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SUMMARY

Project Name: Peters Road
Location: Locks Heath, Fareham, Hampshire
NGR: SU 5022 0715
Type: Evaluation
Date: 24-26 August 2009
Location of Archive: To be deposited with Hampshire Museum Service
Accession Number: A 2009.31
Site Code: LHF 09

An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology in August 2009 at the request of RPS Planning and Development on behalf of Taylor Wimpey on land at Peters Road, Locks Heath, Fareham, Hampshire. Ten trenches were excavated.

The majority of the trenches contained no archaeological features or deposits. Trench 11/15 contained three, possibly four, probable cremation burials. These remained unexcavated but were observed as pottery urns set within undefined cuts into the natural substrate. One of the urns was found alongside a smaller accessory vessel. Loose pottery fragments recovered from one of the urns probably date to the Middle Bronze Age. A small charcoal-filled pit was located 45m to the south, within Trench 12. This was undated, although it is possible that it was associated with the probable cremations.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 In August 2009 Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological evaluation for RPS Planning and Development on behalf of Taylor Wimpey on land at Peters Road, Locks Heath, Fareham, Hampshire (centred on NGR: SU 5022 0715; Fig. 1). The evaluation was undertaken as a condition (No. B13) attached to outline planning consent for residential development on the site and represents Phase 1 of the agreed evaluation works.

1.2 The evaluation was carried out in accordance with a requirement for archaeological evaluation issued by Hannah Fluck, Senior Archaeologist for Hampshire County Council, the archaeological advisor to the Local Planning Authority (LPA), and with a subsequent detailed Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) produced by RPS Planning and Development (RPS 2008) and approved by Hannah Fluck. The fieldwork also followed the *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Field Evaluation* issued by the Institute of Field Archaeologists (2001), the *Management of Archaeological Projects* (English Heritage 1991) and the *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MORPHE): Project Manager's Guide* (EH 2006).

The site

1.3 The whole site comprises a total of c. 8.3ha and is located within Locks Heath, Fareham, Hampshire (Fig. 2). It is bounded to the north by Peters Road, to the east by Lockwood Road, to the south by fields and a nursery and to the west by properties fronting onto Brook Lane. The northern part of the site lies at around 30m AOD and ground level falls away gently towards the south to 24m AOD. The underlying solid geology of the area is mapped as Quaternary River Terrace Deposits (6th Terrace) overlying Palaeogene deposits of the Wittering Formation (BGS 1987). Gravelly sands and sandy silts were exposed during the evaluation.

1.4 The site has been nominally sub-divided into land parcels (Land Parcels 1-17) based on the existing field boundaries within the proposed development site. The evaluation which is the subject of this report comprises the Phase 1 development area and includes Land Parcels 3, 4, 15 and part of 16. Land Parcels 3 and 15 occupy grassy fields, Land Parcel 4 occupies a field recently cleared of woodland and Land Parcel 16 lies within the grounds of a nursery.

Archaeological background

- 1.5 The following background is a summary of that contained within the WSI (RPS 2008), itself a summary of a desk-based assessment of the site undertaken by Wessex Archaeology. There are no recorded archaeological deposits, features or findspots within the site. A V-profiled ditch containing Iron Age pottery was identified 250m to the south of the site, and six sherds of Iron Age pottery have been found just to the north. Hamble Point, an Iron Age promontory settlement, is located 1.5km southwest of the site and further settlement of this date has been identified at Hook, 1.5 km southeast of the site.
- 1.6 The site was part of the Manor of Titchfield, and cartographic evidence from the 18th century shows a mixture of woodland, pasture and arable land. By the end of the 19th century the site had been subdivided into smaller plots, probably for market gardening, and contained several small structures and glasshouses.

Archaeological objectives

- 1.7 The objectives of the evaluation were to establish the character, quality, date and extent of any archaeological remains or deposits surviving within the site. This information will assist the LPA in making an informed judgement on the significance of the archaeological resource, and the likely impact upon it of the proposed development.

Methodology

- 1.8 The fieldwork comprised the excavation of ten trenches, all measuring 25m in length and 1.8m in width. Trenches 11-15 were located within Land Parcel 4, Trenches 16-18 in land Parcel 3, Trench 25 in the northern part of land parcel 16 and Trench 26 in land Parcel 15 (Fig. 2). Trench 11 could not be excavated in the position originally agreed in the WSI due to the presence of thick vegetation (brambles). As a result of the identification of a group of probable cremation burials within Trench 15, the Archaeological Consultant agreed that Trench 11 should be relocated to bisect Trench 15 at right angles in order to try and define the likely extent of the cremation burials and these trenches were recorded together as Trench 11/15.
- 1.9 All trenches were excavated by mechanical excavator equipped with a toothless grading bucket. All machine excavation was undertaken under constant archaeological supervision to the top of the first significant archaeological horizon or

the natural substrate, whichever was encountered first. Where archaeological deposits were encountered they were excavated by hand in accordance with CA Technical Manual 1: *Fieldwork Recording Manual* (2007).

- 1.10 Deposits were assessed for their palaeoenvironmental potential in accordance with CA Technical Manual 2: *The Taking and Processing of Environmental and Other Samples from Archaeological Sites* (2003) and no deposits were identified that required sampling as it was agreed with Mick Rawlings of RPS that the cremation burials should remain *in situ*. All artefacts recovered were processed in accordance with CA Technical Manual 3: *Treatment of Finds Immediately After Excavation* (1995).
- 1.11 The archive and artefacts from the evaluation are currently held by CA at their offices in Kemble. Subject to the agreement of the legal landowner the artefacts will be deposited with Hampshire Museums Service under accession number A 2009.31, along with the site archive. A summary of information from this project, set out within Appendix C, will be entered onto the OASIS online database of archaeological projects in Britain.

2. RESULTS (Figs 2-8)

- 2.1 This section provides an overview of the evaluation results; detailed summaries of the recorded contexts and finds are to be found in Appendices A and B respectively.

Trenches 13, 14, 16-18, 25 and 26

- 2.2 Trenches 13, 14, 16-18, 25 and 26 all contained a similar sequence of deposits commencing with the natural substrate, comprising gravelly sands (Trenches 16-18, 25 and 26) or yellow sandy silts (Trenches 13 and 14). These were overlain by subsoil and topsoil deposits. No archaeological features or deposits were identified in these trenches and no artefactual material was recovered from them.

Trench 11/15 (Figs 2-7)

- 2.3 Three pottery urns (1505, 1511 and 1514) were identified set into the yellow sandy silt substrate (Fig. 3 and Fig. 4, Photographs 1-4). Urn 1514 was found adjacent to a smaller accessory vessel (1516). In addition, a small spread of pottery, 1508, may have marked the location of a fourth urn. Despite hand-cleaning no cuts were

identified, although they must have existed since the urns were present below the top of the natural substrate.

- 2.4 The urns remained unexcavated as it was agreed that they would remain *in situ*. Loose sherds of pottery from urn 1514 were collected for analysis. No further artefactual or ecofactual material was identified, including burnt or unburnt human or animal bone. It was unclear as to whether they were upright or inverted, although the presence of a base sherd among the pottery recovered suggests they were inverted.

Trench 12 (Figs 2 and 8)

- 2.5 The yellow sandy silt substrate was cut by pit 1204, which measured 0.4m in diameter and was filled by charcoal fill 1205 (Fig. 8). This pit was not excavated due to its proximity to cremations identified in Trench 11/15, which were similarly preserved *in situ*. It was covered by a 0.4m thickness of subsoil and topsoil and remained undated.

The Finds Evidence

- 2.6 Detached pottery sherds from presumed urn 1511 (19 sherds weighing 131 grams) occur in a medium coarse calcined flint-tempered fabric. The sherds are thick-walled (in the range 10–12mm) and probably derive from a large straight-sided vessel which was hand-built. No decoration is visible. A possible base (angle) sherd suggests that the vessel was deposited inverted. Several sherds preserve an internal brownish (burnt food?) residue.
- 2.7 The use of flint tempering is widespread in the central southern region from the Neolithic, the Middle and Late Bronze Age and the Iron Age. The likely form of the vessel and the relative fineness of the fabric, together with the probable manner of deposition, fit best with a Middle Bronze Age date.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 Although no certain human remains were identified, the character of the group of interred pottery vessels identified in Trench 11/15 as well as the likely date of the

small amount of pottery recovered, indicate that the group most likely represents a cremation cemetery of Middle Bronze Age date. The urns were found in a closely-spaced group; although no cuts were identified, the vessels did not seem to have been placed into a ditch fill, so it would seem that they were placed within individual pits. Although no further cremations were identified within trenches located to the east, south or west, more could be present in the immediate vicinity of Trench 11/15, or within the as yet unevaluated area to the north (within Land Parcels 5, 9, 10 and 11).

3.2 The charcoal-filled pit in Trench 12 was located within 45m of the probable cremations. Although it remained undated, it may well be associated with the identified group of cremation burials, as investigations of similar cemeteries in the region have found pits containing pyre debris to be present in the vicinity of the burials.

3.3 Urned cremation burials of Bronze Age date have been recorded at Fleetend, just 1km to the south of the site, along with a bronze metalwork hoard and a possible settlement enclosure.

4. CA PROJECT TEAM

Fieldwork was undertaken by Jonathan Hart assisted by Martin Harrington. This report was written by Jonathan Hart with the finds report compiled by Ed McSloy. The illustrations were prepared by Lorna Gray. The archive has been compiled by Jonathan Hart, and prepared for deposition by Victoria Taylor. The project was managed for CA by Mark Collard.

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RPS (RPS Planning and Development) 2008 *Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) for a Programme of Archaeological Evaluation at Peters Road, Locks Heath, Fareham, Hampshire (NGR 450220 107150)*

APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

Trench 11/15

No.	Type	Description	Width/ Diam.	Depth	Spot- date
1501	Topsoil	Grey-brown sandy silt		0.13m	
1502	Subsoil	Red-brown sandy silt		0.27m	
1503	Natural	Yellow sandy silt			
1504	Cut	Cut for urn 1505. Unexcavated and not defined in plan	?		
1505	Urn	Pottery vessel, unexcavated	0.32m	0.22m	
1506	Fill	Fill within 1505: yellow sandy silt redeposited natural	0.30m	0.20m	
1507	Cut	Possible cut for ?urn 1508. Unexcavated and not defined in plan	?		
1508	Urn	Pottery sherds possibly representing an <i>in situ</i> urn, unexcavated			
1509	Fill	Possible fill within ?urn 1508: yellow sandy silt redeposited natural			
1510	Cut	Cut for urn 1511. Unexcavated and not defined in plan	?		
1511	Urn	Pottery vessel, unexcavated	0.36m	0.30m	
1512	Fill	Fill within 1511: yellow sandy silt redeposited natural	0.34m	0.28m	
1513	Cut	Cut for urn 1514 and accessory vessel 1516. Unexcavated and not defined in plan	?		
1514	Urn	Pottery vessel, unexcavated	0.32m	0.31m	
1515	Fill	Fill within 1514: yellow sandy silt redeposited natural	0.30m	0.29m	
1516	Vessel	Pottery accessory vessel, unexcavated	0.16m		
1517	Fill	Fill within 1516: yellow sandy silt redeposited natural	0.14m		
1518	Fill	Undefined fill of cut 1513 surrounding vessels 1514 and 1516	?		

Trench 12

No.	Type	Description	Width/ Diam.	Depth	Spot- date
1201	Topsoil	Grey-brown sandy silt		0.13m	
1202	Subsoil	Red-brown sandy silt		0.27m	
1203	Natural	Yellow sandy silt			
1204	Pit	Circular in plan; unexcavated	0.4m		
1205	Fill	Charcoal fill of pit 1204; unexcavated	0.4m		

Trench 13

No.	Type	Description	Width/ Diam.	Depth	Spot- date
1301	Topsoil	Grey-brown sandy silt		0.09m	
1302	Subsoil	Red-brown sandy silt		0.34m	
1303	Natural	Yellow sandy silt			

Trench 14

No.	Type	Description	Width/ Diam.	Depth	Spot- date
1401	Topsoil	Grey-brown sandy silt		0.15m	
1402	Subsoil	Red-brown sandy silt		0.30m	
1403	Natural	Yellow sandy silt			

Trench 16

No.	Type	Description	Width/ Diam.	Depth	Spot- date
1601	Topsoil	Grey-brown sandy silt		0.14m	
1602	Subsoil	Red-brown sandy silt		0.26m	
1603	Natural	Yellow gravelly sand			

Trench 17

No.	Type	Description	Width/ Diam.	Depth	Spot- date
1701	Topsoil	Grey-brown sandy silt		0.11m	
1702	Subsoil	Red-brown sandy silt		0.36m	
1703	Natural	Yellow gravelly sand			

Trench 18

No.	Type	Description	Width/ Diam.	Depth	Spot- date
1801	Topsoil	Grey-brown sandy silt		0.07m	
1802	Subsoil	Red-brown sandy silt		0.29m	
1803	Natural	Yellow gravelly sand			

Trench 25

No.	Type	Description	Width/ Diam.	Depth	Spot- date
2501	Topsoil	Grey-brown sandy silt		0.06m	
2502	Subsoil	grey-brown sandy silt with occasional brick fragments		0.40m	
2503	Natural	Yellow gravelly sand			

Trench 26

No.	Type	Description	Width/ Diam.	Depth	Spot- date
2601	Topsoil	Grey-brown sandy silt		0.05m	
2602	Subsoil	grey-brown sandy silt		0.24m	
2603	Natural	Yellow gravelly sand			

APPENDIX B: THE FINDS*Finds concordance*

Context	Description	Count	Weight(g)	Spot-date
1511	Prehistoric pottery: medium coarse flint-tempered	19	131	MBA?

APPENDIX C: OASIS REPORT FORM

PROJECT DETAILS		
Project Name	Peters Road, Locks Heath, Fareham, Hampshire: Archaeological Evaluation	
Short description	<p>An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology in August 2009 at the request of RPS Planning and Development on behalf of Taylor Wimpey on land at at Peters Road, Locks Heath, Fareham, Hampshire. Ten trenches were excavated.</p> <p>The majority of the trenches contained no archaeological features or deposits. Trench 11/15 contained three, possibly four, probable cremation burials. These remained unexcavated but were observed as pottery urns set within undefined cuts into the natural substrate. One of the urns was found alongside a smaller accessory vessel. Loose pottery fragments recovered from one of the urns probably date to the Middle Bronze Age. A small charcoal-filled pit was located 45m to the south, within Trench 12. This was undated, although it is possible that it was associated with the probable cremations.</p>	
Project dates	24-26 August 2009	
Project type	Evaluation	
Previous work	N/A	
Future work	Unknown	
PROJECT LOCATION		
Site Location	Peters Road, Locks Heath, Fareham, Hampshire	
Study area		
Site co-ordinates	SU 5022 0715	
PROJECT CREATORS		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Brief originator	Hampshire County Council	
Project Design (WSI) originator	RPS Planning and Development	
Project Managers	Mark Collard	
Project Supervisor	Jonathan Hart	
PROJECT ARCHIVES		
	Intended final location of archive: Hampshire Museums Service	Content
Physical		Pottery
Paper		Trench sheets, context sheets, levels, drawings; photographs
Digital		Digital photos
BIBLIOGRAPHY		
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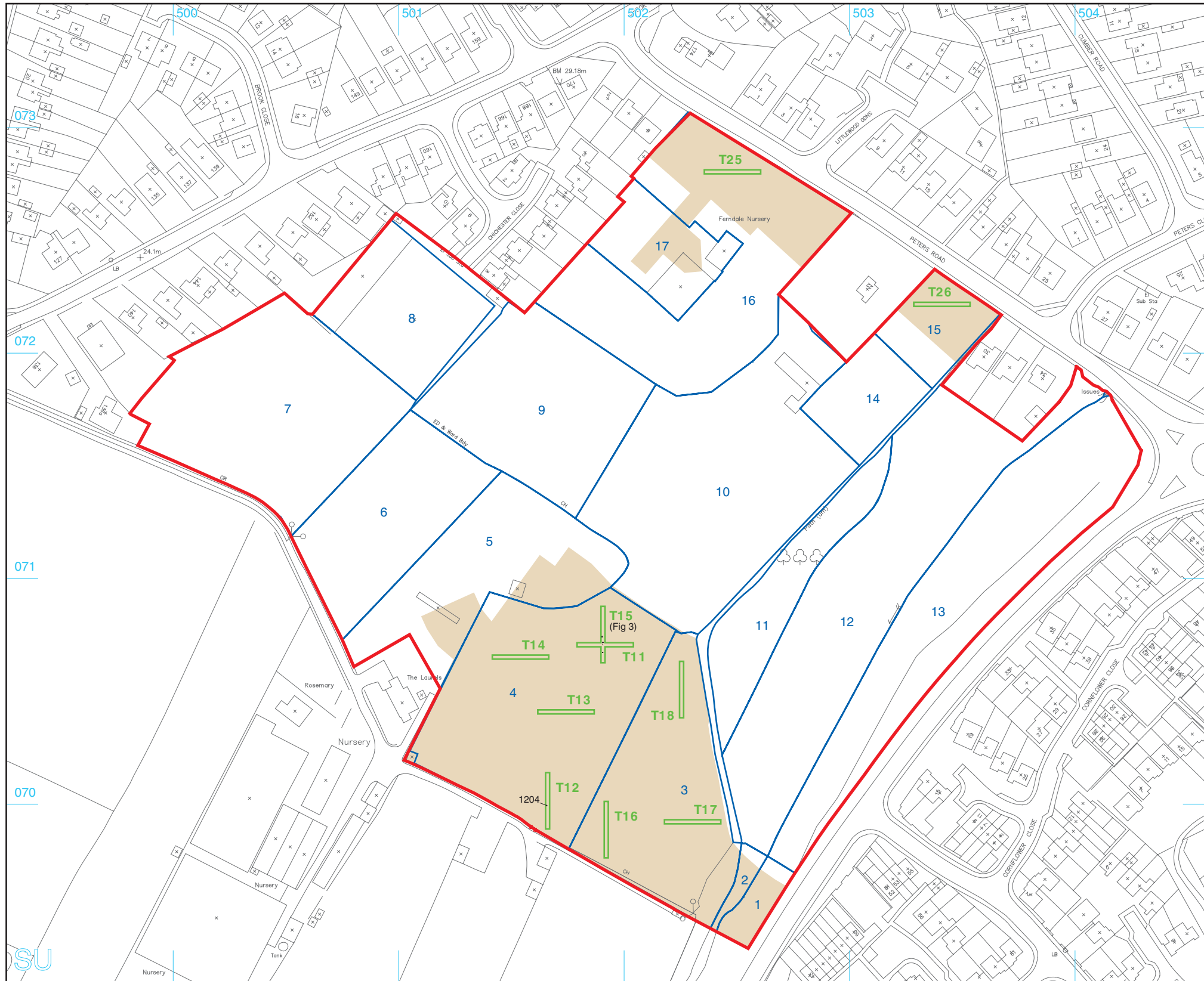


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Site location plan

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- site
- evaluation trench showing archaeological feature
- land parcel
- Phase 1 Area

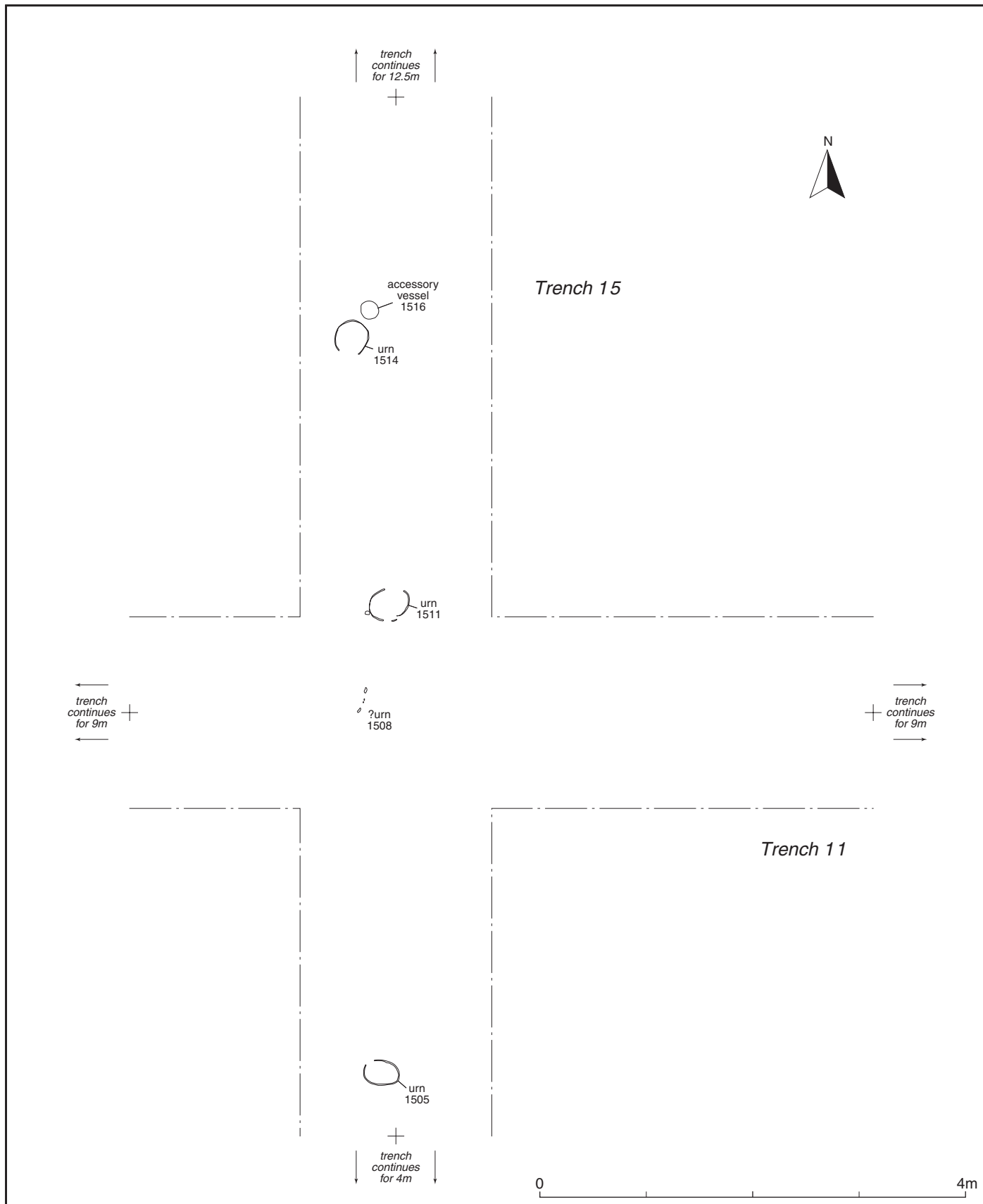


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FIGURE TITLE
**Trench location plan, showing
 archaeological features**

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Plan of Trenches 11 and 15

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4 Trenches 11 and 15, view looking north



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5 Urn 1505, looking south

6 Urn 1511, looking south



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7 Urn 1514, looking west

8 Trench 12, pit 2104, view looking south-west



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