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Executive Summary

- Allen Archaeology Limited was commissioned by Landmark Planning Limited on behalf of A C Shropshire Limited to undertake an archaeological evaluation by trial trenching on land off Seine Lane in Enderby, to assist in the determination of an outline planning application.
- The site lies within an area of archaeological potential, close to finds spots of Roman and medieval date and within a landscape characterised by prehistoric and Romano-British enclosures. Geophysical survey on the site identified a low density of magnetic anomalies which may have had an archaeological origin.
- Nineteen trenches were excavated in the proposed development area in order to provide further
 information upon the nature and extent of the archaeological resource. Of the nineteen trenches,
 nine contained archaeological features consisting of possible medieval plough furrows, a culverted
 watercourse of probable post-medieval date, and field boundaries shown on historic mapping of the
 site. The remaining ten trenches proved to contain no archaeological features or deposits.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Allen Archaeology Limited (hereafter AAL) was commissioned by Landmark Planning Limited on behalf of A C Shropshire Limited to undertake an archaeological evaluation by trial trenching to support a planning application for a residential development on land off Seine Lane in Enderby, Leicestershire.
- 1.2 The excavating, recording and reporting conforms to current national guidelines, as set out in the Institute for Archaeologists 'Standard and guidance for archaeological field evaluations' (IfA 1999, revised 2001 and 2008), the English Heritage document 'Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment' (English Heritage 2006) and a specification prepared by this company (AAL 2012a). All appropriate English Heritage guidance on archaeological practice was also followed (www.helm.org/server/show/nav.7740).
- 1.3 The documentary and physical archive will be submitted to Leicestershire Museums, Arts and Records Service within six months of the completion of the project and will be stored under the Museum Accession Number X.A32.2013.

2.0 Site Location and Description

- 2.1 Enderby is located in Leicestershire approximately 7.5km to the southwest of the centre of Leicester, in the administrative district of Blaby District Council. The proposed development site itself (hereafter referred to as 'the site') is c.9.5 hectares and is centred 700m west of the historic core of Enderby, at NGR SP 5287 9946. The site is bordered by Seine Lane which curves around the northwest and northeastern edges of the site, a disused railway borders to the southeast and a hedgeline along the southwestern edge of the site. Part of the site extends southwestwards to Forest Road.
- 2.2 The bedrock geology comprises Edwalton Member Mudstone, overlain by Oadby Member Diamicton mixed Cretaceous and Jurassic rock fragments with subordinate lenses of sand and gravel, clay and silt (http://mapapps.bgs.ac.uk/geologyofbritain/home.html). The site is flat and lies at c.96m OD.

3.0 Planning Background

- 3.1 An outline planning application was submitted to Blaby District Council for a residential development of a maximum of 244 dwellings with associated landscaping and public open space (Reference 12/08231/1/OX). As part of the application, an archaeological desk-based assessment was carried out, indicating the site had a moderate potential for archaeological remains to be present on the site (AAL 2012b).
- 3.2 Due to the archaeological potential of the site, it was requested that a programme of archaeological evaluation, consisting of a geophysical survey and subsequent trial trenching be undertaken prior to determination of the application. The geophysical survey was completed and identified a number of features of possible archaeological origin (AAL 2012c). Subsequently, trial trenching was undertaken in order to provide further information upon the nature and extent of the archaeological resource.

3.3 The approach adopted is consistent with the recommendations of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), with the particular chapter of relevance being 'Chapter 12: Conserving and enhancing the historic environment' (Department for Communities and Local Government 2012). The approach is also consistent with Policy CE 1 of the Blaby District Local Plan.

4.0 Archaeological and Historical Background

- 4.1 A preceding desk-based assessment identified the site as being of archaeological interest (AAL 2012b), particularly for the later prehistoric and Roman periods, with cropmark evidence of possible settlement and agriculture, as well as numerous finds scatters of this date being identified near to the site. A single Roman coin and two Elizabethan coins have also previously been discovered on the site itself.
- 4.2 A geophysical survey by magnetometry was undertaken by Allen Archaeology on the site in November 2012, revealing a number of anomalies of potential archaeological interest (AAL 2012c). These included several circular and linear anomalies, although a number of the features were noted on former mapping for the site.

5.0 Methodology

- 5.1 A strategy for the trial trenching was agreed with the Senior Planning Archaeologist at Leicestershire County Council Historic and Natural Environment Team, comprising nineteen trenches, each measuring 50m long by 1.8m wide (see Figure 2). The trenches were located on site using a Leica GS08 RTK Net Rover GPS, receiving RTK corrections. The fieldwork was carried out by a team of experienced field archaeologists supervised by the author, between Monday 25th February and Friday 1st March 2013.
- 5.2 Each trench was excavated using a tracked mechanical excavator fitted with a 1.8m wide toothless bucket. In each trench, topsoil, subsoil and underlying non-archaeological deposits were removed in spits no greater than 0.1m until the natural geology or first archaeological horizon was exposed. All further excavation was then undertaken by hand.
- 5.3 A full written record of the archaeological deposits was made on standard AAL context recording sheets. Archaeological features and deposits were drawn to scale, in plan and section (at scales 1:50). Photography formed an integral part of the recording strategy. All photographs incorporated scales, with an identification board and directional arrow, and a selection of these images has been included in Appendix 1.
- 5.4 Each deposit, layer or cut was allocated a three digit unique identifier (context number), and accorded a written description, a summary of these are included in Appendix 3. Three digit numbers within square brackets represent cut features (e.g. ditch [103]).

6.0 Results

6.1 Negative Trenches (Figure 3)

6.1.1 Trenches 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 13, 15, 16, 17 and 19 contained no archaeological features. In all these trenches the sequence was the same with topsoil varying between 0.3m and 0.4m in

thickness overlying an intermittent light yellow brown silty clay subsoil up to 0.2m thick. This overlay the natural geology which consisted of a variable pink/red/brown clay with patches of gravel and sand.

6.2 Trench 4 (Figure 4)

6.2.1 Directly below the topsoil 400, two probable furrows were revealed, [403] and [405], approximately 15m apart, running on a northeast to southwest alignment. Both were cut into the subsoil 401 and were c.0.9m wide and up to 0.2m deep, with a shallow profile, and contained similar undated silting deposits, 404 and 406. Neither was apparent in the geophysical survey results.

6.3 Trench 6 (Figure 5)

- 6.3.1 Trench 6 contained a furrow [605] which was 1m wide and 0.15m deep and running in a northeast to southwest direction, towards the north end of the trench.
- 6.3.2 At the southern end of Trench 6 was a ditch, [609] which ran in an east-northeast to west-southwest direction and corresponds with the course of a field boundary marked on early Ordnance Survey mapping and also identified during the geophysical survey (AAL 2012c). The ditch was 1.1m wide and 0.56m deep and showed signs of being recut by ditch [612] indicating periodic maintenance. A remnant of the primary silting of ditch [609], 610, contained creamware and whitewares dating from the 19th to 20th centuries. The silting of recut [612], 613, also contained pottery dating from the 19th to 20th centuries, a fragment of chemist bottle and a clay pipe stem dating from the 19th century. This ditch was also recorded in Trench 7 as cut [703].
- 6.3.3 Trench 6 also contained two features which were interpreted as being of natural origin, a narrow curvilinear feature which represents an animal burrow [607] and a shallow tree bole [603].

6.4 Trench 7 (Figure 6)

- 6.4.1 The field boundary observed in Trench 6 was also observed in Trench 7 as [703] and here was 1m wide and 0.6m deep. This was also recut as [706], which again probably represents maintenance of the field boundary. Two silting deposits in ditch [703], 704 and 705, contained no finds although the silting of the recut, 707, produced two sherds of 19th to 20th century creamware.
- 6.4.2 Towards the southern end of Trench 7 was a broad linear feature [708] which was also observed in Trenches 8, 9 and 11 (cuts [803], [903] and [1107] respectively) and corresponds with a sinous linear anomaly running the width of the site in the geophysical survey (AAL 2012c). The nature of the feature suggests that it represents a natural watercourse that has been managed and controlled over time. [708] was c.3.7m wide and 0.6m deep although the northern edge was obscured by a land drain. The southern edge had a stepped profile, which suggests that the watercourse was maintained to a certain degree. Two silting deposits were identified, 710 and 711, which both consisted of silty clays and were devoid of finds. The silting deposits had only partially filled the channel before the insertion of a culvert 712 which

was contained with a vertical construction cut [714], backfilled with silty clay 713. The culvert was built of stone and consisted of two rows of flanking stones capped with larger flat stones and measured 0.4m wide and 0.15m high. This was sealed by a further silting event 709, which contained an 18th to 19th century sherd of pottery, window glass and a fragment of slag.

6.5 Trench **8** (Figure 7)

- 6.5.1 The channel in Trench 7 continued through Trench 8, where it was recorded as [803]. Here the channel was 4.4m wide, 0.45m deep and contained two silting deposits, 804 and 805. 804 contained a single sherd of 18th to 19th century pottery and a fragment of late 18th to 19th century clay pipe. The stone culvert, 810, was inserted through the silting and was contained within a steep sided construction cut, [809], backfilled with a mid dark brown sandy silt 806. The culvert itself was of similar construction to Trench 7 and was 0.35m wide and 0.2m high. There was no evidence for further silting as in Trench 7 or that this section of the channel had been recut.
- 6.5.2 At the northern end of Trench 8 was a further linear [807] which was 0.75m wide and 0.2m deep. The fill, 808, contained a single sherd of 19th to 20th century pottery and a fragmentary base of an 18th to 19th century wine bottle. The linear ran north-northwest to south-southeast and corresponds to a field boundary marked on early Ordnance Survey mapping and identified in the geophysical survey (AAL 2012c). The boundary was also observed in Trench 12 as [1203].

6.6 Trench **9** (Figure 8)

6.6.1 The channel observed in Trenches 7 and 8 also continued into Trench 9 as [903] where it was the only feature exposed. Here the channel was 5m wide and 0.45m deep and also contained two silting deposits, 908 and 904, which had again partially silted the channel before the stone culvert 907 was inserted. Fill 904 contained a single sherd of late 18th to 19th century creamware. The stone culvert was contained within steep sided cut [905] and was again constructed of two rows of stone capped with larger stones. A section through the culvert revealed that it was partially filled by a silty clay 909 which was only 0.03m thick, the remainder of the culvert being void in this section. The culvert construction cut was backfilled with clayey silt 906 and the whole sequence sealed by a later silting event 910. Environmental samples taken from both the primary and secondary silting of the channel, 908 and 904, recovered little other than occasional charcoal, small pieces of coal and black porous and tarry residues (see Appendix 5).

6.7 Trench 11 (Figure 9)

6.7.1 The channel continued into Trench 11. Here, the original watercourse [1107] was 4.6m wide and only 0.14m deep before being recut to make a deeper, narrower channel [1103] which was 2.8m wide and 0.4m deep. Channel [1103] contained 2 silting deposits, 1104 and 1112, which was cut by construction cut [1105] for the insertion of stone culvert 1106. The culvert was again constructed of two rows of stone capped with larger stones and in this case was completely silted up with dark yellow brown clayey silt 1108. The culvert construction was backfilled with clayey silt 1110.

6.7.2 A linear band of gravel corresponding with a geophysical anomaly was observed towards the southern end of Trench 11 and proved to be natural, likely representing a former spring or stream bed. A similar band of gravel was investigated in Trench 16, 1603, which also proved to be natural.

6.8 Trench **12** (Figure 10)

6.8.1 Trench 12 contained a single linear feature towards the western end of the Trench [1203]. The linear was 0.8m wide, 0.4m deep and ran in a north-northeast to south-southwest direction. It was filled with two fills 1204 and 1205 which both represent natural silting. This ditch is almost certainly a continuation of ditch [807] and can be equated with a field boundary marked on early Ordnance Survey mapping, and also identified in the geophysical survey.

6.9 Trench **14** (Figure 11)

6.9.1 The eastern end of Trench 14 contained three features which seemed to be regularly aligned and were interpreted as tree boles, [1403], [1405] and [1407]. All three measured between 0.6 and 1.1m in diameter and had irregular sides and bases. They all contained similar fills consisting of pale orange gray sandy clay 1404, 1406, 1408. Their alignment suggests deliberate planting and may form an early field boundary. All three features were cut by a ceramic land drain.

6.10 Trench 18 (Figure 12)

- 6.10.1At the western end of Trench 18 a broad shallow linear was observed, [1803], which was recorded in the geophysical survey as a faint irregular linear anomaly. The feature was 3.8m wide, 0.4m deep and ran from the northwest to the southeast. The base of the feature consisted of a 0.05m to 0.15m thick layer of well sorted water-worn pebbles 1804 which was overlain by a yellowy grey clay silting deposit 1805, which was 0.3m thick. The pebbles had become impressed into the underlying natural 1802 and are likely to have been imported by natural alluvial processes indicating that this feature may have been a watercourse. Deposit 1805 contained a single sherd of pottery dating from the mid 16th to 18th century.
- 6.10.2Two further features were investigated in Trench 18, [1806] and [1808] which proved to be a tree throw and an animal burrow.

7.0 Discussion and Conclusions

7.1 The evaluation has revealed a low density of archaeological and natural features, in nine of the nineteen trenches. Field boundaries corresponded to some linear anomalies identified within the geophysical survey (AAL 2012c) and were recorded in Trenches 6, 7, 8 and 12, which can all be equated to boundaries that are present on Ordnance Survey mapping up to the 1950s. The small quantity of artefactual material recovered from these ditches is consistent with this date.

- 7.2 A culverted watercourse was recorded running across the site in Trenches 7, 8, 9 and 11 and corresponds with a sinuous linear identified on the geophysical survey (AAL 2012c). It would seem that the culvert follows the route of an earlier watercourse which had silted up and a culvert inserted to improve drainage, although it is equally possible the watercourse was culverted and then backfilled to remove the boundary and to create a single field. Finds from the silting would suggest that the watercourse was open during the 18th or 19th centuries. Levels taken on the culvert indicated that it flowed from east to west and the alignment seems to run towards a pond on the western edge of the site, which is marked on Ordnance Survey mapping from 1882 to 1982. This would seem to suggest that the culvert was constructed not only to aid drainage but also possibly act as a water supply to the pond. Another possible watercourse was recorded in the western end of Trench 18, again relating to a geophysical anomaly.
- 7.3 Shallow linear features recorded in Trenches 4 and 6 were interpreted as the remains of medieval plough furrows. Although no dating evidence was recovered to confirm a medieval date for the features, they closely follow the alignment of ridge and furrow shown on aerial photographs of the site (AAL 2012b, Figure 10).
- 7.4 There was no evidence for any features or artefacts associated with prehistoric or Romano-British activity on this site, which is well represented in the wider landscape.

8.0 Effectiveness of Methodology

8.1 The evaluation methodology was appropriate to the nature and extent of the proposed development. It has identified a negligible archaeological potential for the site.

9.0 Acknowledgements

9.1 Allen Archaeology Limited would like to thank Landmark Planning for this commission and their client A C Shropshire Limited.

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Appendix 1: Colour Plates



Plate 1: General view of the site, looking southeast from the western side of the site



Plate 2: Representative section of Trench 16, showing the general site sequence of topsoil subsoil and natural clay, looking southeast. Scale is 2m



Plate 3: West facing section of furrow [605] in Trench 6, looking east. Scale is 1m



Plate 4: East facing section of field boundary [609] in Trench 6, looking west. Scale is 1m



Plate 5: Southwest facing section of culvert 712 and watercourse [708] in Trench 7, showing stepped southern edge, looking northeast. Scale is 2m



Plate 6: West facing section of culvert 907 and watercourse [903] in Trench 9, looking east. Scales are 2m and 0.2m



Plate 7: Northeast facing section of culvert 907 in Trench 9, looking southwest. Scale is 0.2m



Plate 8: East facing section of culvert 1106 and recut watercourse [1103 and [1107] in Trench 11, looking west. Scale is 2m



Plate 9: South facing section of field boundary [1203] in Trench 12, looking north. Scale is 2m



Plate 10: Southeast facing section of watercourse [1803] in Trench 18, looking northwest. Scale is 2m

Appendix 2: Post-Roman Pottery Assessment

By Dr Anne Irving

Introduction

All the material was recorded at archive level in accordance with the guidelines laid out in Slowikowski *et al.* (2001). The pottery codenames (Cname) are in accordance with the established type series for Lincolnshire (Young *et al.* 2005); codenames for Leicestershire are included in Table 1. A total of 25 sherds from 19 vessels, weighing 140 grams was recovered from the site.

Methodology

The material was laid out and viewed in context order. Sherds were counted and weighed by individual vessel within each context. The pottery was examined visually and using x20 magnification. This information was then added to an Access database. An archive list of the pottery is included in Table 1. The pottery ranges in date from the post-medieval to the early modern period.

Condition

All of the pottery is abraded and in poor condition.

Results

Cxt	Cname	Full name	Leics	Form	NoS	NoV	W	Part	Description
			cname				(g)		
604	CREA	Creamware	EA8	Hollow	1	1	7	BS	Mocha brown and
									grey slip bands
610	CREA	Creamware	EA8	Plate/ dish/	3	1	23	Base +	
				bowl				BS	
610	WHITE	Whiteware	EA10	?	1	1	2	Base	Pink transfer print
613	CREA	Creamware	EA8	?	2	2	5	BS	
613	NCBW	19th-Century	EA	Hollow	1	1	22	BS	Moulded design
		Buffware							
613	PEARL	Pearlware	EA9	?	1	1	3	Base	
613	PEARL	Pearlware	EA9	?	1	1	1	BS	Flake
613	PEARL	Pearlware		Small hollow	1	1	1	BS	Handpainted
613	WHITE	Whiteware	EA10	Jar	1	1	36	Base	
613	WHITE	Whiteware	EA10	?	1	1	8	Base	
707	CREA	Creamware	EA8	Hollow	1	1	3	BS	
707	CREA	Creamware	EA8	Cup	1	1	2	Rim	Blue slip banded
709	CREA	Creamware	EA8	Hollow	1	1	2	BS	Mocha brown slip
804	PEARL	Pearlware	EA9	Small hollow	4	1	11	BS +	Chonoiserie
								rim	
806	PEARL	Pearlware	EA9	?	1	1	1	BS	Flake
808	WHITE	Whiteware	EA10	?	2	1	1	BS	Flakes
904	CREA	Creamware	EA8	Hollow	1	1	1	BS	Fresh
1805	BL	Blackware	EA6	Jar	1	1	11	BS	MP type

Table 1, Pottery Archive

Potential

No further work is required on the assemblage and all the pottery is suitable for discard.

Context Dates

The dating in Table 3 is based on the evidence provided by the finds detailed above.

Cxt	Date	Comments
604	Late 18th to early 19th	Đate on a single sherd
610	19th to 20th	
613	19th to 20th	
707	Late 18th to 19th	
709	Late 18th to early 19th	Date on a single sherd
804	Late 18th to 19th	Date on a single sherd
806	Late 18th to 19th	Date on a single sherd
808	19th to 20th	Date on a single sherd
904	Late 18th to early 19th	Date on a single sherd
1805	Mid 16th to 18th	Date on a single sherd

Table 3, Spot dates

Abbreviations

ACBMG Archaeological Ceramic Building Materials Group

BS Body sherd

CBM Ceramic Building Material

CXT Context

NoF Number of Fragments
NoS Number of sherds
NoV Number of vessels
W (g) Weight (grams)

References

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Appendix 3: Ceramic Building Material Assessment

By Dr Anne Irving

Introduction

All the material was recorded at archive level in accordance with the guidelines laid out by the ACBMG (2001). A single fragment of ceramic building material, weighing 232 grams was recovered from the site.

Methodology

The material was laid out and viewed in context order. Fragments were counted and weighed within each context. This information was then added to an Access database. An archive list of the ceramic building material is included in Table 2.

Results

Cxt	Cname	NoF	W (g)	Description	Date
610	LAND DRAIN	1	232		19th to 20th

Table 2, Ceramic Building Material Archive

Potential

The fragment can be discarded.

References

ACBMG 2001, Draft Minimum Standards for the Recovery, Analysis and Publication of Ceramic Building Material, third version [internet]. Available from http://www.geocities.com/acbmg1/CBMGDE3.htm

Appendix 4: Other Finds Assessment

By Mike Wood

Metal Object

Introduction

A single iron object weighing 17g was recovered during archaeological work at Seine Lane, Enderby in Leicestershire. The find dates to the 18th to 19th century based on known typologies.

Methodology

The material was counted and weighed in grams, then examined visually to identify any diagnostic pieces and the overall condition of the assemblage. A summary of the material is recorded in Table 1.

Context	Material	Object	Measurements	Date	Wt (g)	Comments
610	Iron	Wrought nail	69mm by 10mm by 15mm at nail head	18 th - 19 th century	16	A heavily corroded wrought iron nail with a sub-square hammered head.

Table 1: Metal

Discussion

The assemblage contained a single heavily corroded wrought iron nail, typical of the 18th to 19th century. Due to the level of corrosion, without x-rays it is difficult to determine the type of nail, whether it has been hand forged or cut and to refine the date range. However, given the limited size and late date of this assemblage, there is little value in x-ray analysis.

Recommendations for further work

No further work is recommended. The artefact could be returned to the landowner or be discarded.

Glass Objects

Introduction

Seven items of glass weighing 175g were recovered during archaeological work at Seine Lane, Enderby in Leicestershire. All of the finds date between the late 18th and 20th century.

Methodology

The material was counted and weighed in grams, then examined visually to identify any diagnostic pieces and the overall condition of the assemblage. Reference was made to published sources (Davis 1973, Dumbrell 1983). A summary of the material is recorded in Table 2.

Context	Form	Colour	Date	Shds	Wt (g)	Comments
613	Chemist bottle	Clear	19 th -early 20 th c	2	8	Fragments of a rectangular chemist bottle.
709	Window glass	Slightly opaque	20 ^{th C}	2	2	Probably flat drawn sheet rather than float glass
808	Wine bottle	Black glass	1780-1810	3	165	Three conjoining fragments of a bottle base. The kick-up is similar to those of the late 18 th to very early 19 th century. Retains a pontil scar.

Table 2: Glass

Discussion

The assemblage contained a mix of bottle glass and window glass recovered from evaluation trenches. Recovery of 19th-20th window glass and a chemist bottle is not untypical and offers little opportunity for further discussion.

A black glass wine bottle from Trench 8 can be placed in the late 18th to early 19th century, and suggests at least limited historic land-use.

Recommendations for further work

No further work is recommended. All of the artefacts could be passed to suitable teaching collections, returned to the landowner or be discarded.

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Clay Tobacco Pipes

Introduction

Two fragments of clay tobacco pipe stems weighing 3 were recovered during archaeological work at Seine Lane, Enderby in Leicestershire. All of the finds date between the late 18th to 19th century based on bore hole size.

Methodology

The material was counted and weighed in grams, then examined visually to identify any diagnostic pieces and the overall condition of the assemblage. Reference was made to published guidelines (Higgins & Davey 2004). Where no other identification has been possible, stems have been dated by established stem bore guidelines (Oswald 1975). It should be noted that dates provided by stem bore size can have an appreciable margin for error and are intended only as a general guide. A summary of the material is recorded in Table 3.

Context	Date range	Stems	Weight (g)	Stem bore	Comments
613	Late 18 th -19 th	1	1	4/64	Snapped stem-fresh break
804	Late 18 th -19 th	1	2	4/64	Snapped stem-fresh break

Table 3: Clay tobacco pipe

Discussion

The assemblage contained two snapped clay tobacco pipe stems, both with boreholes consistent with products of the late 18th century onwards. Such a limited assemblage offers no opportunity for further analysis.

Recommendations for further work

No further work is recommended. All of the artefacts could be returned to the landowner or be discarded.

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Slag

Introduction

A single fragment of slag weighing 18g was recovered during archaeological work at Seine Lane, Enderby in Leicestershire.

Methodology

The material was counted and weighed in grams, then examined visually to identify any diagnostic pieces and the overall condition of the assemblage. A summary of the material is recorded in Table 4.

Context	Material	Measurements	Date	Wt	Comments
				(g)	
709	Slag conglomerate	46mm by 17mm by 35mm	Modern?	18	A light, conglomerate of ferric stained material with a highly vitrified coating.

Table 4: Slag

Discussion

The assemblage contained a single slag conglomerate of uncertain form. Given the lack of any other slag like material in the evaluation trenches, and the presence of 20th century glass in this deposit, this may represent casual discard of material subject to high temperature burning in domestic or as farm waste, subsequently dumped in a nearby field.

Recommendations for further work

No further work is recommended. The artefact could be returned to the landowner or be discarded.

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Appendix 5: Palaeoenvironmental Assessment

By Val Fryer

Introduction and method statement

Excavations at Enderby, undertaken by Allen Archaeology Ltd, recorded a number of features, one of which was a large channel (feature [903]). Samples for the retrieval of the plant macrofossil assemblages were taken from the primary and secondary fills within the channel (contexts [904] and [908] respectively), and two were submitted for assessment.

The samples were processed by manual water flotation/washover and the flots were collected in a 300 micron mesh sieve. The dried flots were scanned under a binocular microscope at magnifications up to x 16 and the plant macrofossils and other remains noted are listed below in Table 1. All plant remains were charred. Modern fibrous roots were also recorded.

The non-floating residues were collected in a 1mm mesh sieve and will be sorted when dry. Any artefacts/ecofacts will be retained for further specialist analysis.

Results

Both assemblages are extremely small (i.e. <0.1 litres in volume) and sparse, containing little other than occasional charcoal/charred wood fragments, small pieces of coal and black porous and tarry residues, the latter almost certainly being bi-products of the combustion of the coal.

Conclusions and recommendations for further work

In summary, it would appear very unlikely that either of these assemblages contain materials which are contemporary with the channel or pertinent to its intended function or use. Such remains are most commonly seen where night soil was spread on the land during the post-medieval period or where steam implements were utilised during early modern times.

As neither assemblage contains a sufficient density of material for quantification, no further analysis is recommended. However, a summary of this assessment should be included within any publication of data from the site.

Sample No.	1	2
Context No.	908	904
Charcoal <2mm	х	XX
Charcoal >2mm	Х	XX
Black porous and tarry residues	x	xx
Small coal frags.	xx	xxx
Vitreous material		Х
Sample volume (litres)	28	28
Volume of flot (litres)	<0.1	<0.1
% flot sorted	100%	100%

Table 1. Charred plant macrofossils and other remains from Enderby, Leicestershire

Key to Table

x = 1 - 10 specimens xx = 11 - 50 specimens xxx = 51 - 100 specimens

Appendix 6: Context Summary List

Trench 1

Context No.	Туре	Description	Interpretation
100	Layer	Moderately well compacted, mid/dark brown slightly clayey silt. Seals 101	Topsoil
101	Layer	Well compacted, light yellow/brown slightly silty clay. Seals 102, sealed by 100	Subsoil
102	Layer	Well compacted, mid pink/brown clay with rare small/medium angular stones. Sealed by 101	Natural

Trench 2

Context No.	Туре	Description	Interpretation
200	Layer	Moderately well compacted, mid/dark brown slightly clayey silt. Seals 200	Topsoil
201	Layer	Well compacted, light yellow/brown slightly silty clay with rare small sub-rounded stones. Seals 202, sealed by 200	Subsoil
202	Layer	Well compacted, mid pink/brown clay with rare small/medium angular stones. Sealed by 201	Natural

Trench 3

Context No.	Туре	Description	Interpretation
300	Layer	Moderately well compacted, mid/dark brown slightly clayey	Topsoil
		silt with rare sub-rounded stones. Seals 301	
301	Layer	Well compacted, light orange/brown clay with rare sub-	Natural
		rounded and sub-angular stones. Sealed by 300	

Trench 4

Context No.	Туре	Description	Interpretation
400	Layer	Loosely compacted, dark brown sandy silt. Seals 401	Topsoil
401	Layer	Moderately compact, light brown sandy clay. Seals 402, sealed by 400, cut by 403 and 405	Subsoil
402	Layer	Well compacted, orange/brown-red/brown clay with occasional mid/small pebbles/stones. Sealed by 401	Natural
403	Cut	Linear, orientated E/W, shallow sloping sides and rounded base. Contains 404, cuts 401	Probable cut of furrow
404	Fill	Well compacted, light grey/brown sandy clay with charcoal flecks. Sealed by 400	Fill of [403]
405	Cut	Linear, orientated E/W, very shallow sloping sides and concave base. Contains 406, cuts 401	Probable cut of furrow
406	Fill	Well compacted, pale yellow/brown sandy clay with occasional small fragments of coal and charcoal. Sealed by 400	Fill of [405]

Context	Туре	Description	Interpretation
No.			
500	Layer	Moderately compacted, dark grey/brown sandy silt with rare small rounded stones. Seals 501	Topsoil
501	Layer	Well compacted, light yellow/grey/brown slightly silty clay	Subsoil

Context No.	Туре	Description	Interpretation
		with occasional rounded stones. Seals 502, sealed by 500	
502	Layer	Well compact, mid pink/brown clay with frequent rounded/angular stones and patches of light grey/blue clay. Sealed by 501	Natural

Context No.	Туре	Description	Interpretation
600	Layer	Moderately well compacted, dark brown silt. Seals 601	Topsoil
601	Layer	Well compacted, light/mid yellow/brown silty clay with rare small rounded stones. Seals 602, sealed by 600	Subsoil
602	Layer	Well compacted, mid pink/brown to light orange/brown clay with moderate amounts of small/medium angular stones	Natural
603	Cut	Oval, orientated NW/SE, shallow sloping sides, rounded base. Contains 604, cuts 602	Cut of shallow pit/possible base of plough mark
604	Fill	Friable, mid/dark grey/brown sandy silt with occasional small sub-angular stones	Fill of [603]
605	Cut	Linear, orientated E/W, shallow sloping sides and concave base. Contains 606, cuts 602	Cut of probable furrow
606	Fill	Well compacted, mid grey/brown/orange silty clay	Fill of [605]
607	Cut	Curvilinear, orientated WNW/ESE, near vertical sides and V-shaped base. Contains 608, cuts 601	Cut of small channel/animal burrow
608	Fill	Friable, mid grey/yellow silty clay sealed by 600	Fill of [607]
609	Cut	Linear, orientated E/W, fairly steep southern side with more gently sloping north side, narrow concave base. Contains 610, 611, cuts 601	Cut of field boundary ditch
610	Fill	Well compacted, mid orange/brown sandy clay with abundant unsorted stones. Sealed by 611	Primary fill of [609]
611	Fill	Friable, mid grey/brown sandy clay with occasional unsorted small rounded stones. Seals, 610, cut by 612	Secondary fill of [609]
612	Cut	Linear, orientated E/W, moderately sloping sides with concave base. Contains 613, cuts 611	Recut of field boundary ditch [609]
613	Fill	Friable, dark grey/brown sandy clay with occasional brown mottling. Occasional unsorted sub-rounded stones. Sealed by 600	Fill of [612]

Context No.	Туре	Description	Interpretation
700	Layer	Moderately compact, dark grey/brown sandy silt with occasional small rounded stones. Seals 701	Topsoil
701	Layer	Well compacted, light orange/brown slightly silty clay with occasional small stones. Seals 702, sealed by 700	Subsoil
702	Layer	Well compacted, mid pink/brown clay with moderate angular and rounded stones. Sealed by 701	Natural
703	Cut	Linear, orientated E/W, fairly steeply sloping sides and concave base. Contains 704, 705, cuts 702	Cut of ditch
704	Fill	Well compacted, light orange/brown silty clay with rare small rounded stones. Sealed by 705	Primary fill of [703]
705	Fill	Well compacted, dark grey/brown silty clay with rare small rounded stones. Cut by 706	Secondary fill of [703]
706	Cut	Linear, orientated E/W, moderately shallow sloping sides and concave base. Contains 707, cuts 701 and 705	Recut of ditch [703]
707	Fill	Well compacted, mid grey/brown sandy clay with occasional orange clay patches, rare charcoal flecks and small rounded stones. Sealed by 700	Fill of [706]

Context No.	Туре	Description	Interpretation
708	Cut	Linear, orientated E/W, fairly steeply sloping, stepped in places, flattish base. Contains 709, 710, 711, cuts 702	Cut of ditch/channel
709	Fill	Fairly well compacted, mid brown clayey silt with charcoal pieces/flecks and small stones. Seals 713, sealed by 700	Upper fill of [708]
710	Fill	Well compacted, mid brown/grey silty clay with frequent pebbles especially towards base of fill. Sealed by 711	Primary fill of [708]
711	Fill	Well compacted, mid/light grey (slight tinge of brown) silty clay with some small pebbles and stones. Seals 710, cut by 714	Secondary fill of [708]
712	Structure	Linear, orientated E/W, constructed of medium/large rough limestone blocks, no mortar. Within 714, sealed by 713	Stone drain/culvert
713	Fill	Well compacted, brown/grey silty clay with occasional small stones. Seals 712, sealed by 709	Fill of [714]
714	Cut	Linear, orientated E/W, near vertical sides, flattish base. Contains 712, 713, cuts 711	Cut for stone culvert 712

Context No.	Туре	Description	Interpretation
140.			
800	Layer	Moderately compact, dark brown silt. Seals 801	Topsoil
801	Layer	Well compacted, light yellow/brown silty clay with some	Subsoil
		small stones. Seals 802, sealed by 800	
802	Layer	Well compacted, light pink/red with occasional orange tinge	Natural
		clay, with some stones. Sealed by 801	
803	Cut	Linear, orientated E/W, gently sloping sides and concave	Cut of ditch
		base. Contains 804, 805, 806, cuts 802	
804	Fill	Well compacted, mid brown silty clay with some small stones,	Upper fill of [803]
		seals 805	
805	Fill	Well compacted, light brown/orange silty clay with rare small	Primary fill of [803]
		stones. Sealed by 804	
806	Fill	Loosely compacted, mid/dark brown sandy silt. Seals 810,	Fill of [809]
		sealed by 800	
807	Cut	Linear, orientated NNW/SSE, stepped SW edge, fairly steeply	Cut of boundary ditch
		sloping NE edge, concave base. Contains 808, cuts 801	
808	Fill	Moderately well compacted, mid brown with red tinge silty	Fill of [807]
		clay, some small stones. Sealed by 800	
809	Cut	Linear, orientated E/W, near vertical sides and flat base.	Cut of stone culvert 810
		Contains 806, 810, cuts 804	
810	Structure	Linear, orientated E/W, constructed of medium/large rough	Stone drain, culvert
		limestone blocks, no mortar. Within 809, sealed by 806	

Context No.	Туре	Description	Interpretation
900	Layer	Loose, dark grey brown sandy silt with occasional rounded pebbles, 0.3-0.35 deep. Seals 901	Topsoil
901	Layer	Firm yellowy brown sandy clay with frequent small rounded pebbles and occasional charcoal. Intermittent below 900. Seals 902, sealed by 900	Subsoil
902	Layer	Firm, brown red/pink clay, moderate small rounded and angular stones. Sealed by 902	Natural
903	Cut	Linear, running east-west with a broad shallow profile, 5.8m wide and 0.5m deep. Contains 908, 904, cuts 901	Edge of channel
904	Fill	Firm, light orangey grey clayey silt with rare small rounded pebbles, up to 0.2m thick. Seals 908, cut by 905	Secondary silting of Channel 903
905	Cut	Linear running NE/SW with steep to vertical sides and flat	Construction cut for culvert

Context No.	Туре	Description	Interpretation
		base, 0.4m deep and 0.6m wide. Contains 906 and 907, cuts 904	
906	Fill	Firm slightly pink brown clayey silt mixed with clay lumps, occasional moderate angular stone, 0.6m wide and 0.4m deep. Seals 907, sealed by 910	Backfill of culvert
907	Structure	Linear consisting of medium to large angular stone angular stone with laid supporting stones capped with larger stones. Within 905, sealed by 906	Culvert
908	Fill	Firm, light grey orange silty clay with occasional small rounded pebbles up to 0.1m thick. Seals 903, sealed by 904	Primary silting of channel 903
909	Fill	Firm, dark brown silty clay 0.03m thick	Silting within culvert 907
910	Fill	Firm, mid brown clayey silt with occasional rounded and angular pebbles, up to 0.15m thick. Seals 906, sealed by 900	Tertiary silting of channel 903

Context No.	Туре	Description	Interpretation
1000	Layer	Moderately well compacted, dark grey/brown sandy silt with occasional medium rounded stones. Seals 1001	Topsoil
1001	Layer	Well compacted, light orange/brown slightly silty clay with occasional medium rounded stones. Seals 1002, sealed by 1000	Subsoil
1002	Layer	Well compacted, mid/light orange/yellow clay with patches of gravel and mid pink/brown clay. Sealed by 1001	Natural

Context	Туре	Description	Interpretation
No.			
1100	Layer	Friable, very dark grey/brown clayey silt, with occasional unsorted rounded stones. Seals 1101	Topsoil
1101	Layer	Friable, mid orange/brown sandy clay with moderate unsorted gravel. Seals 1102, sealed by 1100	Subsoil
1102	Layer	Well compacted, pink/red stony clay. Sealed by 1101	Natural
1103	Cut	Linear, orientated E/W, moderate/gently sloping sides, flattish base. Contains 1104, 1112, cuts 1109	Recut of ditch [1107]
1104	Fill	Well compacted, pale grey/brown sandy silt with moderate orange mottling, moderate unsorted angular gravel with occasional charcoal fragments. Sealed by 1112	Fill of [1103]
1105	Cut	Linear, orientated WNW/ESE, near vertical sides and flat base. Contains 1106, 1108, 1110, cuts 1112	Cut for stone culvert 1106
1106	Structure	Linear, orientated WNW/ESE, constructed of medium/large rough limestone blocks, no mortar. Within 1105, seals 1110	Stone drain/culvert
1107	Cut	Linear, orientated E/W, gently sloping sides and flat base. Contains 1109, cuts 1101	Cut of water course/channel
1108	Fill	Well compacted, dark yellow/brown clayey silt with occasional charcoal fragments	Fill of [1105]
1109	Fill	Moderate/loosely compacted, mid orange/brown silty clay with occasional unsorted rounded stones. Cut by 1103	Fill of [1107]
1110	Fill	Friable, mid orange/brown sandy clay with moderate unsorted small angular stones and occasional charcoal fragments. Seals 1106, sealed by 1100	Backfill of [1105]
1111	Layer	Loosely/moderately compacted, yellow/orange/brown gravel. Sealed by 1100	Natural gravel layer
1112	Fill	Firm yellow brown clayey silt. Seals 1104, cut by 1105	Secondary silting of [1103]

Context	Type	Description	Interpretation
No.			
1200	Layer	Moderately compacted, dark grey/brown sandy silt with occasional rounded stones	Topsoil
1201	Layer	Well compacted light/mid orange/brown clay with occasional small/medium stones	Subsoil
1202	Layer	Well compacted, mid pink/brown clay with moderately rounded stones and patches of blue/grey clay	Natural
1203	Cut	Linear, orientated NE/SW, fairly steeply sloping sides and rounded base. Contains 1204, 1205	Cut of field boundary ditch
1204	Fill	Friable, mid green/brown sandy clay	Primary fill of [1203]
1205	Fill	Well compacted, dark grey/brown sandy silt with occasional small stones	Upper fill of [1203]

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Context	Type	Description	Interpretation
No.			
1300	Layer	Moderately compacted, dark brown silt with rare small stones. Seals 1301	Topsoil
1301	Layer	Fairly compacted, light yellow/brown silty clay with some small/medium stones. Seals 1302, sealed by 1300	Subsoil
1302	Layer	Well compacted, deep red/brown to light orange/brown clay with small/medium stones. Sealed by 1301	Natural

Trench 14

Context No.	Туре	Description	Interpretation
1400	Layer	Friable, dark grey/brown clayey silt with moderate unsorted rounded stones. Seals 1401	Topsoil
1401	Layer	Friable, pale yellow/brown with orange mottling silty clay with moderate unsorted rounded stones. Seals 1402, sealed by 1400	Subsoil
1402	Layer	Well compacted, mid pink/red stony clay with patches of yellow sandy clay. Sealed by 1401	Natural
1403	Cut	Sub-circular, moderate sloping sides and uneven base. Contains 1404	Cut of tree bole. Same as [1405], [1407]
1404	Fill	Moderately compacted pale orange/grey with orange mottling sandy clay	Fill of [1403]
1405	Cut	Sub-oval, orientated N/S, moderately steep sloping sides and uneven base. Contains 1406	Cut of tree bole. Same as [1403], [1407]
1406	Fill	Moderately compacted, pale orange/grey with orange mottling sandy clay with frequent unsorted rounded stones	Fill of [1405]
1407	Cut	Oval, orientated N/S, moderately sloping sides, uneven base. Contains [1408]	Cut of tree bole. Same as [1403], [1405]
1408	Fill	Moderately compacted, pale orange/grey with orange mottling sandy clay with moderate unsorted rounded stones	Fill of [1407]

Context No.	Туре	Description	Interpretation
1500	Layer	Loose/Moderately compacted, dark brown sandy silt with occasional small stones. Seals 1501	Topsoil
1501	Layer	Well compacted, yellow/brown clayey sandy silt with	Subsoil

Context No.	Туре	Description	Interpretation
		frequent small stones and pebbles. Seals 1502, sealed by	
		1500	
1502	Layer	Well compacted, pink/brown/orange sandy clay with occasional small stones. Sealed by 1501	Natural

Context No.	Туре	Description	Interpretation
1600	Layer	Loose/Moderately compacted, dark brown sandy silt with occasional small stones. Seals 1601	Topsoil/Ploughsoil
1601	Layer	Well compacted, yellow/orange clayey sandy silt with some small stones/gravel/flint. Seals 1602, 1603, sealed by 1600	Subsoil
1602	Layer	Well compacted, orange/pink sandy clay with occasional gravel. Sealed by 1601	Natural
1603	Layer	Loose/Moderately compacted, yellow/brown/orange gravel sealed by 1601	Natural gravel layer

Trench 17

Context No.	Туре	Description	Interpretation
1700	Layer	Loosely compacted, dark brown silt with some small stones. Seals 1701	Topsoil/Ploughsoil
1701	Layer	Well compacted, yellow/brown silty clay with rare small stones. Seals 1702, sealed by 1700	Subsoil
1702	Layer	Well compacted, orange/brown clay. Sealed by 1701	Natural

Context	Type	Description	Interpretation
No.			
1800	Layer	Moderately compacted, dark grey/brown sandy silt with occasional small rounded stones. Seals 1801	Topsoil/Ploughsoil
1801	Layer	Fairly compact, light/mid brown silty clay with some small stones. Seals 1802, 1805, sealed by 1800	Subsoil
1802	Layer	Well compacted, red/brown clay with frequent small/medium stones. Sealed by 1801	Natural
1803	Cut	Curvi-linear, orientated NW/SE, shallow undulating sides and concave base. Contains 1804, 1805, cuts 1802	Cut of water course/channel
1804	Fill	Well compacted rounded pebbles. Sealed by 1805	Basal fill of [1803]
1805	Fill	Well compacted, light yellow/grey clay with frequent rounded pebbles. Seals 1804, sealed by 1801	Secondary fill of [1803]
1806	Cut	Oblong, orientated SE/NW, steep sides and rounded base. Contains 1807	Cut of tree bole
1807	Fill	Fairly compact, light orange/brown/grey silty clay with some small stones	Fill of [1806]
1808	Cut	Circular, steep sides and concave base. Contains 1809	Cut of animal burrow
1809	Fill	Fairly compact, mid/dark brown with a dark grey mottling silty clay, with rare small stones	Fill of [1808]

Context No.	Туре	Description	Interpretation
1900	Layer	Friable, dark brown silt with rare small stones. Seals 1901	Topsoil/Ploughsoil
1901	Layer	Well compacted, light brown/yellow silty clay. Seals 1902, sealed by 1900	Subsoil
1902	Layer	Well compacted, red/orange/brown clay with frequent small/medium stones. Sealed by 1901	Natural

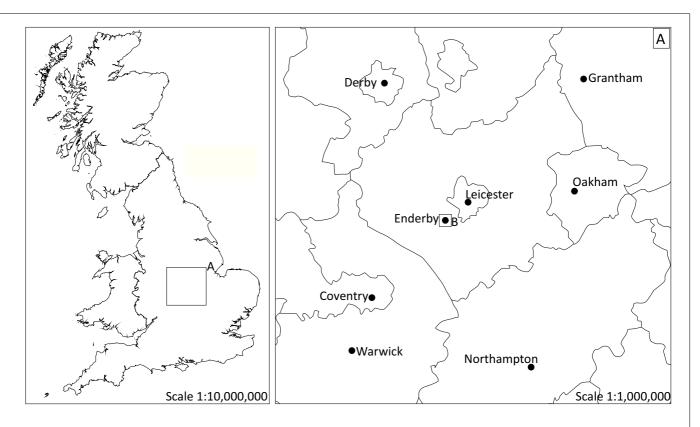




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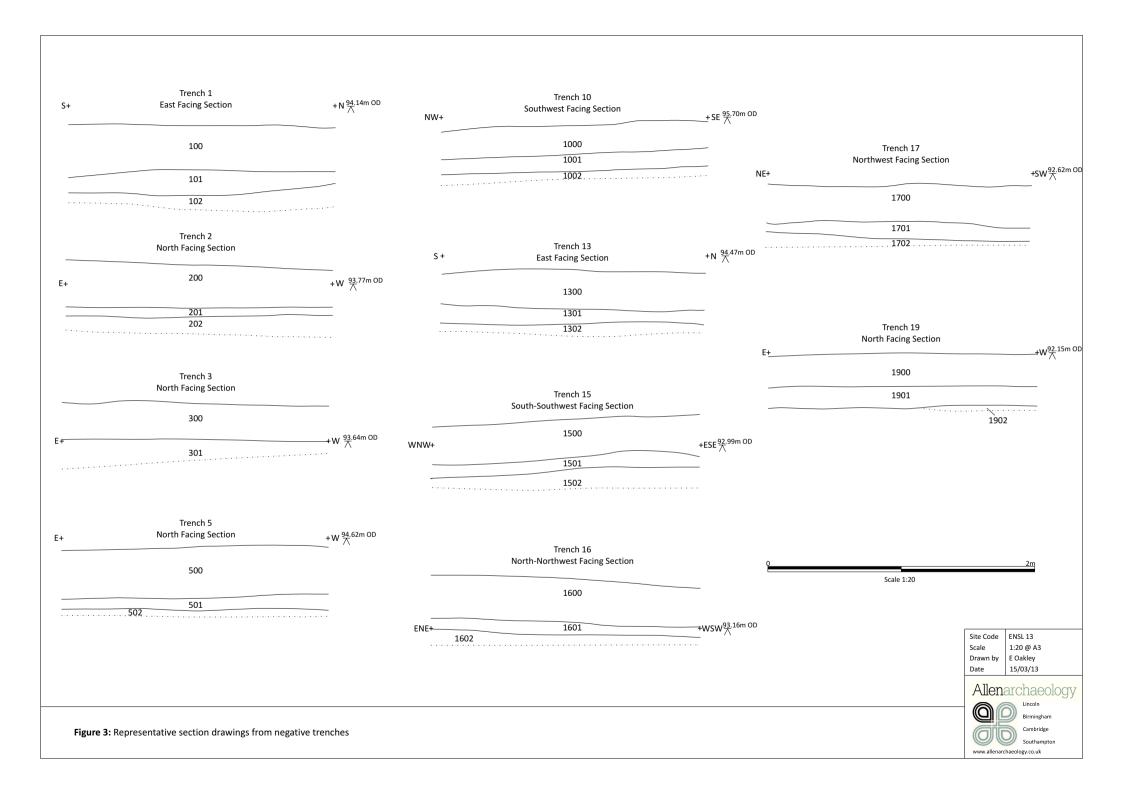
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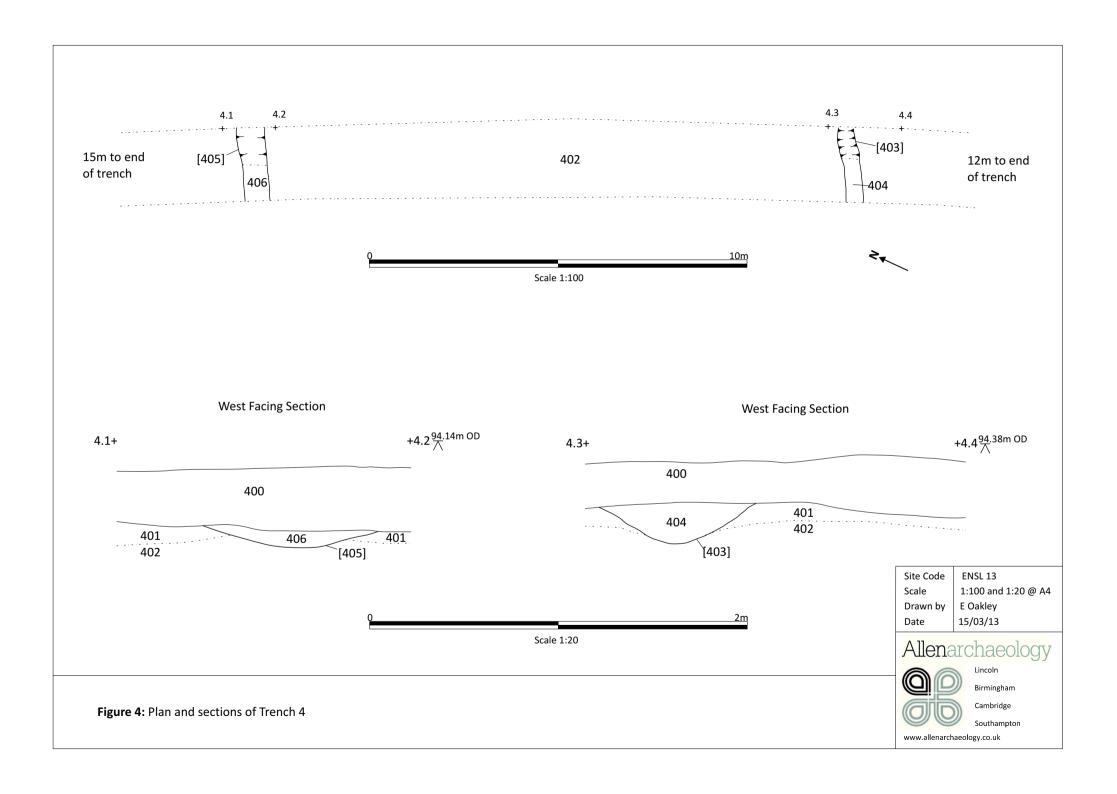
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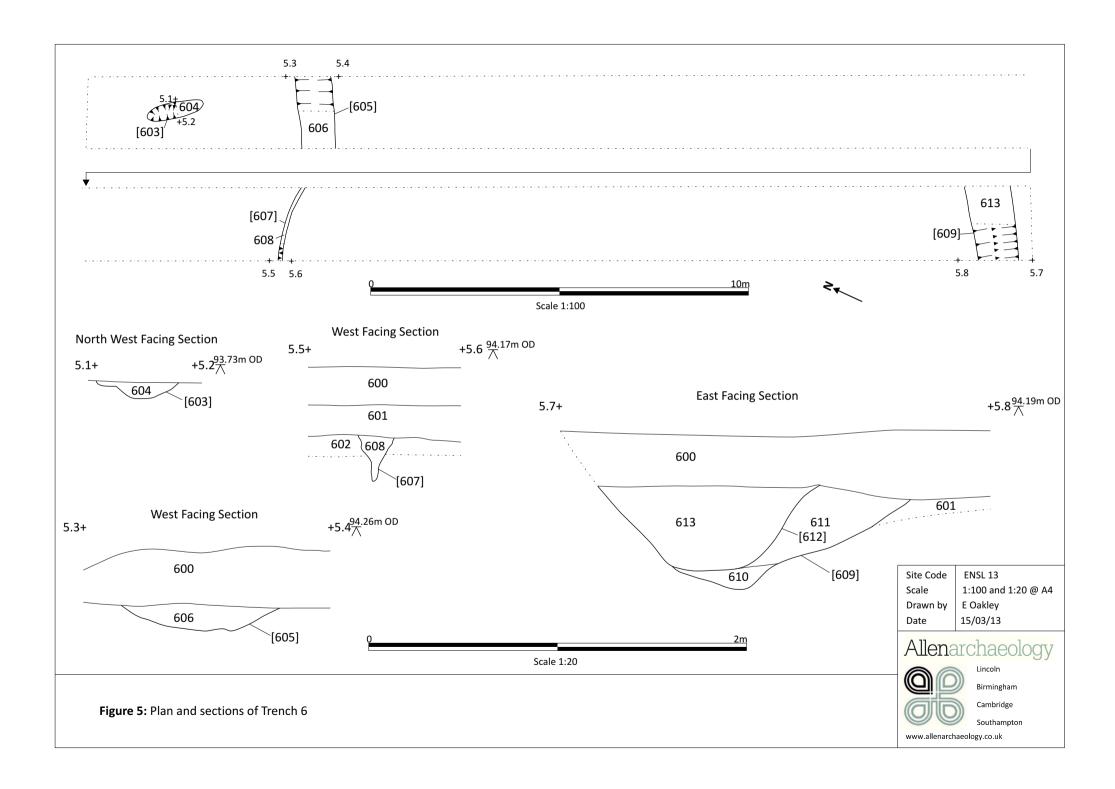
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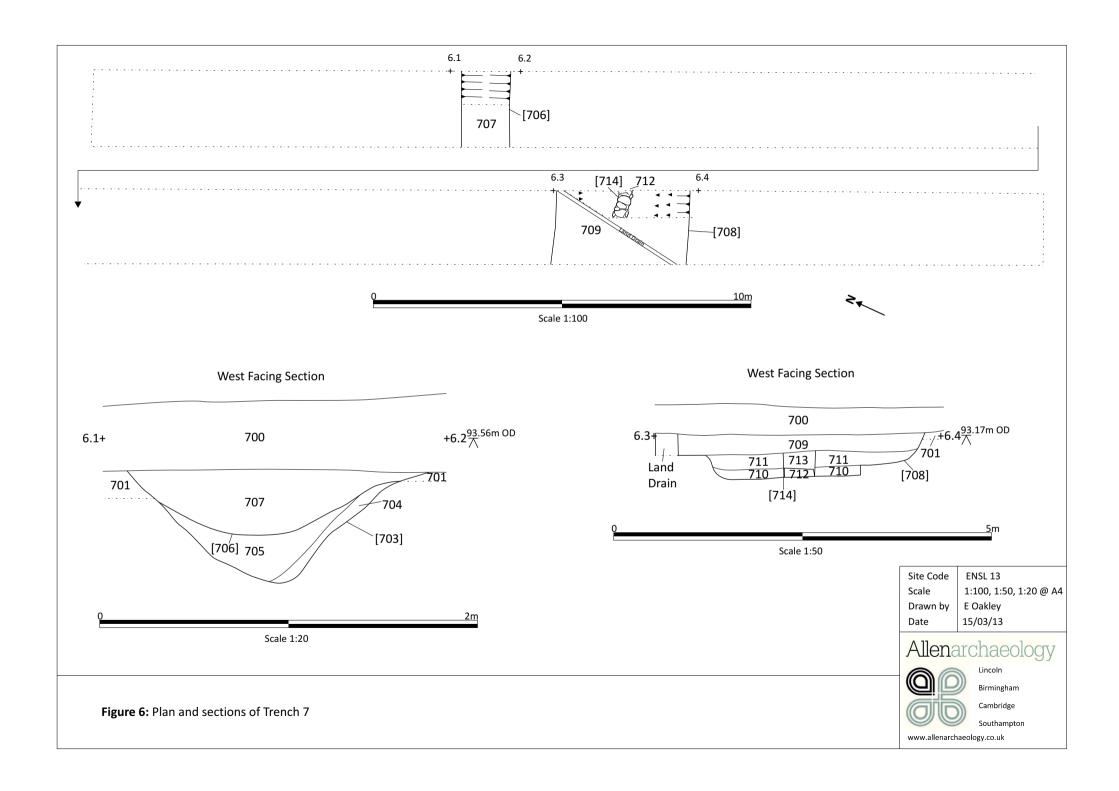


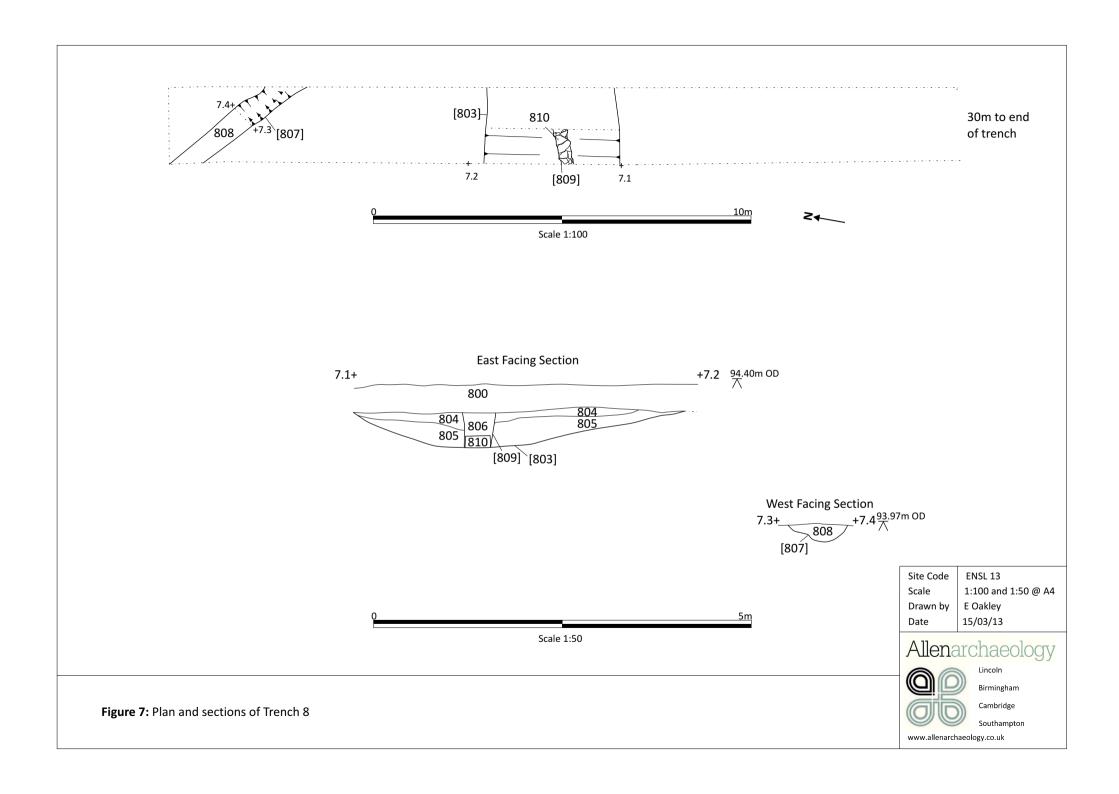


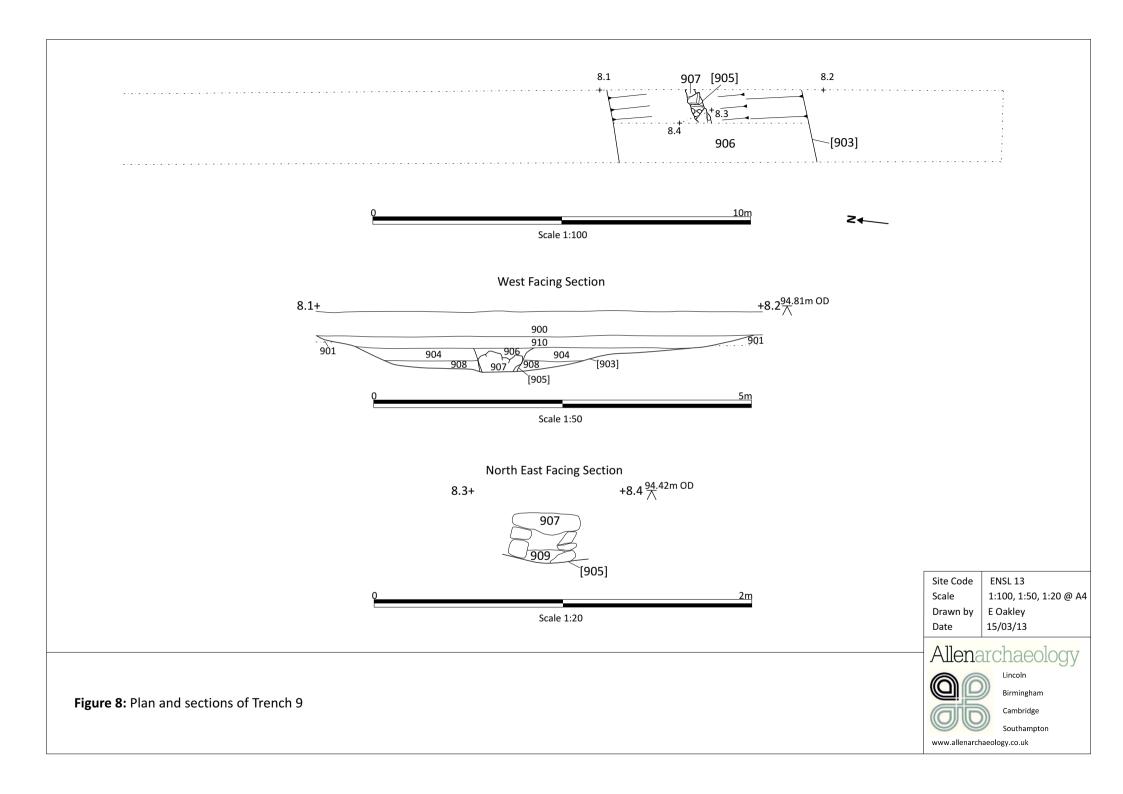


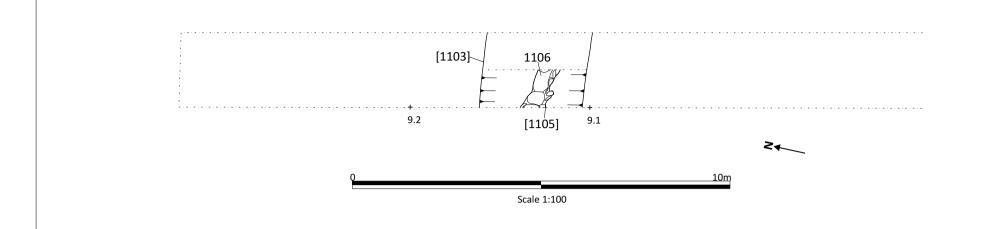


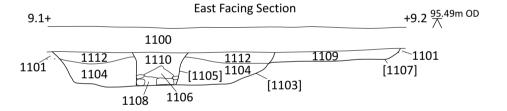














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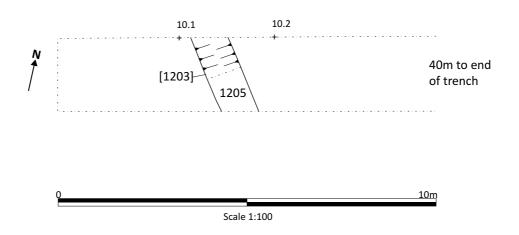
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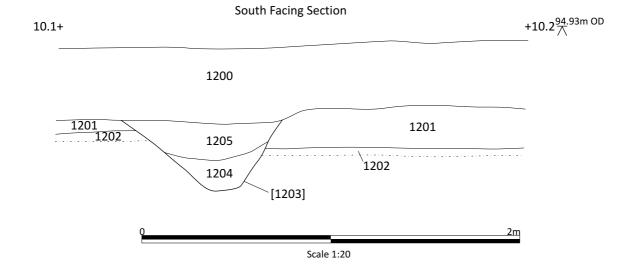
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Figure 9: Plan and sections of Trench 11







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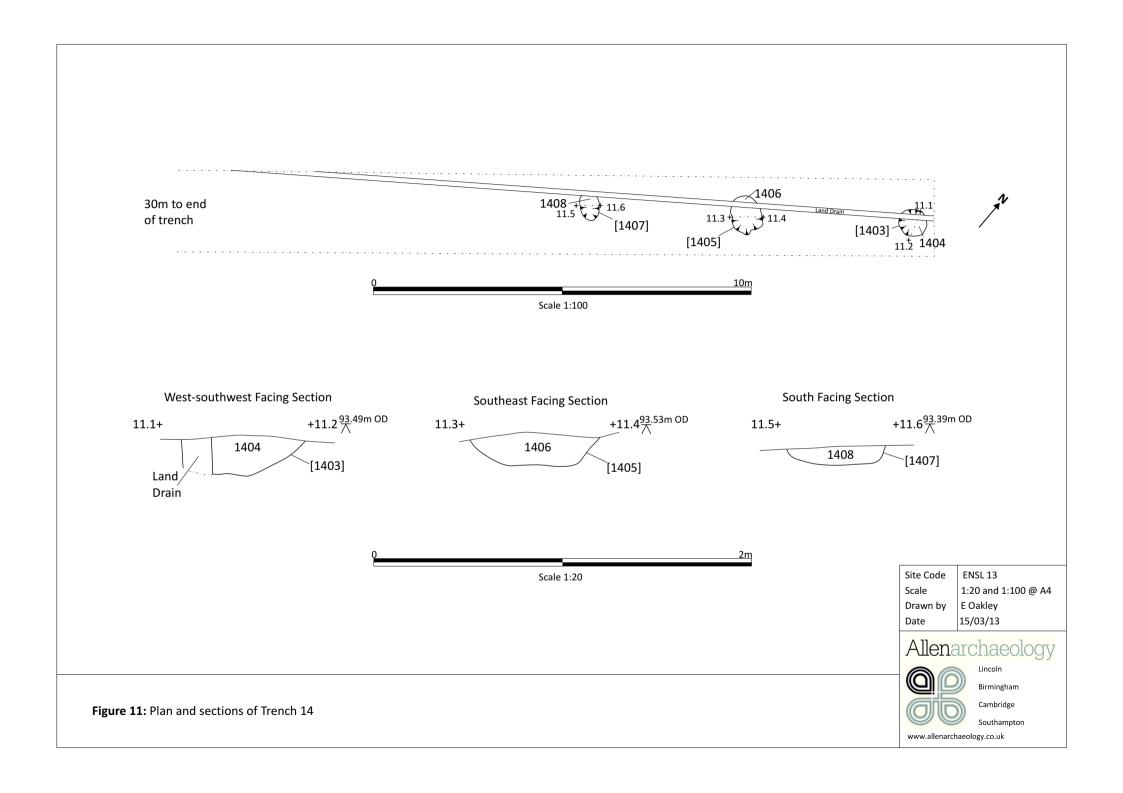
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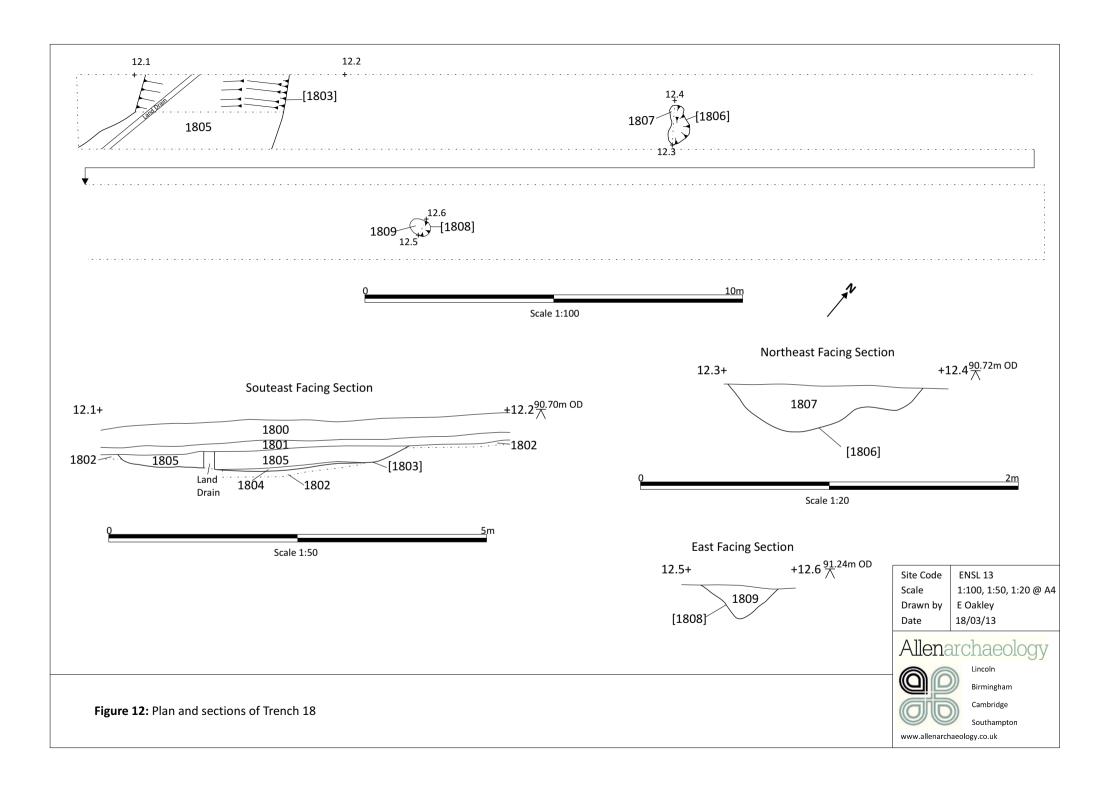
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