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SUMMARY

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| Project name: | Glenfield Park, North-Eastern Residential Area |
| Location: | Glenfield, Leicestershire |
| NGR: | SK 5341 0552 |
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In September 2012, an archaeological evaluation, comprising the excavation of twenty-one trial trenches, was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology on farmland to the south of Kirby Road (B5380), Glenfield, Leicestershire. The work, which was commissioned by Wilson Bowden Developments, was carried out in support of a detailed planning application for the residential development of the area. This development, the North-Eastern Residential Area, forms part of the wider mixed-use development of Glenfield Park, which will occupy the area between Junction 21a of the M1 Motorway and the western fringe of Glenfield.

Broad, regular plough furrows, the remains of the open field system that once surrounded the village of Glenfield, were encountered across the entire site. The furrows were aligned downslope, mostly on a north-west to south-east alignment, changing to an east to west alignment in the south-eastern corner of the site where the hillside took on a more easterly aspect. The narrow spacing of the furrows suggests that they date to the late medieval/post-medieval periods, although they are likely to have continued in agricultural use until the open fields were enclosed in the 18th or early 19th century, after which time the earthworks that were characteristically formed by this form of ploughing were razed to suit the needs of modern mechanised farming.

With the exception of the late medieval/post-medieval furrows, no other significant archaeological features were encountered, other than a small, undated ditch in the south-east corner of the site. This ran parallel with the furrows in this area, suggesting that it is probably post-medieval or later in date. Colluvial deposits (hill-wash), which were up to 1m thick in places and filled a naturally formed hollow near the base of the slope, were noted in two trenches in the northern corner of the site, close to Kirby Road.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In September 2012, an archaeological evaluation, comprising the excavation of twenty-one trial trenches, was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology on farmland to the south of Kirby Road (B5380), Glenfield, Leicestershire (site centred on NGR: SK 5341 0552; Fig. 1). The work, which was commissioned by Wilson Bowden Developments, was carried out in support of a detailed planning application for the residential development of the area. This development, the North-Eastern Residential Area, forms part of the wider mixed-use development of Glenfield Park, which will occupy the area between Junction 21a of the M1 Motorway and the western fringe of Glenfield.
- 1.2 The current archaeological evaluation forms part of a programme of archaeological work to be carried out at Glenfield Park, the scope of which has been outlined in the Archaeological Strategy prepared by CA (2012) and agreed with Richard Clark, Leicestershire County Council's Principal Planning Archaeologist (LCCPPA). The evaluation of the other areas that comprise the wider development will be reported on separately.
- 1.3 Previous archaeological work, the results of which were included in the Environmental Statement that accompanied the planning application, comprised a desk-based assessment (DBA) prepared by CA (2009a), a geophysical survey carried out by PCG (2009), and trial trench evaluation (CA 2009b; CA 2010).
- 1.4 The project was undertaken in accordance with the approved Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) prepared by CA (2012), which followed best practice as set out in the Institute for Archaeologists' *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Field Evaluation* (IfA 2008), and the English Heritage procedural documents *Management of Archaeological Projects 2* (EH 1991) and the *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MoRPHE): Project Manager's Guide* (EH 2006). The fieldwork was monitored by Richard Clark, LCCPPA.

The site

- 1.5 The development area in its entirety, Glenfield Park, covers approximately 62ha and comprises five parcels of agricultural land north and east of Junction 21a of the

- M1 Motorway, on the western approaches to Leicester (Fig. 1). The five areas are the Northern Employment Area, Western Open Space, Eastern Employment Area, Western Employment Area and North-Eastern Residential Area (Fig. 2). The western edge of the site is bounded by the M1 Motorway and the A46, and the four areas are separated by Ratby Lane/Kirby Road (B5380) and the link road between the A46 and the B5380.
- 1.6 The North-Eastern Residential Area (NERA), which covers c. 10.8ha and comprises an arable field and part of an adjacent arable field to the south-west, is bounded by Kirby Road (B5380) to the north-west, housing to the north-east, a golf course to the south-east and agricultural land to the south-west. The buildings of Glebe Farm border the north-western edge of the site and a belt of trees, known as Fishley Belt, extends along the boundary with the golf course. The site is situated on a gentle, north-west facing slope, which descends from 88m above Ordnance Datum (aOD) at the crest of the slope to c. 74m aOD close to Kirby Road.
 - 1.7 The bedrock geology consists of mid to late Triassic mudstone of the Edwalton Member, with mudstone of the Gunthorpe Member outcropping along the northern fringe of the site; both Members form part of the Sidmouth Mudstone Formation, a component of the Mercian Mudstone Group (BGS 2012). Superficial glacial deposits of the Oadby Member (till), part of the Wolston Formation, occur on the higher ground at the southern edge of the site (BGS 2012).
 - 1.8 The following summary is based on the full account of the historical and archaeological background to the site and its vicinity presented in the DBA prepared by CA (2009a), supplemented with information obtained from more recent interventions in the area and records of previous archaeological work associated with the upgrading of the B5380, which were not available at the time the DBA was prepared.
 - 1.9 An evaluation undertaken by CA (2009b) identified prehistoric settlement and activity on a ridge of higher ground to the west of the current site, within the Western Employment Area. The features comprised a Bronze Age pit and the remains of a Middle Iron Age settlement; an Iron Age metal vessel was recovered from the site and evidence of Iron Age metal working was also identified. The Middle Iron Age settlement appears to be focused on this ridge of higher ground but associated remains, such as field system ditches, may extend beyond this area.

- 1.10 Prehistoric activity had previously been recorded in an area of slightly higher ground to the south-west of the current site and beyond the proposed development in this area (CA 2009a). These remains comprised Bronze Age features, including a round barrow with possible associated buried soils, possible associated cremation burials and two enclosures, three Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age roundhouses and up to four Late Iron Age round houses.
- 1.11 Archaeological investigations along the route of the upgraded Ratby Lane/Kirby Road (A5380), undertaken by Leicestershire Archaeological Unit in the 1990s, encountered two Early to Middle Iron Age enclosures, a palaeochannel dating to the Iron Age or earlier, evidence for up to six Middle to Late Iron Age structures with associated pits, postholes and a ditch, and the remains of a possible Roman settlement and a rectilinear ditch system (LAU 1993; 1995).
- 1.12 A small concentration of Roman features, comprising four pits/ditch terminals and a large quarry pit, were identified to the south of the area of Iron Age activity (CA 2009b). These remains are likely to represent outlying features of the Roman settlement previously investigated to the east of this area by Leicestershire Archaeological Unit. Roman kiln material has been recovered during surface collection within the site.
- 1.13 The putative line of the Via Devana Roman road crosses north-west to south-east through the area to the north of the current site, within the Northern Employment Area (CA 2009a). No anomalies consistent with buried remains of a Roman road or associated activity were identified during geophysical survey (PCG 2009).
- 1.14 In 2010, an evaluation carried out by CA identified an undated ditch at the southern end of the Western Employment Area and an undated ditch and the remains of medieval and/or post-medieval plough furrows in the NERA (CA 2010).
- 1.15 Medieval settlement activity in the vicinity appears to have been focused outside the site at Glenfield, Kirby Muxloe and Ratby villages (CA 2009a). Current evidence does not suggest that settlement at Glenfield extended into the site. Medieval to modern ridge and furrow earthworks are visible within the site on 1940s aerial photographs. A small block of extant ridge and furrow was identified during the site visit, to the south-west of Glebe Farm. Agricultural practices in the later 20th century

have removed the above ground remains of these earthworks elsewhere within the site, but furrows have been found to survive below the ploughsoil. Geophysical survey identified features consistent with below-ground remains of furrows, and these features were identified during the archaeological trial trench evaluation in the WEA and NERA (CA 2009b; 2010). A limited amount of medieval surface material has been recorded within the site, most likely to have resulted from the manuring of fields and chance losses.

Archaeological objectives

- 1.16 The general aim of the evaluation, as outlined in the WSI (CA 2012), was to determine, as far as reasonably possible, the location, form, extent, date, character, condition, significance and quality of any surviving archaeological remains, irrespective of period, liable to be threatened by the proposed development. The specific objectives were to:
- establish the presence, location, extent, nature, character and date of any buried archaeological features or deposits that may be present;
 - establish the integrity and state of preservation of any buried archaeological features or deposits that may be present.
- 1.17 The results of the evaluation will assist LCCPPA in making an informed judgement on the significance of the archaeological resource and the likely impact upon it of the proposed development.

Methodology

- 1.18 The evaluation comprised the excavation and investigation of twenty-one trial trenches. The trenching scheme originally comprised twenty-two trenches but the area of one trench (Trench 1) was inaccessible. The trenches were positioned to investigate geophysical anomalies or to provide a reasonable overall coverage and sample of the site area (Fig. 2).
- 1.19 The trenches were excavated using a 14 tonne tracked mechanical excavator fitted with a 1.8m wide toothless ditching bucket. All machine excavation was undertaken under constant archaeological supervision, to the top of the first significant archaeological horizon or the geological substrate, whichever was encountered first. Where archaeological deposits were encountered they were excavated by hand

and recorded, in accordance with *Technical Manual 1: Fieldwork Recording Manual* (CA 2007).

- 1.20 No archaeological features were encountered that were suitable for environmental assessment. All recovered artefacts were processed in accordance with *Technical Manual 3: Treatment of Finds Immediately after Excavation* (CA 2010).
- 1.21 With the assistance of Mr Neil Glenister, a local metal detectorist and member of the Leicestershire Museums Archaeological Fieldwork Group, all archaeological features and the spoil heaps were scanned with a metal detector to maximise the recovery of archaeologically significant metal objects.
- 1.22 The archive and artefacts from the evaluation are currently held by CA at their offices in Milton Keynes. Subject to the agreement of the legal landowner, the site archive will be deposited with the Leicestershire Museum Service, accession number X.A89.2012. A summary of information from this project will be entered onto the OASIS online database of archaeological projects in Britain.

2. FIELDWORK RESULTS

General stratigraphy

- 2.1 The geological substrate was predominately light to mid pinkish or reddish-brown clay; on the lower slope there were sandy patches and occasional bands of gravel (see Appendix A). Subsoil was almost entirely absent within the areas investigated by the trenches, with the exception of isolated patches in Trenches 2, 9, 18, 21 and 22. Colluvial deposits (hill-wash) were noted in Trenches 21 and 22, where they filled a naturally formed hollow or eroded channel near the base of the slope (Fig. 3). The deposits had a combined thickness of up to 1m and comprised mid reddish-brown silty clay overlying sandy and gravelly deposits. The ploughsoil was typically mid to dark brown organic silty clay with pebbles.

Medieval ridge and furrow

- 2.2 Regularly spaced furrows, the remains of an open strip field system, were recorded in all of the trenches except for Trenches 2, 9 and 21 (Figs. 2 and 4). The furrows were typically 2-3m wide and were spaced c. 4m apart, their narrow spacing and linearity suggesting that they are probably late medieval or post-medieval in date. The furrows were aligned downslope, mostly on a north-west to south-east

alignment, changing to an east to west alignment in the south-east corner of the site where the hillside took on a more easterly aspect.

- 2.3 A small assemblage of archaeological artefacts was recovered from the furrows and the overlying ploughsoil, including six pieces of worked flint, sherds of medieval and post-medieval pottery, a silver coin of Henry VIII and an assortment of buttons and buckles.
- 2.4 Ceramic land drains had been inserted into many of the furrows in the 19th or early 20th century, which not only demonstrates the poor drainage in this area but also indicates that the ridge and furrow had survived as standing earthworks until comparatively recently, as confirmed by aerial photographs that show the earthworks still extant in the 1940s.

Undated

Trench 18

- 2.5 Near the centre of the trench there was a small ditch, 1803, that ran parallel to the furrows to the south. It was aligned roughly east to west, had a shallow, concave profile and measured c. 1.5m wide by 0.38m deep (Figs. 2 and 5).

The finds

The finds by Ed McSloy

- 2.6 A small assemblage of archaeological artefacts was recovered from furrows and the overlying ploughsoil, the range of items typical of those commonly found in fields surrounding villages, farms or bordering roads (see Appendix B). The items generally derive from discard, casual loss or manuring and include worked flint, medieval and post-medieval pottery, coins, part of a spoon and metal fittings, such as buttons and buckles, detached from shoes and clothing.
- 2.7 The prehistoric worked flint comprises five flakes and one core fragment. All pieces are heavily 'rolled', the condition consistent with material present for an extended period within the ploughsoil.
- 2.7 The medieval pottery, which is much abraded, was recovered from ploughsoil and furrow deposits 301, 704 and 1001, and sherds of Midlands Purple, a type spanning

the late medieval and post-medieval periods, was recovered from ploughsoil 301 and 601. The remainder of the finds, including a number of coins and other metalwork, dates to the post-medieval or modern periods. Of this, the only item worthy of note is a silver groat of Henry VIII (1509-1547), which bears the bust of his father Henry VII and dates to the period prior to 1526, when the second coinage was introduced (Spink 2001).

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 The evaluation broadly confirmed the findings of the earlier evaluation in identifying a regular pattern of plough furrows across the site (CA 2010). The furrows, the remains of the open strip field system that once surrounded the village of Glenfield, were narrowly spaced, at c. 4m apart, suggesting that they date to the late medieval/post-medieval periods, when horse-drawn ploughs, with their tighter turning circle at the end of the selions (individual strips), had replaced ploughs drawn by the less manoeuvrable oxen (Rackham 1986, 167-9). The strip field system is likely to have continued in agricultural use until the open fields were enclosed in the 18th or early 19th century.
- 3.2 The furrows were aligned downslope, mostly on a north-west to south-east alignment, changing to an east to west alignment in the south-eastern corner of the site where the hillside took on a more easterly aspect. Aerial photographs suggest that the ridge and furrow earthworks survived until at least the 1940s, after which time the earthworks were ploughed out or deliberately razed to suit the needs of modern mechanised farming.
- 3.3 With the exception of the furrows, no other significant archaeological features were encountered, other than a small, undated ditch in the south-east corner of the site. This ran parallel with the furrows in this area, suggesting that it is probably post-medieval or later in date. Colluvial deposits (hill-wash), which were up to 1m thick in places and filled a naturally formed hollow or eroded channel near the base of the slope, were noted in two trenches in the northern corner of the site, close to Kirby Road.

4. CA PROJECT TEAM

- 4.1 The fieldwork was undertaken by Jeremy Mordue, assisted by Dan Riley and Rob Scott. The report was written by Simon Carlyle, with contributions by Ed McSloy, and the illustrations were prepared by Ian Atkins. The archive will be compiled and prepared for deposition by Derek Evans. The project was managed for CA by Simon Carlyle and Gail Stoten.

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APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS**Trench 1**

Not excavated

Trench 2

| No. | Type | Description | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth (m) | Spot-date |
|-----|------------|--|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 201 | Ploughsoil | Soft mid brown silty clay with occasional pebbles. | - | - | 0.30 | |
| 202 | Subsoil | Soft mid greyish-brown silty clay with occasional pebbles. Peters out to NE. | - | - | 0.25 | |
| 203 | Geology | Firm pinkish-brown clay with patches of brown sand and gravel. | - | - | - | |

Trench 3

| No. | Type | Description | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth (m) | Spot-date |
|-----|------------|--|------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------|
| 301 | Ploughsoil | Soft mid brown silty clay with occasional pebbles. | - | - | 0.25 | |
| 302 | Furrow | Linear cut, aligned NW-SE, edges parallel and moderately well-defined, runs parallel with a series of adjacent features. | 1.8+ | 3.1 | n/e | Medieval/ post-medieval |
| 303 | Furrow | See 302. | 1.8+ | 3.5 | n/e | Medieval/ post-medieval |
| 304 | Furrow | See 302. | 1.8+ | 2.8 | n/e | Medieval/ post-medieval |
| 305 | Furrow | See 302. | 1.8+ | 3.3 | n/e | Medieval/ post-medieval |
| 306 | Furrow | See 302. | 1.8+ | 2.5 | n/e | Medieval/ post-medieval |
| 307 | Furrow | See 302. | 1.8+ | 2.7 | n/e | Medieval/ post-medieval |
| 308 | Furrow | See 302. | 1.8+ | 2.0+ | n/e | Medieval/ post-medieval |
| 309 | Geology | Firm pinkish-brown clay with patches of brown sand and gravel. | - | - | - | |

Trench 4

| No. | Type | Description | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth (m) | Spot-date |
|-----|------------|--|------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------|
| 401 | Ploughsoil | Soft mid brown silty clay with occasional pebbles. | - | - | 0.20 | |
| 402 | Furrow | Linear cut, aligned NW-SE, edges parallel and moderately well-defined, runs parallel with a series of adjacent features. | 1.8+ | 2.4 | n/e | Medieval/ post-medieval |
| 403 | Furrow | See 402. | 1.8+ | 1.9 | n/e | Medieval/ post-medieval |
| 404 | Furrow | See 402. | 1.8+ | 1.9 | n/e | Medieval/ post-medieval |
| 405 | Furrow | See 402. | 1.8+ | 2.3 | n/e | Medieval/ |

| | | | | | | |
|-----|---------|--|------|-----|-----|----------------------------|
| | | | | | | post-medieval |
| 406 | Furrow | See 402. | 1.8+ | 2.9 | n/e | Medieval/ post-medieval |
| 407 | Geology | Firm pinkish-brown clay with patches of brown sand and gravel. | - | - | - | Medieval/ post-medieval |

Trench 5

| No. | Type | Description | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth (m) | Spot-date |
|-----|------------|--|------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------|
| 501 | Ploughsoil | Soft mid brown silty clay with occasional pebbles. | - | - | 0.30 | |
| 502 | Furrow | Linear cut, aligned NW-SE, edges parallel and moderately well-defined, runs parallel with a series of adjacent features. | 1.8+ | 2.5 | n/e | Medieval/ post-medieval |
| 503 | Furrow | See 502. | 1.8+ | 2.5 | n/e | Medieval/ post-medieval |
| 504 | Furrow | See 502. | 1.8+ | 2.1 | n/e | Medieval/ post-medieval |
| 505 | Furrow | See 502. | 1.8+ | 2.5 | n/e | Medieval/ post-medieval |
| 506 | Furrow | See 502. | 1.8+ | 1.6 | n/e | Medieval/ post-medieval |
| 507 | Furrow | See 502. | 1.8+ | 2.1 | n/e | Medieval/ post-medieval |
| 508 | Furrow | See 502. | 1.8+ | 1.7 | n/e | Medieval/ post-medieval |
| 509 | Geology | Firm pinkish-brown clay with patches of brown sand and gravel. | - | - | - | |

Trench 6

| No. | Type | Description | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth (m) | Spot-date |
|-----|------------|--|------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------|
| 601 | Ploughsoil | Soft mid brown silty clay with occasional pebbles. | - | - | 0.33 | |
| 602 | Furrow | Linear cut, aligned NW-SE, edges parallel and moderately well-defined, runs parallel with a series of adjacent features. | 1.8+ | 2.7 | n/e | Medieval/ post-medieval |
| 603 | Furrow | See 602. | 1.8+ | 2.5 | n/e | Medieval/ post-medieval |
| 604 | Furrow | See 602. | 1.8+ | 3.1 | n/e | Medieval/ post-medieval |
| 605 | Furrow | See 602. | 1.8+ | 3.2 | n/e | Medieval/ post-medieval |
| 606 | Furrow | See 602. | 1.8+ | 3.8 | n/e | Medieval/ post-medieval |
| 607 | Furrow | See 602. | 1.8+ | 3.0 | n/e | Medieval/ post-medieval |
| 608 | Geology | Firm pinkish-brown clay with patches of brown sand and gravel. | - | - | - | |

Trench 7

| No. | Type | Description | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth (m) | Spot-date |
|-----|-------------|--|------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------|
| 701 | Ploughsoil | Soft mid brown silty clay with occasional pebbles. | - | - | 0.32 | |
| 702 | Geology | Mid orangey-red clay with pebbles | - | - | - | |
| 703 | Furrow | Linear cut, aligned ENE-WSW, edges parallel and moderately well-defined, runs parallel with a series of adjacent features. | 3.5+ | 1.2 | n/e | Medieval/ post-medieval |
| 704 | Fill of 703 | Mid brown silty clay with occ pebbles. | - | - | - | |
| 705 | Furrow | See 703 | 3.5+ | 0.5 | n/e | Medieval/ post-medieval |
| 706 | Fill of 705 | See 704 | | | | |
| 707 | Furrow | See 703 | 3.5+ | 1.6 | n/e | Medieval/ post-medieval |
| 708 | Fill of 707 | See 704 | | | | |

Trench 8

| No. | Type | Description | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth (m) | Spot-date |
|-----|------------|--|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 801 | Ploughsoil | Soft mid brown silty clay with occasional pebbles. | - | - | 0.35 | |
| 802 | Geology | Mid orangey-red clay with pebbles | - | - | - | |

Trench 9

| No. | Type | Description | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth (m) | Spot-date |
|-----|------------|--|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 901 | Ploughsoil | Soft mid brown silty clay with occasional pebbles. | - | - | 0.30 | |
| 902 | Subsoil | Mid brown silty clay with occ pebbles. | - | - | 0.18 | |
| 903 | Geology | Mid reddish-brown clay. | - | - | - | |

Trench 10

| No. | Type | Description | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth (m) | Spot-date |
|------|------------|--|------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------|
| 1001 | Ploughsoil | Soft mid brown silty clay with occasional pebbles. | - | - | 0.25 | |
| 1002 | Furrow | Linear cut, aligned NW-SE, edges parallel and moderately well-defined, runs parallel with a series of adjacent features. | 1.8+ | 1.4 | n/e | Medieval/ post-medieval |
| 1003 | Furrow | See 1002. | 1.8+ | 1.1 | n/e | Medieval/ post-medieval |
| 1004 | Furrow | See 1002. | 1.8+ | 1.2 | n/e | Medieval/ post-medieval |
| 1005 | Furrow | See 1002. | 1.8+ | 1.5 | n/e | Medieval/ post-medieval |
| 1006 | Furrow | See 1002. | 1.8+ | 1.5 | n/e | Medieval/ post-medieval |
| 1007 | Furrow | See 1002. | 1.8+ | 1.5 | n/e | Medieval/ post-medieval |
| 1008 | Furrow | See 1002. | 1.8+ | 1.4 | n/e | Medieval/ post-medieval |

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|------|---------|-------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| 1009 | Geology | Mid reddish-brown clay. | - | - | - | |
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Trench 11

| No. | Type | Description | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth (m) | Spot-date |
|------|------------|--|------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|
| 1101 | Ploughsoil | Soft mid brown silty clay with occasional pebbles. | - | - | 0.25 | |
| 1102 | Furrow | Linear cut, aligned NW-SE, edges parallel and moderately well-defined, runs parallel with a series of adjacent features. | 1.8+ | 2.0 | n/e | Medieval/post-medieval |
| 1103 | Furrow | See 1102. | 1.8+ | 2.0 | n/e | Medieval/post-medieval |
| 1104 | Furrow | See 1102. | 1.8+ | 1.5 | n/e | Medieval/post-medieval |
| 1105 | Furrow | See 1102. | 1.8+ | 1.5 | n/e | Medieval/post-medieval |
| 1106 | Furrow | See 1102. | 1.8+ | 2.0 | n/e | Medieval/post-medieval |
| 1107 | Furrow | See 1102. | 1.8+ | 2.5 | n/e | Medieval/post-medieval |
| 1108 | Furrow | See 1102. | 1.8+ | 2.0 | n/e | Medieval/post-medieval |
| 1109 | Furrow | See 1102. | 1.8+ | 2.0 | n/e | Medieval/post-medieval |
| 1110 | Furrow | See 1102. | 1.8+ | 2.0 | n/e | Medieval/post-medieval |
| 1111 | Geology | Mid reddish-brown clay. | - | - | - | |

Trench 12

| No. | Type | Description | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth (m) | Spot-date |
|------|------------|--|------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|
| 1201 | Ploughsoil | Soft mid brown silty clay with occasional pebbles. | - | - | 0.24 | |
| 1202 | Furrow | Linear cut, aligned NW-SE, edges parallel and moderately well-defined, runs parallel with a series of adjacent features. | 1.8+ | 2.0 | n/e | Medieval/post-medieval |
| 1203 | Furrow | See 1202. | 1.8+ | 2.0 | n/e | Medieval/post-medieval |
| 1204 | Geology | Mid reddish-brown clay. | - | - | - | |

Trench 13

| No. | Type | Description | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth (m) | Spot-date |
|------|------------|--|------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|
| 1301 | Ploughsoil | Soft mid brown silty clay with occasional pebbles. | - | - | 0.22 | |
| 1302 | Furrow | Linear cut, aligned NW-SE, edges parallel and moderately well-defined, runs parallel with a series of adjacent features. | 1.8+ | 1.6 | n/e | Medieval/post-medieval |
| 1303 | Furrow | See 1302. | 1.8+ | 1.9 | n/e | Medieval/post-medieval |

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|------|---------|-------------------------|------|-----|-----|--------------------------------|
| 1304 | Furrow | See 1302. | 1.8+ | 2.2 | n/e | Medieval/ post- medieval |
| 1305 | Furrow | See 1302. | 1.8+ | 1.8 | n/e | Medieval/ post- medieval |
| 1306 | Furrow | See 1302. | 1.8+ | 1.2 | n/e | Medieval/ post- medieval |
| 1307 | Furrow | See 1302. | 1.8+ | 1.3 | n/e | Medieval/ post- medieval |
| 1308 | Furrow | See 1302. | 1.8+ | 1.5 | n/e | Medieval/ post- medieval |
| 1309 | Geology | Mid reddish-brown clay. | - | - | - | |

Trench 14

| No. | Type | Description | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth (m) | Spot-date |
|------|------------|--|------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| 1401 | Ploughsoil | Soft mid brown silty clay with occasional pebbles. | - | - | 0.22 | |
| 1402 | Furrow | Linear cut, aligned NW-SE, edges parallel and moderately well-defined, runs parallel with a series of adjacent features. | 1.8+ | 5.0 | n/e | Medieval/ post- medieval |
| 1403 | Furrow | See 1402. | 1.8+ | 3.4 | n/e | Medieval/ post- medieval |
| 1404 | Furrow | See 1402. | 1.8+ | 3.3 | n/e | Medieval/ post- medieval |
| 1405 | Furrow | See 1402. | 1.8+ | 2.9 | n/e | Medieval/ post- medieval |
| 1406 | Furrow | See 1402. | 1.8+ | 2.8 | n/e | Medieval/ post- medieval |
| 1407 | Furrow | See 1402. | 1.8+ | 1.3 | n/e | Medieval/ post- medieval |
| 1408 | Geology | Mid reddish-brown clay. | - | - | - | |

Trench 15

| No. | Type | Description | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth (m) | Spot-date |
|------|------------|--|------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| 1501 | Ploughsoil | Soft mid brown silty clay with occasional pebbles. | - | - | 0.22 | |
| 1502 | Furrow | Linear cut, aligned NW-SE, edges parallel and moderately well-defined, runs parallel with a series of adjacent features. | 1.8+ | 1.5 | n/e | Medieval/ post- medieval |
| 1503 | Furrow | See 1502. | 1.8+ | 1.4 | n/e | Medieval/ post- medieval |
| 1504 | Furrow | See 1502. | 1.8+ | 1.3 | n/e | Medieval/ post- medieval |
| 1505 | Furrow | See 1502. | 1.8+ | 1.5 | n/e | Medieval/ post- medieval |
| 1506 | Furrow | See 1502. | 1.8+ | 1.5 | n/e | Medieval/ post- medieval |
| 1507 | Furrow | See 1502. | 1.8+ | 1.5 | n/e | Medieval/ |

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|------|--------------|-------------------------|------|-----|-----|---------------|
| | | | | | | post-medieval |
| 1508 | Sewer trench | Trench. aligned NW-SE | 1.8+ | 4.0 | n/e | Modern |
| 1509 | Fill of 1508 | Mixed deposit | 1.8+ | - | n/e | |
| 1510 | Geology | Mid reddish-brown clay. | - | - | - | |

Trench 16

| No. | Type | Description | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth (m) | Spot-date |
|------|--------------|--|------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|
| 1601 | Ploughsoil | Soft mid brown silty clay with occasional pebbles. | - | - | 0.22 | |
| 1602 | Furrow | Linear cut, aligned NW-SE, edges parallel and moderately well-defined, runs parallel with a series of adjacent features. | 1.8+ | 1.0 | n/e | Medieval/post-medieval |
| 1603 | Furrow | See 1602. | 1.8+ | 2.0 | n/e | Medieval/post-medieval |
| 1604 | Furrow | See 1602. | 1.8+ | 1.8 | n/e | Medieval/post-medieval |
| 1605 | Furrow | See 1602. | 1.8+ | 2.1 | n/e | Medieval/post-medieval |
| 1606 | Furrow | See 1602. | 1.8+ | 1.9 | n/e | Medieval/post-medieval |
| 1607 | Furrow | See 1602. | 1.8+ | 1.8 | n/e | Medieval/post-medieval |
| 1608 | Furrow | See 1602. | 1.8+ | 1.7 | n/e | Medieval/post-medieval |
| 1609 | Furrow | See 1602. | 1.8+ | 1.6 | n/e | Medieval/post-medieval |
| 1610 | Furrow | See 1602. | 1.8+ | 1.4 | n/e | Medieval/post-medieval |
| 1611 | Ditch | Linear trench, aligned NE-SW | 1.8+ | 1.0 | n/e | Modern |
| 1612 | Fill of 1611 | Mid brown plastic silty clay. | - | - | n/e | |
| 1613 | Geology | Mid reddish-brown clay. | - | - | - | |

Trench 17

| No. | Type | Description | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth (m) | Spot-date |
|------|------------|--|------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|
| 1701 | Ploughsoil | Soft mid brown silty clay with occasional pebbles. | - | - | 0.25 | |
| 1702 | Subsoil | Mid brown silty clay with occ pebbles. | - | - | 0.10 | |
| 1705 | Furrow | Linear cut, aligned NW-SE, edges parallel and moderately well-defined, runs parallel with a series of adjacent features. | 1.8+ | 1.3 | n/e | Medieval/post-medieval |
| 1706 | Furrow | See 1705. | 1.8+ | 1.1 | n/e | Medieval/post-medieval |
| 1707 | Furrow | See 1705. | 1.8+ | 2.0 | n/e | Medieval/post-medieval |
| 1708 | Furrow | See 1705. | 1.8+ | 1.4 | n/e | Medieval/post-medieval |

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|------|---------|-------------------------|------|-----|-----|--------------------------------|
| 1709 | Furrow | See 1705. | 1.8+ | 2.2 | n/e | Medieval/ post- medieval |
| 1710 | Furrow | See 1705. | 1.8+ | 2.0 | n/e | Medieval/ post- medieval |
| 1711 | Furrow | See 1705. | 1.8+ | 2.1 | n/e | Medieval/ post- medieval |
| 1712 | Furrow | See 1705. | 1.8+ | 2.0 | n/e | Medieval/ post- medieval |
| 1713 | Geology | Mid reddish-brown clay. | - | - | - | |

Trench 18

| No. | Type | Description | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth (m) | Spot-date |
|------|-----------------|---|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| 1801 | Ploughsoil | Soft mid brown silty clay with occasional pebbles. | - | - | 0.30 | |
| 1802 | Subsoil | Mid brown silty clay with occ pebbles. | - | - | 0.25 | |
| 1803 | Ditch | Linear cut, aligned NE-SW, edges parallel and well-defined, runs parallel with furrows | 1.8+ | 1.54 | 0.38 | Undated |
| 1804 | Fill of 1803 | Mid brown silty clay with pebbles. | - | - | 0.38 | |
| 1805 | Furrow | Linear cut, aligned NE-SW, edges parallel and moderately well-defined, runs parallel with adjacent feature. | 1.8+ | 2.1 | n/e | Medieval/ post- medieval |
| 1806 | Furrow | See 1805. | 1.8+ | 1.4 | n/e | Medieval/ post- medieval |
| 1807 | Geology | Mid reddish-brown clay. | - | - | - | |

Trench 19

| No. | Type | Description | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth (m) | Spot-date |
|------|------------|--|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| 1901 | Ploughsoil | Soft mid brown silty clay with occasional pebbles. | - | - | 0.20 | |
| 1902 | Furrow | Linear cut, aligned NW-SE, edges parallel and moderately well-defined, runs parallel with a series of adjacent features. | 1.8+ | 1.0 | n/e | Medieval/ post- medieval |
| 1903 | Furrow | See 1902. | 1.8+ | 1.5 | n/e | Medieval/ post- medieval |
| 1904 | Furrow | See 1902. | 1.8+ | 2.0 | n/e | Medieval/ post- medieval |
| 1905 | Furrow | See 1902. | 1.8+ | 1.8 | n/e | Medieval/ post- medieval |
| 1906 | Furrow | See 1902. | 1.8+ | 1.7 | n/e | Medieval/ post- medieval |
| 1907 | Furrow | See 1902. | 1.8+ | 2.0 | n/e | Medieval/ post- medieval |
| 1908 | Geology | Mid reddish-brown clay. | - | - | - | |

Trench 20

| No. | Type | Description | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth (m) | Spot-date |
|------|------------|--|------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|
| 2001 | Ploughsoil | Soft mid brown silty clay with occasional pebbles. | - | - | 0.20 | |
| 2002 | Furrow | Linear cut, aligned NW-SE, edges parallel and moderately well-defined, runs parallel with a series of adjacent features. | 1.8+ | 1.0 | n/e | Medieval/post-medieval |
| 2003 | Furrow | See 2002. | 1.8+ | 1.5 | n/e | Medieval/post-medieval |
| 2004 | Furrow | See 2002. | 1.8+ | 2.0 | n/e | Medieval/post-medieval |
| 2005 | Furrow | See 2002. | 1.8+ | 1.8 | n/e | Medieval/post-medieval |
| 2006 | Furrow | See 2002. | 1.8+ | 1.7 | n/e | Medieval/post-medieval |
| 2007 | Furrow | See 2002. | 1.8+ | 2.0 | n/e | Medieval/post-medieval |
| 2008 | Furrow | See 2002. | 1.8+ | 2.0 | n/e | Medieval/post-medieval |
| 2009 | Geology | Mid reddish-brown clay. | - | - | - | |

Trench 21

| No. | Type | Description | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth (m) | Spot-date |
|------|--------------|--|------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| 2101 | Ploughsoil | Soft mid brown silty clay with occasional pebbles. | - | - | 0.22 | |
| 2102 | Subsoil | Mid reddish-brown silty clay with occ pebbles. | - | - | 0.16 | |
| 2103 | Colluvium | Light brown silty clay with occ small pebbles. | - | - | 0.70 | |
| 2104 | Colluvium | Mid reddish-brown silty clay with freq. small pebbles. | - | - | 0.27 | |
| 2105 | Land drain | Linear cut, aligned NW to SE, edges parallel and well defined. | 1.8+ | 0.50 | n/e | Post-medieval |
| 2106 | Fill of 2105 | Limestone rubble. | - | - | n/e | |
| 2107 | Pipe trench | Linear cut, aligned NW to SE, edges parallel and well defined. | 1.8+ | 2.3 | n/e | Modern |
| 2108 | Fill of 2105 | Mixed soil. | - | - | n/e | |
| 2109 | Geology | Mid reddish-brown clay. | - | - | - | |

Trench 22

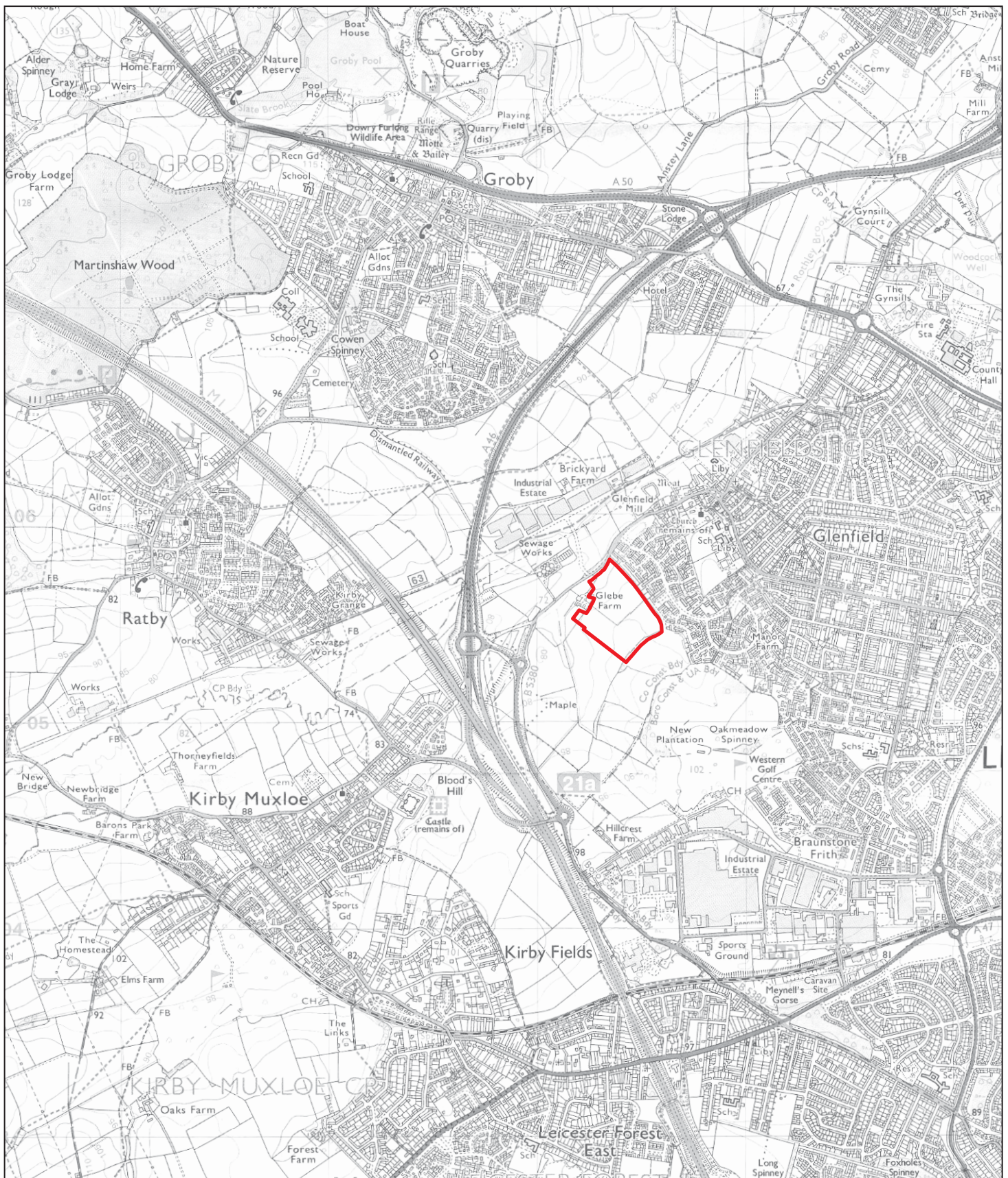
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|------|--------------|--|------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|
| 2200 | Ploughsoil | Soft mid brown silty clay with occasional pebbles. | - | - | 0.25 | |
| 2201 | Subsoil | Mid reddish-brown silty clay with occ pebbles. | - | - | 0.18 | |
| 2202 | Colluvium | Light brown silty clay with occ small pebbles. | - | - | 0.40 | |
| 2203 | Fill of 2202 | Mid greyish brown soft sandy silt, mottled orangey brown, with moderate to frequent pebbles. Lower fill. | - | - | 0.11 | |
| 2204 | Hollow | Naturally formed hollow in slope. | 1.8+ | 5.0 | - | |
| 2205 | Fill of 2204 | Mid reddish-brown clay with occ pebbles. | - | - | 0.14 | |
| 2206 | Fill of 2204 | Light reddish-brown sand. | - | - | 0.08 | |
| 2207 | Furrow | Linear cut, aligned NW-SE, edges parallel and moderately well-defined, runs parallel with a series of adjacent features. | 1.8+ | 1.5 | n/e | Medieval/post-medieval |
| 2208 | Furrow | See 2207. | 1.8+ | 2.2 | n/e | Medieval/post-medieval |
| 2209 | Furrow | See 2207. | 1.8+ | 2.0 | n/e | Medieval/post-medieval |
| 2210 | Furrow | See 2207. | 1.8+ | 3.1 | n/e | Medieval/post-medieval |
| 2211 | Furrow | See 2207. | 1.8+ | 3.6 | n/e | Medieval/post-medieval |
| 2212 | Geology | Mid reddish-brown clay. | - | - | - | |

APPENDIX B: FINDS

| Context | Feature | Description | Count | Weight (g) | Spot-date |
|---------|------------|--|-------|------------|-----------|
| 201 | Ploughsoil | Post-medieval pottery: glazed red earthenware | 2 | 14 | C18-C19 |
| 301 | Ploughsoil | Medieval/post-medieval pottery: midlands purple; misc glazed | 2 | 25 | - |
| | | Silver coin: Henry VIII groat (Henry VII portrait: 1509-26) | 1 | - | |
| | | Copper-alloy coin: farthing? illeg. Ra. 8. | 1 | - | |
| | | White metal object: whistle fragment. Ra. 9. | 1 | - | |
| | | Copper-alloy obj.: button | 1 | - | |
| 506 | Furrow | Worked flint: flake | 1 | 3 | - |
| 601 | Ploughsoil | Medieval/post-medieval pottery: midlands purple | 1 | 10 | - |
| | | Worked flint: flakes | 3 | 33 | |
| 704 | Furrow | Medieval pottery: whiteware | 1 | 23 | C13-C15 |
| 1001 | Ploughsoil | Medieval pottery: coarse reduced | 1 | 24 | - |
| 1101 | Ploughsoil | Worked flint: flake | 1 | 20 | - |
| 1301 | Ploughsoil | Post-medieval pottery: stoneware | 1 | 120 | - |
| 1307 | Ploughsoil | Worked flint: core fragment | 1 | 26 | - |
| 1401 | Ploughsoil | Copper-alloy token: illeg. Ra. 5 | 1 | - | - |
| | | Copper-alloy coin: Victoria farthing; illeg. Ra.2 | 1 | - | |
| | | Copper-alloy coin: Elizabeth II threepence (1953). Ra. 6 | 1 | - | |
| | | Copper-alloy buttons. Ra. 3, Ra. 4 | 2 | - | |
| 1501 | Ploughsoil | Worked flint: broken flake | 1 | 1 | - |
| | | Copper-alloy obj.: Shoe/stock buckle. Ra. 19 | 1 | - | |
| | | Lead alloy obj: button? | 1 | - | |
| 2001 | Ploughsoil | Copper-alloy coin: George II halfpenny (dated 1757). Ra. 17 | 1 | - | - |
| | | White metal object: spoon bowl fragment. Ra. 18 | 1 | - | |

APPENDIX C: OASIS REPORT FORM

| PROJECT DETAILS | | |
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| Project name | Glenfield Park, North-Eastern Residential Area (NERA) | |
| Short description | <p>Broad, regular plough furrows, the remains of the open field system that once surrounded the village of Glenfield, were encountered across the entire site. The furrows were aligned downslope, mostly on a north-west to south-east alignment, changing to an east to west alignment in the south-eastern corner of the site where the hillside took on a more easterly aspect. The narrow spacing of the furrows suggests that they date to the late medieval/post-medieval periods, although they are likely to have continued in agricultural use until the open fields were enclosed in the 18th or early 19th century, after which time the earthworks that were characteristically formed by this form of ploughing were razed to suit the needs of modern mechanised farming.</p> <p>With the exception of the late medieval/post-medieval furrows, no other significant archaeological features were encountered, other than a small, undated ditch in the south-east corner of the site. This ran parallel with the furrows in this area, suggesting that it is probably post-medieval or later in date. Colluvial deposits (hill-wash), which were up to 1m thick in places and filled a naturally formed hollow near the base of the slope, were noted in two trenches in the northern corner of the site, close to Kirby Road.</p> | |
| Project dates | 13-18 September 2012 | |
| Project type | Field evaluation | |
| Previous work | DBA (CA 2009a); geophysical survey (PCG 2009); trial trench evaluation (CA 2010). | |
| Future work | Unknown | |
| Monument type | Medieval furrows | |
| Significant finds | None | |
| PROJECT LOCATION | | |
| Site location | Glenfield, Leicestershire | |
| Study area | c. 11ha | |
| Site co-ordinates | SK 5341 0552 | |
| PROJECT CREATORS | | |
| Name of organisation | Cotswold Archaeology (CA) | |
| Project Brief originator | - | |
| Project Design (WSI) originator | CA | |
| Project Manager | Simon Carlyle and Gail Stoten (CA) | |
| Project Supervisor | Jeremy Mordue (CA) | |
| PROJECT ARCHIVE | | |
| | Accession no: X.A89.2012 | Content |
| Physical | Leicestershire Museums Service | Pottery, flint, metal objects |
| Paper | | Site records |
| Digital | Leicestershire HER | Report, digital photos |
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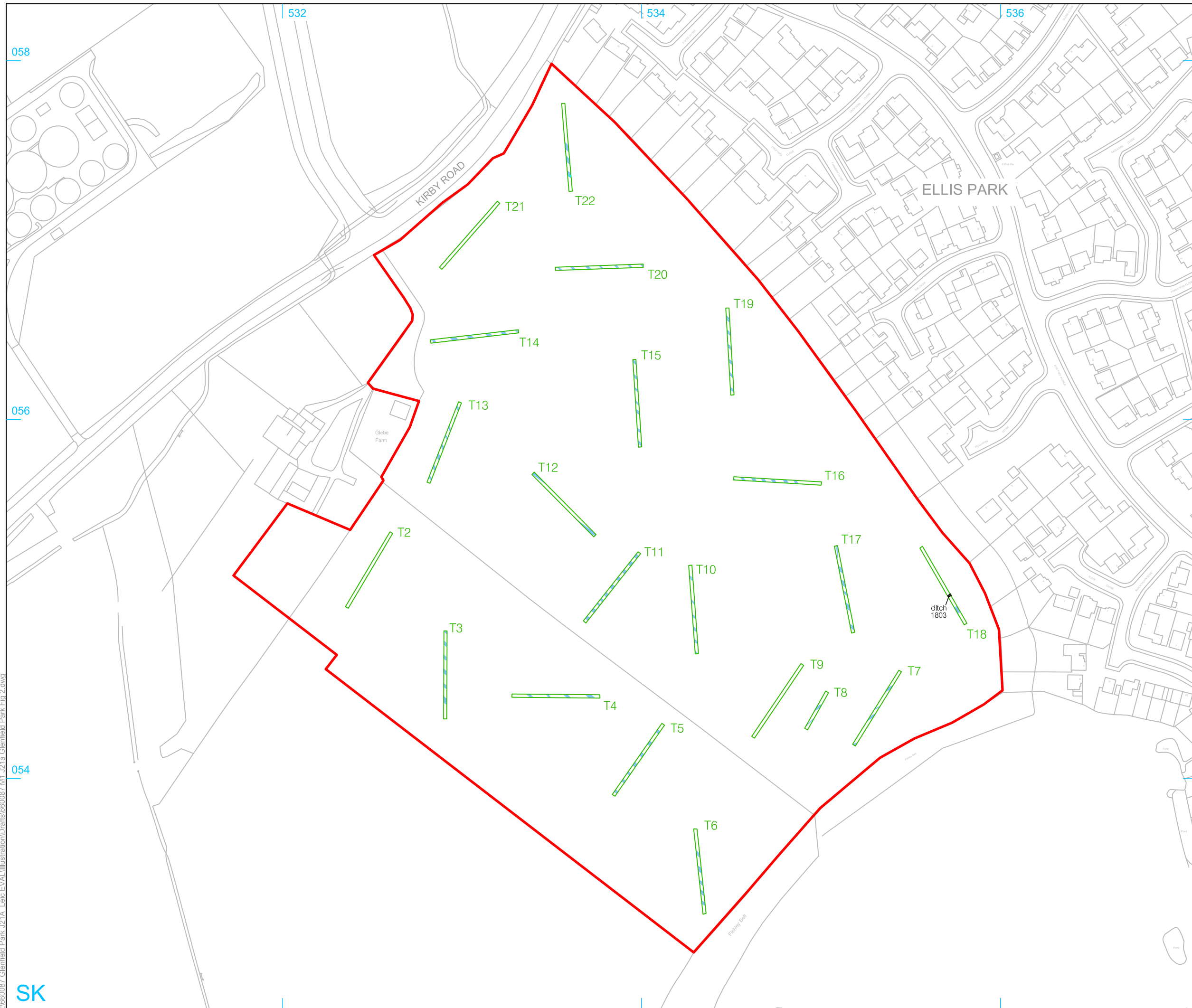





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3 Trench 21, colluvium 2103 and 2104, looking north (scales 1m)



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4 Trench 5, furrows, looking north-east (scales 1m)



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5 Trench 18, ditch 1803, looking south-west (scales 1m)



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