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SUMMARY

Project name:	Arccott Solar Farm
Location:	Bicester, Oxfordshire
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In October and November 2020 Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological evaluation at Arccott Solar Farm, Bicester, Oxfordshire. A total of 121 trenches were excavated; some targeted upon anomalies identified by a preceding geophysical survey. The evaluation identified a small number of archaeological features concentrated in trenches in the central and southern-western parts of the site.

The remains in the south-western part of the site include a small sub-square feature identified by the preceding geophysical survey. Finds recovered from this feature indicate that it is of Roman date, although a Late Iron Age to Early Roman date is also possible. The function of this feature is unclear but it may represent an enclosure or foundation trench/drip gully for a domestic or agricultural structure. Further ditches, a number of which were also identified by the preceding geophysical survey, and a pit were also identified in this area and the ditches appear most likely to relate to enclosures, boundary ditches or field systems.

In the central part of the site a number of ditches and a pit were identified, which were not identified by the geophysical survey. The majority of these ditches also contained pottery of Roman date, with the pottery from one ditch being more closely dateable to the mid 1st to early 2nd century AD. These features appear to represent further Roman activity in a seemingly less intense form than to the south.

Evidence of ridge and furrow agriculture was also identified across site, confirming the primary use of the land for agricultural purposes in the medieval and later periods.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. In October and November 2020, Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological evaluation of land at Arncott Solar Farm, Bicester, Oxfordshire (centred at NGR: 459964 217034; Fig. 1). This evaluation was undertaken for Birkett Solar Farm Ltd.
- 1.2. Cherwell District Council (CDC) has granted planning permission for the construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic farm, with battery storage and other associated infrastructure (CDC planning ref: 20/00285/F). Conditions 9 and 10 of this planning permission require the implementation of a staged programme of archaeological work in accordance with an approved *Written Scheme of Investigation* (WSI). The site had previously been subject to Historic Environment Desk-Based Assessment (AECOM 2019) and Geophysical Survey (Sumo 2020). Following consultation between AECOM and Oxfordshire County Council Archaeology Service (OCCAS), an overarching WSI for a programme of archaeological trial-trench evaluation and, if required, outline mitigation strategy was prepared (AECOM 2020).
- 1.3. The evaluation was carried out in accordance with a WSI prepared by CA (2020) and approved by Richard Oram, Planning Archaeologist, OCCAS, the archaeological advisor to CDC. The evaluation was also in line with *Standard and guidance for archaeological field evaluation* (ClfA 2014; updated October 2020), *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

- 1.4. The site currently comprises a number of agricultural fields, is approximately 32ha in extent and lies to the west of the village of Arncott (Figs 2 and 3). It is bounded to the north-west and south-west by further agricultural fields (including a field to the north-west which is currently in use as a solar farm) and to the south-east by a Ministry of Defence (MOD) site. The site lies at approximately 62m AOD and is broadly level.
- 1.5. The underlying bedrock geology of the site is mapped as Mudstone, Siltstone and Sandstone of the Kellaways Formation and Oxford Clay Formation (undifferentiated). No superficial deposits are recorded (BGS 2020). The natural substrate, comprising

compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel, was identified in all of the excavated trenches.

2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

2.1. The site has been subject to a Historic Environment Desk-based Assessment (AECOM 2019) and Geophysical Survey (Sumo 2020), and the archaeological background of the site has been summarised within the overarching WSI (AECOM 2020). The following is a brief summary of information taken from these assessments.

Prehistoric and Roman

2.2. No evidence of Prehistoric activity is recorded within the site or its immediate environs (AECOM 2019).

2.3. No finds or features of Roman date are recorded within the site. However, a number of ditches, containing artefactual material of mid-1st to 2nd century AD date and seemingly representing the remains of a small agricultural settlement, were identified immediately adjacent to the site's north-western boundary during archaeological works undertaken prior to the construction of the extant solar farm (CA 2014). An archaeological evaluation undertaken at Springfield Farm, Ambrosden (HER 28169), c. 2.3km to the north-east of the site, recorded Roman ditches.

Early medieval (AD 410 – 1066)

2.4. The historic settlement of Upper Arccott (later also known as Arcot Abbatis), is located c. 600m to the east of the site and has early medieval origins. Ethelred II (the Unready), King of the English, granted to hamlet to Abingdon Abbey in AD 983 (AECOM 2019).

Medieval (AD 1066 – 1540)

2.5. No finds or features of medieval date are recorded within the site; however, a moat of medieval date is recorded at New Park Farm, c. 600m to the south of the site. The presence of this moat provides some evidence for dispersed settlement activity within the agricultural landscape surrounding the Arccott during the medieval period (AECOM 2019).

Post-medieval (AD 1540 – 1900)

2.6. A number of buildings of post-medieval date are recorded within the immediate vicinity of the site. The closest of these comprise Manor Farmhouse, Lower Arccott, and

Wood Farm Cottage, located c. 230m to the north-east and c. 350m to the north-west of the current site respectively.

Geophysical Survey

2.7. The geophysical survey (Sumo 2020) did not record any anomalies that could be interpreted as being of definite archaeological origin. However, several anomalies of uncertain origin, potentially relating to agricultural processes, were identified along with two former field boundaries and a number of parallel linear anomalies that may relate to land drains and ridge and furrow agriculture (ibid.).

3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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

3.2. The specific aims of the work were outlined within the overarching WSI (AECOM .2020), and are listed below:

- to establish the presence or absence, character, extent, date, integrity, state of preservation, quality and significance of surviving archaeological deposits or features at the site, including features of probable archaeological origin identified within the geophysical survey results;
- to establish the relationship of any remains found to the surrounding contemporary landscapes;
- to evaluate the potential for the recovery of artefacts to assist in the development of type series within the region;
- to evaluate the potential for palaeoenvironmental remains to determine local environmental conditions;

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- to assess the impact of the proposed development on surviving archaeological deposits or features at the site; and to inform the requirement for and design of any future archaeological mitigation and/or *in situ* preservation strategy.
 - to ‘test’ the reliability of the results of the geophysical survey against trenches in potentially blank areas across the site and trenches targeted in areas where anomalies of uncertain or predicted archaeological origin were recorded;
 - provide further information on the extent of modern disturbance.

4. METHODOLOGY

- 4.1. The evaluation fieldwork comprised the excavation of 121 trenches, each measuring 30m in length and 2m in width, in the locations shown on Figures 2 to 5. The trenches were located to test geophysical anomalies and to provide a representative sample of the remainder of the site.
- 4.2. Trenches 102, 213, 215, 216, 601, 627 and 801-804 were moved slightly from their original locations, as set out in the WSI, due to the presence of overhead cables and a public footpath, with approval from OCCAS.
- 4.3. Trenches were set out on OS National Grid co-ordinates using Leica GPS. Overburden was stripped from the trenches by a mechanical excavator fitted with a toothless grading bucket. All machining was conducted under archaeological supervision to the top of the natural substrate, which was the level at which archaeological features were first encountered.
- 4.4. Archaeological features/deposits were investigated, planned and recorded in accordance with *CA Technical Manual 1: Fieldwork Recording Manual*.
- 4.5. Deposits were assessed for their palaeoenvironmental potential in accordance with *CA Technical Manual 2: The Taking and Processing of Environmental and Other Samples from Archaeological Sites* and five deposits were identified that required sampling.
- 4.6. Artefacts were processed in accordance with *CA Technical Manual 3: Treatment of Finds Immediately after Excavation*.
- 4.7. CA will make arrangements with Oxfordshire Museums Service 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). The archives (museum and digital) will be prepared and deposited in accordance with *Standard and guidance for the creation, compilation, transfer and deposition of archaeological archives* (ClfA 2014; updated October 2020).

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

5. RESULTS

- 5.1. This section provides an overview of the evaluation results. Detailed summaries of the recorded contexts are given in Appendix A. Details of the artefactual material recovered from the site are given in Section 6 and Appendix B.

- 5.2. The natural substrate, comprising compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel, was encountered in all of the excavated trenches. This was overlain by between 0.1m and 0.4m of subsoil. In the majority of the excavated trenches, the subsoil was cut by a series of evenly spaced plough furrows and field drains, the majority of which correlated closely to linear anomalies depicted by the preceding geophysical survey (Sumo 2020). Where investigated, the furrows were up to 1.08m in width and had a maximum depth of 0.57m. The artefactually sterile fills of the furrows and drains were sealed by between 0.16m and 0.38m of topsoil. Features related to modern drainage of the site were investigated in Trench 117.

- 5.3. Archaeological features, all of which cut the natural substrate, were identified in a total of 10 trenches.

- 5.4. A series of representative sections and photographs of blank trenches are shown in Figures 18 and 19.

Trench 10 (Figs 3 & 6)

- 5.5. North-west/south-east-aligned ditch 1004/1006 (Fig. 6, Sections AA and BB) was identified in the southern two-thirds of the trench. It measured at least 25m in length, 0.8m in width and 0.42m in depth, had a broadly 'V'-shaped profile with a concave base and contained a single undated fill, 1003/1005.

Trench 23 (Figs 4 & 7)

- 5.6. North-east/south-west-aligned ditch 2303 (Fig. 7, Section CC) was identified centrally within the trench. It measured at least 2m in length, 0.61m in width and 0.23m in depth, had an open 'U'-shaped profile and contained a single fill, 2304, from which six sherds of pottery of 1st to 2nd-century AD date were recovered.
- 5.7. North-west/south-east-aligned ditch 2305 was identified at the northern end of the trench and remained unexcavated. It correlates closely to part of a sub-square anomaly identified by the preceding geophysical survey and appears to represent a continuation of ditches 2404 and 2507 as identified in Trenches 24 and 25 respectively.

Trench 24 (Figs 4, 8 & 9)

- 5.8. North-east/south-west-aligned ditch 2404 (Fig. 8, Section DD) was identified towards the western end of the trench. It measured at least 2m in length, 1.02m in width and 0.33m in depth, had steeply sloping sides and a flat base and contained a single fill, 2403, from which a single sherd of late prehistoric pottery and five sherds of pottery of 1st to 2nd-century AD date were recovered. It correlates closely to part of a sub-square anomaly identified by the preceding geophysical survey and appears to represent a continuation of ditches 2305 and 2507 as identified in Trenches 23 and 25 respectively.
- 5.9. North-west/south-east-aligned ditch 2406 (Fig. 8, Section EE) was identified centrally within the trench. It measured at least 2m in length, 1.12m in width and 0.38m in depth, had an irregular open 'U'-shaped profile and contained a single fill, 2405, from which a single sherd of pottery of mid 1st to early 2nd-century AD date were recovered. Immediately to the east, broadly parallel ditch 2408 was identified. Ditch 2408 (Fig. 9, Section FF) measured at least 2m in length, 2.05m in width and 0.46m in depth, had moderately sloping sides and a flat base and contained a single fill, 2407, from which a single sherd of late prehistoric pottery and a single sherd of pottery of mid 1st to early 2nd-century AD date were recovered. Both ditches correspond closely to linear anomalies depicted by the preceding geophysical survey, and ditch 2408 may represent a continuation of ditch 2509 identified in Trench 25.

Trench 25 (Figs 4 & 10)

- 5.10. North-west/south-east-aligned ditch 2503 (Fig. 10, Section GG) was identified towards the north-eastern end of the trench. It measured at least 2m in length, 0.97m

in width and 0.17m in depth, had a shallow irregular profile and contained a single fill, 2504, from which seven sherds of pottery of broad Roman date and a single fragment of fired clay were recovered.

5.11. Sub-oval pit 2505 (Fig. 10, Section HH) was partially exposed towards the centre of the trench. It measured 0.67m in length, at least 0.4m in width and 0.22m in depth, had steeply sloping sides and a flat base, and contained a single fill, 2506, from which a single sherd of pottery of mid 1st to early 2nd-century AD date was recovered.

5.12. North-west/south-east-aligned ditch 2509 (Fig. 10) was identified within the south-western half of the trench and remained unexcavated. It correlates closely to a linear anomaly identified by the preceding geophysical survey and appears to represent a continuation of ditch 2408 identified in Trench 24.

5.13. North-west/south-east-aligned ditch 2507 (Fig. 10, Section II) was identified towards the south-western end of the trench. It measured at least 1.8m in length, 1.18m in width and 0.41m in depth, had an open 'U'-shaped profile and contained a single fill, 2508, from which four sherds of pottery of broad Roman date were recovered. It correlates closely to part of a sub-square anomaly identified by the preceding geophysical survey and appears to represent a continuation of ditches 2305 and 2404, identified in Trenches 23 and 24 respectively.

Trench 27 (Figs 4 & 11)

5.14. Broadly north/south-aligned ditch 2705 (Fig. 11, Section JJ) was identified centrally within the trench and corresponds closely with a linear anomaly depicted by the preceding geophysical survey. It measured at least 1.8m in length, 1.25m in width and 0.5m in depth, had steeply sloping sides and an uneven base, and contained two fills, 2403 and 2404. Eight sherds of pottery of broad Roman date and a single fragment of imbrex (curved roofing tile) were recovered from the latest of these fills, 2703.

Trench 28 (Figs 4 & 12)

5.15. Small sub-oval pit 2803 (Fig. 12, Section KK) was partially exposed towards the north-eastern end of the trench. It measured 1.25m in length, at least 0.68m in width and 0.28m in depth, had a steeply sloping north-western side and a concave base, and contained a single fill, 2804, from which 67 sherds of pottery of broad Roman date and four fragments of fired clay were recovered.

Trench 58 (Figs 5 & 13)

5.16. North-east/south-west-aligned ditch 5804 (Fig. 13, Section LL) was identified towards the northern end of the trench. It measured at least 2m in length, 0.64m in width and 0.22m in depth, had steeply sloping sides and a flat base, and contained a single undated fill, 5803.

Trench 77 (Figs 5 & 14)

5.17. North-west/south-east-aligned ditch 7703 (Fig. 14, Section MM) was identified in the western half of the trench. It measured at least 2m in length, 0.79m in width, and 0.26m in depth, had a 'U'-shaped profile and contained a single fill, 7704, from which a single sherd of pottery of broad Roman date was recovered.

Trench 79 (Figs 5 & 15)

5.18. Broadly parallel, north-west/south-east-aligned ditches 7904 and 7906 (Fig. 15, Section NN) were identified towards the southern end of the trench. Ditch 7904 measured at least 1.8m in length, 0.47m in width and 0.22m in depth, had steeply sloping sides and a concave base and contained a single fill, 7903, from which a single sherd of pottery of mid 1st to early 2nd-century AD date was recovered. Ditch 7906 measured at least 1.8m in length, 0.68m in width and 0.19m in depth, had an irregular profile and contained a single undated fill, 7905. Neither feature was identified by the preceding geophysical survey.

Trench 114 (Figs 5 & 16)

5.19. North-west/south-east-aligned ditch 11403 (Fig. 16, Section OO) was identified centrally within the trench. It measured at least 3m in length, 0.9m in width and 0.24m in depth, had an irregular profile and contained a single fill, 11404, from which a single sherd of pottery of broad Roman date and a fragment of fired clay were recovered. It was not identified by the preceding geophysical survey.

5.20. North-east/south-west-aligned ditch 11405 (Fig. 16, Section PP) was identified towards the south-eastern end of the trench. It measured at least 1.8m in length, 0.77m in width and 0.29m in depth, had a moderately sloping south-eastern sides and a flat base, and contained a single fill, 11406, from which a single sherd of pottery of broad Roman date was recovered.

Trench 117 (Fig 17)

5.21. North/south aligned drain 11705 was identified at the northern end of the trench, in close proximity to pits 11703 and 11707. These features were investigated during the course of the fieldwork and characterised as elements of the modern drainage system recorded in the south of the trench and nearby trenches, with modern material recovered from each feature and not retained.

6. THE FINDS

6.1. Artefactual material was hand-recovered from 13 deposits (ditch and pit fills). The recovered material dates to the Late Prehistoric and Roman periods, and quantities of the artefact types are given in Appendix B. The pottery has been recorded according to sherd count/weight per fabric and to form/rim morphology where possible. Late prehistoric pottery fabric codings, given in parenthesis in the text, have been devised for the purpose of this report. Where possible, Roman fabric codes are equated to the Oxfordshire pottery type series (summarised in Booth 2011, 366–7). National Roman Fabric Reference Collection codes are also given in Appendix B, where applicable (Tomber and Dore 1998).

Pottery: Late Prehistoric

6.2. Pottery of this date range (which spans the Late Bronze Age to Iron Age) comprises two unfeatured bodysherds (15g), presenting in shell tempered (SH) and shell-and-organic tempered (SHOR) handmade fabrics. In the absence of decoration or indicators of form, Iron Age dating is considered most likely on the basis of fabric and firing characteristics.

Roman

6.3. A small assemblage of 111 sherds (1915.6g) was recorded. The average sherd weight of 17.3g is indicative of a low degree of fragmentation. Sherds from fill 2407 of ditch 2408 and fill 2508 of ditch 2507 were recorded as being abraded, but otherwise condition is relatively good. This pottery is composed entirely of coarsewares, including greywares (R10, R20, R30), oxidised fabrics (O11) and whiteware (W20), most of which are likely to be products of the Oxfordshire kilns. Included are rimsherds from a jar with an everted rim and a necked jar. The latter ware types are not narrowly dateable types. The most common fabrics are tempered with grog (E80) or and grog-and-quartz (GRQZ). The latter are types representative of transitional Late Iron Age to Early Roman traditions and are likely in this instance to date to the mid 1st to early

2nd century period. These are mostly present as storage jars, including an almost complete example (missing most of the base) from fill 2804 of pit 2803.

Ceramic Building Material (CBM)

- 6.4. A fragment of imbrex (curved roofing tile of Roman date, 340g) was retrieved from fill 2703 of ditch 2705.

7. THE PALAEOENVIRONMENTAL EVIDENCE

- 7.1. Five environmental bulk soil samples (100 litres of soil) were retrieved from five deposits with the intention of recovering evidence of industrial, agricultural or domestic activity. The samples were processed by standard flotation procedures (Technical Manual 2: The Taking and Processing of Environmental and Other Samples from Archaeological Sites). The full results are presented in Appendix C.
- 7.2. Ditches 1004 (Sample 1), 2303 (Sample 2), 2404 (Sample 4) and 5804 (Sample 3) and pit 2505 (Sample 5) all contained very small quantities of poorly-preserved charred cereal remains, including barley (*Hordeum vulgare*), wheat species (*Triticum*) and spelt wheat (*Triticum spelta*) grains and small quantities of charcoal including alder/hazel (*Alnus glutinosa/Corylus avellana*), oak (*Quercus*), ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*), hawthorn/rowan/crab apple (*Crataegus monogyna/Sorbus/Malus sylvestris*), cherry species (*Prunus*) and willow/poplar (*Salix/Populus*). The assemblage is too small to ascertain whether crop processing or domestic food production was taking place on site and it is likely that much of the material derives from wind-blown hearth debris.

8. DISCUSSION

- 8.1. The evaluation has identified a small number of archaeological features, comprising ditches and pits, within the development area. These features are focussed in Trenches 10, 23-25, 27 and 28, located in the south-western part of the site, and in Trenches 58, 77, 79 and 114, located in the central part of the site. Evidence of medieval and/or post-medieval agricultural activity, comprising the ploughed out remains of ridge and furrow cultivation, was also identified across the majority of the site with many of the furrows closely correlating to linear anomalies depicted by the preceding geophysical survey (Sumo 2020). Modern drainage features, such as those investigated in Trench 117, were also recorded across the site, further correlating to geophysical anomalies.

8.2. Where earlier linear features were encountered there was moderate correlation with the results of the preceding geophysical survey. Archaeological features were also identified in a number trenches (e.g. Trenches 10, 77, 79 and 114) in which anomalies had not been identified by the geophysical survey. The reasons for this remain unclear; although the similarity between the fills of the features identified in these trenches and the underlying natural substrate may go some way to explaining this discrepancy.

Trenches 23-25, 27 and 28

8.3. Ditches 2305, 2404, and 2507, identified in Trenches 23, 24, and 25 respectively, confirm the presence of a sub-square feature as identified by the preceding geophysical survey (Sumo 2020). Pottery recovered from the fills of ditches 2404 and 2507 indicate that this feature is of Roman date, with pottery recovered from ditch 2404 suggesting a mid 1st century to the 2nd-century AD date. A single sherd of late prehistoric (most probably Iron Age) pottery, also recovered from this ditch, suggests some activity in this part of the site prior to the Roman period. The exact function of these ditches remains unclear but it is possible that they represent parts of an enclosure, or a foundation trench/drip gully for a structure. Whether this postulated structure/enclosure represents a domestic dwelling or is perhaps associated with agricultural activity remains equally unclear as no evidence of associated postholes or other structural features were identified.

8.4. Further ditches (1004/1006, 2303, 2406, 2408, 2503, 2509 and 2705), the majority of which also contained pottery of Roman date and correspond to linear anomalies identified by the preceding geophysical survey, were identified in Trenches 10, 23, 24, 25 and 27. From the excavated evidence and the results of the geophysical survey it is not possible to fully determine the layout or function of these ditches, although they are most likely relate to enclosures, boundary ditches or field systems. A fragment of ceramic building material of broad Roman date, identifiable as part of an imbrex (curved roof tile), was recovered from ditch 2705 in Trench 27. The presence of this tile suggests that there was a Roman building within the wider area. However, the fragmentary nature of this material may indicate that it was residual within this ditch.

8.5. Pit 2505, identified in Trench 25, contained a single sherd of pottery of mid 1st to early 2nd-century date. Pit 2803, identified in Trench 28, contained a large quantity (67 sherds) of pottery of broad Roman date. The function of these pits remains unclear due to their isolated nature within the excavated trenches.

Trenches 58, 77, 79 and 114

- 8.6. Ditches 7703, 7904 and 11403, identified in Trenches 77, 79 and 114 respectively, contained pottery of Roman date, with the pottery recovered from ditch 7904 being more closely dateable to the mid 1st to early 2nd century AD. Ditches 5803 and 7906, identified in Trenches 58 and 79 respectively, remained undated; however they are considered likely to be broadly contemporary to the Roman-dated features due to their close proximity. The function of these features remains uncertain; however evidence for a probable Roman settlement and field system was previously identified immediately to the north-west (see *Archaeological Background* above) and it is would appear that this activity continued into the current site, albeit in a seemingly less intense form.

Summary

- 8.7. Overall the features identified during the current evaluation appear to indicate two foci of past activity located in the south-western and central parts of the site which, on current evidence, can be broadly assigned to the Roman period. However, the possibility that this activity has an earlier (Iron Age) antecedent cannot be completely discounted at present. Evidence from previous archaeological fieldwork undertaken in the wider area suggests a landscape populated with several small low-status settlements and associated field systems during the Roman period, and the current site would appear to fit into this general pattern of settlement.

9. CA PROJECT TEAM

- 9.1. Fieldwork was undertaken by Paolo Guarino and Hazel O'Neill, assisted by Franco Vartuca and Michael Lavery. This report was written by Sara-Jayne Boughton. The finds report was written by Jacky Sommerville. The report illustrations were prepared by Ryan Wilson. The project archive has been compiled and prepared for deposition by Hazel O'Neill. The project was managed for CA by Steven Sheldon.

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APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot date
1	100	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.32	
1	101	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.27	
1	102	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
2	200	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.33	
2	201	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.27	
2	202	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
3	300	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.34	
3	301	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.26	
3	302	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
4	400	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.33	
4	401	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.28	
4	402	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
5	500	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.31	
5	501	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.39	
5	502	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
6	600	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.30	
6	601	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.25	
6	602	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
7	700	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.33	
7	701	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.25	
7	702	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
8	800	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.32	
8	801	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.25	
8	802	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
9	900	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.33	
9	901	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.25	
9	902	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
10	1000	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.34	
10	1001	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.25	
10	1002	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
10	1003	Fill	1004		Mid brown grey sterile silty clay	>1.8	>0.57	0.34	
10	1004	Cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned terminus, steep sides, flat base	>1.8	>0.57	0.34	

10	1005	Fill	1006		Mid brown grey sterile silty clay	>1	0.80	0.42	
10	1006	Cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned, irregular shape, steep sided	>1	0.80	0.42	
11	1100	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.32	
11	1101	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.25	
11	1102	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
12	1200	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.18	
12	1201	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.16	
12	1202	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
13	1300	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.34	
13	1301	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.18	
13	1302	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
14	1400	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.28	
14	1401	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.14	
14	1402	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
15	1500	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.32	
15	1501	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.15	
15	1502	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
16	1600	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.18	
16	1601	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.14	
16	1602	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
17	1700	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.22	
17	1701	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.14	
17	1702	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
18	1800	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.19	
18	1801	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.17	
18	1802	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
19	1900	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.22	
19	1901	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.16	
19	1902	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
20	2000	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.26	
20	2001	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.22	
20	2002	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
21	2100	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.36	
21	2101	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.17	
21	2102	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
22	2200	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.32	

22	2201	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.23	
22	2202	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
23	2300	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.35	
23	2301	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.22	
23	2302	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
23	2303	Cut		Ditch	NE/SW aligned, moderately sloping sides, concave base	>1.8	0.61	0.23	
23	2304	Fill	2303	Fill	Mid grey silty clay	>1.8	0.61	0.23	MC1-C2+
23	2305	Cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned ditch. Unexcavated'	>1.8	-	-	
23	2306	Fill	2305	Fill	Mid grey brown silty clay	>1.8	-	-	
24	2400	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.30	
24	2401	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.27	
24	2402	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
24	2403	Fill	2404	Fill	Mid grey silty clay	>1.8	1.02	0.27	MC1-C2+
24	2404	Cut		Ditch	NE/SW aligned, irregular moderately sloping sides, flat base	>1.8	1.02	0.27	
24	2405	Fill	2406	Fill	Mid grey clay	>1.8	1.12	0.38	MC1-EC2
24	2406	Cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned, irregular moderately sloping sides, flat base	>1.8	1.12	0.38	
24	2407	Fill	2408	Fill	Mid grey silty clay	>1.8	2.05	0.46	MC1-EC2
24	2408	Cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned, wide with irregular moderately sloping sides, flat base	>1.8	2.05	0.46	
25	2500	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.30	
25	2501	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.20	
25	2502	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
25	2503	Cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned, shallow sides, irregular base	>1.8	0.97	0.17	
25	2504	Fill	2503	Fill	Mid brown grey silty clay	>1.8	0.97	0.17	RB
25	2505	Cut		Pit	Sub-circular, steep sides, flat base	0.67	0.40	0.22	
25	2506	Fill	2505	Fill	Light grey brown silty clay	0.67	0.40	0.22	MC1-EC2
25	2507	Cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned, moderately sloping sides, flat base	>1.8	1.18	0.42	
25	2508	Fill	2507	Fill	Light grey brown silty clay	>1.8	1.18	0.42	RB
25	2509	Cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned, unexcavated	>1.8	-	-	
25	2510	Fill	2509	Fill	Mid grey brown silty clay	>1.8	-	-	
26	2600	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.35	
26	2601	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.17	
26	2602	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
27	2700	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.20	
27	2701	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.10	
27	2702	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	

27	2703	Fill	2705	Fill	2 nd fill. Mid grey clay	>1.8	0.97	0.38	RB
27	2704	Fill	2705	Fill	1 st fill. Mottled orange brown grey clay	>1.8	1.25	0.50	
27	2705	Cut		Ditch	N/S aligned, steep sides, irregular base. Possible ditch terminus.	>1.8	1.25	0.50	
28	2800	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.33	
28	2801	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.19	
28	2802	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
28	2803	Cut		Pit	Oval, steep sides, concave base	1.25	>0.68	0.28	
28	2804	Fill	2803	Fill	Light grey brown silty clay with abundant pottery inclusions	1.25	>0.68	0.28	MC1-EC2
29	2900	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.37	
29	2901	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.21	
29	2902	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
30	3000	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.25	
30	3001	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.15	
30	3002	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
31	3100	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.30	
31	3101	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.15	
31	3102	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
32	3200	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.25	
32	3201	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.15	
32	3202	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
33	3300	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.30	
33	3301	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.20	
33	3302	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
34	3400	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.25	
34	3401	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.10	
34	3402	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
35	3500	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.23	
35	3501	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.15	
35	3502	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
36	3600	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.20	
36	3601	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.12	
36	3602	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
37	3700	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.25	
37	3701	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.15	
37	3702	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	

38	3800	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.35	
38	3801	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.30	
38	3802	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
39	3900	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.20	
39	3901	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.10	
39	3902	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
40	4000	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.25	
40	4001	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.15	
40	4002	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
41	4100	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.35	
41	4101	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.25	
41	4102	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
42	4200	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.35	
42	4201	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.25	
42	4202	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
42	4203	Fill	4204	Fill	Mottled grey brown silty clay	>1.8	0.88	0.57	
42	4204	Cut		Furrow	NW/SE aligned	>1.8	0.88	0.57	
42	4205	Fill	4206	Fill	Mottled grey brown silty clay	>1.8	0.45	0.14	
42	4206	Cut		Furrow	NW/SE aligned	>1.8	0.45	0.14	
42	4209	Fill	4210	Fill	Mottled grey brown silty clay	>1.8	1.08	0.43	
42	4210	Cut		Furrow	NW/SE aligned	>1.8	1.08	0.43	
43	4300	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.30	
43	4301	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.15	
43	4302	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
44	4400	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.25	
44	4401	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.15	
44	4402	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
45	4500	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.25	
45	4501	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.15	
45	4502	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
46	4600	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.30	
46	4601	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.15	
46	4602	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
47	4700	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.28	
47	4701	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.10	
47	4702	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
48	4800	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.28	
48	4801	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.20	
48	4802	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of	>30	>1.8	>0.03	

					light brown-orange sand and gravel				
49	4900	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.35	
49	4901	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.30	
49	4902	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
50	5000	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.30	
50	5001	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.25	
50	5002	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
51	5100	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.32	
51	5101	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.15	
51	5102	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
51	5103	Cut		Furrow	NW/SE aligned	>1.8	1.38	0.66	
51	5104	Fill	5103	Fill	Mid grey brown silty clay	>1.8	1.38	0.66	
52	5200	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.32	
52	5201	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.25	
52	5202	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
53	5300	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.28	
53	5301	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.15	
53	5302	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
54	5400	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.32	
54	5401	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.34	
54	5402	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
55	5500	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.25	
55	5501	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.10	
55	5502	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
56	5600	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.30	
56	5601	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.25	
56	5602	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
57	5700	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.35	
57	5701	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.25	
57	5702	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
58	5800	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.35	
58	5801	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.30	
58	5802	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
58	5803	Fill		Fill	Mid grey clay	>30	0.64	0.23	
58	5804	Cut		Drainage ditch	NE/SW aligned modern drainage ditch	>30	0.64	0.23	
59	5900	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.35	
59	5901	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.30	

59	5902	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
60	6000	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.35	
60	6001	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.25	
60	6002	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
61	6100	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.28	
61	6101	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.15	
61	6102	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
62	6000	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.25	
62	6001	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.10	
62	6002	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
63	6300	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.30	
63	6301	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.20	
63	6302	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
64	6400	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.35	
64	6401	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.25	
64	6402	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
65	6500	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.35	
65	6501	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.25	
65	6502	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
66	6600	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.37	
66	6601	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.34	
66	6602	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
67	6700	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.32	
67	6701	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.25	
67	6702	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
68	6800	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.37	
68	6801	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.33	
68	6802	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
69	6900	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.32	
69	6901	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.25	
69	6902	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
70	7000	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.35	
70	7001	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.34	
70	7002	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	

71	7100	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.36	
71	7101	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.30	
71	7102	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
72	7200	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.28	
72	7201	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.20	
72	7202	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
73	7300	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.34	
73	7301	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.1034	
73	7302	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
74	7400	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.34	
74	7401	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.20	
74	7402	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
75	7500	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.37	
75	7501	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.27	
75	7502	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
76	7600	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.36	
76	7601	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.30	
76	7602	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
77	7700	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.20	
77	7701	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.10	
77	7702	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
77	7703	Cut		Furrow	NW/SE aligned	>1.8	0.79	0.26	
77	7704	Fill	7703	Fill	Light grey brown silty clay	>1.8	0.79	0.26	RB
78	7800	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.38	
78	7801	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.31	
78	7802	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
79	7900	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.37	
79	7901	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.35	
79	7902	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
79	7903	Fill	7904	Fill	Light brown grey clay	>1.8	0.47	0.22	MC1-EC2
79	7904	Cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned, steep sloping sides, concave base	>1.8	0.47	0.22	
79	7905	Fill	7906	Fill	Light brown grey clay	>1.8	0.68	0.19	
79	7906	Cut		Ditch	NWW/SEE aligned, gently sloping sides, concave base	>1.8	0.68	0.19	
80	8000	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.34	
80	8001	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.30	
80	8002	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
81	8100	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.32	

81	8101	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.23	
81	8102	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
82	8200	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.32	
82	8201	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.25	
82	8202	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
83	8000	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.36	
83	8001	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.20	
83	8002	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
84	8400	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.35	
84	8401	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.30	
84	8402	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
85	8500	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.37	
85	8501	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.28	
85	8502	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
86	8600	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.32	
86	8601	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.25	
86	8602	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
87	8700	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.33	
87	8701	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.25	
87	8702	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
88	8000	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.28	
88	8001	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.16	
88	8002	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
89	8900	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.32	
89	8901	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.25	
89	8902	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
90	9000	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.33	
90	9001	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.25	
90	9002	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
91	9100	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.20	
91	9101	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.14	
91	9102	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
92	9200	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.28	
92	9201	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.18	
92	9202	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of	>30	>1.8	>0.03	

					light brown-orange sand and gravel				
93	9300	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.24	
93	9301	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.18	
93	9302	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
94	9400	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.25	
94	9401	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.20	
94	9402	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
95	9500	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.20	
95	9501	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.19	
95	9502	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
96	9600	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.20	
96	9601	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.16	
96	9602	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
97	9700	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.19	
97	9701	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.16	
97	9702	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
98	9800	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.18	
98	9801	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.10	
98	9802	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
99	9900	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.18	
99	9901	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.13	
99	9902	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
100	10000	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.16	
100	10001	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.20	
100	10002	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
101	10100	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.26	
101	10101	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.12	
101	10102	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
102	10200	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.21	
102	10201	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.17	
102	10202	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
103	10300	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.19	
103	10301	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.17	
103	10302	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
104	10400	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.20	
104	10401	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.16	

104	10402	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
105	10500	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.24	
105	10501	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.12	
105	10502	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
106	10600	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.19	
106	10601	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.13	
106	10602	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
107	10700	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.18	
107	10701	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.13	
107	10702	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
108	10800	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.38	
108	10801	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.14	
108	10802	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
109	10900	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.35	
109	10901	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.25	
109	10902	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
110	11000	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.35	
110	11001	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.30	
110	11002	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
111	11100	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.38	
111	11101	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.28	
111	11102	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
112	11200	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.36	
112	11201	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.27	
112	11202	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
113	11300	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.37	
113	11301	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.36	
113	11302	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
114	11400	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.33	
114	11401	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.25	
114	11402	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
114	11403	Cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned, moderately sloping sides, flat base	>2	0.90	0.24	
114	11404	Fill	11403	Fill	Light grey brown silty clay	>2	0.90	0.24	RB
114	11405	Cut		Ditch	NE/SW aligned, moderately sloping sides, flat base	>3	0.74	0.29	
114	11406	Fill	11405	Fill	Light grey brown silty clay	>1	0.74	0.29	RB

114	11407	Fill	11408	Fill	Light grey brown silty clay	>1	>0.2	>0.08	
114	11408	Cut		Field drain	Modern field drain. Cuts 11406.	>1	>0.2	>0.08	
115	11500	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.33	
115	11501	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.25	
115	11502	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
116	11600	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.35	
116	11601	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.25	
116	11602	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
117	11700	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.33	
117	11701	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.25	
117	11702	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
117	11703	Cut		Pit	Circular pit	0.65		0.4	
117	11704	Fill	11703	Fill	Light grey brown silty clay with modern artefactual inclusions	0.65		0.4	
117	11705	Cut		Field drain	Modern field drain	>2.5	0.8	0.3	
117	11706	Fill	11705	Fill	Light grey brown silty clay	>2.5	0.8	0.3	
117	11707	Cut		Pit	Circular pit	0.8		0.4	
117	11708	Fill	11707	Fill	Light grey brown silty clay with modern artefactual inclusions	0.8		0.4	
118	11800	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.30	
118	11801	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.26	
118	11802	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
119	11900	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.30	
119	11901	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.20	
119	11902	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
120	12000	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.32	
120	12001	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.20	
120	12002	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	
121	12100	Layer		Topsoil	Mid red brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.26	
121	12101	Layer		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay	>30	>1.8	0.29	
121	12102	Layer		Natural substrate	Compact light grey and yellow clay with occasional patches of light brown-orange sand and gravel	>30	>1.8	>0.03	

APPENDIX B: THE FINDS

Context	Category	Description	Fabric Code NRFRC*	Count	Weight (g)	Spot-date
2304	Roman pottery	Fine sandy greyware	R10	1	2	MC1-C2+
	Roman pottery	Grog-tempered fabric	E80	4	31	
	Roman pottery	Grog-and-quartz tempered fabric	GRQZ	1	7	
2403	Late prehistoric pottery	Shell-and-organic tempered fabric	SHOR	1	13	MC1-C2+
	Roman pottery	Fine sandy greyware	R10	1	4	
	Roman pottery	Grog-tempered fabric	E80	2	23	
	Roman pottery	Grog-tempered (oxidised) fabric	E80	1	3	
	Roman pottery	Fired clay		1	5	
2405	Roman pottery	Grog-and-quartz tempered fabric	GRQZ	1	6	MC1-EC2
2407	Late prehistoric pottery	Shell-tempered fabric	SH	1	2	MC1-EC2
	Roman pottery	Grog-tempered (oxidised) fabric	E80	1	2	
2504	Roman pottery	Grog-tempered fabric	E80	5	258	RB
	Roman pottery	Fine sandy oxidised fabric	O11	2	7	
	Fired clay			1	9	
2506	Roman pottery	Grog-tempered fabric	E80	8	146	MC1-EC2
2508	Roman pottery	Fine sandy greyware	R10	2	15	RB
	Roman pottery	Grog-tempered fabric	E80	1	0.6	
	Roman pottery	Severn Valley oxidised ware	O40/ SVW OX2	1	2	
2703	Roman pottery	Grog-tempered fabric	E80	2	83	RB
	Roman pottery	Fine grog-tempered fabric/silty ware	SIL	1	21	
	Roman pottery	Medium sandy greyware	R30	1	4	
	Roman pottery	Fine sandy oxidised fabric	O11	2	7	
	Roman pottery	Grog-and-quartz tempered fabric	GRQZ	3	16	
	Roman ceramic building material	Imbrex		1	340	
2804	Roman pottery	Grog-and-quartz tempered fabric	GRQZ	67	1241	MC1-EC2
	Fired clay			4	202	
7704	Roman pottery	Fine sandy greyware	R10	1	2	RB
7903	Roman pottery	Grog-tempered fabric	E80	1	20	MC1-EC2
11404	Roman pottery	Sandy whiteware	W20	1	2	RB
	Fired clay			1	2	
11406	Roman pottery	Coarse sandy greyware	R20	1	13	RB

* National Roman Fabric Reference Collection codes in bold

APPENDIX C: THE PALAEOENVIRONMENTAL EVIDENCE

Context number			1004	2303	2404	5804	2505
Feature number			1003	2304	2403	5803	2506
Sample number (SS)			1	2	3	4	5
Flot volume (ml)			6	5	11	6	8
Sample volume processed (l)			20	18	19	17	19
Soil remaining (l)			0	0	0	0	0
Period			RB	RB	U/		
Charcoal quantity >2mm			++	+++	+	+	+
Charcoal preservation			Poor	Mod erate	Poor	Poor	Poor
Family	Species	Common Name					
Fagaceae	<i>Quercus petraea</i> (Matt.) <i>Liebl./Quercus robur</i> L.	Sessile Oak/Pedunculate Oak		5	1	1	2
Rosaceae	<i>Prunus</i> L.	Cherry species		4			
Salicaceae	<i>Salix</i> L./ <i>Populus</i> L.	Willow/poplar		1			
		Indeterminate	6		1	1	1
Total (excluding indeterminate)			0	10	1	2	3

Key

E = economic species

+ = 1-4 items; ++ = 5-20 items; +++ = 21-40 items; ++++ = 40+ items

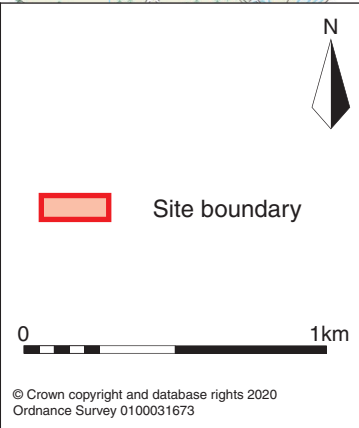
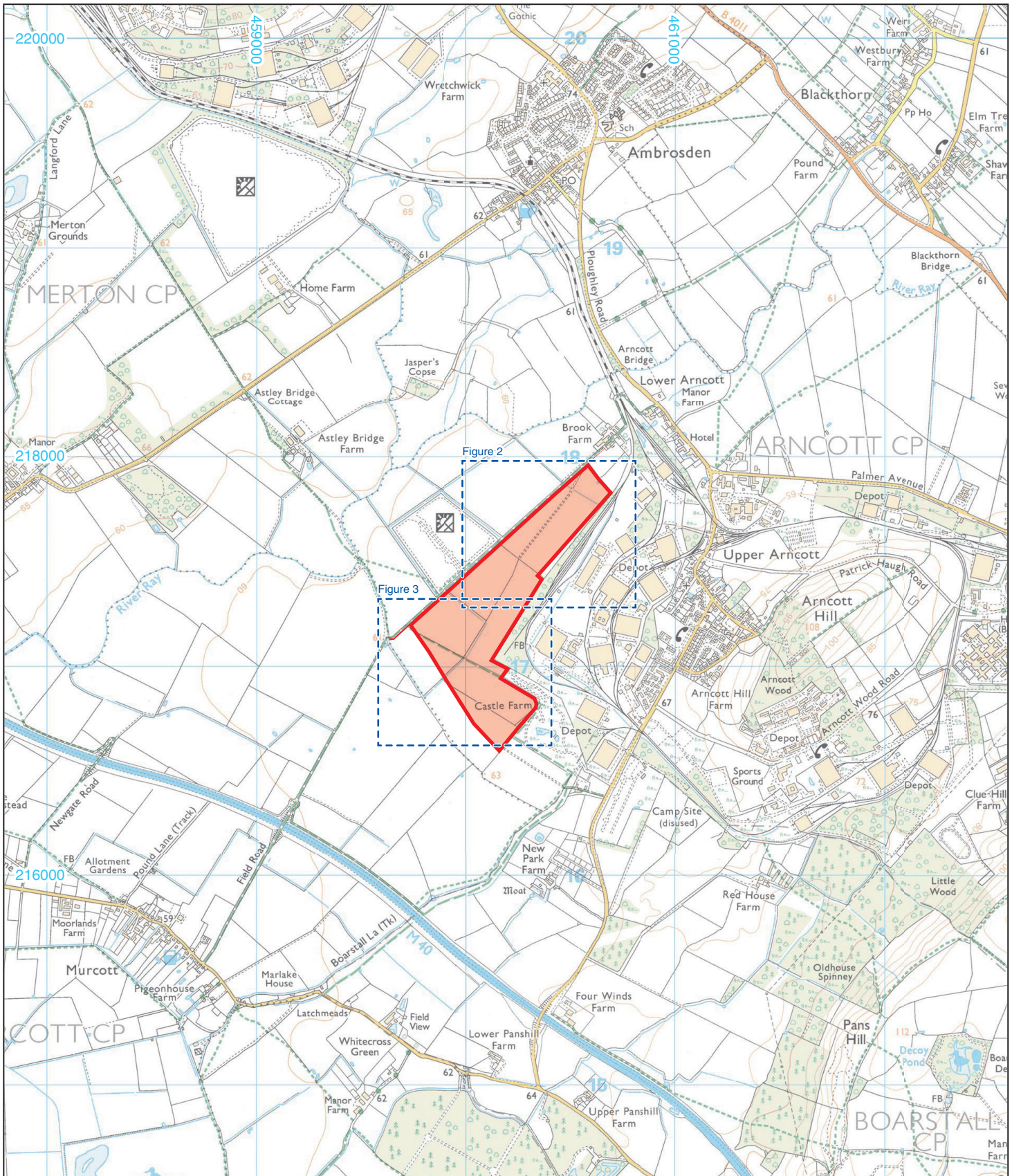
RB = Romano-British

U/D = undated

Context number			1004	2303	2404	5804	2505
Feature number			1003	2304	2403	5803	2506
Sample number (SS)			1	2	3	4	5
Flot volume (ml)			6	5	11	6	8
Sample volume processed (l)			20	18	19	17	19
Soil remaining (l)			0	0	0	0	0
Period			U/D	RB	RB	U/D	RB
Plant macrofossil preservation			Poor	Poor	N/A	Poor	Poor
Habitat Code	Family	Species	Common Name				
E	Poaceae	<i>Hordeum vulgare</i> L.	Barley grain	+			
E		<i>Triticum</i> cf <i>Triticum dicoccum</i> / <i>Triticum spelta</i>	Wheat sp. cf emmer/ spelt wheat grain		+	+	+
E		<i>Poaceae</i>	Indeterminate cereal grain fragment	+	+	+	+

APPENDIX D: OASIS REPORT FORM

PROJECT DETAILS		
Project name	Arncott Solar Farm, Bicester, Oxfordshire	
Short description	<p>In October and November 2020 Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological evaluation at Arncott Solar Farm, Bicester, Oxfordshire. A total of 121 trenches were excavated; some targeted upon anomalies identified by a preceding geophysical survey. The evaluation identified a small number of archaeological features concentrated in trenches in the central and southern-western parts of the site.</p> <p>The remains in the south-western part of the site include a small sub-square feature identified by the preceding geophysical survey. Finds recovered from this feature indicate that it is of Roman date, although a Late Iron Age to Early Roman date is also possible. The function of this feature is unclear but it may represent an enclosure or foundation trench/drip gully for a domestic or agricultural structure. Further ditches, a number of which were also identified by the preceding geophysical survey, and a pit were also identified in this area and the ditches appear most likely to relate to enclosures, boundary ditches or field systems.</p> <p>In the central part of the site, ditches and a pit were identified, which were not identified by the geophysical survey. Most of these ditches also contained pottery of Roman date, with the pottery from one ditch being more closely dateable to the mid 1st to early 2nd century AD. These features appear to represent further Roman activity in a seemingly less intense form than to the south.</p> <p>Evidence of ridge and furrow agriculture was also identified across site, confirming the primary use of the land for agricultural purposes in the medieval and later periods.</p>	
Project dates	12 October – 6 November 2020	
Project type	Field evaluation	
Previous work	Desk-based Assessment (AECOM 2019) Geophysical Survey (Sumo 2020)	
Future work	Unknown	
PROJECT LOCATION		
Site location	Arncott Solar Farm, Bicester, Oxfordshire	
Study area (m ² /ha)	32ha	
Site co-ordinates	459964 217034	
PROJECT CREATORS		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Manager	Steven Sheldon	
Project Supervisor	Paolo Guarino and Hazel O'Neill	
MONUMENT TYPE		
	None	
SIGNIFICANT FINDS		
	None	
PROJECT ARCHIVES		
	Intended final location of archive (museum/Accession no.):	Content:
Physical	Oxfordshire Museums Service/OXCMS: 2020.71	Pottery, CBM
Paper	Oxfordshire Museums Service/OXCMS: 2020.71	Trench recording forms, context sheets, photographic registers, permatrace drawings, report
Digital	ADS/OXCMS: 2020.71	Digital photographs, report
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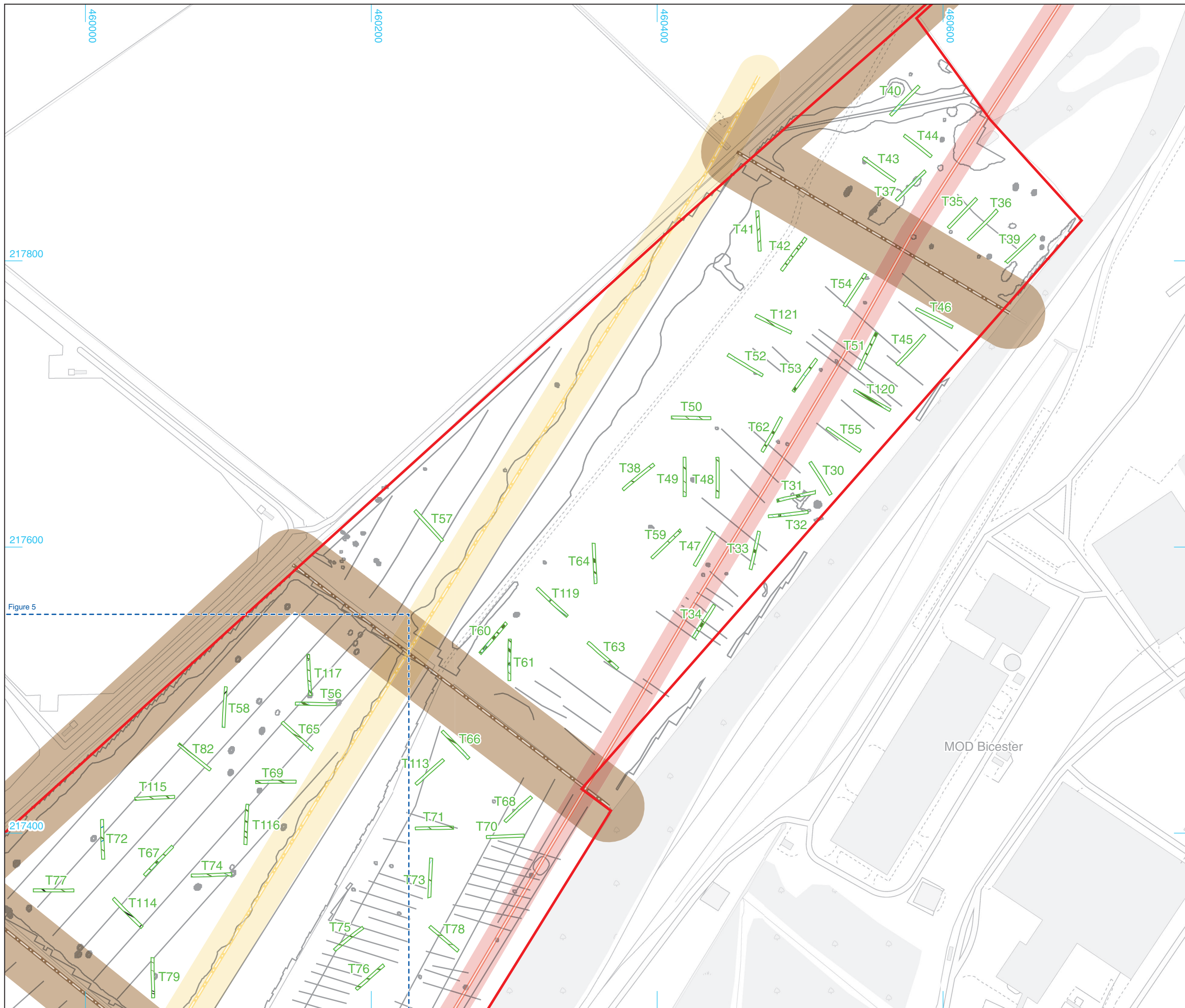

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FIGURE TITLE
Site location plan

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- Site boundary
- Evaluation trench
- Archaeological feature
- Modern feature
- Furrow
- Drain
- Overhead power line (and buffer)
- Below-ground gas main (and buffer)
- Newt ditch (and buffer)
- Geophysical feature (AECOM 2020)



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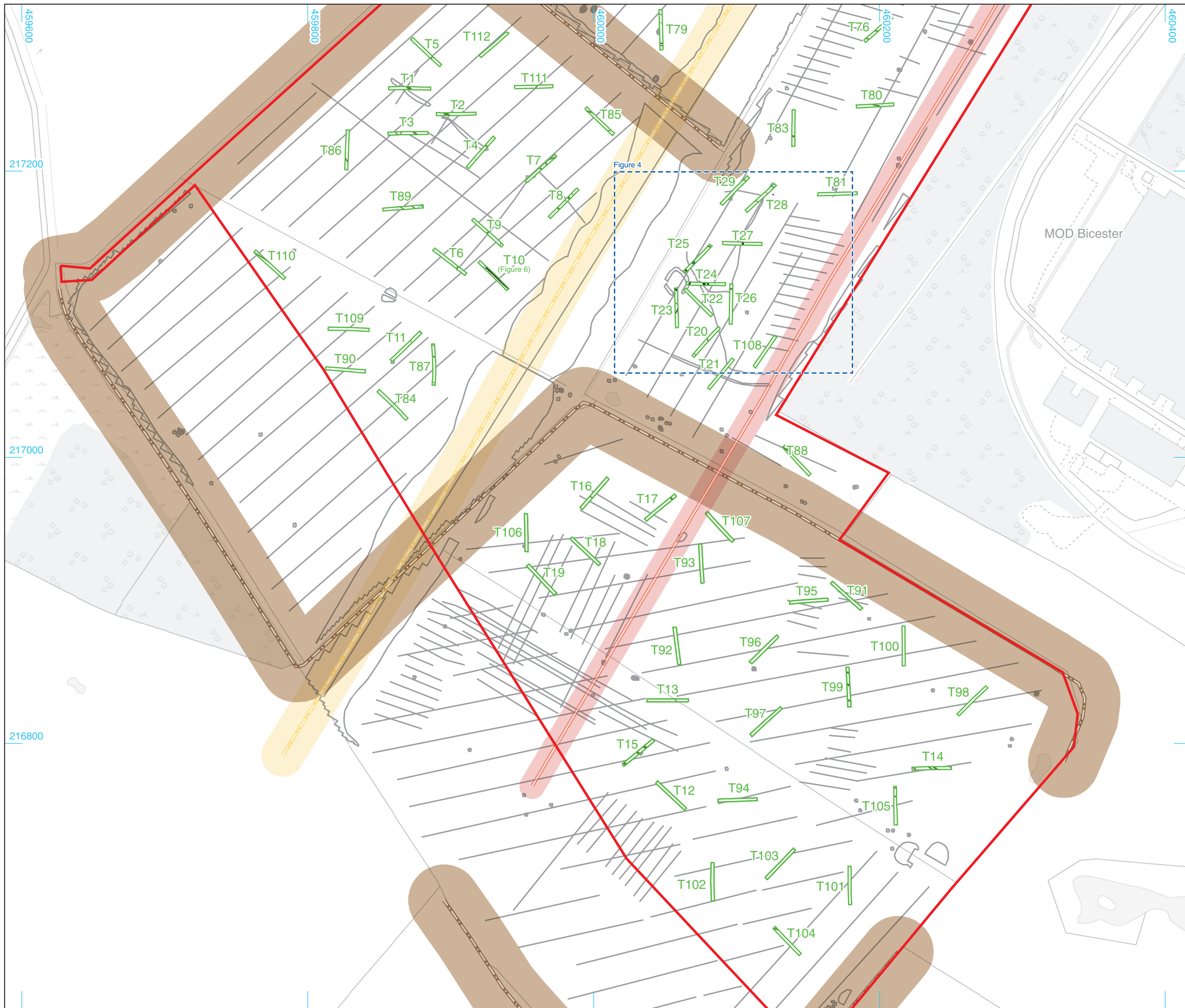
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FIGURE TITLE
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Figure 5



- Site boundary
- Evaluation trench
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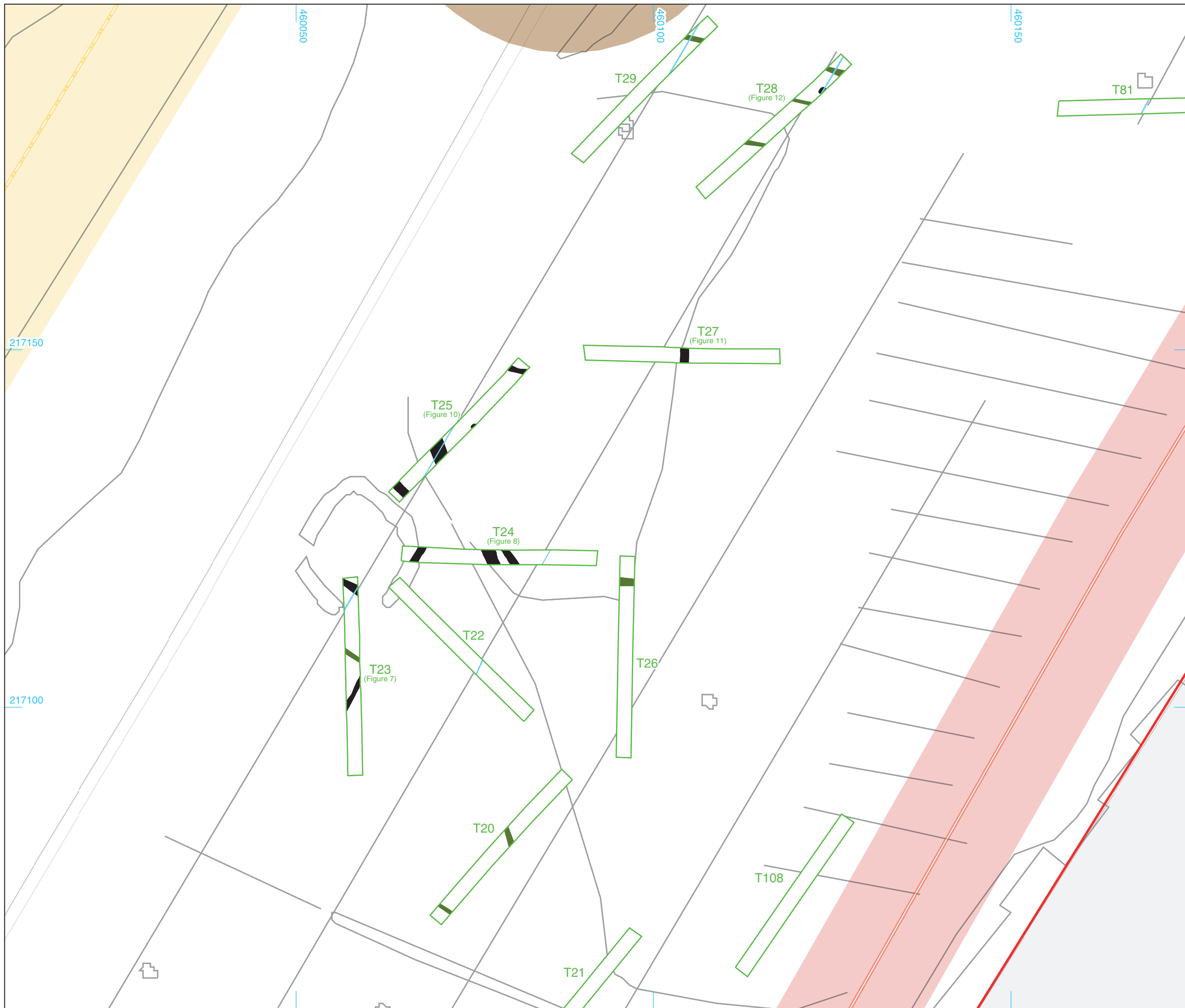
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FIGURE TITLE
 The site (south), showing evaluation trenches, geophysical survey results and identified archaeological features

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- Site boundary
- Evaluation trench
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- Newt ditch buffer
- Geophysical feature (AECOM 2020)



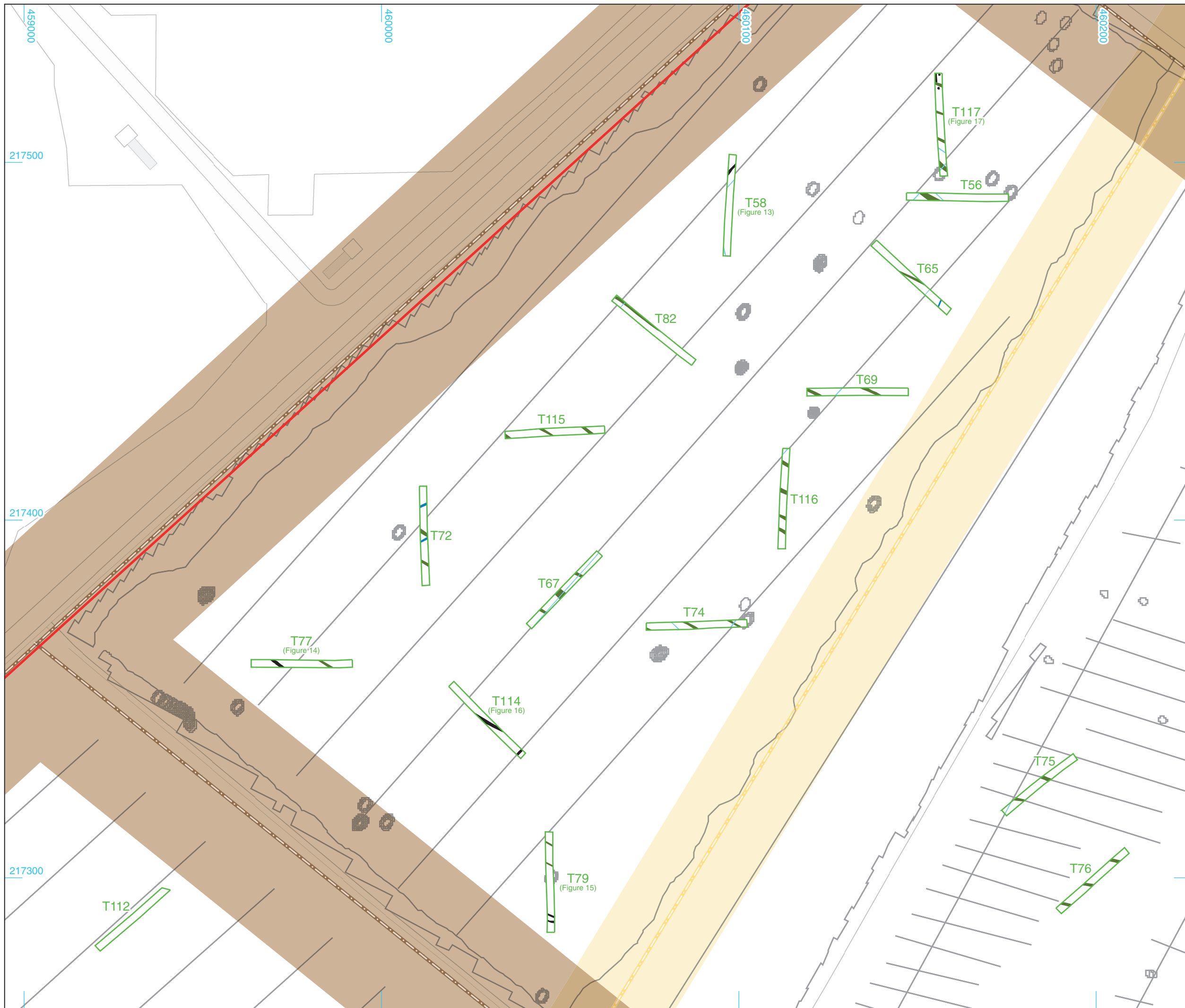
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FIGURE TITLE
 Detail from the south-western part of the site, showing trenches, geophysical survey results and identified archaeological features

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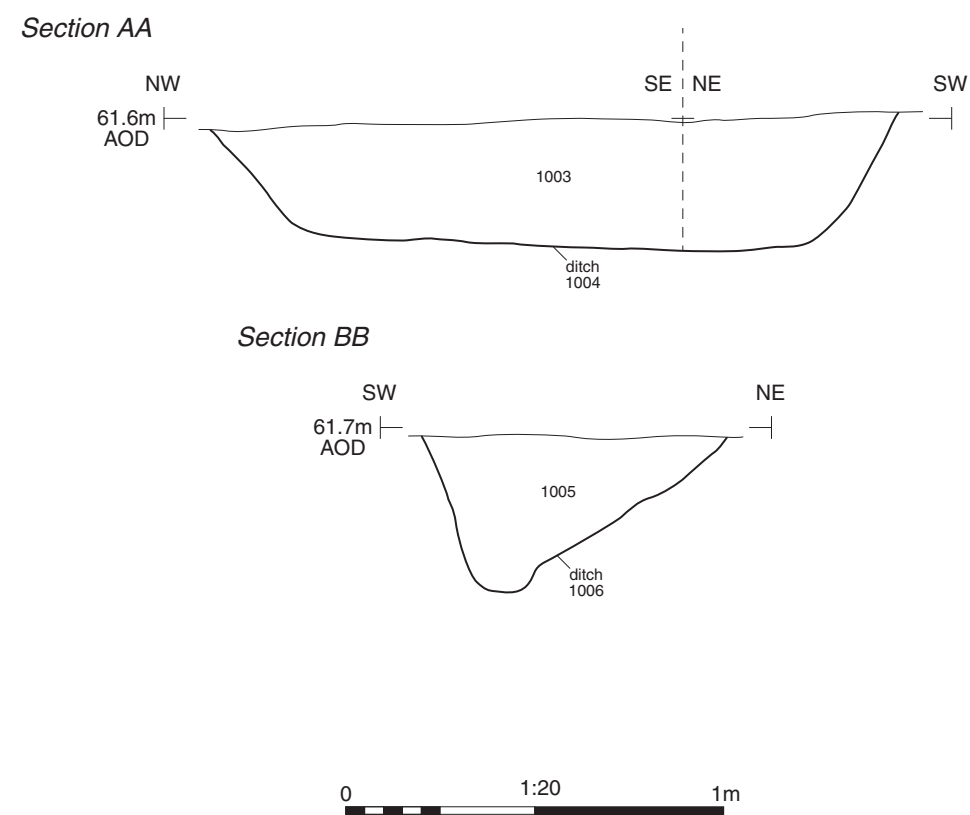
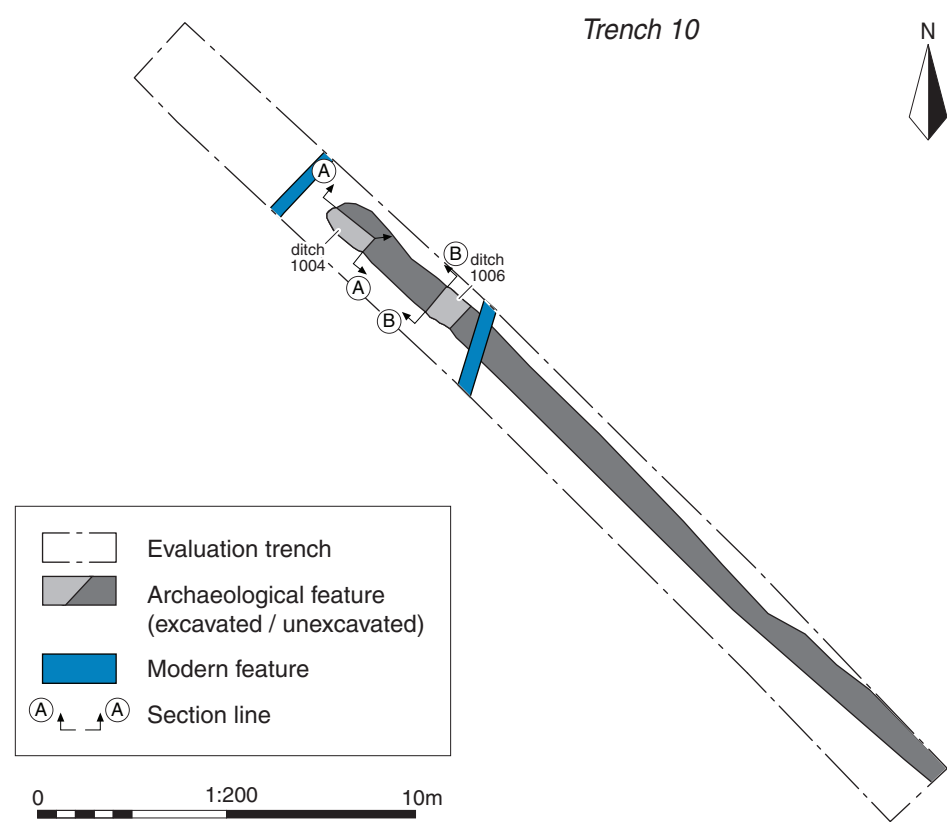
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FIGURE TITLE
Detail from the central part of the site, showing trenches, geophysical survey results and identified archaeological features

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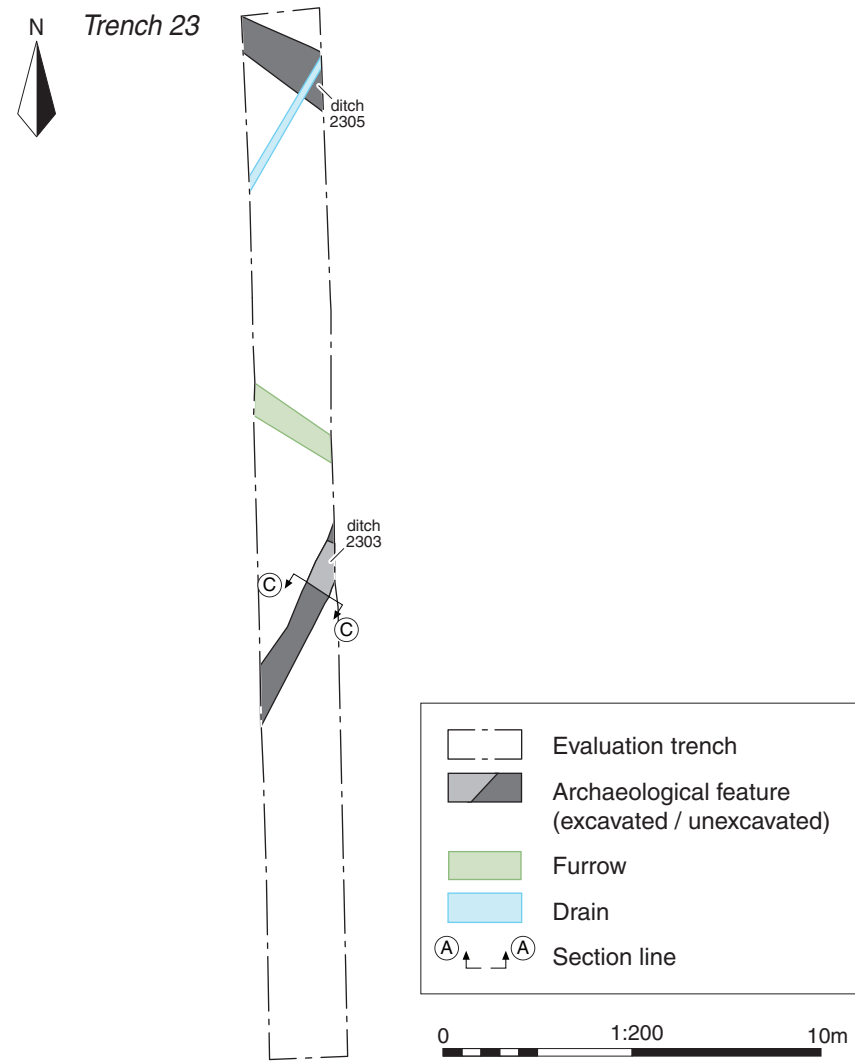
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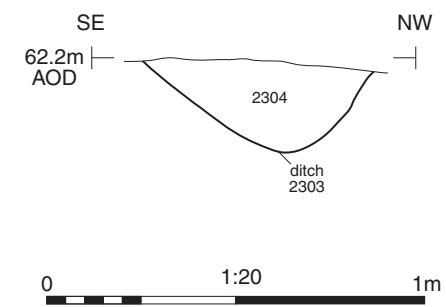
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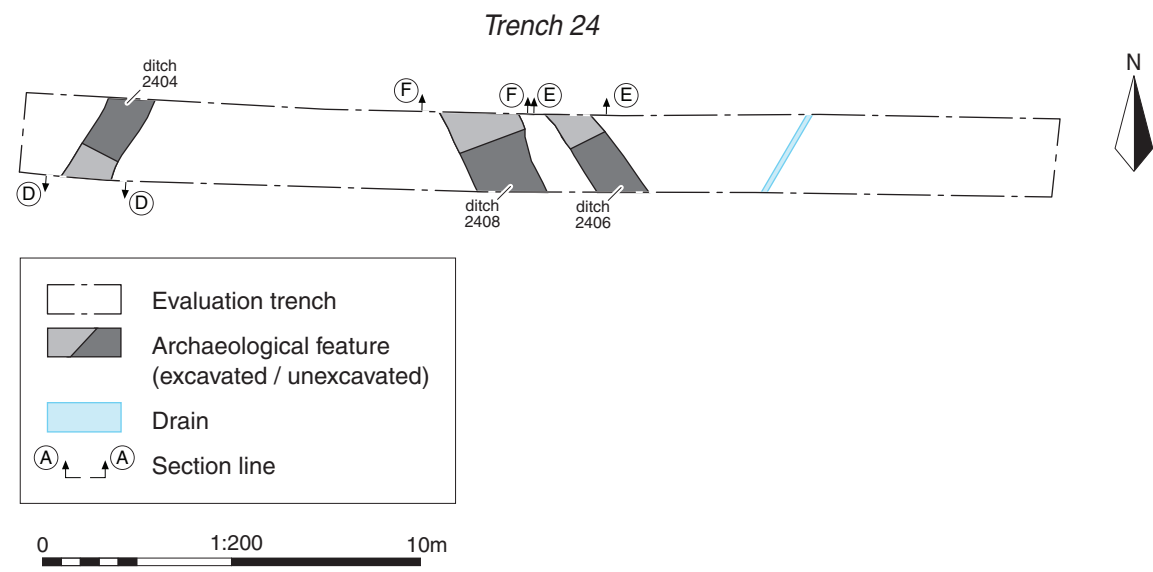
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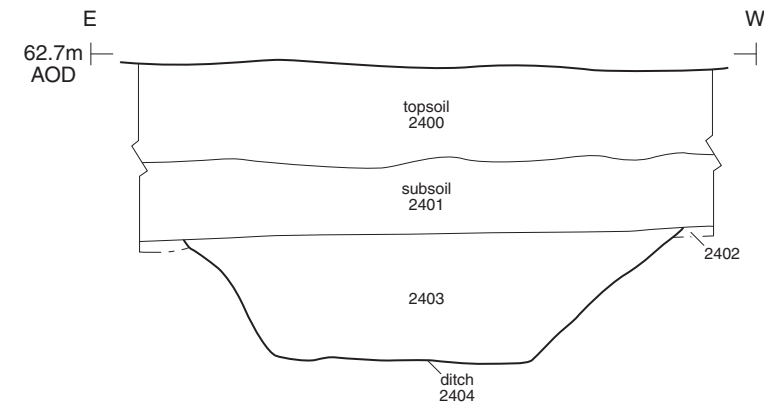
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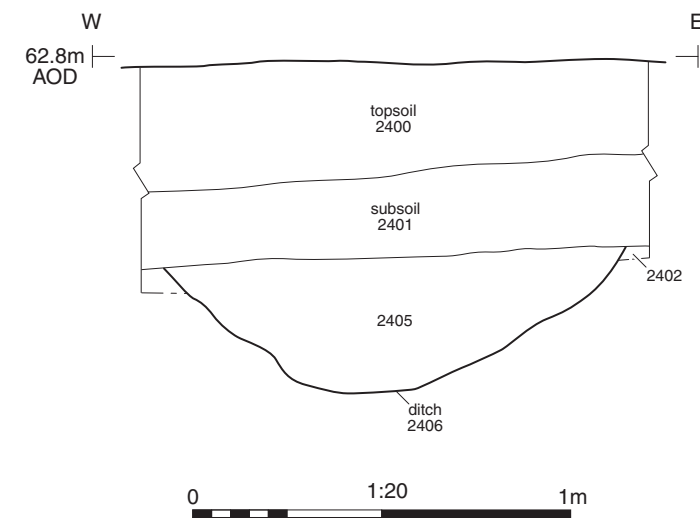
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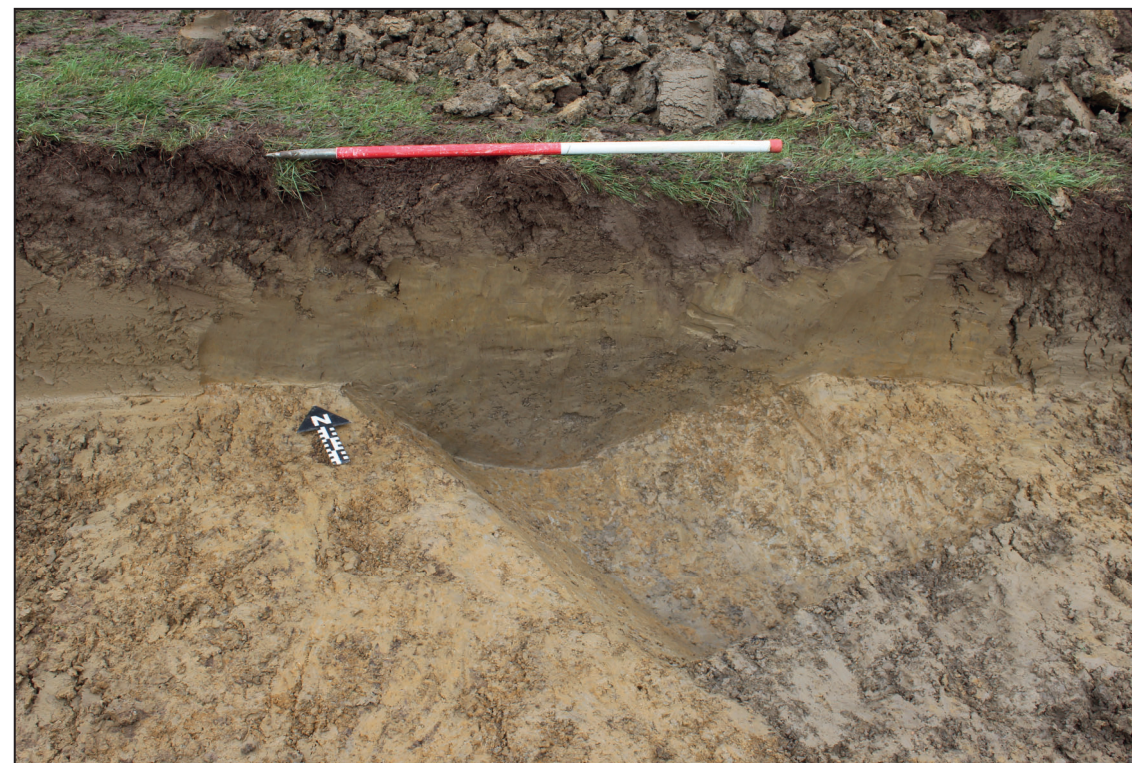
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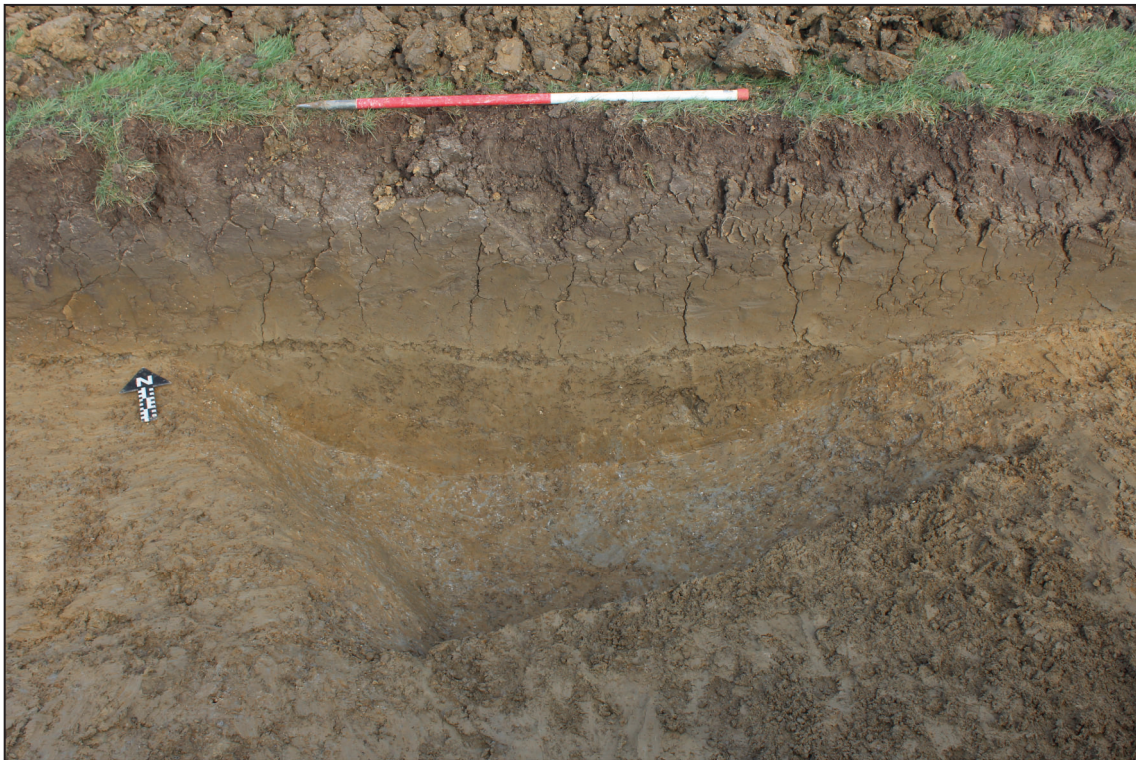
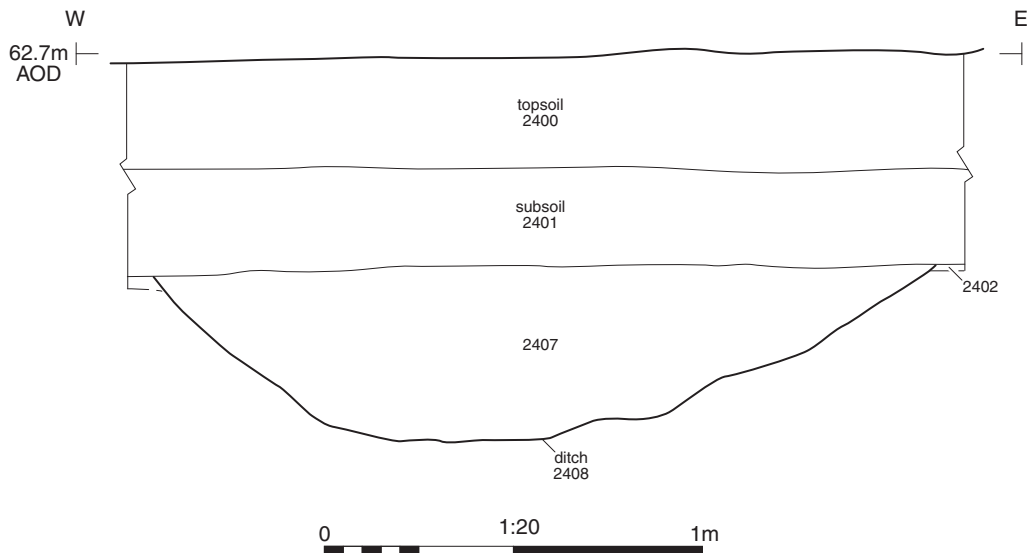
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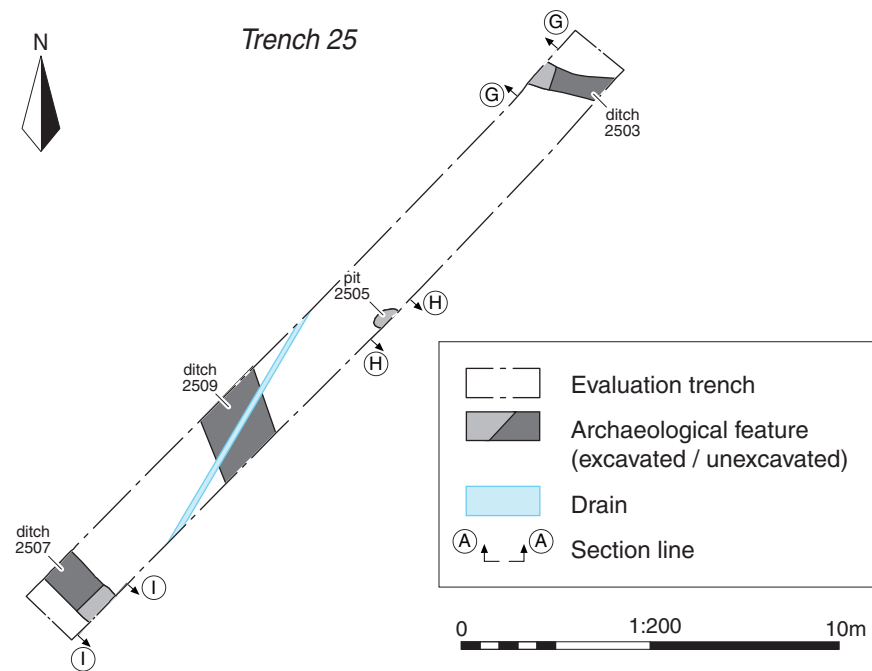
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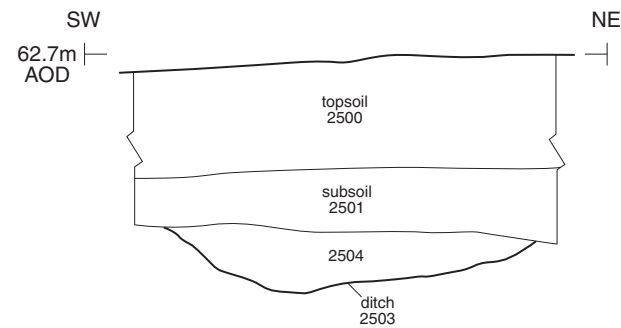
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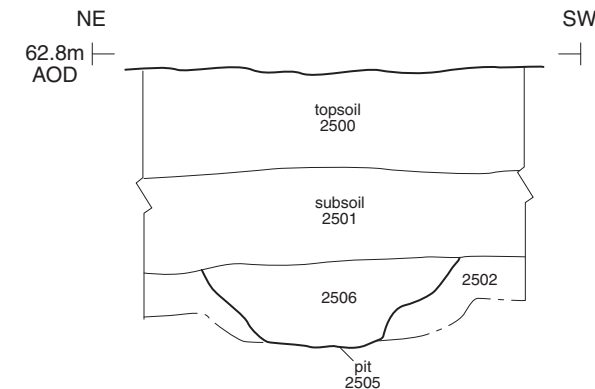
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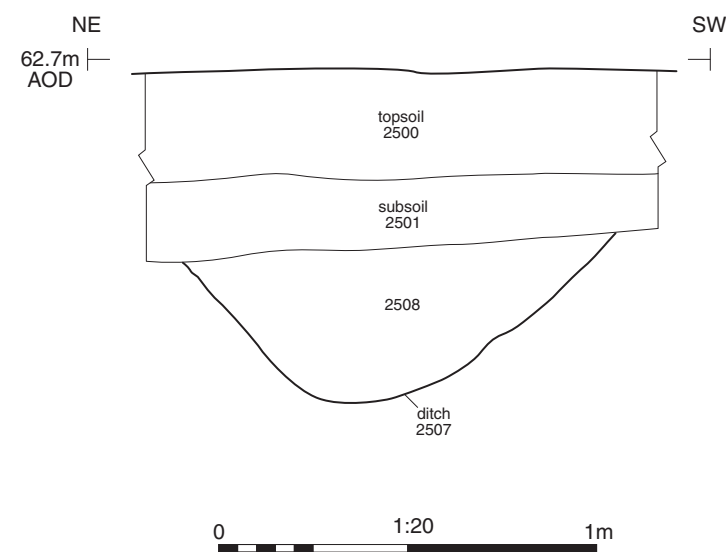
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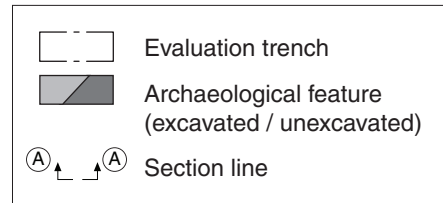
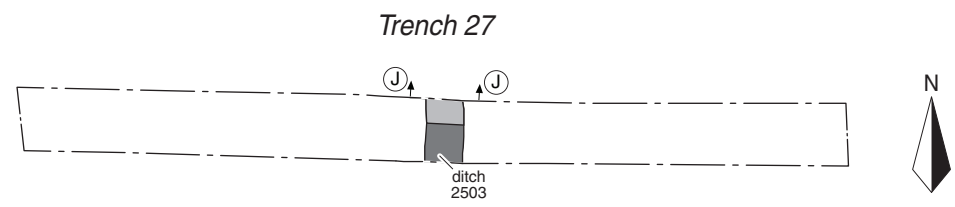
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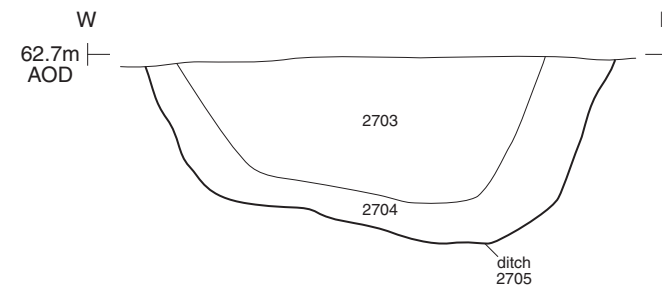
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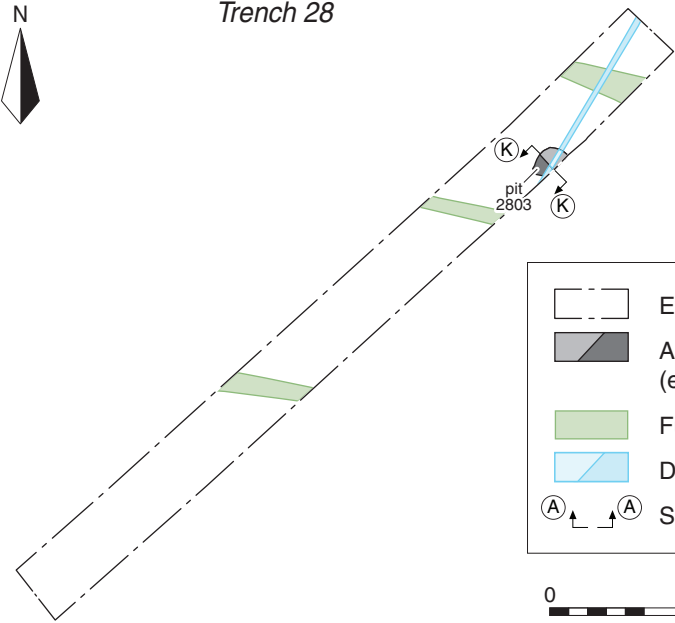
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

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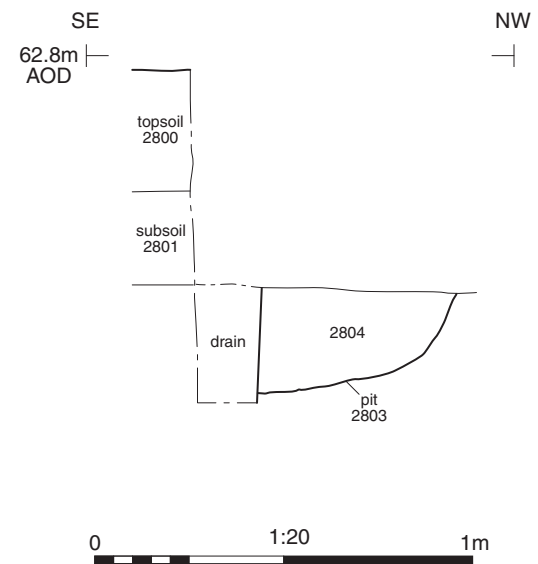
Trench 28



-  Evaluation trench
-  Archaeological feature (excavated / unexcavated)
-  Furrow
-  Drain
-  Section line

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Section KK



Pit 2803, looking south-west (0.5m scale)


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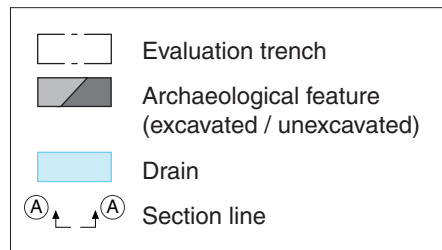
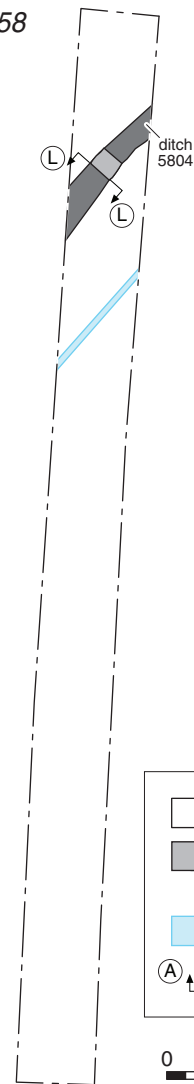
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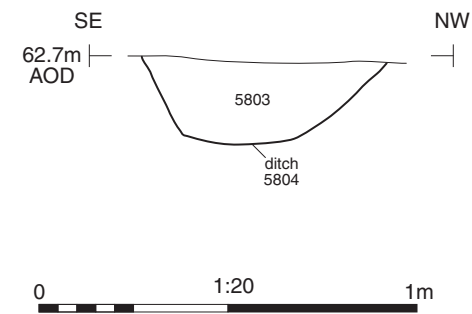


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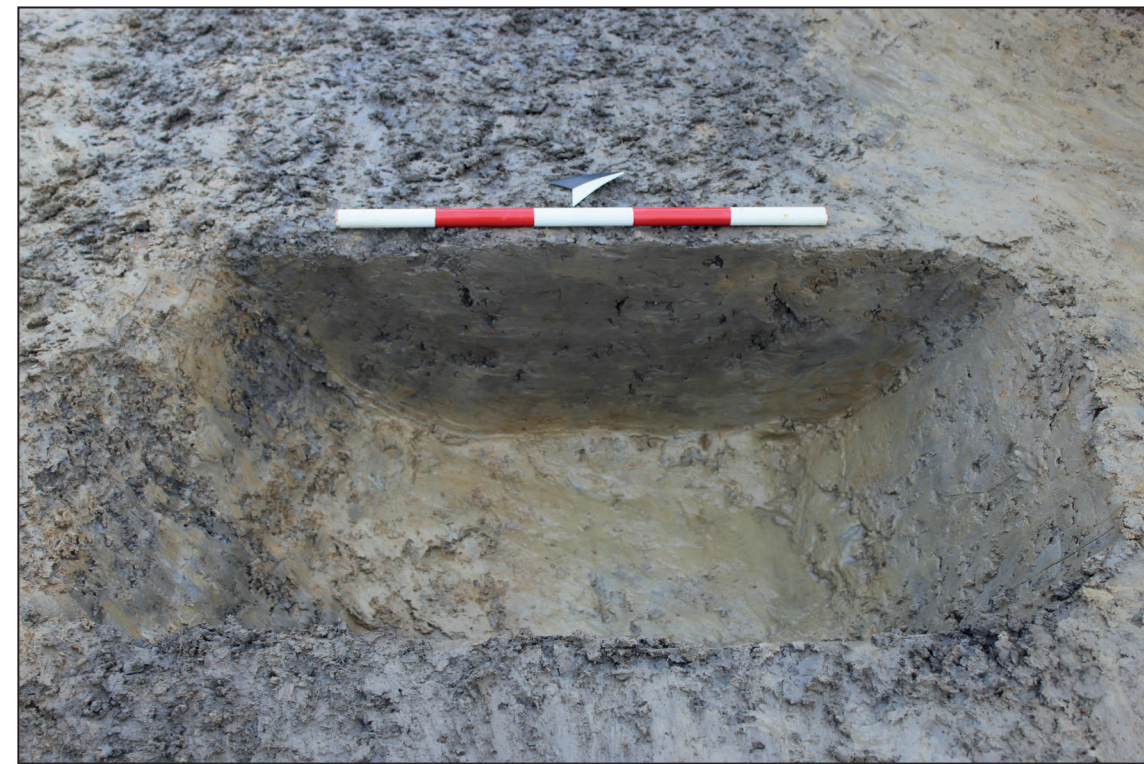
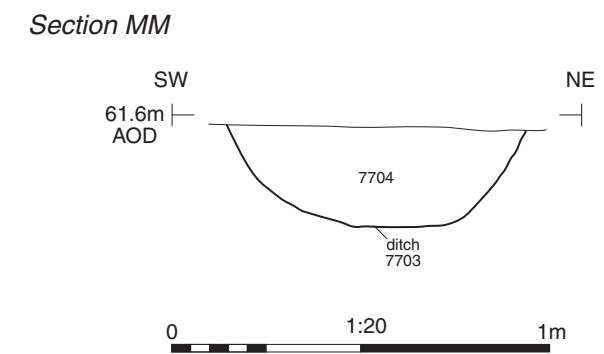
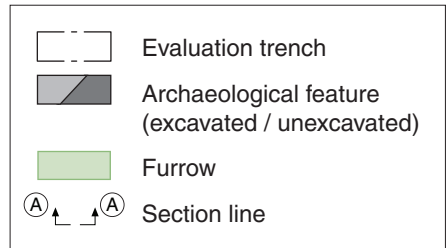
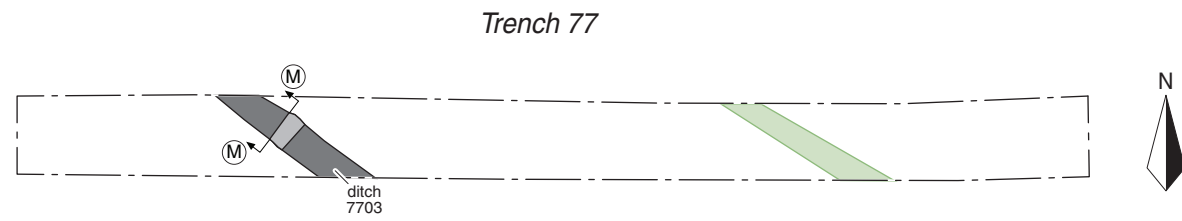
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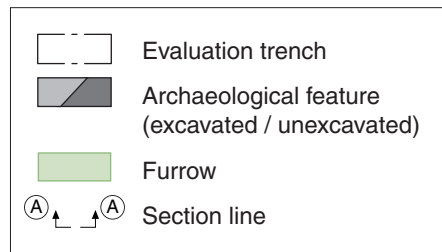
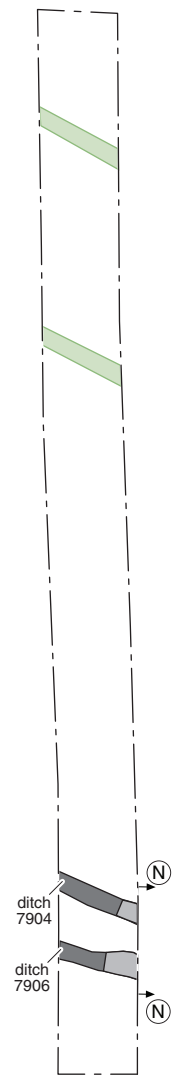
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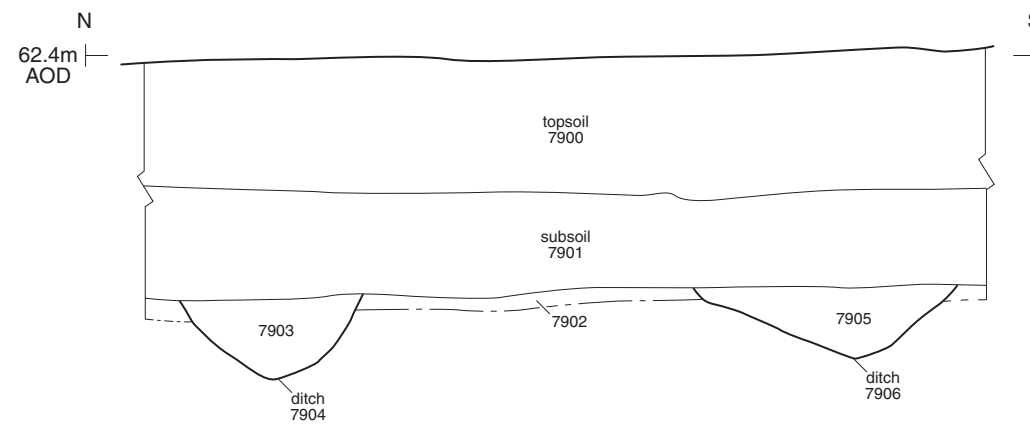


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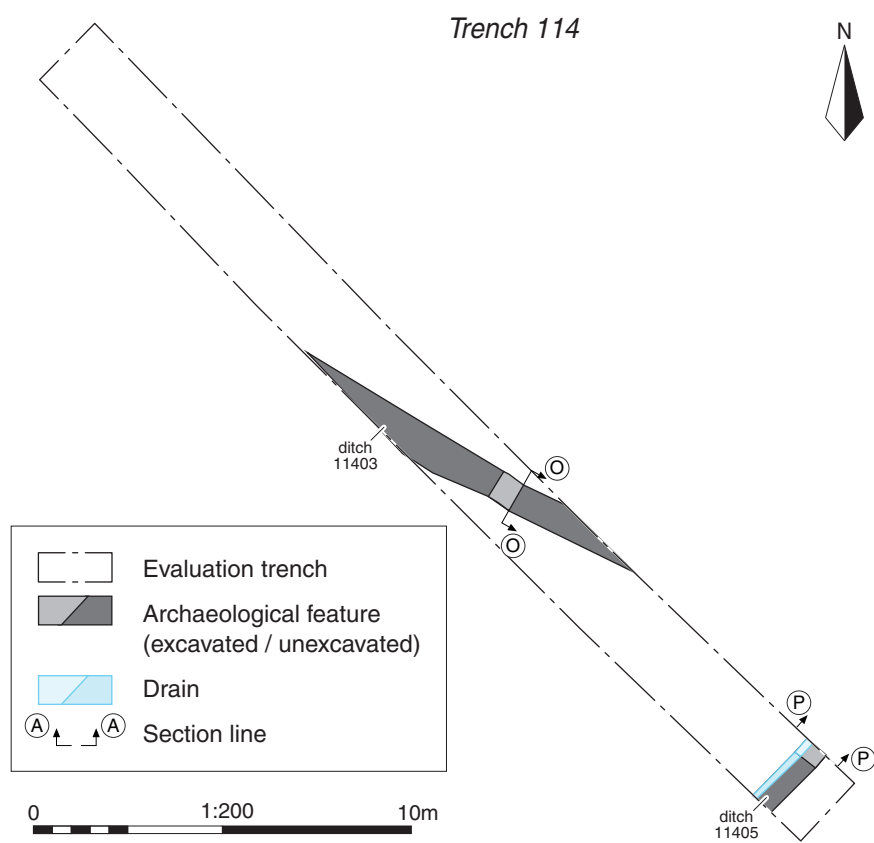
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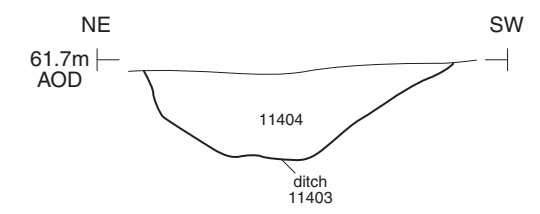
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Trench 79: plan, section and photograph

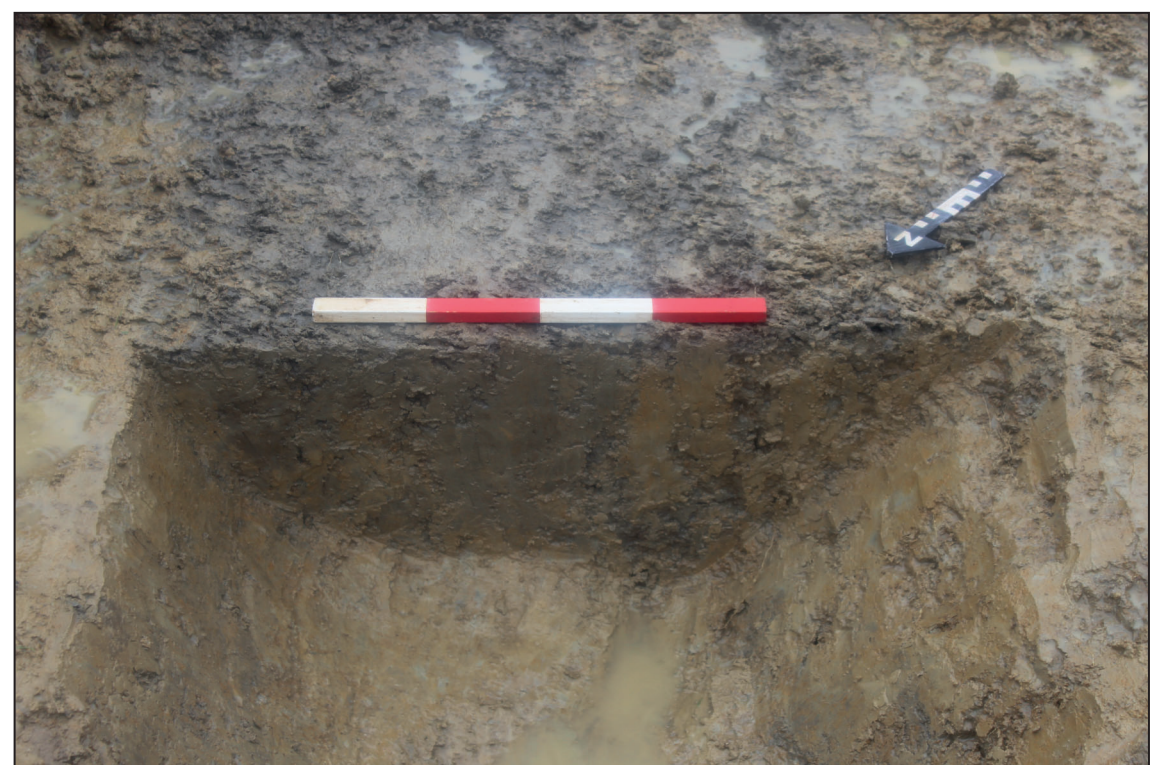
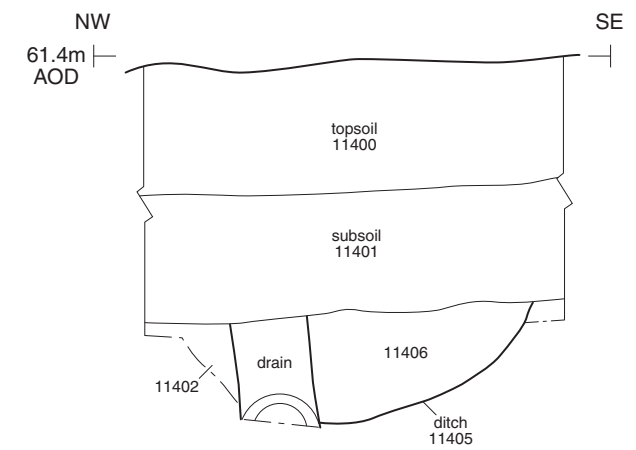
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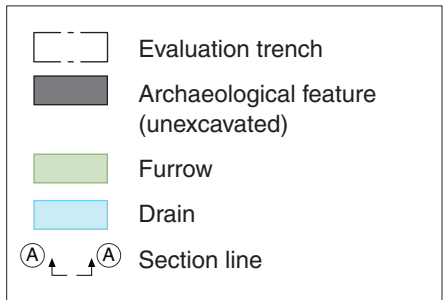
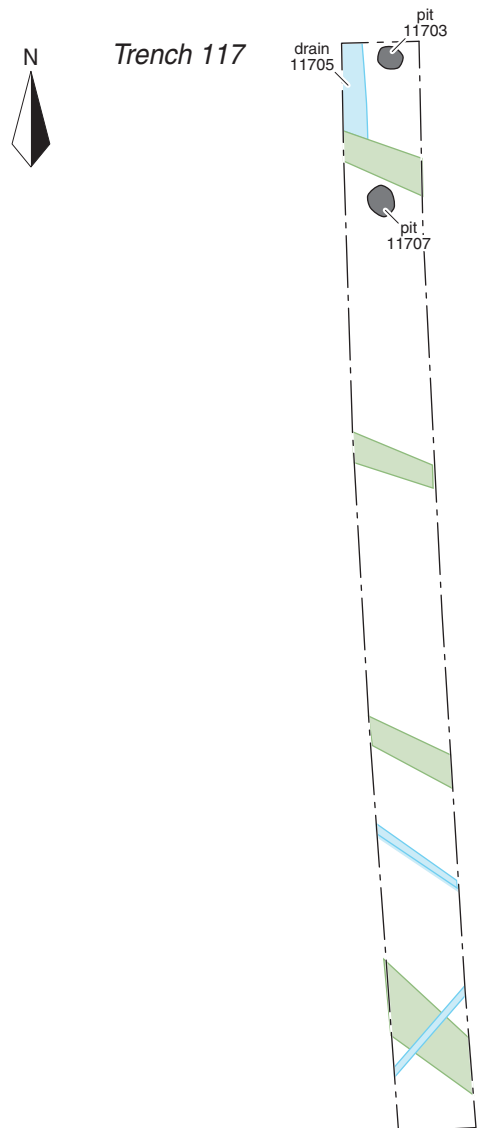
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Trench 114: plan, sections and photographs

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Representative section



Trench 117, looking south (1m scales)

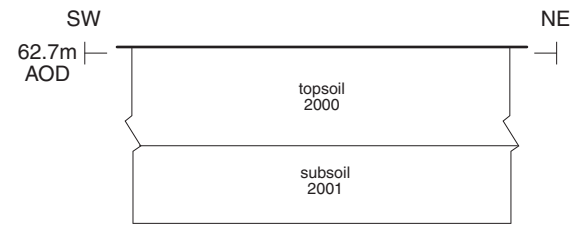
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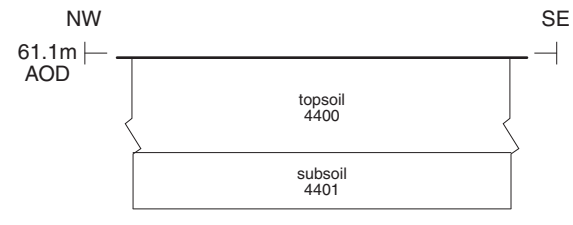
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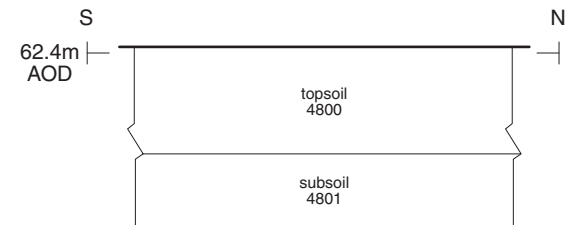
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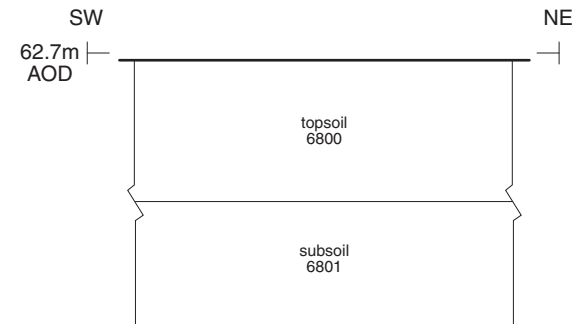
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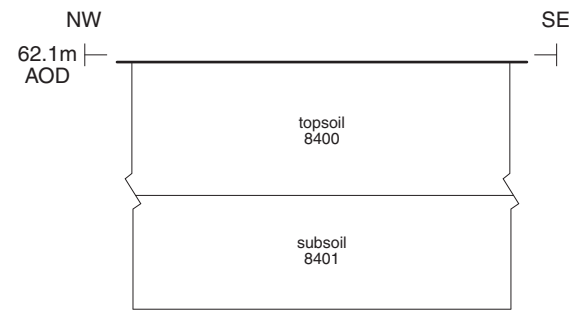
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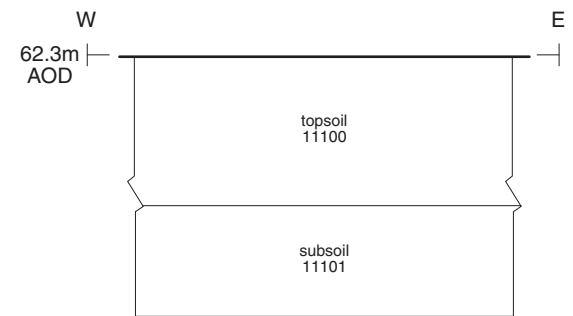
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Trench 20, looking north-east (1m scales)



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



Trench 84, looking north-west (1m scales)



Trench 111, looking west (1m scales)


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