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Summary

This report presents the results of archaeological monitoring and recording carried out by South West Archaeology Ltd. (SWARCH) on land at Eastacombe, Tawstock, Devon during groundworks associated with development of the site.

Previous phases of work on the site, including desk-based assessment and evaluation trenching identified a series of features likely to be associated with the medieval and post-medieval development of the field systems surrounding Eastacombe, whilst a possible prehistoric enclosure to the south suggests the potential for earlier activity to be present on the site.

The archaeological monitoring broadly confirmed the results of the evaluation trenching: identifying a concentration of linear features most likely associated with medieval and post-medieval field systems reflecting the 18th and 19th century development of Eastacombe. A number of additional ditches were identified suggesting that there was more intensive boundary coverage than had previously been indicated. A more substantial curvilinear ditch may have formed part of an earlier enclosure, the boundary of which may have been re-used in later periods.



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1.0 INTRODUCTION

LOCATION:	EASTACOMBE
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1.1 PROJECT BACKGROUND

This report presents the results of archaeological monitoring and recording carried out by South West Archaeology Ltd. (SWARCH) on land at Eastacombe, Tawstock, Devon (Figure 1). The work was commissioned by the Client in order to record archaeological features and deposits identified during groundworks associated with the residential development of the site. The work was carried out in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation (Balmond 2017) drawn up in consultation with Stephen Reed of Devon County Historic Environment Team (DCHET) and in line with best practice and ClfA guidelines. It follows on from earlier phases of work including desk-based assessment & evaluation trenching (Webb 2015) and an interim report during earlier phases of groundworks (Webb 2017).

1.2 TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

Eastacombe is a village situated on a hillside 4km south-west of Barnstaple, North Devon, to the south of the A39 Atlantic Highway. The development is located towards the eastern limits of the village immediately to the north of the Tawstock Road. The site is situated approximately 200m west of Eastacombe Evangelical Church and comprises a single field of c.0.6ha, roughly rectangular in shape and sloping down from the north-north-east to the south-south-west, from c.75m to c.70m AOD.

The soils of this area are the well-drained fine loamy soils of the Neath Association (SSEW 1983), overlying mudstone and siltstone of the Crackington Formation where they border the mudstones of the Codden Hill Chert Formation (BGS 2018).

1.3 HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Eastacombe is a small village in the parish of Tawstock, in the hundred of Fremington and deanery of Barnstaple (Lysons 1822). It is situated to the south of the farmstead of Rowden Barton, recorded in the Domesday survey, and west of the 16th century Corffe estate, though the village itself appears to predominantly contain 19th century buildings, including Eastacombe Chapel.

1.4 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

The development lies within a single field on the edge of the settlement of Eastacombe, in close proximity to a prehistoric or Romano-British ditched enclosure (to the south of the site); medieval farmsteads and chapel; and the Corffe estate. The village itself contains predominantly 19th century buildings. Relatively little fieldwork has taken place in Eastacombe, though desk-based assessment and evaluation of the site was carried out in 2015 (Webb 2015), identifying a small concentration of ditch-like features likely to reflect medieval and later field boundaries and the 18th-19th century development of Eastacombe.

1.5 METHODOLOGY

This work was undertaken in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation (Balmond 2017) drawn up in consultation with Stephen Reed of Devon County Historic Environment Team (DCHET) and in line with best practice and ClfA guidelines (ClfA 2014). The groundworks were carried out in three phases: the access track (Area 05) had previously been excavated and stoned in 2017; the outline footprint of one house plot (Area 06) stripped to formation (up to c.0.80m deep); and a series of drainage trench runs (Areas 07-08), each 0.70m wide and totalling c.43m in length, were excavated to a depth of up to c.0.60m in December 2017. The final phase comprised the excavation of two further drainage trench runs (Areas 9 & 13), each c.0.50m wide and totalling c.88m in length to a depth of up to c.0.90m; and three further house plots (Areas 10-12) were stripped to formation (up to c.0.50m deep). All works were carried out by tracked 360° machine using a toothless grading bucket (where possible). Exposed archaeological deposits were excavated and recorded by hand and in accordance with the WSI and ClfA guidelines.

The monitoring was designed to expand the results of the 2015 evaluation and to establish greater clarity as to the nature of the features identified, and establish the presence or absence, extent, depth, character and date of any *in situ* archaeological deposits not identified in the previous works. The archaeological monitoring took place between 30th November 2017 and 21st August 2018.



FIGURE 1: SITE LOCATION; THE SITE IS INDICATED.

2.0 RESULTS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING & RECORDING

2.1 INTRODUCTION

The archaeological monitoring and recording was carried out in three phases (the access track, Area 05, had previously been excavated and stoned), the outline footprint of one house plot (Area 06) stripped to formation (up to c.0.80m deep); a series of linear foundation trenches (within Area 06) and drainage trench runs (Areas 07-08), each 0.70m wide and totalling c.43m in length, were excavated to a depth of up to c.0.60m in December 2017. The final phase comprised the excavation of two further drainage trench runs (Areas 9 & 13), each c.0.50m wide and totalling c.88m in length to a depth of up to c.0.90m; and three further house plots (Areas 10-12) were stripped to formation (up to c.0.50m deep) with associated linear foundation trenches up to c.0.50m deep subsequently excavated. This work was carried out in August 2018. All works were carried out by tracked 360° machine using a toothless grading bucket (where possible). Exposed archaeological deposits were excavated and recorded by hand and in accordance with the WSI and ClfA guidelines.

The results are summarised below by area, with features described where encountered, with finds recorded where recovered. A detailed context list can be found in Appendix 1; a full finds concordance in Appendix 2; and supporting photographs in Appendix 3.

2.2 DEPOSIT MODEL

The archaeological monitoring confirmed the overall deposit model identified during the evaluations: topsoils/turf, brown to grey-brown friable sand-silt-clay c.0.10-0.50m thick; overlying subsoil, brown-grey silt-clay up to 0.22m thick; and the natural, yellow-brown and blue-grey banded stone and shillet within clay.

2.3 RESULTS

A total of 15 features, including re-cuts, were identified: four linear features within Area 06, [604], [607], [610], and [616]; one linear feature within Area 07, [704]; one linear features within Area 08, [812]; one linear feature within Area 09, [904]; three linear features within Area 10, [1004], [1011], and [1014]; one possible ditch terminus within Area 11, [1104]; and three possible ditch sections within Area 12, [1210], [1215], and [1219].

Several of the linear features could be identified as being continuations, or probable continuations, of the same features, including: [604], [704], and [1011]; [607], and [1014]; [610], [1004], and [1016]; [811], [812], [904], and [1018], all of which had been identified within Trench 02; and [1219] which had been identified in Trench 04.

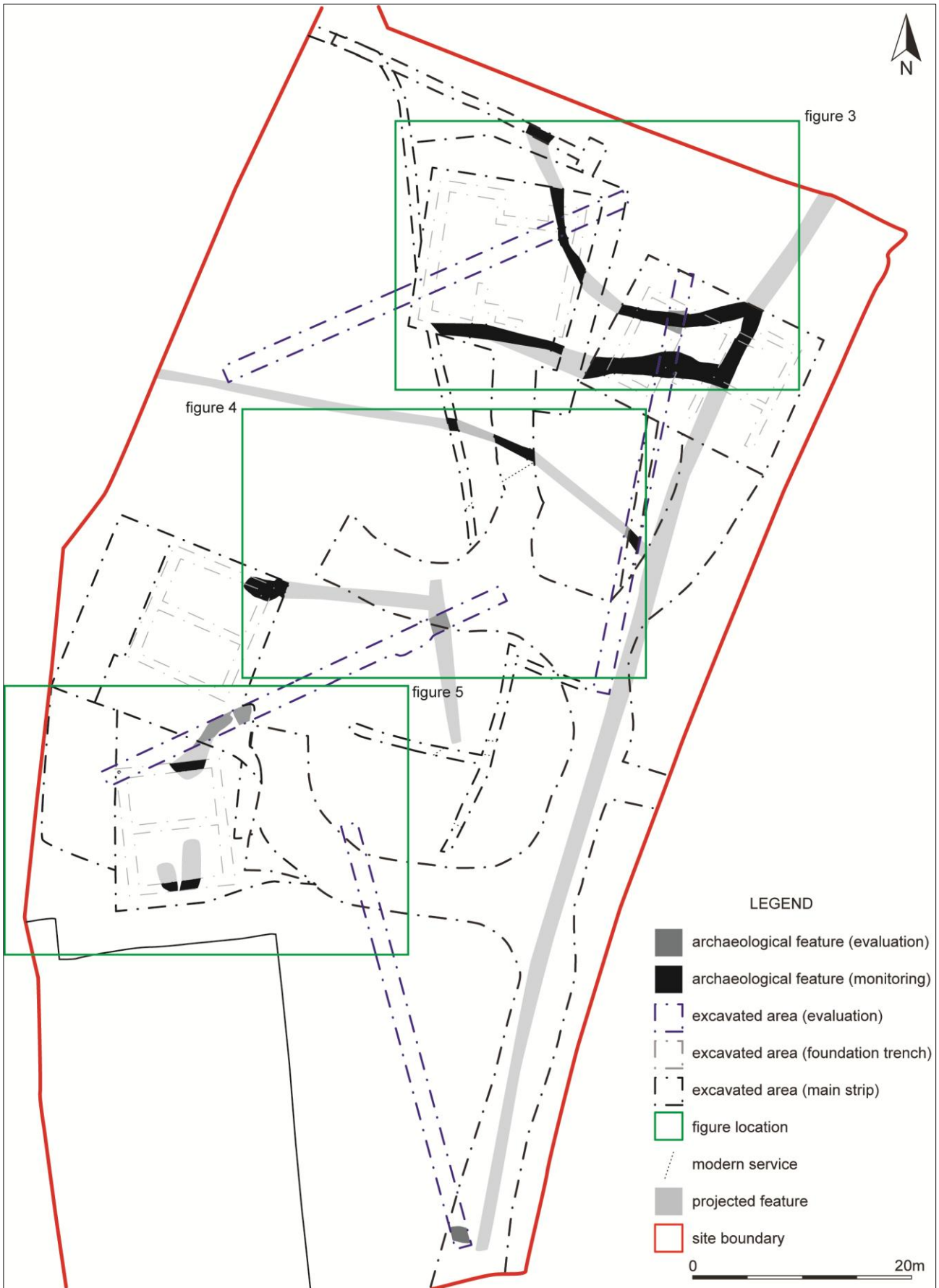


FIGURE 2: SITE PLAN SHOWING LOCATION OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL FEATURES.

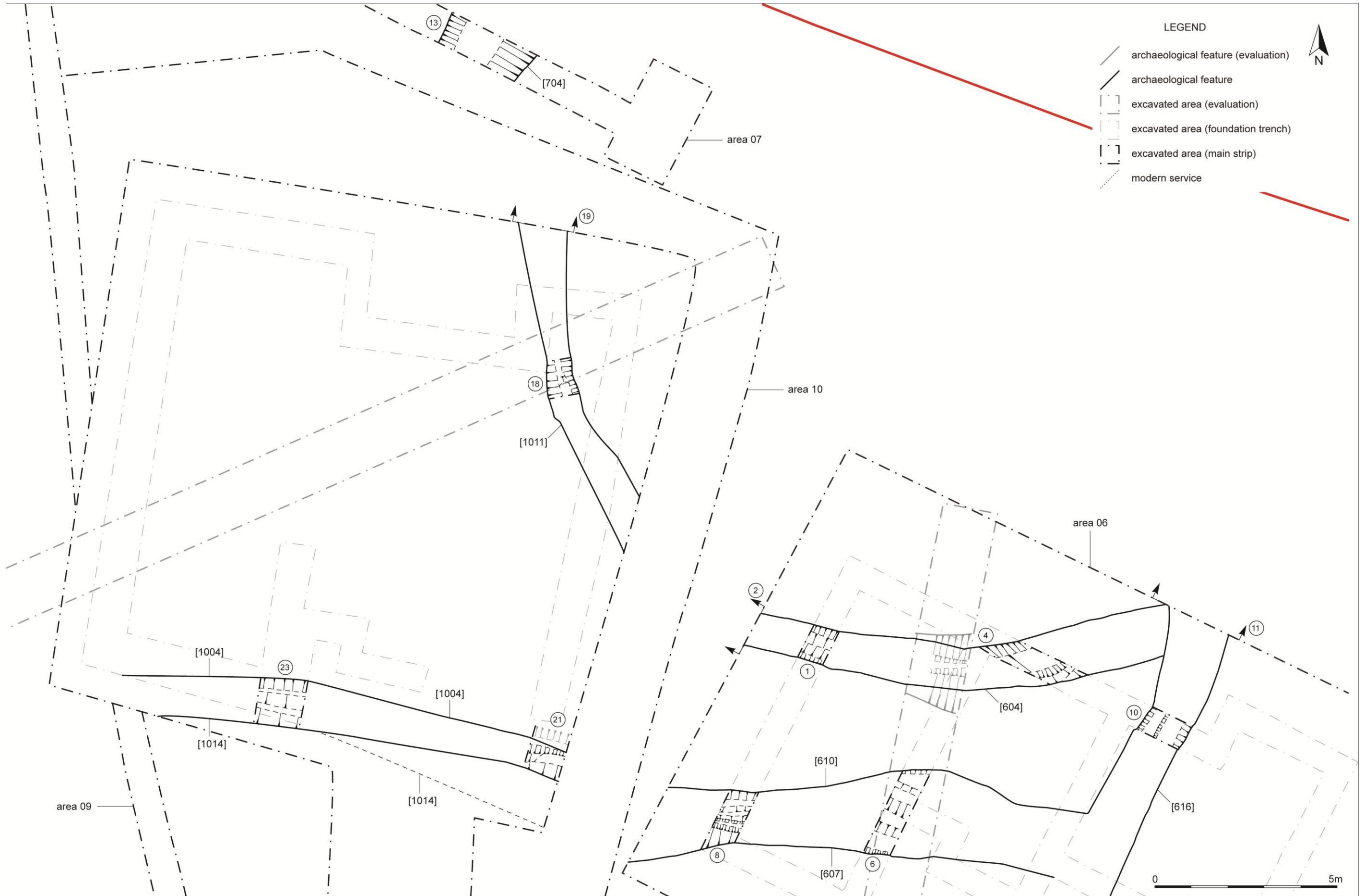


FIGURE 3: SITE PLAN, NORTH; SHOWING LOCATION OF RECORDED ARCHAEOLOGICAL FEATURES.

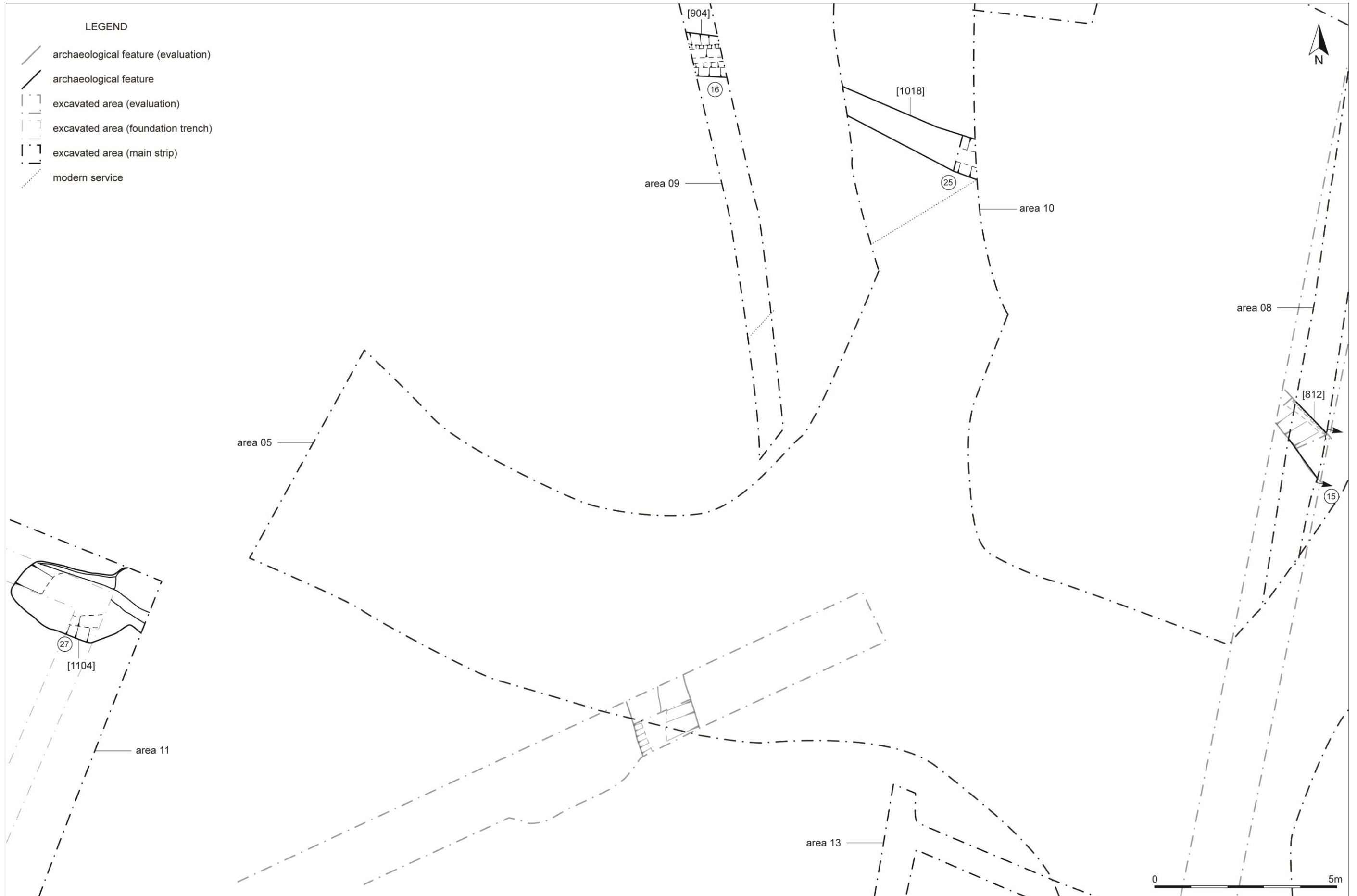


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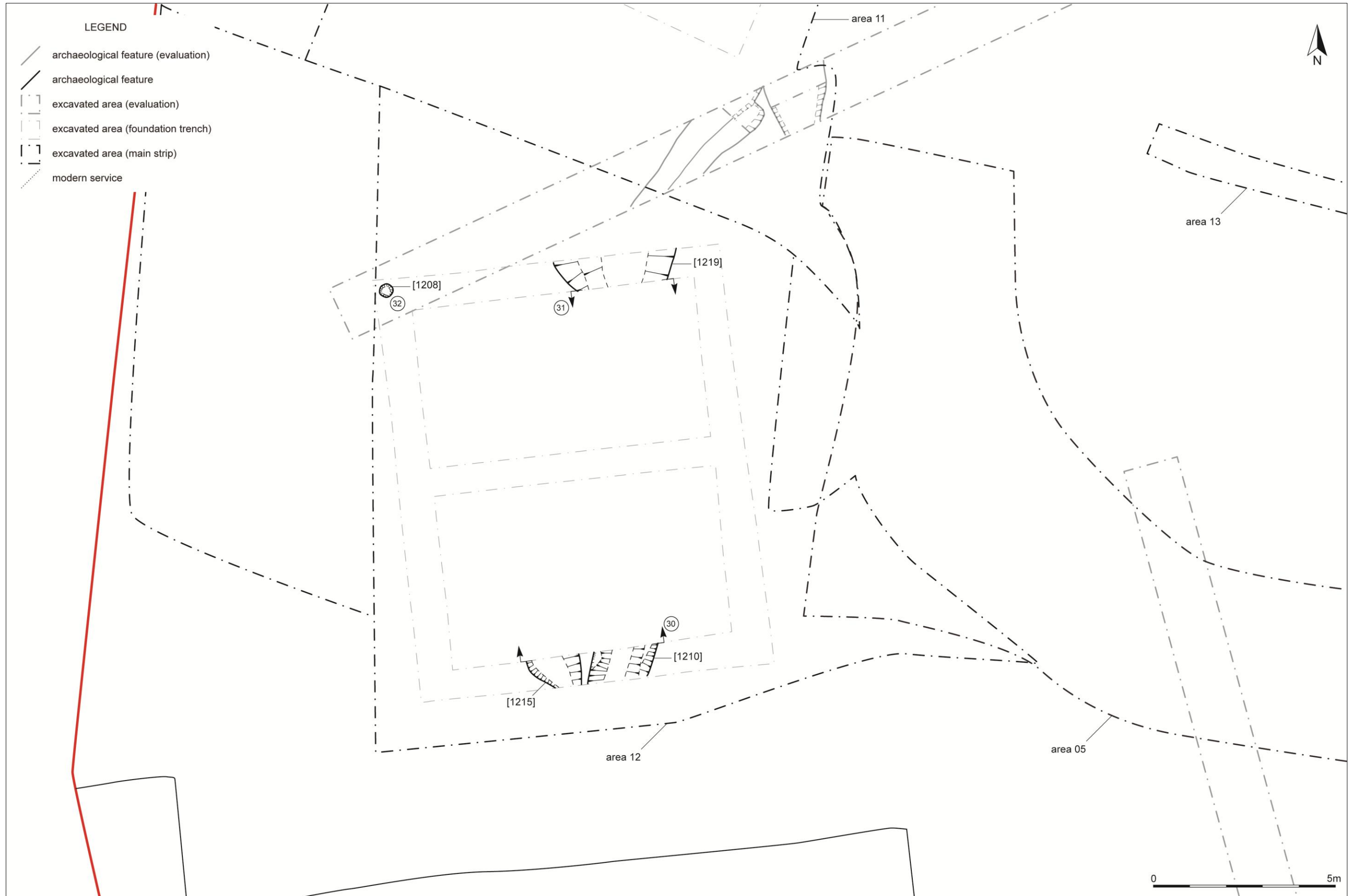


FIGURE 5: SITE PLAN, SOUTH; SHOWING LOCATION OF RECORDED ARCHAEOLOGICAL FEATURES.

2.3.1 AREA 05

Area 05 comprised an irregular sinuous area measuring c.6m wide running along, and extending from, the eastern edge of the site and formed the access road to the site and individual house plots (Figures 2-5). It had been excavated to a depth of c.0.30m and stoned prior to the commencement of archaeological monitoring.

The identifiable stratigraphic matrix comprised: topsoil (500), c.0.10m thick over lower topsoil (501), c.0.15m thick and subsoil (502), 0.05+m thick.

2.3.2 AREA 06

Area 06 was located in the north-east corner of the site and comprised a roughly rectangular area orientated approximately north-west to south-east and measured 18m×13m (Figures 2-5). It was initially stripped to a depth of up to 0.90m (at the deepest northern end), a series of foundation trenches subsequently being excavated to an additional depth of c.0.55m.

The stratigraphic matrix comprised: topsoil (600), grey-brown silt-loam c.0.18m thick; overlying lower topsoil (601), grey-brown sandy silt-clay c.0.20m thick; subsoil (602), grey-brown silt-clay c.0.22m thick; and the natural blue-grey shillet and yellow clay.

A total of four linear and curvilinear features, including re-cuts, were identified: [604], [607], [610], and [616] (Figure 6). Ditch [604], located across the north-western corner, was slightly curvilinear in plan on a broad east to west alignment and measured between 1.20m and 1.50m wide and 0.43m-0.66m deep with moderate sloping sides and concave base (Figure 7). It contained two fills: (605), brown-grey clay-silt; and (606), grey-brown to blue-grey-brown clay-silt. No finds were recovered from this feature.

At the southern end of the area ditch [607] was a linear feature orientated approximately north-east to south-west. It measured 0.70m wide and 0.40m deep with steep to moderate sloping sides and flat base. It contained three fills: (608), brown silt clay; (609), grey-brown clay; and (619), grey-brown silt-clay. This appeared to cut a second linear ditch [610], orientated approximately north-east to south-west, measuring 1.20m wide and 0.40m deep with moderate sloping sides and concave base. It contained two fills: (611), black-brown silt-clay; and (612), brown silt. No finds were recovered from these features.

A further linear ditch [616] orientated approximately north-north-east to south-south-west was located across the middle of the area (Figure 8). It measured 1.26m wide and 0.34m deep with moderate to steep sloping sides and slightly concave base. It contained two fills: (617), grey silt-clay; and (618), brown silt-clay. No finds were recovered from this feature.

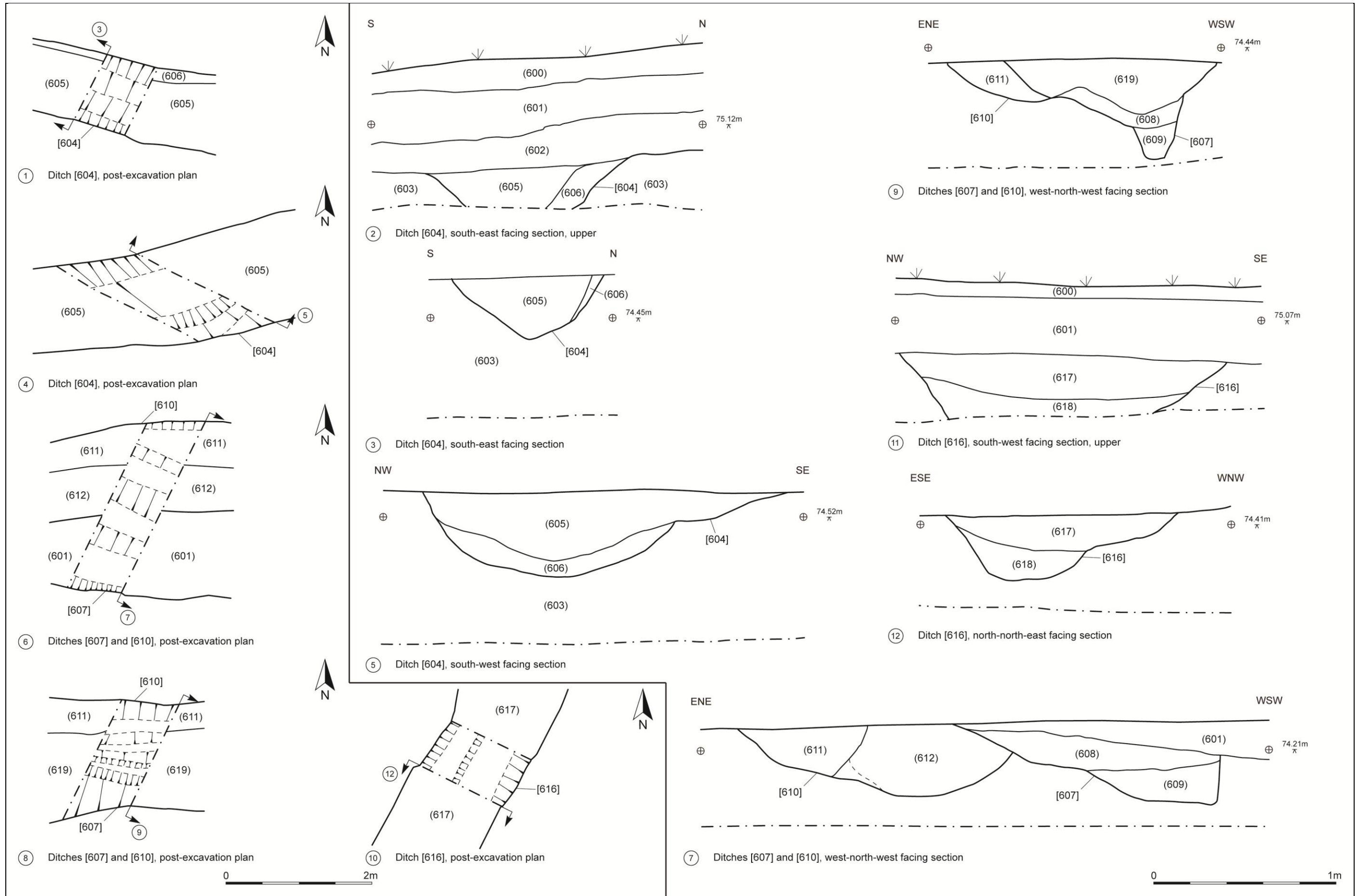


FIGURE 6: AREA 06, PLANS AND SECTIONS. HEIGHTS AT AOD.



FIGURE 7: DITCH [604], SOUTH-WEST FACING SECTION; VIEWED FROM THE SOUTH-WEST (2M SCALE).



FIGURE 8: DITCH [616], SOUTH-SOUTH-WEST FACING SECTION; VIEWED FROM THE SOUTH-SOUTH-WEST (1M SCALE).

2.3.3 AREA 07

Area 07 was a linear water pipe trench located across the northern end of the site (Figures 2-3). It was orientated approximately north-west to south-east, measuring approximately 26m×0.70m wide and was excavated to a depth of up to 0.60m.

The stratigraphic matrix comprised: topsoil (700), grey-brown clay-silt-loam c.0.20m thick; overlying lower topsoil (701), grey-brown silt-clay c.0.20m thick; subsoil (702), brown-grey silt-clay up to 0.18m thick; and the natural grey shillet and yellow clay.

A single feature, ditch [704], was identified at the eastern end of the area (Figure 9). It was orientated approximately north-north-east to south-south-west and measured 2.96m wide and 0.76m deep with moderate to steep sloping sides and slightly concave base. It contained four fills: (705), and (706) grey silt-clays; (707), grey-brown silt-clay; and (708), stone within grey-brown silt-clay. No finds were recovered from this feature.

2.3.4 AREA 08

Area 08 was a linear drainage trench orientated approximately north to south from the southern end of Area 06 (Figures 2, 4). It measured 17m×0.70m wide and was excavated to a depth of up to 0.60m. This area ran along the line of evaluation trench 02.

The stratigraphic matrix comprised: topsoil (800), brown-grey silt-clay-loam c.0.12m thick; overlying upper backfill of evaluation trench 02 (801), brown-grey silt-clay up to 0.32m thick; a lower backfill of evaluation trench 02 (802), brown-grey silt-clay c.0.20m thick; and the natural blue-grey shillet and yellow clay.

A single feature [812] was identified towards the southern end of the trench (Figure 9). It was orientated approximately north-west to south-east and measured 0.60m wide and 0.38m deep with steep sides and slightly concave base. It contained two fills: (813), grey-brown silt-clay; and (814), grey-brown silt-clay. No finds were recovered from this feature.

2.3.5 AREA 09

Area 09 was a linear cable trench orientated approximately north-north-west to south-south-east running from the north-west corner to the centre of the site, measuring 46m×0.50m and excavated to a depth of c.0.90m (Figure 2-4).

The stratigraphic matrix comprised: topsoil (900), brown silt c.0.14m thick; overlying lower topsoil (901), grey-yellow-brown silt c.0.36m thick; intermittent subsoil (902), brown-grey silt-clay up to 0.16m thick; and the natural banded blue-grey/red-brown/yellow-white shillet in banded concreted silt-clays.

A single linear feature [904] was identified towards the southern end of the trench (Figure 9). It was orientated approximately north-west to south-east and measured 1.20m wide and 0.50m deep with undulating moderate sloping sides and undulating concave base. It contained two fills: (905), red-brown silt and clay-silt; and (906), brown-grey-black clay-silt. No finds were recovered from this feature.

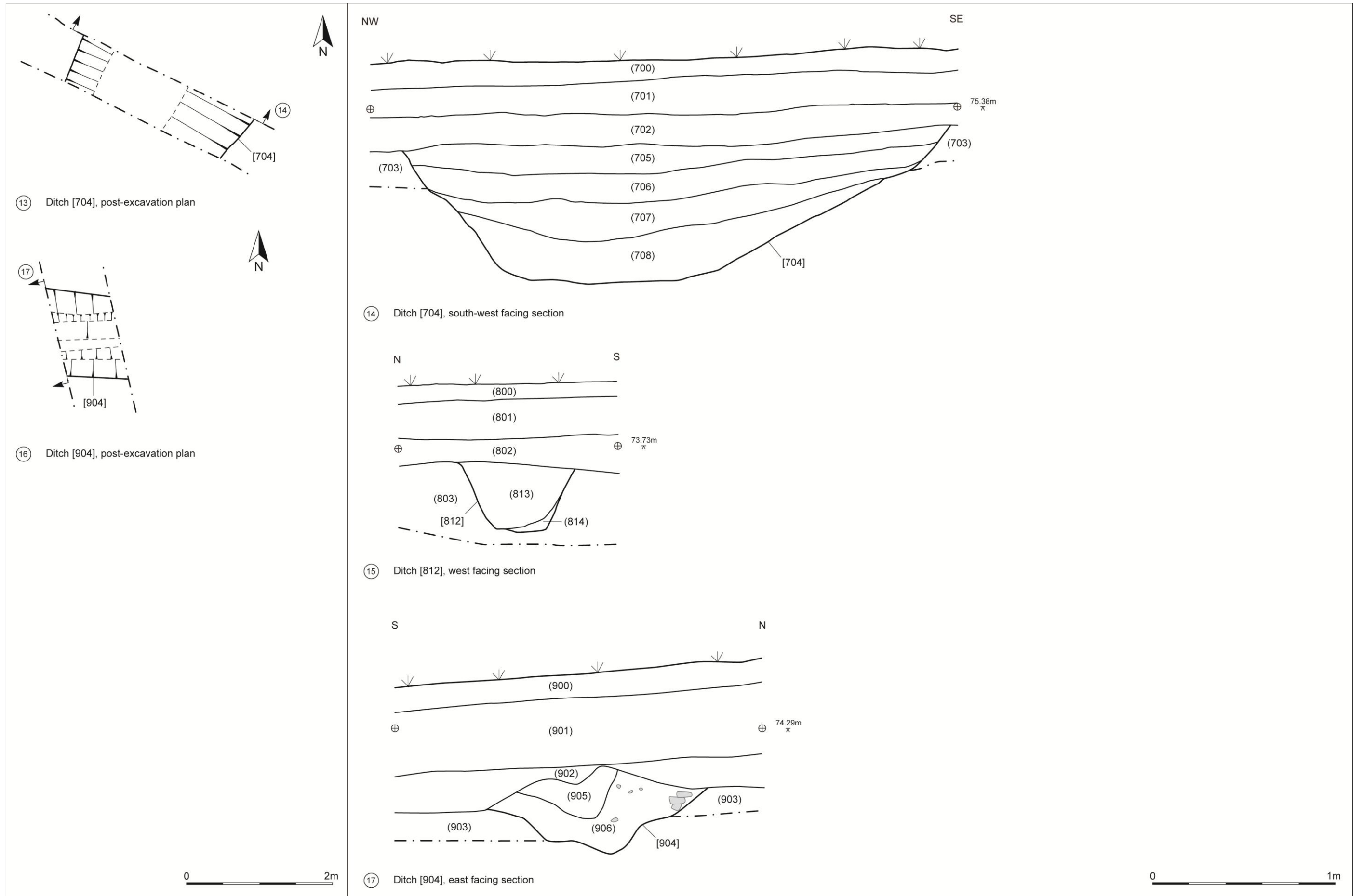


FIGURE 9: AREAS 07, 08, AND 09, PLANS AND SECTIONS. HEIGHTS AT AOD.

2.3.6 AREA 10

Area 10 was located towards the centre of the northern end of the site, between Areas 06, 07, and 09 (Figures 2-3). It comprised a roughly rectangular area orientated approximately east to west and measured 16m×15m, with a linear access track extending 15m to the south to meet Area 05 measuring 4.50m wide. It was initially stripped to a depth of up to 0.82m (at the deepest northern end), a series of foundation trenches subsequently being excavated for an additional depth of c.0.50m. The line of evaluation trench 01 ran through this area.

The stratigraphic matrix comprised: topsoil (1000), grey-brown clay-silt c.0.22m thick; overlying lower topsoil (1001), grey-yellow-brown silt up to 0.22m thick; intermittent subsoil (1002), grey-brown silt up to 0.18m thick; and the banded yellow-white-grey shillet and clay natural.

A total of four linear and curvilinear features, including re-cuts, were identified: [1004], [1011], [1014], and [1018] (Figure 10). Ditch [1004], located at the southern end of the main area strip, was orientated approximately east to west and measured 0.50-0.80+m wide and 0.14-0.32m deep with shallow to steep sloping sides and uneven concave base. It contained a single fill: (1010), grey-brown silt. This had been cut by a second linear [1014], along the same alignment measuring c.0.90m wide and 0.22m deep with moderate to shallow sloping southern edge and flat base. This contained a single fill: (1015), brown clay-silt. Both of these features had been overlain by a possible levelling deposit (1005), grey-brown silt. No finds were recovered from these features.

Ditch [1011] was a curvilinear feature located at the north-eastern corner of the area (Figure 11). It was broadly orientated north-west to south-east and measured 1.15m wide and 0.68m deep with moderate to steep sloping sides and concave base. It contained two fills: (1012), brown silt-clay; and (1013), white-grey silt-clay. No finds were recovered from this feature.

A further linear ditch [1018] was located towards the southern end of the area on an approximate west-north-west to east-south-east alignment and measured 1m wide and 0.10m deep with moderate to shallow sloping sides and slightly concave base. It contained a single fill: (1019), grey-brown clay-silt. No finds were recovered from this feature.

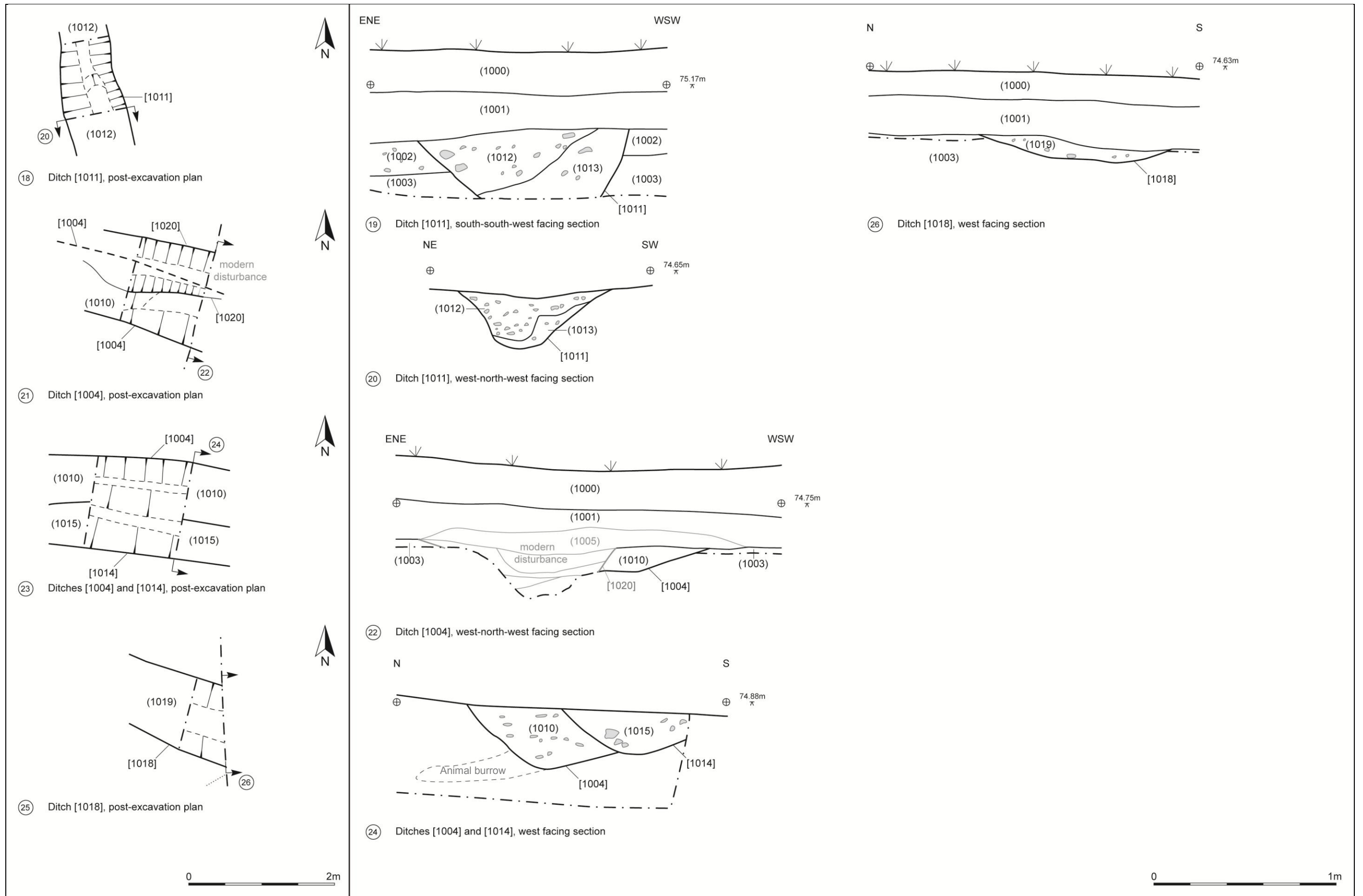


FIGURE 10: AREA 10, PLANS AND SECTIONS. HEIGHTS AT AOD.

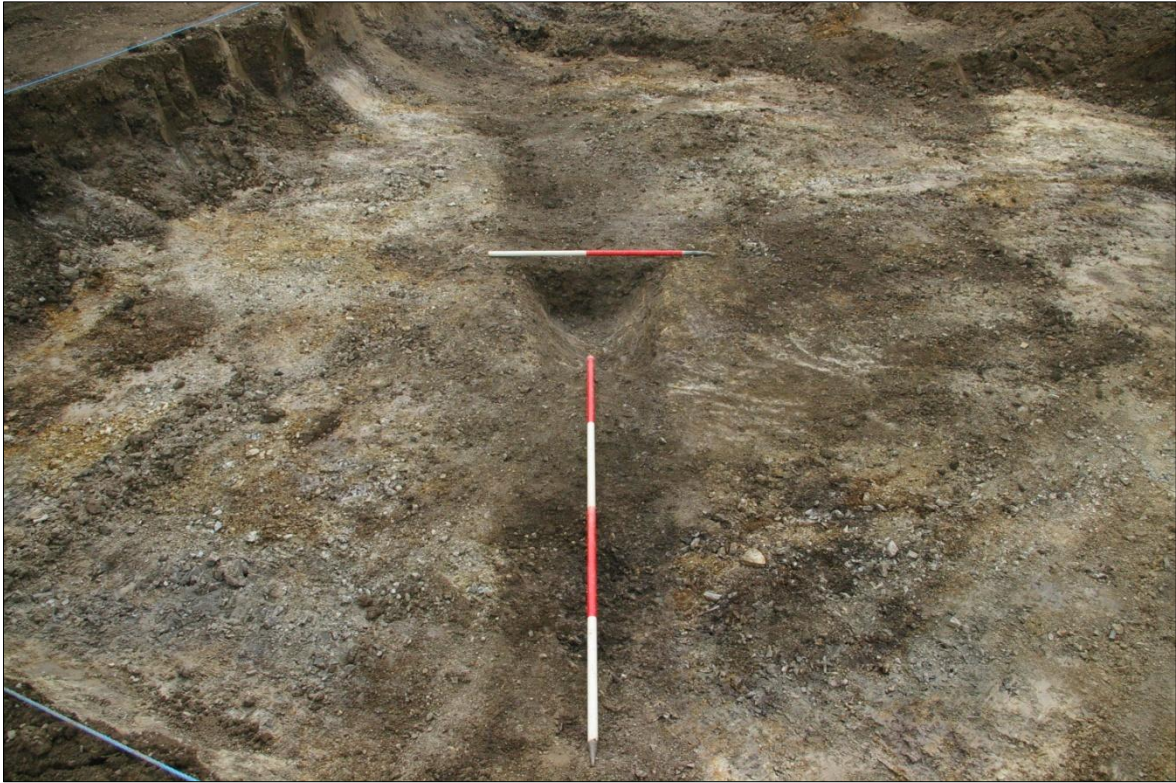


FIGURE 11: DITCH [611], POST-EXCAVATION; VIEWED FROM THE NORTH (1M & 2M SCALES).

2.3.7 AREA 11

Area 11 was located mid way along the western site boundary and comprised a roughly rectangular area orientated approximately north-east to south-west and measuring 16m×17m (Figures 2, 4-5). It was initially stripped of topsoil with a central 11m square excavated to a depth of up to 0.55m (at the deepest north-eastern corner), a series of foundation trenches subsequently being excavated for an additional depth of c.0.70m.

The stratigraphic matrix comprised: topsoil (1100), grey-brown friable silt c.0.10m thick; overlying lower topsoil (1101), grey-yellow-brown silt c.0.25m thick; subsoil (1102), grey-yellow-brown silt up to 0.10m thick; and the banded grey-yellow stone and shillet within clay natural.

A single feature [1104] was located in the north-east corner of the area (Figure 12). It was a sinuous possible ditch terminus broadly orientated east to west, turning slightly to the north at its eastern end. It was identified for a length of 4m and measured 2m wide and 0.30m deep with moderate to steep sloping sides and slightly concave base. It contained four fills: (1105), brown clay; (1106), brown-grey clay; (1107), grey-brown clay; and (1108), grey clay. No finds were recovered from this feature.

2.3.8 AREA 12

Area 12 was located towards the south-west corner of the site and comprised a roughly sub-rectangular area orientated approximately north-west to south-east and measuring 16.50m×18m (Figures 2, 5). It was initially stripped of turf, the eastern 11m stripped to a depth of up to 0.30m (at the deepest northern end), a series of foundation trenches subsequently being excavated for an additional depth of c.0.65m. The line of evaluation trench 04 ran through this area.

The stratigraphic matrix comprised: topsoil (1200), yellow-grey-brown silt up to 0.14m thick; overlying lower topsoil (1201), grey-yellow-brown silt c.0.24m thick; and the natural yellow and brown-grey shillet and stone within clay.

A total of three features were identified: [1208], [1210], [1215], and [1219] (Figure 12). Post-hole [1207] was a sub-circular feature located mid-way along the western edge of the deeper strip. It measured 0.36m in diameter and 0.36m deep with near vertical sides and flat base. It contained a single fill: (1208), grey-brown clay-silt. No finds were recovered from this feature.

Feature [1210] was located towards the south-eastern corner of the area. It was only identified within the southern-most foundation trench and measured 1.84m wide and 0.40m deep with irregular moderately sloping sides and concave base. It contained four fills: (1211), (1212) and (1214) grey-brown silt-clays; and (1213), mixed grey-brown and yellow-brown silt-clay. This feature was not fully exposed during the works and it is unclear whether it was a discrete sub-oval feature; or part of a longer linear feature. No finds were recovered from this feature.

To the immediate west of [1210], feature [1215] was similarly only identified in the southern-most foundation trench and measured 1.50m wide and 0.40m deep with moderate to steep sloping sides and slightly concave base. It contained three fills: (1215), grey-brown silt-clay; (1216), yellow-brown clay; and (1217), brown-grey silt-clay. This feature was not fully exposed during the works and it is unclear whether it was a discrete sub-oval feature; or part of a longer linear feature. No finds were recovered from this feature.

Located at the north-eastern corner of the area, feature [1219] was only identified in the northern-most foundation trench and measured 2.70m wide and 0.40m deep with moderate sloping sides and concave base. It contained five fills: (1220), (1223), and (1224), grey-brown silt-clays; (1221), brown-grey silt-clay; (1222), grey clay. This feature was not fully exposed during the works and it is unclear whether it was a discrete sub-oval feature; or part of a longer linear feature. No finds were recovered from this feature.

2.3.9 AREA 13

Area 13 was a series of linear cable trenches primarily orientated approximately north-north-west to south-south-east towards the centre of the site, measuring c.20×0.50m and excavated to a depth of c.0.80m, with spurs running to the east at the northern end (c.5m), and to the west from the centre (c.12m).

The stratigraphic matrix comprised: topsoil (1300), brown sand-silt 0.30m thick; overlying lower topsoil (1301), yellow-brown sand-silt 0.20-0.40m thick; a possible buried soil (1302), grey-brown clay-silt 0.10m thick; and the natural blue-grey shillet and stone within silt-clay.

A single feature [1304] was identified mid-way along the main trench, appearing to be orientated approximately east to west. It measured up to 1.40m wide and 0.60+m deep with a moderate sloping upper profile with vertical to near vertical lower edges. It contained three fills: (1305), brown sand-silt re-deposited topsoil; (1306), grey-brown silt; and (1307), black and grey-brown silt-clay.

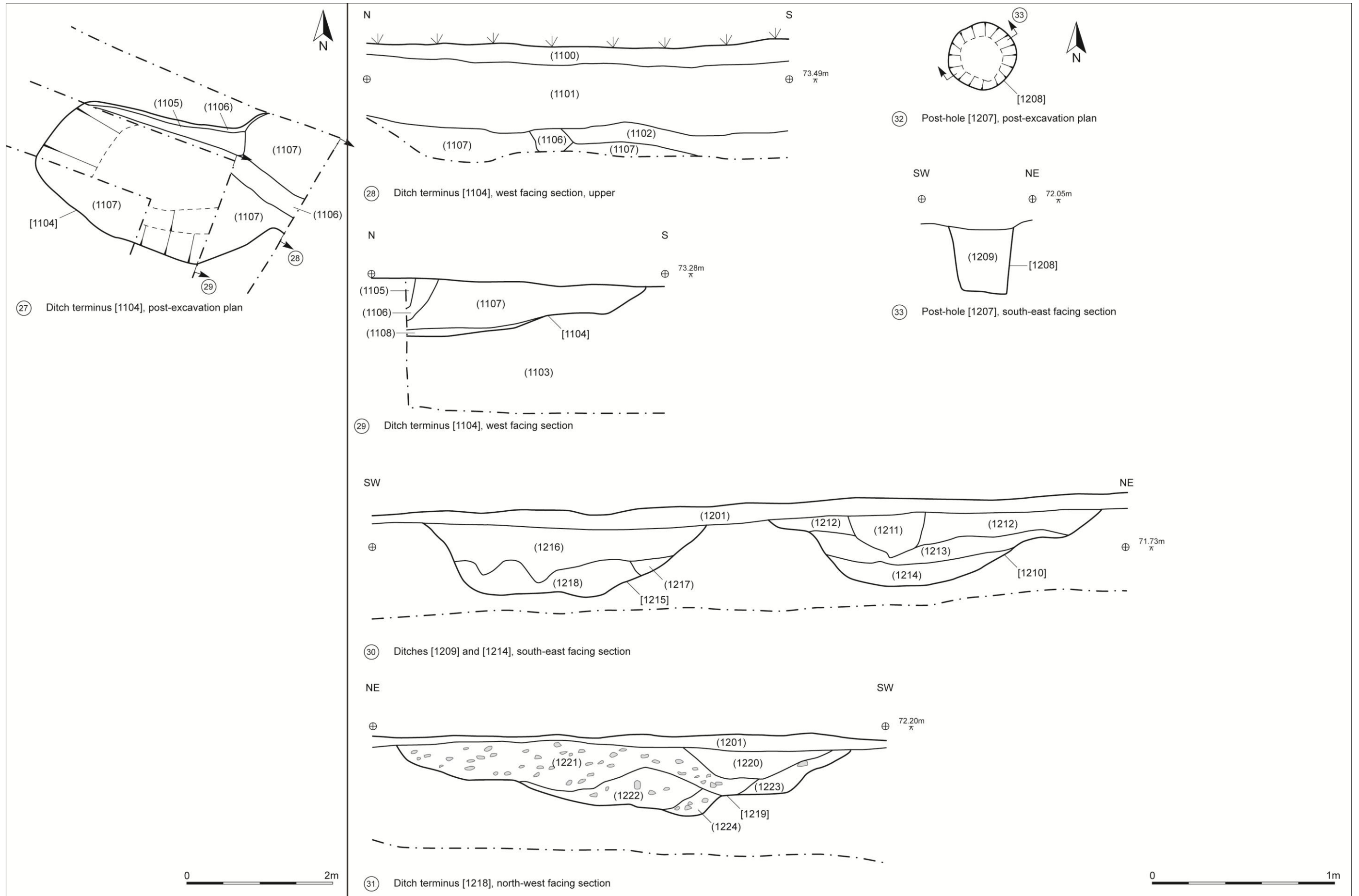


FIGURE 12: AREAS 11 AND 12, PLANS AND SECTIONS. HEIGHTS AT AOD.

2.4 FINDS

A moderate assemblage of finds was recovered from the monitoring, largely from the topsoil, and including pottery, clay pipe, glass, and building materials dating to the medieval and post-medieval periods. Finds were only recovered from one feature, the backfill of evaluation trench [1204].

Of the 283 sherds (2535g) of pottery recovered from the site, six sherds (89g) were medieval: ×4 sherds (25g) from topsoil (500), ×1 sherd (53g) from lower topsoil (601), and ×1 sherd from lower topsoil (801). The majority of the pottery recovered from the site was post-medieval North Devon Gravel Free wares, ×119 sherds (902g); and industrial wares ×132 sherds (586g) from topsoil layers (500) and (1000), including a large concentration towards the northern edge of Area 10.

A full finds concordance can be seen in Appendix 2.

2.5 DISCUSSION

The archaeological monitoring identified a series of linear and curvilinear ditches reflecting the medieval and later development of field systems surrounding Eastacombe. It broadly confirmed the results of the evaluation, with a number of additional features also identified, suggesting more intensive boundary coverage than had been indicated in the evaluation.

The majority of these ditches were of relatively similar character and morphology, a perpendicular pair of ditches [610]/[1004], (re-cut by [607]/[1014]); and [616] likely forming the corner of one field. Along with the more east to west aligned ditches of this group, parallel ditches [812]/[904]/[1018] and possible ditch terminus [1104], these align with the boundaries of the fields immediately surrounding the settlement of Eastacombe (Figure 13). Similarly, the approximate alignments of evaluation ditch [404] with [616], [1210], and [1215] follow those of boundaries depicted on the historic mapping, and it is likely that they formed part of the same field system, the position of termini indicating the likely location of entrances into the individual fields. Ditch [408] from the evaluation follows a straighter alignment than the other features, and is apparently aligned an existing fence boundary within the south-west corner of the site, and it is likely that it forms an earlier phase of this later boundary.

Only the substantial ditch [604]/[704]/[1011] (and [204] from the evaluation) located towards the north-eastern corner of the site is of a size and form unlike any of the other features on the site, suggesting that it may have performed a different function to the other ditches, particularly given it was seemingly curvilinear in plan. Whilst no artefacts were recovered from the feature, the evaluation indicated that it cut through a soil layer containing medieval pottery implying that it is later in date. However, this may date to the final phase or re-use of the feature, which may have been earlier in origin. The repetition of the *Burrow* field name on the tithe award for the development site and the two fields to the immediate north (Webb 2015) may suggest the presence of a hill-top enclosure/settlement and it is possible the this curvilinear ditch could form the southern boundary, extending into all three of the *Burrow* named fields.

The moderate size and domestic nature of the post-medieval finds assemblage reflects the presence of the nearby Ashleigh Farm. The medieval pottery recovered from the lower topsoil layers is likely to reflect the earlier more limited origins of this agricultural activity which appears to have become more substantial in the post-medieval period.

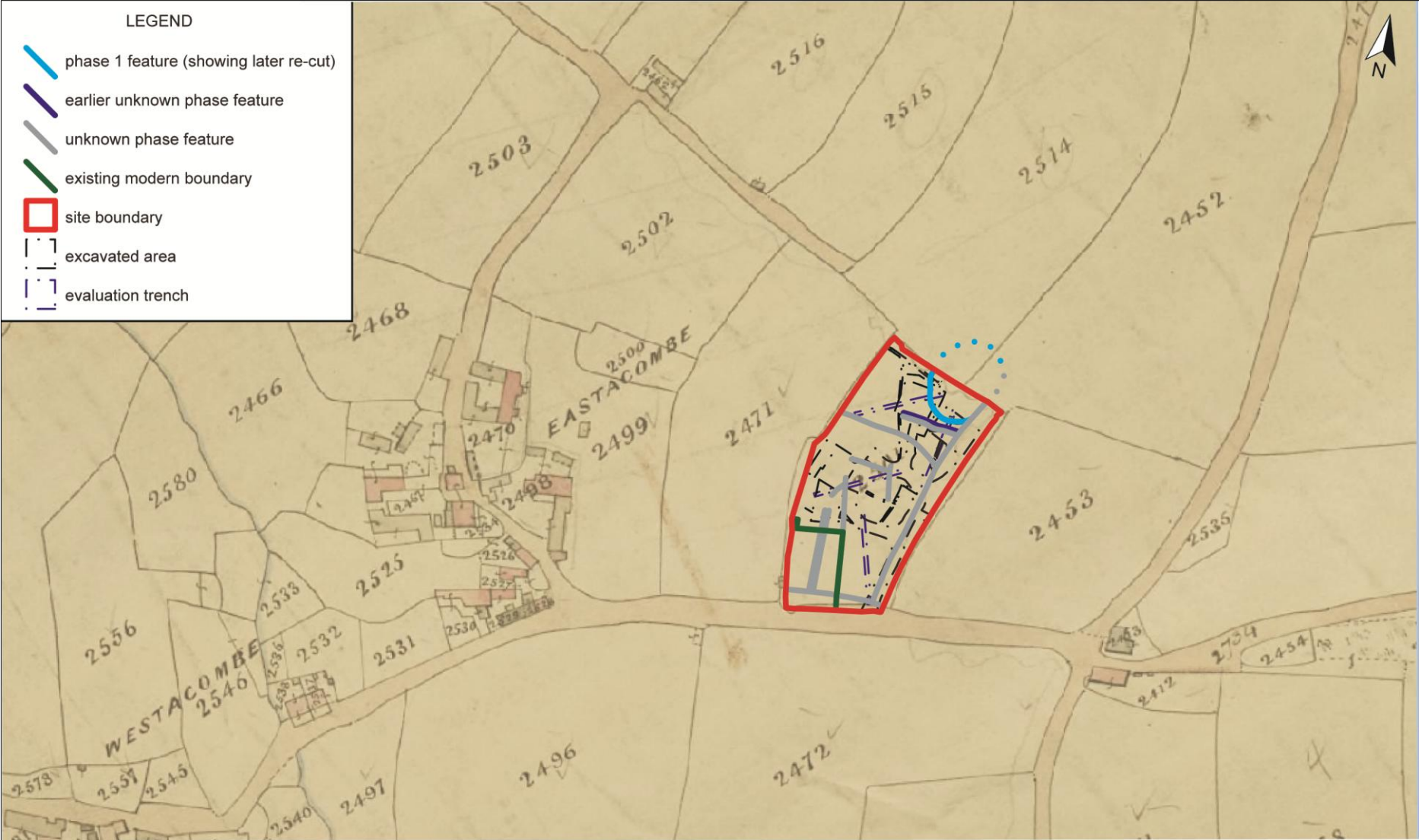


FIGURE 13: PROJECTED DITCH ALIGNMENTS OVERLAID ON 1842 TITHE MAP.

3.0 CONCLUSION

The archaeological monitoring identified a concentration of archaeological features, most of which are likely to be medieval or post-medieval in date and reflect changes in the historic field boundaries, though is likely to have incorporated earlier features which may have been associated with the possible prehistoric enclosure located to the south.

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APPENDIX 1: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

Context	Type	Description	Relationships	Extent: length x width x depth/thickness (m)	Spot date
AREA 05					
(500)	Layer	Topsoil/turf; mid-gray-brown friable slightly sandy silt-loam.	Overlies (501); same as (600)-(1300)	c.0.10m thick.	Modern
(501)	Layer	Topsoil; mid grey-brown friable slightly sandy silt-clay.	Overlies (502); overlain by (500); same as (601)-(1301)	c.0.15m thick.	-
(502)	Layer	Subsoil; mid brown-grey soft slightly sandy silty clay.	Overlain by (501); same as (602)-(1302)	c.0.05+m thick	-
AREA 06					
(600)	Layer	Topsoil/turf; mid grey-brown friable silt-loam.	Overlies (601); same as (500)-(1300)	c.0.18m thick.	Modern
(601)	Layer	Topsoil; mid slightly grey-brown slightly sandy silt-clay, friable.	Overlain by (600); overlies (602); same as (501)-(1301)	c.0.20m thick.	-
(602)	Layer	Subsoil; dark grey-brown soft-friable silt clay.	Overlain by (601); overlies (603); same as (502)-(1302)	Up to c.0.22m thick	-
(603)	Layer	Natural; compacted blue-grey shillet, banded with yellow compact shillet.	Overlain by (602); same as (503)-(1303)	-	-
[604]	Cut	Linear Ditch; orientated approximately east-west. Measures 1.20m wide and 0.66m deep with moderate sloping sides and concave base.	Cuts (603); filled by (605), (606)	0.66m deep	-
(605)	Fill	Upper fill of Ditch [604]; dark brown-grey friable clay silt with occasional sub-angular stone.	Fill of [604]; overlain by (602)	c.0.66m thick	-
(606)	Fill	Basal fill of Ditch [604]; compacted dark grey-brown clay silt with common-frequent sub-angular stone.	Fill of [604]; overlain by (602), (605)	c.0.20m thick	-
[607]	Cut	Linear Ditch; oriented approximately north-east to south-west. Measures 0.70m wide and 0.40m deep with steep south side, moderate north side, with a flat base.	Cuts (603); filled by (608), (609), (619); cut by [610]	0.40m deep	-
(608)	Fill	Upper fill of Ditch [607]; compacted mid-brown soft silt-clay with abundant sub-angular stone.	Fill of [607]; overlies (609); overlain by (609)	c.0.08m thick	-
(609)	Fill	Basal fill of Ditch [607]; dark grey-brown soft clay with occasional sub-angular stone.	Fill of [607]; overlain by (608)	c.0.16m thick	-
[610]	Cut	Linear Ditch; oriented approximately north-east to south-west. Measures 1.20m wide and 0.40m deep with moderate sloping sides and a concave base.	Cuts (603), (608); filled by (611), (612)	0.40m deep	-
(611)	Fill	Upper fill of Ditch [610]; dark black brown friable-soft silt-clay with abundant-occasional shillet fragments.	Fill of [610]; overlies (612); overlain by (602)	Up to 0.30m thick	-
(612)	Fill	Initial fill of Ditch [610]; dark brown friable silt.	Fill of [610]; overlain by (602), (611)	Up to 0.40m thick	-
[613]	Cut	Linear Ditch; oriented approximately north-east to south-west. Measures 1.50m wide and 0.43m deep with moderate sloping sides and a concave base.	Cuts (603); filled by (614), (615) Same as [604]	0.43m deep	-
(614)	Fill	Upper fill of Ditch [613]; dark grey-black-brown soft silt-clay with abundant small angular stone inclusions.	Fill of [613]; overlain by (602) Same as (605)	c.0.38m thick	-
(615)	Fill	Basal fill of Ditch [613]; mid blue-grey compacted silt-clay with abundant-common sub-angular stone.	Fill of [613]; overlain by (602), (614) Same as (606)	Up to 0.13m thick	-
[616]	Cut	Linear ditch; orientated approximately north-north-west to south-south-east. Measures 1.26m wide and 0.34m deep with moderate to steep sloping sides and slightly concave base.	Cuts (603); filled by (617), (618)	0.34m deep	-
(617)	Fill	Upper fill of Ditch [616]; mid-light grey soft silt-clay with frequent red-yellow clay and stone inclusions.	Fill of [616]; overlies (618); overlain by (602)	0.20m thick	-
(618)	Fill	Lower fill of Ditch [616]; dark brown soft silt-clay.	Fill of [616]; overlain by (617)	0.18m thick	-
(619)	Fill	Upper fill of Ditch [607]; dark grey-brown friable-soft silt-clay with abundant-occasional shillet fragments.	Fill of [607]; overlies (608); overlain by (601)	Up to 0.30m thick	-
AREA 07					

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(700)	Layer	Topsoil/turf; mid grey-brown soft friable clay-silt-loam.	Overlies (701); same as (500)-(1300)	c.0.10m thick	Modern
(701)	Layer	Topsoil; mid grey-brown friable-soft silt-clay.	Overlain by (700); overlies (702), (703); same as (501)-(1301)	c.0.20m thick	-
(702)	Layer	Subsoil; mid brown-grey friable-soft silt-clay, only present towards east end of the trench.	Overlain by (701); overlies (703); same as (502)-(1302)	Up to 0.18m thick	-
(703)	Layer	Natural; yellow-brown to grey and black shillet and bedrock.	Overlain by (702); same as (503)-(1303)	-	-
[704]	Cut	Probable Linear Ditch; orientated approximately north-south. Measures 2.96m wide and 0.76m deep with moderate to steep sloping sides with very slightly concave base.	Cuts (703); filled by (705), (706), (707), (708)	0.76m deep	-
(705)	Fill	Upper fill of Ditch [704]; dark grey soft silt-clay with frequent sub-angular stone.	Fill of [704]; overlain by (702); overlies (706)	0.16m thick	-
(706)	Fill	Intermediate fill of Ditch [704]; light grey soft silt-clay with abundant sub-angular stone.	Fill of [704]; overlain by (705); overlies (707)	c.0.16m thick	-
(707)	Fill	Intermediate fill of Ditch [704]; dark grey-brown loose friable-soft silt-clay with abundant sub-angular stone.	Fill of [704]; overlain by (706); overlies (708)	Up to 0.20m thick	-
(708)	Fill	Basal fill of Ditch [704]; sub-angular stone within a matrix of dark grey-brown friable-soft silt-clay.	Fill of [704]; overlain by (707)	Up to 0.30m thick	-
AREA 08					
(800)	Layer	Topsoil/turf; mid brown-grey soft silt-clay-loam.	Overlies (801); same as (500)-(1300)	c.0.12m thick	Modern
(801)	Layer	Backfill of evaluation trench; mid-brown-grey soft silt-clay.	Overlain by (800); overlies (802); same as (501)-(1301)	Up to 0.32m thick	-
(802)	Layer	Backfill of evaluation trench; mid brown-grey soft silt-clay.	Overlain by (801); overlies (803); same as (502)-(1302)	c.0.2m thick	-
(803)	Layer	Natural; banded blue-grey and yellow compacted shillet and silt-clay and bedrock.	Overlain by (802); same as (503)-(1303)	-	-
[804]	Cut	Evaluation Trench; orientated approximately north-south. Vertical sides and flat base.	Cuts [811]; filled by (805), (806), (807), (808), (809), (810)	-	-
(805)	Fill	Upper backfill of Trench [804]; mid brown-grey friable-soft-silt-clay.	Fill of [804]; overlain by (801); overlies (806), (807), (808), (809)	Up to 0.22m thick	-
(806)	Fill	Re-deposited natural Backfill of [804]; yellow-white-red compacted stone and silt-clay.	Fill of [804]; overlain by (805); overlies (807)	Up to 0.10m thick	-
(807)	Fill	Backfill of Trench [804]; dark brown soft friable clay-silt with abundant sub-angular stone.	Fill of [804]; overlain by (805), (806); overlies (808)	Up to 0.30m thick	-
(808)	Fill	Backfill of Trench [804]; dark grey-brown soft friable silt-clay with abundant sub-angular stone.	Fill of [804]; overlain by (801), (805); overlies (809), (810)	Up to 0.52m thick	-
(809)	Fill	Re-deposited natural Backfill of [804]; yellow-white stone and silt-clay.	Fill of [804]; overlain by (805), (807), (808)	c.0.35m thick	-
(810)	Fill	Backfill of [804]; very dark grey-brown friable silt-clay with abundant sub-angular stone.	Fill of [804]; overlain by (808)	c.0.08m thick	-
[811]	Cut	Linear Ditch; orientated approximately north-west to south-east. Measures 1.40m wide and 0.20m deep with moderate to steep sides and flat base. Feature slot excavated during evaluation.	Cuts (803); cut by [804]	0.20m deep	-
[812]	Cut	Linear Ditch; orientated approximately north-west to south-east. Measures 0.60m wide and 0.38m deep with steep sides and very slightly concave base.	Cuts (803); filled by (813), (814)	0.38m deep	-
(813)	Fill	Upper fill of Ditch [812]; very dark grey-brown friable silt-clay with abundant sub-angular stone.	Fill of [812]; overlain by (802); overlies (814)	Up to 0.36m thick	-
(814)	Fill	Basal fill of Ditch [812]; mid grey-brown soft silt-clay.	Fill of [812]; overlain by (813)	Up to 0.04m thick	-
AREA 09					
(900)	Layer	Topsoil/turf; mid brown friable silt.	Overlies (901); same as (500)-(1300)	c.0.14m thick	Modern
(901)	Layer	Topsoil; mid grey-yellow-brown friable silt.	Overlies (902), (907); overlain by (900); same as (501)-(1301)	c.0.36m thick	-
(902)	Layer	Subsoil; mid brown-grey soft silt-clay. Intermittent layer.	Overlies (903); overlain by (901); same as (502)-(1302)	c.0.16m thick	-
(903)	Layer	Natural; banded red-brown, yellow-white, and brown black angular stone and shillet within compacted silts and clays.	Overlain by (902); cut by [904]; same as (503)-(1303)	-	-
[904]	Cut	Linear ditch; orientated approximately north-west to south-east. Measures 1.20m wide and 0.50m	Cuts (903); filled by (905), (906)	0.50m deep	-

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		deep with undulating moderate sloping sides and undulating concave base.			
(905)	Fill	Upper fill of Ditch [904]; compacted red-brown silt and clay-silt with frequent sub-angular stone inclusions.	Fill of [904]; overlies (906); overlain by (907)	0.30m thick	-
(906)	Fill	Lower fill of Ditch [904]; dark brown-grey-black friable compacted clay-silt with occasional sub-angular stone.	Fill of [904]; overlain by (905)	c.0.45m thick	-
(907)	Layer	Spread over ditch [904]; mid-dark brown friable clay-silt with black-brown compacted silt-clay, with common sub-angular stone. Spread of possible re-deposited material/bank make-up over ditch.	Overlies (905); overlain by (901)	Up to 0.20m thick	-
AREA 10					
(1000)	Layer	Topsoil/turf; mid grey-brown friable slightly clay-silt.	Overlies (1001); same as (500)-(1300)	c.0.22m thick	Modern
(1001)	Layer	Topsoil; mid-light grey-yellow-brown friable silt.	Overlies (1002); overlain by (1000); same as (501)-(1301)	Up to 0.22m thick	-
(1002)	Layer	Subsoil; mid grey-brown compacted friable silt with abundant sub-angular stone. Intermittent layer. Only present towards the north.	Overlies (1003); overlain by (1001); same as (502)-(1302)	Up to 0.18m thick	-
(1003)	Layer	Natural; yellow-grey-white compacted stone and shillet in clay.	Overlain by (1002); same as (503)-(1003)	-	-
[1004]	Cut	Linear ditch; orientated approximately east to west. Measures 0.50m wide and 0.14m deep with shallow to steep sloping sides and uneven concave base.	Cuts (1003); filled by (1010)	0.14m deep	-
(1005)	Layer	Spread over Ditches [1004], [1020]; mid grey-brown compacted gritty friable silt.	Overlies (1006); overlain by (1001)	0.14m thick	-
(1006)	Layer	Natural; compacted yellow and grey clay-silt with frequent angular stone inclusions.	Overlies (1007); overlain by (1005)	c.0.10m thick	-
(1007)	Deposit	Root disturbance; dark brown friable silt with occasional angular stone.	Overlies (1008); overlain by (1006)	Up to 0.10m thick	-
(1008)	Layer	Natural; compacted yellow and grey clay-silt with frequent angular stone inclusions.	Overlies (1009); overlain by (1007)	Up to 0.06m thick	-
(1009)	Deposit	Root disturbance; dark brown friable silt with occasional angular stone.	Overlies (1003); overlain by (1008)	c.0.10m thick	-
(1010)	Fill	Fill of Ditch [1004]; dark grey-brown friable silt with common small sub-angular stone.	Fill of [1004]; overlain by (1005)	c.0.14m thick	-
[1011]	Cut	Curvilinear ditch; orientated approximately north-west to south-east. Measures 1.15m wide and 0.68m deep with moderate to steep sloping sides and concave base.	Cuts [1002]; filled by (1012), (1013)	0.68m deep	-
(1012)	Fill	Upper fill of Ditch [1011]; dark brown friable-soft silt-clay with frequent sub-angular stone inclusions.	Fill of [1011]; overlies (1013); overlain by (1001)	Up to 0.34m thick	-
(1013)	Fill	Lower fill of Ditch [1011]; light-mid white-grey compacted-soft silt-clay with common sub-angular stone.	Fill of [1011]; overlain by (1012)	Up to 0.34m thick	-
[1014]	Cut	Linear ditch; orientated approximately north-east to south-west. Measures 0.90m wide and 0.22m deep with moderate sloping sides and concave base.	Cuts (1017); filled by (1015)	0.22m deep	-
(1015)	Fill	Fill of Ditch [1014]; mid brown soft-friable clay-silt with occasional sub-angular stone.	Fill of [1014]; overlain by (1001); same as (1007)	0.22m thick	-
[1016]	Cut	Linear ditch; orientated approximately north-east to south-west. Measures 0.80+m wide and 0.35m deep with moderate sloping sides and concave base.	Cuts (1003); filled by (1017); same as [1004]	0.35m deep	-
(1017)	Fill	Fill of Ditch [1016]; dark brown compacted friable clay-silt with frequent angular and sub-angular stone inclusions.	Fill of [1016]; cut by [1014]; same as (1010)	0.35m thick	-
[1018]	Cut	Linear ditch; orientated approximately west-north-west to east-south-east. Measures 1m wide and 0.10m deep with moderate to shallow sloping sides and slightly concave base.	Cuts (1003); filled by (1019)	0.10m deep	-
(1019)	Fill	Fill of Ditch [1018]; mid-dark grey-brown friable clay-silt with occasional sub-angular stone inclusions.	Fill of [1018]; overlain by (1001)	0.10m thick	-
[1020]	Cut	Cut of pit/ditch, truncating (1010), fill of the Ditch [1004]	Cut of Ditch	c.0.15m	-
AREA 11					
(1100)	Layer	Topsoil/turf; dark-mid grey-brown friable silt.	Overlies (1101); same as (500)-(1300)	c.0.10m thick	Modern
(1101)	Layer	Lower topsoil; mid grey-yellow-brown friable silt.	Overlies (1102); overlain by (1100); same as (501)-(1301)	c.0.25m thick	-

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(1102)	Layer	Subsoil; compacted mid grey-yellow-brown friable silt with common sub-angular stone inclusions.	Overlies (1103); overlain by (1101)	c.0.10m thick	-
(1103)	Layer	Natural; yellow-grey-white compacted stone and shillet in clay.	Overlain by (1102)	-	-
[1104]	Cut	Sinuuous feature; orientated broadly east to west, turning at its eastern end towards the north. Exposed for a length of c.4m, measuring 2m wide and 0.30m deep with moderate to steep sloping sides and slightly concave base. Possible ditch terminus or tree throw.	Cuts (1102); filled by (1105), (1106), (1107), (1108)	0.30m deep	-
(1105)	Fill	Upper fill of Feature [1104]; light brown soft clay with abundant sub-angular stone.	Fill of [1104]; overlies (1106); overlain by (1101)	c.0.16m thick	-
(1106)	Fill	Fill of Feature [1104]; mid-dark brown-grey soft clay with abundant sub-angular stone. Mixed with red-yellow angular stone and silt-clay.	Fill of [1104]; overlies (1107); overlain by (1105)	c.0.25m thick	-
(1107)	Fill	Fill of Feature [1104]; dark grey-brown soft clay with abundant sub-angular and angular stone inclusions.	Fill of [1104]; overlies (1108); overlain by (1106)	c.0.25m thick	-
(1108)	Fill	Basal fill of Feature [1104]; light grey soft clay with abundant sub-angular stone inclusions.	Fill of [1104]; overlain by (1107)	c.0.05m thick	-
AREA 12					
(1200)	Layer	Topsoil/turf; mid yellow-grey-brown friable silt.	Overlies (1201); same as (500)-(1300)	Up to 0.14m thick	Modern
(1201)	Layer	Lower topsoil; mid-light grey-yellow-brown compacted friable silt.	Overlies (1203); overlain by (1200); same as (501)-(1301)	c.0.24m thick	-
(1202)	Layer	Subsoil – not present in this area.	-	-	-
(1203)	Layer	Natural – yellow-grey-white and brown-grey shillet and angular stone with clay.	Overlain by (1201); same as (503) – (1303)	-	-
[1204]	Cut	Evaluation Trench; orientated approximately north-east to south-west. Exposed for a length of 18m. Measures up to 1.90m wide and 0.40m deep with vertical sides and flat base.	Cuts (1201); filled by (1205), (1206), (1207)	0.40m deep	Modern
(1205)	Fill	Upper backfill of trench [1204]; mid grey-yellow-brown friable slightly clay-silt banded with mid grey-brown friable clay-silt.	Fill of [1204]; overlies (1207); overlain by (1200)	c.0.20m thick	Modern
(1206)	Fill	Lower backfill of trench [1204]; mid grey-brown friable silt.	Fill of [1204]; overlain by (1207)	c.0.18m thick	Modern
(1207)	Fill	Backfill within trench [1204]; mid grey-brown friable clay-silt.	Fill of [1204]; overlies (1206); overlain by (1205)	c.0.20m thick	Modern
[1208]	Cut	Post-hole; sub circular feature measuring 0.36m in diameter and 0.36m deep with near vertical sides and flat base.	Cuts (1203); filled by (1209)	0.36m deep	-
(1209)	Fill	Fill of post-hole [1208]; mid grey-brown soft-friable clay-silt.	Fill of [1208]; overlain by (1207)	0.36m deep	-
[1210]	Cut	Feature; appears to be orientated approximately north-north-east to south-south-west. Measures 1.84m wide and 0.40m deep with irregular moderately sloping sides and concave base. Not fully exposed. May be a discrete sub-oval feature (possible tree-throw?), or part of a longer linear feature.	Cuts (1203); filled by (1211), (1212), (1213), (1214)	0.40m deep	-
(1211)	Fill	Upper fill of Feature [1210]; dark grey-brown friable-soft silt-clay with frequent sub-angular stone inclusions.	Fill of [1210]; overlies (1212); overlain by (1201)	0.22m thick	-
(1212)	Fill	Fill of Feature [1210]; mid-dark grey-brown compacted and firm gritty silt-clay.	Fill of [1210]; overlies (1213); overlain by (1211)	Up to 0.16m thick	-
(1213)	Fill	Fill of Feature [1210]; mixed mid grey-brown and yellow-brown friable-soft silt-clay.	Fill of [1210]; overlies (1214); overlain by (1212)	Up to 0.14m thick	-
(1214)	Fill	Basal fill of Feature [1210]; mid grey-brown firm silt-clay.	Fill of [1210]; overlain by (1213)	c.0.12m thick	-
[1215]	Cut	Feature; appears to be orientated approximately north-north-west to south-south-east. Measures 1.50m wide and 0.40m deep with moderate to steep sloping sides and very slightly concave base. Not fully exposed. May be a discrete sub-oval feature (possible tree-throw?), or part of a longer linear feature.	Cuts (1203); filled by (1216), (1217), (1218)	0.40m deep	-
(1216)	Fill	Upper fill of Feature [1215]; light grey-brown firm silt-clay with common sub-angular stone.	Fill of [1215]; overlies (1217); overlain by (1201)	Up to 0.30m thick	-
(1217)	Fill	Fill of Feature [1215]; mid yellow-brown firm clay.	Fill of [1215]; overlies (1218); overlain by (1216)	c.0.08m thick	-

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(1218)	Fill	Basal fill of Feature [1215]; mid-dark brown-grey firm silt-clay with occasional sub-angular stone.	Fill of [1215]; overlain by (1217)	Up to 0.18m thick	-
[1219]	Cut	Feature; appear to be orientated approximately north to south. Measures 2.70m wide and 0.40m deep with undulating moderate sloping sides and irregular concave base.	Cuts (1203); filled by (1220), (1221), (1222), (1223), (1224)	0.40m deep	-
(1220)	Fill	Upper fill of Feature [1219]; mid-dark grey-brown soft silt-clay.	Fill of [1219]; overlies (1221); overlain by (1201)	c.0.13m thick	-
(1221)	Fill	Fill of Feature [1219]; dark brown-grey soft silt-clay with frequent-abundant sub-angular stone inclusions.	Fill of [1219]; overlies (1222); overlain by (1220)	Up to 0.25m thick	-
(1222)	Fill	Fill of Feature [1219]; light-mid grey soft clay with common grit and sub-angular stone inclusions.	Fill of [1219]; overlies (1223); overlain by (1221)	c.0.20m thick	-
(1223)	Fill	Fill of Feature [1219]; mid-dark grey-brown soft silt-clay mottled with red-yellow gritty silt-clay.	Fill of [1219]; overlies (1224); overlain by (1222)	c.0.12m thick	-
(1224)	Fill	Basal fill of Feature [1219]; light-mid grey-brown soft silt-clay with occasional sub-angular stone inclusions.	Fill of [1219]; overlain by (1223)	Up to 0.15m thick	-
AREA 13					
(1300)	Layer	Topsoil/turf; mid brown friable slightly sand-silt.	Overlies (1301); cut by [1304] same as (500)-(1200)	0.30m thick	Modern
(1301)	Layer	Topsoil; mid slightly yellow-brown friable gritty slightly sand-silt. Shallower towards the south.	Overlies (1302); overlain by (1300); same as (500) – (1201)	0.20-0.40m thick	-
(1302)	Layer	Possible buried soil; dark slightly grey-brown friable slightly clay-silt with moderate grit inclusions. Only present in the more downslope areas.	Overlies (1303); overlain by (1301)	c.0.10m thick	-
(1303)	Layer	Natural; blue-grey shillet and stone within blue-grey and yellow silt-clay.	Overlain by (1302)	-	-
[1304]	Cut	Modern drainage cut; linear feature orientated approximately east to west. Measures up to 1.40m wide (1m at the base, stepping out towards the top) and 0.60+m deep with moderate sloping sides to the top, vertical to near vertical lower edges. Not fully excavated. The topsoil is disturbed over the feature, possibly due to it being cut through the topsoil, but edges are difficult to define.	Cuts (1300); filled by (1305), (1306), (1307)	0.60+m deep	Modern
(1305)	Fill	Upper fill of drain cut [1304]; mid brown friable slightly sand-silt.	Fill of [1304]; overlies (1306)	c.0.26m thick	Modern
(1306)	Fill	Fill of drain cut [1304]; mid-dark grey-brown friable silt mixed with occasional lenses of black and grey-brown soft silt-clay.	Fill of [1304]; overlies (1307); overlain by (1305)	Up to 0.40m thick	Modern
(1307)	Fill	Fill of drain cut [1304]; black and dark grey-brown soft silt-clay mixed with occasional-rare patches of mid slightly yellow-brown friable slightly sand-silt.	Fill of [1304]; overlain by (1306)	0.50+m thick	Modern

[100] feature described in report

[100] modern service / evaluation trench and backfill / duplicated feature, amalgamated to a single number for main body of text

APPENDIX 2: FINDS CONCORDANCE

Context	POTTERY			CLAY PIPES			OTHER		
	Sherds	Wgt. (g)	Notes	Frgs.	Wgt. (g)	Notes	Frgs.	Wgt. (g)	Notes
500	2	4	Bristol and Staffordshire Yellow Slipware	7	24	Clay pipe, 1xbowl, 6xstem	2	111	Ceramic building material - brick
	4	25	Medieval coarseware				2	25	Glass - blue & green vessel glass
	44	750	North Devon Gravel Free pottery				1	9	Metal – iron nail
	1	7	Stoneware						
	1	<1	Sgraffito (17 th -18 th century)						
	15	205	White Refined Earthenware						
601	1	53	Medieval coarseware						
801	1	11	Medieval coarseware						
900	1	9	North Devon Gravel Free pottery				1	151	Ceramic building material - ceramic drain top?
							1	17	Glass - dark green body shard
1000	132	586	Industrial wares	1	4	Clay pipe stem	1	276	Ceramic building material - brick
	72	836	North Devon Gravel Free pottery				5	493	Ceramic building material - ceramic drain
	3	13	Red fabric, white slip "-ACOMBE"				1	74	Fe corroded object
	3	18	White Refined Earthenware						
1204	1	8	Embellished pottery	1	1	Clay pipe stem	1	4	Metal - d shaped pin
	2	7	North Devon Gravel Free pottery						
TOTAL	283	2535		9	29		15	1060	

APPENDIX 3: MONITORING SUPPORTING PHOTOGRAPHS



1. VIEW ACROSS SITE FROM SOUTH-WEST CORNER; VIEWED FROM THE SOUTH-WEST (NO SCALE).



2. AREA 05 MAIN SECTION STRIPPED AND STONED; VIEWED FROM THE SOUTH-WEST (1M & 2M SCALES).



3. AREA 05 SOUTHERN ARM STRIPPED AND STONED; VIEWED FROM THE EAST (1M & 2M SCALES).



4. AREA 05 EAST FACING SECTION; VIEWED FROM THE EAST (1M SCALE).



5. GENERAL SITE VIEW ACROSS AREA 06; VIEWED FROM THE NORTH-EAST (NO SCALE).



6. AREA 06 FOLLOWING MAIN SOIL STRIP; VIEWED FROM THE NORTH-EAST (1M & 2M SCALES).



7. AREA 06 FOLLOWING MAIN SOIL STRIP; VIEWED FROM THE NORTH-NORTH-WEST (1M & 2M SCALES).



8. DITCH [604], PRE-EXCAVATION; VIEWED FROM THE SOUTH-WEST (1M & 2M SCALES).



9. WORKING SHOT, EXCAVATION OF FOUNDATION TRENCHES WITHIN AREA 06; VIEWED FROM THE NORTH-WEST (NO SCALE).



10. DITCH [604], PRE-EXCAVATION; VIEWED FROM THE EAST (1M & 2M SCALES).



11. DITCH [604], EAST FACING SECTION, UPPER; VIEWED FROM THE EAST (1M SCALE).



12. DITCH [604], EAST FACING SECTION WEST FOUNDATION TRENCH, LOWER; VIEWED FROM THE EAST (1M SCALE).



13. DITCH [604], SOUTH-WEST FACING SECTION NORTH FOUNDATION TRENCH; VIEWED FROM THE SOUTH-WEST (2M SCALE).



14. DITCHES [607] AND [610], WEST FACING SECTION, WEST FOUNDATION TRENCH; VIEWED FROM THE WEST (1M SCALE).



15. DITCHES [607] AND [610], WEST FACING SECTION, MID FOUNDATION TRENCH; VIEWED FROM THE WEST (2M SCALE).



16. DITCH [616], SOUTH-WEST FACING SECTION, UPPER; VIEWED FROM THE SOUTH-WEST (2M SCALE).



17. DITCH [616], NORTH-EAST FACING SECTION, NORTH FOUNDATION TRENCH; VIEWED FROM THE NORTH-EAST (1M SCALE).



18. AREA 07, SOUTH-WEST FACING SECTION, OBLIQUE; VIEWED FROM THE WEST (2M SCALE).



19. AREA 07, SOUTH-WEST FACING SECTION, WEST END; VIEWED FROM THE SOUTH-WEST (2M SCALE).



20. DITCH [704], SOUTH-WEST FACING SECTION; VIEWED FROM THE SOUTH-WEST (1M & 2M SCALES).



21. DITCH [704], SOUTH-WEST FACING SECTION, OBLIQUE; VIEWED FROM THE SOUTH-SOUTH-EAST (1M & 2M SCALES).



22. DITCH [812], NORTH-WEST FACING SECTION; VIEWED FROM THE NORTH-WEST (1M SCALE).



23. DITCH [904], EAST FACING SECTION; VIEWED FROM THE EAST (1M SCALE).



24. DITCH [904], POST-EXCAVATION; VIEWED FROM THE SOUTH-EAST (1M SCALE).



25. AREA 09, POST-EXCAVATION, SOUTH END; VIEWED FROM THE SOUTH-EAST (2M SCALE).



26. AREA 09, NORTH-EAST FACING SECTION SHOWING NATURAL BANDING; VIEWED FROM THE NORTH-EAST (2M SCALE).



27. AREA 09, POST-EXCAVATION, NORTH END; VIEWED FROM THE SOUTH-EAST (2M SCALE).



28. MODERN DRAIN WITHIN AREA 09, MAIN SECTION; VIEWED FROM THE SOUTH-WEST (2M SCALE).



29. AREA 10, POST-EXCAVATION FOLLOWING MAIN SOIL STRIP; VIEWED FROM THE NORTH (1M & 2M SCALES).



30. AREA 10, POST-EXCAVATION FOLLOWING MAIN SOIL STRIP; VIEWED FROM THE NORTH-EAST (1M & 2M SCALES).



31. DITCH [1004], WEST-NORTH-WEST FACING SECTION; VIEWED FROM THE WEST-NORTH-WEST (1M SCALE).



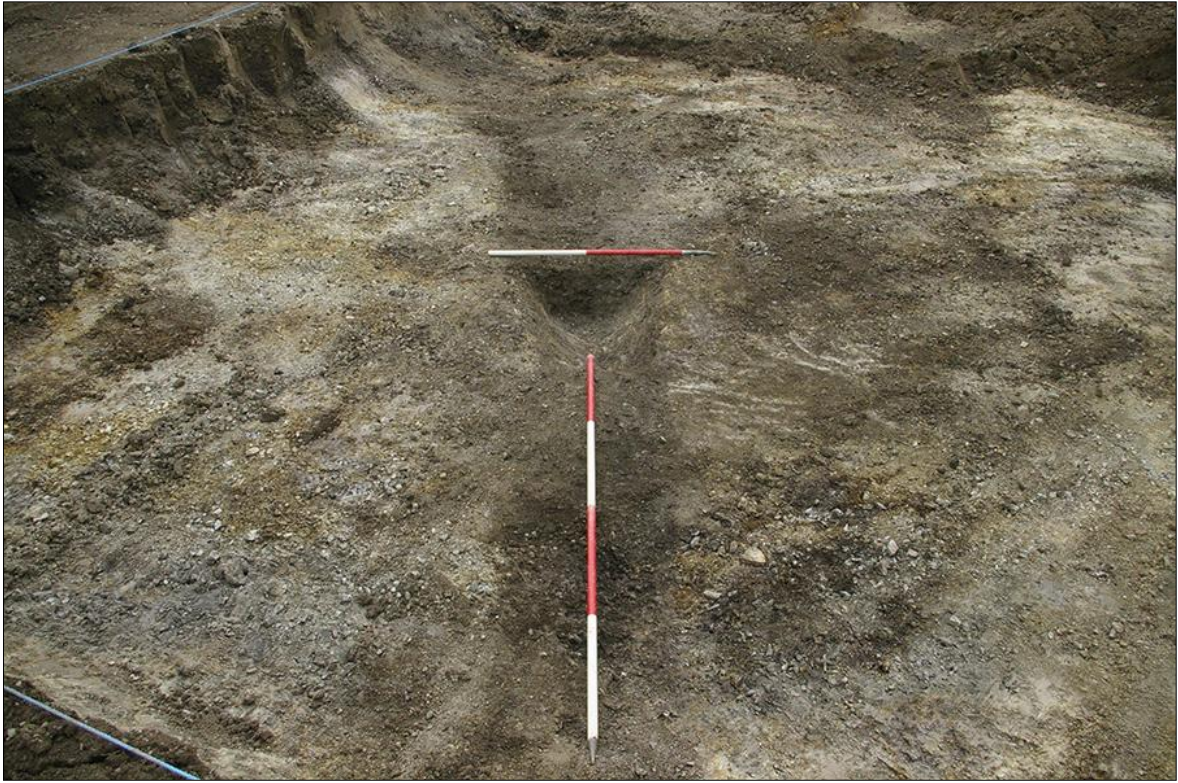
32. DITCHES [1004] AND [1014], NORTH-WEST FACING SECTION, MID FOUNDATION CUT; VIEWED FROM THE NORTH-WEST (1M SCALE).



33. DITCH [1011], PRE-EXCAVATION; VIEWED FROM THE NORTH-WEST (1M & 2M SCALES).



34. DITCH [1011], NORTH FACING SECTION; VIEWED FROM THE NORTH (1M SCALE).



35. DITCH [1011], POST-EXCAVATION; VIEWED FROM THE NORTH-NORTH-WEST (1M & 2M SCALES).



36. DITCH [1011], SOUTH FACING SECTION, UPPER; VIEWED FROM THE SOUTH (2M SCALE).



37. DITCH [1011], NORTH-WEST FACING SECTION, EAST FOUNDATION TRENCH; VIEWED FROM THE NORTH-WEST (2M SCALE).



38. DITCH [1018], WEST FACING SECTION; VIEWED FROM THE WEST (1M SCALE).



39. WORKING SHOT, AREA 11 MID-EXCAVATION; VIEWED FROM THE NORTH-EAST (1M & 2M SCALES).



40. AREA 11, POST-EXCAVATION FOLLOWING MAIN SURFACE STRIP; VIEWED FROM THE NORTH-EAST (1M & 2M SCALES).



41. AREA 11, POST-EXCAVATION FOLLOWING MAIN SURFACE STRIP; VIEWED FROM THE SOUTH-WEST (1M & 2M SCALES).



42. LINE OF EVALUATION TRENCH 04 WITHIN AREA 11; VIEWED FROM THE NORTH-EAST (1M & 2M SCALES).



43. AREA 11, POST-EXCAVATION, FOLLOWING FOUNDATION TRENCH EXCAVATION; VIEWED FROM THE NORTH-EAST (NO SCALE).



44. DITCH [1104], NORTH-WEST FACING SECTION, UPPER; VIEWED FROM THE NORTH-WEST (1M SCALE).



45. POSSIBLE DITCH TERMINUS [1104], NORTH-EAST FACING SECTIONS; VIEWED FROM THE NORTH-EAST (1M SCALE).



46. POSSIBLE DITCH TERMINUS [1104], POST-EXCAVATION; VIEWED FROM THE SOUTH-WEST (1M SCALE).



47. WORKING SHOT, AREA 12 MID-EXCAVATION; VIEWED FROM THE NORTH-WEST (NO SCALE).



48. AREA 12, POST-EXCAVATION; VIEWED FROM THE SOUTH (1M & 2M SCALES).



49. AREA 12, POST-EXCAVATION; VIEWED FROM THE SOUTH-WEST (1M & 2M SCALES).



50. AREA 12, POST-EXCAVATION; VIEWED FROM THE SOUTH-EAST (1M & 2M SCALES).



51. LINE OF EVALUATION TRENCH 04 WITHIN AREA 12; VIEWED FROM THE SOUTH-WEST (1M & 2M SCALES).



52. POST-HOLE [1208], POST-EXCAVATION; VIEWED FROM THE EAST (PART 1M SCALE).



53. AREA 12, POST-EXCAVATION, FOLLOWING EXCAVATION OF FOUNDATION TRENCHES; VIEWED FROM THE NORTH-EAST (NO SCALE).



54. POSSIBLE DITCHES [1210] AND [1215], SOUTH FACING SECTION; VIEWED FROM THE SOUTH (2M SCALE).



55. POSSIBLE DITCHES [1210] AND [1215], SOUTH FACING SECTION, OBLIQUE; VIEWED FROM THE SOUTH-EAST (2M SCALE).



56. POSSIBLE DITCH [1210], SOUTH FACING SECTION; VIEWED FROM THE SOUTH (1M SCALE).



57. POSSIBLE DITCH [1215], SOUTH FACING SECTION; VIEWED FROM THE SOUTH (1M SCALE).



58. POSSIBLE DITCH [1219], NORTH-WEST FACING SECTION; VIEWED FROM THE NORTH-WEST (2M SCALE).



59. AREA 13, POST-EXCAVATION, CENTRAL SECTION; VIEWED FROM THE SOUTH-SOUTH-WEST (2M SCALE).



60. AREA 13, POST-EXCAVATION, NORTH SECTION; VIEWED FROM THE SOUTH-EAST (2M SCALE).



61. AREA 13, POST-EXCAVATION, SOUTH SECTION SHOWING MODERN CUT WITHIN TOPSOIL LAYERS; VIEWED FROM THE SOUTH-EAST (2M SCALE).



62. AREA 13, NORTH-EAST FACING SECTION, NORTH SECTION OBLIQUE, SHOWING DETAIL OF MODERN SERVICES; VIEWED FROM THE NORTH-NORTH-EAST (2M SCALE).



63. MODERN DRAIN CUT [1304], WEST FACING SECTION; VIEWED FROM THE WEST (2M SCALE).



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