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SUMMARY

Project name:	Land at Church Farm
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Between 12th May and 5th June 2020, Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological evaluation of land at Church Farm, Wavendon, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire. This evaluation was undertaken at the request of Roebuck Land and Planning td on behalf of Connolly Homes PLC. A total of 79 trenches were excavated in the first instance, with a further 28 trenches to be excavated as a second phase of work.

Trial trenching revealed elements of a probable rural agricultural landscape that appear to have their origins in the Roman period. No evidence of activity or finds which could be ascribed to any period pre-dating the Roman period were recorded anywhere within the site. Roman period remains were recorded in four trenches (12 and 62 - 64) at the northern end of the site, and in Trench 13 further to the south, where a single ditch might tentatively be ascribed a Roman date.

The evidence strongly suggests that activity on the site represents the remains of extensive (rather than intensive) agricultural activity dating between the 1st and 3rd centuries AD. Whilst datable remains are focused tightly in the north, it is likely that much of the undated evidence of ditches and gullies comprises the remains of former field boundaries and drainage ditches / gullies associated with this activity. Given the quite substantial and contemporary Romano-British settlement just west / north-west of the site is reasonable to expect that the site

comprised an element of its wider agricultural hinterland. It is therefore also unlikely that settlement extended eastwards into the site.

A number of furrows were also recorded, which were widely dispersed across the site and are evident in the results of a preceding geophysical survey. Whilst no finds were recovered from any excavated examples, and on that basis they are 'undated', the morphology of surviving ridge and furrow earthworks in part of the site and below ground furrow bases suggests an origin in the medieval period and perhaps a continuity of use into the post-medieval period. The site appears, in fact, to have been in agricultural use from the Roman period onwards, with evidence of settlement only in the wider environs, away from the site.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Between 12th May and 5th June 2020, Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological evaluation of land at Church Farm, Wavendon, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire (centred at NGR:490981 236742; Fig. 1). This evaluation was undertaken at the request of Roebuck Land and Planning td on behalf of Connolly Homes PLC.

1.2. Outline planning permission for the development of 350 residential dwellings and associated infrastructure was granted by the Planning Inspectorate on appeal (12th August 2016; Appeal Ref APP/Y0435/W/15/3134194; Planning Ref: 14/01610/OUT), subject to due compliance with conditions. Condition 8 relates to a programme of archaeological works and states:

Prior to the commencement of each phase or part of the development, a programme of archaeological field evaluation comprising trial trenching shall be completed for that phase or part. The programme of archaeological evaluation shall be detailed in a Written Scheme of Investigation submitted to and approved by the local planning authority in writing. On completion of the agreed archaeological field evaluation for each phase or part a further Written Scheme of Investigation for a programme of archaeological mitigation in respect of any identified areas of significant buried archaeological remains shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The scheme for archaeological mitigation shall include an assessment of significance and research questions; and:

- *The programme and methodology of site investigation and recording.*
- *The programme for post investigation assessment.*
- *Provision to be made for analysis of the site investigation and recording.*
- *Provision to be made for publication and dissemination of the analysis and records of the site investigation.*
- *Provision to be made for archive deposition of the analysis and records of the site investigation.*
- *Nomination of a competent person or persons/organisation to undertake the works set out within the Written Scheme of Investigation.*

No development in any phase or part shall take place other than in accordance with the Written Scheme of Investigation so approved. No phase or part of the development hereby permitted shall be occupied until the site investigation and post

investigation assessment for that phase or part has been completed in accordance with the programme set out in the Written Scheme of Investigation and the provision made for analysis, publication and dissemination of results and archive deposition has been secured.

- 1.3. The scope of this evaluation was defined by Nick Crank, the Senior Archaeological Officer for Milton Keynes Council (SAOMKC). The evaluation was carried out in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) prepared by CA (2020) and approved by the SAOMKC.
- 1.4. The evaluation also adhered to the *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 area is approximately 22.29ha, and comprises six meadows, and several smaller areas of grassland/ pasture. The site is bound to the north-west and south-west by residential properties and Wavendon Gate School, to the north by Walton Road, to the east partially by Phoebe Lane and to the south-east by arable land. The Bletchley and Bedford branch of the London to Birmingham Railway lies immediately to the south of the proposed development area.
- 1.6. The site lies at approximately 85m aOD at the highest point at the north end and slopes gradually down towards a canalised stream which flows westwards across the site at c. 75m aOD. South of the stream, the land slopes gradually up. The western spur of the site has a more irregular topography, the result of modern landscaping.
- 1.7. The underlying bedrock geology of the area is mapped as Kellaways Formation and Oxford Clay formation – Mudstone, Siltstone and Sandstone, sedimentary bedrock formed approximately 156 to 165 million years ago in the Jurassic Period, with no known overlying superficial deposits (BGS 2019).

2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

2.1. The archaeological and historical background of the site has been detailed within a desk-based assessment (Walker 2013) and further supplemented by the findings of a geophysical survey (Northamptonshire Archaeology 2013). The following section is a summarised from these sources.

Previous Works

2.2. Geophysical survey of the development area identified anomalies indicative of an earthwork platform and a network of ditches at the northern end of the site. Extensive areas of medieval ridge and furrow were also identified. Evidence for modern disturbance was identified particularly in the west of the area.

2.3. Between 1988 and 1990, Milton Keynes Archaeology Unit investigated a significant area at Wavendon Gate, west of the current development area. Extensive archaeological remains of an Iron Age and Roman settlement were identified. Further small-scale archaeological investigation at 141 Walton End found more, heavily truncated, evidence of the Roman settlement.

2.4. Archaeological investigation at the Magna Park Development to the east of Wavendon and geophysical survey at Eagle and Glebe Farms to the north-east of Church Farm also identified archaeological remains.

Wider Archaeological Background

Prehistoric period

2.5. Small quantities of worked flint were found at Wavendon Gate indicative of transient use of the surrounding landscape (HER MMF1516 and MMF1524). A Bronze Age pit found at Magna Park contained parts of ten fired clay cylindrical loom weights (Taylor et al 2008).

Iron Age/Roman periods (to AD 410)

2.6. Circa 400m to the west of Church Farm at Wavendon Gate, archaeological investigation in advance of development found evidence of a significant Iron Age and Roman settlement. Iron Age occupation began no earlier than the 2nd or 3rd centuries BC, with the early phases of settlement including a 'banjo'-type enclosure and a cluster of unenclosed roundhouses. Towards the end of the 1st century BC the landscape was likely used as paddocks and associated roundhouses (Northamptonshire Archaeology 2013; HER 1515; Williams et al 1996).

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- 2.7. Settlement shifted to the south and a large enclosure, enclosing almost 3ha, was constructed around the settlement towards the middle of the 1st century AD (HER MMK7771). Two pottery kilns were identified in the western 'bay' of the enclosure, along with a small cremation cemetery and a small number of inhumations.
- 2.8. A number of coins were found 500m to the north of the site, which could indicate the presence of further Roman activity (HER MMK7292-MMK7295 and MMK7298).
- 2.9. Evidence for Iron Age and Roman activity has also been found at Eagle and Glebe Farms, c.800m to the north-east of the site (Simmonds et al 2008). An early/middle 1st century AD sub-square enclosure was identified c.1.5km to the north-east at Magna Park. Small quantities of pottery suggested there was limited activity here during the middle Iron Age (Mason 2009). Further east, evidence of a wide trackway or possible driveway with evidence for at least two phases of rectilinear field systems laid out either side of this feature likely dates to the Iron Age (Taylor et al 2008).
- 2.10. South of the Iron Age field systems, an enclosed Romano-British farmstead was identified. Buildings found included at least three roundhouse gullies. Later reorganisation of the farmstead included the construction of a rectangular building based upon beam slot foundations.
- 2.11. Scheduled Monument (SM 1011302), Danesborough Fort, an univallate hillfort dating to the Iron Age, is situated in Wavendon Wood, 1.4km to the south of the site.

Anglo-Saxon/medieval periods (AD 410 - 1539)

- 2.12. There is some evidence of early Saxon activity at Wavendon Gate, limited to a small number of pits and posthole alignments. Concentrations of artefacts in the tops of Roman ditches have also been suggested to be indicative of hollows being used as sunken featured buildings (Williams et al 1996).
- 2.13. Wavendon appears in seven entries at Domesday in 1086. The principal landowner was the Count of Mortain.
- 2.14. The Scheduled Monument of Wavendon Motte (ref: 19082), 800m east of the site, is located on the top of a low hill and is slightly oval mound surrounded by a dry ditch. Local excavations established that the ditch was 'V'-shaped, 7 feet (c.2.2m) deep and did not completely encompass the mound.

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- 2.15. Cartographic evidence and geophysical survey results suggest that much of the site lay within the open fields of the parish during the medieval period.

Post-medieval/modern periods (1539 - present)

- 2.16. Fuller's earth, used to absorb lanolin and oils from woollen cloth, was quarried to the south-east of Wavendon from at least 1539. The pits were originally worked by removing the upper layers of sand but by the mid-18th century the deposits were mined by driving a shaft into the hill (VCH 1927).
- 2.17. The open fields were enclosed by an Act of Parliament of 1788, with the award dated 1791. Extensive areas of remnant ridge and furrow earthworks were visible until the mid-20th century, although few now remain.
- 2.18. Wavendon Tower was built in around 1890 for Colonel Burney in the Norman and Italian style of architecture (HER MMK6000). It was subsequently used as the residence of the controller of Special Communications for the SIS in 1940, who broadcast shortwave misinformation directed at the enemy. Alan Turin is believed to have been based in the building for a short period.
- 2.19. The tithe map (1843) for the parish depicts a small building in Field 5 that is likely to have been a field barn or animal shelter. There were a number of buildings depicted on the 1815 Ordnance Survey map on the northern side of Walton Road (HER MMK7445- MMK7450). None were depicted in the site. Ridge and furrow earthworks survive in Fields 1, 5 and 6.

3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 3.1. The objectives of this evaluation 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 the *Standard and guidance for archaeological field evaluation* (ClfA 2014), the evaluation was designed to be minimally intrusive and minimally destructive to archaeological remains. The information gathered would then enable Milton Keynes Council to identify and assess the particular significance of any heritage assets that are present, consider the impact of the proposed development upon them, and to avoid or minimise any conflict between the conservation of those heritage assets and any aspect of the development

proposal. This process is in line with policies contained in the *National Planning Policy Framework* (MHCLG 2019).

- 3.2. Where significant archaeological remains were identified, reference is made in the appropriate section to the relevant chapters of *Solent-Thames Research Framework for the Historic Environment Resource Assessment and Research Agendas* (Hey, G & Hind, J. 2014), so that the remains can, where possible, be placed within their local and regional context.

4. METHODOLOGY

- 4.1. The WSI required the excavation of a total of 107 trenches over the course of two discrete phases of investigation (CA 2020), and that each of the trenches should measure 40m long by 2m wide. In this first phase of evaluation trenches 1 - 79 were opened across the central and northern part of the site. The remaining 28 trenches, in the south of the site, will be excavated as a separate phase of work. The majority (70 No.) of the excavated trenches measured 40m long by 2m wide, whilst, with the agreement of the SAOMKC, Trenches 72 and 75 remained unexcavated, Trench 27 was excavated as a 40m by 40m 'L'-shape and seven trenches were opened as c.3m long by 2m wide test pits due to the presence of extensive and deep modern made ground (Test Pits 69 – 71, 73, 74, 78a, b and 79a, b). At the request of the SAOMKC, Trench 12 was repositioned from the central part of the site to the northern part, to better evaluate archaeological remains at that location (Figs 2a, b).
- 4.2. Trenches were positioned to target geophysical survey anomalies of probable and possible archaeological, and unknown origin, as well as apparently archaeologically sterile areas in the survey results (Northamptonshire Archaeology 2013), and as a means of prospection for remains of a type or period that may not respond to geophysical survey.
- 4.3. Trenches were set out on OS National Grid (NGR) co-ordinates using Leica GPS and scanned for live services by trained Cotswold Archaeology staff using CAT and Genny equipment in accordance with the Cotswold Archaeology *Safe System of Work for avoiding underground services*. The final 'as dug' trench plan was also recorded with GPS.

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- 4.4. Overburden was stripped from the trenches by a mechanical excavator fitted with a toothless grading bucket. All machining was conducted under archaeological supervision to the top of the natural substrate, which was the level at which archaeological features were first encountered.
 - 4.5. Archaeological features/deposits were investigated, planned and recorded in accordance with *CA Technical Manual 1: Fieldwork Recording Manual*.
 - 4.6. 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*.
 - 4.7. Artefacts were processed in accordance with *CA Technical Manual 3: Treatment of Finds Immediately after Excavation*.
 - 4.8. CA will make arrangements with Buckinghamshire County Museum (Accession Number, AYBCM: 2019.158) for the deposition of the project archive and, subject to agreement with the legal landowner(s), the artefact collection. A digital archive will also be prepared and deposited with the Archaeology Data Service (ADS).
 - 4.9. A summary of information from this project, as set out in Appendix D 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. The results are presented below by period, and within those periods, in numerical order. 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. Details of the environmental samples (palaeoenvironmental evidence) are given in Section 7 and Appendix C.
- 5.2. The natural geological substrate varied slightly across the site, broadly comprising mid yellow-brown compact silty clay in the central part of the site (at the southernmost boundary of this phase of the evaluation, to mid orange-brown silty sand with gravels and some pockets of grey silty clay moving northwards, and mid orange-brown compact sandy clay in the north. The natural substrate was encountered at depths

below the present ground level (bpgl) varying from a minimum of 0.34m in Trench 3 to a maximum of 1.11m in Trench 45. Predominantly, however, it was encountered between c.0.45m – c.0.7m bpgl. The natural substrate was overlain in all but a few trenches by subsoil typically comprising mid orange-brown compact silty clay, and occasionally by light or mid orange-brown friable silty clay. This deposit varied between 0.1m in Trench 35 to 0.91m in Trench 77; typically measuring between c.0.2m – c.0.4m in thickness. The subsoil was in turn overlain by topsoil measuring between c.0.25m – c.0.45m thick; although at its shallowest it measured 0.11m in Trench 68 and at its thickest, 0.93m in Trench 45.

- 5.3. In Trenches 68 – 71, 73, 74, 76, 78 and 79, in the west of the site, topsoil immediately overlaid modern 'made ground' comprising brick rubble, concrete and waste materials in a matrix of brown-grey compact clay sand and light yellow / blue-grey compact sandy clay. Natural substrate was not exposed in any of these trenches with the exception of Trench 76, where it was recorded at 0.85m bpgl.
- 5.4. No remains of archaeological origin were recorded in 31 trenches, comprising Trenches 1, 5, 7, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 26, 28 – 31, 35, 40 – 42, 44, 46, 47, 50, 52 – 55, 57, 60, 65 and 77; a tree throw was recorded in Trench 3 and the remains of a possible buried topsoil at the southern end of Trench 76, beneath modern made ground deposits. None of these trenches are discussed further.

Roman period

Trench 12 (Figs 2a and 4)

- 5.5. Ditch 1203 was aligned north-east / south-west and measured 1.84m wide by 0.35m deep, with moderately sloping sides and an undulating to flattish base (Fig. 4, Section AA). Its single fill (1204) comprised mid orangish-brown friable silty sand with occasional sub-angular stones, from which two sherds of Roman pottery were recovered. A possible buried topsoil, sealed by subsoil deposit 1201, overlay the fill of ditch 1203. No finds were recovered from it.

Trench 13 (Fig. 2b)

- 5.6. Ditch 1303 was aligned broadly north-east / south-west and was quite narrow, measuring only 0.57m wide and 0.22m deep. It had moderately sloped sides and a broadly 'U'-shaped base. A single sherd of Late Iron Age / 1st century AD pottery was recovered from the mid brownish-grey firm silt clay fill (1304).

Trench 62 (Fig. 2a)

- 5.7. Ditch 6203 was aligned broadly north-west / south-east and was quite narrow, measuring only 0.5m wide and 0.19m deep, with moderately sloped sides and a rounded base. A single sherd of 2nd – 3rd century pottery was recovered from the mid grey-brown compact sandy clay fill (6204).

Trench 63 (Fig. 2a)

- 5.8. Two ditches were excavated in Trench 63. Ditch 6303 lay centrally within the trench, aligned north-east / south-west. It measured 0.71m wide by 0.28m deep and had steep, concave sides and a rounded base. It contained a single dark brown-grey compact sandy clay (6304) from which three sherds of Roman pottery and eight pieces of fired clay were recovered. Approximately 8.0m to the west lay ditch 6305, on a similar broadly north-east / south-west alignment. This was a narrower example, measuring 0.53m wide by 0.19m deep, with steep, convex sides and rounded base, filled with mid grey-brown compact sandy clay (6306). A single sherd of Roman pottery was recovered along with two pieces of animal bone.

Trench 64 (Figs 2a and 5 - 7)

- 5.9. Seven ditches were recorded, four of which may be dated to the Roman period (Fig. 5). Two ditches (6405 and 6407), aligned north-east / south-west, lay toward the south-east end of the trench (Fig. 6, Section CC). The earliest of these, ditch 6405, measured >1.0m wide and 0.54m deep, having been cut substantially on its south-eastern side by ditch 6407. The preserved north-western side of ditch 6405 was steeply sloped with a flattish base. It contained a single mid orange-grey/brown friable sandy silt fill (6406) from which three sherds of Roman pottery and two pieces of animal bone were recovered. Ditch 6407, which probably represents a substantial recut of ditch 6405, measured c.2.0m wide. It was steeply cut on its north-western side and more moderately cut on its south-east side; the base was not reached but the ditch was shown to contain at least two fills. The earliest and potentially the primary fill, 6408, was 0.24m deep and comprised dark orange-brown/grey firm sandy silt with frequent angular stones and flints, from which five sherds of mid-1st to early 3rd century pottery and two pieces of animal bone were recovered. The upper fill (6409) was 0.23m deep and comprised mid grey-brown firm sandy silt, from which six sherds of Roman pottery and five pieces of fired clay were recovered.

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- 5.10. Ditch 6403 lay c.4.0m to the north-west of ditches 6405 and 6407 on a slightly more east / west alignment. It measured 1.64m wide by 0.52m deep and had moderately steep sides with a concave base (Fig. 5, Section BB). The single fill (6404) comprised mid grey-brown friable silty clay with some small stones, from which three Roman sherds were recovered.
- 5.11. Curvilinear ditch 6414 lay toward the north-western end of the trench on a similar east / west alignment to ditch 6403 c.15m to its south-east (Fig. 7, Section EE). It had steeply sloped sides with a 'V'-shaped base and measured 1.0m wide by 0.47m deep. The single fill (6415) comprised dark grey-brown firm sandy clay with frequent stones, from which one Late Iron Age to 1st century AD Roman sherd was recovered.
- 5.12. Shallow ditch or pit 6416 was not fully defined within the trench. The exposed elements measured >2.0m east / west by >3.0m north/ south, and on two sides suggest the whole may be broadly rectangular in plan. A box section was excavated, measuring c.0.7m by 0.83m in plan and proved to be only 0.16m deep (Fig. 7, Section FF). This contained a single dark grey-brown firm sandy clay fill with occasional stones and flints (6417), from which a small assemblage of Roman pottery was recovered along with five pieces of fired clay.
- 5.13. Gully 6418 lay c.1.5m to the north of pit 6416 and aligned east / west, parallel with the northern edge of ditch/ pit 6416. It measured 0.47m wide by only 0.09m deep with shallow concave sides and a flat base. Its single fill (6419) comprised mid grey-brown / orange friable sandy clay with occasional stones, from which two Roman sherds were recovered.

Medieval – Modern periods

Trench 34 (Fig. 2a)

- 5.14. A single ditch (3403), aligned broadly north-east / south-west lay toward the south-eastern end of Trench 34. It measured 1.48m wide by 0.54m deep and had steeply sloped, convex sides with a rounded base. The primary fill (3404), comprising mid grey-brown silty clay, appeared possibly to be a slumped / washed-in deposit on the south-eastern side of the ditch. No finds were recovered. Overlying it, fill 3405 comprised mid grey-brown clay silt from which a single piece of post-medieval (later 17th to early 19th century) brick and some shells were recovered.

Trench 36 (Figs 2a and 8)

- 5.15. A single ditch (3603) aligned north-west / south-east, ran through much of the north-western half of the trench. It measured >0.91m wide by >0.63m deep and had a steeply sloped northeast side (Fig. 8, Section GG). The full width was not exposed within the trench and the base was also not reached due to the depth of excavation. The fill comprised a mid grey-brown friable clay sand (3604) from which a single piece of late medieval to post-medieval tile was recovered.

Undated

Trench 2 (Figs 2b and 9)

- 5.16. Seven east / west aligned ditches were observed in the central and northern part of Trench 2, four of which were intercutting, seemingly demarcating a long-lived boundary that had been re-established on a number of occasions (Fig. 9, Section HH). Ditch 203 measured at least 1.21m in depth and 0.55m in width. It had steep, asymmetrical sides, a rounded base and a single fill of mid brown-grey compact silty clay (204). It was truncated along its northern edge by ditch 205, which had moderately steep, convex sides and a rounded base. It was filled initially with light brown-grey compact silty clay (206), which was overlain by mid orange-brown friable clayey silt (207). This in turn was sealed by mid grey-brown compact clayey silt (208). Aligned immediately parallel to ditch 205 was ditch 211. It measured at least 2.61m wide by 0.59m deep, and had moderately steep, convex sides with a rounded base. The ditch was infilled with light brown-grey compact silty clay (212), which was sealed by mid grey-brown compact clayey silt (213). The relationship between ditches 205 and 211 was not evident due to truncation by ditch 209, which lay between these two ditches. Ditch 209 measured 1.48m in width and 0.41m deep. It had moderately steep, concave sides and a rounded base and was infilled with a single fill of dark grey brown compact clayey silt (210). No finds were recovered from the fills of any of these ditches. Three more possible ditches (214, 216, 218) toward the centre of the trench remained unexcavated.

Trench 4 (Figs 2b and 10)

- 5.17. Ditch 403 was identified running north-west / south-east along the length of Trench 4. It measured 1.08m wide by 0.27m deep, had steep, concave sides and a rounded base and was infilled by mid brown-grey friable silty clay (404), from which no finds were recovered (Fig. 10, section II). Located at the northwest end of the trench, ditch

405 was aligned north-east / south-west and measured 1.76m in width (unexcavated) It contained an upper fill of mid grey-brown friable sandy clay.

Trench 6 (Fig. 2b)

- 5.18. Ditch 605 was located at the north-eastern end of Trench 6. It was aligned north-west / south-east and measured 0.28m wide by 0.17m deep. The ditch had moderately steep, concave sides and a rounded base, and was filled with mid brown-grey compact silty clay (606). Pit 603 lay immediately adjacent, to the south-west of ditch 605. It was broadly oval shaped in plan, measuring at least 0.67m in length by at least 0.5m in width and was 0.29m deep. It had steep, concave sides, a flat base and was infilled by mid brown-grey compact silty clay (604). No finds were recovered from either feature.

Trenches 9 & 10 (Fig. 2b)

- 5.19. Ditch 903 was aligned north-west / south-east across the south-western part of Trench 9. It measured 0.6m wide and 0.23m deep with moderately steep, concave sides and a rounded base. The ditch was infilled by mid grey-brown compact silty clay (904), from which no finds were recovered.
- 5.20. Gully 1003 was aligned north-east / south-west toward the centre of Trench 10. It measured 0.39m wide by 0.15m deep and had moderately steep, concave sides and a rounded base. No finds were recovered from the single mid brown-grey compact silty clay fill (1004).

Trench 12 (Figs 2a and 4)

- 5.21. Ditch 1205 was aligned broadly north-east / south-west, c.2.0m north of and parallel to ditch 1203, from which a small quantity of Roman pottery was recovered. Ditch 1205 had shallow, concave sides and a flat base and measured 2.08m wide by 0.27m deep. It contained a single mid orange-brown friable silty sand fill (1206). Five more possible ditches or gullies (1207, 1209, 1211, 1213, 1215) remained unexcavated.

Trenches 14, 16 and 17 (Fig. 2b)

- 5.22. Ditch 1403 lay at the south-western end of Trench 14 and was markedly curvilinear in form. It measured 0.66m wide by 0.33m deep, had gentle, asymmetrical sides and a 'V'-shaped base. Its single fill comprised mid blue-grey friable silty clay (1404), from which no finds were recovered.

5.23. A single gully (1603), aligned east / west lay toward the south-eastern end of Trench 16. It measured 0.65m wide by 0.16m deep, had moderately sloped sides and a rounded base and was filled with a mid brown-grey compact silty clay (1604), from which no finds were recovered.

5.24. Ditch 1703 was aligned broadly east / west and lay c.25 south of gully 1603 in Trench 16. It was of similar form, though with slightly more steeply sloped sides and a flattish base. Its single fill comprised a similar mid brown-grey compact silty clay (1704), from which no finds were recovered.

Trench 19 (Figs 2b and 11)

5.25. Ditch or gully terminus 1903, located within the south-western half of Trench 19, was aligned north-west / south-east and terminated toward the north-western baulk of the trench (Fig. 11, Section JJ). It measured 0.26m wide by 0.15m deep, had moderately steep, concave sides and a flat base, and was filled with an undated dark brown grey friable sandy clay (1904).

5.26. In addition to gully 1903, two pits and a tree throw were recorded. Pit 1905 lay in the north of the trench and was circular in plan, measuring 0.54m in diameter and only 0.11m deep (Fig. 11, Section KK). It had asymmetrical sides, a rounded base and was filled with a dark brown-grey friable sandy clay fill (1906). Pit 1909 lay at the south-western end of the trench. it measured at least 11.0m in length and was exposed in the full width of the trench. A box section measuring c.1.0m² was excavated to its base, at 0.13m deep. Where exposed the pit had shallow, concave sides and a flat base and was filled with mid blue-grey compact silty clay (1910). A tree throw (1907) lay c.3m north-east of pit 1905. It measured 1.09m in length by 0.52m wide, and was 0.26m deep. It had steeply sloped irregular sides and a similarly irregular base and contained a mid brown-grey friable sandy clay (1908). No finds were recovered from any of these features.

Trench 20 (Figs 2b and 12)

5.27. Ditch 2003 was aligned north-west / south-east along the length of Trench 20 (Fig. 12, Section LL). It measured 0.75m wide by 0.14m deep, had shallow, concave sides and a rounded base and was filled with mid brown-grey compact silty clay (2004). It terminated c.20m to the north-west as terminus 2005, where it measured 0.8m wide by only 0.08m deep and was filled with light grey-brown compact silty clay (2006). No finds were recovered.

5.28. A ditch (2007) was recorded along a similar alignment to ditch 2003 / terminus 2005, no potential relationship between the two was evident. It measured 0.54m wide by 0.09m deep, with concave sides and a rounded base (Fig. 12, Section MM) and was filled with a light grey-brown compact silty clay (2008), from which no finds were recovered.

Trenches 21, 23 & 24 (Fig. 2b)

5.29. Ditch, or probable furrow, 2103 was aligned north-west / south-east across in the north-eastern half of Trench 21. It measured 2.39m wide by 0.28m deep, had moderately steep, concave sides and a rounded base. No finds were recovered from its mid grey-brown compact silty clay fill (2104).

5.30. A single furrow (2303) was identified in Trench 23. It was aligned north-west / south-east and had gently sloped concave sides and flat base. It measured 0.9m wide by only 0.08m deep and was filled with mid orangey-brown silty clay (2304), from which no finds were recovered.

5.31. Toward the north-eastern end of Trench 24 lay pit 2403. Although it was heavily truncated by furrow 2405, the pit is likely to have been sub-circular in plan and where preserved measured 0.85m wide by 0.13m deep. It had gently sloped, concave sides and a rounded base and was filled with a mid grey-brown friable silty clay (2404) from which no finds were recovered. Although undated, given that the pit was truncated by furrow 2405 it must pre-date the establishment of the ridge and furrow field system and is therefore of Medieval or earlier origin. The single fill of furrow 2405 comprised light yellowish-brown compact silty clay (2406), from which no finds were recovered.

Trench 25 (Figs 2b and 13)

5.32. Three ditches were identified in the central part of Trench 25, all of which were aligned broadly north / south. Ditch 2505 lay c.15m from the south-eastern end of the trench, measuring 1.18m wide by 0.23m deep (Fig. 13, Section NN). It had moderately steep, concave sides and a rounded base and was filled with mid grey-brown silty clay (2506), from which no finds were recovered. An environmental sample (No. 1) was recovered from fill 2506, which contained a few charcoal fragments indicative of dispersed or wind-blown material. Ditches 2507 and 2510 lay toward the centre of the trench broadly parallel to ditch 2505. Ditch 2507 measured 1.08m wide by 0.26m deep and had moderately steep, convex sides and a rounded base (Fig. 13, Section OO). Its primary fill comprised 0.12m thick mid yellow-brown compact silty clay (2508),

which in turn was overlain by 0.18m thick mid grey-brown silty clay (2509). No finds were recovered from either fill. Ditch 2510 lay adjacent to the western edge of ditch 2507. It measured 1.86m wide by 0.18m deep and had gently sloped, concave sides and a flat base. Its primary fill comprised 0.04m - 0.18m thick mid yellow-brown compact silty clay (2511), overlain by mid grey-brown compact silty clay, 0.14m thick (2512). Again, no finds were recovered from either fill. It is possible that ditch 2510 represents the remains of a furrow, though its alignment appears slightly more north / south than the prevailing former ridge and furrow alignment.

- 5.33. A tree throw (2503) was recorded toward the south-eastern end of Trench 25. It was irregular in plan, measuring c.0.90m long by c.0.72m wide and was 0.13m deep. It had shallow sloped sides and an irregular base, with a dark grey-brown compact silty clay fill (2504), from which no finds were recovered.

Trenches 32 and 33 (Fig. 2a)

- 5.34. Three furrows were recorded in Trench 32, each aligned north-west / south-east and spaced c.9m apart. Of these, furrow 3207 was excavated, measuring 1.6m wide by 0.1m deep. It had gently sloped sides and slightly concave, flattish base and was filled with light yellowish-brown firm clay silt (3208), from which no finds were recovered.
- 5.35. A single ditch (3303), aligned broadly north-east / south-west lay toward the south-eastern end of Trench 33. It measured 0.61m wide by 0.3m deep and had steeply sloped, convex sides and a rounded base. Its single fill comprised light brown-grey firm silty clay with occasional stones and flints (3304), from which no finds were recovered.

Trench 37 (Fig. 2a)

- 5.36. A single north-west / south-east aligned ditch, or possible furrow (3703), was located toward the eastern end of Trench 37. It measured 0.67m wide by 0.14m deep and had moderately sloped sides with a flattish base. Its single fill comprised mid grey-brown friable sandy clay (3704), from no finds were recovered.

Trenches 38 and 39 (Fig. 2a)

- 5.37. Ditch or furrow 3803 lay toward the centre of Trench 38 and was aligned north-west to south-east. It measured 0.28m in width by 0.14m in depth and had moderately steep, straight sides and a V-shaped base. The feature contained a mid grey brown friable sandy clay which contained no finds.

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- 5.38. Ditch/ furrow 3903 was situated toward the south-western end of Trench 39, running along a north-west / south-east alignment. Measuring 0.45m wide by 0.15m deep, with moderately steep, convex sides and a flat base, it was filled with mid orange-brown friable sandy clay from which no finds were recovered.
- 5.39. Although the profiles and fills of gullies 3803 and 3903 vary slightly, their similarity of alignment, which also corresponds with a linear anomaly identified by the geophysical survey, suggests they are the same feature and part of the same field system as ditch/ furrow 3703 in Trench 37.

Trenches 43, 45 and 48 (Fig. 2a)

- 5.40. A single ditch, aligned north-east / south-west, was recorded at the eastern end of Trench 43 (4303). It measured 1.75m wide by 0.26m deep and had a moderately sloped south-east side and a flat base; its north-western side was outside the boundary of the trench and so not exposed. The ditch was filled with mid orange-brown friable silty sand (4304), from which no finds were recovered. Three furrows (4305, 4307 and 4309) were also recorded eastward of ditch 4303, each aligned north-west / south-east. These were not excavated.
- 5.41. In Trench 45, ditch 4503 was aligned north-west / south-east through the centre of Trench 45. It measured 0.83m wide and 0.35m deep, with moderately steep, concave sides and a rounded base. It was filled with mid grey-brown compact sandy clay (4504), from which no finds were recovered. Although it lay on a very similar alignment to the furrows in Trench 43 the dimensions suggest a possible field boundary ditch, albeit one that seemingly respects the alignment of the ridge and furrow.
- 5.42. Ditch 4803, in Trench 48, was aligned slightly more north-west / south-east than ditch 4503 but may represent part of the same ditch. Located towards the south-western end of Trench 48, it measured 0.56m wide by 0.17m deep and had moderately steep, concave sides and a rounded base, similar in profile to ditch 4503. It contained a mid grey brown compact sandy clay (4804) from which no finds were recovered.

Trench 49 (Figs 2a and 14)

- 5.43. Gully 4903 was aligned broadly north / south along the centre of Trench 49 (Fig. 14, section PP). It measured 0.38m wide by 0.09m deep, and had shallow, concave sides and a flat base. The fill comprised a mid yellow-brown compact silty clay (4904) from which no dateable finds were recovered.

Trench 51 (Fig. 2a)

- 5.44. A single tree throw (5103) was identified in Trench 51, situated toward the south-western part of the trench. It was irregular in plan, measuring 0.37m wide by 0.12m deep, with steeply sloped, irregular sides and an uneven base. It was filled with dark grey-brown compact sandy clay (5104), from which no finds were recovered.

Trench 56 (Figs 2a and 15)

- 5.45. Two ditches and a gully, all aligned broadly north-west / south-east, were recorded in Trench 56. Ditch 5605, the most substantial, lay in the north-east of the trench and measured 4.18m wide by >0.61m deep with moderately sloped, irregular sides (Fig. 15, Section QQ). The base of the ditch was not reached but two fills were identified, the earliest comprising a 0.54m thick dark brown-grey compact silty clay (5606) overlain by a mid grey-brown compact silty clay (5607), 0.36m thick. With the exception of eight pieces of animal bone from fill 5606, no finds were recovered.
- 5.46. Ditch 5603 cut ditch 5605 along the south-western side and may represent a recut or maintenance of the boundary demarcated by the earlier example. Ditch 5603 measured 1.38m wide by 0.38m deep and had moderately sloped, concave sides and a rounded base. With the exception of six pieces of animal bone no finds were recovered from the mid yellow-brown compact silty clay fill (5604).
- 5.47. Gully 5608 lay just south of the centre of Trench 56, broadly parallel to ditches 5603 and 5605. It measured 0.4m wide by 0.13m deep and had moderately sloped, concave sides and a rounded base. The fill comprised mid yellow-brown compact silty clay (5609), from which no finds were recovered.

Trench 58 and 59 (Figs 2a and 16)

- 5.48. Ditch 5803 was located toward the centre of Trench 58 and was aligned north-west / south-east (Fig. 16, Section RR). It measured 0.87m wide by 0.19m deep and had moderately sloped sides with a flat base. The fill comprised an undated dark blue-grey compact silty clay (5804). A large feature, possibly a pit or large ditch (5805), was recorded at the south-western end of Trench 59 (Fig. 16). Where exposed it measured at least 5.0m long by at least 2.0m wide and was subject to extensive groundwater inundation when investigated. The fill comprised a very wet dark bluish-grey silty clay (5806), an environmental sample (No. 2) from which contained a few hazelnut shell fragments and a large quantity of charcoal.

5.49. Gully 5903 was identified toward the south-western end of Trench 59. It was aligned north-west / south-east and measured 0.58m wide by 0.12m deep. It contained a single fill of mid grey-brown friable sandy silt (5904) from which no finds were recovered.

Trench 61 (Fig. 2a)

5.50. Two ditches and a gully were recorded in Trench 61, all of which were broadly aligned north-west / south-east, running through the centre of the trench. The southernmost, gully 6103, measured 0.66m wide by 0.41m deep with steeply sloped, convex sides and a rounded base. It contained a single mid red-grey friable clayey silt (6104), from which no finds were recovered. To the north, ditch 6108 was only partially evident, due to substantial truncation by ditch 6105 on its southern side. Where exposed it measured at least 0.61m wide by 0.24m deep and contained a single undated fill of mid grey-brown compact sandy silt (6109).

5.51. Ditch 6105 may represent a recut of ditch 6108. It measured 1.0m wide by 0.39m deep, with moderately sloped, convex sides and a rounded base. It contained two fills, a primary fill (6106) of mid grey-brown compact sandy clay, 0.22m thick, overlain by a dark brown-grey compact sandy clay (6107), 0.18m thick. No finds were recovered from either deposit.

Trench 63 (Fig. 2a)

5.52. Pit 6307 was located at the western end of Trench 63. It was sub-circular, measuring >0.9m in diameter by 0.33m deep, with moderately sloped sides and a flat base. Its single fill comprised dark grey-brown compact sandy clay (6308), from which no finds were recovered.

Trench 64 (Figs 2a and 5 - 7)

5.53. Two gullies (6410, 6412) were excavated toward the northern end of Trench 64, aligned broadly east / west (Fig. 6, Section DD). The southernmost gully, 6410, measured 0.52m wide by 0.1m deep and had shallow sloped concave sides and a flat base. Its fill comprised light grey-brown friable sandy silt (6411). The northernmost gully, 6412, c.3m distant and broadly parallel, measured 0.34m wide by 0.1m deep and had steeply sloped, concave sides and a rounded base. The fill comprised mid grey-brown friable sandy clay (6413). No dating evidence was recovered from either gully. Three other possible ditches (6420, 6422, 6424) remained unexcavated.

Trench 66 (Fig. 2a)

- 5.54. Three furrows (6603, 6605, 6609) aligned north-west / south-east and spaced c.9.0m apart, were excavated in Trench 66. These measured between 0.61m and 0.97m wide and between 0.16m to 0.19m deep. The sides varied slightly, from shallow sloped to slightly more steeply sloped and all had broadly flat to rounded bases. Each contained a single fill of mid grey-brown compact silty clay (6604, 6606, 6610) from which no finds were recovered. A single north-west / south-east aligned ditch (6607) was recorded at the southern end of the trench, which had been cut by furrow 6609. Measuring 0.43m wide by 0.17m deep, the single fill comprised dark grey-brown friable sandy silt (6608), from which no finds were recovered.

Trench 67 (Figs 2a and 17)

- 5.55. A single north-west / south-east aligned ditch (6703) was recorded at the south-eastern end of the trench. It had moderately sloped, convex sides and a rounded base, and measured 1.7m wide by 0.55m deep. The earliest of its two fills (6704) was 0.43m thick and comprised mid grey-brown loose sandy silt, whilst final fill (6705) comprised dark grey-brown friable sandy silt and was 0.12m thick. No finds were recovered from either context.

6. THE FINDS

- 6.1. Artefactual material, most of which was dateable to the Roman period, was hand-recovered from 15 deposits. The recorded material is listed by context in appendix B and is discussed below. Fabric codes used for the recording of the pottery are defined in Appendix B (Table 2) which includes a concordance listing types to those of the Milton Keynes pottery Type Series (Marney 1989).

Pottery

- 6.2. A total of 50 sherds (580g) was recorded from 12 deposits (appendix B). The pottery is fairly well broken-up and some material exhibits light or moderate abrasion. The loss of calcareous inclusions noted with shell-tempered fabric SH is probably as the result of the burial environment. The small assemblage is composed primarily of bodysherds in coarseware fabrics of local or uncertain origin. Grog-tempered and shelly fabrics GT/GTs and SH are representative of types with pre-Roman origins, but continue well into the Roman period. Most such material occurs in association with types certainly dating to the Roman period and there are no clear indications from this

group for activity preceding the mid-1st century AD. Fineware types are absent from the assemblage and the few indications permitting closer dating come mostly from the vessel forms. 'Lid-seated' or channel rim jar forms were noted in shell-tempered fabrics from deposits 6408 and 6417. These are a common form among local/regional assemblages of the mid-1st to earlier 3rd centuries AD. A bowl with flat rim in fabric SH from deposit 6417 and a similar vessel in Upper Nene Valley greyware type UNVGW, from deposit 6204, date no earlier than the 2nd century, and probably before the mid-3rd century AD. A bowl in whiteware fabric WH with a flat, 'reeded' rim from deposit 6417 similarly is dateable to the 2nd or earlier 3rd centuries. The absence of types uncommon before the 3rd century is also notable.

- 6.3. The pottery assemblage, though small, is consistent and suggests earlier or Middle Roman period activity. The fragmented condition of the material might be an indication that areas of habitation are at some distance from the areas investigated. The range of types present appears typical for the area and the period indicated. The coarsewares represented can be expected to have been used for utilitarian functions, including cooking or storage. An absence of finewares may be an indication of lower economic status, although coarsewares typically account for the large majority of material at sites of varying type and status.

Ceramic Building Material (CBM)

- 6.4. Two fragments (735g) of this material category were recorded from deposits 3405 and 3604. The brick fragment from deposit 3405 measured 4" in width x 2.5" in thickness and appeared to be made in a wooden mould. Its size suggests it dates in the later 17th to earlier 19th century range. The tile fragment from deposit 3604 measures 13mm in thickness and occurs in a hard, gritty orange-fired fabric. It probably dates to the later medieval or post-medieval period.

Other finds

- 6.5. Other artefactual material was confined to quantities of fired clay (84g), recovered from Roman-dated deposits 6304, 6409 and 6417 and an iron nail from undated (topsoil) deposit 3700. The nail was of wrought type, with a square-sectioned shaft and T-shaped head and is most likely of fairly recent (post-medieval or modern) date. The fired clay is similar in type, fairly hard and with smoothed but irregular surfaces, and with the impressions of organic material visible in the surfaces. Its original function

is unclear, although similar material can be noted from domestic ovens, pottery kilns or metalworking hearths.

7. THE BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE

Animal bone (by Andy Clarke)

- 7.1. Animal bone amounting to 17 fragments (553g) was recovered from six deposits. Artefactual material dating to the Roman period was also recovered (See Table 1, Appendix C). The material was fragmentary and very poorly preserved with a high degree of surface erosion noted. However, it was possible to identify the presence of cattle (*Bos taurus*), pig (*Sus scrofa sp.*), sheep/goat (*Ovis aries/Capra hircus*) and horse (*Equus caballus*). Each of these species was identified from either partial mandibles or fragments of the lower limb bones. As a result of the poor preservation no cut marks or impact damage indicative of butchery waste were observed which, when coupled with the low recovery, limits what can be said about this assemblage in terms of site economy and animal husbandry. However, each was a commonly exploited domestic animal so their inclusion in an assemblage of this period is to be expected.

Palaeoenvironmental assessment (by Sarah F. Wyles)

- 7.2. A total of two environmental samples (21 litres of soil) were processed from ditch 2505 in Trench 25 and possible ditch or pit 5805 in Trench 58. This was done to evaluate the preservation and range of palaeoenvironmental remains across the area and with the intention of recovering environmental evidence of industrial or domestic activity on the site. It was also hoped that the environmental remains recovered might assist in the dating of these features. These samples were processed by standard flotation procedures (CA Technical Manual No. 2).
- 7.3. Preliminary identifications of plant macrofossils are noted in Table 2 in Appendix C, following nomenclature of Stace (1997). The flots varied in size with high (c. 60-70%) numbers of rooty material and uncharred seeds. The charred material comprised varying levels of preservation. No hammer scale and/or industrial waste fragments, or any dating evidence were recovered.

Trench 25

- 7.4. A few charcoal fragments but no charred plant remains were recovered from undated ditch 2505. This is likely to be representative of dispersed/wind-blown material.

Trench 58

- 7.5. The assemblage from undated possible pit 5805 (sample 2) contained a large quantity of charcoal and a few hazelnut (*Corylus avellana*) shell fragments. The charcoal included mature wood fragments and some of the pieces were those of oak (*Quercus* sp.). This assemblage may be representative of dumped hearth material.

Summary

- 7.6. There is no indication from the assemblages of any specific settlement activities taking place in the immediate vicinity of these trenches nor of the likely date of these features. The environmental remains suggest that charred material is present but there is no evidence for any waterlogged material being preserved on the site.

8. DISCUSSION

- 8.1. Trial trenching in advance of residential development revealed elements of a probable rural agricultural landscape that appear to have their origins in the Roman period. No evidence of activity or finds which could be ascribed to any period pre-dating the Roman period were recorded anywhere within the site. Roman period remains were recorded in four trenches (12 and 62 - 64), all at the northern end of the site, where a quite tight, ill-defined arrangement of ditches, a gully and, potentially, part of a large pit were identified. Elsewhere, a single ditch that might tentatively be ascribed a Roman date was recorded in Trench 13, on the western edge of the site.
- 8.2. Two trenches (34 and 36) each contained a single ditch from which single pieces of CBM were recovered, a piece 17th – 19th century brick and a fragment of late medieval to post-medieval tile respectively. A number of furrows were also recorded, which were widely dispersed across the site, typically spaced c.9m apart, and clearly evident in the results of the geophysical survey that preceded this phase of evaluation.
- 8.3. Undated remains comprising mainly ditches, a few gullies and pits were recorded across much of the site, with the exception of a c.50m – 75m belt through the central part where the trenches all proved to be sterile (Trenches 22, 26 – 31 and 44). The

geophysical survey indicated the likely presence of furrows in a number of these trenches but it is considered that they survived only within the subsoil and were removed during machine excavation.

Roman period (AD 43 – AD 410)

- 8.4. The evidence for Roman period activity is firmly focused at the northern end of the site, where in the four trenches detailed above an ill-defined arrangement of seven ditches, a gully and part of a large pit or possible ditch yielded a small assemblage of Roman pottery. In addition, a single ditch in Trench 13 produced one sherd. In total only 50 sherds were recorded, which mostly comprised bodysherds in coarseware fabrics of local or uncertain origin. No unstratified or apparently residual finds of this date were recorded elsewhere.
- 8.5. The pottery assemblage is consistent in terms of style and date and suggests localised activity in the earlier or Middle Roman period. The assemblage comprises solely coarsewares, which can be expected to have been used for utilitarian functions, including cooking or storage. The absence of finewares on that basis may well be an indication of lower economic status and probably points toward small-scale, rural agricultural settlement activity away from the site, probably slightly further to the north and west. The fragmented condition of the recovered material is also likely to indicate that areas of habitation lay at some distance from the site.
- 8.6. Evidence in the wider landscape points toward significant Iron Age and Roman period settlement activity at Wavendon Gate, c.400m to the west of the site. In addition, a small-scale archaeological investigation at 141 Walton End found, also just west of the site, recorded more evidence of the same Roman period settlement. By the middle of the 1st century AD this settlement had shifted to the south and had been enclosed, incorporating two pottery kilns, and a cemetery.
- 8.7. Other recovered remains from the site comprise only a very few pieces of animal bone - four from Roman period contexts in Trench 64. This dearth of animal bone could reasonably suggest that food waste, or other debris, was not being dumped in any quantity at all on the site, and that the site was not immediately adjacent to settlement where one might expect more of such remains to be present. Two environmental samples were also assessed. One, from an undated ditch in Trench 25, toward the centre of the site, yielded only a few pieces of charcoal, and is representative of dispersed wind-blown material. That equates well with the view that the site likely

comprised an agricultural landscape in the wider hinterland of settlement. Interestingly, the other sample, from an undated pit in Trench 58 (just south of the focus of Roman activity) yielded a few hazelnut shell fragments and a large quantity of charcoal, which may be representative of dumped hearth material. This may also indicate that settlement activity could lie, perhaps quite closely, to the north of the site.

- 8.8. The evidence of this evaluation also broadly supports the conclusions of the preceding geophysical survey, which identified the small concentration of ditches at the northern end of the site. Elsewhere across the site the survey predominantly recorded the extensive remains of medieval to post-medieval ridge and furrow. The survey results did not identify the remains of undated ditches or gullies that were recorded elsewhere across the site, though these may well have been masked somewhat by the anomalies in the data associated with the overlying ridge and furrow.
- 8.9. On the basis of the results of the evaluation, the evidence strongly suggests that activity on the site represents the remains of extensive (rather than intensive) agricultural activity dating between the 1st and 3rd centuries AD. Whilst datable remains are focused tightly in the north-west, it is likely that much of the undated evidence of ditches and gullies comprises the remains of former field boundaries and drainage ditches / gullies associated with this activity. Given the quite substantial and contemporary Romano-British settlement just west / north-west of the site is reasonable to expect that the site comprised an element of its wider agricultural hinterland. It is therefore also unlikely that settlement extended eastwards into the site.
- 8.10. Whilst the remains in the north of the site indicate the presence of Roman period agricultural activity there and probably across the wider site, and also suggest that any notable focus of settlement would most likely have been to the west / north-west, it is unlikely that these remains are of such significance that they would contribute measurably to the existing corpus of data for the period. Despite this the results do add somewhat to our understanding of the extent of the prevailing local Romano-British agricultural landscape.

Medieval to modern period remains (AD 1066 – present)

- 8.11. As noted above, furrows were evident in the geophysical survey results widely dispersed across the site and were recorded in nine of the trenches. These were typically aligned north-west / south-east at roughly 9.0m intervals. The widths of

furrows varied, measuring between 0.9m and 1.6m, with a few as much as c.2.39m wide and typically filled with mid orange / yellow-brown compact silty clay. Whilst no finds were recovered from any excavated examples, and on that basis are 'undated', the morphology of surviving ridge and furrow earthworks, and below ground furrow bases, suggests an origin in the medieval period and perhaps a continuity of use into the post-medieval period. The site appears, in fact, to have been in agricultural use from the Roman period onwards, with evidence of settlement only in the wider environs, away from the site.

9. CA PROJECT TEAM

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APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
1	100	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown compact silty sand	N/A	N/A	0.3	
1	101	Layer		Subsoil	Mid orange brown compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.19	
1	102	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown silty sand with gravels and pockets of yellow grey silty clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
2	200	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown compact silty sand	N/A	N/A	0.26	
2	201	Layer		Subsoil	Mid orange brown compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.2	
2	202	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown silty sand with gravels and pockets of yellow grey silty clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	
2	203	Cut		Cut of ditch	Steep sided ditch with uneven base	>2.0	>1.21	0.55	
2	204	Fill	203	Fill of ditch	Mid brown grey compact silty clay	>2.0	>1.21	0.55	
2	205	Cut		Cut of ditch	Boundary ditch with moderately steep, concave sides and a rounded base	>2.0	>2.65	0.64	
2	206	Fill	205	Fill of ditch	Light brown grey compact silty clay	>2.0	>1.77	0.32	
2	207	Fill	205	Fill of ditch	Mid orange brown friable clay silt		>2.48	0.35	
2	208	Fill	205	Fill of ditch	Mid grey brown compact clay silt		>1.14	0.21	
2	209	Cut		Cut of ditch	Field boundary ditch with moderately steep, concave sides and rounded base		1.48	0.41	
2	210	Fill	209	Fill of ditch	Dark grey brown compact clay silt		1.48	0.41	
2	211	Cut		Cut of ditch	Boundary ditch with moderately steep, concave sides and rounded base		>2.61	0.59	
2	212	Fill	211	Fill of ditch	Light brown grey compact silty clay		>2.13	0.42	
2	213	Fill	211	Fill of ditch	Mid grey brown compact clay silt		>2.61	0.21	
2	214	Cut		Cut of ditch	Boundary ditch, unexcavated				
2	215	Fill	214	Fill of ditch	Unrecorded fill of ditch				
2	216	Cut		Cut of ditch	Boundary ditch, unexcavated				
2	217	Fill	216	Fill of ditch	Unrecorded fill of ditch				
2	218	Cut		Cut of ditch	Boundary ditch, unexcavated				
2	219	Fill	218	Fill of ditch	Unrecorded fill of ditch				

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
3	300	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown compact silty sand	N/A	N/A	0.12	
3	301	Layer		Subsoil	Mid orange brown compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.22	

3	302	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown silty sand with gravels and pockets of yellow grey silty clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	
3	303	Cut		Cut of tree throw	Irregular shaped tree-throw with irregular sides; steep on NE edge, shallow on SE. Irregular base	1.9	>0.6	0.25	
3	304	Fill	303	Fill of tree throw	Mid grey brown compact silty clay	1.9	>0.6	0.25	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
4	400	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown compact sandy silt	N/A	N/A	0.3	
4	401	Layer		Subsoil	Mid yellow brown compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.4	
4	402	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown compact silty sand with gravels	N/A	N/A	N/A	
4	403	Cut		Cut of ditch	N-S aligned field boundary with steep, concave sides and a rounded base		1.08	0.27	
4	404	Fill	403	Fill of ditch	Mid brown grey friable silty clay		1.08	0.27	
4	405	Cut		Cut of ditch	E-W aligned ditch. Unexcavated		1.76		
4	406	Fill	405	Fill of ditch	Mid grey brown friable sandy clay		1.76		

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
5	500	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.23	
5	501	Layer		Subsoil	Mid yellow orange friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.12	
5	502	Layer		Natural	Mid yellow brown compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
6	600	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown compact silty sand	N/A	N/A	0.2	
6	601	Layer		Subsoil	Mid orange brown compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.3	
6	602	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown silty sand with gravels and pockets of yellow grey silty clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	
6	603	Cut		Cut of pit	Oval shaped pit with steep, concave sides and a flat base	>0.67	>0.5	0.29	
6	604	Fill	603	Fill of pit	Mid brown grey compact silty clay	>0.67	>0.5	0.29	
6	605	Cut		Cut of ditch	NW-SE aligned field boundary ditch with moderately steep, concave sides and a rounded base		0.28	0.17	
6	606	Fill	605	Fill of ditch	Mid brown grey compact silty clay		0.28	0.17	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
7	700	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown compact silty sand	N/A	N/A	0.3	
7	701	Layer		Subsoil	Mid orange brown compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.15	

7	702	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown silty sand with gravels and pockets of yellow grey silty clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	
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Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
8	800	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown compact silty sand	N/A	N/A	0.3	
8	801	Layer		Subsoil	Mid orange brown compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.41	
8	802	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown compact silty sand with gravels	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
9	900	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown compact silty sand	N/A	N/A	0.32	
9	901	Layer		Subsoil	Mid orange brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.3	
9	902	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown friable silty sand with patches of yellow grey clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9	903	Cut		Cut of ditch	NW-SE aligned ditch with moderately steep, concave sides and a rounded base		0.6	0.23	
9	904	Fill	903	Fill of ditch	Mid grey brown friable silty clay		0.6	0.23	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
10	1000	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown compact silty sand	N/A	N/A	0.17	
10	1001	Layer		Subsoil	Mid orange brown compact silty sand	N/A	N/A	0.33	
10	1002	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown friable silty sand with gravels and patches of yellow grey compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	
10	1003	Cut		Cut of gully	NE-SW aligned gully with moderately steep, concave sides and a rounded base		0.39	0.15	
10	1004	Fill		Fill of gully	Mid brown grey compact silty clay		0.39	0.15	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
11	1100	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown compact silty sand	N/A	N/A	0.35	
11	1101	Layer		Subsoil	Mid orange brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.22	
11	1102	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown friable silty sand with patches of yellow grey clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
12	1200	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.5	
12	1201	Layer		Subsoil	Mid grey brown compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.35	
12	1202	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	

12	1203	Cut		Cut of ditch	NE-SW aligned boundary ditch with shallow concave sides and a rounded base		1.84	0.35	
12	1204	Fill	1203	Fill of ditch	Mid orange brown friable silty sand		1.84	0.35	
12	1205	Cut		Cut of ditch	NE-SW aligned boundary ditch with shallow, concave sides and flat base		2.08	0.27	
12	1206	Fill	1205	Fill of ditch	Mid orange brown friable silty sand		2.08	0.27	
12	1207	Cut		Cut of possible gully	NE-SW aligned possible gully, unexcavated		0.5		
12	1208	Fill	1207	Fill of possible gully	Mid grey brown compact silty clay		0.5		
12	1209	Cut		Cut of possible gully	NE-SW aligned possible gully, unexcavated		0.5		
12	1210	Fill	1209	Fill of possible gully	Mid grey brown compact silty clay		0.5		
12	1211	Cut		Cut of possible ditch	NE-SW aligned possible ditch, unexcavated		0.7		
12	1212	Fill	1211	Fill of possible ditch	Mid orange grey compact silty clay		0.7		
12	1213	Cut		Cut of possible ditch	NE-SW aligned possible ditch, unexcavated		0.75		
12	1214	Fill	1213	Fill of possible ditch	Mid grey brown compact silty clay		0.75		
12	1215	Cut		Cut of possible gully	E-W aligned possible gully, unexcavated		0.42		
12	1216	Fill	1215	Fill of possible gully	Mid grey brown compact silty clay		0.42		

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
13	1300	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown compact silty sand	N/A	N/A	0.2	
13	1301	Layer		Subsoil	Mid orange brown compact silty sand	N/A	N/A	0.3	
13	1302	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown friable silty sand with gravels and patches of yellow grey compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	
13	1303	Cut		Cut of ditch	NW-SE aligned boundary ditch with steep, concave sides with a rounded base		0.57	0.22	
13	1304	Fill	1303	Fill of ditch	Mid brown grey compact silty clay		0.57	0.22	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
14	1400	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.27	
14	1401	Layer		Subsoil	Mid yellow brown compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.28	
14	1402	Layer		Natural	Mid yellow brown compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	
14	1403	Cut		Cut of ditch	Curvilinear ditch with gentle sides; concave on S side, convex on N side, with V-shaped base		0.66	0.33	
14	1404	Fill	1403	Fill of ditch	Mid blue grey friable silty clay		0.66	0.33	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
15	1500	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.33	

15	1501	Layer		Subsoil	Mid red brown compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.47	
15	1502	Layer		Natural	Mid yellow brown compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
16	1600	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown compact silty sand	N/A	N/A	0.25	
16	1601	Layer		Subsoil	Mid orange brown compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.35	
16	1602	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown silty sand with gravels and pockets of yellow grey silty clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	
16	1603	Cut		Cut of gully	E-W aligned gully with moderately steep, concave sides and a rounded base		0.65	0.16	
16	1604	Fill	1603	Fill of gully	Mid brown grey compact silty clay		0.65	0.16	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
17	1700	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.25	
17	1701	Layer		Subsoil	Mid yellow brown compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.28	
17	1702	Layer		Natural	Light yellow brown compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	
17	1703	Cut		Cut of ditch	NE-SW aligned field boundary ditch with steep sides and a rounded base		0.52	0.26	
17	1704	Fill	1703	Fill of ditch	Mid brown grey compact silty clay		0.52	0.26	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
18	1800	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.21	
18	1801	Layer		Subsoil	Mid red grey compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.46	
18	1802	Layer		Natural	Mid yellow brown compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
19	1900	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.31	
19	1901	Layer		Subsoil	Mid yellow brown compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.49	
19	1902	Layer		Natural	Light yellow brown compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	
19	1903	Cut		Cut of gully	NW-SE aligned gully terminus with moderately steep, concave sides and flat base.		0.26	0.15	
19	1904	Fill	1903	Fill of gully	Dark brown grey friable sandy clay		0.26	0.15	
19	1905	Cut		Cut of pit	Circular pit with moderately steep side on SW and shallow side on NE, and rounded base		0.54	0.11	
19	1906	Fill	1905	Fill of pit	Dark brown grey friable sandy clay		0.54	0.11	

19	1907	Cut		Cut of tree throw	Irregular shaped tree throw with steep, irregular sides and an irregular base		1.09	0.26	
19	1908	Fill	1907	Fill of tree throw	Mid brown grey friable sandy clay		1.09	0.26	
19	1909	Cut		Cut of pit	Sub-circular pit with shallow, concave sides		1.8	0.13	
19	1910	Fill	1909	Fill of pit	Mid blue grey compact silty clay		1.8	0.13	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
20	2000	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.48	
20	2001	Layer		Subsoil	Light orange brown friable compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.2	
20	2002	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown compact clay sand	N/A	N/A	N/A	
20	2003	Cut		Cut of ditch	NW-SE aligned ditch with shallow, concave sides and a rounded base		0.75	0.14	
20	2004	Fill	2003	Fill of ditch	Mid brown grey compact silty clay		0.75	0.14	
20	2005	Cut		Cut of ditch	NW-SE aligned ditch terminus with shallow, concave sides and a rounded base		0.8	0.08	
20	2006	Fill	2005	Fill of ditch	Mid brown grey compact silty clay		0.8	0.08	
20	2007	Cut		Cut of gully	NW-SE aligned gully with gentle concave sides and a rounded base		0.54	0.09	
20	2008	Fill	2007	Fill of gully	Light grey brown compact silty clay		0.54	0.09	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
21	2100	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.45	
21	2101	Layer		Subsoil	Light orange brown friable compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.2	
21	2102	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown compact clay sand	N/A	N/A	N/A	
21	2103	Cut		Cut of ditch	NW-SE aligned boundary ditch with moderately steep, concave sides and a rounded base		2.39	0.28	
21	2104	Fill	2103	Fill of ditch	Mid grey brown compact silty clay		2.39	0.28	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
22	2200	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.35	
22	2201	Layer		Subsoil	Light orange brown friable compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.3	
22	2202	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown compact clay sand	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
23	2300	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.31	
23	2301	Layer		Subsoil	Light orange brown friable compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.3	

23	2302	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	
23	2303	Cut		Cut of furrow	NE-SW aligned furrow with gentle. Concave sides and flat base		0.9	0.08	
23	2304	Fill	2303	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown compact silty clay		0.9	0.08	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
24	2400	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.32	
24	2401	Layer		Subsoil	Light orange brown friable compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.31	
24	2402	Layer		Natural	Mid reddish brown friable silty sand	N/A	N/A	N/A	
24	2403	Cut		Cut of pit	Sub-circular pit with gentle, concave sides and a rounded base		0.85	0.13	
24	2404	Fill	2404	Fill of pit	Mid grey brown friable silty clay		0.85	0.13	
24	2405	Cut		Cut of furrow	N-S aligned furrow with gentle, concave sides and a flat base		2.17	0.2	
24	2406	Fill	2406	Fill of furrow	Light yellow brown compact silty clay		2.17	0.2	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
25	2500	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.37	
25	2501	Layer		Subsoil	Light orange brown friable compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.2	
25	2502	Layer		Natural	Mottled light yellow grey compact silty clay and mid orange brown silty clay patches with gravels	N/A	N/A	N/A	
25	2503	Cut		Cut of tree throw	Irregular shaped tree throw with shallow sides and an irregular base	>0.9	0.72	0.13	
25	2504	Fill	2503	Fill of tree throw	Dark grey brown compact silty clay	>0.9	0.72	0.13	
25	2505	Cut		Cut of ditch	N-S aligned ditch with moderately steep, concave sides and a rounded base		1.18	0.23	
25	2506	Fill	2505	Fill of ditch	Mid grey brown compact silty clay		1.18	0.23	
25	2507	Cut		Cut of ditch	NW-SE aligned ditch with moderately steep, convex sides and a rounded base		1.08	0.26	
25	2508	Fill	2507	Fill of ditch	Mid yellow brown compact silty clay		0.85	0.12	
25	2509	Fill	2507	Fill of ditch	Mid grey brown compact silty clay		0.97	0.18	
25	2510	Cut		Cut of ditch	NW-SE aligned ditch with gentle, concave sides and a flat base		1.86	0.18	
25	2511	Fill	2510	Fill of ditch	Mid yellow brown compact silty clay		1.86	0.18	
25	2512	Fill	2510	Fill of ditch	Mid grey brown compact silty clay		1.48	0.14	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
26	2600	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.35	

26	2601	Layer		Subsoil	Light orange brown friable compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.2	
26	2602	Layer		Natural	Mid grey brown compact sandy clay with pockets of dark orange brown clay sand	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
27	2700	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable sandy clay	N/A	N/A		
27	2701	Layer		Subsoil	Light orange brown friable compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A		
27	2702	Layer		Natural	Mid grey brown compact sandy clay with mid orange brown clayey sand	N/A	N/A	N/A	
27	2703	Cut		Cut of furrow	NE-SW aligned furrow, unexcavated		>1.0		
27	2704	Fill		Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown compact sandy clay		>1.0		

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
28	2800	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.3	
28	2801	Layer		Subsoil	Light orange brown friable compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.25	
28	2802	Layer		Natural	Mid grey brown compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
29	2900	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.4	
29	2901	Layer		Subsoil	Light orange brown friable compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.2	
29	2902	Layer		Natural	Mid grey brown sandy clay with mid orange brown clayey sand	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
30	3000	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.34	
30	3001	Layer		Subsoil	Light orange brown friable compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.2	
30	3002	Layer		Natural	Mid grey brown compact sandy clay with mid orange brown clayey sand	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
31	3100	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.4	
31	3101	Layer		Subsoil	Light orange brown friable sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.25	
31	3102	Layer		Natural	Mottled light grey brown compact sandy clay and mid orange brown compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	

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32	3200	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.32	
32	3201	Layer		Subsoil	Light orange brown friable compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.16	
32	3202	Layer		Natural	Mottled light grey brown sandy clay and mid orange brown compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	
32	3203	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated		1.0		
32	3204	Fill	3203	Fill of furrow	Light yellow brown compact clay silt		1.0		
32	3205	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated		0.9		
32	3206	Fill	3205	Fill of furrow	Light yellow brown compact clay silt		0.9		
32	3207	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow with gentle, concave sides and a flat base		1.6	0.1	
32	3208	Fill	3207	Fill of furrow	Light yellow brown compact clay silt		1.6	0.1	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
33	3300	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.45	
33	3301	Layer		Subsoil	Light orange brown friable compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.25	
33	3302	Layer		Natural	Mid grey brown compact sandy clay with mid orange brown compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	
33	3303	Cut		Cut of ditch	NE-SW aligned ditch with steep, convex sides and a rounded base		0.61	0.3	
33	3304	Fill	3303	Fill of ditch	Light brown grey compact silty clay		0.61	0.3	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
34	3400	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.25	
34	3401	Layer		Subsoil	Light orange brown friable compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.26	
34	3402	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown compact clayey sand with light yellow grey sandy clay patches	N/A	N/A	N/A	
34	3403	Cut		Cut of ditch	NE-SW aligned ditch with steep, convex sides and a rounded base		1.48	0.54	
34	3404	Fill	3403	Fill of ditch	Mid grey brown compact silty clay		0.72	0.22	
34	3405	Fill	3403	Fill of ditch	Mid grey brown friable clayey silt		1.48	0.5	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
35	3500	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.4	
35	3501	Layer		Subsoil	Light orange brown friable compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.1	
35	3502	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown compact clayey sand with light yellow grey sandy clay patches	N/A	N/A	N/A	

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36	3600	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.28	
36	3601	Layer		Subsoil	Light orange brown friable compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.2	
36	3602	Layer		Natural	Light orange brown friable silty sand with dark orange brown friable silty sand with gravel and light yellow grey friable sandy clay patches	N/A	N/A	N/A	
36	3603	Cut		Cut of ditch	NW-SE aligned boundary ditch with steep, irregular sides		0.81	0.63	
36	3604	Fill	3603	Fill of ditch	Mid grey brown friable clayey sand		0.81	0.63	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
37	3700	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown compact silty sand	N/A	N/A	0.3	
37	3701	Layer		Subsoil	Mid grey brown compact sandy silt	N/A	N/A	0.3	
37	3702	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown compact clay sand with gravels and light yellow grey sandy clay patches	N/A	N/A	N/A	
37	3703	Cut		Cut of ditch	NW-SE aligned ditch with moderately steep concave NE side and convex SW side and a flat base		0.67	0.14	
37	3704	Fill	3703	Fill of ditch	Mid grey brown friable sandy clay		0.67	0.14	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
38	3800	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown compact silty sand	N/A	N/A	0.3	
38	3801	Layer		Subsoil	Mid grey brown compact sandy silt	N/A	N/A	0.36	
38	3802	Layer		Natural	Mixed dark grey brown and mid grey brown friable sandy silt with mid yellow brown compact sandy clay patches	N/A	N/A	N/A	
38	3803	Cut		Cut of gully	NW-SE aligned gully with moderately steep straight sides and a V-shaped base		0.28	0.14	
38	3804	Fill	3803	Fill of gully	Mid grey brown friable sandy clay		0.28	0.14	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
39	3900	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown compact silty sand	N/A	N/A	0.25	
39	3901	Layer		Subsoil	Mid grey brown compact sandy silt	N/A	N/A	0.40	
39	3902	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown compact clay sand with gravels and light yellow grey sandy clay patches	N/A	N/A	N/A	
39	3903	Cut		Cut of gully	NW-SE aligned gully with moderately steep, convex sides and a flat base		0.45	0.15	
39	3904	Fill	3903	Fill of gully	Mid orange brown friable sandy clay		0.45	0.15	

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40	4000	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown compact silty sand	N/A	N/A	0.32	
40	4001	Layer		Subsoil	Mid grey brown compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.4	
40	4002	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown compact silty sand with gravels and mid yellow brown compact clay silt patches	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
41	4100	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown compact silty sand	N/A	N/A	0.3	
41	4101	Layer		Subsoil	Mid grey brown compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.4	
41	4102	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown sandy silt with mid brown grey compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
42		Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.45	
42		Layer		Subsoil	Light orange brown friable compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.5	
42		Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
43	4300	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.25	
43	4301	Layer		Subsoil	Light orange brown friable compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.59	
43	4302	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	
43	4303	Cut		Cut of ditch	NE-SW aligned ditch with moderately steep, convex SE side and flat base		1.75	0.26	
43	4304	Fill	4303	Fill of ditch	Mid orange brown friable silty sand		1.75	0.26	
43	4305	Cut		Cut of furrow	NE-SW aligned furrow, unexcavated				
43	4306	Fill	4305	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown friable silty sand				
43	4307	Cut		Cut of furrow	NE-SW aligned furrow, unexcavated				
43	4308	Fill	4307	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown friable silty sand				
43	4309	Cut		Cut of furrow	NE-SW aligned furrow, unexcavated				
43	4310	Fill	4309	Fill of furrow	Mid orange brown friable silty sand				

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
44	4400	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.23	
44	4401	Layer		Subsoil	Light orange brown friable compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.35	
44	4402	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown compact sandy clay with light yellow brown compact sandy clay patches	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
45	4500	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.93	
45	4501	Layer		Subsoil	Mid orange grey friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.18	
45	4502	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown compact sandy clay with light yellow brown compact sandy clay patches	N/A	N/A	N/A	
45	4503	Cut		Cut of ditch	NW-SE aligned ditch with moderately steep, concave sides and a rounded base		0.83	0.35	
45	4504	Fill	4503	Fill of ditch	Mid grey brown compact sandy clay		0.83	0.35	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
46	4600	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.3	
46	4601	Layer		Subsoil	Mid brown orange friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.5	
46	4602	Layer		Natural	Mid yellow orange compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
47	4700	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.28	
47	4701	Layer		Subsoil	Mid orange grey friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.52	
47	4702	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
48	4800	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.32	
48	4801	Layer		Subsoil	Mid orange grey friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.4	
48	4802	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	
48	4803	Cut		Cut of ditch	NW-SE aligned ditch with moderately steep, concave sides and a rounded base		0.56	0.17	
48	4804	Fill	4803	Fill of ditch	Mid grey brown compact sandy clay		0.56	0.17	

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49	4900	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.36	
49	4901	Layer		Subsoil	Mid brown orange friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.46	
49	4902	Layer		Natural	Mid yellow orange compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	
49	4903	Cut		Cut of gully	N-S aligned gully with shallow, concave sides and a flat base		0.38	0.09	
49	4904	Fill	4903	Fill of gully	Mid yellow brown compact silty clay		0.38	0.09	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
50	5000	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.27	
50	5001	Layer		Subsoil	Mid brown orange friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.54	
50	5002	Layer		Natural	Mid yellow orange compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
51	5100	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.2	
51	5101	Layer		Subsoil	Mid orange brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.35	
51	5102	Layer		Natural	Mid brown orange friable silty clay with light greenish white compact silty clay patches	N/A	N/A	N/A	
51	5103	Cut		Cut of tree throw	Irregular shaped tree throw with steep, irregular sides and an uneven base		0.37	0.12	
51	5104	Fill		Fill of tree throw	Dark grey brown compact sandy clay		0.37	0.12	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
52	5200	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.42	
52	5201	Layer		Subsoil	Mid orange brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.16	
52	5202	Layer		Natural	Mid brown orange friable silty clay with light grey white friable sandy clay patches	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
53	5300	Layer		Topsoil	Dark brown grey friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.23	
53	5301	Layer		Subsoil	Mid red brown compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.38	
53	5302	Layer		Natural	Light red brown compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
54	5400	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.3	
54	5401	Layer		Subsoil	Mid orange brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.27	
54	5402	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
55		Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A		
55		Layer		Subsoil	Mid orange brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A		
55		Layer		Natural	Mid brown orange friable silty clay with light greenish white compact silty clay patches	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
56	5600	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.33	
56	5601	Layer		Subsoil	Mid red brown compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.24	
56	5602	Layer		Natural	Mid yellow brown compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	
56	5603	Cut		Cut of ditch	NW-SE aligned ditch with moderately steep, concave sides and a rounded base		1.38	0.38	
56	5604	Fill	5603	Fill of ditch	Mid yellow brown compact silty clay with light yellowish grey mottling		1.38	0.38	
56	5605	Cut		Cut of ditch	NW-SE aligned ditch with moderately steep uneven sides. Base not observed		4.18	>0.61	
56	5606	Fill	5605	Fill of ditch	Dark brown grey compact silty clay		4.18	>0.54	
56	5607	Fill	5605	Fill of ditch	Mid grey brown compact silty clay		2.24	0.36	
56	5608	Cut		Cut of gully	NW-SE aligned gully with moderately steep, concave sides and a rounded base		0.4	0.13	
56	5609	Fill	5608	Fill of gully	Mid yellow brown compact silty clay		0.4	0.13	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
57	5700	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.31	
57	5701	Layer		Subsoil	Mid red brown compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.44	
57	5702	Layer		Natural	Light yellow brown compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
58	5800	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.31	
58	5801	Layer		Subsoil	Mid red brown compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.42	
58	5802	Layer		Natural	Light red brown compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	
58	5803	Cut		Cut of ditch	NW-SE aligned ditch with moderately steep, straight sides and a flat base		0.87	0.19	
58	5804	Fill	5803	Fill of ditch	Dark blue grey compact silty clay		0.87	0.19	
58	5805	Cut		Cut of pit	?				
58	5806	Fill	5805	Fill of pit	?				

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
59	5900	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown compact silty sand	N/A	N/A		
59	5901	Layer		Subsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty sand	N/A	N/A		
59	5902	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown friable sandy silt and mid yellow grey compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	
59	5903	Cut		Cut of gully	NW-SE aligned gully with shallow, straight sides and a rounded base		0.58	0.12	

59	5904	Fill	5903	Fill of gully	Mid grey brown friable sandy silt		0.58	0.12	
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60	6000	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable sandy silt	N/A	N/A	0.4	
60	6001	Layer		Subsoil	Mid orange brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.3	
60	6002	Layer		Natural	Mid brown orange compact silty clay with mid blue grey compact silty clay patches	N/A	N/A	N/A	

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61	6100	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown friable sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.3	
61	6101	Layer		Subsoil	Mid grey brown friable sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.48	
61	6102	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	
61	6103	Cut		Cut of gully	NW-SE aligned gully with steep, convex sides and a rounded base		0.66	0.41	
61	6104	Fill	6103	Fill of gully	Mid red grey friable clayey silt		0.66	0.41	
61	6105	Cut		Cut of ditch	NW-SE aligned ditch with moderately steep, convex sides and a rounded base		1.0	0.39	
61	6106	Fill	6105	Fill of ditch	Mid grey brown compact sandy clay		0.73	0.22	
61	6107	Fill	6105	Fill of ditch	Dark brown grey compact sandy clay		1.0	0.18	
61	6108	Cut		Cut of ditch	NW-SE aligned ditch with moderately steep, concave sides and a rounded base		0.39	0.24	
61	6109	Fill	6108	Fill of ditch	Mid grey brown compact sandy clay		0.39	0.24	

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62	6200	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown friable silty sand	N/A	N/A		
62	6201	Layer		Subsoil	Mid grey brown compact silty clay	N/A	N/A		
62	6202	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown friable silty sand	N/A	N/A	N/A	
62	6203	Cut		Cut of ditch	Curvilinear ditch with moderately steep, straight sides and a rounded base		0.5	0.19	
62	6204	Fill	6203	Fill of ditch	Mid grey brown compact sandy clay		0.5	0.19	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
63	6300	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown friable sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.42	
63	6301	Layer		Subsoil	Mid grey brown friable sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.48	
63	6302	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	
63	6303	Cut		Cut of ditch	NE-SW aligned ditch with steep, concave sides and a rounded base		0.71	0.28	

63	6304	Fill	6303	Fill of ditch	Dark brown grey compact sandy clay		0.71	0.28	
63	6305	Cut		Cut of ditch	NE-SW aligned ditch with steep, convex sides and a rounded base		0.52	0.19	
63	6306	Fill	6305	Fill of ditch	Mid grey brown compact sandy clay		0.52	0.19	
63	6307	Cut		Cut of pit	Sub-circular pit with moderately steep, concave sides and a flat base		>0.9	0.33	
63	6308	Fill	6307	Fill of pit	Dark grey brown compact sandy clay		>0.9	0.33	

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64	6400	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.31	
64	6401	Layer		Subsoil	Mid grey brown compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.48	
64	6402	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	
64	6403	Cut		Cut of ditch	E-W aligned ditch with steep, convex sides and a rounded base		1.64	0.52	
64	6404	Fill	6403	Fill of ditch	Mid grey brown friable sandy clay		1.64	0.52	
64	6405	Cut		Cut of ditch	NE-SW aligned ditch with moderately steep, uneven sides and a flat base		>1.0	0.54	
64	6406	Fill	6405	Fill of ditch	Mid orange brown friable sandy silt		>1.0	0.54	
64	6407	Cut		Cut of ditch	NE-SW aligned ditch with moderately steep, convex sides. Base not observed		>2.0	0.47	
64	6408	Fill	6407	Fill of ditch	Dark orange brown compact sandy silt		>2.0	0.24	
64	6409	Fill	6407	Fill of ditch	Mid grey brown friable sandy silt		>2.0	0.26	
64	6410	Cut		Cut of gully	NE-SW aligned gully with shallow, concave sides and a flat base		0.52	0.1	
64	6411	Fill	6410	Fill of gully	Light grey brown friable sandy silt		0.52	0.1	
64	6412	Cut		Cut of gully	NE-SW aligned gully with steep, concave sides and a rounded base		0.34	0.12	
64	6413	Fill	6412	Fill of gully	Mid grey brown friable sandy clay		0.34	0.12	
64	6414	Cut		Cut of ditch	NE-SW aligned ditch with steep, convex sides and a V-shaped base		1.0	0.47	
64	6415	Fill	6414	Fill of ditch	Dark grey brown compact sandy clay		1.0	0.47	
64	6416	Cut		Cut of pit	Rectangular pit, possibly structural, with moderately steep, concave sides and a flat base		>0.83	0.16	
64	6417	Fill	6416	Fill of pit	Dark grey brown friable sandy clay		>0.83	0.16	
64	6418	Cut		Cut of gully	NE-SW aligned gully with moderately steep, concave sides and a flat base		0.47	0.19	
64	6419	Fill	6418	Fill of gully	Mid grey brown friable sandy clay		0.47	0.19	
64	6420	Cut		Cut of ditch	N-S aligned ditch, unexcavated		1.5		
64	6421	Fill	6420	Fill of ditch	Mid grey brown compact clayey sand		1.5		

64	6422	Cut		Cut of ditch	NE-SW aligned ditch, unexcavated		>1.0		
64	6423	Fill	6422	Fill of ditch	Light orange brown friable sandy silt		>1.0		
64	6424	Cut		Cut of ditch	Curvilinear ditch, unexcavated		3.5		
64	6425	Fill	6424	Fill of ditch	Mid grey brown compact clayey sand		3.5		

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65	6500	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown friable silty sand	N/A	N/A	0.29	
65	6501	Layer		Subsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.37	
65	6502	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown friable clayey silt	N/A	N/A	N/A	

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66	6600	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown friable silty sand	N/A	N/A	0.24	
66	6601	Layer		Subsoil	Mid orange brown friable clayey silt	N/A	N/A	0.51	
66	6602	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown friable sandy silt	N/A	N/A	N/A	
66	6603	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow with shallow, concave sides and a flat base		0.97	0.19	
66	6604	Fill	6603	Fill of furrow	Mid grey brown compact silty clay		0.97	0.19	
66	6605	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow with moderately steep, concave sides and a flat base		0.79	0.16	
66	6606	Fill	6605	Fill of furrow	Mid grey brown compact silty clay		0.79	0.16	
66	6607	Cut		Cut of ditch	NW-SE aligned ditch with steep, concave sides and a flat base		0.43	0.17	
66	6608	Fill	6607	Fill of ditch	Dark grey brown friable sandy silt		0.43	0.17	
66	6609	Cut		Cut of furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow with steep, concave sides and a rounded base		0.61	0.16	
66	6610	Fill	6609	Fill of furrow	Mid grey brown compact silty clay		0.61	0.16	

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67	6700	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown friable silty sand	N/A	N/A		
67	6701	Layer		Subsoil	Mid grey brown compact silty clay	N/A	N/A		
67	6702	Layer		Natural	Mid orange brown friable sandy silt	N/A	N/A	N/A	
67	6703	Cut		Cut of ditch	NW-SE aligned ditch with moderately steep, convex sides and a rounded base		1.7	0.52	
67	6704	Fill	6703	Fill of ditch	Mid grey brown loose sandy silt		1.67	0.43	
67	6705	Fill	6703	Fill of ditch	Dark grey brown friable sandy silt		1.7	0.12	

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68	6800	Layer		Topsoil	Dark yellow brown compact clay sand	N/A	N/A	0.11	
68	6801	Layer		Made ground	Mid yellow brown compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.31	
68	6802	Layer		Made ground	Mid orange brown compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.25	
68	6803	Layer		Made ground	Mid yellow brown compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.33	
68	6804	Layer		Made ground	Dark grey brown compact clay silt	N/A	N/A	>0.01	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
69	6900	Layer		Topsoil	Dark yellow brown compact clay sand	N/A	N/A	0.25	
69	6901	Layer		Made ground	Mid orange grey compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	>1.05	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
70	7000	Layer		Topsoil	Mid yellow brown compact clayey sand	N/A	N/A	0.52	
70	7001	Layer		Made ground	Mid brown grey compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.87	
70	7002	Layer			Mixed light yellow grey and light blue grey compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A		

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
71	7100	Layer		Topsoil	Mid yellow brown compact clayey sand	N/A	N/A	0.4	
71	7101	Layer		Made ground	Mid brown grey compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.4	
71	7102	Layer			Mixed light yellow grey and light blue grey compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	>0.48	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
72	7200	Layer		Topsoil					
72	7201	Layer		Made ground					
72	7202	Layer							

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
73	7300	Layer		Topsoil	Dark yellow brown compact clayey sand	N/A	N/A	0.16	
73	7301	Layer		Made ground	Mid yellow brown compact clayey sand	N/A	N/A	0.94	
73	7302	Layer			Light yellow grey compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	>0.5	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
74	7400	Layer		Topsoil	Mid yellow brown compact clayey sand	N/A	N/A	0.36	
74	7401	Layer		Made ground	Mid yellow grey compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.59	
74	7402	Layer			Mixed light yellow grey and light blue grey compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	>0.3	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
75	7500	Layer		Topsoil					
75	7501	Layer		Made ground					
75	7502	Layer							

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
76	7600	Layer		Topsoil	Mid yellow brown compact clay sand	N/A	N/A	0.22	
76	7601	Layer		Made ground	Mid yellow brown compact sandy clay, occasional chalk flecks, stones and rubble	N/A	N/A	0.63	
76	7602	Layer		Natural	Light yellow grey compact sandy clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	
76	7603	Layer		Buried topsoil	Mid yellow brown compact clayey sand	N/A	N/A	0.15	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
77	7700	Layer		Topsoil	Mid yellow brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.19	
77	7701	Layer		Subsoil	Mid yellow brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.91	
77	7702	Layer		Natural	Light yellow brown compact silty clay with light blue grey silty compact clay patches	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
78	7800	Layer		Topsoil	Mid yellow brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.4	
78	7801	Layer		Made ground	Mid yellow grey friable sandy clay	N/A	N/A	0.3	
78	7802	Layer		Made ground	Mid blue grey friable sandy clay	N/A	N/A	>0.6	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
79	7900	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.13	
79	7901	Layer		Made ground	Mixed mid yellow grey and mid blue grey compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.65	
79	7902	Layer		Made ground	Mid yellow brown compact silty clay with mid blue grey compact sandy clay patches	N/A	N/A	>0.51	

APPENDIX B: THE FINDS

Table 1: Finds concordance

Context	Material	Description	Ct.	Wt. (g)	Spot-date
1204	Roman pottery	GT	1	17	RB
	Roman pottery	BS	1	6	
1304	Roman pottery	GT (abr)	1	3	LIA-C1
3405	CBM	Post-med/modern brick	1	714	C18-C19
3604	CBM	Late med – Post-med	1	21	Lmed-Pmed
3700	Iron obj.	Nail	1	28	Mod.
6204	Roman pottery	UNVGW (flat rim bowl)	1	95	C2-C3
6304	Roman pottery	BS	2	7	RB
	Roman pottery	GWs (jar)	1	11	
	Fired clay	Misc.	8	30	
6306	Roman pottery	GT	1	7	C1
6404	Roman pottery	GWs	2	7	RB
	Roman pottery	GT	1	2	
6406	Roman pottery	GT	2	5	C1
	Roman pottery	SH	1	4	
6408	Roman pottery	SH (lid-seated jar)	5	59	MC1-eC3
6409	Roman pottery	SH	1	3	C1
	Roman pottery	GT	5	59	
	Fired clay	Misc.	5	32	
6415	Roman pottery	GT (abr)	1	3	LIA-C1
6417	Roman pottery	SH (lid-seated jar; flat rim bowl)	6	62	C2+
	Roman pottery	SHg	1	17	
	Roman pottery	BS	7	29	
	Roman pottery	GWs	5	123	
	Roman pottery	GT	1	35	
	Roman pottery	WH (reeded rim bowl)	2	15	
	Fired clay	Misc.	5	22	
6419	Roman pottery	SH	1	6	RB
	Roman pottery	BS	1	5	

Table 2: Pottery fabrics summary

Fabric code	Description	MK type*	Ct.	Wt.(g)
GT	'Belgic' grog-tempered (local)	46	13	131
SH	shell-tempered (local)	1a	14	134
SHg	Grogged shell-tempered (local)	45	1	17
BS	Reduced sandy; black-surfaces (local)	3	11	47
GWs	Reduced sandy; grey-firing (local)	3	8	141
UNVGW	Upper Nene Valley greyware	14	1	95
WH	Sandy whiteware (Verulamium region or Upper Nene)	18	2	15
Totals			50	580

*see Marney1989

APPENDIX C: THE PALAEOENVIRONMENTAL EVIDENCE

Table 1: Identified animal species by fragment count (NISP) and weight and context.

Cut	Fill	BOS	O/C	SUS	EQ	LM	Ind	Total	Weight (g)
Roman Period									
6405	6406		1		1			2	10
6407	6408			1			1	2	111
Subtotal			1	1	1		1	4	121
Undated									
5603	5604				1	5		6	125
5605	5606	3	1			4		8	131
6105	6107	1						1	117
6305	6306	2						2	59
Subtotal		6	1		1	9		17	434
Total		6	2	1	2	9	1	21	
Weight		283	9	104	110	40	7	553	

BOS = Cattle; O?C = sheep/goat; SUS = pig; EQ = horse; LM = cattle sized mammal; Ind = indeterminate

Table 2: Palaeoenvironmental remains

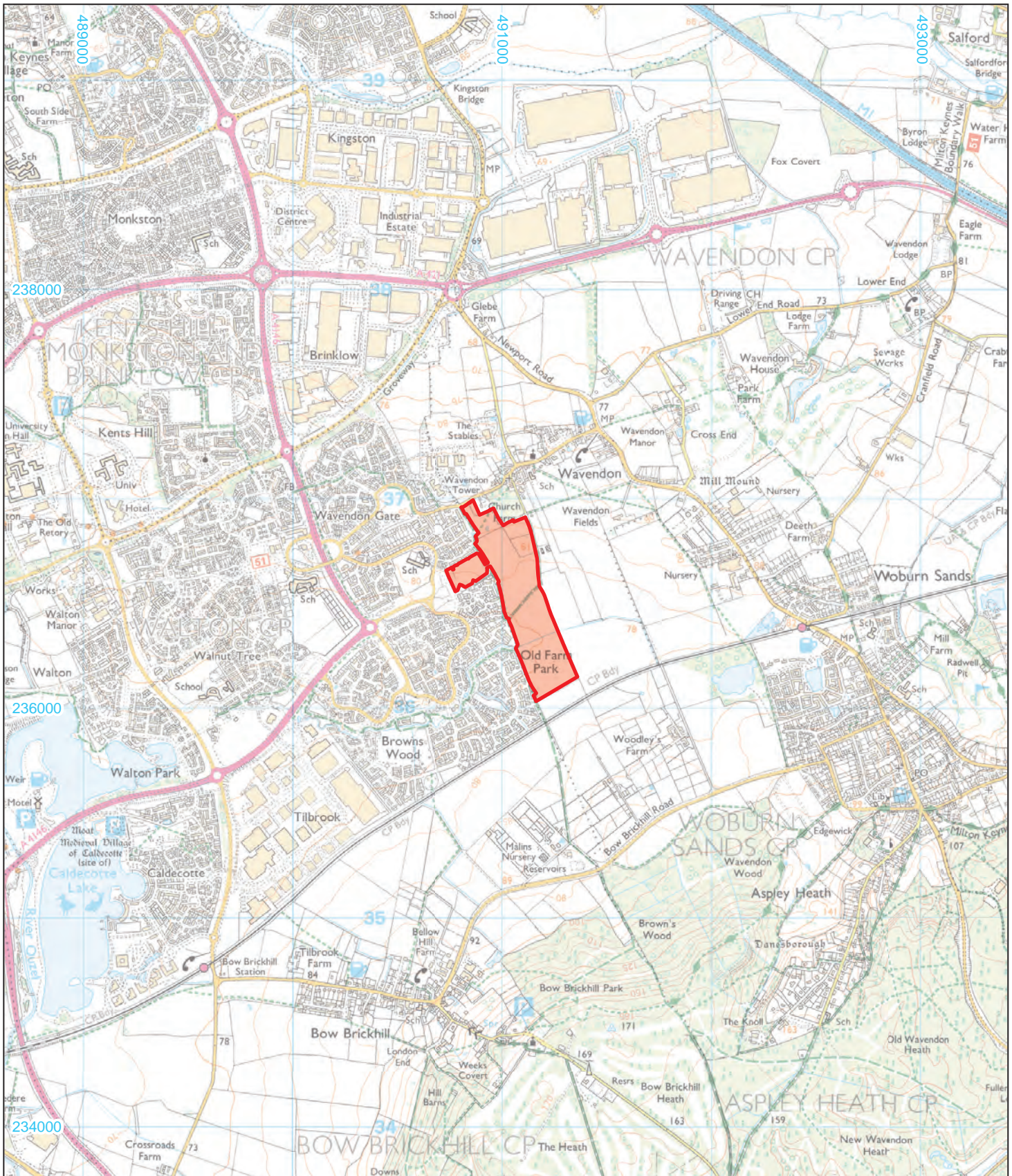
Cut	Context	Sample	Vol (L)	Flot size (ml)	Roots %	Grain	Chaff	Charred Other	Charcoal > 4/2mm	Other	Notes for Table
Trench 25 - Undated ditch											
2505	2506	1	9	15	70	-	-	-	*/*	-	-
Trench 58 - Undated possible pit											
5805	5806	2	12	100	60	-	-	*	****/****	-	<i>Corylus avellana</i> shell fragments, charcoal includes mature wood fragments, some oak

Key: * = 1–4 items; ** = 4–20 items; *** = 21–49 items; **** = 50–99 items; ***** = >100 items

APPENDIX D: OASIS REPORT FORM

PROJECT DETAILS	
Project name	Land at Church Farm, Wavendon, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire
Short description	<p>Between 12th May and 5th June 2020, Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological evaluation of land at Church Farm, Wavendon, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire. This evaluation was undertaken at the request of Roebuck Land and Planning td on behalf of Connolly Homes PLC. A total of 79 trenches were excavated in the first instance, with a further 28 trenches to be excavated as a second phase of work.</p> <p>Trial trenching revealed elements of a probable rural agricultural landscape that appear to have their origins in the Roman period. No evidence of activity or finds which could be ascribed to any period pre-dating the Roman period were recorded anywhere within the site. Roman period remains were recorded in four trenches (12 and 62 - 64) at the northern end of the site, and in Trench 13 further to the south, where a single ditch might tentatively be ascribed a Roman date.</p> <p>The evidence strongly suggests that activity on the site represents the remains of extensive (rather than intensive) agricultural activity dating between the 1st and 3rd centuries AD. Whilst datable remains are focused tightly in the north, it is likely that much of the undated evidence of ditches and gullies comprises the remains of former field boundaries and drainage ditches / gullies associated with this activity. Given the quite substantial and contemporary Romano-British settlement just west / north-west of the site is reasonable to expect that the site comprised an element of its wider agricultural hinterland. It is therefore also unlikely that settlement extended eastwards into the site.</p> <p>A number of furrows were also recorded, which were widely dispersed across the site and are evident in the results of a preceding geophysical survey. Whilst no finds were recovered from any excavated examples, and on that basis they are 'undated', the morphology of surviving ridge and furrow earthworks in part of the site and below ground furrow bases suggests an origin in the medieval period and perhaps a continuity of use into the post-medieval period. The site appears, in fact, to have been in agricultural use from the Roman period onwards, with evidence of settlement only in the wider environs, away from the site.</p>
Project dates	12 May – 5 June
Project type	Field evaluation
Previous work	Geophysical survey (Northamptonshire Archaeology 2013) Archaeological Desk-Based Assessment and Heritage Survey (Northamptonshire Archaeology 2013)
Future work	Unknown
PROJECT LOCATION	
Site location	Land at Church Farm, Wavendon, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire
Study area (m ² /ha)	22.29ha
Site co-ordinates	490981 236742
PROJECT CREATORS	
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology
Project brief originator	Senior Archaeological Officer, Milton Keynes Council
Project design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology
Project Manager	Adrian Scruby
Project Supervisor	James Coyne
MONUMENT TYPE	None

SIGNIFICANT FINDS	None	
PROJECT ARCHIVES	Intended final location of archive (museum/Accession no.)	Content (e.g. pottery, animal bone etc)
Physical	Bucks County Museum / AYBCM: 2019.158	ceramics, metal finds and animal bone
Paper	Bucks County Museum / AYBCM: 2019.158	Context sheets and registers
Digital	Bucks County Museum / AYBCM: 2019.158	Digital photos
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- Site boundary
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- Proposed trench
- Non-excavated trench
- Archaeological feature
- High pressure gas pipeline buffer
- Gas pipe location
- Gas pipe crossing point
- Overhead cable 9m buffer
- Overhead cable
- Public right of way 3m buffer

- Geophysical survey
(Northamptonshire Archaeology 2013)
- Archaeology?
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 - Field boundary
 - Field drain
 - Ferrous object
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**Northern half of site: trench location plan
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Southern half of site: trench location plan
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General view of site looking south-west



General view of site looking north-east



General view of site looking north-west



General view of site looking south

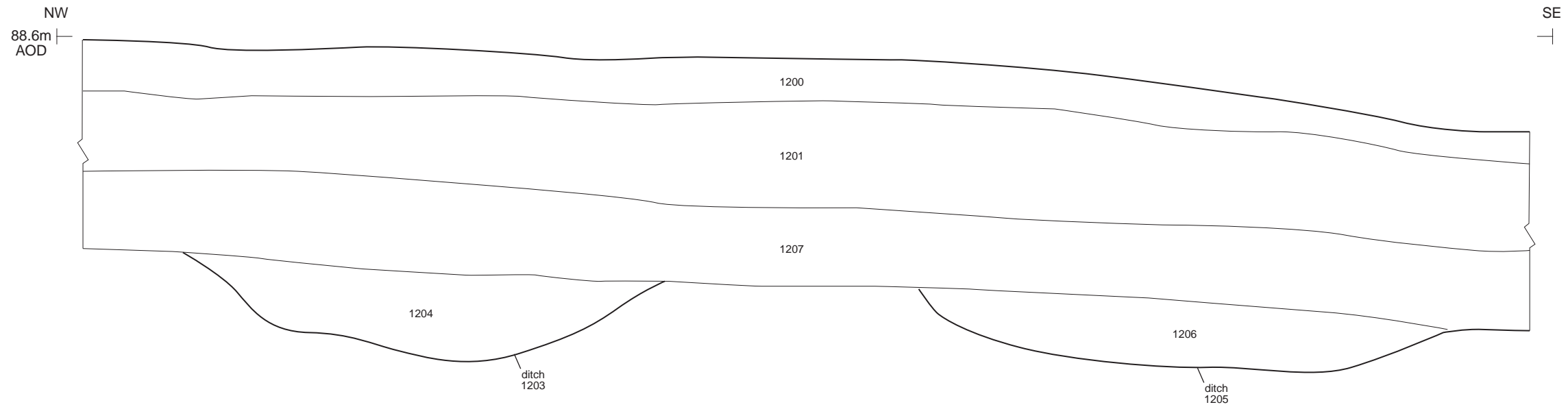

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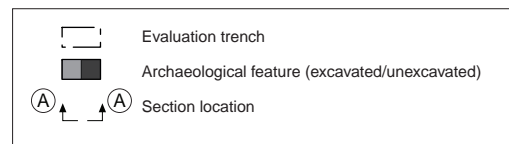
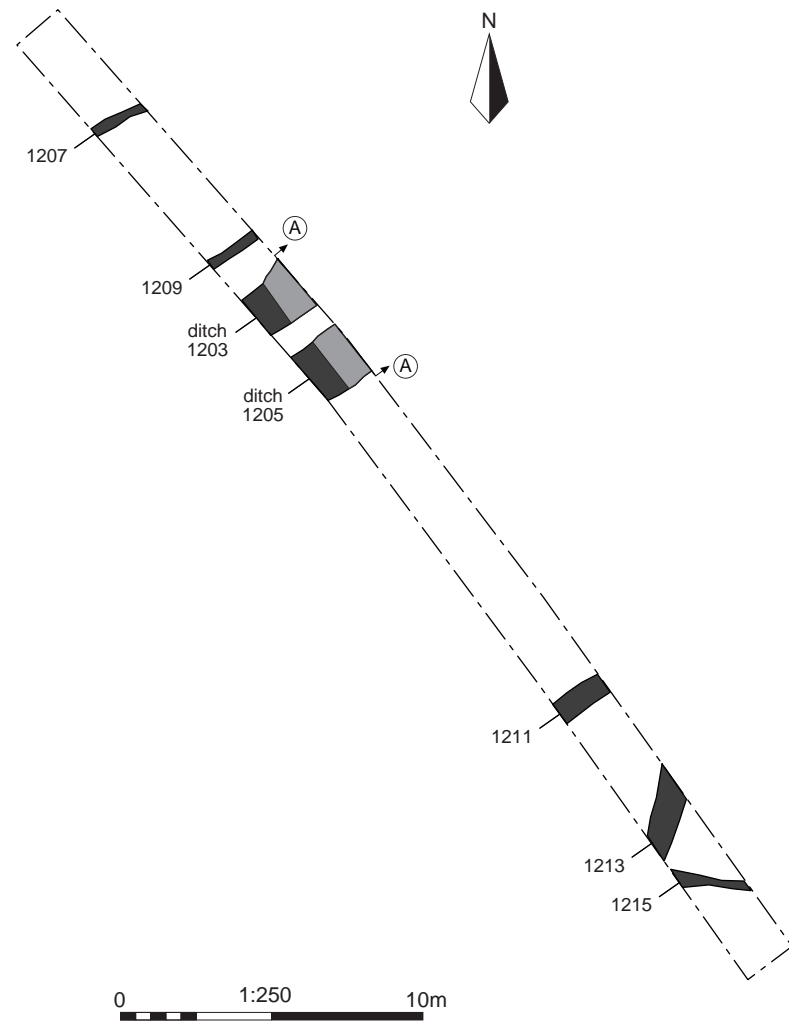
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Trench 12



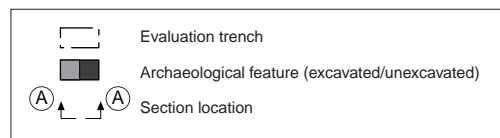
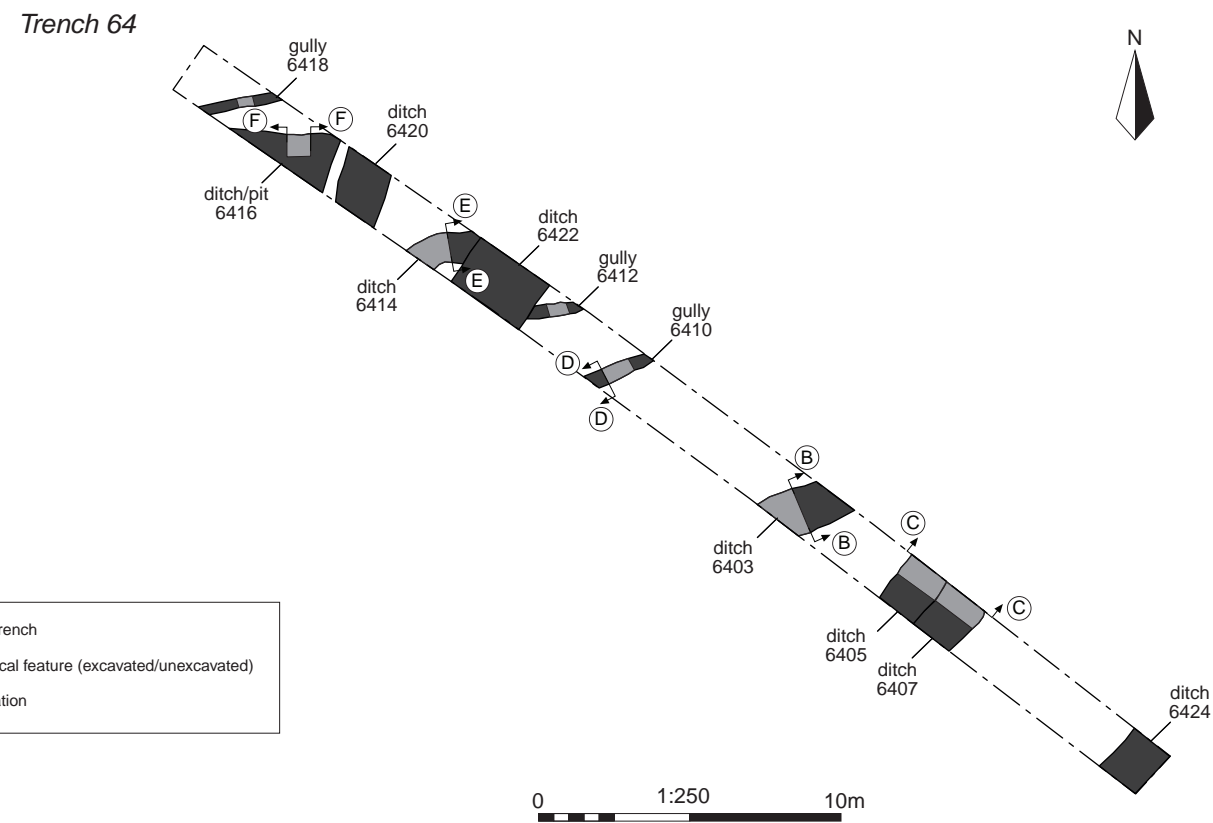
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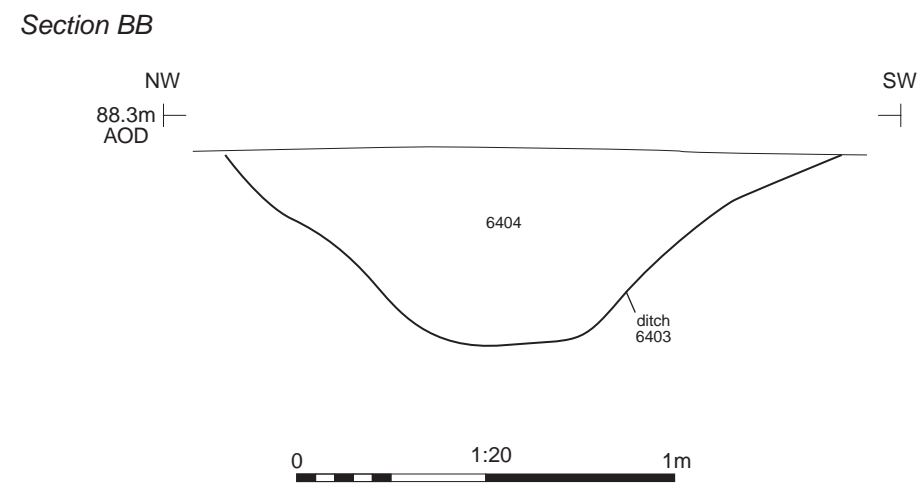
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Trench 64, looking north-west (1m scales)



Ditch 6403, looking south-west (1m scale)



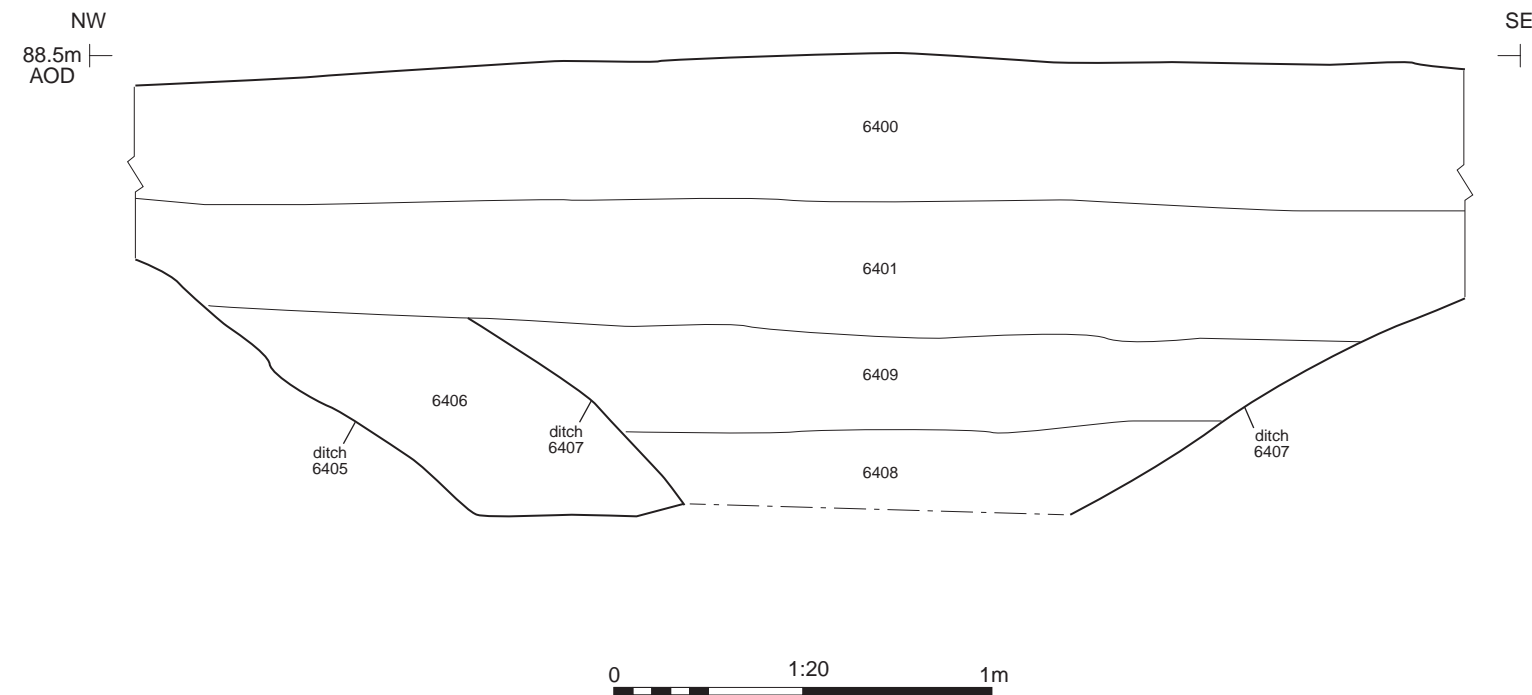
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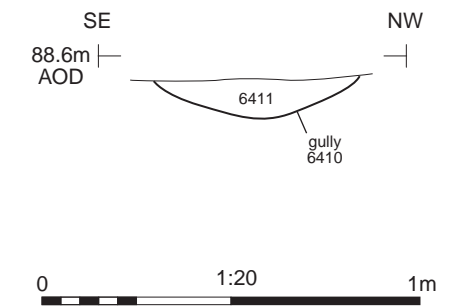
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Ditches 6405 and 6407, looking north (2m scales)



Gully 6410, looking south-west (0.3m scale)

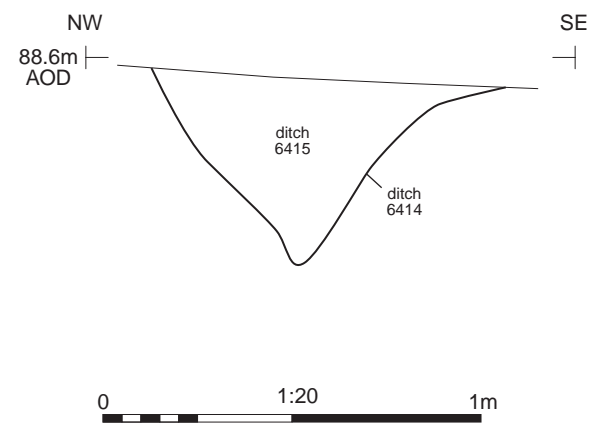

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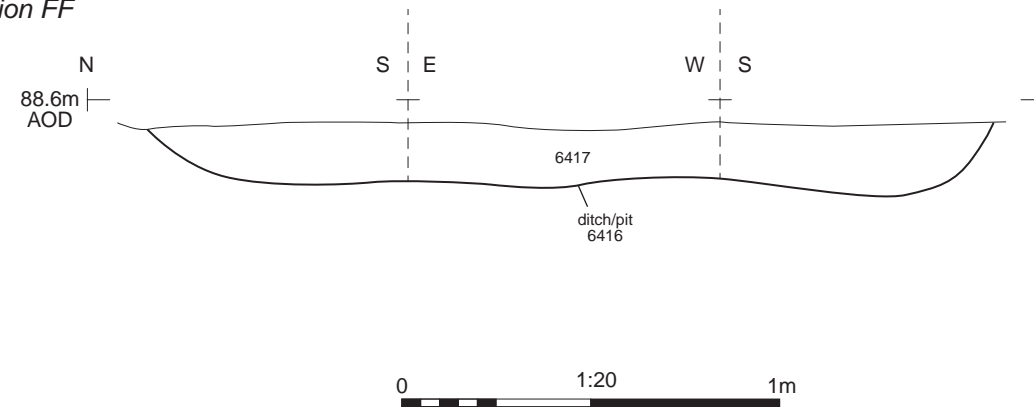
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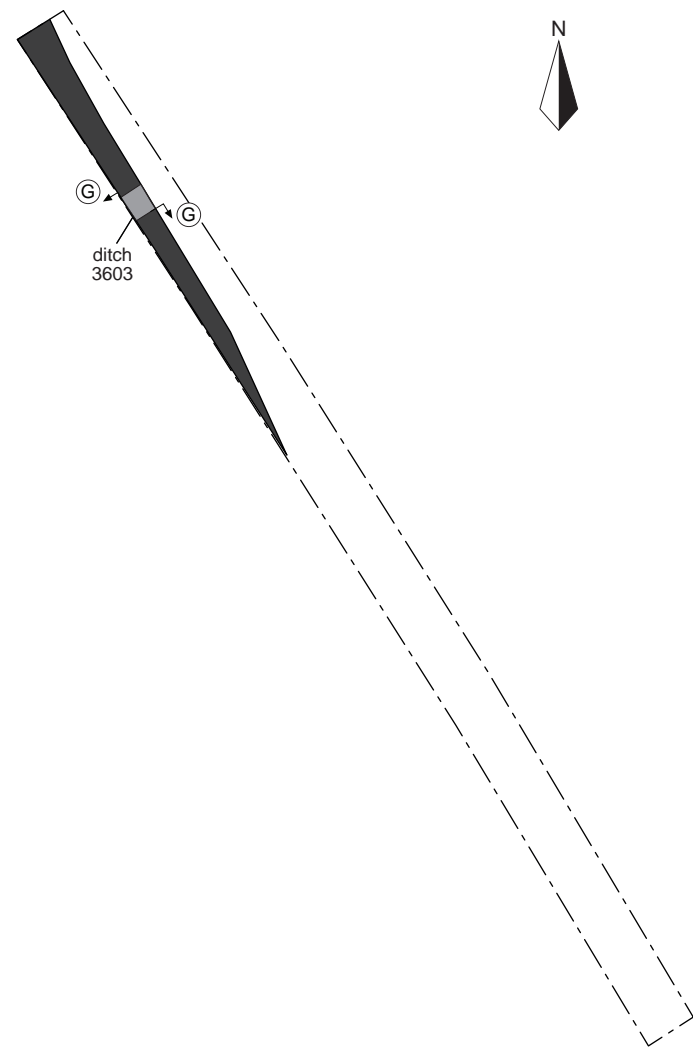

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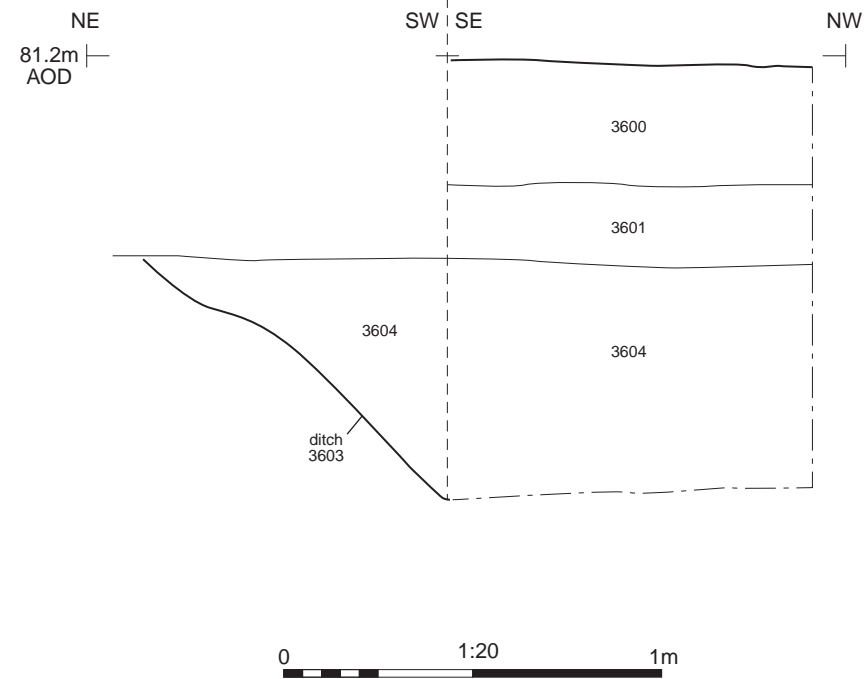
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Trench 36



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Trench 36, looking south-east (1m scales)



Ditch 3603, looking south-east (0.5m scale)

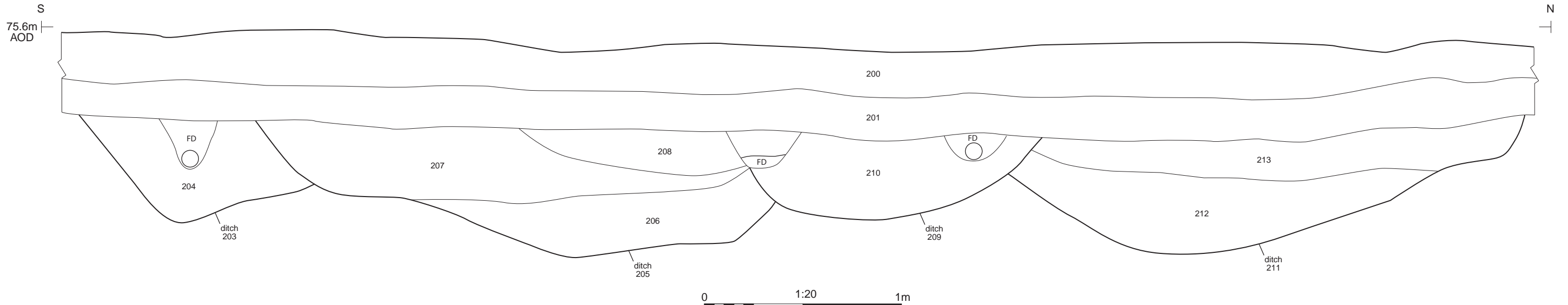
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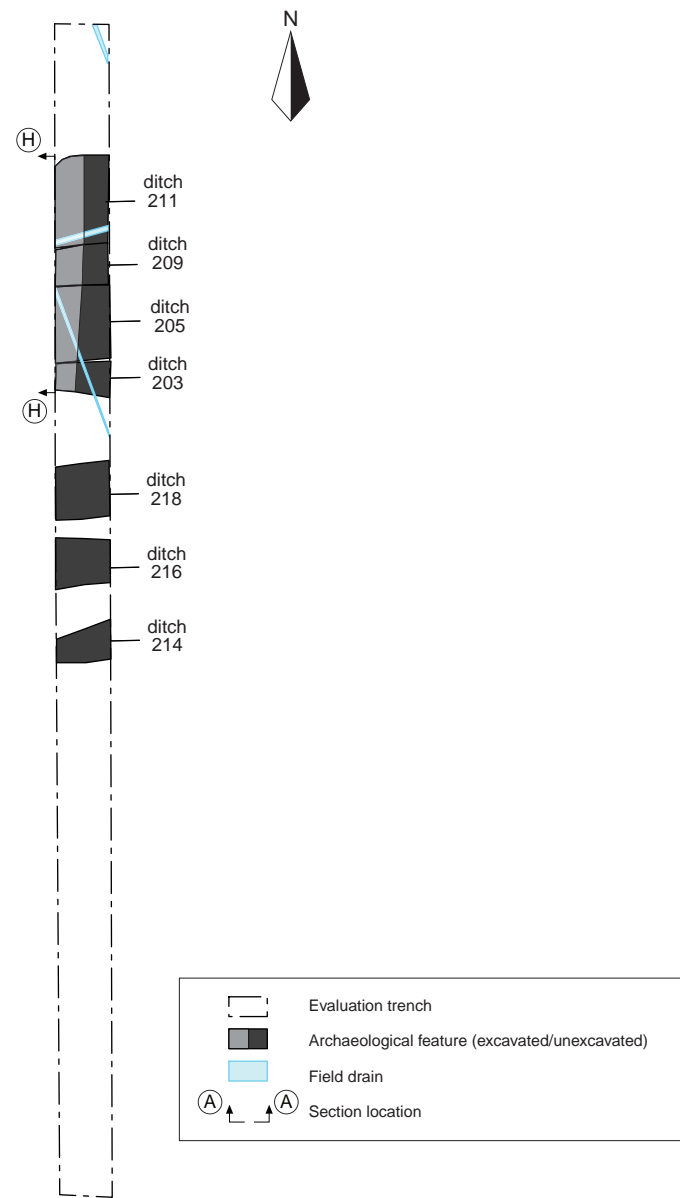
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Trench 2



Ditches 203, 205, 209 and 211, looking south-west (2m scales)

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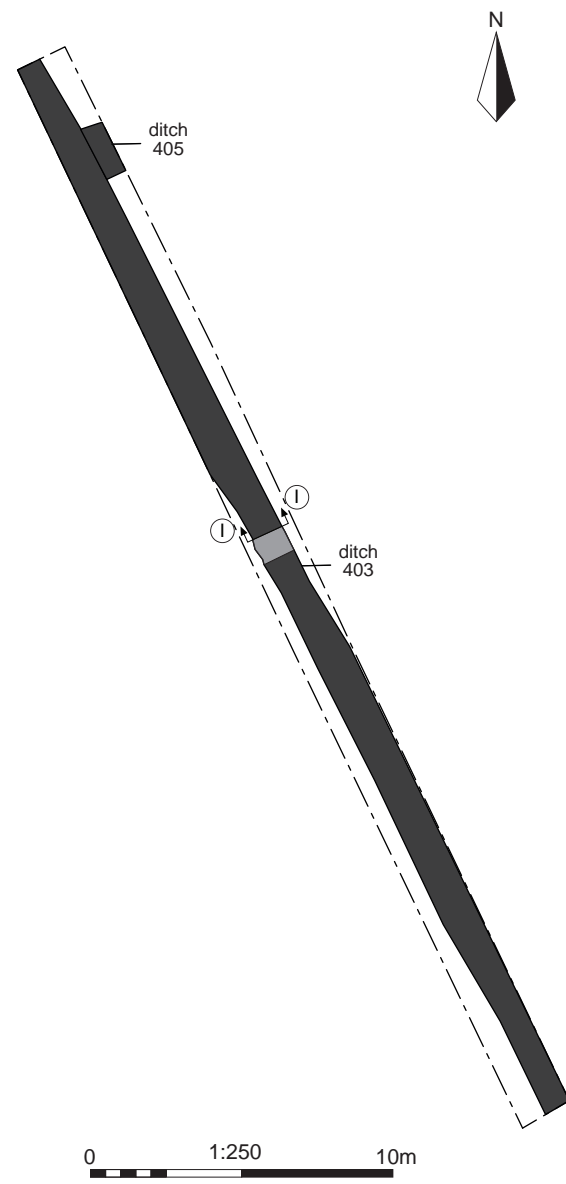
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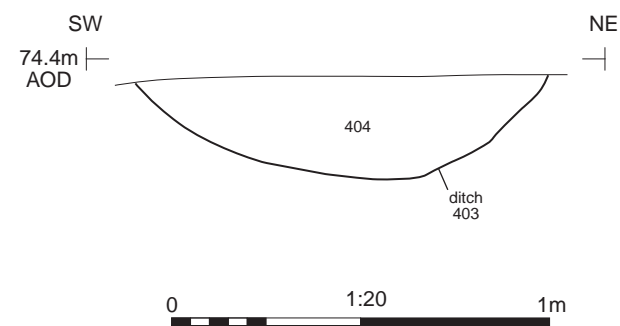
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Ditch 403, looking north-west (1m scale)

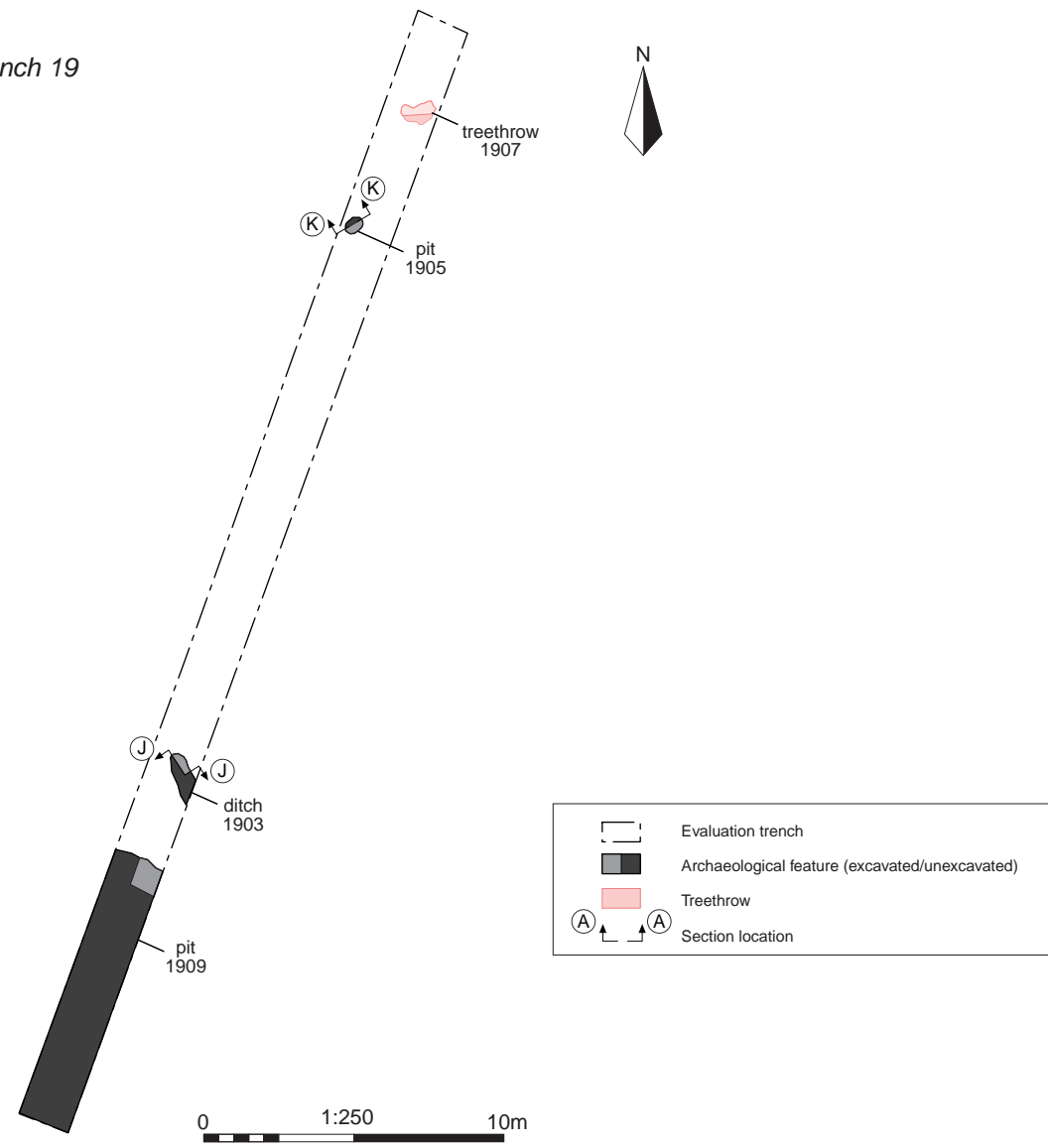

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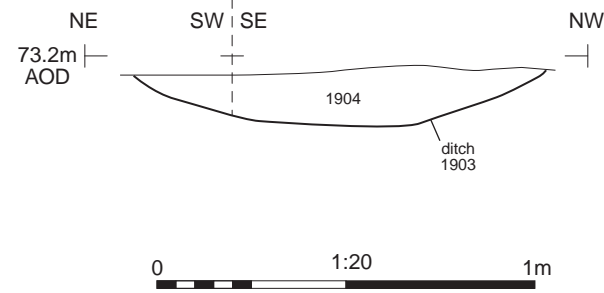
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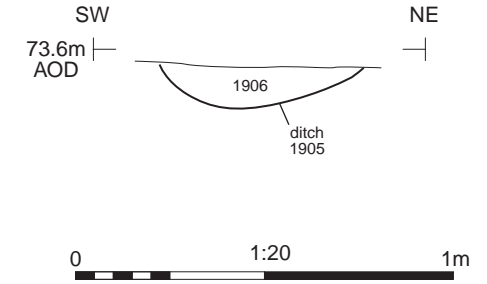
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Section JJ



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Ditch 1903, looking south-west (0.5m scale)



Pit 1905, looking north-west (0.5m scale)

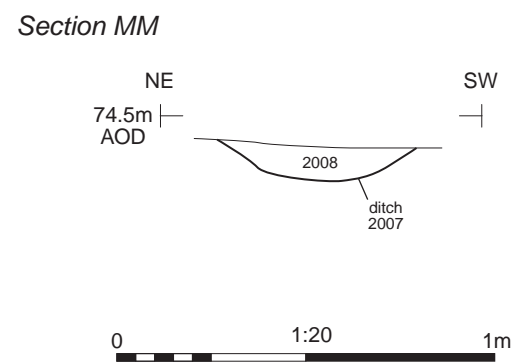
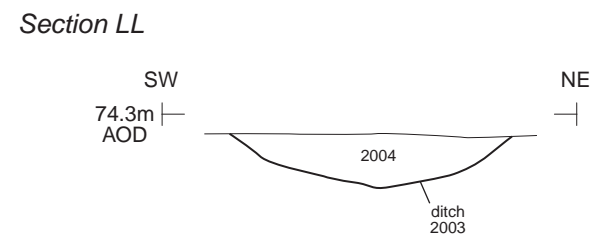
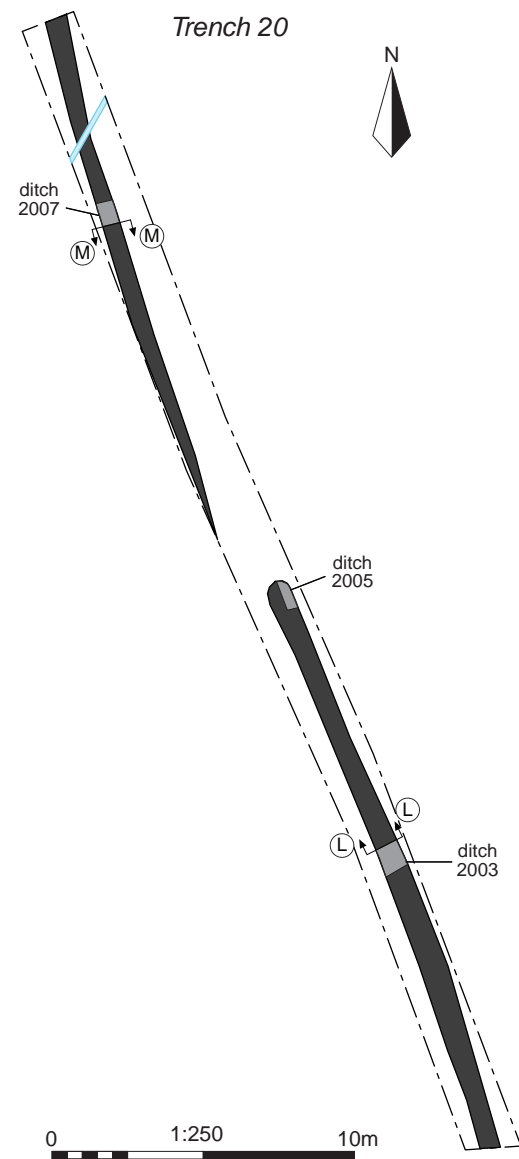
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- Evaluation trench
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- Treethrow
- Section location



Trench 20, looking south-east (1m scales)



Ditch 2003, looking north-west (0.5m scale)



Pit 2007, looking south-east (0.5m scale)

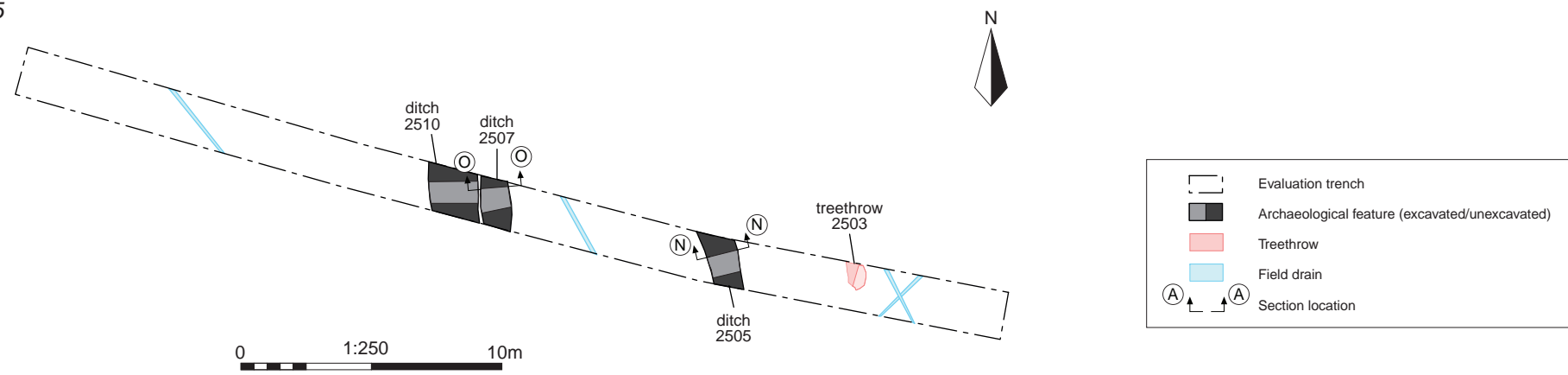

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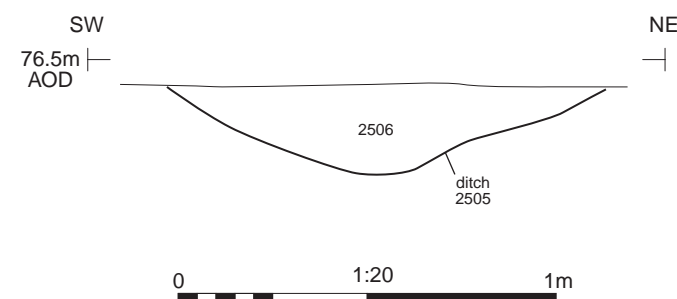
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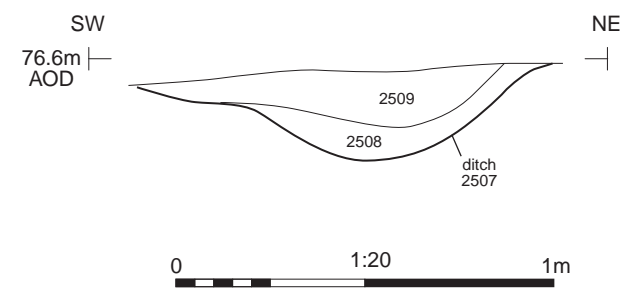
Trench 25



Section NN



Section OO



Trench 25, looking west (1m scales)



Ditch 2505, looking north-west (1m scale)



Ditch 2507, looking north-west (1m scale)

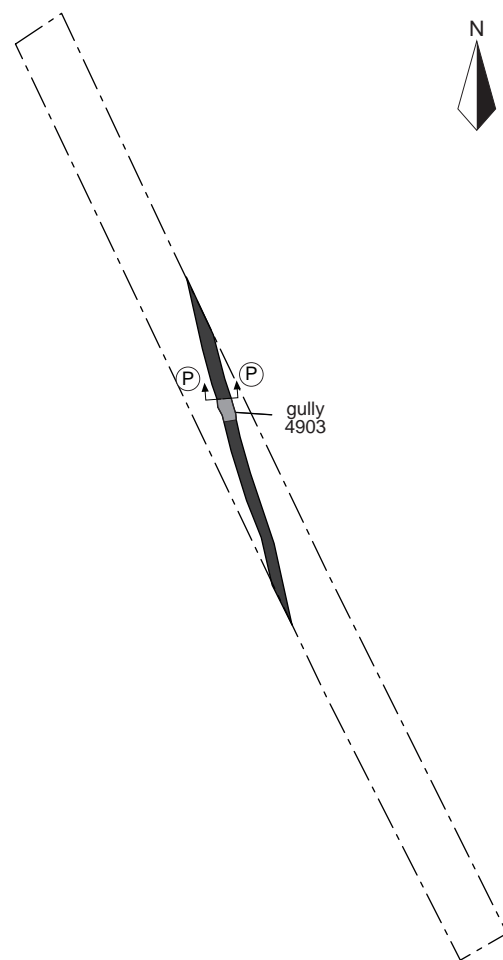

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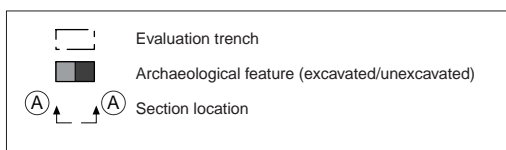
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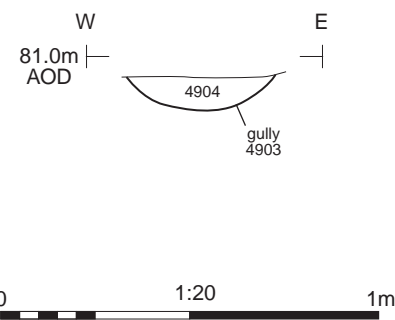
Trench 349



0 1:250 10m



Section PP



Trench 49, looking south-east (1m scales)



Gully 4903, looking north (0.3m scale)

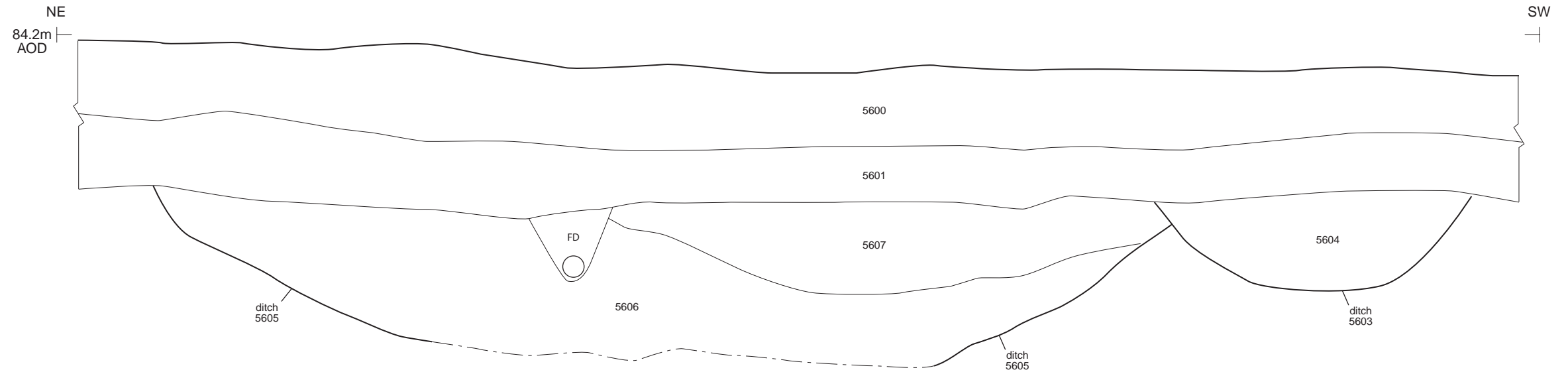
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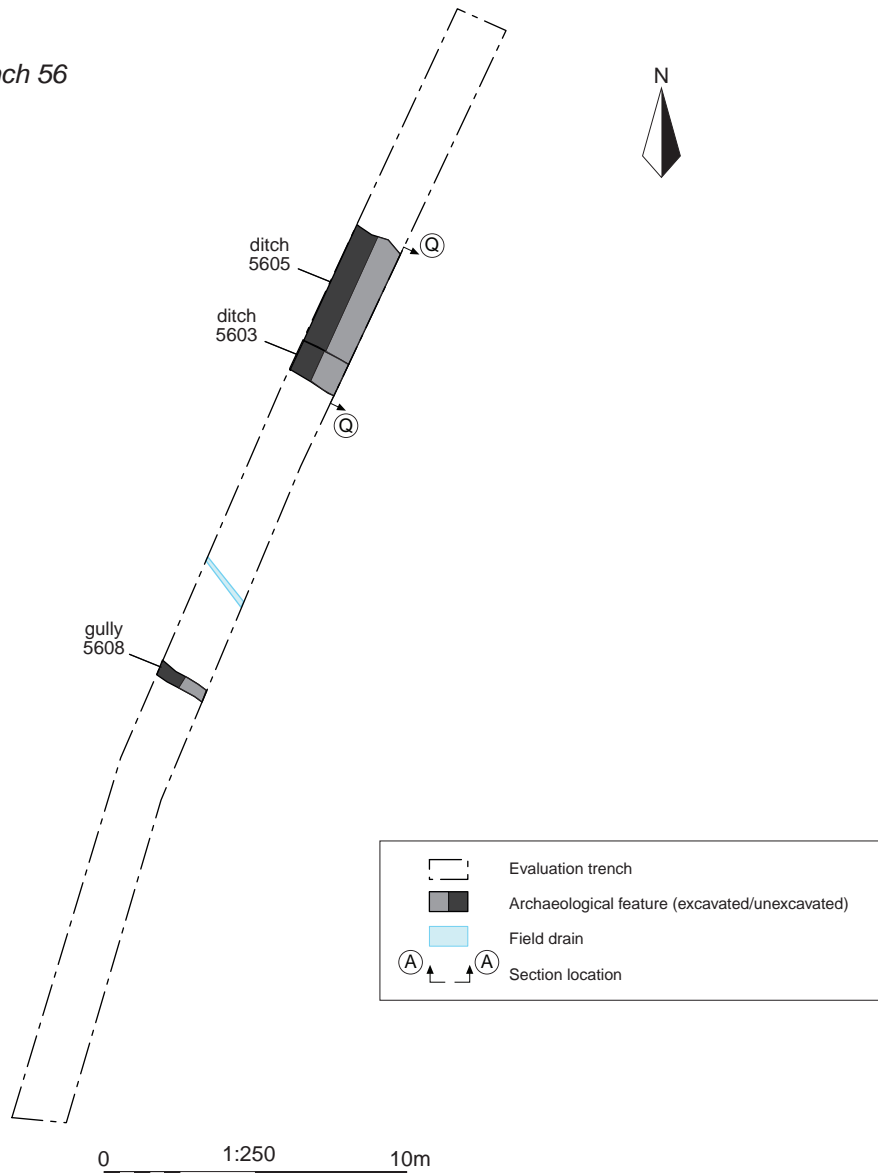
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Trench 49: plan, section and photographs

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Section QQ



Trench 56



Ditch 5605, looking south-east (1m scales)

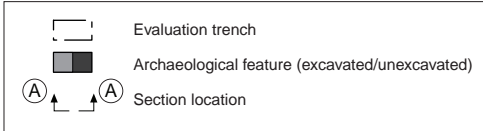
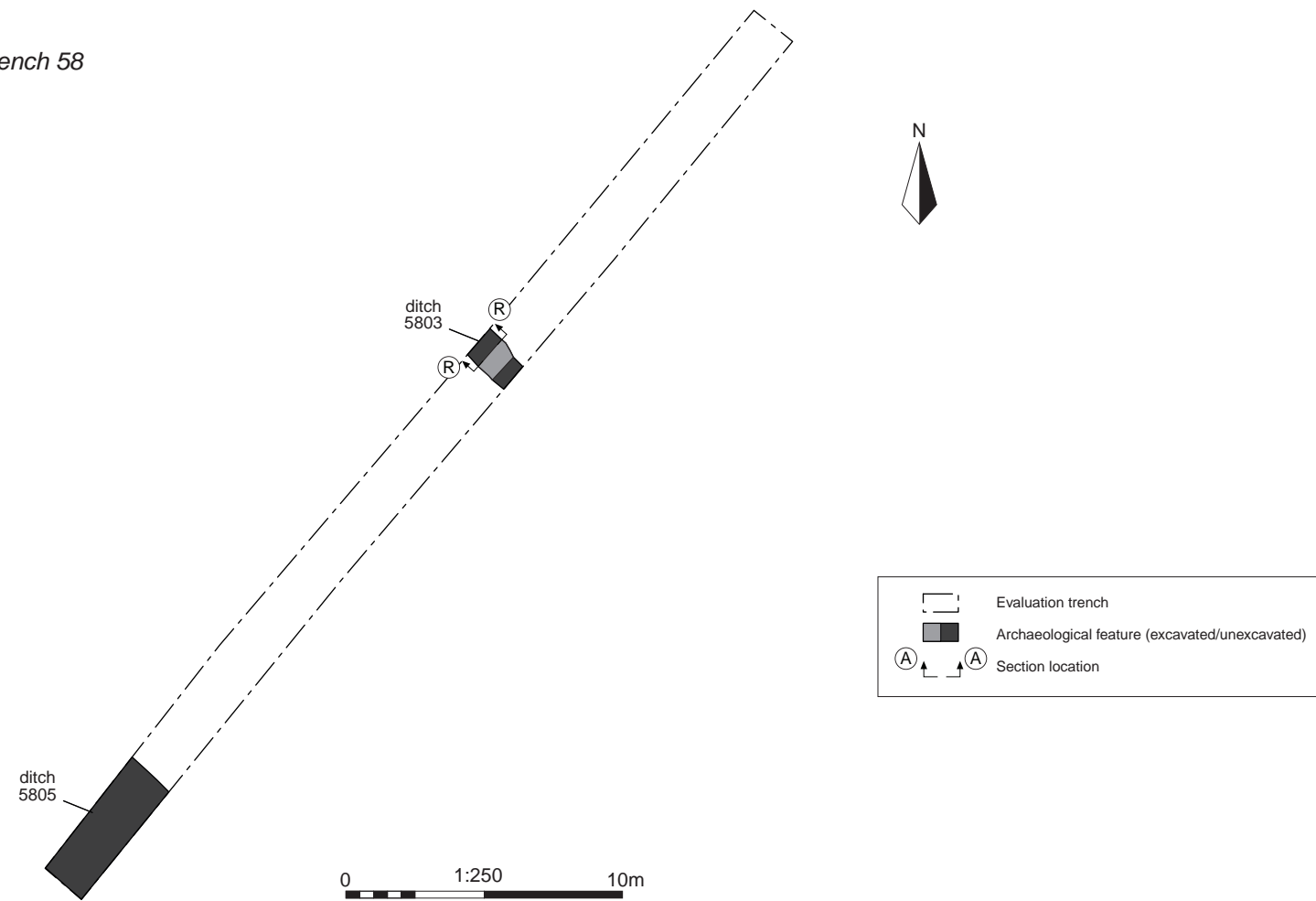
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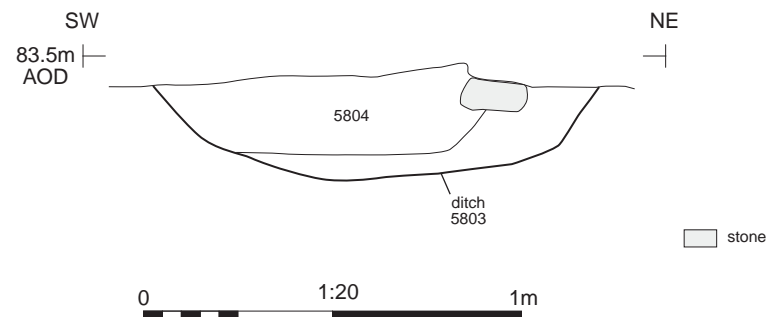
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Trench 58



Trench 58, looking north-east (1m scales)

Section RR



Ditch 5803, looking north-west (1m scale)

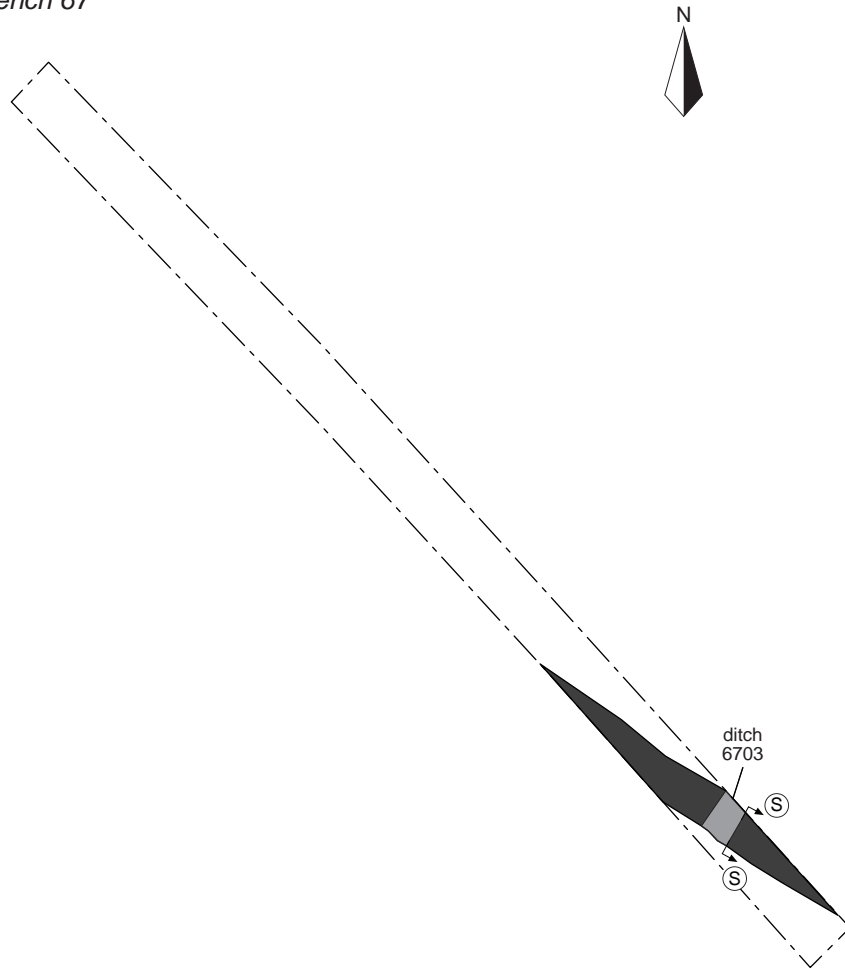

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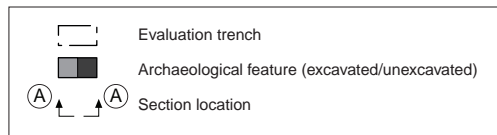
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Trench 58: plan, section and photographs

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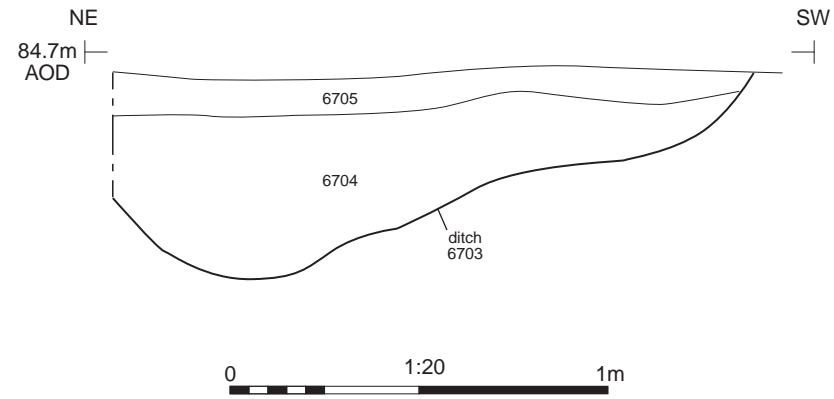
Trench 67



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Section SS



Ditch 67, looking south-east (1m scales)



Ditch 6703, looking south-east (1m scale)

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Trench 67: plan, section and photographs

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Trench 68, looking north-west (1m scales)



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**Trench 68: post-excavation photograph
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