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Archaeological Evaluation



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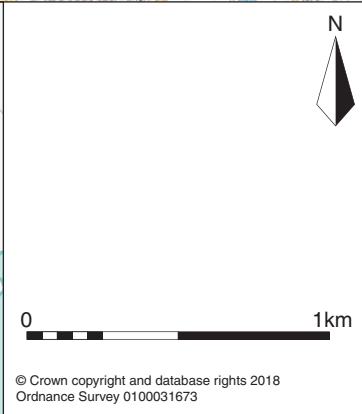
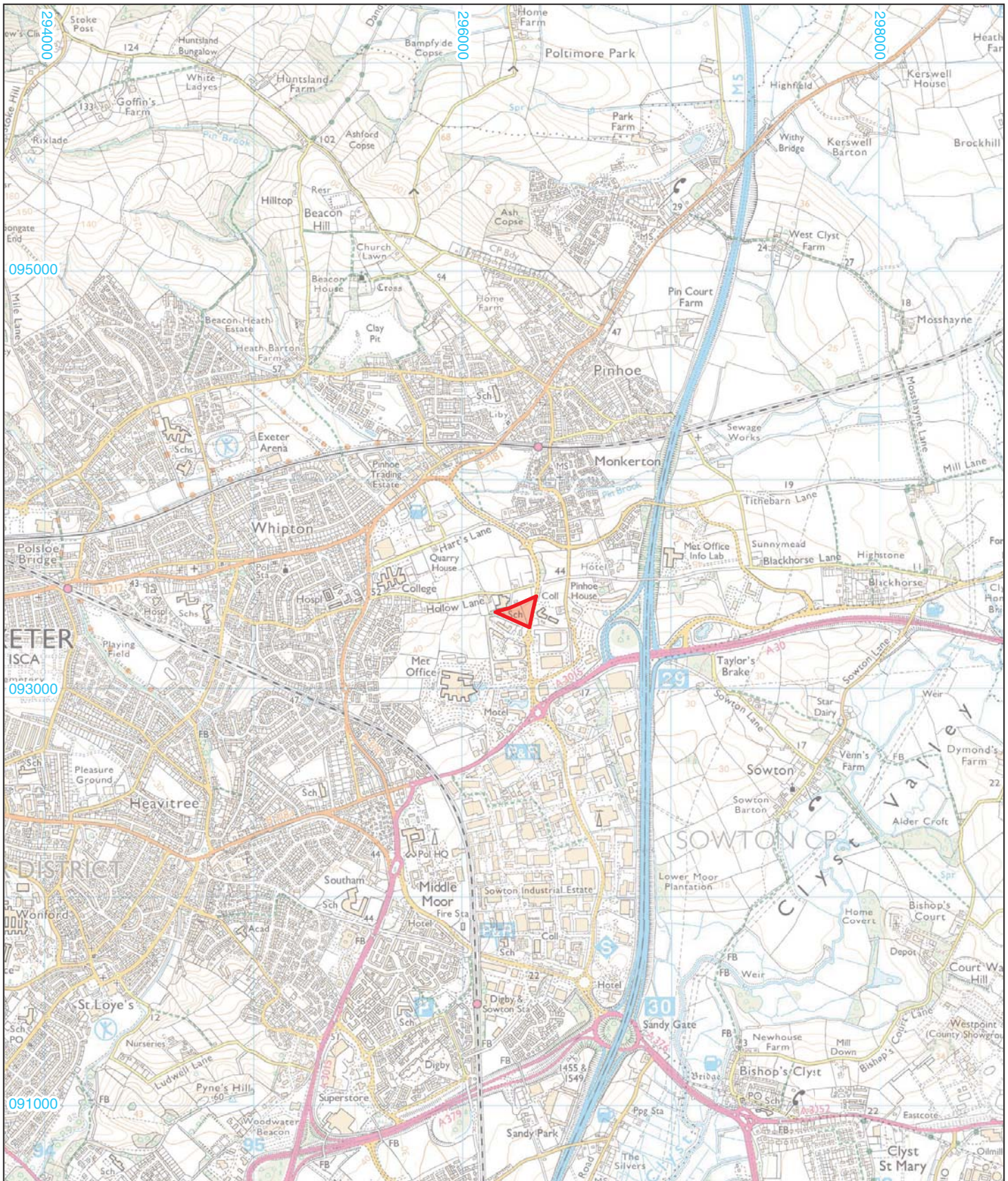
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Exeter City Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District:	National Grid Reference: 296250 093370	Number:
Subject: Land off Cumberland Way, Phase 1, Exeter: archaeological evaluation		Photo attached: N/A
Planning permission no: 18/0221/FUL	Recipient museum: N/A	
OASIS ID:	Museum Accession no: N/A	
Contractor's reference number/code: Site code: CWE18; project number 880311	Date fieldwork undertaken: 16 – 17 April 2018	
<p>Introduction</p> <p>In April 2018, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological evaluation of land off Cumberland Way, Exeter (Fig. 1). This evaluation was commissioned by Barchester Healthcare Ltd. A planning application has been submitted to Exeter City Council (ECC) (planning ref: 18/0221/FUL) for the erection of a care facility at the site, with associated access, car parking and infrastructure.</p> <p>The site's archaeological background is summarised in a previous desk-based heritage assessment (Cotswold Archaeology 2017). Previous archaeological investigations in the vicinity of the site have recorded evidence for activity in the Mesolithic, Neolithic, Bronze Age, Iron Age and Roman periods. This activity included Bronze Age round barrows and Iron Age/Roman enclosures.</p> <p>Methodology</p> <p>The evaluation followed the methodology set out in the Written Scheme of Archaeological Work (Cotswold Archaeology 2018) and comprised the excavation of seven trenches (Fig. 2). Three trenches were 20m long and four trenches were 10m long. All trenches were 1.8m wide. The trenches were located to provide a representative sample of the site and to target a geophysical anomaly (Substrata 2018; Fig. 2).</p> <p>Results (Figs. 2 & 3)</p> <p>The natural substrate comprised red/yellow sand and was identified in all trenches at a depth of 0.4m–0.9m below the present ground level (bpgl), except for T7, where it was identified at 1.8m bpgl. Three archaeological features were recorded, all of which were cut into the natural substrate.</p> <p>In T6, north-west/south-east aligned ditch 603 was 1.34m wide and 0.56m deep. Fragments of post-medieval clay tobacco pipe were recovered from the fill of this ditch.</p> <p>Two parallel ditches were exposed in T10 (1004 and 1009).. These ditches were east/west aligned and were separated by 2.4m. Southernmost ditch 1004 was 1.5m wide and 0.3m deep; post medieval pottery was recovered from its fill. Northernmost ditch 1009 was 1m wide and 0.3m deep; no finds were recovered from its fill.</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>The three post-medieval ditches recorded by the evaluation probably represent former field boundaries. The ditch in T6 aligns with both a geophysical anomaly and a post-medieval field boundary extant on the 1905 OS map. The parallel ditches in T10 are probably the remains of a double-ditch hedge bank, although this boundary is not shown in historic mapping. The absence of prehistoric remains at the evaluation site indicates that the prehistoric activity recorded in the vicinity did not extend as far as the evaluation site.</p>		
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PROJECT DETAILS		
Project name	Land off Cumberland Way, Phase 1, Exeter	
Short description	The archaeology found was post-medieval in date and is consistent with former agricultural field boundaries. A north/south aligned ditch containing post-medieval tobacco pipe was found in the western field. This corresponded to a field boundary extant on the 1905 OS mapping. Two parallel ditches east/west aligned were found in the in the eastern field bordering Cumberland Way. This probably represents a double ditched hedge bank. Post medieval pottery was recovered from one of the two ditches.	
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Project type	Evaluation	
Previous work	N/A	
Future work	Phase 2 - Evaluation	
PROJECT LOCATION		
Site location	Cumberland Way, Exeter	
Study area (M ² /ha)	0.97ha	
Site co-ordinates	296250 093370	
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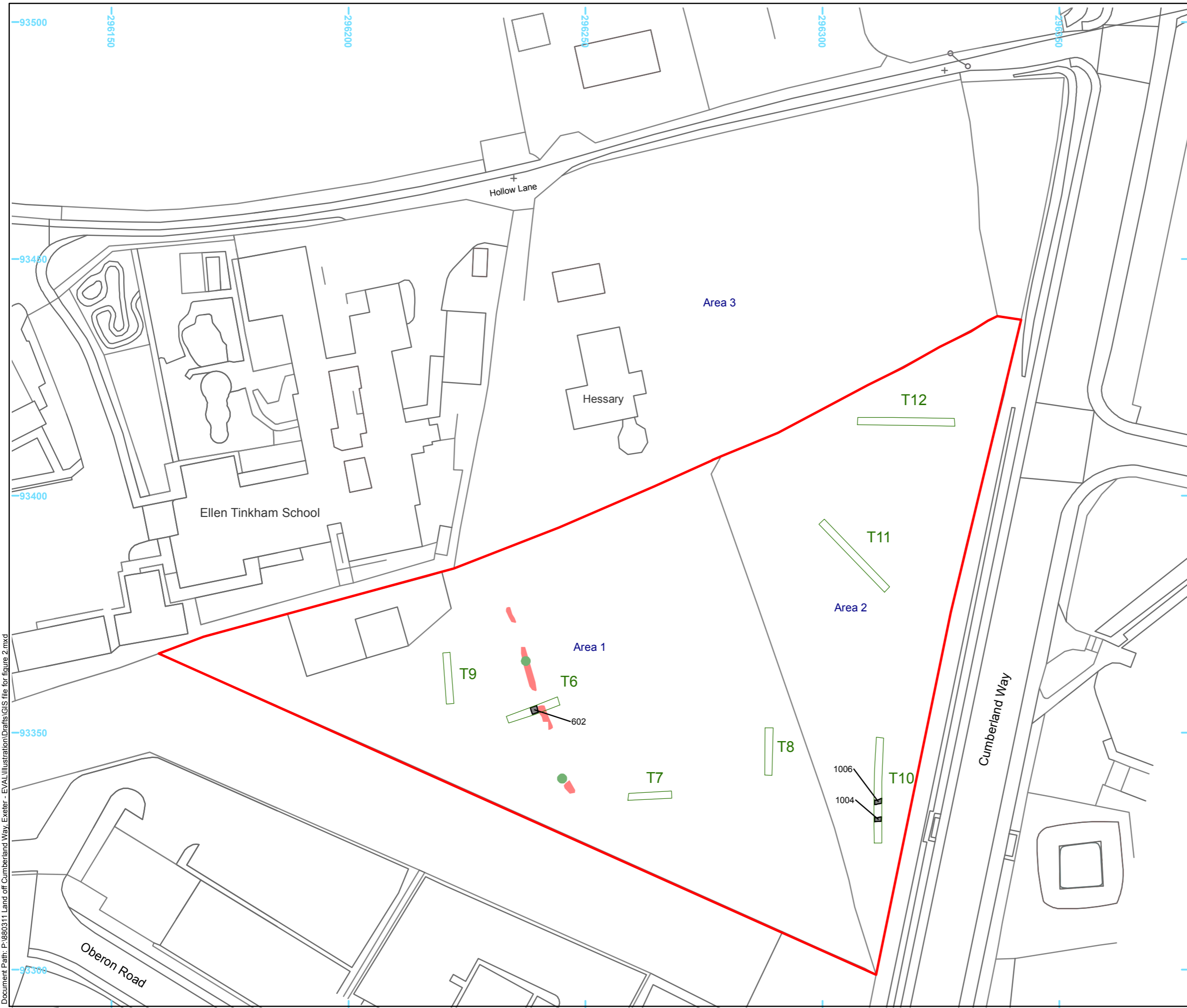
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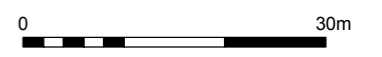
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FIGURE TITLE
 Trench plan, showing archaeological
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 survey results

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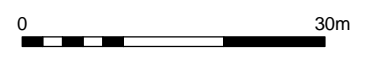
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FIGURE TITLE
Trench plan, showing archaeological features and geophysical survey results, overlaid onto OS 1905 map

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