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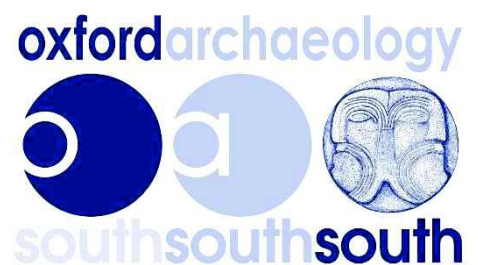
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Summary

Oxford Archaeology was commissioned by CgMs Consulting on behalf of Pegasus Group and Leicestershire County Council to undertake an archaeological evaluation for a proposed new development. The evaluation comprised 37 trenches over c 6.7 ha of land, representing a 2% sample of the site.

The site lies to the south of a known Iron Age settlement and Roman field system. Very few archaeological features were exposed, comprising a small number of undated ditches. Furrows also crossed the site, and an area of modern made ground was found in the south-west associated with the creation of the nearby roundabout. The evaluation suggests that few archaeological features are present on the site.

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Scope of work

- 1.1.1 Oxford Archaeology (OA) was commissioned by CgMs Consulting on behalf of Pegasus Group and Leicestershire County Council (LCC) to undertake a trial trench evaluation at the site of Coventry Road, Lutterworth, Leicestershire.
- 1.1.2 The work was undertaken as a condition of planning permission (planning ref. 16/01288/OUT). A written scheme of investigation was produced by CgMs Consulting (2017), detailing the Local Authority's requirements for work necessary to inform the planning condition. This document outlines how OA implemented the specified requirements.
- 1.1.3 All work was undertaken in accordance with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists' *Standard and guidance for archaeological field evaluation* (CIfA 2014) and the National Planning Policy Framework.

1.2 Location, topography and geology

- 1.2.1 The site is located on the western edge of Lutterworth, comprising approximately 6.7 hectares of land centred at National Grid Reference SP 5281 8409 (Fig. 1). The site is bounded to the north by the A4303, to the west by an unnamed stream and by fields to the east. The Fair acres' site lies to the south.
- 1.2.2 The area of proposed development consists of three fields of pasture.
- 1.2.3 The geology of the area is mapped as interbedded mudstone and limestone of Blue Lias Formation (BGS 2017) with superficial deposits of Oadby Member diamicton, Shawell Sand and Gravel across the eastern field and western edge of the central field. Alluvium comprising clay, silt and gravel is mapped across the western edge of the west field. An area of River Terrace Deposits comprising sand and gravel has been recorded in the north-west corner of the western field.

1.3 Archaeological and historical background

- 1.3.1 The archaeological and historical background of the site has been described in detail in the desk-based assessment (CgMs 2017) and will not be reproduced in detail.
- 1.3.2 A single Paleolithic flint point as well as a small number of Neolithic and Bronze Age flint objects have been recovered within the eastern area of the site and immediately around the site.
- 1.3.3 Excavations at Leader Farm to the north-east of the site on the other side of Coventry Road uncovered a mid-late Iron Age settlement comprising several large polygonal enclosures, up to four roundhouses, a timber stockade, and further boundary features. A Roman field system on a NE-SW/NW-SE alignment, as well as an undated field system on a N-S/E-W alignment was also discovered. The Iron Age and Roman activity was predominantly recovered from the northern of the two areas of excavation. The southern area, closer to the present evaluation site, contained little Roman or Iron Age evidence (ULAS 2014).

1.3.4 A geophysical survey was undertaken of the entire site by Stratascan (2016). This identified a number of possible and probable linear anomalies, as well as probable furrows and an area of mad ground in the southern area of the western field.

1.4 Potential

1.4.1 Due to the known archaeological features present to the north of the site and the existence of probable features suggested by the geophysical survey, the site was considered to have moderate potential for the survival of remains from the Iron Age and Roman periods.

2 EVALUATION AIMS AND METHODOLOGY

2.1 Aims

2.1.1 The project aims and objectives were as follows:

- i. To determine the location, extent, date, character, condition, significance and quality of any archaeological remains within the development site
- ii. To assess the accuracy of the archaeological assessment and geophysical survey in determining the true potential for significant archaeological remains within the site
- iii. To assess the potential continuation of features related to the Leader's Farm site to the north to continue within the site
- iv. To assess the artefactual and environmental potential of the archaeological deposits encountered
- v. To assess the impact of previous land use on the site
- vi. To inform formulation of further measures to mitigate impacts of the proposed development on surviving archaeological remains
- vii. To produce a site archive for deposition with an appropriate museum and to provide information for accession to the Leicestershire HER

2.2 Methodology

2.2.1 A total of thirty-seven trenches were excavated, each measuring 1.80 x 30m and represented a 2% sample of the proposed development area (Fig. 2). Some of the trenches were targeted on geophysical anomalies and provided a representative coverage of the 'blank' areas.

2.2.2 All trenches were excavated using a mechanical excavator fitted with a toothless ditching bucket under the supervision of an experienced archaeologist. Machining continued in spits down to the top of the undisturbed natural geology. Any potential features were investigated by hand excavation.

3 RESULTS

3.1 Introduction and presentation of results

- 3.1.1 The results of the evaluation are presented below, and include a stratigraphic description of the trenches that contained archaeological remains. The full details of all trenches with dimensions and depths of all deposits can be found in Appendix A. Finds data and spot dates are tabulated in Appendix B.
- 3.1.2 Context numbers reflect the trench numbers unless otherwise stated; e.g. pit 102 is a feature within Trench 1, while ditch 304 is a feature within Trench 3.

3.2 General soils and ground conditions

- 3.2.1 The soil sequence differed across the site. In the eastern field, the natural geology of yellow brown clay was overlaid by a subsoil and topsoil; two trenches in this area also exposed a layer of colluvium above the natural. In the western field, a larger number of the trenches produced alluvial layers. In the southern part of the western field, more complex and localised sequences of layers that included modern made ground that buried old soils were present, probably in connection to the construction of the dual-carriageway to the north of the site.
- 3.2.2 Ground conditions throughout the evaluation were generally good, and the trenches remained dry throughout except for those running alongside the stream at the western end of the west field. Archaeological features, where present, were easy to identify against the underlying natural geology.

3.3 General distribution of archaeological deposits

- 3.3.1 The majority of the trenches contained no archaeological features. Trenches 4, 9 and 21 contained a single ditch, and Trench 8 contained two ditches. Trenches 21, 23, 31, 32 and 34-37 contained layers of made ground. Trenches in the west field and the western end of the middle field contained well defined furrows running on an E-W alignment; trenches in the eastern end of the middle field contained furrows on a NW-SE alignment; and trenches in the east field contained furrows on a NNE-SSW alignment.
- 3.3.2 The evaluation therefore closely matched the results from the geophysical survey, and confirmed a dearth of archaeological features.

3.4 Trench 4

- 3.4.1 A single ditch, 404, on a NNW-SSE alignment 2.30m wide and 0.40m deep with a single fill was uncovered in Trench 4 (Fig. 3). This was identified on the geophysical survey. The ditch did not produce any finds, although it appears to be a continuation of a ditch uncovered during excavations to the north of the site (ULAS 2014). This was part of an undated field system that did not share an alignment with either the Iron Age settlement or Roman field system that was also uncovered. The ditch in Trench 4 therefore remains undated.

3.5 Trench 8

3.5.1 Two ditches were uncovered in Trench 8 (Fig. 4). Ditch 804 was on an ENE-WSW alignment, and ditch 802 was positioned at a right angle to this, on a NNW-SSE alignment. Both of these ditches were identified in the geophysical survey. Ditch 802 was 0.46m wide and 0.11m deep, whereas ditch 804 was 0.60m wide and 0.27m deep (Plate 1). Neither of these ditches can be clearly related to any of the three enclosure systems exposed to the north of the site (ULAS 2014). A small sherd of pottery probably dating to the mid-late Iron Age was recovered from 804, and may be broadly contemporary with the settlement excavated to the north of the site. Such meagre evidence is not, however, sufficient to date the ditch.

3.6 Trench 9

3.6.1 Ditch 903 was discovered in Trench 9 (Fig. 5). This cut one of the numerous furrows that were exposed, and therefore can be dated to the post-medieval or modern period. A selection of profiles of these furrows have been illustrated in Figures 6 and 7.

3.7 Trench 21

3.7.1 Ditch terminal 2109 was uncovered in Trench 21 (Fig. 8). This was on the same E-W alignment as the furrows in this area, and may be related. No finds were recovered.

3.8 Trenches in the southern part of the western field

3.8.1 In the southern area of the western field, a number of trenches exposed a more complex sequence of soils, alluvium and made ground, presumably related to the construction of Coventry Road to the north of the site (Fig. 9; Plates 2-3). This disturbance was identified in the geophysical survey.

3.9 Finds summary

3.9.1 Very few finds were recovered from the evaluation, and consisted of three sherds of pottery, three fragments of ceramic building material, and seven small fragments of animal bone. These were not sufficient to date the few archaeological features uncovered, and the paucity of finds confirms the dearth of activity on the site.

4 DISCUSSION

4.1 Reliability of field investigation

4.1.1 The results of the investigation can be deemed reliable. The fills of the features were clearly visible against the natural geology and reflected the results of the geophysical survey.

4.2 Evaluation objectives and results

4.2.1 The evaluation was successful in establishing the level of archaeological activity on the site. It confirmed that the site has a long and established history as farmland and has not seen intensive occupation.

4.2.2 The evaluation trenches were positioned on a standard grid array, except where they were target on geophysical anomalies in order to ground-truth the results of the geophysical survey. The evaluation closely matched the results of the geophysical survey, including the presence of furrows across the majority of trenches and archaeological linears in Trenches 4 and 8.

4.3 Interpretation

4.3.1 Very few archaeological features were uncovered during the evaluation. The work confirms that Iron Age and Roman activity to the north of the site did not extend into the site itself. The area witnessed very little visible human settlement activity, and it is likely to have remained farmland or was unoccupied for long periods of time.

4.4 Significance

4.4.1 The results of the evaluation suggest there is low archaeological potential across the site.

APPENDIX A TRENCH DESCRIPTIONS AND CONTEXT INVENTORY

Trench 1						
General description					Orientation	WNW-ESE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural geology of yellow-brown and yellow-grey clay-sand with bands of brown-red sand and patches of gravel					Length (m)	30
					Width (m)	2
					Avg. depth (m)	0.53
Context No.	Type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
100	Layer	-	0.32	Topsoil	-	-
101	Layer	-	0.21	Subsoil	-	-
102	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 2						
General description					Orientation	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural geology of yellow-red and yellow-brown silty-sand with clay patches					Length (m)	30
					Width (m)	2
					Avg. depth (m)	0.55
Context No.	Type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
200	Layer	-	0.31	Topsoil	-	-
201	Layer	-	0.24	Subsoil	-	-
202	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 3						
General description					Orientation	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of topsoil, subsoil and colluvium/headland overlying natural geology of brown-yellow coarse sand and gravels and dark blue clay with iron panning .					Length (m)	30
					Width (m)	2
					Avg. depth (m)	0.52
Context No.	Type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
300	Layer	-	0.32	Topsoil	-	-
301	Layer	-	0.20	Subsoil	-	-
302	Layer	-	0.60	Colluvium/headland	-	-
303	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 4						
General description					Orientation	E-W
Consists of topsoil and subsoil overlying a NNW-SSE aligned linear which cuts natural geology of brown-yellow silt-clay and yellow clay.					Length (m)	30
					Width (m)	2
					Avg. depth (m)	0.50
Context No.	Type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
400	Layer	-	0.33	Topsoil	-	-
401	Layer	-	0.17	Subsoil	-	-
402	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
403	Layer	-	0.22	Subsoil	-	-

404	Cut	2.30	0.40	Ditch	-	-
405	Fill	2.30	0.40	Fill of ditch [404]. Clay silt, occasional pebbles	-	-

Trench 5						
General description					Orientation	NNE-SSW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of topsoil and subsoil overlying E-W running furrows cutting natural geology of grey-yellow clay					Length (m)	30
					Width (m)	2
					Avg. depth (m)	0.39
Context No.	Type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
500	Layer	-	0.29	Topsoil	-	-
501	Layer	-	0.10	Subsoil	-	-
502	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 6						
General description					Orientation	E-W
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of topsoil and subsoil overlying a WNW-ESE running furrow cutting natural geology of brown-yellow sand-clay.					Length (m)	30
					Width (m)	2
					Avg. depth (m)	0.64
Context No.	Type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
600	Layer	-	0.34	Topsoil	-	-
601	Fill	-	0.30	Furrow	-	-
602	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
603	Layer	-	0.30	Colluvium/headland	-	-

Trench 7						
General description					Orientation	NNE-SSW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of topsoil overlying a WNW-ESE running furrow cutting natural geology of brown-yellow silty-clay.					Length (m)	30
					Width (m)	2
					Avg. depth (m)	0.30
Context No.	Type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
700	Layer	-	0.30	Topsoil	-	-
702	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 8						
General description					Orientation	NW-SE
Trench comprises two ditches. Consists of topsoil overlying natural geology of silty sand.					Length (m)	30
					Width (m)	2
					Avg. depth (m)	0.24
Context No.	Type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
800	Layer	-	0.24	Topsoil	-	-
801	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
802	Cut	0.46	0.11	Ditch. Broad rounded base, shallow sloping sides	-	-

803	Fill	0.46	0.11	Fill of ditch [802]. Silty clay with occasional poorly sorted gravel inclusions	-	-
804	Cut	0.60	0.27	Ditch. Narrow rounded base, steep sloping sides	-	-
805	Fill	0.60	0.27	Fill of ditch [804]. Silty clay with sand, with occasional rounded stone inclusions	Mid-late Iron Age pottery	-
806	Natural feature	-	-	Surface bioturbation. Not excavated	-	-

Trench 9						
General description					Orientation	NNW-SSE
Trench contained three E-W furrows and a modern ditch. Consists of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural geology of clay.					Length (m)	30
					Width (m)	2
					Avg. depth (m)	0.45
Context No.	Type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
900	Layer	-	0.30	Topsoil	-	-
901	Layer	-	0.15	Subsoil	-	-
902	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
903	Cut	1.20	0.44	Modern ditch. Rounded base, gently sloping sides. Cuts furrow.	-	-
904	Fill	1.20	0.44	Fill of ditch [903]. Firm silty clay, some large stone inclusions	Roman/medieval CBM. Animal bone	-
905	Cut	3.00	0.12	Furrow	-	-
906	Fill	3.00	0.12	Fill of furrow [905]	-	-

Trench 10						
General description					Orientation	WNW-ESE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of topsoil overlying natural geology of yellow-brown silty-clay.					Length (m)	30
					Width (m)	2
					Avg. depth (m)	0.30
Context No.	Type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1000	Layer	-	0.30	Topsoil	Roman/medieval CBM	-
1002	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 11						
General description					Orientation	NNE-SSW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of topsoil and subsoil overlying E-W running furrows cutting natural geology of yellow-brown silty clay.					Length (m)	30
					Width (m)	2
					Avg. depth (m)	0.32
Context No.	Type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1100	Layer	-	0.24	Topsoil	-	-
1101	Layer	-	0.08	Subsoil	-	-
1102	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 12						
General description					Orientation	E-W
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of topsoil and subsoil overlying WNW-ESE running furrow cutting natural geology of brown-grey clay with bands of yellow-brown silty clay and brown-red sand.					Length (m)	30
					Width (m)	2
					Avg. depth (m)	0.46
Context No.	Type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1200	Layer	-	0.32	Topsoil	-	-
1201	Layer	-	0.14	Subsoil	-	-
1202	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 13						
General description					Orientation	NNE-SSW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Contained a furrow and tree-throw. Topsoil and subsoil overlying a natural of light grey brown hard clay.					Length (m)	30
					Width (m)	2
					Avg. depth (m)	0.40
Context No.	Type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1300	Layer	-	0.26	Topsoil	-	-
1301	Layer	-	0.14	Subsoil	-	-
1302	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
1303	Cut	2.25	0.30	Furrow	-	-
1304	Fill	2.25	0.30	Fill of furrow [1303]. Dark grey brown firm clay silt	-	-
1305	Cut	0.70	0.22	Tree-throw	-	-
1306	Fill	0.70	0.22	Fill of three-throw [1305]. Mid grey brown silty clay	-	-

Trench 14						
General description					Orientation	WNW-ESE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural geology of light grey brown hard clay.					Length (m)	30
					Width (m)	2
					Avg. depth (m)	0.46
Context No.	Type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1400	Layer	-	0.30	Topsoil	-	-
1401	Layer	-	0.16	Subsoil	-	-
1402	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 15						
General description					Orientation	NNW-SSE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of modern NE-SW furrows, and topsoil and subsoil overlying natural geology of silty sand.					Length (m)	30
					Width (m)	2
					Avg. depth (m)	0.50
Context No.	Type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1500	Layer	-	0.30	Topsoil	-	-
1501	Layer	-	0.20	Subsoil	-	-
1502	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
1503	Cut	2.00	0.48	Furrow	-	-
1504	Fill	2.00	0.48	Fill of furrow [1503]	-	-

Trench 16						
General description					Orientation	WNW-ESE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural geology of light grey brown hard clay.					Length (m)	30
					Width (m)	2
					Avg. depth (m)	0.30
Context No.	Type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1600	Layer	-	0.24	Topsoil	-	-
1601	Layer	-	0.06	Subsoil	-	-
1602	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 17						
General description					Orientation	WNW-ESE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of two E-W modern furrows topsoil and subsoil overlying natural geology of mid grey brown hard clay.					Length (m)	30
					Width (m)	2
					Avg. depth (m)	0.50
Context No.	Type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1700	Layer	-	0.28	Topsoil	-	-
1701	Layer	-	0.22	Subsoil	-	-
1702	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

1703	Fill	-	0.22	Fill of furrow	-	-
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Trench 18						
General description					Orientation	NNE-SSW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of topsoil and subsoil over natural geology of yellow-brown and yellow-grey silt-clay with bands of brown-red fine sand.					Length (m)	30
					Width (m)	2
					Avg. depth (m)	0.38
Context No.	Type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1800	Layer	-	0.30	Topsoil	Early post-medieval pottery	-
1801	Layer	-	0.08	Subsoil	-	-
1802	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 19						
General description					Orientation	NNE-SSW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of three modern furrows with topsoil and subsoil overlying natural geology of hard mid brown grey clay.					Length (m)	30
					Width (m)	2
					Avg. depth (m)	0.32
Context No.	Type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1900	Layer	-	0.15	Topsoil	-	-
1901	Layer	-	0.15	Subsoil	-	-
1902	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
1903	Fill	2.25	0.26	Fill of furrow [1904]. Firm yellow orange silty clay	-	-
1904	Cut	2.25	0.26	Furrow	-	-

Trench 20						
General description					Orientation	E-W
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural geology of mid brown grey hard clay.					Length (m)	30
					Width (m)	2
					Avg. depth (m)	0.43
Context No.	Type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2000	Layer	-	0.15	Topsoil	-	-
2001	Layer	-	0.15	Subsoil	-	-
2002	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 21						
General description					Orientation	N-S
Trench contains two furrows and ditch. Consists of topsoil, subsoil and colluvium overlying natural geology of firm dark yellow grey sandy clay.					Length (m)	30
					Width (m)	2
					Avg. depth (m)	0.60
Context No.	Type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2100	Layer	-	0.15	Topsoil	-	-
2101	Layer	-	0.15	Subsoil	-	-

2102	Layer	-	0.30	Colluvium	-	-
2103	Layer	-	-	Natural		
2104	Cut	1.60	0.30	Furrow	-	-
2105	Fill	1.60	0.30	Fill of furrow [2104]	-	-
2106	Cut	1.60	0.30	Furrow	-	-
2107	Fill	1.60	0.30	Fill of furrow [2106]	-	-
2108	Fill	0.80	0.38	Upper fill of ditch [2109]	-	-
2109	Cut	1.14	0.48	Ditch. Flat base, stepped sides	-	-
2110	Fill	1.14	0.10	Lower fill of ditch [2109]	-	-

Trench 22						
General description					Orientation	NW-SE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of topsoil, subsoil and alluvium overlying natural geology of yellow orange sandy clay.					Length (m)	30
					Width (m)	2
					Avg. depth (m)	1.03
Context No.	Type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2200	Layer	-	0.18	Topsoil	-	-
2201	Layer	-	0.12	Subsoil	-	-
2202	Layer	-	0.74	alluvium	-	-
2203	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 23						
General description					Orientation	E-W
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of topsoil, subsoil and two layer of alluvium overlying natural geology of mid brown orange sandy clay.					Length (m)	30
					Width (m)	2
					Avg. depth (m)	1.00
Context No.	Type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2300	Layer	-	0.10	Topsoil	-	-
2301	Layer	-	0.20	Subsoil	-	-
2302	Layer	-	0.45	alluvium	-	-
2303	Layer	-	0.40	alluvium	-	-
2304	Layer	-	-	Natural		

Trench 24						
General description					Orientation	E-W
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of topsoil, subsoil and alluvium overlying natural geology of silty sand.					Length (m)	30
					Width (m)	2
					Avg. depth (m)	0.92
Context No.	Type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2400	Layer	-	0.18	Topsoil	-	-
2401	Layer	-	0.14	Subsoil	-	-
2402	Layer	-	0.60	alluvium	-	-
2403	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 25						
General description					Orientation	N-S
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of a furrow, as well as topsoil, subsoil and alluvium overlying natural geology of soft blue grey clay.					Length (m)	30
					Width (m)	2
					Avg. depth (m)	0.80
Context No.	Type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2500	Layer	-	0.10	Topsoil	-	-
2501	Layer	-	0.20	Subsoil	-	-
2502	Layer	-	0.50	alluvium	-	-
2503	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
2504	Cut	2.50	0.40	Furrow	-	-
2505	Fill	2.50	0.40	Fill of furrow [2504]	-	-

Trench 26						
General description					Orientation	E-W
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of a furrow, as well as topsoil and subsoil overlying natural geology of compact mid orange brown clay sand. Shortened to avoid high voltage cable					Length (m)	26
					Width (m)	2
					Avg. depth (m)	0.40
Context No.	Type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2600	Layer	-	0.10	Topsoil	-	-
2601	Layer	-	0.25	Subsoil	-	-
2602	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
2603	Cut	-	-	Furrow. Only edge exposed	-	-
2604	Fill	-	-	Fill of furrow [2603]	-	-

Trench 27						
General description					Orientation	N-S
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of topsoil, made ground and subsoil overlying natural geology of dark yellow brown hard clay.					Length (m)	30
					Width (m)	2
					Avg. depth (m)	0.60
Context No.	Type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2700	Layer	-	0.08-0.18	Topsoil	-	-
2701	Layer	-	0.44	Made ground	-	-
2702	Layer	-	0.20	Subsoil/colluvium	-	-
2703	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 28						
General description					Orientation	E-W
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of topsoil, subsoil and two layers of colluvium and alluvium overlying natural geology of orange brown sandy clay.					Length (m)	30
					Width (m)	2
					Avg. depth (m)	0.65
Context No.	Type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2800	Layer	-	0.10	Topsoil	-	-
2801	Layer	-	0.15-0.25	Subsoil	-	-
2802	Layer	-	0.17	Colluvium	-	-
2803	Layer	-	0.15	alluvium	-	-

Trench 29						
General description					Orientation	NNE-SSW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of an area of root disturbance as well as topsoil, subsoil and two layers of colluvium overlying natural geology of brown orange clay sand.					Length (m)	30
					Width (m)	2
					Avg. depth (m)	1.00
Context No.	Type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2900	Layer	-	0.10	Topsoil	-	-
2901	Layer	-	0.25	Subsoil	-	-
2902	Layer	-	0.50	Colluvium	-	-
2903	Layer	-	0.20	Colluvium	-	-
2904	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
2905	Cut	0.75x1.25	0.10	Root disturbance	-	-
2906	Fill	0.75x1.25	0.10	Fill of root disturbance [2905]	-	-

Trench 30						
General description					Orientation	E-W
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of topsoil, subsoil and a layer of alluvium overlying natural geology of dark yellow grey sandy clay.					Length (m)	30
					Width (m)	2
					Avg. depth (m)	0.72
Context No.	Type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3000	Layer	-	0.16	Topsoil	-	-
3001	Layer	-	0.16	Subsoil	-	-
3002	Layer	-	0.40	alluvium	-	-
3003	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 31						
General description					Orientation	E-W
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of topsoil, subsoil, buried topsoil, made ground and colluvium overlying natural geology of silty sand.					Length (m)	30
					Width (m)	2
					Avg. depth (m)	1.5

Context No.	Type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3100	Layer	-	0.10	Topsoil	-	-
3101	Layer	-	0.30	Made ground	-	-
3102	Layer	-	0.25	Buried topsoil	-	-
3103	Layer	-	0.35	Made ground	-	-
3104	Layer	-	0.15	Buried topsoil	-	-
3105	Layer	-	0.25	Layer of brown grey sandy clay	-	-
3106	Layer	-	0.25	Colluvium	-	-
3107	Layer	-	0.20	Subsoil	-	-

Trench 32

General description				Orientation	N-S	
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of topsoil, subsoil, made ground and a layer of colluvium overlying natural geology of yellow grey sandy clay.				Length (m)	30	
				Width (m)	2	
				Avg. depth (m)	0.96	
Context No.	Type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3200	Layer	-	0.14	Topsoil	-	-
3201	Layer	-	0.12	Subsoil	-	-
3202	Layer	-	0.30	Made ground	-	-
3203	Layer	-	0.40	Colluvium	-	-
3204	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 33

General description				Orientation	E-W	
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of topsoil, subsoil and alluvium overlying natural geology of silty sand.				Length (m)	30	
				Width (m)	2	
				Avg. depth (m)	0.89	
Context No.	Type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3300	Layer	-	0.16	Topsoil	-	-
3301	Layer	-	0.16	Subsoil	-	-
3302	Layer	-	0.60	alluvium	-	-
3303	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 34

General description				Orientation	NW-SE	
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of topsoil, subsoil, made ground and buried layers of soil overlying natural geology of brown orange silty clay.				Length (m)	30	
				Width (m)	2	
				Avg. depth (m)	0.95	
Context No.	Type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3400	Layer	-	0.07	Topsoil	-	-
3401	Layer	-	0.13	Subsoil	-	-
3402	Layer	-	0.80	Made ground	-	-
3403	Layer	-	0.45	Buried topsoil	-	-

3404	Layer	-	0.40	Buried subsoil	-	-
3405	Layer	-	0.17	Layer of sandy clay	-	-
3406	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 35						
General description					Orientation	NW-SE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of topsoil, subsoil made ground and colluvium overlying natural geology of brown grey sandy clay.					Length (m)	30
					Width (m)	2
					Avg. depth (m)	0.90
Context No.	Type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3500	Layer	-	0.15	Topsoil	-	-
3501	Layer	-	0.15	Subsoil	-	-
3502	Layer	-	0.15	Made ground	-	-
3503	Layer	-	0.40	Colluvium	-	-

Trench 36						
General description					Orientation	N-S
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of topsoil, subsoil redeposited natural and colluvial and alluvial layers overlying natural geology of blue grey fine sandy clay. A modern pit was also discovered.					Length (m)	30
					Width (m)	2
					Avg. depth (m)	1.00
Context No.	Type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3600	Layer	-	0.12	Topsoil	-	-
3601	Layer	-	0.20	Subsoil and made ground	-	-
3602	Layer	-	0.25	Redeposited natural possibly from landscaping	-	-
3603	Layer	-	0.40	Colluvium	-	-
3604	Layer	-	0.40	alluvium	-	-
3605	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 37						
General description					Orientation	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of topsoil, subsoil, buried soil, made ground and colluvium overlying natural geology of yellow grey sandy clay.					Length (m)	30
					Width (m)	2
					Avg. depth (m)	1.15
Context No.	Type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3700	Layer	-	0.13	Topsoil	-	-
3701	Layer	-	0.14	Subsoil	-	-
3702	Layer	-	0.18	Buried soil	-	-
3703	Layer	-	0.20	Made ground	-	-
3704	Layer	-	0.50	Colluvium	-	-
3705	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

APPENDIX B FINDS REPORTS

B.1 Prehistoric pottery

By Edward Biddulph

- B.1.1 A single sherd of pottery predating the post-medieval period, weighing 10g, was recovered from the evaluation. The body sherd, from context 805, is c 8mm thick, has patchy orange-brown and dark grey surfaces and a dark grey core, and is tempered with sand and occasional ?grog. A mid/late Iron Age date is likely.

B.2 Post-medieval pottery

Identified by John Cotter

Context	Description	Date
1800	1 base sherd from a Midlands black ware (PMBL) mug, 36g	1550 – 1750
Unexcavated ditch TR21	1 pad base sherd of jar or large cup in Midlands black ware (PMBL), 44g	18 th – 19 th century

Table 1: Post-medieval pottery

B.3 Ceramic building material

By Edward Biddulph

- B.3.1 Three fragments of ceramic building material were recovered.

Context	Count	Weight (g)
904	1	8
1000	2	30

Table 2: Ceramic building material

- B.3.2 The fragment from context 904 is in an orange-red, sand-tempered fabric. Traces of two surfaces are present and appear to form the junction of the base or upper surface and an edge. The pieces from context 1000 are in a similar fabric. One piece is c 15mm thick and has two flat surfaces. The other piece is c 10mm thick and also appears to have two flat surfaces.
- B.3.3 The date of the material is very uncertain. A Roman date is possible, but the fragments could just as easily be medieval. As for function, floor or roof tiles are possibilities, but this is similarly tentative.

APPENDIX C ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTS

C.1 Animal bone

Identified by Lee Broderick

Context	Description	Date
904	7 indeterminate fragments of animal bone, 3g	-

Table 3: Animal bone

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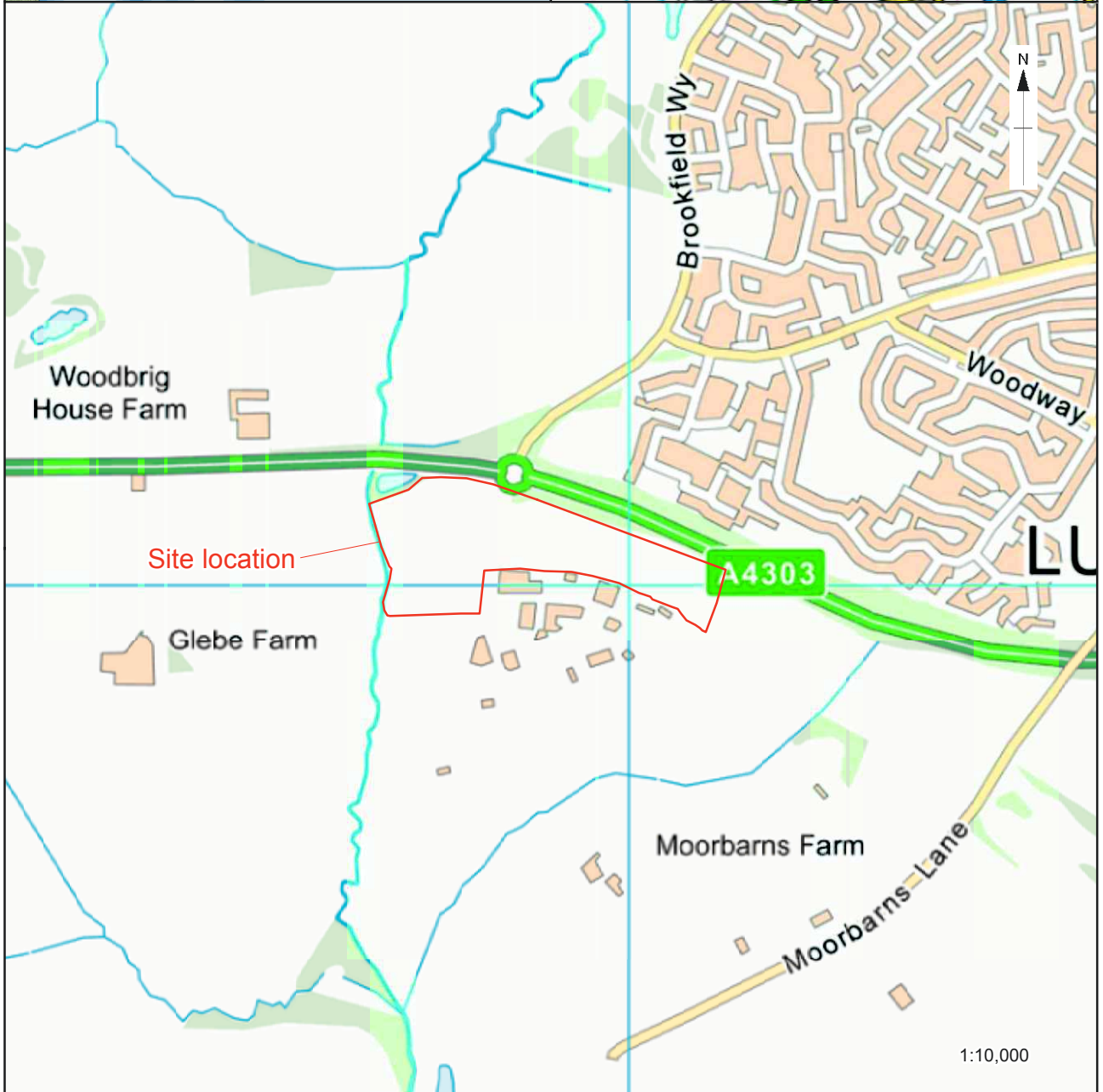
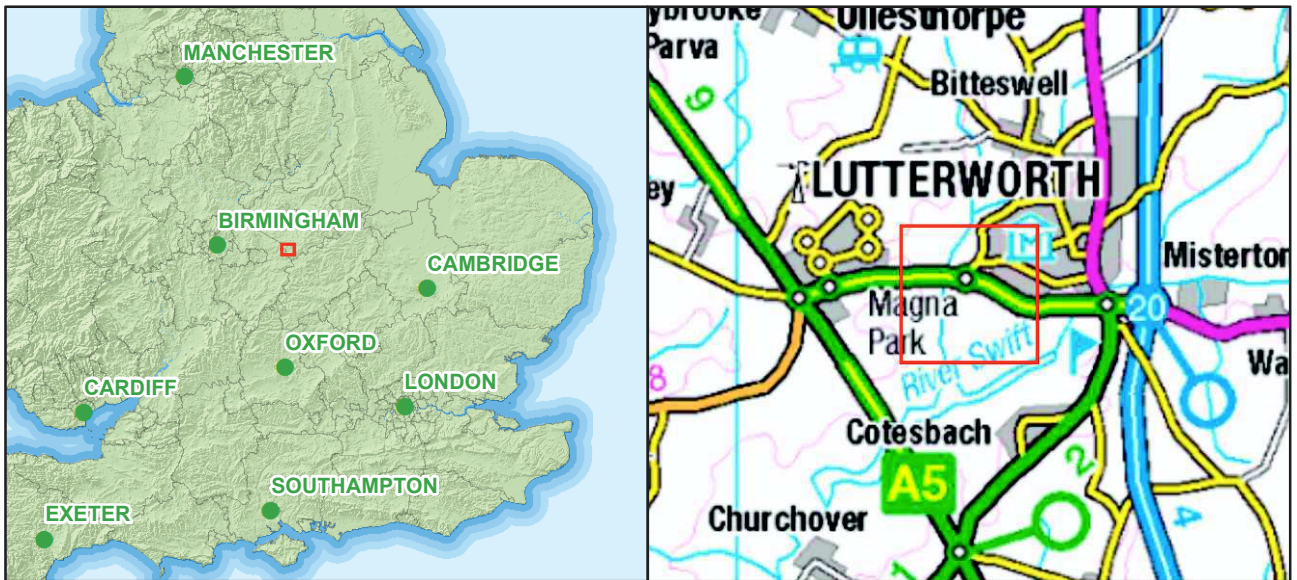
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APPENDIX E SITE SUMMARY DETAILS

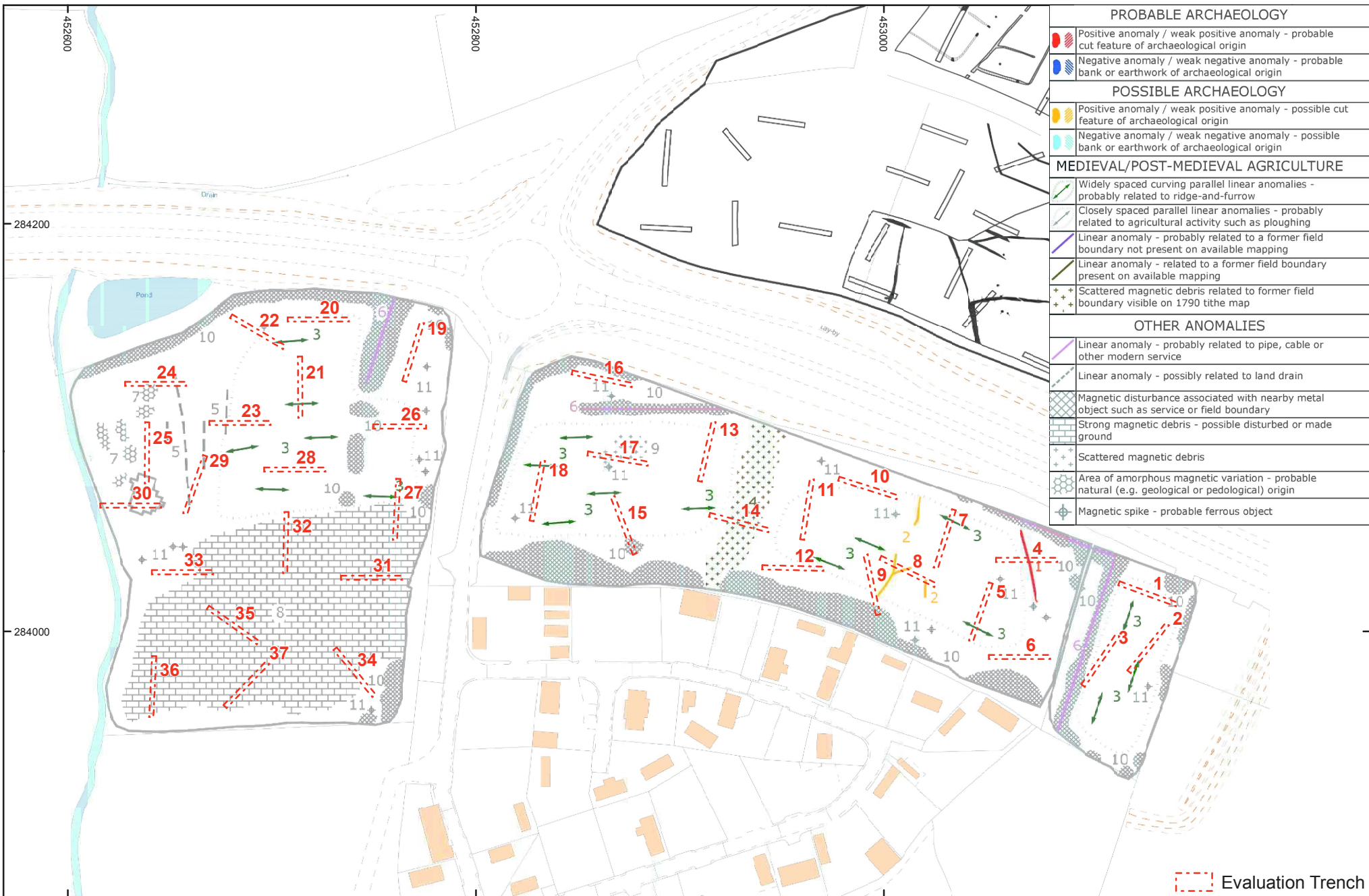
Site name:	Coventry Road, Lutterworth, Leicestershire
Site code:	X.A80.2017
Grid Reference	SP 5281 8409
Type:	Evaluation
Date and duration:	July 2017
Area of Site	6.7 ha
Location of archive:	The archive is currently held at OA, Janus House, Osney Mead, Oxford, OX2 0ES, and will be deposited with Leicestershire Museum in due course, under the following accession number: X.A80.2017.
Summary of Results:	Oxford Archaeology was commissioned by CgMs Consulting to undertake an archaeological evaluation of comprising 37 trenches over c 6.7 ha of land. The site lies to the south of a known Iron Age settlement and Roman field system. Very few archaeological features were exposed, comprising a small number of undated ditches. Furrows also crossed the site, and an area of modern made ground was found in the south-west of the site. The evaluation suggests that few archaeological features are present on the site.



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Figure 1: Site location

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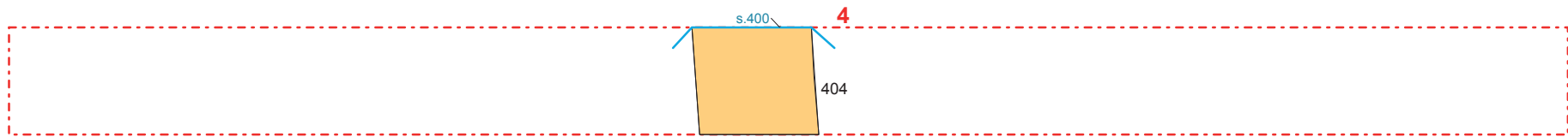
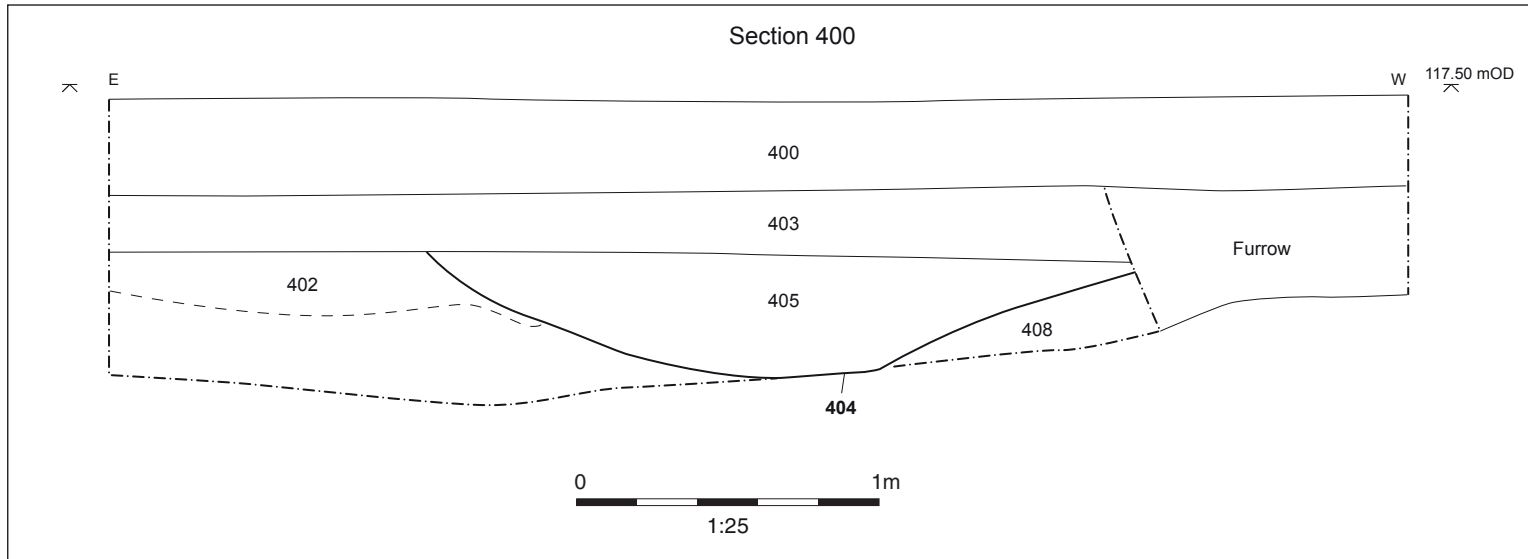


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Figure 2: Trench location



- Evaluation Trench
- Section
- Archaeological Feature
- Intervention
- Field Drain
- Furrow
- Non-archaeological intervention

Figure 3: Trench 4 plan and section

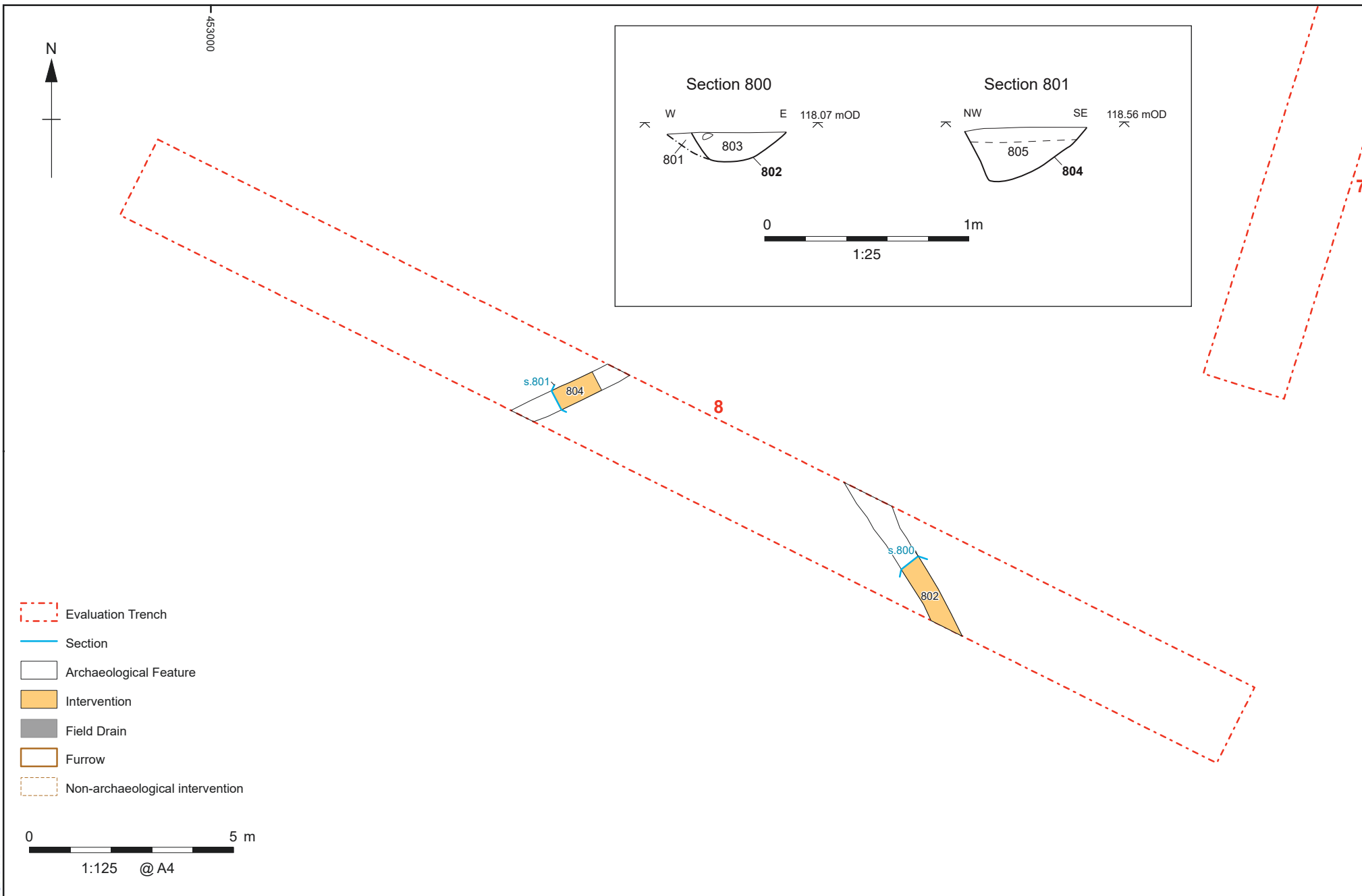


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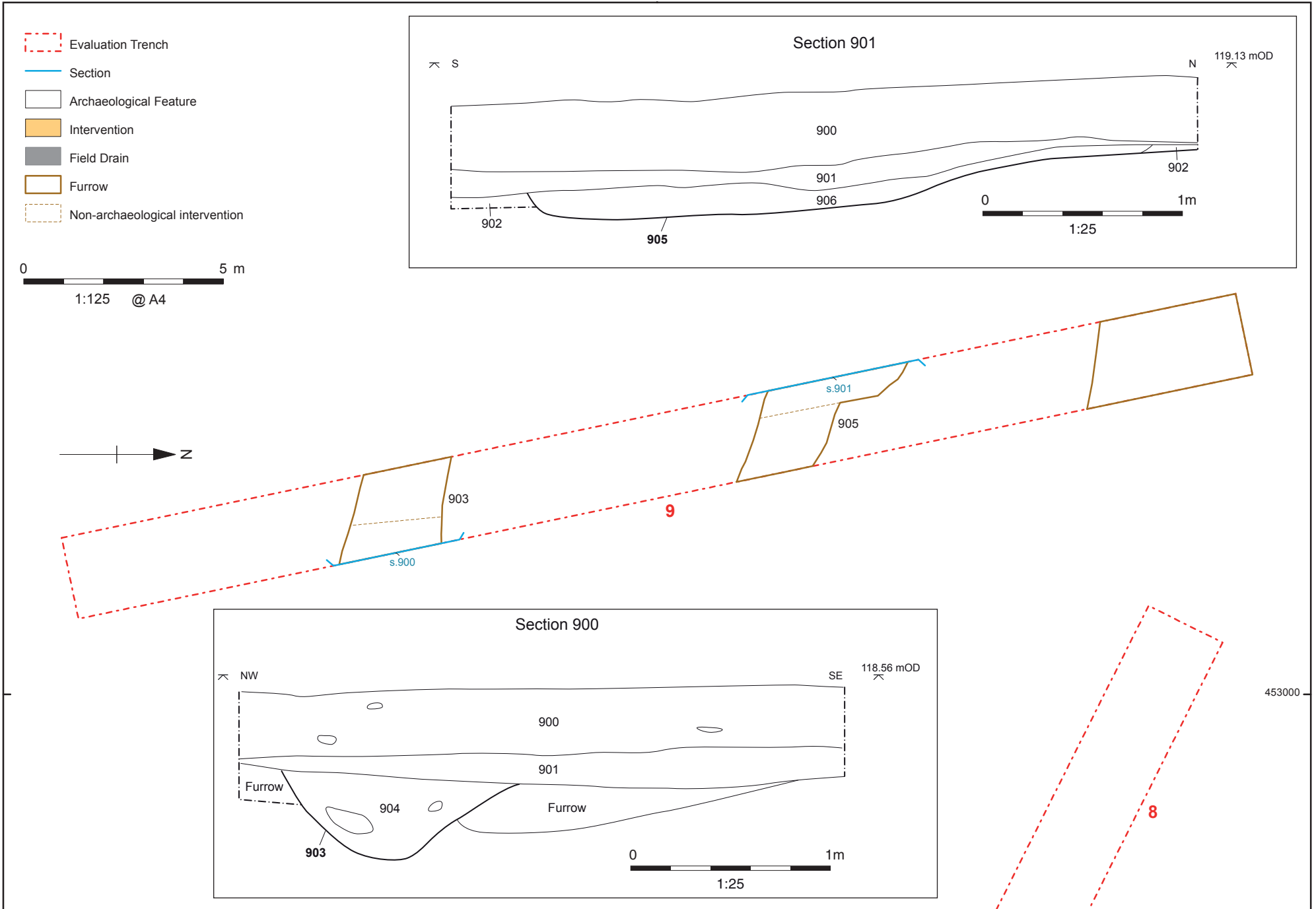


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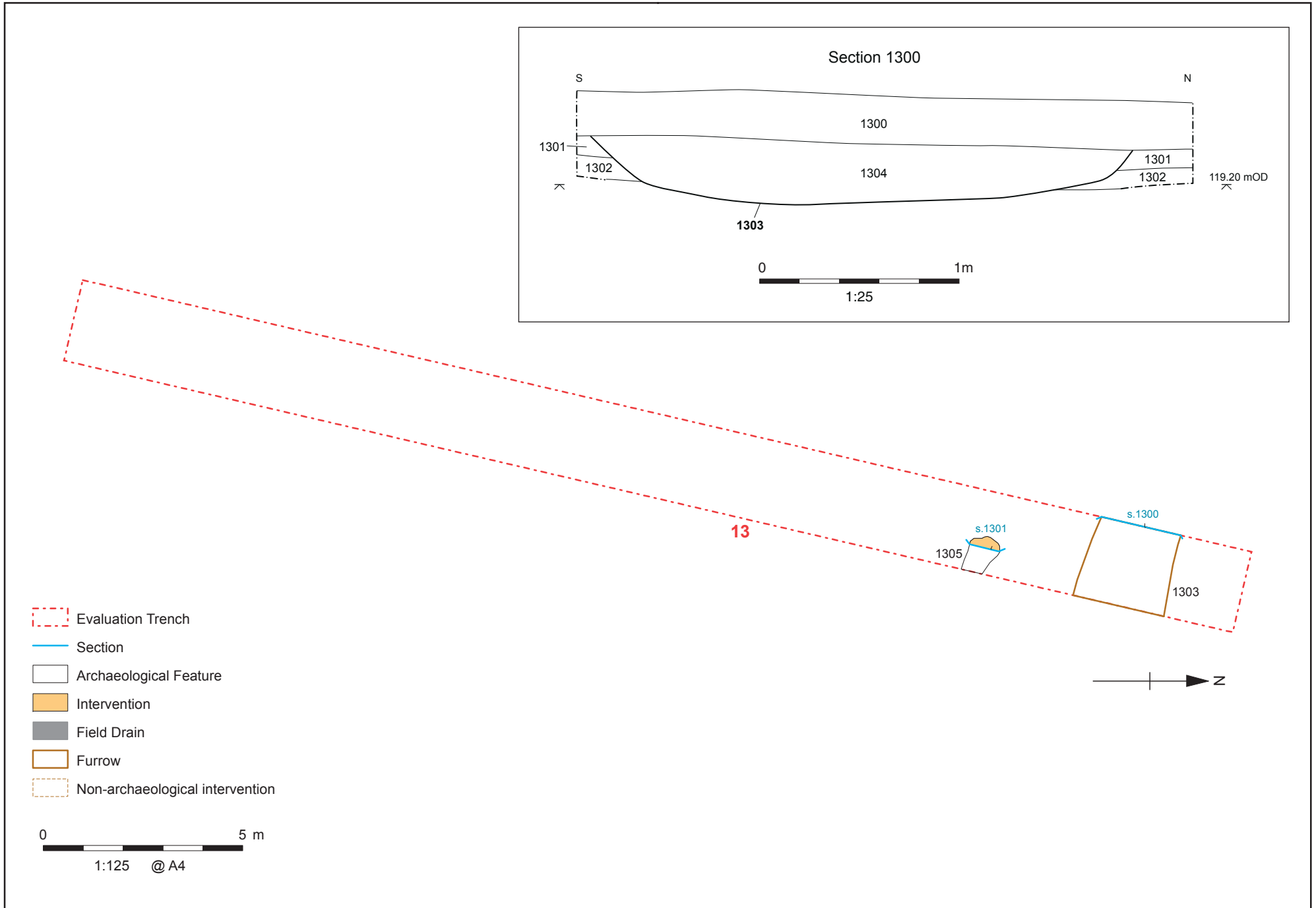


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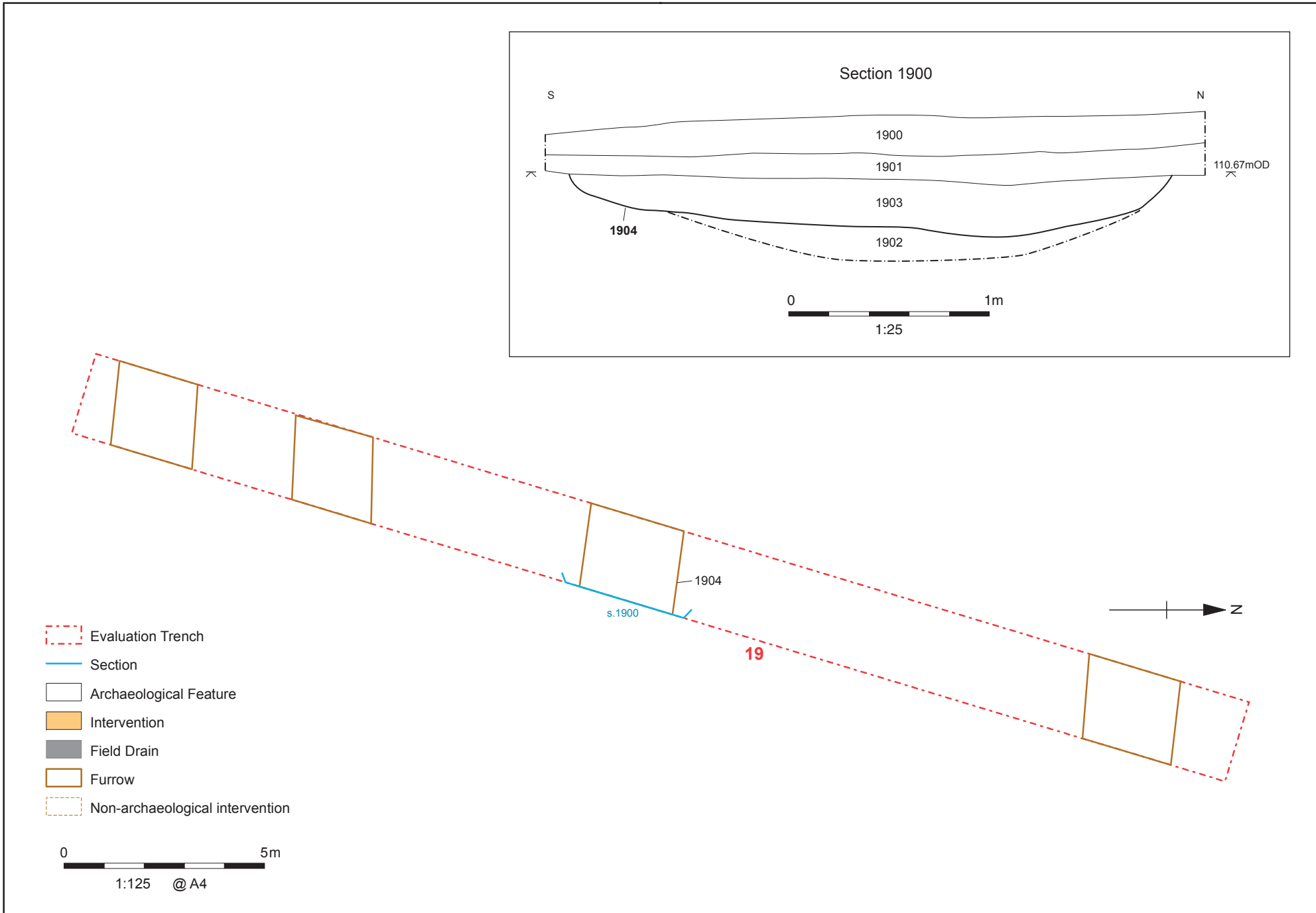


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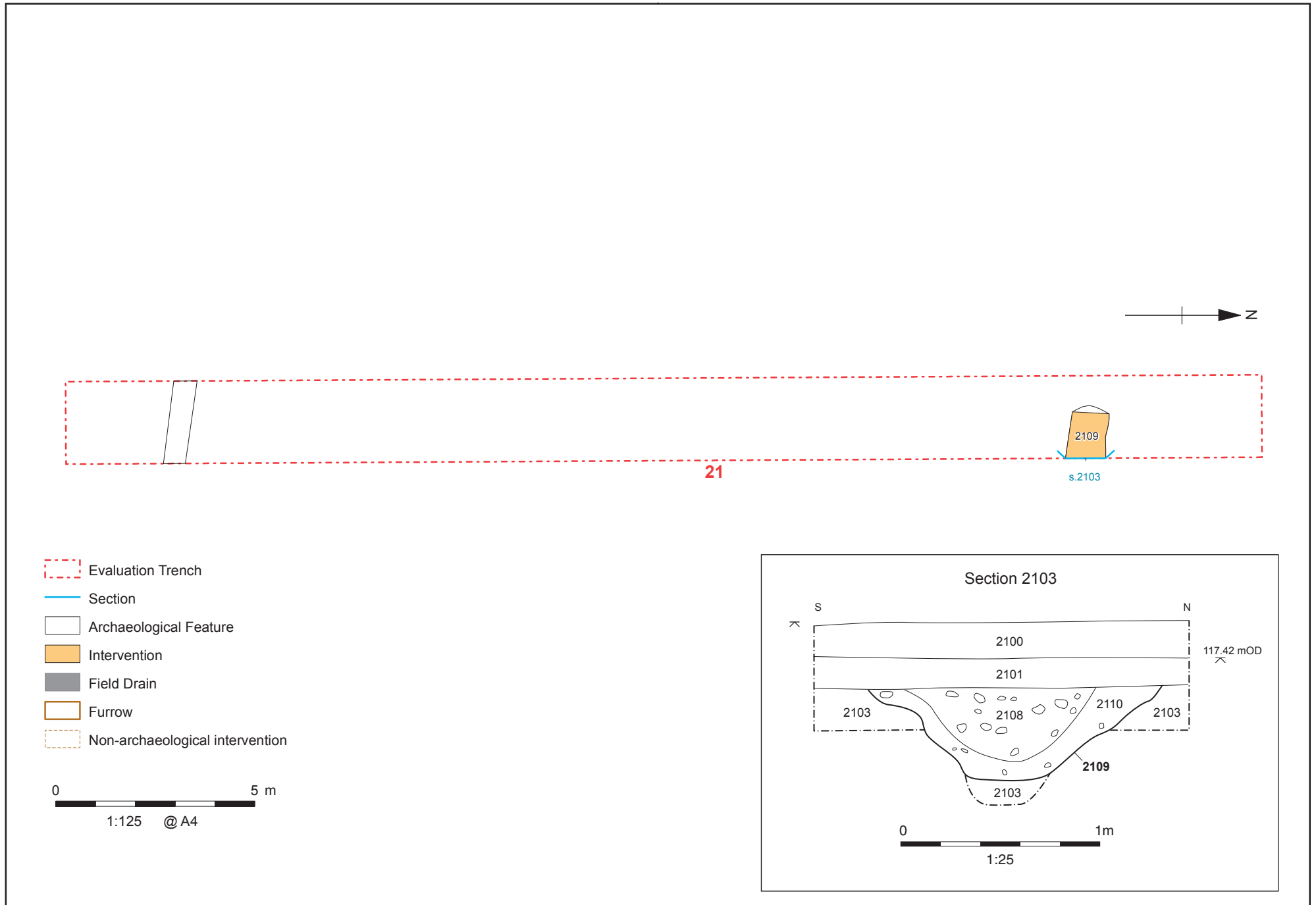
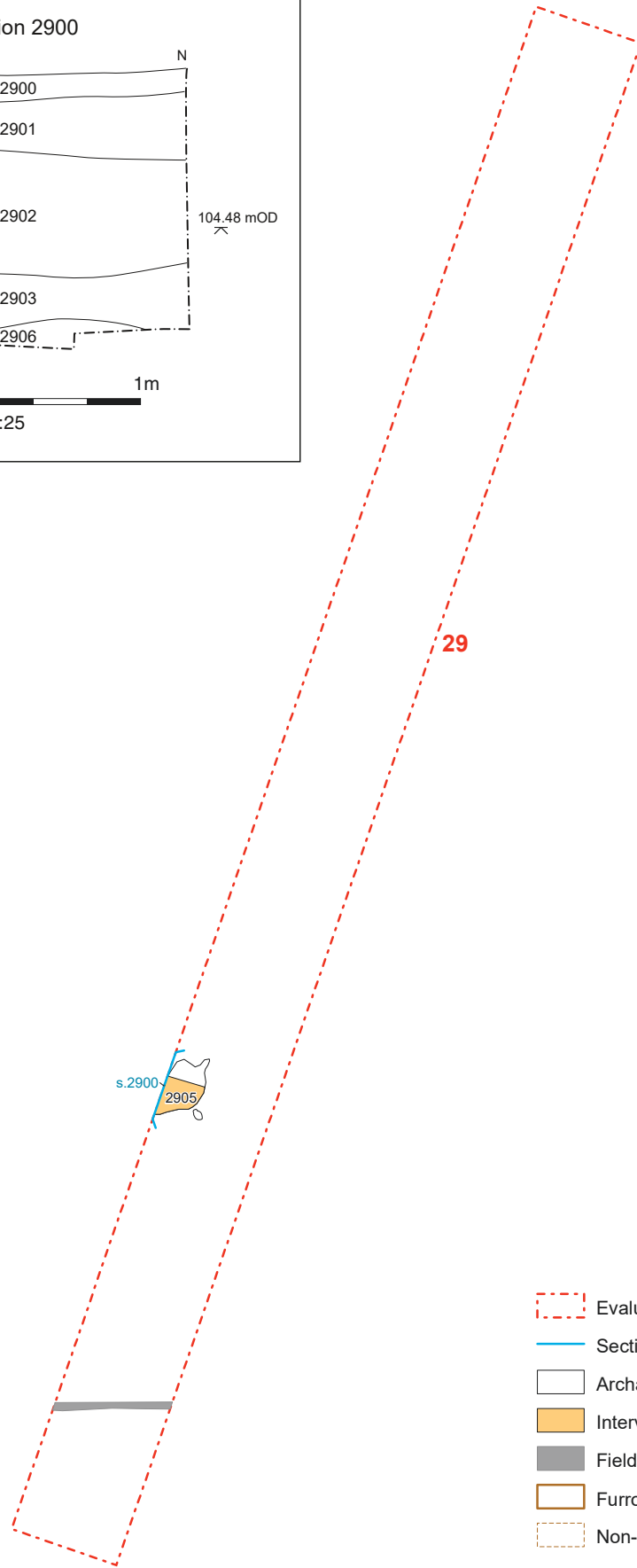
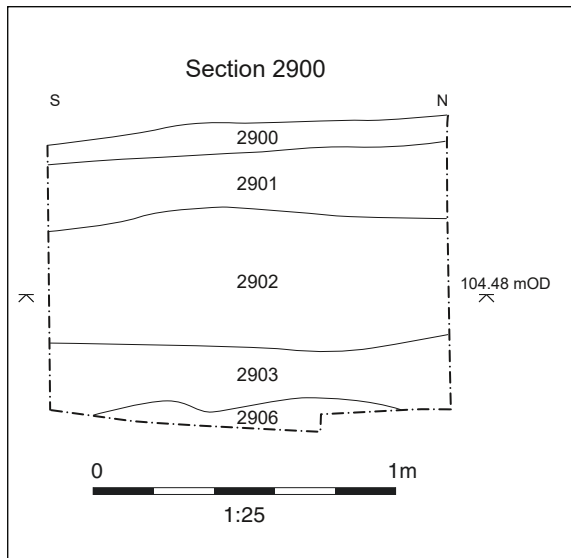


Figure 8: Trench 21 plan and section



- Evaluation Trench
- Section
- Archaeological Feature
- Intervention
- Field Drain
- Furrow
- Non-archaeological intervention

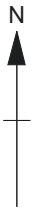


Figure 9: Trench 29 plan and section



Plate 1: Trench 8, ditch 804, looking north-east



Plate 2: South facing section of Trench 30, showing layer of alluvium beneath topsoil and subsoil



Plate 3: North facing section of Trench 31, showing layers of madeground and buried soils



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