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Between January and February 2022, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological evaluation of land known as Snakes Meadow, located between Astwood and Stagsden, in Milton Keynes and Bedfordshire. The evaluation results will inform a series of planning applications for the development of a solar farm on the Site. The fieldwork comprised the excavation of eighty-three trenches, targeting anomalies identified by a preceding geophysical survey as well as testing apparently blank areas of the Site.

Archaeological features encountered during the fieldwork broadly correlated with the results of the geophysical survey, comprising ditches, pits, furrows and field boundary ditches ranging in date from the later prehistoric to the modern period. A zone of putative Iron Age/Roman settlement remains, comprising a series of enclosures, and associated internal and external features identified by the geophysical survey in the north-western corner of the Site, was largely excluded from the evaluation as this area will not be developed. However, some peripheral anomalies were targeted and corresponding features identified within the trenches. Pottery and paleo-environmental evidence confirmed the presence of Iron Age/Roman domestic activity.

A localised area of possible 12th to 14th century domestic occupation was identified in Trench 1, in the south-western corner of the Site. Undated features immediately to the south, in Trench 2, may also be associated with this activity.

Evidence for medieval and post-medieval ridge and furrow agricultural systems was evident across the Site, surviving as truncated furrow bases, with multiple alignments identified across

the Site indicating the former presence of small field plots within an open agricultural landscape.

Post-medieval field boundary ditches, which were mostly seen respecting and fossilising the alignment of the previous ridge and furrow strips, were identified corresponding with those depicted on the 1838 Tithe Map for Astwood (west) and Stagsden (east) and the 1901 Ordnance Survey map. Further, previously unidentified field boundary ditches were also recorded which, together with the mapped boundaries, likely relate to the change from open field systems to an enclosed agricultural landscape.

A potential trackway identified by the geophysical survey, running on a rough north/south alignment across the central portion of the Site, was not encountered in the trenches, although the westernmost of the two parallel anomalies was identified as a post-medieval drainage ditch in Trenches 59, 60, and 63.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Between January and February 2022, Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological evaluation of land known as Snakes Meadow, between Astwood and Stagsden West End (centred at NGR: 496451 247098; Fig. 1). The fieldwork was undertaken at the request of Pegasus Group, acting on behalf of Renewable Connections Developments Limited.

1.2. The Site straddles three local authority administrative areas: Central Bedfordshire Council, Bedford Borough Council and Milton Keynes Council. The evaluation results will inform a series of planning applications, made to the respective local authorities, for the development of a solar farm on the Site. However, it must be noted that this phase of works pertains only to works in the Bedford Borough and Milton Keynes areas (see below).

1.3. The scope of this evaluation was defined in discussions between Pegasus Group and the archaeological advisors to the three local authorities (Geoff Saunders, Bedford Borough Council; Hannah Firth, Central Bedfordshire Council; and Nick Crank, Milton Keynes Council). For land within Bedford Borough, the scope of works was further defined in a *Brief for a Programme of Archaeological Field Evaluation by Trial Trenching at Land West of West End Farm, Stagsden, Bedfordshire* (BBC 2021).

1.4. It was determined through discussions with the LPA archaeological advisors that no evaluation trenches are currently required for the part of the Site lying within Central Bedfordshire. Consequently, this report covers only those areas of the Site located within Bedford Borough and Milton Keynes and will be submitted only to the relevant archaeological advisors for review and approval. An accession number has been obtained from The Higgins Museum (BEDFM 2021.105), which will accept the entire site archive for the fieldwork.

1.5. The evaluation was also carried out in line with the *Standard and guidance for archaeological field evaluation* (CIfA 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

1.6. The proposed development site is approximately 87ha in extent and lies to the south of the A422, between Astwood and Stagsden. The Site currently comprises agricultural fields and is bounded by further fields on all sides. The buildings of Ducksworth Farm are situated by the north-eastern corner of the Site and West End Farm is situated by the south-eastern corner. The ground levels within the Site undulate, with a gradual drop in height from 90m AOD in the north to 59m AOD in the south.

1.7. The underlying bedrock geology of the Site is mapped as belonging to the Peterborough Member, comprising mudstone, a sedimentary bedrock formed in the Jurassic Period. This is overlain by Oadby Member diamicton, glacial sedimentary deposits that formed in the Quaternary Period. Alluvial deposits are mapped as bordering the brook that runs through the southern half of the Site (BGS 2022).

2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

2.1. The archaeological background of the area has been explored in detail as part of a Heritage Desk-Based Assessment (HDBA) produced by Pegasus Group in 2021 (Pegasus Group 2021). The Site has also been subject to a geophysical survey (Magnitude Surveys 2021) and the following summary is based upon these sources. Historic Environment Record reference numbers cited in the HDBA are included in parentheses in the text below.

Prehistoric and Roman

2.2. Cropmarks suggestive of Iron Age or Romano-British settlement and associated agricultural activity are recorded within the Site and surrounding area. In the centre of the northern part of the Site, roughly due west from Ducksworth Farm, up to three possible enclosures are identified (MBB21925, MBB22445). Extending into the north-western corner of the Site are a further three possible enclosures and linear ditches (MBB21924).

2.3. The geophysical survey detected anomalies in both locations (Magnitude Surveys 2021). The dense complex straddling the field boundary in the north-western corner of the site comprises three conjoined rectilinear enclosures; the largest lies to the east and seems to be defined by a double ditch and may have an attached banjo

enclosure. The enclosures have internal and outlying linear and curvilinear features, which may represent structures, livestock pens, and trackways.

2.4. Other cropmarks in the locality indicate a series of irregular enclosures in Snakes Meadow c.90m west of the Site (MMK544); several rectilinear enclosures to the east of Ducksworth Farm c.300–1500m north-east of the Site (MBB21926, MBB15121); and an oblong enclosure with an internal D-shaped enclosure and outlying linear ditches of field systems or trackways to the south of Hill Farm c.400m north of the Site (MBB16941).

2.5. Further to the south, cropmarks indicate a truncated curvilinear enclosure, a C-shaped enclosure with a possible annex, two contiguous sub-rectangular enclosures, outlying linear ditches of field systems, and a solid feature of uncertain origin to the south of Lambert's Spinney c.600m south-east of the Site (MBB16468, MBB16470); and four enclosures and a possible trackway near Eyreswood Farm c.100m southwest and c.360m southeast of the Site (16503, 16504, 16506).

Early medieval, Medieval and Post-medieval

2.6. Astwood (c.670m west of the Site) and Stagsden (c.2km northeast of the Site) are both recorded in the Domesday Survey of 1086AD. Like many historic villages in Bedfordshire, Stagsden has a polyfocal character, comprised of several 'Ends' peripheral to the settlement core. Stagsden West End is today composed of several dispersed farms, but there was once a larger core of settlement at West End Farm to the east of the Site.

2.7. Earthworks of enclosures, trackways, boundary ditches, and tofts and crofts are recorded in the fields to the west, north and south of West End Farm – though certainly those to the west are no longer extant (MBD16881). Early-19th century maps show a large subcircular pasture field to the southeast of West End Farm, with buildings at its north-west side (around West End Farm and between the farm track and the eastern boundary of the Site) and at its south-east side (c.300m east of the Site) (MBD7281).

2.8. Maps dated 1828 and 1839 refer to the north-western cluster as 'Great Green', comprising West End Farm and cottages to its north and south, and the south-eastern cluster as 'Little Green', comprising up to ten cottages (MBD7270). There may have been a shift in settlement focus from Great Green to Little Green in the later medieval

or post-medieval period – perhaps after West End Farm was established in the 17th century.

2.9. The approximate medieval/post-medieval extent of Stagsden West End settlement is mapped by Bedford Borough HER; its western edge is c.25m from the eastern boundary of the Site. The geophysical survey detected anomalies of possible settlement activity on land between the eastern boundary of the site and West End Farmhouse, and ridge and furrow from historic ploughing in the south-eastern corner of the Site (Magnitude Surveys 2021).

2.10. Outlying the north-eastern corner of the Site, the possibility of a medieval moated site at Ducksworth Farm has been inferred from the 1822 enclosure map for Stagsden, which shows three contiguous ponds or channels (MBD3905). The mapped feature does not extend into the site and its unmapped north/southwestern arm would likely have crossed through the copse that separates the Site from the modern farm. Linear and curvilinear geophysical survey anomalies to the north of the copse may or may not be associated with the medieval farm (Magnitude Surveys 2021).

2.11. The deserted medieval settlement of Kempston West End is believed to have been focussed on the intersection of West End Road and the B560, c.800m north-northeast of the proposed point of connection of the solar farm to the grid, and encompassed West End Farm, Top Farm and Rushey Ford Farm (MBD16872). Meanwhile later medieval and postmedieval settlement is believed to have encompassed the section of West End Road north of the junction with Hay Lane and Meadow Farm Road, the cottages on the north side of the upper end of West End Road, Glenbrook Farm on Tithe Road, and the far northern corner of the field containing the proposed point of connection (MBD11521, MBD11579).

Modern

2.12. The earliest available mapping of the Site is the 1822 enclosure map for the parish of Stagsden and the 1839 tithe maps for the parishes of Astwood and Stagsden. The Site was subdivided into a greater number of fields than exist today. Separating the northern and southern parts of the Site was a short length of track, a relic of 'Cut Throat Lane' that formerly continued along the upper western boundary of the site before crossing the Newport Pagnell Road (MBD7556).

2.13. The Astwood tithe apportionment is contemporary with the map and reveals that the western fields of the site were owned by Thomas Alexander Boswell and leased to William Dudley, as part of the holding of Green Valley Farm located c.250m southwest of the Site. The Stagsden tithe apportionment dates from 1876 and reveals that the northern and central areas of the site were owned by the Crown and attached to Ducksworth Farm located immediately to the east of the Site. The Crown had acquired the Stagsden Manor estate in 1869.

2.14. There is no tithe map or apportionment available for Cranfield parish, but at this date the southern fields within the Site may have been attached to Eyreswood Farm, located c.330m south of the Site.

2.15. As already discussed, the 1822 enclosure map for Stagsden and the 1839 tithe map for Stagsden show clusters of buildings at Great Green and Little Green to the east of the site. By 1901, however, only a single building survived within the core of Little Green. This is a significant change. Records from 1881 state that between 20 and 30 cottages were pulled down due to concerns over rack-rents and poor sanitation following the Crown's acquisition of the manor in 1876.

2.16. The first and second edition Ordnance Survey maps of 1883 and 1901 show a footpath crossing the northern part of the Site, a field barn in the eastern part of the site, and two ponds in the southern part of the northern half of the Site. The geophysical survey detected linear anomalies corresponding to two former field boundaries in the westernmost and southernmost fields of the Site (Magnitude Surveys 2021).

2.17. The first and second edition Ordnance Survey maps of 1883 and 1901 also show a former field boundary extending on a south-easterly axis from the southern corner of the proposed point of connection beside West End Road towards Kempston Wood. Two footpaths ran in a south-easterly and north-easterly direction from this southern corner to Kempston Wood and to Tithe Road.

2.18. Post-war mapping of the main Site documents the demolition of the field barn, the consolidation of fields to their present layout, Snakes Meadow Solar Farm and the laying of a new track from Ducksworth Farm through the centre of the Site. Post-war mapping of the field containing the proposed point of connection documents the

removal of the aforementioned field boundary and the erection of pylons (Pegasus Group 2021).

3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

3.1. The general objective of the evaluation was to provide further information on the likely archaeological resource within the Site, including its presence/absence, character, extent, date, and state of preservation. This information will enable the relevant local authorities 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 any conflict between the conservation of those heritage assets and the development proposals. This process is in line with policies contained in the *National Planning Policy Framework* (MHCLG 2021). A further objective of the project was to compile a stable, ordered, accessible project archive.

3.1. The specific objectives of the evaluation were to:

- investigate the potential Iron Age/Roman settlement enclosures recorded through cropmarks and by the geophysical survey (MS 2021);
- investigate whether any remains of the medieval moated site of Ducksworth Farm are present in the northeast of the Site;
- investigate whether any remains of the medieval settlement of West End are present in the south-east of Site.

3.2. The results of the fieldwork have been assessed below in section 8 in relation to research objectives identified in the *Solent-Thames Research Framework for the Historic Environment Resource Assessments and Research Agendas* (Hey and Hind 2014), *Bedfordshire Archaeology: Research and Archaeology: Resource Assessment, Research Agenda and Strategy* (Oake et al 2007), *Research and Archaeology Revisited: a revised framework for the East of England* (Medlycott 2011), and the online *East of England Regional Research Framework* (https://researchframeworks.org/eoe/).

4. METHODOLOGY

4.1. The evaluation fieldwork comprised the excavation of 83 trenches in the locations shown on Fig. 2, consisting of 47no. 50m x 1.8m trenches; and 36no. 25m x 1.8 trenches.

4.2. The trenches were located to test geophysical anomalies, to act as a means of prospection for remains of a type or period that may not respond to geophysical survey and to provide a representative sample of the remainder of the site. Trench 45, located in the north-eastern part of the Site, was repositioned to respect the extant north-eastern field boundary, with the approval of Geoff Saunders.

4.3. Trenches were set out on OS National Grid co-ordinates using Leica GPS and scanned for live services by trained CA staff using CAT and genny equipment, in accordance with the *CA Safe System of Work for avoiding underground services*. 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, and samples were taken in accordance with *CA Technical Manual 2: The Taking and Processing of Environmental and Other Samples from Archaeological Sites*.

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 The Higgins Museum (accession no. BEDFM 2021.105) for the deposition of the project archive and, subject to agreement with the legal landowner(s), the artefact collection. The archive and artefact collection will be deposited in their entirety with The Higgins Museum, with no material being accepted by Milton Keynes Museum. 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 (CIfA 2014; updated October 2020).

4.8. 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. Detailed summaries of the recorded contexts are given in Appendix A. Details of the artefactual material recovered from the Site can be found in Section 6 and Appendix B, and details of the environmental samples (palaeoenvironmental evidence) are presented in Section 7 and Appendix C. The overall trench plan is presented at smaller scale on figures 3 to 4 and, where relevant, as individual trench plans in the subsequent figures.

5.2. The results of the fieldwork broadly correlated with features identified through cropmarks, historic maps and the preceding geophysical survey. These identified a series of rectilinear enclosures in the north-western part of the site suggestive of Iron Age or Romano-British settlement, including a potential banjo enclosure, a potential trackway extending from north to south across the central part of the Site, as well as cultivation marks interpreted as the remnants of medieval ploughing.

5.3. The geological sequence observed in the trenches was broadly consistent across the Site. The natural substrate, which varied across the Site from compact sandy clay to compact silty clay, was revealed at depths between 0.16m and 0.4m below present ground level (bpgl). This was directly overlain by topsoil deposits of mid grey-brown silty clay. A selection of photographs depicting the site in broad terms are shown in Figure 6, and a selection of trench photographs illustrating the natural substrate and depth of overburden are presented in Figure 7.

5.4. No archaeological features of any type or period were identified within Trenches 4, 5, 12, 13, 19, 21-24, 42, 45, 46, 48, 52, 54, 56, 58, 62, 64, 69, and 73-81, and these trenches will not be discussed in any further detail. Remnants of medieval/post-medieval ridge and furrow systems were observed across the Site in Trenches 1-3, 7-11, 14-18, 20, 25-41, 43, 44, 47, 49-51, 53, 57, 59-61, 63, 65-68, 70, 72, 82 and 83. A selection of furrows were hand-excavated in order to confirm their origin (and by association and morphology the unexcavated examples) and these are discussed in more detail below.

Trench 1 (Figs 3 & 8-9)

5.5. Ditch 103 crossed the centre of Trench 1 on a north-west/south-east alignment, measuring 0.49m wide and 0.1m deep with moderately steep, concave sides and a rounded base. The feature contained a single fill 104 of mid yellow brown compact sandy silt from which a total of 103 sherds of 12th to 14th century coarseware pottery, and a fragment of fired clay, were recovered. The shallow nature of the feature and its alignment matching that of the surrounding ridge and furrow system may suggest that ditch 103 may in fact be a remnant plough furrow. Furrow 105 was seen cutting ditch 103, running on a matching north-west/south-east, forming part of a wider ridge and furrow system observed across this portion of the Site. The furrow measured at least 1.2m wide and 0.2m deep and was filled by a single sterile deposit (106) of dark grey brown compact silty sand.

5.6. Ditch 107 was investigated near the centre of the trench, running north-west/south-east and measuring 0.35m wide and 0.19m deep, with steep, convex sides and a rounded base. The feature was filled by a single deposit (108) of dark grey brown silty clay from which 44no. sherds of 12th to 14th century coarseware pottery, as well as a fragment of CBM, were recovered.

5.7. East/west aligned ditch 109/114 was located toward the north-eastern end of Trench 1, measuring 0.7m wide and 0.4m deep with steep, convex side and a concave base. The feature contained a lower fill (110) of mid yellow brown sandy silt, which was sealed by an upper deposit (111) of dark brown grey sandy silt, from which two sherds of 12th to 14th century coarseware pottery were recovered. A single sherd of Roman unsourced shell-tempered ware also recovered from fill 111 is highly likely to be residual in nature. Charred plant remains recovered from fill 111 are likely to be representative of a dump of hearth waste material, while molluscan remains indicate a well-established open landscape that was subject to seasonal flooding at times (see section 7 below).

5.8. Ditch 109/114 cut across the line of ditch 112 and was aligned north-west/south-east, measuring 0.5m wide by 0.15m deep with moderately steep sides and a flat base. Ditch 112 was filled by a single deposit (113) of mid yellow brown compact silty sand which produced no finds.

Trench 2 (Figs 3 & 10)

5.9. Ditch 202 crossed the south-western half of Trench 2, running on a north-west/south-east alignment, measuring 0.54m wide and 0.17m deep. No finds were recovered from the single mid yellow brown silty clay fill (203). The orientation of the ditch notably differs from that of the ridge and furrow systems within this portion of the Site.

Trench 6 (Figs 3 & 10)

5.10. Former field boundary ditch 603 was aligned north-west/south-east, crossing the centre of Trench 6. The feature measured 1.31m wide and 0.53m deep and was filled by a sterile deposit (604) of dark grey brown silty clay. The alignment of the ditch correlates with a linear anomaly identified in the geophysical survey results and matches a former field boundary shown on the 1839 Tithe Map for Astwood (west) and Stagsden (east).

Trench 25 (Figs 4 & 11)

5.11. Two shallow pits were recorded at the north-western end of Trench 25. Pit 2504, the northernmost of the features, was oval in plan, measuring 0.8m long, 0.62m wide and 0.26m deep with steep straight sides and an uneven base. The pit contained a single fill (2505) of mid grey brown silty clay from which a single sherd of unsourced shelly grog-tempered ware and two sherds of unsourced shell tempered pottery dating to the Late Iron Age/Roman period were recovered. A fragment of fired clay and animal bone was also recovered.

5.12. Immediately to the south-west, oval pit 2506 measured 0.63m long, 0.6m wide and 0.18m deep, with moderately steep, concave sides and a rounded base. The feature contained a single fill (2507) of mid grey brown silty clay which produced two small fragments of undated CBM.

Trench 28 (Figs 4 & 11)

5.13. A sub-circular pit, 2802, was identified within the central part of Trench 28, measuring 1.4m long, 1.11m wide and 0.43m deep. No finds were recovered from the single fill (2803) of mid orange grey sandy clay, though the proximity to other recorded features of Late Iron Age and Roman origin suggests similar date for this feature. A bulk environmental sample taken from the fill (sample no. 1, see section 7 below), contained a large assemblage of charcoal fragments, interpreted as a dump of domestic hearth waste, as well as shells of open country snail species.

Trench 29 (Figs 4 & 12)

5.14. Pit 2902 was identified within the north-eastern part of Trench 29, measuring 0.6m long, 0.58m wide and 0.09m deep, with shallow concave sides and a flat base. The pit was filled by a single deposit (2903) of mid brown grey silty clay from which fragments of ceramic building material and animal bone were recovered.

5.15. Ditch 2904, aligned north-west/south-east and crossing the south-western part of Trench 29, was originally interpreted as an extension of the putative Iron Age/Roman settlement activity indicated by the cropmarks and geophysical survey results to the south and south-east. The ditch measured 1.45m wide and 0.6m deep with steep, convex sides, and a rounded base, and contained a single fill (2905) of mid grey brown silty clay which produced fragments of post-medieval pottery, ceramic building material, and animal bone. This however suggests that the ditch represents part of the extensive medieval/post-medieval agricultural field systems that previously existed across the Site, the ditch sharing a commonality of alignment with the ridge and furrow also seen in this trench. A bulk environmental sample taken from the fill (sample no. 2, see section 7 below) contained only limited amounts of charcoal and a small number of terrestrial snail shells.

Trench 30 (Figs 4 & 13)

5.16. A series of intercutting pits was recorded at the centre of Trench 30. Pit 3002 was circular in plan, with a diameter of around 1m and depth of 0.34m, with moderately steep, asymmetrical sides and a rounded base. The feature was deliberately backfilled by a deposit (3003) of dark orange brown silty clay, which contained two sherds of shell-tempered pottery and thirteen sherds of calcareous grog-tempered pottery dated to the late prehistoric period, as well as eight fragments of fired clay and animal bone. Charcoal, indeterminate cereal grains and terrestrial snail shells were identified in a bulk soil sample (sample no. 3, see section 7 below).

5.17. Immediately north-west of pit 3002 were intercutting pits 3004, 3008 and 3010. Pit 3004 was irregular in plan and had steep, convex sides and a rounded base, measuring 1.52m long, 1m wide and 0.65m deep. The feature contained a lower fill (3005) of mid grey silty clay measuring 0.12m thick, which was overlain by a deliberately backfilled deposit (3006) of mid grey brown silty clay measuring 0.4m thick that produced a sherd of Roman pottery and a sherd of late prehistoric pottery as well as animal bone. Fill 3006 was sealed in turn by deposit 3007, comprising dark

grey brown silty clay measuring 0.42m thick, which produced four sherds of Roman pottery, and 11no. sherds of late prehistoric period pottery. A fragment of ceramic tile, a flint flake, two fragments of fired clay, and animal bone were also recovered. A bulk soil sample taken from fill 3007 revealed a small assemblage of charcoal and terrestrial snail shells, as well as indeterminate cereal grains and a single charred oat seed.

5.18. The eastern edge of pit 3004 was truncated by circular pit 3008, which measured 0.55m in diameter and 0.22m deep, with steep, concave sides and a round base. Pit 3008 was infilled by a single deposit (3009) of mid grey brown silty clay which contained no finds. However, the feature can be partially dated based on its stratigraphic relationship to pit 3004.

5.19. To the south of pit 3004 was irregular pit 3010. The feature measured 1.4m in diameter and 0.21m deep, with moderately steep concave sides and a flat base. A single fill (3011) of mid grey brown silty clay produced fragments of Early to Middle Iron Age pottery as well as animal bone. A bulk soil sample taken from the fill revealed a small assemblage of charcoal and indeterminate cereal grains, taken to represent a small dump of domestic hearth waste, as well as terrestrial snail shells indicative of an open landscape.

Trench 31 (Figs 4 & 14)

5.20. Two ditches were revealed in Trench 31, corresponding with linear anomalies identified by the geophysical survey. At the south-western end of the trench, ditch 3102 was aligned north-west/south-east, measuring 1.37m wide and 0.27m deep with moderately steep asymmetrical sides and a concave base. The feature contained a single fill (3103) of mid orange brown sandy clay from which fragments of animal bone were recovered.

5.21. Ditch 3104 was investigated at the north-eastern end of Trench 31, running on a north-east/south-west alignment, measuring 1.72m wide and 0.58m deep with moderately steep, convex sides and a rounded base. The feature was filled by a lower fill (3105) of mid orange brown sandy clay which produced fragments of animal bone. This was sealed by sterile upper deposit 3106, comprising mid orange grey sandy clay. Although ditch 3104 closely matched a strong linear geophysical anomaly, a continuation of the feature was not observed further north-east in Trench 50. A post-medieval date is conjectured for both ditches based on their spatial relationship to the

ridge and furrow field system, the ditches seemingly sub-dividing part of the formerly open field while respecting or running at 90° to the ridge and furrow.

Trench 36 (Figs 4 & 15)

5.22. Ditch 3602 crossed the northern part of Trench 36, running on a north-east/south-west alignment, with its location broadly matching that of a geophysical anomaly at the north-eastern edge of the putative Iron Age/Roman settlement area. The feature measured 2.16m wide and 0.5m deep with moderately sloping sides and an uneven base, and was filled by a single deposit (3603) of mid grey brown silty clay. Seven fragments of ceramic building material and an iron nail were recovered from the fill.

Trench 37 (Figs 4 & 15)

5.23. North-east/south-west aligned furrow 3702 crossed the north-western end of Trench 37, measuring 0.66m wide and 0.18m deep with moderately sloped sides and a rounded base. A single fill (3703) of mid grey brown silty clay contained no finds. Further to the south-east, two additional furrows on parallel alignments were recorded in plan only. Notably, furrow trends identified by the geophysical survey did not extent into this area, suggesting some level of variability with regard to the reliability of the survey results.

Trench 41 (Figs 4 & 16)

5.24. At the centre of Trench 41, running north-east/south-west and matching the alignment of the geophysical survey results, was furrow 4102. The furrow measured 0.9m wide and 0.11m deep with shallow, concave sides and a rounded base. A single fill of mid orange brown silty clay produced no finds.

5.25. To the north-west, a second presumed furrow was recorded in plan only, although the feature's slightly more north/south orientated alignment appears to match a geophysical anomaly. However, no other evidence for any features matching this anomaly were recorded in Trench 42, to the north.

Trench 50 (Figs 4 & 16)

5.26. Shallow pit 5002 was investigated in the eastern half of Trench 50, measuring 0.6m long, 0.37m wide and 0.09m deep with moderately steep sides and a rounded base. The feature contained a single sterile fill (5003) of mid grey brown silty clay.

5.27. A total of four furrows matching anomalies identified by the geophysical survey were also recorded in plan only within the trench.

Trench 51 (Fig. 4)

5.28. A total of seven furrows were recorded in Trench 51, running on a north-west/south-east alignment matching a set of anomalies identified by the geophysical survey. Furrow 5102, near the centre of the trench, was hand-excavated, measuring 0.78m wide and 0.06m deep with shallow sides and an irregular base. No finds were recovered from the single fill (5103) comprised of mid yellow brown sandy clay.

Trench 55 (Figs 4 & 17)

5.29. A north-east/south-west aligned ditch, 5502, was investigated in Trench 55, matching a strong linear geophysical anomaly. The feature measured 1.3m wide and 0.6m deep, with steep, slightly irregular sides; the base of the feature was truncated by a modern land drain. A single fill (5503) of mid orange brown silty clay contained no finds.

Trench 60 (Fig 5)

5.30. Ditch 6003 crossed the northern end of the trench running on a north-west/south-east alignment matching a possible trackway identified by the geophysical survey, which was also observed to the north in Trench 59 (ditch 5905, recorded in plan only) and to the south in Trench 63 (see below). The feature, corresponding with the westernmost of the two parallel linear geophysical anomalies, measured 1.16m wide and 0.68m deep, with steep sides; the base of the feature was truncated by a modern land drain. A single fill (6004) of mid grey brown silty clay contained flecks of ceramic building material and charcoal, as well as a number of broken modern drain fragments.

Trench 63 (Figs 5 & 17)

5.31. Ditch 6302, running north-east/south-west across the central part of Trench 63, formed part of a potential trackway identified by the geophysical survey, which was also observed to the north in Trenches 59 and 60 respectively. Ditch 6302 defined the western boundary of this potential trackway and measured 1.16m wide and 0.68m deep with steep, convex sides. The base of the feature had been truncated by a modern ceramic land drain. The ditch was filled by a single sterile deposit (6303) of mid grey brown silty clay. It was noted that the feature followed the course of a dry

valley bisecting the field. No evidence for a subsurface feature corresponding with the anomaly taken to represent the east side of the track was seen.

Trench 66 (Figs 5 & 18)

5.32. A total of six furrows were observed within the trench, matching north-east/south-west aligned geophysical anomalies in the northern half of the trench. Furrow 6602, located in the southern part of the trench, where no geophysical anomalies had been identified, was investigated by hand-excavation. Measuring 0.98m wide and 0.18m deep with moderately sloped sides and a flat base, the furrow was filled by a single deposit (6603) of mid orange brown silty clay from which no finds were recovered.

Trench 71 (Figs 5 & 19)

5.33. Two ditches were revealed in the south-western half of Trench 71. Ditch 7102 did not correlate with any geophysical anomalies and did not match the alignment of the remnant furrows in this portion of the field. The feature was aligned north-east/ south-west and measured 0.6m wide and 0.12m deep, with shallow sides and a rounded base. A single fill (7103) of mid grey brown silty clay contained no finds.

5.34. Ditch 7104, just to the north-east, correlated with a curvilinear anomaly identified by the geophysical survey but appeared linear in plan as seen within the trench, matching the alignment of the furrows in this part of the site. The ditch measured 0.44m wide and 0.27m deep, with steep sides and an uneven base, and was filled by a single deposit (7105) of dark orange brown silty clay. No finds were recovered.

6. THE FINDS

6.1. The artefactual material was recovered from 13 deposits: the fills of ditches, furrows and pits (Appendix B). The material was recovered by hand and is recorded in accordance with the CIfA Finds Toolkit (CIfA 2021).

Pottery by Peter Banks

6.2. The pottery from the evaluation has been recorded direct to an Excel spreadsheet from which Appendix B (Table 1) is derived. This forms part of the project archive. The assemblage was examined by context, using a x10 binocular microscope and quantified according to sherd count and weight per fabric type. The fabrics are described in summary in Appendix B (Table 2) in accordance with national guidelines (Barclay et al. 2016). The medieval and post-medieval/modern fabric codes are derived from Sue Anderson's (unpublished) post-Roman fabric series. A

concordance with the Bedfordshire prehistoric and Roman (Parminter and Slowikowski 2004) and medieval (Wells and Slowikowski 1996) fabric series has been provided where possible.

6.3. The assemblage comprises 209 sherds, weighing 2775g. The group is in a moderate condition; fractures and surfaces exhibit moderate signs of wear. The mean sherd weight is moderately low for a largely medieval assemblage at 13.3g.

Late prehistoric

6.4. The late prehistoric assemblage consists of 44 sherds of handmade pottery weighing 339g. The group is made exclusively in two fabrics: fine grog-tempered fabrics with sparse calcareous inclusions (GC) and coarser shell-tempered fabrics (SH). Diagnostic sherds are rare and are restricted to a probable jar with a flat-topped externally expanded rim and a flat-topped rim with fingertip impressions to the top of the rim, both made in fabric SH and from pit 3010. Similar fingertip impressed rim sherds have been recovered from Iron Age deposits at the nearby site at Stagsden Bypass (Slowikowski 2000, fig.47, no.143). A small t-shaped rim (SH) was also recorded from pit 3004. Based on the rim forms and style of decoration the assemblage is considered most likely of Early or Middle Iron Age date.

Late Iron Age / Roman

6.5. Nine sherds (70g) of pottery are most likely of Late Iron Age or Roman date. A single sherd of transitional shelly grog-tempered ware (UNS SHGR) was recovered from pit 2504. The remainder of the group is made in shell-tempered fabrics (UNS SH). The origin of these fabrics is unclear, but they are most likely of local production, possibly from the kilns at Harrold (Brown 1994). Diagnostic sherds are rare and dating of the shell-tempered fabrics is uncertain as a result.

Medieval

6.6. The medieval group consists of 155 sherds of pottery weighing 2344g. The group was recovered from three contexts: 103 sherds from ditch 103, 44 sherds from ditch 107 and eight sherds from ditch 109. The assemblage is entirely made up of medieval coarsewares (MCW), some containing coarse shelly inclusions (MCWS). Diagnostic material includes three jars with everted rims, recovered from all three ditches, a square rim bowl, from ditch 103, and a clubbed rim bowl and a flange rim bowl from ditch 107. The medieval group can be dated to the 12th to 14th centuries.

Post-medieval/modern

6.7. A bowl with a rounded rim (22g) made in North Midlands earthenware (NMEW) was recovered from ditch 2904. This most likely dates to between the 17th to 20th centuries.

Summary

6.8. The pottery provides evidence for activity in the vicinity of the site during the late prehistoric, Roman, medieval and post-medieval/modern periods. The evidence for late prehistoric and Roman activity is centred around trenches 25, 28 and 30, however due to the scarcity of diagnostic sherds a more detailed, meaningful commentary is difficult. There is also a concentration of activity during the 12th to 14th centuries in the vicinity of Trench 1 from which a moderate medieval assemblage was recovered. The medieval pottery suggests low status domestic activity with limited access to wider regional markets. The small post-medieval/modern assemblage is most likely the result of casual loss or agricultural activity.

Ceramic building material by Peter Banks

6.9. The ceramic building material (CBM) consists of 14 fragments, weighing 310g. The assemblage is made in oxidised shelly (sh) or coarse (cs), medium (ms) or fine sandy fabrics (fs), some with calcareous (c), clay pellet (cp) or ferrous (fe) inclusions. A fragment of CBM (sh) with a flat right-angled corner was recorded from ditch 107. The form of the fragment is unclear; however, it was recovered together with a large group of medieval pottery and a similar medieval date is considered most likely. One peg tile and 11 flat tile fragments were also recorded. Based on their form, fabrics, thickness and characteristics of firing they probably date to the post-medieval or modern periods.

Fired clay by Peter Banks

6.10. A total of 14 fragments of fired clay (110g) made in oxidised fine (fs) and medium (ms) sandy fabrics, some with calcareous (c) or clay pellet inclusions (cp), was recorded. Most fragments are undiagnostic although six, from pit 3004, exhibited flat surfaces. The date and function of the fired clay assemblage is uncertain.

Flint by Peter Banks

6.11. Two fragments of flint (21g) were recorded from two deposits. A heavily recortified blade came from ditch 2904. Flake removal scars are noted on the dorsal surface, although the ventral surface is irregular and no bulb of percussion is present. The

fragment also exhibits sign of heavy edge damage. The use of blade technology was most common during the Mesolithic and Neolithic periods; however, it is possible that this fragment is natural and the flake removal scars are fortuitous. A small flake made in grey-brown flint was recorded from pit 3010. The flake exhibits signs of light recortifcation and has a proximal fracture resulting in the bulb is missing.

Stone by Peter Banks

6.12. Six fragments of igneous rock (226g) were recovered from pit 3004. Refitting of the fragments revealed a single roughly spherical, 'palm-sized' stone. Possible indentations on the surface may suggest that this was occasionally used as a hammerstone, although due to its fragmentary and degraded condition identification of function is uncertain.

Metalwork by Peter Banks

6.13. A large iron nail (25g) was recovered from furrow 4602. The nail is handmade with a square shaft and small square head.

Further work and selection strategy by Peter Banks

6.14. The finds have been recorded in sufficient detail at this stage and no further work is required. The finds assemblage recovered during the evaluation indicates any future mitigation work within the development site has the potential to produce a larger and more informative assemblage of pottery, as well as other Iron Age, Roman and medieval remains.

6.15. **Pottery** (209 sherds). Most (199) sherds are of late prehistoric or medieval date and have further research potential; it is recommended all be retained.

6.16. **Ceramic building material** (14 fragments). Includes tile fragments of medieval or post-medieval/modern date. The assemblage should be retained in the first instance and the selection strategy considered in light of any further work at the site.

6.17. **Fired clay** (14 fragments). Most are undiagnostic, irregular fragments and present limited potential for further research. Long term curation is not recommended.

6.18. **Flint** (2 fragments). Have possible diagnostic early prehistoric features but are most likely residual. The assemblage should be retained in the first instance and the selection strategy considered in light of any further work at the site.

6.19. **Stone** (6 fragment). Single object, possibly utilised. The assemblage should be retained in the first instance and the selection strategy considered in light of any further work at the site.

6.20. **Metalwork** (1 fragment). The assemblage should be retained in the first instance and the selection strategy considered in light of any further work at the site.

7. THE BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE

Animal bone by Andy Clarke

7.1. Animal bone amounting to 116 fragments (1921g) was recovered via hand excavation and the processing of bulk soil samples from the fills of six pits and two ditches. Artefactual material dating to the Iron Age, Romano-British and post-medieval/modern periods was also recovered from these features (Appendix C, Table 1). The material was highly fragmented and only moderately well preserved; however, it was possible to confirm the presence of cattle (*Bos taurus*), sheep/goat (*Ovis aries/Capra hircus*), pig (*Sus scrofa sp*) and horse (*Equus caballus*). Where damage was present and re-fitting was possible, those fragments were counted as a single bone. Unless otherwise stated, species were identified from meat-poor skeletal remains such as fragments of the lower limb bones or loose molar teeth.

Iron Age

7.2. A total of 39 fragments (668g) were recovered from deposits 2804, 3003 and 3011, fills of pits 2804, 3003 and 3011. A limited amount of bone from the three major domestic species was recovered. Cattle were most common with 10 fragments consisting of a mixture of both meat-poor and meat-rich elements. An origin in butchery waste is suggested by a possible chop mark on a partial pelvis from 3003. Sheep/goat and pig were each identified from a single maxilla fragment.

Romano-British

7.3. A further 36 fragments (877g) were recovered from deposits 2505, 3006 and 3007, fills of pits 2505 and 3006. The only identifiable bone come from the successive fills of pit 3006 where cattle and sheep/goat were recovered in relatively equal numbers with 12 and seven fragments respectively. As with the Iron Age assemblage, a possible origin in butchery waste is suggested from a chop mark of a fragment of cattle pelvis. The presence of horse confirmed from the recovery of two fragments: a partial metapodial and a tibia shaft.

Post-medieval/modern and undated

7.4. The remaining 52 fragments (376g) in the assemblage were recovered from deposits 2903, 2905 and 3105, fills of pit 2902 and ditches 2905 and 3105. The bone from these deposits was poorly preserved, displaying a high degree of surface erosion due to exposure to the elements. However, it was possible to identify a very limited amount of cattle and horse bone. A single fragment of antler was also recovered, but it was too eroded to obtain a confident species identification.

Plant macrofossils by Emma Aitken

7.5. A series of six environmental samples (110 litres of soil) were processed from ditches and pits from four trenches (numbers 1, 28, 29, and 30). This was done to evaluate the preservation of palaeoenvironmental remains across the area and with the intention of recovering environmental evidence of industrial or domestic activity on the Site and examining how this evolved over time. It was also hoped that the environmental remains would aid in the investigation of the potential Iron Age/Roman settlement enclosures recorded through cropmarks and by the geophysical survey (MS 2021). The samples were processed by standard flotation procedures (CA Technical Manual No. 2).

7.6. Preliminary identifications of plant macrofossils are noted in Table 2, Appendix C, following nomenclature of Stace (1997) for wild plants, and traditional nomenclature, as provided by Zohary et al (2012) for cereals. The presence of mollusc shells has also been recorded, following nomenclature according to Anderson (2005) and habitat preferences according to Kerney (1999) and Davies (2008).

7.7. The flots varied in size from small to moderately large with low to high numbers of rooty material and uncharred seeds. The charred material had varying levels of preservation. Due to the poor to moderate preservation levels, it was difficult to identify many of the charred cereal grains to species, but where possible this was achieved. Much of the charcoal was comminuted and encrusted in silt residue which inhibited further wood species identification on the charcoal observed in the samples.

7.8. Any dates discussed within this report have been obtained through the dating of finds (see Banks, this report).

Trench 1

7.9. Sample 4 of fill 111 (medieval ditch 109) contained a small number of charred barley (*Hordeum vulgare*) grains alongside a single fragment of charred hazelnut (*Corylus avellana*) shell. A large number of charcoal fragments were observed in conjunction with a large number of snail shells. The snail shells noted within the assemblage include those of the open country species *Vallonia* sp., *Helicella itala*, and *Pupilla muscorum*, and the shade-loving species *Discus rotundatus*. A few shells of the aquatic species *Galba truncatula* were also noted and this is a species which thrives in areas subject to seasonal flooding and desiccation (Kerney 1999). The charred remains recovered from the fill of medieval ditch 109 are likely to be representative of a dump of hearth waste material. The molluscan remains indicate a well-established open landscape subject to seasonal flooding at times.

Trench 28

7.10. Fill 2804 (sample 1) of Iron Age pit 2802 contained no charred plant remains but did contain a large number of charcoal fragments. A few shells of the open country species *Vallonia* sp. were also observed within the assemblage. The charred assemblage from sample 1 is likely to be indicative of a dump of hearth waste material.

Trench 29

7.11. The environmental remains recovered from fill 2905 of post-medieval ditch 2904 were sparse and only a small amount of charcoal was noted. A moderately small number of terrestrial snail shells, including those of the open country species *Vallonia* sp., *Helicella itala* and *Pupilla muscorum*, were observed in the sample (sample 2). The charred remains recovered from sample 2 are likely to be indicative of wind-blown/dispersed waste material. The molluscan assemblage is indicative of a well-established open landscape.

Trench 30

7.12. Three pits were sampled from trench 30, fill 3033 of late prehistoric pit 3002 (sample 3), fill 3011 of Early to Middle Iron Age pit 3010 (sample 6) and fill 3007 of Roman pit 3004 (sample 5). All three pits contained a small number of indeterminate cereal grains, with only sample 5 of pit 3004 containing a single charred oat (*Avena* sp.) seed. Charcoal was noted from all three assemblages in moderately small to moderate quantities. A few shells of the open country species *Vallonia* sp., *Helicella*

itala, and *Pupilla muscorum* were also noted in all three assemblages. The charred remains recovered from samples 3, and 5 are likely to be indicative of small dumps of domestic hearth waste material, while that from sample 6 is more likely to be reflective of wind-blown/ dispersed material. Again, the molluscan assemblage is indicative of a well-established open landscape.

Summary

7.13. There is evidence that domestic settlement activities were taking place in the vicinities of trenches 1, 28, and 30. There is no evidence from the samples that any form of industrial activities were taking place on the Site. It appears that the majority of activities were taking place in the vicinities of trench 28 and trench 30 which are located to the northern edge of the evaluation area. This is also the area that was identified as having potential for Iron Age/Roman settlement enclosures from the results of an earlier geophysical survey (Magnitude Surveys 2021). There is also evidence of settlement activity taking place in the vicinity of Trench 1, which is located towards the south-western edge of the excavation area, along with some limited evidence of exploitation of the local woodland resource.

7.14. The molluscan assemblages recovered from all the samples suggest a well-established open landscape with areas of longer grass and seasonal flooding in the vicinity of Trench 1.

8. DISCUSSION

8.1. The evaluation revealed two areas of archaeological activity, comprising an area in the north-western corner of the Site identified by the geophysical survey as containing a possible Iron Age/Roman settlement, and a smaller cluster of features at the south-western end of the Site dating to between the 12th to 14th centuries AD. Across the remainder of the Site, the majority of the features identified comprised medieval/post-medieval furrows and field boundary diches. No evidence relating to the medieval settlement of West End was identified in the south-eastern part of Site.

Iron Age / Roman

8.2. A zone of Iron Age/Roman settlement activity comprising a series of enclosures was identified by the geophysical survey in the north-western corner of the Site, although the focal point of this activity was not investigated as part of this stage of works. Both the geophysical survey and cropmark evidence depict three conjoined rectilinear

enclosures with internal and external linear, rectilinear, and curvilinear features, which may represent ancillary structures, livestock pens, and trackways. Trenches in this area were targeted on peripheral features, including external enclosure and other boundary ditches. Pits were also identified within Trenches 25, 28, 29 and 30, possibly representing storage and/or waste disposal features.

8.3. The combined evidence from the evaluation, cropmarks and geophysical survey results seems to confirm the presence of a small Iron Age/Roman farmstead type settlement in this area of the Site. The artefactual evidence suggests some level of activity in the Early/Middle Iron Age, with most of the activity centred around the Late Iron Age/Early Roman period. A single ditch identified in Trench 36 may delineate the eastern limit of this activity. The molluscan assemblage recovered from bulk environmental samples taken from features in this part of the Site suggest a well-established open landscape.

8.4. A further possible rectilinear enclosure, identified by the geophysical survey approximately 120m to the north-east of the core settlement area, was targeted by Trenches 41-44, where the evaluation failed to confirm the presence of any sub-surface features of this date.

8.5. It was noted during the fieldwork that the two systems of ridge and furrow identified by the geophysical survey to the south and east of the core settlement area appeared to continue across the location of the putative farmstead. Consequently, a number of the large north-west/southeast and north-east/south-west aligned linear anomalies which had been presumed to form part of the Iron Age/Roman enclosure systems were instead revealed to be furrows, the fills of which contained more heavily magnetized soils, cultural material etc as a result of their truncating the underlying Iron Age / Roman features.

Medieval activity

8.6. A small cluster of features of 12th to 14th century date were encountered in Trench 1, in the south-west corner of the Site. Undated but probably associated features were also investigated in Trench 2. The finds and palaeoenvironmental evidence, particularly the large quantity of pottery recovered, suggest that this activity may relate to domestic settlement in the vicinity during this period. That the activity spans the 12th to 14th century is perhaps indicative of an expansion onto more marginal land during the period of population growth and land-hunger in the 12th century, only

to be abandoned following the population crises and collapse of the mid-14th century. The molluscan assemblage recovered from bulk environmental samples taken from features in this part of the Site again suggests a well-established open landscape with areas of longer grass and seasonal flooding in the vicinity of Trench 1.

Medieval/post-medieval ridge and furrow

8.7. Ridge and furrow field systems of various sizes and alignments were identified by the geophysical survey (Magnitude Surveys 2021) and cropmark analysis across the majority of the Site and the results of the trial trenching correlated almost exactly with the previously recorded alignments.

8.8. In the northernmost corner of the Site, furrows were aligned north-east/south-west, while those in the central and north-western parts of the Site predominantly followed a broadly north-west/south-east aligned orientation. In the south-western part of the Site variously aligned furrows were identified, suggesting the presence of a series of distinct, smaller plots.

8.9. A reverse S-shaped curve was evident in the geophysical survey results in several areas, indicating the potential for a large proportion of the furrows to be of medieval date. It is likely that the original medieval field systems were reorganised on occasion, based on the overlapping different alignment phases identified in the south-western portion of the Site in particular. The later establishment of enclosed field systems appears to have at least partially respected older boundaries, and the post-medieval pottery recovered from furrow 2904 in Trench 29 suggests that ridge and furrow cultivation continued into the post-medieval periods in some parts of the Site.

Historic and modern field systems

8.10. Ditch 603 in Trench 6, located in the south-western portion of the Site, formed part of a post-medieval former field boundary. Whilst no artefactual dating evidence was recovered from the feature, its alignment does roughly correlate with a field boundary indicated on both the 1839 Tithe Map for Astwood (west) and Stagsden (east) and the 1901 Ordnance Survey mapping.

8.11. Another field boundary recorded on the 1839 Tithe Map for Astwood (west) and Stagsden (east) (Pegasus Group 2021) and on the 1901 Ordnance Survey map was observed in the eastern part of the Site, in the form of ditch 5502 in Trench 55. On the whole, these later boundary lines appear to respect and fossilise the alignments

of the earlier ridge and furrow systems while achieving a shift from open field systems to a more enclosed landscape.

8.12. A sinuous, roughly north/south aligned possible post-medieval drainage ditch was observed across Trenches 59, 60, and 63. The feature had been identified by the geophysical survey, together with a parallel-running second linear anomaly, and had been tentatively interpreted as a possible trackway. However, no evidence for the easternmost of the two anomalies was identified in any of the trenches.

Undated features

8.13. A small pit and ditch of uncertain date were investigated in Trench 2 in the south-western corner of the Site; although no dating evidence was recovered from either feature it may be reasonable to presume that they relate to the 12th to 14th century activity identified immediately to the north in Trench 1.

8.14. A small ditch corresponding with a curvilinear geophysical anomaly was investigated in Trench 71, together with an adjacent north-east/south-west aligned ditch crossing the trench just to the south-west which was not identified by the geophysical survey. No finds were recovered from either feature, precluding any further interpretation.

Regional Research Frameworks

8.15. The WSI identified a range of research objectives listed in the relevant regional research frameworks, particularly those pertaining to furthering understanding of the Iron Age and Roman environment of the region (East of England Research Framework objectives LIA-Rom 05, 06, 13, and 16). As the scope of the evaluation did not include any trenches targeting the core settlement area and focused instead on the peripheral anomalies identified by the geophysical survey then no meaningful contribution can be made at this stage on the basis of the trial trenching results alone, beyond noting that the activity appears to have its origins in the Early to Middle Iron Age and was ongoing either side of the Roman Conquest, with no evidence for mid to late Roman activity recovered from any of the investigated features. Further work at the site may therefore have the potential to contribute to research themes relating to the Early to Middle and Middle to Late Iron Age transition, the apparent move from unenclosed to enclosed settlements in the Late Iron Age, and the Iron Age - Roman transition, including any evidence for settlement dislocation in the post Conquest period, including following the Boudiccan Revolt (Medlycott 2011).

8.16. As noted above, in regard to the medieval activity identified in Trench 1 (and potentially Trench 2 by association), that the activity spans the 12th to 14th century is perhaps indicative of an expansion onto more marginal land during the period of population growth and land-hunger in the 12th century, only to be abandoned following the population crises and collapse of the mid-14th century. If confirmed by further investigation, this potential evidence for settlement shrinkage and abandonment, as well as the associated level of reorganisation of the landscape and the way it was utilised post-abandonment has the potential to contribute to a number of research objectives for the medieval period, including: Med (Rural) 03: How can we improve our understanding of medieval agricultural practices?; Med (Rural) 09: How can we characterise medieval rural settlement morphology and relationships? Med (Rural) 14: How can we characterise and explain medieval rural settlement change, evolution and abandonment?; and, Med (Rural) 17: How can we characterise medieval rural farms and farmsteads? (see: https://researchframeworks.org/eoe/research-agenda/medieval-rural/).

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APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
1	100	layer	100	Topsoil	Dark grey brown compact silty clay.	N/A	N/A	0.3	
1	101	layer	101	Natural	Light yellow brown compact sandy clay with occasional chalk and flint inclusions.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
1	102	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow. Unexcavated.	>1.8			
1	103	cut		Ditch	Cut of linear ditch running NW-SE. Concave base and moderate, concave sides	>1.8	0.49	0.1	
1	104	fill	103	Secondary Fill	Mid yellowish brown compact sandy silt with frequent chalk flecks.	>1.8	0.49	0.1	C12-C14
1	105	cut		Plough Furrow	Furrow running NW-SE, wth concave base and shallow, concave sides	>1.8	1.8	0.2	
1	106	fill	105	Secondary Fill	Dark grey brown compact silty sand with occasional sub-angular stones.	>1.8	1.8	0.2	
1	107	cut		Ditch	NW-SE aligned ditch with steep, convex sides and a rounded base.	>1.8	0.35	0.19	
1	108	fill	107	Other Fill	Dark grey brown friable silty clay with moderate small sub-angular stones and charcoal flecks.	>1.8	0.35	0.19	C12-C14
1	109	cut		Ditch	Ditch with steep sides; N side convex, S side straight, and rounded base.	>1.8	0.7	0.4	
1	110	fill	109	Other Fill	Mid yellow brown compact sandy silt with frequent chalk flecks.	>1.8	0.64	0.21	
1	111	fill	109	Other Fill	Dark brown grey compact sandy silt with frequent charcoal flecks and occasional sub-angular stones.	>1.8	0.7	0.35	C12-C14
1	112	cut		Ditch	Ditch running NW-SE with moderate straight sides and flat base.	>1.8	0.5	0.15	
1	113	fill	112	Secondary Fill	Mid yellow brown compact sandy silt with moderate small sub-angular stones.	>1.8	0.5	0.15	
1	114	cut		Ditch	Cut of curvilinear ditch running NW-E direction with concave/convex(N side), and straight (S side) sides. Concave base. Same as 109	>1.8	0.62	0.39	
1	115	fill	114	Secondary Fill	Mid yellow brown compact sandy silt with frequent chalk flecks.	>1.8	0.48	0.14	
1	116	fill	114	Secondary Fill	Dark brown grey compact sandy silt with occasional charcoal flecks and small sub-angular stones.	>1.8	0.62	0.3	
1	117	fill	102	Other Fill	Dark grey brown compact silty sand.	>1.8			
2	200	layer	200	Topsoil	Dark grey brown compact silty clay.	N/A	N/A	0.26	
2	201	layer	201	Natural	Light yellow brown compact sandy clay with moderate chalk and flint inclusions.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
2	202	cut		Ditch	Cut of ditch with steep sides and concave base.	>1.8	0.54	0.17	

2	203	fill	202	Secondary Fill	Mid yellow brown compact silty clay with moderate charcoal flecks.	>1.8	0.54	0.17	
2	204	cut		Plough Furrow	Cut of furrow running NW-SE. Unexcavated.	>1.8			
2	205	fill	204	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated.	>1.8			
2	206	cut		Plough Furrow	Furrow aligned NW-SE.	>1.8			
2	207	fill	206	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
2	208	cut		Plough Furrow	N-S aligned furrow.	>1.8			
2	209	fill	208	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
3	300	layer	300	Topsoil	Dark grey brown compact silty clay.	N/A	N/A	0.25	
3	301	layer	301	Natural	Light yellow brown compact sandy clay with moderate chalk and flint inclusions.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
3	302	cut		Plough Furrow	N-S aligned furrow. Unexcavated.	>1.8			
3	303	cut		Plough Furrow	Unexcavated N-S aligned furrow.	>1.8			
3	304	cut		Plough Furrow	Unexcavated N-S aligned furrow.	>1.8			
3	305	fill	302	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
3	306	fill	303	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
3	307	fill	304	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
4	400	layer	400	Topsoil	Dark grey brown compact silty clay.	N/A	N/A	0.4	
4	401	layer	401	Natural	Light yellow brown compact sandy clay with moderate chalk inclusions.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
5	500	layer	500	Topsoil	Dark grey brown friable silty clay.	N/A	N/A	0.25	
5	501	layer	501	Natural	Light yellow brown compact sandy clay with moderate chalk inclusions.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
6	600	layer	600	Topsoil	Dark grey brown friable silty clay.	N/A	N/A	0.3	
6	601	layer	601	Natural	Mid yellow brown compact sandy clay with moderate chalk and flint inclusions.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
6	602	layer	602	Alluvial Layer	Mid yellowish brown compact silty clay with moderate charcoal flecks.	N/A	N/A	0.19	
6	603	cut		Ditch	Cut of ditch running NW-SE steep sides and rounded base	>1.8	1.31	0.53	
6	604	fill	603	Secondary Fill	Dark grey brown compact silty clay with moderate charcoal and fired clay flecks.	>1.8			
7	700	layer	700	Topsoil	Dark grey brown friable silty clay.	N/A	N/A	0.3	
7	701	layer	701	Natural	Mid orange brown friable sandy clay.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
7	702	cut		Plough Furrow	N-S aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
7	703	fill	702	Other Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
8	800	layer	800	Topsoil	Dark grey brown friable silty clay.	N/A	N/A	0.25	
8	801	layer	801	Natural	Light yellow brown compact sandy clay with moderate chalk inclusions.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
8	802	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
8	803	fill		Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			

8	804	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated furrow.	>1.8			
8	805	fill	804	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
9	900	layer	900	Topsoil	Dark grey brown friable silty clay.	N/A	N/A	0.35	
9	901	layer	901	Natural	Mottled light yellow brown compact sandy clay with moderate chalk inclusions.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9	902	cut		Plough Furrow	E-W aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
9	903	fill		Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
10	1000	layer	1000	Topsoil	Dark grey brown friable silty clay.	N/A	N/A	0.28	
10	1001	layer	1001	Natural	Light yellow brown compact sandy clay with moderate chalk inclusions.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
10	1002	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
10	1003	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
10	1004	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
10	1005	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
10	1006	fill	1002	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
10	1007	fill	1003	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
10	1008	fill	1004	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
10	1009	fill	1005	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
11	1100	layer	1100	Topsoil	Dark grey brown friable silty clay.	N/A	N/A	0.25	
11	1101	layer	1101	Natural	Light yellow brown compact sandy clay with moderate chalk inclusions.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
11	1102	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
11	1103	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
11	1104	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
11	1105	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
11	1106	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
11	1107	fill	1102	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
11	1108	fill	1103	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
11	1109	fill	1104	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
11	1110	fill	1105	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
11	1111	fill	1106	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
12	1200	layer	1200	Topsoil	Dark grey brown friable silty clay.	N/A	N/A	0.22	
12	1201	layer	1201	Natural	Light yellow brown compact sandy clay with moderate chalk inclusions.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
13	1300	layer	1300	Topsoil	Dark grey brown friable silty clay.	N/A	N/A	0.28	
13	1301	layer	1301	Natural	Light yellow brown compact sandy clay with moderate chalk inclusions.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
14	1400	layer	1400	Topsoil	Dark grey brown friable silty clay.	N/A	N/A	0.25	
14	1401	layer	1401	Natural	Light yellow brown compact sandy clay with moderate chalk inclusions.	N/A	N/A	N/A	

14	1402	cut		Plough Furrow	N-S aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
14	1403	cut		Plough Furrow	N-S aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
14	1404	cut		Plough Furrow	N-S aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
14	1405	cut		Plough Furrow	N-S aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
14	1406	cut		Plough Furrow	N-S aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
14	1407	cut		Plough Furrow	N-S aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
14	1408	fill	1402	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
14	1409	fill	1403	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
14	1410	fill	1404	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
14	1411	fill	1405	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
14	1412	fill	1406	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
14	1413	fill	1407	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
15	1500	layer	1500	Topsoil	Dark grey brown friable silty clay.	N/A	N/A	0.25	
15	1501	layer	1501	Natural	Light yellow brown compact sandy clay with moderate chalk inclusions.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
15	1502	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
15	1503	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
15	1504	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
15	1505	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
15	1506	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
15	1507	fill	1502	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
15	1508	fill	1503	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
15	1509	fill	1504	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
15	1510	fill	1505	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
15	1511	fill	1506	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
16	1600	layer	1600	Topsoil	Dark grey brown friable silty clay.	N/A	N/A	0.27	
16	1601	layer	1601	Natural	Light yellow brown compact sandy clay with moderate chalk inclusions.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
16	1602	cut		Plough Furrow	NE-SW aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
16	1603	cut		Plough Furrow	NE-SW aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
16	1604	cut		Plough Furrow	NE-SW aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
16	1605	cut		Plough Furrow	NE-SW aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
16	1606	cut		Plough Furrow	NE-SW aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
16	1607	cut		Plough Furrow	NE-SW aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
16	1608	cut		Plough Furrow	NE-SW aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
16	1609	fill	1602	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
16	1610	fill	1603	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
16	1611	fill	1604	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
16	1612	fill	1605	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			

16	1613	fill	1606	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
16	1614	fill	1607	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
16	1615	fill	1608	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
17	1700	layer	1700	Topsoil	Dark grey brown friable silty clay.	N/A	N/A	0.28	
17	1701	layer	1701	Natural	Light yellow brown compact sandy clay.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
17	1702	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
17	1703	fill	1702	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
17	1704	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
17	1705	fill	1704	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
18	1800	layer	1800	Topsoil	Dark grey brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.28	
18	1801	layer	1801	Natural	Light yellow brown compact sandy clay.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
18	1802	cut		Plough Furrow	E-W aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
18	1803	fill	1802	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
18	1804	cut		Plough Furrow	E-W aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
18	1805	fill	1804	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
18	1806	cut		Plough Furrow	E-W aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
18	1807	fill	1806	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
19	1900	layer	1900	Topsoil	Dark grey brown friable silty clay with infrequent stone inclusions	N/A	N/A	0.31	
19	1901	layer	1901	Natural	Mid yellow brown ompact sandy clay with occasional stones	N/A	N/A	N/A	
20	2000	layer	2000	Topsoil	Dark grey brown friable silty clay with infrequent stone inclusions	N/A	N/A	0.32	
20	2001	layer	2001	Natural	Mid yellow brown compact sandy clay with occasional stones	N/A	N/A	N/A	
20	2002	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
20	2003	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
20	2004	fill	2002	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
20	2005	fill	2003	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
21	2100	layer	2100	Topsoil	Dark grey brown friable silty clay.	N/A	N/A	0.28	
21	2101	layer	2101	Natural	Mid yellow brown compact sandy clay.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
22	2200	layer	2200	Topsoil	Mid greyish brown silty clay friable with stone inclusions 5% and chalk 15%	N/A	N/A	0.18	
22	2201	layer	2201	Natural	Mid yellowish brown sandy clay compact with inclusions of chalk and stone 25%	N/A	N/A	N/A	
23	2300	layer	2300	Topsoil	Mid greyish brown silty clay friable with stone inclusions 20%	N/A	N/A	0.16	
23	2301	layer	2301	Natural	Mid yellowish brown sandy clay compact with chalk and stone inclusions 40%	N/A	N/A	N/A	
24	2400	layer	2400	Topsoil	Mid greyish brown silty clay friable minor inclusions of small stones 5%	N/A	N/A	0.19	

24	2401	layer	2401	Natural	Mid orangey brown sandy clay with small. Inclusions of mixed stone flint and chalk 5%				
25	2500	layer	2500	Topsoil		N/A	N/A		
25	2501	layer	2501	Natural		N/A	N/A	N/A	
25	2502	cut		Plough Furrow	N-S aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
25	2503	cut		Plough Furrow	N-S aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
25	2504	cut		Pit	Cut of irregular shaped pit with steep, straight sides and an uneven base.	0.8	0.62	0.26	
25	2505	fill	2504	Deliberate Backfill	Mid grey brown compact silty clay with moderate chalk inclusions.	0.8	0.62	0.26	RB
25	2506	cut		Pit	Cut of pit. Irregular,ar shape concave sides concave base	0.63	0.6	0.18	
25	2507	fill	2506	Deliberate Backfill	Mid grey brown compact silty clay with moderate chalk and flint inclusions.	0.63	0.6	0.18	
25	2508	fill	2502	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
25	2509	fill	2503	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
26	2600	layer	2600	Topsoil		N/A	N/A	0.27	
26	2601	layer	2601	Natural		N/A	N/A	N/A	
26	2602	cut		Plough Furrow	N-S aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
26	2603	cut		Plough Furrow	N-S aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
26	2604	cut		Plough Furrow	N-S aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
26	2605	cut		Plough Furrow	N-S aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
26	2606	fill	2602	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
26	2607	fill	2603	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
26	2608	fill	2604	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
26	2609	fill	2605	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
27	2700	layer	2700	Topsoil	Dark grey brown compact silty clay.	N/A	N/A	0.34	
27	2701	layer	2701	Natural	Mid yellow brown compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	
27	2703	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
27	2704	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
27	2705	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
27	2706	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
27	2707	fill	2703	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
27	2708	fill	2704	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
27	2709	fill	2705	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
27	2710	fill	2706	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
28	2800	layer	2800	Topsoil	Dark greyish brown silty clay moderately compact	N/A	N/A	0.28	
28	2801	layer	2801	Natural	Mid yellowish brown clay very compact	N/A	N/A	N/A	
28	2802	cut		Pit	Oval steep convex sides and flat base with smooth BOS.	1.4	1.11	0.43	
28	2803	fill	2802	Tertiary Fill	Mid greyish orange sandy clay, compact with 10%		0.92	0.18	

					stones and 5% chalk inclusions				
28	2804	fill	2802	Deliberate Backfill	Dark bluish grey silty clay friable with 40% charcoal 5% stone 10% bone inclusions	1.4	1.11	0.24	Post-med/mod
28	2805	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
28	2806	fill	2805	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
28	2807	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
28	2808	fill	2807	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
29	2900	layer	2900	Topsoil	Dark grey brown,silty clay, mod compact	N/A	N/A	0.26	
29	2901	layer	2901	Natural	Mid yellowish brown silty clay, very compact	N/A	N/A	N/A	
29	2902	cut		Pit	Subcircularpit with gentle concave sides and flat base.	0.6	0.58	0.09	
29	2903	fill	2902	Secondary Fill	Mid greyish brown silty clay soft friable 1-5% charcoal inclusions	0.6	0.58	0.09	
29	2904	cut		Ditch	NW-SE aligned ditch with moderately steep, convex sides and a rounded base.	>1.8	1.45	0.6	
29	2905	fill	2904	Other Fill	Mid greyish brown silty clay compact	>1.8	1.45	0.6	C17-C20
29	2906	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
29	2907	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
29	2908	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
29	2909	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
29	2910	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
29	2911	fill	2906	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
29	2912	fill	2907	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
29	2913	fill	2908	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
29	2914	fill	2909	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
29	2915	fill	2910	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
30	3000	layer	3000	Topsoil	Dark grey brown compact silty clay.	N/A	N/A	0.26	
30	3001	layer	3001	Natural	Mid yellow brown compact silty clay.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
30	3002	cut		Pit	Oval, moderate sides, SE-concave, NW- convex, uneven rounded base.	1.03	0.97	0.34	
30	3003	fill	3002	Other Fill	Dark orange brown, silty clay, friable	1.03	0.97	0.34	Late-preh
30	3004	cut		Pit	Circular pit with moderately steep, convex sides and rounded base.	1.52	1.0	0.65	
30	3005	fill	3004	Primary Fill	Mid orangey brown, silty clay, compact		0.13	0.12	
30	3006	fill	3004	Placed Deposit	Mid grey brown, silty clay, friable.		0.88	0.45	RB
30	3007	fill	3004	Deliberate Backfill	Dark grey brown friable silty clay.		1.08	0.42	RB
30	3008	cut		Pit	Circular, moderate concave sides, concave base	0.55	0.3	0.22	
30	3009	fill	3008	Secondary Fill	Mid greyish brown, silty clay, friable.	0.55	0.3	0.22	
30	3010	cut		Pit	Oval pit with gentle concaved sides, and a flat base.	1.4	1.0	0.21	

30	3011	fill	3010	Secondary Fill	Mid greyish brown, silty clay, friable.	1.4	1.0	0.21	EIA-MIA
30	3012	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
30	3013	fill	3012	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
30	3014	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
30	3015	fill	3014	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
31	3100	layer	3100	Topsoil	Mid greyish brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.2	
31	3101	layer	3101	Natural	Mid yellow brown friable silty clay with occasional small white stones	N/A	N/A	N/A	
31	3102	cut		Ditch	Cut of ditch running NW-SE. Convex sides concave base	>1.8	1.37	0.27	
31	3103	fill	3102	Secondary Fill	Mid orangey brown sandy clay with moderate chalk and charcoal flecks.	>1.8	1.37	0.27	
31	3104	cut		Ditch	Cut of ditch running NE-SW. Moderately steep, convex sides and concave base	>1.8	1.72	0.58	
31	3105	fill	3104	Deliberate Backfill	Mid orangey brown compact sandy clay with moderate small sub-angular stones and chalk inclusions.	>1.8	1.02	0.31	
31	3106	fill	3104	Secondary Fill	Mid orange grey compact sandy clay with moderate small sub-angular stones and flint and chalk inclusions.	>1.8	1.72	0.28	
31	3107	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
31	3108	fill	3107	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
32	3200	layer	3200	Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.25	
32	3201	layer	3201	Natural	Mid yellow brown friable silty clay with occasional small white stones	N/A	N/A	N/A	
32	3202	cut		Plough Furrow	E-W aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
32	3203	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
32	3204	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
32	3205	fill	3202	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
32	3206	fill	3203	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
32	3207	fill	3204	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
33	3300	layer	3300	Topsoil	Dark grey brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.24	
33	3301	layer	3301	Natural	Mid yellowish brown friable silty clay with some grey patches and occasional small white stones	N/A	N/A	N/A	
33	3302	cut		Plough Furrow	NE-SW aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
33	3303	cut		Plough Furrow	NE-SW aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
33	3304	cut		Plough Furrow	NE-SW aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
33	3305	cut		Plough Furrow	NE-SW aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
33	3306	fill	3302	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
33	3307	fill	3303	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
33	3308	fill	3304	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			

33	3309	fill	3305	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
34	3400	layer	3400	Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.3	
34	3401	layer	3401	Natural	Mid yellow brown compact silty clay with occasional small white stones	N/A	N/A	N/A	
34	3402	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
34	3403	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
34	3404	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
34	3405	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
34	3406	fill	3402	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
34	3407	fill	3403	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
34	3408	fill	3404	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
34	3409	fill	3405	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
35	3500	layer	3500	Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.28	
35	3501	layer	3501	Natural	Mid yellowish brown compact silty clay with occasional small white stones	N/A	N/A	N/A	
35	3502	cut		Plough Furrow	N-S aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
35	3503	fill	3502	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
36	3600	layer	3600	Topsoil	Mid grey-brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.22	
36	3601	layer	3601	Natural	Mid yellowish brown compact sandy clay with occasional small white stones	N/A	N/A	N/A	
36	3602	cut		Ditch	E-W aligned ditch with uneven, moderate slopes a rounded base and gradual break of slope.	>1.8	2.16	0.5	
36	3603	fill	3602	Secondary Fill	Mid grey brown compact silty clay with 5% medium, sub-angular stones.	>1.8	2.16	0.5	
36	3604	cut		Plough Furrow	NE-SW aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
36	3605	cut		Plough Furrow	NE-SW aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
36	3606	fill	3604	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
36	3607	fill	3605	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
37	3700	layer	3700	Topsoil	Mid greyish brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.2	
37	3701	layer	3701	Natural	Mid yellowish brown compact silty clay with occasional small white stones	N/A	N/A	N/A	
37	3702	cut		Ditch	NE-SW running, steep sides, concave base	>1.8	0.66	0.18	
37	3703	fill	3702	Other Fill	Natural infilling, silty clay, compact, charcoal and cbm fleck inclusions	>1.8	0.66	0.18	
37	3704	cut		Plough Furrow	NE-SW aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
37	3705	cut		Plough Furrow	NE-SW aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
37	3706	fill	3704	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
37	3707	fill	3705	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			

38	3800	layer	3800	Topsoil	Mid greyish brown compact silty clay with 5% inclusions of tiny sub angular stones, high contamination factor, good horizon clarity	N/A	N/A	0.25	
38	3801	layer	3801	Natural	Light orange brown sandy clay with spread of inclusions of stones 10% and mid greyish brown/ mud reddish brown coarse sand, moderate contamination	N/A	N/A	N/A	
38	3802	cut		Plough Furrow	NE-SW aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
38	3803	cut		Plough Furrow	NE-SW aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
38	3804	cut		Plough Furrow	NE-SW aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
38	3805	fill	3802	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
38	3806	fill	3803	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
38	3807	fill	3804	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
39	3900	layer	3900	Topsoil	Mid greyish brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.32	
39	3901	layer	3901	Natural	Mid to light yellowish brown compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	
39	3902	cut		Plough Furrow	N-S aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
39	3903	fill	3902	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
40	4000	layer	4000	Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.25	
40	4001	layer	4001	Natural	Mid orangey brown compact silty clay with rare small white stones	N/A	N/A	N/A	
40	4002	cut		Plough Furrow	NE-SW aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
40	4003	cut		Plough Furrow	NE-SW aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
40	4004	cut		Plough Furrow	NE-SW aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
40	4005	fill	4002	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
40	4006	fill	4003	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
40	4007	fill	4004	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
41	4100	layer	4100	Topsoil	Mid greyish brown silty clay compact with 5% inclusions of sub angular stones, high contamination, good horizon clarity	N/A	N/A	0.23	
41	4101	layer	4101	Natural	Mid yellowish brown sandy clay compact with scattered inclusions of small stones 10%, and Mid reddish brown sand 30%, moderate contamination	N/A	N/A	N/A	
41	4102	cut		Plough Furrow	NE-SW aligned furrow with gentle concaved sides, flat base.	>1.8	0.9	0.11	
41	4103	fill		Secondary Fill	Mid orangey brown, silty clay, compact inclusions of small stones.	>1.8	0.9	0.11	
41	4104	cut		Plough Furrow	NE-SW aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
41	4105	cut		Plough Furrow	NE-SW aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
41	4106	fill	4104	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
41	4107	fill	4105	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			

42	4200	layer	4200	Topsoil	Mid greyish brown silty clay compact, 5% stone inclusions, high contamination, good horizon clarity	N/A	N/A	0.21	
42	4201	layer	4201	Natural	Mid yellowish brown sandy clay compact with spread inclusions of mid reddish brown sand. Moderate contamination	N/A	N/A	N/A	
43	4300	layer	4300	Topsoil	Mid greyish brown silty clay compact, 5% stone inclusions, high contamination, good horizon clarity	N/A	N/A	0.25	
43	4301	layer	4301	Natural	Mid yellowish brown sandy clay compact with spread inclusions mud reddish brown sand. Moderate contamination	N/A	N/A	N/A	
43	4302	cut		Plough Furrow	NE-SW aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
43	4303	fill	4302	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
44	4400	layer	4400	Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.23	
44	4401	layer	4401	Natural	Mid orange brown compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	
44	4402	cut		Plough Furrow	E-W aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
44	4403	fill	4402	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
45	4500	layer	4500	Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.28	
45	4501	layer	4501	Natural	Mid yellow brown sandy clay with occasional small white stones	N/A	N/A	N/A	
46	4600	layer	4600	Topsoil	Mid grey brown silty sand compact, 5% inclusions stone, high contamination, good horizon clarity	N/A	N/A	0.24	
46	4601	layer	4601	Natural	Mid yellowish brown sandy clay compact 1% cbm inclusions, 20% mid reddish brown sand spread inclusions, moderate contamination	N/A	N/A	N/A	
46	4602	cut		Plough Furrow	Unexcavated plough furrow, aligned N-S	>1.8			
46	4603	fill	4602	Secondary Fill	Mid yellow brown compact sandy clay with moderate sub-angular stones.	>1.8			
47	4700	layer	4700	Topsoil	Mid greyish brown compact silty clay with 5% stone inclusions, high contamination, good horizon clarity	N/A	N/A	0.24	
47	4701	layer	4701	Natural	Mid yellowish brown sandy clay compact with 10% inclusions of stone, moderate contamination	N/A	N/A	N/A	
47	4702	cut		Plough Furrow	N-S aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
47	4703	fill	4702	Other Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
48	4800	layer	4800	Topsoil	Mid greyish brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.25	
48	4801	layer	4801	Natural	Mid yellowish orange brown compact sandy clay with occasional gravel inclusions	N/A	N/A	N/A	
49	4900	layer	4900	Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.2	

49	4901	layer	4901	Natural	Mid orange yellow brown compact silty clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	
49	4902	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
49	4903	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
49	4904	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
49	4905	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
49	4906	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
49	4907	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
49	4908	fill	4902	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
49	4909	fill	4903	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
49	4910	fill	4904	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
49	4911	fill	4905	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
49	4912	fill	4906	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
49	4913	fill	4907	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
50	5000	layer	5000	Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.3	
50	5001	layer	5001	Natural	Mid yellowish brown friable silty clay with occasional small white stones	N/A	N/A	N/A	
50	5002	cut		Pit	Oval shaped pit, with moderate slightly concave sides, regular slightly rounded base.	0.6	0.37	0.09	
50	5003	fill	5002	Secondary Fill	Mid grey brown silty clay friable, with occasional small stones	0.6	0.37	0.09	
50	5004	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
50	5005	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
50	5006	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
50	5007	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
50	5008	fill	5004	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
50	5009	fill	5005	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
50	5010	fill	5006	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
50	5011	fill	5007	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
51	5100	layer	5100	Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.28	
51	5101	layer	5101	Natural	Mid yellowish brown compact sandy clay with occasional small white stones	N/A	N/A	N/A	
51	5102	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow with gentle concave sides and an irregular base.	>1.8	0.78	0.06	
51	5103	fill	5102	Other Fill	Mid yellow brown compact sandy clay with occasional small sub-angular stones.	>1.8			
51	5104	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8	1.15		
51	5105	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8	1.1		
51	5106	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8	0.9		
51	5107	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8	1		

51	5108	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8	0.9		
51	5109	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8	1.2		
51	5110	fill	5104	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
51	5111	fill	5105	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
51	5112	fill	5106	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
51	5113	fill	5107	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
51	5114	fill	5108	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
51	5115	fill	5109	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
52	5200	layer	5200	Topsoil	Mid greyish brown friable silty clay with occasional small stones	N/A	N/A	0.3	
52	5201	layer	5201	Natural	Mid yellowish brown compact sandy clay with occasional small white stones.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
53	5300	layer	5300	Topsoil	Mid greyish brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.26	
53	5301	layer	5301	Natural	Mid yellowish brown compact sandy clay, more reddish brown third of the way from NE end.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
53	5302	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
53	5303	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
53	5304	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
53	5305	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
53	5306	fill	5302	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
53	5307	fill	5303	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
53	5308	fill	5304	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
53	5309	fill	5305	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
54	5400	layer	5400	Topsoil	Mid grey-brown friable silty clay with occasional small stones	N/A	N/A	0.25	
54	5401	layer	5401	Natural	Mid orangey yellowish brown sandy clay compact with occasional small white stones	N/A	N/A	N/A	
55	5500	layer	5500	Topsoil	Mid greyish-brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.25	
55	5501	layer	5501	Natural	Mid yellowish brown compact sandy clay with occasional small white stones	N/A	N/A	N/A	
55	5502	cut		Ditch	NE-SW aligned ditch with irregularSE side and convex on NW side, slightly concave base. Not fully excavated due to field drain in base.	>1.8	1.3	0.6	
55	5503	fill	5502	Deliberate Backfill	Mid orangey brown compact silty clay, with moderate small sub-angular stones and chalk and flint inclusions.	>1.8	1.3	0.6	
56	5600	layer	5600	Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.25	
56	5601	layer	5601	Natural	Mid orange brown compact sandy clay.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
57	5700	layer	5700	Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay.	N/A	N/A	0.28	

57	5701	layer	5701	Natural	Mid yellow brown compact sandy clay with occasional small white stones.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
57	5702	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
57	5703	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
57	5704	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
57	5705	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
57	5706	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
57	5707	fill	5702	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
57	5708	fill	5703	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
57	5709	fill	5704	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
57	5710	fill	5705	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
57	5711	fill	5706	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
58	5800	layer	5800	Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay.	N/A	N/A	0.26	
58	5801	layer	5801	Natural	Mid yellow brown compact sandy clay with occasional small white stones.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
59	5900	layer	5900	Topsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay.	N/A	N/A	0.28	
59	5901	layer	5901	Natural	Mid yellow brown sandy clay	N/A	N/A	N/A	
59	5902	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8	0.9		
59	5903	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8	2.6		
59	5904	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8	2.8		
59	5905	cut		Ditch	NW-SE aligned ditch, unexcavated.	>1.8	1		
59	5906	fill	5902	Secondary Fill		>1.8			
59	5907	fill	5903	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
59	5908	fill	5904	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
59	5909	fill	5905	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of ditch.	>1.8			
60	6000	layer	6000	Topsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.2	
60	6001	layer	6001	Natural	Mid yellow brown compact sandy clay with occasional small white stones.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
60	6002	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8	1.2		
60	6003	cut		Ditch	NW-SE aligned ditch with shallow, irregular sides and concave base.	>1.8	2.6	0.35	
60	6004	fill	6003	Secondary Fill	Dark yellow brown sandy clay with moderate small sub-angular stones and chalk and flint inclusions.	>1.8	2.6	0.35	
60	6005	fill	6002	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
60	6007	cut		Plough Furrow	Cut of furrow with gentle sloping and uneven base	>1.8	0.6	0.05	
60	6008	fill	6007	Secondary Fill	Mid orangey brown sandy clay	>1.8	0.6	0.05	
61	6100	layer	6100	Topsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay, friable.	N/A	N/A	0.39	
61	6101	layer	6101	Natural	Mid yellow brown Sandy clay, compact with frequent chalk inclusion.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
61	6102	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			

61	6103	cut		Ditch	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
61	6104	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
61	6105	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
61	6106	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
61	6107	fill	6102	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
61	6108	fill	6103	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
61	6109	fill	6104	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
61	6110	fill	6105	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
61	6111	fill	6106	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
62	6200	layer	6200	Topsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay	N/A	N/A	0.2	
62	6201	layer	6201	Natural	Mid yellow brown sandy clay.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
63	6300	layer	6300	Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay.	N/A	N/A	0.24	
63	6301	layer	6301	Natural	Mid yellow brown compact sandy clay.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
63	6302	cut		Ditch	NE-SW aligned ditch with steep, straight sides and a concave base. Modern field drain observed at base; possible cut for drain.	>1.8	1.16	0.68	
63	6303	fill	6302	Deliberate Backfill	Mid grey brown compact silty clay with moderate CBM flecks and charcoal. Contains fragments of broken modern field drain.	>1.8	1.16	0.68	
63	6304	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
63	6305	fill	6304	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
64	6400	layer	6400	Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay.	N/A	N/A	0.26	
64	6401	layer	6401	Natural	Mid yellow brown compact sandy clay with occasional small white stones.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
65	6500	layer	6500	Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay.	N/A	N/A	0.25	
65	6501	layer	6501	Natural	Mid orange brown compact sandy clay with rare white stones.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
65	6502	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
65	6503	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
65	6504	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
65	6505	fill	6502	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
65	6506	fill	6503	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
65	6507	fill	6504	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
66	6600	layer	6600	Topsoil	Mid greyish brown,silty clay, friable	N/A	N/A	0.25	
66	6601	layer	6601	Natural	Mid yellowish brown,silty clay compact	N/A	N/A	N/A	
66	6602	cut		Plough Furrow	NE-SW aligned furrow with moderate, concave sides, and rounded base.	>1.8	0.98	0.18	
66	6603	fill	6602	Secondary Fill	Mid orangey brown compact silty clay with moderate small sub-angular stones and chalk and flint inclusions.	>1.8	0.98	0.18	

66	6604	cut		Plough Furrow	NE-SW aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
66	6605	cut		Plough Furrow	NE-SW aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
66	6606	cut		Plough Furrow	NE-SW aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
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66	6608	cut		Plough Furrow	NE-SW aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
66	6609	fill	6604	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
66	6610	fill	6605	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
66	6611	fill	6606	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
66	6612	fill	6607	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
66	6613	fill	6608	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
67	6700	layer	6700	Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay with moderate small sub-angular stones.	N/A	N/A	0.23	
67	6701	layer	6701	Natural	Mid yellow brown compact sandy clay with moderate small sub-angular stones and flint inclusions.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
67	6702	cut		Plough Furrow	NE-SW aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
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67	6704	cut		Plough Furrow	NE-SW aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
67	6705	fill	6702	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
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67	6707	fill	6704	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
68	6800	layer	6800	Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay with moderate small sub-angular stones.	N/A	N/A	0.29	
68	6801	layer	6801	Natural	Mid yellow brown compact sandy clay with occasional small sub-angular stones and moderate flint inclusions.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
68	6802	cut		Plough Furrow	NE-SW aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
68	6803	fill		Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
69	6900	layer	6900	Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay with moderate small sub-angular stones.	N/A	N/A	0.28	
69	6901	layer	6901	Natural	Mid yellow brown compact sandy clay with moderate small sub-angular stones and flint inclusions.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
70	7000	layer	7000	Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay with moderate small sub-angular stones.	N/A	N/A	0.21	
70	7001	layer	7001	Natural	Mid yellow brown compact sandy clay with occasional small sub-angular stones.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
70	7002	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
70	7003	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
70	7004	fill	7002	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
70	7005	fill	7003	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
71	7100	layer	7100	Topsoil	Mid greyish brown silty clay with 5% inclusions of chalk	N/A	N/A	0.25	

71	7101	layer	7101	Natural	Mid orangey brown clay compact with chalk and stone inclusions (10% each)	N/A	N/A	N/A	
71	7102	cut		Ditch	Cut of ditch running NE-SW with gentle sloping straight sides and concave base.	>1.8	0.6	0.12	
71	7103	fill	7102	Secondary Fill	Mid greyish brown friable silty clay with moderate flint inclusions.	>1.8	0.6	0.12	
71	7104	cut		Ditch	Cut of ditch running NW-SE, steep, straight sides and uneven base.	>1.8	0.44	0.27	
71	7105	fill	7104	Secondary Fill	Dark orangey brown friable silty clay with moderate charcoal and flint inclusions.	>1.8	0.44	0.27	
72	7200	layer	7200	Topsoil	Mid greyish brown silty clay with small inclusions of stone 10%	N/A	N/A	0.21	
72	7201	layer	7201	Natural	Mid orangey brown clay compact with spread inclusions of white stone and chalk (15% each)	N/A	N/A	N/A	
72	7202	cut		Plough Furrow	N-S aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
72	7203	cut		Plough Furrow	N-S aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
72	7204	cut		Plough Furrow	N-S aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
72	7205	fill	7202	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
72	7206	fill	7203	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
72	7207	fill	7204	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
73	7300	layer	7300	Topsoil	Mid greyish brown silty clay friable with small inclusions of stone 5%	N/A	N/A	0.23	
73	7301	layer	7301	Natural	Mid orangey brown sandy clay with moderate inclusions of stone and flint	N/A	N/A	N/A	
74	7400	layer	7400	Topsoil	Mid greyish brown silty clay friable with 1% stone inclusions	N/A	N/A	0.24	
74	7401	layer	7401	Natural	Mid orangey brown sandy clay compact with 5% stone inclusions	N/A	N/A	N/A	
75	7500	layer	7500	Topsoil	Mid greyish brown silty clay friable with very small inclusions of stone less then 5%	N/A	N/A	0.32	
75	7501	layer	7501	Natural	Light greyish brown sandy clay compact with inclusions of mixed stone and flint 10%	N/A	N/A	N/A	
76	7600	layer	7600	Topsoil	Mid greyish brown silty clay friable with minor stone inclusions 5%	N/A	N/A	0.32	
76	7601	layer	7601	Natural	Light orangey brown sandy clay compact with mixed inclusions of stone and flint 10%	N/A	N/A	N/A	
77	7700	layer	7700	Topsoil	Mid greyish brown silty clay friable with small inclusions of stone 5%	N/A	N/A	0.24	
77	7701	layer	7701	Natural	Light yellowish brown sandy clay compact with spread inclusions of stone 5%	N/A	N/A	N/A	
78	7800	layer	7800	Topsoil	Mid greyish brown silty clay friable with small inclusions of stone less then 5%	N/A	N/A	0.33	
78	7801	layer	7801	Natural	Mid orangey brown sandy clay compact with inclusions of stone 15%	N/A	N/A	N/A	

79	7900	layer	7900	Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay with moderate small sub-angular stones.	N/A	N/A	0.26	
79	7901	layer	7901	Natural	Mid yellow brown compact sandy clay with moderate small sub-angular stones.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
80	8000	layer	8000	Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay with moderate small sub-angular stones.	N/A	N/A	0.26	
80	8001	layer	8001	Natural	Mid yellow brown compact sandy clay with moderate small sub-angular stones.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
81	8100	layer	8100	Topsoil	Mid grey brown compact silty clay with moderate small sub-angular stones and charcoal flecks.	N/A	N/A	0.26	
81	8101	layer	8101	Natural	Mid yellow brown compact sandy clay with moderate small sub-angular stones and flint inclusions.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
82	8200	layer	8200	Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay with moderate small sub-angular stones.	N/A	N/A	0.29	
82	8201	layer	8201	Natural	Mid yellow brown compact sandy clay with moderate small sub-angular stones.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
82	8202	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
82	8203	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
82	8204	fill	8202	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
82	8205	fill	8203	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			
83	8300	layer	8300	Topsoil	Mid grey brown friable silty clay with moderate small sub-angular stones.	N/A	N/A	0.25	
83	8301	layer	8301	Natural	Mid yellow brown compact sandy clay with moderate small sub-angular stones.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
83	8302	cut		Plough Furrow	NW-SE aligned furrow, unexcavated.	>1.8			
83	8303	fill	8302	Secondary Fill	Unexcavated fill of furrow.	>1.8			

APPENDIX B: THE FINDS

Table 1: Finds Concordance

Context	Class	Sample No.	Description	Fabric Code	Count	Weight (g)	Spot-date
104	Medieval pottery		Medieval coarseware	MCW	36	567	C12-C14
	Medieval pottery		Medieval coarseware - shelly	MCWS	67	939	
	Fired clay			fscp	1	17	
108	Medieval pottery		Medieval coarseware	MCW	6	71	C12-C14
	Medieval pottery		Medieval coarseware - shelly	MCWS	38	566	
	CBM?			sh	1	59	
111	Medieval pottery		Medieval coarseware	MCW	2	24	C12-C14
	Medieval pottery		Medieval coarseware - shelly	MCWS	6	177	
	Roman pottery		Unsourced shell-tempered ware	UNS SH	1	9	
2505	LIA/Roman pottery		Unsourced shelly grog-tempered ware	UNS SHGR	1	2	RB
	Roman pottery		Unsourced shell-tempered ware	UNS SH	2	14	
	Fired clay			fsc	1	2	
2507	Fired clay			fsc	2	1	
2804	Late prehistoric pottery		Shell-tempered fabric	SH	1	3	IA
	Late prehistoric pottery		Calcareous grog-tempered fabric	GC	2	2	
	Late prehistoric pottery	1	Shell-tempered fabric	SH	1	5	
2903	CBM		Tile x 1	fscpc	1	26	POST-MED/MOD
2905	Post-medieval/modern pottery		North Midlands earthenware	NMEW	1	22	C17-C20
	CBM		Tile x 4	msc	4	65	
	Flint		Blade?		1	20	
	Clay pipe	2	Stem		3	6	
3003	Late prehistoric pottery		Shell-tempered fabric	SH	2	37	LATE PREH
	Late prehistoric pottery		Calcareous grog-tempered fabric	GC	13	106	
	Fired clay			ms/msc	8	83	
3006	Roman pottery		Unsourced shell-tempered ware	UNS SH	1	15	RB?
	Late prehistoric pottery		Calcareous grog-tempered fabric	GC	1	4	
	Stone		Hammerstone?		1	20	
3007	Roman pottery		Unsourced shell-tempered ware	UNS SH	4	30	RB
	Late prehistoric pottery		Shell-tempered fabric	SH	3	24	
	Late prehistoric pottery		Calcareous grog-tempered fabric	GC	8	66	
	Stone		Hammerstone?		5	206	
	Late prehistoric pottery	5	Shell-tempered fabric	SH	1	11	
3011	Late prehistoric pottery		Shell-tempered fabric	SH	6	62	EIA-MIA
	Late prehistoric pottery		Calcareous grog-tempered fabric	GC	8	35	
	Flint		Flake		1	1	
	CBM		Tile x 1	fscp	1	10	
	Fired clay			msc	2	7	
4603	CBM		Peg Tile x 1, Tile x 5	ms/mscp/ msfe/csc	7	150	
	Iron		Nail		1	25	

Table 2: Summary of pottery by fabric

Period	Fabric Description	Fabric Codes	Beds Fabric Series	Count	Weight (g)
Late prehistoric pottery	Calcareous grog-tempered fabric	GC	F05	32	213
	Shell-tempered fabric	SH	F07	14	142
LIA/Roman pottery	Unsourced shelly grog-tempered ware	UNS SHGR	F27?	1	2
	Unsourced shell-tempered ware	UNS SH	R13	8	68
Medieval pottery	Medieval coarseware	MCW	C53	44	662
	Medieval coarseware - shelly	MCWS	B07	111	1682
Post-medieval/modern pottery	North Midlands earthenware	NMEW		1	22
Grand Total				**211**	**2791**

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	Deer Sp.	LM	MM	Ind	Total	Weight (g)
Iron Age											
2802	2804	4						3	3	10	104
3002	3003	6					2			8	456
3010	3011	1	1	1					7	10	108
Subtotal		**11**	**1**	**1**			**2**	**3**	**10**	**28**	**668**
Romano-British											
2504	2505								3	3	10
3004	3006	1			1		3			5	148
3004	3007	11	7		1		3	1	5	28	719
Subtotal		**12**	**7**		**2**		**6**	**1**	**8**	**36**	**877**
Post-medieval/Modern & undated											
2902	2903						7			7	17
2904	2905								1	1	2
3104	3105	3			1	1	39			44	357
Subtotal		**3**			**1**	**1**	**46**		**1**	**52**	**376**
Total		**26**	**8**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**54**	**4**	**19**	**116**	
Weight		**791**	**389**	**29**	**395**	**27**	**244**	**5**	**41**	**1921**	

BOS = Cattle; O/C = sheep/goat; SUS = pig; EQ = horse Deer Sp. = deer species; LM = large sized mammal; MM = medium size mammal; Ind = indeterminate

Table 2: Assessment of the palaeoenvironmental remains

Feature	Context	Sample	Processed vol (L)	Unprocessed vol (L)	Flot size (ml)	Roots %	Grain	Chaff	Cereal Notes	Charred Other	Charred Other Notes	Charcoal > 4/2mm	Other
Trench 1													
Ditch 109	111	4	20	20	60	50	*	-	*Hordeum vulgare*	*	*Corylus avellana*	****/****	moll-t****; moll-a*
Trench 28													
Pit 2802	2804	1	20	20	65	2	-	-	-	-	-	****/*****	moll-t*
Trench 29													
Ditch 2904	2905	2	20	20	15	98	-	-	-	-	-	-/*	moll-t***
Trench 30													
Pit 3002	3003	3	20	20	35	40	*	-	indet grain	-	-	***/***	moll-t***
Pit 3010	3011	6	10	0	40	80	*	-	indet grain	-	-	*/**	moll-t*
Pit 3004	3007	5	20	20	50	50	*	-	indet grain	*	*Avena* sp.	***/***	moll-t**

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

moll-t = terrestrial mollusc, moll-a = aquatic/freshwater mollusc

APPENDIX D: OASIS REPORT FORM

PROJECT DETAILS	
Project name	Snakes Meadow Solar Farm, Astwood and Stagsden West End, Milton Keynes and Bedford Borough
Short description	Between January and February 2022, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological evaluation of land known as Snakes Meadow, between Astwood and Stagsden, in Milton Keynes and Bedfordshire. The evaluation results will inform a series of planning applications for the development of a solar farm on the Site. The fieldwork comprised the excavation of eighty-three trenches, targeting anomalies identified by a preceding geophysical survey as well as testing apparently blank areas of the Site. Archaeological features encountered during the fieldwork broadly correlated with the results of the geophysical survey, comprising ditches, pits, furrows and field boundary ditches ranging in date from the later prehistoric to the modern period. A zone of putative Iron Age/Roman settlement remains, comprising a series of enclosures, and associated internal and external features identified by the geophysical survey in the north-western corner of the Site, was largely excluded from the evaluation as this area will not be developed. However, some peripheral anomalies were targeted and corresponding features identified within the trenches. Pottery and paleo-environmental evidence confirmed the presence of Iron Age/Roman domestic activity. A localised area of possible 12th to 14th century domestic occupation was identified in Trench 1, in the south-western corner of the Site. Undated features immediately to the south, in Trench 2, may also be associated with this activity. Evidence for medieval and post-medieval ridge and furrow agricultural systems was evident across the Site, surviving as truncated furrow bases, with multiple alignments identified across the Site indicating the former presence of small field plots within an open agricultural landscape. Post-medieval field boundary ditches, which were mostly seen respecting and fossilising the alignment of the previous ridge and furrow strips, were identified corresponding with those depicted on the 1838 Tithe Map for Astwood (west) and Stagsden (east) and the 1901 Ordnance Survey map. Further, previously unidentified field boundary ditches were also recorded which, together with the mapped boundaries, likely relate to the change from open field systems to an enclosed agricultural landscape. A potential trackway identified by the geophysical survey, running on a rough north/south alignment across the central portion of the Site, was not encountered in the trenches, although the westernmost of the two parallel anomalies was identified as a post-medieval drainage ditch in Trenches 59, 60, and 63.
Project dates	25th January – 22nd February
Project type	Field evaluation
Previous work	Geophysical survey (Magnitude Surveys 2021)
Future work	Unknown
PROJECT LOCATION	
Site location	Snakes Meadow Solar Farm, North Crawley, Milton Keynes and Bedfordshire
Study area (m^2/ha)	87ha
Site co-ordinates	496451 247098
PROJECT CREATORS	
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology
Project brief originator	Bedford Borough Council
Project design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology

Project Manager	Adrian Scruby	
Project Supervisor	James Coyne	
MONUMENT TYPE	Ditches; pits; ridge & furrow systems	
SIGNIFICANT FINDS	Pottery (prehistoric; Roman; medieval; post-medieval); animal bone; flint	
PROJECT ARCHIVES	**Intended final location of archive (museum/Accession no.)**	**Content (e.g. pottery, animal bone etc)**
Physical	The Higgins Museum (BEDFM 2021.105)	Ceramics, animal bone, flint, metal
Paper	The Higgins Museum (BEDFM 2021.105)	Context sheets, Trench recording forms, photographic registers, finds registers, drawings
Digital	Archaeology Data Service	Database, webmap digital photos
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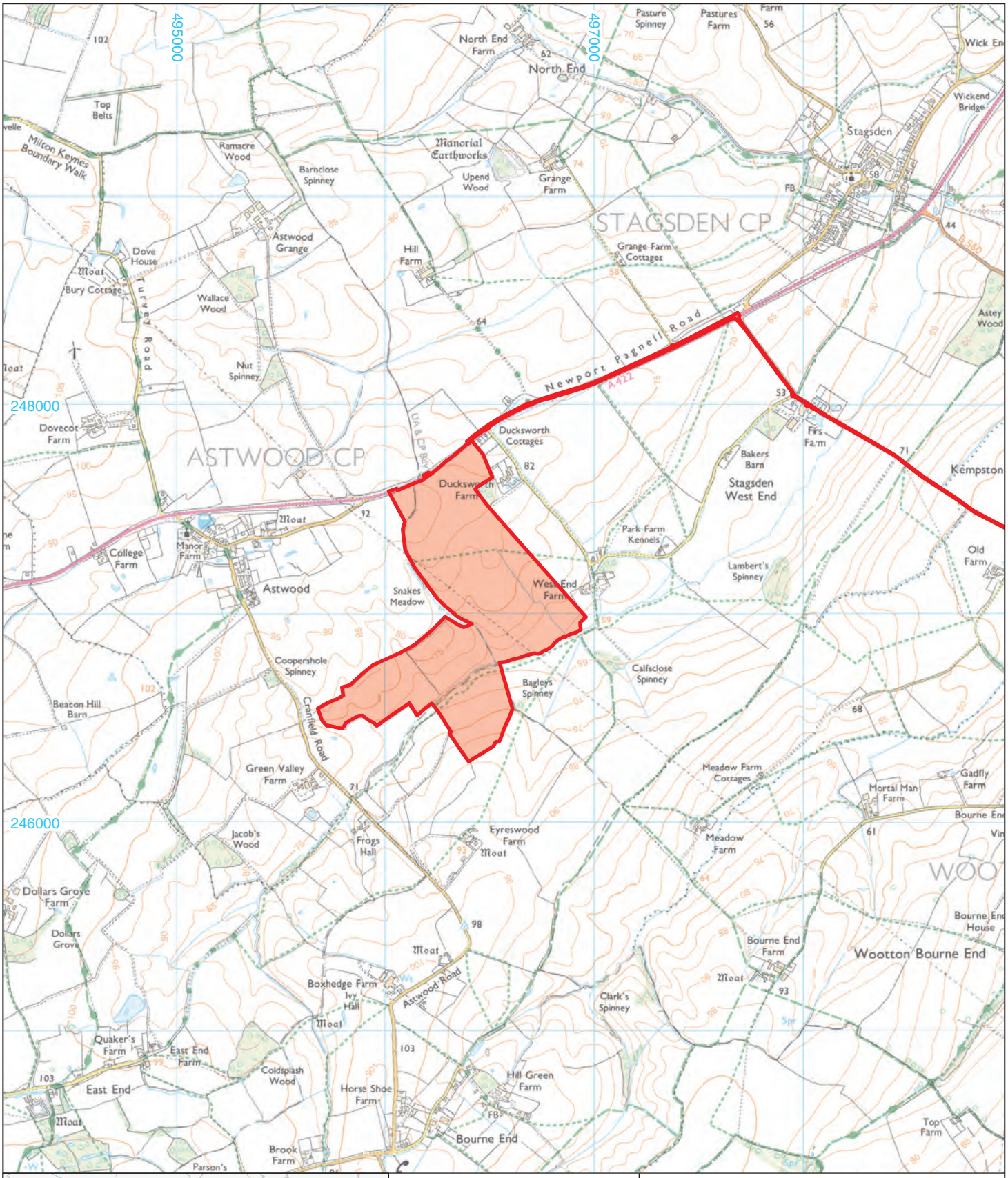

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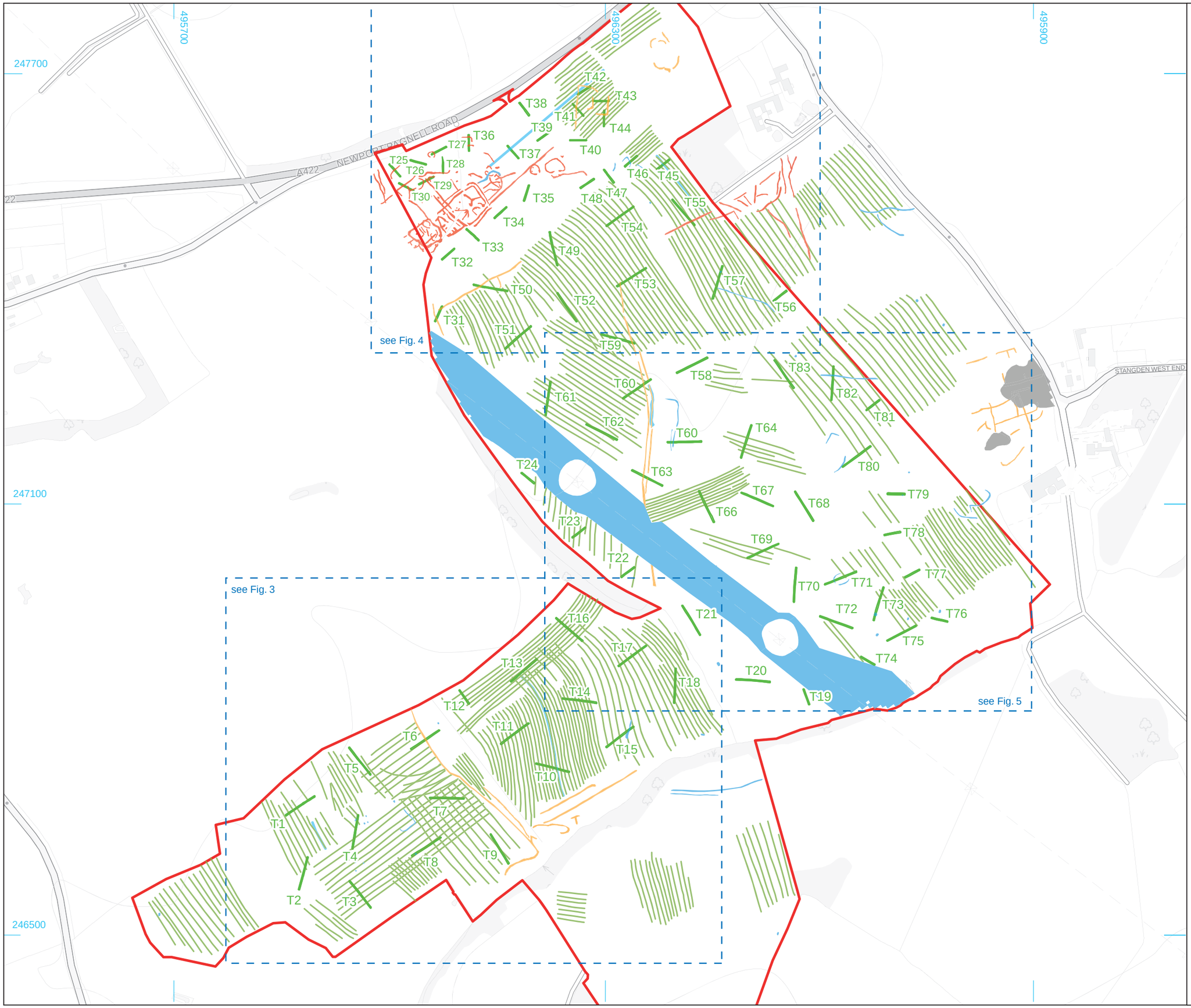

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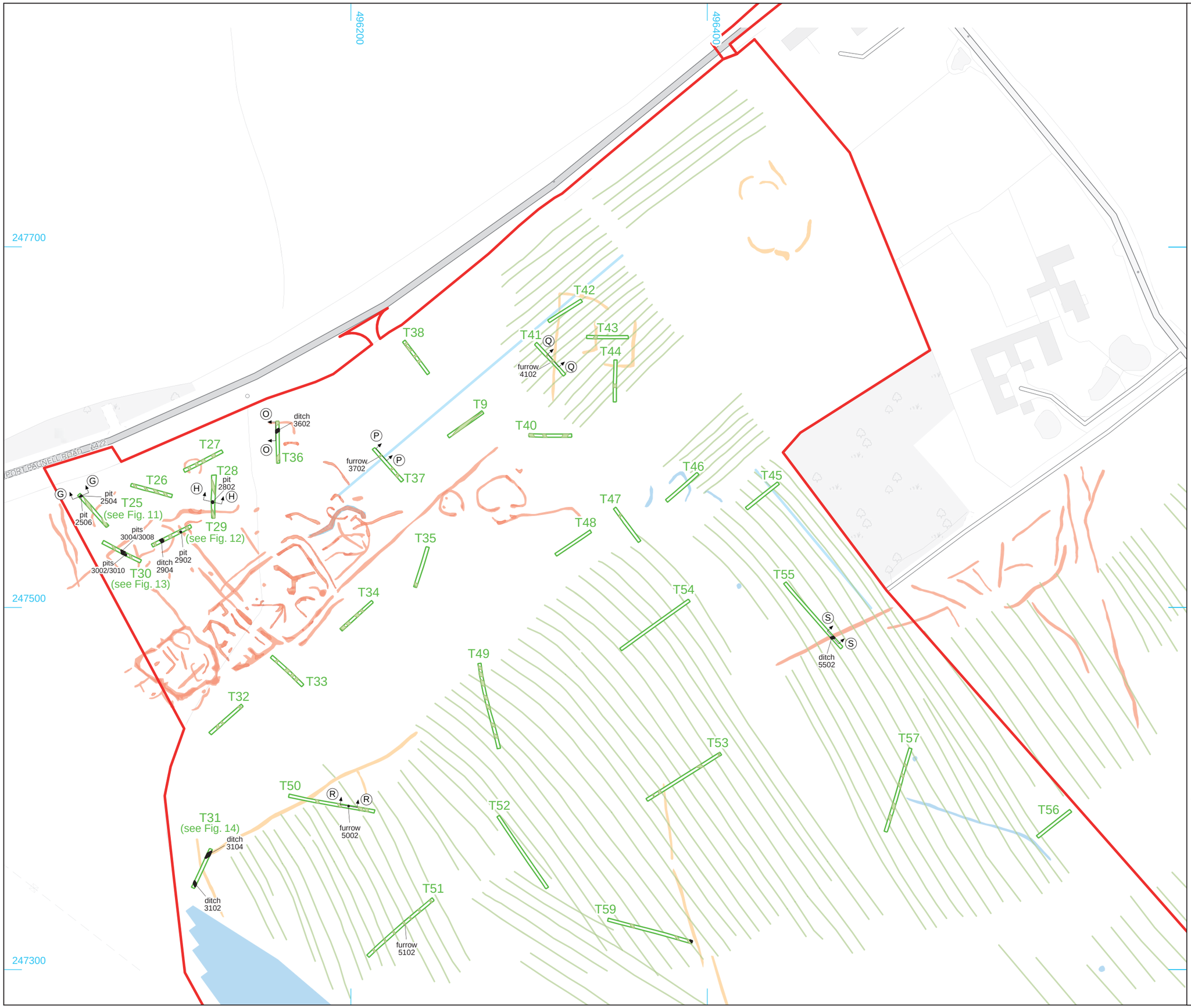

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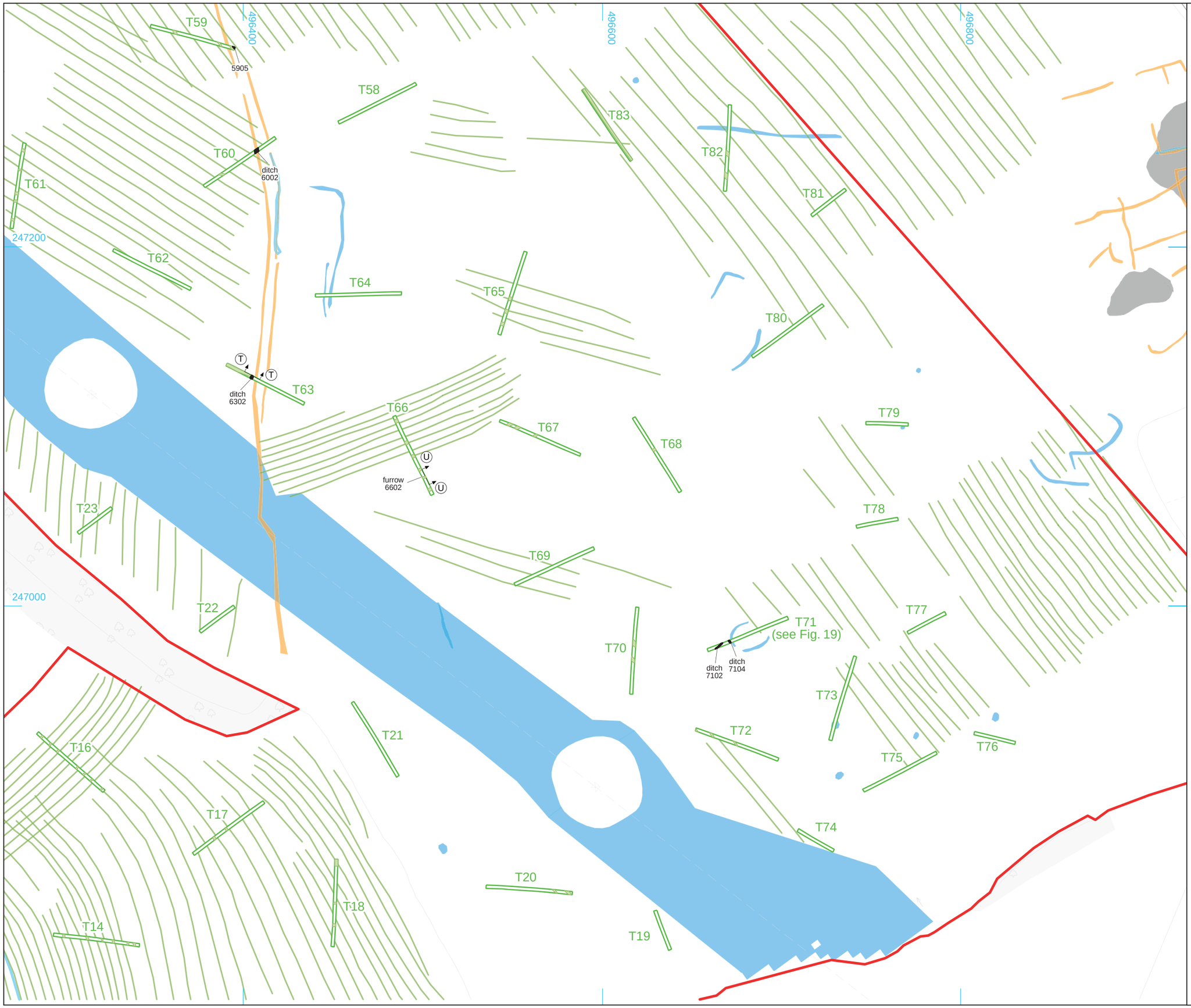

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General view of Ducksworth Farm site, looking north-east

General view of North Crawley Estate northern field, looking north-east

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Trench 28, looking north-west (1m scales)

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Trench 31, looking north-east (1m scales)

Trench 63, looking south-east (1m scales)

Trench 71, looking north-east (1m scales)

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Photographs: selection of trenches

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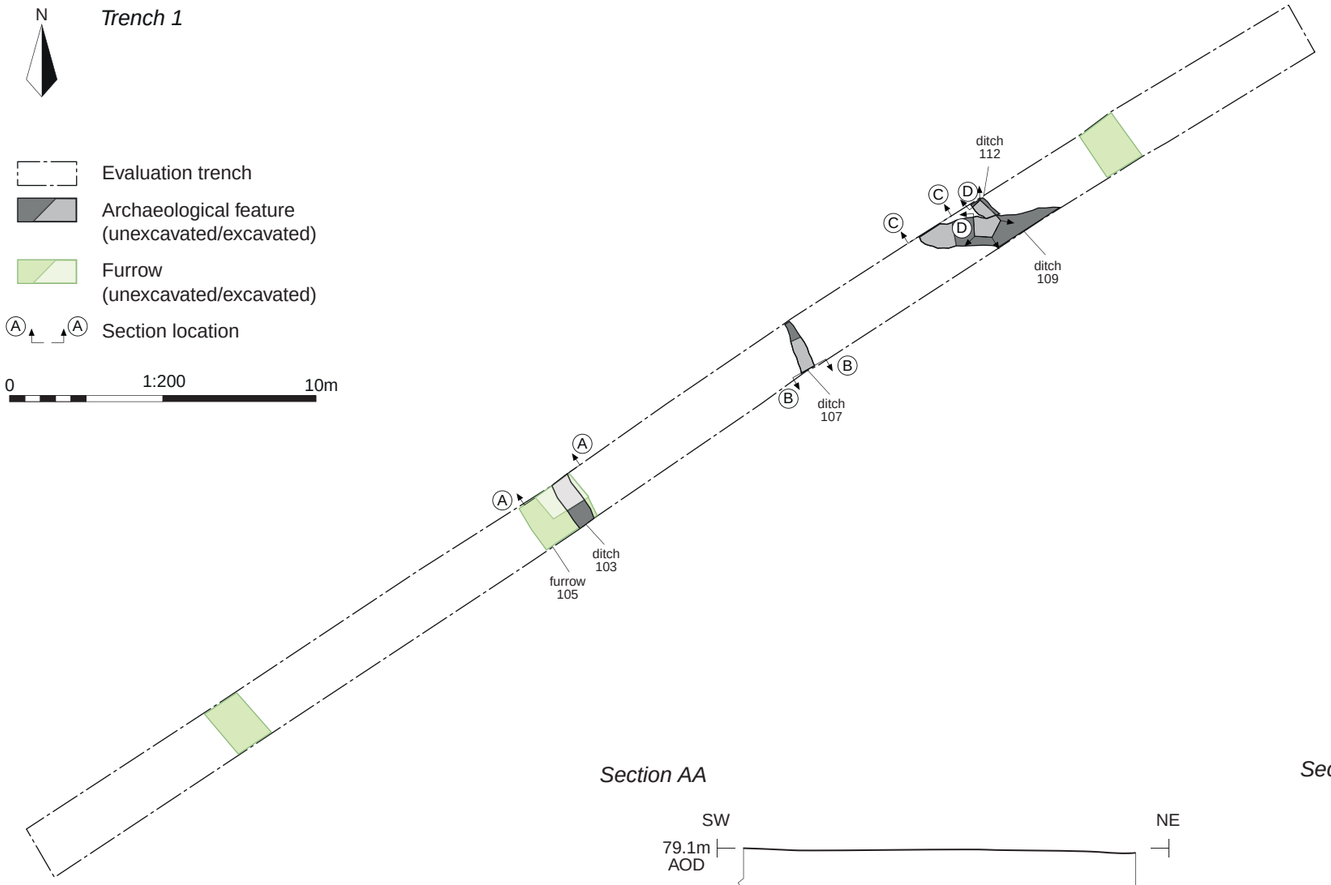

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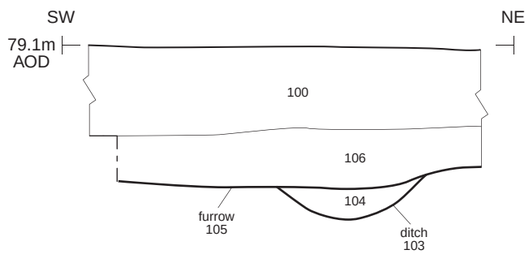

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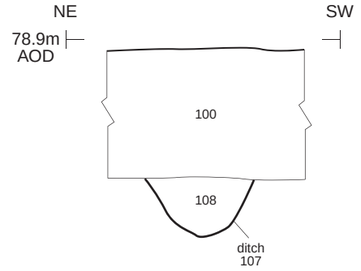

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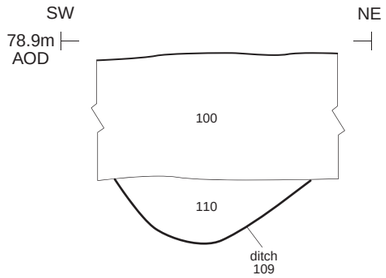

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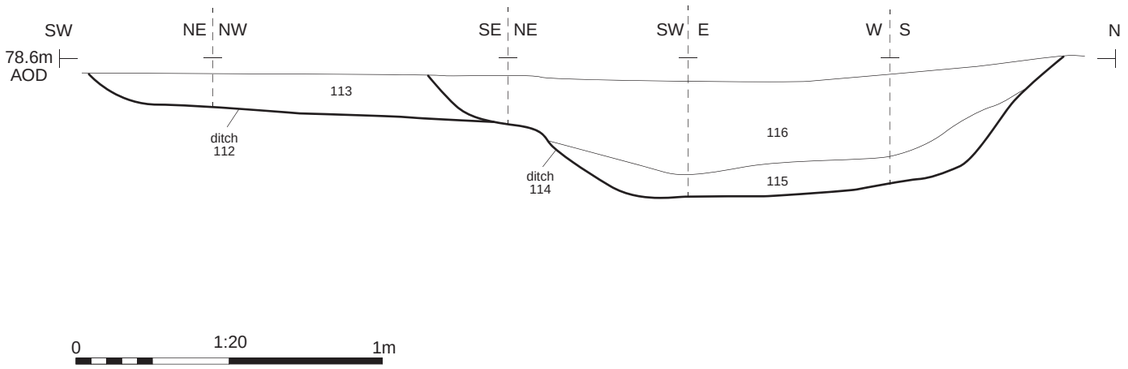

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Ditch 103 and Furrow 105, looking north-west (1m scale)

Ditch 107, looking south-east (0.5m scale)

Ditch 109, looking north-west (1m scale)

Ditches 112 and 109, looking north-east (0.5m scale)

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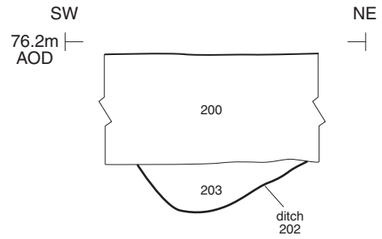

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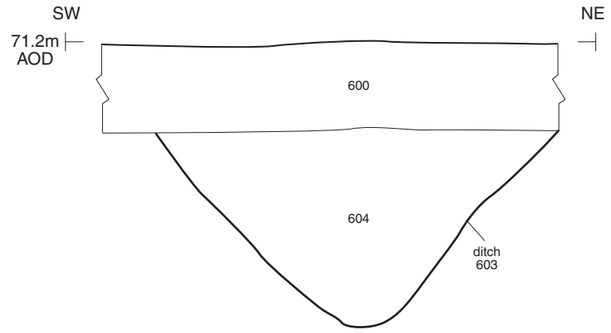

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Ditch 202, looking north-west (0.5m scale)

Ditch 603, looking south-east (1m scale)

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Trenches 2 and 6: sections and photographs

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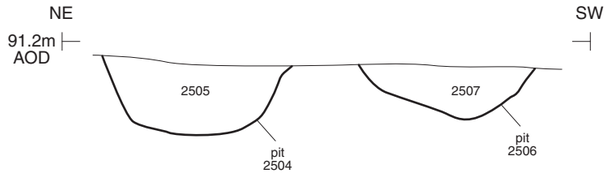

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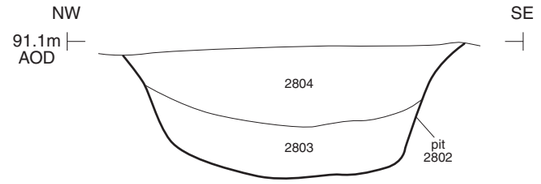

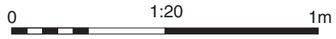

Pits 2504 and 2506, looking south-east (1m scale)

Pit 2802 looking north-east (1m scale)

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Trenches 25 and 28: sections and photographs

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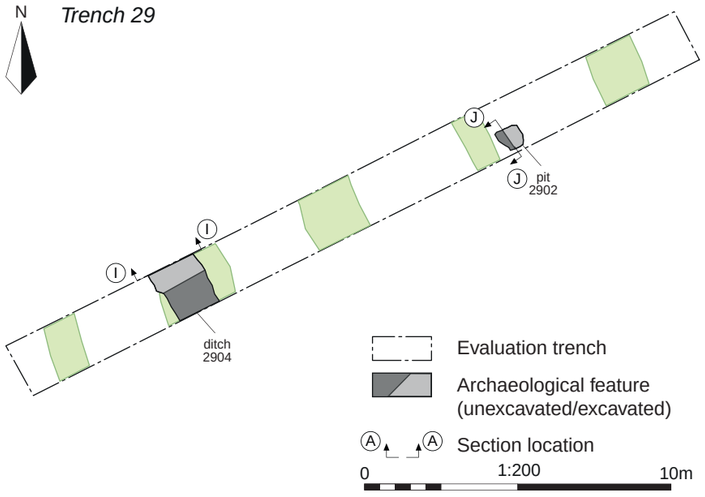

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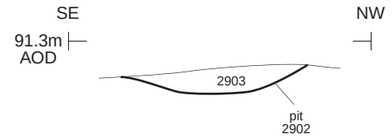

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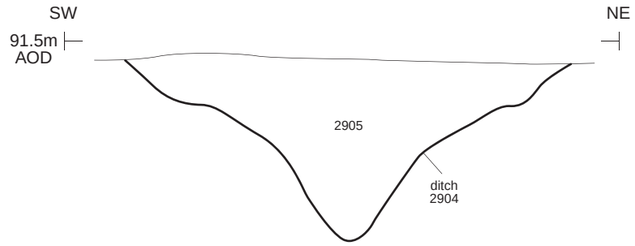

Pit 2902, looking south-west (1m scale)

Ditch 2904, looking south-east (0.5m scale)

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Trench 29: plan, sections and photographs

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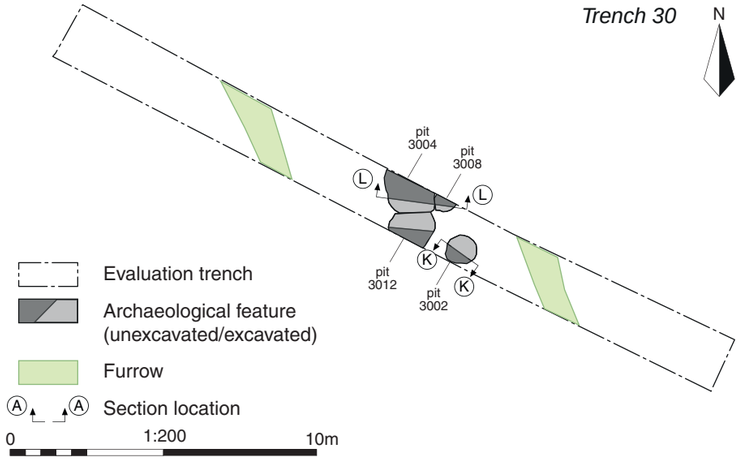

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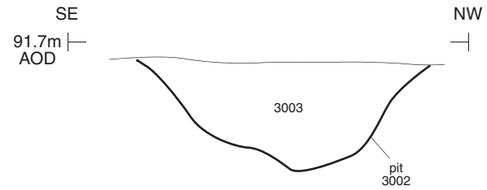

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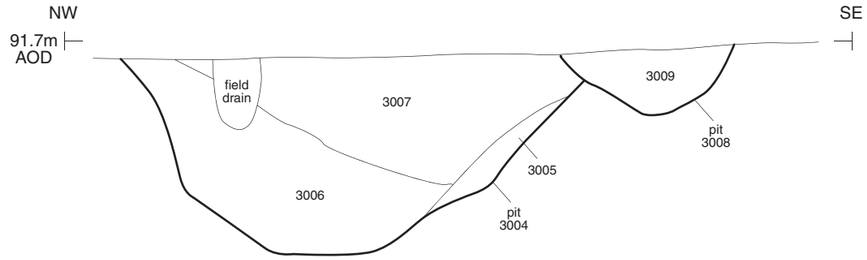

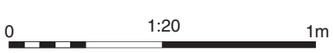

Pit 3002, looking south-west (1m scale)

Pits 3004 and 3008, looking north (1m scale)

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Trench 30: plan, sections and photographs

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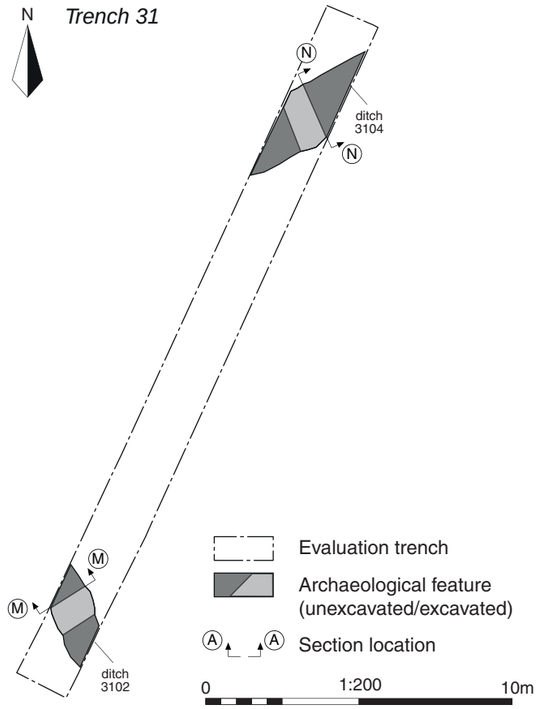

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Ditch 3102, looking north-west (1m scale)

Ditch 3104, looking north-east (1m scale)

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Trench 31: plan, sections and photographs

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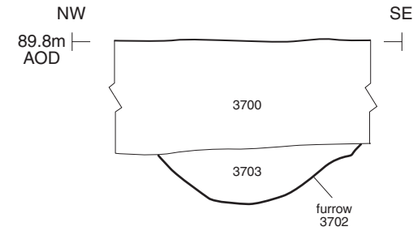

Ditch 3602, looking west (1m scale)

Furrow 3702, looking north-east (1m scale)

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Trenches 36 and 37: sections and photographs

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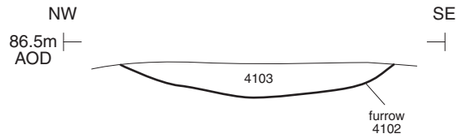

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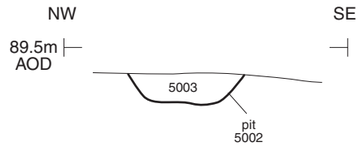

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Furrow 4102, looking north-east (1m scale)

Pit 5002, looking north (1m scale)

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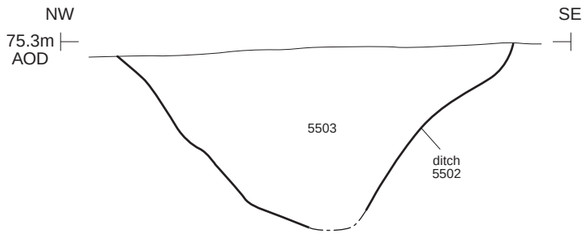

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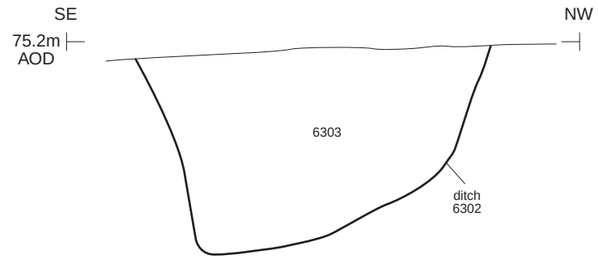

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Furrow 4102, looking north-east (1m scale)

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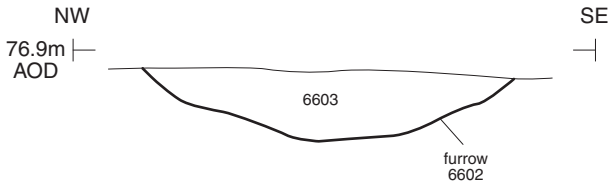

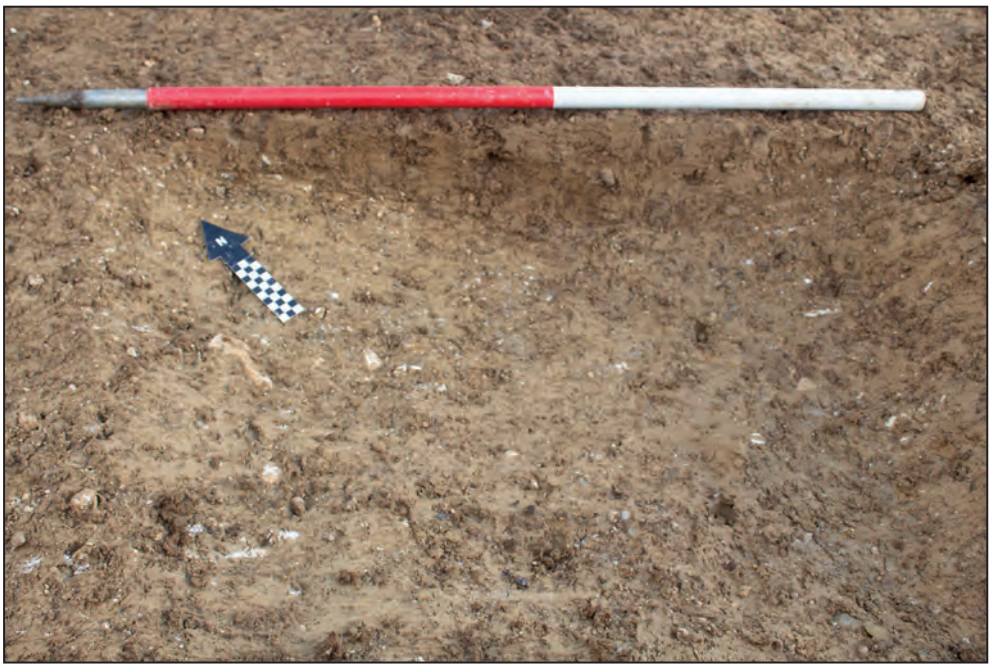

Furrow 6602, looking north-east (1m scale)

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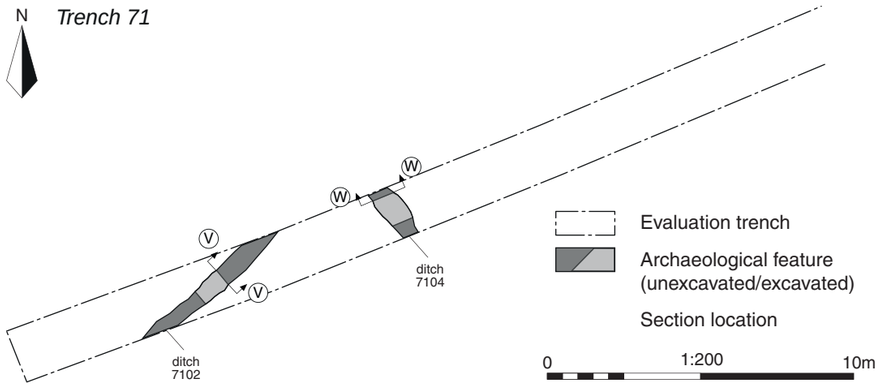

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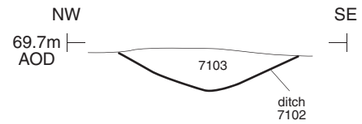

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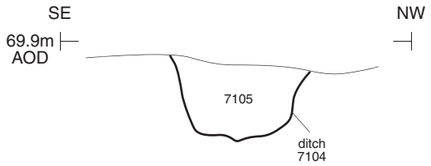

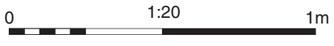

Ditch 7102, looking north-east (0.5m scales)

Ditch 7104, looking north-west (0.5m scales)

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Trench 71: plan, sections and photographs

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