

**Archaeological watching brief  
at Greville Hall Farm,  
Cheltenham Road,  
Hinton-on-the-Green,  
Evesham,  
WR11 7QX**

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## **Introduction**

An archaeological watching brief was carried out at Greville Hall Farm, Cheltenham Road, Hinton-on-the-Green, Evesham, WR11 7QX (SP 0387 4073; Fig 1) at the request of Roger Stewart of Roger Stewart Associates on behalf of his client, Mr Mike Miller. This work was undertaken in compliance with a written scheme of investigation provided by Martin Cook BA MCIFA, (planning reference 17/00876/FUL). The written scheme of investigation was approved by Adrian Scruby of Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology Service (HER ref CWR 12162, activity reference WSM 69351) The programme of archaeological work was to comprise documentary research, a watching brief and a report.

## **Summary**

An archaeological watching brief was carried out at Greville Hall Farm, Cheltenham Road, Hinton-on-the-Green, Evesham, WR11 7QX. The only features recorded were a series of parallel trenches associated with land drainage, dating to the late 19th or early 20th century.

A summary will be published in West Midlands Archaeology.

## **The documentary material**

### **Geology and topography**

The search area sits to the south of the Minster town of Evesham on the edge of a rolling lowland vale based on mudstone geology with poorly draining base rich gleyed soils. This landscape is heavily used for arable and intensive farming which has caused the medieval open fields and planned private enclosure to be predominantly replaced with medium to large parcel field amalgamation. Tree cover is present in this landscape in the form of watercourse trees and the settlement pattern is scattered resulting from the enclosure of common land.

### **Historic mapping**

The earliest available mapping is the 1st edition Ordnance Survey map of 1884 (Fig 2.1). This shows Greville Hall Farm. The area occupied by the site at this period was an arable or pasture field (plot 168). The 1900 and 1921 Ordnance Survey maps (Figs 2.1 and 2.2) show nothing different.

### **The Worcestershire Historic Environment Record**

There are a number of landscape components or monuments nearby or adjacent to the site. By proximity to the site these are:

#### *Immediately adjacent to the site*

Landscape components

These comprise various elements of Greville Hall Farm. These are:

WSM 47571 - remnant 19th century farm buildings of a largely demolished historic multi-yard farmstead; WSM 59349 - Greville Hall Farm; WSM 67596 - series of demolished outbuildings at Greville Hall Farm; WSM 67597 - horse turning circle at Greville Hall Farm; WSM 49718 - ridge and furrow north of Greville Hall Farm; WSM 49719 - ridge and furrow west of Greville Hall Farm.

#### Events

WSM 55811 - desk based assessment (2014) on land south of Evesham. An assemblage of Mesolithic flint recorded within the study area suggests there may be limited potential for flint scatters to survive within the topsoil in the site. There is the possible route of a Roman road. A previously unrecorded possible boundary stone has been identified during a site visit. It is likely to date from the medieval period at the earliest. The remains of medieval ridge and furrow agriculture have also been identified.

### *Surrounding the site*

#### Scheduled Monuments

There is one scheduled monument near the site. This is:

Romano-British settlement remains 300m and 750m north east of Narrow Meadow Farm (ref 1020257). The monument includes the buried remains of a Romano-British settlement complex lying to the south of Evesham and adjacent to the A46 Cheltenham to Evesham Road. The remains are visible on aerial photographs as cropmarks. The settlement lies in two areas of protection. The settlement extends beyond the Scheduled Areas in all directions.

## **The fieldwork**

### **General**

Fieldwork took place on the 7th August 2017. It comprised monitoring of the excavations. A full description of the contexts is given in Appendix 1. Contexts are described in summary form below.

### **Description**

Beneath the topsoil (context 001) were a series of narrow, linear trenches spaced at regular intervals (Fig 3.1, context 004). These were orientated approximately east-south-east to west-north-west, filled with a dark grey brown slightly sandy tenacious clay (context 002). Near the bottom of the fill was a clay land drain of segmental construction (Figs 3.1 and 4, section 1). The trenches were cut into the natural subsoil (context 003), a light orange buff tenacious clay.

### **The finds**

There were no finds from the excavations.

### **Interpretation**

The only features encountered were a series of parallel trenches associated with land drainage, probably dating to the late 19th or early 20th century.

### **Depositional and post-depositional processes**

The area of the excavations had been extensively sub soil ploughed down to a depth of around 450mm over the years (pers com Roger Stewart Associates).

### **Bibliography**

Cook, M, 2017 *Written scheme of investigation for an archaeological watching brief at Greville Hall Farm, Cheltenham Road, Hinton-on-the-Green, Evesham, WR11 7QX*

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### **Archive**

The physical archive consists of:

- 4 Context sheets
- 1 Drawing
- 1 Hard copy of the report
- 1 Hard copy of the report illustrations
- 1 Hard copy of the brief

1        Hard copy of the WSI

It will be deposited at Worcestershire County Museum, Hartlebury upon approval of the report. It is anticipated that the finds, having a *tpq* of the 19th-20th century, will not be of interest to the museum. However, the museum will be consulted in this respect before disposal.

The digital archive consists of:

1        Digital copy of the report (.doc format)  
6        Illustrations (.bmp format)

It will be deposited with the Archaeology Data Service upon approval of the report.

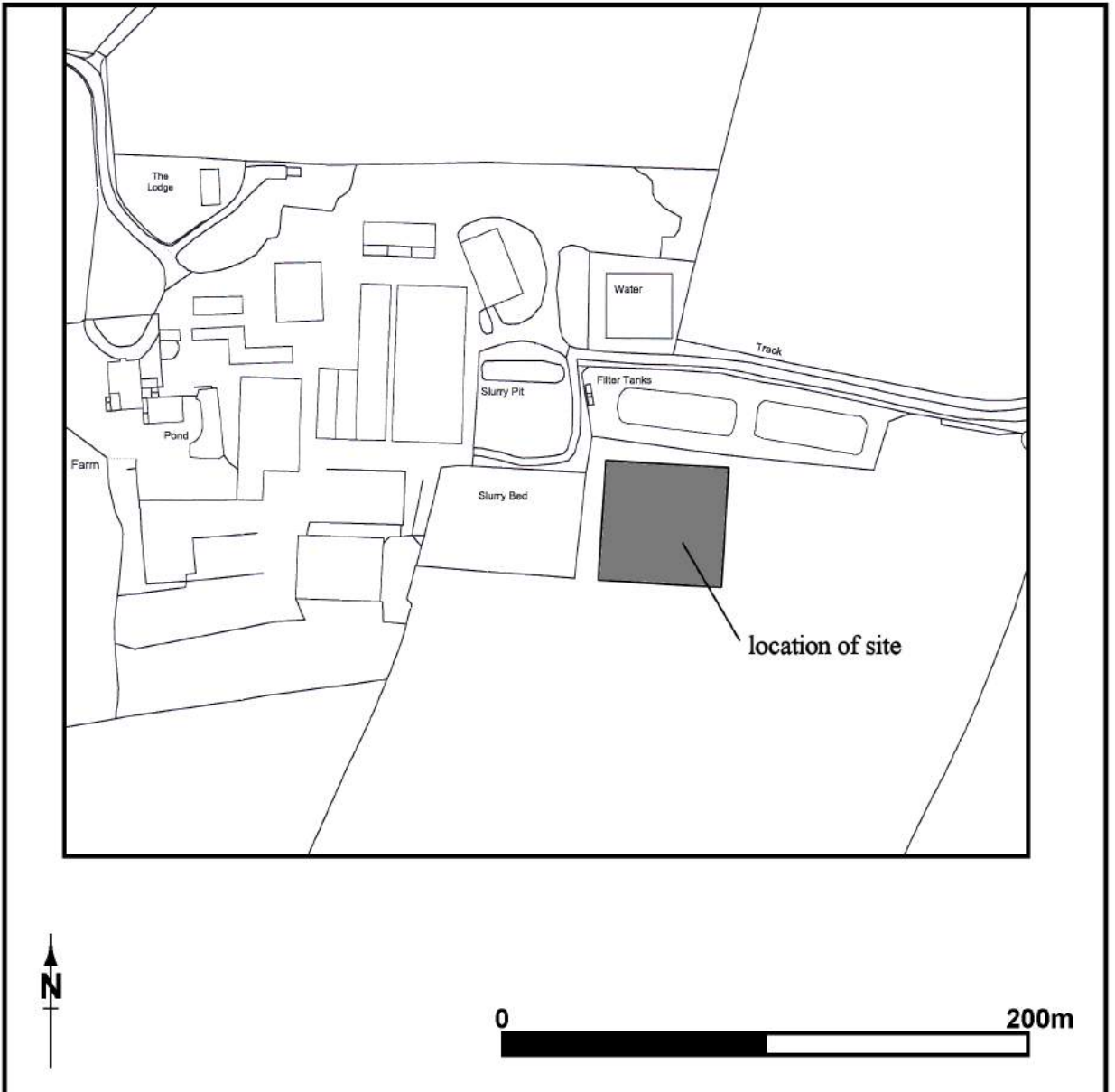
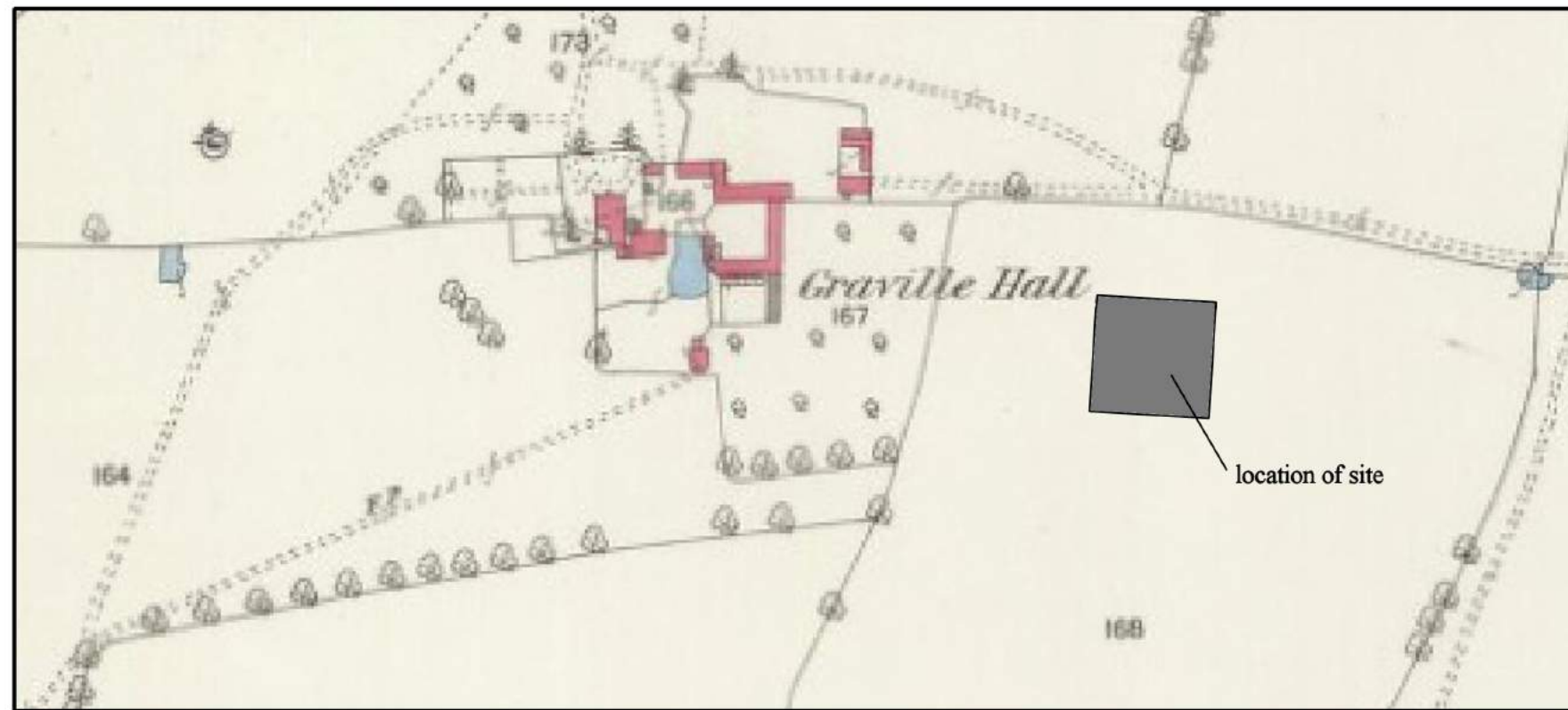


Fig 1: Location of site

1884



1900

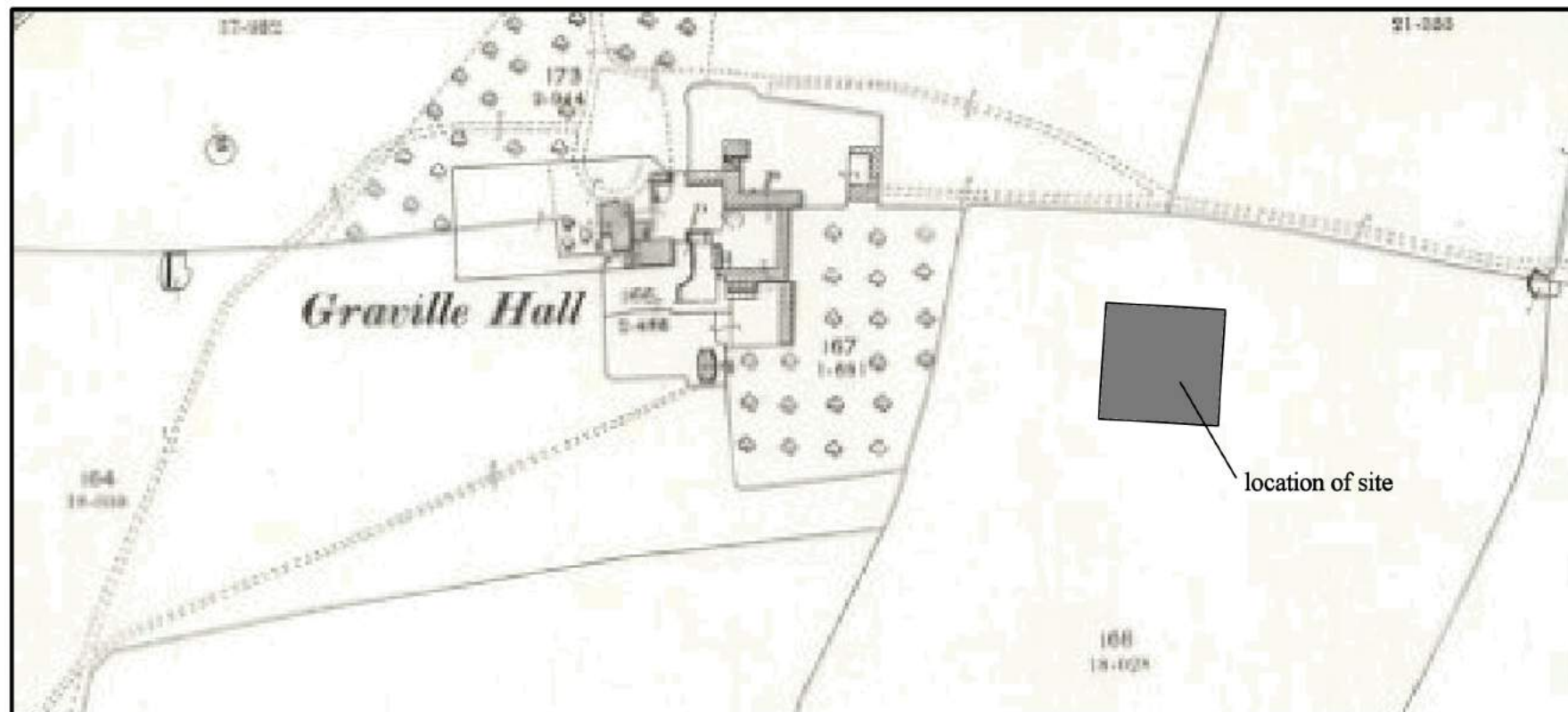


Fig 2.1: Historic mapping

1921

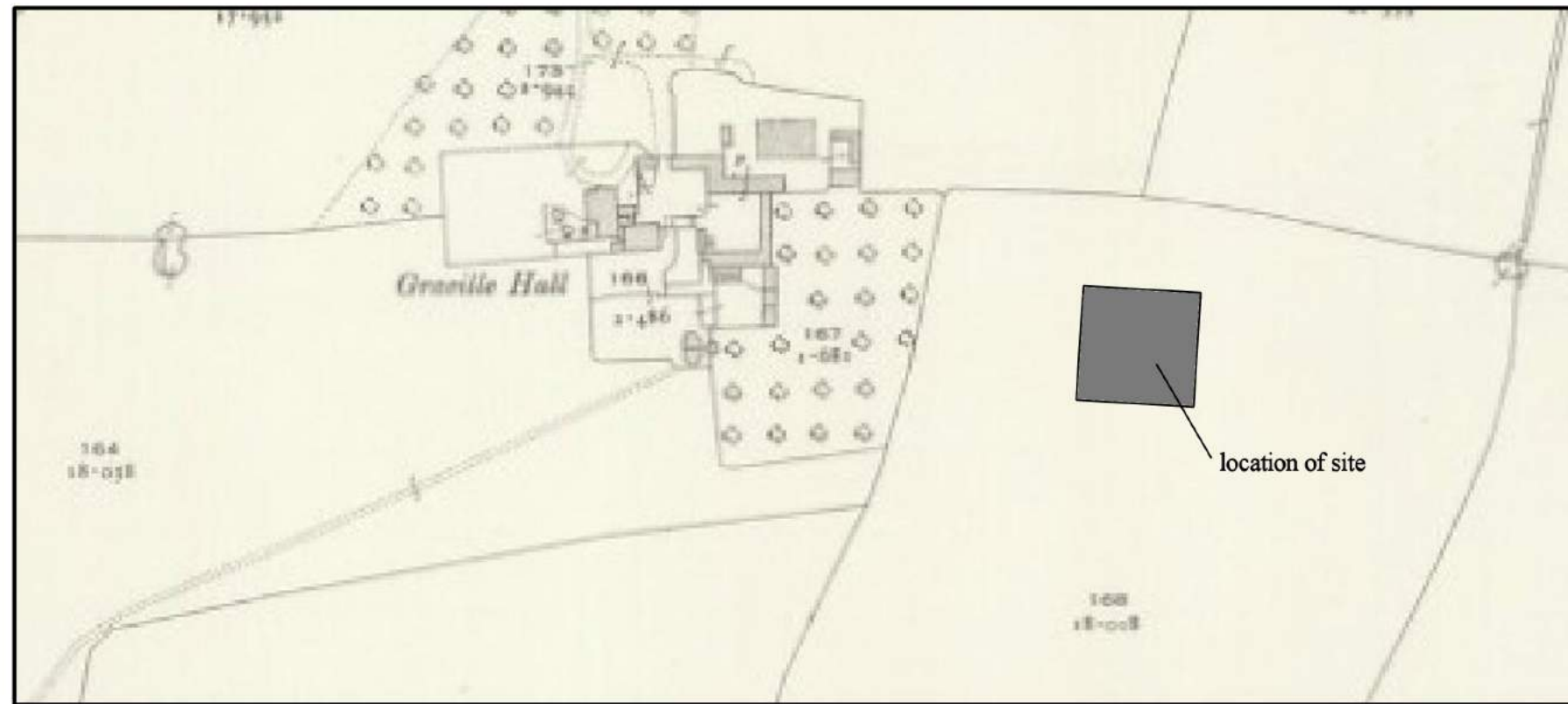
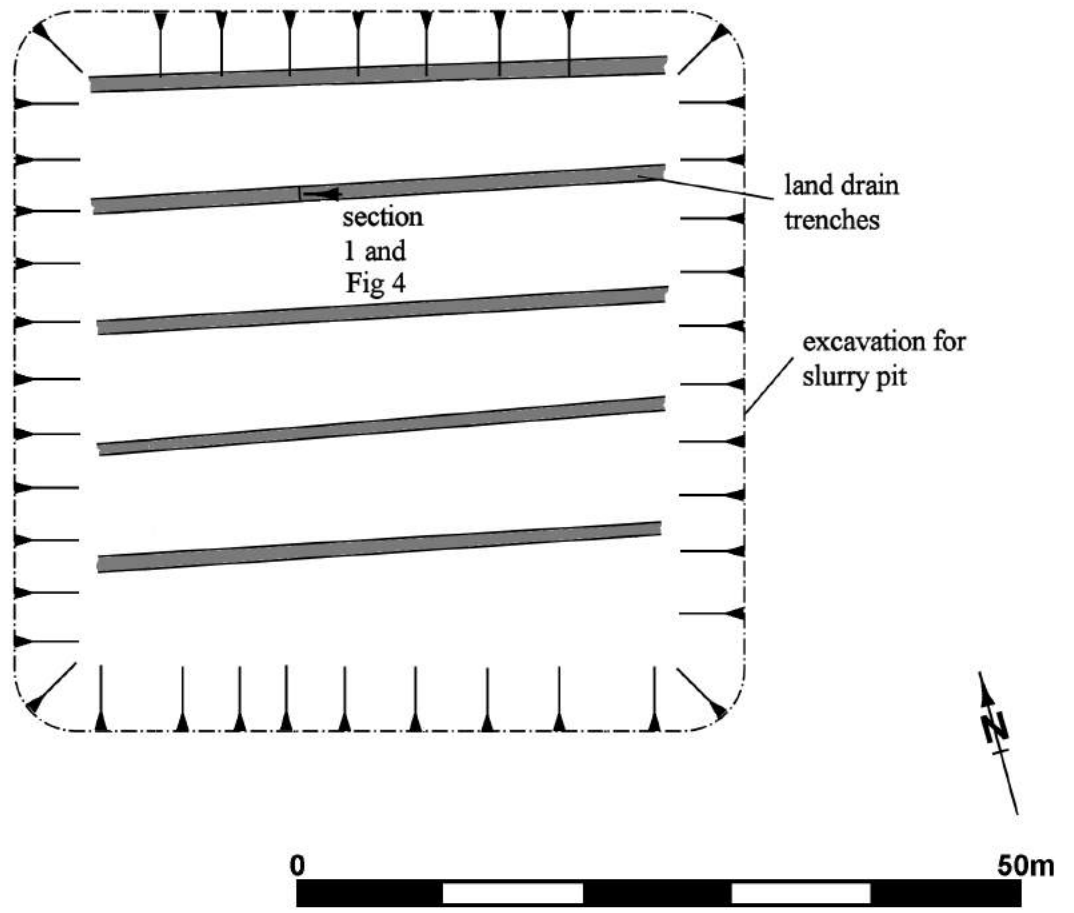


Fig 2.2: Historic mapping





### Section 1

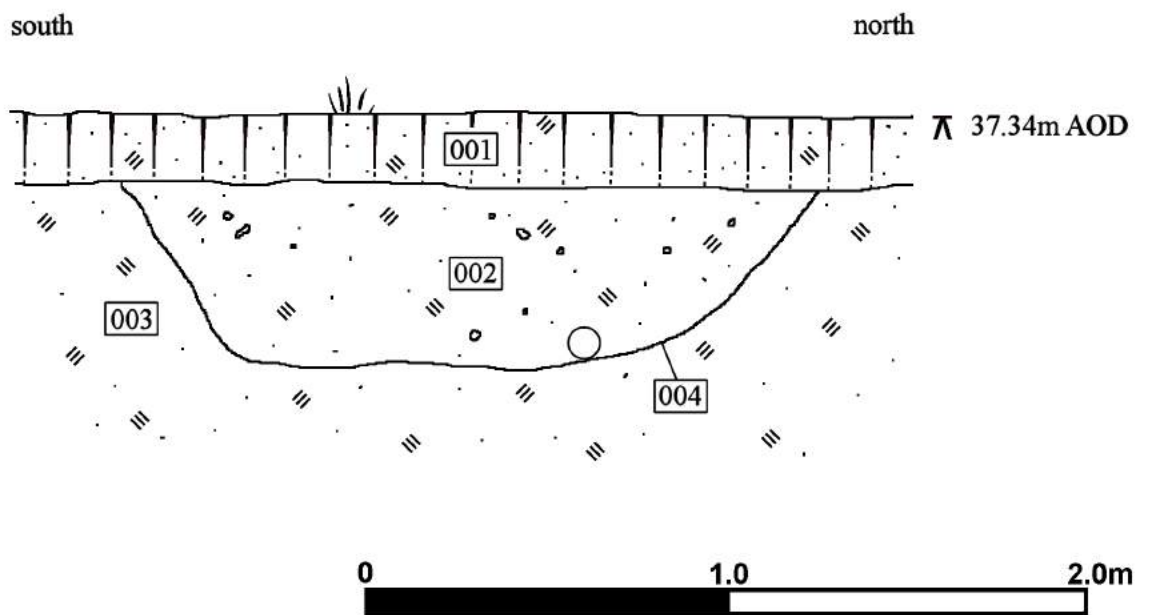


Fig 3.1: Plan of excavation of slurry pit and plan and section of land drain











	loam and/or topsoil
	stones
	sand/gravel
	clay
	bricks
	ash and charcoal
	limit of excavation
	height above Ordnance Datum

Fig 3.2: Key to section



Fig 4: Section 1 showing pipe of land drain

## Appendix 1: List of the contexts

<b>Context number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Interpretation</b>
001	Mid grey brown very clayey loam	Topsoil
002	Dark grey brown slightly sandy tenacious clay with a clay pipe in the bottom	Fill of 004
003	Light orange buff tenacious clay	Natural subsoil
004	Shallow. sloping sided cut with a flat bottom	Land drain trench

**Appendix 2: The OASIS form**

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### Project details

Project name	Greville Hall Farm
Short description of the project	Watching brief at Greville Hall Farm
Project dates	Start: 07-08-2017 End: 20-08-2017
Previous/future work	No / Not known
Any associated project reference codes	WSM 69351 - HER event no.
Any associated project reference codes	17/00876/FUL - Planning Application No.
Type of project	Recording project
Site status	Local Authority Designated Archaeological Area
Current Land use	Grassland Heathland 4 - Regularly improved
Monument type	LAND DRAIN Modern
Significant Finds	NONE None
Investigation type	"Watching Brief"
Prompt	Direction from Local Planning Authority - PPS

### Project location

Country	England
Site location	WORCESTERSHIRE WYCHAVON HINTON ON THE GREEN Greville Hall Farm
Postcode	WR11 7QX
Study area	2500 Square metres
Site coordinates	SP 0387 4073 52.06451326827 -1.943540924724 52 03 52 N 001 56 36 W Point
Height OD / Depth	Min: 36.7m Max: 36.7m

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