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## SUMMARY

<b>Project Name:</b>	Land off Newton Road
<b>Location:</b>	North Petherton, Somerset
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In December 2017, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological evaluation of land off Newton Road, North Petherton, Somerset. A total of 18 trenches was excavated within the site.

The evaluation identified a series of ditches, pits and postholes across the site. A possible prehistoric ring ditch was recorded in the south-eastern part of the site, and an area of intensive late prehistoric/Roman activity was recorded in the north-western part of the site. The evaluation also recorded a broad scattering of post-medieval/modern and undated ditches.



## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In December 2017, Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological evaluation of land off Newton Road, North Petherton, Somerset (centred at NGR: 29436 32409; Fig. 1). This evaluation was commissioned by WYG Group Ltd, acting on behalf of Gladman Developments Ltd.
- 1.2 The evaluation results will inform a planning application made to Sedgemoor District Council for large-scale residential development of the site, with associated landscaping, access, parking and public amenity space. The scope of the evaluation was defined in consultation with Steven Membery, Senior Historic Environment Officer, South West Heritage Trust (the archaeological advisors to Sedgemoor District Council).
- 1.3 The evaluation was carried out in accordance with a detailed Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) produced by WYG Group Ltd (2017a) and approved by Steven Membery. The evaluation was also in line with *Standard and guidance for archaeological field evaluation* (ClfA 2014), *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MoRPHE) PPN 3: Archaeological Excavation* (Historic England 2015) and *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MORPHE): Project Manager's Guide* (Historic England 2016).

### **The site**

- 1.4 The evaluation site is located to the south-east of North Petherton. It is approximately 11.4ha in extent and comprises five enclosed fields of pasture bordered by Newton Road to the west, the M5 motorway to the east, modern residential development to the north and arable land to the south.
- 1.5 The underlying bedrock geology in the north-eastern part of the site is mapped as mudstone and halite-stone of the Mercia Mudstone Group, which formed during the Triassic period. The underlying bedrock geology in the remainder of the site is mapped as Helsby Sandstone Formation, which formed during the Triassic period. No superficial deposits are recorded at the site (BGS 2018).

## 2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

2.1 The evaluation site has been the previous subject of a desk-based archaeological appraisal (WYG 2017b) and a geophysical survey (AOC 2017). The following text is summarised from these sources, which should be referred to for a full background.

### ***Prehistoric (pre-AD 43)***

2.2 Later prehistoric flint flakes have been identified during ploughing in the south-eastern part of the site. The cropmarks of two rectilinear enclosures of potential later prehistoric date have been identified to the immediate east and north east of the site, on the eastern side of the M5 motorway.

### ***Roman (AD 43–AD 410)***

2.3 Roman material was recovered during a previous evaluation on the northern border of the site. A ditch, pit and cobbled surface associated with 3rd century AD Roman pottery have been identified to the immediate north-east of the present evaluation site.

2.4 Previous archaeological works at North Newton, which lies to the south of the evaluation site, recorded a 3rd-century AD Roman settlement, with some evidence for occupation in the 2nd century AD.

### ***Early medieval (AD 410–1066) and medieval (1066–1539)***

2.5 North Petherton is recorded in the Domesday Book (1086) and appears to have had early medieval origins. There is no known evidence for extensive early medieval or medieval activity in the immediate vicinity of the evaluation site, indicating that it formed part of the hinterland to North Petherton in these periods.

### ***Post-medieval (1540–1800) and modern (1800–present)***

2.6 Historic cartographic sources indicate that the evaluation site remained in agricultural use in the post-medieval and modern periods.

### ***Geophysical survey***

2.7 The geophysical survey recorded a number of discrete linear, curvilinear and rectilinear trends, as well as discrete pit-like anomalies. Many of these anomalies were interpreted as possible earlier field divisions/boundaries, some of which are

visible on 19th century mapping. Several of the anomalies were considered to be potentially archaeological in origin.

### 3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 The objective of the evaluation was to provide further information about the likely archaeological resource within the site, including its presence/absence, character, extent, date, integrity, state of preservation and quality. This information will enable Sedgemoor District Council to identify and assess the particular significance of any archaeological heritage assets within the site, consider the impact of the proposed development upon that significance and, if appropriate, develop strategies to avoid or minimise conflict between heritage asset conservation and the development proposals, in line with the *National Planning Policy Framework* (Department of Communities and Local Government 2012).

### 4. METHODOLOGY

- 4.1 The fieldwork comprised the excavation of 18 trenches (Fig. 2). These measured between 15m and 50m in length and were 2m in width. Trench 12 was extended to the south-west to pick up the return a curvilinear ditch identified in the main body of the trench. The trenches were located to test geophysical anomalies, as well as to give a representative sample of the remainder of the site.
- 4.2 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*. All trenches were excavated by a mechanical excavator equipped with a toothless grading bucket. All machine excavation was undertaken under constant archaeological supervision to the top of the natural geological substate.
- 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*.
- 4.4 CA will make arrangements for the deposition of the project archive with the Somerset Museums Service.



4.5 A summary of information from this project, as set out in Appendix B, will be entered onto the OASIS online database of archaeological projects in Britain.

## 5. RESULTS

5.1 This section provides an overview of the evaluation results. Detailed summaries of the recorded contexts can be found in Appendix A. Details of the artefactual material recovered during the evaluation are provided in Section 6 and Appendix B. In the following text, features marked (U) were not hand-excavated, either because their continuations were excavated in other trenches or because sufficient excavation had taken place to characterise the archaeological remains in individual trenches.

5.2 The natural geological substrate generally comprised clays and sands with occasional patches of gravel. It was encountered at depths of 0.2m–0.8m below the present ground level (bpgl) and was overlain by subsoil, which was sealed in turn by the modern topsoil.

5.3 Five trenches (T3, T5, T7, T9 and T17) were blank; the remainder contained at least one archaeological feature, and are discussed in more detail below. Most of the archaeological features were cut into the natural substrate and sealed by the subsoil, but a small number of features were cut into the subsoil and sealed by the topsoil; this is noted in the discussion below.

### ***Trench 1***

5.4 A total of 11 cut features was identified in the north-eastern half of T1. Three of these features were truncated by later ditch 121 (see below):

- ditch 123 (Fig. 6, Sec. BB) was 0.55m deep and contained a sequence of three sedimentary fills (124, 125 and 126), all of which produced Late Iron Age pottery;
- pit 119 (U); and
- feature 117 (U), which was apparently the continuation of large cut feature 203/212 (T2).

5.5 All three of the features outlined above were cut by sinuous ditch 121 (Fig. 6, Sec. BB), which had steep sides and a concave base. It contained a single fill (122), from which a substantial amount of Roman pottery was recovered.



- 5.6 Ditch 121 was truncated by north-west/south-east orientated ditch 115 (U). A small amount of Late Iron Age pottery was recovered from the surface of ditch 115.
- 5.7 Pits/postholes 103, 105, 107 (Fig. 6, Sec. AA), 109 and 113 (U) lay to the south-west of ditch 115. They ranged from 0.28m–0.6m in diameter and from 0.2m–0.25m in depth. Each of these features contained single fills. A single fragment of Iron Age/Roman pottery was recovered from the fill of pit 103 (context 104), but the other fills were undated.
- 5.8 Pit 111 was cut through the subsoil layer and sealed by the topsoil, and is presumably late post-medieval/modern in date.

#### **Trench 2**

- 5.9 Shallow pit 205 was identified near the southern end of T2. This pit was 0.75m wide and 0.28m deep, with moderate sloping sides and a flat base. Late prehistoric pottery was recovered from its single fill (206).
- 5.10 Large cut feature 203/212 (Fig. 7, Secs. CC and DD) had moderate sloping sides and a flat base. It measured 11m in width and 0.7m in depth. It contained a compact single clayey fill (204/213), from which six sherds of Roman pottery were recovered.
- 5.11 Cut feature 212 was truncated by north-west/south-east orientated ditch 207 (Fig. 7, Sec. CC) which was 1.45m wide and 0.55m deep, with steep sides and a flat base. Ditch 207 contained a sequence of four fills (208, 209, 210 and 210). Prehistoric pottery was retrieved from its second fill (209).

#### **Trench 4**

- 5.12 Two ditches (403 and 405) were identified in T4. North-west/south-east orientated ditch 403 was 0.78m wide and 0.36m deep, with a single undated fill. North-north-west/south-south-east aligned ditch 405 was 0.96m wide and 0.54m deep; three prehistoric worked flints (including one of possible Bronze Age date) were retrieved from its single fill (406).

#### **Trench 6**

- 5.13 North-north-east/south-south-west orientated ditch 603 (U) was 2m wide. It was cut into the subsoil and sealed by the topsoil. This ditch corresponded closely to the line

of a historic field boundary detected by the geophysical survey. Its continuation was excavated in T8 (ditch 803).

### **Trench 8**

- 5.14 North-north-east/south-south-west orientated ditch 803 was cut into the subsoil and sealed by the topsoil. This ditch was 6m wide and was excavated to a depth of 0.8m without its base being reached. Two sherds of modern pottery and a fragment of clay tobacco pipe were recovered from its fill (804).

### **Trench 10**

- 5.15 North-west/south-east orientated ditch 1003 was 0.7m wide and 0.26m deep, with a single undated silty fill (1004).

### **Trench 11**

- 5.16 Two parallel north-west/south-east aligned ditches (1103 and 1105) were revealed in T11. Ditch 1103 measured 0.93m in width and 0.2m in depth; it contained a single fill (1104) which yielded a small quantity of abraded pottery of probable Roman date.
- 5.17 Ditch 1105 (Fig. 8, Sec. EE) was 0.76m wide and 0.22m deep. No finds were recovered from its single fill (1106).

### **Trench 12**

- 5.18 Shallow curvilinear ditch 1205 (Fig. 9, Sec. GG) was 2.18m wide and 0.17m deep, with moderate sloping sides and an uneven base. This ditch contained a single silty fill (1206) from which two worked flint fragments were recovered. Ditch 1207 (U), which was revealed in the south-western extension of T12, appears to be the return of ditch 1205.
- 5.19 North-east/south-west orientated ditch 1203 (Fig. 9, Sec. FF) was 0.75m in width and 0.23m in depth. No finds were recovered from its single fill (1204).

### **Trench 13**

- 5.20 North-east/south-west orientated ditch 1303 (Fig. 10, Sec. HH) was 6m wide and 0.7m deep. It contained a sequence of three compact undated fills (1304, 1305 and 1306).

**Trench 14**

- 5.21 North-west/south-east orientated ditch 1403 was 0.63m wide and 0.12m deep, with a single undated silty fill (1404).

**Trench 15**

- 5.22 North-west/south-east aligned ditch 1503 (Fig. 10, Sec. II) was cut into the subsoil and sealed by the topsoil. This ditch was 0.67m wide and 0.15m deep, with moderate sloping sides and a flat base. It contained a single undated fill (1504).

**Trench 16**

- 5.23 Three parallel north-west/south-east orientated ditches (1604 and 1607) were identified in the central part of T16.
- 5.24 Ditch 1612 was 0.28m deep with a single undated fill (1613); it had been truncated by ditch 1604 but survived to 0.4m in width. Ditch 1604 was 0.88m wide and 0.72m deep with two fills (1605 and 1606); basal fill 1605 contained post-medieval/modern pottery and clay pipe. Ditch 1607 was 1.78m wide and 0.48m deep, with a sequence of four undated fills.
- 5.25 Two compact sandy clay deposits (1602 and 1614), which are likely to represent the remnants of bank material, were identified in section between ditches 1604 and 1607.

**Trench 18**

- 5.26 North-west/south-east orientated ditch 1808 was 3.7m wide and 0.43m deep. No finds were recovered from its single fill (1809).
- 5.27 North/south aligned ditch 1812 (Fig. 11, Sec. KK) was 1.3m wide and 0.2m deep. It contained two fills (1813 and 1814), the uppermost of which (1814) yielded a small amount of post medieval/modern pottery.
- 5.28 Pit 1805 (Fig. 11, Sec. JJ) measured 0.66m in width and 0.57m in depth and contained two undated fills (1806 and 1807). To the south-west of pit 1805, sub-circular posthole 1803 was 0.22m wide and 0.1m deep. No finds were recovered from its single fill (1806).

## 6. THE FINDS

- 6.1 The artefactual material recovered during the evaluation is listed in Appendix B and discussed further below.

### **Pottery**

- 6.2 A total of 123 sherds of pottery, weighing 1,246g, was recovered from 15 contexts across six trenches. The material ranges in date from the later prehistoric period to the 19th century. It is in moderate condition, with an average sherd weight of 10.1g.
- 6.3 The largest group came from ditch 121 (T1), with 70 sherds (815g) recorded. The material from this feature includes 57 sherds of black-burnished ware, from the Poole Harbour/Wareham area of south-east Dorset (Tomber and Dore 1988, DOR BB1). Diagnostic forms comprise the rim from a jar with sharply everted rim (Seager Smith and Davies 1993, type 3), and body sherds with horizontal wiping on their surface, indicative of a late 3rd to 4th century AD date. Also recovered from this ditch was a small, narrow-necked, globular jar in a sandy greyware fabric, and beaded rim fragments from two jars in black sandy wares.
- 6.4 Black-burnished ware, of 2nd to 4th century AD date, was recovered from the subsoil of T1 and pit 203 (T2).
- 6.5 A jar rim fragment in a black sandy ware from pit 103 (T1) and bead-rimmed jar in a sandstone-tempered fabric from ditch 123 (T1) are broadly Late Iron Age or Roman in date.
- 6.6 A group of Late Iron Age pottery sherds (22 sherds, 268g) came from three fills of ditch 123 (T1). This group includes part of a neutral-profile vessel with beaded rim, in a quartz and sandstone-tempered fabric; traces of soot on the external surface, and burnt residue on the internal surface, suggest that this vessel was used for cooking. Three body sherds decorated with burnished lines and geometric motifs were also found. At least two of the decorated sherds are in the Southwest Decorated ceramic tradition and occur in a sandstone-gritted fabric from the Malvern Hills area (Peacock 1969, Group 2); the third is in an unsourced black sandy ware. The remainder of the group from ditch 123 includes a bead-rimmed jar and rounded rim fragment in a sandstone-gritted fabric, body sherds and a single footed base

fragment in sandstone-gritted fabrics, rock-tempered fabrics, other quartz sandy wares and a leached calcareous fabric.

- 6.7 A bead-rimmed jar of Late Iron Age date, with burnished external surface, was recovered from ditch 115 (T1).
- 6.8 Sherds in a rock-gritted fabric, predominantly tempered with sandstone and siltstone inclusions, were recorded from pit 205 (T2; 11 sherds, 60g) and ditch 1103 (T11; three sherds, 6g). There are no diagnostic pieces amongst this group. Those from pit 205 are of later prehistoric date. The material from ditch 1103 may be of Roman date but is particularly abraded.
- 6.9 Pottery of post-medieval and modern date comprises tin-glazed earthenware, glazed red earthenware, slipware, and a refined white ware with transfer-printed decoration (five sherds, 35g). This material came from ditch 803 (T8), ditch 1604 (T16), ditch 1812 (T18) and the subsoil of T16.

#### ***Fired clay***

- 6.10 Eighteen fragments of fired clay, weighing a total of 285g, were recovered from pit 103 (T1) and ditches 121 (T1), 123 (T1) and 207 (T2). Most are amorphous and abraded, although two fragments, from pit 103 and ditch 123, retain part of a curved surface and a flat surface, respectively. The material is likely to derive from ovens or hearths.

#### ***Flint***

- 6.11 Five items of prehistoric worked flint were recovered from three deposits. Flakes, which cannot be closely dated, were recovered from subsoil 101 (T1), ditch 405 (T4) and ditch 1205 (T12). A scraper from ditch 405 is of probable Bronze Age date. A fragment from a possible core or scraper was recovered from ditch 1205; this artefact features multiple removals on both faces but is heavily damaged.

#### ***Other finds***

- 6.12 Other finds, all of post-medieval date, include two fragments of clay tobacco pipe from ditches 803 (T8) and 1604 (T16), and a piece of green vessel glass from the subsoil of T16. A curved iron strip from ditch 1812 (T18) and an abraded and amorphous fragment of fired clay from ditch 207 (T2) cannot be attributed to form or date.

## 7. DISCUSSION

7.1 The evaluation identified a series of ditches, pits and postholes across the site. A possible prehistoric ring ditch was recorded in T12 and an area of intensive late prehistoric/Roman activity was recorded in T1 and T2. The evaluation also recorded a broad scattering of post-medieval/modern and undated ditches.

7.2 There was a generally good correlation between the evaluation results and the previous geophysical survey (AOC 2017). The majority of the ditches exposed during the evaluation had been identified by the survey, although there some of the features had not been detected. In particular, the ring ditch recorded in T12 had not been noted by the survey, and nor had the large Roman feature recorded in T1 and T2. There were also several geophysical anomalies which were not found to correspond to below-ground archaeological features. In particular, the linear anomalies tested by T1 and T2 were not found to correspond to below-ground archaeological features.

### ***Prehistoric (pre-AD 43)***

7.3 Two fragments of worked flint, including a possible core or scraper, were retrieved from possible ring ditch 1205 (T12). The circular shape of this ditch could suggest a prehistoric feature such as a barrow. This feature may be related to cropmarks of possible prehistoric date which have been identified to the east of the evaluation site, on the eastern side of the M5 motorway.

7.4 Three prehistoric worked flints, including a scraper of possible Bronze Age date, were retrieved from ditch (T4).

### ***Late prehistoric (100 BC–AD 43) and Roman (AD 43–AD 410)***

7.5 There was a concentration of late prehistoric and Roman activity in T1 and T2. Two pits (103 and 205) and two ditches (115 and 123) in T1 and T2 contained late prehistoric/early Roman pottery. Ditch 121 and large feature 203/212 contained later Roman pottery.

7.6 A highly-abraded single sherd of apparently redeposited Roman pottery was retrieved from ditch 1103 (T11).

- 7.7 The concentration of features in T1 and T2 indicates some form of intense activity in the western corner of the site from the late Iron Age/Early Roman period until the 4th century AD. At present, due to the limited area exposed in the trenches, it is difficult to establish the form and function of the Roman features. The function of large feature 203/212 was uncertain, although water-borne silts within its fills were indicative of water-logging.

### ***Post-medieval (1540–1800) and modern (1800–present)***

- 7.8 The evaluation recorded a broad scattering of ditches throughout the site. Most of these were undated artefactually, although ditches in T8, T16 and T18 contained post-medieval/modern artefacts. Several of the undated ditches appear to correlate to historic field boundaries.

## **8. CA PROJECT TEAM**

- 8.1 Fieldwork was undertaken by Jonathan Orellana, assisted by Jerry Austin, Edoardo Vigo, George Gandham, Victoria Parsons, Jacopo Cerasoni, Parris Stubbings and Jake Godfrey. This report was written by Jonathan Orellana. The finds report was written by Grace Jones. The report illustrations were prepared by Esther Escudero. The archive has been compiled and prepared for deposition by Jessica Cook. The project was managed for CA by Derek Evans.

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WYG Group Ltd 2017b *Land off Newton Road, North Petherton: Archaeological Appraisal*



## APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
1	100	layer		topsoil	loose mid greyish brown sandy silt			0.4	
1	101	layer		subsoil	loose mid brownish grey clayey silt			0.3	C2-C4
1	102	layer		natural substrate	firm brownish orange clayey sand				
1	103	cut		pit	circular in plan, steep sides and flat base	0.6	0.6	0.23	
1	104	fill	103	single fill of pit	dark brownish grey silty sand	0.6	0.6	0.23	IA/RB
1	105	cut		posthole	sub-oval in plan, steep sides and concave base	0.4	0.32	0.15	
1	106	fill	105	single fill of posthole	mid greyish brown sandy silt	0.4	0.32	0.15	
1	107	cut		posthole	sub-oval in plan, steep sides and concave base	0.32	0.28	0.2	
1	108	fill	107	single fill of posthole	mid greyish brown sandy silt	0.32	0.28	0.2	
1	109	cut		pit	steep sides and flat base		0.6	0.2	
1	110	fill	109	single fill of pit	dark blackish grey sandy silt		0.6	0.2	
1	111	cut		pit	steep sides and flat base		0.9	0.34	
1	112	fill	111	single fill of pit	dark brownish grey sandy silt		0.9	0.34	
1	113	cut		pit	oval in plan, not excavated	0.62	0.52		
1	114	fill	113	fill of pit	mid greyish brown sandy silt	0.62	0.52		
1	115	cut		ditch	NW/SE orientated, not excavated	>1.8	2		
1	116	fill	115	fill of ditch	mid greyish brown sandy silt	>1.8	2		C1BC-C1
1	117	cut		pit	not excavated				
1	118	fill	117	fill of pit	mid reddish brown sandy clay				
1	119	cut		pit	not excavated				
1	120	fill	119	fill of pit	firm mid brownish grey sandy silt				
1	121	cut		ditch	sinuous in plan, steep sloping sides and concave base	>0.9	1.2	0.5	
1	122	fill	121	single fill of ditch	mid greyish brown sandy silt		1.2	0.5	LC3-C4
1	123	cut		ditch	NE/SW orientated, steep side and flat base	>3	>0.4	0.55	
1	124	fill	123	1st fill of ditch	mid brown silty clay		>0.4	0.25	Late preh.
1	125	fill	123	2nd fill of ditch	mid reddish brown silty clay		>0.4	0.24	C1BC-C1
1	126	fill	123	3rd fill of ditch	mid brown silty clay		>0.4	0.24	C1BC-C1
2	200	layer		topsoil	dark reddish brown sandy silt			0.35	
2	201	layer		subsoil	mid reddish brown clayey silt			0.3	
2	202	layer		natural substrate	mid reddish brown clayey sand				
2	203	cut		pit	moderate sloping side, base not reached	>2.8	>2	>0.6	
2	204	fill	203	single fill of pit	dark brownish red clay with grey patches	>2.8	>2	>0.6	C2-C4
2	205	cut		pit	moderate sloping sides and flat base	1.7	>0.4 5	0.28	
2	206	fill	205	single fill of pit	dark greyish brown sandy silt	1.7	>0.4 5	0.28	Late preh.
2	207	cut		ditch	NW/SE orientated, steep sides and concave base	>3	1.45	0.55	
2	208	fill	207	1st fill of ditch	dark red silty clay		1.1	0.2	
2	209	fill	207	2nd fill of ditch	mid greyish brown clayey silt		1.4	0.3	Prehistoric
2	210	fill	207	3rd fill of ditch	mid orangey brown clay		1	0.15	

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
2	211	fill	207	4th fill of ditch	dark greyish brown clayey silt			0.12	
2	212	cut		pit	flat base		>2	0.7	
2	213	fill	212	single fill of pit	dark brownish red clay with grey patches				
3	300	layer		topsoil	loose light greyish brown sandy silt			0.25	
3	301	layer		subsoil	light pinkish brown sandy silt			0.4	
3	302	layer		natural substrate	firm light brownish pink silty sand				
4	400	layer		topsoil	light yellowish brown sandy clay			0.3	
4	401	layer		subsoil	light reddish brown			0.3	
4	402	layer		natural substrate	firm light reddish brown sandy clay				
4	403	cut		ditch	NW/SE orientated, steep sides and concave base	>0.5	0.78	0.36	
4	404	fill	403	single fill of ditch	mid reddish brown sandy clay	>0.5	0.78	0.36	
4	405	cut		ditch	NW/SE orientated, steep sides and concave base		0.96	0.54	
4	406	fill	405	single fill of ditch	mid brown silty clay		0.96	0.54	
5	500	layer		topsoil	mid greyish brown sandy silt			0.3	
5	501	layer		subsoil	mid reddish brown sandy silt			0.35	
5	502	layer		natural substrate	firm orangey brown sand with patches of gravel				
6	600	layer		topsoil	mid greyish brown sandy silt			0.3	
6	601	layer		subsoil	mid reddish brown sandy silt			0.4	
6	602	layer		natural substrate	firm orangey brown sand with patches of gravel				
6	603	cut		ditch	N/S orientated, not excavated		2		
6	604	fill		fill of ditch	dark brown sandy silt with frequent small stones		2		
7	700	layer		topsoil	mid greyish brown sandy silt			0.3	
7	701	layer		subsoil	mid reddish brown sandy silt			0.35	
7	702	layer		natural substrate	firm orangey brown sand with patches of gravel				
8	800	layer		topsoil	dark reddish brown sandy silt			0.3	
8	801	layer		subsoil	mid reddish brown silty sand			0.4	
8	802	layer		natural substrate	dark reddish orange clayey sand and grey bedrock				
8	803	cut		ditch	NE/SW orientated		6	>0.8	
8	804	fill	803	fill of ditch	dark brown sandy silt		6	>0.8	C19
9	900	layer		topsoil	loose mid reddish brown sandy silt			0.3	
9	901	layer		subsoil	light pinkish brown sandy clay			0.25	
9	902	layer		natural substrate	firm light pinkish brown sandy clay				
10	1000	layer		topsoil	mid reddish brown sandy silt			0.35	
10	1001	layer		subsoil	light yellowish brown clayey sand			0.3	
10	1002	layer		natural substrate	mid yellowish brown sandy clay with patches of gravel				
10	1003	cut		ditch	NW/SE orientated, steep sides and concave base		0.7	0.26	
10	1004	fill	1003	single fill of ditch	mid reddish brown sandy clay		0.7	0.26	?RB
11	1100	layer		topsoil	loose mid brown silty clay			0.35	
11	1101	layer		subsoil	mid reddish brown silty clay			0.23	
11	1102	layer		natural substrate	firm light yellow clay				
11	1103	cut		ditch	NW/SE orientated, steep sides and flat base		0.93	0.2	
11	1104	fill	1103	single fill of ditch	mid reddish brown sandy clay		0.93	0.2	

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
11	1105	cut		ditch	NW/SE orientated, steep sides and concave base		0.76	0.22	
11	1106	fill	1105	single fill of ditch	mid reddish brown sandy clay		0.76	0.22	
12	1200	layer		topsoil	loose mid brown silty clay			0.35	
12	1201	layer		subsoil	mid reddish brown silty clay			0.23	
12	1202	layer		natural substrate	firm light yellow clay				
12	1203	cut		ditch	NW/SW orientated, moderate sloping sides and concave base		0.75	0.23	
12	1204	fill	1203	single fill of ditch	light grey silty clay		0.75	0.23	
12	1205	cut		ditch	curvilinear in plan, shallow moderate sloping sides and uneven base		2.18	0.17	
12	1206	fill	1205	single fill of ditch	mid reddish brown silty clay		2.18	0.17	
12	1207	cut		ditch	NW/SE orientated, not excavated				
12	1208	fill	1207	fill of ditch	light grey sandy silt				
13	1300	layer		topsoil	dark reddish brown silty clay			0.3	
13	1301	layer		subsoil	mid yellowish brown silty clay			0.3	
13	1302	layer		natural substrate	mid orangey brown sandy clay				
13	1303	cut		ditch	E/W orientated, steep side and flat base		6	0.7	
13	1304	fill	1303	1st fill of ditch	light yellowish brown sandy silt			0.2	
13	1305	fill	1303	2nd fill of ditch	dark greyish brown sandy clay			0.4	
13	1306	fill	1303	3rd fill of ditch	mid greyish brown sandy clay				
14	1400	layer		topsoil	mid greyish brown silty clay			0.3	
14	1401	layer		subsoil	mid reddish brown silty clay			0.3	
14	1402	layer		natural substrate	firm dark brownish red clay				
14	1403	cut		ditch	NW/SE orientated, moderate sloping sides and flat base		0.63	0.12	
14	1404	fill	1403	single fill of ditch	mid reddish brown silty clay		0.63	0.12	
15	1500	layer		topsoil	dark reddish brown sandy silt			0.35	
15	1501	layer		subsoil	mid yellowish brown sandy clay			0.15	
15	1502	layer		natural substrate	mid orangey pink clay with occasional gravel				
15	1503	cut		ditch	NW/SE orientated, moderate sloping sides and flat base		0.67	0.15	
15	1504	fill	1503	single fill of ditch	mid reddish brown silty clay		0.67	0.15	
16	1600	layer		topsoil	mid brownish grey sandy silt			0.48	
16	1601	layer		subsoil	mid greyish brown sandy silt			0.3	C16-C18
16	1602	layer		bank material	Mid brown sandy silt		1.85	0.14	
16	1603	layer		natural substrate	light yellowish brown silty clay				
16	1604	cut		ditch	NW/SE orientated, steep sides and concave base		0.88	0.72	
16	1605	fill	1604	1st fill of ditch	mid whitish brown sandy silt		0.5	0.22	C16-C20
16	1606	fill	1604	2nd fill of ditch	mid greyish brown sandy silt		0.88	0.5	
16	1607	cut		ditch	NW/SE orientated, steep sides and flat base		1.78	0.48	
16	1608	fill	1607	1st fill of ditch	mid greyish brown sandy silt		1.24	0.48	
16	1609	fill	1607	2nd fill of ditch	light yellowish brown sandy silt		0.48	0.3	
16	1610	fill	1607	3rd fill of ditch	mid greyish brown sandy silt		1.1	0.36	
16	1611	fill	1607	4th fill of ditch	light yellowish brown silty clay		1.05	0.4	
16	1612	cut		ditch	NW/SE orientated, steep sides and flat base		0.4	0.28	
16	1613	fill	1612	single fill of ditch	light reddish brown sandy clay		0.4	0.28	
16	1614	layer		bank material	compact dark brown sandy clay		1.85	0.14	

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
17	1700	layer		topsoil	loose mid reddish brown sandy silt			0.3	
17	1701	layer		subsoil	light pinkish brown sandy clay			0.25	
17	1702	layer		natural substrate	firm light pinkish brown sandy clay				
18	1800	layer		topsoil	mid greyish brown silty clay			0.3	
18	1801	layer		subsoil	dark brown silty clay			0.35	
18	1802	layer		natural substrate	dark brownish red silty clay				
18	1803	cut		posthole	sub-circular in plan, U-shaped profile and concave base	0.27	0.22	0.1	
18	1804	fill	1803	single fill of posthole	light reddish brown sandy clay	0.27	0.22	0.1	
18	1805	cut		pit	sub-oval in plan, steep sides and concave base	>0.8	0.66	0.57	
18	1806	fill	1805	1st fill of pit	light greyish brown sandy clay	>0.8	0.66	0.57	
18	1807	fill	1805	2nd fill of pit	light reddish brown sandy clay		0.52	0.19	
18	1808	cut		ditch	NW/SE orientated, moderate sloping sides and flat base		3.7	0.43	
18	1809	fill	1808	single fill of ditch	mid reddish brown silty clay		3.7	0.43	
18	1810	cut		furrow	NW/SE orientated, moderate sloping sides and concave base		0.55	0.15	
18	1811	fill	1810	single fill of furrow	dark brown silty clay		0.55	0.15	
18	1812	cut		ditch	N/S orientated, steep sides and concave base		1.8	0.7	
18	1813	fill	1812	1st fill of ditch	mid reddish brown silty clay		1.15	0.1	
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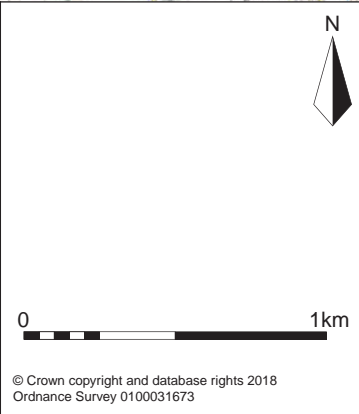
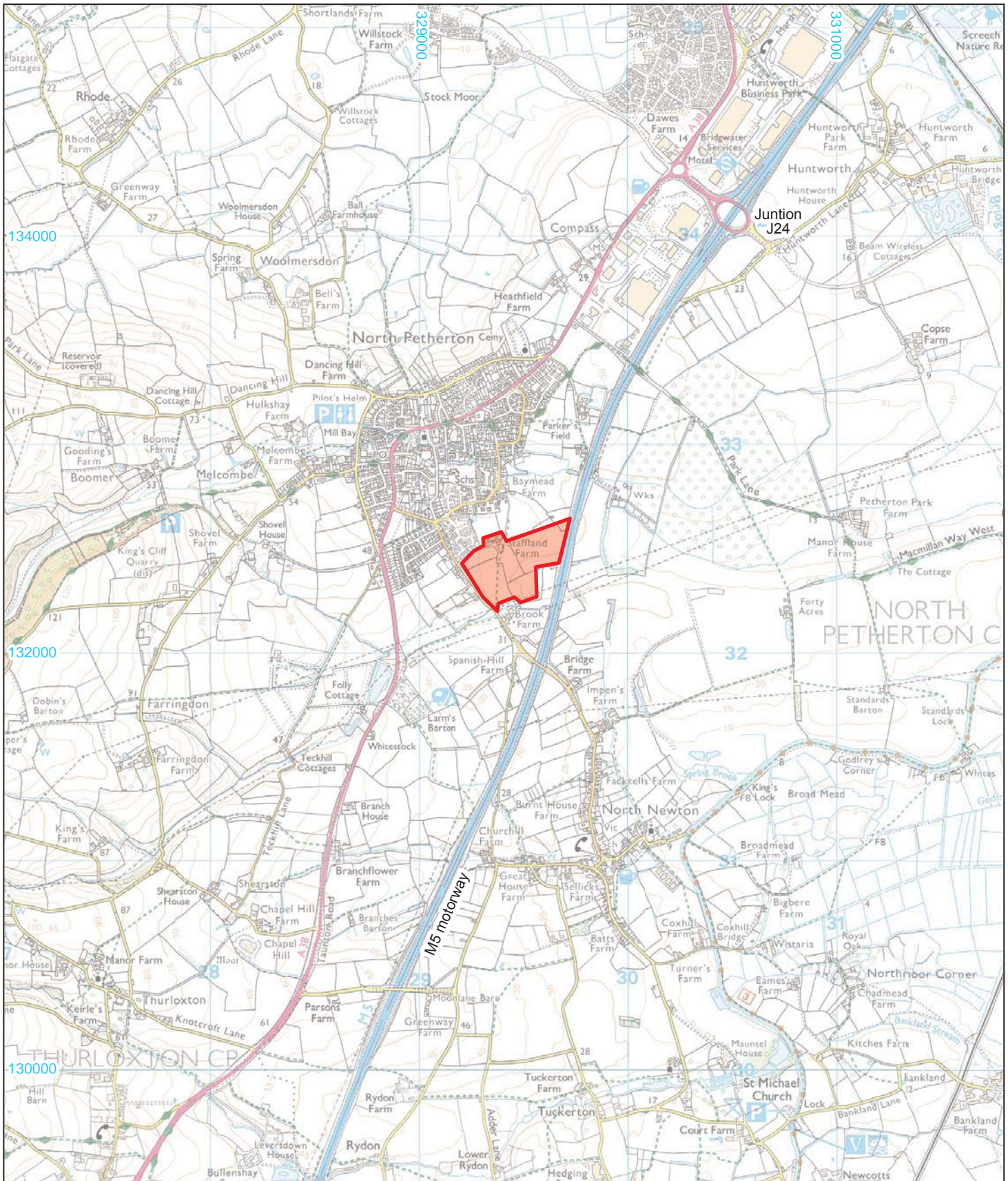
CTP: clay tobacco pipe; preh: prehistoric; lpreh: later prehistoric; RB: Romano-British

Trench	Context	Feature	Class	Description	Ct.	Wt.(g)	Spot-date
1	101	Subsoil	Pottery	DOR BB1, everted rim from jar, <5% present, and body sherd	2	15	C2-4
			Flint	1 x flake	1	22	
1	104	Pit 103	Pottery	Black sandy ware, jar rim fragment, <5% present	1	4	IA/RB
			Fired clay	Oxidised, part of a curved surface on one fragment	13	246	
1	116	Ditch 115	Pottery	Bead-rimmed jar with burnished exterior, sandstone-tempered; rim 100mm, 13% present	2	18	C1 BC – C1
1	122	Ditch 121	Pottery	-DOR BB1 jar rim, form 3, rim 240mm, 55% present, and body sherds, some with burnished lattice or wiped surface	57	651	LC3-C4
				-Sandy greyware, small, narrow-necked globular jar, rim 70mm, 40% present, neck is complete	9	140	
				-Black sandy ware, including two bead rims	4	24	
				Iron Nail	1	47	
			Fired clay	Amorphous and abraded	2	11	
1	124	Ditch 123	Pottery	Sandstone-tempered, body sherds	4	13	Lpreh
1	125	Ditch 123	Pottery	Sandstone-tempered, bead-rimmed jar, rim <5% present	1	38	C1 BC – C1
			Fired clay	Amorphous and abraded	1	13	
1	126	Ditch 123	Pottery	-SW Decorated body sherd, sandstone-tempered	2	60	C1 BC – C1
				-Quartz and sandstone-tempered, neutral-profile vessel with beaded rim, 13% of 140mm	1	77	
				-Decorated body sherd, black sandy ware	1	11	
				-Rounded rim (<5%), sandstone-tempered	1	8	
				-Bead-rimmed jar (<5%), sandstone-tempered	1	7	
				-Body and base sherds, sandstone-tempered	3	28	
				-Body sherds, rock-gritted	6	42	
				-Body sherd, quartz and quartzite-gritted	1	10	
				-Body sherd, leached calcareous inclusions	1	4	
Fired clay	Has one flat surface	1	13				
2	204	Pit 203	Pottery	DOR BB1, jar rim fragment, <5%	5	18	C2-4
				Black sandy ware	1	4	
2	206	Pit 205	Pottery	Rock-gritted fabric	11	60	Lpreh
2	209	Ditch 207	Pottery	Leached fabric, highly abraded	1	3	Preh
			Fired clay	Amorphous and abraded	1	2	
4	406	Ditch 405	Flint	2 x flakes; 1 x scraper	3	22	
8	804	Ditch 803	Pottery	Transfer-printed refined white ware, cup rim	1	4	C19
				Tin-glazed earthenware	1	2	
				CTP	Narrow bowl fragment, no diagnostic features	1	
11	1104	Ditch 1103	Pottery	Rock-gritted fabric, highly abraded	3	6	?RB
12	1206	Ditch 1205	Flint	1 x flake; 1 x ?core	2	14	
16	1601	Subsoil	Pottery	Slipware	1	7	C16-C18
			Glass	Green vessel glass	1	8	
15	1605	Ditch 1604	Pottery	Glazed red earthenware	1	13	C16-C20
			CTP	Stem fragment	1	3	
18	1814	Ditch 1812	Pottery	Glazed red earthenware	1	9	C16-C20
			Iron	Curved strip, 75mm long, 13mm wide	1	20	

**APPENDIX C: OASIS REPORT FORM**

<b>PROJECT DETAILS</b>		
Project name	Land off Newton Road, North Petherton, Somerset	
Short description	<p>In December 2017, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological evaluation of land off Newton Road, North Petherton, Somerset. A total of 18 trenches was excavated within the site.</p> <p>The evaluation identified a series of ditches, pits and postholes across the site. A possible prehistoric ring ditch was recorded in the south-eastern part of the site, and an area of intensive late prehistoric/Roman activity was recorded in the north-western part of the site. The evaluation also recorded a broad scattering of post-medieval/modern and undated ditches.</p>	
Project dates	11–19 December 2017	
Project type	Evaluation	
Previous work	Archaeological Appraisal, WYG 2017 Geophysical Survey, AOC 2017	
Future work	Unknown	
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>		
Site location	Land off Newton Road, North Petherton, Somerset	
Study area (m <sup>2</sup> /ha)	11.4ha	
Site co-ordinates	29436 32409	
<b>PROJECT CREATORS</b>		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Brief originator	N/A	
Project Design (WSI) originator	WYG Group Limited	
Project Manager	Derek Evans	
Project Supervisor	Jonathan Orellana	
<b>MONUMENT TYPE</b>	None	
<b>SIGNIFICANT FINDS</b>	None	
<b>PROJECT ARCHIVES</b>		
	Intended final location of archive	Content
Physical	Somerset Museums Service TTNCM 114/2017	Ceramics, flints
Paper	Somerset Museums Service TTNCM 114/2017	Trench forms, context sheets, section drawings
Digital	Somerset Museums Service TTNCM 114/2017	Digital survey, digital photos
<b>BIBLIOGRAPHY</b>		
Cotswold Archaeology 2017 <i>Land off Newton Road, North Petherton, Somerset: Archaeological Evaluation</i> CA typescript report <b>17752</b>		






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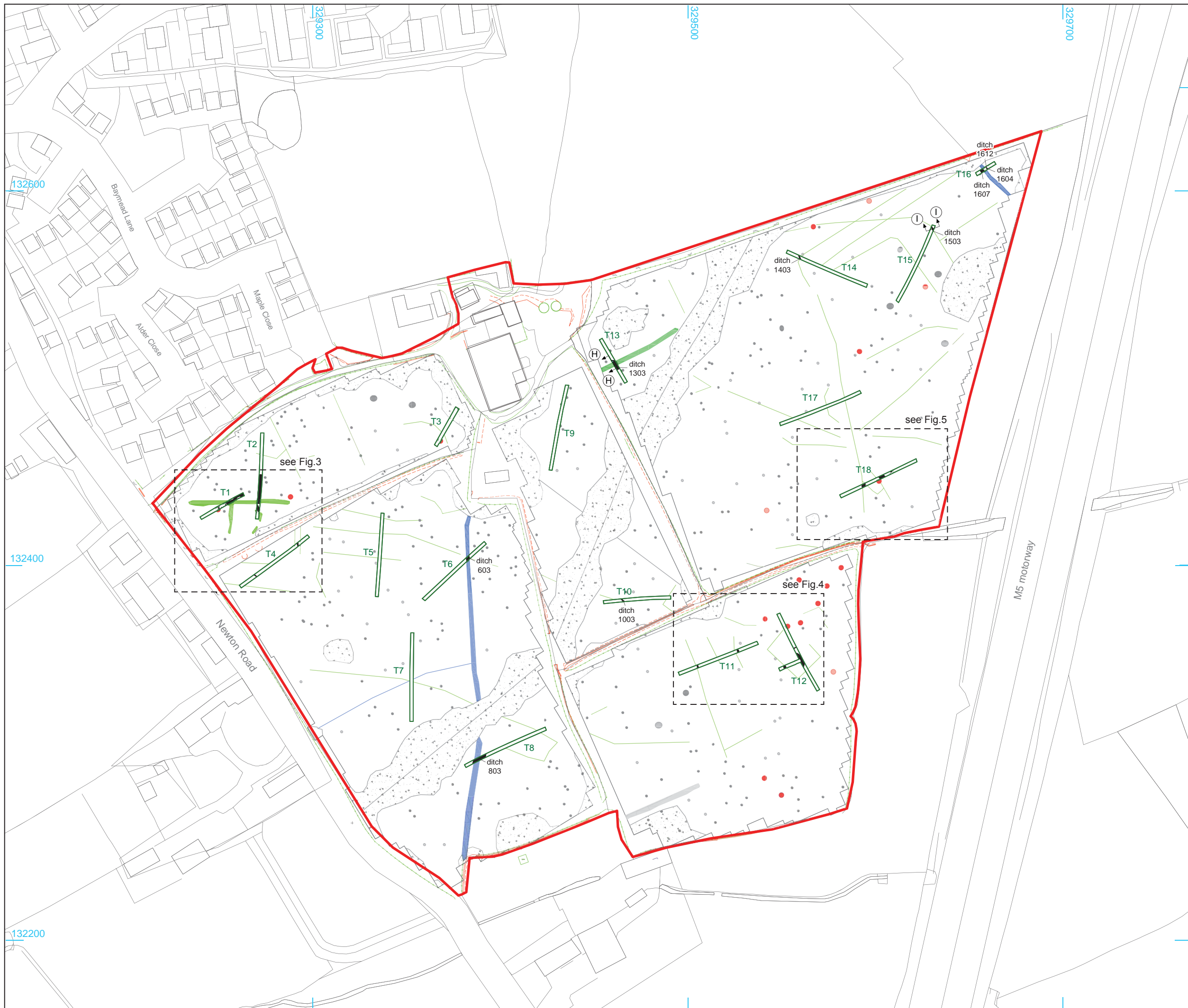
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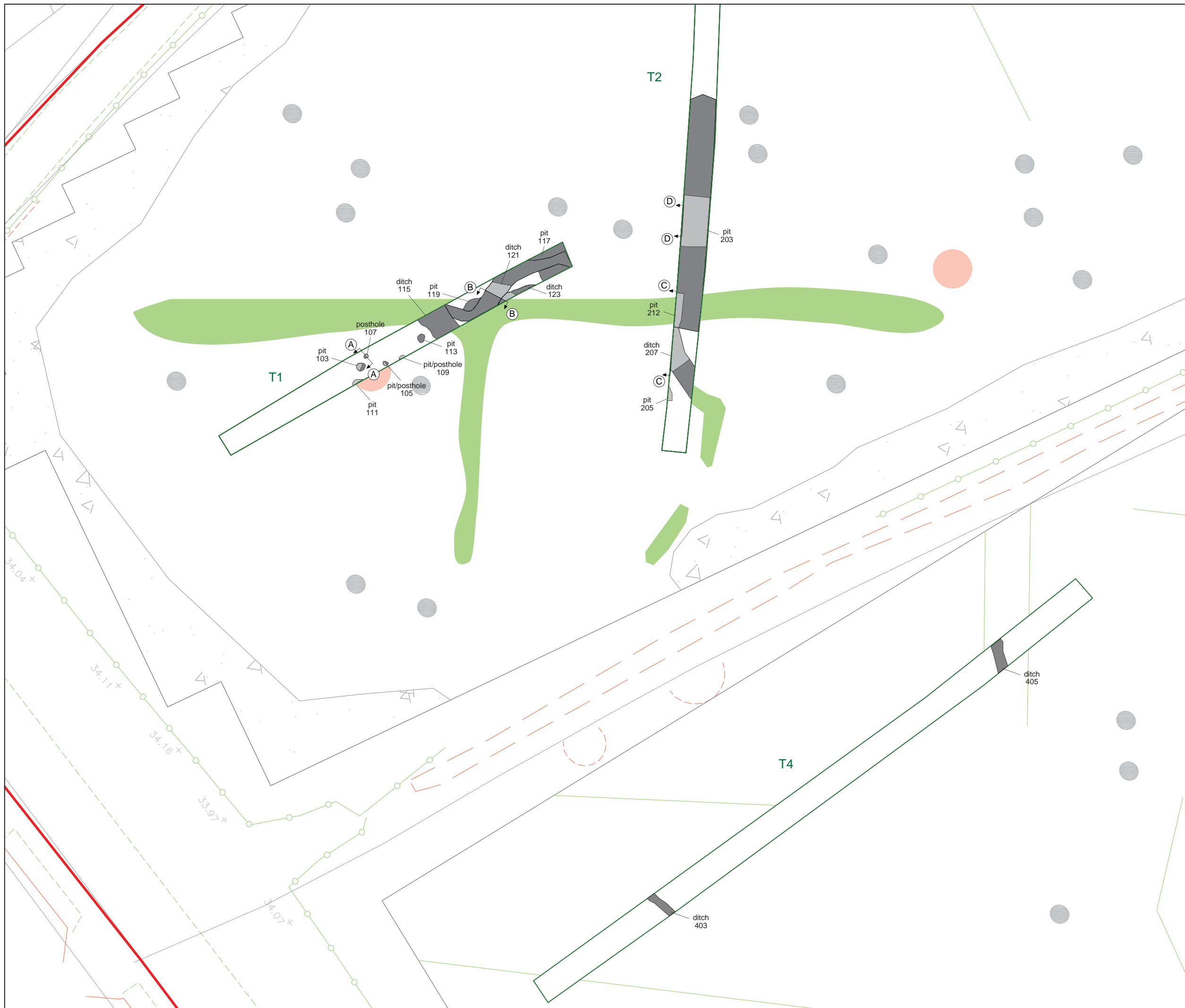
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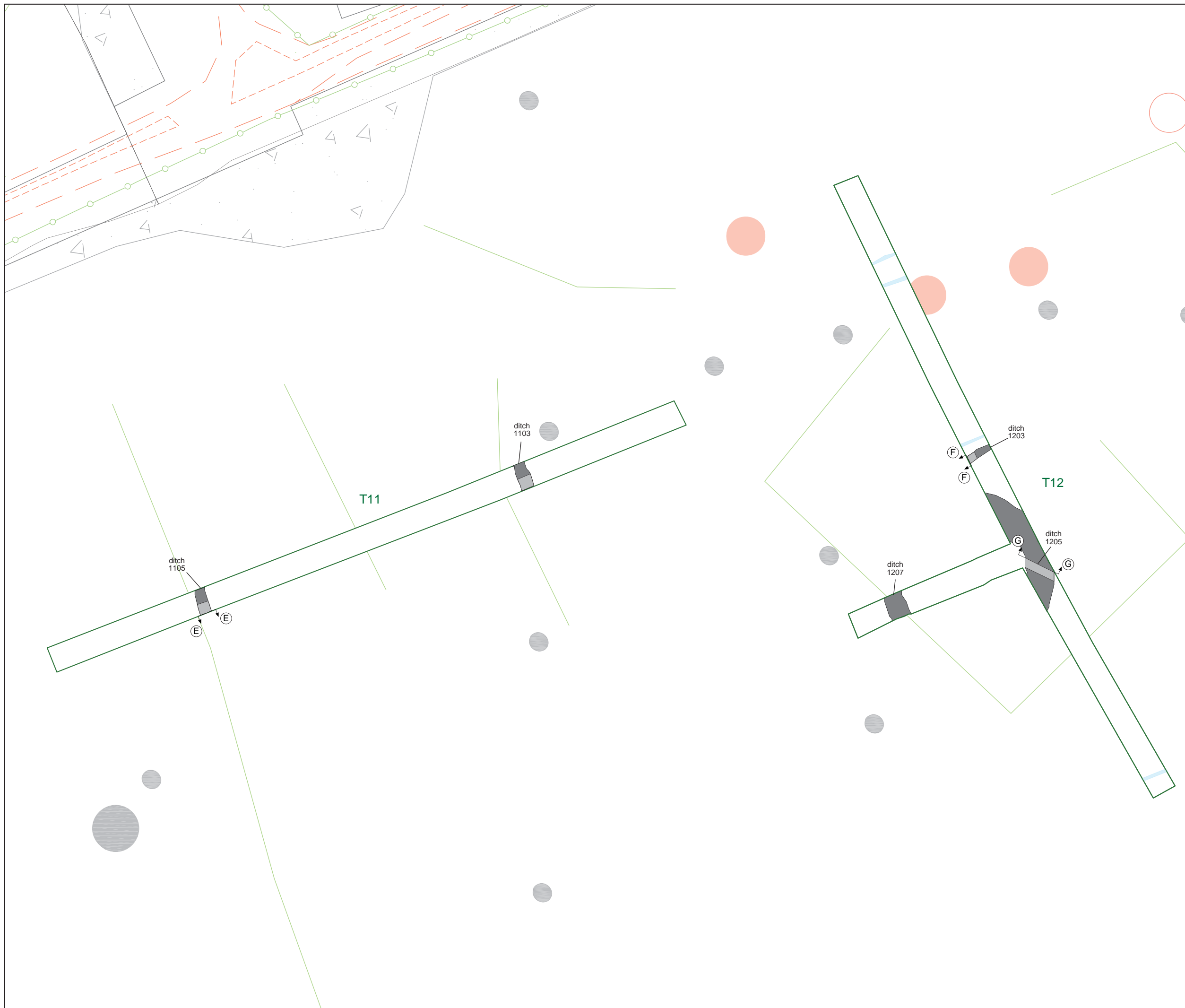
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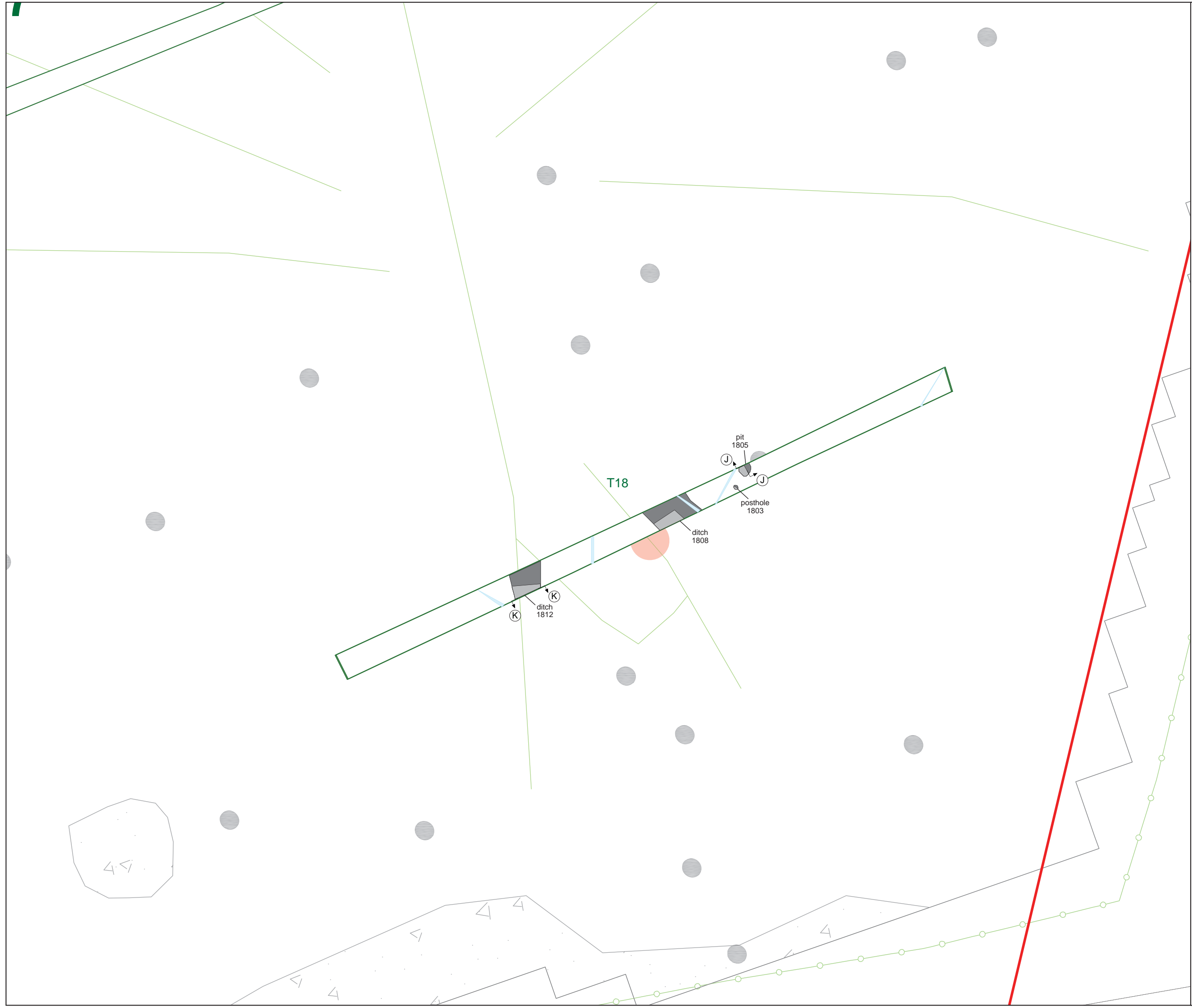
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
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



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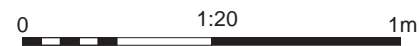
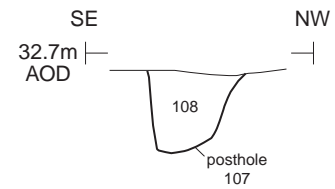
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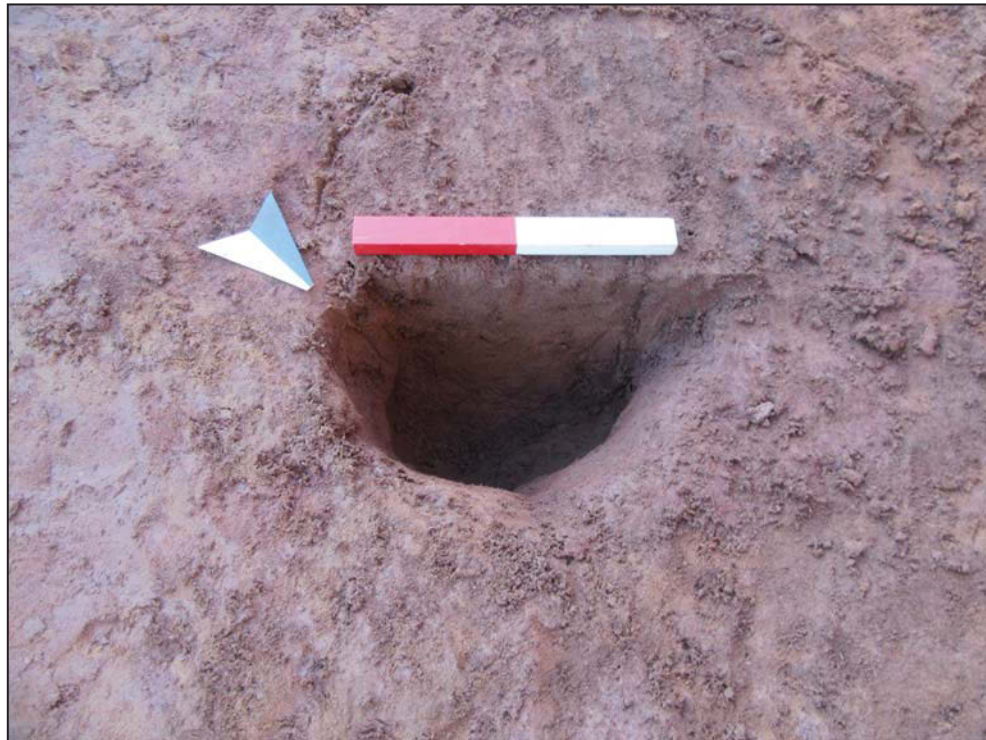
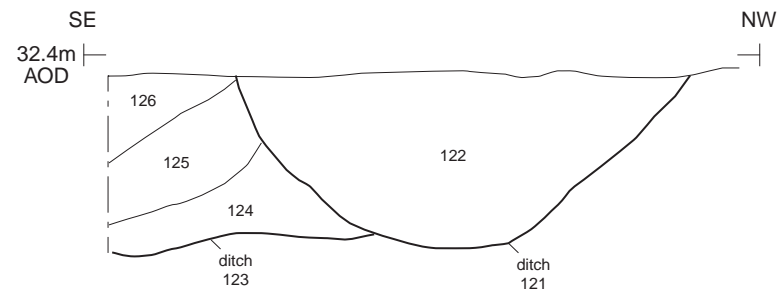
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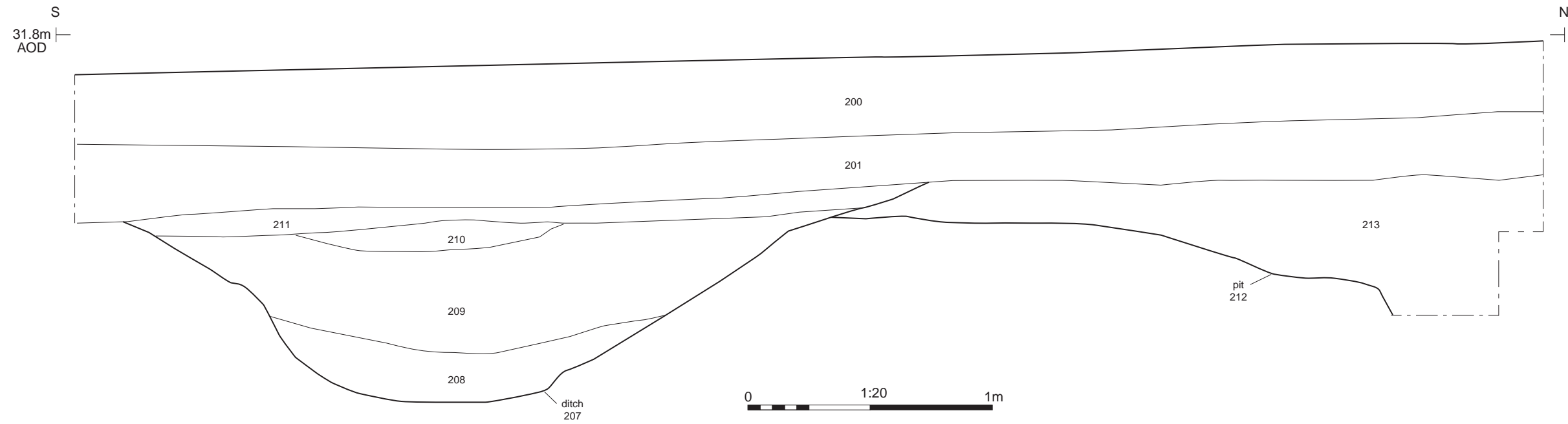


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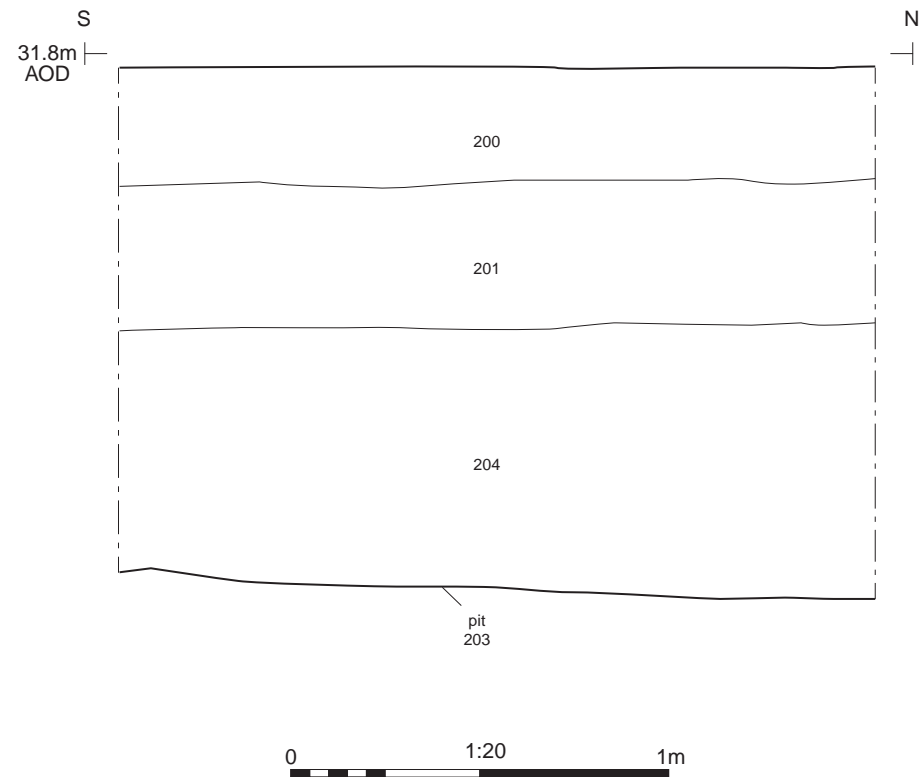


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Ditch 207 and pit 212, looking west (1m scales)

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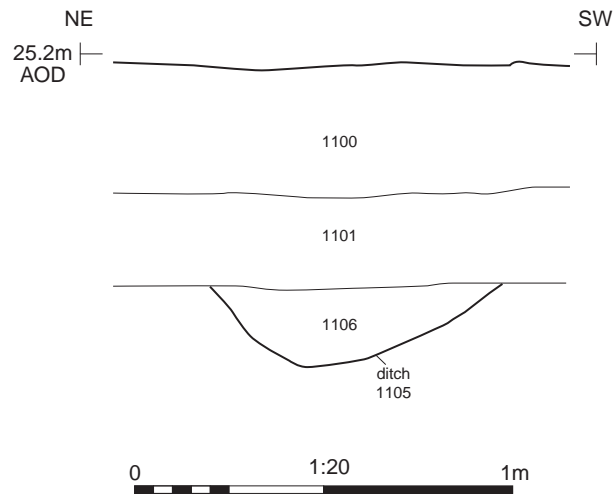
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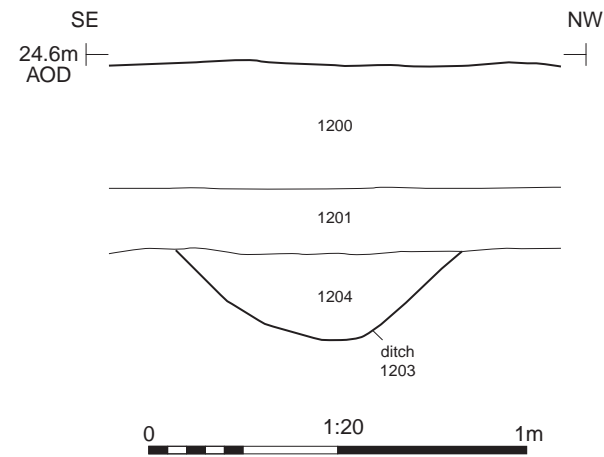
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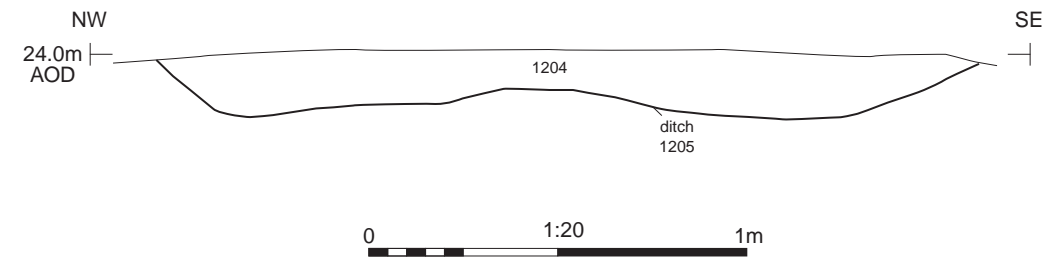
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Section GG



Ditch 1203, looking south-west (1m scale)



Ditch 1205, looking north-east (1m scale)


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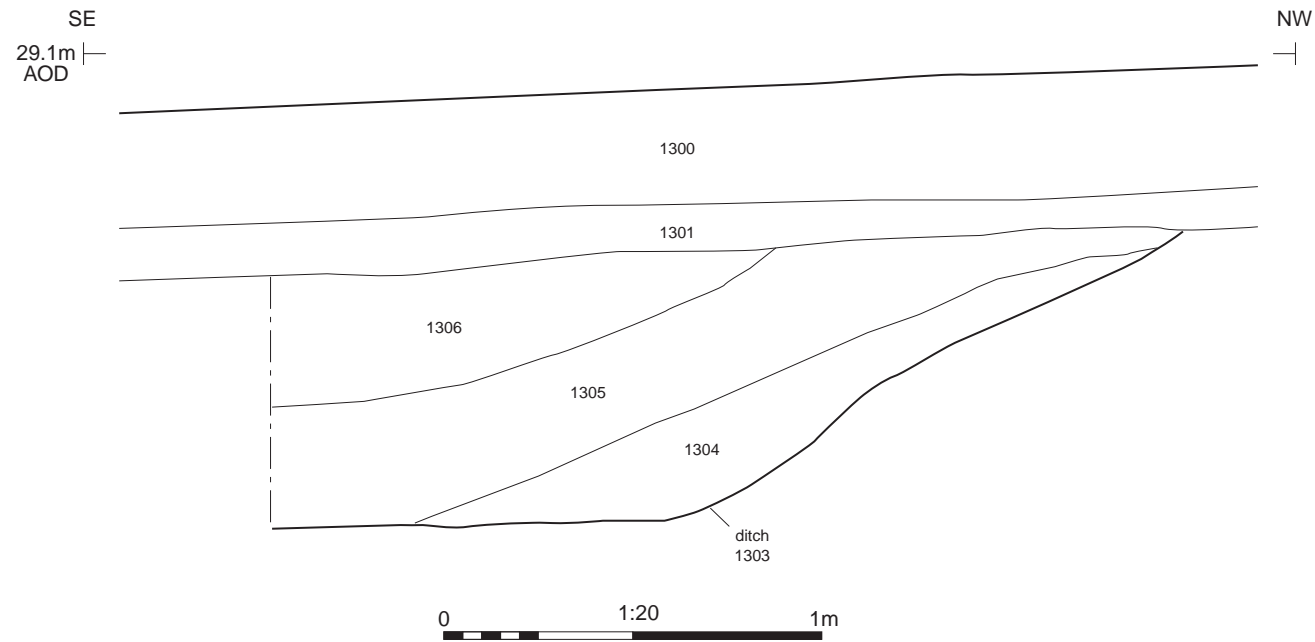
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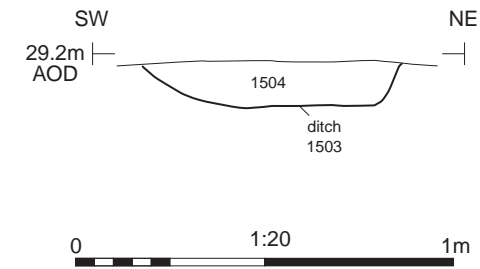
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Section HH



Section II



Ditch 1303, looking south-west (1m scale)



Ditch 1503, looking south-east (1m scale)


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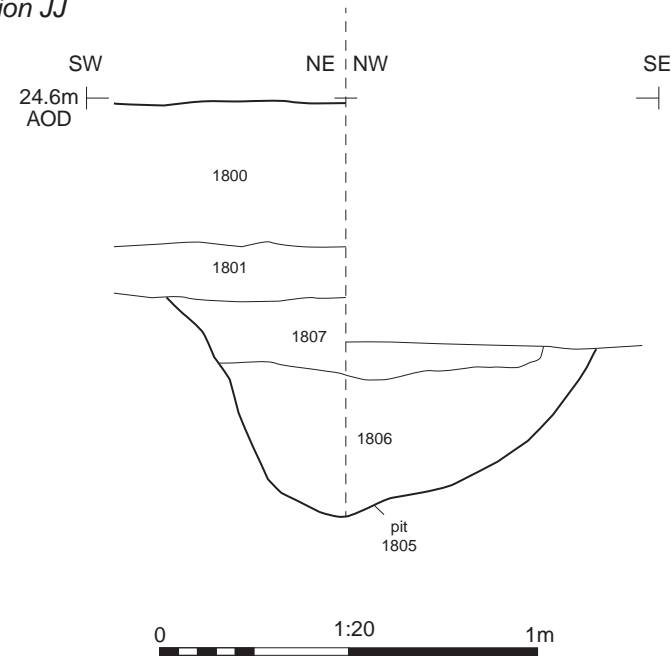
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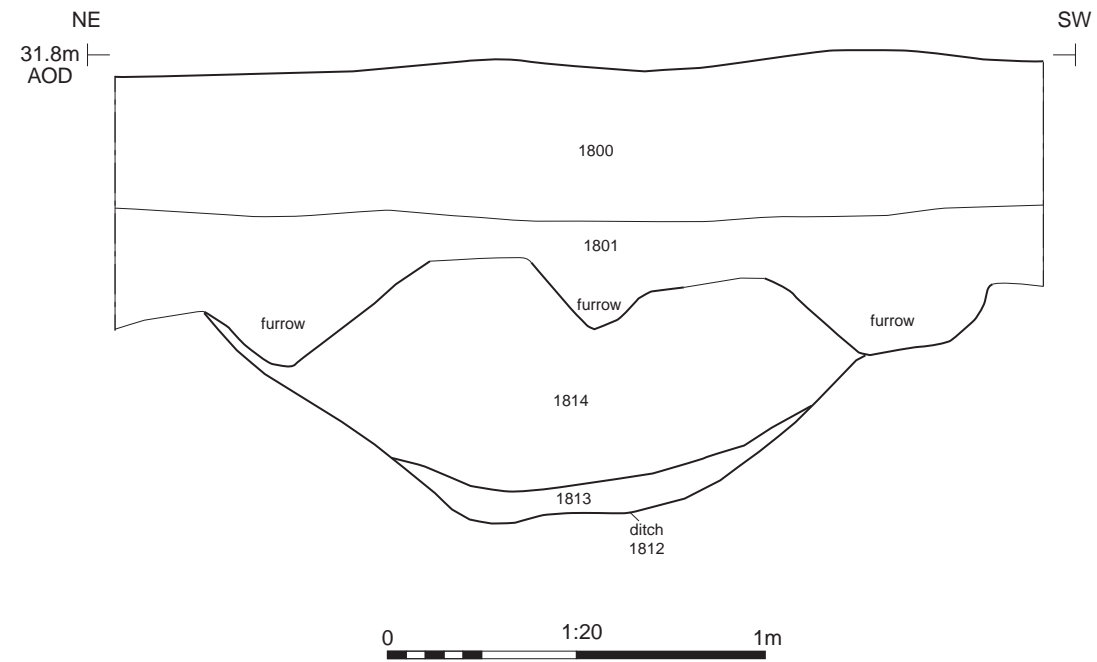
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Section JJ



Section KK



Pit 1805, looking north-east (0.4m scale)



Ditch 1812, looking south-east (1m scale)

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