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SUMMARY

Project Name:	Land at Plough Lane
Location:	Wokingham, Berkshire
NGR:	SU 8289 6910
Type:	Evaluation
Date:	24 May - 16 August 2010
Planning Reference:	F2007/2517
Location of Archive:	To be deposited with Reading Museum Service
Accession Number:	REDMG: 2010.74
Site Code:	PLW10

An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology between May and August 2010 on land at Plough Lane, Wokingham, Berkshire. Fifty seven trenches were excavated.

A ditch containing two sherds of late medieval/early post-medieval pottery, probably representing a former field boundary or trackway, was identified in trenches 26 and 38. A further 16th to 17th-century ditch was identified within trench 5.

Evidence of modern dumping was identified in trenches 7 and 12, with a small modern feature in trench 56. An undated pit was identified within trench 8. No further archaeological features or deposits were identified during the evaluation.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Between May and August 2010 Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological evaluation for Bellway Homes Ltd on Land at Plough Lane, Wokingham, Berkshire (centred on NGR: SU 8289 6910; Fig. 1). Planning consent has been granted by Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) for 150 houses with a condition attached requiring a phased programme of archaeological works to be undertaken in advance of development (planning ref: F2007/2517). The evaluation was undertaken in compliance with the planning condition.

1.2 The evaluation was carried out in accordance with a detailed Project Design for archaeological evaluation (Mouchel 2010) and subsequent addendums (CA 2010a; 2010b). These documents were approved by Mary O'Donoghue, Archaeology Officer, Berkshire Archaeology, the archaeological advisors to WBC. The fieldwork also followed the *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Field Evaluation* (IfA 2008), the *Management of Archaeological Projects* (English Heritage 1991) and the *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MORPHE): Project Manager's Guide* (EH 2006). It was monitored by Mary O'Donoghue, including site visits on 27 May and 15 July 2010.

The site

1.3 The site is located 1.5km to the east of Wokingham town centre and comprises two adjoining pasture fields to the east of the junction of Plough Lane and Binfield Lane, and a further pasture field to the north of Binfield Road. It is approximately 9ha in area and is bounded to the south by residential properties, by farmland and the A329(M) to the north and by woodland to the west.

1.4 The underlying solid geology of the area is mapped as Claygate Member sand, silt and clay and Bagshot formation sand, both of the Eocene era (BGS 2000).

Archaeological background

- 1.5 Evidence for Neolithic and Bronze Age flint working has previously been identified along the Ashridge Stream to the east of the site. The frequency of fire cracked flint recovered close to the stream is indicative of burnt mounds (Mouchel 2010). A late Bronze Age burnt mound was previously revealed during a watching brief and a small excavation undertaken by TVAS at Barkham Square in Wokingham, underlying a deposit of colluvium (Torrance and Ford 2003).
- 1.6 An evaluation undertaken at Peacock Farm, approximately 2km to the south east of the site revealed a Late Iron Age to Early Roman settlement comprising enclosure ditches and several small features along with several small prehistoric ditches (Mouchel 2010)
- 1.7 A further evaluation and field walking survey carried out by TVAS 200m to the south of the site located an in-filled stream and two post-medieval ditches. The associated field walking recovered seven struck flints and ten sherds of pottery, the latter interpreted as the result of manuring (Torrance and Ford 2003).
- 1.8 The site is located adjacent to areas of 1940s landfill, although recent ground investigations have suggested that they had had no impact within the current site (RSK 2009).

Archaeological objectives

- 1.9 The objectives of the evaluation were to establish the character, quality, date and extent of any archaeological remains or deposits surviving within the site. This information will assist Wokingham Borough Council in making an informed judgement on the significance of the archaeological resource, and the likely impact upon it of the proposed development.

Methodology

- 1.10 The fieldwork comprised the excavation of 57 trenches, 52 of which measured 25m in length and 1.8m in width, the remainder measuring 10m by 1.8m (see Fig. 2 for locations and extent). The trenching was undertaken in three stages in advance of the phased construction works.
- 1.11 A small number of these trenches were moved from their original positions. Trench 27 was moved due to its close proximity to overhead power cables, trench 31 was split in two due to the presence of a possible underground service, and trench 33 was moved to enable the existing access to an adjoining field to remain open.
- 1.12 All trenches were excavated by mechanical excavator equipped with a toothless grading bucket. All machine excavation was undertaken under constant archaeological supervision to the top of the first significant archaeological horizon or the natural substrate, whichever was encountered first. Where archaeological deposits were encountered they were excavated by hand in accordance with CA Technical Manual 1: *Fieldwork Recording Manual* (2007).
- 1.13 Deposits were assessed for their palaeoenvironmental potential in accordance with CA Technical Manual 2: *The Taking and Processing of Environmental and Other Samples from Archaeological Sites* (2003). However, no deposits were identified that required sampling. All artefacts recovered were processed in accordance with CA Technical Manual 3: *Treatment of Finds Immediately After Excavation* (1995).
- 1.14 The archive and artefacts from the evaluation are currently held by CA at their offices in Kemble. Subject to the agreement of the legal landowner the artefacts will be deposited with Reading Museum Service under accession number REDMG: 2010.74 along with the site archive. A summary of information from this project, set out within Appendix C, will be entered onto the OASIS online database of archaeological projects in Britain.

2. RESULTS (FIG 2-9)

- 2.1 This section provides an overview of the archaeological results from all stages of the evaluation; detailed summaries of the recorded contexts and finds are to be found in Appendices A and B respectively.
- 2.2 The natural geological substrate identified to the south of Binfield Road (construction phases 1-3 inc) comprised mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel. It was typically encountered 0.25 to 0.4m below the present ground level (bpgl) and was overlain by topsoil. To the north of Binfield Road (construction phase 4) sandy clay with gravels were identified typically 0.35m bpgl. These were sealed by 0.2m of subsoil which in-turn was overlain by topsoil.
- 2.3 Archaeological features were identified in trenches 5, 26 and 38. Evidence of modern dumping was identified in trenches 7 and 12 (features 7003 and 12003 respectively), a small irregular feature, 56003, containing modern brick was revealed within trench 56 and an undated pit within trench 8.

Trench 5 (Figs. 2, 3, 5, 8)

- 2.4 North-east/south-west aligned ditch 5003 was identified towards the south-east end of the trench. It measured 2.1m wide, had a maximum depth of 0.58m and contained two fills. Small quantities of brick and tile dated to the 16th to 17th century were recovered from both fills of this feature.

Trenches 26 and 38 (Figs. 2, 3, 5, 9)

- 2.5 North-south aligned ditch 26003 was identified towards the west of trench 26. It measured approximately 2.3m wide, had a maximum depth of 0.7m and contained three fills. Two sherds of Surrey whiteware, dating to the 15th-16th century, were recovered from its upper fill 26005, alongside fragments of roof tile, the latter being of early post-medieval date. A later post-medieval ceramic field drain was also noted within this upper most fill of the ditch, although no evidence of the associated cut for its insertion was visible.

- 2.6 Ditch 26003 aligned with ditch 38005 within trench 38 to the south which, with the agreement of Mary O'Donoghue, remained unexcavated.

The Finds

- 2.7 Artefactual material comprising ceramic building material and pottery was recovered from three deposits (see Appendix B).
- 2.8 Two sherds of late medieval or early post-medieval pottery were recovered from fill 26005 within ditch 26003. The fabric is identifiable as Surrey whiteware (Coarse Border ware), a medieval type known to continue into the late 15th century and probably into the 16th century (Pearce and Vince 1988). The form in this instance is not identifiable, though the base angle and thick internal glaze suggests an open vessel such as a dish or a bowl.
- 2.9 Ceramic building material consisting of flat roof tile, some with round peg holes, and fragments of handmade bricks was recovered from the fills of ditches 5003 and 26003. All occur in a similar hard, sandy, red-orange-fired and unglazed fabric. Broadly late medieval or, most probably, early post-medieval (16th or 17th-century) dating is thought most likely for this material.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 The ditches excavated within trenches 5, 26, and 38 are interpreted as late medieval/early post-medieval field divisions. The ditch identified within trenches 26 and 38 lies close to, and runs parallel to the adjacent extant field boundary, and it is possible that this boundary may have moved eastwards over time. Alternatively, the ditch may have previously formed a northern extension to an existing boundary immediately to the south of the development area. If the later interpretation is accepted, this would suggest that the identified ditches previously formed a trackway leading from Plough Lane, although cartographic evidence would indicate that this was no longer in existence by the compilation of the 1872 First Edition Ordnance Survey. Ditch 5003 within trench 5 does not have any relationship with the current field boundaries, and may represent an earlier division of the field.

- 3.2 The areas of modern dumping identified within trenches 7 and 12 are representative of the small scale burial of building materials such as brick and tile. Although unlikely to represent the previously documented areas of the 1940s landfill, they may be broadly contemporary.

4. CA PROJECT TEAM

Fieldwork was undertaken by Kelly Saunders and Steven Sheldon, assisted by Jess Cook, Charlotte Haines and Dan Hart. The report was written by Kelly Saunders and Steven Sheldon. The finds report was by Ed McSloy and the illustrations were prepared by Lorna Gray. The archive has been compiled by Martin Harrington, and prepared for deposition by James Johnson. The project was managed for CA by Cliff Bateman.

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APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

Trench 1

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
1000	Layer	Topsoil			0.35	
1001	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.23	

Trench 2

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
2000	Layer	Topsoil			0.36	
2001	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.21	

Trench 3

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
3000	Layer	Topsoil			0.38	
3001	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.22	

Trench 4

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
4000	Layer	Topsoil			0.40	
4001	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.26	

Trench 5

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
5000	Layer	Topsoil			0.36	
5001	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.1	
5002	Cut	Ditch	>1.8	2.1	0.56	
5003	Fill	Upper fill of ditch 5002	>1.8	2.1	0.28	
5004	Fill	Lower fill of ditch 5002		1.25	0.28	

Trench 6

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
6000	Layer	Topsoil			0.35	
6001	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.35	

Trench 7

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
7000	Layer	Topsoil			0.11	
7001	Fill	Fill of 7003	13	1.8	0.62	
7002	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.1	
7003	Cut	Modern dumped deposit	13	1.8	0.62	

Trench 8

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
8000	Layer	Topsoil			0.34	
8001	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.08	
8002	Cut	Pit	0.37	0.36	0.05	
8003	Fill	Fill of 8002`	0.37	0.36	0.05	

Trench 9

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
9000	Layer	Topsoil			0.34	
9001	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.1	

Trench 10

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
10000	Layer	Topsoil			0.40	
10001	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.1	
10002	Fill	Fill of possible service trench 10003.	>1.8	0.4	0.05	
10003	Cut	Possible service trench.	>1.8	0.4	0.05	

Trench 11

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
11000	Layer	Topsoil			0.4	
11001	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.26	

Trench 12

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
12000	Layer	Topsoil			0.34	
12001	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional			>0.1	

		patches of gravel.				
12002	Fill	Fill of modern feature 120003	8.2	1.8	0.6	
12003	Cut	Modern dumped deposit	8.2	1.8	0.6	

Trench 13

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
11000	Layer	Topsoil			0.42	
11001	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.12	

Trench 14

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
14000	Layer	Topsoil			0.33	
14001	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.09	

Trench 15

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
15000	Layer	Topsoil			0.42	
15001	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.13	

Trench 16

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
16000	Layer	Topsoil			0.33	
16001	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.12	

Trench 17

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
17000	Layer	Topsoil			0.37	
17001	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.11	

Trench 18

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
18000	Layer	Topsoil			0.33	
18001	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.13	

Trench 19

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
19000	Layer	Topsoil			0.41	
19001	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.2	

Trench 20

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
20000	Layer	Topsoil			0.32	
20001	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.13	

Trench 21

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
21000	Layer	Topsoil			0.48	
21001	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.11	

Trench 22

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
22000	Layer	Topsoil			0.42	
22001	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.14	

Trench 23

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
23000	Layer	Topsoil			0.39	
23001	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.1	

Trench 24

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
24000	Layer	Topsoil			0.33	
24001	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.07	

Trench 25

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
25000	Layer	Topsoil			0.38	
25001	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.05	

Trench 26

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
26000	Layer	Topsoil			0.38	
26001	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.1	
26002	Cut	Ditch	>1.8	2.3	0.7	
26003	Fill	Lower fill of ditch 26002		0.95	0.14	
26004	Fill	Middle fill of ditch 26002		1.88	0.34	
26005	Fill	Upper fill of ditch 26002	>1.8	2.3	0.2	15th-16th

Trench 27

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
27000	Layer	Topsoil			0.4	
27001	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.1	

Trench 28

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
28000	Layer	Topsoil			0.38	
28001	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.1	

Trench 29

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
29000	Layer	Topsoil			0.35	
29001	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.01	

Trench 30

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
30000	Layer	Topsoil			0.37	
30001	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.01	

Trench 31

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
31000	Layer	Topsoil			0.36	
31001	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.09	

Trench 32

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
32000	Layer	Topsoil			0.36	
32001	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.16	

Trench 33

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
33000	Layer	Topsoil			0.38	
33001	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.08	

Trench 34

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
34001	Layer	Topsoil			0.33	
34002	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.07	
34003	Cut	Cut for land drain		0.3		
34004	Fill	Fill of land drain 34003		0.3		

Trench 35

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
35001	Layer	Topsoil			0.35	
35002	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.05	
35003	Cut	Cut for land drain		0.3		
35004	Fill	Fill of land drain 35003		0.3		
35005	Cut	Cut for land drain		0.3		
35006	Fill	Fill of land drain 35005		0.3		
35007	Cut	Cut for land drain		0.3		
35008	Fill	Fill of land drain 35007		0.3		

Trench 36

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
36001	Layer	Topsoil			0.35	
36002	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.1	
36003	Cut	Cut for land drain		0.3		
36004	Fill	Fill of land drain 36003		0.3		
36005	Cut	Cut for land drain		0.3		
36006	Fill	Fill of land drain 36005		0.3		
36007	Cut	Cut for land drain		0.3		
36008	Fill	Fill of land drain 36007		0.3		

Trench 37

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
37001	Layer	Topsoil			0.36	
37002	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.06	
37003	Cut	Cut for land drain		0.3		
37004	Fill	Fill of land drain 37003		0.3		

Trench 38

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
38001	Layer	Topsoil			0.36	
38002	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.04	
38003	Cut	Cut for land drain		0.3		
38004	Fill	Fill of land drain 38003		0.3		
38005	Cut	Cut for ditch (unexcavated)		3.5		
38006	Fill	Single visible fill of ditch 38005		3.5		

Trench 39

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
39001	Layer	Topsoil			0.38	
39002	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.03	
39003	Cut	Cut for land drain		0.3		
39004	Fill	Fill of land drain 39003		0.3		
39005	Cut	Cut for land drain		0.3		
39006	Fill	Fill of land drain 39005		0.3		

Trench 40

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
40001	Layer	Topsoil			0.27	
40002	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.05	

Trench 41

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
40001	Layer	Topsoil			0.32	
40002	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.04	
40003	Cut	Cut for land drain		0.3		
40004	Fill	Fill of land drain 40003		0.3		

Trench 42

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
42001	Layer	Topsoil			0.3	
42002	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.05	
42003	Cut	Cut for land drain		0.3		
42004	Fill	Fill of land drain 42003		0.3		
42005	Cut	Cut for land drain		0.3		
42006	Fill	Fill of land drain 42005		0.3		

Trench 43

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
43001	Layer	Topsoil			0.35	
43002	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.11	
43003	Cut	Cut for land drain		0.3		
43004	Fill	Fill of land drain 43003		0.3		

Trench 44

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
44001	Layer	Topsoil			0.42	
44002	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.05	
44003	Cut	Cut for land drain		0.3		
44004	Fill	Fill of land drain 44003		0.3		
44005	Cut	Cut for land drain		0.3		
44006	Fill	Fill of land drain 44005		0.3		
44007	Cut	Cut for land drain		0.3		
44008	Fill	Fill of land drain 44007		0.3		

Trench 45

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
45001	Layer	Topsoil			0.31	
45002	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.03	
45003	Cut	Cut for land drain		0.3		
45004	Fill	Fill of land drain 45003		0.3		

Trench 46

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
46001	Layer	Topsoil			0.25	
46002	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.03	
46003	Cut	Cut for land drain		0.3		
46004	Fill	Fill of land drain 46003		0.3		

Trench 47

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
47001	Layer	Topsoil			0.34	
47002	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.08	
47003	Cut	Cut for land drain		0.25		
47004	Fill	Fill of land drain 47003		0.25		

Trench 48

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
48001	Layer	Topsoil			0.46	
48002	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.05	
48003	Cut	Cut for land drain		0.3		
48004	Fill	Fill of land drain 48003		0.3		
48005	Cut	Cut for geotechnical pit		0.3		
48006	Fill	Fill of geotechnical pit 48005	>1.8	0.5		

Trench 49

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
49001	Layer	Topsoil			0.29	
49002	Layer	Natural substrate: mid brown-orange clay with frequent grey sandy clay patches and occasional patches of gravel.			>0.05	

Trench 50

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
50000	Layer	Topsoil			0.15	
50001	Layer	Subsoil.			0.27	
50002	Layer	Natural substrate: mid grey yellow clay sand with small stones			>0.03	
50003	Cut	Cut for land drain	>1.9	0.3		
50004	Fill	Fill of land drain 50003	>1.9	0.3		

Trench 51

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
51000	Layer	Topsoil			0.15	
51001	Layer	Subsoil.			0.25	
51002	Layer	Natural substrate: mid grey yellow clay sand with small stones			>0.05	
51003	Cut	Cut for land drain	>1.9	0.3		
51004	Fill	Fill of land drain 51003	>1.9	0.3		

Trench 52

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
52000	Layer	Topsoil			0.15	
52001	Layer	Subsoil.			0.2	
52002	Layer	Natural substrate: mid grey yellow clay sand with small stones				
52003	Cut	Cut for land drain	>1.8	0.3		
52004	Fill	Fill of land drain 52003	>1.8	0.3		
52005	Cut	Cut for land drain	>1.9	0.3		
52006	Fill	Fill of land drain 52005	>1.9	0.3		

Trench 53

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
53000	Layer	Topsoil			0.16	
53001	Layer	Subsoil.			0.19	
53002	Layer	Natural Substrate: Mixed gravels in a yellow sandy clay matrix			>0.05	

Trench 54

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
54000	Layer	Topsoil			0.18	
54001	Layer	Subsoil.			0.24	
54002	Layer	Natural substrate: mid grey yellow sandy clay with small stones			>0.05	

Trench 55

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
55000	Layer	Topsoil			0.15	
55001	Layer	Subsoil.			0.16	
55002	Layer	Natural substrate: mid grey yellow sandy clay with small stones			>0.04	
55003	Cut	Cut for land drain	>6	0.3		
55004	Fill	Fill of land drain 55003	>6	0.3		

Trench 56

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
56000	Layer	Topsoil			0.15	
56001	Layer	Subsoil.			0.20	
56002	Layer	Natural substrate: mid grey yellow sandy clay with small stones			>0.05	
56003	Cut	Cut for irregular small modern feature, unexcavated	0.5	0.3		
56004	Fill	Fill of 56003, black gritty clay with brick fragments	0.5	0.3		

Trench 57

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
57000	Layer	Topsoil			0.16	
57001	Layer	Subsoil.			0.20	
57002	Layer	Natural substrate: mid grey yellow sandy clay with			>0.06	

		small stones				
57003	Cut	Cut for land drain	>2	0.3		
57004	Fill	Fill of land drain 57003	>2	0.3		

APPENDIX B: THE FINDS


Context	Description	Count	Weight(g)	Date
5004	Brick: plain (53mm thick)	1	313	pmed
	Tile: flat roof tile; 1 x frag. with round peg holes	4	373	
5005	Brick: small featureless frag.	1	16	pmed
	Tile: flat roof tile;	2	181	
26005	Medieval/early post-med pottery: Surrey Whiteware	2	34	C15-C16
	Coarse Border ware	5	676	
	Tile: flat roof tile; 1 x frag. with round peg holes			

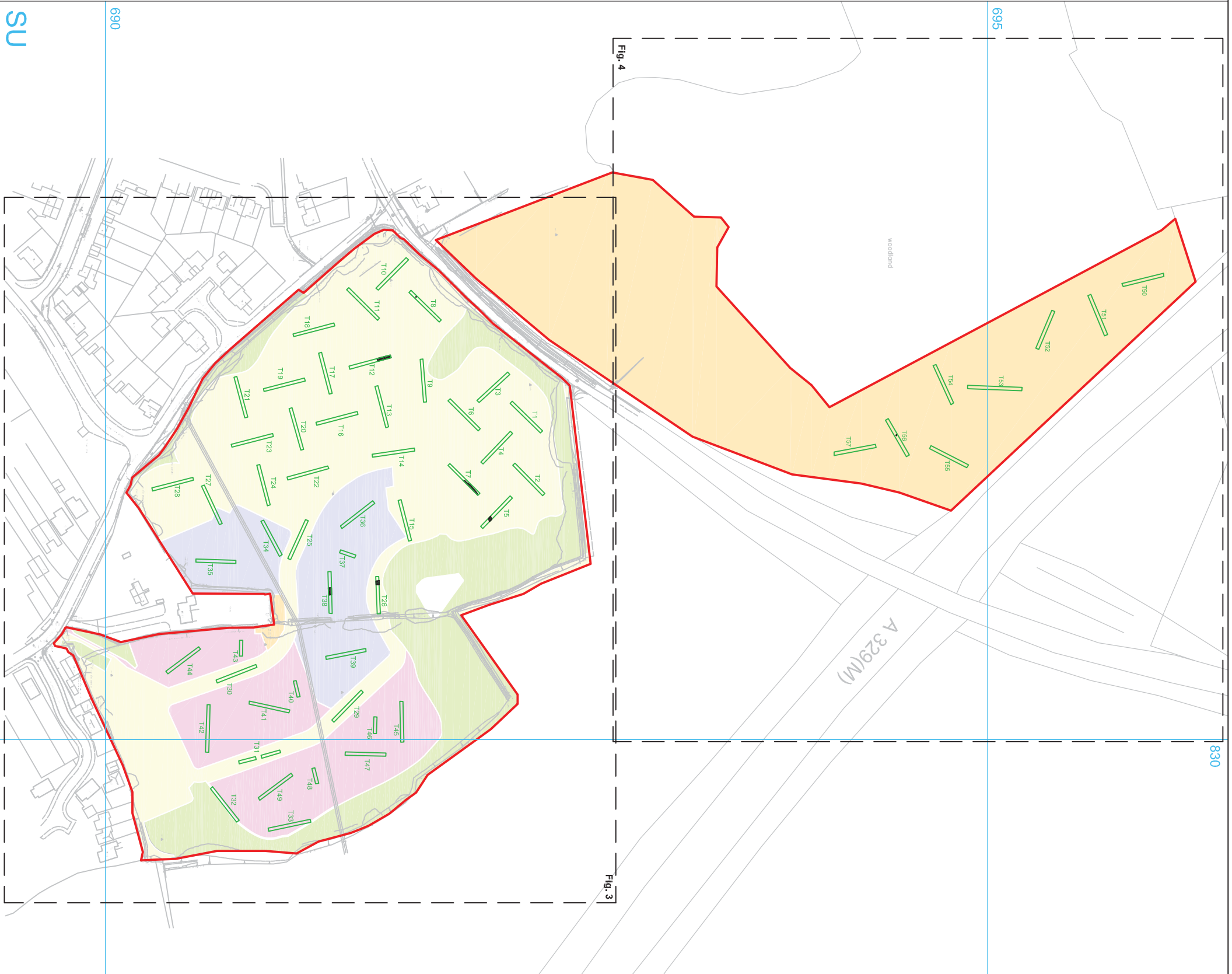
APPENDIX C: OASIS REPORT FORM

PROJECT DETAILS		
Project Name	Land at Plough Lane, Wokingham, Berkshire.	
Short description (250 words maximum)	<p>An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology between May and August 2010 on land at Plough Lane, Wokingham, Berkshire. Fifty seven trenches were excavated.</p> <p>A ditch containing two sherds of late medieval/early post-medieval pottery, probably representing a former field boundary or trackway, was identified in trenches 26 and 38. A further 16th to 17th-century ditch was identified within trench 5.</p> <p>Evidence of modern dumping was identified in trenches 7 and 12, with a small modern feature in trench 56. An undated pit was identified within trench 8. No further archaeological features or deposits were identified during the evaluation.</p>	
Project dates	24 May – 16 August 2010	
Project type (e.g. desk-based, field evaluation etc)	Evaluation	
Previous work (reference to organisation or SMR numbers etc)	Mouchel 2010 <i>Archaeological Project Design, Land at Plough Lane, Wokingham, Berkshire</i>	
Future work	Unknown	
PROJECT LOCATION		
Site Location	Land at Plough Lane, Wokingham, Berkshire	
Study area (M ² /ha)	9ha	
Site co-ordinates (8 Fig Grid Reference)	SU 8289 6910	
PROJECT CREATORS		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Brief originator	Berkshire Archaeology	
Project Design (WSI) originator	Mouchel	
Project Manager	Cliff Bateman	
Project Supervisor	Kelly Saunders, Steven Sheldon	
MONUMENT TYPE	None	
SIGNIFICANT FINDS	None	
PROJECT ARCHIVES		
	Intended final location of archive (museum/Accession no.)	Content (e.g. pottery, animal bone etc)
Physical	Reading Museum Service, accession number REDMG: 2010.74	Ceramics
Paper	Reading Museum Service, accession number REDMG: 2010.74	Proforma recording sheets
Digital	Reading Museum Service, accession number REDMG: 2010.74	Digital Photos
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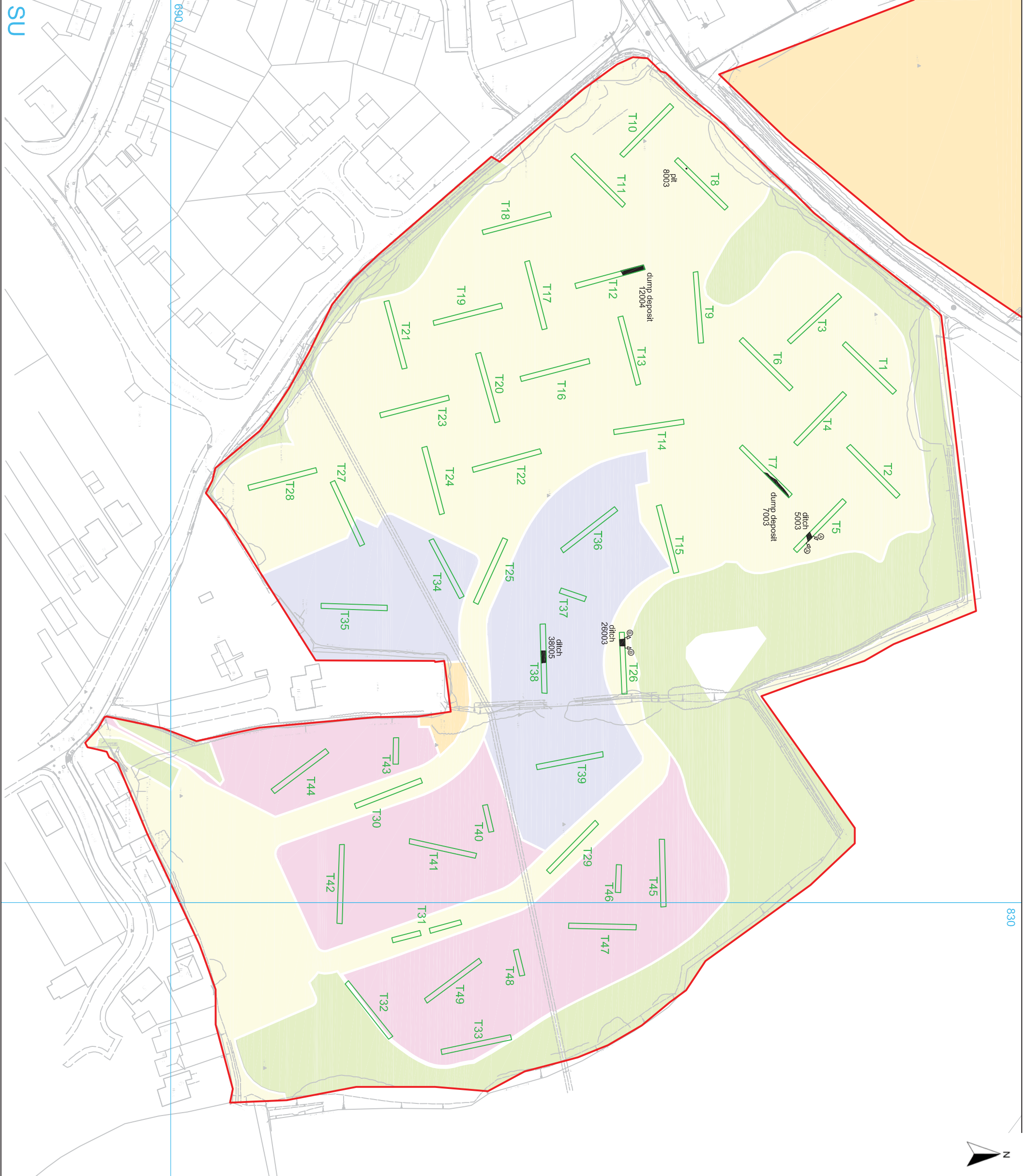
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FIGURE TITLE
 The site, showing location of
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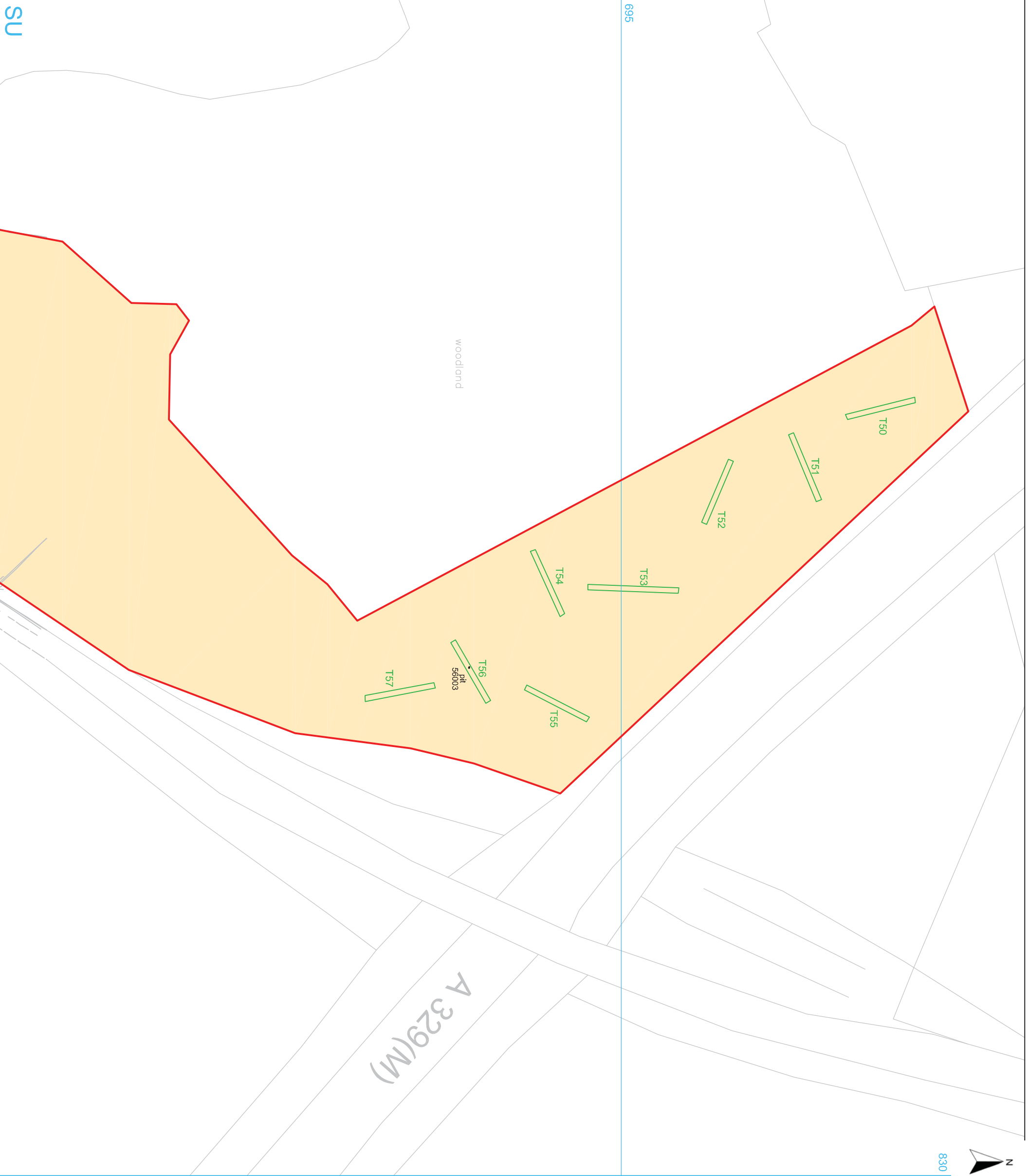
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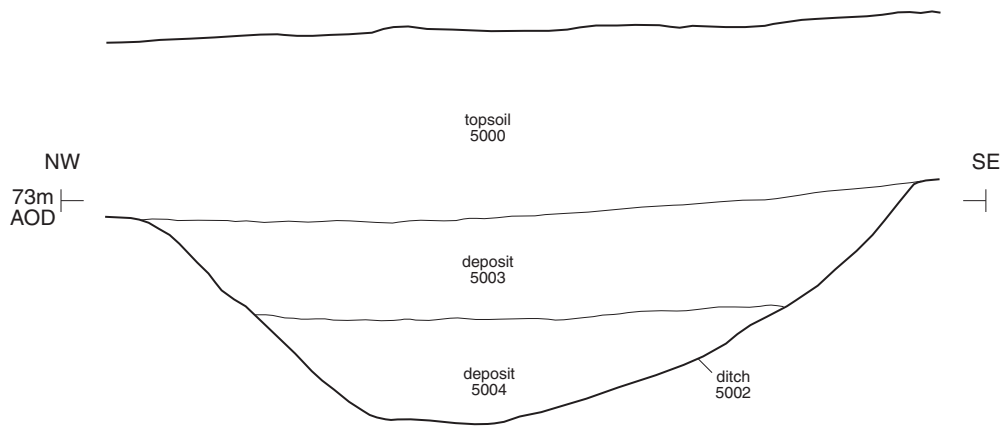
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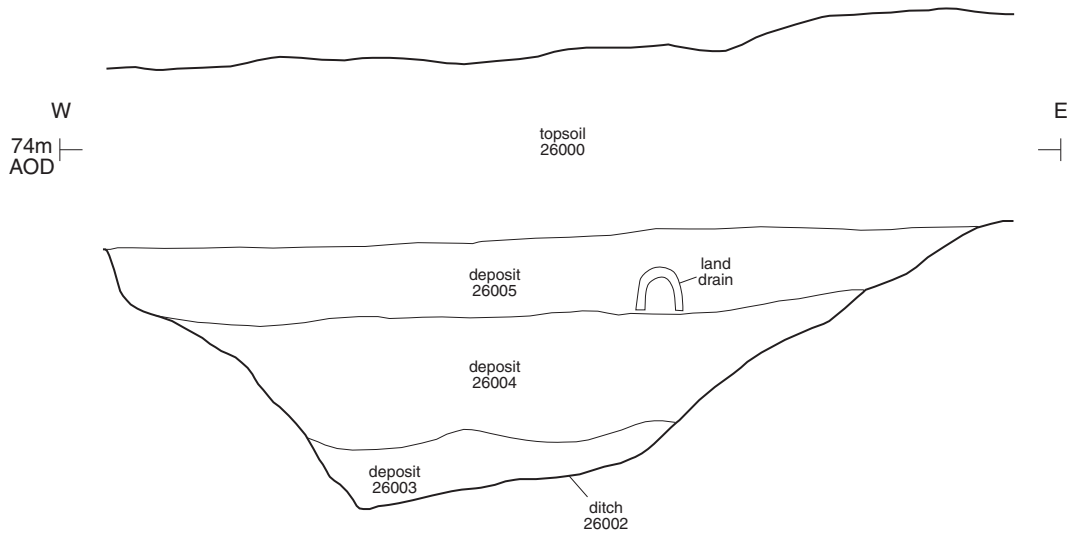
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Trench 5; section AA



Trench 26; section BB



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Trenches 5 and 26; sections

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<p>6 Development Phase 1, general view</p> <p>7 Development Phase 4, general view</p>	 COTSWOLD ARCHAEOLOGY			
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- 8 Ditch 5003, looking east. Scale 1m.
- 9 Ditch 26003, looking north. Scales both 1m.



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