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SUMMARY

Project Name: Land South of Fairclough Farm
Location: Newell Green, Warfield, Berkshire
NGR: 487259 171000
Type: Evaluation
Date: 15-19 October 2018
Planning Reference: 16/01253/FUL
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Site Code: FAIR18

An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology in October 2018 on Land South of Fairclough Farm, Newell Green, Warfield, Berkshire. Fifteen trenches were excavated.

The evaluation identified a cluster of Early Roman features, primarily focussed around Trenches 7 and 15. The features are primarily ditches along with a single beehive shaped pit, indicating a series of minor enclosures or fields with nearby settlement. The large, unabraded nature of the pottery sherds recovered from these features, most notably those recovered from ditch 704, make it highly likely that there is settlement activity occurring within the immediate vicinity.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In October 2018 Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological evaluation for CgMs Heritage on behalf of Linden Homes at Land South of Fairclough Farm, Newell Green, Warfield, Berkshire (centred at NGR: 487259 171000; Fig. 1). The evaluation was undertaken to accompany a planning application for the development of 52 dwellings with associated parking, landscaping, open space and vehicular access. Permission was granted by Bracknell Forest Borough Council (BFBC, ref: 16/01253/FUL), conditional on a programme of archaeological work:

Condition 25

Prior to the commencement of development, the applicant, their agents or successors in title, will secure the implementation of a programme of archaeological field evaluation in accordance with a written scheme of investigation, which has been submitted by the applicant and approved by the Local Planning Authority. The results of the evaluation will inform the preparation of a mitigation strategy which will be submitted by the applicant and approved by the Local Planning Authority prior to the commencement of the development. The mitigation strategy will be undertaken in accordance with the approved document.

REASON: To understand the significance of any heritage assets to be lost (wholly or in part) in a manner proportionate to their importance Relevant Policies: In accordance with Paragraph 141 of the NPPF.

- 1.2 The evaluation was carried out in accordance with a *brief* for archaeological evaluation prepared by Roland Smith (Archaeology Officer, Berkshire Archaeology), the archaeological advisors to the Local Planning Authority (LPA) – Bracknell Forest Borough Council, and with a subsequent detailed *Written Scheme of Investigation* (WSI) produced by CA (2018) and approved by Roland Smith. The fieldwork also followed *Standard and guidance: Archaeological field evaluation* (ClfA 2014), and the *Berkshire Archaeology* standards. It was monitored by Roland Smith, including a site visit on 17 October 2018.

The site

- 1.3 The proposed development area is approximately 1.9ha, and comprises an irregular parcel of land divided into two fields bounded by Fairclough Farm to the north, the A3095 (Newell Green) to the east and undeveloped fields separated by tracks to the south and west – the Site. The western field is under rough pasture while the eastern field comprises recently cut scrub and is divided by a concrete path running approximately east-west down the centre of the field. The Site lies at approximately 60m above Ordnance Datum (aOD).
- 1.4 The underlying bedrock geology of the area is mapped as clay, silt and sand of the London Clay Formation; sedimentary Palaeogene bedrock formed approximately 48-59 million years ago in an environment dominated by deep seas. No superficial deposits are recorded (BGS Online, 2018). The recorded geology is consistent with that encountered during the evaluation.

2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The archaeological background given below is a succinct summary of a Desk-based Assessment of the Site by TVAS (2016).

Prehistoric

- 2.2 Prehistoric pits and flint were recorded during an archaeological assessment at Park Farm, Warfield to the south-west of the Site, and prehistoric struck flint was found during an archaeological watching brief at 9-11 Priory Road, Bracknell to the south-east. . An evaluation over a large area at Fairclough Farm, to the south of the Site, recorded 43 pieces of struck flint, mainly flakes, of which only three were chronologically distinctive and dated to Mesolithic/Neolithic.

Iron Age

- 2.3 An Iron Age pit and Mid-Late Iron Age pottery fragments were recorded during the previous evaluation at Fairclough Farm. A subsequent excavation of the immediate area around these features revealed a Middle Iron Age occupation site dated to the 3rd-2nd century BC, consisting of two roundhouse gullies and ancillary structure.

Roman

- 2.4 The archaeological assessment at Park Farm to the south-west of the Site revealed an area of Roman activity dated to the 1st-2nd century. It comprised parallel ditches, pits and postholes containing pottery, and fragments of loom weights from the 1st to 2nd century. Nine un-stratified sherds of early Roman pottery were recorded in a watching brief at 9-11 Priory Road, Bracknell to the south-east of the Site. A pit containing a single 3rd-4th century pottery fragment of Oxford Red-Slipped Ware and three pieces of tile, and a ditch were recorded during archaeological investigations at West End, Warfield to the west of the Site.

Medieval

- 2.5 Medieval pottery was recorded during the evaluation at Fairclough Farm and during fieldwork at Park Farm where ditches and a plough headland of this period were also identified. Two medieval enclosures, ditches, a gully, a posthole and a large assemblage of medieval pottery were also found during archaeological investigations at West End, Warfield.

Post-medieval

- 2.6 Post-medieval ditches, gullies, and a pit were found during an evaluation at Priory Lane.

3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 The objectives of the evaluation are 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* (ClfA 2014). This information will enable Bracknell Forest 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 15 trenches (30m by 1.8m), in the locations shown on the Figure 2. The proposed layout of the trenches was modified slightly on the ground to take account of underground services and on-site obstructions, with the approval of Roland Smith. Trench 15 was an extra trench from the initially proposed 14, excavated at the request of Roland Smith. 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*. No deposits were identified that required sampling. 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 an appropriate local museum, along with the site archive. A summary of information from this project, set out within Appendix C, will be entered onto the OASIS online database of archaeological projects in Britain.

5. RESULTS (FIGS 2-6)

- 5.1 This section provides an overview of the evaluation results; detailed summaries of the recorded contexts and finds are to be found in Appendices A and B respectively.
- 5.2 A total of 15 trenches were excavated. Of those trenches, eight contained no archaeological features (Trenches 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11 and 12) while a further four (Trenches 2, 10, 13 and 14) only contained ditches of post-medieval/modern date. The evaluation also identified three tree throws (Trenches 12 and 15).
- 5.3 The post-medieval/modern ditches (202 and 1404) identified by the evaluation, are likely to be related to the late post-medieval/modern use of the Site. Modern linear features containing ceramic land drains identified in Trenches 6, 8, 10 and 14 appear to closely correlate with a roughly east-west boundary recorded on historic Ordnance Survey mapping.

Trench 7 (Figs 2 & 3)

- 5.3 Natural geology 701 of mottled greyish yellow silty clay and gravel was encountered at a depth of 0.35m and was directly overlain by dark greyish brown silty sand topsoil 700. The trench contained four features which all cut the natural geology 701.
- 5.4 Ditch 702 was slightly curvilinear in plan, 0.81m wide and 0.35m deep, with moderate to steep sides and a concave base. It contained a single mottled mid orange grey silty clay secondary fill 703 from which a single sherd of Early Roman pottery was recovered.
- 5.5 Ditch 704 measured 0.62m in width and 0.27m in depth. It had moderately sloping, concave sides and a concave base. It contained a single mottled mid orange grey clayey silt secondary fill, 705, with iron mottling throughout. Fill 705 contained a large assemblage of unabraded Early Roman pottery and two joining fragments of lower rotary quernstone.
- 5.6 Ditch 706 ran parallel to 704 although was different in form. It had steeply sloping, convex sides with a narrow base, measuring up to 1.1m in width and 0.35m in depth. It contained a single homogenous fill, 707, of mottled yellowish grey clayey silt from which Early Roman pottery, fired clay and burnt flint were recovered.

- 5.7 Pit 708 measured 0.73m in diameter where exposed within the trench. Excavation was discontinued at a depth of approximately 1m below the trench baulk, although sufficient depth of the pit was excavated to indicate that it is 'beehive shaped' in profile. To the depth of excavation it contained a single, mottled orange grey clay fill 709, which contained burnt flint and a small assemblage of Early Roman pottery.

Trench 8 (Figs 2 & 4)

- 5.8 Topsoil 800 consisted of dark blackish grey silty sand, which overlay a heavily mottled light yellowish grey sand and gravel natural substrate, 801, at a depth of 0.46m.
- 5.9 Ditch 802 was identified cutting 801 but appeared heavily truncated, measuring 0.14m in depth and up to 0.65m wide. It contained a single, heavily rooted fill of light yellowish grey silty sand 803, from which no dateable material was recovered.

Trench 15 (Figs 2 & 5)

- 5.10 The natural clay substrate, 1501, was encountered at a depth of 0.31m, overlain by dark greyish brown silty sand topsoil, 1500. Three archaeological features were identified.
- 5.11 Unexcavated ditch terminal 1502 measured up to 0.67m wide, and contained a mottled light grey clayey sand upper fill 1503, from which a small assemblage of Early Roman pottery was recovered.
- 5.11 Ditch 1506 was linear in plan and 0.62m in width. It contained an upper fill, 1507, of mottled mid orange grey silty clay but was unexcavated. Ditch 1508 was also linear in plan and measured 0.87m in width, with an upper fill (1509) of mottled mid orange grey clayey silt but was also unexcavated. Ditches 1506 and 1508 are likely to represent a continuation of ditches 704 and 702 respectively.

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 193 sherds, weighing 4190g, was recovered from six deposits. The bulk of the pottery, 162 sherds (3987g) was recovered from ditch 704 (fill 705). The group is well-fragmented, the high mean sherd weight (21.8g) a result of the presence of a number of thick-walled vessels. Alphanumeric fabric codes have been assigned and fabric descriptions are listed in Table 2. Despite the moderately large sherd count of this assemblage, closely dateable fabrics and forms are not well-represented. The grogged and flint-tempered types are indications that most dates to the earlier Roman period (before c. AD 150/200).
- 6.3 Reduced coarsewares dominate, including grog-tempered and flint-tempered wares, along with greywares. A small proportion of a micaceous oxidised ware, limited to a small, thin-walled vessel recovered from ditch 704 (fill 705) and four small sherds from ditch 702 (fill 703). Identifiable vessel forms are otherwise limited to jars among the greywares, also from ditch 704 (fill 705).

Other Finds

- 6.4 Four fragments of fired clay were recovered from ditch 706 (fill 707). The group appears to belong to an object, but are too fragmentary to identify function and date.
- 6.5 Two joining fragments of a lower rotary quernstone, occurring in a grey sandstone, were recovered from ditch 704 (fill 705).

7. DISCUSSION

- 7.1 The evaluation identified a cluster of features, primarily focussed around Trenches 7 and 15, and consisting of ditches along with a single beehive shaped pit. This could indicate a series of enclosures or fields with nearby settlement.
- 7.2 All the dateable material recovered from the excavated features indicates an Early Roman date and the large, unabraded nature of the pottery sherds, most notably those recovered from fill 705 within ditch 704, make it highly likely that there is settlement activity occurring within the immediate vicinity.

7.3 The undated ditch 802 may form the eastern extent of this cluster of features, although the nature of the fill was markedly different from those encountered in Trench 7 and 15.

9. CA PROJECT TEAM

Fieldwork was undertaken by Chris Ellis, assisted by Sam Wilson, Jordan Bendell, Mihai Bica. The report was written by Sam Wilson. The finds report was written by Katie Marsden. The illustrations were prepared by Aleksandra Osinskar. The archive has been compiled by Sam Wilson, and prepared for deposition by Hazel O'Neill. The project was managed for CA by Oliver Good.

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APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

Trench No	Context	Type	Fill of	Context Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)
Tr 1	100	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown, loose sandy silt. Moderate rooting.	26	1.8	0-0.34m
Tr 1	101	Layer		Natural	Mid yellowish brown, sandy clay. Common gravel patches (<20mm), rare charcoal flecs.	26	1.8	0.34-0.44m
Tr 2	200	Layer		Topsoil	Dark brown, loose silt.	28.3	1.8	0-0.2m
Tr 2	201	Layer		Natural	Brownish yellow, clay and gravel.	28.3	1.8	0.2-0.4m
Tr 2	202	Cut		Linear terminus	Cut of linear N/S terminus.	1	0.6	0.06
Tr 2	203	Fill	202	Fill of linear terminus	Dark brown, loose silt and gravel.	1	0.6	0.06
Tr 2	204	Cut			Cut of linear N/S land-drain.	2.1m	0.72m	0.18m
Tr 2	205	Fill	204		Dark brown, friable silty sand. Common gravel (<20mm). Land drain running through fill.	2.1m	0.72m	0.18m
Tr 3	300	Layer		Topsoil	Dark brownish grey, loose sandy silt. Occasional pebbles (<30mm) modern rooting.	29	1.8	0-0.32m
Tr 3	301	Layer		Natural	Mid orangey brown, friable sandy clay. Very common gravel patches. Rare flecs of charcoal.	29	1.8	0.32-0.43m
Tr 4	400	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown, loose sandy silt. Common pebbles (<40mm). Moderate rooting.	31	1.8	0-0.37m
Tr 4	401	Layer		Natural	Mid orangey brown, compact sandy clay. Very common gravel patches (<40mm).	31	1.8	0.37-0.52m
Tr 5	500	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown, loose sandy silt. Common pebbles (<20mm). Moderate rooting.	31	1.8	0-0.33m
Tr 5	501	Layer		Natural	Mid orangey brown, compact sandy clay. Common gravel patches (<20mm).	31	1.8	0.33-0.47m
Tr 6	600	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown, loose sandy silt. Rare pebbles (<20mm). Moderate rooting.	30	1.8	0-0.34m
Tr 6	601	Layer		Natural	Mid orangey brown, sandy clay. Very common pebble gravel (<40mm).	30	1.8	0.34-0.53m
Tr 7	700	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown, silty sand. Occasional flint	30	1.8	0-0.35m

					pebbles (<50mm).			
Tr 7	701	Layer		Natural	Mottled mid greyish yellow, silty clay. Common flint pebbles (<60mm).	30	1.8	0.35-0.46m
Tr 7	702	Cut		Cut of ditch	Slight curvilinear plan, approximately N/S. Concave base.	>1.8m	0.81	0.35m
Tr 7	703	Fill	702	Fill of ditch	Mottled mid orangey grey, compact silty clay. Occasional flint pebbles (<100mm).	>1.8m	0.81	0.35m
Tr 7	704	Cut		Cut of ditch	Linear plan, approximately N/S. Concave base.	>1.8m	0.62	0.27m
Tr 7	705	Fill	704	Fill of ditch	Mottled mid orangey grey, compact clayey silt. Common flint pebbles. (2 x registered artefacts: quern stone fragments).	>1.8m	0.62	0.27m
Tr 7	706	Cut		Cut of ditch	Linear plan, approximately N/S. rounded base.	1.8	1.1	0.35m
Tr 7	707	Fill	706	Fill of ditch	Mottled yellowish grey, compact clayey silt. Occasional rounded stone and rare charcoal traces.	1.8	0.85	0.36m
Tr 7	708	Cut		Cut of pit	Circular plan (into baulk), possible 'bell-pit'. Vertical sides cut into natural. Excavation discontinued due to depth of baulk (base not excavated).	1.23	0.73	>0.61m
Tr 7	709	Fill	708	Fill of pit	Mottled orange grey, compact clay. Very common pebbles (<40mm) and manganese.	1.23	0.73	>0.61m
Tr 8	800	Layer		Topsoil	Dark blackish grey, sandy silt. Very common rooting (<20mm) and occasional pebbles (<40mm).	39	1.8	0-0.46m
Tr 8	801	Layer		Natural	Heavily mottled light yellowish grey, sand. Very common sub-angular and sub-rounded flint gravel (<70mm). Regular iron mottling.	39	1.8	0.46-0.6m
Tr 8	802	Cut		Cut of ditch	Linear plan, N/S. Concave sides and base. Heavily truncated.	>5	0.65	0.14m
Tr 8	803	Fill	802	Fill of ditch	Light yellowish grey, compact silty sand. Regular pebbled (<40mm) and rooting.	>5	0.65	0.14m
Tr 9	900	Layer		Topsoil	Dark blackish grey, sandy silt. Very common rooting (<20mm) and common	30.8	1.8	0.45m

					pebbles (<60mm).			
Tr 9	901	Layer		Natural	Mottled light greyish yellow, silty sand. Regular flint gravel (<70mm) and regular iron mottling.	30.8	1.8	0.27-0.45m
Tr 10	1000	Layer		Topsoil	Dark blackish grey, silty sand. Regular rooting (<20mm) and common flint pebbles (<50mm).	26	1.8	0-0.64m
Tr 10	1001	Layer		Natural	Very mottled light yellowish grey, silty sand. Regular sub-angular and sub-rounded flint gravel (<70mm) and regular iron mottling.	26	1.8	0.45-0.64m
Tr 11	1100	Layer		Topsoil	Dark blackish grey, silty sand. Regular rooting (<20mm) and common flint pebbles (<50mm).	30.6	1.8	0-0.36m
Tr 11	1101	Layer		Natural	Mottled light yellowish grey, sand. Some flint gravel (<60mm) and iron mottling throughout.	30.6	1.8	0.36-0.6m
Tr 12	1200	Layer		Topsoil	Dark brown, silty sand.	29	1.8	0-0.3m
Tr 12	1201	Layer		Natural	Greyish white, silt with patches of reddish yellow silt and sand.	29	1.8	0.3-0.7m
Tr 12	1202	Cut		Cut of pit/tree throw	Uneven circular plan and uneven sides and base.	>1.4	1.4	0.3m
Tr 12	1203	Fill	1202	Fill of pit/tree throw	Mid grey, compact silt. Angular and rounded stone inclusions.	>1.4	1.4	0.3m
Tr 12	1204	Cut		Cut of tree throw	Irregular plan, sides and base.	1.4	1	0.1m
Tr 12	1205	Fill	1204	Fill of tree throw	Greyish yellow, compact silt. 25% charcoal inclusions.	1.4	1	0.1m
Tr 13	1300	Layer		Topsoil	Silt, occasional rounded stone.	29.3	1.8	0-0.3m
Tr 13	1301	Layer		Natural	Grey, silt. Occasional patches of reddish yellow silt and gravel.	29.3	1.8	0.3-0.65m
Tr 14	1400	Layer		Topsoil	Very dark grey, silty sand. Sparse sub-rounded chert (<60mm). Common rooting (<20mm)	28.5	1.8	0-0.34m
Tr 14	1401	Layer		Natural	Mid orangey brown, fine sand. Sparse rounded chert gravel (<50mm). Sparse patches of light greyish white silt with common chert gravel (<80mm). Heavy bioturbation throughout.	28.5	1.8	0.34-0.61m
Tr 14	1402	Cut		Cut of post-medieval ditch	Linear E/W plan. Straight sides tapering in to a land-drain at base.	>1.93	1.03	0.25m

Tr 14	1403	Fill	1402	Fill of post-med ditch	Mottled grey and orange, friable silt. Very common maganese and common pebbles (>20mm).	>1.93	1.03	0.25m
Tr 14	1404	Cut		Cut of ditch	Linear E/W plan. Steep concave sides, flat base.	>1.8	1.18	0.63m
Tr 14	1405	Fill	1404	Primary fill of ditch	Light yellowish brown, loose to friable silt. Spare rounded pebbles (<20mm). Moderate dark orangey brown mottling.	>1.8	1.18	0.63m
Tr 14	1406	Fill	1404	Secondary fill of ditch	Very light grey, compact silt. Sparse sub-rounded chert (<40mm). Some orangey brown iron mottling. Sparse rooting (<5mm).	>1.8	0.48	0.63m
Tr 15	1500	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brwon, silty sand. Occasional flint pebbles (<50mm).	30	1.8	0-0.31m
Tr 15	1501	Layer		Natural	Mottled mid greyish yellow, silty clay. Common flint pebbles (<60mm).	30	1.8	0.31-0.52m
Tr 15	1502	Cut		Cut of ditch terminus	Linear plan, N/S (unexcavated).	>1	0.67	Unexcavated
Tr 15	1503	Fill	1502	Fill of ditch terminus	Light grey, loose to friable clayey sand. Regular dark orangey brown mottling.	>1	0.67	Unexcavated
Tr 15	1504	Cut		Cut of possible tree throw	Irregular sub-oval plan.	>1.35	0.3	>0.08m
Tr 15	1505	Fill	1504	Fill of possible tree throw	Light yellowish grey, silt. Occasional rounded chert (<40mm) and moderate charcoal flecs.	>1.35	0.3	>0.08m
Tr 15	1506	Cut		Cut of curvilinear ditch.	Slight curvilinear plan, approximately N/S. Concave base.	>1.8	0.62	0.26-0.46m
Tr 15	1507	Fill	1506	Fill of curvilinear ditch.	Mottled mid orangey grey, compact clayey silt. Common flint pebbles. (2 x registered artefacts: quern stone fragments).	>1.8	0.62	0.26-0.46m

APPENDIX B: THE FINDS

Table 1: Finds Concordance

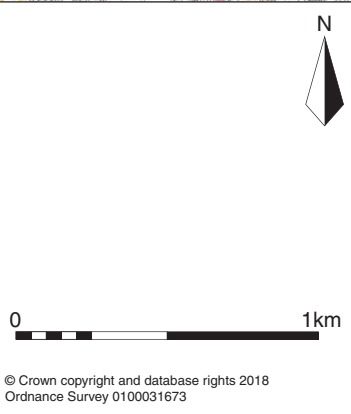
Context	Material	Ra.	Classification	Fabric	Ct	Wt.	Spot
700	Roman pottery	0	Base	GW2	1	11	RB
702	Burnt flint	0	unworked		5	31	
	Roman pottery	0	Bodysherds	GW2	2	7	RB
	Roman pottery	0	Bodysherds	OXID	4	2	
705	Roman pottery	0	Thick-walled bodysherds, 1x flat base	Gt1	30	845	RB
	Roman pottery	0	Bead-rim jar	GW1	3	113	
	Roman pottery	0	2 x necked vessels, 1 bodysherd with cordons	GW2	15	155	
	Roman pottery	0	Fine thin-walled vessel (no rims)	OXID	24	81	
	Roman pottery	0	Thick-walled, 1x flat base	Gt3	90	2793	
	Worked stone	1	Quern. Rotary; upper stone		2	1763	
707	Burnt flint	0	unworked		2	16	RB
	Fired clay	0	broken object, uncertain		4	56	
	Roman pottery	0	Bodysherds	FI	3	37	
	Roman pottery	0	Bodysherds	GW2	7	77	
709	Burnt flint	0	unworked		4	22	RB
	Roman pottery	0	?cordoned bodysherd	FI	1	27	
	Roman pottery	0	Bodysherds	GW1	2	16	
	Roman pottery	0	Bodysherds	GW2	2	11	
1503	Roman pottery	0	Bodysherds	Gt2	10	42	RB

Table 2: Fabric descriptions

Fabric Code	Description
FI	Coarse, grey crushed abundant flint. Oxidised and reduced varieties
Gt1	Reduced grog-tempered fabric
Gt2	Thin-walled grey fabric with dark surfaces and dark grey/black grog
Gt2	Thin-walled, grey firing fabric with dark grog inclusions
Gt3	Pale-firing, thick-walled grog-tempered fabric
GW1	Coarse greyware, visible round quartz grains on surfaces and breaks
GW2	Fine sandy greyware
OXID	Fine, micaceous oxidised fabric

APPENDIX C: OASIS REPORT FORM

PROJECT DETAILS		
Project Name	Land South Fairclough Farm	
Short description	<p>An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology in October 2018 on Land South of Fairclough Farm, Newell Green, Warfield, Berkshire. Fifteen trenches were excavated.</p> <p>The evaluation identified a cluster of Early Roman features, primarily focussed around Trenches 7 and 15. The features are primarily ditches along with a single beehive shaped pit, indicating a series of minor enclosures or fields with nearby settlement. The large, unabraded nature of the pottery sherds recovered from these features, most notably those recovered ditch 704 make it highly likely that there is direct settlement in the very close vicinity.</p>	
Project dates	15-19 October 2018	
Project type	Field evaluation	
Previous work	Desk Based Assessment (TVAS 2016)	
Future work	Excavation	
PROJECT LOCATION		
Site Location	Land South of Fairclough Farm, Newell Green, Warfield, Berkshire:	
Study area (M ² /ha)	1.9ha	
Site co-ordinates	87259 171000	
PROJECT CREATORS		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Brief originator	None	
Project Design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Manager	Oliver Good	
Project Supervisor	Chris Ellis	
MONUMENT TYPE		
	None	
SIGNIFICANT FINDS		
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PROJECT ARCHIVES		
	Intended final location of archive (museum/Accession no.)	Content (e.g. pottery, animal bone etc)
Physical	TBC	Ceramics, Burnt Flint
Paper	TBC	Context sheets, registers, drawings
Digital	TBC	Database, digital photos, report,
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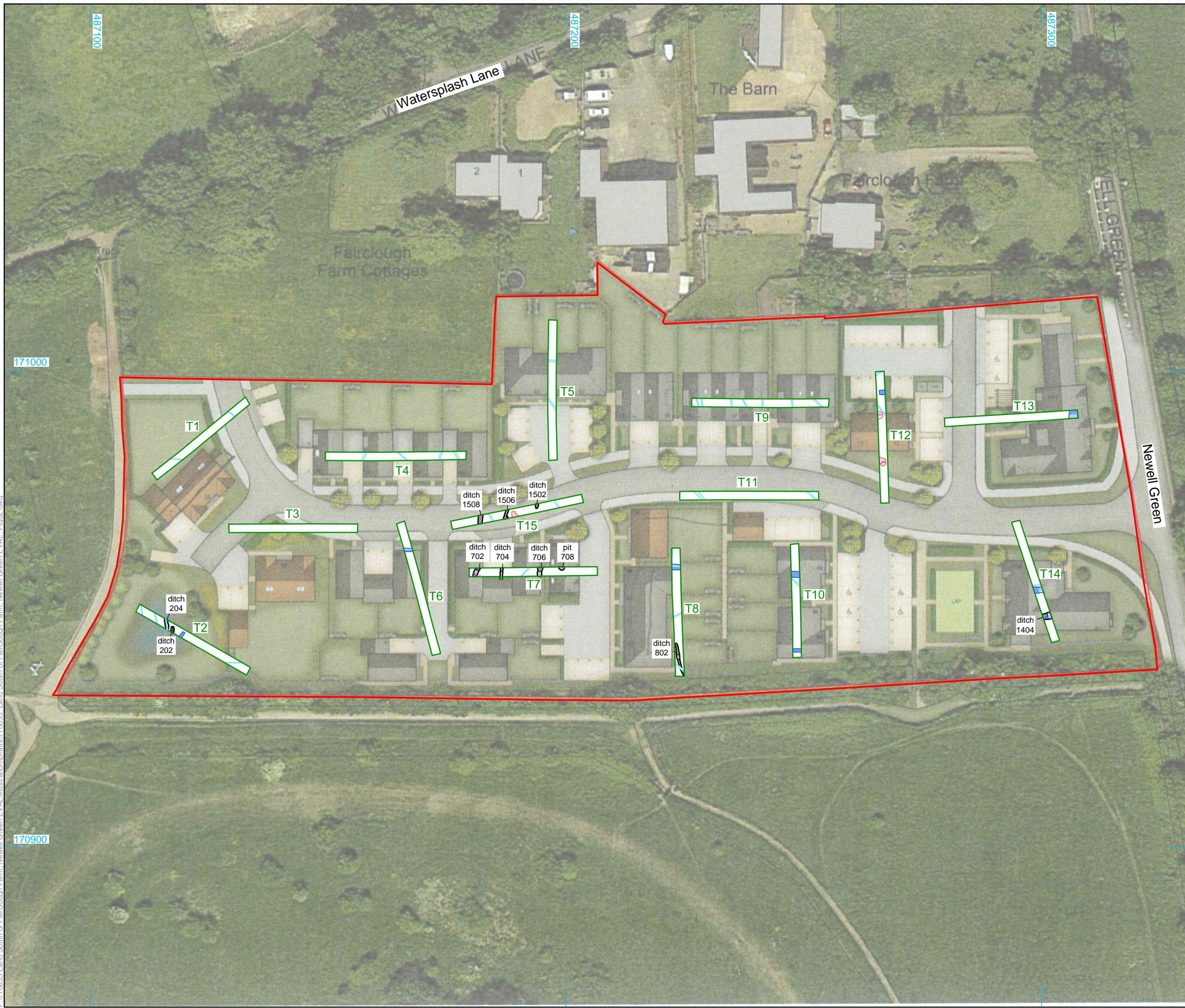
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Site location plan

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- site boundary
- evaluation trench
- cut feature (excavated/unexcavated)
- field drain
- modern (excavated/unexcavated)
- treethrow (excavated/unexcavated)



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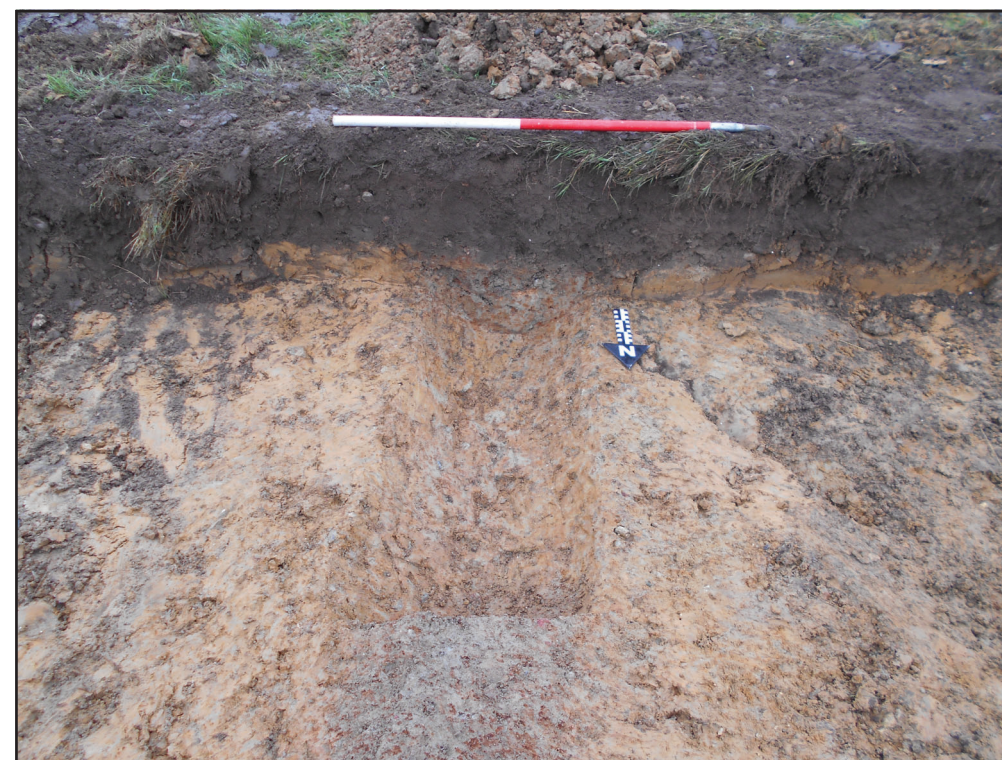
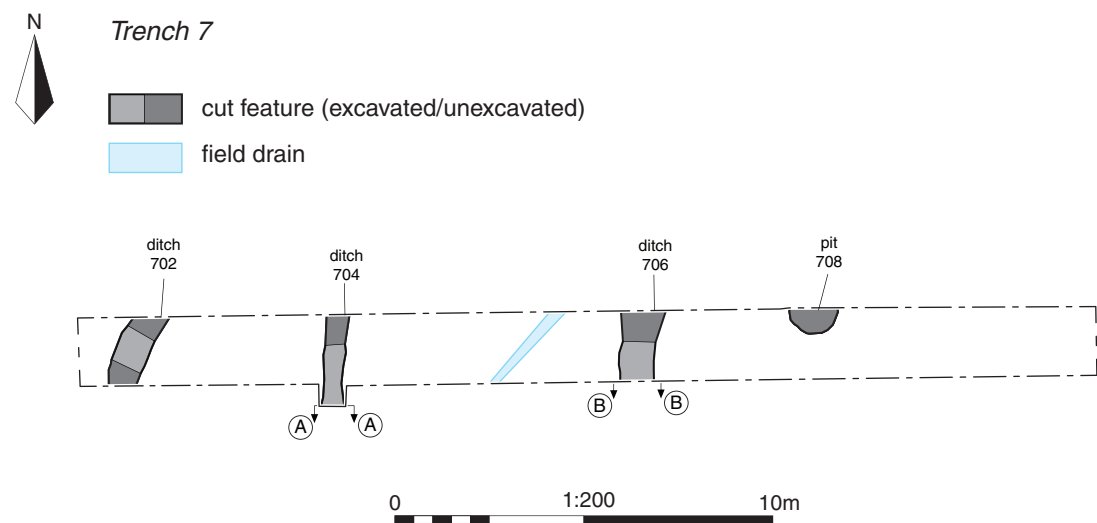
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 Trench locations

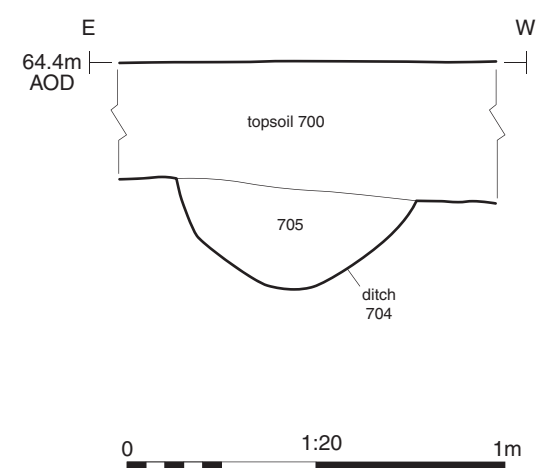
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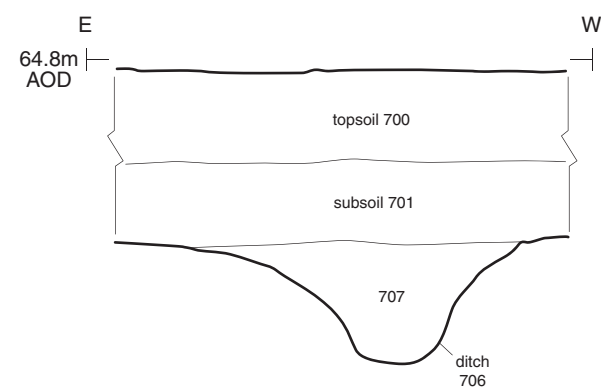


Ditch 704, looking south (1m scale)

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

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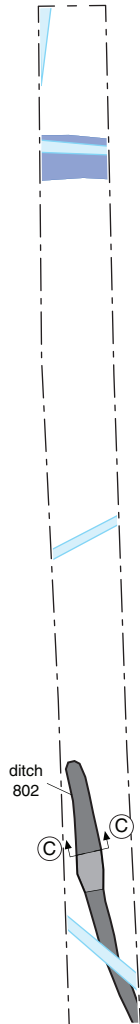


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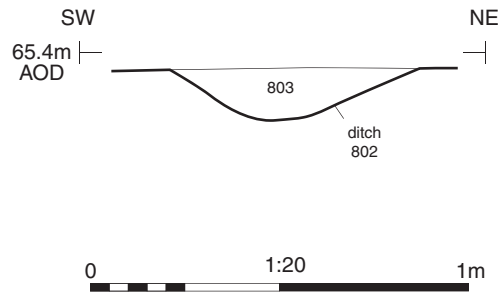


Trench 8

-  cut feature (excavated/unexcavated)
-  field drain
-  modern



Section CC



Ditch 802, looking north-west (0.3m scale)



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

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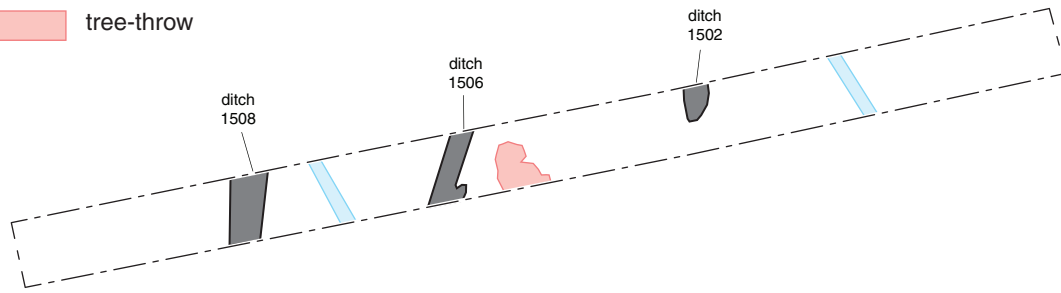
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Trench 15

-  cut feature (excavated/unexcavated)
-  field drain
-  tree-throw



0 1:200 10m



Trench 15, looking south-west (1m scales)



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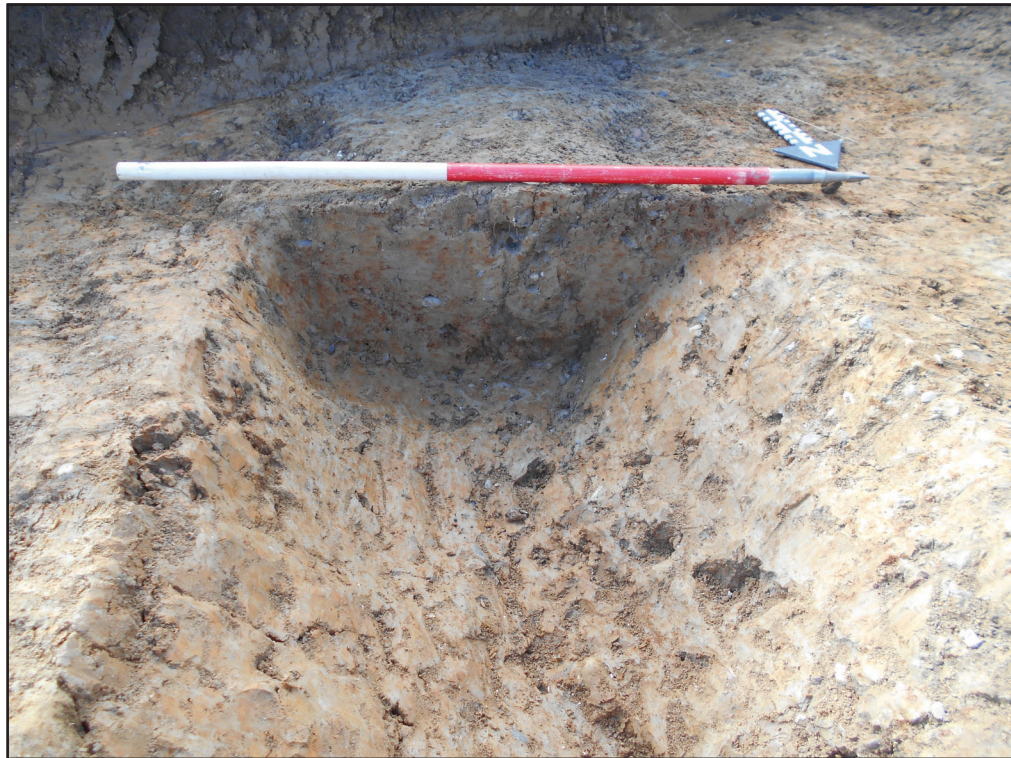
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Ditch 702, looking south-west (1m scale)



Pit 708, looking north (1m scale)



Ditch 1404, looking east (1m scale)


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