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## SUMMARY

**Project Name:** Land North of Chippenham  
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An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology, between September and October 2009, at Land North of Chippenham, Wiltshire. A total of 56 trenches was excavated.

The evaluation identified archaeological deposits within the current evaluation area. Archaeological activity, in the form of cut features dating to the Roman, medieval, post-medieval and modern periods, was represented.

A distinct area of Roman settlement activity was identified in the northern part of the evaluation area, with dating evidence from the 2nd to 3rd centuries AD; one other area of Roman activity was identified near the southern boundary of the evaluation area where two pits were identified.

A focus of medieval activity was identified in the north-eastern part of the evaluation area, with features of contemporary date identified in the central and north-western parts also. Features associated with post-medieval land use were also identified.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 In September 2009 Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological evaluation for The Environmental Dimension Partnership (EDP), on behalf of the North Chippenham Consortium, on Land North of Chippenham, Wiltshire (centred on NGR: ST 9172 7524; Fig. 1). The evaluation was undertaken to accompany an application for residential and associated development.

1.2 The evaluation was carried out in accordance with a recommendation for archaeological evaluation by Melanie Pomeroy-Kellinger, County Archaeologist, Wiltshire Council (WC), and with a subsequent detailed Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) produced by CA (2009a) and approved by her. The fieldwork also followed the *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Evaluation* issued by the Institute for Archaeologists (IfA 2008), the *Statement of Standards and Practices Appropriate for Archaeological Fieldwork in Wiltshire* (WCC 1996), the *Management of Archaeological Projects* (English Heritage 1991) and the *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MoRPHE)* (English Heritage 2006). It was monitored by Melanie Pomeroy-Kellinger, including visits on the 16, 18, 22 and 25 September, as well as 2 October 2009.

### ***The site***

1.3 The current evaluation area, referred to as Land North of Chippenham, comprises c. 46ha of agricultural land. It is bounded to the north by agricultural land and Bird's Marsh Wood; to the east by agricultural land and to the south and west by the northern outskirts of Chippenham town.

1.4 The current evaluation area comprises approximately 14 open fields, immediately south-west and south-east of Barrow Farm. These were divided into 17 areas for ease of reference (Fig. 2). Land use at the time of excavation was a mixture of grass and oat crops.

1.5 The north-western part of the site lies on a hill at approximately 101m AOD at its highest point in area 4. The ground slopes away gradually to the south, before dropping steeply from the northern end of area 7 from c. 96m to c. 78m AOD in area 8. In the eastern part of the site the ground slopes downwards to c. 82m AOD along the line of a natural dip in the landscape, before rising again to c. 86m near Barrow Farm.

- 1.6 The underlying solid geology of the evaluation area is mapped as Kellaways Sands and Clay of the Upper Jurassic era (BGS 1990). The natural substrate was identified across the evaluation area.

### ***Archaeological background***

- 1.7 The archaeological potential of the site has been documented in an Archaeological Desk-based Assessment (DBA) by The Environmental Dimension Partnership (EDP 2008). Subsequent geophysical and LiDAR surveys were undertaken by Archaeological Surveys (AS 2008). A total of c. 19 ha of the proposed development area was subject to detailed magnetic survey. The results of the DBA and geophysical and LiDAR surveys are summarised below.
- 1.8 Archaeological features have been recorded within the site and were identified in the desk-based assessment. Mesolithic worked flints, including blades, blade cores and picks, were discovered during fieldwalking west of Bird's Marsh Wood. A Bronze Age palstave fragment was also recovered during fieldwalking immediately south of the wood. A possible Bronze Age bowl barrow (not surviving as an above ground feature) is recorded close to the northern site boundary, referred to as *Fontanhlewe* or the 'barrow of the spring' and as a boundary marker in a Saxon charter of AD 854. Field name evidence, from mid 19th-century Tithe maps, for 'Old Barrow', 'Great Oldbarrow' and 'Little Oldbarrow' may imply that further barrows once existed to the west of it. Seventeen Roman pot sherds and a whetstone were also found during fieldwalking south of the wood. Two medieval pot sherds were found close to the possible bowl barrow, with a further nine late medieval sherds also found immediately south of the barrow during fieldwalking (EDP 2008 Fig. 1; Nos 1, 2, 9, 10, 11, 17, 21).
- 1.9 Further finds from the wider site locality include a Palaeolithic flint flake approximately 500m north of the site, further undated, prehistoric, and Mesolithic flint tools 250m and 400m west and south-west of the site and a Roman brooch 800m north of the site. An early medieval settlement, recorded as *Langelegh* in AD 940, lay 800m north of the site, and numerous sites and findspots dating to the medieval and post-medieval periods are recorded on the Wiltshire SMR within the wider site locality. Barrow Farm itself has medieval origins, recorded as *Barwe* in AD 1227. A further late medieval settlement is recorded close to the southern site boundary (EDP 2008 Fig. 1; Nos 3, 8, 20, 26, 14 & 27).

- 1.10 The geophysical survey and review of LiDAR data identified possible archaeological features across the site (Figs 2 - 4), including positive linear anomalies suggesting ditches, magnetic debris suggesting the presence of thermoremanent/ferrous material, and linear anomalies identifying former ridge and furrow cultivation. Areas of particular interest included a concentration of ditch-like and pit-like features (Area 5) and a possible surface depression within the area immediately west of Barrow Farm (area 10) (AS 2008).
- 1.11 A large scale archaeological evaluation which was undertaken to the east of Chippenham identified archaeological activity and land use dating to the Bronze Age, Roman, medieval and post-medieval periods. This included three sites, containing Roman settlement activity (CA 2009b).

### ***Archaeological objectives***

- 1.12 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 the Wiltshire Council in making an informed judgement on the significance of the archaeological resource, and the likely impact upon it of the proposed development.

### ***Methodology***

- 1.13 The fieldwork comprised the excavation of 54 trenches (trenches 1-9, 11 and 14-57) and two test pits (58 and 59), in the locations shown on the attached plan (Fig. 2). Each trench measured 50m by 1.8m, with the exception of trenches 40, which was split into two trenches that measured 10m and 30m, and 57 (see below). Trenches 10, 12 and 13 were not excavated due to access constraints. An additional trench (57) measuring 25m by 1.8m and two test pits (58 and 59) measuring 1m<sup>2</sup> were required in the north-west corner of area 4 after consultation with Melanie Pomeroy-Kellinger.
- 1.14 All trenches were excavated by mechanical excavator equipped with a toothless grading bucket, with the exception of test pits 58 and 59, which were hand dug. 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. Test pits 58 and 59 were dug to the top of the natural substrate with sieving of all deposits removed. Where archaeological deposits were encountered they were excavated by hand in accordance with CA Technical Manual 1: *Fieldwork Recording Manual* (2007).

- 1.15 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). 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).
- 1.16 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 Chippenham Museum and Heritage Centre, 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

- 2.1 This section provides an overview of the evaluation results; detailed summaries of the recorded contexts and finds are to be found in Appendices A, B and C respectively. For the purpose of clarity, and for ease of reference, the results have been presented firstly by site and, secondly, by area in numerical order (Fig. 2).
- 2.2 Based on the character of the features, the dating evidence recovered from them and the results of the geophysical and LiDAR survey, the following sites of archaeological activity and feature types have been identified in the current evaluation area:

*Site 1:* An area of linear and curvi-linear ditches in the northern part of the current evaluation area (trenches 8, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22).

*Site 2:* An area of linear ditches and pits in the north-eastern part of the current evaluation area (trenches 24, 25, 27, 39, 40, 41, 43)



### **General Stratigraphy**

- 2.3 The natural geological substrate within each of the trenches comprised yellow sandy clay. This was predominantly overlain by subsoil, c. 0.25m thick, which was overlain by topsoil c. 0.2m thick. All identified archaeological features cut the natural substrate, except where re-cutting of earlier features occurred, or where modern features cut through the overlying subsoil. In the central and south-western parts of Site 1, a light grey yellow sandy subsoil or wash layer, approximately 0.1m thick, was observed overlying the natural substrate and archaeological features. This was observed in trenches 16, 17 and 19 and 22 and was sealed by the subsoil.
- 2.4 No features or deposits of archaeological significance were identified within trenches 1-7, 9-15, 20-21, 23, 26, 28, 31-38, 42, 44-46, 48, 50-55 or 57-59.

### **SITE 1 (Figs 2 & 3)**

#### **Trench 8**

- 2.5 Ditch 803 orientated north-west/south-east was identified at the north-eastern end of the trench. The upper fill, 804, of this ditch, contained two sherds of possible medieval date. This ditch was identified during the geophysical survey.

#### **Trench 16**

- 2.6 Two features were identified at the south-east end of the trench. Ditch 1611 was orientated east/west, the fill, 1612, contained six sherds of pottery dating to the 2nd century AD. Gully 1613 was orientated north/south and the fill, 1616, contained one sherd of pottery dating to the Roman period.
- 2.7 These features appear to correspond to the results of the geophysical survey, which identified a linear anomaly running across the south-eastern end of the trench.

#### **Trench 17**

- 2.8 Ditch 1703 was identified at the western end of the trench and was orientated north-south. The fill, 1704, contained eight sherds of pottery dating from the 2nd to 4th centuries AD. At the centre of the trench, oval pit 1712 was identified. However, no pottery was recovered from this feature.
- 2.9 Ditch 1707 was identified at the eastern end of the trench and was orientated north/south; its fill, 1708 contained mid 3rd to 4th-century AD pottery. This was

truncated by a later ditch, 1709; its fill, 1710, contained seven sherds of pottery dating from the 2nd to 3rd centuries AD. This was overlain by a silt or wash deposit, 1711.

- 2.10 These features correspond to distinct linear anomalies, or possible enclosure ditches, depicted in the geophysical survey.

***Trench 18 (Fig. 5)***

- 2.11 A number of ditches were identified throughout the trench. Ditch terminus or pit, 1805, was located at the north-western end of the trench and was orientated north-east/south-west. Its fill, 1806, contained 13 sherds of pottery dating from the 2nd to 3rd centuries AD.
- 2.12 Ditch 1817, orientated north-east/south-west was identified in the centre of the trench. Its fill, 1818, was truncated by ditch 1819, which was orientated north-east/south-west. This was filled by two fills, 1820 and 1821, which contained a total of nine sherds of pottery dating to the 2nd and 3rd centuries AD.
- 2.13 Ditch 1810, orientated north-west/south-east, was located towards the south-eastern end of the trench. The fill, 1811, contained three sherds of 2nd to 3rd-century AD pottery. Ditch 1807 was orientated north-east/south-west and the fill 1808 contained 10 sherds of pottery dating to the 2nd and 3rd centuries AD. The intersection between these features was excavated, but the relationship could not be established. The similarity of the fills, and the dating evidence recovered, suggest they are of broadly contemporary date.
- 2.14 Ditch 1812 was orientated east/west and was identified at the south-eastern end of the trench. The secondary fill of this ditch, 1813, contained 13 sherds of pottery dating to the 3rd century AD. Immediately to the south-east of this, gully 1814 was identified running parallel to ditch 1812. The fill, 1815, contained one sherd of Roman pottery. Sandy wash layer 1822, c. 0.1m thick, sealed these features but was not identified beyond this part of the trench.
- 2.15 The geophysical survey depicted linear anomalies within the trench, which correspond to some of the features identified above. These features appear to represent part of a settlement area and may form enclosure and drainage ditches.

**Trench 19 (Fig. 5)**

- 2.16 Ditch 1929 was located at the south-western end of the trench and was orientated east/west. The fill, 1930, contained one sherd of Roman pottery and was truncated by ditch 1907, orientated north/south, these features were not excavated. Ditch 1907 appeared to be a continuation of ditch 1812 identified in trench 18.
- 2.17 Ditch 1925, orientated north-west/south-east, was filled by 1926, which contained four sherds of 2nd-century AD pottery. This was cut by ditch terminus, 1909, which was orientated north/south; the fill of this, 1910, contained one sherd of Roman pottery.
- 2.18 Near the centre of the trench, north/south ditch 1903 contained 13 sherds of late 3rd to 4th-century AD pottery. To the north-east of this, gully 1905 was orientated on the same alignment. No dating evidence was recovered from this feature. Ditch 1948, running parallel with ditch 1903 and 1905 was not excavated.
- 2.19 Ditch 1913, orientated east/west, was identified near to the north-eastern end of the trench. The fill of the ditch, 1914, contained eight sherds of 2nd to 3rd-century AD pottery.
- 2.20 A number of intercutting features were identified at the north-eastern end of the trench. A possible curvilinear ditch, 1918, orientated north-west/south-east was identified. The fill, 1919, was cut by ditch 1916, which was orientated east/west; its fill, 1917, contained three sherds of mid 3rd to 4th-century AD pottery. This was cut by a narrow gully, 1921, which turned from a north/south to an east/west orientation. To the north-east of these features, ditch 1911 was identified, orientated north/south; the fill of this ditch, 1919, contained pottery dating to the Roman period.
- 2.21 The geophysical survey depicted linear features at the north-eastern end of the trench which appear to correspond to those features identified above. All these features appear to represent part of a settlement area and may form enclosure and drainage ditches. Ditches 1929 and 1812 may have been masked by a modern land drain depicted on the geophysical results.

**Trench 22**

- 2.22 Ditch 2204 was orientated north/south and was identified near the centre of the trench. The fill of the ditch, 2205, contained pottery dating to the late 1st to 2nd centuries AD.
- 2.23 The geophysical survey depicted a potential curvilinear anomaly within this trench. This feature was not identified and may represent a build up of subsoil deposits.

**SITE 2 (Figs 2 and 4)****Trench 24 (Fig. 6)**

- 2.24 Gully 2405 was identified at the western end of the trench and was orientated north/south. The fill, 2406, contained pottery dating to the 12th to 13th centuries. A possible double ditch, 2409, was located to the east of this, orientated north/south. The fill of this, 2410, contained 12th to 14th-century AD pottery sherds and was of a very similar composition to 2406.
- 2.25 At the eastern end of the trench, a curvi-linear ditch, 2403, was identified with a north-east/south-west orientation. The fill, 2404, contained pottery dating to the 12th to 13th centuries. An unexcavated ditch, 2411, was located at the far east of the trench and was orientated east/west.
- 2.26 At the centre of the trench, modern ditch 2407, with a north/south orientation, was identified. The fill 2408 contained a large amount of root disturbance and remains of a shotgun cartridge.
- 2.27 No linear anomalies were depicted in the results of the geophysical survey. Ditch 2409 or 2407 may correspond to the 'surface depression' identified in the LiDAR results and may relate to features identified in trench 25. The other features observed in the trench would appear to form part of a fairly extensive field system, or even settlement area, with features found in the nearby trenches.

**Trench 25 (Fig. 6)**

- 2.28 An undated ditch, 2512, was identified at the western end of the trench and was orientated north-east/south-west. To the east of this, ditch 2510, orientated north-west/south-east, was truncated by a large pit, 2505. No dating evidence was

produced from either feature. The upper fill of the pit, 2509, was truncated by a later tree throw, 2528.

- 2.29 At the centre of the trench, a number of intercutting features were identified. Two large ditches, 2503 and 2530, orientated north/south, possibly forming a double ditched feature approximately 8m wide, were identified. The upper fill of ditch 2503, 2504, contained one sherd of pottery dating from the 12th to 13th centuries. The secondary fill of ditch 2530, 2532, also contained medieval pottery, as did its uppermost fill, 2533, with the earliest dating to the 12th to 13th centuries. An undated stone deposit, 2545, was identified between these ditches where it was sealed by the primary fill of ditch 2503. These ditches were truncated by ditch 2535, orientated north/south, which contained abraded brick of possible Roman or medieval date. The fill of this ditch, 2536, was truncated by land drain 2537, which was in turn truncated by a modern ditch or area of disturbance, 2540, 0.26m thick. This cut the subsoil and was sealed by the topsoil.
- 2.30 Immediately to the east, an undated north/south ditch terminus, 2522, and, a north-south orientated and undated ditch, 2520, were also identified.
- 2.31 At the eastern end of the trench, a shallow ditch, 2516, orientated north-east/south-west was identified. The fill, 2517, contained one sherd of medieval pottery. This was truncated by a narrow gully, 1918, which was undated.
- 2.32 No linear anomalies were depicted in the results of the geophysical survey in this trench. Ditches 2403 and 2530, or modern disturbance/ditch 2540, may correspond to the 'surface depression' identified in the LiDAR results, although this was not depicted as extending as far as trench 24. The other features observed in the trench would appear to form part of a fairly extensive field system, or even settlement area, with features found in the nearby trenches.

### ***Trench 27 (Fig. 7)***

- 2.33 A large number of features of broadly contemporary date were identified in this trench. An undated ditch, 2706, was identified at the north-western end of the trench and was orientated north-south. Ditch 2708 was located to the south-east of this and was orientated north/south. Its fill, 2709, was truncated by ditch 2710, which was orientated east/west. The fill of this ditch, 2711, contained pottery dating from the 12th to 14th centuries AD.

- 2.34 A number of undated features were identified in the trench. Ditch 2718 was identified near the centre of the trench and was orientated north-west/south-east. Ditch 2716 was located close to this and was orientated south-west/north-east. An undated pit, 2714, was identified near the centre of the trench, this was immediately adjacent to ditch 2712, which was orientated north/south. Ditch 2720 was located towards the south-eastern end of the trench and was orientated north/south.
- 2.35 A large ditch, 2703, was identified at the south-eastern end of the trench and was orientated north/south. Its primary fill, 2704, contained five sherds of 12th to 13th-century pottery.
- 2.36 No features were depicted in the results of the LiDAR and geophysical survey in this trench beyond ridge and furrow. The archaeological features observed in the trench would appear to form part of a fairly extensive field system with features found in the nearby trenches.

#### ***Trench 29***

- 2.37 An undated ditch, 2903, was identified near the centre of the trench and was orientated west-north-west/east-south-east. This correlated with an anomaly depicted in the results of the geophysical survey and with a hedgerow shown on 1889 OS mapping (EDP 2008; Fig. 02)

#### ***Trench 39***

- 2.38 A small pit, 3903, was identified near the north-western end of the trench. No dating evidence was recovered from the fill. At the south-east end of the trench, an undated ditch, 3905, was identified, which was orientated north-east/south-west. These may relate to medieval activity in this area. No features or anomalies were depicted in the results of the geophysical or LiDAR survey for this trench.

#### ***Trench 40***

- 2.39 Undated ditch 4002 was identified at the eastern end of the trench and was orientated north-west/south-east. The fill of the ditch, 4003, contained no dating evidence. On its northern edge, a pit 4005 was identified; however, no relationship was determined between them. To the west of this, an undated ditch, 4007, was identified and was orientated north-west/south-east. An unexcavated ditch 4009 was

identified near the centre of the trench, which had a north-west/south-east orientation.

- 2.40 An anomaly, depicted in the results of the geophysical survey, correlates with the location of ditch 4007. The other features appear to be contemporary with it.

#### ***Trench 41***

- 2.41 A meandering ditch, 4113, was identified in the centre of the trench and was orientated north-west/south-east. The fill, 4116, contained two sherds of medieval pottery dating from the 12th to 14th centuries AD. This was truncated by a ditch terminus or pit, 4103, which was orientated north-west/south-east. No features corresponded to the linear anomaly depicted on the geophysical survey results.

#### ***Trench 43***

- 2.42 A group of pits, 4303, 4305, 4307, 4309 and 4311, were identified at the eastern end of the trench. The fill of pit 4305 contained a glass phial of possible modern date. No features were depicted on the geophysics and LiDAR survey results for this trench and these may represent disturbance from modern agricultural activity.

### ***AREA 8 (Fig. 2)***

#### ***Trench 49***

- 2.43 Two pits, 4905 and 4907, were identified at the western end of trench 49. The fill of the former, 4906, contained eight sherds of pottery dating from the 1st to 2nd centuries AD. The fill of 4907, 4908, contained one sherd of Roman pottery. No features were depicted on the geophysical and LiDAR survey results for this trench.

### ***AREA 12 (Fig. 2)***

#### ***Trench 30***

- 2.44 Ditch 3003 was identified near the eastern end of the trench and was orientated north/south. The third fill, 3007, contained 12th to 13th-century pottery. The ditch correlated with an anomaly depicted in the results of the geophysical survey and possibly forms part of a medieval field system.

**AREA 13 (Figs 2 and 4)****Trench 47**

- 2.45 Ditch 4705 was identified at the south-western end of the trench and was orientated north-west/south-east. The fill of this ditch, 4706, contained four sherds of 12th to 13th-century pottery and a broken Mesolithic blade. This was truncated by a later curvilinear gully, 4703. No dating evidence was recovered from this feature. No features were depicted on the geophysics and LiDAR survey results for this trench, but the ditches seem to relate to an extensive medieval field system identified in nearby trenches.

**Trench 56**

- 2.46 A small gully, 5603, was identified at the western end of the trench and was orientated north/south. No dating evidence was recovered from the fill. No features were depicted on the geophysics and LiDAR survey results for this trench, but it is likely this feature relates to modern agricultural activity in this field.

**The Finds**

- 2.47 Artefactual material, comprising pottery primarily of Roman and medieval date, and small quantities of prehistoric worked flint, ceramic building material, iron nails, fired clay and animal bone was recovered from 49 separate deposits (Appendix B). Pottery fabric codings listed by context in Appendix B are given below in parenthesis.
- 2.48 A small quantity of prehistoric worked flint (6 pieces), from deposits 1708, 1917, 2404, 3904 and 4706, was recovered. A broken blade with possible evidence for utilization from ditch fill 4706 may be Mesolithic in date. The remainder consists of flake removals, for which specific dating is not possible. All material is residual, occurring in association with Roman or later pottery.
- 2.49 Roman pottery was recovered from 26 deposits, notably from trenches 17–19. The condition tends to be poor, with surface loss common as a result of aggressive soil conditions. The dating for the Roman material is variable, although there appears to be little present that dates before the mid 2nd century AD.



- 2.50 The majority comprises reduced coarsewares including grey-firing (wil re) and dark grey-firing (wil bs) fabrics. The reduced wares and a sandy oxidised ware, which is also common (wil ox), belong to a local, north Wiltshire coarseware tradition described previously from Showell Farm, Chippenham (McSloy 2006) and thought to date mainly to the later 1st to 3rd centuries AD.
- 2.51 Less common are a (probably-local) fine white-slipped flagon fabric (wil ws) identified from gully fill 2205 and Savernake ware from north-east Wiltshire noted from pit fill 4906. The latter occurs as a single sherd from a large, bead-rim jar, which is typical of the ware type. Both types are Early Roman in date, probably no later than the mid 2nd century AD. A later local tradition of coarse greywares (bbim), in forms similar to those of the late Dorset Black-Burnished ware series, is also represented (deposits 1708, 1904).
- 2.52 Non-local 'traded' wares occur as Gaulish samian (sam cg), Dorset Black-Burnished ware (dor bb), New Forest colour-coated ware (nf cc), Oxford red-slipped ware (oxf rs) and Oxford whiteware mortaria (oxf wh). The samian, which is in very poor condition, with little slip remaining, is probably all Central Gaulish in origin and of 2nd century date. A single identifiable form, a Drag. 31 bowl from deposit 1708, dates to the second half of the 2nd century AD, although it is residual in this instance.
- 2.53 The most abundant of the non-local wares is Dorset Black-Burnished ware (dor bb). Forms in this ware are typical of the later 3rd or 4th centuries AD and include flanged conical bowls (ditch fill 1708), plain-rim dishes (ditch fill 1813) and everted-rim jars (ditch fills 1917, 1809). The Roman finewares (nf cc; oxf rs) are also of the later Roman period, after c. AD 250. Identifiable forms include a beaker (ditch fill 1708) and a rouletted bowl in imitation of samian form Drag. 31r (ditch fill 1904), each of New Forest colour-coated ware.
- 2.54 Medieval pottery was recorded from ten deposits concentrated in Trenches 22, 24, 25 and 27. All comprise coarse handmade cooking pot fabrics, with glazed pitcher or jug wares not represented. In the absence of more closely dateable material, broad dating across the 12th to 13th centuries is suggested. Ditch fill 2704 contained large joining sherds, from which the vessel profile could be fully reconstructed. Surface preservation is good, although probable calcareous inclusions in a less-common fabric (med ls) are leached out, resulting in a vesicular 'corky' appearance.

- 2.55 The more common fabric (med qz) with common coarse rounded quartz inclusions and a variant with sparse flint or chert inclusions (med qz/fl) are probably locally-made types. Forms are mainly jars with simple everted rims or everted with an internal groove (ditch fill 3007). A jar sherd from ditch fill 2704 features simple decoration in the form of finger impressions to its rim upper. Forms other than jars occur as a small vessel with pedestal base from ditch fill 2704, which may be a lamp, and a possible cover from ditch fill 2533.
- 2.56 Post-medieval pottery occurs only as unstratified material recovered in the vicinity of Trenches 31 and 34. Dating in the mid 16th to 18th century range is likely for this material, which consists of glazed earthenwares of probable east or south Somerset origin.
- 2.57 Little among the remaining artefactual material is noteworthy. The base of a small clear glass vessel from deposit 4306 belongs to a pharmaceutical phial of post-medieval type. Iron objects (appendix B), other than one nail from ditch fill 1813, are fragmentary and unidentifiable to form or function. The ceramic building material consists of small fragments and only a Roman brick fragment from ditch fill 1708 can be assigned a date.
- 2.58 A small fragmentary animal bone assemblage was recovered from four deposits 2504 (fill of medieval ditch 2503), 2508 (fill of undated pit 2505), 2533 (fill of medieval ditch 2530) and 2704 (fill of medieval ditch 2703). The animal bone totalled 28 fragments, weighing 13g. The only identified item was a fragmented sheep/goat tooth from 2704. The remainder of the assemblage comprised fragments classified as cow-sized and sheep-sized. The animal bone showed signs of weathering. A fragment of wood was recovered from 2544, which fills modern ditch 2540. A single piece of charcoal was recovered from wash layer 2203. The fragment of animal bone from 2504 had been burnt.

### **3. DISCUSSION**

- 3.1 The evaluation has revealed archaeological activity within the current development area. Those features identified within the evaluation trenches date from the Roman to modern period, including a possible area of Roman settlement activity (Site 1;

Figs 1 and 3), a concentrated area of medieval settlement or agricultural activity (Site 2; Fig. 4), as well as a general spread of Roman, medieval, post-medieval and modern agricultural activity.

- 3.2 A number of anomalies identified by the geophysical survey corresponded to features identified during the evaluation. Furthermore, it successfully located areas of deep underlying subsoil deposits, former ridge and furrow, drainage systems and modern cultivation (AS 2008). In a small number of trenches, the targeting of geophysical anomalies did not identify any archaeological features.

### ***Prehistoric***

- 3.3 Mesolithic worked flints were identified in area 4 during fieldwalking (EDP 2008). No features dating to this period were identified in this area. Hand excavation of the test pits (and sieving of spoil) did not result in the recovery of any worked flints.
- 3.4 A small quantity of prehistoric worked flint, including a possible broken blade of Mesolithic date, was recovered. These appear to be residual artefacts recovered from deposits in trenches 17, 19, 24, 39 and 47. This distribution is probably a reflection of where features (of later date) have been excavated and reflects a background noise of prehistoric activity.

### ***Roman***

- 3.5 In the central part of Site 1 (Fig. 3), ditches forming a potential co-axial settlement comprising enclosure and drainage ditches, orientated from north/south to east/west, were identified in trenches 16 to 19. A curvilinear ditch, possibly a round house (depicted on the geophysical survey), measuring c. 10m in diameter, was identified in trench 18. Features within Site 1 were noticeably sparse in the north-western end of trench 16 and none were identified in trenches 20, 21 and 54 in the eastern side of the site, suggesting the zone of most intensive activity did not extend beyond these points. Ditches in trenches 8 (to the north) and 22 (to the south) may represent the remains of an associated field system.
- 3.6 One other area of potential Roman activity was identified in the evaluation. In area 8, trench 49, two pits, dating to the 1st to 2nd centuries AD, may indicate an isolated, and possibly earlier, focus of Roman activity on the site.

- 3.7 The geophysical survey depicted a number of linear and curvilinear anomalies, orientated north/south and east/west in Site 1. Although the results of the survey gave an indication of potential settlement activity, they were generally very fragmentary and many of the features identified in the evaluation were not depicted. This makes it difficult to interpret the character of the activity from these results.
- 3.8 The character of the Roman activity within Site 1 cannot be fully ascertained at this time, although a number of potentially similar small-scale Roman settlements have been identified in the vicinity of Chippenham, including Lodge Farm, Heywood, located c. 7km to the north of the proposed development area (Bateman 2000, 92-93) and Chequers Farm, located c. 8km to the south, where activity dated to the 1st to 4th centuries AD (TAU 1991).
- 3.9 Comparison can also be drawn with Showell Farm on the southern edge of Chippenham, c. 7km from the proposed development area. Limited settlement activity and an associated field system, dating to 1st to 2nd-centuries, were identified within the excavation area (Young and Hancocks 2006). The evaluation immediately to the south-east of the proposed development area identified three distinct sites of settlement activity dating to the Roman period, as well as extensive evidence for contemporary Roman farming (CA 2009b).
- 3.10 The artefactual material recovered from the evaluation was poorly preserved as a result of aggressive soil conditions. This may also explain the lack of animal bone recovered from any Roman deposits. The dating for the Roman material is variable, although there appears to be little present that dates before the mid 2nd century AD. The predominant local coarsewares identified among the pottery sherds belong to a local, north Wiltshire coarseware tradition and date mainly to the later 1st to 3rd centuries AD.

***Medieval, post-medieval and modern***

- 3.11 Evidence for a focus of medieval activity was identified in the north-eastern corner of the current evaluation area in Site 2, Area 10 and 14. The only feature depicted in the geophysical and LiDAR survey within this area was in trenches 24 and 25, where a surface depression was identified.
- 3.12 Medieval activity was characterised by drainage and/or boundary ditches within trenches 24, 25, 27, 40 and 41. A complex sequence of intercutting ditches was

identified in trench 25. The artefactual material recovered from the medieval features comprised coarse handmade cooking vessels and animal bone, suggesting that medieval settlement activity was located in the vicinity of Site 2.

- 3.13 An undated settlement, thought to be of medieval date, has been recorded close to the north of the site and site 2 lies c. 200m to the west of Barrow Farm, which itself has medieval origins (EDP 2008).
- 3.14 Within the remainder of the site, few medieval features were identified. Ditches were identified in Areas 12 and 4 and represent possible drainage or field boundary ditches.

#### ***Post-medieval and modern***

- 3.15 A general spread of features, post-dating the medieval period, were identified across the site. These attest to the continuation of agricultural activities on the site and consisted of plough furrows, land drains and field boundaries, most of which were identified in the geophysical and LiDAR survey.

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**APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS**

## Trench 1: E-94.13m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
100	layer	topsoil			0.18	
101	layer	subsoil mid brownish grey sandy clay			0.1	
102	layer	natural mid yellow silty sandy clay with grey mottling				
103	cut	modern land drain				
104	deposit	fill of 103				
105	cut	modern land drain				
106	deposit	fill of 105				
107	cut	modern land drain				
108	deposit	fill of 107				
109	cut	modern land drain				
110	deposit	fill of 109				

## Trench 2: NNE-94.17m AOD, SSW-96.12m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
200	layer	topsoil			0.2	
201	layer	subsoil			0.2	
202	layer	natural				

## Trench 3: SW-96.49m AOD, NE-97.34m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
300	layer	topsoil same as 400			0.24	
301	layer	Subsoil mid greyish yellow sandy clay, rare small stones.			0.13	
302	layer	natural				

## Trench 4: SW-97.53m AOD, NE-97.34m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
400	layer	Same as 100			0.22	
401	layer	subsoil mid brown grey yellow sandy clay, rare small stones			0.15	
402	layer	natural light to mid yellow clay, blue grey mottling				

## Trench 5: W-98.06 m AOD, E-98.74m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
500	layer	topsoil mid grey brown sandy clay			0.2	
501	layer	subsoil yellow brown clay			0.1	
502	layer	natural yellow clay with blue clay mottling				
503	cut	modern land drain				
504	deposit	fill of 503				
505	cut	cut of modern land drain				
506	deposit	fill of 505				

## Trench 6: SSW-100.15m AOD, NNE- 98.90m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
600	layer	topsoil mid grey brown sandy clay			0.25	
601	layer	subsoil grey brown sandy clay			0.03	
602	layer	natural yellow sandy clay with blue clay natural patches				
603	cut	modern land drain				
604	deposit	fill of 603				
605	cut	modern land drain				
606	deposit	fill of 605				
607	cut	modern land drain				
608	deposit	fill of 607				
609	cut	modern land drain				
610	deposit	fill of 609				
611	cut	modern land drain				
612	deposit	fill of 611				

## Trench 7: W-99.51m AOD, E-99.76m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
700	layer	topsoil same as 900			0.22	
701	layer	subsoil same as 901			0.06	
702	layer	natural mid greyish yellow clay with light yellow and blue mottling				
703	cut	modern land drain				
704	deposit	fill of 703				

## Trench 8: SW-101.77m AOD, NE-101.26m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
800	layer	topsoil mid grey brown sandy clay			0.1-0.2	
801	layer	subsoil mid brown sandy loam			>0.2	
802	layer	natural mid orange grey sandy clay				
803	cut	ditch	1.8	1.36	0.41	
804	deposit	fill of 803	1.8	1.36	0.36	Med?
805	deposit	fill of 803	1.8	0.41	0.07	

## Trench 9: N-11.09m AOD, S-100.97m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
900	layer	topsoil - mid brown soft sandy clay			0.27	
901	layer	subsoil mottles brown grey and blue yellow sandy clay			0.03	
902	layer	natural substrate light to mid yellow clay, blue mottling, moderate flint inclusions				
903	cut	modern land drain				
904	deposit	fill of 903				

## Trench 11: N-100.72m AOD, S-99.62m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
1100	layer	topsoil mid grey brown sandy clay			0.2	
1101	layer	subsoil light grey brown sandy clay			0.1	
1102	layer	natural substrate yellow blue sandy clay				
1103	cut	modern land drain				
1104	deposit	fill of 1103				



## Trench 14: NW-100.06m AOD, SE-98.54m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
1400	layer	topsoil light orangey brown friable clayey sand with rare stone inclusions			0.18	
1401	layer	subsoil mid brownish orange silty clayey sand			0.10	
1402	layer	natural substrate light yellow brown clayey sand, blueish yellow mottling				

## Trench 15: SW-97.97m AOD, NE-97.81m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
1500	layer	topsoil grey brown sandy clay			0.2	
1501	layer	subsoil light grey brown sandy clay			0.1	
1502	layer	natural substrate yellow sand clay with blue clay mottling				
1503	cut	modern land drain				
1504	deposit	fill of 1503				
1505	cut	modern land drain				
1506	deposit	fill of 1505				
1507	cut	modern land drain				
1508	deposit	fill of 1507				
1509	cut	modern land drain				
1510	deposit	fill of 1509				
1511	cut	modern land drain				
1512	deposit	fill of 1511				
1513	cut	modern land drain				
1514	deposit	fill of 1513				
1515	cut	modern land drain				
1516	deposit	fill of 1515				
1517	cut	modern land drain				
1518	deposit	fill of 1517				
1519	cut	modern land drain				
1520	deposit	fill of 1519				
1521	cut	modern land drain				
1522	deposit	fill of 1521				

## Trench 16: NW-98.2m AOD, SE-97.20m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
1600	layer	topsoil same as 1800			0.17	
1601	layer	subsoil mid brown mottled brown and light yellow clayey sand			0.26	
1602	layer	natural substrate same as 1802				
1603	cut	modern land drain				
1604	deposit	fill of 1603				
1605	cut	modern land drain				
1606	deposit	fill of 1605				
1607	cut	modern land drain				
1608	deposit	fill of 1607				
1609	cut	modern land drain				
1610	deposit	fill of 1609				
1611	cut	shallow ditch	1.8	0.22	0.2	
1612	deposit	fill of 1611	1.8	0.22	0.2	C2+
1613	cut	small gully	1.8	0.6	0.18	
1614	deposit	fill of 1613	1.8	0.6	0.18	
1615	cut	gully same as 1613	1.8	0.6	0.18	
1616	deposit	fill of 1615	1.8	0.6	0.18	RB
1617	deposit	area of yellow sandy wash				
1618	deposit	area of greyish white sandy wash				

1619	deposit	area of yellow sandy wash				
1620	cut	modern land drain				
1621	deposit	fill of 1620				

Trench 17: W-96.53m AOD, E-95.42m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
1700	layer	topsoil same as 1600			0.17	
1701	layer	subsoil same as 1601			0.26	
1702	layer	natural same as 1602				
1703	cut	ditch	1.8	1.09	0.32	
1704	deposit	fill of 1703	1.8	1.09	0.16	MLC2-4
1705	deposit	fill of 1703	1.8	0.65	0.1	
1706	deposit	fill of 1703	1.8		0.08	
1707	cut	ditch	1.8	1.1	0.36	
1708	deposit	dill of 1707	1.8	1.1	0.36	MC3-4
1709	cut	ditch	1.8	0.62	0.31	
1710	deposit	fill of 1709	1.8	0.62	0.31	C2-3
1711	deposit	sterile deposit covering ditches 1707 and 1709			0.05	
1712	cut	pit	1.41	0.38	0.14	
1713	deposit	fill of 1712	1.41	0.38	0.14	
1714	cut	modern land drain				
1715	deposit	fill of 1714				

Trench 18: NW-96.59m AOD, SE-95.89m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
1800	layer	topsoil mid brown clay sand, rare small stones			0.19	
1801	layer	subsoil mottled yellow and grey brown clay sand			0.1	
1802	layer	natural mottles yellow clay sand with manganese flecking				
1803	cut	modern land drain				
1804	deposit	fill of 1803				
1805	cut	ditch terminus or pit	1.25	0.85	0.18	
1806	deposit	fill of 1805	1.25	0.85	0.18	C2-3
1807	cut	ditch	>3	1.8	0.4	
1808	deposit	fill of 1807	>3	1.8	0.3	C2-3?
1809	deposit	fill of 1807	>3	1.8	0.1	LC2-4
1810	cut	shallow ditch/gully	1.8	0.4	0.16	
1811	deposit	fill of 1810	1.8	0.4	0.16	LC2-3
1812	cut	ditch	1.8	3.1	0.4	
1813	deposit	fill of 1812	1.8	1.7	0.4	C3
1814	cut	gully	1.8	1	0.2	
1815	deposit	fill of 1814	1.8	0.3	0.15	RB
1816	deposit	fill of 1812	1.8	1	0.15	
1817	cut	ditch	1.8	1.25	0.3	
1818	deposit	fill of 1817	1.8	1.25	0.3	
1819	cut	ditch	1.8	1.5	0.5	
1820	deposit	fill of 1819	1.8	0.5	0.1	RB
1821	deposit	fill of 1819	1.8	1.5	0.4	C2-3
1822	deposit	fill of 1812	1.8	3	0.1	
1823	cut	ditch	1.8	0.4	0.2	
1824	deposit	fill of 1823	1.8	0.4	0.2	RB
1825	cut	gully	1.8	0.2	0.2	
1826	deposit	fill of 1825	1.8	0.2	0.2	C2-4

## Trench 19: SW-95.37m AOD, 94.69m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
1900	layer	topsoil same as 1800			0.19	
1901	layer	subsoil same as 1801			0.1	
1902	layer	natural same as 1802				
1903	cut	ditch	1.8	2	0.3	
1904	deposit	fill of 1903	1.8	2	0.3	L3-4
1905	cut	gully	1.8	0.4	0.15	
1906	deposit	fill of 1905	1.8	0.4	0.15	
1907	cut	ditch (unexcavated)				
1908	deposit	fill of 1907 (unexcavated)				
1909	cut	ditch	1.5	0.5	0.3	
1910	deposit	fill of 1909	1.5	0.5	0.3	RB
1911	cut	ditch	1.8	0.42	0.14	
1912	deposit	fill of 1911	1.8	0.42	0.14	RB
1913	cut	ditch	1.8	1.32	0.21	
1914	deposit	fill of 1913	1.8	1.32	0.21	C2-3
1915	deposit	wash over 1913 same as 1901			0.14	
1916	cut	ditch	1.8	0.98	0.29	
1917	deposit	fill of 1916 - backfill	1.8	0.9	0.29	MC3-4
1918	cut	ditch	1.8	1.9		
1919	deposit	fill of 1918	1.8	1.9		
1920	deposit	fill of 1916 - grey fill	1.8	0.09	0.08	
1921	cut	ditch	1.8	0.71	0.08	
1922	deposit	fill of 1921	1.8	0.71	0.08	
1923	cut	ditch	1.5	0.5	0.3	
1924	deposit	fill of 1923	1.5	0.5	0.3	
1925	cut	ditch	1.8	1	0.15	
1926	deposit	fill of 1925	1.8	1.1	0.2	C2+
1927	VOID					
1928	VOID					
1929	cut	ditch - unexcavated				
1930	deposit	fill of 1929 - unexcavated				RB
1931	deposit	fill of 1929 - unexcavated				
1932	cut	modern field drain				
1933	deposit	fill of 1932				
1934	cut	modern field drain				
1935	deposit	fill of 1934				
1936	cut	modern field drain				
1937	deposit	fill of 1937				
1938	cut	modern field drain				
1939	deposit	fill of 1938				
1940	cut	modern field drain				
1941	deposit	fill of 1940				
1942	cut	modern field drain				
1943	deposit	fill of 1942				
1944	cut	modern field drain				
1945	deposit	fill of 1944				
1946	cut	modern field drain				
1947	deposit	fill of 1946				
1948	cut	ditch	2.2	1.8		
1949	fill	fill of 1948	2.2	1.8		

## Trench 20: W-94.91m AOD, E-93.93m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
2000	layer	topsoil same as 2100			0.25	
2001	layer	subsoil same as 2101			0.1	
2002	layer	natural same as 2102				

## Trench 21: N-92.85m AOD, S-91.92m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
2100	layer	topsoil mid brown sand clay			0.25	
2101	layer	subsoil light grey brown sand clay			0.1	
2102	layer	natural orange to grey mottled clay sand				
2103	cut	modern land drain				
2104	deposit	fill of 2103				
2105	cut	modern land drain				
2106	deposit	fill of 2105				
2107	cut	modern land drain				
2108	deposit	fill of 2107				
2109	cut	modern land drain				
2110	deposit	fill of 2109				
2111	cut	modern land drain				
2112	deposit	fill of 2111				
2113	cut	modern land drain				
2114	deposit	fill of 2113				

## Trench 22: W-96.54m AOD, E-95.81m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
2200	layer	topsoil same as 2100			0.19	
2201	layer	subsoil same as 2101			0.07	
2202	layer	natural same as 2102				
2203	deposit	wash covering gully 2204		3.25	0.14	C12-13
2204	cut	gully	1.8	0.56	0.56	
2205	deposit	fill of 2204	1.8	0.56	0.15	LC1-2
2206	deposit	wash deposit		2.25		Med?
2207	cut	modern land drain				
2208	deposit	fill of 2207				
2209	cut	modern land drain				
2210	deposit	fill of 2209				
2211	cut	modern land drain				
2212	deposit	fill of 2211				
2213	cut	modern land drain				
2214	deposit	fill of 2213				
2215	cut	modern land drain				
2216	deposit	fill of 2215				
2217	cut	modern land drain				
2218	deposit	fill of 2217				

## Trench 23: W-96.16m AOD, E-96.61m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
2300	layer	topsoil mid brown clayey sand			0.19	
2301	layer	subsoil mottles light orange brown sandy clay			0.05	
2302	layer	natural mid yellow orange sandy clay				
2303	cut	modern land drain				
2304	deposit	fill of 2303				
2305	cut	modern land drain				
2306	deposit	fill of 2305				
2307	cut	modern land drain				
2308	deposit	fill of 2307				

## Trench 24: W-90.68m AOD, E-89.84m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
2400	layer	topsoil mid grey sandy silt			0.25	
2401	layer	subsoil mid yellow brown sandy clay			0.11	
2402	layer	natural light yellow brown clay				
2403	cut	ditch	1.8	0.11	0.1	
2404	deposit	fill of 2403	1.8	0.11	0.1	C12-13
2405	cut	ditch	1.8	0.65	0.31	
2406	deposit	fill of 2405	1.8	0.65	0.31	C12-13
2407	cut	ditch - modern hedgerow?	1.8	1.7	0.4	
2408	deposit	fill of 2407	1.8	1.7	0.4	
2409	cut	ditch	1.8	3.1	0.27	
2410	deposit	fill of 2409	1.8	3.1	0.27	C12-14
2411	cut	ditch - unexcavated	2.5	0.45		
2412	deposit	fill of 2411 - unexcavated	2.5	0.45		
2413	cut	modern land drain				
2414	deposit	fill of 2413				

## Trench 25: W-89.68m AOD, E- 88.76m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
2500	layer	topsoil same as 2400			0.25	
2501	layer	subsoil same as 2401			0.11	
2502	layer	natural same as 2402				
2503	cut	ditch	1.8	2.8	0.5	
2504	deposit	fill of 2503	1.8	2.8	0.3	C12-13
2505	cut	pit	2	2	0.7	
2506	deposit	fill of 2505			0.25	
2507	deposit	fill of 2505			0.25	
2508	deposit	fill of 2505			0.2	
2509	deposit	fill of 2505			0.25	
2510	cut	ditch	1.3	0.7	0.3	
2511	deposit	fill of 2510	1.3	0.7	0.3	
2512	cut	ditch	1.8	1.08	0.15	
2513	deposit	fill of 2512	1.8	1.08	0.15	
2514	cut	modern land drain				
2515	deposit	fill of 2514				
2516	cut	ditch	1.8	1	0.2	
2517	deposit	fill of 2516	1.8	1	0.2	Med?
2518	cut	narrow gully	1.8	0.3	0.3	
2519	deposit	fill of 2518	1.8	0.3	0.3	
2520	cut	shallow gully	1.8	2	0.2	
2521	deposit	fill of 2520	1.8	2.9	0.2	
2522	cut	ditch terminus	1.3	0.8	0.2	
2523	deposit	fill of 2522	1	0.5	0.15	
2524	cut	ditch quadrant terminus	0.5	0.3	0.15	
2525	deposit	fill of 2524	0.5	0.5	0.1	
2526	cut	tree	1	2	0.5	
2527	deposit	fill of 2526	1	2	0.5	
2528	cut	pit	1	0.7	0.3	
2529	deposit	fill of 2528		0.8	0.2	
2530	cut	ditch	1.8	3	0.7	
2531	deposit	fill of 2530	1.8	0.5	0.3	
2532	deposit	fill of 2530	1.8	1.3	0.6	Med?
2533	deposit	fill of 2530	1.8	2.4	0.7	C12-13
2534	deposit	fill of 2530	1.8	1.85	0.1	
2535	cut	gully	1.8	0.85	0.25	
2536	deposit	fill of 2535	1.8	0.85	0.25	RB?

2537	cut	modern land drain	1.8	0.28	0.4	
2538	deposit	fill of 2537	1.8	0.26	0.05	
2539	VOID	VOID				
2540	cut	modern ditch	1.8	4	0.26	
2541	deposit	fill of 2540	1.8	1.2	0.1	
2542	deposit	fill of 2540	1.8	0.8	0.1	
2543	deposit	fill of 2540	1.8	3	0.3	
2544	deposit	fill of 2540	1.4	0.9	0.07	
2545	deposit	area of compact stones	1.8	0.4	0.1	
2546	deposit	fill of 2503	1.8	2.8	0.2	
2547	cut	pos modern land drain				
2548	deposit	fill of 2547				

Trench 26: SW-85.64m AOD, NE-87.28m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
2600	layer	topsoil dark brown sandy silt			0.3	
2601	layer	subsoil mid brown silty clay			0.1	
2602	layer	natural light brown clay with orange flecking				

Trench 27: NW-89.68m AOD, SE-95.99m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
2700	layer	topsoil mid grey brown silt			0.3	
2701	layer	subsoil mid yellowish brown silty clay			0.15	
2702	layer	natural light yellowish brown clay				
2703	cut	ditch	2	2.2	1	
2704	deposit	fill of 2703	2	2.2	0.85	C12-13
2705	deposit	fill of 2703	2	1	0.3	
2706	cut	ditch	1.8	0.8	0.15	
2707	deposit	fill of 2706	1.8	0.8	0.15	
2708	cut	ditch			0.1	
2709	deposit	fill of 2708			0.1	
2710	cut	ditch			0.32	
2711	deposit	fill of ditch			0.32	C12-14
2712	cut	ditch	1.8	0.4	0.3	
2713	deposit	fill of 2712	1.8	0.4	0.3	
2714	cut	circular feature	0.93	1.07		
2715	deposit	fill of 2714	0.93	1.07		
2716	cut	ditch - unexcavated	1.8	1.49		
2717	deposit	fill of 2716	1.8	1.49		
2718	cut	linear feature – unexcavated	1.8	0.56		
2719	deposit	fill of 2718	1.8	0.56		
2720	cut	linear feature - unexcavated	1.8	1.38		
2721	deposit	fill of 2721	1.8	1.38		

Trench 28: SW-92.13m AOD, NE-91.03m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
2800	layer	topsoil mid grey brown soil			0.25	
2801	layer	subsoil mid orange brown sandy loam			0.2	
2802	layer	natural mid orange grey clay				
2803	deposit	layer of mottled yellow brown clay infrequent flint				
2804	cut	modern land drain				
2805	deposit	fill of 2804				
2806	cut	modern land drain				
2807	deposit	fill of 2806				

## Trench 29: SW-86.04m AOD, NE-83.98m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
2900	layer	topsoil same as 3700			0.25	
2901	layer	subsoil same as 3701			0.08	
2902	layer	natural same as 3702				
2903	cut	ditch	1.8	1.1	0.42	
2904	deposit	fill of 2903	1.8	1.1	0.42	

## Trench 30: W-86.95m AOD, E-84.63m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
3000	layer	topsoil			0.25	
3001	layer	subsoil			0.2	
3002	layer	natural				
3003	cut	ditch	1.8	1.8	0.98	
3004	deposit	fill of 3003	1.8	1.8	0.98	
3005	cut	modern land drain				
3006	deposit	fill of 3005				
3007	deposit	fill of 3003			0.19	C12-13
3008	deposit	fill of 3003			0.23	
3009	deposit	fill of 3003			0.19	

## Trench 31: SW-80.97m AOD, NE-83m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
3100	layer	topsoil same as 3400			0.23	
3101	layer	subsoil same as 3401			0.15	
3102	layer	natural same as 3402				

## Trench 32: SW-83.59m AOD, NE-84.50m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
3200	layer	topsoil mid brown grey soil			0.2	
3201	layer	subsoil light brown sandy clay			0.1	
3202	layer	natural light yellow brown clay				

## Trench 33: SW-86.35m AOD, NE-89.54m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
3300	layer	topsoil same as 2300			0.23	
3301	layer	subsoil same as 2301			0.06	
3302	layer	natural same as 2302				
3303	cut	modern land drain				
3304	deposit	fill of 3303				
3305	cut	modern land drain				
3306	deposit	fill of 3305				
3307	cut	modern land drain				
3308	deposit	fill of 3307				

## Trench 34: N-80.62m AOD, S-78.71m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
3400	layer	topsoil mid brown grey sandy silt, occasional stones			0.21	
3401	layer	subsoil mid orange brown sandy clay			0.1	
3402	layer	natural light yellow brown clay				
3403	cut	modern land drain				
3404	deposit	fill of 3403				

## Trench 35: W-80.26m AOD, E-80.48m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
3500	layer	topsoil same as 3600			0.34	
3501	layer	subsoil same as 3601			0.1	
3502	layer	natural same as 3602				

## Trench 36: NE- 77.28m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
3600	layer	topsoil mid to light orange brown sandy clay			0.21	
3601	layer	subsoil mid brown orange yellow sandy clay			0.07	
3602	layer	natural mid to light orange yellow clay, manganese flecking				
3603	cut	modern land drain				
3604	deposit	fill of 3603				
3605	cut	modern land drain				
3606	deposit	fill of 3605				

## Trench 37: NW-84.76m AOD, SE-80.77m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
3700	layer	topsoil light yellow brown silty sand			0.25	
3701	layer	subsoil mid orange grey sandy clay, grey blue mottling			0.08	
3702	layer	natural light grey yellow clay, grey blue mottling				

## Trench 38: W-81.99m AOD, E-78.85m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
3800	layer	topsoil dark brown silty sand			0.36	
3801	layer	subsoil light brown silty clay			0.13	
3802	layer	natural light brown yellow sandy clay				

## Trench 39: NW-85.91m AOD, SE-85.16m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
3900	layer	topsoil same as 3700			0.35	
3901	layer	subsoil same as 3701			0.1	
3902	layer	natural same as 3702				
3903	cut	pit		0.4	0.1	
3904	deposit	fill of 3903		0.4	0.1	
3905	cut	ditch/ gully	1.8	0.55	0.13	
3906	deposit	fill of 3905	1.8	0.55	0.13	



## Trench 40: W-82.07m AOD, 85.54m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
4000	layer	topsoil			0.3	
4001	layer	subsoil			0.2	
4002	cut	ditch	1.8	1.14	0.24	
4003	fill	fill of 4002	1.8	1.14	0.24	
4004	natural	natural substrate – yellowish brown clay				
4005	cut	pit		0.56	0.15	
4006	deposit	fill of 4005		0.56	0.15	
4007	cut	ditch	1.8	1.3	0.41	
4008	deposit	fill of 4007	1.8	1.3	0.41	
4009	cut	ditch - unexcavated	1.8	0.71		
4010	deposit	fill of 4009	1.8	0.71		

## Trench 41: NW-84.91m AOD, SE-85.07m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
4100	layer	topsoil mid brown clayey sand			0.25	
4101	layer	subsoil mid yellow orange sandy clay, manganese flecking			0.21	
4102	layer	natural mottled light orange yellow soft clay, manganese flecking				
4103	cut	gully	1.8	0.35	0.1	
4104	deposit	fill of 4103	1.8	0.35	0.1	
4105	cut	gully	>0.5	0.3	0.07	
4106	deposit	fill of 4105	>0.5	0.3	0.07	
4107	cut	modern land drain				
4108	deposit	fill of 4108				
4109	cut	modern land drain				
4110	deposit	fill of 4109	>0.65	0.55	0.1	
4111	cut	gully	>0.65	0.55	0.1	
4112	deposit	fill of 4111	>0.65	0.55	0.1	
4113	cut	gully	>0.4	>0.2	0.1	
4114	deposit	fill of 4113	>0.4	0.2	0.1	
4115	cut	Ditch/pit	>0.35	>0.35	0.26	
4116	fill	fill of 4115	>0.35	>0.35	0.26	C12-14

## Trench 42: N-84.74m AOD, S-84.42m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
4200	layer	topsoil mid brown sandy silt			0.45	
4201	layer	subsoil light brown sandy silt			0.1	
4202	layer	natural light brown sand, manganese flecking				

## Trench 43: W-84.88m AOD, E-84.21m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
4300	layer	topsoil same as 4200			0.29	
4301	layer	subsoil same as 4201			0.1	
4302	layer	natural same as 4202				
4303	cut	sub oval pit	0.95	0.66	0.14	
4304	deposit	fill of 4303	0.95	0.66	0.14	
4305	cut	sub oval pit	0.79	0.39	0.11	
4306	deposit	fill of 4305	0.79	0.39	0.11	Mod?
4307	cut	sub oval cut	1.4	0.75	0.21	
4308	deposit	fill of 4307	1.4	0.75	0.21	
4309	cut	poss pit	1.4	0.75	0.21	

4310	deposit	fill of 4309	1.4	0.75	0.21	
4311	cut	possible pit				
4312	deposit	fill of 4311				

Trench 44: W-84.94m AOD, 84.20m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
4400	layer	topsoil			0.3	
4401	layer	subsoil			0.15	
4402	layer	natural				
4403	cut	pit		0.2	0.07	
4404	deposit	fill of 4403		0.2	0.07	

Trench 45: N-81.13m AOD, S-81.34m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
4500	layer	topsoil mid yellow orange brown clayey sand			0.3	
4501	layer	subsoil mottled mid orange brown sandy clay			0.15	
4502	layer	natural mid to dark yellow orange sandy clay, manganese flecking				

Trench N-46: 75.03m AOD, S- 75.24m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
4600	layer	topsoil same as 4500			0.26	
4601	layer	subsoil same as 4501			0.2	
4602	layer	natural same as 4502				

Trench 47: SW- 74.93m AOD, NE-76.32m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
4700	layer	topsoil mid brown clayey sand rare stone inclusions			0.35	
4701	layer	subsoil light brownish yellow sandy clay, manganese flecking			0.2	
4702	layer	natural light orange yellow clay, manganese flecking				
4703	cut	curvi-linear gully	9	0.45	0.22	
4704	deposit	fill of 4703	9	0.45	0.22	
4705	cut	ditch	1.8	0.7	0.15	
4706	deposit	fill of 4705	1.8	0.7	0.15	C12-13
4707	cut	modern land drain				
4708	deposit	fill of 4707				
4709	cut	gully	>0.2	0.2	0.13	
4710	deposit	fill of 4709	>0.2	0.2	0.13	
4711	cut	shallow ditch	>0.2	0.2	0.1	
4712	deposit	fill of 4711	>0.2	0.2	0.1	

Trench 48: SW-77.22m AOD, NE-76.50m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
4800	layer	topsoil same as 4900			0.23	
4801	layer	subsoil mid brown silty sandy clay			0.08	
4802	layer	natural mid orange grey yellow clay, manganese flecking				
4803	cut	modern land drain				
4804	deposit	fill of 4803				

## Trench 49: W-79.01m AOD, E-77.85m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
4900	layer	topsoil light to mid brown clayey sand			0.24	
4901	layer	subsoil light yellow brown clayey sand, manganese flecking			0.09	
4902	layer	natural mid orange yellow and blueish grey mottling clay, manganese flecking				
4903	cut	modern land drain				
4904	deposit	fill of 4903				
4905	cut	oval pit	1.8	0.55	0.19	
4906	deposit	fill of 4905	1.8	0.55	0.19	LC1-2
4907	cut	circular pit	1	0.65	0.25	
4908	deposit	fill of 4907	1	0.65	0.25	RB

## Trench 50: W-82.07m AOD, E-80.88m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
5000	layer	topsoil mid dark brown clayey sand			0.3	
5001	layer	subsoil same as 4901			0.17	
5002	layer	natural same as 4902				
5003	cut	modern land drain				
5004	deposit	fill of 5003				
5005	cut	modern land drain				
5006	deposit	fill of 5005				
5007	cut	modern land drain				
5008	deposit	fill of 5007				
5009	cut	modern land drain				
5010	deposit	fill of 5009				

## Trench 51: NW-79.89m AOD, SE-79.38m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
5100	layer	topsoil same as 5000			0.29	
5101	layer	subsoil same as 5001			0.1	
5102	layer	natural same as 5002				
5103	cut	modern land drain				
5104	deposit	fill of 5103				
5105	cut	modern land drain				
5106	deposit	fill of 5105				

## Trench 52: W-78.75m AOD, E-78.22m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
5200	layer	topsoil same as 5000			0.32	
5201	layer	subsoil same as 5001			0.07	
5202	layer	natural same as 5002				
5203	cut	modern land drain				
5204	deposit	fill of 5203				

## Trench 53: NW-78.86m AOD, SE-78.55m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
5300	layer	topsoil same as 5000			0.29	
5301	layer	subsoil same as 5001			0.09	
5302	layer	natural same as 5002				

5303	cut	modern land drain				
5304	deposit	fill of 5303				
5305	cut	modern land drain				
5306	deposit	fill of 5305				

Trench 54: SW-95.06m AOD, 94.03m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
5400	layer	topsoil mid grey brown soil			0.22	
5401	layer	subsoil mid orange brown sandy loam			0.3	
5402	layer	natural light yellow sandy clay				
5403	layer	mid yellow grey compact sandy clay, fragments of modern clay pipe				
5404	cut	modern land drain				
5405	deposit	fill of 5404				
5406	cut	modern land drain				
5407	deposit	fill of 5406				
5408	cut	modern land drain				
5409	deposit	fill of 5408				
5410	cut	modern land drain				
5411	deposit	fill of 5410				
5412	cut	modern land drain				
5413	deposit	fill of 5412				
5414	cut	modern land drain				
5415	deposit	fill of 5414				
5416	cut	modern land drain				
5417	deposit	fill of 5416				

Trench 55: N-94.45m AOD, S-91.31m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
5500	layer	topsoil mid grey brown soil			0.17	
5501	layer	subsoil mid orange brown sandy loam			0.27	
5502	layer	natural mid grey orange clay				
5503	cut	modern land drain				
5504	deposit	fill of 5503				
5505	cut	modern land drain				
5506	deposit	fill of 5505				
5507	cut	modern land drain				
5508	deposit	fill of 5507				
5509	cut	modern land drain				
5510	deposit	fill of 5509				

Trench 56: W-78.68M AOD, E-78.23M AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
5600	layer	topsoil same as 5500			0.35	
5601	layer	subsoil same as 5501			0.25	
5602	layer	natural same as 5502				
5603	cut	gully	1.8	0.5	0.34	
5604	deposit	fill of 5603	1.8	0.5	0.34	

Trench 57: SW-98.18m AOD, NE- 98.13m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
5700	layer	topsoil mid brown grey sandy silt, rare flints			0.23	
5701	layer	subsoil mid yellow brown sandy silt			0.13	
5702	layer	natural light grey yellow clay				

Test pit 58: Top of test pit-98.18m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
5800	layer	topsoil brown clayey silts			0.2	
5801	layer	subsoil orangey brown clayey silts			0.1	
5802	layer	natural orange clay				

Test pit 59: Top of test pit-98.09m AOD

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
5900	layer	topsoil same as 5700			0.17	
5901	layer	subsoil same as 5701			0.09	
5902	layer	natural same as 5702				

## APPENDIX B: THE FINDS

Context	Artefact type*	Count	Weight (g)	Spot-date
804	Medieval(?) pottery: med qz (burnt)	2	21	Med?
1708	Roman pottery: wil ox; wil re; wil cc; sam cg (Drag 31); dor bb: nf cc Worked flint: flake Fired clay CBM: Roman brick	48 1 23 1	558 3 207 212	LC3-C4
1710	Roman pottery: dor bb; sam cg; wil ox	10	32	C2-C3
1806	Roman pottery: wil bs; wil ox; sow ws	13	54	C2-C3+
1808	Roman pottery: wil ox; wil re; wil bs Fired clay	18 1	100 6	C2-C3?
1809	Roman pottery: dor bb; oxid; wil bs	6	20	LC2-C4
1811	Fe object: bent strip/bar Roman pottery: bbim; wil re	1 11	50 147	LC2-C3
1813	Stone: sandstone tile Roman pottery: dor bb; wil ox; wil bs; wil re; oxf wh Fe object: nail	2 49 1	135 531 38	C3
1815	Roman pottery: wil re	1	4	RB
1818	Roman pottery: bbim; wil re	21	107	C3
1820	Roman pottery: wil ox; wil re; wil bs	4	11	RB
1821	Roman pottery: wil ox; wil re; sam cg Fired clay	8 4	23 7	C2-C3
1824	Roman pottery: wil ox; dor bb	2	7	RB
1826	Roman pottery: wil ox; dor bb	2	4	C2-C4
1906	Roman pottery: wil ox	1	7	C2-C3+
1912	Roman pottery: wil ox	1	3	RB
1910	Roman pottery: wil re	1	11	RB
1914	Roman pottery: dor bb, wil ox, wil re, sam cg?	24	90	RB
1917	Roman pottery: dor bb, oxf rs? Worked flint: flake	2 1	17 9	C2-C4
1922	Roman pottery: wil ox	1	1	RB
1926	Roman pottery: wil ox; sam cg	4	56	C2+
1928	Roman pottery: wil bs, wil ox	3	9	RB
1930	Roman pottery: wil re	1	5	RB
Tr19us	Roman pottery: wil ox; sam cg; wil bs Stone	12 1	100 313	-
2203	Charcoal Medieval pottery: med qz/fl; med ls Fired clay	1 5 1	1 26 3	C12-C13
2205	Roman pottery: wil ws	1	14	RB
2404	Medieval pottery: med qz Worked flint: flake	1 1	8 4	C12-C13
2406	Medieval pottery: med qz Fired clay	25 1	90 4	C12-C13?
2408	Fe object: bar fragment	1	30	-
2410	Medieval pottery: med qz Fired clay:	2 1	4 1	med
2504	Medieval pottery: med qz Burnt animal Bone; cow-sized	1 1	9 1	C12-C13
2508	Animal Bone; cow-sized	14	9	
2517	Medieval pottery: med ls	1	3	Med?
2533	Medieval pottery: med qz Animal bone: cow-sized, sheep-sized	2 9	10 2	C12-C13?
2536	CBM: abraded brick	2	179	RB?
2544	Wood	1	1	modern
2704	Medieval pottery: med qz Animal Bone: sheep/goat	15 4	457 1	C12-C13
3007	Medieval pottery: med qz/fl	1	52	C12-C13
3009	Fired clay	1	20	-
Tr 31us	Post-medieval pottery: glazed earthenware	6	118	C16-C18

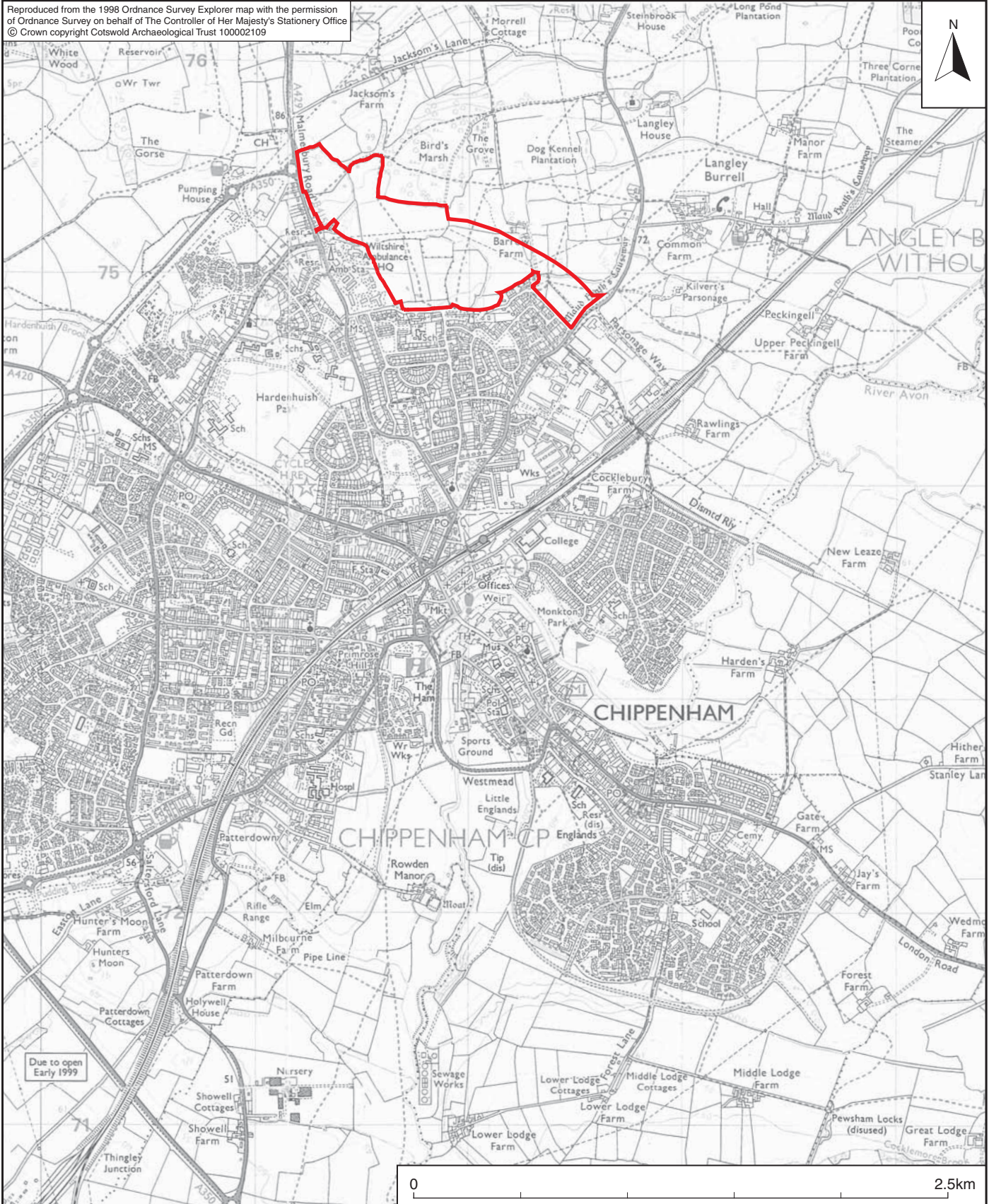
Tr 34us	Post-medieval pottery: glazed earthenware	9	126	C16-C18
3904	Worked flint: flake	1	3	-
4306	Post-medieval glass: pharmaceutical phial	1	25	C18+
4706	Medieval pottery: med qz/fl Worked flint: flake; broken blade?	4	8	C12-C13+
4906	Roman pottery: sav gt; wil re; wil bs	7	171	LC1-MC2
4908	Roman pottery: wil re	3	32	RB
5800	Burnt flint	34	388	
5801	Burnt flint	10	167	
5900	CBM: crumbs	2	4	Pmed?
5901	Burnt flint	27	265	

\* pottery fabric codings are described in the main body of the report ('The Finds')


**APPENDIX C: OASIS REPORT FORM**

<b>PROJECT DETAILS</b>		
Project Name	Land North of Chippenham, Wiltshire	
Short description	<p>An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology between September and October 2009 at Land North of Chippenham, Wiltshire. A total of 56 trenches was excavated.</p> <p>The evaluation identified archaeological deposits across the current evaluation area. Archaeological activity in the form of cut features dating to the Roman, medieval, post-medieval and modern periods was represented. A distinct area of Roman settlement activity was identified in the northern part of the evaluation area with dating evidence from the 2nd to 3rd centuries AD; one other area of Roman activity was identified near the southern boundary of the evaluation area where two pits were identified. A focus of medieval activity was identified in the north-eastern part of the evaluation area with features of contemporary date identified in the central and north-western parts of the area. Features associated with post-medieval land use were also identified.</p>	
Project dates	5 September – 5 October 2009	
Project type	Archaeological Evaluation	
Previous work (reference to organisation or SMR numbers etc)	AS 2009 EDP 2008	
Future work	Unknown	
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>		
Site Location	Chippenham, Wiltshire	
Study area (M <sup>2</sup> /ha)	19 ha	
Site co-ordinates (8 Fig Grid Reference)	ST 9172 7524	
<b>PROJECT CREATORS</b>		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Brief originator	N/A	
Project Design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Manager	Laurent Coleman	
Project Supervisor	Jonathan Bennett	
<b>PROJECT ARCHIVES</b>		
	Intended final location of archive	Content (e.g. pottery, animal bone etc)
Physical	Chippenham Museum and Heritage centre	Pottery, bone, flint, glass, CBM
Paper	Chippenham Museum and Heritage centre	Project Registers, recording forms, photographs, field drawings
Digital	Chippenham Museum and Heritage centre	Digital photographs
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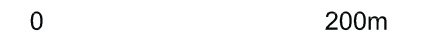




 proposed development area

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<b>PROJECT TITLE</b> Land North of Chippenham Wiltshire			
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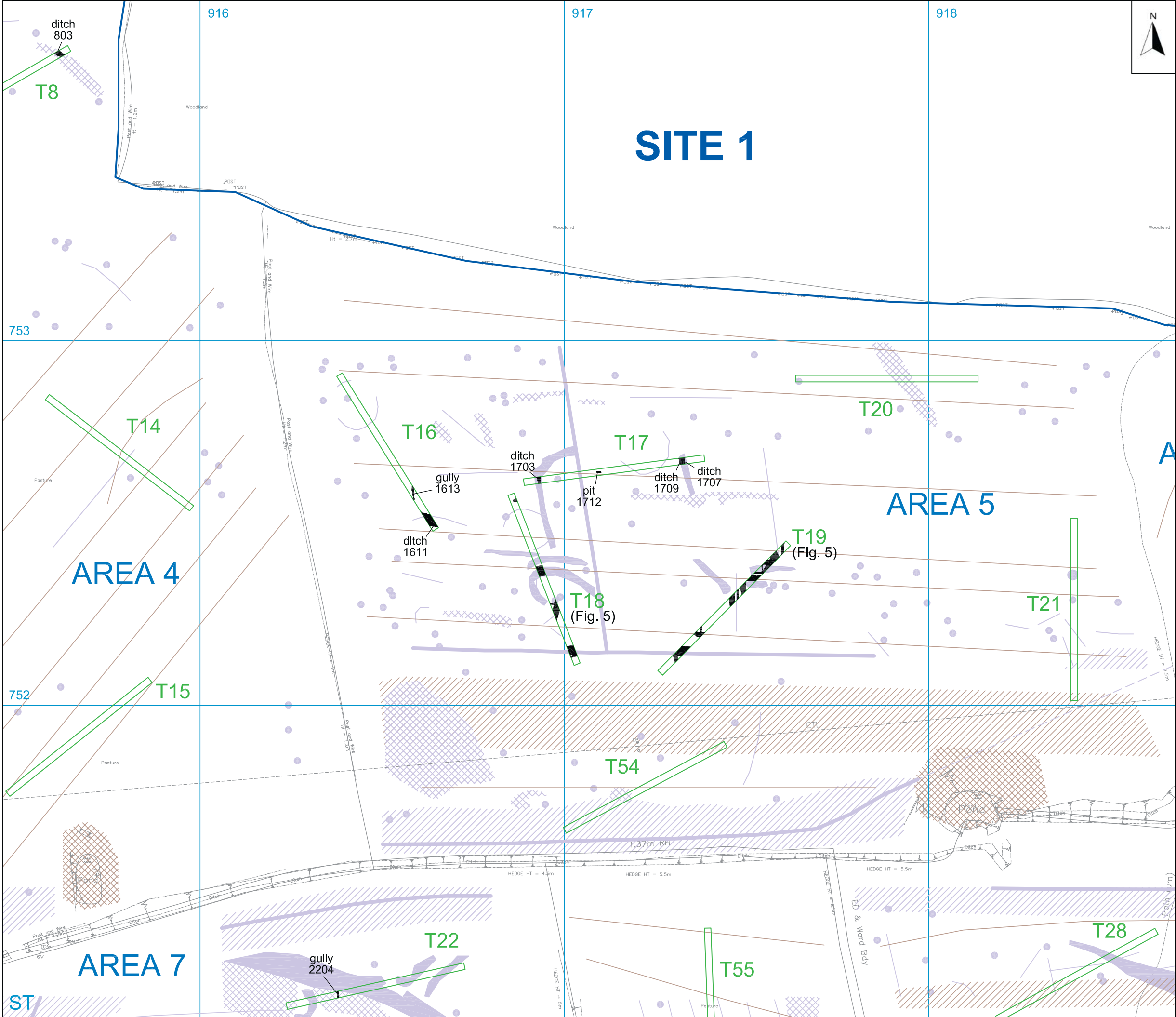

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**Areas 1-17, showing archaeological features, geophysics and LiDAR**

FIGURE NO.

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**Legend:**

- current evaluation area
- evaluation trench
- archaeological features
- location of possible archaeological features from LiDAR imagery
- location of possible archaeological features from geophysical survey

0 50m

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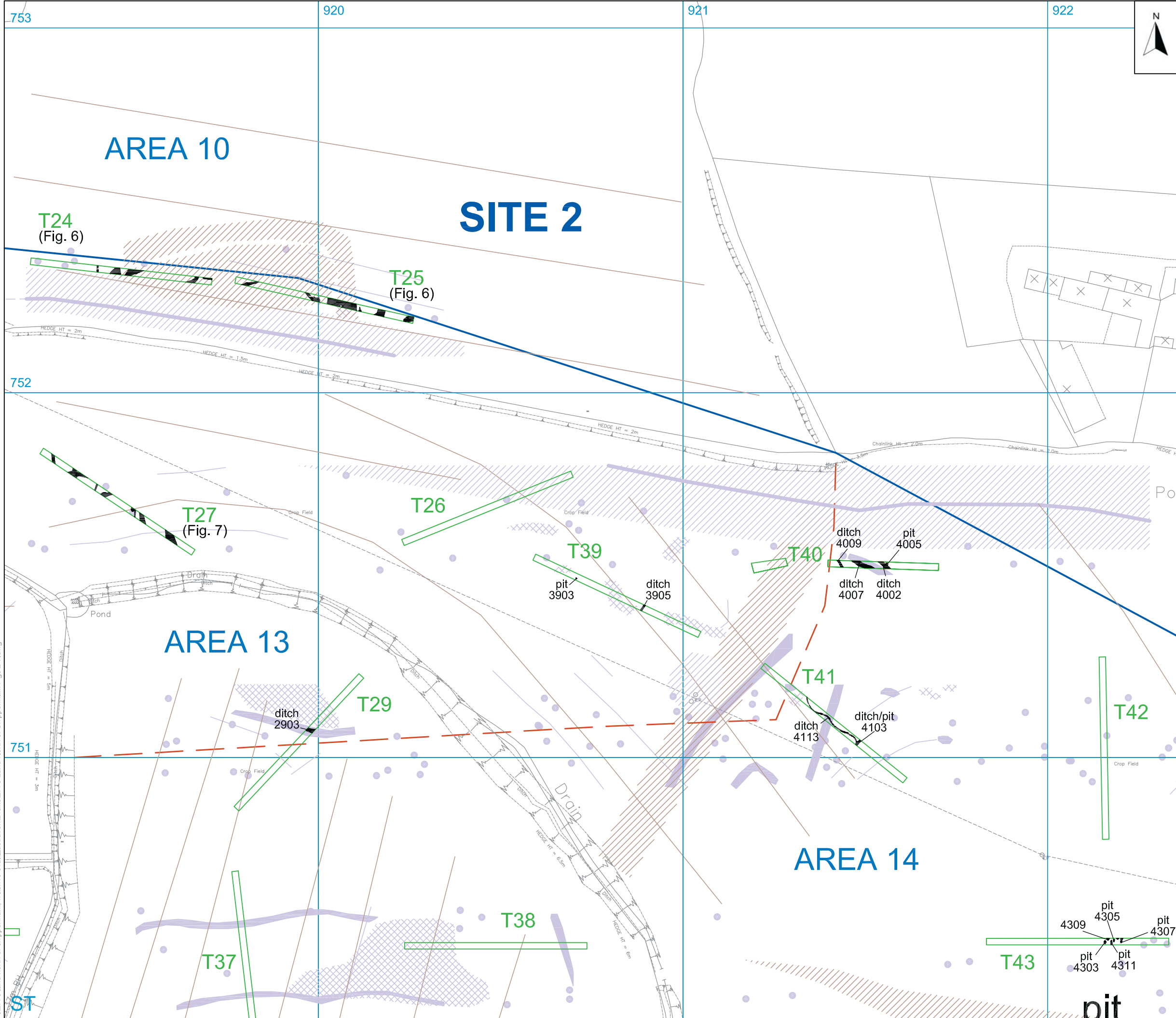
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**Site 1, showing archaeological features, geophysics and LiDAR**

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- current evaluation area
- evaluation trench
- archaeological features
- location of possible archaeological features from LiDAR imagery
- location of possible archaeological features from geophysical survey
- field boundary first depicted on Ordnance Survey map of 1889

0 50m

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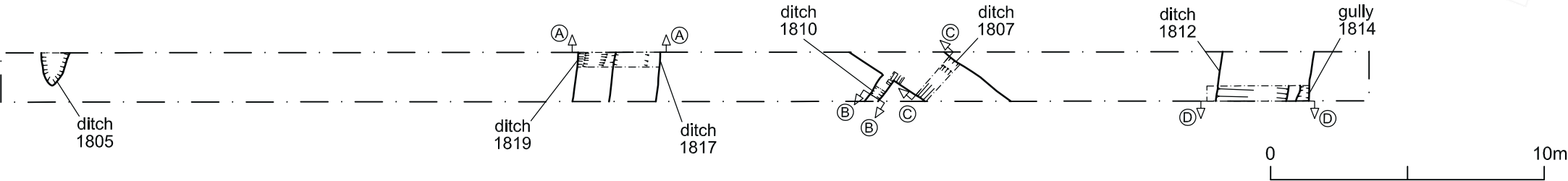
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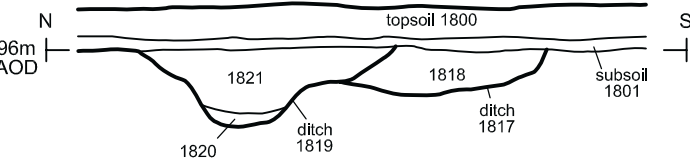
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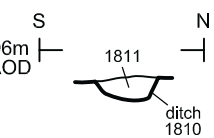
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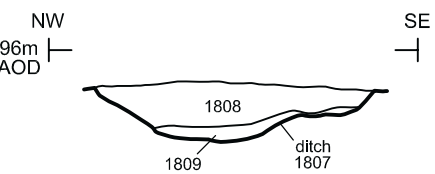
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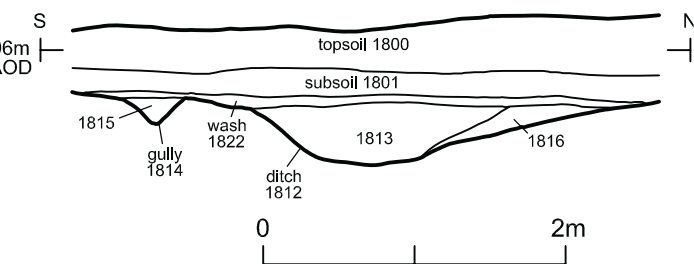
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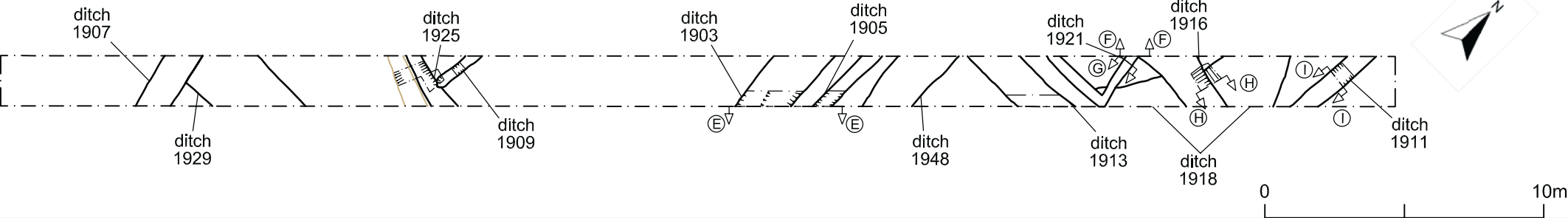


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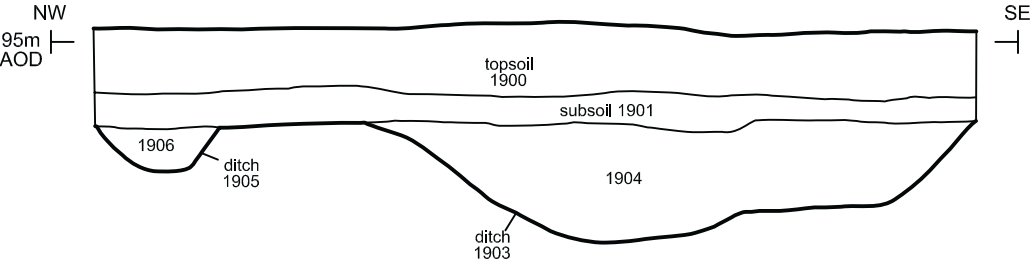


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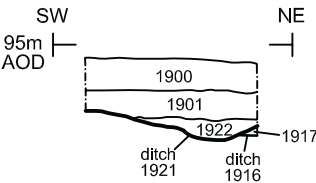
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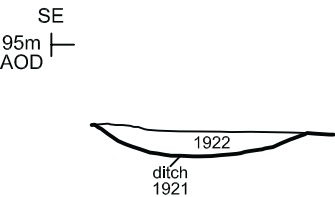
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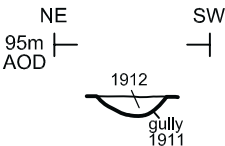
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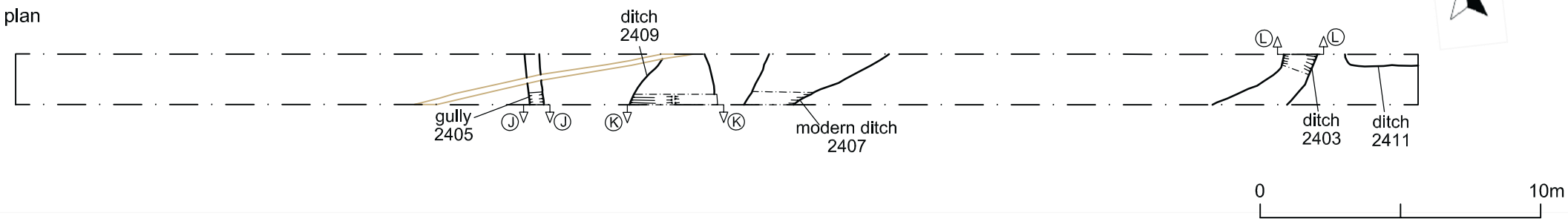


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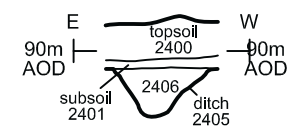
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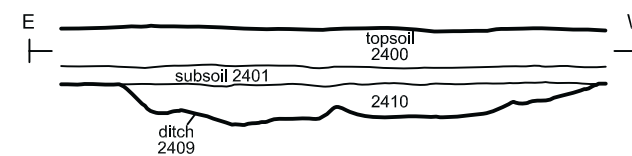
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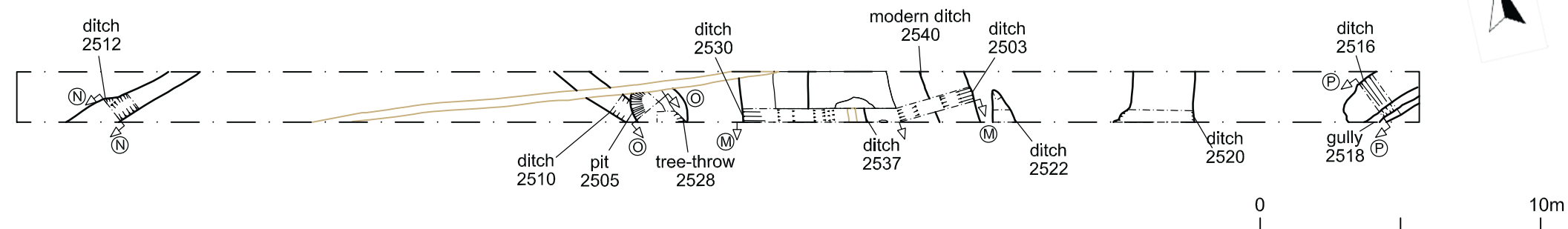


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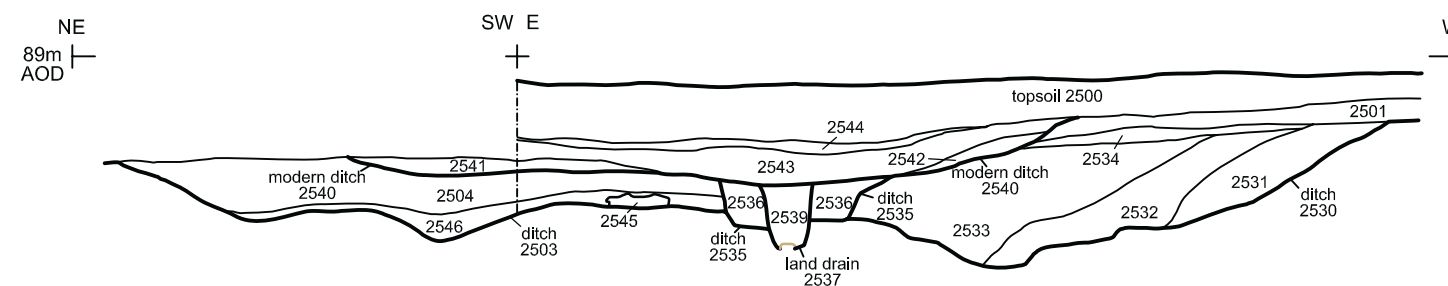


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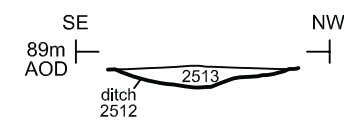
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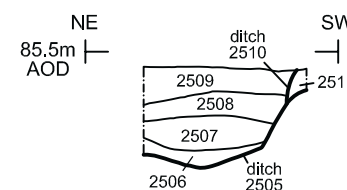
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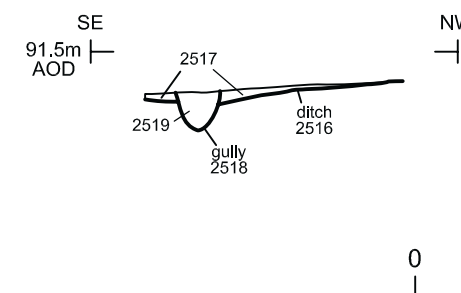
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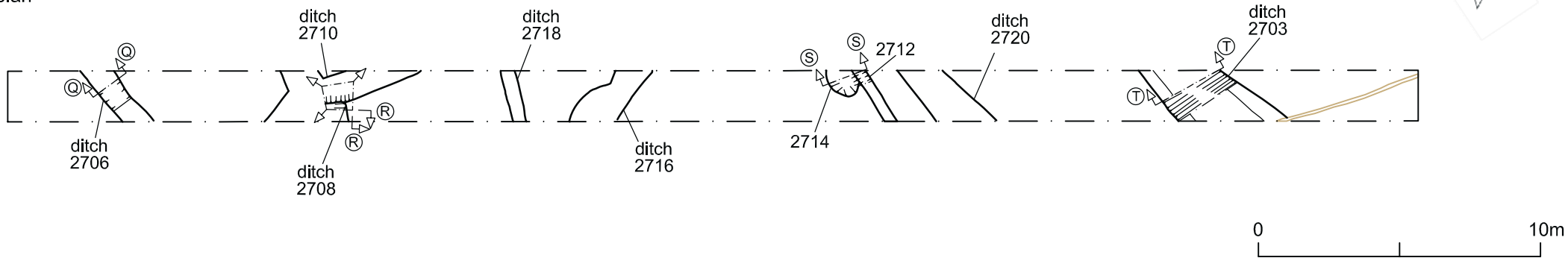


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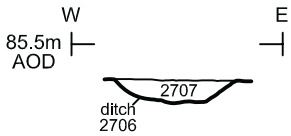
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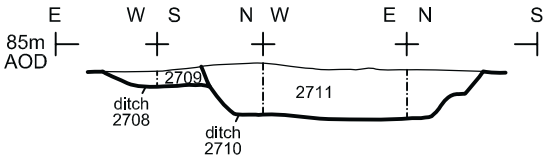
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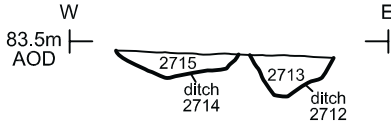
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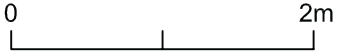
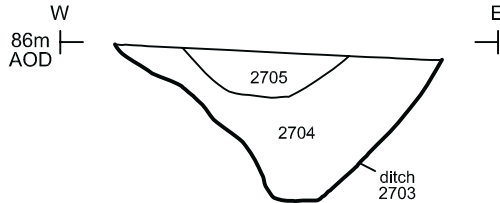
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10 Trench 24, east facing shot



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