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### Note on a watching brief visit

**Site name:** Heathway, Featherstone Road, Wolverton Mill, Milton Keynes

**Site Code:** 502/WMH

**NGR:** SP 8025 4019

**Proposed development:** Industrial unit

**Date of fieldwork:** 12/07/2005

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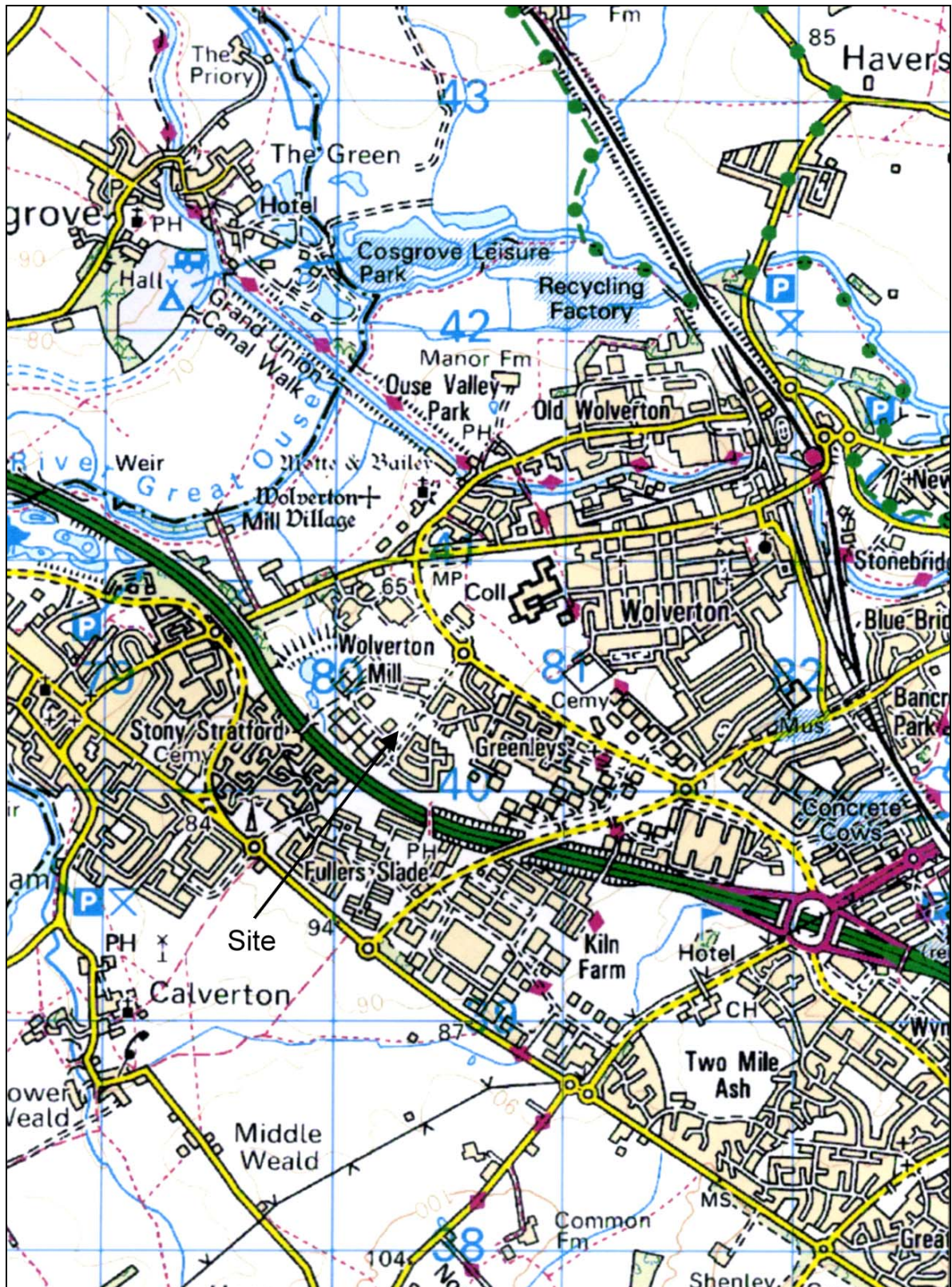
A new industrial unit is being erected at the junction of Featherstone Road and Ridgeway, Wolverton Mill, Milton Keynes.

The Milton Keynes Council Archaeologist considered it possible that prehistoric remains could be disturbed during the development and a standard Planning Policy Guidance note 16 condition was added to the planning consent. This condition required a watching brief to be commissioned to observe the insertion of the drainage runs.

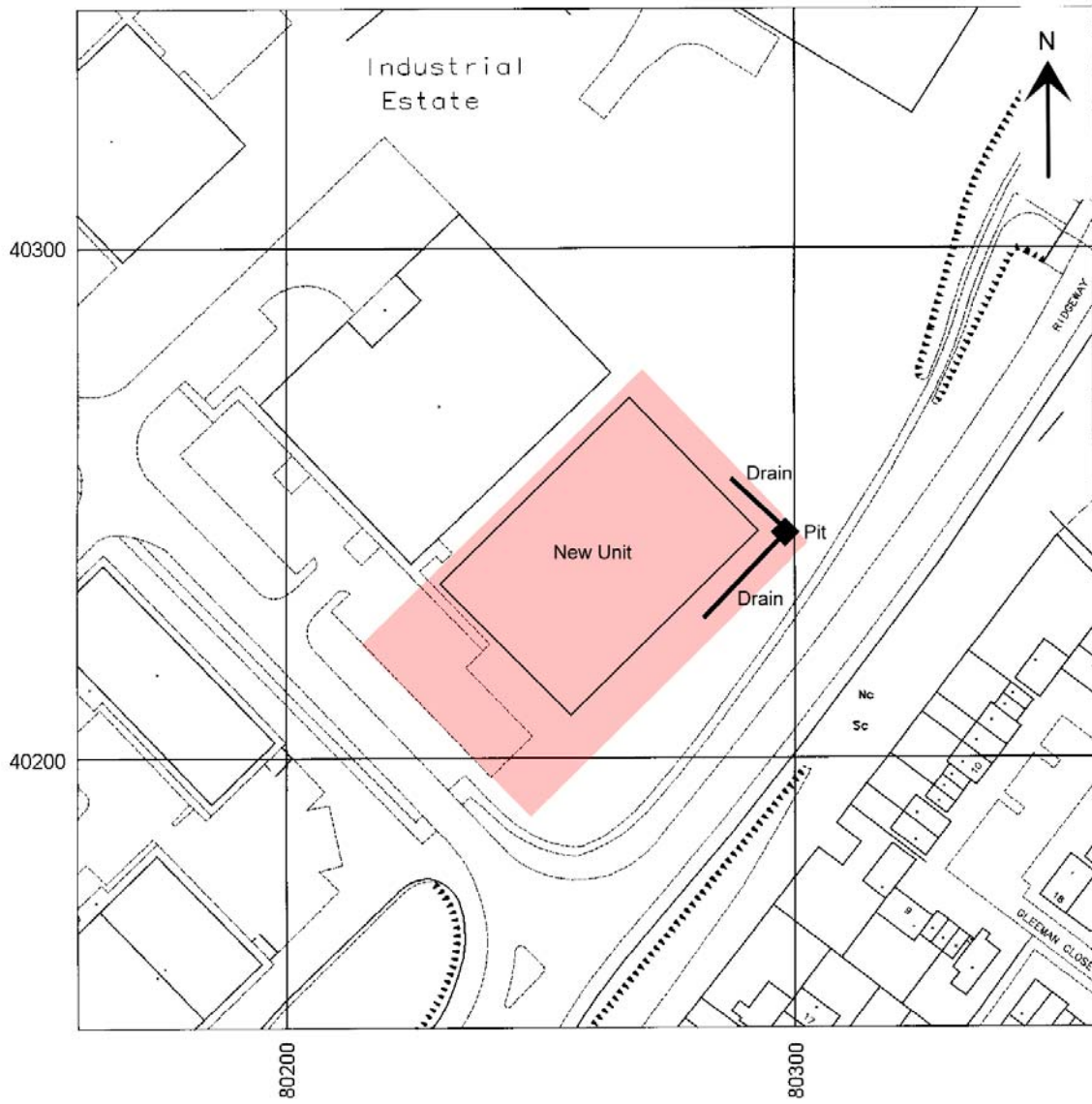
A single visit was made to the site on the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2005. It was observed that c.250mm of topsoil had been removed from the line of the drainage run exposing clean undisturbed yellow clay. Towards the NE corner of the site a length of drainage run and a 1.8m sq pit were examined during the visit. These cuts clearly demonstrated that the exposed clay was the natural subsoil of the area. The spoil heaps were also scanned for finds, but no evidence for previous occupation/ activity on the site was observed.



The natural soil profile observed in the pit



**Figure 1:** Site location (scale 1:25000)



**Figure 2:** Site plan (Scale 1:1250)