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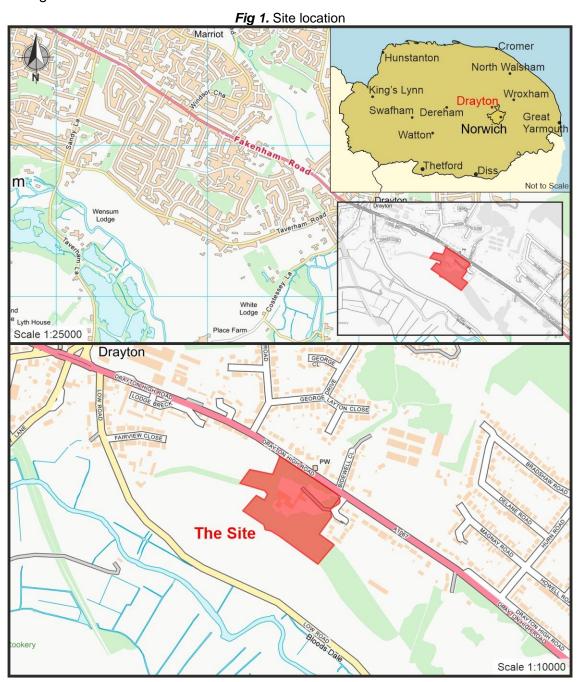
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Summary

A programme of archaeological mitigatory work commencing with informative trial trenching was carried out at 'Drayton Old Lodge, 146 Drayton High Road, Drayton, Norfolk', prior residential development (Fig. 1). A first phase of informative trial trenching (Norfolk Historic Environment Record (NHER) ENF148475) was carried out in April/May 2020. No archaeological remains were encountered and no information relating to activities associated with the 15th century Drayton Old Lodge or World War 2 activities previously recorded on the site was gained. The edges of a former marl pit marked on maps since 1884 were recorded in Trench 4 though no evidence relating to its original date was obtained. Modern remains associated with the former use of the site as a venue for weddings and events were observed.



1.0 Introduction

1.1 Informative Trial Trenching as part of a Programme of Archaeological Mitigatory Works at 'Drayton Old Lodge, 146 Drayton High Road, Drayton, Norfolk' (grid reference TG 1860 1316, centred at,



Fig. 1) was requested by the Norfolk County Council Environment Service (reference CNF47977). Proposals are to construct 30 new build dwellings and convert Drayton Old Lodge into 5 dwellings

- 1.2 Works were carried out according to Written Scheme of Investigation, CB650 v.1.2, approved by the Norfolk County Council Environment Service in accordance with Standard and guidance for commissioning work or providing consultancy advice on archaeology and the historic environment by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (2014) and Standards for Development-led Archaeological Projects in Norfolk (Robertson et al 2018).
- 1.3 A draft copy of the report, CB650R v.1.0, details how Chris Birks undertook these works and summarises the results of the excavations and was submitted to the Norfolk County Council Environment Service for consideration on 30 July 2020. Approval was received on 31 July 2020 subject to receipt of a Norfolk Museums Service accession number.

2.0 Project Background

- 2.1 Previous archaeological investigations on and around the proposed development site demonstrate that there is a high potential that heritage assets with archaeological interest (buried archaeological remains) will be present at the site and that their significance would be affected by the proposed development.
- 2.2 Planning permission has been granted for a development of 30 new build dwellings and the conversion of Drayton Old Lodge into 5 dwellings subject to a Programme of Archaeological Mitigatory Work in accordance with *National Planning Policy Framework*. Communities and Local Government (2019). The Programme of Archaeological Mitigatory Works will commence with informative trial trenching (Phase 1). The results of the trenching will be used to determine the scope and extent of any further mitigatory work that may be required such as Archaeological Excavation and/or Works under Archaeological Supervision and Control (also referred to as 'Archaeological Monitoring' or 'Archaeological Watching Brief') during the development if features of importance are found and these cannot be preserved *in situ* (Phase 2).
- 2.3 Norfolk Historic Environment Record event number ENF148475 and Online Access to the Index of Archaeological Investigations (OASIS) ID: chrisbir-392314 (*Appendix 2*) apply.
- 2.4 The archive will be prepared consistent with the principles of Management of research projects in the historic environment. The MoRPHE Project Manager's Guide (Historic England 2015), Standards for Development-led Archaeological Projects in Norfolk (Robertson et al 2018) and be submitted to the Norfolk Museums Service for long-term storage under archive accession number 2020.102.

3.0 Archaeological & Historical Background

- 3.1 A search of entries in the Norfolk Historic Environment Record (NHER) within a 1km radius of the site was obtained on 29 April 2020 and produced 25 records. Summaries of records relevant to the findings of the informative trenching are provided in this report. Further details of these and all other entries can be seen at the Historic Environment Record office at Gressenhall near Dereham by prior appointment.
- 3.2 Prehistoric remains include a Neolithic flint working site (NHER 7890) and finds include Late Upper Palaeolithic to Neolithic/Bronze Age flints (NHER 16635), Mesolithic to Neolithic/Bronze Age flints (NHER 16960), Mesolithic and Neolithic flints (NHER 50071, 54090), Neolithic to Bronze Age flints (NHER 29693), prehistoric flints and Iron Age coins (NHER 25624) and further prehistoric flints (NHER 35726). Prehistoric struck and burnt flints and Iron Age pottery have also been recovered (NHER 50071).
- 3.3 Roman activities are indicated through the recovery of finds (NHER 16635, 16960, 25624, 29693, 35726, 50071) including a possible coin hoard (NHER 24973). Saxon activities are also indicated through the recovery of finds (NHER 16552, 16635, 25624, 29693, 35726).
- 3.4 Drayton Old Lodge (NHER 7854, Scheduled Monument 1003999) is a ruined medieval house built around 1437, was owned by the Paston family and was used as a retreat. It was partly demolished in 1465, and for a time it may have used as a warrener's lodge. It is Grade II* listed (1306023) and a scheduled ancient monument (SAM 141). The recovery of finds indicate activities during the



- medieval period (NHER 16635, 16960, 25624, 29693, 35726, 50071). A former farmhouse on Low Road dates to the later-16th or 17th century (NHER 46083).
- 3.5 Post-medieval remains include a dovecote (NHER 7907), the site of a Post-medieval/modern cottage (NHER 43930), a Post/medieval building (NHER 62371) and finds (NHER 16960, 25624, 29693, 35726, 39969, 50071).
- 3.6 The site of World War Two air raid shelters and another structure is visible on aerial photographs within the development site (NHER 54380). Further World War Two remains have been recorded outside and to the northwest (NHER 54394), southwest (NHER 54457) and southeast (NHER 54371, 54398) of the development site.

4.0 Geology and Topography

- 4.1 Bedrock comprises chalk formations formed approximately 72 to 94 million years ago during the Cretaceous Period with overlying sand and gravel superficial deposits formed up to 3 million years ago in the Quaternary Period (http://mapapps.bgs.ac.uk/geologyofbritain/home.html).
- The site lies in Drayton to the northwest of Norwich in a primarily residential area at elevations of *c.* 33m OD in the east of the site, *c.* 32m OD at the existing lodge, *c.* 29m OD to the north and *c.* 26.5m OD to the west.

5.0 Results

5.1 Introduction

- 5.1.1 Site conditions were generally good and access was gained from Drayton Lodge Park to the east of the site. Phase 1 informative trenching excavations were carried out between 29 April and 21 May, partly pending the removal of trees and the breaking-out of concrete at some trench locations. The weather was mostly dry and warm with rare rain showers.
- 5.1.2 Seven (7) c. 30m by 1.6m trenches (Trench 1 to 7) and one (1) 16m by 1.6m trench (Trench 8) were excavated within the development area (*Fig. 2*). Trench 5 was moved towards the north to avoid the main access route and Trench 3 was rotated slightly to avoid an embankment. Trench 4 was located to investigate part of the former Marl (clay) pit.
- 5.1.3 Context numbers were allocated during fieldwork and are summarised in Appendix 1.

5.2 Trench 1

Figures 2 and 3

Context No.	Туре	Description	Thickness	Depth	Finds	Spot date
100	D	Light to mid brown grey silty sand topsoil with occasional small rounded and subangular flints and rare small CBM fragments. Heavy rooting.	c. 0.2m	c. 26.20m OD		
101	D	Mid brown grey silty sand subsoil with moderate small to medium rounded flints and rare small CBM fragments. Heavy rooting.	c. 0.15-0.2m	c. 26.00m OD		
102	D	Light yellow to mid orange/light brown silty sand undisturbed 'natural' deposits with occasional small rounded and subangular flints. Moderate rooting.	-	c. 25.80m OD		

- 5.2.1 Trench 1 was located within a former walled-garden area, recently cleared of some trees. It was approximately east-west oriented, measured *c*. 30m by 1.6m and was excavated to a depth of *c*. 0.45m beneath present ground level removing *c*. 0.2m of topsoil (100) and *c*. 0.15-0.2m of subsoil (101) above undisturbed 'natural' deposits (102) (*Plate 1*). Considerable rooting disturbance was observed throughout all deposits.
- 5.2.2 No archaeological remains were present in Trench 1.





Plate 1. Trench 1, looking west

Scale is 2m in 0.2m increments

5.3 **Trench 2**Figures 2 and 3

Context No.	Туре	Description	Thickness	Depth	Finds	Spot date
200	D	Mid brown grey silty sand topsoil with occasional small rounded and subangular flints and rare small CBM fragments. Heavy rooting.	c. 0.2-0.4m	c. 26.00-27.10m OD		
201	D	Mid brown silty sand subsoil with moderate small to medium rounded flints and very rare small CBM fragments. Heavy rooting.	c. 0.2m	c. 25.80-26.70m OD		
202	D	Light brown silty sand undisturbed 'natural' deposits with occasional small rounded and subangular flints. Heavy rooting.	-	c. 25.60-26.50m OD		

5.3.1 Trench 2 was also located within the former walled-garden area. It was northwest-southeast oriented, somewhat curved following mechanical excavation, measured c. 30m by 1.6m and was excavated to a depth of c. 0.65m beneath present ground level removing c. 0.2-0.4m of topsoil (200) and c. 0.2m of subsoil (201) above undisturbed 'natural' deposits (202) (*Plate 2*). Considerable rooting disturbance was observed throughout all deposits. No archaeological remains were present in Trench 2.

5.4 **Trench 3**

Figures 2 and 3

Context No.	Туре	Description	Thickness	Depth	Finds	Spot date
300	D	Mid brown grey silty sand topsoil with occasional to moderate small to medium subangular flints and rare small CBM fragments. Heavy rooting.	c. 0.1- 0.35m	c. 27.10m OD		
301	D	Mid orange brown silty sand subsoil with moderate to frequent small to medium subangular flints and moderate small chalk pieces. Heavy rooting.	c. 0.1-0.4m	c. 27.00-26.75m OD		



Context No.	Туре	Description	Thickness	Depth	Finds	Spot date
302	D	Light yellow to mid orange silty sand undisturbed 'natural' deposits wit moderate small to medium subangu flints and very rare medium flint nodules. Heavy rooting.	h	c. 26.90-26.35m OD		

5.4.1 Trench 3 was located within an area of woodland following the removal of some trees. It was approximately northwest-southeast oriented, measured *c*. 32m by 1.6m and was excavated to a depth of *c*. 0.8m beneath present ground level removing *c*. 0.1-0.35m of topsoil (300) and *c*. 0.1-0.4m of subsoil (301), deepest in the northwest end of the trench, above undisturbed 'natural' deposits (302) (*Plate 3*). Root disturbance was observed throughout all deposits. No archaeological remains were present.

Plate 2. Trench 2, looking northwest



Scale is 2m in 0.2m increments



Scale is 2m in 0.2m increments

5.5 **Trench 4**Figures 2 and 4

Context No.	Туре	Description	Thickness	Depth	Finds	Spot date
400	D	Black tarmac	c. 0.1m	c. 29.99-31.81m OD		Modern
401	D	Mid orange coarse sand with frequent medium rounded and subangular flints hogging deposit	c. 0.3-0.4m	c. 29.90-31.72m OD		Modern
402	D	Mid brown grey silty sand topsoil with occasional small rounded flints and occasional small chalk pieces.	c. 0.25m	c. 29.59-31.31m OD		
403	D	Mid orange brown silty sand subsoil with moderate small to medium subangular flints and occasional small chalk pieces	c. 0.2m	c. 29.33-31.07m OD		
404	D	Light yellow/orange sand undisturbed 'natural' deposits with rare small subangular flints	-	c. 29.15-30.88m OD		
405	С	Very large pit-like feature	-	c. 29.16-30.91m OD		
406	D	Dark grey black silty sand fill of [405]	>2m	c. 29.16-30.91m OD	Metal, glass, CBM, clinker	Modern
407	D	Light yellow/orange sand redeposited 'natural' deposits				



5.5.1 Trench 4 was located within a current tarmac-surfaced car park area and required breaking-out prior to excavations commencing. It was northwest-southeast oriented, measured *c*. 30m by 1.8m and was excavated to a depth of *c*. 0.95m beneath present ground level removing *c*. 0.1m of tarmac (400) and *c*. 0.3-0.4m of modern hogging made ground deposit (401) that overlay very large pit-like feature [405] at *c*. 29 to 31m OD (*Plates 4* and *5*). Fill (406) of [405] contained metal, including fragments of cast iron, glass and ceramic building material (not retained) and areas of clinker/spent coal. A sondage within [405] to *c*. 1m beneath present ground level revealed a void on the north edge of the trench, approximately 2m deep. Deposits at the base of this void were not ascertained. Feature [405] had been truncated within its southern half, filled with hogging (401) and an area of redeposited 'natural' deposits (407) was present towards the north. Beyond the extents of feature [405], made ground (401) overlay *c*. 0.25m of buried topsoil (402) and *c*. 0.2m of subsoil (403) above undisturbed 'natural' deposits (404).

Plate 4. Trench 4 and feature [405], looking northwest



Scale is 2m in 0.2m increments

Plate 5. Trench 4 and feature [405], looking southeast



Scale is 2m in 0.2m increments

5.1 **Trench 5**Figures 2 and 5

Context No.	Туре	Description	Thickness	Depth	Finds	Spot date
500	D	Mid grey brown silty sand topsoil with moderate small to medium subangular flints and very rare very small CBM fragments/flecks	c. 0.25m	c. 30.00-31.80m OD		
501	D	Mid orange brown silty sand subsoil with moderate to frequent small to medium subangular flints and occasional to moderate small chalk pieces	c. 0.2m	c. 29.75-31.55m OD		
502	D	Light to mid orange brown/orange sand undisturbed 'natural' deposits with moderate small to medium subangular flints and very rare medium flint nodules	-	c. 29.55-31.35m OD		
503	D	Pit-like feature		c. 31.35m OD		
504	D	Mid to dark grey silty sand fill of [503] with moderate small to medium subangular flints and moderate medium to large CBM fragments		c. 31.35m OD	Metal, glass, CBM, plastic	Modern



5.1.1 Trench 5 was approximately northeast-southwest oriented and measured *c*. 23m by 1.6m, reduced in length due to a root protection zone at the northeast end of the trench, and current access road to the southwest. It was excavated to a depth of *c*. 0.5m beneath present ground level removing *c*. 0.25m of topsoil (500) and *c*. 0.2m of subsoil (501) above undisturbed 'natural' deposits (502) (*Plate 6*). Modern pit [503] at the southwest end of Trench 5 contained fill (504) that produced modern metal, ceramic building material, glass and plastic finds (not retained). No archaeological remains were present in Trench 5.



Scale is 2m in 0.2m increments

5.2 **Trench 6**Figures 2 and 5

Context No.	Туре	Description	Thickness	Depth	Finds	Spot date
600	D	Mid grey brown silty sand topsoil with moderate small to medium subangular flints and very rare very small CBM fragments/flecks	c. 0.25m	c. 32.40m OD		
601	D	Mid orange brown silty sand subsoil with moderate to frequent small to medium subangular flints and occasional to moderate small chalk pieces	c. 0.15m	c. 32.15m OD		
602	D	Light to mid orange brown/orange sand undisturbed 'natural' deposits with moderate small to medium subangular flints and very rare medium flint nodules	-	c. 32.00m OD		

Trench 6 was northwest-southeast oriented, measured *c*. 32m by 1.6m and was excavated to a depth of *c*. 0.45m beneath present ground level removing *c*. 0.25m of topsoil (600) and *c*. 0.15m of subsoil (601) above undisturbed 'natural' deposits (602) (*Plate 7*). Ploughscars were evident at the horizon between subsoil (601) and undisturbed 'natural' deposits (602). No archaeological remains were present in Trench 6.





Plate 7. General view of Trench 6, looking northwest

Scale is 2m in 0.2m increments

5.3 **Trench 7**

Figures 2 and 5

Context No.	Туре	Description	Thickness	Depth	Finds	Spot date
700	D	Mid to dark grey brown silty sand topsoil with frequent small to medium subangular and rounded flints and rare chalk flecks	c. 0.25-0.3m	c. 32.25m OD		
701	D	Flint, brick and stone hardcore deposit	c. 0.2m+	c. 32.00m OD		Modern
702	D	Concrete	-	c. 32.00m OD		Modern
703	D	Light to mid orange brown sand undisturbed 'natural' deposits with frequent small to medium subangular and rounded flints and rare chalk flecks		c. 31.80m OD		

Trench 7 was moved c. 3m 5.3.1 towards the southeast to avoid a root protection zone and c. 0.3m north due to extant concrete. It was approximately northwestsoutheast oriented, measured c. 30m by 1.8m and was excavated to a depth of c. 0.55m beneath present ground level removing c. 0.3m of topsoil (700) and modern hardcore (701) above undisturbed 'natural' deposits (702) (Plate 8). No subsoil was evident. A great deal of modern disturbance was present in Trench 7 including former concrete foundations (702). No archaeological remains were present in Trench 7.







5.4 **Trench 8**

Figures 2 and 5

Context No.	Туре	Description	Thickness	Depth	Finds	Spot date
800	D	Mid orange coarse sand with frequent medium rounded and subangular flints hardcore deposit	c. 0.3m	c. 31.50m OD		
801	D	Dark grey dumped deposits with moderate small to medium CBM fragments and areas of spent coal	c. 0.3m+	c. 31.20m OD+	CBM, metal, coal	Modern
802	D	Mid orange brown silty sand subsoil with moderate to frequent small to medium subangular flints and occasional to moderate small chalk pieces	c. 0.2m	c. 31.20m OD		
803	D	Light to mid orange brown sand undisturbed 'natural' deposits with moderate small to medium subangular flints	-	c. 31.00m OD		

5.4.1 Trench 8 was southwest-northeast oriented, measured c. 16m by 1.6m and was excavated to a depth of c. 0.6m beneath present ground level removing c. 0.3m of topsoil (800) and c. 0.2m of subsoil (801) above undisturbed 'natural' deposits (802)(Plate 9). Modern disturbance included dumped deposits (801), concrete foundations and plastic surface water drains. No archaeological remains were present in Trench 8.

6.0 Conclusions and Discussion

6.1 Introduction

6.1.1 The author has a high confidence rating of the results. Site conditions were generally good. Fieldwork extended over a prolonged period as concrete required breaking-out at the location of Trench 4 and pending the removal of trees at some locations. Some trenches needed to be relocated due tree root protection zones.

Plate 9. General view of Trench 8, looking northeast



Scale is 2m in 0.2m increments

6.2 Trenches 1 and 2

6.2.1 Trenches 1 and 2 were located within a former walled-garden area, recently cleared of trees and rooting disturbance was observed throughout all deposits. No archaeological remains were present.

6.3 Trench 3

6.3.1 Trench 3 was located within an area of woodland. Rooting disturbance was observed throughout all deposits following the removal of trees. Undisturbed 'natural' deposits were observed at greater depth at the northwest end of the trench. No archaeological remains were present.

6.4 Trench 4

6.4.1 Feature [405] extended throughout the majority of Trench 4 and had most likely been truncated through works associated with construction of the current car park. A depth of greater than 3m from present ground level was indicated. Modern finds were present in fill (406) of [405], probably representing the use of the disused marl pit for the disposal of waste. Fragments of cast iron and



clinker/spent coal may indicate the disuse of a heating system in the current early 20th century building.

6.5 Trench 5

6.5.1 No archaeological remains were present in Trench 5. Modern pit [503] was present at the southwest end of Trench 5

6.6 Trench 6

6.6.1 No archaeological remains were present in Trench 6. Ploughscars were evident at the horizon between subsoil (601) and undisturbed 'natural' deposits (602).

6.7 Trench 7

6.7.1 No archaeological remains were present in Trench 7. A great deal of modern disturbance was present in Trench 7 including former concrete foundations (702).

6.8 Trench 8

6.8.1 No archaeological remains were present in Trench 8. Modern disturbance was evident throughout the trench.

6.9 Summary

- 6.9.1 Despite the potential for archaeological remains to have been present, none were encountered during the informative trenching. No remains associated with the 15th century Drayton Old Lodge or remains relating to World War Two structures on and nearby the development site were observed.
- 6.9.2 The partial extents of a former marl pit of 19th century date or earlier were recorded in Trench 4. In addition to current observations, site investigation works (A F Howland Associates 2017) indicate this pit extends to at least 3/3.5m beneath present ground level. No evidence for its original excavation or use was gained, other than it seemingly being used for the disposal of waste following its disuse. It appears to have been truncated through works associated with construction of the current car park. The extents of this pit observed within Trench 4 match quite well the location as shown on the first edition 1884 Ordnance Survey map.
- 6.9.3 Agricultural activities of unknown, though probably modern date were indicated through the presence of ploughscars at the interface between subsoil and undisturbed 'natural' deposits in Trench 6. This area is one of the most level within the site probably lending itself to such activities.
- 6.9.4 Much modern disturbance associated with the most recent use of this site as a venue for weddings and events was observed in trenches 7 and 8 and root disturbance associated with recently removed trees was observed in trenches 1, 2 and 3. It is possible archaeological remains may have been present and been destroyed though no direct evidence for this was observed. It is equally possible that activities occurred beyond the trenched excavations.
- 6.9.5 Decisions regarding further mitigation requirements will be made by the Norfolk County Council Environment Service based on the results of the informative trenching. It is the author's opinion that further work would not contribute significantly to an understanding of past activities on the development site.



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Appendix 1. Context Summary

Context No.	Туре	Trench	Description	Thickness	Depth	Finds	Spot date	Initials
100	D	1	Light to mid brown grey silty sand topsoil with occasional small rounded and subangular flints and rare small CBM fragments. Heavy rooting.	c. 0.2m	c. 26.20m OD			CB 14 May 20
101	D	1	Mid brown grey silty sand subsoil with moderate small to medium rounded flints and rare small CBM fragments. Heavy rooting.	c. 0.15-0.2m	c. 26.00m OD			CB 14 May 20
102	D	1	Light yellow to mid orange/light brown silty sand undisturbed 'natural' deposits with occasional small rounded and subangular flints. Moderate rooting.	-	c. 25.80m OD			CB 14 May 20
200	D	2	Mid brown grey silty sand topsoil with occasional small rounded and subangular flints and rare small CBM fragments. Heavy rooting.	c. 0.2-0.4m	c. 26.00-27.10m OD			CB 14 May 20
201	D	2	Mid brown silty sand subsoil with moderate small to medium rounded flints and very rare small CBM fragments. Heavy rooting.	c. 0.2m	c. 25.80-26.70m OD			CB 14 May 20
202	D	2	Light brown silty sand undisturbed 'natural' deposits with occasional small rounded and subangular flints. Heavy rooting.	-	c. 25.60-26.50m OD			CB 14 May 20
300	D	3	Mid brown grey silty sand topsoil with occasional to moderate small to medium subangular flints and rare small CBM fragments. Heavy rooting.	c. 0.1-0.35m	c. 27.10m OD			CB 14 May 20
301	D	3	Mid orange brown silty sand subsoil with moderate to frequent small to medium subangular flints and moderate small chalk pieces. Heavy rooting.	c. 0.1-0.4m	c. 27.00-26.75m OD			CB 14 May 20
302	D	3	Light yellow to mid orange silty sand undisturbed 'natural' deposits with moderate small to medium subangular flints and very rare medium flint nodules. Heavy rooting.	-	c. 26.90-26.35m OD			CB 14 May 20
400	D	4	Black tarmac	c. 0.1m	c. 29.99-31.81m OD		Modern	CB 21 May 20
401	D	4	Mid orange coarse sand with frequent medium rounded and subangular flints hogging deposit	c. 0.3-0.4m	c. 29.90-31.72m OD		Modern	CB 21 May 20
402	D	4	Mid brown grey silty sand topsoil with occasional small rounded flints and occasional small chalk pieces.	c. 0.25m	c. 29.59-31.31m OD			CB 21 May 20
403	D	4	Mid orange brown silty sand subsoil with moderate small to medium subangular flints and occasional small chalk pieces	c. 0.2m	c. 29.33-31.07m OD			CB 21 May 20
404	D	4	Light yellow/orange sand undisturbed 'natural' deposits with rare small subangular flints	-	c. 29.15-30.88m OD			CB 21 May 20



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405	С	4	Very large pit-like feature	-	c. 29.16-30.91m OD			CB 21 May 20
406	D	4	Dark grey black silty sand fill of [405]	>2m	c. 29.16-30.91m OD	Metal, glass, CBM, clinker	Modern	CB 21 May 20
407	D	4	Light yellow/orange sand redeposited 'natural' deposits					CB 21 May 20
500	D	5	Mid grey brown silty sand topsoil with moderate small to medium subangular flints and very rare very small CBM fragments/flecks	c. 0.25m	c. 30.00-31.80m OD			CB 29 Apr 20
501	D	5	Mid orange brown silty sand subsoil with moderate to frequent small to medium subangular flints and occasional to moderate small chalk pieces	c. 0.2m	c. 29.75-31.55m OD			CB 29 Apr 20
502	D	5	Light to mid orange brown/orange sand undisturbed 'natural' deposits with moderate small to medium subangular flints and very rare medium flint nodules	-	c. 29.55-31.35m OD			CB 29 Apr 20
503	D	5	Pit-like feature	-	c. 31.35m OD			CB 29 Apr 20
504	D	5	Mid to dark grey silty sand fill of [503] with moderate small to medium subangular flints and moderate medium to large CBM fragments		c. 31.35m OD	Metal, glass, CBM, plastic	Modern	CB 29 Apr 20
600	D	6	Mid grey brown silty sand topsoil with moderate small to medium subangular flints and very rare very small CBM fragments/flecks	c. 0.25m	c. 32.40m OD			CB 29 Apr 20
601	D	6	Mid orange brown silty sand subsoil with moderate to frequent small to medium subangular flints and occasional to moderate small chalk pieces	c. 0.15m	c. 32.15m OD			CB 29 Apr 20
602	D	6	Light to mid orange brown/orange sand undisturbed 'natural' deposits with moderate small to medium subangular flints and very rare medium flint nodules	-	c. 32.00m OD			CB 29 Apr 20
700	D	7	Mid to dark grey brown silty sand topsoil with frequent small to medium subangular and rounded flints and rare chalk flecks	c. 0.25-0.3m	c. 32.25m OD			CB 29 Apr 20
701	D	7	Flint, brick and stone hardcore deposit	c. 0.2m+	c. 32.00m OD		Modern	CB 29 Apr 20
702	D	7	Concrete	-	c. 32.00m OD		Modern	CB 29 Apr 20
703	D	7	Light to mid orange brown sand undisturbed 'natural' deposits with frequent small to medium subangular and rounded flints and rare chalk flecks		c. 31.80m OD			CB 29 Apr 20
800	D	8	Mid orange coarse sand with frequent medium rounded and subangular flints hardcore deposit	c. 0.3m	c. 31.50m OD			CB 21 May 20



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Context No.	Туре	Trench	Description	Thickness	Depth	Finds	Spot date	Initials
801	D	8	Dark grey dumped deposits with moderate small to medium CBM fragments and areas of spent coal	c. 0.3m+	c. 31.20m OD+	CBM, metal, coal	Modern	CB 21 May 20
802	D	8	Mid orange brown silty sand subsoil with moderate to frequent small to medium subangular flints and occasional to moderate small chalk pieces	c. 0.2m	c. 31.20m OD			CB 21 May 20
803	D	8	Light to mid orange brown sand undisturbed 'natural' deposits with moderate small to medium subangular flints	-	c. 31.00m OD			CB 21 May 20



Appendix 2. OASIS Record

OASIS ID: chrisbir1-392314

Project details

Project name PoAMW to commence with informative trenching at 'Drayton Old Lodge, 146

Drayton High Road, Drayton, Norfolk'

Short description of

the project

PoAMW associated with residential development. No archaeological remains were encountered and no information relating to activities associated with the 15th century Drayton Old Lodge or World War 2 activities previously recorded on the site was gained. The edges of a former marl pit marked on maps since 1884 were recorded in Trench 4 though no evidence relating to its original date was obtained. Modern remains associated with the former use of the site as a venue

for weddings and events were observed.

Project dates Start: 29-04-2020 End: 21-05-2020

Previous/future work Not known / Not known

Any associated project reference

codes

ENF148475 - HER event no.

Type of project Field evaluation

Current Land use Other 3 - Built over

Current Land use Woodland 3 - Mixed

Monument type PIT Modern

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Significant Finds NONE None

Methods & techniques

"Sample Trenches"

Development type Urban residential (e.g. flats, houses, etc.)

Prompt National Planning Policy Framework - NPPF

Position in the planning process

After full determination (eg. As a condition)

Project location

Country England

Site location NORFOLK BROADLAND DRAYTON Drayton Old Lodge, 146 Drayton High

Road, Drayton, Norfolk

Study area 2500 Square metres

Site coordinates TG 1860 1316 52.671501335856 1.233614632098 52 40 17 N 001 14 01 E Point

Project creators

Name of Organisation

Chris Birks

Project brief originator

Local Authority Archaeologist and/or Planning Authority/advisory body

Project design originator

Chris Birks



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Project

director/manager

Chris Birks

Project supervisor

Chris Birks

Type of

sponsor/funding

body

Developer

Project archives

Physical Archive

No

Exists?

Digital Archive

Exists?

No

Paper Archive

recipient

Norfolk Museums Service

Paper Contents

"none"

Paper Media available

"Context sheet","Plan","Report","Unpublished Text"

Project bibliography 1

Grey literature (unpublished document/manuscript)

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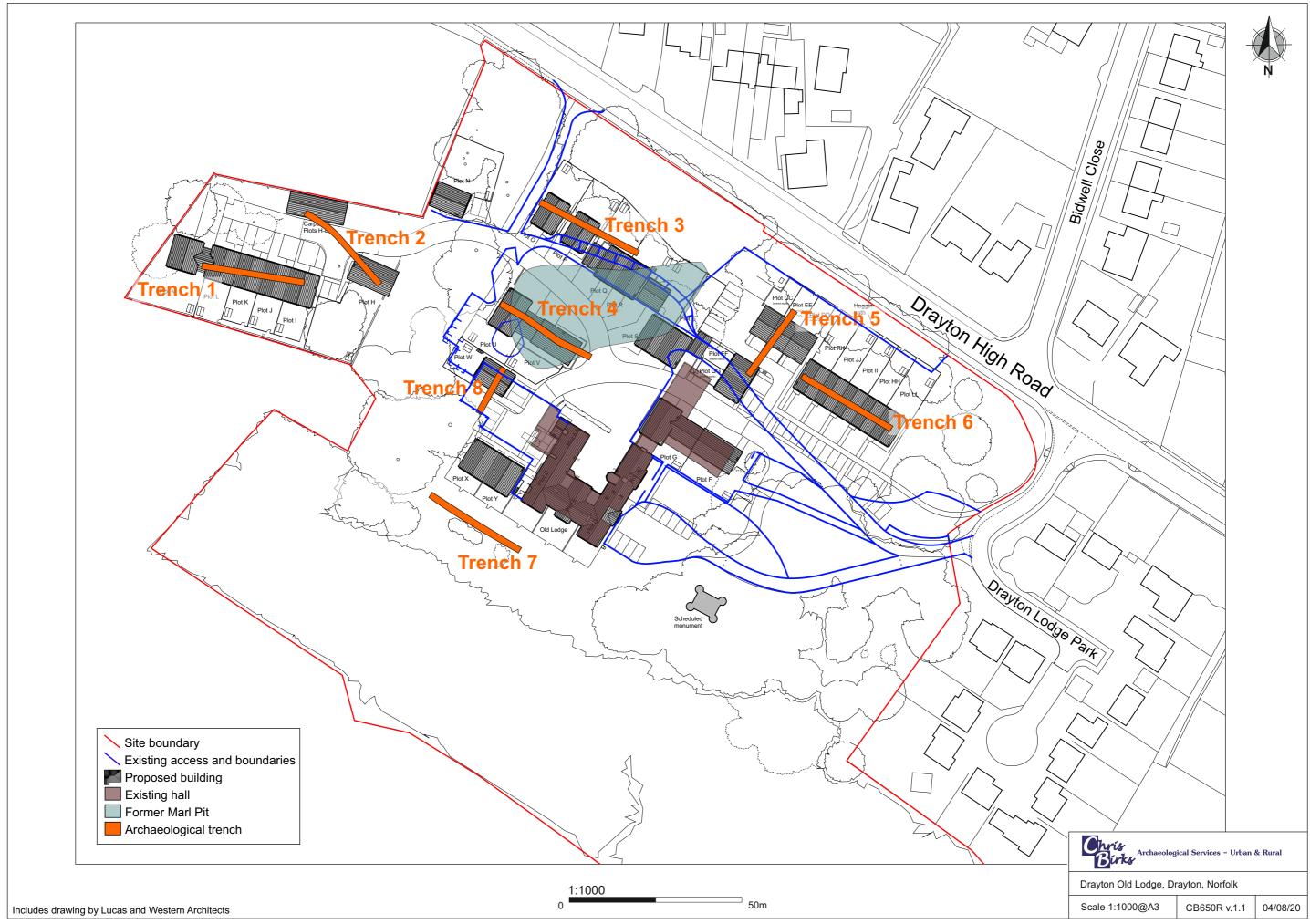


Figure 2. Site plan drawing

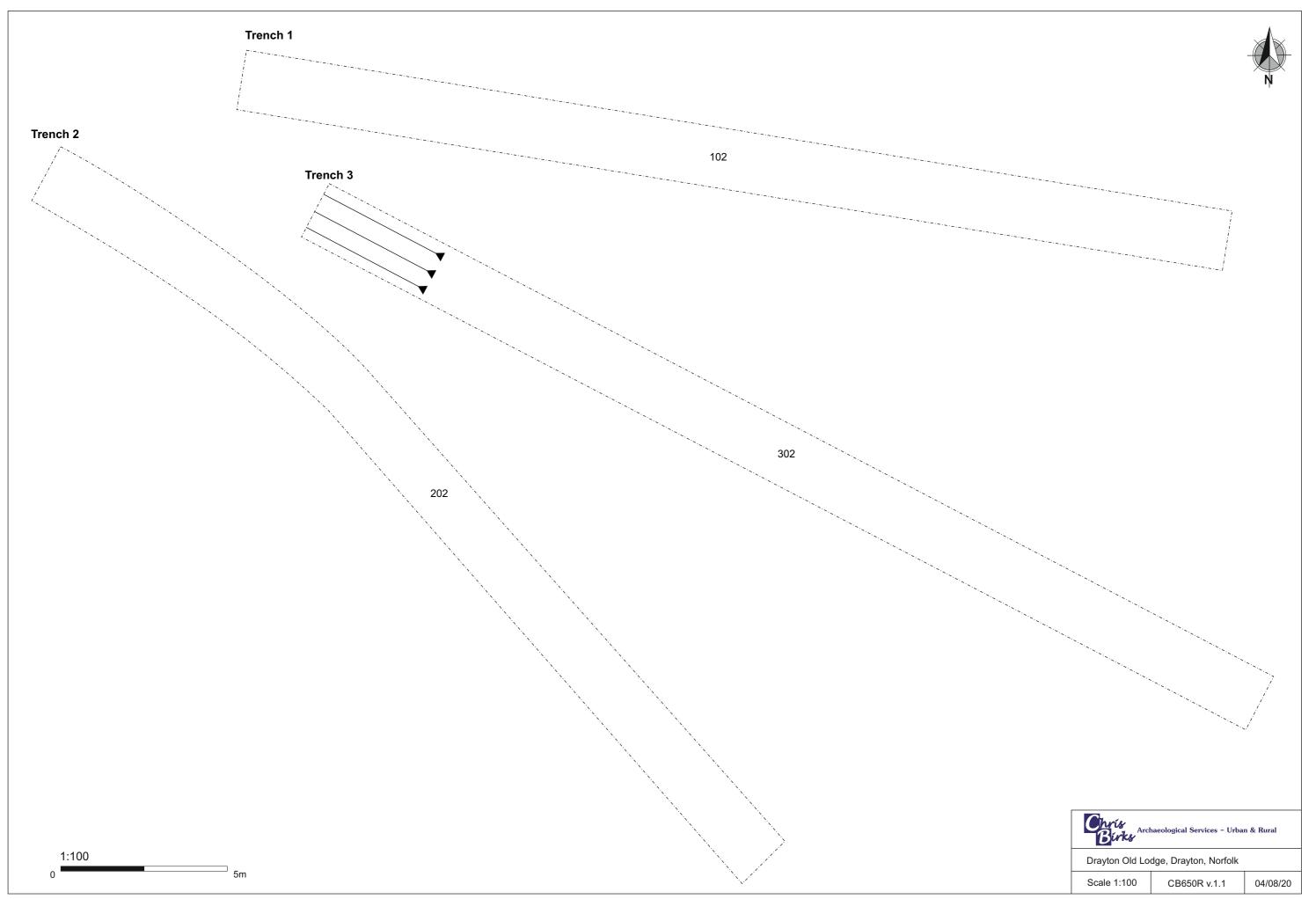


Figure 3. Trenches 1 to 3

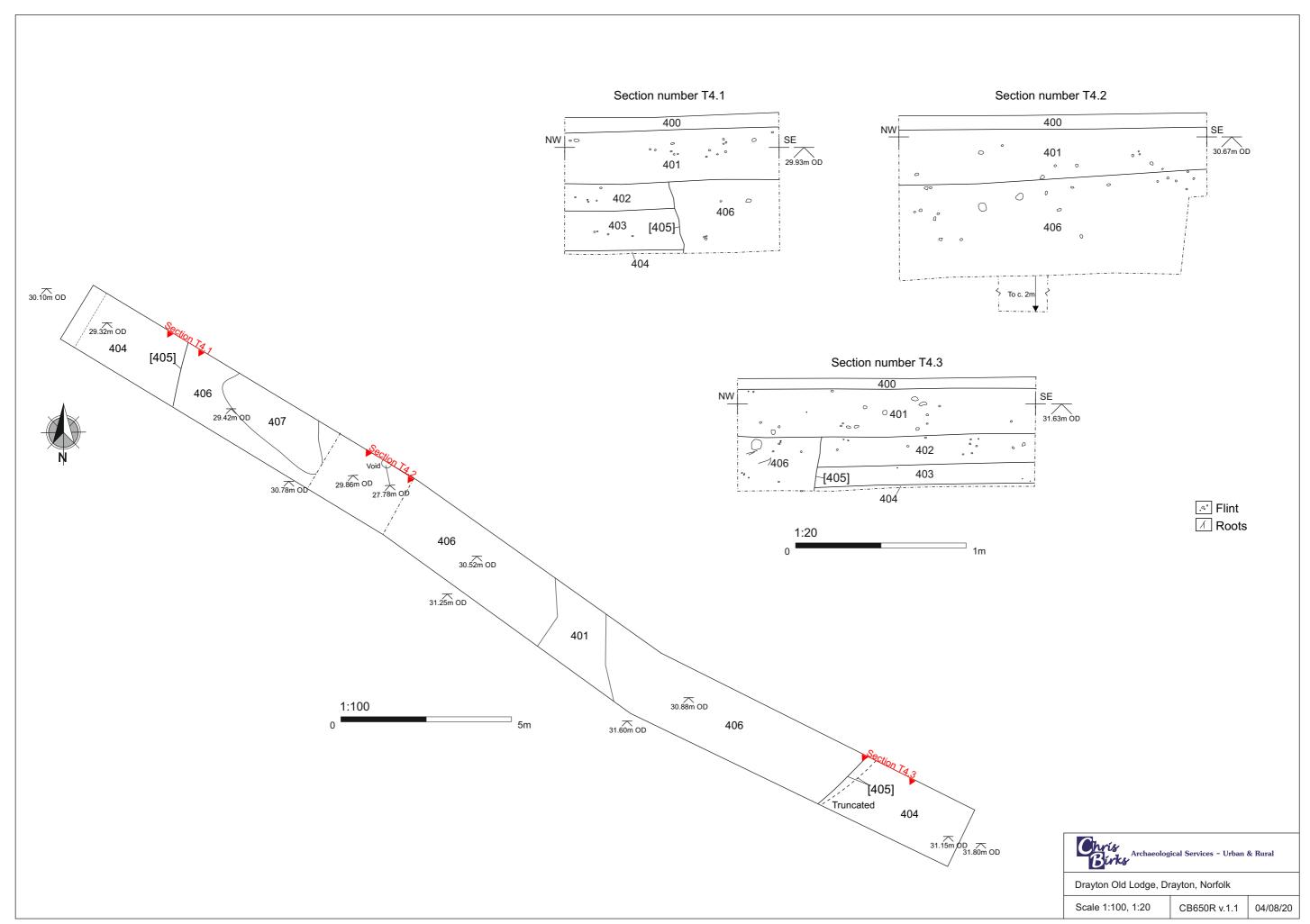


Figure 4. Trench 4 drawings

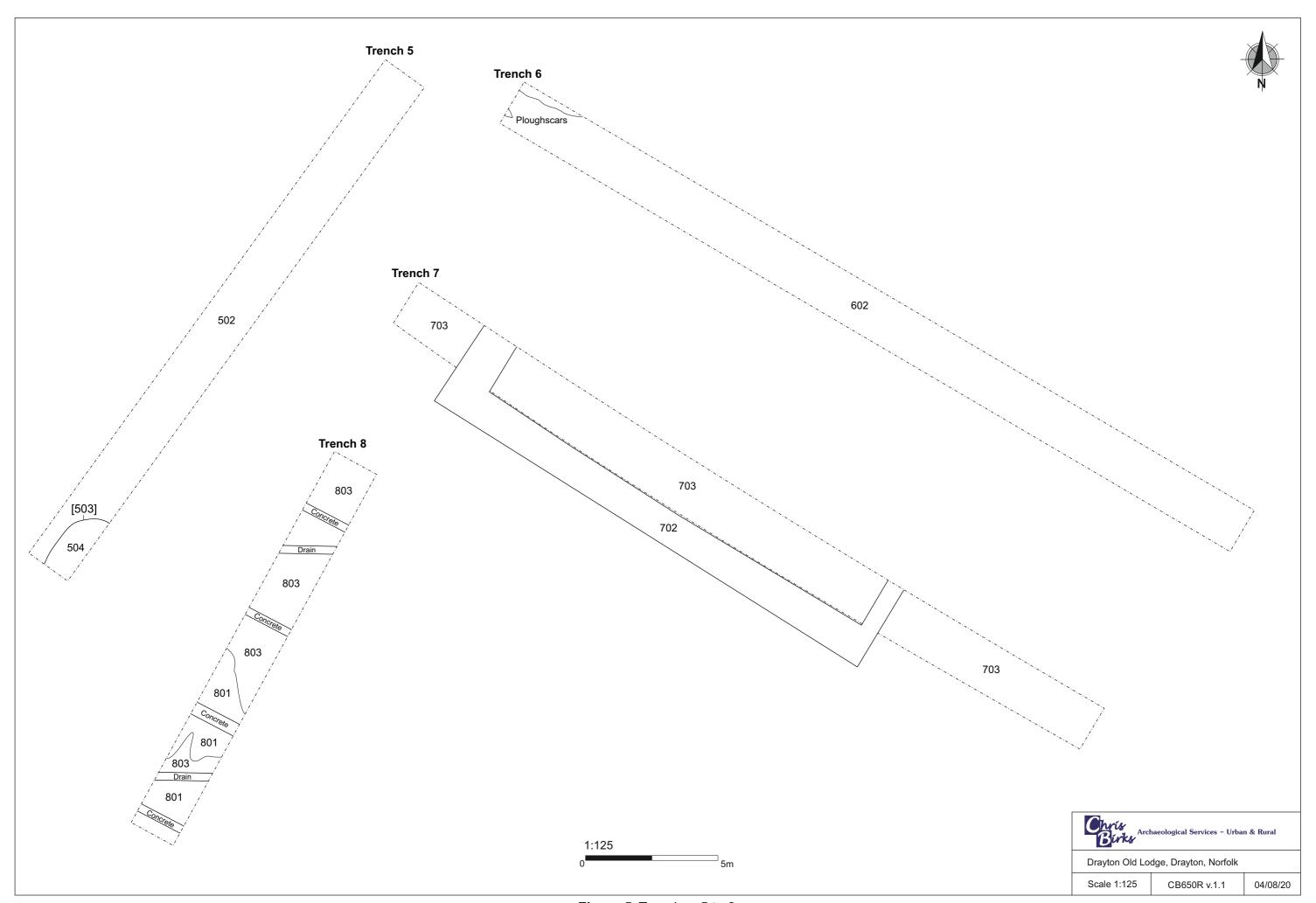


Figure 5. Trenches 5 to 8