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SUMMARY

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| Project Name: | Land North of Croft Road, Three Miles Cross, |
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An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology in March 2017 at Land North of Church Lane, Three Miles Cross, Spencers Wood, Berkshire. Thirty nine of the planned forty one trenches were excavated comprising a 4% sample of the development area.

This evaluation recorded archaeological features in the form of ditches, pits and postholes. There are three areas of archaeological potential; **Trench 26 to 30**, **Trenches 35 to 39** and **Trenches 43 to 46**. A limited finds assemblage was recovered, with a large number of features remaining undated. From those finds recovered, dating ranged the Late Iron Age/early Roman to the post-medieval period.

The small assemblage of worked flint recovered indicates a generally low level of prehistoric activity within the wider environment. Considering the low number of prehistoric finds and the secondary ditch fills from which the majority of worked flint was recovered, it is likely that the lithics are largely residual.

An unexcavated pit in **Trench 43** produced a single piece of Late Iron Age/early Roman pottery from the surface of the feature. Several of the trenches (**44 to 46**) within the vicinity of **Trench 43** produced ditches and gullies, which, although undated, could indicate a dispersed field system of Late Iron Age or Roman date. A gully in **Trench 27** produced burnt flint and pottery from the Roman period and a dumped deposit of hearth material, potentially indicative of settlement activity nearby. Due to their close proximity (albeit undated), the concentration of archaeological features to the south may be of a contemporary date.

The majority of dating evidence recovered from the site can be attributed to the medieval period and was recovered from a number of agricultural field boundaries. A single sherd of medieval pottery was also recovered from the topsoil of **Trench 26**. **Trench 36** contained two ditches containing CBM dating to between the 15th and 17th centuries.



1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In March 2017 Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological evaluation at the request of CgMs Consulting on behalf of Taylor Wimpey UK at Land North of Croft Road, Three Miles Cross, Spencers Wood, Berkshire (centred on NGR: SU 7166 6816; Figure 1). The evaluation was undertaken to accompany a hybrid planning application (Ref: 163457 and 170010) for the construction of up to 900 dwellings, a three form entry primary school, public open space, access and, spine road, suds ponds, drainage and associated landscaping following demolition of existing dwelling and ancillary buildings including greenhouses sheds stables and garage.
- 1.2 The evaluation was carried out in accordance with a previously approved mitigation WSI produced by CgMs (CgMs 2014) for archaeological evaluation agreed by Berkshire Archaeology (BA), and with a subsequent detailed Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) produced by CA (2017b). The fieldwork also followed *Standard and guidance: Archaeological field evaluation* (ClfA 2014). It was monitored by Kathleen Leary, including site visits on the 22nd and 30th of March 2017.

The site

- 1.3 The proposed development area is approximately 23ha. The areas of impact will be smaller than the proposed development area based on noted constraints. It comprises two parcels of agricultural land, Areas C and D, situated to the east of Three Mile Cross, north of Spencers Wood and to the west of Shinfield.
- 1.4 Areas C and D are bound to the west by Askew Drive, to the south by Clares Green Road and Ryish Lane and to the north and east by agricultural land. The majority of the site consists of gently undulating land with long moderate-gentle slopes. Areas C-D slopes from c. 60m aOD in the west to around 50m aOD in the east.
- 1.5 The solid geology of the site is London Clay Formation, which comprises Clay, Silt and Sand (British Geological Survey Sheet 268, 2000). Drift geology, consisting of River Terrace Deposits, is present across the south-eastern extent of the site, in a north-east to south-west orientation (Third Terrace).

2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The archaeological background given below is a succinct summary of the known archaeological information prior to the evaluation taken from a DBA and WSI produced by CgMs (CgMs 2012, 2014).
- 2.2 The site has also been subject to archaeological field surveys comprising geophysical survey (Stratascan 1997a & 1997b) and trial trenching (TVAS 2012). Archaeological trial trenches have been excavated within several locations within the Assessment Site, targeted at land to the south of Croft Road and a number of locations within the proposed scheme that are considered 'fixed' design elements such as road access, the proposed school and attenuation ponds. The following summarises the findings of the assessment and the results of the field surveys

Undated

- 2.3 The Berkshire HER records three undated archaeological monuments and several sites outside of the Site but within the 250m radius of the study area. The majority of these entries relate to 'undated' cropmarks. However, their shape and the aerial photographic assessment has suggested that the majority of these are Iron Age and Romano-British in date. Geophysical survey revealed a number of linear features indicating possible manmade ditches forming multi-period enclosures, located some 400m beyond the western extent of Area B. HER records relate to undated pottery sherds identified during the Loddon Valley Field-walking Survey 360m to the east of area B (Ford 1997 & Ford et al. 2011b). These are likely to represent the spread of debris from the nearby settlement of Ryeish Green by ploughing and agricultural activity. The recent trial trenching (TVAS 2012) recorded a number of undated features in the north part of Area B, Area D and the north part of Area E. One of these was near to the locations of Iron Age, Roman and Saxon activity discussed below, and so could be contemporary with this activity.

Palaeolithic-Bronze Age

- 2.4 No Prehistoric heritage assets are recorded within the Site, but there are a number recorded in the surrounding area. These include, in chronological order, three late Palaeolithic hand axes identified in separate locations approximately 70m to the northeast of Area C, a possible Mesolithic Tranchet axe identified some 160m beyond the south-western extents of Area B. These find-spots are typical of

'background noise' associated with early Prehistoric activity across the landscape. Flint flakes were identified in 2003 during an archaeological evaluation at Grazeley Road (TVAS 2003), possibly dating from the late Mesolithic to early Neolithic, these flakes are situated over 500m beyond the western extent of Area B. A Neolithic flint axe is present 160m south of Area B. These find-spots represent further background levels of Mesolithic-Bronze Age activity within the landscape. A total of 11 HER records relate to prehistoric flint finds within the study area identified during the Loddon Valley Survey. They are concentrated west of the Site within an area of archaeological potential identified from the aerial photography (Gates 1975).

Iron Age-Roman

- 2.5 Prior to the recent trial trenching, evidence of Iron Age and Romano-British activity within the local landscape was represented by a number of cut features identified during previous evaluations beyond the Assessment Site. Iron Age and Romano-British activity has been identified at land off Grazeley Road, Iron Age pits and ditches were also revealed to the north of Grazeley Road during an archaeological evaluation (Ford et al 2011a). This activity is situated between 400-550m beyond the western extent of area B. Additional unknown or possible late Iron Age ditches were revealed during archaeological evaluation at MereOak Lane, over 600m west of the western study site limit. The settlement pattern and field patterns around Spencer's Wood and Three Mile Cross have been transformed by modern development and agriculture over the past 100 years. The recent trial trenching has recorded localised evidence of activity dating to both the Iron Age and Roman periods. *In situ* Iron Age and Roman material was recovered from separate features in the same trench in the northwest part of Area E (TVAS 2012). Residual finds from these periods were also recovered from adjacent trenches. The finds include Roman brick and tile indicating the remains of a building in the area. Recent investigations at Cutbush Lane, Shinfield by Cotswold Archaeology (2016b) revealed evidence of occupation during the LIA/RB transition and a separate phase of later Roman activity.

Saxon

- 2.6 The only activity identified for the Saxon period, prior to the trenching, other than the settlement at Shinfield was a Saxon spearhead found in a garden off Clares Green Road during the 1960s (MON120, MON135), situated beyond the south-western boundary of Area D. The recent trial trenching identified ditches containing early Saxon pottery and kiln furniture in the same area as the Iron Age and Roman activity

(TVAS 2012). A field walking survey in the Loddon Valley (Ford 1997; Ford et al. 2011b) only identified a very small number of Saxon sherds in the zone to the south of Reading. The Kennet Valley Survey to the west (Lobb and Rose 1996) did not identify any Saxon material at all and only one of the several extensive excavations in the area, at Wickham Fields (Crockett 1996) located a small number of Saxon deposits in the form of a pit group and two wells. All of this accentuates the scarcity of Saxon deposits in the environs of the site. No medieval activity other than ridge and furrow has been identified within the Site.

Post-Medieval and Modern

- 2.7 Post-Medieval and Modern features were recorded in the north part of Area B and the northeast part of Area E. Some potential exists close to Nullis Barn in Area C.

Previous work by CA

- 2.8 An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology in March 2015 at Spencers Wood, Reading, Berkshire to the west of Area C & D. (CA 2015). Nineteen trenches were excavated. Of the nineteen trenches only Trenches 3 and 8 contained archaeological features the remaining trenches were blank. Trench 3 contained one wide undated northwest-southeast orientated ditch and Trench 8 contained a very shallow undated gully.
- 2.9 An archaeological evaluation and subsequent excavation was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology in February to August 2016 at Beech Hill, Spencer's Wood, Wokingham to the west of the current site (CA 2016b, 2017a). Three areas (1, 2 and 3) of excavation were opened, covering a total of 0.34ha (7.5%) of the development area. Areas 2 and 3 contained no further archaeology than that identified during the evaluation.
- 2.9 Excavation of Area 1 within the south of the development area identified two phases of activity. Features included ditches, a single posthole and a metalled surface. An enclosure ditch contained a large pottery dump from which dating indicated a relatively short-lived settlement, with most of the pottery dating to the 1st century AD. A single post-medieval drainage ditch was also present.
- 2.10 The activity within Area 1 forms the peripheral edge of a larger settlement within the immediate area. Archaeological investigations in the field immediately to the east of the site (Stevens 2005), revealed evidence for Iron Age, Romano-British and some

later features which contained find assemblages suggesting domestic occupation of the site. The pottery dump within the enclosure ditch would suggest a high level of occupation within the immediate area which was not identified within the current excavation (CA 2017).

3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 The objectives of the evaluation were to provide information about the archaeological resource within the site, including its presence/absence, character, extent, date, integrity, state of preservation and quality, in accordance *Standard and guidance: Archaeological field evaluation* (CIfA 2014). This information will enable the Wokingham Borough Council to identify and assess the particular significance of any heritage asset, consider the impact of the proposed development upon it, and to avoid or minimise conflict between the heritage asset's conservation and any aspect of the development proposal, in line with the *National Planning Policy Framework* (DCLG 2012).

4. METHODOLOGY

- 4.1 The fieldwork comprised the excavation of thirty nine of the planned forty one trenches; all were 50m long and 1.8m wide in the locations shown on the attached plan (Figure 2). **Trench 22** was shortened to 40m. **Trench 43** was shortened to 47.7m. **Trench 56** was shortened to 45m. **Trench 57** was realigned north-west/south-east and shortened to 24m due to existing spoil heaps. **Trench 59** was realigned to a north-west/south-east alignment and 40m north due to existing spoil heaps. **Trenches 60 to 62** were abandoned due to the area being striped previously. Stripped Areas **60 to 62** replaced these trenches. These changes were made with the approval of Kathleen Leary, the Archaeology Officer for Berkshire Archaeology. Trenches were set out on OS National Grid (NGR) co-ordinates using Leica GPS and surveyed in accordance with CA Technical Manual 4 *Survey Manual*.
- 4.2 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*.

- 4.3 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* and, five contexts were sampled and processed. All artefacts recovered were processed in accordance with Technical Manual 3 *Treatment of Finds Immediately after Excavation*.
- 4.4 The archive and artefacts from the evaluation are currently held by CA at their offices in Andover. Subject to the agreement of the legal landowner the artefacts will be deposited with the appropriate museum, along with the site archive. A summary of information from this project, set out within Appendix D, will be entered onto the OASIS online database of archaeological projects in Britain.

5. RESULTS (FIGURES 2-15)

- 5.1 This section provides an overview of the evaluation results; detailed summaries of the recorded contexts, finds and environmental samples (palaeoenvironmental evidence) are to be found in Appendices A, B and C respectively - delete references to unused appendices as appropriate.
- 5.2 No archaeology was found within **Trenches 23 to 25, 28, 34, 41, 48 to 50, 52, 54, 57 to 59, 61 and 62**.
- 5.3 The natural geology of Area C-D was a sandy clay recorded at a depth of between 0.39 and 0.9. **Trenches 37, 39, 49 to 54, 56 and 59** contained no subsoil. Within the other trenches the natural geology was sealed by subsoil and topsoil.

Trench 22 (Figure 6)

- 5.4 **Trench 22** contained a pit **2203**, a tree throw **2205** and a ditch **2207**. Pit **2203** was sub-circular in plan, 0.5m long and 0.75m wide and extended beyond the trench. It had moderate concave sides with a flat base on an east-west alignment. The single fill **2204**, was light brown-grey firm silt/clay. Tree throw **2205** was oval in plan and

0.62m long by 0.85m wide with rounded concave sides and a rounded concave base. It contained single fill **2206** mid-brown/grey soft silt/clay. Ditch **2207** was north-east/southwest orientated linear in plan, 2.2m in length, 0.49m wide and 0.15m deep. The ditch had moderate straight sides and a flat base. It contained a single fill **2208** light yellow/grey friable silt/sand/clay from which burnt flint was recovered.

Trench 26 (Figure 6)

- 5.5 **Trench 26** contained a ditch **2063** and a gully **2605**. Ditch **2603** was north-west/south-east orientated, 2.2m in length, 0.86m wide and 0.17m deep. It had moderate straight sides with a flat base. It contained a single fill, **2604** which was light brown/grey loose clay/sand. Gully **2605** was southwest/north east orientated, 4m in length, 0.51m wide, and 0.09m deep. It had moderate concave sides and a flat base. It contained a single fill, **2606** light brown/grey compact silt/sand from which burnt flint was recovered.

Trench 27 (Figure 7)

- 5.6 **Trench 27** contained three ditches **2703**, **2705** and **2707**. Ditch **2703** was a south-east/north-west orientated linear, 1m in length, 0.42m wide and 0.23m deep. The sides were steep and straight on the north-east side and steep and concave on the southwest sides with a concave base. It was filled with **2704** mid-grey firm silt/clay. Ditch **2705** was south-east/north-west orientated, 1m in length, 0.4m wide and 0.31m deep. It had steep straight sides with the north-east side being almost vertical. It contained a single fill **2706**, light grey firm silt/clay containing Roman pottery and burnt flint. Ditch **2707** was north-south orientated, 2m in length, 3.3m wide and 0.48m deep. The sides were steep and straight with an uneven base. The single fill **2708** was light white/grey friable sand/silt and contained CBM.
- 5.7 **Trench 27** also contained a redeposited subsoil **2711** that was identified on site as a earthwork (**Figure 14-15**), which is visible running to the NW/SE of the trench. It in turn sealed buried topsoil and buried subsoil **2712** and **2713** respectively. It was a yellow brown clay silt with rare flint and gravel inclusions and was 0.30m in depth

Trench 29 (Figure 8)

- 5.8 **Trench 29** contained one land drain **2907**, five ditches, **2903**, **2915**, **2917**, **2919** and **2921**, and four post holes **2905**, **2909**, **2911** and **2913**. Ditch **2907** contained a land drain within its fill.

5.9 Ditch **2903** was orientated east/west, measured 1.85m in length, 0.92m wide and 0.27m deep. It had sharp concave sides with a flat base. The single fill **2904** was mid-brown/grey soft silty/clay, it contained burnt flint. Ditch **2915** was north-east/south-west orientated with a rounded terminus; 1.2 in length, 0.62m wide and 0.17m deep. The sides were moderate and straight with a shallow concave base. It contained a single fill **2916** comprising light grey loose clay/sand, with finds of burnt flint. Ditch **2917** was south-east/north-west orientated with a rounded terminus, it was 1.35m in length, 0.57m wide, and 0.19m deep. The sides were moderate and straight with a flat base. The single fill, **2918**, comprised dark red/grey compact silt/clay with finds consisting of burnt flint only. Ditch **2919** was orientated north-west/south-east, 0.8m in length, 0.6m wide, 0.18m deep. The sides were moderate and uneven with a flat base. The single fill **2920** comprised mid-red/grey friable silt/clay and contained burnt flint. Ditch **2921** was a south-east/north-west orientated linear, 1.4m in length, 0.54m wide and 0.12m deep. The sides were moderate and concave with an uneven base. The single fill **2922** comprised mid red/grey friable silt/clay.

5.10 Postholes **2905** and **2909** were unexcavated. Post-hole **2911** was circular in plan, it was 0.3m in length, 0.35m in width and 0.13m deep. The sides were steep concave with a flat base. The single fill **2912** was a mid yellow brown soft to firm silty clay. Post hole, **2913**, was oval in plan, it was 0.3m wide, 0.24m long, and 0.09m deep. The sides were gradual and concave with a concave base. The single fill 2914 was mid brownish grey, soft to firm, silty clay.

Trench 30

5.11 **Trench 30** contained a single ditch **3003**. The ditch was orientated north-south, 1.85 in length, 0.54m wide and 0.21m deep. The sides were steep and concave with a flat base. The single fill **3004** comprised mid-yellow/grey, soft to firm, silt/clay.

Trench 31

5.12 **Trench 31** contained a single ditch **3103** which was unexcavated due to flooding. The ditch was 0.93m wide and orientated on a south-east/north-west alignment. The fill **3104** was a dark mid grey/brown, silt/clay.

Trench 32 (Figure 9)

5.13 **Trench 32** contained four linear features **3203**, **3205**, **3207** and **3209**, an ill-defined feature **3212** and a post hole **3214**. Ditch **3203** was orientated east-west and was

1.85m in length, 1.3m wide and 0.35m deep. The sides were steep and concave with an uneven base. The single fill, **3204**, comprised mid-grey/brown, soft, silt/clay. Furrow **3205** was orientated north-east/south-west and was 1.9m in length, 0.6m wide and 0.15m deep. The north side was uneven and the south side was concave with a flat base. The single fill, **3206**, comprised mid-grey/brown, loose, sand/silt. Ditch **3207** cuts **3206** and was orientated north-east/south-west and measured 1.9m in length, 1.23m wide and 0.32m deep. The base was flat, with gradually sloping concave sides. The single fill, **3208**, comprised mid-grey/brown, loose, sand/silt. The modern land drain **3209**, cut **3206**, was linear in plan and was 0.26m wide and 0.11m deep, on a north-east/south-west alignment. The sides were vertical and the base flat. It was backfilled with **3211**, and brick lining **3210**. Ill-defined feature, **3212**, may be a tree throw or gully terminus. It was an east/west orientated linear in plan and was 0.33m wide and 0.18m deep. The sides were steep and concave with an uneven base. The single fill **3213** was dark grey/brown, soft, silt/clay. Post hole **3214** was unexcavated due to flooding. It was circular in plan, 0.30m wide and 0.35 long. The fill **3215** was dark black/brown, soft, silt/clay.

Trench 33 (Figure 9)

- 5.14 **Trench 33** contained a ditch **3303** and posthole **3305**. Ditch **3303** was orientated north/south linear, 2.2m in length, 0.97m wide and 0.28m deep. The sides were straight and sloped gently to a shallow concave base. The single fill **3304** was mid-yellow/brown, friable, silt/clay. Posthole **3305** was oval in plan, measured 0.38m long and 0.2m wide. The sides were straight and sloped gradually into a concave base. The single fill **3306** was dark yellow/brown friable clay/silt.

Trench 35 (Figure 10)

- 5.15 **Trench 35** contained four ditches **3503**, **3505**, **3507**, **3509**. Ditch **3503** was a north-west/south-east orientated linear, 2m in length, 0.73m wide and 0.07m deep. The south-west side had moderately sloping and straight, while the north-east side was shallow and straight. Fill **3504** comprised light yellow/grey friable sand/silt. Ditch **3505** was orientated north-east/south-west, 3m in length, 0.67m wide and 0.19m deep. The sides were steep and concave with a shallow concave base. The single fill **3506** comprised mid-brown/grey friable sand/silt. Ditch **3507** was orientated north-east/south-west, 1m in length, 0.8m wide and 0.14m deep. The single fill **3508** was mid-grey firm silt/clay. Ditch **3509** was orientated north-west/south-east, 2.5m in length, 0.81m wide and 0.21m deep. The single fill, **3510**, was light yellow/grey soft sand/silt.

Trench 36 (Figure 10)

- 5.16 **Trench 36** contained two ditches **3603** and **3605**. Ditch **3603** was north-west/south-east orientated linear, 1m in length, 1.1m wide and 0.38m deep. The sides were moderate and straight with a shallow uneven base. The single fill, **3604**, was mid-grey firm sand/silt and contained CBM. Ditch **3605** was orientated north-east/south-west, 1m in length, 1.08m wide and was 0.31m deep. The single fill, **3606**, comprised mid-grey firm sand/silt and contained CBM and an iron object.

Trench 37

- 5.17 **Trench 37** contained a single ditch **3702**. It was 1.14m wide and 0.38m deep and on a north-east/southwest alignment. The single fill, **3703**, comprised dark brown/grey friable silt/sand.

Trench 38

- 5.18 **Trench 38** contained a single ditch **3803**. It was 1.06m wide and 0.4m deep and on a north-west/south-east alignment. The sides were moderately straight, extending into a concave base. There was an upper and lower fill. The lower fill, **3804**, comprised light brown/grey moderate silt/sand. The upper fill, **3805**, comprised light grey/orange moderate sand/silt.

Trench 39 (Figure 10)

- 5.19 **Trench 39** contained a single ditch **3902**. It was 1.02m wide, 0.36m deep and on a north-east/south-west alignment. The single fill **3903** comprised mid-grey friable silt/sand.

Trench 40 (Figure 11)

- 5.20 **Trench 40** contained a ditch **4003** and a pit **4005**. Ditch **4003** was linear in plan and was 0.81m wide and 0.32m deep on a south-west/north-east alignment. The sides were steep concave to a concave base. The single fill, **4004**, comprised mid-grey brown friable silty clay. The pit **4005** was oval in plan, 0.36m long, 0.29m wide and 0.09m deep on an east/west alignment. The single fill, **4006**, comprised dark grey firm silty/clay.

Trench 42

- 5.21 **Trench 42** contained a single ditch **4203**. It was linear in plan and was 0.4m wide and 0.24m deep on a north-east/south-west alignment. The sides were gently

sloping and straight into a concave base. The single fill **4204** and was a brown/grey friable silt/clay.

Trench 43 (Figure 11)

- 5.22 **Trench 43** contained two unexcavated cremations **4303** and **4305**, and a ditch **4307** and a post hole **4309**. The unexcavated Cremation **4303** was sub-circular in plan, 0.3m by 0.2m wide; the fill, **4304**, comprised mid-grey sand/silt. The unexcavated Cremation **4305** contained a possible urn. It was circular in plan and 0.15m in diameter. The fill **4306** comprised mid-grey sand/silt and contained Roman pottery. Ditch **4307** was linear in plan and was 1.45m wide and 0.5m deep on a north-west/south-east alignment. The sides were gradual to steep concave at the top and convex towards the base to a concave base. The single fill **4308** comprised mid-grey firm silt/clay. Posthole **4309** was sub-circular in plan and was 0.23m long and 0.2m wide on a south-west/north-east alignment. The sides were steep and regular with an irregular base. The single fill comprised mid-grey firm silt/clay and contained an undated iron loop and CBM.

Trench 44

- 5.23 **Trench 44** contained a single ditch **4404** which was unexcavated due to flooding. It was on a north-south alignment. The fill **4405** comprised light grey/brown silt/sand.

Trench 45 (Figure 12)

- 5.24 **Trench 45** contained a ditch **4503** and a gully **4505**, both were unexcavated due to flooding. Ditch **4503** was 3.05m wide and on a north-west/south-east alignment. The fill, **4504**, comprised yellow/brown grey silt/clay. Gully **4505** was orientated north-east/south-west. The fill, **4506**, comprised brown/grey silt/clay. The relationship between these two ditches was undetermined.

Trench 46 (Figure 12)

- 5.25 **Trench 46** contained a single ditch **4603**. It was 0.9m wide and 0.44m deep on a north-south alignment. The sides were steep, irregular and concave. The base was flooded and not fully excavated. The fill **4604** comprised mid-grey firm silt/clay.

Trench 47 (Figure 16)

- 5.26 **Trench 47** contained a single ditch **4703**. It was 0.51m wide, 0.17m deep and on a north-south alignment. The sides were sharp concave to a flat base. The single fill, **4704**, comprised light brown/grey, soft, silt/clay.

Trench 51

- 5.27 **Trench 51** contained a single ditch **5102**. It was 0.83m wide, 0.16m deep and on a north-east/south-west alignment. The ditch was shallow and had concave sides and base to. The single fill, **5103**, comprised mid-brown/grey soft silt/sand.

Trench 53

- 5.28 **Trench 53** contained a single posthole **5302**. It was sub-oval in plan, 0.37m long, 0.33m wide and 0.12m deep. The sides were steep concave to a concave base. The single fill **5302** comprised mid-brown/grey friable silt/sand.

Trench 55 (Figure 13)

- 5.29 **Trench 55** contained a single ditch **5503**. It was linear in plan, 1.22m wide and 0.45m deep on a north-west/south-east alignment. It had shallow irregular concave sides and a concave base. The single fill, **5504**, comprised mid brown/grey firm silt/clay.

Trench 56 (Figure 13)

- 5.30 **Trench 56** contained two ditches **5602** and **5604**. Ditch **5602** was linear in plan and 0.63m wide, 0.26m deep and on a north-west/south-east alignment. The sides were gradual and concave to a shallow concave base. The single fill **5603** comprised mid-grey soft sand/silt. Ditch **5604** was cut through the topsoil. It was 1.04m wide and filled with **5605**, dark grey sand/silt which contained CBM and a glass vessel.

Trench 60

- 5.31 **Trench 60** contained a single posthole **6003**. It was circular in plan 0.35m long, 0.31m wide and 0.06m deep. The sides were moderate concave to a shallow concave base. There were two fills abutting each other **6004** and **6005**. Fill **6004** comprised mid grey/brown friable sand/silt. Fill **6005**, comprised dark greyish brown friable sandy silt.

6. THE FINDS

- 6.1 Artefactual material recovered from the evaluation is listed in Appendix B and discussed further below.

Pottery

- 6.2 A total of 7 sherds (23g) of pottery were recorded from five deposits. The group dates from the Roman to post-medieval and modern periods, with the majority belonging to the former periods.
- 6.3 The earliest material is represented by a single sherd occurring in a grog-tempered fabric, recorded from pit **4305** (fill **4306**), dateable from the Late Iron Age to Early Roman period. Four sherds (10g) of greyware, recorded from ditch/gully **2705** (fill **2706**), are only broadly dateable to the Roman period.
- 6.4 One sherds of medieval pottery (4g), occurring in a quartz-rich fabric, were recorded from topsoil **2600**.
- 6.5 The remainder of the group is dominated by earthenwares (2 sherds, 14g), dateable to the late 16th to 18th centuries. Also recorded is salt-glazed stoneware (two sherds, 75g) and refined whiteware (one sherd, 1g), dateable from the late 18th to 19th centuries.

Ceramic building material

- 6.6 A total of 35 fragments (2,096g) of ceramic building material (CBM) was recorded from 15 deposits. The majority (34) are tile fragments of medieval or post-medieval date, including two fragments of peg tile recorded from ditch **3605** (fill **3606**) and subsoil **2201**. A single brick fragment was recorded from ditch **3603**, of dimensions equitable to 'place' bricks of the 15th to early 17th centuries (Ryan 1996).

Other finds

- 6.7 A total of five iron finds was recorded from four deposits. One nail fragments were recorded from topsoil deposit **5700**; it cannot be closely dated. An iron bar, recorded from posthole **4309** (fill **4310**), is bent into a loop with pointed ends. It is a probable fitting or attachment item, but also cannot be closely dated.

- 6.8 Burnt flint, amounting to 581g, was recorded from eight deposits. An additional item of prehistoric worked flint was recorded from a deposit. All are flakes and as such cannot be closely dated.
- 6.9 One fragment of glass was recorded; one green glass vessel body fragment from deposit **5605**, of probable 19th century or later date.

7. THE BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE

- 7.1 A series of three environmental samples were taken from a range of ditches and a posthole within two trenches (**27** and **29**) to evaluate the preservation of palaeoenvironmental remains across the area and with the intention of recovering environmental evidence of industrial or domestic activity on the site. The samples were processed by standard flotation procedures (CA Technical Manual No. 2).
- 7.2 Preliminary identifications of plant macrofossils are noted in Table 1 in Appendix C, following nomenclature of Stace (1997) for wild plants, and traditional nomenclature, as provided by Zohary et al (2012) for cereals. The flots were generally moderate in size with around 15-80% root material and modern seeds. The charred material comprised varying levels of preservation.
- 7.3 The charred plant remains provide some indication of domestic settlement activities taking place in the area during the medieval and to a lesser extent the Roman period. This adds to the information from other work in the vicinity (CA 2015; 2016a; 2016b).

Plant Macrofossils

Trench 27

- 7.4 A small amount of charred material, including seeds of oats and charcoal fragments, was recorded from fill **2706** (sample 3) from Romano-British ditch **2705**. This small quantity of remains may well be representative of dispersed hearth debris. There is nothing within the small charred assemblage that is particularly indicative of a Romano-British date.

Trench 29

- 7.5 No charred plant remains were recovered from fills **2916** (sample 5) of undated ditch **2915** and **2918** (sample 4) of undated ditch **2917** but small quantities of charcoal fragments were noted. These included mature and round wood fragments. These assemblages may be representative of dispersed hearth material and provide no indication of the likely date of these features.

8. DISCUSSION

- 8.1 This evaluation recorded archaeological features in the form of ditches, pits and postholes. There are three areas of concentrated archaeology within **Trench 26 to 30**, **Trenches 35 to 39** and **Trenches 43 to 46**. The finds recovery was poor with a large number of undated features throughout the site. The evidence recovered ranges in date from the Late Iron Age/Early Roman to the post-medieval period.

Undated

- 8.2 There is evidence across the site for undated features. This is consistent with the wider area (section 2.4), which indicates a general low level of Prehistoric activity within the wider environment. Considering the relatively small amount of Prehistoric finds and the secondary nature of the ditch fills it is likely that the material has come from elsewhere.

Iron Age/Roman

- 8.3 An unexcavated urned cremation (**4305**), in **Trench 43**, produced a single piece of Late Iron Age to Early Roman pottery from the surface of the feature. An unexcavated urned cremation was also identified **4303**. Several of the trenches (**44 to 46**) within the vicinity of **Trench 43** produced ditches and gullies, which, although undated, could indicate a dispersed field system of Iron Age or Roman date. A gully (**2705**), in **Trench 27**, produced burnt flint and pottery from the Roman period (which considering the amount may be residual) and a dumped deposit from hearth material indicating nearby settlement activity. Although undated, the concentration of archaeological features to the south (**Trenches 26 and 29**) may be of a contemporary date due to their close proximity. Gully **2705** contained burnt flint as did four of the undated ditches in **Trench 29**. Several archaeological

investigations undertaken nearby have produced considerable evidence for Iron Age and Romano-British activity (section 2.5).

Late Medieval

- 8.4 The majority of dating evidence recovered from the site can be attributed to the medieval period and was recovered from a number of agricultural field boundaries. A single sherd of medieval pottery was recovered from the topsoil of **Trench 26**. Considering the limited dating evidence (a total of 16g) this pottery is likely to be residual in nature.

Post Medieval/Modern

- 8.5 Trench 27 contained an earthwork feature that was visible both in section and on the surface. No dating evidence was recovered from the feature but it is likely to be Post Medieval landscaping of the site based on its morphology. Based on the 1756 Map of the Earl of Fingalls Estate (**Fig 14-15**) it would appear that the earthwork is a remnant of a small enclosure or field boundary.
- 8.6 **Trench 36** (Area D) contained two ditches containing CBM dating from the 15th to 17th century. **Trench 35** contained post-medieval pottery within the subsoil.

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APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

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|----|------|-------|------|---------------------------|--|-------|-------|-------|
| 22 | 2200 | Layer | | Topsoil | Dark greyish brown silty clay. Friable. Occasional sub angular flint, <60mm. Clear horizon. | 40 | 1.8 | 0.28 |
| 22 | 2201 | Layer | | Subsoil | Mid brownish grey silty clay, firm. Rare sub angular flint, >90mm, sparse charcoal flecks. | 40 | 1.8 | 0.34 |
| 22 | 2202 | Layer | | Natural | Light orangey brown, sandy clay, patches of gravel. | 40 | 1.8 | 0.62+ |
| 22 | 2203 | Cut | | Cut of pit | Sub circular in plan, shallow concave sides, flat base, E-W alignment. | >0.5 | >0.75 | 0.15 |
| 22 | 2204 | Fill | 2203 | Fill of pit | Single fill. Light brown grey silty clay, firm, occasional sub rounded stone, ≤50mm, occasional gravel, rooting. | >0.5 | >0.75 | 0.15 |
| 22 | 2205 | Cut | | Cut of pit or tree throw | Oval in plan, concave sides, irregular base. | >0.31 | 0.85 | 0.11 |
| 22 | 2206 | Fill | 2205 | Fill of pit or tree throw | Single fill. Mid brownish grey silty clay, soft to firm, occasional sub angular flint/chert, ≤20mm. | >0.31 | 0.85 | 0.11 |
| 22 | 2207 | Cut | | Cut of ditch | Linear in plan, moderately sloping sides, concave/flat base, NE-SW alignment. | >1 | 0.49 | 0.15 |
| 22 | 2208 | Fill | 2207 | Fill of ditch | Single fill. Light yellowish grey, with light brown mottling, silty sandy clay, friable. | >1 | 0.49 | 0.15 |
| 23 | 2300 | Layer | | Topsoil | Yellowy brown clayey silt. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.24 |
| 23 | 2301 | Layer | | Subsoil | Yellowy brown silty clay, occasional flint/pebbles. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.17 |
| 23 | 2302 | Layer | | Natural | Yellowy brown sandy clay with rust brown mottling, occasional flint and gravel. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.41+ |
| 24 | 2400 | Layer | | Topsoil | Yellowy brown clayey silt. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.26 |
| 24 | 2401 | Layer | | Subsoil | Yellowy brown silty clay, occasional flint/pebbles. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.16 |
| 24 | 2402 | Layer | | Natural | Yellowy brown sandy clay with rust brown mottling. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.42+ |
| 25 | 2500 | Layer | | Topsoil | Yellowy brown clayey silt. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.22 |

| Trench No | Context | Type | Fill of | Context Interpretation | Context Description | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth/thickness (m) |
|-----------|---------|-------|---------|------------------------|---|------------|-----------|---------------------|
| 25 | 2501 | Layer | | Subsoil | Yellowy brown silty clay, rare flint gravel. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.2 |
| 25 | 2502 | Layer | | Natural | Yellowy brown sandy clay with rust brown mottling, rare flint gravel. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.42+ |
| 26 | 2600 | Layer | | Topsoil | Dark grey silty sand, loose, rare sub angular gravel, rooting. | 39.3 | 1.8 | 0.34 |
| 26 | 2601 | Layer | | Subsoil | Mid brown grey silty sand, occasional sub angular gravel, rooting. | 39.3 | 1.8 | 0.32 |
| 26 | 2602 | Layer | | Natural | Reddish brown silty sand, bands of clayey sand and gravel. | 39.3 | 1.8 | 0.66+ |
| 26 | 2603 | Cut | | Cut of ditch | Linear in plan, moderately sloping sides, concave/flat base, NW-SE alignment. | >1 | 0.86 | 0.17 |
| 26 | 2604 | Fill | 2603 | Fill of ditch | Single fill, light brown grey clayey sand, loose, occasional sub angular gravel. | >1 | 0.86 | 0.17 |
| 26 | 2605 | Cut | | Cut of gully | Linear in plan, moderately sloping sides, concave/flat base, SW-NE alignment. | >1 | 0.51 | 0.09 |
| 26 | 2606 | Fill | 2605 | Fill of gully | Single fill, light brown grey silty sand, solid, occasional sub angular gravel. | >1 | 0.51 | 0.09 |
| 27 | 2700 | Layer | | Topsoil | Mid greyish brown sandy silt, friable, rare pebbles, ≤50mm. Good horizon. | 43 | 1.8 | 0.44 |
| 27 | 2701 | Layer | | Subsoil | Greenish brown, sandy silt, friable, rare stones, good horizon. | 43 | 1.8 | 0.26 |
| 27 | 2702 | Layer | | Natural | Mid brownish red, silty sand, friable, common stone and flint ≤45mm. | 43 | 1.8 | 0.2+ |
| 27 | 2703 | Cut | | Cut ditch/gully of | Linear in plan, steep NE side, sloping concave SW side, U-shape base, SE-NW alignment. | >1 | 0.42 | 0.23 |
| 27 | 2704 | Fill | 2703 | Fill ditch/gully of | Single fill, mid grey silty clay with orangey brown mottling, firm, occasional sub rounded stone, ≤20mm, common manganese flecks. | >1 | 0.42 | 0.23 |
| 27 | 2705 | Cut | | Cut ditch/gully of | Linear in plan, straight vertical NE side, sloping SW side becoming vertical side to N. Flat base, SE-NW alignment. | >1 | 0.4 | 0.31 |

| Trench No | Context | Type | Fill of | Context Interpretation | Context Description | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth/thickness (m) |
|-----------|---------|-------|---------|------------------------|--|------------|-----------|---------------------|
| 27 | 2706 | Fill | 2705 | Fill of ditch/gully | Single fill, light grey silty clay, firm, occasional sub rounded stone, ≤30mm. | >1 | 0.4 | 0.31 |
| 27 | 2707 | Cut | | Cut of ditch | Linear in plan, steep sides, concave/flat base, N-S alignment. | >1 | 3.3 | 0.48 |
| 27 | 2708 | Fill | 2707 | Fill of ditch | Single fill, light whitish grey sandy silt, friable, common pebbles/flint, ≤60mm. | >1 | 3.3 | 0.48 |
| 2709 | | Layer | | Natural | Natural Manganese. Black and friable with no visible inclusions | 0.99 | 1.09 | 0.1 |
| 2710 | | Layer | | Natural | Light brownish red, friable silty sand with common gravel inclusions and occasional flint inclusions | | | 1.29+ |
| 2711 | | Layer | | Redeposited Subsoil | Yellow brown clay silt with rare flint gravel inclusions. Earthwork | | | 0.3 |
| 2712 | | Layer | | Buried topsoil | Yellow brown clayey silt with occasional flint inclusions | | | 0.26 |
| 2713 | | Layer | | Buried subsoil | Dark yellow grey brown silty clay with rare flint gravel inclusions | | | 0.09m |
| 28 | 2800 | Layer | | Topsoil | Mid greyish brown sandy silt, friable, rare pebbles, ≤50mm. Good horizon. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.33 |
| 28 | 2801 | Layer | | Subsoil | Dark yellowish brown sandy silt, soft, rare pebbles, ≤60mm, moderate horizon. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.15 |
| 28 | 2802 | Layer | | Natural | Light reddish brown silty sand, friable, common stones and gravel, ≤60mm | 50 | 1.8 | 0.48+ |
| 29 | 2900 | Layer | | Topsoil | Mid greyish brown sandy silt, friable, rare pebbles, ≤50mm. Good horizon. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.2 |
| 29 | 2901 | Layer | | Subsoil | Dark yellowish brown sandy silt, soft, rare pebbles, ≤60mm, moderate horizon. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.41 |
| 29 | 2902 | Layer | | Natural | Light reddish brown silty sand, friable, common stones and gravel, ≤60mm | 50 | 1.8 | 0.01+ |
| 29 | 2903 | Cut | | Cut of ditch | Linear in plan, sharp rounded concave sides, flat base, E-W alignment. | >1 | 0.92 | 0.27 |
| 29 | 2904 | Fill | 2903 | Fill of ditch | Single fill, mid brownish grey silty clay, soft/firm, occasional chert/flint, ≤20mm. | >1 | 0.92 | 0.27 |
| 29 | 2905 | Cut | | Cut of | Unexcavated posthole. | 0.45 | 0.4 | N/A |

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|----|------|------|------|------------------|--|------|-----|-----|
| | | | | posthole | | | | |
| 29 | 2906 | Fill | 2905 | Fill of posthole | Unexcavated posthole. | 0.45 | 0.4 | N/A |
| 29 | 2907 | Cut | | Cut of ditch | Linear in plan, concave sides, base not fully excavated due to land drain. NE-SW alignment. | >1 | 1.2 | N/A |
| 29 | 2908 | Fill | 2907 | Fill of ditch | Mid reddish brown silty clay, soft/firm, common chert/flint, ≤20mm. | >1 | 1.2 | N/A |
| 29 | 2909 | Cut | | Cut of posthole | Unexcavated posthole. | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 29 | 2910 | Fill | 2910 | Fill of posthole | Single fill, mid yellowish brown silty clay, soft/firm, occasional sub angular chert/flint, ≤30mm. | N/A | N/A | N/A |

| Trench No | Context | Type | Fill of | Context Interpretation | Context Description | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth/thickness (m) |
|-----------|---------|-------|---------|------------------------|--|------------|-----------|---------------------|
| 29 | 2911 | Cut | | Cut posthole of | Circular in plan, rounded corners, concave sides, flat base, E-W alignment. | 0.3 | 0.35 | 0.13 |
| 29 | 2912 | Fill | 2911 | Fill of posthole | Single fill, mid yellowish brown silty clay, soft/firm, occasional sub angular chert/flint, ≤30mm. | 0.3 | 0.35 | 0.13 |
| 29 | 2913 | Cut | | Cut posthole of | Oval in plan, rounded concave sides, v shaped base. | 0.3 | 0.24 | 0.09 |
| 29 | 2914 | Fill | 2913 | Fill of posthole | Mid brownish grey. Silty clay. Firm. Rare chert/flint, >10mm. Good horizon. | 0.3 | 0.24 | 0.09 |
| 29 | 2915 | Cut | | Cut of ditch terminus | Linear of ditch terminus. Convex, symmetrical sides with moderate angle. Rounded concave base. NE-SW alignment. | 1.2 | 0.62 | 0.17 |
| 29 | 2916 | Fill | 2915 | Fill of ditch terminus | Light grey with light brown mottling. Clayey sand. Loose. Rare gravel ≤0.5mm. Good horizon. | 1.2 | 0.62 | 0.17 |
| 29 | 2917 | Cut | | Cut of ditch terminus | Linear of ditch terminus. Convex, symmetrical sides with moderate angle. Flat base with concave . NW-SE alignment. | >1.35 | 0.57 | 0.19 |
| 29 | 2918 | Fill | 2917 | Fill of ditch terminus | Dark reddish grey. Silty clay. Firm. Common gravel and flint. Moderate horizon. | >1.35 | 0.57 | 0.19 |
| 29 | 2919 | Cut | | Cut of ditch terminus | Linear in plan. Convex top with moderate and uneven sides. Concave into flat base. NW-SE alignment. | >2.1 | 0.6 | 0.18 |
| 29 | 2920 | Fill | 2919 | Fill of ditch terminus | Mid reddish grey with orange mottling. Silty clay. Friable. Rare gravel inclusions ≤0.5mm. Good horizon. | >2.1 | 0.6 | 0.18 |
| 29 | 2921 | Cut | | Cut of ditch terminus | Linear in plan. Moderate angle sides. Concave into very uneven base. NW-SE alignment. | >1.4 | 0.54 | 0.12 |
| 29 | 2922 | Fill | 2921 | Fill of ditch terminus | Mid reddish grey. Silty clay. Friable. Rare gravel inclusions ≤0.5mm. Good horizon. | >1.4 | 0.54 | 0.12 |
| 30 | 3000 | Layer | | Topsoil | Mid greyish brown. Sandy silt. Friable. Rare pebbles, ≤50mm. Good horizon. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.21 |

| Trench No | Context | Type | Fill of | Context Interpretation | Context Description | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth/thickness (m) |
|-----------|---------|-------|---------|------------------------|---|------------|-----------|---------------------|
| 30 | 3001 | Layer | | Subsoil | Dark yellowish brown. Sandy silt. Soft. Rare pebbles, ≤60mm. Moderate horizon. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.42 |
| 30 | 3002 | Layer | | Natural | Light reddish brown silty sand, friable, common stones and gravel, ≤60mm | 50 | 1.8 | 0.01+ |
| 30 | 3003 | Cut | | Cut of ditch | Linear in plan. Sharp into concave sides. Flat base. N-S alignment. | 1.85m | 0.54 | 0.21 |
| 30 | 3004 | Fill | 3003 | Fill of ditch | Mid yellowish grey. Silty clay. Firm. Common flint/chert ≤30mm. Moderate horizon. | 1.85m | 0.54 | 0.21 |
| 31 | 3100 | Layer | | Topsoil | Dark greyish brown. Silty clay. Friable. Rare sub angular flint. Good horizon. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.26 |
| 31 | 3101 | Layer | | Subsoil | Mid brownish grey. Silty clay. Rare sub angular flint/gravel ≤0.082m. Good horizon. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.26 |
| 31 | 3102 | Layer | | Natural | Mid-light orangey brown. Sandy clay. Patches of flint/gravel. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.22+ |
| 31 | 3103 | Cut | | Cut of ditch | Linear in plan. Unexcavated due to flooding. NW-SE alignment. Probably and extension of ditch in TR32 | >1.8 | 0.93 | 0.52 |
| 31 | 3104 | Fill | 3103 | Fill of ditch | Mid-dark greyish brown. Silty clay. Unexcavated. | >1.8 | 0.93 | 0.52 |
| 32 | 3200 | Layer | | Topsoil | Dark greyish brown. Silty clay. Friable. Rare sub angular flint ≤0.08m. Good horizon. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.23 |
| 32 | 3201 | Layer | | Subsoil | Mid yellowish grey. Silty clay. Firm. Rare flint ≤0.05m. Good horizon. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.26 |
| 32 | 3202 | Layer | | Natural | Mid-light orangey brown. Sandy clay. Patches of flint/gravel. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.15+ |
| 32 | 3203 | Cut | | Cut of ditch | Linear in plan. Sharp into concave sides. Uneven base. E-W alignment. | 1.85 | 1.3 | 0.35 |
| 32 | 3204 | Fill | 3203 | Fill of ditch | Mid greyish brown. Silty clay. Firm. Common chert/flint, ≤20mm. Good horizon. | 1.85 | 1.3 | 0.35 |
| 32 | 3205 | Cut | | Cut of ditch | Linear in plan. Concave, uneven sides. Flat base. NE-SW alignment. | >1.9 | >0.60 | 0.15 |
| 32 | 3206 | Fill | 3205 | Fill of ditch | Mid greyish brown sandy silt, loose, rare pebbles, ≤50mm. Moderate horizon. | >1.9 | >0.60 | 0.15 |

| Trench No | Context | Type | Fill of | Context Interpretation | Context Description | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth/thickness (m) |
|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------------------------|---|------------|-----------|---------------------|
| 32 | 3207 | Cut | | Recut of ditch 3205 | Linear in plan. Concave sides, gentle angle. Flat base. NE-SW alignment. | >1.9 | 1.23 | 0.32 |
| 32 | 3208 | Fill | 3207 | Fill of ditch | Dark bluish grey. Sandy silt. Loose. Rare sub rounded flint ≤20mm. | >1.9 | 1.23 | 0.32 |
| 32 | 3209 | Cut | | Cut of gully for structure | Linear in plan. Sharp vertical sides. Flat base. NE-SW alignment. | >1.9 | 0.26 | 0.11 |
| 32 | 3210 | Structure | 3209 | Structure | Bricks. 210x100x65mm dimensions. Bonding on edge and on bed by the top ones. | >1.9 | 0.21 | 0.11 |
| 32 | 3211 | Fill | 3209 | Fill of gully for structure | Dark grey. Silty sand. Loose. Occasional subrounded pebbles, ≤30mm | >1.9 | 0.26 | 0.11 |
| 32 | 3212 | Cut | | Cut of tree throw | Irregular oval in plan. Sharp into concave sides. Uneven base. | 0.97 | 0.33 | 0.18 |
| 32 | 3213 | Fill | 3212 | Fill of tree throw | Dark greyish brown silty clay. Firm. Occasional sub angular flint, <20mm. Good horizon. | 0.97 | 0.33 | 0.18 |
| 32 | 3214 | Cut | | Cut of posthole | Circular in plan, unexcavated due to flooding. | 0.35 | 0.3 | N/A |
| 32 | 3215 | Fill | 3214 | Fill of posthole | Dark blackish brown. Silty clay. Firm. Unexcavated. | 0.35 | 0.3 | N/A |
| 33 | 3300 | Layer | | Topsoil | Dark grey/yellowish brown. Clayey silt. Friable. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.25 |
| 33 | 3301 | Layer | | Subsoil | Dark yellowish brown. Silty clay. Friable. Occasional flint/gravel. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.23 |
| 33 | 3302 | Layer | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown. Sandy/silty clay. Friable. Common flint gravels. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.01+ |
| 33 | 3303 | Cut | | Cut of ditch | Linear in plan. Concave gentle sides. Concave base. N-S alignment. | >2.2 | 0.97 | 0.28 |
| 33 | 3304 | Fill | 3203 | Fill of ditch | Mid yellowish brown. Silty clay. Friable. Common flint gravel. Good horizon. | >2.2 | 0.97 | 0.28 |
| 33 | 3305 | Cut | | Cut of posthole | Oval in plan. Sharp, moderate sides. Concave base. | 0.38 | 0.2 | 0.12 |
| 33 | 3306 | Fill | 3205 | Fill of posthole | Mid yellowish brown. Clayey silt. Friable. Good horizon. | 0.38 | 0.2 | 0.12 |
| 34 | 3400 | Layer | | Topsoil | Dark greyish brown. Silty clay. Friable. Rare sub angular flint ≤0.08m. Good horizon. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.24 |
| 34 | 3401 | Layer | | Subsoil | Mid yellowish grey. Silty clay. Firm. Rare flint ≤0.05m. Good horizon. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.32 |

| Trench No | Context | Type | Fill of | Context Interpretation | Context Description | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth/thickness (m) |
|-----------|---------|-------|---------|------------------------|--|------------|-----------|---------------------|
| 34 | 3402 | Layer | | Natural | Mid-light orangey brown. Sandy clay. Patches of flint/gravel. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.04 |
| 35 | 3500 | Layer | | Topsoil | Mid greyish brown sandy silty. Friable. Occasional rare pebbles $\leq 60\text{mm}$. Clear horizon. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.33 |
| 35 | 3501 | Layer | | Subsoil | Yellowish brown sandy silt. Friable. Soft. Good horizon. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.29 |
| 35 | 3502 | Layer | | Natural | Reddish brown silty sand with grey mottling. Rare pebbles $\leq 60\text{mm}$. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.1+ |
| 35 | 3503 | Cut | | Cut of ditch | NW/SE linear ditch. Moderate sides with a concave base. | 1 | 0.73 | 0.07 |
| 35 | 3504 | Fill | 3503 | Fill of ditch | Light yellowish grey sandy silt. Friable. No visible inclusions. Poor horizon. | 1 | 0.72 | 0.07 |
| 35 | 3505 | Cut | | Cut of ditch | NE/SW boundary ditch. Steep sides with a sharp break of slope. Flat base. | 1 | 0.67 | 0.19 |
| 35 | 3506 | Fill | 3505 | Fill of ditch | Mid brownish grey with occasional reddish flecks sandy silt. Friable. Small angular chert pebbles $\leq 40\text{mm}$. Good horizon. | 1 | 0.67 | 0.19 |
| 35 | 3507 | Cut | | Cut of ditch | NE/SW linear ditch. Concave sides and a flat base. | 1 | 0.8 | 0.14 |
| 35 | 3508 | Fill | 3507 | Fill of ditch | Mid grey silty clay. Firm. Occasional sub rounded stone $\leq 20\text{mm}$. Occasional gravel. Well defined horizon. | 1 | 0.8 | 0.14 |
| 35 | 3509 | Cut | | Cut of ditch | NW/SE boundary ditch with steep sides and a concave base. Sharp break of slope. | 1 | 0.81 | 0.21 |
| 35 | 3510 | Fill | 3509 | Fill of ditch | Light yellowish grey sandy silt. Soft. Rare stones $\leq 10\text{mm}$. Good horizon. | 1 | 0.81 | 0.21 |
| 36 | 3600 | Layer | | Topsoil | Dark brownish grey clayey loam. Occasional sub rounded stones $\leq 30\text{mm}$. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.25 |
| 36 | 3601 | Layer | | Subsoil | Dark greyish brown silty clay. Frequent sub rounded stones/gravel $\leq 20\text{mm}$. Well defined horizon. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.4 |
| 36 | 3602 | Layer | | Natural | Light red yellowish brown sandy clay. Abundant gravel. Common sub rounded stone $\leq 30\text{mm}$. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.1+ |

| Trench No | Context | Type | Fill of | Context Interpretation | Context Description | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth/thickness (m) |
|-----------|---------|-------|---------|------------------------|---|------------|-----------|---------------------|
| 36 | 3603 | Cut | | Cut of ditch | NW/SE linear ditch. Shallow concave sides with a flat base. | 1+ | 1.1 | 0.38 |
| 36 | 3604 | Fill | 3603 | Fill of ditch | Mid grey sandy silt. Firm. Common sub rounded stone $\leq 30\text{mm}$. Occasional gravel. Well defined horizon. | 1+ | 1.1 | 0.38 |
| 36 | 3605 | Cut | | Cut of ditch | NE/SW linear ditch. Shallow, sub concave side at NW and sub concave on SE side. Concave base. | 1+ | 1.08 | 0.31 |
| 36 | 3606 | Fill | 3605 | Fill of ditch | Mid grey sandy silt. Firm. Occasional sub rounded stone $\leq 20\text{mm}$. Occasional gravel. Well defined horizon. | 1+ | 1.08 | 0.31 |
| 37 | 3700 | Layer | | Topsoil | Dark greyish brown silty sand. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.59 |
| 37 | 3701 | Layer | | Natural | Mid brownish orange silty sand. Sub rounded flint $\leq 40\text{mm}$ $\leq 30\%$. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.06+ |
| 37 | 3702 | Cut | | Cut of ditch | NE/SW linear field boundary. Moderate sloping side with a flat base. | >1.8 | 1.14 | 0.38 |
| 37 | 3703 | Fill | 3702 | Fill of ditch | Dark brownish grey silty sand. Friable. Occasional sub rounded flint $\leq 30\text{mm}$. Good horizon. | >1.8 | 1.14 | 0.38 |
| 38 | 3800 | Layer | | Topsoil | Dark greyish brown silty sand. Common sub angular chert pebbles $\leq 30\text{mm}$. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.26 |
| 38 | 3801 | Layer | | Subsoil | Mid brown sandy silt. Common sub angular chert pebbles $\leq 40\text{mm}$. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.33 |
| 38 | 3802 | Layer | | Natural | Mid orangish brown silty sand and gravel. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.16+ |
| 38 | 3803 | Cut | | Cut of ditch | NW/SE linear boundary ditch. Moderate sloping side. Concave base - not fully exposed. | >0.8 | >1.06 | 0.4+ |
| 38 | 3804 | Fill | 3803 | Fill of ditch | Mottled light brownish grey silty sand. Moderate compaction. Abundant gravel $\leq 20\text{mm}$. Moderate horizon clarity. | >1 | >1.06 | 0.4+ |
| 38 | 3805 | Fill | 3803 | Fill of ditch | Mottled light greyish orange sandy silt. Moderate compaction. Common sub rounded gravel $\leq 10\text{mm}$. | >1 | >0.36 | 0.21+ |
| 39 | 3900 | Layer | | Topsoil | Mid greyish brown sandy silty. Friable. Occasional rare pebbles $\leq 40\text{mm}$. Clear horizon. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.3 |

| Trench No | Context | Type | Fill of | Context Interpretation | Context Description | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth/thickness (m) |
|-----------|---------|-------|---------|------------------------|---|------------|-----------|---------------------|
| 39 | 3901 | Layer | | Natural | Dark brownish yellow silty sand. Occasional gravel $\leq 20\text{mm}$. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.22+ |
| 39 | 3902 | Cut | | Cut of ditch | NE/SW linear ditch with steep sides. Flat/concave base/ | 1 | 1.02 | 0.36 |
| 39 | 3903 | Fill | 3902 | Fill of ditch | Mid grey silty sand. Friable. No visible inclusions with a good horizon. | 1 | 1.02 | 0.36 |
| 40 | 4000 | Layer | | Topsoil | Mid grey clayey silt. Occasional sub rounded stone $\leq 30\text{mm}$. Friable. Clear horizon. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.21 |
| 40 | 4001 | Layer | | Subsoil | Brownish grey silty clay. Occasional sub rounded stone $\leq 20\text{mm}$. Occasional gravel. Firm. Clear horizon. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.11 |
| 40 | 4002 | Layer | | Natural | Light yellowish grey brown sandy clay. Abundant gravel. Common sub rounded stone $\leq 20\text{mm}$. Patches of clean light grey yellowish brown sandy clay. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.07+ |
| 40 | 4003 | Cut | | Cut of ditch | SW/NE linear ditch. Steep sides with a concave base. | 1 | 0.81 | 0.32 |
| 40 | 4004 | Fill | 4003 | Fill of ditch | Mid grey with brown mottling silty sand. Friable. Rare sub angular flint. Clear horizon. | 1 | 0.81 | 0.32 |
| 40 | 4005 | Cut | | Cut of pit | Roughly W/E aligned oval pit. Rounded sides with a concave base. | 0.36 | 0.29 | 0.09 |
| 40 | 4006 | Fill | 4005 | Fill of pit | Dark grey silty clay. Firm. No visible inclusions. Clear horizon. | 0.36 | 0.29 | 0.09 |
| 41 | 4100 | Layer | | Topsoil | Mid grey clayey silt. Occasional sub rounded stone $\leq 30\text{mm}$. Friable. Clear horizon. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.2 |
| 41 | 4101 | Layer | | Subsoil | Brownish grey silty clay. Occasional sub rounded stone $\leq 20\text{mm}$. Occasional gravel. Firm. Clear horizon. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.4 |
| 41 | 4102 | Layer | | Natural | Light yellowish grey brown sandy clay. Abundant gravel. Common sub rounded stone $\leq 30\text{mm}$. Patches of clean light grey yellowish brown sandy clay. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.1+ |

| Trench No | Context | Type | Fill of | Context Interpretation | Context Description | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth/thickness (m) |
|-----------|---------|-------|---------|------------------------|---|------------|-----------|---------------------|
| 42 | 4200 | Layer | | Topsoil | Mid grey clayey silt. Occasional sub rounded stone $\leq 30\text{mm}$. Friable. Clear horizon. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.2 |
| 42 | 4201 | Layer | | Subsoil | Brownish grey silty clay. Occasional sub rounded stone $\leq 20\text{mm}$. Occasional gravel. Firm. Clear horizon. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.25 |
| 42 | 4202 | Layer | | Natural | Light yellowish greyey brown sandy clay. Abundant gravel. Common sub rounded stone $\leq 30\text{mm}$. Patches of clean light greyey yellowish brown sandy clay. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.1+ |
| 42 | 4203 | Cut | | Cut of ditch | NE/SW linear ditch. Gentle sloping sides on to a concave base. | 3.2 | 0.4 | 0.24 |
| 42 | 4204 | Fill | 4203 | Fill of ditch | Brown grey silty clay. Friable. Gritty texture. Clear horizon. | 3.2 | 0.4 | 0.24 |
| 43 | 4300 | Layer | | Topsoil | Mid brownish grey clayey silt. Common sub angular chert pebbles $\leq 40\text{mm}$ | 50 | 1.8 | 0.2 |
| 43 | 4301 | Layer | | Subsoil | Light mottled orangish grey sandy silt. Occasional sub angular chert pebbles $\leq 40\text{mm}$. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.2 |
| 43 | 4302 | Layer | | Natural | Light brownish yellow sandy silt. Occasional gravel patches. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.12 |
| 43 | 4303 | Cut | | Cut of pit | Unexcavated cremation. Sub circular in plan. | 0.3 | 0.2 | N/A |
| 43 | 4304 | Fill | 4303 | Fill of pit | Mid grey sandy silt. Unexcavated. | 0.3 | 0.2 | N/A |
| 43 | 4305 | Cut | | Cut of pit | Unexcavated cremation urn. Circular in plan. | 0.15 | 0.15 | N/A |
| 43 | 4306 | Fill | 4305 | Fill of pit | Mid grey sandy silt. Unexcavated. | 0.15 | 0.15 | N/A |
| 43 | 4307 | Cut | | Cut of ditch | NE/SW linear ditch. Shallow sloping at the top of the sides with sharp break of slope. Concave base. | 1+ | 1.45 | 0.5 |
| 43 | 4308 | Fill | 4307 | Fill of ditch | Mid grey silty clay. Firm. Occasional sub rounded stone $\leq 20\text{mm}$. Occasional gravel. Well defined horizon. | 1+ | 1.45 | 0.5 |
| 43 | 4309 | Cut | | Cut of post hole | Sub circular post hole with rounded corners and steep sides. Irregular base. | 0.23 | 0.2 | 0.28 |

| Trench No | Context | Type | Fill of | Context Interpretation | Context Description | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth/thickness (m) |
|-----------|---------|-------|---------|------------------------|---|------------|-----------|---------------------|
| 43 | 4310 | Fill | 4309 | Fill of post hole | Mid grey silty clay. Firm. Occasional sub rounded stone $\leq 20\text{mm}$. Occasional gravel. Well defined horizon. | 0.23 | 0.2 | 0.28 |
| 44 | 4400 | Layer | | Topsoil | Mid greyish brown sandy clay. Compact. No visible inclusions. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.3 |
| 44 | 4401 | Layer | | Subsoil | Mid yellowish brown sandy clay. Compact. Occasional sub angular pebbles. $\leq 5\%$ $\leq 20\text{mm}$ | 50 | 1.8 | 0.18 |
| 44 | 4402 | Layer | | Natural | Dark yellowish brown silty sand. Compact. Occasional sub angular natural flint. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.02+ |
| 44 | 4403 | Cut | | Cut of ditch | N/S linear ditch. Unexcavated due to flooding. | <3 | 1.85+ | N/A |
| 44 | 4404 | Fill | 4403 | Fill of ditch | Light greyish brown. Unexcavated | <3 | 1.85+ | N/A |
| 45 | 4500 | Layer | | Topsoil | Yellowish brown clayey silt. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.19 |
| 45 | 4501 | Layer | | Subsoil | Blue grey silty clay with rust coloured mottling. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.17 |
| 45 | 4502 | Layer | | Natural | Yellow brown silty clay with localised blue grey patches of clay. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.08+ |
| 45 | 4503 | Cut | | Cut of ditch | NW/SE linear ditch. Unexcavated. | 3.05 | <1.8 | N/A |
| 45 | 4504 | Fill | 4503 | Fill of ditch | Yellow brown/pale grey silty clay. | 3.05 | <1.8 | N/A |
| 45 | 4505 | Cut | | Cut of gully | SW/NE linear gully. Unexcavated. | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 45 | 4506 | Fill | 4505 | Fill of gully | Yellow brown/pale grey silty clay. | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 46 | 4600 | Layer | | Topsoil | Mid greyish brown silty clay. Compact. Occasional natural flint/chert. $\leq 5\%$ $\leq 20\text{mm}$ | 50 | 1.8 | 0.21 |
| 46 | 4601 | Layer | | Subsoil | Light yellowish brown silty clay. Compact. Occasional natural flint/chert. $\leq 5\%$ $\leq 20\text{mm}$ | 50 | 1.8 | 0.19 |
| 46 | 4602 | Layer | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown sandy clay. Compact. Occasional sub angular pebbles. $\leq 20\%$ $\leq 30\text{mm}$ | 50 | 1.8 | 0.05+ |
| 46 | 4603 | Cut | | Cut of ditch | N/S linear ditch. Irregular/concave sides. Base not visible due to flooding. | 1.8+ | 0.9 | 0.44 |
| 46 | 4604 | Fill | 4603 | Fill of ditch | Mid grey silty clay. Firm. Occasional sub rounded stone $\leq 20\text{mm}$. Occasional gravel. Well defined horizon. | 1.8+ | 0.9 | 0.44 |
| 47 | 4700 | Layer | | Topsoil | Mid greyish brown silty clay. Compact. Occasional sub angular natural flint/chert. $\leq 5\%$ $\leq 20\text{mm}$ | 50 | 1.8 | 0.21 |

| Trench No | Context | Type | Fill of | Context Interpretation | Context Description | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth/thickness (m) |
|-----------|---------|-------|---------|------------------------|--|------------|-----------|---------------------|
| 47 | 4701 | Layer | | Subsoil | Light yellowish brown silty clay. Compact. Occasional natural flint/chert. $\leq 5\%$ $\leq 20\text{mm}$ | 50 | 1.8 | 0.26 |
| 47 | 4702 | Layer | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay. Compact. Sub angular flint/chert 10% $\leq 30\text{mm}$. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.1+ |
| 47 | 4703 | Cut | | Cut of gully | N/S linear ditch. Sharp, rounded, concave sides with a flat base. | 4.6+ | 0.51 | 0.17 |
| 47 | 4704 | Fill | 4703 | Fill of gully | Light brownish grey silty clay. Soft. Sub angular natural flint/chert $\leq 5\%$ $\leq 30\text{mm}$. | 4.6+ | 0.51 | 0.17 |
| 48 | 4800 | Layer | | Topsoil | Mid greyish brown silty clay. Compact. Occasional sub angular natural flint/chert. $\leq 5\%$ $\leq 20\text{mm}$ | 50 | 1.8 | 0.31 |
| 48 | 4801 | Layer | | Subsoil | Light yellowish brown silty clay. Compact. Occasional natural flint/chert. $\leq 5\%$ $\leq 20\text{mm}$ | 50 | 1.8 | 0.25 |
| 48 | 4802 | Layer | | Natural | Mid yellowish brown silty clay. Compact. Sub angular flint/chert 10% $\leq 30\text{mm}$. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.01+ |
| 49 | 4900 | Layer | | Topsoil | Dark greyish brown silty sand. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.4 |
| 49 | 4901 | Layer | | Natural | Light greenish grey and brownish yellow silty sand. 60% $< 70\text{mm}$ sub rounded flint gravel. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.2+ |
| 50 | 5000 | Layer | | Topsoil | Dark greyish brown silty sand. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.38 |
| 50 | 5001 | Layer | | Natural | Light greenish grey and brownish yellow silty sand. 50% $\leq 70\text{mm}$ sub rounded flint gravel. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.06+ |
| 51 | 5100 | Layer | | Topsoil | Dark greyish brown silty sand. Occasional sub rounded $\leq 50\text{mm}$ flint. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.4 |
| 51 | 5101 | Layer | | Natural | Light greenish grey and brownish yellow silty sand. 40% $\leq 70\text{mm}$ sub rounded flint gravel. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.11+ |
| 51 | 5102 | Cut | | Cut of ditch | NE/SW linear ditch. Shallow u-shaped ditch with gravel break of slope. Concave base. | > 1.8 | 0.83 | 0.16 |
| 51 | 5103 | Fill | 5102 | Fill of ditch | Mid brownish grey silty sand. Soft. Sub rounded natural flint 1% $\leq 80\text{mm}$. Good horizon. | > 1.8 | 0.83 | 0.16 |
| 52 | 5200 | Layer | | Topsoil | Dark greyish brown silty sand. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.5 |
| 52 | 5201 | Layer | | Natural | Light greenish grey and brownish yellow silty sand. 50% $\leq 70\text{mm}$ sub rounded flint gravel. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.07+ |

| Trench No | Context | Type | Fill of | Context Interpretation | Context Description | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth/thickness (m) |
|-----------|---------|-------|---------|------------------------|---|------------|-----------|---------------------|
| 53 | 5300 | Layer | | Topsoil | Mid greyish brown sandy silt. Friable. Rare chert pebbles $\leq 30\text{mm}$. Good horizon. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.32 |
| 53 | 5301 | Layer | | Natural | Mid reddish brown, silty sand. Compact. Abundant gravel $\leq 20\text{mm}$. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.30+ |
| 53 | 5302 | Cut | | Cut of pit | Sub oval pit with steep sides, sharp break of slope. Concave base. | 0.37 | 0.33 | 0.12 |
| 53 | 5303 | Fill | 5302 | Fill of pit | Mid brownish grey silty sand. Friable. No visible inclusions. Good horizon. | 0.37 | 0.33 | 0.12 |
| 54 | 5400 | Layer | | Topsoil | Mid greyish brown silty sand. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.47 |
| 54 | 5401 | Layer | | Natural | Mid reddish brown, silty sand. Compact. Abundant gravel $\leq 20\text{mm}$. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.22+ |
| 55 | 5500 | Layer | | Topsoil | Dark brownish grey silty clay. Occasional sub rounded stone $\leq 30\text{mm}$ | 50 | 1.8 | 0.4 |
| 55 | 5501 | Layer | | Subsoil | Light yellowish grey silty clay. Common sub rounded stone $\leq 10\text{mm}$. Clear horizon. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.3 |
| 55 | 5502 | Layer | | Natural | Light yellowish orangey brown clay with patches of abundant gravel and lenses of of darker greyey brown clay. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.1+ |
| 55 | 5503 | Cut | | Cut of ditch | NW/SE linear ditch with shallow, irregular concave sides. Concave base. | 1+ | 1.22 | 0.45 |
| 55 | 5504 | Fill | 5503 | Fill of ditch | Mid brownish grey silty clay. Firm. Frequent sub rounded stone and gravel. $\leq 10\text{mm}$. Well defined horizon. | 1+ | 1.22 | 0.45 |
| 56 | 5600 | Layer | | Topsoil | Mid brownish grey silty sand. Sub rounded flint 5% $\leq 60\text{mm}$. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.34 |
| 56 | 5601 | Layer | | Natural | Mid grey and orangey brown silty sand. Sub rounded flint/gravel 50% $\leq 70\text{mm}$. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.18+ |
| 56 | 5602 | Cut | | Cut of ditch | NW/SE linear ditch with concave - regular sides. Break of slope is sharp. Concave base. | 3.05 | 0.63 | 0.26 |
| 56 | 5603 | Fill | 5602 | Fill of ditch | Mid grey sandy silt. Friable. Frequent clusters of gravel. Occasional sub rounded stones $\leq 20\text{mm}$. | 3.05 | 0.63 | 0.26 |
| 57 | 5700 | Layer | | Topsoil | Mid brownish grey silty sand. Sub rounded flint 5% $\leq 60\text{mm}$. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.32 |

| Trench No | Context | Type | Fill of | Context Interpretation | Context Description | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth/thickness (m) |
|-----------|---------|-------|---------|------------------------|---|------------|-----------|---------------------|
| 57 | 5701 | Layer | | Natural | Mid grey and orangey brown silty sand. Sub rounded flint 50% ≤70mm | 50 | 1.8 | 0.23+ |
| 58 | 5800 | Layer | | Topsoil | Dark brownish grey silty clay. Common sub angular/ sub rounded stone ≤40mm. Clear horizon. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.2 |
| 58 | 5801 | Layer | | Subsoil | Mid brownish grey silty clay. Common sub rounded stone ≤30mm. Occasional gravel. Clear horizon. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.5 |
| 58 | 5802 | Layer | | Natural | Light yellowish brown clay with abundant gravel 80%. Frequent sub rounded/sub angular stone ≤50mm | 50 | 1.8 | 0.1+ |
| 59 | 5900 | Layer | | Topsoil | Mid brownish grey silty sand with increased iron mottling towards base of layer. Sub rounded flint 2% ≤40mm | 50 | 1.8 | 0.28 |
| 59 | 5901 | Layer | | Natural | Mid grey and orangey brown silty sand. Sub rounded gravel 50% ≤70mm | 50 | 1.8 | 0.27+ |
| 60 | 6000 | Layer | | Topsoil | Mid greyish brown. Sandy silt. Friable. Rare subangular flint ≤60mm | 50 | 1.8 | 0.26 |
| 60 | 6001 | Layer | | Subsoil | Mid yellowish brown. Sandy silt. Friable. Occasional subangular flint ≤60mm. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.25 |
| 60 | 6002 | Layer | | Natural | Mid brownish red. Silty sand. Compact. Rare angular flint ≤80mm. ≤15% patches of gravel. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.01+ |
| 60 | 6003 | Cut | | Cut of posthole | Circular. Rounded, moderate sides. Concave base. | 0.35 | 0.31 | 0.06 |
| 60 | 6004 | Fill | 6003 | Fill of posthole | Mid greyish brown. Sandy silt. Friable. No visible inclusions. Good horizon. | N/A | 0.09 | 0.07 |
| 60 | 6005 | Fill | 6003 | Fill of posthole | Dark greyish brown. Sandy silt. Friable. Rare flint ≤20mm. Good horizon. | N/A | 0.22 | 0.07 |
| 61 | 6100 | Layer | | Topsoil | Dark greyish brown. Silty sand. Friable. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.22 |
| 61 | 6101 | Layer | | Subsoil | Light brownish grey. Sandy silt. Friable. Rare chert/pebbles. ≤45mm. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.15 |

| Trench No | Context | Type | Fill of | Context Interpretation | Context Description | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth/thickness (m) |
|-----------|---------|-------|---------|------------------------|---|------------|-----------|---------------------|
| 61 | 6102 | Layer | | Natural | Mid reddish brown. Silty sand. Friable. Common flint ≤60mm. Occasional fine gravel. | 50 | 1.8 | 0..24+ |
| 62 | 6200 | Layer | | Topsoil | Dark greyish brown. Silty sand. Friable. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.1 |
| 62 | 6201 | Layer | | Subsoil | Light greyish brown. Silty sand. Sub rounded flint ≤1% ≤30mm. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.46 |
| 62 | 6202 | Layer | | Subsoil | Light grey. Silty sand. ≤1% ≤40mm sub rounded flint. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.1 |
| 62 | 6203 | Layer | | Natural | Mid grey and brownish orange. Silty sand. ≤60% ≤80mm sub rounded flint/gravel. | 50 | 1.8 | 0.08+ |

APPENDIX B: THE FINDS

Table 1: finds concordance

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|----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|----|-----|----------|
| 2201 | CBM | Peg tile | 1 | 117 | |
| 2208 | Burnt Flint | | 2 | 11 | |
| | Post-med to modern pottery | Refined whiteware | 1 | 1 | LC18-C19 |
| 2600 | Medieval pottery | Sandy ware | 1 | 4 | |
| 2606 | Burnt Flint | | 1 | 2 | |
| | Roman pottery | Greyware | 3 | 2 | RB |
| 2706 | Burnt flint | | 1 | 5 | |
| 2708 | CBM | Fragments | 2 | 10 | |
| 2800 | CBM | Fragments | 2 | 74 | |
| 2904 | Burnt Flint | | 4 | 10 | |
| 2916 | Burnt Flint | | 3 | 18 | |
| 2918 | Burnt Flint | | 47 | 515 | |
| 2920 | Burnt Flint | | 1 | 11 | |
| 3501 | Post-medieval pottery | Glazed earthenware | 1 | 8 | |
| 3604 | CBM | Brick | 1 | 802 | C15-EC17 |
| 3606 | CBM | Including one peg tile | 4 | 72 | |
| | Iron | Object | 1 | 26 | |
| 3800 | Post-medieval pottery | Glazed earthenware | 1 | 6 | |
| 3900 | CBM | Fragments | 4 | 61 | |
| 4300 | Burnt Flint | | 1 | 9 | |
| | Flint | Flake | 1 | 8 | |
| 4306 (SF 1) | Roman pottery | Grog-tempered | 1 | 10 | LIA-ERB |
| 4310 | CBM | Fragment | 1 | 2 | |
| | Iron | Loop | 1 | 7 | |
| 4900 | CBM | 2 x tiles, 1 x fragment | 3 | 142 | |
| 5000 | CBM | Tile | 1 | 40 | |
| 5200 | CBM | 1 x tile, 1 x fragment | 2 | 143 | |
| 5500 | CBM | Tile | 1 | 26 | |
| 5600 | CBM | Tile | 2 | 115 | |
| 5605 | CBM | Fragment | 1 | 10 | |
| | Glass | Vessel | 1 | 5 | pmed+ |
| 5700 | CBM | Tile | 4 | 290 | |
| 5700 | Iron | Nail | 1 | 11 | |
| 6200 | CBM | Tile | 6 | 199 | |

APPENDIX C: THE PALAEOENVIRONMENTAL EVIDENCE

Table 2 Assessment table of the palaeoenvironmental remains

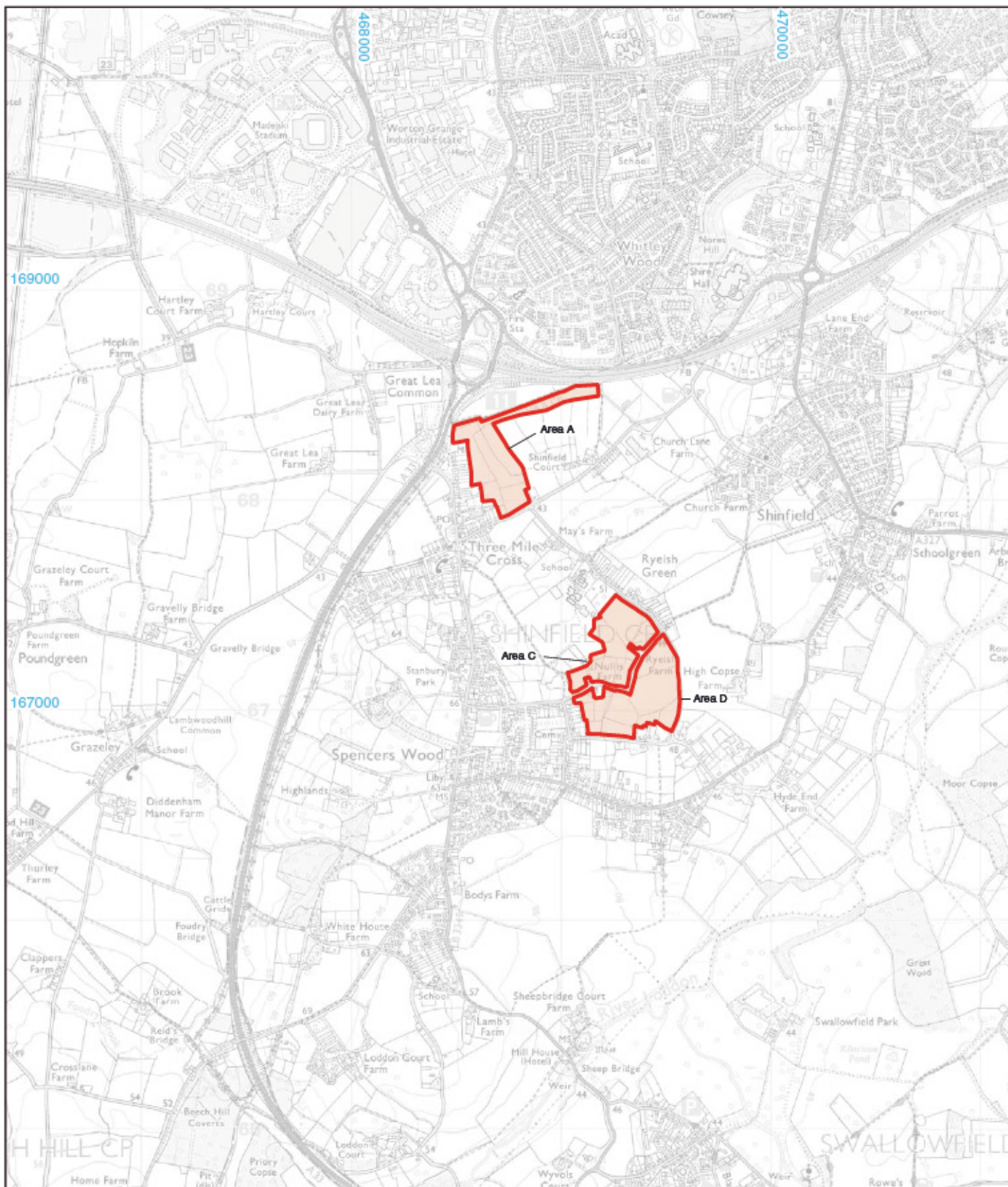
| Trench 27 - Romano-British Ditch/Gully | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------|---|----|-----|----|---|---|---|---|--------------|-------|---|
| 2705 | 2706 | 3 | 9 | 60 | 80 | - | - | - | * | <i>Avena</i> | -/* | - |
| Trench 29 - Undated Ditches | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2915 | 2916 | 5 | 15 | 70 | 70 | - | - | - | - | - | */* | - |
| 2917 | 2918 | 4 | 18 | 100 | 60 | - | - | - | - | - | **/** | - |

Key: * = 1–4 items; ** = 5–19 items; *** = 20–49 items; **** = 50–99 items; ***** = >100 items

APPENDIX D: OASIS REPORT FORM

| PROJECT DETAILS | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Project Name | Land north of Croft Road and North of Church Lane, Spencers Wood, Spencers Wood, Berkshire |
| Short description | <p>An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology in March 2017 at Land North of Church Lane, Three Miles Cross, Spencers Wood, Berkshire. Thirty nine of the planned forty one trenches were excavated comprising a 4% sample of the development area.</p> <p>This evaluation recorded archaeological features in the form of ditches, pits and postholes. There are three areas of archaeological potential; Trench 26 to 30, Trenches 35 to 39 and Trenches 43 to 46. A limited finds assemblage was recovered, with a large number of features remaining undated. From those finds recovered, dating ranged the Late Iron Age/Early Roman to the post-medieval period.</p> <p>The small assemblage of worked flint recovered indicates a generally low level of prehistoric activity within the wider environment. Considering the low number of prehistoric finds and the secondary ditch fills from which the majority of worked flint was recovered, it is likely that the lithics are largely residual.</p> <p>An unexcavated pit in Trench 43, produced a single piece of Late Iron Age to Early Roman pottery from the surface of the feature. Several of the trenches (44 to 46) within the vicinity of Trench 43 produced ditches and gullies, which, although undated, could indicate a dispersed field system of Late Iron Age or Roman date. A gully in Trench 27, produced burnt flint and pottery from the Roman period and a dumped deposit of hearth material indicating nearby settlement activity. Although undated, the concentration of archaeological features to the south may be of a contemporary date due to their close proximity.</p> <p>The majority of dating evidence recovered from the site can be attributed to the medieval period and was recovered from a number of agricultural field boundaries. A single sherd of medieval pottery was also recovered from the topsoil of Trench 26. Trench 36 contained two ditches containing CBM dating to between the 15th to 17th centuries..</p> |
| Project dates | March 2017 |
| Project type | Field evaluation |
| Previous work | Not known |
| Future work | Unknown |
| PROJECT LOCATION | |
| Site Location | Land north of Croft Road and North of Church Lane, Spencers Wood, Spencers Wood, Berkshire |
| Study area (M ² /ha) | c.23ha |
| Site co-ordinates | 472258 166913 |
| PROJECT CREATORS | |
| Name of organisation | Cotswold Archaeology |
| Project Brief originator | N/A |
| Project Design (WSI) originator | Cotswold Archaeology |
| Project Manager | Ray Kennedy |
| Project Supervisor | Oliver Good |

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|---|---|--|
| MONUMENT TYPE | None | |
| SIGNIFICANT FINDS | None | |
| PROJECT ARCHIVES | Intended final location of archive (museum/Accession no.) Berkshire HER | Content (e.g. pottery, animal bone etc) |
| Physical | | |
| Paper | | |
| Digital | | |
| BIBLIOGRAPHY | | |
| CA (Cotswold Archaeology) 2017 <i>Land North of Croft Road and North of Church Lane, Spencers Wood, Berkshire: Archaeological Evaluation</i> . CA typescript report 17157 | | |



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Site location plan

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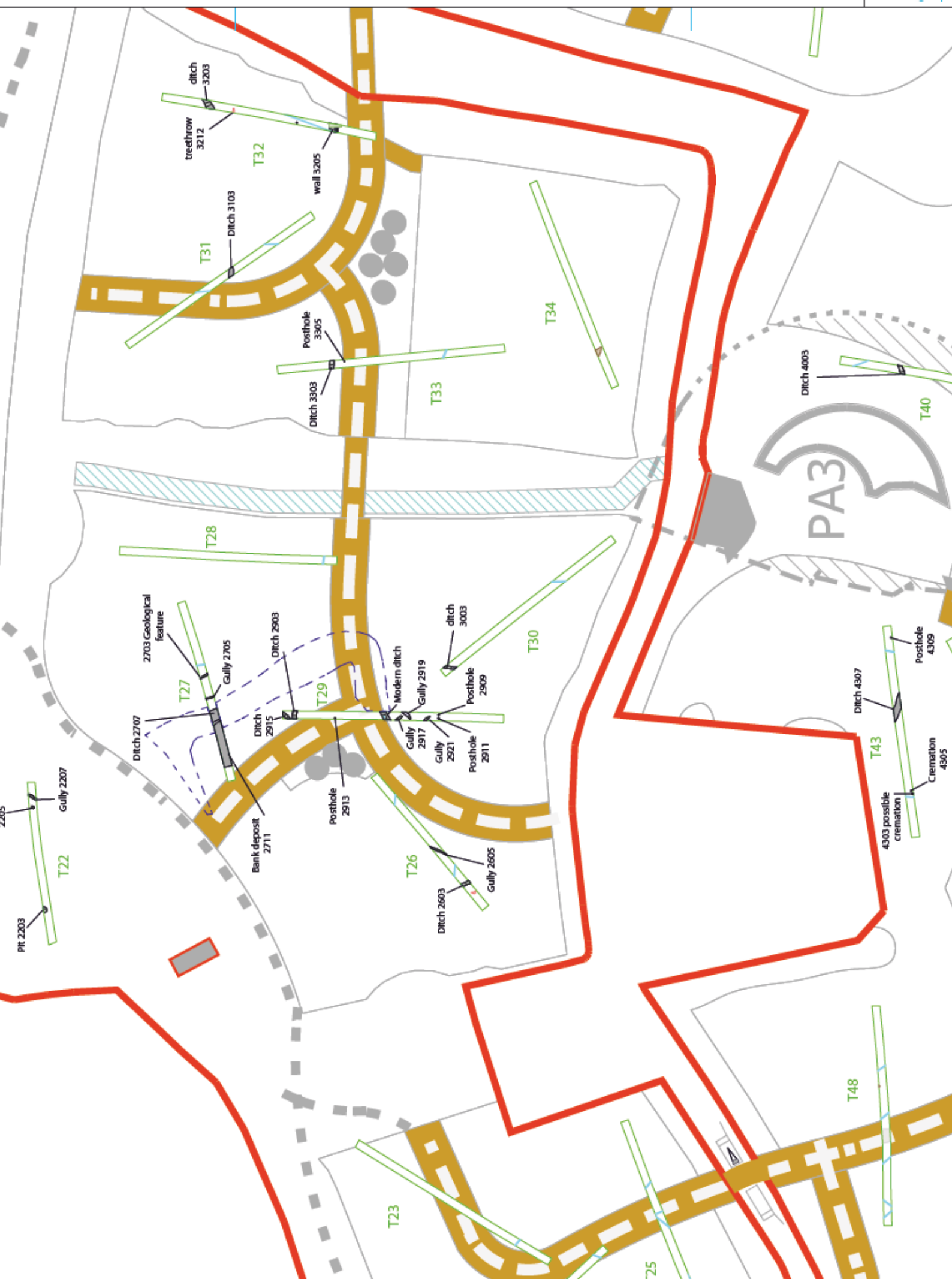
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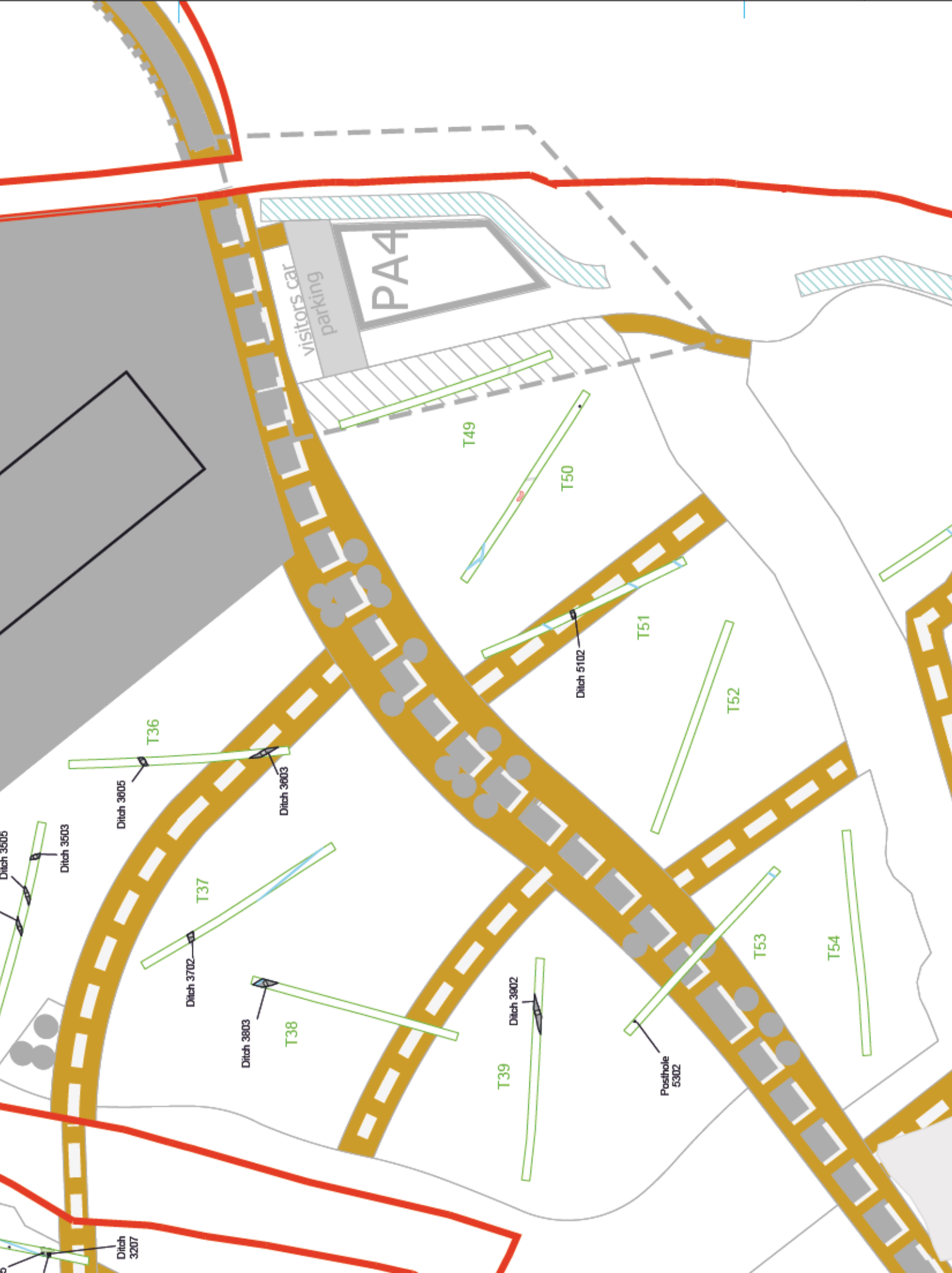
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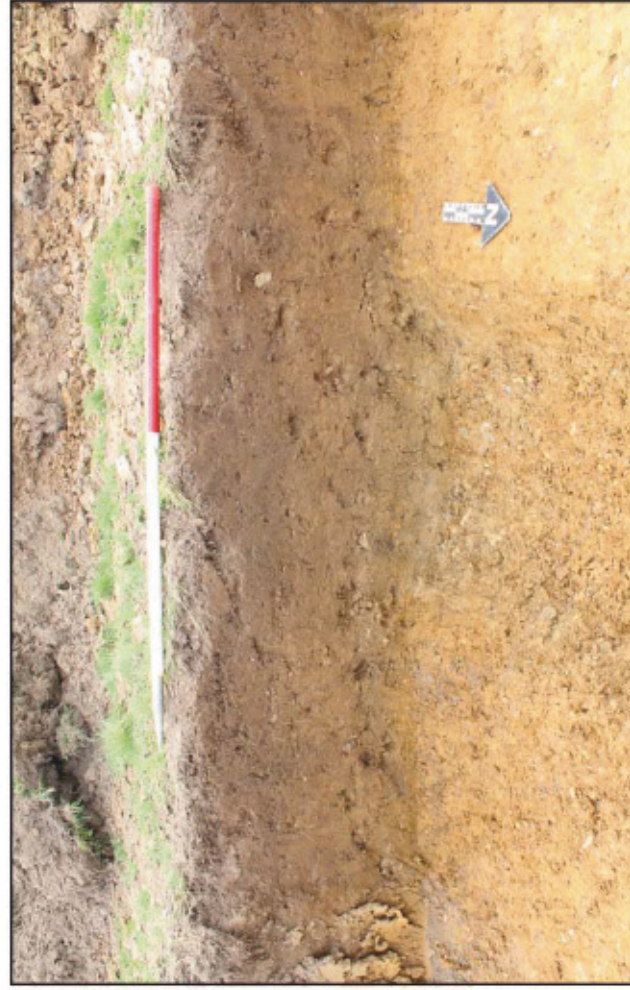
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Gully 2207, south-west facing section (scale 0.5m)



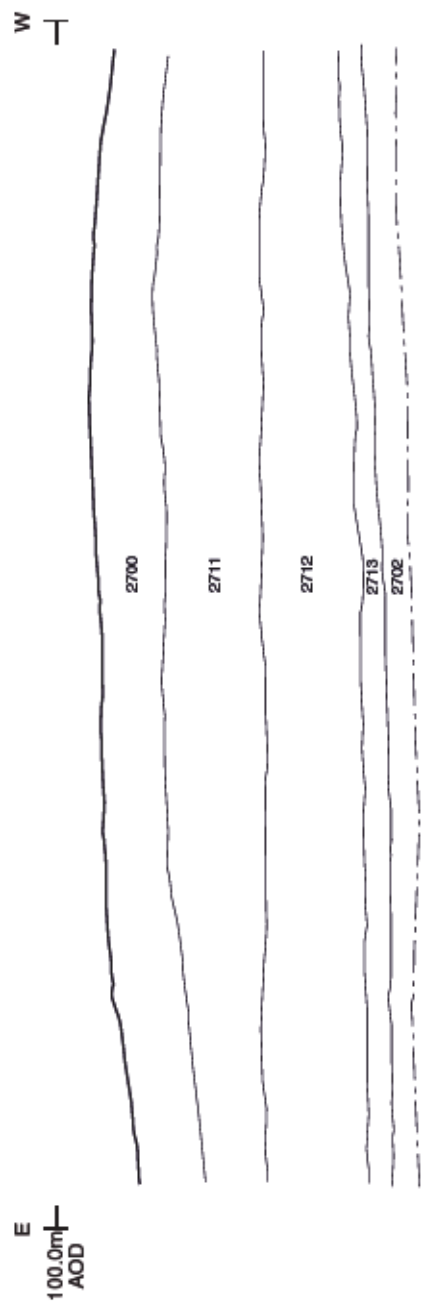
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Post hole 2913, east facing section (scale 0.1m)



Ditch 2915, north facing section (scale 0.1m)



Ditch terminus 2921, facing north-west (scales 0.2m and 0.5m)



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A

Ditch 3303, south-west facing section (scale 0.5m)



B

West-facing section through furrow 3205, ditch 3207 and drain 3210 (scale 1m)



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North west facing section through ditch 3603 (scale 0.5m)



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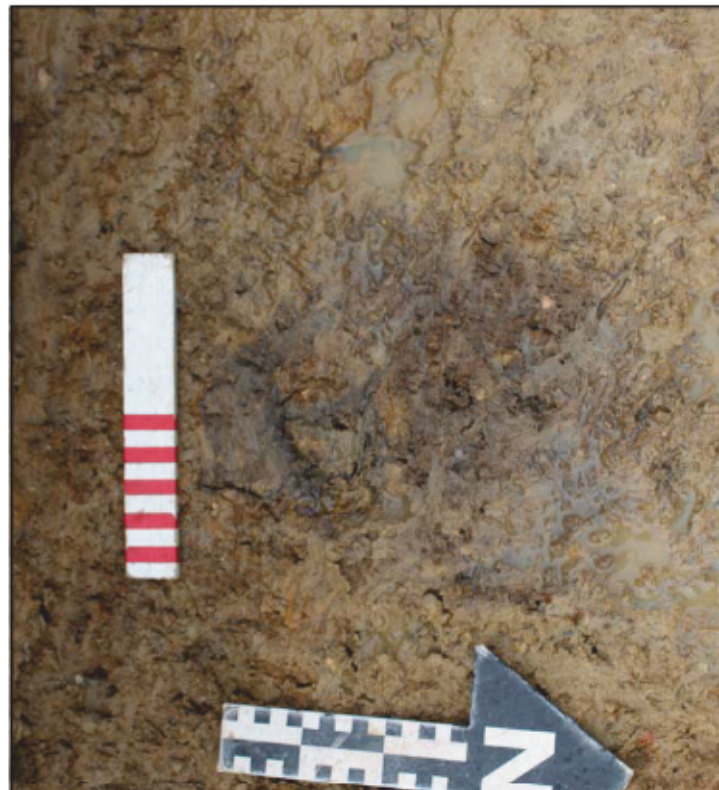


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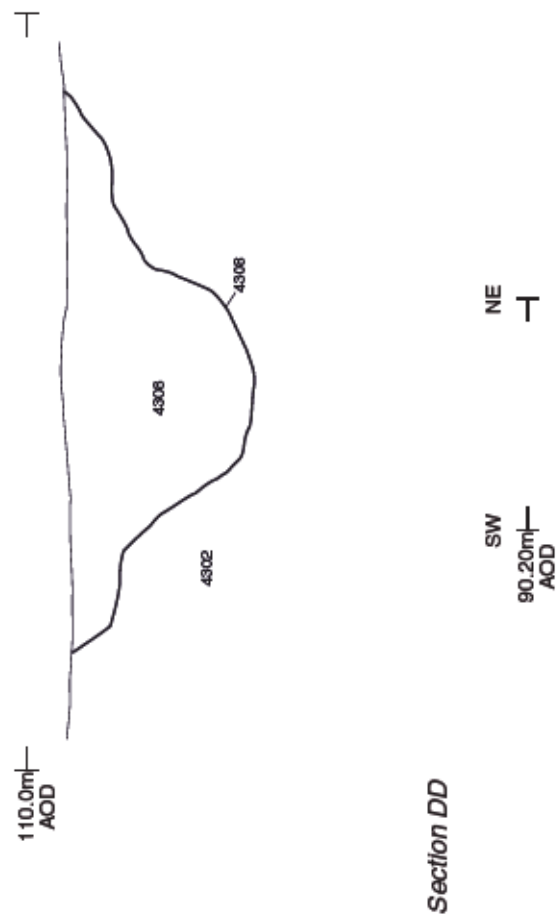


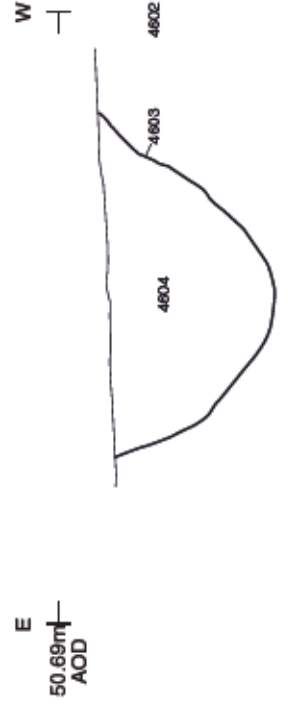
Section through ditch 4003 (scale 0.5m)

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North west facing section through gully 4703 (scale 0.5m)



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South east facing section through ditch 5503 (scale 0.5m)



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North west facing section through ditch 5602 (scale 0.4m)



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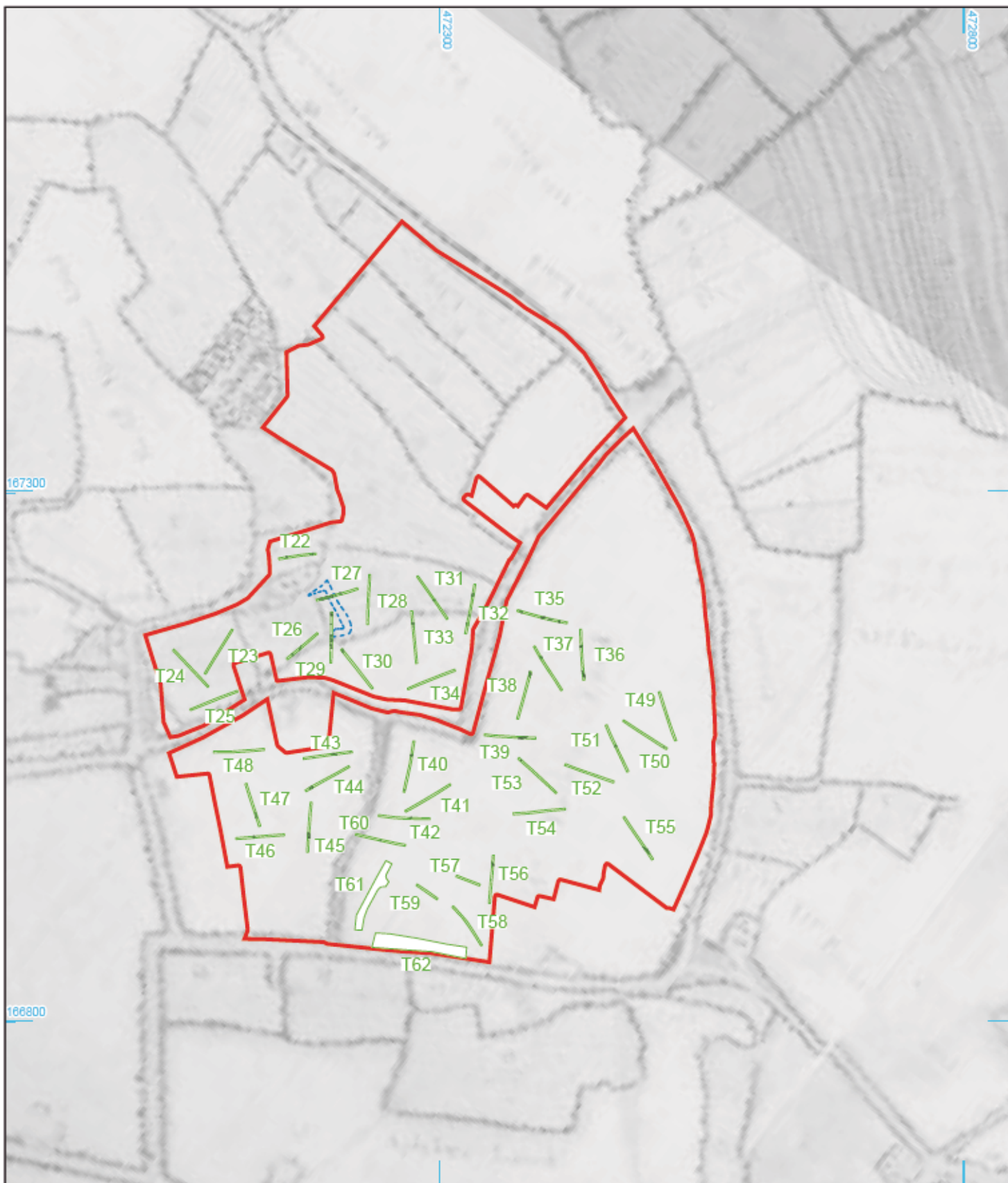
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- evaluation trench
- extant earthwork
- archaeological feature



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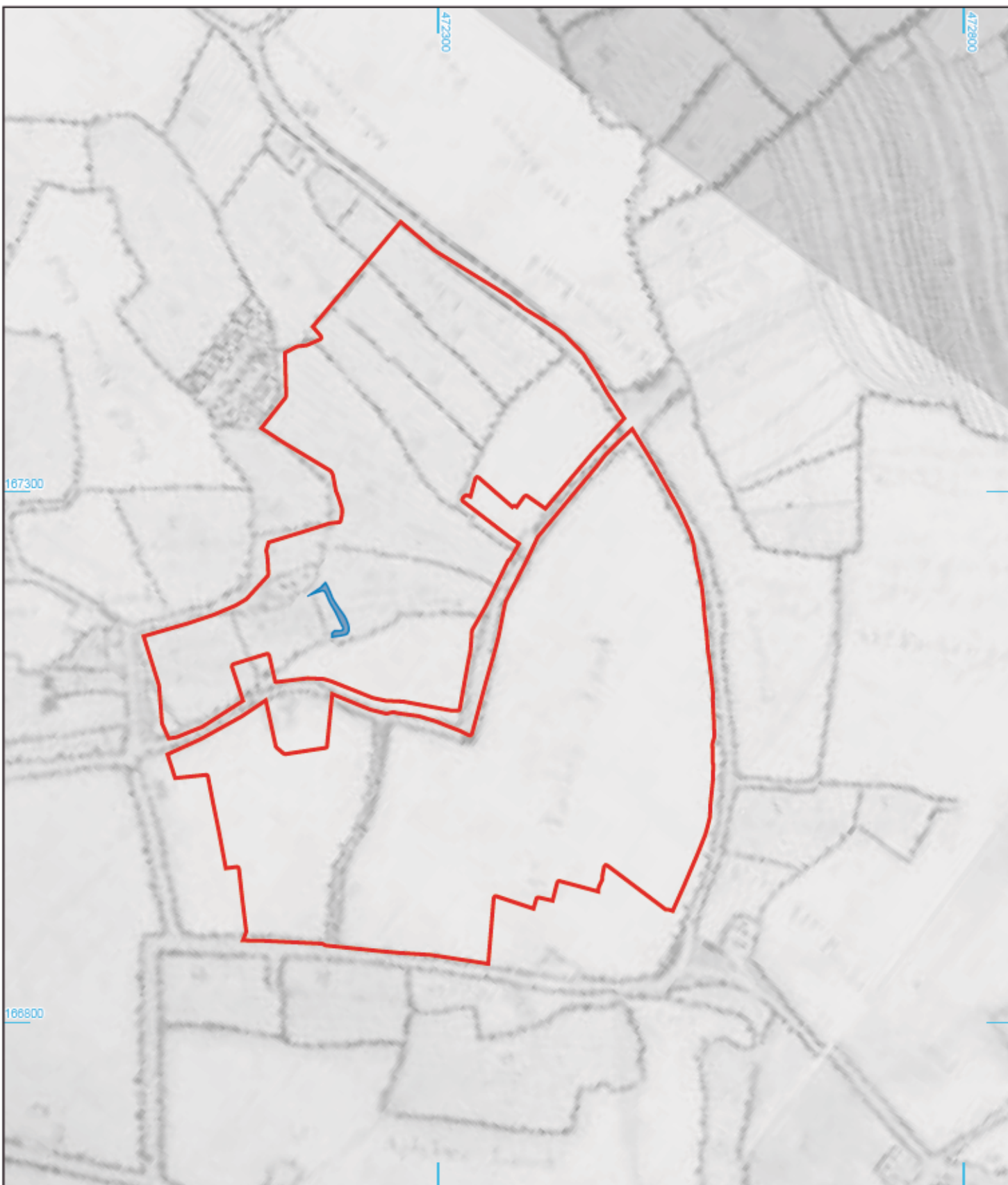
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Earthwork shown on 1756 Earl of Fingalls Estate Map

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