide and to the west they were 1.6m wide — a smaller machine (with a smaller ditching bucket) had to be hired in order to cross the fragile bridge over the stream.

Trenches 18 and 19 were located in an area of established grassland; they were not dug on the request of the landowner. Trench 21 was reduced to 50% of its proposed length due to the existence of a buried power cable along the western perimeter of the site. All alterations to the trench layout were approved by the HEM.

A total of 4% of the c. 6ha DA was sampled by the trenches.

2.2 Methodology

Throughout the project the standards set out in the following documents were adhered to:

- IfA's *Code of Conduct* (2010)
- IfA's *Standards and Guidance for Field Evaluation* (2008)
- Albion Archaeology's *Procedures Manual for Archaeological Fieldwork and the Analysis of Fieldwork Records* (2001)
- English Heritage's *Management of Archaeological Projects* (1991)

The locations of the trenches were marked out on the ground in advance of machine excavation. Overburden was removed using a mechanical excavator, fitted with a toothless ditching bucket and operating under close archaeological supervision. The deposits were removed down to either the top of archaeological deposits or undisturbed geological deposits, whichever was encountered first.

Any potential archaeological remains were noted, cleaned, excavated by hand and recorded using Albion Archaeology's *pro forma* sheets. The trenches were subsequently drawn, and photographed as appropriate. All deposits were recorded using a unique recording number sequence commencing at 100 for Trench 1, 200 for Trench 2 *etc.* Deposits revealed during the trial trenching are summarised below.

The trenches were backfilled following the agreement of the HEM.

2.3 Overburden and Undisturbed Geological Deposits

Overburden consisted of a friable dark orange brown sandy silt with occasional small and moderately sized flint pebbles and occasional small chalk pebbles and charcoal flecks.



All trenches also contained a subsoil which was 0.15–0.35m deep and consisted of a friable mid orange brown silty gravel with moderate flint pebbles and occasional charcoal flecks. The subsoil grew progressively deeper towards the lower lying ground near the Madgate Slade, suggesting that it had, at least partly, formed through colluviation.

To the west of the stream the underlying geological “head” deposits were represented by a mixture of reddish brown silt, sand, silty gravel and white chalk gravel. To the east of the stream they consisted of compact yellow brown silty sand with seams of reddish brown gravel. No bedrock was reached.

2.4 Palaeochannels and Alluvium

The deposits within all trenches were greatly affected by and / or derived from the Madgate Slade in the western part of the DA.

All trenches to the west of the stream (Trenches 20 – 27) contained a thick layer of sterile light to mid orange brown sandy silt with occasional small flint and chalk pebbles. This was 0.30–0.60m deep and its clean and homogenous nature suggests it represents a thick layer of alluvium (Figure 3). Apparently, the Madgate Slade is prone to flooding, even today, as it serves a wide catchment of water channels.

Trenches to the east of the stream had a variety of mid reddish brown silty gravel and silty sand deposits measuring up to 0.50m deep. These were removed by machine to reveal the underlying mixed silt and chalk gravel natural. This displayed a large numbers of palaeochannels filled with reddish gravel and occasionally with a sterile pinkish silt (Figure 3), which either ran parallel to the Madgate Slade or fed into it on a perpendicular alignment from the higher ground to the west.

2.5 Pottery Vessel

Part of an isolated pottery vessel, filled with burnt flint and charcoal and deliberately deposited on the edge of a palaeochannel, was identified in Trench 28 (Figure 4). The vessel dates to the late prehistoric period (Section 2.8). Processing of the soil within the vessel, and a soil sample taken from the trench section just above it, revealed that it was filled with very small fragments of burnt flint.

The western edge of Trench 28 was extended around the vessel by an area of 3.5m x 3.8m and the northern end of the trench was extended by a further 3m, but no further archaeological features were revealed.

As the vessel was located near an ancient water channel and contained burnt remains, it is possible that it was deposited as part of a ritual process, although to what precise purpose remains unclear.



2.6 **Boundary ditches**

Two segments of the same ditch, on an E-W alignment, were excavated in Trenches 30 and 35 (Figures 3 and 4). The ditch was up to 1.2m wide and 0.4m deep with sides sloping at 45 degrees to a concave base. It contained a yellowish brown sandy silt deposit with several fragments of post-medieval tile, modern pottery and glass fragments.

The ditch runs parallel to northern the boundary of the DA and is first shown on the Tithe map in 1840 and ultimately on the second edition 25-inch OS map of 1897. The fact that it is not shown on the Enclosure Map of 1825 suggests that any boundaries in this area are later than 1825, a conclusion that is supported by the modern (c.1800 – present) artefactual material within the ditch.

2.7 **Quarry pits**

A number of large pits were revealed and partially excavated by machine in Trenches 20, 22, 27 and 28 (Figure 5). They were 7m to >18m wide and up to 1.80m deep. A sondage was excavated by machine at the southern edge of pit [2703] in Trench 27 and reached a depth of 2.0m. The centre of the pit may well have been deeper.

The pits were backfilled with a variety of re-deposited natural sandy silts and gravels. Pits [2703] and [2808] were capped with a distinctive layer of re-deposited chalk gravel (Figure 5 photo). The size and depth of the pits, and the fragments of post-medieval tile found within their fills, suggests they were quarry pits.

Local anecdotal evidence suggests that the field used to be intensively quarried for its sand and gravel seams and was even called “Quarry Field” by the townspeople. No historical evidence has been found to corroborate this claim specifically for the DA. However, a number of “Chalk Pit Field” and “Clay Pit Acre” place-names, and descriptions of “clay pits” and “loompits” (loam pits) have been recorded in the Essex Place-name Database within the parish of Saffron Walden (Essex Society for Archaeology and History 2003). This highlights the exploitation of the area’s geological deposits through quarrying.

2.8 **Artefacts**

The evaluation produced a finds assemblage comprising mainly pottery and ceramic building material (Table 1).

2.8.1 **Ceramics**

Twenty-eight prehistoric pottery sherds (250g) deriving from a single, hand-made vessel were recovered from pit [2804]. The sherds survive in good condition and are from a well-made vessel in a sand- and coarse grog-tempered fabric. Absence of diagnostic elements such as decoration, rim or base fragments precludes accurate dating and the vessel has been assigned a date range spanning the late Bronze Age to Iron Age.



Post-medieval ditch [3004] yielded five sherds from a glazed earthenware bowl and a single pearlware plate rim.

Ceramic building material comprised twelve sand-tempered post-medieval peg tile fragments (696g) and three contemporary pieces of brick (237g), recovered from features [2204], [2703], [2707] and [3003].

2.8.2 Non-ceramics

Eight unstratified copper alloy items and two lead objects were collected from topsoil deposits in Trenches 28, 30 and 36. The former comprise four flat, cast blazer/livery buttons, three with cone shanks indicating an 18th-century date, and one with a simple loop shank, of 19th-century origin. An incomplete domed composite button was also recovered. Composite buttons are known from medieval deposits in London (1270–1350), although continued to be manufactured into the post-medieval period.

Other copper alloy finds are an incomplete cast strap mount with an integral rivet, of a type well attested from medieval and post-medieval deposits, and an unidentified machine-made object which may be part of a modern gearing or release mechanism.

Lead objects comprise a pistol (?) ball of 17th-century or later date, and two undated, irregular waste fragments.

Tr.	Feature	Description	Context	Spot date*	Finds Summary
22	2204	Quarry pit	2205	Post-medieval	Ceramic roof tile (144g)
27	2703	Quarry pit	2705	Post-medieval	Ceramic roof tile (106g)
	2707	Pit	2708	Post-medieval	Ceramic roof tile (165g)
28	2800	Topsoil	2800	Modern	Copper alloy button; lead shot
	2804	Pit	2806	Late prehistoric	Pottery (250g)
30	3000	Topsoil	3000	Modern	Copper alloy strap mount/rivet; lead waste; copper alloy button
	3003	Ditch	3004	Post-medieval	Pottery (202g); ceramic roof tile & brick (518g)
36	3600	Topsoil	3600	Modern	Copper alloy button x 3; copper alloy sheet; copper alloy object

* - spot date based on date of latest artefact in context

Table 1: Artefact summary by trench and feature



3. SYNTHESIS

The evaluation of the DA has exposed very few archaeological remains. One late prehistoric pottery vessel, deposited on the edge of an ancient watercourse, was revealed. The deposition of the vessel probably represents the result of an isolated and chance ritual event.

The rest of the DA is characterised by the presence of a post-medieval boundary ditch and several large post-medieval quarry pits. The latter were mainly concentrated to the west of the stream where geological deposits are more homogenous and consist of rich sand and gravel seams below a thick layer of sterile “loamy” alluvium. Exposed geological layers to the east of the stream were more mixed and revealed a multitude of palaeochannels, running both parallel and perpendicular to the existing stream.

The thick layers of alluvium and ubiquitous water courses suggest the area has always been wet and, therefore, prone to flooding. This is likely to have made it unattractive for permanent occupation in the past.

Maintenance of the Madgate Slade and improved drainage of adjacent fields may have led to the increased exploitation of the area through agriculture. This is indicated by the establishment of field boundaries in the early 19th century and seems to confirm the historical and cartographic evidence, which suggested that the DA was part of the agricultural hinterland of medieval and later Saffron Walden (Albion Archaeology 2009).

The trenches were detected for metal finds. However, the results were not comparable in number or quality to the finds collected during the work on the football club (Albion Archaeology 2009). That area of the DA to the west of the Madgate Slade, bordering the football club, generally has a much lower density of metal finds than even neighbouring fields to the west (Carter pers. comm.). It is, therefore, unlikely that the possible post-medieval local market, postulated to have existed in the area of the football club, extended into the DA.

As a result of the trial trenching, the table summarising the archaeological potential of the DA can be revised as follows:

<i>Period</i>	<i>Potential for finding archaeological remains (Low, Moderate, High)</i>	<i>Relative significance of archaeological remains on a regional/national level (Low, Moderate, High)</i>
<i>Prehistoric (before AD43)</i>	<i>Low</i>	<i>High</i>
<i>Roman (AD43 – c.AD450)</i>	<i>Low</i>	<i>High</i>
<i>Anglo-Saxon (c.AD450-AD1066)</i>	<i>Low</i>	<i>High</i>
<i>Medieval (AD1066-AD1550)</i>	<i>Low</i>	<i>Low - moderate</i>
<i>Post-medieval (AD1550-AD1900)</i>	<i>Low-moderate</i>	<i>Low</i>
<i>Modern (AD1900-present)</i>	<i>Low-moderate</i>	<i>Low</i>



4. BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Albion Archaeology. 2001. *Procedures Manual Volume 1 Fieldwork*, 2nd ed.
- Albion Archaeology 2005. *Ashdon Road and Little Walden Road, Saffron Walden, Essex. Archaeological Desk-based Assessment. Version 1.0*. Report no. 2005/30.
- Albion Archaeology 2009. *Ashdon Road and Little Walden Road, Saffron Walden, Essex. Archaeological Desk-based Assessment. Version 1.1*. Report no. 2005/30.
- Albion Archaeology 2010. *Little Walden Road, Saffron Walden, Essex. Written Scheme of Investigation. Version 1.0*. Report no. 2010/64.
- Brown and Glazebrook, 2000. *Research and Archaeology: A Framework for the Eastern Counties 2. Research Agenda and strategy* (EAA Occ. Paper 8)
- English Heritage 2006. *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MoRPHE)*. English Heritage (London).
- English Heritage 2002. *Environmental archaeology: a guide to the theory and practice of methods, from sampling and recovery to post-excavation*.
- Essex County Council 2010. *Archaeological Trial Trenching on Land at Little Walden Road, Saffron Walden*. (Brief).
- Essex Society for Archaeology and History & Essex Record Office 2003. *Essex Place-Names Project*. [Online]. Available at: <http://www.essex.ac.uk/history/esah/essexplacenames/index.asp>. [Accessed: 10/11/2010].
- IfA. 2010. Institute for Archaeologists' *Code of Conduct*. Available at: <http://www.archaeologists.net/codes/ifa>.
- IfA. 2008. Institute for Archaeologists' *Standard & Guidance documents (Desk-Based Assessments, Watching Briefs, Evaluations, Excavations, Investigation and Recording of Standing Buildings)*. Available at: <http://www.archaeologists.net/codes/ifa>.



5. APPENDIX 1 – TRENCH SUMMARIES



Trench: 1

Max Dimensions: Length: 38.00 m. Width: 2.00 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.5 m. Max: 0.6 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53884: Northing: 38989)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53884: Northing: 38953)

Reason: To evaluate the sub-surface archaeological potential of the proposed Development Area (DA).

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
100	Topsoil	Friable dark grey brown sandy silt with moderate small flint pebbles.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
101	Subsoil	Mid orange brown silty gravel.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
102	Natural	White chalk with large silty gravel patches.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 2

Max Dimensions: Length: 15.00 m. Width: 2.00 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.6 m. Max: 0.6 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53901: Northing: 38969)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53864: Northing: 38969)

Reason: To evaluate the sub-surface archaeological potential of the proposed Development Area (DA).

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
200	Topsoil	Friable dark grey brown sandy silt with moderate small flint pebbles.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
201	Subsoil	Mid orange brown silty gravel.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
202	Natural	Chalk with large orange brown silty gravel patches.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 3

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.00 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.35 m. Max: 0.6 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53913: Northing: 39028)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53913: Northing: 38988)

Reason: To evaluate the sub-surface archaeological potential of the proposed Development Area (DA).

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
300	Topsoil	Friable dark grey brown sandy silt with moderate small flint pebbles.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
301	Subsoil	Mid orange brown silty gravel. Only present in southern part of the trench.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
302	Natural	Chalk gravel.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 4

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.00 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.5 m. Max: 0.5 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53913: Northing: 39008)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53913: Northing: 38988)

Reason: To evaluate the sub-surface archaeological potential of the proposed Development Area (DA).

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
400	Topsoil	Friable dark grey brown sandy silt with moderate small flint pebbles.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
401	Subsoil	Mid orange brown silty gravel.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
402	Natural	Dirty chalk gravel.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 5

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.00 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.58 m. Max: 0.65 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53859: Northing: 39023)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53859: Northing: 38982)

Reason: To evaluate the sub-surface archaeological potential of the proposed Development Area (DA).

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
500	Topsoil	Friable dark grey brown sandy silt with moderate small flint pebbles.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
501	Subsoil	Mid orange brown sandy silt with moderate gravel.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
502	Natural	Chalk gravel with silty gravel patches. In southern end is a large patch of pinkish silt, most likely a palaeochannel.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 6

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.00 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.45 m. Max: 0.6 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53876: Northing: 39023)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53836: Northing: 39023)

Reason: To evaluate the sub-surface archaeological potential of the proposed Development Area (DA).

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
600	Topsoil	Friable dark grey brown sandy silt with moderate small flint pebbles.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
601	Subsoil	Mid orange brown silty gravel.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
602	Natural	Chalk with large channels of orange brown silty gravel and patches of small orange white peagritty chalk gravel.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 7

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.00 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.4 m. Max: 0.8 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53859: Northing: 39066)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53819: Northing: 39066)

Reason: To evaluate the sub-surface archaeological potential of the proposed Development Area (DA).

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
700	Topsoil	Friable dark grey brown sandy silt with moderate small flint pebbles.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
701	Subsoil	Mid orange brown silty gravel.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
702	Natural	Chalk peagritty gravel with orange brown silty gravel patches and a pinkish silty channel in western end.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 8

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.00 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.5 m. Max: 0.8 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53834: Northing: 39107)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53834: Northing: 39066)

Reason: To evaluate the sub-surface archaeological potential of the proposed Development Area (DA).

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
800	Topsoil	Friable dark grey brown sandy silt with moderate small flint pebbles.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
801	Subsoil	Mid orange brown silty gravel.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
802	Natural	Chalk with small patches of yellow brown peagritty chalk gravel.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 9

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.00 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.7 m. Max: 0.7 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53869: Northing: 39093)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53869: Northing: 39053)

Reason: To evaluate the sub-surface archaeological potential of the proposed Development Area (DA).

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
900	Topsoil	Friable dark grey brown sandy silt with moderate small flint pebbles.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
901	Subsoil	Mid orange brown silty gravel.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
902	Natural	Chalk with silty gravel patches.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 10

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.00 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.5 m. Max: 0.6 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53919; Northing: 39073)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53879; Northing: 39073)

Reason: To evaluate the sub-surface archaeological potential of the proposed Development Area (DA).

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
1000	Topsoil	Friable dark grey brown sandy silt with moderate small flint pebbles.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1001	Subsoil	Mid orange brown silty gravel.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1002	Natural	Chalk.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 11

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.00 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.6 m. Max: 0.65 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53909: Northing: 39128)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53909: Northing: 39088)

Reason: To evaluate the sub-surface archaeological potential of the proposed Development Area (DA).

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
1100	Topsoil	Friable dark grey brown sandy silt with moderate small flint pebbles.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1101	Subsoil	Mid orange brown silty gravel.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1102	Natural	Chalk.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 12

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.00 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.65 m. Max: 0.8 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53889: Northing: 39111)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53849: Northing: 39111)

Reason: To evaluate the sub-surface archaeological potential of the proposed Development Area (DA).

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
1200	Topsoil	Friable dark grey brown sandy silt with moderate small flint pebbles.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1201	Subsoil	Mid orange brown silty gravel.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1202	Natural	Chalk with large patches of pinkish silt, orange brown silty gravel and peagrit.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 13

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.00 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.6 m. Max: 0.65 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53869: Northing: 39168)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53869: Northing: 39128)

Reason: To evaluate the sub-surface archaeological potential of the proposed Development Area (DA).

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
1300	Topsoil	Friable dark grey brown sandy silt with moderate small flint pebbles.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1301	Subsoil	Mid orange brown silty gravel.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1302	Natural	Mid orange brown gravel with chalk patches and peagrit patches.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 14

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.00 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.6 m. Max: 0.7 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53929: Northing: 39148)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53889: Northing: 39148)

Reason: To evaluate the sub-surface archaeological potential of the proposed Development Area (DA).

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
1400	Topsoil	Friable dark grey brown sandy silt with moderate small flint pebbles.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1401	Subsoil	Mid orange brown silty gravel.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1402	Natural	Chalk with a large channel of pinkish silt in western end.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 15

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.00 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.55 m. Max: 0.65 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53909: Northing: 39204)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53909: Northing: 39164)

Reason: To evaluate the sub-surface archaeological potential of the proposed Development Area (DA).

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
1500	Topsoil	Friable dark grey brown sandy silt with moderate small flint pebbles.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1501	Subsoil	Mid orange brown silty gravel.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1502	Natural	Chalk with patches of orange silty gravel.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 16

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.00 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.8 m. Max: 0.9 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53889: Northing: 39186)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53849: Northing: 39186)

Reason: To evaluate the sub-surface archaeological potential of the proposed Development Area (DA).

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
1600	Topsoil	Friable dark grey brown sandy silt with moderate small flint pebbles.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1601	Subsoil	Mid orange brown silty gravel.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1602	Natural	Mid orange brown silty gravel with patches of chalk and peagrit.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 17

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.00 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.6 m. Max: 0.8 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53869: Northing: 39226)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53869: Northing: 39186)

Reason: To evaluate the sub-surface archaeological potential of the proposed Development Area (DA).

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
1700	Topsoil	Friable dark grey brown sandy silt with moderate small flint pebbles.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1701	Subsoil	Mid orange brown silty gravel.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1702	Natural	Orange brown silty gravel with chalk patches. In northern end silty paleochannel.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 20

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 1.60 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.5 m. Max: 0.65 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53784: Northing: 39208)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53784: Northing: 39248)

Reason: To evaluate the sub-surface archaeological potential of the proposed Development Area (DA).

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
2000	Topsoil	Friable dark brown sandy silt occasional small ceramic building material, occasional small charcoal, occasional small stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2001	Subsoil	Friable mid orange brown sandy silt occasional small ceramic building material, moderate small chalk, occasional small charcoal, moderate small stones Darker than (2002)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2002	Alluvium	Friable mid orange brown sandy silt occasional small charcoal, occasional small stones Very homogenous, clean and sterile	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2003	Natural	Compact mid yellow silty sand occasional small stones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2004	Pit	Sub-circular sides: steep base: flat dimensions: min breadth 1.6m, max depth 0.8m, min length 5.4m Pit cut. Probably for brick waste material.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2005	Fill	Friable mid orange brown sandy silt moderate large ceramic building material, moderate medium ceramic building material, occasional small charcoal, occasional small stones Primary deposit within pit [2004].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2006	Fill	Friable light orange brown silty sand frequent large ceramic building material, occasional small ceramic building material	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2007	Fill	Friable mid orange brown sandy silt occasional small ceramic building material, occasional small charcoal, occasional small stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 21

Max Dimensions: Length: 10.00 m. Width: 1.60 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.7 m. Max: 1.1 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53784: Northing: 39248)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53774: Northing: 39248)

Reason: To evaluate the sub-surface archaeological potential of the proposed Development Area (DA).

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
2100	Topsoil	Friable dark brown silty sand with occasional small stones, ceramic building material and charcoal flecks.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2101	Subsoil	Friable mid orange brown sandy silt with occasional small stones, ceramic building material and charcoal flecks.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2102	Alluvium	Friable light to mid orange brown sandy silt with occasional very small stones and charcoal flecks. Near sterile.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2103	Natural	Compact light to mid yellow silty sand with occasional small stones.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 22

Max Dimensions: Length: 35.00 m. Width: 1.60 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 1.1 m. Max: 1.1 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53806: Northing: 39282)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53771: Northing: 39282)

Reason: To evaluate the sub-surface archaeological potential of the proposed Development Area (DA).

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
2200	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clay silt occasional small ceramic building material, occasional small charcoal, occasional small stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2201	Subsoil	Friable mid orange brown sandy silt occasional small ceramic building material, moderate small chalk, occasional small charcoal, moderate small stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2202	Alluvium	Friable mid orange brown sandy silt occasional small charcoal, occasional small stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2203	Natural	Compact dark yellow silty sand moderate small stones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2204	Quarry	Sub-circular sides: steep base: flat dimensions: min breadth 1.6m, max depth 0.6m, max length 6.7m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2205	Fill	Friable mid yellow brown sandy clay occasional small ceramic building material, moderate small chalk, moderate small stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2206	Fill	Friable mid brown sandy silt occasional small charcoal, occasional small stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2207	Quarry	Irregular sides: steep dimensions: min breadth 1.6m, max depth 1.2m, max length 10.7m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2208	Fill	Friable dark red brown sandy silt moderate small stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 23

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 1.60 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.6 m. Max: 1.1 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53771: Northing: 39323)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53771: Northing: 39282)

Reason: To evaluate the sub-surface archaeological potential of the proposed Development Area (DA).

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
2300	Topsoil	Friable dark brown silty sand with occasional small stones, ceramic building material and charcoal flecks.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2301	Subsoil	Friable mid orange brown sandy silt with occasional small stones, ceramic building material and charcoal flecks.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2302	Alluvium	Friable light to mid orange brown sandy silt with occasional very small stones and charcoal flecks. Near sterile.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2303	Natural	Compact light to mid yellow silty sand with occasional small stones.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 24

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 1.60 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.6 m. Max: 0.75 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53785: Northing: 39323)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53746: Northing: 39323)

Reason: To evaluate the sub-surface archaeological potential of the proposed Development Area (DA).

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
2400	Topsoil	Friable dark brown silty sand with occasional small stones, ceramic building material and charcoal flecks.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2401	Subsoil	Friable mid orange brown sandy silt with occasional small stones, ceramic building material and charcoal flecks.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2402	Alluvium	Friable light to mid orange brown sandy silt with occasional very small stones and charcoal flecks. Near sterile.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2403	Natural	Compact light to mid yellow silty sand with occasional small stones with patches of gravel and peagrit.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 25

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 1.60 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.8 m. Max: 0.9 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53739: Northing: 39373)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53739: Northing: 39332)

Reason: To evaluate the sub-surface archaeological potential of the proposed Development Area (DA).

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
2500	Topsoil	Friable dark brown silty sand with occasional small stones, ceramic building material and charcoal flecks.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2501	Subsoil	Friable mid orange brown sandy silt with occasional small stones, ceramic building material and charcoal flecks.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2502	Alluvium	Friable light to mid orange brown sandy silt with occasional very small stones and charcoal flecks. Near sterile.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2503	Natural	Compact light to mid yellow silty sand with occasional small stones with small gravel and chalk patches.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 26

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 1.60 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.3 m. Max: 0.9 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53739: Northing: 39373)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53771: Northing: 93973)

Reason: To evaluate the sub-surface archaeological potential of the proposed Development Area (DA).

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
2600	Topsoil	Friable dark brown silty sand with occasional small stones, ceramic building material and charcoal flecks.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2601	Subsoil	Friable mid orange brown sandy silt with occasional small stones, ceramic building material and charcoal flecks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2602	Alluvium	Friable light to mid orange brown sandy silt with occasional very small stones and charcoal flecks. Near sterile. Natural not revealed in this trench.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 27

Max Dimensions: Length: 25.00 m. Width: 1.60 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.3 m. Max: 0.95 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53771: Northing: 39393)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53771: Northing: 39368)

Reason: To evaluate the sub-surface archaeological potential of the proposed Development Area (DA).

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
2700	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clay silt occasional small ceramic building material, occasional small charcoal, occasional small stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2702	Natural	Mid red brown silty gravel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2703	Quarry	Sub-circular sides: steep dimensions: min breadth 1.6m, min depth 2.m, max length 41.m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2704	Fill	Mid pinkish brown clay silt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2705	Fill	Loose mid yellow sandy gravel occasional small ceramic building material	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2706	Fill	Friable brown white chalky sand occasional small ceramic building material, frequent medium chalk, occasional small charcoal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2709	Fill	Friable mid red brown silty sand frequent small stones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2710	Fill	Friable brown white chalky sand occasional small ceramic building material, frequent large chalk, occasional flecks charcoal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2707	Pit	Rectangular sides: vertical dimensions: max breadth 0.8m, max depth 0.13m, max length 1.3m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2708	Fill	Friable dark orange brown sandy silt occasional small ceramic building material, occasional small charcoal, moderate small stones Fill of [2707]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 28

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.00 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.7 m. Max: 0.78 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53810: Northing: 39369)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53810: Northing: 39329)

Reason: To evaluate the sub-surface archaeological potential of the proposed Development Area (DA).

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
2800	Topsoil	Friable dark green brown sandy silt moderate small stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2801	Subsoil	Friable mid orange brown sandy silt occasional small stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2802	Palaeochannel	Friable mid orange brown sandy silt frequent medium stones, frequent small stones Slightly darker than (2801).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2803	Natural	Friable mid orange brown silt frequent small stones Natural geological deposits. No chalk in this trench. Chalk reached at a depth of 1.80m in sondage in southern end, at base of deep pit [2808].	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2804	Pit	Sub-circular sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.22m, max depth 0.13m, max length 0.24m Cut to accommodate pot and fill (2806).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2805	Fill	Friable mid orange brown silty sand moderate flecks charcoal, moderate small stones Primary deposit within cut [2804].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2806	Fill	Firm dark brown black silty sand frequent small burnt stones, frequent small charcoal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2807	Fill	Friable mid orange brown moderate medium charcoal, occasional flecks charcoal, moderate small stones Moderate small pieces of burnt flint.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2808	Quarry	dimensions: min breadth 1.6m, max depth 1.8m, min length 7.5m Cut in southern part of trench. Machine sondage showed it to be 1.80m deep. Not fully excavated. Quarry pit for gravel. Similar to [2703].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2809	Fill	Friable sandy silt occasional small stones Unexcavated deposit within the northern edge of pit [2808].	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2810	Fill	Mid red brown silty sand frequent small stones Unexcavated. Deposit within pit [2808]. Re-deposited natural. Deliberate backfill.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2811	Fill	Friable mid grey brown sandy silt occasional small ceramic building material, occasional flecks charcoal, occasional small stones Machined. Deliberate backfill of pit [2808].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2812	Fill	Friable light brown white chalky sand frequent large chalk Topfill/capping of pit [2808]. Very similar to (2706).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 29

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.00 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.8 m. Max: 0.95 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53849: Northing: 39363)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53889: Northing: 39363)

Reason: To evaluate the sub-surface archaeological potential of the proposed Development Area (DA).

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
2900	Topsoil	Friable dark grey brown sandy silt with moderate small flint pebbles.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2901	Subsoil	Mid orange brown silty gravel.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2902	Natural	Chalk with large patches of pinkish silt.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 30

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.00 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 1. m. Max: 1. m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53869: Northing: 39353)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53869: Northing: 39313)

Reason: To evaluate the sub-surface archaeological potential of the proposed Development Area (DA).

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
3000	Topsoil	Friable dark grey brown sandy silt moderate small stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3001	Subsoil	Friable mid orange brown sandy silt occasional small stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3002	Natural	Chalk in north, gravel in south.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3003	Ditch	Linear NW-SE sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.87m, max depth 0.33m, max length 2.1m Modern 19th-century ditch (field boundary or drainage). Similar to trench 35 [3503].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3004	Fill	Friable light yellow brown sandy silt moderate medium stones, occasional large stones All stones sub-angular. Clear with natural. Deposit similar to that in T35 (3504).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 31

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.00 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.8 m. Max: 0.9 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53889: Northing: 39308)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53849: Northing: 39308)

Reason: To evaluate the sub-surface archaeological potential of the proposed Development Area (DA).

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
3100	Topsoil	Friable dark grey brown sandy silt with moderate small flint pebbles.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3101	Subsoil	Mid orange brown silty gravel.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3102	Natural	Gravel with patches of chalk gravel and pinkish silt.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 32

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.00 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.85 m. Max: 0.93 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53869: Northing: 39303)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53869: Northing: 39263)

Reason: To evaluate the sub-surface archaeological potential of the proposed Development Area (DA).

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
3200	Topsoil	Friable dark grey brown sandy silt with moderate small flint pebbles.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3201	Subsoil	Mid orange brown silty gravel.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3202	Natural	Chalk and gravel.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 33

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.00 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.5 m. Max: 0.55 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53909: Northing: 39273)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53909: Northing: 39242)

Reason: To evaluate the sub-surface archaeological potential of the proposed Development Area (DA).

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
3300	Topsoil	Friable dark grey brown sandy silt with moderate small flint pebbles.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3301	Subsoil	Mid orange brown silty gravel.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3302	Natural	Chalk.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 34

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.00 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.5 m. Max: 0.75 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53929: Northing: 39273)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53889: Northing: 39273)

Reason: To evaluate the sub-surface archaeological potential of the proposed Development Area (DA).

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
3400	Topsoil	Friable dark grey brown sandy silt with moderate small flint pebbles.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3401	Subsoil	Mid orange brown silty gravel.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3402	Natural	Silty with chalk patches.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 35

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.00 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.4 m. Max: 1. m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53909: Northing: 39326)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53909: Northing: 39286)

Reason: To evaluate the sub-surface archaeological potential of the proposed Development Area (DA).

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
3500	Topsoil	Friable dark grey brown sandy silt moderate small stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3501	Subsoil	Friable mid orange brown sandy silt occasional small stones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3502	Natural	Mid orange brown silt frequent small stones Chalk.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3503	Ditch	Linear NW-SE sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 1.2m, max depth 0.4m, max length 2.2m Modern 19th Century ditch field boundary on drainage) Similar to [3003].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3504	Fill	Friable light yellow brown sandy silt moderate medium stones Stones subangular. Clear with natural. Trowel and mattock excavated. Fill similar to (3004). Fill from rubbish and alluvial processes.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Trench: 36

Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.00 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.6 m. Max: 0.7 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53929: Northing: 39336)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 53889: Northing: 39336)

Reason: To evaluate the sub-surface archaeological potential of the proposed Development Area (DA).

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
3600	Topsoil	Friable dark grey brown sandy silt with moderate small flint pebbles.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3601	Subsoil	Mid orange brown silty gravel.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3602	Natural	Chalk and gravel.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

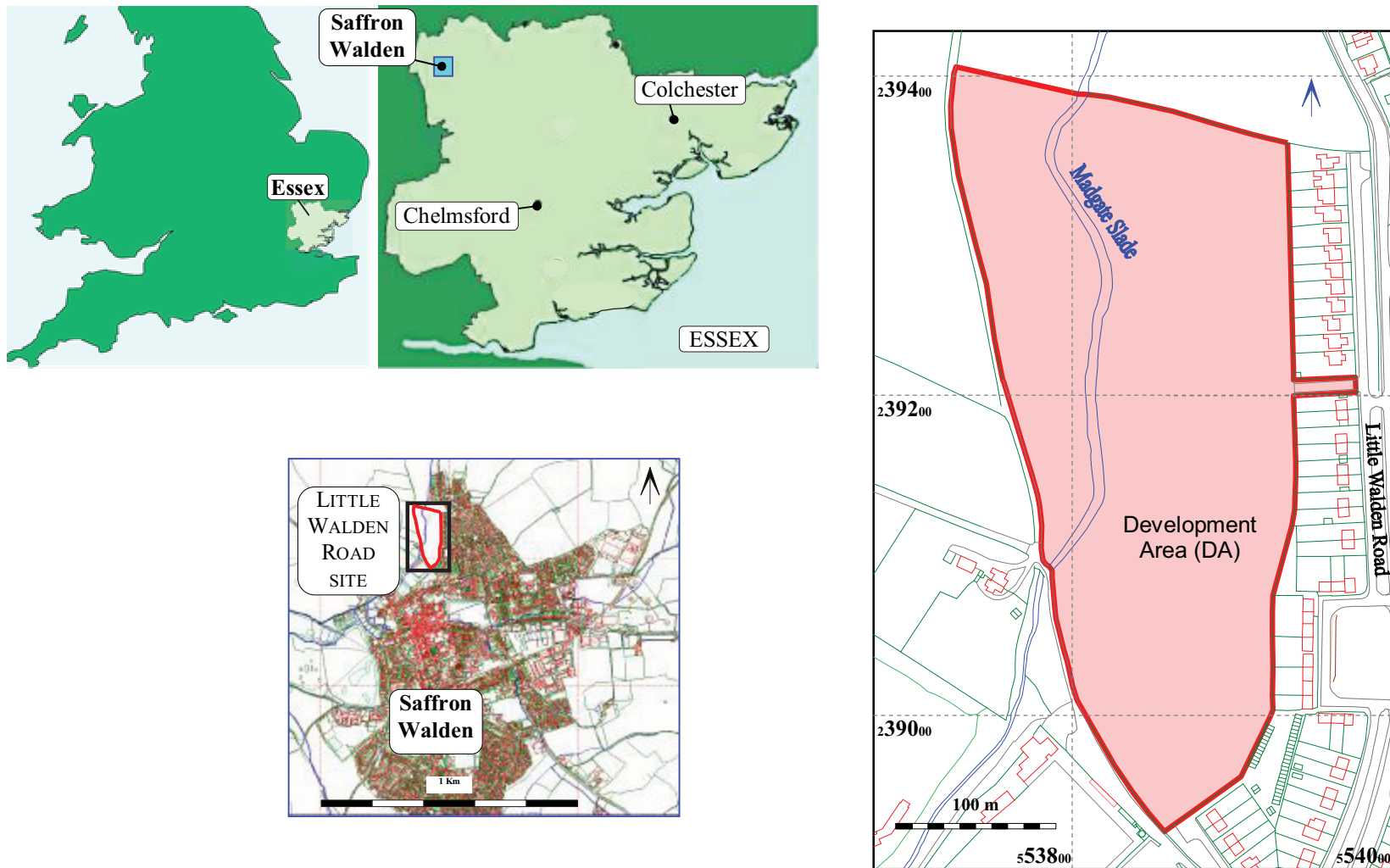


Figure 1: Site location plan

Base map reproduced from the Ordnance Survey Map with the permission of the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office, by Bedfordshire County Council, County Hall, Bedford. OS Licence No. 100017358 (LA). © Crown Copyright.

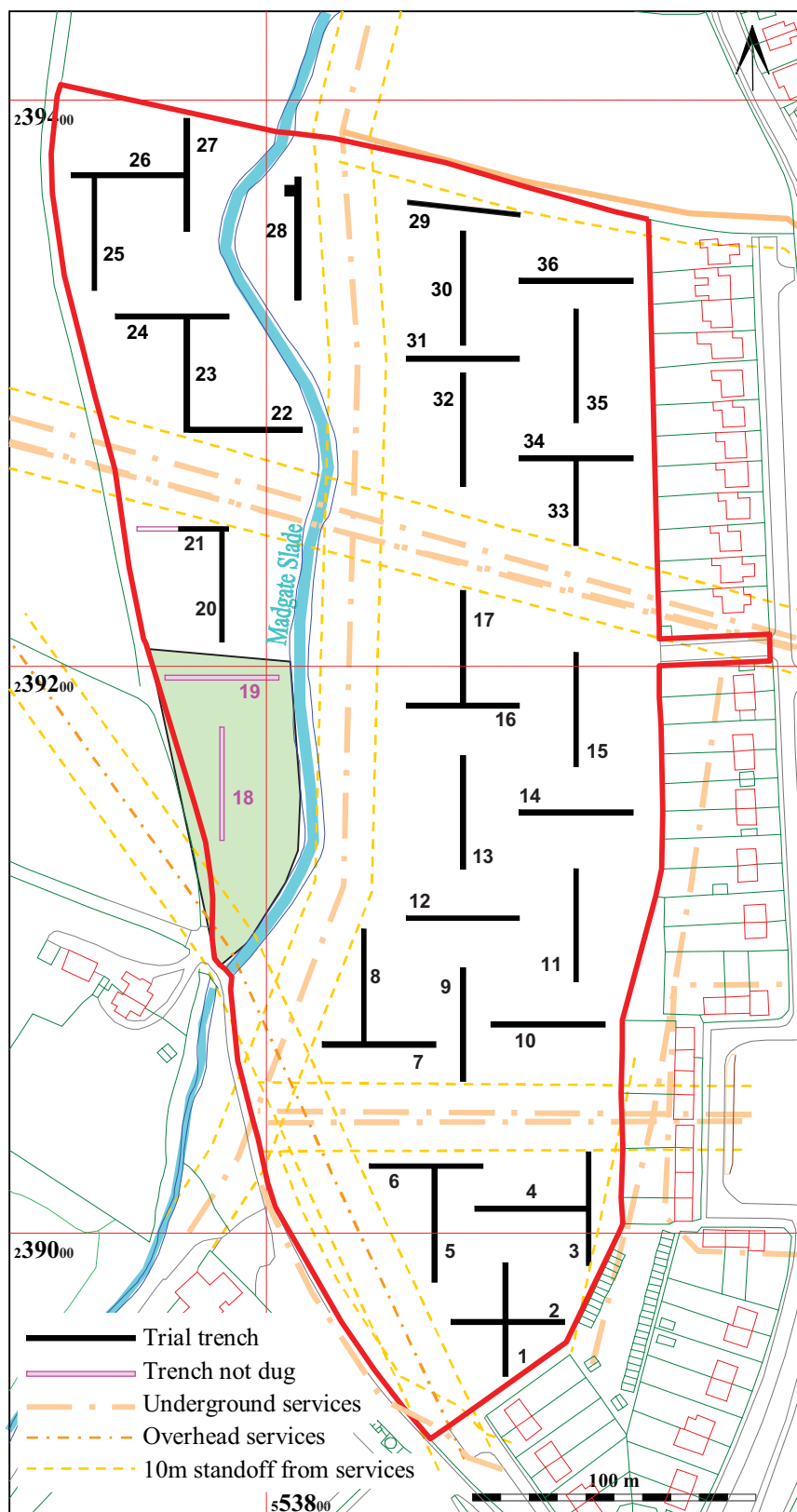
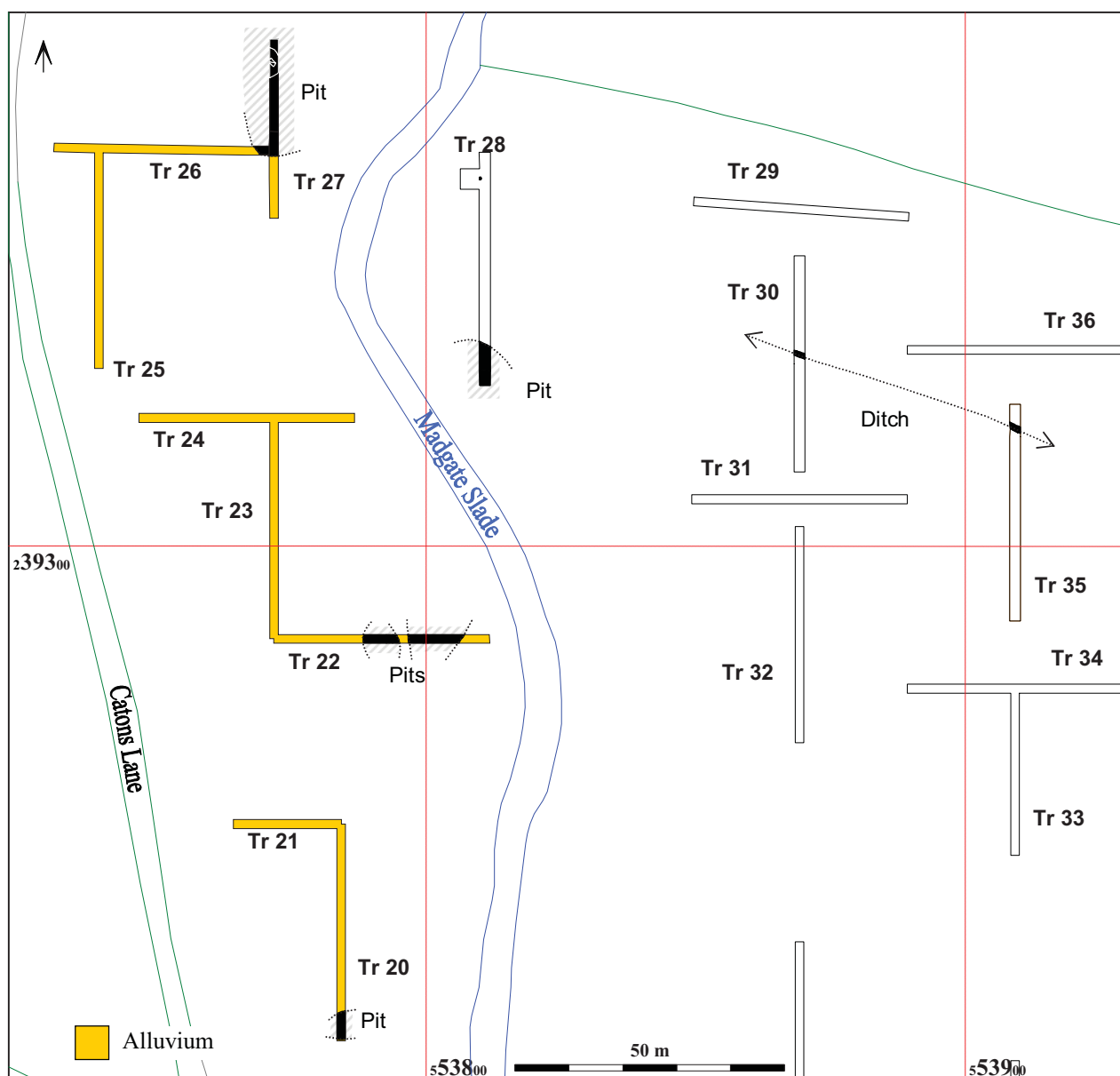


Figure 2: Trench locations

Base map reproduced from the Ordnance Survey Map with the permission of the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office, by Albion Archaeology, Central Bedfordshire Council. OS Licence No. 100017358(LA). © Crown Copyright.



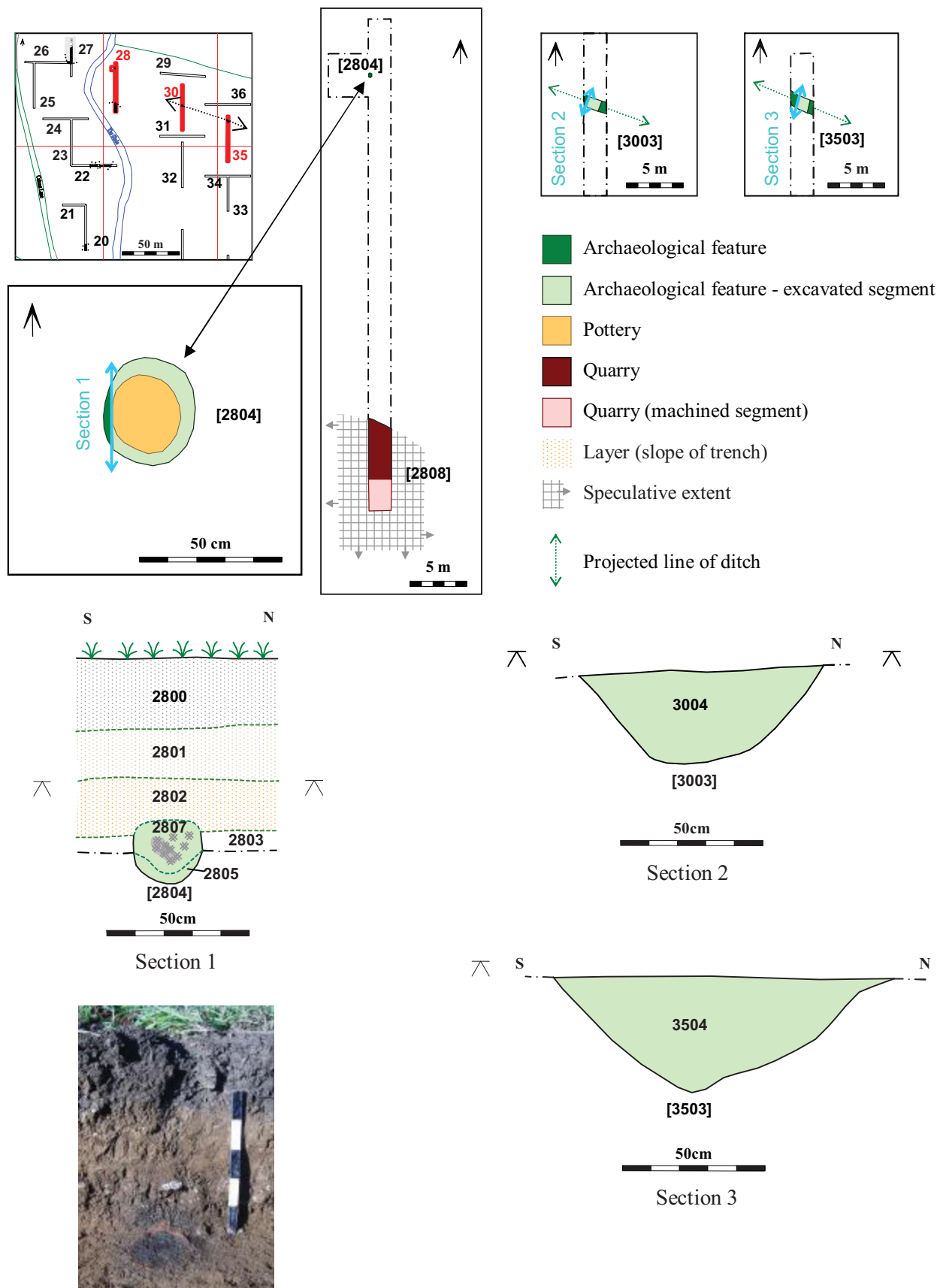
Tr 25



Tr 5

Figure 3: All features plan, alluvium (photo left) and palaeochannels (photo right)

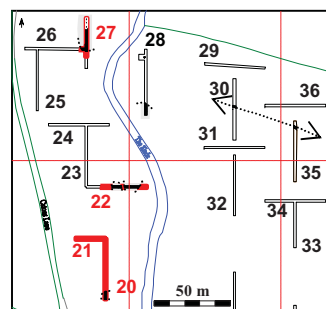
Base map reproduced from the Ordnance Survey Map with the permission of the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office, by Albion Archaeology, Central Bedfordshire Council. OS Licence No. 100017358(LA). © Crown Copyright.



Photograph of pot [2804] before extension of trench. Scale 50cm.

Figure 4: Prehistoric pottery vessel and boundary ditches, Trenches 28, 30, and 35

Base map reproduced from the Ordnance Survey Map with the permission of the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office, by Albion Archaeology, Central Bedfordshire Council. OS Licence No. 100017358(LA). © Crown Copyright.



- Feature
- Feature (excavated segment)
- Quarry
- Quarry (machined segment)
- Demolition debris pit
- Layer
- Speculative extent



Machine-excavated sondage in southern edge of quarry pit [2703]. Looking south.

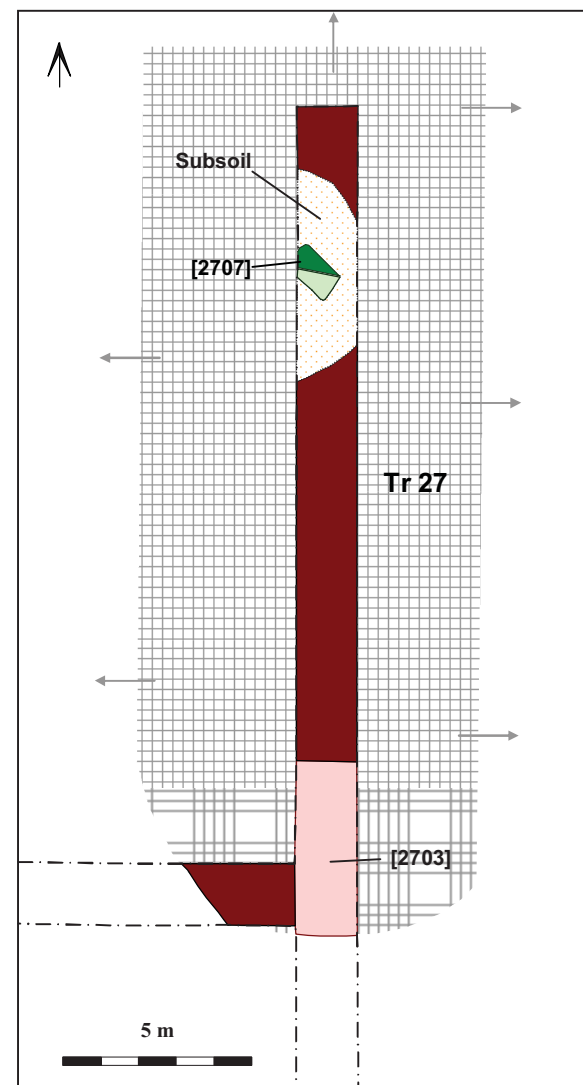
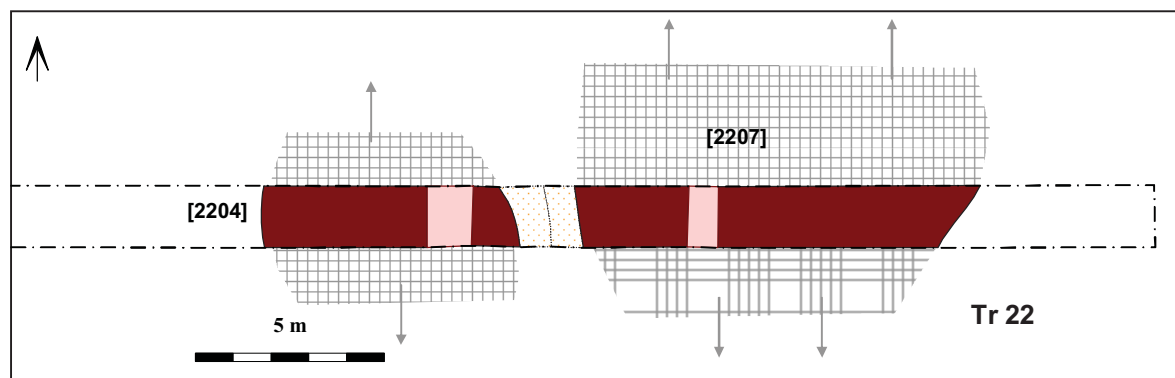
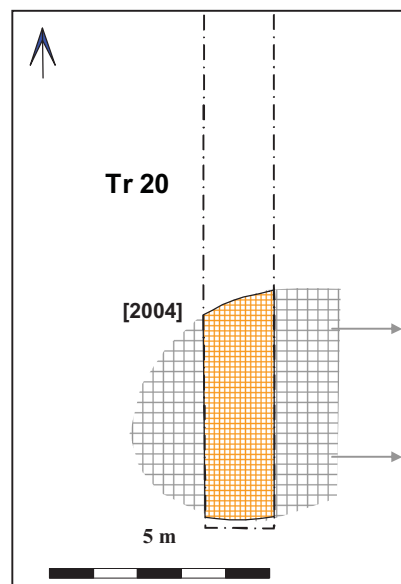


Figure 5: Quarry pits, Trenches 20, 22, and 27

Base map reproduced from the Ordnance Survey Map with the permission of the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office, by Albion Archaeology, Central Bedfordshire Council. OS Licence No. 100017358(LA). © Crown Copyright.