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SUMMARY

CFA Archaeology Ltd carried out an archaeological evaluation on a proposed housing development on land south of Southam Road, Radford Semele, Warwickshire (centred on SP 34846 64305). The evaluation area comprised a cultivated field 5.78ha in extent and an extension for a flood attenuation area totalling 7.84ha. The work was carried out between the 26th of April and 6th of May 2016 for Taylor Wimpey. Thirty-two trenches were excavated targeted on geophysical anomalies identified in geophysical survey covering approximately 3 ha in indicating an archaeological site. The western half of the Site revealed a series of ditches, pits and post holes below a deep plough soil dating to the Roman period/Iron Age, corresponding closely to the geophysical anomalies. The densest concentration of features, many of which were intercutting, were found in the north-eastern part of the Site. The large amounts of fine and well decorated pottery recovered from features in this area suggest that there was an Iron Age and Roman settlement of relatively high status. An enclosure ditch was found running around the south and east sides of the settlement. Other ditches discovered in the evaluation appear to be tracks and enclosures for stock management. To the east of the settlement was a driveway running NW-SE half way along the field. Few features were found east of this driveway apart from a few isolated pits and later medieval / post medieval furrows. Four trenches were excavated in an area where flood attenuation works are proposed. These revealed a modern pit and several shallow ditches, probably field boundaries, that may be Roman or Iron Age; a single Cu alloy object was recovered from one of the ditches.

1. INTRODUCTION

2.1 General

2.1.1 This document presents the results of an archaeological evaluation undertaken by CFA Archaeology Ltd (CFA) between the 26th of April and the 6th of May 2016 on a proposed development site on land south of Southam Road, Radford Semele, Warwickshire (the Site). The work was commissioned by Taylor Wimpey.

2.1.2 The work was carried out in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) dated 4th April 2016, covering this programme of works produced by CFA and approved by Warwickshire County Council Archaeological Information and Advice Team.

2.2 Background

2.2.1 The Site is bordered by the settlement of Radford Semele to the west, Southam Road (A425) to the north and agricultural land to the south. To the east, the Site is bordered by a hedgerow and a property known as the Grange. To the immediate north of the Site is a residential development site currently under construction, with the Site's wider context being influenced by its proximity to both Warwick and Leamington Spa, located to the west of the village.

- 2.2.3 The topography of the surrounding landscape comprises gently undulating land. The Site is located upon a low hill, with the centre of Radford Semele located in a shallow valley which is located on the edge of the urban area, adjacent to the A46.
- 2.2.4 The proposed application is for up to 115 dwellings to the south side of Southam Road on a site comprising 7.84ha. The development will provide a range of housing to support a balanced community, of which 40% will be affordable housing, to assist with meeting the housing needs of the area. It will incorporate structural landscaping, including new planting alongside formal and informal open space, including a children's play area. Sustainable drainage infrastructure will be delivered on site in the form of a new attenuation pond. Detailed vehicular access is proposed off Southam Road and the development will be served by an extensive public rights of way network linking the site to the village and wider countryside.
- 2.2.5 The local bedrock geology of the proposed development site comprises Mercia Mudstone with superficial deposits of Wolston sand and gravel.
- 2.2.6 A Historic Environment Assessment (2016) by Wardell Armstrong identified a series of Romano British cropmarks (HER ref MWA19528), a historic animal pen (MWA1910), and two areas of ridge and furrow cultivation within the Site boundary. A subsequent geophysical gradiometry survey prior to the evaluation revealed Iron Age / Roman settlement activity on the north-west side of the Site but little activity to the north-east. No geophysical survey was carried out on the southern strip.

2.3 Objectives

The objectives of the project were to determine the presence or absence or archaeological features and to investigate their character, date and extent of any surviving archaeological remains liable to be damaged by the proposed development.

The Research Objectives were to:

- Investigate the evidence for and origins of the different phases of land use and enclosure
- Place the results of the investigation within the wider context and contribute to an understanding of the pattern of land use
- Use a spectrum of environmental techniques appropriate for this aspect of investigation to model the landscape and its transformation brought about by the settlement's inhabitants and due to natural events

2. WORKING METHODS

3.1 General

- 3.1.1 CFA Archaeology Ltd follows the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists' Code of Conduct, Standards and Guidance.

3.2 Trenching

- 3.2.1 A 4% sample of the Site was evaluated comprising 32 trenches positioned, where possible, over the curving and linear features identified by the geophysical survey. Most of the trenches measured 50m x 1.8m, though some of these were halved (25m x 1.8) to avoid an overhead powerline.
- 3.2.2 Topsoil and cultivation soil (subsoil) were removed using mechanical excavator fitted with a toothless ditching bucket under constant archaeological supervision.
- 3.2.3 All features exposed were cleaned and recorded by hand. A sample of the features identified were excavated by hand to establish the nature of the archaeology in each trench without compromising the integrity of the overall archaeological record.

3.3 Excavation and Recording Strategy

- 3.3.1. All archaeological remains were surveyed and recorded on scaled drawings with accompanying written records conforming to Cifa standards (2014) and CFA's quality manuals. All excavated features were planned and drawn in section at an appropriate scale. Plans and sections were related in height to the ordnance datum using RTK initialized GPS equipment accurate to 12mm vertically. All Trenches were surveyed using the above equipment which is accurate to 8mm horizontally. The photographic record consisted of digital photographs and 35mm B&W negatives.

4. ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESULTS

4.1 General

- 4.1.1 The locations of trenches and archaeological features are shown in Figs. 1-4. The features have been overlaid on the geophysical survey in Fig. 5. Detailed plans of features, including those that were excavated, can be found in Figs. 6-24. A written summary of all trenches and identified features is contained in Appendix 1. Illustrations and photos referred to in the text can be found at the back of the report.

4.2 Topsoil, cultivation soil, natural deposits, and Furrows

- 4.2.1 Topsoil deposits across the Site (**0101-3201**) varied in thickness and nature depending on the underlying geology. Areas to the west and south had thicker sandy loams; areas to the north-east, thinner clayey loams. A cultivation soil (subsoil) was present in all trenches and the whole of the Site had clearly been ploughed, probably for many years. This deposit (**0102-3202**) varied in thickness: it was deepest in the north-west and shallowest (almost non-existent) in the east over the clay geology.
- 4.2.2 The underlying geology varied across the Site but was largely orange-beige fine to medium sands with occasional gravel deposits. Manganese staining was present in many of the sand deposits on the eastern part of the Site.
- 4.2.3 A meandering band of heavy clay running N-S was found in the far eastern part of the Site. Evidence for this forming a wet area was provided by a series of red ceramic 19th century field drains. Several furrows which are associated with medieval or post-medieval strip field cultivation were identified (Figs 2-4). These were largely in the eastern area and were wide and shallow with coal in their fills. A single furrow was also identified in the southern area. All of the identified furrows ran N-S which corresponded to the results of the geophysical survey for eastern side of the Site. Two furrows were found in the centre of the Site in Trench 06; one of these clearly cut an earlier archaeological feature. No furrows were identified in the western part of the Site where the geophysical survey interpreted Ridge and Furrow running on an E-W alignment. It is possible however that the linear E-W features identified but not excavated in Trench 01 appearing to cut earlier features but not aligning with any geophysical ditch anomalies, could be from this activity. This includes features **0111** and **0110**.

4.3 Iron Age/Romano-British settlement in the Western area (Figs. 2, 5)

- 4.3.1 Trial trenching in this area tested the geophysical anomalies and identified a large Iron Age/Romano-British settlement in this part of the Site. All the features identified were negative: pits, post holes, narrow gullies, curved ditches and linear ditches. The most complex part of this settlement was found in Trenches 01, 02, 10, and 16, in the very W of the Site. Intercutting features here represent at least two phases of activity. Relatively high status Romano-British pottery was also recovered from this area, see pottery report below.
- 4.3.2 Trench 01 (Fig. 6) revealed a curved gully **0114 / 0108**, possibly Iron Age which was cut by a large L-shaped linear ditch **0107** identified on the geophysical survey, probably Roman in date. A further two gullies and other linear ditches on a similar orientation to the first were also found, though as mentioned above **0111** and **0110** may be medieval furrows. A large pit at the S end which can be seen on the geophysical survey was found possibly cutting one of the narrow gullies.

- 4.3.3 Trench 16 (Figs. 17 & 38) revealed the densest sequence of features in the western area. Two ditches (**1610**, **1616**) at the NE end appear to be sides of two different rectilinear enclosures, with the gap in the middle being a path/track. Of the two, the southern one (**1616**) appears to be the same feature as **0107** in Trench 01. This large L-shaped ditch appears to enclose the numerous features found in the middle of Trench 16. A large irregular feature **1615**, possibly a pit was found next to the base of a possible truncated post hole **1606**. Nearby were three smaller features **1617**, **1608** and **1614**, the last two intercutting and both cut by a third wider linear feature **1611**. When the NE end of gully **1608** was excavated, its fill was found to contain an almost intact 3rd or 4th century greyware wide mouthed jar (Figs. 39-40). This may have been domestic rubbish from a nearby building. At the SW end of the trench were two linear gullies (**1604** and **1612**). Gully **1604** appears to align with two pits on the geophysical survey and together the features may mark SW end of the enclosure formed by **1616/0107**. At the SW end of the trench was an extremely large pit feature (**1613**) which stands out on the geophysical survey.
- 4.3.4 Trench 02 (Fig. 7) was cut across what appears to be a square enclosure inside the rectangular enclosure formed by **1610** in Trench 16. The W side of the square enclosure was marked by wide linear **0214** and the E side by wide linear **0212**. Features inside the enclosure included a pit **0204** cutting a narrow NW-SE gully (**0211**) and nearby, a further narrow gully (**0215**) on a NE-SW alignment possibly relating to **0211**. On the same orientation as **0215** was a wider V-shaped ditch (**0208**, Fig. 25). To the W was another narrow linear on the same orientation as **0211** and nearby was a pit (**0206**). In general there was a lower density of archaeological features in this enclosure than those found in Trench 16.
- 4.3.5 Trench 10 (Figs. 15 & 35) was located on the S side of what appears to be a possible track on the geophysical survey. The trench uncovered a linear feature **1010** marking the possible end of this track or alternatively, a ditch from a different phase; this shows up on the geophysical survey. Further to the E where the natural sands and gravels slope up sharply was a small L-shaped feature (**1006**) and a depression (**1008**) which may be part of the same feature. Nearby was irregular feature **1004/1005** which appears to be either a large irregular ditch or a complex of intercutting pits. Large quantities of 2nd-century pottery including some pieces of Samian from Lezoux were recovered from **1006**, **1008** and **1004/1005**. At the E end of trench was a linear ditch feature or pit (**1011**) running on a E-W alignment.

4.4 Possible southern boundary to the Settlement (Figs. 2, 5)

- 4.4.2 Trench 11 (Figs. 16, 36-37) was excavated next to the public footpath marking the S boundary of the Site and exposed two linear ditches running E-W (**1106**, **1108**). Both ditches were investigated and produced Late Iron Age and early Roman pottery. Ditch **1108** proved to be very steep sided and it extended beyond the S edge of the trench. Excavation of the terminus of **1106** revealed bioturbation consistent with a tree and that many sherds of a decorated Gallo-belgic jar had washed into the root/trunk hole. The ditches appeared to be

joined at two points (**1116**, **1115**). These may represent gullies running N-S from a different phase of activity, perhaps a track crossing the ditches. To the W, an L-shaped feature was exposed (**1104**, **1105**) containing Iron Age pottery, and beyond a NNW-SSE ditch containing Romano-British pottery (**1110**). The E-W ditches can be seen on the geophysical survey and appears to mark the southern boundary of the Roman/Iron Age settlement. This ditch can be followed on the geophysical survey to the east where it curves round to the north intersecting trench 8 where ditch **0804** was located. The ditch continues northwards intersecting ditch **0409** in Trench 4 and wide unexcavated feature **3006** in trench 30.

4.5 Droveway, tracks and enclosures in the Western area (Figs. 2, 5)

- 4.5.2 Most of the features identified in the Western area lie to the W of a long meandering pair of parallel ditches thought to represent a droveway running NE-SW. Four tracks branch of this: three to the W running towards the settlement and one to the E. At the N end the Site the droveway branches with another parallel route running S for a c. 40m before widening.
- 4.5.3 Trench 9 (Figs. 14, 32-34) was excavated across the droveway and the E branch of the southern track heading towards the settlement. The sides of the track were marked by **0911** and **0907** in the N half of the trench and sides of the droveway by **0904** and **0909/0910** in the middle of the trench. The presence of two parallel ditches along the SE side of the droveway suggests this side was recut. The N ditch (**0904**) was found to be fairly shallow and wide with a flat base and contained sherds of 1st to 4th-century Severn Valley wares. The function of a compact gravel deposit found in the NW side of the ditch below the main fill remains unclear, perhaps it is an infilled wheel rut. A shallow pit feature (**0915**) was partly revealed on the inside corner of the junction between the droveway and the track. At the S end of the trench was a narrow linear (**0906**) marked on the geophysical survey running on the same orientation as the other Roman features on the Site. Two wide features were found to the S which were difficult to distinguish from the subsoil (**0912**, **0913**). Both of these ran on an E-W alignment; the S feature (**0913**) appears to be associated with post-medieval field boundary identified in the geophysical survey. Feature **0912** however appears to line up with the E-W ditches identified in Trench 11 (**1106**, **1108**) marking the S boundary of the settlement.
- 4.5.4 Trench 06 (Figs. 12 & 28) was excavated across the droveway but only two fairly narrow U-shaped ditches 2.5m apart were revealed (**0604** and **0609**). The SE ditch **0609** had cut an earlier shallow ditch **0616**. Two wide features running N-S located at the NW end of the trench (**0607**, **0611**) were interpreted as furrows, with **0607** cutting ditch **0604**; the latter contained arrange of pottery from the Late Iron Age to Late Roman and included some sherds of 1st to 4th-century Severn Valley ware. Investigation of **0607** showed it to be very shallow. Two N-S features were revealed to the west, each comprising smaller narrow branching features (**0614**, **0612**). Feature **0613** was excavated revealing 4 small shallow gullies interpreted as rut marks from a

track. The two features taken together line up with either side of the eastern branch of the main droveway. At the SE end of the trench was a gully **0613** which was left unexcavated.

- 4.5.5 Trench 05 (Fig. 10) investigated the northern-most end of the droveway. Only the NW ditch was identified (**0504**). This ditch cut a shallow irregular feature extending to the E ending at the E side of the droveway as identified from the geophysical survey. This feature (**0506/0507**) may well represent a hollow created through use of the droveway which became in-filled with silty material over time. Two possible post holes (**0509, 0510**) were identified to the E and W of the droveway but these on excavation these appeared to be natural. A very narrow linear (**0508**) was located at the NW end of the trench with the appearance of a field drain.
- 4.5.6 Trench 08 (Figs. 13, 30, 31) was excavated across the droveway and its NE and SW ditches were identified (**0812, 0813**). The trench also crossed a track extending E from the droveway, the northern ditch of which corresponded to a narrow linear feature **0810**. The S side of the track was not identified. A large N-S ditch south of this was found (**0804**). This deep feature was found to contain fragments from a large Iron Age/early Roman storage jar and decorated Gallo-belgic jar and it intersected the NE edge of a NW-SE ditch feature (**0808**) though the relationship between the two was inconclusive as both had similar fills. As mentioned above this ditch appears to be an enclosure ditch. To the SE feature **0808** was found to be cut by a deep linear ditch or pit running on a NE-SW orientation (**0806**) of unknown function. To the SE and on a similar alignment was feature **0814**.
- 4.5.7 Trench 04 (Fig. 9) identified ditches associated with the northernmost track running E off the droveway. Both ditches were of similar size (**0404, 0408**) and there was a possible pit or spread in the centre of the two (**0407**). In the middle of the trench and the NE end was a ditch (**0409**) and a gully (**0406**) running on a N-S alignment. The former appears to be the same feature found in trenches 11, 8, 9 and 30, a ditch surrounding the settlement.
- 4.5.8 Trench 07 (Figs. 12 & 29) was excavated across two of the tracks running E from the droveway. The trench identified two ditch features (**0715, 0716**) corresponding to the middle of the E tracks and the N ditch of the E branch of the S track (**0706**). The latter was excavated. A curving branch running E off the droveway was also identified (**0709**). Two narrow gullies not on the geophysical survey (**0712, 1714**), a pit (**0717**) and a post hole (**0708**) were also identified. The gullies run on a N-S and E-W orientation which is not consistent with Roman features and may be later. A double ditch feature (**0705 / 0711**) marked on the geophysical survey running on the same orientation as other Roman features was also located.
- 4.5.9 Trench 32 (Fig. 24 & 42) was positioned over 3 rectilinear enclosures on the south side of the SE track branching off the droveway. The Trench identified all four enclosure ditches (**3204, 3207, 3208, 3210**) and a third feature running on a different alignment, and possibly from a different phase (**3211**). The ditch

bending round from the track (3204) was very deep and had an approximate V-shaped profile. Romano-British pottery was recovered from the fill.

- 4.5.10 A curved feature was found in Trench 31 (Fig. 23) which corresponds to a U-shaped enclosure marked on the geophysical survey. The ditch (3104) was relatively deep and its fill contained heavily degraded animal bone. It may have been the ditch of an animal pen and probably dates to the Iron Age. The ditch was cut by a narrow linear gully (3106) which may be Roman or later. To the E were two gully features (3109/3110) and a pit (3108).

4.6 Other features in the western area (Figs. 2, 5)

- 4.6.2 The archaeological features in Trench 03 (Fig. 8) do not appear to be associated with any identifiable enclosures from the geophysical survey, however a line of three post holes (0306, 0310, 0311) was found running at 90 degrees to a deep ditch (0313) (Figs. 26-27). A further post hole (0308) and a very shallow linear (0304) were found to the west.

- 4.6.3 Trench 30 (Fig. 22 & 41) was parallel to Trench 03 and revealed a large feature with an undulating base at the W end (3004). The feature had a sandy fill identical to the subsoil containing Roman pottery. The geophysical survey suggests that this is a pit rather than a ditch. To the E was a large unexcavated feature (3006) which appears part of the ditch surrounding the settlement also found in trenches 11, 8, 9 and 4.

- 4.6.4 A single oval pit (2304) was revealed in Trench 23 (Fig. 18) containing Romano-British pottery. The feature is located quite far from the rest of the activity on the site and probably represents isolated agricultural activity.

4.4 The Eastern area (Figs. 3, 5)

- 4.6.5 Only two significant features were located on this side of the Site, both in Trench 25 (Fig. 19). One was an oval pit (2504) and the other a post hole (2506). The former contained Late Iron Age to early Roman pottery. They appear to be located in an area otherwise devoid of archaeology around the natural clay geology.

4.5 The Southern area (Fig. 4)

- 4.6.6 Only five features of importance were located in this strip of land. In Trench 27 (Fig. 21) were two parallel ditches (2704, 2706) on a E-W alignment. Ditch 2704 was shallow with a U-shaped profile and a clay fill containing no diagnostic material. Both possibly date to the Iron Age or Roman period. Trench 28 (Fig. 20) revealed two linear features on a N-S alignment. Ditch 2804 produced a Cu object which can be assigned to the Roman. The ditches in this area probably represent agricultural activity, probably in the form of field boundaries to the S of the settlement in the base of the valley where the land was wetter. A pit at the end of trench 27 (2707) was identified but not

investigated. The feature is likely to be the only one in the vicinity given the lack of archaeology in this part of the Site.

- 4.6.7 Also located in this area was a large pit in Trench 26 containing early 20th century waste including glass bottles, possibly representing the infill of a sand extraction pit. A pit containing 19th century waste was also located in Trench 28.

5. Finds

- 5.1 A total of 242 finds were recovered from 36 contexts. The condition of the pottery was generally good to fair, with abrasion more evident on more oxidised or poorly fired fabrics or sometimes on residual sherds. A total of 212 sherds of pottery weighing 7971.93 grams were collected from 34 contexts – largely ditch deposits, as shown in the table above. The pottery was examined both visually and under an x20 microscope and using an x15 hand lens.
- 5.2 The earliest dated pottery, accounting for at least 30 % of the assemblage dates from the late Iron Age to the early Roman period and is comprised of a variety of different fabrics. Later Roman pottery accounted for at least 60-65 % of the assemblage. The Post-Roman assemblage accounts for only a small percentage of the assemblage – probably 5 % or less - largely deriving from ditch deposit 3005.
- 5.3 Three fragments of ceramic building are undiagnostic but probably post-roman in date. Two pieces of iron were noted in the subsoil in Trench 3. A copper alloy strip was also noted in **0302** which similarly to the above iron finds is probably Post-Roman in date. A further unidentifiable copper alloy artefact (presumably Roman in date) came from ditch fill **2804**.
- 5.4 The pottery retrieved from the evaluation is remarkably fine and probably at least of regional significance. Further work will be necessary on some of the local fabric and form types and it would be important to compare the pottery with other regional assemblages. The pottery also provides dating for the primary contexts, as well suggesting toward activity within the wider area.

6. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

- 6.1 The evaluation has confirmed the results of the geophysical survey that there is a large Iron Age/Romano-British settlement on the western side of the Site comprising deep ditches, pits, post holes and other negative features below the thick topsoil and cultivation soil.
- 6.2 The features are densest towards the western side of this area where intercutting features clearly represent more than one phase of activity. There are relatively high status pottery vessels found in this area. Postholes from structures suggest that there may be the remains of Roman buildings here, possibly inside the rectangular enclosures identified in the geophysical survey.
- 6.3 A boundary surrounding the settlement is visible on the geophysical survey and has been confirmed by the ditches identified in trenches 11, 9, 8, 4 and 30.
- 6.4 A driveway of Iron Age or Roman date crosses the south-east part of the settlement and various tracks / routes extend off it towards and away from the settlement to various enclosures defined by ditches. Ditches for the driveway, tracks and enclosures were identified by the trenching. A separate eastern branch of this driveway was also identified in trench 6.
- 6.5 No significant archaeology was found on the eastern side of the site besides two isolated pits in trench 25. This confirms the geophysical results. The land on this side of the settlement was probably agricultural.
- 6.6 Few features were found in the southern end of the Site suggesting that the valley bottom was outside the settlement. The ditches in Trenches 27 and 28, which are on opposite orientations, may be Roman or Iron Age field boundaries.

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HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT ASSESSMENT

APPENDIX 1: Trench Summary

Note: *Dimensions* describe the total feature as visible in the trench

Trench 01		Trench Size 50.5m x 1.8m	
Trench depth 0.78-1.0m		Topsoil depth 0.29-0.3m	Subsoil depth 0.34-0.46m
<i>Context</i>	<i>Feature Type</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	
0104	Cut of ditch	L: 1.8+m, W: 1.1m, D: 0.36m	
0105	Fill of ditch 0104	L: 1.8+m, W: 1.1m, D: 0.36m	
0106	Fill of gully 0114	L: 1.8+m, W: 0.6m, D: 0.2m	
0107	Linear feature (ditch?) - not excavated	L: 1.8+m, W: 2.7m	
0108	Linear feature (ditch?) - not excavated	L: 2.5m, W: 1.2+m	
0109	Curved feature - not excavated	L: 1.8+m, W: 0.6m	
0110	Linear feature (ditch?) - not excavated	L: 1.8+m, W: 2.6m	
0111	Linear feature (ditch?) - not excavated	L: 1.8m+, W: 2.75m	
0112	Linear feature (ditch?) - not excavated	L: 1m, W: 0.6m	
0113	Large pit (not excavated)	L: 4.5+m, W: 1.8+m	
0114	Cut of curved gully	L: 1.8+m W: 0.6m D: 0.2m	
0115	VOID		
0116	Fill of curved gully 0114	L: 1.8+m W: 0.6m D: 0.2m	
Trench 02		Trench Size 25m x 1.8m	
Trench depth 0.64-0.84m		Topsoil depth 0.25-0.35m	Subsoil depth 0.25-0.5m
<i>Context</i>	<i>Feature Type</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	
0204	Cut of oval pit	Dia: 0.7m, D: 0.16m	
0205	Fill of pit 0204	Dia: 0.7m, D: 0.16m	
0206	Cut of pit	L: 0.6+m, W: 0.6m, D: 0.24m	
0207	Fill of pit 0206	L: 0.6+m, W: 0.6m, D: 0.24m	
0208	Cut of ditch	L: 1.8+m, W: 0.7m, D: 0.42m	
0209	Fill of ditch 0208	L: 1.8+m, W: 0.7m, D: 0.42m	
0210	Cut of narrow ditch	L: 2.2+m, W: 0.2m, D: 0.22m	

0211	Fill of narrow ditch 0210	L: 2.2+m, W: 0.2m, D: 0.22m	
0212	Linear feature (large ditch?) - not excavated	L: 1.8+m, W: 2.5+m	
0213	Linear feature (gully?) - not excavated	L: 1.8+m, W: 0.3m	
0214	Linear feature (large ditch?) - not excavated	L: 1.8+m, W: 2+m	
Trench 03		Trench Size 25m x 1.8m	
Trench depth 0.6-1m		Topsoil depth 0.2-0.34m	Subsoil depth 0.35-0.5m
<i>Context</i>	<i>Feature Type</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	
0304	Cut of gully	L: 1.8+m, W: 0.75m, D: 0.5m	
0305	Fill of gully 0304	L: 1.8+m, W: 0.75m, D: 0.5m	
0306	Cut of oval posthole	Dia: 0.6m, D: 0.3m	
0307	Fill of posthole 0306	Dia: 0.6m, D: 0.3m	
0308	Cut of oval posthole	Dia: 0.4m, D: 0.25m	
0309	Fill of posthole 0308	Dia: 0.4m, D: 0.25m	
0310	Posthole (not excavated)	Dia: 0.35m	
0311	Posthole (not excavated)	Dia: 0.5m	
0312	Cut of ditch	L: 1.8+m, W: 1.4m, D: 0.7m	
0313	Fill of ditch 0312	L: 1.8+m, W: 1.4m, D: 0.7m	LIA-C3 rd
Trench 04		Trench Size 50m x 1.8m	
Trench depth 0.44-0.67m		Topsoil depth 0.24-0.28m	Subsoil depth 0.25-0.9m
<i>Context</i>	<i>Feature Type</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	
0404	Cut of ditch	L: 1.8+m, W: 1.2m, D: 0.7m	
0405	Fill of ditch 0404	L: 1.8+m, W: 1.2m, D: 0.7m	C1 st -4 th
0406	Linear feature (ditch?) - not excavated	L: 2+m, W: 1.2m	
0407	Pit (natural?) - not excavated	L: 1.35m, W: 1.1+m	
0408	Linear feature (ditch?) - not excavated	L: 1.8+m, W: 1.15m	
0409	Cut of ditch	L: 2+m, W: 2m, D: 0.3m	
0410	Fill of ditch 0409	L: 2+m, W: 2m, D: 0.3m	
Trench 05		Trench Size 50.2m x 1.8m	
Trench depth 0.5-0.8m		Topsoil depth 0.2-0.27m	Subsoil depth 0.18-0.5m
<i>Context</i>	<i>Feature Type</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	
0504	Cut of ditch	L: 1.8+m, W: 1.15m, D: 0.52m	

0505	Fill of ditch 0504	L: 1.8+m, W: 1.15m, D: 0.52m	
0506	Cut of silty depression	L: 6.8m, W: 1.5+m, D: 0.34m	
0507	Fill of depression 0506	L: 6.8m, W: 1.5+m, D: 0.34m	Med/Pmed
0508	Linear feature (gully?) - not excavated	L: 1.8+m, W: 0.3m	
0509	Posthole (natural) - not excavated	Dia: 0.6m	
0510	Posthole (natural) - not excavated	Dia: 0.55m	
Trench 06		Trench Size 50.5m x 1.8m	
Trench depth 0.52-0.8m		Topsoil depth 0.27-0.32m	Subsoil depth 0.15-0.39m
<i>Context</i>	<i>Feature Type</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	
0604	Cut of ditch	L: 1.8+m, W: 1.15m, D: 0.18m	C1 st -4 th
0605	Fill of ditch 0604	L: 1.8+m, W: 1.15m, D: 0.18m	LIA-C3 rd /4 th
0606	VOID		
0607	Cut of furrow	L: 1.8+m, W: 3m, D: 0.2m	
0608	Fill of furrow 0607	L: 1.8+m, W: 3m, D: 0.2m	
0609	Cut of ditch	L: 1.8+m, W: 0.6m, D: 0.32m	
0610	Fill of ditch 0609	L: 1.8+m, W: 0.6m, D: 0.32m	C1 st -4 th AD
0611	Linear feature (furrow) - not excavated	L: 1.8+m, W: 2.5m	
0612	Fill of linear feature comprising several small gullies	L: 1.8+m, W: 3-4m	
0613	Cut of linear feature comprising several small gullies	L: 1.8+m, W: 3m, D: 0.15m	
0614	Fill of linear feature comprising several small gullies 0613	L: 1.8+m, W: 3m, D: 0.15m	C1 st -4 th
0615	Linear feature (ditch?) - not excavated	L: 1.8+m, W: 0.5m	
0616	Cut of shallow linear feature	L: 1.8+m, W: 0.7m, D: 0.1m	
0617	Fill of shallow linear feature 0616	L: 1.8+m, W: 0.7m, D: 0.1m	
Trench 07		Trench Size 50.5m x 1.8m	
Trench depth 0.33-0.6m		Topsoil depth 0.24-0.28m	Subsoil depth 0.04-0.18m

<i>Context</i>	<i>Feature Type</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	
0704	VOID		
0705	Linear feature (end of ditch?) - not excavated	L: 1.75+m, W: 1m	C2 nd
0706	Cut of ditch	L: 1.8+m, W: 1.8m, D: 0.4m	
0707	Fill of ditch 0706	L: 1.8+m, W: 1.8m, D: 0.4m	LIA- early RB
0708	Oval pit (not excavated)	Dia: 0.5m	
0709	Linear feature (ditch?) - not excavated	L: 2+m, W: 2.05m	
0710	Linear feature (end of ditch?) - not excavated	L: 2.85+m, W: 0.75m	
0711	Linear feature (end of ditch?) - not excavated	L: 1.5+m, W: 2m	
0712	Irregular linear feature - not excavated	L: 2+m, W: 1.5m	
0713	Cut of gully	L: 2.25+m, W: 1m, D: 0.22m	
0714	Fill of gully 0713	L: 2.25+m, W: 1m, D: 0.22m	
0715	Linear feature (ditch?) - not excavated	L: 1.8+m, W: 1.75m	
0716	Linear feature (ditch?) - not excavated	L: 1.8+m, W: 1.25m	
0717	Pit - not excavated	Dia: 1m	
Trench 08		Trench Size 50.5m x 1.8m	
Trench depth 0.6-0.77m		Topsoil depth 0.3-0.32m	Subsoil depth 0.21-0.37m
<i>Context</i>	<i>Feature Type</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	
0804	Cut of slot ditch	L: 3+m, W: 2+m, D: 0.8m	
0805	Fill of ditch 0804	L: 3+m, W: 2+m, D: 0.8m	L.I.A-C1 st
0806	Cut of ditch	L: 1.8+m, W: 2- 3.5m, D: 0.6m	
0807	Fill of ditch 0806	L: 1.8+m, W: 2- 3.5m, D: 0.6m	C 1 st – 2 nd
0808	Cut of slot ditch	L: 4+m, W: 0.5+m, D: 0.32+m	
0809	Fill of ditch 0808	L: 4+m, W: 0.5+m, D: 0.32+m	
0810	Cut of gully 0810	L: 1.8+m, W: 1.3m, D: 0.2m	
0811	Fill of gully 0810	L: 1.8+m, W: 1.3m, D: 0.2m	
0812	Linear feature (ditch?) - not excavated	L: 1.8+m, W: 1.6m	

0813	Linear feature (ditch?) - not excavated	L: 1.8+m, W: 1.6m	
0814	Linear feature (ditch?) - not excavated	L: 1.8+m, W: 1.3m	
Trench 09		Trench Size 50m x 1.8m	
Trench depth 0.45-0.7m		Topsoil depth 0.25-0.36m	Subsoil depth 0.1-0.35m
<i>Context</i>	<i>Feature Type</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	
0904	Cut of linear feature	L: 4.5+m, W: 1.8m, D: 0.22m	
0905	Fill of shallow linear feature 0904	L: 4.5+m, W: 1.8m, D: 0.22m	C 1 st -2 nd ?
0906	Linear feature (ditch?) - not excavated	L: 1.8+m, W: 0.8m	
0907	Linear feature (ditch?) - not excavated	L: 3.5+m, W: 0.6m	LIA- early RB
0908	Fill of pit 0915	L: 2.5m, W: 1+m, D: 0.3m	
0909	Linear feature (gully?) - not excavated	L: 2.5+m, W: 0.6m	
0910	Linear feature (ditch?) - not excavated	L: 4+m, W: 1.2m	
0911	Linear feature (large ditch?) - not excavated	L: 1.8+m, W: 2.5m	
0912	Linear feature (large ditch?) - not excavated	L: 1.8+m, W: 2.9m	
0913	Linear feature (ditch?) - not excavated	L: 1.8+m, W: 4+m	
0914	Lower fill of shallow linear 0904	L: ?, W: 0.4m, D: 0.12m	
0915	Cut of oval pit (filled by 0908)	L: 2.5m, W: 1+m, D: 0.3m	
Trench 10		Trench Size 26.2m x 1.8m	
Trench depth 0.5-0.83m		Topsoil depth 0.3-0.33m	Subsoil depth 0.17-0.42m
<i>Context</i>	<i>Feature Type</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	
1004	Cut of large ditch - not excavated	L: 4.5m, W: 1.8+m	
1005	Fill of large ditch - not excavated	L: 4.5m, W: 1.8+m	Second half C2 nd
1006	Cut of L-shaped gully	L: 2+m, W: 0.5m, D: 0.1m	Mid C 2 nd
1007	Fill of L-shaped gully 1006	L: 2+m, W: 0.5m, D: 0.1m	
1008	Cut of oval posthole	L: 0.7m, W: 0.5m, D: 0.05m	
1009	Fill of possible posthole 1008	L: 0.7m, W: 0.5m, D: 0.05m	
1010	Linear feature (gully?) - not	L: 1.8+m, W: 0.6m	

	excavated		
1011	Linear feature with irregular end (ditch?) - not excavated	L: 2.8+m, W: 1m	
Trench 11		Trench Size 50.5m x 1.8m	
Trench depth 0.47-0.65m		Topsoil depth 0.2-0.27m	Subsoil depth 0.14-0.18m
<i>Context</i>	<i>Feature Type</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Date</i>
1104	Linear feature (ditch?) - not excavated	L: 1.8+m, W: 1m	C120-150AD?
1105	Linear feature (ditch?) - not excavated	L: 2.7+m, W: 1m	
1106	Cut of ditch	L: 17.5+m, W: 1m, D: 0.2m	
1107	Fill of ditch 1106	L: 17.5+m, W: 1m, D: 0.2m	LIA- early RB
1108	Cut of ditch	L: 1.8+m, W: 1.2m, D: 1m	
1109	Top fill of ditch 1108	L: 1.8+m, W: 1.2m, D: 0.6m	LIA- early RB?
1110	Linear feature (ditch?) - not excavated	L: 1.9+m, W: 1.8m	C2 nd -3 rd
1111	Tree root deposit cutting ditch 1106	L:?, W: 0.2m, D: 0.6m	C1 st AD?
1112	Middle fill of linear feature 1108	L: 1.8+m, W: 1.2m, D: 0.3m	
1113	Bottom fill of linear feature 1108	L: 1.8+m, W: 1.2m, D: 0.4m	
1114	Silt wash deposit in 1106	L:?, W: 0.22m, D: 0.5m	
1115	Linear feature (gully?) - not excavated	L: 0.5m, W: 1m	
1116	Linear feature (gully?) - not excavated	L: 0.5m, W: 0.5m	
Trench 12		Trench Size 51m x 1.8m	
Trench depth 0.52-0.94m		Topsoil depth 0.25-0.3m	Subsoil depth 0.24-0.6m
<i>No archaeology.</i>			
Trench 13		Trench Size 51m x 1.8m	
Trench depth 0.39-0.97m		Topsoil depth 0.26-0.3m	Subsoil depth 0.05-0.46m
<i>No archaeology.</i>			
Trench 14		Trench Size 51.5m x 1.8m	
Trench depth 0.4-0.55m		Topsoil depth 0.18-0.32m	Subsoil depth 0.13-0.16m
<i>No archaeology.</i>			
Trench 15		Trench Size 50m x 1.8m	
Trench depth 0.55-0.57m		Topsoil depth 0.18-0.28m	Subsoil depth 0.15-0.28m

<i>No archaeology.</i>			
Trench 16		Trench Size 51m x 1.8m	
Trench depth 0.6-0.8m	Topsoil depth 0.22-0.3m	Subsoil depth 0.27-0.38m	
<i>Context</i>	<i>Feature Type</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	
1604	Cut of gully	L: 1.9+m, W: 0.4m, D: 0.4m	
1605	Fill of gully 1604	L: 1.9+m, W: 0.4m, D: 0.4m	
1606	Cut of oval pit	L: 0.4m, W: 0.2m, D: 0.04m	
1607	Fill of oval pit 1606	L: 0.4m, W: 0.2m, D: 0.04m	
1608	Cut of ditch terminus	L: 4m, W: 0.8+m, D: 0.4-0.7m	
1609	Fill of 1608	L: 4m, W: 0.8+m, D: 0.4-0.7m	C1 st - 2 nd /3 rd
1610	Linear feature (gully?) - not excavated	L: 1.9+m, W: 1m	
1611	Linear feature (ditch?) - not excavated	L: 1.9+m, W: 2m	
1612	Linear feature (gully?) - not excavated	L: 1.9+m, W: 0.3m	
1613	Very large pit? (not excavated)	L: 8.5+m, 1.9+m	C2 nd
1614	Linear feature (ditch?) - not excavated	L: 1+m, W: 0.6m	
1615	Large irregular linear feature (ditch?) - not excavated	L: 6.5+m, W: 1.5+m	
1616	Linear feature (ditch?) - not excavated	L: 1.9+m, W: 2.5m	
1617	Small pit (not excavated)	L: 0.7m, W: 0.5m	
Trench 17		Trench Size 50.5m x 1.8m	
Trench depth 0.45-0.6m	Topsoil depth 0.15-0.28m	Subsoil depth 0.2-0.28m	
<i>No archaeology.</i>			
Trench 18		Trench Size 51m x 1.8m	
Trench depth 0.45-0.7m	Topsoil depth 0.2-0.33m	Subsoil depth 0.09-0.38m	
<i>No archaeology.</i>			
Trench 19		Trench Size 51.2m x 1.8m	
Trench depth 0.4-0.58m	Topsoil depth 0.12-0.26m	Subsoil depth 0.1-0.2m	
<i>No archaeology.</i>			
Trench 20		Trench Size 51m x 1.8m	
Trench depth 0.35-0.4m	Topsoil depth 0.2-0.26m	Subsoil depth 0.06-0.14m	
<i>No archaeology.</i>			
Trench 21		Trench Size 50.5m x 1.8m	

Trench depth 0.4-0.47m		Topsoil depth 0.18-0.27m	Subsoil depth 0-0.2m
<i>Context</i>	<i>Feature Type</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	
2104	Cut of furrow	L: 1.8+m, W: 1.9m, D: 0.15m	
2105	Fill of furrow	L: 1.8+m, W: 1.9m, D: 0.15m	
Trench 22		Trench Size 52m x 1.8m	
Trench depth 0.3-0.57m		Topsoil depth 0.18-0.28m	Subsoil depth 0-0.23m
<i>No archaeology.</i>			
Trench 23		Trench Size 52m x 1.8m	
Trench depth 0.55-0.82m		Topsoil depth 0.29-0.3m	Subsoil depth 0.2-0.5m
<i>Context</i>	<i>Feature Type</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	
2304	Cut of oval pit	L: 2m, W: 0.8m, D: 0.45m	
2305	Fill of oval pit 2304	L: 2m, W: 0.8m, D: 0.45m	
Trench 24		Trench Size 50m x 1.8m	
Trench depth 0.3-0.57m		Topsoil depth 0.17-0.25m	Subsoil depth 0.06-0.26m
<i>No archaeology.</i>			
Trench 25		Trench Size 50.5m x 1.8m	
Trench depth 0.55-0.63m		Topsoil depth 0.17-0.25m	Subsoil depth 0.23-0.34m
<i>Context</i>	<i>Feature Type</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	
2504	Cut of oval posthole	L: 1.3m, W: 0.8m, D: 0.34m	
2505	Fill of oval posthole 2504	L: 1.3m, W: 0.8m, D: 0.34m	LIA-ERB
2506	Cut of circular posthole	Dia: 0.6m, D: 0.2m	
2507	Fill of circular posthole 2506	Dia: 0.6m, D: 0.2m	
Trench 26		Trench Size 50.5m x 1.8m	
Trench depth 0.32-0.76m		Topsoil depth 0.22-0.35m	Subsoil depth 0-0.36m
<i>No archaeology.</i>			
Trench 27		Trench Size 51.5m x 1.8m	
Trench depth 0.28-0.43m		Topsoil depth 0.18-0.25m	Subsoil depth 0-0.12m
<i>Context</i>	<i>Feature Type</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	
2704	Cut of ditch	L: 1.8+m, W: 1.5m, D: 0.3m	
2705	Fill of ditch 2704	L: 1.8+m, W: 1.5m, D: 0.3m	
2706	Linear feature (ditch?) - not excavated	L: 1.8+m, W: 0.9m	

2707	Large pit (not excavated)	L: 2+m, W: 1+m	
Trench 28		Trench Size 50.5m x 1.8m	
Trench depth 0.42-0.76m		Topsoil depth 0.23-0.27m	Subsoil depth 0.07-0.44m
<i>Context</i>	<i>Feature Type</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	
2804	19 th century pit - not excavated	L: 9-13m, W: 1.8+m	
2805	Cut of ditch	L: 1.3m, W: 1.25m, D: 0.14	
2806	Fill of ditch 2805	L: 1.3m, W: 1.25m, D: 0.14	
2807	Linear feature (end of ditch) - not excavated	L: 1.2+m, W: 0.4m	
Trench 29		Trench Size 50m x 1.8m	
Trench depth 0.32-0.57m		Topsoil depth 0.16-0.26m	Subsoil depth 0-0.19m
<i>No archaeology.</i>			
Trench 30		Trench Size 25m x 1.8m	
Trench depth 0.8-0.95m		Topsoil depth 0.14-0.35m	Subsoil depth 0.1-0.56m
<i>Context</i>	<i>Feature Type</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	
3004	Cut of ditch	L: 1.8+m, W: 3.5m, D: 0.75m	
3005	Fill of ditch 3005	L: 1.8+m, W: 3.5m, D: 0.75m	C17th
3006	Linear feature (ditch?) - not excavated	L: 1.8+m, W: 6m	
Trench 31		Trench Size 26m x 1.8m	
Trench depth 0.6-0.8m		Topsoil depth 0.3m	Subsoil depth 0.16-0.4m
<i>Context</i>	<i>Feature Type</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	
3104	Cut of curved ditch	L: 5.5+m, W: 1.4m, D: 0.6m	
3105	Fill of curved ditch 3104	L: 5.5+m, W: 1.4m, D: 0.6m	LIA-RB
3106	Cut of shallow gully	L: 2.5+m, W: 0.3-0.4m, D: 0.32m	
3107	Fill of shallow gully 3106	L: 2.5+m, W: 0.3-0.4m, D: 0.32m	LIA-ERB
3108	Irregular pit (not excavated)	L: 2.8m, W: 1+m	
3109	Linear feature (narrow end of gully?) - not excavated	L: 1.5+m, W: 0.2m	
3110	Linear feature (gully?) - not excavated	L: 1.4m, W: 0.5m	
Trench 32		Trench Size 27m x 1.8m	
Trench depth 0.36-0.62m		Topsoil depth 0.24-0.3m	Subsoil depth 0.14-0.21m
<i>Context</i>	<i>Feature Type</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	
3204	Cut of ditch	L: 1.8+m, W: 2.6m,	

		D: 1.2m	
3205	Upper fill of ditch 3204	L: 1.8+m, W: 2.6m, D: 0.7m	C1 st -4 th
3206	Lower fill of 3204 (ditch)	L: 1.8+m, W: 0.9m, D: 0.3m	LIA
3207	Linear feature (ditch?) - not excavated	L: 1.8+m, W: 1.6m	
3208	Linear feature (ditch?) - not excavated	L: 1.8+m, W: 1.8- 2.5m	
3209	Fill of gully 3211	L: 2+m, W: 1m, D: 0.2m	
3210	Linear feature (ditch?) - not excavated	L: 1.8+m, W: 2m	
3211	Cut of gully	L: 2+m, W: 1m, D: 0.2m	

APPENDIX 2 Pottery Report

Introduction

A total of 242 finds were recovered from 36 contexts, as detailed in the table below.

The assemblage is characterised and assessed for potential for further analysis in the commentary below the table.

OP	Pottery		CBM		Iron		Bone		Spotdate
	No.	Wt/g	No.	Wt/g	No.	Wt/g			
0105	2	10.8							C1 st -2 nd ?
0202	6	89.7							C1 st -4 th
0302			1	360	2	65.4			C19 th
0313	19	441.8							LIA-C3 rd
0405	1	29.5					1	44.8	C1 st -4 th
0504							5	11.1	Unknown
0507	1	2.4	2	40.8			1	0.8	Med/Pmed
0604	3	67.6							C1 st -4 th
0605	33	1123.3							LIA-C3 rd / 4 th
0610	1	25.9							C1 st -4 th AD
0614	1	4.7							C1 st -4 th
0705	1	15.9							C2 nd
0707	3	4							LIA- early RB
0709	1	273							C1 st -4 th
0805	20	1693.8							L.I.A-C1 st
0807	5	204.4							C 1 st – 2 nd
0905	2	62.5						Stone x1, 101.6g	C 1 st -2 nd ?
0907	4	44							LIA- early RB
1005	10	255.4							Second half C2 nd
1006	4	212.7							Mid C 2 nd
1104	7	126.8							c120- 150AD?
1107	1	16.2							LIA- early RB
1109	3	29							LIA- early RB?
1110	1	6.8							C2 nd -3 rd
1111	23	1100.03							C1 st AD?
1609	33	1492.5							C1 st - 2 nd /3 rd
1613	3	80							C2 nd
2302	2	35.8							C1 st -4 th
2504	4	10.8							LIA-ERB

3001	2	33.3	1	41						C19 th -20 th
3002	1	13.5								C1 st -4 th
3005	8	161.2	1	0.1						C17 th
3105	1	1.9					7	1.2		LIA-RB
3107	3	184.9								LIA-ERB
3205	1	23.6					8	11.4		C1 st -4 th
3206	2	94.2								LIA
Total	212	7971.93	3	401.1	2	65.4	22	69.3		7971.93

Pottery

A total of 212 sherds of pottery weighing 7971.93 grams were collected from 34 contexts – largely ditch deposits, as shown in the table above. The pottery was examined both visually and under an x20 microscope and using an x15 hand lens.

Condition

The condition of the pottery was generally good to fair, with abrasion more evident on more oxidised or poorly fired fabrics or sometimes on residual sherds.

Late Iron Age to early Roman pottery

The earliest dated pottery, accounting for at least 30 % of the assemblage dates from the late Iron Age to the early Roman period and is comprised of a variety of different fabrics. Large body sherds of a straight sided handmade bucket urn (Gibson, A. 1997) with external finger impressions (presumably a food vessel) from ditch deposit **0805** with a sandy iron and grog rich fabric (fabric 1) is probably attributable to a late Iron Age or Early Roman date.

Within the same context, a wheel made or wheel finished jar in the same fabric as the above with external cordons and rouletting (Compton, J. 2015) is very interesting as it appears to emulate the style of Gallo-Belgic (Compton, J. 2015) counterparts of the 1st century BC to AD. A further example of this is a handmade and wheel finished bowl (fabric 1) either from the tree root deposit **1111** or possibly from the ditch deposit 1107 which possibly emulates Samien form DRG 24/25 c43-65 or perhaps a Terra Nigra or Terra Rubra form (Compton, J. 2015). Other pottery from this context includes sherds of an oxidised poorly fired orange fabric with voids (indicative of temper with organic matter) with stabbed decoration, similarly dating to the early Iron Age or early Roman period and both wheel and handmade sherds from jars (some probably similar to the above in **0805**).

Grey ware (Compton, J. 2015) in various fabric types, both diagnostic and undiagnostic was noted throughout the context, both diagnostic and dateable. A near complete rare ‘butt-beaker’ (Compton, J. 2015) in a fine sandy grey ware fabric with a large external cordon near the rim could be of pre-conquest to early 2nd century date.

Roman

Later Roman pottery accounted for at least 60-65 % of the assemblage. Central Gaulish Samian ware (possibly Central Lezoux) bowl sherds (probably DRG 18/31 or 18/31R dating c120-150) (Webster, P. 1996) were noted in a few of the deposits

including ditch deposits **1006** and **1104**.

Fine micaceous orange oxidised sherds noted in deposits **0605**, **3002** and **0905** containing mica, quartz and iron inclusions are either Oxidised Severn Valley ware or possibly a variant of Central Gaulish Fine Micaceous Ware (Tyers, P. 1996). Among more domestic pottery, a BB1 or BB type jar (cooking vessel) probably dates to the 1st or possibly early 2nd century AD.

Grey ware (as mentioned previously) was noted in various rim form and probably dates as late as the 3rd or perhaps 4th century, in particular the rim of a wide-mouth jar (De la Bedoyere, Guy. 2000) noted in deposit **1609**. Of particular note is a grey ware handle, presumably from a flagon in **0605**.

Post-Roman

The Post-Roman assemblage accounts for only a small percentage of the assemblage – probably 5 % or less - largely deriving from ditch deposit 3005. Sherds of Black glazed red earthenware or Midlands type Blackware bowl date the deposit to the 17th or possibly early 18th century (Jenning, S. 1981). Other sherds include fragments of a handmade and wheel finished medieval coarseware jar – probably 13th or 14th century - or cooking vessel (Jenning, S. 1981) 1. A body sherd of Midland type Yellow ware is difficult to date accurately, however ranges in date from the 15th to the early 18th century (Jenning, S. 1981).

Ceramic building material

The three fragments of ceramic building are undiagnostic but probably post-roman in date.

Iron

Two pieces of iron were noted in the subsoil in trench 3 - **0302** an iron nail and a door or gate pivot of probably Post-Medieval or early modern date.

Copper Alloy

A copper alloy strip was also noted in **0302** which similarly to the above iron finds is probably Post-Roman in date. A further unidentifiable copper alloy artefact (presumably Roman in date) came from ditch fill **2804**.

Discussion

The pottery retrieved from the evaluation is remarkably fine and probably at least of regional significance. Further work will be necessary on some of the local fabric and form types and it would be important to compare the pottery with other regional assemblages.

The pottery also provides dating for the primary contexts, as well suggesting toward activity within the wider area.

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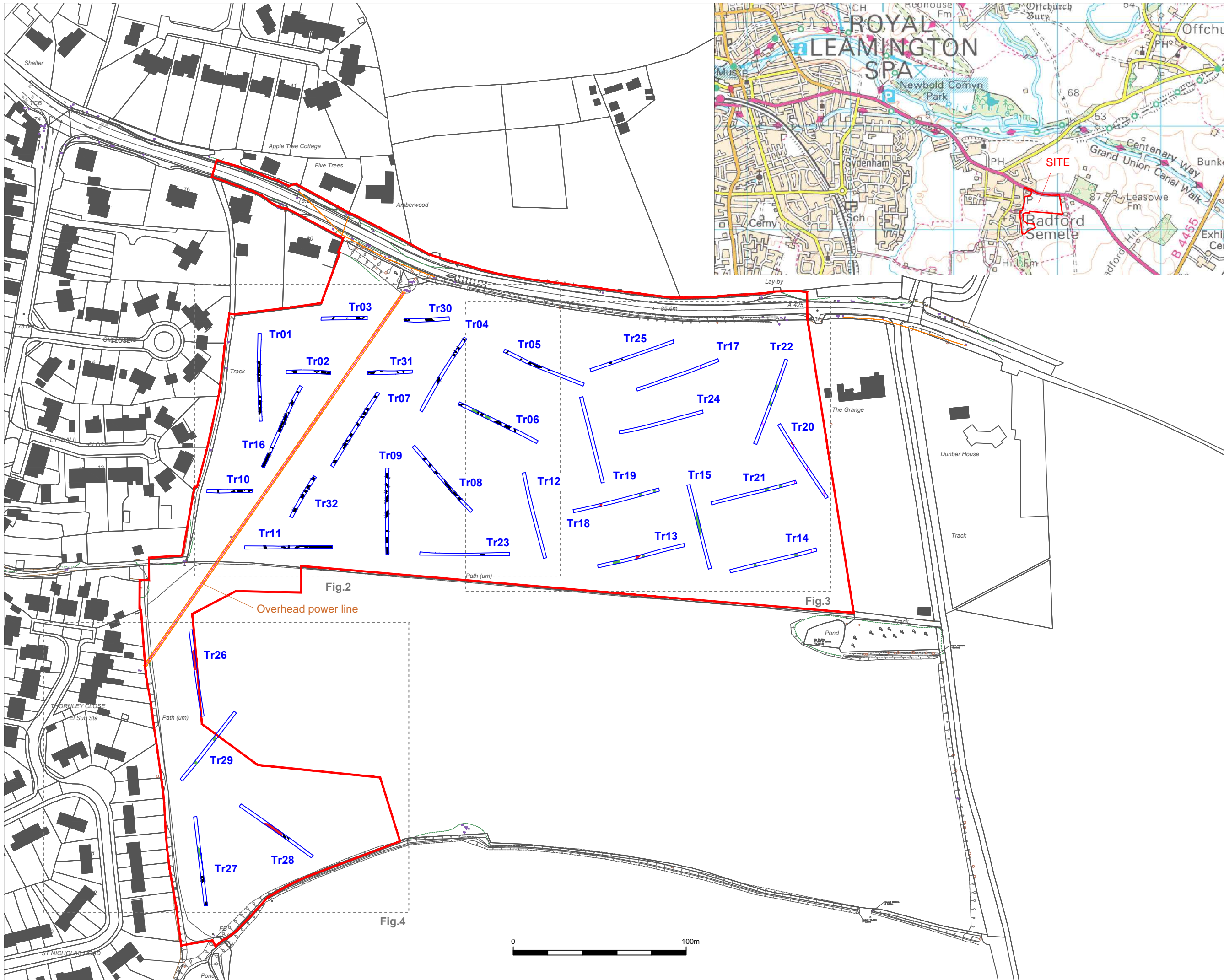
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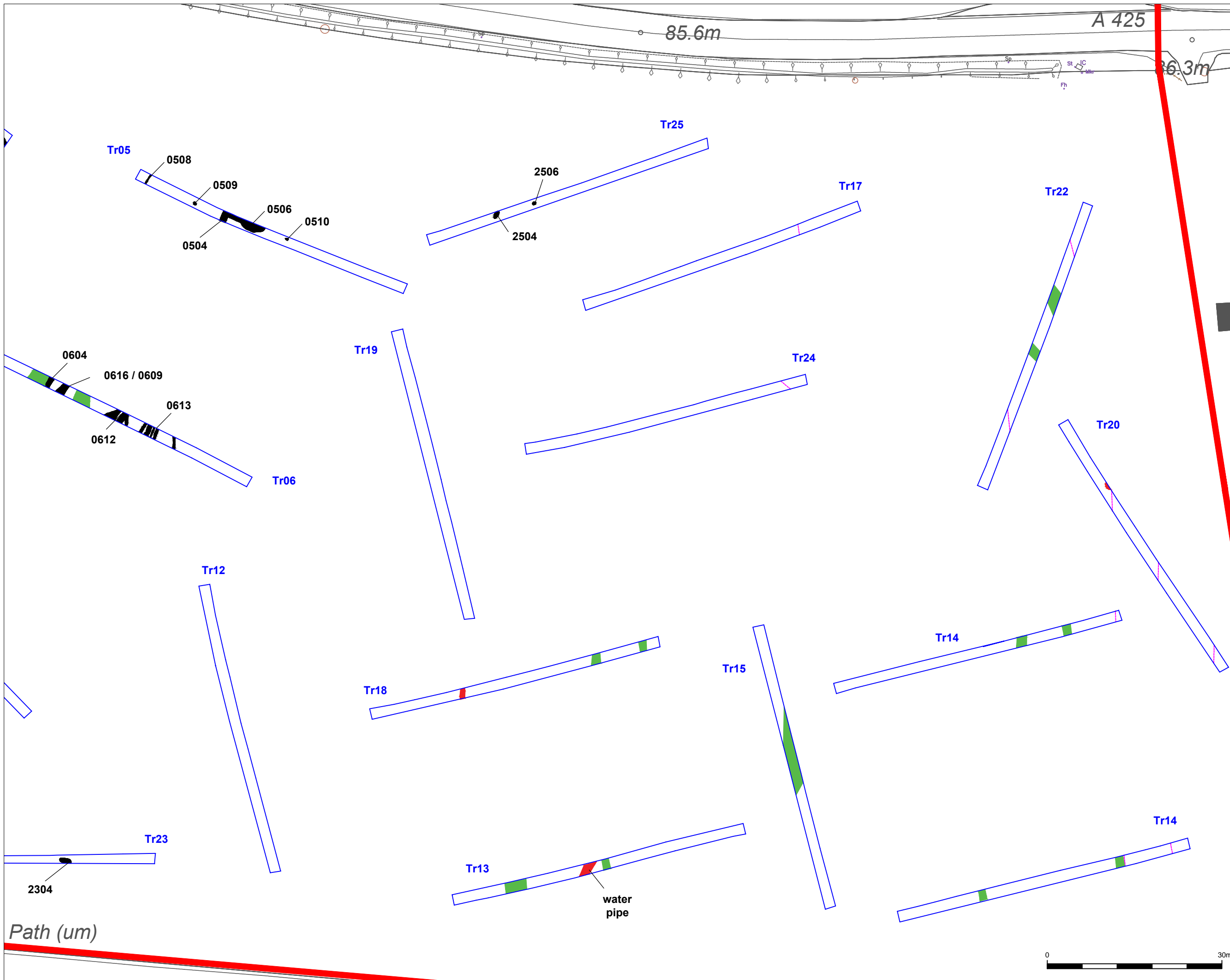
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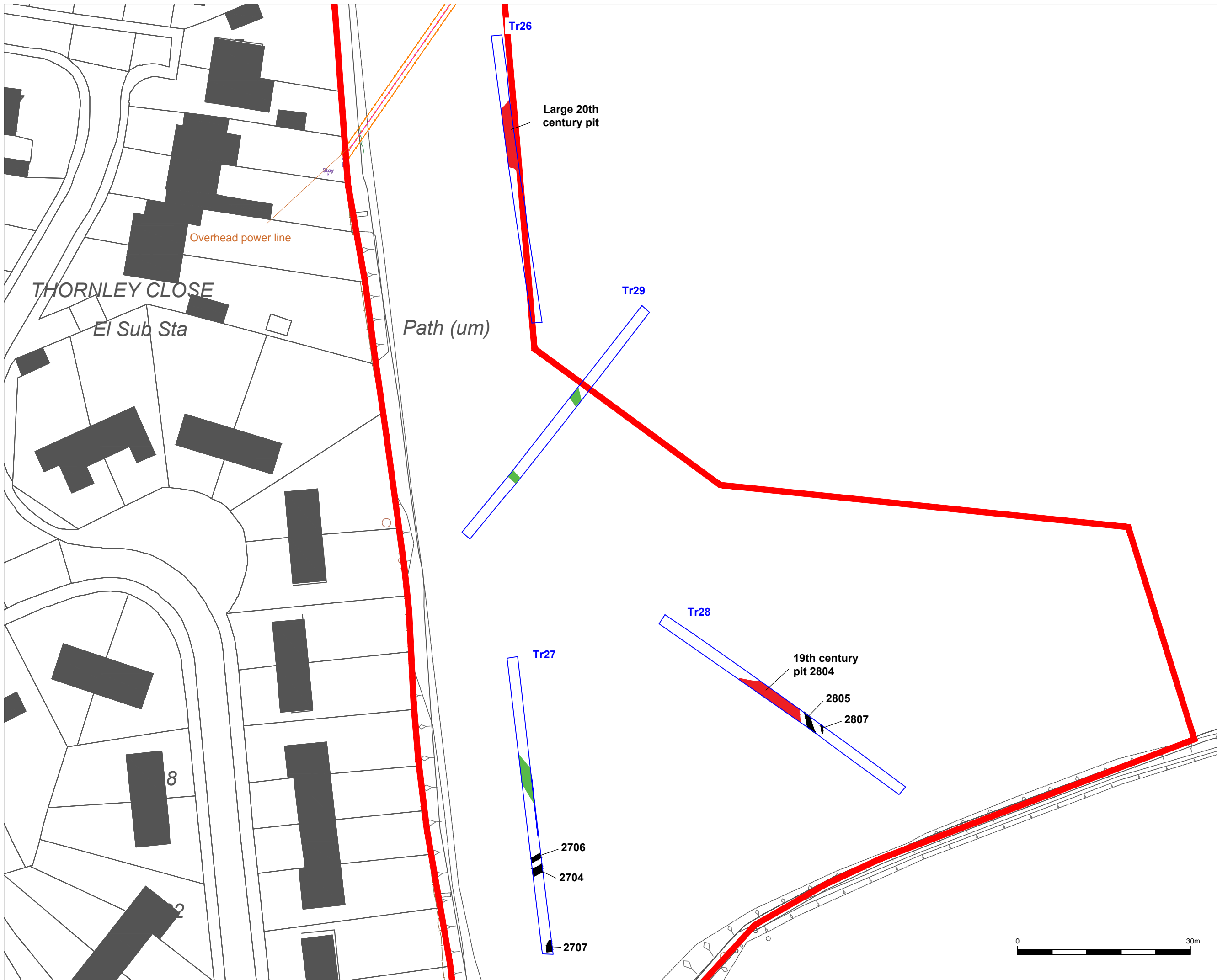
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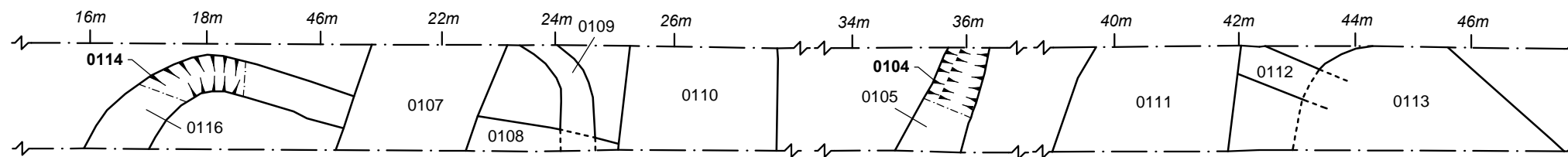


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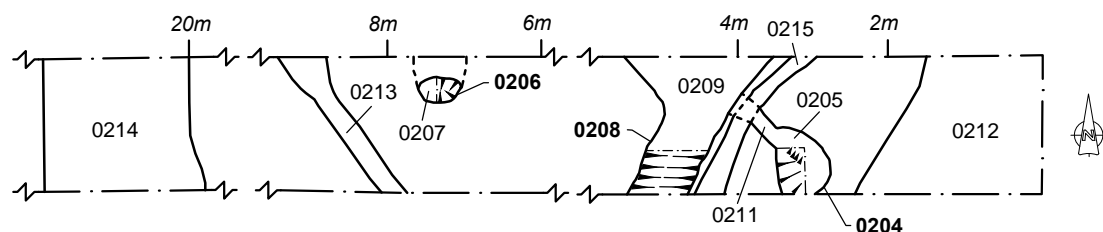


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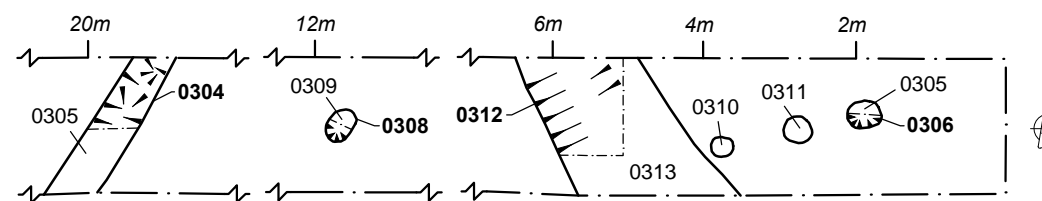


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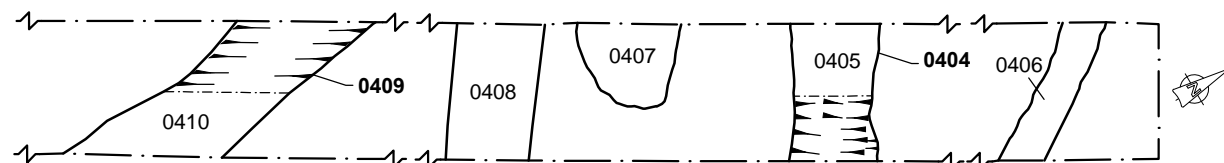


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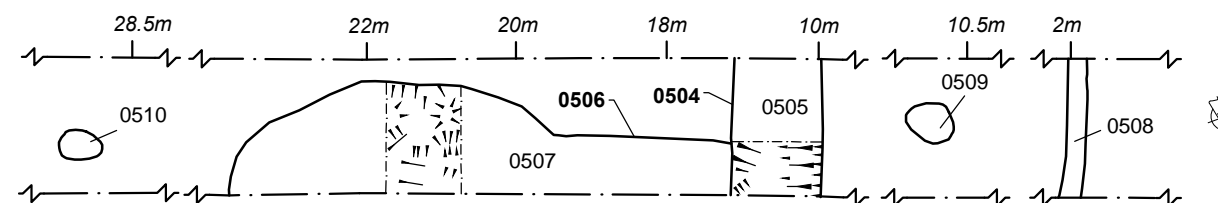


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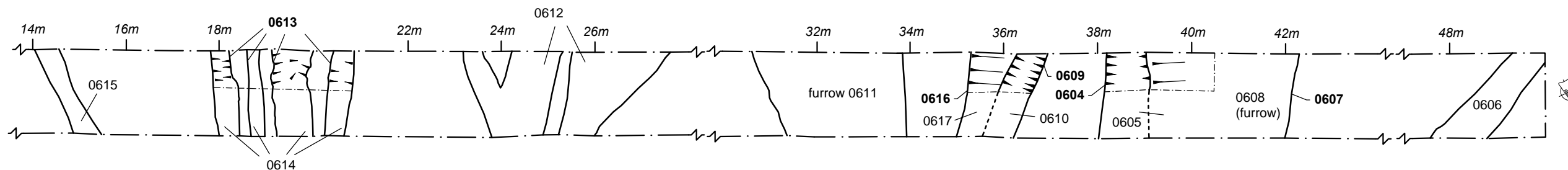
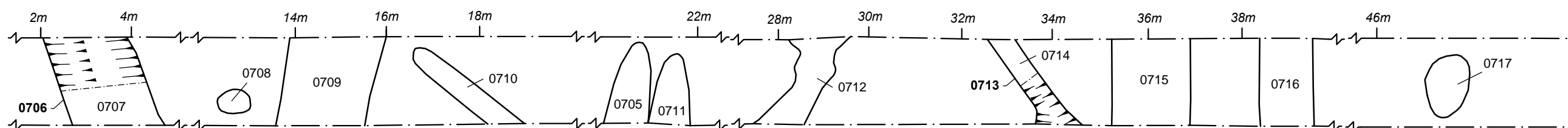


Fig. 12 - Features in Trench 07



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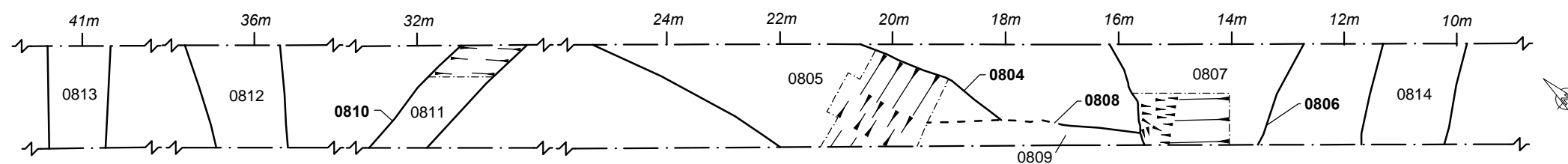


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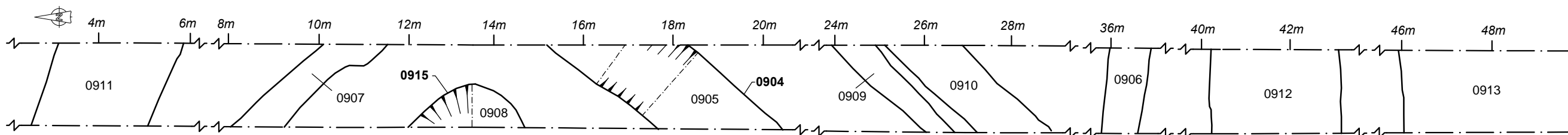


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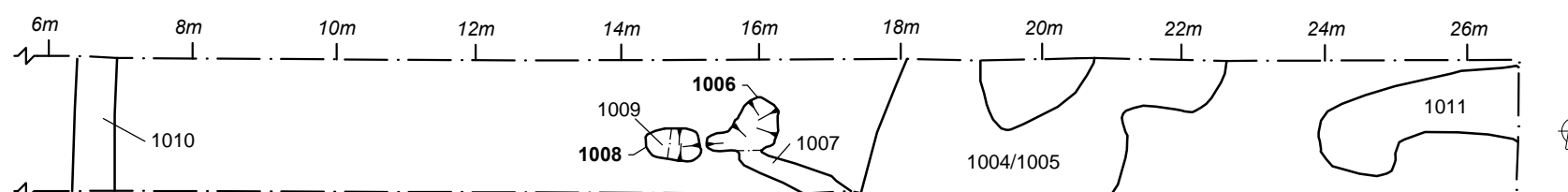
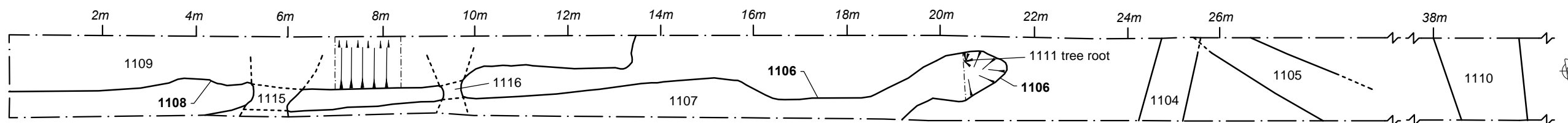


Fig. 16 - Features in Trench 11



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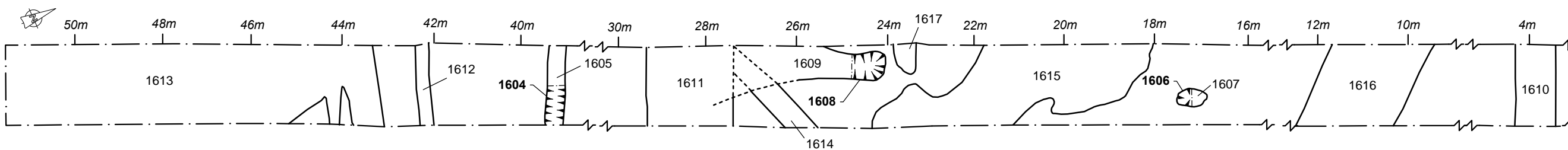


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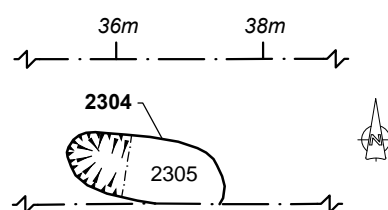


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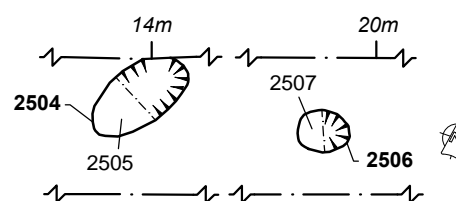


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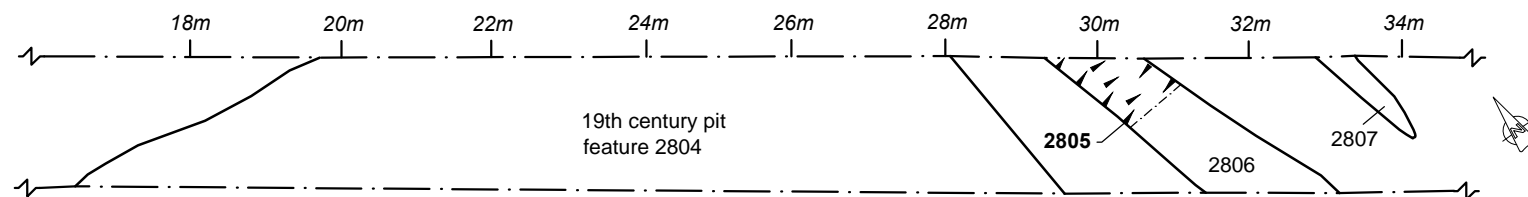


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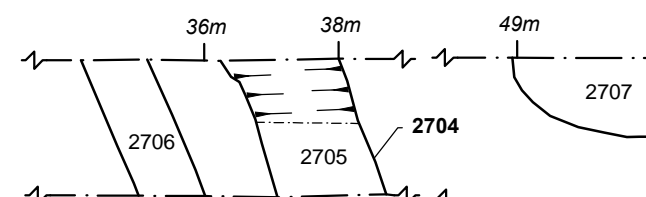


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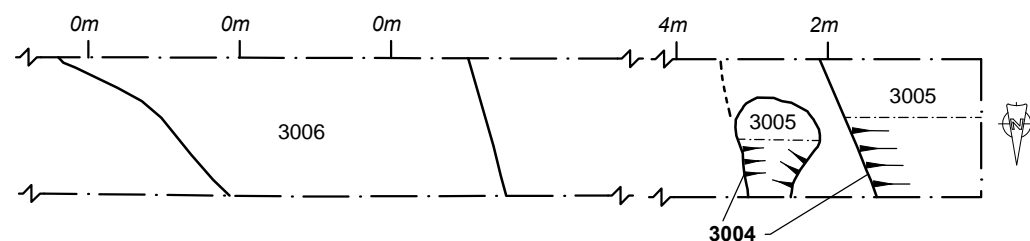


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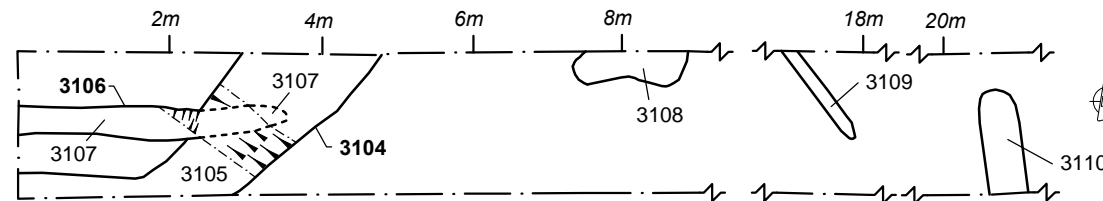
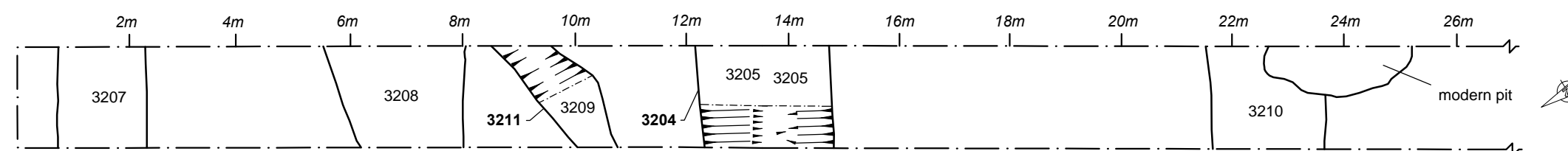


Fig. 24 - Plan of Trench 32



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Fig. 25 - Linear feature 0208, Trench 2, from the N



Fig. 26 - Trench 03, from the SW

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Fig. 27 - Post hole 0306, Trench 03, from the S



Fig. 28 - Linear feature 0609, Trench 06, from the NE

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Fig. 29 - Trench 07, from the SW



Fig. 30 - Deep ditch 0804, Trench 08, from the SE

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Fig. 31 - Linear feature 0808 cutting ditch 0806, Trench 08, from the SE



Fig. 32 - Trench 09, from the N

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Fig. 33 - Linear feature 0904, Trench 09, from the NE



Fig. 34 - Pit feature 0915, Trench 09, from the NE

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Fig. 35 - Trench 10, from the NW



Fig. 36 - Trench 11, from the E

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Fig. 37 - Linear ditch 1108, Trench 11, from the E



Fig. 38 - Trench 16, from the S

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Fig. 39 - Feature 1608, Trench 16, from the N



Fig. 40 - Pot found in feature 1608, Trench 16

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Fig. 41 - South-facing section of ditch feature 3004, Trench 30, from the S



Fig. 42 - Deep linear ditch 3204, Trench 32, from the S

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