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## SUMMARY

<b>Project Name:</b>	Cottage Farm
<b>Location:</b>	Oadby, Leicestershire
<b>NGR:</b>	463087 298868
<b>Type:</b>	Evaluation
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Between April and May 2019, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological evaluation at Cottage Farm, Oadby, Leicestershire. The evaluation was undertaken to inform an outline planning application for the residential development of the site. The fieldwork comprised the excavation of 60 trenches.

Archaeological interest in the site is derived from its location within a landscape rich in early prehistoric findspots. Worked flint of Mesolithic to Bronze Age date has been recovered from fields located to the immediate south-west of the site (LHER No: MLE9270; NGR: SP 627 987) and to the south-east at Beauchamp College (ELE 8634). While excavation and evaluation to the immediate north of the site revealed a ditch containing Middle to Late Iron Age pottery, as well as two similar, but undated, ditches.

Previous geophysical survey of the site identified a number of anomalies representing potential archaeological features, comprising curvilinear, linear, circular and discrete anomalies indicative of prehistoric enclosures, house ring gullies, pits, boundary features and furrows.

This pattern of enclosures predicted by the geophysical survey was largely confirmed by the evaluation, which identified archaeological features concentrated in the south-western part of the site within two distinct areas. The artefactual evidence recovered during the evaluation suggests that permanent settlement within the south-western part of the site began during the Middle to Late Iron Age, with evidence for settlement in the form of enclosures, boundary ditches, pits and ring gullies and other settlement features. Features associated with medieval and post-medieval land use were also recorded, including a field boundary ditch

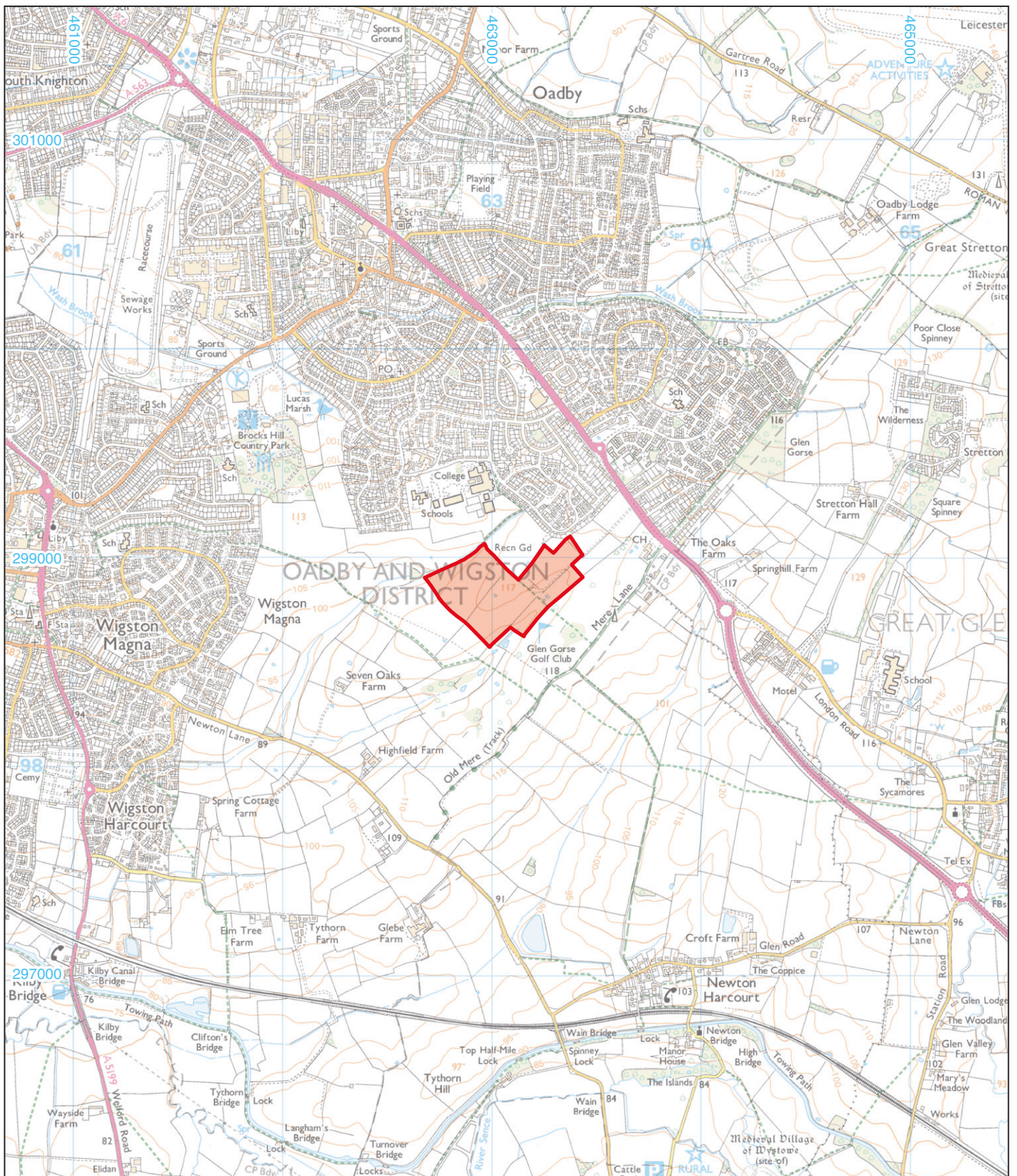
containing medieval pottery and the ploughed-out remnants of medieval ridge and furrow, the remains of the open field system that once surrounded the settlement at Oadby, which were encountered across the site.



## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Between April and May 2019, Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological evaluation at Cottage Farm, Oadby, Leicestershire (centred at NGR: 463087 298868; Fig. 1). The evaluation was commissioned for Triskelion Heritage on behalf of Bloor Homes Midlands.
- 1.2 The evaluation was undertaken to inform a planning application to Oadby and Wigston Borough Council (OWBC: the local planning authority) for the residential development of the site.
- 1.3 The scope of the archaeological evaluation, which comprised the excavation of 58 trenches (Fig. 2), was defined during discussions between Gerry Wait, Principal Consultant and Managing Director, Triskelion Heritage and Richard Clark, Principal Archaeologist for Leicestershire County Council (PALCC; the archaeological advisor to OWBC).
- 1.4 The evaluation was carried out in accordance with a subsequent detailed *Written Scheme of Investigation* (WSI) produced by CA (2019) and approved by Richard Clark, PALCC. The fieldwork also followed *Standard and guidance for archaeological field evaluation* (ClfA 2014), the *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MORPHE): Project Planning Note 3* (English Heritage 2008), the *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MORPHE): Project Manager's Guide* (EH 2015) and the *Leicestershire County Council Generic brief for archaeological field evaluation (trail trenching)*. It was monitored by Gerry Wait and Richard Clark, including site visits on the 1st and 7th of May 2019.





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 Site location plan

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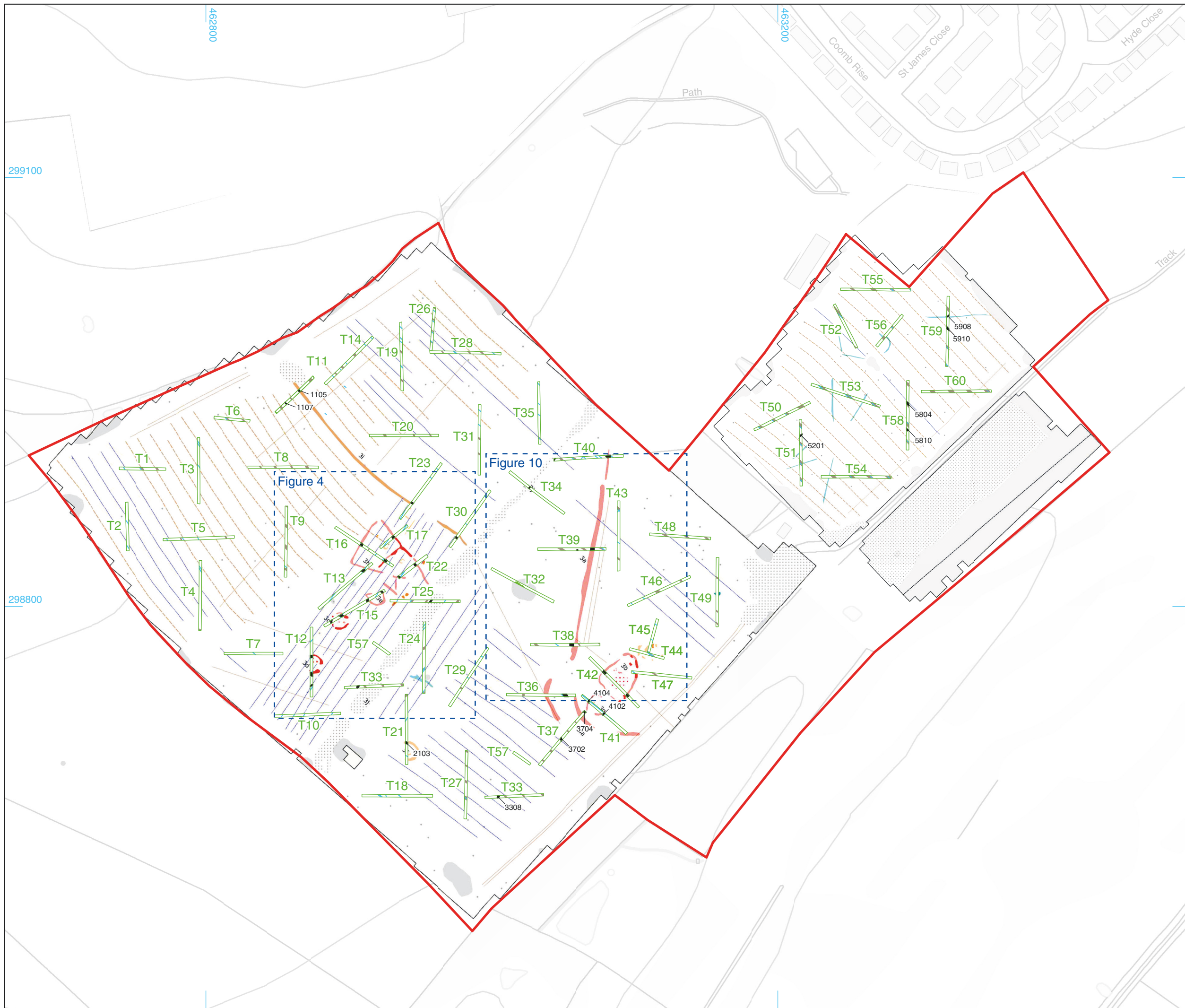
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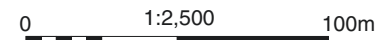
- 1.5 The proposed development area is approximately 20ha in size and comprises parts of four arable fields separated by hedgerows, with an area of scrubland located within the south-eastern part of the application area (Figs 2 & 3). The site is bounded to the north by housing estates, to the north-east and east by agricultural land, to the south by a golf course and to the west by further agricultural land. It is bounded to the north-west by the Coombe Park Recreation Ground, which also bisects the site into two unequal parts. The site lies at approximately 115m AOD on relatively flat ground, sloping gently downwards towards the south-west.
  
- 1.6 The underlying bedrock geology of the area is mapped as Blue Lias Formation mudstone, overlain by superficial deposit of Oadby Member Diamicton. Bands of colluvium, comprising clay, silt, sand and gravel are recorded along the north-western and south-eastern limits of site (BGS 2019).





- Site boundary
- Evaluation trench
- Cut feature
- Furrow
- Treethrow
- Drain

- Geophysical survey results*
- Survey boundary
  - Archaeology probable (strong)
  - Archaeology probable (weak)
  - Archaeology possible (strong)
  - Archaeology possible (weak)
  - Agricultural (weak)
  - Agricultural (trend)
  - Ridge and furrow (trend)
  - Drainage feature
  - Magnetic disturbance
  - Ferrous/debris
  - Ferrous (spike)
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Pre-excavation site photograph, Field 1



Pre-excavation site photograph, Field 2



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## 2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The wider archaeological background, including the site, has been detailed within a Heritage Statement produced by Nexus Heritage (NH 2013), with subsequent geophysical surveys carried out by Stratascan (2013) and Magnitude Surveys (2019), which were further supplemented by the results of an archaeological evaluation undertaken by CA to the immediate north-west of the current site (CA 2014). The following section is summarised from these sources.
- 2.2 Evidence of prehistoric activity is recorded from the HER in the form of worked flint finds from fields within the south-western part of the site. In 2002 eight worked flints including a flake and a retouched flake from the Early Mesolithic to the Early Neolithic and four flakes and two retouched flakes from the Early Neolithic to the Early Bronze Age (LHER No: MLE9270; NGR: SP 627 987) were found during field walking to the south-east of Beauchamp College (ELE 8634).
- 2.3 A further seven pieces of flint, including three flakes, one piece of debitage, and three lithic implements were also found adjacent to the south-western corner of the site (LHER No: MLE16436; NGR: SP 630 988).
- 2.4 In 2003 a subsequent field walking survey (ELE4699) was undertaken to the west of Coombe Park, which recorded a flint scatter containing a flake, three lithic implements, a retouched blade and two scrapers (LHER No: MLE16435; NGR: SP 628 989).
- 2.5 A previous geophysical survey which included the northernmost part of the current application area identified ridge and furrow across much of the survey area (Stratascan 2013 Area 1 and 2), as well as a small number of anomalies associated with modern activity.
- 2.6 Subsequent archaeological excavation, conducted by Cotswold Archaeology (2014), identified a small ditch at the south-western end of the site, which contained a sherd of Middle to Late Iron Age pottery. Two similar, but undated, ditches were encountered in the north-eastern part of the site. Furrows of probable post-medieval date were encountered across the entire site. These were more extensive in their distribution than was shown on the geophysical survey of the area. A former field

boundary shown on recent Ordnance Survey maps of the area was also investigated.



### 3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 The objectives of the evaluation, as detailed within the WSI (CA 2019), 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 with *Standard and guidance for archaeological field evaluation* (CIfA 2014), the evaluation was designed to be minimally intrusive and minimally destructive to archaeological remains. The information gathered will enable OWBC 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* (MHCLG 2019).



## 4. METHODOLOGY

- 4.1 The fieldwork comprised the excavation of 58 trenches in the locations shown on the attached plan (Fig. 2). Each of the trenches were intended to measured 50m long and 1.8m wide. The location of Trench 57 was revised from that depicted in the WSI (CA 2019), with the approval of Richard Clark, PALCC. Trenches 61 and 62 could not be accessed and remained unexcavated.
- 4.2 The 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*.
- 4.3 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*.
- 4.4 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 11 deposits were sampled and processed. All artefacts recovered were processed in accordance with CA *Technical Manual 3 Treatment of Finds Immediately after Excavation*.
- 4.5 The archive and artefacts from the evaluation are currently held by CA at their offices in Milton Keynes. Subject to the agreement of the legal landowner the artefacts will be deposited with Leicestershire Museum Services, 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 (FIGS 2-13)

- 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.
- 5.2 The evaluation identified a concentration of archaeological remains within the western part of the site, with a lower density of archaeological remains across the remainder of the site. The results of the fieldwork showed a good correlation with the preceding geophysical survey. The geophysical survey identified a series of curvilinear and rectilinear enclosures, curvilinear ditches, boundary ditches and discrete features; the presence of which were confirmed by the evaluation.
- 5.3 No archaeological features or deposits were identified within Trenches 2, 3, 7, 10, 32, 45 and 47.

### ***General stratigraphy***

- 5.4 A broadly similar stratigraphic sequence was observed within each of the trenches. The geological substrate, comprising mid-grey brown, moderately compact, sandy clay, with mottles of blue and orange sandy clay, was identified at an average depth of between 0.25m and 0.65m below present ground level (bpgl). This was overlain by subsoil comprising orange brown, silt clay, which measured between 0.2m and 0.45m thick. Sealing this was grey brown silt clay, which measured between 0.2m and 0.38m thick.
- 5.5 The only exception to the above sequence, was within Trench 11. Here the natural substrate was overlain by a layer of alluvial material, up to 0.28m thick. This was identified intermittently along the length of the trench and was similarly overlain by subsoil and then topsoil as in the remainder of the trenches.

### ***Trenches 1, 4, 6-9, 11, 14, 16, 18-21, 24-29, 31, 33, 35-40, 43, 44, 46-56 and 28-60 (Fig. 2 and Plate 1)***

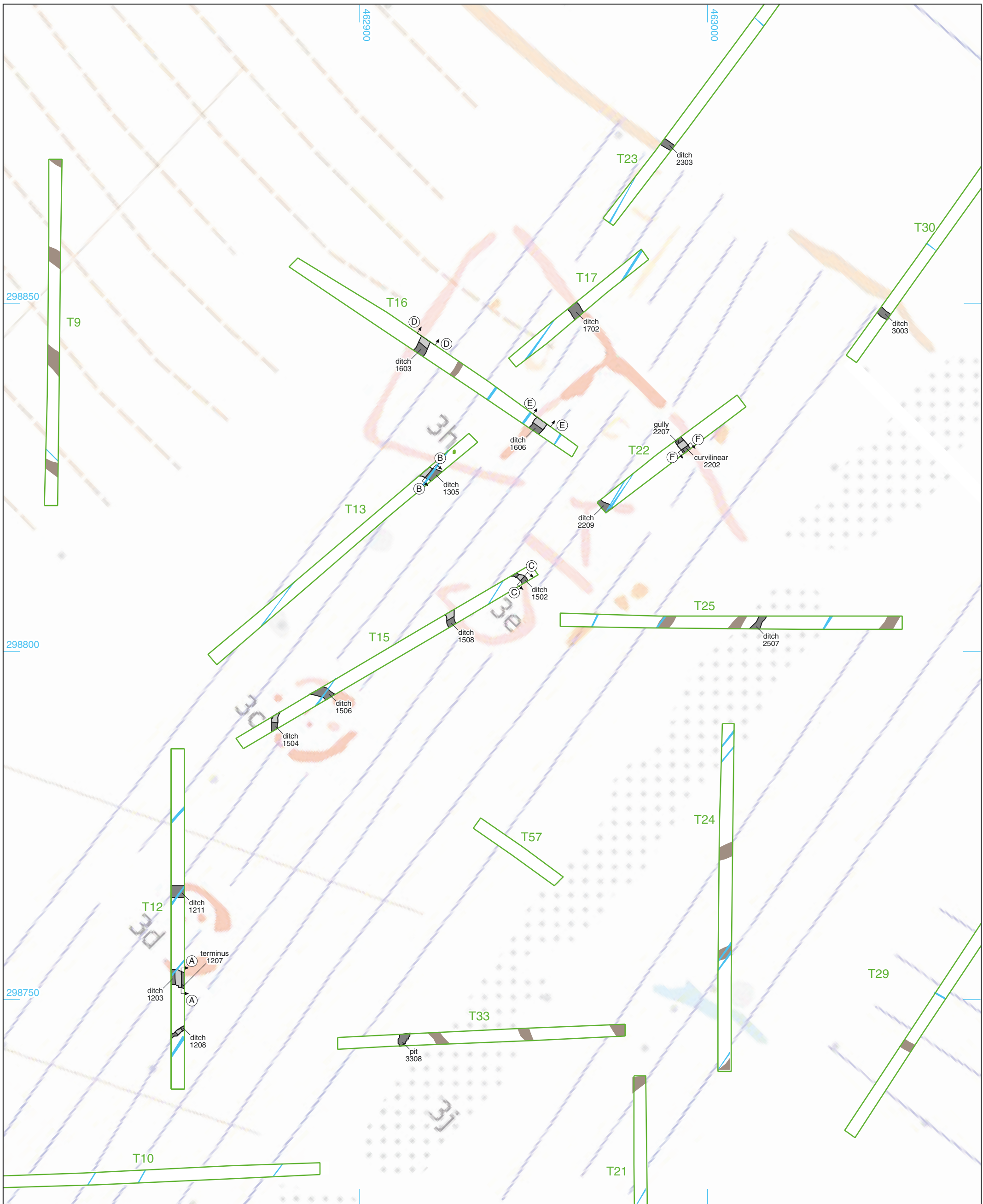
- 5.6 Regularly spaced furrows, the remains of an open field system, were recorded in the majority of the trenches (Trenches 1, 4, 6-9, 11, 14, 16, 18-21, 24-29, 31, 33, 35-40, 43, 44, 46-56 and 28-60), and were found to correspond with the alignment of the furrows shown on the geophysical survey plot (Magnitude Surveys 2019). The furrows were typically 1m to 1.6m wide, although could range in size from 0.6m to



2.5m wide and, where excavated, were up to 0.5m deep (Plate 1). Their wide spacing, at c. 5m to 7m apart, and the slight curve in their alignment at the ends of the selions (individual strips), as shown on the geophysical survey, suggests that they are probably medieval in origin. Pottery dating from the 16th to 20th century was recovered from the fills of the excavated furrows. Nineteenth-century ceramic land drains were noted across the site; these often coincide with the furrows, suggesting that they had been inserted into the bases of the ridge and furrow earthworks whilst they were still extant.



Plate 1 Furrow, looking north (1m scale)

















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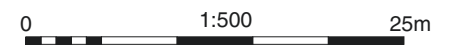
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- Trenching**
-  Evaluation trench
  -  Cut feature (excavated / unexcavated)
  -  Furrow
  -  Treethrow
  -  Drain
  -  Section line

- Geophysics results**
-  Archaeology probable (strong/weak)
  -  Archaeology possible (strong/weak)
  -  Agricultural (weak/trend)
  -  Ridge and furrow
  -  Drainage feature
  -  Magnetic disturbance
  -  Ferrous/debris



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**Trench 11 (Fig. 2 & Plate 2)**

- 5.7 Located towards the south-western end of the trench was north-west/south-east orientated ditch 1107 (Plate 2). It measured 0.39 wide and 0.13m deep, with moderately sloping, even sides and a concave base. No finds were recovered from its mid-yellow brown friable silty clay (1108).



Plate 2 Ditch 1107, looking south-east (0.4m scale)

**Trench 12 (Figs 2, 4 & 5 & Plate 3)**

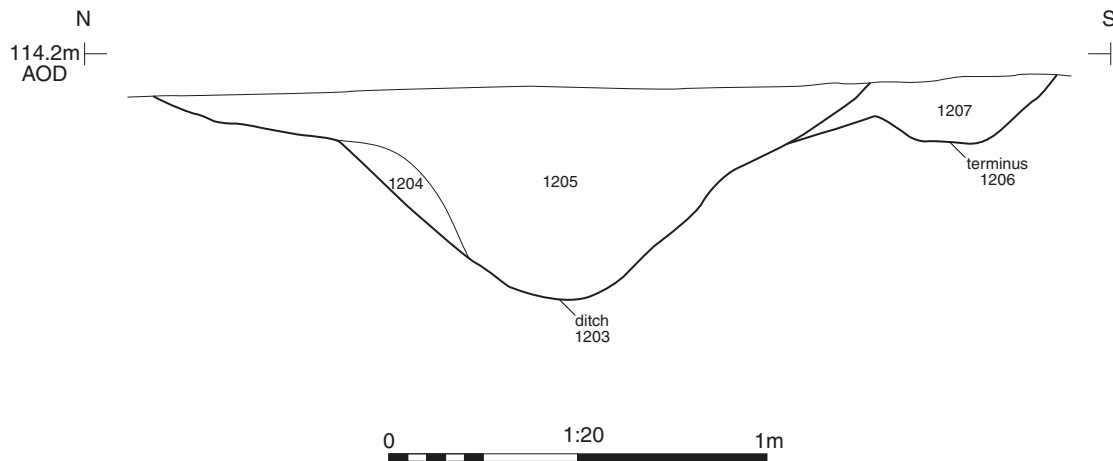
- 5.8 North-east/south-west orientated ditch 1208 was recorded at the southern end of the trench (Plate 3). It measured 0.51m wide by 0.23m deep, with moderately sloping sides and a slightly concave base. No finds were recovered from its initial mid-yellow grey silty clay fill (1209), deposited by initial collapse of the edges. This was overlain by dark brown grey silty clay fill 1210, from which seven fragments of animal bone were recovered. Fill 1210 was deposited by gradual silting.
- 5.9 Ditch 1208 broadly corresponds with a north-east/south-west orientated linear anomaly identified on the geophysical survey, interpreted as a probable drainage feature.



Plate 3 Ditch 1208, looking south-west (0.4m scale)

- 5.10 Located approximately 5.4m to the north was ditch terminus 1206 (Fig. 5; section AA). It measured 0.84m long, 0.49m wide and 0.19m deep, with moderately sloping sides and a flat base. No finds were recovered from its mid yellow grey silty clay fill (1207).
- 5.11 Located towards the centre of the trench were curvilinear ditches 1203 (Fig. 5; section AA) and 1211. Ditch 1203 was orientated broadly east/west, cutting the fill 1207 of possible ditch terminus/pit 1206. It measured 1.88m wide and 0.56m deep, with moderately sloping sides and a slightly concave base. No finds were recovered from its initial mid-yellow grey firm silty clay fill (1204). This was overlain by mid-brown grey silty clay fill 1205, deposited by gradual silting, which contained 24 sherds of pottery dating to the Late Iron Age period and 13 fragments of animal bone.
- 5.12 Ditch 1211 measured 1.88m wide, but was not further investigated. No finds were recovered from the surface of its mid brown grey silt clay fill (1212).
- 5.13 Ditches 1203 and 1211 broadly correspond with a penannular anomaly identified on the geophysical survey and interpreted as a house ring gully.

Section AA



Ditch 1203 (centre) and terminus 1206 (right), looking east (1m scale)



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Trench 12: section and photograph

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**Trench 13 (Figs 2, 4 & 6)**

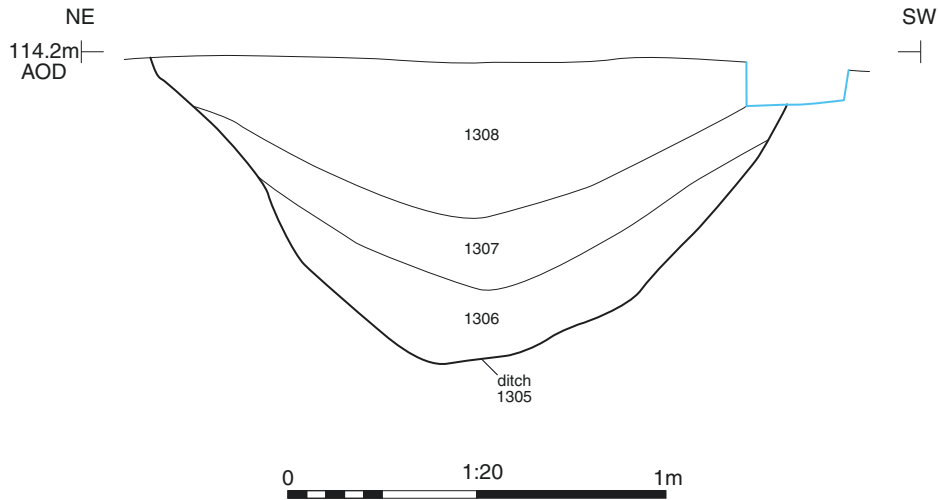
- 5.14 Located towards the north-eastern end of the trench was a small irregular-shaped tree throw (1303). It measured 0.51m long, 0.64m wide and 0.12m deep. No finds were recovered from its light bluish yellow silty clay fill (1304).
- 5.15 North-west/south-east orientated ditch 1305 was located approximately 3.5m to the south-west of tree throw 1303 (Fig. 6; section BB). It measured 1.68m wide and 0.79m deep, with steeply sloping sides and a slightly concave base. Its initial fill (1306) comprised mottled yellow and blue brown silty clay. This was overlain by fill 1307, which comprised mid-yellow grey silty clay. No finds were recovered from these fills. Overlying fill 1307 was mid- brown grey silty clay fill 1308, which contained one sherd of late prehistoric pottery, as well as two fragments of animal bone. An environmental sample (Sample 5), taken from fill 1308 contained a moderately low quantity of charcoal fragments.
- 5.16 The continuation of this feature was seen in Trench 16 as ditch 1603. It corresponds with a rectilinear anomaly depicted on the geophysical survey, which is interpreted as a triangular/trapezoidal enclosure.

**Trench 15 (Figs 2, 4 & 7 & Plates 4 & 5)**

- 5.17 Curvilinear ditch 1502 was located at the north-eastern end of the trench, orientated broadly north-west/south-east (Fig. 7; section CC). It measured 2.05m long, 0.88m wide and 0.33m deep, with moderately steeply sloping sides and a flat base. A total of 12 sherds of late prehistoric pottery were recovered from its mid- brown grey clayey silt fill (1503). An environmental sample (Sample 6) taken from the fill 1503 of this ditch contained moderately low quantities of charcoal fragments.



Section BB



Ditch 1305, looking south-east (1m scale)

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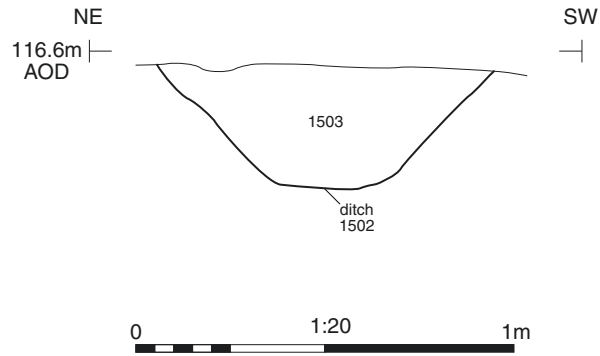
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Trench 13: section and photograph

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Section CC



Ditch 1502, looking south-east (0.5m scale)



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Trench 15: section and photograph

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- 5.18 Located approximately 10m to the south-west was north-west/south-east orientated ditch 1508 (Plate 4), which formed the return of ditch 1502. It measured 0.78m wide and 0.36m deep, with moderately sloping concave sides and a concave base. A single fragment of animal bone was recovered from its mid brown orange, silty clay fill (1509). This was overlain by brown grey clayey silt fill 1510, from which an environmental sample (Sample 8) was recovered. This contained very low quantities of charred cabbage seeds and a small number of charcoal fragments.



Plate 4 Ditch 1508, looking south-east (1m scale)

- 5.19 Located at the south-western end of the trench were curvilinear ditches 1506 and 1504. Ditch 1506 measured 2.5m long by 1.2m wide, but was not further investigated. No finds were recovered from its brown grey clay silt fill (1507).
- 5.20 The return of this ditch (1504) was located approximately 5m to the south-west. North/south orientated ditch 1504 measured 2.5m long, 0.7m wide and 0.25m deep, with an irregular profile, moderate to gently sloping western side, moderately sloping eastern side and a concave base. A total of five fragments of animal bone were recovered from its mottled mid brown grey clayey silt fill (1505). A bulk soil sample (Sample 7) recovered from fill 1505 contained moderately low quantities of charcoal fragments.



Plate 5 Ditch 1504, looking south (0.5m scale)

- 5.21 Ditches 1502 and 1508 and ditches 1504 and 1506 corresponded with a slightly rectilinear and a curvilinear anomaly identified on the geophysical survey. These anomalies are interpreted as probable eaves drip gullies.

***Trench 16 (Figs 2, 4 & 8 & Plate 6)***

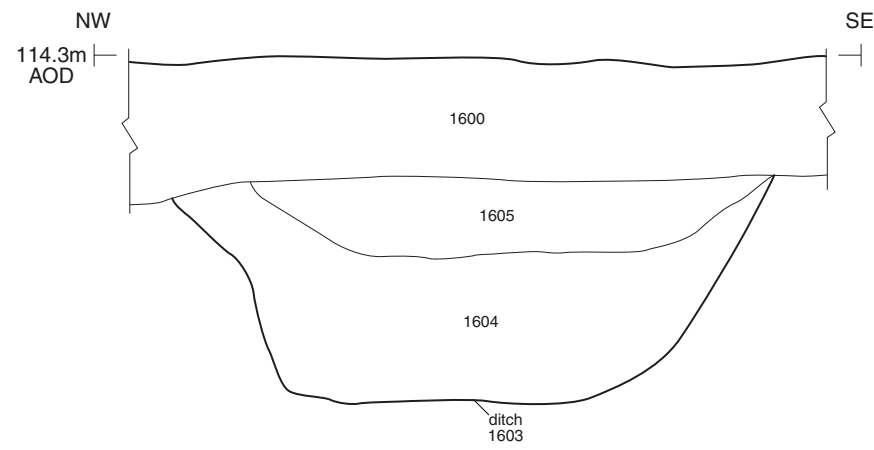
- 5.22 North-east/south-west orientated ditch 1603 was identified centrally within the trench (Plate 6). It measured 1.58m wide and 0.58m deep with steeply sloping sides and a flat base. A total of three sherds of Middle to Late Iron Age pottery and one fragment of animal bone were recovered from its mid-yellow brown silty clay fill (1604). This was overlain by mid brown grey silty clay fill 1605, which did not contain any finds.



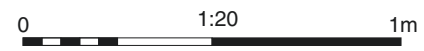
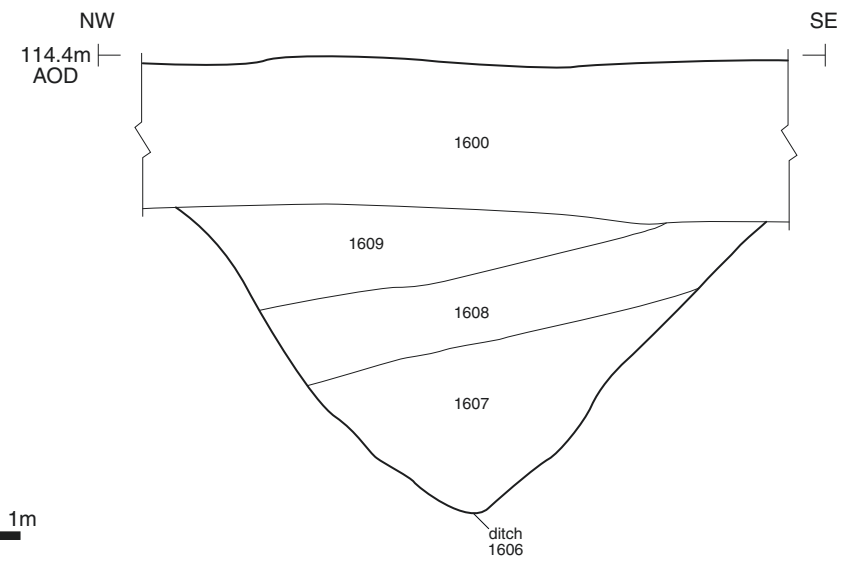
Plate 6 Ditch 1603, looking north-east (1m scale)

- 5.23 The continuation of this feature was seen in Trench 13 as ditch 1305. It corresponds with a rectilinear anomaly depicted on the geophysical survey, which is interpreted as a triangular/trapezoidal enclosure (Enclosure 1).
- 5.24 Located towards the south-eastern end of the trench was north-east/south-west orientated ditch 1606 (Fig. 8; section EE). It measured 1.56m wide and 0.8m deep, steeply sloping sides and a rounded base. Its initial fill comprised mid-grey brown silty clay (1607), from which four sherds of late Iron Age pottery, as well as one fragment of animal bone were recovered. An environmental sample (Sample 11) recovered from this fill contained very low quantities of charcoal fragments. This was overlain by fill 1608 comprising a mid-yellow grey silty clay, which was in turn overlain by light yellow grey silty clay fill 1609.
- 5.25 Ditch 1606 corresponded with a north-east/south-west orientated geophysical anomaly, which formed a sub-division within the trapezoidal/triangular enclosure (Enclosure 1).

Section DD



Section EE



Ditch 1603, looking north-east (1m scale)



Ditch 1606, looking north-east (1m scale)


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**Trench 16: sections and photographs**

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**Trench 17 (Figs 2 & 4)**

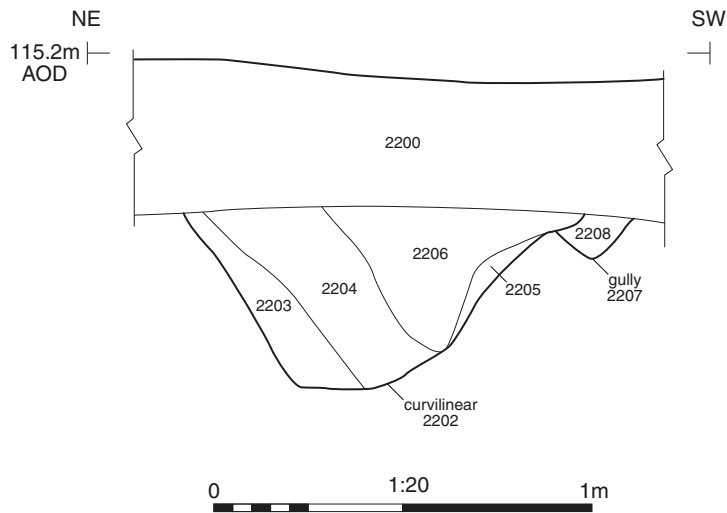
- 5.26 Located centrally within the trench was north-west/south-east orientated ditch 1702. It measured 1.7m wide, but was not further investigated. No finds were recovered from the surface of its mid-grey brown silty clay fill (1703).
- 5.27 The continuation of this ditch was recorded within Trench 22 as ditch 2202/2207. It corresponds with a north-west/south-east orientated anomaly depicted on the geophysical survey.

**Trench 22 (Figs 2, 4 & 9)**

- 5.28 Located towards the north-eastern end of the trench was north-west/south-east orientated ditch 2207 (Fig. 9; section FF). It measured 0.2m wide by 0.12m deep, with moderately sloping sides and a tapered concave base. No finds were recovered from its yellow grey, silt clay fill (2208), which was cut along its length by north-west/south-east orientated enclosure ditch 2202.
- 5.29 Ditch 2202 measured 1.06m wide and 0.48m deep, with moderate to steeply sloping sides and a concave base (Fig. 9; section FF). No finds were recovered from its initial three fills 2203, 2205 and 2204. Fills 2203 and 2205, derived from natural collapse of the sides, comprised light yellow brown silty clays. Overlying fill 2203 was yellow grey silty clay fill 2204, deposited by gradual silting. Overlying fills 2205 and 2204 was dark brown grey silty clay fill 2206, from which three sherds of Late Iron Age pottery were recovered, as well as five fragments of animal bone.
- 5.30 The continuation of ditch 2202/2207 was recorded within Trench 17 as ditch 1702. It corresponds with a north-west/south-east orientated anomaly depicted on the geophysical survey.



Section FF



Curvilinear 2202 (centre) and gully 2207 (right), looking south-west (0.5m scale)



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Trench 22: section and photograph

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**Trench 23 (Figs 2 & 4)**

- 5.31 Located towards the south-western end of the trench was north-west/south-east orientated ditch 2303. It measured 0.7m wide, but was not further investigated. A post-medieval horseshoe was recovered from its mottled mid grey brown and orange blue sandy clay fill (2304).
- 5.32 The continuation of this feature was identified within Trenches 11 and 30 as ditches 1105 and 3003 respectively. Ditch 2303 corresponds with a field boundary depicted on the 1886 Ordnance Survey Map and also corresponds with a geophysical anomaly.

**Trench 25 (Figs 2 & 4)**

- 5.33 North-east/south-west orientated field boundary ditch 2507 was located towards the south-western end of the trench. It measured 0.9m wide, but was not further investigated. No finds were recovered from its mid-brown grey silty clay fill (2508).
- 5.34 The continuation of this feature was identified within Trenches 34 and 40 as ditches 3403 and 4013. Ditch 2507 corresponds with a field boundary depicted on the 1886 Ordnance Survey Map and also corresponds with a geophysical anomaly.

**Trench 30 (Figs 2 & 4)**

- 5.35 Located towards the south-western end of the trench was north-west/south-east orientated ditch 3003. It measured 1m wide, but was not further investigated. No finds were recovered from its dark brown grey silty clay fill (3004).
- 5.36 The continuation of this feature was identified within Trenches 11 and 23 as ditches 1105 and 2303 respectively. Ditch 3003 corresponds with a field boundary depicted on the 1886 Ordnance Survey Map and also corresponds with a geophysical anomaly.

**Trench 33 (Figs 2 & 4 & Plate 7)**

- 5.37 Located towards the western end of Trench 33 was elongated pit 3308 (Plate 7). It measured 1.2m long, 1.13m wide and 0.27m deep, with moderately sloping sides and a flat base. A total of five sherds of Late Iron Age pottery, as well as 29 fragments of animal bone were recovered from its mottled orange brown silty clay fill (3309). This was overlain by dark brown grey sandy clay fill 3310, from which a single sherd of Middle to Late Iron Age pottery was recovered.



Plate 7 Pit 3308, looking north-east (1m scale)

#### ***Trench 34 (Figs 2 & 10)***

5.38 North-east/south-west orientated field boundary ditch 3403 was located towards the centre of the trench. It measured 0.7m wide, but was not further investigated. No finds were recovered from its dark brown grey clayey silt fill (3404).

5.39 The continuation of this feature was identified within Trenches 25 and 40 as ditches 2507 and 4013. Ditch 3403 corresponds with a field boundary depicted on the 1886 Ordnance Survey Map and also corresponds with a geophysical anomaly.

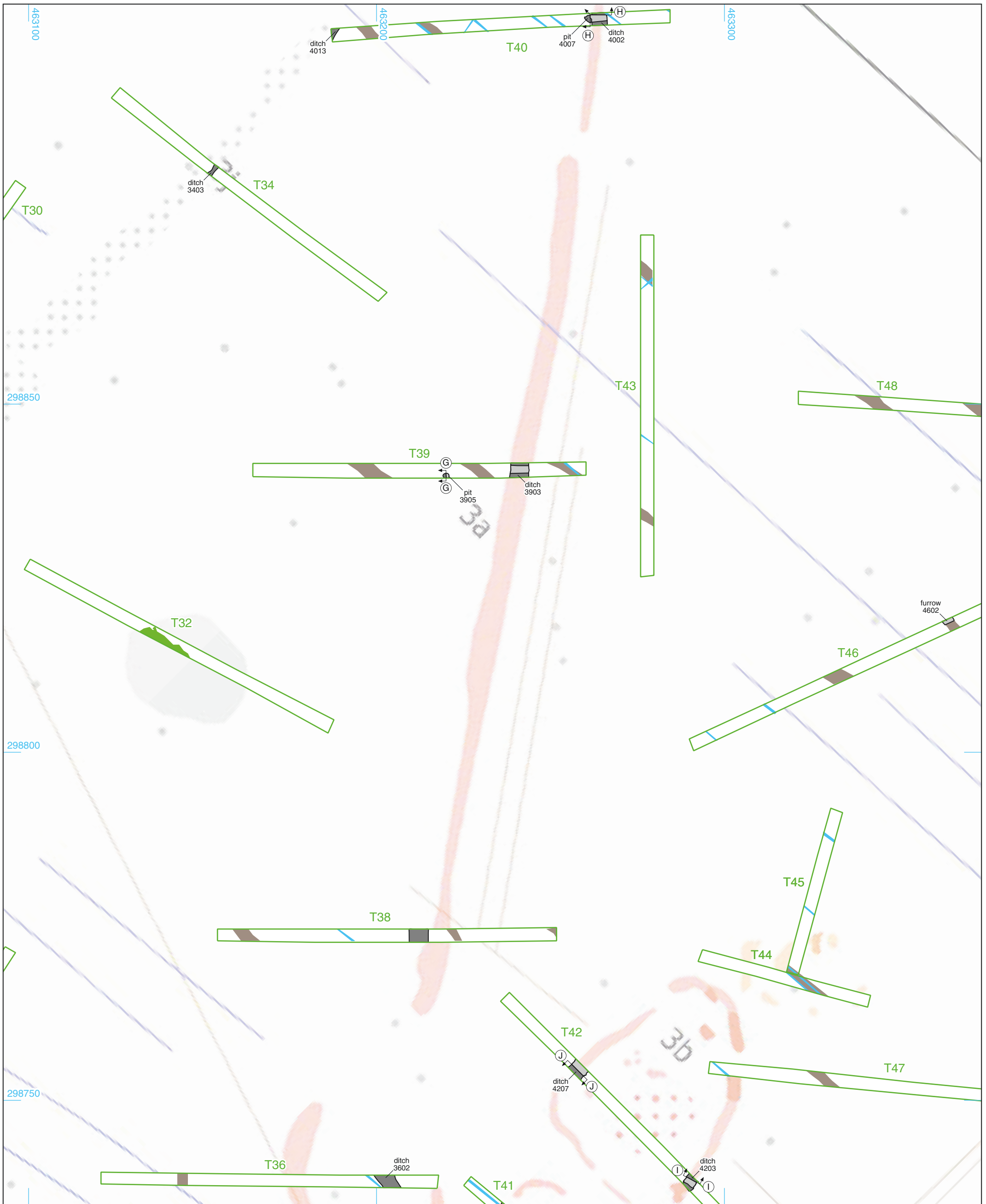
#### ***Trench 36 (Figs 2 & 10)***

5.40 Located at the eastern end of the trench was north-west/south-east orientated ditch 3602. It measured 1.81m wide, but was not further investigated. No finds were recovered from the surface of its yellow brown firm silty clay fill (3603).

#### ***Trench 37 (Fig. 2)***

5.41 Curvilinear ditch 3704 was partially revealed at the north-eastern end of the trench, but was not further investigated. No finds were recovered from the surface of its yellow brown silty clay fill (3705). Ditch 3704 broadly corresponds with a geophysical anomaly.





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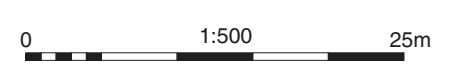
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 Detailed trench location plan showing archaeological and geophysical features

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  - Drain
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  - Archaeology possible (strong/weak)
  - Agricultural (weak/trend)
  - Drainage feature
  - Magnetic disturbance
  - Ferrous/debris



**Trench 38 (Figs 2 & 10)**

- 5.42 North-west/south-east orientated ditch 3806 was located centrally within the trench. It measured 2.9m wide, but was not further investigated. Two fragments of animal bone were recovered from the surface of its orange brown clay silt fill (3807).
- 5.43 The continuation of this feature was recorded in Trenches 39 and 40 as ditches 3903 and 4002 respectively. Ditch 3806 corresponds with a north/south orientated anomaly recorded on the geophysical survey, interpreted as a probable boundary ditch.

**Trench 39 (Figs 2, 10 & 11 & Plate 8)**

- 5.44 Located towards the eastern end of the trench was north/south orientated ditch 3903 (Plate 8). It measured 3.06m wide and 0.56m deep, with moderately sloping sides and a concave base. No finds were recovered from its mottled mid grey brown clayey silt fill (3904). An environmental sample (Sample 1), taken from this fill contained a very small number of charred seeds and moderately low quantities of charcoal fragments.



Plate 8 Ditch 3903, looking south (2m scale)

- 5.45 The continuation of this feature was recorded in Trenches 38 and 40 as ditches 3806 and 4002 respectively. Ditch 3903 corresponds with a north/south orientated

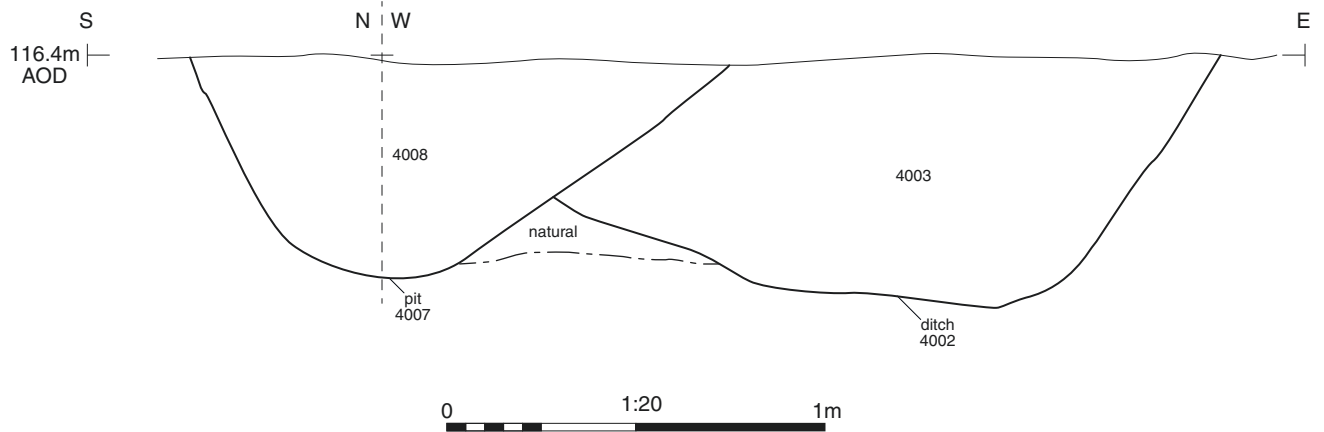
anomaly recorded on the geophysical survey, interpreted as a probable boundary ditch.

- 5.46 Located towards the middle of the trench was pit 3905 (Fig. 11; section GG). It measured 0.86m long by 0.75m wide and 0.24m deep. The function of the pit was unclear, however, six sherds of late prehistoric pottery was recovered from the pits mottled mid grey brown clayey silt fill 3906. An environmental sample (Sample 2) taken from fill 3906, contained very low quantities of indeterminate cereal grains and moderate quantities of charcoal fragments.

#### **Trench 40 (Figs 2, 10 & 12)**

- 5.47 Located towards the eastern end of the trench was north/south orientated ditch 4002 (Fig. 12; section HH). It measured 2.38m wide and 0.72m deep, with moderately sloping sides and a concave base. No finds were recovered from its mottled mid grey brown clayey silt fill (4003).
- 5.48 Ditch 4002 was recut by ditch 4004, which terminated within the excavated section. It measured 1.12m wide and 0.94m deep, with steeply sloping sides and a concave base. No finds were recovered from its two fills, comprising mottled mid-brown grey silty clay fill (4005), overlain by mid-grey clayey silt fill (4006).
- 5.49 The continuation of 4002/4004 was recorded in Trenches 38 and 39 as ditches 3806 and 3903 respectively. Ditch 4002 corresponds with a north/south orientated anomaly recorded on the geophysical survey, interpreted as a probable boundary ditch.
- 5.50 Cutting the fill (4003) on the western edge of ditch 4002 was pit 4007 (Fig. 12; section HH). Pit 4007 measured 0.9m wide and 0.58m deep. A total of 17 sherds of pottery dating to the late Iron Age and one fragment of animal bone was recovered from its mid orange brown silty clay fill (4008). An environmental sample (Sample 9) taken from this fill contained a very small number of charcoal fragments.
- 5.51 North-east/south-west orientated field boundary ditch 4013 was identified at the western end of the trench. It measured 1m wide, but was not further investigated. No finds were recovered from its mid orange brown clayey silt (4014).

Section HH



Pit 4007 (left) and ditch 4002 (centre), looking north-east (2m scale)



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- 5.52 The continuation of this feature was identified within Trenches 25 and 34 as ditches 2507 and 3403. Ditch 4013 corresponds with a field boundary depicted on the 1886 Ordnance Survey Map and also corresponds with a geophysical anomaly.

**Trench 41 (Fig. 2 & Plate 9)**

- 5.53 Curvilinear ditch 4102 was recorded towards the centre of the trench, orientated broadly north-east/south-west (Plate 9). It measured 0.9m wide and 0.36m deep, with moderately sloping sides and a concave base. A total of six fragments of animal bone were recovered from its mid-grey brown clayey silt fill (4103). An environmental sample (Sample 4) recovered from this fill contained very low quantities of charred cereal grains alongside moderately large quantities of charcoal fragments.



Plate 9 Ditch 4102, looking south-west (1m scale)

- 5.54 Located approximately 13.5m to the north-west, the return of this curvilinear feature remained unexcavated (4104). It measured 2m long by 0.9m wide in plan and contained a similar mid-grey brown clayey silt fill (4105) to ditch 4102 (fill 4103).

- 5.52 The continuation of this feature was identified within Trenches 25 and 34 as ditches 2507 and 3403. Ditch 4013 corresponds with a field boundary depicted on the 1886 Ordnance Survey Map and also corresponds with a geophysical anomaly.

**Trench 41 (Fig. 2 & Plate 9)**

- 5.53 Curvilinear ditch 4102 was recorded towards the centre of the trench, orientated broadly north-east/south-west (Plate 9). It measured 0.9m wide and 0.36m deep, with moderately sloping sides and a concave base. A total of six fragments of animal bone were recovered from its mid-grey brown clayey silt fill (4103). An environmental sample (Sample 4) recovered from this fill contained very low quantities of charred cereal grains alongside moderately large quantities of charcoal fragments.



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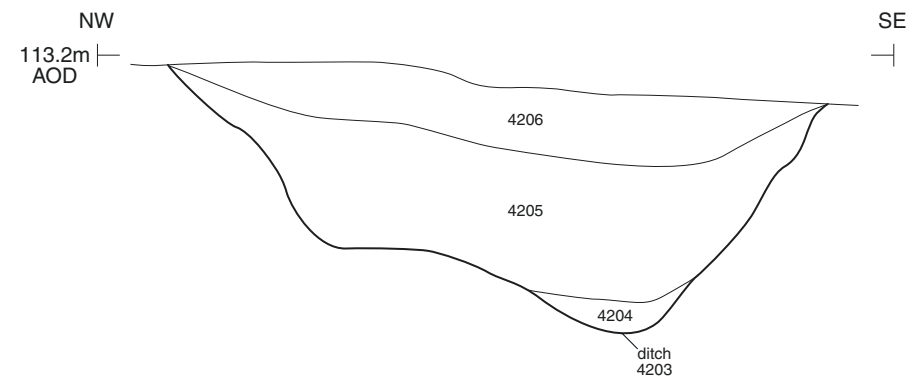
**Trench 42 (Figs 2 & 10)**

- 5.55 Located towards the south-eastern end of the trench was north-east/south-west orientated ditch 4203 (Enclosure 2; Fig. 13; section II). It measured 1.74m wide and 0.71m deep, with a steeply sloping, straight, south-eastern side, a steeply sloping, stepped, north-western side and a concave base. It contained three successive fills, the earliest of which comprised mid grey brown moderately compact silty clay (4204), derived from initial collapse of the unstable sides, soon after excavation. A single sherd of pottery broadly attributable to the late prehistoric period was recovered from this context, which was overlain by mid grey brown moderately compact silty clay fill 4205, from which a possible fragment of saddle quern was also recovered, as well as two fragments of animal bone. This was in turn overlain by mid brown grey moderately compact silty clay fill 4206, which contained two sherds of late-prehistoric pottery, as well as nine fragments of animal bone.
- 5.56 Located towards the north-western end of the trench, north-east/south-west orientated ditch 4207 formed the return of ditch 4203 (Enclosure 2; Fig. 13; section JJ). It measured 2.56m wide and 0.87m deep, with a moderately sloping convex south-eastern and a moderately sloping, convex and stepped north-western side.
- 5.57 It contained a similar sequence of fills to ditch 4203. Its three successive fills (4208, 4209 and 4210) comprised of silty clays. Fill 4208 contained 12 sherds of Late Iron Age pottery with fill 4209 containing a further five sherds of late prehistoric pottery, as well as animal bone. Sample 10 taken from fill 4210 contained very low quantities of charcoal fragments.
- 5.58 The asymmetrical profile of ditches 4203 and 4207 and the steepness of their presumed 'internal' sides, suggests an internal bank or barrier within Enclosure 2. Ditches 4203 and 4207 corresponded with a curvilinear geophysical anomaly, interpreted as a probable enclosure (Enclosure 2).

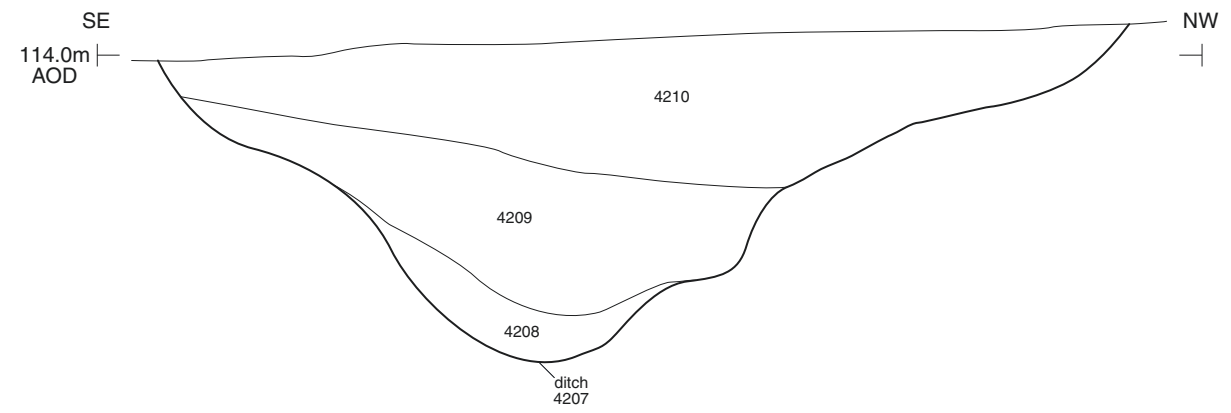
**Trenches 44 and 45 (Figs 2 & 10)**

- 5.59 Trenches 44 and 45 targeted a weak geophysical anomaly of probable archaeological origin, however, the features targeted by the trenches were not identified.

Section II



Section JJ



Ditch 4203, looking north (1m scale)



Ditch 4207, looking south (2m scale)



**Trench 47 (Figs 2 & 10)**

- 5.60 Trench 47 was targeted on part of the eastern circuit of a curvilinear enclosure (Enclosure 2) depicted on the geophysical survey. No features were identified within the area of the geophysical anomaly and the trench may have been positioned over a gap or entranceway within the feature.

**Trench 51 (Fig. 2 Plate 10)**

- 5.61 North-east/south-west orientated ditch 5102 was located towards the northern end of the trench (Plate 10). It measured 0.67m wide by 0.4m deep, with moderately sloping sides and a rounded base. No finds were recovered from its light brown grey clayey silt fill (5104), likely deposited by natural silting.



Plate 10 Ditch 5102, looking east (1m scale)

**Trench 57 (Figs 2 & 4)**

- 5.62 The position of Trench 57 was revised in order to investigate whether pit 3308 continued further to the north-east; however, the continuation of pit 3308 was not identified within Trench 57.

**Trench 58 (Fig. 2 & Plates 11 & 12)**

- 5.63 North-west/south-east orientated ditch 5804 was observed cutting a furrow towards the centre of the trench (Plate 11). It measured 1.13m wide and 0.3m deep with moderately sloping sides and a broadly flat base. A ceramic land drain was inserted into the ditch when it was at least partially extant, suggesting a post-medieval date for the feature. No further finds were recovered from its mid brown grey silty clay fill (5805).



Plate 11 Ditch 5804, looking south-east (1m scale)

- 5.64 A likely modern, sub-rectangular pit (5810), was located towards the southern end of the trench (Plate 12). It measured 2.2m long, 0.52m wide and 0.59m deep. The pit was filled by mottled mid blue grey clay 5811, indicative of rapid infilling and by mid blue grey silty clay 5812, also representative of deliberate backfilling. Both fills were devoid of artefactual material.



Plate 12 Pit 5810, looking north-west (0.3m scale)

***Trench 59 (Fig. 2 & Plate 13)***

- 5.65 Located towards the northern end of the trench was north-east/south-west orientated ditch 5908 (Plate 13). It measured 2.4m long, 0.43m wide and 0.16m deep, with moderately sloping sides and a concave base. No finds were recovered from its grey brown firm silty clay (5909).



Plate 13 Ditch 5908, looking north-east (0.3m scale)

- 5.66 Located towards the middle of the trench was ditch 5910. Similar in nature to ditch 5803, containing an inserted ceramic land drain within its single mid-orange brown silty clay fill (5911) from which no further finds were recovered.



## 6. THE FINDS

- 6.1 The artefactual material is recorded from 19 deposits; the fill of pits, furrows and ditches (Appendix B). The material was recovered by hand.

### **Pottery**

- 6.2 The pottery recovered from the evaluation is recorded in Appendix B and discussed below. Recording of the finds' assemblage was direct to an Excel spreadsheet; this now forms the basis of Appendix B (Table 1). The pottery was examined by context, using a x40 hand lens and quantified according to sherd count and weight per fabric type. The fabrics are described in Appendix B (Table 2) in accordance with the Historic England guidelines (Barclay *et al.* 2016), and the Prehistoric Ceramics Research Group Guidelines (PCRG 2010).

- 6.3 The assemblage comprises 102 sherds (958g) of pottery recorded from the fills of pits, furrows and ditches. The condition of the assemblage is poor; most surfaces and fractures have been subjected to abrasion and in some cases this has been heavy. The mean sherd weight is average for a largely late prehistoric assemblage (9.5g).

### **Late prehistoric**

- 6.4 A total of 100 sherds (866g) of handmade pottery can be dated to the late prehistoric period. Ditch fill 3310 produced the rim of a slack-shouldered jar made in sandy fabric (Q). A second slack-shouldered jar (Q) with fingertip rim decoration and scoring on the body is recorded from ditch fill 1205. Both of these vessels have comparisons with material excavated from Grove Farm, Enderby, where similar slack shouldered vessels have been dated to between 175BC and AD20 (Elsdon 1992a, 45, fig.26, no.17). A small plain upright rim sherd made in grog tempered fabric (GR1) is also recorded from ditch fill 1205, although not enough of the profile survives to be able to date this sherd closely. A slack-shouldered jar made in a quartzite-tempered fabric (QZ) is recorded from ditch fill 1604. Again, a similar vessel recovered from Grove farm has been allocated a date of the mid-late 1st century BC (*ibid.* 46, fig.27, no.33). Ditch fill 2206 produced two sherds of granodiorite-tempered pottery (GD) decorated with deep scoring, following the East Midlands Scored ware tradition. This style of decoration is known to have a date range the 4th century BC to 1st century AD (Elsdon 1992b, 89). A globular jar with a square rim and vertical scoring decoration is noted from pit fill 4008. It has been

made in a coarse grog tempered fabric (GR2) and for this reason is likely to be a Late Iron Age example of East Midlands Scored ware. Similar scored wares made in sandy fabrics at Wanlip have been dated to between the Middle and Late Iron Age (Beamish 1998, 61, fig.28, no.56c). Fabrics with grog (GR1), sand and organic (QV), shelly grog (SHGR), grog and calcareous (GRC) and shell-tempered fabrics (SH) are all recorded from the site; however, none have produced any diagnostic forms or decorations.

### ***Post-medieval***

- 6.5 One sherd (77g) of Cistercian-type ware (CIST) dating to the 16th century is recorded from furrow 6009. Furrow fill 2004 produced one sherd (15g) of North Midlands earthenware (NMEW) with an interior purple glaze. North Midlands earthenware can be dated to between the 17th to 20th centuries AD.

### ***Summary***

- 6.6 The pottery evidence suggests that the bulk of the activity at the site took place during the late prehistoric period, chiefly between the Middle and Late Iron Age. The assemblage is domestic in nature, with slack-shouldered jars the only recognisable forms. The pottery is most likely of local production with granodiorite common in a number of sherds. This type of inclusion is common in fabrics made in the Leicestershire area during the late prehistoric period. The post-medieval ceramics are both recorded from furrows suggesting that agricultural activity took place at the site during this later period.

### ***Fired clay***

- 6.7 Two very small fragments (2g) of fired clay are recorded from ditch fill 1205 and pit fill 3906. They are made in fine sandy fabrics (fs), the latter with inclusions of clay pellets (fscp). These may be heavily abraded sherds of pottery, but due to their poor condition, it has not been possible to identify them with any certainty. There are no marks or impressions on either fragment.

### ***Worked stone***

- 6.8 A possible fragment of saddle quern (2845g) is derived from ditch fill 4205. The fragment has been made of sandstone, possible local to the Leicestershire area. The use of similar material for quern stones is noted at Wanlip (Beamish 1998, 62). The fragment is sub-rectangular in section and has a wide and smoothed convex

surface on one side. The opposite side is irregular. The use of saddle querns is known during the Iron Age from sites across Britain.

### ***Metalwork***

- 6.9 A post-medieval iron horseshoe (748g) is recorded from ditch fill 2304. The object is large (c. 170mm long x 155mm wide) and although encrusted and corroded, is in reasonably good condition.



## 7. THE BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE

### ***Animal Bone***

- 7.1 Animal bone amounting to 90 fragments (986g) was recovered via hand excavation and bulk soil sampling, from the fills of thirteen ditch and pit features. Artefactual material dating broadly to the Late Prehistoric/Middle to Late Iron Age and the post-medieval periods was also recovered (See Table 3, Appendix C). The material was highly fragmented and poorly preserved, rendering 79% of the assemblage unidentifiable to species level. However, it was possible to confirm the presence of cattle (*Bos taurus*), sheep/goat (*Ovis aries/Capra hircus*) and horse (*Equus caballus*).

### ***Late Prehistoric/Iron Age***

- 7.2 A total of 54 fragments (668g) were recovered from ten deposits. As stated, the remains of cattle, sheep/goat and horse were recovered. Each species was identified from the more robust and relatively meat-poor skeletal elements, such as the mandible, molar teeth and bones of the lower limbs. There was no evidence of butchery observed. The combination of low recovery and poor preservation limits the interpretation to species identification; however, each species was a common domestic animal and as such is to be expected in assemblages of this period.

### ***Undated***

- 7.3 A total of 36 fragments (318g) were recovered from six deposits. The condition of the bone matched that of the late prehistoric/Iron Age assemblage with a limited amount of cattle, sheep/goat and horse bone identified. No butchery marks were present.

### ***Plant Macrofossils***

- 7.4 A series of 11 environmental samples (188 litres of soil) were processed from evaluation trenches across the site; trenches 11, 13, 15, 16, 39, 40, and 41. The processing of these samples was done in order to evaluate the preservation of palaeoenvironmental remains across the area and with the intention of recovering environmental evidence of domestic or industrial activity on the site. It was hoped that the environmental assemblages might also assist in determining the date of the individual features. The samples were processed by standard flotation procedures (CA Technical Manual No. 2).



- 7.5 Preliminary identifications of plant macrofossils are noted in Table 4 for charred material, following nomenclature of Stace (1997) for wild plants, and traditional nomenclature, as provided by Zohary *et al* (2012) for cereals. The presence of shells has also been recorded within Table 4. Nomenclature is according to Anderson (2005) and habitat preferences according to Kerney (1999) and Davies (2008).

### **Late Prehistoric**

#### **Trench 13**

- 7.6 Fill 1308 (Sample 5) of ditch 1305 contained no charred plant remains and only a moderately low quantity of charcoal fragments greater than 2mm in size which also included twig wood charcoal.

#### **Trench 39**

- 7.7 Fill 3906 (Sample 2) of pit 3905 contained very low quantities of indeterminate cereal grains and moderate quantities of charcoal fragments greater than 2mm in size. The preservation level of this sample was very poor so further species identification of the cereal grains and wood charcoal could not take place.

- 7.8 These assemblages are likely to be representative of wind-blown/dispersed material and do not provide any evidence that industrial or domestic activities were taking place within the nearby vicinity of these features during this period.

### **Late Iron Age**

#### **Trench 15**

- 7.9 Sample 6, fill 1503, of ditch 1502 contained no charred plant remains and only moderately low quantities of charcoal fragments greater than 2mm in size.

#### **Trench 16**

- 7.10 Ditch 1606 (Sample 11, fill 1607) contained no charred plant remains and only very low quantities of charcoal fragments greater than 2mm.

#### **Trench 40**

- 7.11 Fill 4008 (Sample 9) of pit 4007 contained no charred plant remains and only a very small number of charcoal fragments greater than 2mm in size. Mollusc shell was recorded in small numbers as belonging to the aquatic snail species *Anisus leucostoma* which is habitual to areas of occasional flooding and desiccation.

**Trench 42**

- 7.12 Ditch 4207 (Sample 3, fill 4210) contained no charred plant remains and only very low quantities of charcoal fragments greater than 2mm.
- 7.13 These assemblages are likely to be representative of wind-blown/dispersed material and do not provide any indication of specific activities taking place on site.

**Modern****Trench 11**

- 7.14 Fill 1106 (Sample 10) of ditch 1105 contained no charred plant remains or charcoal. Moderately high numbers of snail shells were present which included the terrestrial open country species *Vallonia* sp., the intermediate species *Trochulus hispidus*, and the shade-loving species *Carychium tridentatum* and *Ena/Merdigera* sp.. A small number of aquatic snail shells belonging to *Galba truncatula* were also recorded from within the assemblage. A large number of uncharred modern weed seeds were recovered from within the sample.

**Undated****Trench 15**

- 7.15 Fill 1505 of ditch 1504 (Sample 7) contained no charred plant remains and only moderately low quantities of charcoal fragments greater than 2mm in size. The charcoal is heavily silt impregnated, so further wood species identification did not take place.
- 7.16 Fill 1510 of ditch 1508 (Sample 8) contained very low quantities of charred cabbage (*Brassica* sp.) seeds. A small number of charcoal fragments greater than 2mm in size were recorded during assessment.

**Trench 39**

- 7.17 Ditch 3903 (Sample 1, fill 3904) contained only a very small number of charred goosefoot (*Chenopodium* sp.) seeds and moderately low quantities of charcoal fragments larger than 2mm in size. Moderately low quantities of shell the terrestrial open country snail species *Vallonia* sp. was also noted during assessment.

**Trench 41**

- 7.18 Fill 4103 (Sample 4) of ditch 4102 contained very low quantities of charred indeterminate cereal grains alongside very low numbers of glume and rachis

fragments. Due to the poor preservation levels further species identification on the glume fragments and indeterminate cereal grains could not occur. No other charred plant remains were recovered, however, moderately large quantities of charcoal fragments greater than 2mm were noted. The charcoal fragments are silt impregnated so further wood species identification could not take place.

- 7.19 These assemblages are likely to be representative of wind-blown/dispersed material and do not provide any insight into the activities taking place on site or what the possible date of these features might be.

### **Summary**

- 7.20 The environmental assemblages discussed above provide no insight into the nature of any activities taking place within this area of the site. There is no evidence of industrial activity taking place and there is no evidence to provide the undated features with a possible date.



## 8. DISCUSSION

- 8.1 The evaluation identified archaeological remains across the site, with a higher concentration of findings within the western and south-western parts of the site. Although a number of these features remained undated artefactually, they can, for the most part, be attributed to one of two broad periods; the Middle to Late Iron Age or medieval to modern, based on pottery dating, cartographic sources, morphology and spatial relationships.
- 8.2 The results of the evaluation correlated well with the preceding geophysical survey, which identified a number of anomalies representing potential archaeological features; which comprised curvilinear, linear and discrete anomalies, indicative of prehistoric settlement activity in the form of enclosures, ring gullies and pits, along with further linear anomalies indicative of medieval and modern ploughing.
- 8.3 Despite the potential for worked flint of Mesolithic to Bronze Age date to be present within the site, as evidenced from nearby findspots to the immediate south-west of the site (LHER No: MLE9270; NGR: SP 627 987) and to the south-east of the site at Beauchamp College (ELE 8634), no similar material was recovered during the present evaluation. The artefactual evidence recovered during the evaluation suggests that permanent settlement occurred within the south-western area of the site during the Middle to Late Iron Age. The Middle to Late Iron Age evidence comprised enclosure and boundary ditches, pits, house ring gullies and other settlement features. Features associated with medieval and post-medieval agricultural land use were also recorded. A field boundary containing medieval pottery and the ploughed-out remnants of medieval ridge and furrow, the remains of the open field system that once surrounded the settlement at Oadby were recorded in Trenches 1, 4, 6-9, 11, 14, 16, 18-21, 24-29, 31, 33, 35-40, 43, 44, 46-56 and 28-60.
- 8.4 No archaeological features or deposits were identified within Trenches 2, 3, 7, 10, 32, 45 and 47.

### ***Middle to Late Iron Age (400 BC to AD 43)***

- 8.5 The evaluation has identified clear evidence for activity during the Middle to Late Iron Age, with evidence for settlement at this time concentrated within the south-western part of the site.

- 8.6 The artefactual evidence suggests that permanent settlement within the current evaluation area occurred during the Middle to Late Iron Age. The quantity and range of material culture across the site was small and included few items of personal use and dress, building material, or domestic/agricultural technology as are commonly found on rural sites in lowland England. However, this lack of finds may be due to the sample size.
- 8.7 The pattern of ditches, as revealed by the geophysical survey, reveals the presence of two small settlements, comprising seemingly unenclosed house ring gullies and small enclosures. The small enclosures did not contain any identifiable internal features and may have acted as small paddocks for domestic stock rather than the focus of habitation. However, although the smaller enclosures were without internal features, several external pits and ring gullies are suggestive of unenclosed settlement.

#### ***Enclosure 1***

- 8.8 Trapezoidal Enclosure 1 was located towards the western side of the site and was identified within Trenches 13, 16, 17 and 22, with ditches 1305, 1603, 1702, and 2202 representing the northern (1603), eastern (1702 and 2202) and western (135) sides of the enclosure. The enclosure measured 67m in length and 33m in width, with a possible entranceway, measuring approximately 2.5m wide, indicated by a gap shown on the geophysical survey at its northern corner. Artefactual evidence recovered from ditch 1303 indicates a Middle to Late Iron Age date for the enclosure. The geophysical survey indicated an internal sub-division within the enclosure, the presence of which was confirmed by the excavation of ditch 1606, within Trench 16. A c. 2.8m gap between the south-western end of this ditch and the western side of the enclosure may have formed a routeway between the southern and northern portions of the enclosure. Similar Middle to Late Iron Age pottery was recovered from this feature.

#### ***Enclosure 2***

- 8.9 The evaluation confirmed the presence of a second ditched enclosure, which measured 29m, north-east/south-west and 20m, north-west/south-east, enclosing an area of 484m<sup>2</sup>. The enclosure had been identified through geophysical survey (Magnitude Surveys 2019) and was targeted by Trenches 42 and 47. The north-western and south-eastern sides of the enclosure ditch were identified in Trench 42, measuring between 0.71m and 0.87m in width and between 1.74m and 2.56m in

depth. However, the ditch was not observed in Trench 47. At least six gaps are recorded within the circumference of the enclosure ditch, some which may indicate access points into the enclosure. One of these gaps broadly coincides with the position of Trench 47 and may account for the feature not being present in this trench. It is not clear whether all the entrances were real or contemporaneous.

- 8.10 Based on morphology the geophysical anomaly was interpreted as being the remains of a Romano-British enclosure. The apparent absence of any recognizable activity within its interior might suggest the sites use was temporary, or more likely indicates its agrarian nature, however the asymmetrical profile of ditches 4203 and 4207 and the steepness of their presumed 'internal' sides, suggests an internal bank or barrier. This is more suggestive of a defensive enclosure, rather than a stock pen, which presumably would have had an external bank.

### ***Ring Gullies***

- 8.11 The geophysical survey identified a series of penannular anomalies interpreted as probable eaves drip gullies. These ditches were investigated within Trenches 12, 15, 21, 37.
- 8.12 Trench 15 targeted two roundhouses located within the west of the area. Evaluation confirmed the presence of both ring gullies (1502/1508 and 1504/1506). Ring gully 1502/1508 had an approximate internal diameter of 12m and contained late prehistoric pottery within section 1502. Ring gully 1504 and 1506 was approximately 8m in diameter, with a possible c. 3m wide entranceway at its eastern side, as indicated by the geophysical survey. Similar Middle to Late Iron Age pottery was recovered from this feature.
- 8.13 Located approximately 25m to the south-west, Trench 12 targeted a penannular anomaly with a projected internal diameter of approximately 10m. The evaluation confirmed the presence of the ring gully (1203 and 1211), which contained Middle to Late Iron Age pottery. A c. 3.8m wide gap was identified on the eastern side of the geophysical anomaly, possibly representing an entranceway.
- 8.14 Trench 21 targeted the southernmost of the identified roundhouses, which confirmed the presence of the ring gully (2103); however, only the northernmost arc of the feature was identified. No pottery was identified from this feature, but it is considered

to be contemporary with the identified Middle to Late Iron Age settlement based on morphological characteristics and proximity to similar positively dated features.

- 8.15 The evaluation confirmed the presence of a fourth ring gully, located at the north-west end of Trench 41. It measured up to 11.5m in diameter.
- 8.16 The penannular gullies identified are interpreted as representing eaves drip gullies for Iron Age roundhouses. Typical diameters of house ring gullies from the mid to Late Iron Age period are approximately 7 to 12m, which fits within the range of excavated examples on site. The trenches did not identify any postholes within the areas delineated by the ring gullies. It has been suggested that similar excavated features represent buildings of either mass wall (e.g. cob) or ground beam construction. (e.g. Palmer 2002).

### ***Boundary ditch***

- 8.17 Located to the north-west of Enclosure 2, was a north-east/south-west orientated boundary ditch targeted by Trenches 38, 39 and 40. It measured 148m long, up to 4.2m wide and, where excavated, was up to 0.72m deep. It was partially recut along its length, to a depth of 0.94m.
- 8.18 Pit 3905 recorded in Trench 39 and pit 4007 recorded within Trench 40 indicate that late prehistoric activity continued beyond the focus of the two settlement areas, along the line of the large boundary ditch. A further isolated pit (3308) containing pottery of Middle to Late Iron Age date was identified in Trench 33. With the exception of Trenches 33, 39 and 40, no further Middle to Late Iron Age settlement activity was seen outside of Trenches 12, 13, 15-17, 21, 22, 25 and 37-42, indicating that the focus of Middle to Late Iron Age activity was limited to a relatively small area.

### ***Summary***

- 8.19 The artefactual evidence suggests that the main focus of activity at the site was during the late prehistoric period, most likely commencing during the Middle Iron Age and continuing into the Late Iron Age.
- 8.20 The Middle to Late Iron Age assemblage is domestic in nature, with the majority of the material local in origin. The range of material culture across the site was small, with no items of personal use and dress, or domestic/agricultural technology as are

commonly found on rural sites in lowland England were recovered. The mean sherd weight is average for a largely late prehistoric assemblage.

- 8.21 The environmental assemblages provide no insight into the nature of any activities taking place within the site during the Middle to Late Iron Age and no meaningful interpretation of the palaeoeconomy can be ascertained from the remains sampled at this stage.
- 8.22 A small collection of bones of domestic animals was recovered. Where the species could be determined, cattle, sheep/goat and horse were all identified from relatively meat-poor skeletal elements, as well as isolated teeth, with no evidence for chop or cut marks relating to butchery practice. The recovery of identifiable remains was too low to make any inference beyond some species identification. Where species identification was possible they represented commonly exploited domestic animals in this period, so their presence in a late prehistoric assemblage is to be expected. The overall assemblage is not untypical of occupation of a small-scale domestic rural settlement.
- 8.23 There is varied evidence for Middle to Late Iron Age settlement within the wider region. Excavation to the immediate north-east of the site identified a ditch, containing Middle to Late Iron Age pottery. Two similar, but undated, ditches were also recorded, suggesting elements of field systems associated with the putative settlement were present.

#### ***Medieval to modern (1066 to present)***

- 8.24 The evaluation identified a series of furrows orientated north-west/south-east. These represent partial elements of the former open field system and indicate that the area was used as arable land during the medieval period. Dating evidence was recovered from some of these features, with dates ranging from the 16th to 20th century. A medieval date for the initial construction of the earthworks is likely, based on their morphology, as depicted on the geophysical survey, which shows a reversed S-shaped curve evident in their alignment and the spacing of the selions (individual strips) (Taylor 1975, 82; Rackham 1986, 167-9). The relatively uniform orientation of the furrows as depicted on the geophysical survey is taken to indicate that the site was part of a single open field. The presence of furrows across the site indicates that the site formed part of the agricultural hinterland of Oadby during the medieval period.



- 8.25 A field boundary, orientated north-west/south-east in line with the ridge and furrow field system across site, was identified in Trenches 11, 23 and 30. This boundary is depicted on the 1886 Ordnance Survey Map. Post-medieval dating material was recovered from this feature.
- 8.26 A north-east/south-west orientated field boundary recorded in Trenches 25 and 34 coincides with a boundary depicted on the Ordnance Survey Map of 1886.
- 8.27 Ditches 5803 and 5910, both containing ceramic land drains are likely post-medieval in date, representing boundary and/or drainage features.

### ***Undated***

- 8.28 Ditch 1208, although undated artefactually is likely to belong to the post-medieval period based on morphological characteristics.
- 8.29 A further three undated ditches were identified within the site (1107, 5102 and 5908), which could not be attributed to any other identified periods of activity. However, it is probable that these ditches were contemporary with either the identified Iron Age and/or post-medieval activity.
- 8.30 In addition, pit 5810, identified in Trench 58 could not be attributed to any of the identified periods of activity and remains undated.

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## APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

Trench No	Context No	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	Length (M)	Width (M)	Depth (M)	Spot Date
1	100	Layer	-	Topsoil	Mid grey brown, silt, rare small-med sub rounded stone	35	1.8	0.3	
1	101	Layer	-	Subsoil	Mid orange brown, silt clay	35	1.8	0.45	
1	102	Layer	-	Natural	Mid blue grey silt clay, with mottled mid orange brown sand clay	35	1.8	>0.75	
1	103	Cut	-	Cut of Furrow	Unexcavated-Running NW/SE	>2.3	1.45	-	
1	104	Fill	103	Fill of Furrow	Mid orange brown silt clay, occasional small and medium sub rounded and sub angular stones and occasional charcoal flecks	>2.3	1.45	-	
1	105	Cut	-	Cut of Furrow	Unexcavated-Running NW/SE	>2.1	1.45	-	
1	106	Fill	105	Fill of Furrow	Mid orange brown silt clay, occasional small and medium sub rounded and sub angular stones and occasional charcoal flecks	>2.1	1.45	-	
2	200	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silt, occasional sub rounded stone inclusions	37	1.8	0.34	
2	201	Layer		Subsoil	Mid orange	37	1.8	0.20	

					brown silt clay				
2	202	Layer		Natural	Mottled mid blue grey clay with patches of mid orange sand clay, frequent small-med sub rounded stone inclusions	37	1.8	>0.54	
3	300	Layer	-	Topsoil	Mid grey brown silt, rare sub rounded medium stone inclusions	50	1.8	0.27	
3	301	Layer	-	Subsoil	Mid orange brown clay silt, occasional medium sub rounded and sub angular stone inclusions	50	1.8	0.2	
3	302	Layer	-	Natural	Mottled mid blue grey silt clay with orange brown sand clay	50	1.8	>0.47	
4	400	Layer	-	Topsoil	Mid grey brown silt, rare sub rounded stone inclusion	50	1.8	0.26	
4	401	Layer	-	Subsoil	Mid orange brown clay silt, rare sub rounded and sub angular stone inclusion	50	1.8	0.17	
4	402	Layer	-	Natural	Mid grey brown, silt clay, frequent small-medium stone inclusions	50	1.8	>0.43	
4	403	Cut	-	Cut of Furrow	NW-SE running - unexcavated	>1.8	>1	-	
4	404	Fill	403	Fill of Furrow	Mid orange brown, silt clay, rare stone inclusion	>1.8	>1	-	

5	500	Layer	-	Topsoil	Mid grey brown, friable sand clay with mod sub round/angular pebbles and occasional cobble	50	1.8	0.38	
5	501	Layer	-	Subsoil	Mid orange brown sand clay, mod compact with occasional rub round angular pebble	50	1.8	0.2	
5	502	Layer	-	Natural	Mid orange brown with blue orange mod compact sand clay and frequent mixed pebbles and cobbles	50	1.8	>0.58	
5	503	Cut	-	Cut of Furrow	NW-SE running - unexcavated	>2.1	0.75	-	
5	504	Fill	503	Fill of Furrow	Mid orange brown clay silt, occasional small- med sub rounded and angular stones with occasional charcoal flecks	>2.1	0.75	-	
5	505	Cut	-	Cut of Furrow	NW-SE running - unexcavated	>2.3	1.2	-	
5	506	Fill	505	Fill of Furrow	Mid orange brown clay silt, occasional small- med sub rounded and angular stones with occasional charcoal flecks	>2.3	1.2	-	
6	600	Layer	-	Topsoil	Mid grey brown silt, rare medium sized sub rounded stone	28	1.8	0.2	

					inclusions				
6	601	Layer	-	Subsoil	Mid orange brown clayey silt	28	1.8	0.36	
6	602	Layer	-	Natural	Mottled mid grey brown clay with orange sandy silt and flecks of blue grey clay	28	1.8	>0.56	
6	603	Cut	-	Cut of Furrow	Running NW-SE unexcavated	>2.4	1.2	-	
6	604	Fill	603	Fill of Furrow	Mid orange brown clay silt, occasional small and sub rounded/angular stone inclusions with occasional charcoal flecks	>2.4	1.2	-	
6	605	Cut	-	Cut of Furrow	Running NW-SE unexcavated	>2.7	1.5	-	
6	606	Fill	605	Fill of Furrow	Mid orange brown clay silt, occasional small and sub rounded/angular stone inclusions with occasional charcoal flecks	>2.7	1.5	-	
7	700	Layer	-	Topsoil	Mid grey brown silt, rare sub rounded stone inclusions	45	1.8	0.45	
7	701	Layer	-	Subsoil	Mid orangey brown, silt clay with frequent flacks of stone, medium sized sub rounded and sub angular stone inclusions	45	1.8	0.1	
7	702	Layer	-	Natural	Light grey	45	1.8	>0.55	

					brown silt clay, with patches of stone medium sub rounded and angular inclusions				
8	800	Layer	-	Topsoil	Mid-dark grey brown, friable sand clay with moderate sub rounded and angular pebbles	50	1.8	0.25	
8	801	Layer	-	Natural	Mottled grey brown with blue orange, mod compact sand clay with frequent sub angular and sub rounded pebbles and cobbles and some chalk	50	1.8	>0.25	
8	802	Cut	-	Cut of Furrow	Unexcavated	2	1.9	-	
8	803	Fill	802	Fill of Furrow	Mid orange brown, silt clay, frequent small sub angular inclusions	2	1.9	-	
8	804	Cut	-	Cut of Furrow	Unexcavated	2	1.6	-	
8	805	Fill	804	Fill of Furrow	Mid orange brown, silt clay, frequent small sub angular inclusions	2	1.6	-	
8	806	Cut	-	Cut of Furrow	Unexcavated	2	1.9	-	
8	807	Fill	806	Fill of Furrow	Mid orange brown, silt clay, frequent small sub angular inclusions	2	1.9	-	
8	808	Cut	-	Cut of	Running NW-	2	1.6	-	



				Furrow	SE Unexcavated				
8	809	Fill	808	Fill of Furrow	Mid orange brown, silt clay, frequent small sub angular inclusions	2	1.6	-	
9	900	Layer	-	Topsoil	Mid grey brown, sand clay with moderate sub rounded pebbles	50	1.8	0.25	
9	901	Layer	-	Subsoil	Only towards North end- mid orange brown, moderately compact sand clay with occasional sub rounded and angular pebbles	50	1.8	0.25	
9	902	Layer	-	Natural	Mid grey brown with orange and blue. Moderately compact sandy clay, frequent sub angular pebbles and cobbles with occasional chalk	50	1.8	>0.5	
9	903	Cut	-	Cut of Furrow	Running NW- SE Unexcavated	50	>1	0.25	
9	904	Fill	903	Fill of Furrow	Mid orange brown, silt clay	50	>1	0.25	
9	905	Cut	-	Cut of Furrow	Running NW- SE Unexcavated	50	1.6	>0.5	
9	906	Fill	905	Fill of Furrow	Mid orange brown, silt clay	2	1.6	-	
9	907	Cut	-	Cut of Furrow	Running NW- SE Unexcavated	2	2	-	

9	908	Fill	907	Fill of Furrow	Mid orange brown, silt clay	2	2	-	
9	909	Cut	-	Cut of Furrow	Running NW-SE Unexcavated	2	1.9	-	
9	910	Fill	909	Fill of Furrow	Mid orange brown, silt clay	2	1.9	-	
10	1000	Layer	-	Topsoil	Mid grey brown, friable sand silt with occasional sub round and angular pebbles	43	1.8	0.26	
10	1001	Layer	-	Subsoil	Mid orange brown sand clay, mod compact with occasional sub round cobbles and pebbles	43	1.8	0.2	
10	1002	Layer	-	Natural	Mid grey brown, with blue and orange mod compact sand clay with frequent sub round and sub angular pebbles with occasional chalk	43	1.8	>0.46	
11	1100	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silt, with occasional small rounded stone inclusions	43	1.8	0.11	
11	1101	Layer		Subsoil	Mid orange brown clay silt with occasional rounded and sub angular stone inclusions	43	1.8	0.13	
11	1102	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown silty	43	1.8	-	

					clay with blue grey patches of blue grey clay, occasional sub rounded inclusions				
11	1103	Cut		Cut of Furrow	With rounded gentle slope and a concave break of slope to flat base	>1m	2.79	0.15	
11	1104	Fill	1103	Fill	Light yellow brown, silt clay firm with occasional sub angular small flints	>1	2.79	0.15	
11	1105	Cut	-	Cut of Boundary ditch	Rounded moderate slope, concave break of slops with unexcavated base.	>1	1.82	>71	
11	1106	Fill	1105	Fill of Boundary Ditch	Dark brown grey, silty clay, firm with occasional sub rounded small-medium stones	>1	1.82	>71	
11	1107	Cut	-	Cut of Gully	Runs NW-SE with concave sides and base	>1	0.39	0.13	
11	1108	Fill	1107	Fill of Gully	Mid yellow brown silt clay, friable with occasional sub rounded small flint	>1	0.39	0.13	
11	1109	Layer	-	Alluvium	Mid yellow brown, silt clay, appears in patches across the trench	50	1.8	0.28	
11	1110	Cut	-	Cut of Furrow	Unexcavated – NW-SE	>1.8	2		
11	1111	Fill	1110	Fill of Furrow	Light yellow brown, silt clay	>1.8	2		

					firm with occasional sub angular small flints				
11	1112	Cut	-	Cut of Furrow	Unexcavated – NW-SE	>1.8	1.6		
11	1113	Fill	1112	Fill of Furrow	Light yellow brown, silt clay firm with occasional sub angular small flints	>1.8	1.6		
12	1200	Layer	-	Topsoil	Mid grey brown silt, rare small sub angular stone inclusions	50	1.8	0.25	
12	1201	Layer	-	Subsoil	Mid orange brown clay silt with occasional small – medium stone inclusions	50	1.8	0.2	
12	1202	Layer	-	Natural	Mottled mid orange brown and mid blue grey silt clay with occasional small rounded stone inclusions	50	1.8	>0.45	
12	1203	Cut	-	Cut of curvilinear ditch	Rounded steep sides and a concave base	>1	1.88	0.56	
12	1204	Fill	1203	Fill of curvilinear ditch	Mid yellow grey, silt clay, firm with small frequent sub angular stones and manganese	>1	1.88	0.13	
12	1205	Fill	1203	Fill of ditch	Mid brown grey silt clay, firm with 3% small sub angular stone inclusions	>1	1.88	0.56	LIA
12	1206	Cut	-	Cut of	Rounded,	>1	1.88	0.56	

				possible gully	moderate slope and concave base				
12	1207	Fill	1206	Fill of possible gully	Mid yellow grey, silt clay, firm with sub rounded occasional stone	>1	0.49	0.19	
12	1208	Cut	-	Cut of ditch	NE-SW running ditch rounded steep slope and concave base	>1	0.51	0.23	
12	1209	Fill	1208	Lower fill of ditch	Mid yellow grey. Silt clay, firm with occasional sub angular flint	>1	0.08	0.23	
12	1210	Fill	1208	Fill of ditch	Mid brown grey, silt clay, firm with occasional small sub rounded flint	>1	0.43	0.23	
12	1211	Cut	-	Cut of ditch	E-W aligned ditch, with rounded steep sides and a concave base - unexcavated	>1	1.88	-	
12	1212	Fill	1211	Fill of ditch	Mid brown grey silt clay, firm with 3% small sub angular stone inclusions	>1	1.88	-	
13	1300	Layer	-	Topsoil	Mid grey brown silt, occasional sub rounded stone inclusions	50	1.8	0.35	
13	1301	Layer	-	Subsoil	Mid orange brown clay silt with rare small stone inclusions	50	1.8	0.25	
13	1302	Layer	-	Natural	Mid orange brow silt clay with	50	1.8	>0.6	

					occasional small – medium sub rounded stones inclusions				
13	1303	Cut	-	Cut of tree throw	Sub oval, irregular, rounded, gentle on SW side and moderate on NE	0.51	0.64	0.12	
13	1304	Fill	1303	Fill of tree throw	Light yellow blue, silt clay, firm with occasional sub angular stones	0.51	0.64	0.12	
13	1305	Cut	-	Cut of ditch	Cut of Boundary ditch, runs on an E-W alignment, steep, concave sides and base	>1	1.68	0.79	
13	1306	Fill	1305	Lower fill of ditch	Light yellow blue brown silt clay, firm with occasional medium sub angular stone inclusions	>1	1.34	0.79	
13	1307	Fill	1305	Middle fill of ditch	Mid yellow grey, silt clay, firm with occasional large, sub rounded stone inclusions	>1	1.47	0.24	
13	1308	Fill	1305	Upper fill of ditch	Mid brown grey, silt clay with occasional sub angular stone inclusions	>1	1.68	0.41	LATE PRE HISTORIC
14	1400	Layer	-	Topsoil	Mid grey brown, friable sand clay with moderate sub rounded and	50	1.8	0.3	

					angular stone inclusions				
14	1401	Layer	-	Subsoil	Mid orang brown sandy clay with moderately compact and moderate sub rounded gravels	50	1.8	0.29	
14	1402	Layer	-	Natural	Mid brown grey with orange patches, moderately compact sand clay with chalk and sub angular stone inclusions	50	1.8	>0.59	
14	1403	Cut	-	Cut of Furrow	Running NW-SE unexcavated	>1.8	1	-	
14	1404	Fill	1403	Fill of Furrow	Mid orange brown, clay silt occasional small and medium sub rounded and angular stone inclusions and occasional charcoal flecks	>1.8	1	-	
14	1405	Cut	-	Cut of Furrow	Running NW-SE unexcavated	>1.8	1.4	-	
14	1406	Fill	1405	Fill of Furrow	Mid orange brown, clay silt occasional small and medium sub rounded and angular stone inclusions and occasional charcoal flecks	>1.8	1.4	-	
14	1407	Cut	-	Cut of Furrow	Running NW-SE unexcavated	>1.8	1.3	-	
14	1408	Fill	1407	Fill of	Mid orange	>1.8	1.3	-	

				Furrow	brown, clay silt occasional small and medium sub rounded and angular stone inclusions and occasional charcoal flecks				
15	1500	Layer	-	Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable sand silt with occasional sub round angular stone inclusion	20	1.8	0.41	
15	1501	Layer	-	Natural	Mid grey brown, patches of blue grey sand clay, moderate compact, with frequent sub rounded and angular stone inclusions	20	1.8	>0.41	
15	1502	Cut	-	Cut of curvilinear	Moderate concave sides and concave base and break of slope. NW – SE running	>2.05	0.88	0.33	
15	1503	Fill	1502	Fill of Curvilinear	Mottled mid brown grey clay with reddish orange silt, occasional small – large sub rounded stones and moderate charcoal flecks	>2.05	0.88	0.33	LATE PRE HISTO RIC
15	1504	Cut	-	Cut of curvilinear	Irregular, moderate, gentle to the W, moderate to the east, concave base	>2.5	0.7	0.25	
15	1505	Fill	1504	Fill of Curvilinear	Mottled mid brown grey clay with mid	>2.5	0.7	0.25	



					red orange silt, occasional small-large pebbled inclusions, firm				
15	1506	Cut	-	Cut of Curvilinear	Unexcavated	>2.05	1.2	-	
15	1507	Fill	1506	Fill of Curvilinear	Mottled mid brown grey clay with red brown silt, small-large sub rounded stones, moderate charcoal flecks	>2.05	1.2	-	
15	1508	Cut	-	Cut of Curvilinear	Moderately concave sides and base with a gentle break of slope NW-SE running	>2	0.78	0.36	
15	1509	Fill	1508	Lower fill of Curvilinear	Mid brown orange, silt clay, firm, with occasional small – medium sub angular/ rounded inclusions and charcoal flecks.	>2	0.55	0.15	
15	1510	Fill	1508	Upper fill of Curvilinear	Mottled mid brown grey clay with red orange silt, firm with small – medium sub angular/rounded stones and occasional charcoal	>2	0.78	0.33	
16	1600	Layer	-	Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable sand silt with occasional sub round angular stone inclusion	50	1.8	0.32	
16	1601	Layer	-	Subsoil	Intermittent. Mid orange	50	1.8	0.9	

					brown, sand clay with occasional sub rounded/angular stone inclusions, compact				
16	1602	Layer	-	Natural	Mid grey brown, patches of blue grey sand clay, moderate compact, with frequent sub rounded and angular stone inclusions	50	1.8	>0.41	
16	1603	Cut	-	Cut of ditch	Steep concave sides, concave break of slope and flat base	>1	1.58	0.58	
16	1604	Fill	1603	Fill of ditch	Mid yellow grey, silt clay, firm, occasional sub rounded small stones	>1	1.58	0.58	MIA-LIA
16	1605	Fill	1603	Fill of Ditch	Mid brown grey, silt clay, firm, with occasional sub rounded small stones	>1	1.58	0.31	
16	1606	Cut	-	Cut of Ditch	NE-SW, straight, steep sloping sides, rounded concave base	>1	1.56	0.8	
16	1607	Fill	1606	Lower fill of ditch	Mid brown grey, silt clay, firm, with occasional sub angular flint and pebbles	>1	1.02	0.45	LATE PRE-HISTORIC/LIA
16	1608	Fill	1606	Middle fill of ditch	Mid yellow grey, silt clay, firm with occasional sub rounded flint and pebbles	>1	1.07	0.19	

16	1609	Fill	1606	Upper fill of ditch	Light yellow grey, silt clay, firm, occasional sub angled clay	>1	1.56	0.28	
16	1610	Cut	-	Cut of Furrow	NE-SW - unexcavated	>1.8	1	-	
16	1611	Fill	1610	Fill of Furrow	Mid orange brown, clay silt, with occasional small-med sub rounded stones and occasional charcoal flecks	>1.8	1	-	
17	1700	Layer	-	Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable sand silt with occasional sub round angular stone inclusion	28	1.8	>0.32	
17	1701	Layer	-	Natural	Mid grey brown, patches of blue grey sand clay, moderate compact, with frequent sub rounded and angular stone inclusions	2.8	1.8	>0.32	
17	1702	Cut	-	Cut of ditch	Running NW-SE – unexcavated, appears on geophysics	>1.8	1.7	-	
17	1703	Fill	-	Fill of ditch	Mid grey brown, silt clay, with occasional small and medium sub rounded stone inclusions	>1.8	1.7	-	
18	1800	Layer	-	Topsoil	Mid grey brown, friable sand silt with moderate sub rounded	50	1.8	0.03	

					pebbles and cobbles				
18	1801	Layer	-	Subsoil	Mid orange brown, friable sand silt with moderate sub rounded pebbles and cobbles	50	1.8	0.59	
18	1802	Layer	-	Natural	Mottled mid grey brown with orange and blue sand clay, moderately compact with frequent chalk and sub angular cobbles.	50	1.8	>0.62	
18	1803	Cut		Cut of Furrow	Mid orange brown silt clay with occasional small-med sub rounded/angular stone inclusions	>2.3	1.3	-	
18	1804	Fill		Fill of Furrow	Mid orange brown, silt clay with occasional small sub rounded/angular stone inclusions	>2.3	1.3	-	
19	1900	Layer	-	Topsoil	Mid grey brown, friable sand silt with occasional sub rounded pebbles and cobbles	50	>1.8	0.35	
19	1901	Layer	-	Subsoil	Mid orange brown, friable sand silt with moderate sub rounded pebbles and cobbles	50	>1.8	>0.3	

19	1902	Cut		Natural	Mottled mid grey brown and orange blue, moderately compact with sandy clay and frequent sub rounded stone inclusions	>2.2	1.2	-	
19	1903	Cut	-	Cut of Furrow	Unexcavated – Runs SE-NW	2.2	1.2	-	
19	1904	Fill	1903	Fill of Furrow	Mid orange brown, clay silt occasional small-med sub angular inclusions	2.2	1.2	-	
19	1905	Cut	-	Cut of Furrow	Unexcavated – Runs SE-NW	>2.5	1.2	-	
19	1906	Fill	1905	Fill of Furrow	Mid orange brown, clay silt occasional small-med sub angular inclusions	>2.5	1.2	-	
19	1907	Cut	-	Cut of Furrow	Unexcavated – Runs SE-NW	>2.5	1.2	-	
19	1908	Fill	1907	Fill of Furrow	Mid orange brown, clay silt occasional small-med sub angular inclusions	>2.5	1.2	-	
20	2000	Layer	-	Topsoil	Mid grey brown, sand clay with moderate sub rounded pebbles	50	1.8	0.28	
20	2001	Layer	-	Subsoil	Only towards North end- mid orange brown, moderately compact sand clay with occasional sub rounded and angular	50	1.8	0.32	

					pebbles				
20	2002	Layer	-	Natural	Mid grey brown with orange and blue. Moderately compact sandy clay, frequent sub angular pebbles and cobbles with occasional chalk	50	1.8	>0.5	
20	2003	Cut	-	Cut of Furrow	Unexcavated – running NW-SE	>1.8	1.7	-	
20	2004	Fill	2003	Fill of Furrow	Mid orange brown silt clay	>1.8	1.7	-	C17-C20
20	2005	Cut	-	Cut of Furrow	Unexcavated – running NW-SE	>1.8	1	-	
20	2006	Fill	2005	Fill of Furrow	Mid orange brown silt clay	>1.8	1	-	
20	2007	Cut	-	Cut of Furrow	Unexcavated – running NW-SE	>1.8	1.7	-	
20	2008	Fill	2007	Fill of Furrow	Mid orange brown silt clay	>1.8	1.7	-	
21	2100	Layer	-	Topsoil	Mid grey brown, friable, sand silt with occasional sub rounded pebbles and cobbles	50	1.8	0.26	
21	2101	Layer	-	Subsoil	Mid orange brown, friable sand silt with moderate sub rounded pebbles and cobbles	50	1.8	0.3	
21	2102	Layer	-	Natural	Mottled mid grey brown with blue and orange, moderately compact with occasional chalk, frequent	50	1.8	>0.56	

					sub angular stones				
21	2103	Cut	-	Cut of Furrow	NE-SW Running furrow, not excavated	>1.8	1.3	-	
21	2104	Fill	2103	Fill of Furrow	Mid yellow brown, silt clay with occasional sub angular stone inclusions	>1.8	1.3	-	
21	2105	Cut	-	Cut of Furrow	NE-SW Running furrow, not excavated	>1.8	1		
21	2106	Fill	2105	Fill of Furrow	Mid yellow brown, silt clay with occasional sub angular stone inclusions	>1.8	1		
22	2200	Layer	-	Topsoil	Mid grey brown, friable sand silt, with occasional sub rounded pebbles and cobbles	20	1.8	0.41	
22	2201	Layer	-	Natural	Mottled grey brown and blue grey sandy clay	50	1.8	>0.41	
22	2202	Cut	-	Cut of ditch	Rounded, moderate to steep slope, concave base	>1	1.06	0.48	
22	2203	Fill	2202	Fill of ditch	Mottled mid yellow brown to yellow blue clay, silt clay, rare pebble inclusion	>1	1.06	0.48	
22	2204	Fill	2202	Fill of ditch	Mid yellow grey, silt clay, firm, some large pebbled inclusions	>1	0.31	0.48	
22	2205	Fill	2202	Fill of ditch	Light yellow brown, silt	>1	0.09	0.07	

					clay, firm, some chalk flecks				
22	2206	Fill	2202	Fill of ditch	Dark brown grey, silt clay, firm, sub rounded pebble stone	>1	0.69	0.38	MIA- LIA
22	2207	Cut	-	Cut of Ditch	NW-SE rounded moderate slope	>1	0.2	0.12	
22	2208	Fill	2207	Fill of ditch	Mid yellow grey, silt clay, firm with occasional rounded stone	>1	0.2	0.12	
23	2300	Layer	-	Topsoil	Mid grey brown, friable, sad clay with mixed stone inclusions	50	1.8	0.23	
23	2301	Layer	-	Subsoil	Mid orange brown, moderately compact with occasional mixed stone	50	1.8	0.18	
23	2302	Layer	-	Natural	Mottled mid grey brown with orange blue, compact sand clay with occasional chalk and mixed stone inclusions	50	1.8	>0.41	
23	2303	Cut	-	Cut of hedge row	SE/NW running - unexcavated	>1.8	0.7	-	
23	2304	Fill	2303	Fill of hedge row	Mottled mid grey brown with orange blue moderate compact sandy clay with frequent mixed stone inclusions	>1.8	0.7	-	
24	2400	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey	50	1.8	0.3	



					brown friable sandy silt with occasional pebble and cobble inclusions				
24	2401	Layer		Subsoil	Mid orange brown moderately compact sandy clay with occasional sub-rounded and sub-angular stone inclusions	50	1.8	0.2	
24	2402	Layer		Natural	Mottled mid grey brown with orange blue moderately compact sandy clay. Chalk and frequent mixed stone inclusion	50	1.8	>0.5	
24	2403	Cut		Cut of furrow	NE-SW running furrow, not excavated	>2.4	1.3		
24	2404	Fill	2403	Fill of furrow	Mid yellow brown, silt clay with occasional sub angular stone inclusions	>2.4	1.3		
24	2405	Cut		Cut of furrow	NE-SW running furrow, not excavated	2.4	1.4		
24	2406	Fill	2405	Fill of furrow	Mid yellow brown, silt clay with occasional sub angular stone inclusions	2.4	1.4		
24	2407	Cut		Cut of furrow	NE-SW running furrow, not excavated	2.1	2		
24	2408	Fill	2407	Fill of furrow	Mid yellow brown, silt clay with	2.1	2		

					occasional sub angular stone inclusions				
25	2500	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable sandy silt with occasional pebble and cobble inclusions	50	1.8	0.3	
25	2501	Layer		Subsoil	Mid orange brown moderately compact sandy clay with occasional sub-rounded and sub-angular stone inclusions	50	1.8	0.11	
25	2502	Layer		Natural	Mottled mid grey brown with orange blue moderately compact sandy clay. Chalk and frequent mixed stone inclusion	50	1.8	>0.44	
25	2503	Cut		Cut of furrow	Cut of NE-SW running furrow, not excavated	>1.9	1.65		
25	2504	Fill	2503	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown clayey silt with occasional small and medium sub-rounded stone and occasional charcoal flecks	>1.9	1.65		
25	2505	Cut		Cut of furrow	Cut of NE-SW running furrow, not excavated	>2.7	1.2		
25	2506	Fill	2505	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown clayey silt with	>2.7	1.2		

					occasional small and medium sub-rounded stone and occasional charcoal flecks				
25	2507	Cut		Cut of hedgerow ditch	Cut of NE-SW running hedgerow ditch, not excavated	>2.3	0.9		
25	2508	Fill	2507	Fill of hedgerow ditch	Mid brown grey silty clay with frequent rooting evidence	>2.3	0.16		
25	2509	Fill	2507	Fill of hedgerow ditch	Dark brown grey silty clay with occasional small and medium sized sub-rounded stone inclusions. Frequent rooting evidence	>2.3	0.74		
25	2510	Cut		Cut of furrow	Cut of NE-SW running furrow, not excavated	>2.3	1.6		
25	2511	Fill	2510	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown clayey silt with occasional small and medium sub-rounded stone and occasional charcoal flecks	>2.3	1.6		
26	2600	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable sandy silt with occasional sub-rounded pebble and cobble inclusions	35	1.8	0.3	
26	2601	VOID		VOID	VOID	VOID	VOID	VOID	

26	2602	Layer		Natural	Mottled moderately compact mid grey brown sandy silt with patches of orange and blue sandy clay. Frequent sub-angular and sub-rounded stone and gravel inclusions	35	1.8	>0.3	
26	2603	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>2.1	0.9		
26	2604	Fill	2603	Fill of Furrow	Mid orange brown clayey silt with occasional small and medium sub-rounded and sub-angular stone and occasional charcoal fleck inclusions	>2.1	0.9		
26	2605	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>2.2	1.1		
26	2606	Fill	2605	Fill of Furrow	Mid orange brown clayey silt with occasional small and medium sub-rounded and sub-angular stone and occasional charcoal fleck inclusions	>2.2	1.1		
26	2607	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>2.3	0.75		
26	2608	Fill	2607	Fill of Furrow	Mid orange brown clayey silt with	>2.3	0.75		

					occasional small and medium sub-rounded and sub-angular stone and occasional charcoal fleck inclusions				
26	2609	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>2.3	0.6		
26	2610	Fill	2609	Fill of Furrow	Mid orange brown clayey silt with occasional small and medium sub-rounded and sub-angular stone and occasional charcoal fleck inclusions	>2.3	0.6		
27	2700	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silt with occasional sub-rounded stone inclusions	50	1.8	0.25	
27	2701	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown clayey silt with mottles of mid grey blue clay and patches of natural mid orange brown sand	50	1.8	>0.25	
27	2702	Cut		Cut of furrow	NE-SW running furrow, not excavated	>2.1	2		
27	2703	Fill	2702	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown silty clay with small stone inclusions	>2.1	2		
27	2704	Cut		Cut of furrow	NE-SW running furrow, not excavated	>2.1	1.8		
27	2705	Fill	2705	Fill of	Mid orange	>2.1	1.8		

				furrow	brown silty clay with small stone inclusions				
27	2706	Cut		Cut of furrow	NE-SW running furrow, only seen in section	/	/		
27	2707	Fill	2706	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown silty clay with small stone inclusions	/	/		
27	2708	Cut		Cut of furrow	NE-SW running furrow, not excavated	>1.8	>1		
27	2709	Fill	2708	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown silty clay with small stone inclusions	>1.8	>1		
28	2800	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable sandy silt with occasional sub-rounded pebble and cobble inclusions	50	1.8	0.27	
28	2801	VOID		VOID	VOID	VOID	VOID	VOID	
28	2802	Layer		Natural	Mottled moderately compact mid grey brown sandy silt with patches of orange and blue sandy clay. Frequent sub-angular and sub-rounded stone and gravel inclusions	50	1.8	>0.27	
28	2803	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>2.9	0.6		
28	2804	Fill	2803	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown clayey silt with occasional	>2.9	0.6		

					stone and charcoal flecks inclusions				
28	2805	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>2.5	0.9		
28	2806	Fill	2805	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown clayey silt with occasional stone and charcoal flecks inclusions	>2.5	0.9		
28	2807	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>2.7	1.1		
28	2808	Fill	2807	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown clayey silt with occasional stone and charcoal flecks inclusions	>2.7	1.1		
29	2900	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown, friable sand silt with moderate sub rounded pebbles and cobbles	50	1.8	0.25	
29	2901	Layer		Subsoil	Mid orange brown, friable sand silt with moderate sub rounded pebbles and cobbles	50	1.8	0.25	
29	2902	Layer		Natural	Mottled mid grey brown with orange and blue sand clay, moderately compact with frequent chalk and sub angular cobbles.	50	1.8	>0.5	
29	2903	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not	>1.8	1.6		

					excavated				
29	2904	Fill	2903	Fill of furrow	Mid yellow brown, silt clay with occasional sub angular stone inclusions	>1.8	1.6		
30	3000	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable sandy clay with occasional pebble inclusions	50	1.8	0.32	
30	3001	Layer		Subsoil	Mid orange brown moderately compact sandy clay with occasional stone inclusions	25	1.8	0.13	
30	3002	Layer		Natural	Mid grey brown with mid orange blue patches moderately compact sandy clay. Occasional inclusions of chalk and frequent mixed stone inclusions	50	1.8	>0.45	
30	3003	Cut		Cut of field boundary ditch	NW-SE running boundary, not excavated	>1.8	1		
30	3004	Fill	3003	Fill of field boundary ditch	Dark brown grey mottled silty clay with lighter patches of brown grey silty clay. Evidence of frequent rooting and occasional stone inclusions	>1.8	1		
31	3100	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey	50	1.8	0.25	



					brown friable sandy clay with occasional pebble inclusions				
31	3101	Layer		Subsoil	Mid orange brown moderately compact sandy clay with occasional stone inclusions	50	1.8	0.3	
31	3102	Layer		Natural	Mid grey brown with mid orange blue patches moderately compact sandy clay. Occasional inclusions of chalk and frequent mixed stone inclusions	50	1.8	>0.55	
31	3103	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>1.8	1.7		
31	3104	Fill	3103	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown silty clay with frequent stone inclusions	>1.8	1.7		
31	3105	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>1.8	1.5		
31	3106	Fill	3105	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown silty clay with frequent stone inclusions	>1.8	1.5		
32	3200	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silt with small sub-rounded and sub-angular stone inclusions	50	1.8	0.25	
32	3201	Layer		Subsoil	Mid orange	50	1.8	0.2	

					brown silty clay with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusion				
32	3202	Layer		Natural	Mid grey brown silty clay with flecks of stone and chalk as well as small to medium sized stone inclusions	50	1.8	>0.45	
33	3300	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable sandy silt with occasional pebble inclusions	42	1.8	0.4	
33	3301	Layer		Natural	Mid grey brown with patches of grey blue moderately compact sandy clay. Frequent chalk and mixed stone inclusions.	42	1.8	>0.4	
33	3302	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>1.8	1.6		
33	3303	Fill	3302	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown silty clay with frequent stone inclusions	>1.8	1.6		
33	3304	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>1.8	1.5		
33	3305	Fill	3304	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown silty clay with frequent stone inclusions	>1.8	1.5		
33	3306	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>1.8	1.5		

33	3307	Fill	3306	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown silty clay with frequent stone inclusions	>1.8	1.5		
33	3308	Cut		Cut of elongated pit	Cut of ovoid pit with concave moderately sloped sides and a flat base. Orientated NE-SW	>1.2	1.13	0.27	
33	3309	Fill	3308	Fill of elongated pit	Mottled mid orange brown with lenses of mid brown grey silty moderately compact silty clay. Inclusions of cobbles, sandstone, manganese and charcoal	>1.2	1.1	0.21	LATE PRE-HISTORIC
33	3310	Fill	3308	Fill of elongated pit	Dark brown grey moderately compact sandy clay with inclusions of pebbles, flint and charcoal flecks	>1.2	1.13	0.06	MIA-LIA
34	3400	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown, friable, sad clay with mixed stone inclusions	50	1.8	0.3	
34	3401	Layer		Subsoil	Intermittent mid orange brown, moderately compact with occasional mixed stone	~45	1.8	0.09	
34	3402	Layer		Natural	Mottled mid grey brown with orange blue, compact	50	1.8	>0.39	

					sand clay with occasional chalk and mixed stone inclusions				
34	3403	Cut		Cut of hedgerow	NE-SW running hedgerow field boundary, not excavated	>1.8	0.7		
34	3404	Fill	3403	Fill of hedgerow	Dark brown grey clayey silt with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions and evidence of frequent rooting	>1.8	0.7		
35	3500	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown, friable, sad clay with mixed stone inclusions	45	1.8	0.3	
35	3501	Layer		Subsoil	Intermittent mid orange brown, moderately compact with occasional mixed stone	45	1.8	0.2	
35	3502	Layer		Natural	Mottled mid grey brown with orange blue, compact sand clay with occasional chalk and mixed stone inclusions	45	1.8	>0.5	
35	3503	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>1.8	1.7		
35	3504	Fill	3503	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown silty clay with frequent stone inclusion	>1.8	1.7		
36	3600	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silt with	50	1.8	0.45	

					rare small sub-rounded stone inclusions				
36	3601	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown silty clay with occasional stone inclusions	50	1.8	>0.45	
36	3602	Cut		Cut of ditch	NW-SE running ditch, not excavated	>1.8	1.81		
36	3603	Fill	3602	Fill of ditch	Mid yellow brown firm silty clay with rare pebble inclusions	>1.8	1.81		
36	3604	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>1.8	1.83		
36	3605	Fill	3604	Fill of furrow	Mid yellow brown firm silty clay with rare pebble inclusions	>1.8	1.83		
37	3700	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silt with rare small sub-rounded stone inclusions	50	1.8	0.3	
37	3701	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown silty clay with occasional stone inclusions	50	1.8	>0.3	
37	3702	VOID		VOID	VOID	VOID	VOID	VOID	
37	3703	VOID		VOID	VOID	VOID	VOID	VOID	
37	3704	Cut		Ditch?	NW-SE running ditch, not excavated	>1.5	1.71		
37	3705	Fill	3704	Fill of possible ditch	Mid yellow brown firm silty clay with small pebbles inclusions	>1.5	1.71		
37	3706	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>1.5	1.73		
37	3707	Fill	3706	Fill of	Mid yellow	>1.5	1.73		

				furrow	brown firm silty clay with small pebbles inclusions				
37	3708	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>1.5	1.81		
37	3709	Fill	3708	Fill of furrow	Mid yellow brown firm silty clay with small pebbles inclusions	>1.5	1.81		
37	3710	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>1.5	1.71		
37	3711	Fill	3710	Fill of furrow	Mid yellow brown firm silty clay with small pebbles inclusions	>1.5	1.71		
37	3712	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>1.5	1.67		
37	3713	Fill	3712	Fill of furrow	Mid yellow brown firm silty clay with small pebbles inclusions	>1.5	1.67		
38	3800	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silt with rare stone inclusions and evidence of rooting	50	1.8	0.41	
38	3801	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown silty clay with frequent chalk flecks and stone inclusions	50	1.8	>0.41	
38	3802	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running, not excavated	>1	>0.5		
38	3803	Fill	3802	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown clayey silt with occasional stone inclusions and	>1	>0.5		

					frequent charcoal inclusions				
38	3804	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running, not excavated	>2	1		
38	3805	Fill	3804	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown clayey silt with occasional stone inclusions and frequent charcoal inclusions	>2	1		
38	3806	Cut		Cut of ditch	NW-SE running, not excavated	>2	2.9		
38	3807	Fill	3806	Fill of ditch	Mid orange brown clayey silt with occasional stone inclusions and frequent charcoal inclusions	>2	2.9		
38	3808	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running, not excavated	>1.8	1.9		
38	3809	Fill	3808	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown clayey silt with occasional stone inclusions and frequent charcoal inclusions	>1.8	1.9		
39	3900	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silt with rare stone inclusions	49	1.8	0.2	
39	3901	Layer		Subsoil	Mid orange brown silty clay with rare stone inclusions. Only seen in western end of	~25	1.8	0.2	

					trench				
39	3902	Layer		Natural	Mid grey brown silty clay with patches of mid orange brown silty clay. Frequent stone flecks, flint, and stone inclusions	49	1.8	>0.4	
39	3903	Cut		Cut of ditch	N-S orientated ditch with moderately concave, and slightly stepped on the west, sides. Gently concave base	>1.8	3.06	0.56	
39	3904	Fill	3903	Fill of ditch	Mid grey brown firm clayey silt with mottles of red brown silt and patches of redeposited natural. Inclusions of stone and charcoal flecks	>1.8	3.06	0.56	
39	3905	Cut		Cut of pit	Sub-circular pit with moderately sloped concave sides and a concave base.	0.86	0.75	0.24	
39	3906	Fill	3905	Fill of pit	Mottled mid grey brown clayey silt with patches of mid red orange clayey silt. Occasional charcoal flecks and stone inclusions	0.86	0.75	0.25	LATE PRE-HISTORIC
39	3907	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not	>4.2	1.2		



					excavated				
39	3908	Fill	3907	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown silty clay with occasional stone and charcoal fleck inclusions	>4.2	1.2		
39	3909	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>3.8	1.4		
39	3910	Fill	3909	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown silty clay with occasional stone and charcoal fleck inclusions	>3.8	1.4		
39	3911	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>4.3	2		
39	3912	Fill	3911	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown silty clay with occasional stone and charcoal fleck inclusions	>4.3	2		
40	4000	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable sandy silty with inclusions of sub-angular and sub-rounded stones	50	1.8	0.3	
40	4001	Layer		Natural	Mid grey brown with patches of orange blue moderately compact sandy clay. Inclusions of mixed stones	50	1.8	>0.3	
40	4002	Cut		Cut of boundary ditch	N-S orientated boundary ditch with moderately sloped	>1.8	2.38	0.72	

					concave sides and a slightly concave base				
40	4003	Fill	4002	Fill of boundary ditch	Moderately compact mid orange brown silty clay with patches of orange silt. Inclusions of stone and charcoal flecks	>1.8	2.38	0.72	
40	4004	Cut		Cut of boundary recut	N-S orientated boundary recut with steep sloped concave sides and a concave base	>0.6	1.12	0.94	
40	4005	Fill	4004	Fill of boundary recut	Mottled mid brown grey moderately compact silty clay with patches of orange silt. Occasional stone inclusions	>0.6	1.12	0.22	
40	4006	Fill	4004	Fill of boundary recut	Mid grey brown firm clayey silt with occasional stone and charcoal fleck inclusions	>0.6	1.12	0.72	
40	4007	Cut		Cut of pit	Sub-oval pit with moderately steep concave sides and a slightly concaved base.	1.8	0.9	0.58	
40	4008	Fill	4007	Fill of pit	Mid orange brown silty clay with patches of redeposited natural. Inclusions of	1.8	0.9	0.58	LIA

					stone and rare charcoal flecks.				
40	4009	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-Se running furrow, not excavated	>2.4	1.4		
40	4010	Fill	4009	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown clayey silt with occasional stone inclusions and charcoal flecks	>2.4	1.4		
40	4011	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-Se running furrow, not excavated	>2.2	1.6		
40	4012	Fill	4011	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown clayey silt with occasional stone inclusions and charcoal flecks	>2.2	1.6		
40	4013	Cut		Cut of hedgerow	NW-Se running furrow, not excavated	>2	>1		
40	4014	Fill	4013	Fill of hedgerow	Mid orange brown clayey silt with occasional stone inclusions and charcoal flecks	?2	>1		
41	4100	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silt with rare stone inclusions and evidence of rooting	43	1.8	0.28	
41	4101	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown silty clay with frequent chalk flecks and stone inclusions	43	1.8	>0.28	
41	4102	Cut		Cut of curvilinear	NE-SW orientated ring gully curvilinear with	>1.8	0.9	0.36	

					moderately sloped concave sides and a concave base.				
41	4103	Fill	4102	Fill of curvilinear	Mid brown grey clayey silt with mottles of red orange clayey silt. Occasional stone inclusions and flecks of charcoal	>1.8	0.9	0.36	
41	4104	Cut		Cut of curvilinear	Cut of NE-SW orientated curvilinear, not excavated	>2	0.9		
41	4105	Fill	4104	Fill of Curvilinear	Mid brown grey clayey silt with mottles of red orange clayey silt. Occasional stone inclusions and flecks of charcoal	>2	0.9		
42	4200	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silt with mixed stone inclusions	50	1.8	0.2	
42	4201	Layer		Subsoil	Mid orange brown silty clay with rare stone inclusions	50	1.8	0.3	
42	4202	Layer		Natural	Light grey brown silty clay with frequent flecks, small and medium sized stone inclusions	50	1.8	>0.5	
42	4203	Cut		Cut of enclosure ditch	Cut of NE-SW ditch with a steep sloped straight side to	>1.8	1.74	0.71	

					the SE and a steep sloped stepped side to the NW and a concave base.				
42	4204	Fill	4203	Fill of enclosure ditch	Mid grey brown moderately compact silty clay with inclusions flint, chalk, pebbles and flecks of charcoal and manganese	>1	0.43	0.09/0.15	LATE PRE-HISTORIC
42	4205	Fill	4203	Fill of enclosure ditch	Mid grey brown moderately compact silty clay with inclusions of flint, chalk, limestone and cobbles alongside flecks of charcoal	>1	1.74	0.36/0.63	
42	4206	Fill	4203	Fill of enclosure ditch	Mid brown grey moderately compact silty clay with inclusions of flint, mudstone, pebbles and flecks of chalk and charcoal	>1.8	1.74	0.19/0.27	LATE PREHISTORIC
42	4207	Cut		Cut of enclosure ditch	Cut of NE-SW ditch with a deep moderately sloped convex side to the SE and a moderately sloped convex and stepped side to the NW	>1.8	2.56	0.87	

					with a concave base.				
42	4208	Fill	4207	Fill of enclosure ditch	Mid grey brown moderately compact silty clay with inclusions flint, chalk, pebbles and flecks of charcoal and manganese	>0.85	0.82	0.17/0.41	LATE PRE-HISTORIC/LIA
42	4209	Fill	4207	Fill of enclosure ditch	Mid grey brown moderately compact silty clay with inclusions of flint, chalk, limestone and cobbles alongside flecks of charcoal	>0.85	1.6	0.93/0.58	LATE PRE-HISTORIC
42	4210	Fill	4207	Fill of enclosure ditch	Mid brown grey moderately compact silty clay with inclusions of flint, mudstone, pebbles and flecks of chalk and charcoal	>0.85	2.56	0.41	LATE PRE-HISTORIC/LIA
43	4300	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silt with occasional small rounded stone inclusions	50	1.8	0.4	
43	4301	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown silty clay with occasional medium to large stone inclusions	50	1.8	>0.4	
43	4302	Cut		Cut of furrow	NE-SW running furrow, not	>2.4	1		

					excavated				
43	4303	Fill	4302	Fill of furrow	Mid yellow brown firm silty clay with occasional stone inclusions	>2.4	1		
43	4304	Cut		Cut of furrow	NE-SW running furrow, not excavated	>2.5	1.8		
43	4305	Fill	4304	Fill of furrow	Mid yellow brown firm silty clay with occasional stone inclusions	>2.5	1.8		
44	4400	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silt with occasional stone inclusions	30	1.8	0.4	
44	4401	Layer		Natural	Light grey brown silty clay with patches of mid orange brown sandy clay. Frequent stone flecks and small to medium sized stone inclusions	30	1.8	>0.4	
44	4402	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated – truncated by ceramic field drains	>2	Unclear		
44	4403	Fill		Fill of furrow	Mid yellow brown silty clay with occasional sub-rounded stone inclusions	>2	Unclear		
45	4500	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silt with occasional stone inclusions	30	1.8	0.45	

45	4501	Layer		Natural	Light grey brown silty clay with patches of mid orange brown sandy clay. Frequent stone flecks and small to medium sized stone inclusions	30	1.8	>0.45	
46	4600	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silt with occasional stone inclusions	50	1.8	0.36	
46	4601	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown silty clay with patches of mid-red brown clay. Frequent flecks of stone and occasional large stone inclusions	50	1.8	>0.36	
46	4602	Cut		Cut of furrow	Cut of NW-SE running furrow with rounded sides and a flat base	>1.8	1.71	0.16	
46	4603	Fill	4602	Fill of furrow	Mid yellow brown firm silty clay with inclusions of flint and chalky stone	>1.8	1.71	0.16	
46	4604	Cut		Cut of furrow	Cut of NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>1.8	2.61		
46	4605	Fill	4604	Fill of furrow	Mid yellow brown firm silty clay with inclusions of flint and chalky stone	>1.8	2.61		
47	4700	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silt with	47	1.8	0.33	



					rare small sub-rounded stone inclusions				
47	4701	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown clay with frequent stone inclusions	47	1.8	>0.33	
47	4702	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>1.8	/		
47	4703	Fill	4702	Fill of furrow	Mid yellow brown firm silty clay with inclusions of sub-angular flints	>1.8	/		
48	4800	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silt with occasional stone inclusions	50	1.8	0.39	
48	4801	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown silty clay with patches of mid-red brown clay. Frequent flecks of stone and occasional large stone inclusions	50	1.8	>0.39	
48	4802	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>1.5	1.63		
48	4803	Fill	4802	Fill of furrow	Mid yellow brown firm silty clay with inclusions of sub-rounded stone	>1.5	1.63		
48	4804	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>1.5	1.61		
48	4805	Fill	4804	Fill of furrow	Mid yellow brown firm silty clay with inclusions of sub-rounded stone	>1.5	1.61		

48	4806	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>1.5	1.63		
48	4807	Fill	4806	Fill of furrow	Mid yellow brown firm silty clay with inclusions of sub-rounded stone	>1.5	1.63		
49	4900	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silt with rare small sub-rounded stone inclusions	50	1.8	0.35	
49	4901	Layer		Subsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay with frequent stone inclusions	50	1.8	0.2	
49	4902	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown silty clay with occasional small sub-angular stone inclusions	50	1.8	>0.55	
49	4903	Cut		Cut of furrow	NE-SW running furrow with gently rounded sides and a roughly flat base.	>1	0.99	0.16	
49	4904	Fill	4903	Fill of furrow	Mid yellow brown firm silty clay with rare small sub-rounded pebble inclusions	>1	0.99	0.16	
49	4905	Cut		Cut of furrow	NE-SW running furrow with gently rounded sides and a roughly flat base.	>1.8	1.51		
49	4906	Fill	4905	Fill of furrow	Mid yellow brown firm silty clay with rare small sub-rounded	>1.8	1.51		

					pebble inclusions				
49	4907	Cut		Cut of furrow	NE-SW running furrow with gently rounded sides and a roughly flat base.	>1.8	1.73		
49	4908	Fill	4907	Fill of furrow	Mid yellow brown firm silty clay with rare small sub-rounded pebble inclusions	>1.8	1.73		
50	5000	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silt with rare stone inclusions	50	1.8	0.32	
50	5001	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown silty clay with mottles of mid blue grey clay	50	1.8	>0.32	
50	5002	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>1.8	2.1		
50	5003	Fill	5002	Fill of furrow	Red brown clayey silt with inclusions of pebbles, charcoal and chalk flecks, manganese and modern CBM	>1.8	2.1		
50	5004	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>1.8	1.8		
50	5005	Fill	5004	Fill of furrow	Red brown clayey silt with inclusions of pebbles, charcoal and chalk flecks, manganese and modern CBM	>1.8	1.8		
50	5006	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not	>1.8	2		

					excavated				
50	5007	Fill	5006	Fill of furrow	Red brown clayey silt with inclusions of pebbles, charcoal and chalk flecks, manganese and modern CBM	>1.8	2		
50	5008	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>1.8	1.9		
50	5009	Fill	5008	Fill of furrow	Red brown clayey silt with inclusions of pebbles, charcoal and chalk flecks, manganese and modern CBM	>1.8	1.9		
51	5100	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silt with rare stone inclusions	46	1.8	0.35	
51	5101	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown silty clay with mottles of mid blue grey clay. Frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions	46	1.8	>0.35	
51	5102	Cut		Cut of gully	Cut of NE-SW orientated gully with moderately sloped concave sides and a rounded base	>1	0.67	0.4	
51	5103	Fill		Fill of gully	Light brown grey moderately compact clayey silt. Inclusions of pebbles	>1	0.67	0.4	

51	5104	VOID		VOID	VOID	VOID	VOID	VOID	
51	5105	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>1.8	2.2		
51	5106	Fill	5105	Fill of furrow	Red brown moderately compact clayey silt with inclusions of pebbles and flecks of charcoal and chalk	>1.8	2.2		
51	5107	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>1.8	2.1		
51	5108	Fill	5107	Fill of furrow	Red brown moderately compact clayey silt with inclusions of pebbles and flecks of charcoal and chalk	>1.8	2.1		
51	5109	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>1.8	2		
51	5110	Fill	5109	Fill of furrow	Red brown moderately compact clayey silt with inclusions of pebbles and flecks of charcoal and chalk	>1.8	2		
51	5111	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>2.8	2.3		
51	5112	Fill	5111	Fill of furrow	Red brown moderately compact clayey silt with inclusions of pebbles and flecks of charcoal and chalk	>2.8	2.3		
52	5200	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey	40	1.8	0.2	

					brown silt with rooting evidence and occasional inclusions of stone				
52	5201	Layer		Natural	Mottled mid grey brown silty clay with patches of mid orange brown silty clay	40	1.8	>0.2	
52	5202	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>1.8	1.5		
52	5203	Fill	5202	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown sandy silt with moderately frequent stone inclusions	>1.8	1.5		
52	5204	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>1.8	1		
52	5205	Fill	5204	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown sandy silt with moderately frequent stone inclusions	>1.8	1		
53	5300	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silt. Occasional evidence of rooting and inclusions of stone	50	1.8	0.28	
53	5301	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown silty clay with frequent stone inclusions	50	1.8	>0.28	
53	5302	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>1.8	2.7		
53	5303	Fill	5302	Fill of furrow	Yellow brown compact clayey silt with inclusions of pebbles, chalk	>1.8	2.7		

					flecks and charcoal flecks				
53	5304	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>1.8	2.9		
53	5305	Fill	5304	Fill of furrow	Yellow brown compact clayey silt with inclusions of pebbles, chalk flecks and charcoal flecks	>1.8	2.9		
53	5306	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>1.8	2.1		
53	5307	Fill	5306	Fill of furrow	Yellow brown compact clayey silt with inclusions of pebbles, chalk flecks and charcoal flecks	>1.8	2.1		
54	5400	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silt with rare stone inclusions	50	1.8	0.27	
54	5401	Layer		Natural	Mid grey brown silty clay with mottles of mid orange brown and mid blue grey clay. Frequent small stone inclusions. Rare large stone inclusions	50	1.8	>0.27	
54	5402	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>2.6	2.4		
54	5403	Fill	5402	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown moderately compact clayey sand with occasional stone	>2.6	2.4		

					inclusions and flecks of charcoal				
54	5404	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>2.8	2.45		
54	5405	Fill	5404	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown moderately compact clayey sand with occasional stone inclusions and flecks of charcoal	>2.8	2.45		
54	5406	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>2.4	2.3		
54	5407	Fill	5406	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown moderately compact clayey sand with occasional stone inclusions and flecks of charcoal	>2.4	2.3		
54	5408	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>2.4	2.3		
54	5409	Fill	5408	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown moderately compact clayey sand with occasional stone inclusions and flecks of charcoal	>2.4	2.3		
55	5500	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silt with occasional stone inclusions	50	1.8	0.27	



55	5501	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown sandy clay with frequent stone inclusions	50	1.8	>0.27	
55	5502	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>2.4	1.93		
55	5503	Fill	5502	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown moderately compact clayey sand with occasional stone inclusions and flecks of charcoal	>2.4	1.93		
55	5504	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>2.4	3.1		
55	5505	Fill	5504	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown moderately compact clayey sand with occasional stone inclusions and flecks of charcoal	>2.4	3.1		
55	5506	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>3.2	1.3		
55	5507	Fill	5506	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown moderately compact clayey sand with occasional stone inclusions and flecks of charcoal	>3.2	1.3		
55	5508	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>2.4	>1		

55	5509	Fill	5508	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown moderately compact clayey sand with occasional stone inclusions and flecks of charcoal	>2.4	>1		
56	5600	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silt with occasion stone inclusions and evidence of rooting	27	1.8	0.25	
56	5601	Layer		Natural	Mottled mid orange brown with patches of mid blue grey silty clay	27	1.8	>0.25	
56	5602	VOID		VOID	VOID	VOID	VOID	VOID	
56	5603	VOID		VOID	VOID	VOID	VOID	VOID	
56	5604	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow with rounded gently sloped sides and an irregular base	>1	1.79	0.16	
56	5605	Fill	5604	Fill of furrow	Mid yellow brown firm silty clay with occasional flint and pebble inclusions	>1	1.79	0.16	
56	5606	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>1	1.83		
56	5607	Fill	5606	Fill of furrow	Mid yellow brown firm silty clay	>1	1.83		
57	5700	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown sandy silt with occasional stone inclusions	16	1.8	0.3	
57	5701	Layer		Natural	Mid grey brown silty	16	1.8	>0.3	

					clay with mottles of light blue grey clay. Occasional inclusions of sub-rounded stone				
58	5800	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silt with occasional small stone inclusions and evidence of rooting	50	1.8	0.36	
58	5801	Layer		Natural	Mottled mid orange brown and mid grey brown silty clay with frequent mixed stone inclusions	50	1.8	>0.36	
58	5802	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>1.5	1.61		
58	5803	Fill	5802	Fill of furrow	Mid yellow brown firm silty clay with occasional stone inclusions	>1.5	1.61		
58	5804	Cut		Cut of ditch	NW-SE orientated ditch with moderately sloped rounded sides and a roughly flat base	>1	1.13	0.33	
58	5805	Fill	5804	Fill of ditch	Mid brown grey firm silty clay with occasional sub rounded pebbles inclusions	>1.	1.13	0.33	
58	5806	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>1.5	1.63		
58	5807	Fill	5806	Fill of	Mid yellow	>1.5	1.63		

				furrow	brown firm silty clay with occasional stone inclusions				
58	5808	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>1.5	1.67		
58	5809	Fill	5808	Fill of furrow	Mid yellow brown firm silty clay with occasional stone inclusions	>1.5	1.67		
58	5810	Cut		Cut of modern feature	NW-SE orientated pit with vertical sides and a flat base	>2.2	0.52	0.59	
58	5811	Fill	5810	Fill of modern feature	Mottles mid blue grey clay with mid orange brown clay. Occasional stone inclusions	>2.2	0.52	0.32	
58	5812	Fill	5810	Fill of modern feature	Mid blue grey firm silty clay with occasional medium sized sub-rounded stone inclusions	>2.2	0.52	0.27	
58	5813	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>1	>1.8		
58	5814	Fill	5813	Fill of furrow	Mid yellow brown firm silty clay with occasional stone inclusions	>1	>1.8		
59	5900	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silt with occasional stone inclusions	50	1.8		
59	5901	Layer		Natural	Mottled mid	50	1.8		

					orange brown with patches of mid grey blue clay. Very frequent stone inclusions				
59	5902	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>3	>1.8		
59	5903	Fill	5902	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown moderately compact clayey sand with occasional stone inclusions and rare charcoal flecks	>3	>1.8		
59	5904	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>2.3	1.8		
59	5905	Fill	5904	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown moderately compact clayey sand with occasional stone inclusions and rare charcoal flecks	>2.3	1.8		
59	5906	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>2.55	2.2		
59	5907	Fill	5906	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown moderately compact clayey sand with occasional stone inclusions and rare charcoal flecks	>2.55	2.2		
59	5908	Cut		Cut of gully	NE-SW orientated	>2.4	0.43	0.16	

					gully with moderately sloped rounded sides and a concave base				
59	5909	Fill	5908	Fill of gully	Mid grey brown firm silty clay with rare flecks of charcoal and inclusions of stone	>2.4	0.43	0.16	
59	5910	Cut		Cut of ditch	NW-SE orientated ditch with moderately sloped rounded sides and an imperceptible base	>2.75	0.95	0.27	
59	5911	Fill	5910	Fill of ditch	Mid orange brown moderately compact silty clay mottled with patches of light brown grey redeposited natural. Occasional stone inclusions and flecks of charcoal	>2.75	0.95	0.27	
60	6000	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silt with occasional stone inclusions and evidence of rooting	50	1.8	0.3	
60	6001	Layer		Natural	Mottles mid grey brown silty clay with [patches of mid orange brown silty	50	1.8	>0.3	

					clay. Frequent stone inclusions				
60	6002	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>2.3	3.3		
60	6003	Fill	6002	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown moderately compact clayey sand with occasional stone inclusions and rare flecks of charcoal	>2.3	3.3		
60	6004	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>2.7	2.4		
60	6005	Fill	6004	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown moderately compact clayey sand with occasional stone inclusions and rare flecks of charcoal	>2.7	2.4		
60	6006	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>2.3	3.25		
60	6007	Fill	6006	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown moderately compact clayey sand with occasional stone inclusions and rare flecks of charcoal	>2.3	3.25		
60	6008	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE running furrow, not excavated	>2.3	2.85		
60	6009	Fill	6008	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown	>2.3	2.85		C16

					moderately compact clayey sand with occasional stone inclusions and rare flecks of charcoal				
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## APPENDIX B: THE FINDS

Table 1: Finds Concordance

Context	Class	Description	Fabric Code	Count	Weight (g)	Spot-date
1205	Late Prehistoric Pottery	Granodiorite-tempered fabric	GD	5	41	LIA
	Late Prehistoric Pottery	Sandy fabric	Q	9	120	
	Late Prehistoric Pottery	Quartzite-tempered fabric	QZ	6	31	
	Late Prehistoric Pottery	Grog-tempered fabric	GR1	4	13	
	Fired/burnt clay		fs	1	1	
1308	Late Prehistoric Pottery	Sandy fabric	Q	1	20	LATE PREH
1503	Late Prehistoric Pottery	Granodiorite-tempered fabric	GD	1	9	LATE PREH
	Late Prehistoric Pottery	Shell-tempered fabric	SH	11	16	
1604	Late Prehistoric Pottery	Quartzite-tempered fabric	QZ	3	124	MIA-LIA
1607	Late Prehistoric Pottery	Granodiorite-tempered fabric	GD	2	3	LIA
	Late Prehistoric Pottery	Shelly grog-tempered fabric	SHGR	2	12	
2004	Post-medieval Pottery	North Midlands earthenware	NMEW	1	15	C17-C20
2206	Late Prehistoric Pottery	Granodiorite-tempered fabric	GD	2	35	LIA
	Late Prehistoric Pottery	Grog-tempered fabric	GR1	1	3	
2304	Iron	Horseshoe		1	748	POST-MED
3309	Late Prehistoric Pottery	Grog-tempered fabric	GR1	4	12	LIA
	Late Prehistoric Pottery	Sandy fabric	Q	1	1	
3310	Late Prehistoric Pottery	Sandy fabric	Q	1	7	MIA-LIA
3906	Late Prehistoric Pottery	Quartzite-tempered fabric	QZ	4	9	LATE PREH
	Late Prehistoric Pottery	Sandy fabric	Q	2	7	
	Fired/burnt clay		fscp	1	1	
4008	Late Prehistoric Pottery	Coarse Grog-tempered fabric	GR2	17	315	LIA
4204	Late Prehistoric Pottery	Shell-tempered fabric	SH	1	14	LATE PREH
4205	Worked stone	Sandstone		1	2845	
4206	Late Prehistoric Pottery	Granodiorite-tempered fabric	GD	1	10	LATE PREH
	Late Prehistoric Pottery	Sandy fabric	Q	1	8	
4208	Late Prehistoric Pottery	Grog and calcareous fabric	GRC	3	13	LIA
	Late Prehistoric Pottery	Grog-tempered fabric	GR1	1	8	
	Late Prehistoric Pottery	Sandy fabric	Q	4	3	
	Late Prehistoric Pottery	Sand and organic fabric	QV	4	6	
4209	Late Prehistoric Pottery	Sand and organic fabric	QV	4	6	LATE PREH
	Late Prehistoric Pottery	Granodiorite-tempered fabric	GD	1	1	
4210	Late Prehistoric Pottery	Granodiorite-tempered fabric	GD	1	13	LIA
	Late Prehistoric Pottery	Grog and calcareous fabric	GRC	1	2	
	Late Prehistoric Pottery	Grog-tempered fabric	GR1	2	4	
6009	Post-medieval Pottery	Cistercian-type ware	CIST	1	77	C16

Table 2: Fabric Description

Period	Fabric Description	Fabric Code	Leics Types series *	Count	Weight (g)
Late Prehistoric Pottery	Hard sandy fabric. Common (20%) poorly sorted angular v. coarse granodiorite $\leq 7\text{mm}$	GD	A5	17	121
	Hard sandy fabric. Common (20%) poorly sorted sub angular to sub rounded coarse quartz $\leq 1.5\text{mm}$	Q	B4	19	166
	Hard sandy fabric. Moderate (15%) poorly sorted sub angular to sub rounded coarse quartz $\leq 1\text{mm}$ , moderate (10%) poorly sorted organic voids $\leq 3\text{mm}$	QV		8	12
	Hard sandy fabric. Sparse (7%) moderately sorted angular coarse quartzite $\leq 5\text{mm}$	QZ	B1	9	155
	Common (20%) moderately sorted coarse shell $\leq 2\text{mm}$	SH	C	12	30

	Hard soapy fabric. Common (20%) moderately sorted sub rounded coarse grog $\leq 1.5\text{mm}$	GR1	A1	12	40
	Hard sandy fabric. Common (20%) poorly sorted sub rounded coarse grog $\leq 5\text{mm}$	GR2		17	315
	Moderate (15%) moderately sorted sub rounded coarse grog $\leq 1.5\text{mm}$ Moderate (15%) poorly sorted sub angular coarse calcareous grits $\leq 3\text{mm}$	GRC	A3	4	15
	Hard soapy fabric. Common (20%) moderately sorted sub rounded coarse grog $\leq 2\text{mm}$ , common (20%) poorly sorted coarse shelly voids $\leq 5\text{mm}$	SHGR		2	12
Post-Medieval Pottery	Cistercian-type ware	CIST		1	77
	North Midlands Earthenware	NMEW		1	15
Grand Total				100	951

\*(summarised in Elsdon 1992a)

## APPENDIX C: THE PALAEOENVIRONMENTAL EVIDENCE

**Table 3:** Identified animal species by fragment count (NISP) and weight and context.

Cut	Fill	BOS	O/C	EQ	LM	MM	Ind	BB SS	Total	Weight (g)
<b>Late Prehistoric/Iron Age</b>										
1305	1308	2							2	182
1603	1604						1		1	1
2202	1607						1		1	4
2202	2206	2	3						5	38
3303	3309				5		24		29	50
4002	4008	1							1	174
4203	4204					3			3	5
4203	4206	1			1		2	5	9	51
4207	4209		1		1				2	33
4207	4210			1					1	130
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31</b>		<b>54</b>	<b>668</b>
<b>Undated</b>										
1203	1205	1	3		4	5			13	102
1208	1210					7			7	20
1504	1505		2	1				2	5	40
1508	1509	1							1	64
3806	3807	1				1			2	6
4102	4103							6	6	1
4203	4205	1				1			2	85
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>318</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>90</b>	
<b>Weight</b>		<b>553</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>986</b>	

BOS = Cattle; O/C = sheep/goat; EQ = horse; LM = cattle size mammal; MM = sheep size mammal; Ind = indeterminate; BBSS = unidentifiable burnt bone from bulk soil samples

Table 4 Assessment table of the charred remains

Feature	Context	Sample	Processed vol (L)	Unprocessed vol (L)	Flot size (ml)	Roots %	Grain	Chaff	Cereal Notes	Charred Other	Notes for Table	Charcoal > 4/2mm	Other
Late Prehistoric													
Trench 13													
Ditch 1305	1308	5	20	10	12	80	-	-	-	-	-	-/**	-
Trench 39													
Pit 3905	3906	2	19	0	40	70	*	-	indet grain	-	-	***/**	sab*
Late Iron Age													
Trench 15													
Ditch 1502	1503	6	20	0	35	30	-	-	-	-	-	*/**	brnt bn*
Trench 16													
Ditch 1606	1607	11	20	20	10	90	-	-	-	-	-	-/*	-
Trench 40													
Pit 4007	4008	9	20	0	5	90	-	-	-	-	-	-/*	moll-a*
Trench 42													
Ditch 4207	4210	3	20	20	5	90	-	-	-	-	-	-/*	sab*
Modern													
Trench 11													
Ditch 1105	1106	10	10	0	35	95	-	-	-	-	-	-	moll-t****; moll-a*
Undated													
Trench 15													
Ditch 1504	1505	7	20	0	20	30	-	-	-	-	-	*/**	-
Ditch 1508	1510	8	19	0	10	90	-	-	-	*	<i>Brassica</i> sp.	*/*	-
Trench 39													
Ditch 3903	3904	1	20	10	15	80	-	-	-	*	<i>Chenopodium</i> sp.	*/**	moll-t**
Trench 41													
Ditch 4102	4103	4	20	20	72	2	*	*	indet grain; rachis; glume	-	-	***/**	sab*; brnt bn*

Key: \* = 1–4 items; \*\* = 4–20 items; \*\*\* = 21–49 items\*\*\*\* = 50–99 items; \*\*\*\*\* = >100 items: Moll-t = land snails, Moll-a = aquatic snails, sab = small animal bone, brnt bn = burnt bone

## APPENDIX D: OASIS REPORT FORM

<b>PROJECT DETAILS</b>		
Project Name	Cottage Farm, Oadby, Leicestershire	
Short description	<p>Between April and May 2019, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological evaluation at Cottage Farm, Oadby, Leicestershire. The evaluation was undertaken to inform an outline planning application for the residential development of the site. The fieldwork comprised the excavation of 60 trenches.</p> <p>Archaeological interest in the site is derived from its location within a landscape rich in early prehistoric findspots. Worked flint of Mesolithic to Bronze Age date has been recovered from fields located to the immediate south-west of the site (LHER No: MLE9270; NGR: SP 627 987) and to the south-east at Beauchamp College (ELE 8634). While excavation and evaluation to the immediate north of the site revealed a ditch containing Middle to Late Iron Age pottery, as well as two similar, but undated, ditches.</p> <p>Previous geophysical survey of the site identified a number of anomalies representing potential archaeological features, comprising curvilinear, linear, circular and discrete anomalies indicative of prehistoric enclosures, house ring gullies, pits, boundary features and furrows.</p> <p>This pattern of enclosures predicted by the geophysical survey was largely confirmed by the evaluation, which identified archaeological features concentrated in the south-western part of the site within two distinct areas. The artefactual evidence recovered during the evaluation suggests that permanent settlement within the south-western part of the site began during the Middle to Late Iron Age, with evidence for settlement in the form of enclosures, boundary ditches, pits and ring gullies and other settlement features. Features associated with medieval and post-medieval land use were also recorded, including a field boundary ditch containing medieval pottery and the ploughed-out remnants of medieval ridge and furrow, the remains of the open field system that once surrounded the settlement at Oadby, which were encountered across the site.</p>	
Project dates	23 <sup>rd</sup> April – 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	
Project type	Field Evaluation	
Previous work	Heritage Statement: Nexus Heritage 2013 Geophysical Surveys: Stratascan 2014 Field Evaluation: CA 2014 Geophysical surveys: Magnitude Surveys 2019	
Future work	Unknown	
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>		
Site Location	Cottage Farm, Oadby, Leicestershire	
Study area (M <sup>2</sup> /ha)	20ha	
Site co-ordinates	463087 298868	
<b>PROJECT CREATORS</b>		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Brief originator	n/a	
Project Design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Manager	Stuart Joyce	
Project Supervisor	Molly Day	
<b>MONUMENT TYPE</b>		
Middle to Late Iron Age Enclosures, pits, ditches and eaves drip gullies. Medieval furrows and post-medieval ditches.		
<b>SIGNIFICANT FINDS</b>		
Middle to Late Iron Age pottery		
<b>PROJECT ARCHIVES</b>		
	Intended final location of archive	Content
Physical	Leicestershire museum services	Ceramics, Animal Bone, Metal finds
Paper	Leicestershire museum services	WSI, pro-forma recording sheets and registers
Digital	Leicestershire museum services	GPS survey, Report, Photographs

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