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# Summary Report for Construction Integrated Recording at C31079 and C31080 Blackgrounds Farm Northamptonshire

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# 1 Summary

- 1.1.1 Headland Archaeology (UK) Ltd was commissioned to undertake Construction Integrated Recording (CIR) works at Blackgrounds Farm (CrID: C31079 and C31080, site code 1C22BLCCI) located in Northamptonshire, toward the eastern edge of Blackgrounds Roman settlement, to the north of the Spinney Brook, a small tributary to the River Cherwell.
- 1.1.2 During earlier works, in advance of the High speed 2 line, the remains of a large and complex Iron Age and Romano-British settlement were identified (1MC12-EKF-EV-REP-CS10-000256). The programme of works described in this report focused on investigation of two areas, which were inaccessible during the previous phase.
- 1.1.3 The earliest activity in C31079 comprised two stake holes and a ditch, all cut into the natural geology. These were sealed by a dark earth deposit containing occasional Roman finds, which covered the entire site. Cutting the dark earth deposit which sealed the earlier late Iron Age and early Roman features were structural features dated as early to late Roman. These Roman features included the remnants of two possible wall foundations which likely relate to structural remains previously recorded in C31059B. A small oven, possible wall foundation, and ditch were also recorded within C31079.
- 1.1.4 Excavation in area C31080 uncovered a ditch, a post-hole, and an irregular pit, all cut into the natural geology. As in C31079, these features were overlain by a dark earth deposit. No further features were identified within this layer, which was ultimately sealed by topsoil.
- 1.1.5 The activity with both areas was shown to correspond to earlier phases, with C31080 contributing further information as to the land use of the central area of the site.