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SUMMARY

Project Name: Land at Combe Cross
Location: Filham, Ivybridge, Devon
NGR: 265183 055942
Type: Evaluation
Date: 2–6 March 2020
Planning Reference: 3703/18/OPA
Location of Archive: To be deposited with the Plymouth City Museum and Art Gallery and the Archaeology Data Service (ADS)
Museum accession number: PLYBX.2020.5
Site Code: CCFI20

In March 2020, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological evaluation of land at Combe Cross, Filham, Ivybridge, Devon.

The evaluation recorded a rectilinear enclosure in the southern part of the site; associated pottery was Romano-British in date. Also recorded were three parallel ditches, one of which contained a small amount of Romano-British artefacts.

The evaluation also recorded further scattered undated ditches and a single undated pit.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. In March 2020, Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological evaluation of land at Combe Cross, Filham, Ivybridge, Devon (centred at NGR: 265183 055942; Fig. 1). This evaluation was undertaken for EDP, who were acting on behalf of Bloor Homes.
- 1.2. The evaluation results will inform a planning application for residential development of the site, which has been made to South Hams District Council (planning ref: 3703/18/OPA).
- 1.3. The scope of this evaluation was defined by Stephen Reed, Senior Historic Environment Officer, Devon County Council Historic Environment Team (DCCHET). The evaluation was carried out in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) prepared by CA (2020) and approved by DCCHET.
- 1.4. The evaluation was also in line with the following documents:
 - *Specification for Archaeological Field Evaluation* (Devon County Council 2018);
 - *Standard and guidance for archaeological field evaluation* (ClfA 2014);
 - *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MoRPHE) PPN 3: Archaeological Excavation* (Historic England 2015); and
 - *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment: The MoRPHE Project Managers' Guide* (Historic England 2015).

The site

- 1.5. The proposed development site lies between the A38 and the B3213, to the east of the hamlet of Filham. The site is c. 9ha in extent and currently comprises three pasture fields separated by minor roads.
- 1.6. The site's underlying bedrock geology is mapped as Middle Devonian Slates, which formed during the Devonian Period. This is overlain in the central part of the site by superficial deposits of Head clay, silt, sand and gravel. No superficial deposits are recorded in the remainder of the site (BGS 2020).

2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

- 2.1. The proposed development site is within an area with known potential for prehistoric archaeological remains. In particular, two hollow-floored Middle Bronze Age buildings and evidence for a substantial post-built structure have been recorded c. 250m south-west of the proposed development site (CA 2019), and Iron Age clay deposits and a group of stakeholes interpreted as a possible hearth or oven have been recorded c. 500m south-west of the proposed development site (CA 2010).
- 2.2. A geophysical survey of the proposed development site (Headland Archaeology, forthcoming) recorded anomalies indicative of a sub-square enclosure in the southern part of the site. Linear anomalies indicative of further enclosures and/or field boundaries were also noted.

3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 3.1. The general objective of the evaluation was to provide further information on the likely archaeological resource within the site, including its presence/absence, character, extent, date and state of preservation. This information will enable South Hams District Council to identify and assess the particular significance of any archaeological heritage assets within the site, consider the impact of the proposed development upon that significance and, if appropriate, develop strategies to avoid or minimise conflict between heritage asset conservation and the development proposal, in line with the *National Planning Policy Framework* (MHCLG 2019)

4. METHODOLOGY

- 4.1. The evaluation fieldwork comprised the excavation of 11 trenches, measuring 15m–50m in length and c. 1.5m in width (Fig. 2). The trenches were located to test geophysical anomalies (Headland Archaeology, forthcoming).
- 4.2. Trenches were set out on OS National Grid co-ordinates using Leica GPS. Overburden was stripped from the trenches by a mechanical excavator fitted with a toothless grading bucket. All machining was conducted under archaeological supervision. Deposits were stripped to the top of the natural substrate, which was the level at which archaeological features were first encountered.
- 4.3. Archaeological features/deposits were investigated, planned and recorded in accordance with *CA Technical Manual 1: Fieldwork Recording Manual*.

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- 4.4. Deposits were assessed for their palaeoenvironmental potential and samples were taken in accordance with *CA Technical Manual 2: The Taking and Processing of Environmental and Other Samples from Archaeological Sites*.
- 4.5. Artefacts were processed in accordance with *CA Technical Manual 3: Treatment of Finds Immediately after Excavation*.
- 4.6. The archive will consist of two elements: the material and documentary archive and the digital archive. The material and documentary archive will be deposited with the Plymouth City Museum and Art Gallery, subject to the agreement of the landowner. The digital archive will be deposited with the Archaeology Data Service (ADS).
- 4.7. Depending on the nature and scope of any subsequent programme of archaeological mitigation works at the site (if required), the evaluation archive may be combined with that for any subsequent works and deposited as a single archive.
- 4.8. A summary of information from this project, as set out in Appendix C, will be entered onto the OASIS online database of archaeological projects in Britain.

5. RESULTS

- 5.1. This section provides an overview of the evaluation results. Detailed summaries of the recorded contexts are given in Appendix A. Details of the artefactual material recovered from the site are given in Section 6 and Appendix B.
- 5.2. The natural substrate comprised ‘shillet’ shales and sandy loam soils. It was exposed in the majority of the trenches at a depth of 0.28m–0.45m below the present ground level and was generally sealed by the modern topsoil. The exceptions were Tr5 and Tr8, where the natural substrate was exposed 0.61m–0.81m below the present ground level and was sealed by 0.25m–0.48m of colluvial deposits; this colluvium was covered in turn by the modern topsoil.
- 5.3. Archaeological features were recorded in all trenches except Tr3. These features were cut into the natural substrate and sealed by the topsoil or the colluvial layer (where present).

Trench 1

- 5.4. East/west aligned ditch 103 (Fig. 3, Sec, AA) was 2.9m wide and 0.46m deep, with a single undated fill (102).

Trench 2

- 5.5. East/west aligned linear feature 203 (Fig. 4, Sec BB) was 1m wide and 0.18m deep, with a single undated fill (202). This feature was irregular and defuse, with uneven sides. It is possible that it represents a natural feature, formed through processes such as geological action, water run-off or tree rooting.

Trench 4

- 5.6. North-east/south-west aligned ditch 403 (Fig. 5, Secs. CC & DD) was 1.8m wide and 0.3m deep, with a single undated fill (402).

Trench 5

- 5.7. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 503 (Fig. 6, Sec. EE) was 0.4m wide and 0.1m deep, with a single undated fill (502).

Trench 6

- 5.8. North-east/south-west aligned ditch 603 (Fig. 7, Sec. FF) was 0.68m wide and 0.2m deep, with a single undated fill (602). Running along the western side of this ditch were the possible remains of a former bank (604) formed by the up-cast of natural 'shillet' shales when the ditch was dug. This possible bank deposit measured 1.22m in width and 0.15m in height.

Trench 7

- 5.9. North-east/south-west aligned ditch 710 (Fig. 8, Sec. HH) was 3.7m wide. It was excavated to a depth of 1.05m without its base being reached. This ditch contained numerous fills, mainly consisting of redeposited natural 'shillet' and clay soils. A total of 11 sherds of Romano-British pottery were recovered from fill 706.

Trench 8

- 5.10. Tr8 contained three ditches running approximately east/west (804, 806 and 810). Southernmost ditch 804 (Fig. 9, Sec. II) was 1.84m wide and 1.02m deep, with two fills (802 and 803). Upper fill 802 contained two sherds of Romano-British pottery/ceramic building material. Running along the southern side of this ditch was a low bank of redeposited natural 'shillet' (813); this deposit measured 1.47m in width and 0.32m in height. A small spread of charcoal-rich deposit 815 overlay the bank material; a palaeoenvironmental sample was taken from this deposit (not processed at this stage).

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- 5.11. Central ditch 810 (Fig. 10, Sec. KK) was 1.65m wide and 0.64m deep, with three undated fills.
- 5.12. Northernmost ditch 806 (Fig. 10, Sec. JJ) was 1.6m wide and 0.57m deep, with a single undated fill (805).
- 5.13. Pit 812 (Fig. 11, Sec. LL) lay between ditches 802 and 810. This pit measured 0.3m in diameter and 0.08m in depth. Its single undated fill (811) consisted almost solely of charcoal. A palaeoenvironmental sample was taken from this deposit (not processed at this stage).

Trench 9

- 5.14. North-east/south-west aligned ditch 903 (Fig. 12, Secs. MM & NN) was 0.76m wide and 0.3m deep, with a single undated fill (902). This ditch truncated an earlier tree throw (905).

Trench 10

- 5.15. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 1004 (Fig. 13, Secs. OO & PP) was 1.1m wide and 0.6m deep, with two undated fills (1002 & 1003).

Trench 11

- 5.16. North-east/south-west aligned ditch 1108 (Fig. 14, Sec. QQ) was 3.36m wide. It was excavated to a depth of 1.15m without its base being reached. It contained several fills. Two sherds of Romano-British pottery were recovered from fill 1104.

6. THE FINDS

- 6.1. Artefactual material was recovered from three ditch fills. All of the recovered material dates to the Romano-British period (where dateable). Quantities of the artefact types are given in Appendix B. The pottery has been recorded according to sherd count/weight per fabric and form/rim morphology, where possible. National Roman Fabric Reference Collection codes have been used (Tomber and Dore 1998).

Pottery

- 6.2. A total of 14 sherds (80g) was retrieved, all in South Devon reduced micaceous ware (SOD RE). This ware type was produced throughout the Romano-British period (Tyers 1996, 197). Identifiable vessels are a large storage jar from fill 802 (ditch 804, Tr8) and a jar with a grooved rim and a conical flanged dish from fill 706

(ditch 710, Tr7). The latter vessel is in imitation of a Southeast Dorset Black-burnished ware form and similar dating can be applied, i.e. mid 3rd to 4th century AD (Seager Smith and Davies 1993, 235).

Ceramic building material

- 6.3. A heavily abraded fragment (6g) of ceramic building material from fill 802 (ditch 804, Tr8) appears to be Romano-British in date but is too fragmentary for further classification.

Other finds

- 6.4. A total of five fragments of iron (147g) were recovered from two deposits. These consist of fragmentary nails from fill 802 (ditch 804, Tr8) and sheet fragments from fill 1104 (ditch 1108, Tr11).

7. DISCUSSION

- 7.1. The evaluation recorded a series of ditches and a single pit. These features were mainly present within the southern half of the site. There was a generally good correspondence to the results of the previous geophysical survey (Headland Archaeology, forthcoming). Most of the geophysical anomalies were found to correspond to below-ground archaeological features (and vice versa). Dating evidence was relatively limited, but quantities of Romano-British pottery were recovered from three features in the southern part of the site.

Romano-British (AD 43–AD 410)

- 7.2. Ditches 710 (Tr7) and 1108 (Tr11) corresponded to two sides of a rectilinear enclosure recorded by the geophysical survey. These ditches were very substantial, measuring 3.36m–3.7m in width and over 1.15m in depth (their bases were not exposed). A total of 13 sherds of Romano-British pottery were recovered from the fills of these ditches. Most of this pottery could not be closely dated, but some of the sherds from ditch 710 were dateable to the mid 3rd to 4th centuries AD.
- 7.3. There were no clear indications of a former ditch-side bank, although the topsoil was shallow in this area and any bank may have been ploughed out at some point in the past. No internal features were recorded within the enclosures; there was also no feature corresponding to the central linear geophysical anomaly (which passed through Tr7).

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- 7.4. Tr8 contained three parallel ditches (804, 806, 810). These were evenly spaced at c. 12m apart from each other. They measured 1.6m–1.84m in width and 0.57m–1.02m in depth. Southern ditch 804 was the most substantial of the trio, and contained two sherds of Romano-British pottery/ceramic building material. There was evidence for a former bank running along the southern side of ditch 804.
- 7.5. While the associated artefacts indicate a Roman-British origin for ditch 804, the geophysical survey indicates that the line of this ditch continues eastwards within the site until it meets a former historic field boundary (aligned broadly north/south), where it terminates. However, no boundary corresponding to ditch 804 is shown on historic cartographic sources; the line of the ditch is also cut across by a road/trackway which is visible on the 1843 Tithe Map of Ugborough.
- 7.6. The geophysical survey indicates that undated ditches 806 and 810 run parallel to ditch 804 for part of their lengths but have a 90° bend within the central-south area of the site; after this, they run north/south and cut across the projected line of ditch 804. The interrelationships between these three ditches are currently uncertain. Again, no corresponding field boundaries are visible on the historic mapping and, as with ditch 804, ditches 806 and 810 are cut by the line of the road/track and must therefore pre-date the mid 19th century at least. The geophysical survey indicates that ditches 806 and 810 intersect with the Romano-British enclosure recorded in Tr7 and Tr11, but their relationship with this enclosure is currently uncertain.
- 7.7. Although the interpretation of parallel ditches 804, 806 and 810 is currently uncertain, the presence of Romano-British artefacts in ditch 804 and the lack of corresponding field boundaries depicted on historic mapping raise the possibility that these features may be of some antiquity.

Undated/uncertain

- 7.8. Ditches 903 (Tr9) and 1004 (Tr10) appear to form part of a rectilinear enclosure extending at an oblique angle from the corner of ditch 806 (Tr8). Both of these ditches were undated.
- 7.9. Four further scattered undated ditches were recorded in Tr1, Tr4, Tr5 and Tr6. The remnants of a possible ditch-side bank were associated with ditch 603 (Tr6). A further possible undated ditch was recorded in Tr2, although this feature was irregular and diffuse, and may represent a natural feature.

8. CA PROJECT TEAM

- 8.1. Fieldwork was undertaken by Simon Sworn, assisted by Chris Griffiths, Jake Godfrey and Parris Stubbings. This report was written by Simon Sworn. The finds report was written by Jacky Somerville. The report illustrations were prepared by Ryan Wilson. The project archive has been compiled and prepared for deposition by Hazel O'Neill. The project was managed for CA by Derek Evans.

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APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
1	100	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown loose silty clay		0.4	
1	101	Layer		Natural	Laminated 'shillet' shales and sandy loam		-	
1	102	Fill	103	Fill of ditch	Mid yellow brown silty clay	2.92	0.46	
1	103	Cut		Ditch	East/west aligned shallow cut	2.92	0.46	
2	200	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown loose silty clay		0.45	
2	201	Layer		Natural	Laminated 'shillet' shales and sandy loam		-	
2	202	Fill	203	Fill of ditch(?)	Light brown sandy silt	1	0.18	
2	203	Cut		Ditch(?)	Irregular east/west feature	1	0.18	
3	300	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown loose silty clay		0.36	
3	301	Layer		Natural	Laminated 'shillet' shales and sandy loam		-	
4	400	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown loose silty clay		0.36	
4	401	Layer		Natural	Laminated 'shillet' shales and sandy loam		-	
4	402	Fill	403	Fill of ditch	Mid yellow-brown silty clay	1.18	0.3	
4	403	Cut		Ditch	North-east/south-west concave sided ditch	1.18	0.3	
5	500	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown loose silty clay		0.36	
5	501	Layer		Natural	Laminated 'shillet' shales and sandy loam		-	
5	502	Fill		Fill of ditch	Dark grey-brown silty clay	0.4	0.1	
5	503	Cut		Ditch	North-west/south-east concave sided ditch	0.4	0.1	
5	504	Layer		Colluvium	Fine mid brown sandy loam		0.25	
6	600	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown loose silty clay		0.4	
6	601	Layer		Natural	Laminated 'shillet' shales and sandy loam		-	
6	602	Fill		Fill of ditch	Mid brown silty clay	0.68	0.2	
6	603	Cut		Ditch	North/south aligned ditch with concave side	0.68	0.2	
6	604	Layer		Bank	Light yellow-grey redeposited natural 'shillet'	1.22	>0.15	
7	700	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown loose silty clay		0.28	
7	701	Layer		Natural	Laminated 'shillet' shales and sandy loam		-	
7	702	Fill	710	Fill of ditch	Mid grey-brown sandy silt	2.5	0.29	
7	703	Fill	710	Fill of ditch	Dark grey sandy silt	1.14	0.09	
7	704	Fill	710	Fill of ditch	Mid orange-brown sandy silt	2.03	0.23	
7	705	Fill	710	Fill of ditch	Mid grey sandy silt	1.24	0.11	
7	706	Fill	710	Fill of ditch	Mid orange-brown sandy silt	1.08	0.49	MC3 -C4
7	707	Fill	710	Fill of ditch	Light grey-yellow sandy silt	2	0.57	
7	708	Fill	710	Fill of ditch	Mid brown-yellow sandy silt	1.34	>0.42	
7	709	Fill	710	Fill of ditch	Mid orange-brown sandy silt	1.35	>0.36	
7	710	Cut		Enclosure ditch	Large north/south ditch. Not fully excavated	3.69	>1.05	
8	800	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown loose silty clay		0.35	
8	801	Layer		Natural	Laminated 'shillet' shales and sandy loam		-	
8	802	Fill	804	Fill of ditch	Dark brown-grey clay silt	1.84	0.63	RB
8	803	Fill	804	Fill of ditch	Light yellow-brown clay silt	1.65	0.32	
8	804	Cut		Ditch cut	East-west ditch cut with steep concave sides	1.84	0.96	
8	805	Fill	806	Fill of ditch	Light orange-brown silty clay	1.6	0.27	
8	806	Cut		Ditch cut	East-west ditch cut with steep concave sides	1.6	0.27	
8	807	Fill	810	Fill of ditch	Mid yellow-brown silty clay	1.43	0.27	
8	808	Fill	810	Fill of ditch	Dark brown-grey clay silt	0.63	0.12	

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
8	809	Fill	810	Fill of ditch	Mid orange-brown silty clay	1.65	0.23	
8	810	Cut		Ditch cut	East-west ditch cut with steep concave sides	1.65	0.64	
8	811	Fill		Fill of pit	Charcoal rich black silty clay	0.3	0.08	
8	812	Cut		Pit cut	Circular pit cut with shallow concave sides	0.3	0.08	
8	813	Layer		Bank	Mid orange-brown redeposited 'shillet' and yellow clay	1.7	0.31	
8	814	Fill	810	Fill of ditch	Dark brown-grey clay silt	0.76	0.19	
8	815	Layer		Dump deposit	Black charcoal rich silty clay above bank 813	0.7	0.28	
8	816	Layer		Colluvium	Fine mid brown sandy loam		0.48	
9	900	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown loose silty clay		0.38	
9	901	Layer		Natural	Laminated 'shillet' shales and sandy loam		-	
9	902	Fill	903	Fill of ditch	Mid grey brown sandy silt	0.76	0.3	
9	903	Cut		Ditch cut	North-east/south-west steep concave sided ditch	0.76	0.3	
9	904	Fill	905	Tree throw fill	Light grey-brown silty clay	>0.65	0.34	
9	905	Cut		Tree throw cut	Irregular sub-circular cut. Possible tree throw	>0.65	0.34	
10	1000	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown loose silty clay		0.34	
10	1001	Layer		Natural	Laminated 'shillet' shales and sandy loam		-	
10	1002	Fill	1004	Fill of ditch	Mid grey-brown silty clay	1.1	0.35	
10	1003	Fill	1004	Fill of ditch	Mid yellow-grey clay silt	0.72	0.24	
10	1004	Cut		Ditch cut	North-west/south-east steep sided ditch cut	1.1	0.6	
11	1100	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown loose silty clay		0.4	
11	1101	Layer		Natural	Laminated 'shillet' shales and sandy loam		-	
11	1102	Fill	1108	Fill of ditch	Mid brown-grey clay silt	2.24	0.58	
11	1103	Fill	1108	Fill of ditch	Light orange-brown clay silt	1.05	0.59	
11	1104	Fill	1108	Fill of ditch	Mid brown grey silty clay	3.36	>1.15	RB
11	1105	Fill	1108	Fill of ditch	Mid orange-brown silty clay	1.35	>0.82	
11	1106	Fill	1108	Fill of ditch	Mid red-brown silty clay	0.62	>0.28	
11	1107	Fill	1108	Fill of ditch	Mid orange-brown silty clay	0.87	>0.63	
11	1108	Cut		Enclosure ditch	Large east/west ditch. Not fully excavated	3.36	>1.15	

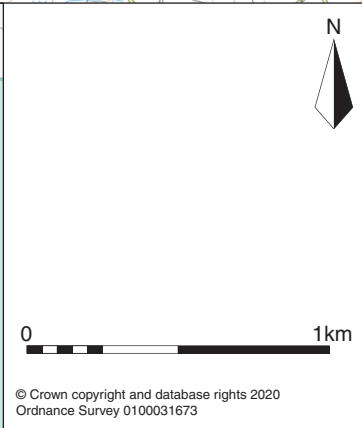
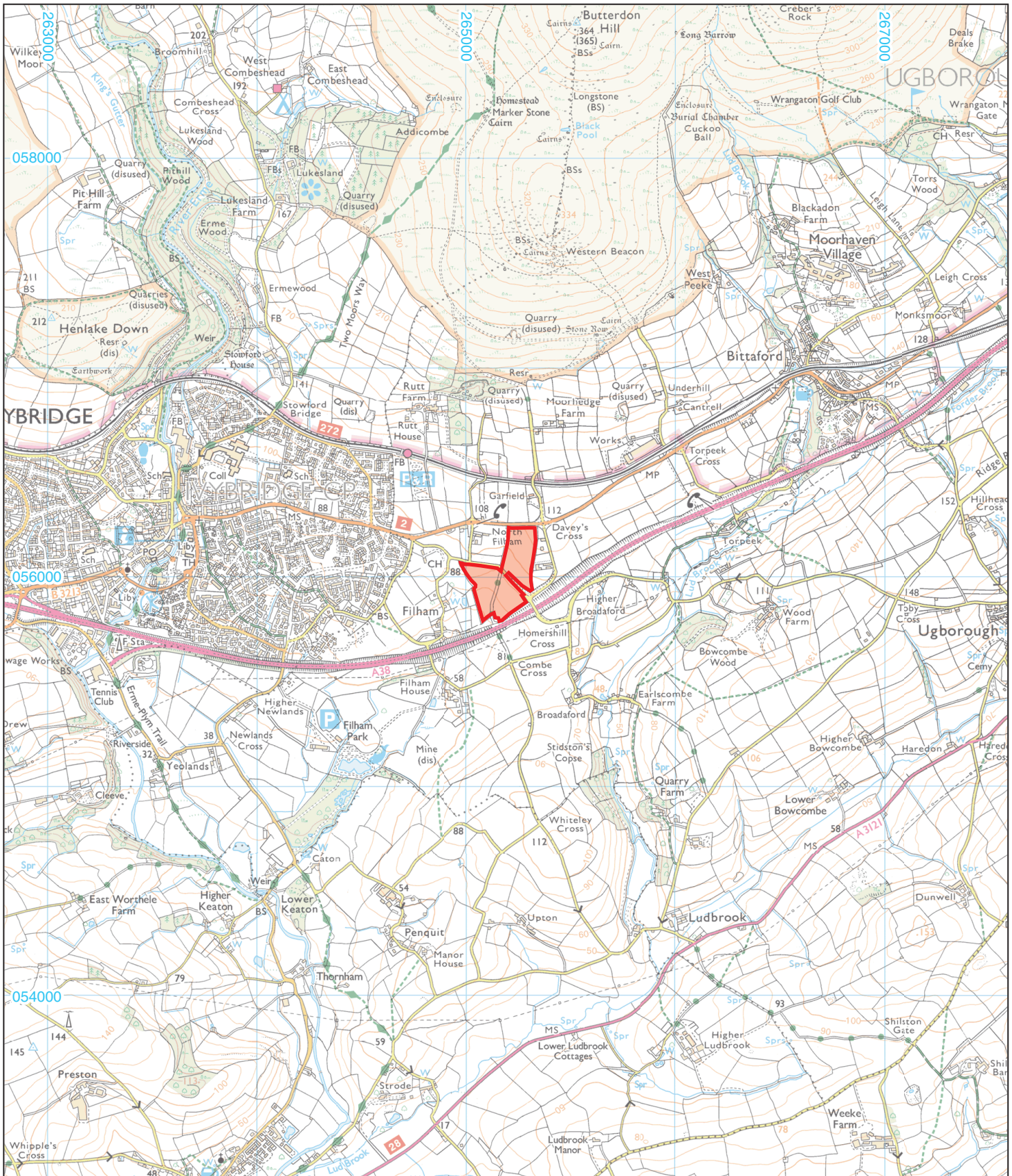
APPENDIX B: FINDS CONCORDANCE


Context	Feature	Category	Description	Fabric Code*	Count	Weight (g)	Spot-date
706	Ditch 710	Roman pottery	South Devon reduced micaceous ware	SOD RE	11	53	MC3-C4
802	Ditch 804	Roman pottery	South Devon reduced micaceous ware	SOD RE	1	20	RB
		Roman ceramic building material	Fragment		1	6	
		Iron	Nail		2	66	
1104	Ditch 1108	Roman pottery	South Devon reduced micaceous ware	SOD RE	2	7	RB
		Iron	Sheet fragment		3	81	

* National Roman Fabric Reference Collection codes in bold

APPENDIX C: OASIS REPORT FORM

PROJECT DETAILS		
Project name	Land at Combe Cross, Filham, Ivybridge, Devon	
Short description	<p>In March 2020, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological evaluation of land at Combe Cross, Filham, Ivybridge, Devon.</p> <p>The evaluation recorded a rectilinear enclosure in the southern part of the site; associated pottery was Romano-British in date. Also recorded were three parallel ditches, one of which contained a small amount of Romano-British artefacts.</p> <p>The evaluation also recorded further scattered undated ditches and a single undated pit.</p>	
Project dates	2–6 March 2020	
Project type	Field evaluation	
Previous work	Geophysical survey (Headland Archaeology 2020)	
Future work	Unknown	
PROJECT LOCATION		
Site Location	Combe Cross, Filham, Ivybridge, Devon	
Study area (m ² /ha)	9ha	
Site co-ordinates	265183 055942	
PROJECT CREATORS		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project brief originator	N/A	
Project design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Manager	Derek Evans	
Project Supervisor	Simon Sworn	
MONUMENT TYPE	Roman enclosure	
SIGNIFICANT FINDS	None	
PROJECT ARCHIVES		
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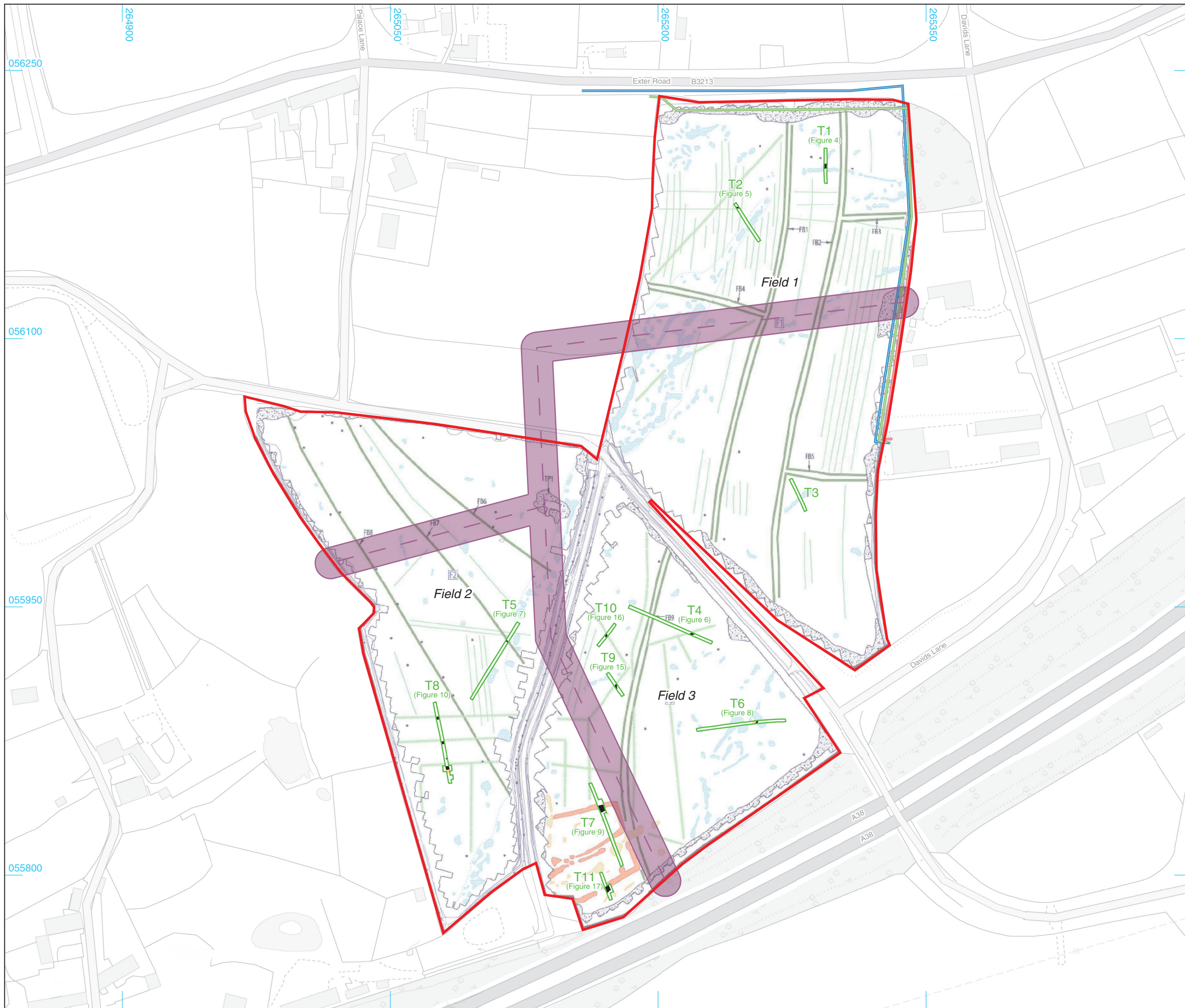
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Site location plan

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- Site outline
- Evaluation trench
- Archaeological feature
- Deposit

- Services:
- Overhead (and buffer)
 - Gas
 - HV electric
 - Water

- Geophysical survey results (Headland Archaeology)
- Survey boundary
 - Dipolar isolated
 - Magnetic disturbance
 - Agricultural linear
 - Field drain
 - Former boundary
 - Geological variation
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Trench location plan

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General view of Field 1 from north-east corner, looking south-east



General view of Field 2 from north corner, looking south-west



General view of Field 2 from north-west corner, looking south



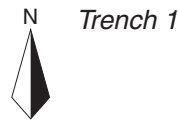
General view of Field 3 from north-east corner, looking south


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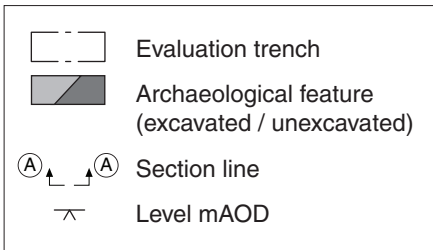
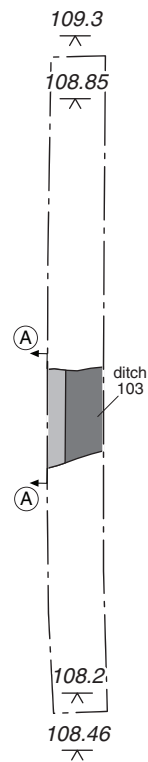
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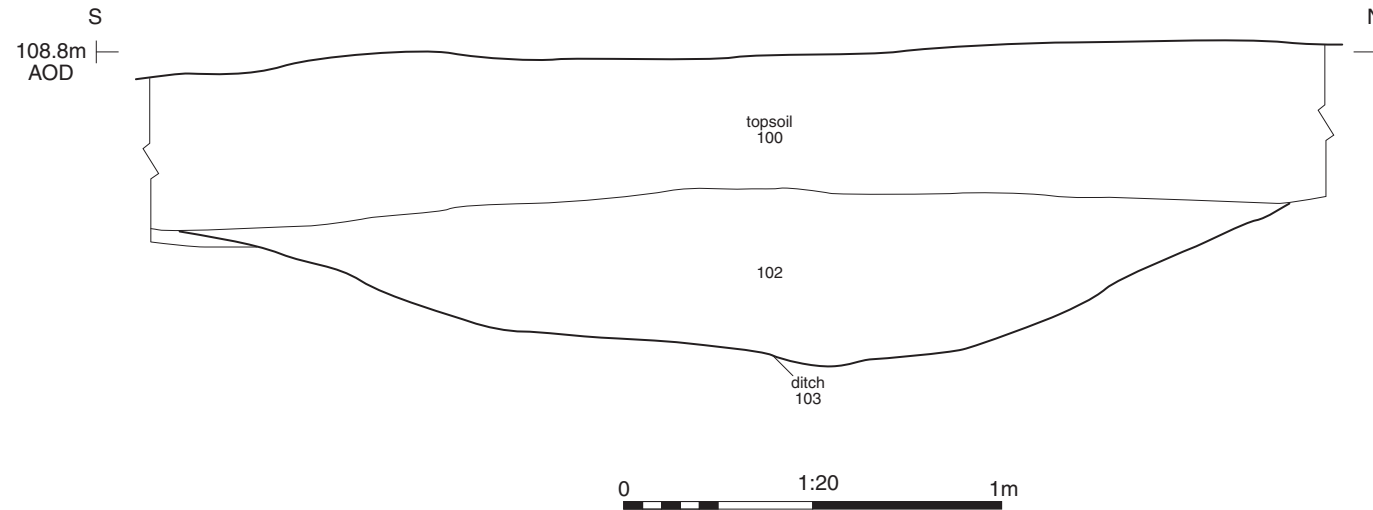
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Trench 1



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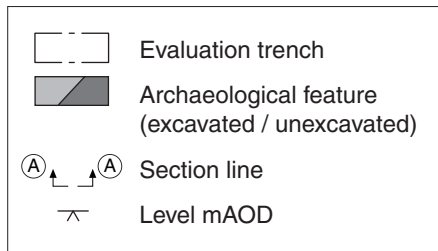
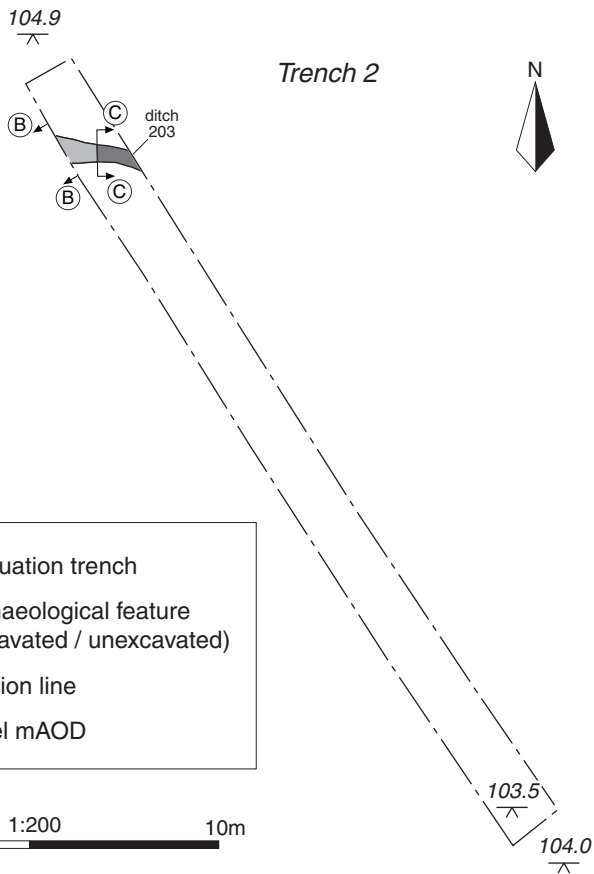
Ditch 103, looking west (1m scale)

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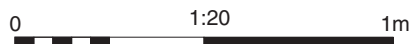
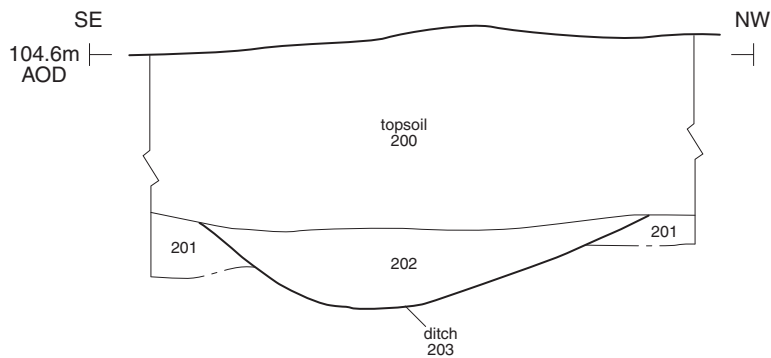
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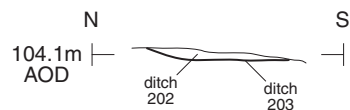
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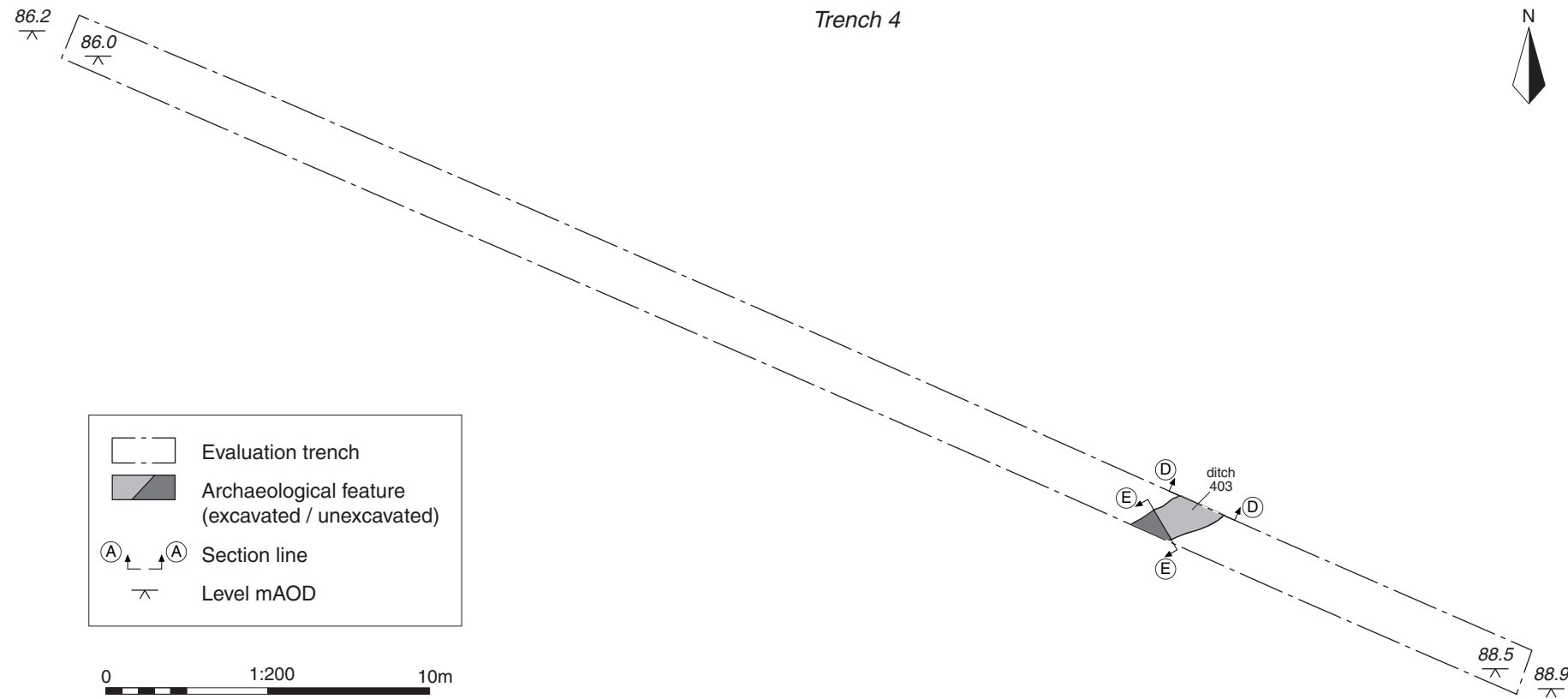
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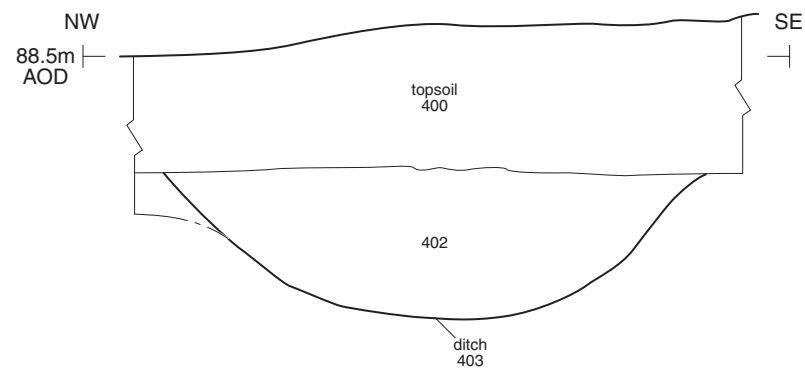
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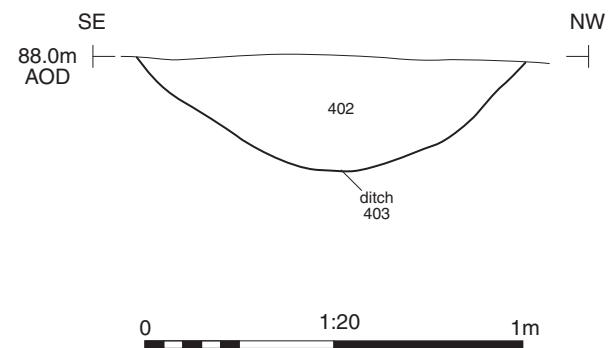
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Section EE



Ditch 403, looking south-west (0.4m scale)

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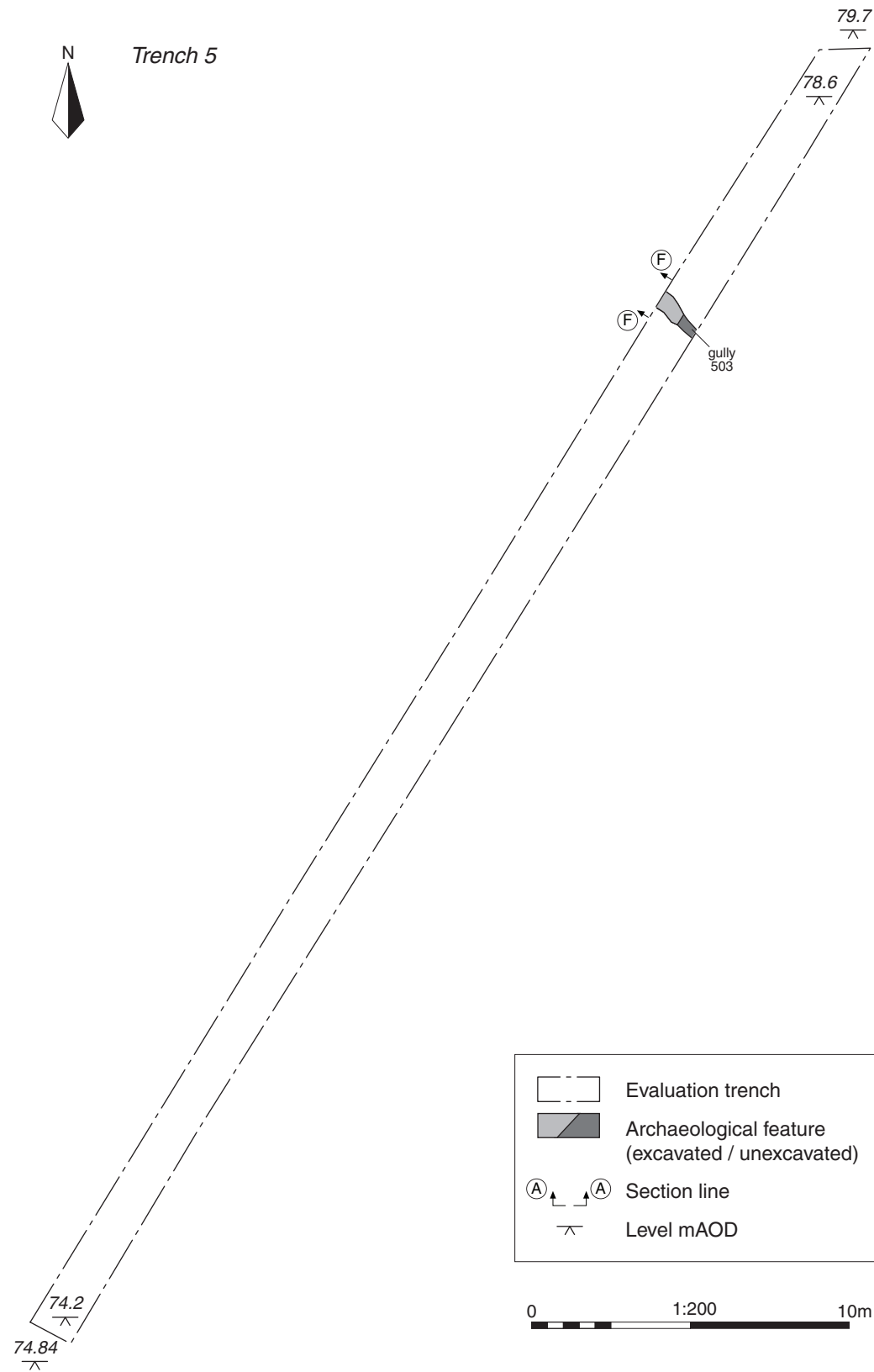
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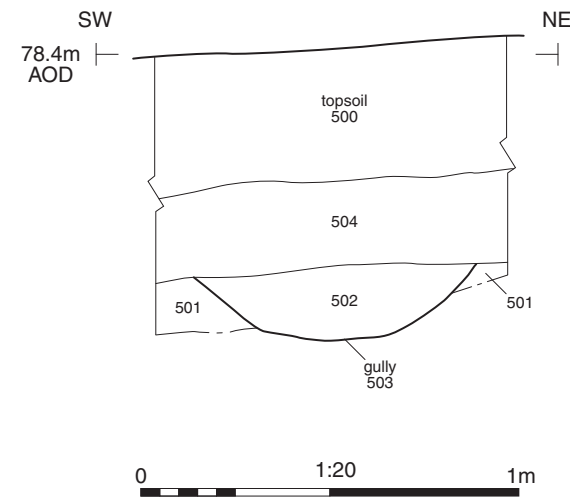
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- Evaluation trench
- Archaeological feature (excavated / unexcavated)
- Section line
- Level mAOD



Section FF



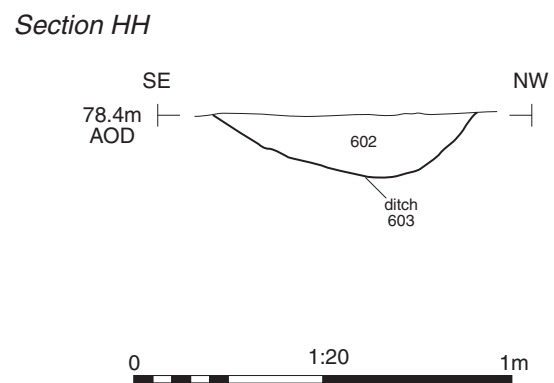
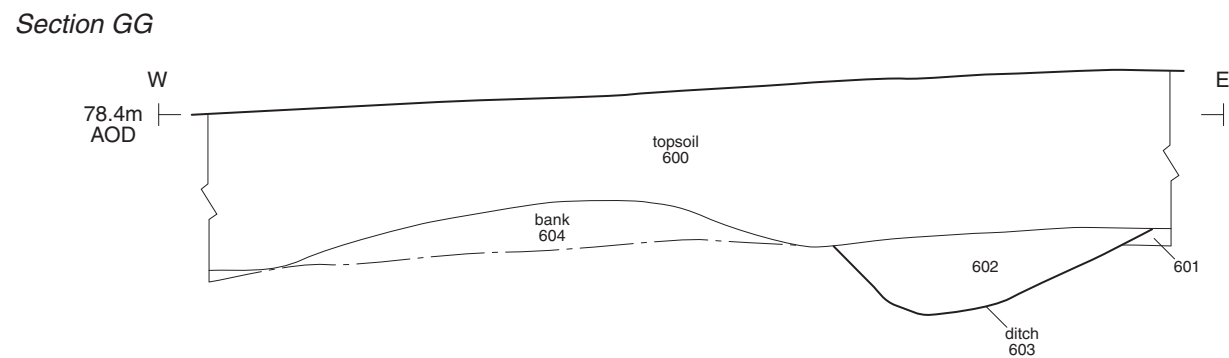
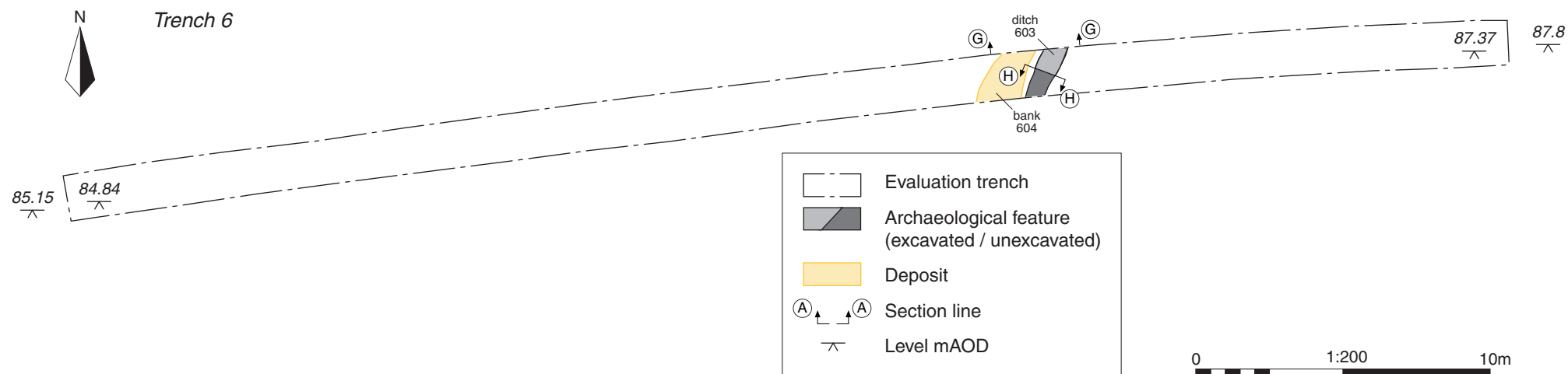
Gully 503, looking north-west (1m scale)

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Ditch 603, looking north (0.4m scale)

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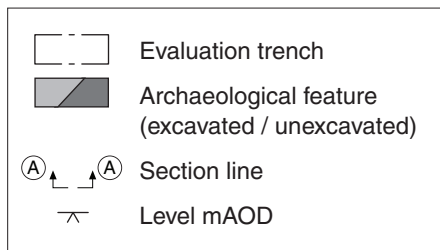
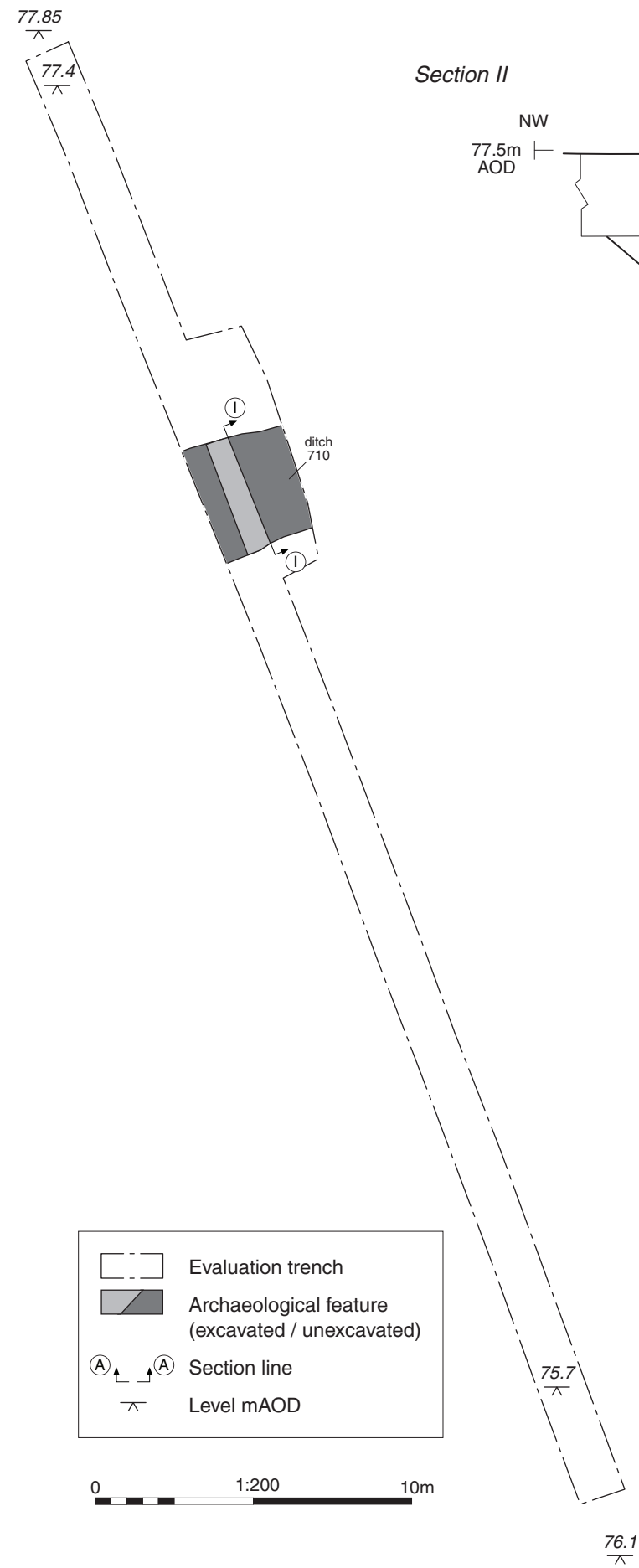
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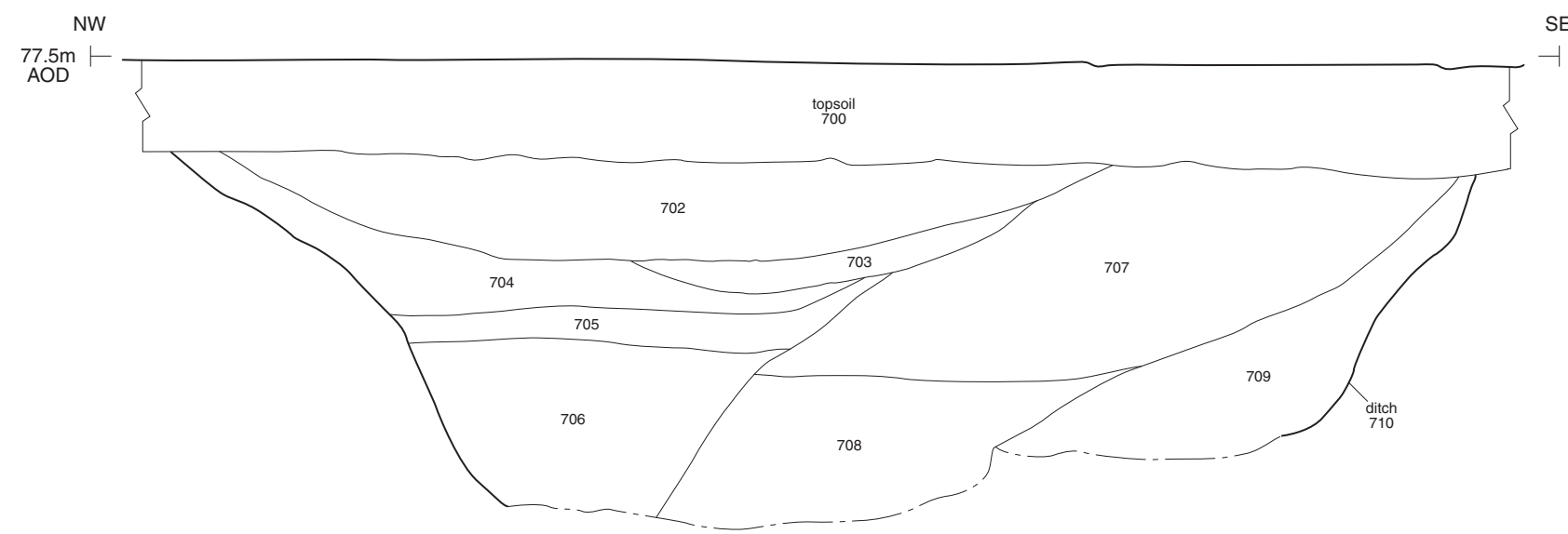


Trench 7



0 1:200 10m

Section II



0 1:20 1m



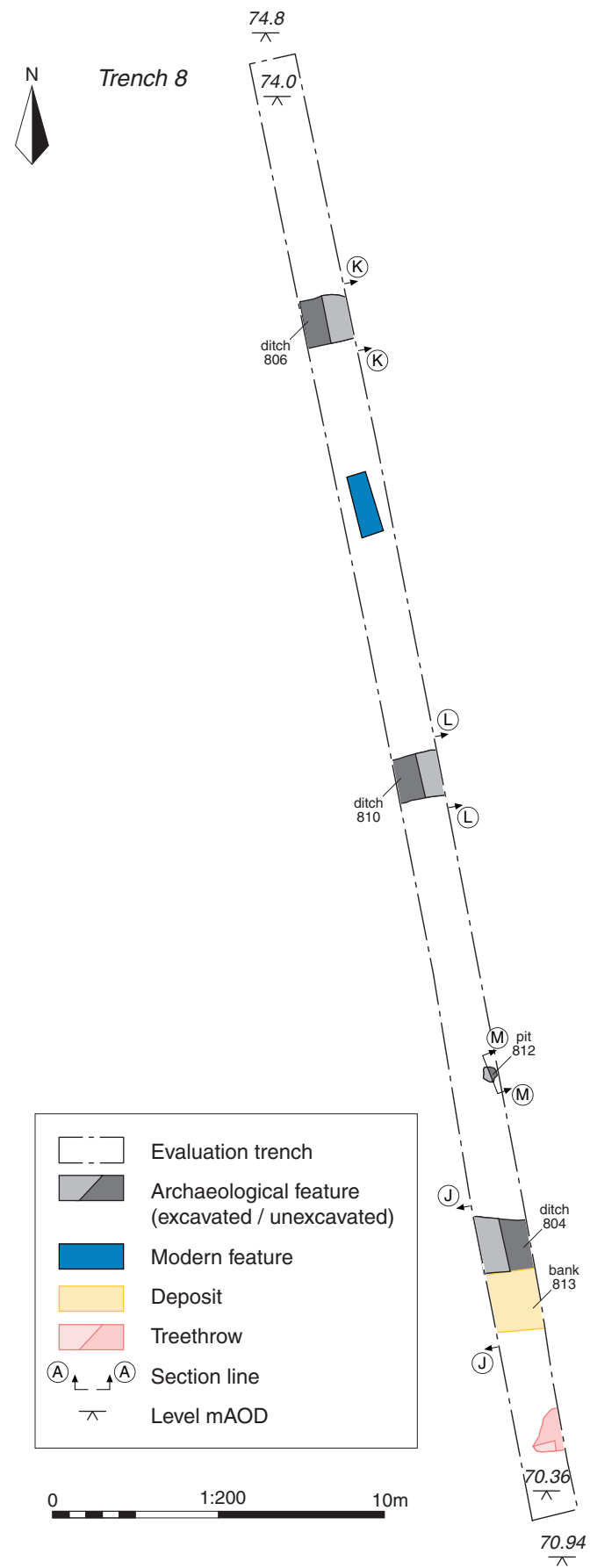
Ditch 710, looking north-west (1m scale)

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**Trench 7: plan, section, and
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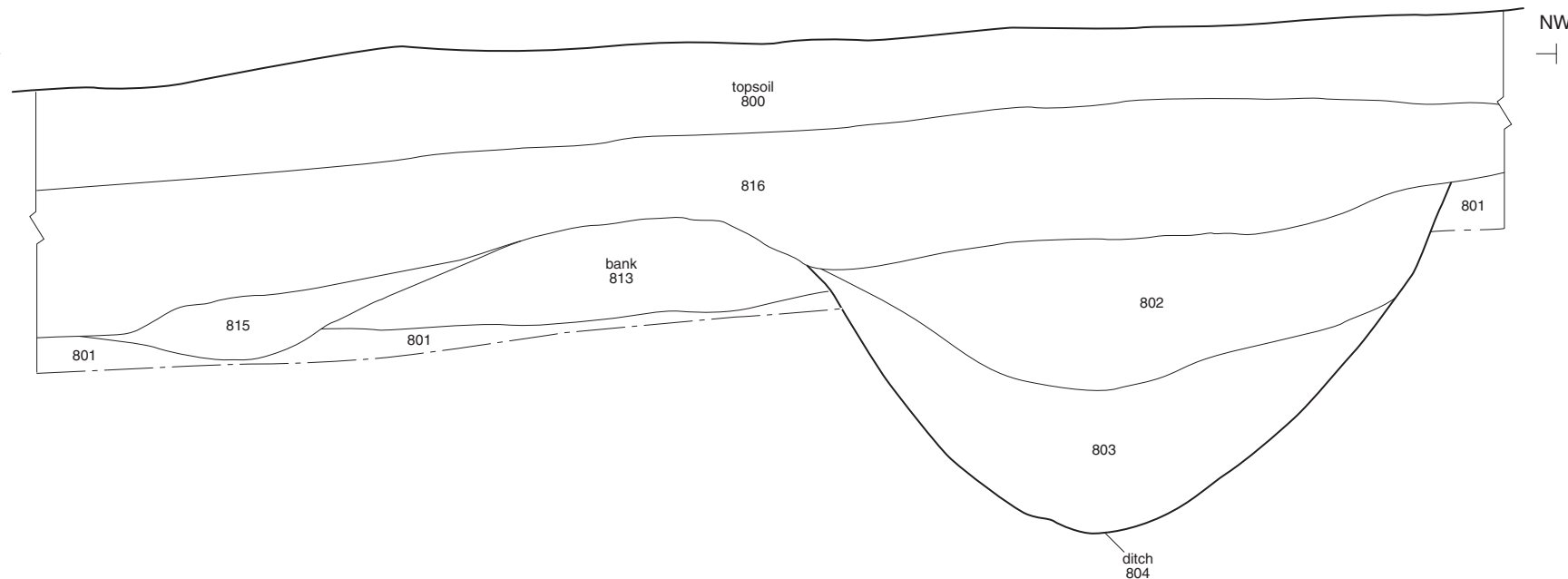
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Trench 8, looking north-west (1m scales)

Section JJ

SE
71.6m
AOD



Bank 813 (left) and ditch 804 (centre), looking south-west (1m scale)



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Bank 813 (centre) with charcoal deposit 815 (left), looking north-east (1m scale)



Charcoal deposit 815 with bank 813 (right), looking north-east (0.4m scale)



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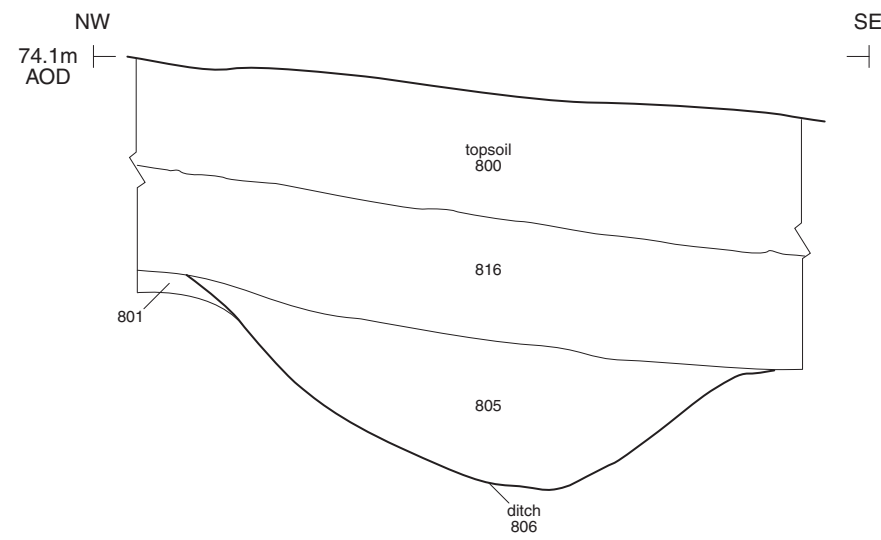
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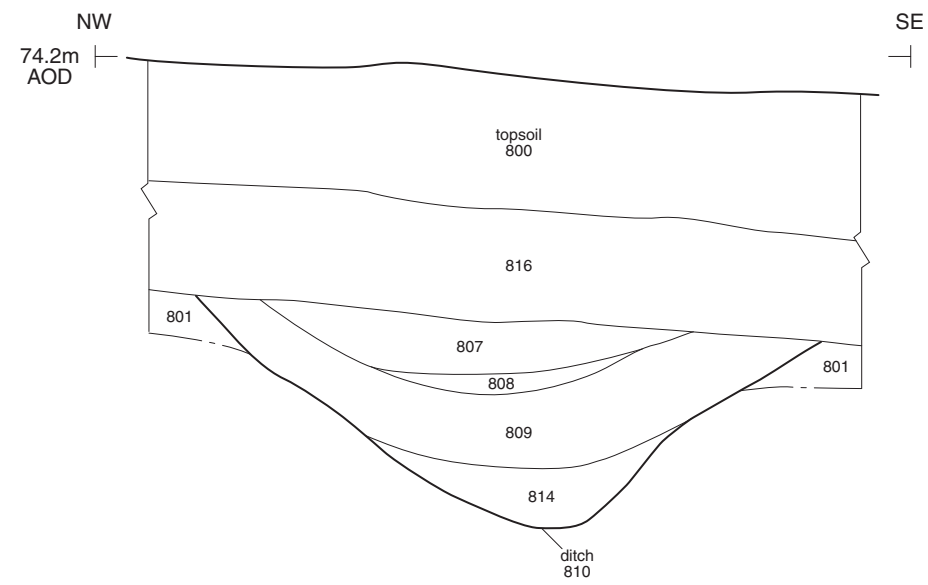
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Section LL



Ditch 806, looking north-east (1m scale)



Ditch 810, looking north-east (1m scale)

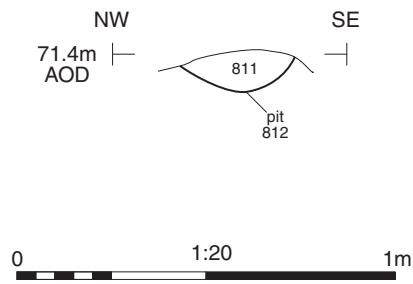

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Section MM



Pit 812, looking north-east (0.2m scale)



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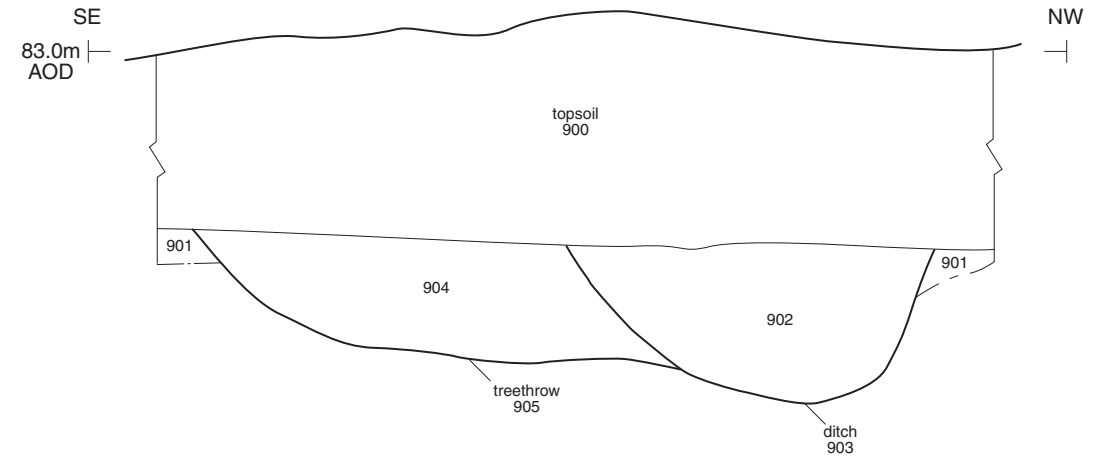
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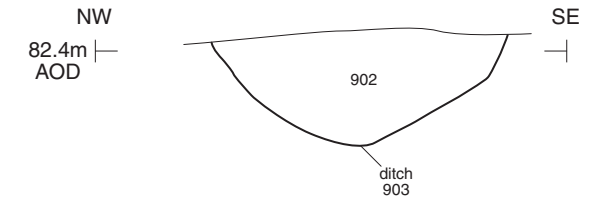
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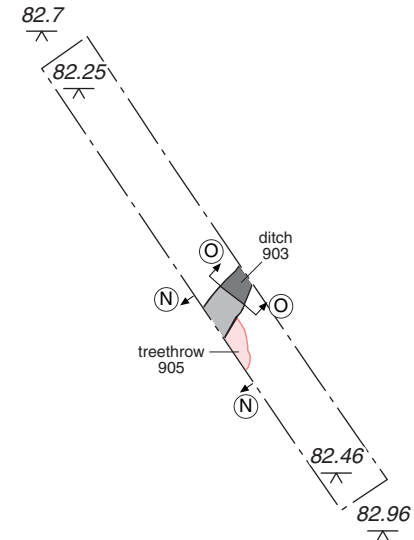
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Trench 9



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- Archaeological feature (excavated / unexcavated)
- Treethrow
- Section line
- Level mAOD



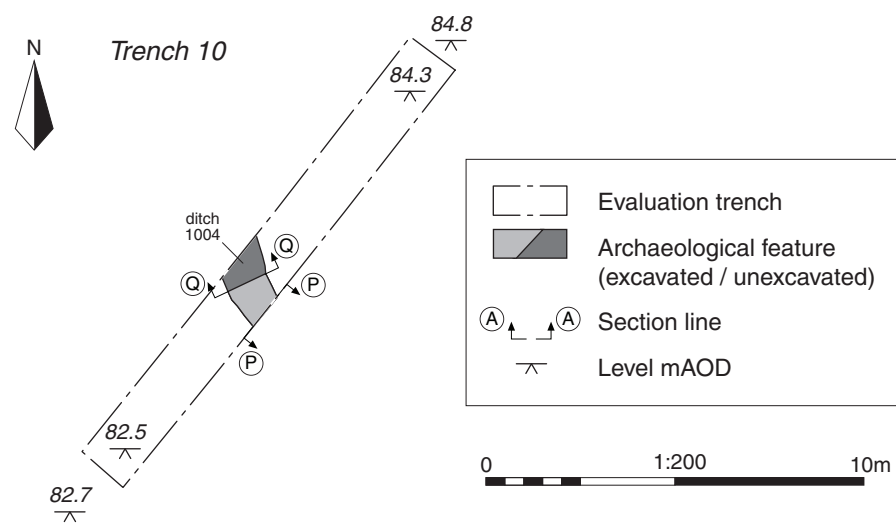
Treethrow 905 (left) and ditch 903 (right), looking south-west (1m scale)

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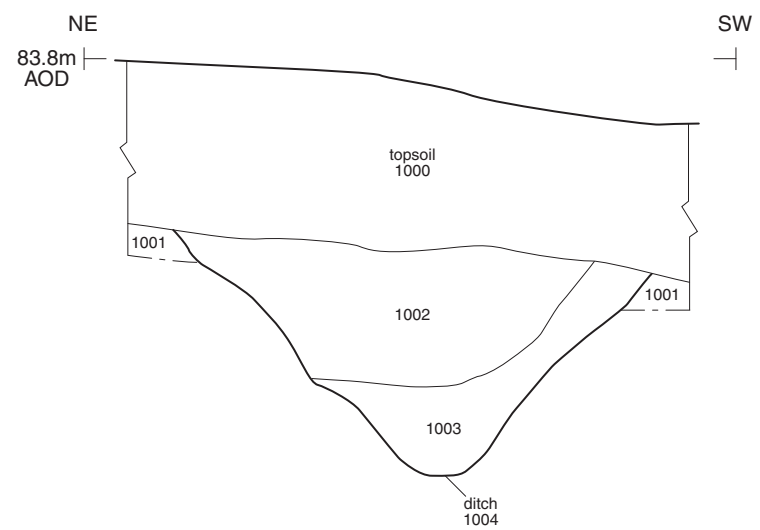
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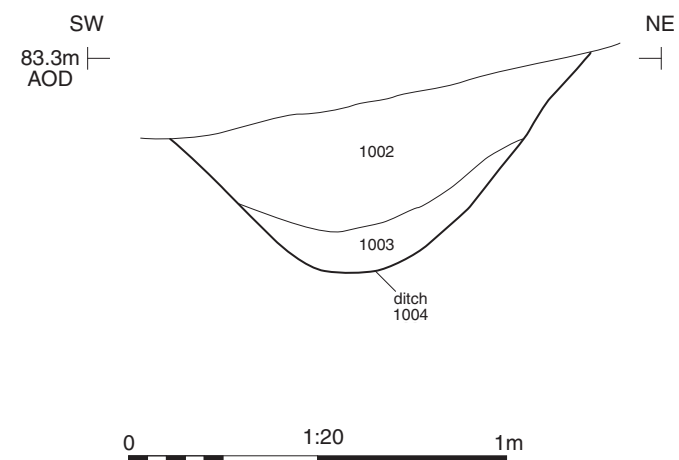
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Ditch 1004, looking south-east (1m scale)

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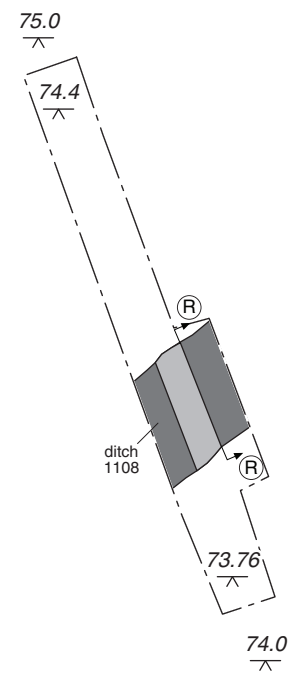
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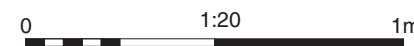
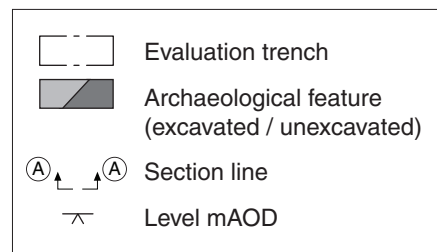
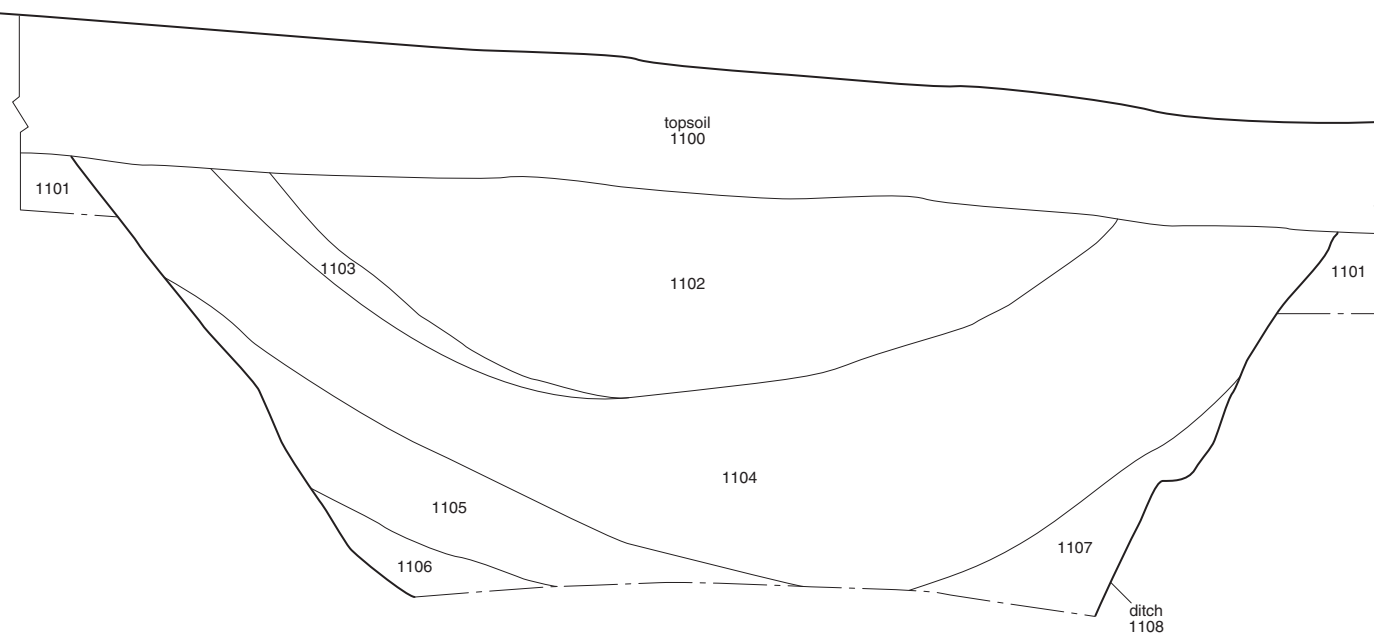
Trench 11



Section RR

NW
74.7m
AOD

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Ditch 1108, looking north-east (1m scale)


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