

## Appendix 2: Context description and Levels

Levels are recorded as meters above Ordnance Datum (AOD), calculated from an Ordnance Survey spot height at the junction of Ermine Street and Composition Lane: 10.4m AOD (Newlyn).

### Trench 1: Ground level 5.55m – 5.75m AOD

Context No.	Type	Description
101	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand with frequent small sub-rounded – sub-angular flint gravels. < 0.3m thick.
102	Subsoil	Mid orange-red brown sandy silt with moderate small flint gravels. < 0.65m thick.
103	Natural	Mixed light yellow brown sand with lenses of light off-white brown sand and patches of small flint gravels = Limit of Excavation.

### Trench 2: Ground level 6.07m – 7.25m AOD

Context No.	Type	Description
201	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand with frequent small flint gravels. < 0.3m thick.
202	Interface layer	Root and plough disturbed top of natural substrate. < 0.1m thick.
203	Natural	Mixed light yellow brown sand with lenses of light off-white brown sand and patches of small flint gravels and dark red brown sand with small fragments of soft laminated stone = Limit of Excavation.

### Trench 3: Ground level 6.86m – 8.15m AOD

Context No.	Type	Description
301	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand with frequent small sub-rounded – sub-angular flint gravels. < 0.3m thick.
302	Subsoil	Mid orange-red brown sandy silt with moderate small flint gravels. < 0.6m thick.
303	3 <sup>rd</sup> fill of ditch 304	Mid red brown sandy silt with rare small flint gravels. < 2.6m wide x 0.6m deep.
304	Cut of ditch	Moderate-steep sided (broad V shaped) – narrow concave base, linear cut, aligned c. E-W. < 3m wide x < 1.4m deep.
305	2 <sup>nd</sup> fill of ditch 304	Mid grey brown sandy silt with rare small flint gravels. < 2m wide x < 0.5m deep.
306	1 <sup>st</sup> fill of ditch 304	Mid red brown sandy silt with rare small flint gravels. < 2.6m wide x 0.6m deep.
307	Fill of ditch 308	Mid red brown sandy silt with rare small flint gravels. < 1.6m wide x 1.2m deep.
308	Cut of ditch	Moderate-steep sided (broad V shaped) – narrow concave base, linear cut, aligned c. E-W. < 3m wide x < 1.2m deep.
309	2 <sup>nd</sup> fill of ditch 310	Mid grey brown sandy silt with rare small flint gravels. < 2m wide x < 0.8m deep.
310	Cut of ditch	Moderate-steep sided (concave V shaped) – narrow concave base, linear cut, aligned c. E-W. < 2.5m wide x < 1m deep.
311	1 <sup>st</sup> fill of ditch 310	Light red brown silty sand. < 2.4m wide x < 0.2m deep.
312	Natural	Light yellow brown sand with patches of small flint gravels = Limit of Excavation.

**Trench 4:** Ground level 8.35m – 8.75m AOD

Context No.	Type	Description
401	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand with frequent small sub-rounded – sub-angular flint gravels. < 0.34m thick.
402	Subsoil	Mid red brown silty sand with moderate small flint gravels. < 0.5m thick.
403	Natural	Mixed light yellow brown sand with lenses of mid orange brown sand, both with frequent small flint gravels = Limit of Excavation.
404	Cut of ditch	Moderate-steep sided (broad V shaped) – narrow concave base, linear cut, aligned c. E-W. < 1.75m wide x < 0.78m deep.
405	1 <sup>st</sup> fill of ditch 404	Mid-dark brown sandy silt with rare small flint gravels. < 1.36m wide x 0.68m deep.
406	2 <sup>nd</sup> fill of ditch 404	Mid-dark grey brown sandy silt with rare small flint gravels. < 1.75m wide x 0.38m deep.
407	Cut of ditch	Moderate sided (broad V shaped) – narrow concave base, linear cut, aligned c. E-W. < 1.5m wide x < 0.46m deep.
408	Fill of ditch 407	Mid brown silty sand with moderate small flint gravels. < 1.5m wide x < 0.46m deep.

**Trench 5:** Ground level 8.15m – 8.63m AOD

Context No.	Type	Description
501	Topsoil	Dark brown sandy silt with frequent small sub-rounded – sub-angular flint gravels. < 0.4m thick.
502	Subsoil	Mid red brown silty sand with moderate small flint gravels. < 0.2m thick.
503	Fill of ditch 504	Light-mid red brown silty sand with rare small flint gravels, possibly re-deposited natural. < 2.5m wide x 0.6m deep.
504	Cut of ditch	Shallow sided (with very diffuse edges) – shallow, irregular concave base, linear cut, aligned c. N-S. < 2.5m wide x 0.6m deep.
505	Natural	Mixed light yellow brown sand with lenses of mid orange brown sand, both with lenses of small flint gravels = Limit of Excavation.

**Trench 6:** Ground level 8.96m – 9.16m AOD

Context No.	Type	Description
601	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand with frequent small sub-rounded – sub-angular flint gravels. < 0.34m thick.
602	Subsoil (II)	Mid slightly red brown silty sand with moderate small flint gravels. < 0.36m thick.
603	Subsoil (I)	Mid slightly red brown silty sand with moderate small flint gravels. < 0.2m thick.
604	Natural	Mixed light yellow brown sand with lenses of mid orange brown sand to the south becoming more red/darker to the north, with rare small flint gravels = Limit of Excavation.
605	Cut of ditch	Moderate sided (narrow V shaped) – narrow concave base, linear cut, aligned c. E-W. < 0.68m wide x < 0.32m deep.
606	1 <sup>st</sup> fill of ditch 605	Light yellow brown sand (re-deposited natural). < 0.4m wide x < 0.05m deep.
607	2 <sup>nd</sup> fill of ditch 605	Mid slightly red brown sandy silty with moderate small flint gravels. < 0.6m wide x < 0.3m deep.

**Trench 7:** Ground level 9.47m – 9.48m AOD

<b>Context No.</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Description</b>
701	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand with frequent small sub-rounded – sub-angular flint gravels. < 0.42m thick.
702	Interface layer	Root and plough disturbed top of natural substrate. < 0.1m thick.
703	Natural	Mixed light-mid yellow brown sand with small patches of small flint gravels and dark red brown sand with small fragments of soft laminated stone = Limit of Excavation.
704	Cut of ditch	Moderate sided (narrow V shaped) – narrow concave base, linear cut, aligned c. E-W. < 0.66m wide x < 0.26m deep.
705	Fill of ditch 704	Mid yellow brown silty sand with rare small flint gravels. < 0.66m wide x < 0.26m deep.