

# Archaeological evaluation of land off The Long Shoot (Phase 2), Nuneaton, Warwickshire



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### **Summary**

An archaeological evaluation was undertaken of land off The Long Shoot (Phase 2), Nuneaton, Warwickshire (NGR SP 389 929). It was undertaken on behalf of Lanpro Services, whose client Bellway Homes West Midlands intends to develop the site for housing, for which outline planning permission has been granted.

The site consisted of open fields and field boundaries and lay on the eastern edge of Nuneaton town centre. The site is south-west of the A5, Watling Street, an old Roman road, with a housing development to the west and more open fields to the north and east.

Thirty nine trenches were excavated across the site. The trenches revealed the natural Mercian mudstone throughout the site, at 0.30-0.60m below the current ground surface. Evidence of truncated ridge and furrow was recorded in some of the trenches, a modern field boundary in the centre of the site and further areas of modern disturbance elsewhere. No significant archaeological finds, deposits or features were recorded. All finds were of later post-medieval and modern date and were not retained. All of the features recorded related to medieval/post-medieval agricultural practices on the site and later modern disturbance.

## Report

### 1 Background

#### 1.1 Reasons for the project

An archaeological evaluation was undertaken at The Longshoot, Phase 2, Nuneaton, Warwickshire (NGR SP 389 929). It was commissioned by Lanpro Services, whose client Bellway Homes West Midlands intends to develop the land for housing, for which outline planning permission has been granted by Nuneaton and Bedworth Council (ref. 032992).

The proposed development site was considered to include heritage assets and potential heritage assets, the significance of which might be affected by the application.

The project conforms to the standard brief prepared by Warwickshire County Council and for which a project proposal (including detailed specification) was produced (Lanpro Services Ltd 2016).

The project also conforms to the *Standard and guidance: Archaeological field evaluation* (ClfA 2014a).

The Worcestershire Archaeology project code is P4952.

### 2 Aims

The overall aim of the programme of archaeological works was to obtain sufficient information as to the archaeological significance and potential of the site to allow reasoned and informed recommendations to be made on the application for development of the site.

This was to be achieved through the following objectives:

- To determine the location, extent, date, character, condition, significance and quality of any archaeological remains within the development site
- To assess vulnerability/sensitivity of any exposed remains
- To assess the impact of previous land use on the site
- To assess the potential for survival of environmental evidence
- To inform a strategy to avoid or mitigate impacts of the proposed development on surviving archaeological remains
- To produce a site archive for deposition with an appropriate museum and to provide information for accession to the Warwickshire HER.

### 3 Methods

#### 3.1 Personnel

The fieldwork was led by Peter Lovett (BSc (hons.)), who joined Worcestershire Archaeology in 2012 and has been practicing archaeology since 2003, assisted by James Spry (BA (hons.); MA), and Graham Arnold (BA (hons.), MSc). The report was prepared by Graham Arnold. The project manager responsible for the quality of the project was Tom Vaughan (BA (hons.); MA; ACIfA). Illustrations were prepared by Laura Templeton (BA; PG Cert; MCIfA).

#### 3.2 Documentary research

An archaeological desk-based assessment (DBA) was undertaken by CgMs Consulting (2014). The DBA identified that the site had negligible potential to contain archaeological remains of any period. Trial trenching of the adjacent site did not identify any potentially significant archaeological remains (Northamptonshire Archaeology 2012).

A geophysical survey was also carried out in 2012 (Phase Site Investigations 2012) for Phase 1 and December 2015 for Phase 2 (Phase Site Investigations 2015) prior to the present evaluation, with no archaeological anomalies identified.

Published and grey literature sources are listed in the bibliography.

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### **3.3 Fieldwork strategy**

A detailed specification has been prepared by Lanpro Services (2016).

Fieldwork was undertaken between 17 and 24 October 2016. The unique site reference number given by Worcestershire Archaeology is P4952.

Forty trenches, amounting to just over 4,000m<sup>2</sup> in area, were due to be excavated over the site area of 10ha, representing a sample of c 4%. The location of the trenches is indicated in Figure 2. In the event Trench 5 was not excavated as it lay within an exclusion zone related to an active badger sett.

Deposits considered not to be significant were removed using a 360° tracked excavator, employing a toothless bucket and under archaeological supervision. Subsequent excavation was undertaken by hand. Clean surfaces were inspected and selected deposits were excavated to retrieve artefactual material and environmental samples, as well as to determine their nature. In the event no deposits were recorded that were deemed suitable for environmental sampling. Deposits were recorded according to standard Worcestershire Archaeology practice (WA 2012). On completion of excavation, trenches were reinstated by replacing the excavated material.

### **3.4 Structural analysis**

All fieldwork records were checked and cross-referenced. Analysis was effected through a combination of structural, artefactual and ecofactual evidence, allied to the information derived from other sources.

### **3.5 Artefact methodology**

#### **3.5.1 Artefact recovery policy**

Recovery of artefacts was undertaken according to standard Worcestershire Archaeology practice (WA 2012). In the event no artefacts pre-dating the later post-medieval and modern periods were identified.

### **3.6 Environmental archaeology methodology**

#### **3.6.1 Sampling policy**

Sampling was undertaken according to standard Worcestershire Archaeology practice (WA 2012). In the event no deposits were identified which were considered to be suitable for environmental analysis.

### **3.7 Statement of confidence in the methods and results**

The methods adopted allow a high degree of confidence that the aims of the project have been achieved.

## **4 The application site**

### **4.1 Topography, geology and archaeological context**

The site was subject to a desk-based assessment (CgMs 2014) and the relevant information is summarised below:

The British Geological Survey records the bedrock underlying the site as mudstone with a band of siltstone running approximately north to south, both of the Mercia Mudstone Group. The superficial geology of the main part of the site is recorded as the Thrussington Member – diamicton, an unsorted glacial deposit (BGS 2016).

The site is located on gently undulating ground, sloping from 90mAOD in the east down to 80mAOD in the west. The site is bounded by field boundaries and fields to the north and east and ongoing development to the south and west.

Evidence of truncated ridge and furrow was found during trial trenching for the Phase 1 development, immediately adjacent, to the west of the site (Northamptonshire Archaeology 2012). and on land immediately to the north of the site at Calendar Farm (Stratascan 2014).

There are no records of prehistoric or Roman activity in the area. Medieval and later activity all relates to the continued agricultural use of the site, with a medieval coin (MWA13568) found 30m north of the site during metal detecting, considered to be a result of manuring and is of low significance.

An historical map review undertaken as part of the desk-based assessment does not indicate that significant upstanding historical features were present within the site in modern history.

## **4.2 Current land-use**

The site is currently open fields, bounded by field boundaries, with development to the west.

# **5 Results**

## **5.1 Structural analysis**

The trenches and features recorded are shown in Figure 2 and Plates 1-8. The results of the structural analysis are presented in Appendix 1.

### **5.1.1 Phase 1: Natural deposits**

The natural geology comprised a compact dark red clay marl, Mercian Mudstone, and was recorded throughout the site, in every trench, at a depth of between 0.30–0.60m below the existing ground surface. This has inclusions of red sands, gravels and bands of blue grey silts and siltstone.

### **5.1.2 Phase 2: medieval / post-medieval deposits**

Regularly spaced, homogenous, shallow furrows (Plates 6 and 8) and land drains containing ceramic pipes (Plates 5 and 7) were recorded crossing the site demonstrating the agricultural use of the site over time. The direction of the furrows indicated the previous layout of the fields and field boundaries.

### **5.1.3 Phase 3: modern deposits**

A modern field boundary ditch [2004], containing metal debris and glass bottles was recorded in Trench 20, in line with an existing hedge (Plate 2). This was 1.80m wide and over 0.25m deep. Dumps of modern building materials and refuse were recorded in Trenches 28, 33 and 35.

The natural geology was overlaid with subsoil, which had occasionally been truncated from ploughing and a thick agricultural topsoil. No significant finds were recorded in the topsoil of any of the trenches.

# **6 Synthesis**

The archaeological evaluation did not reveal any significant archaeological deposits, features or artefacts. Evidence of truncated ridge and furrow demonstrated the agricultural use of the site and old agricultural practices. Old field boundaries and modern truncations containing modern material were also recorded. No significant archaeology was present on site relating to the Roman road nearby or any earlier settlement activity.



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## 7 Publication summary

Worcestershire Archaeology has a professional obligation to publish the results of archaeological projects within a reasonable period of time. To this end, Worcestershire Archaeology intends to use this summary as the basis for publication through local or regional journals. The client is requested to consider the content of this section as being acceptable for such publication.

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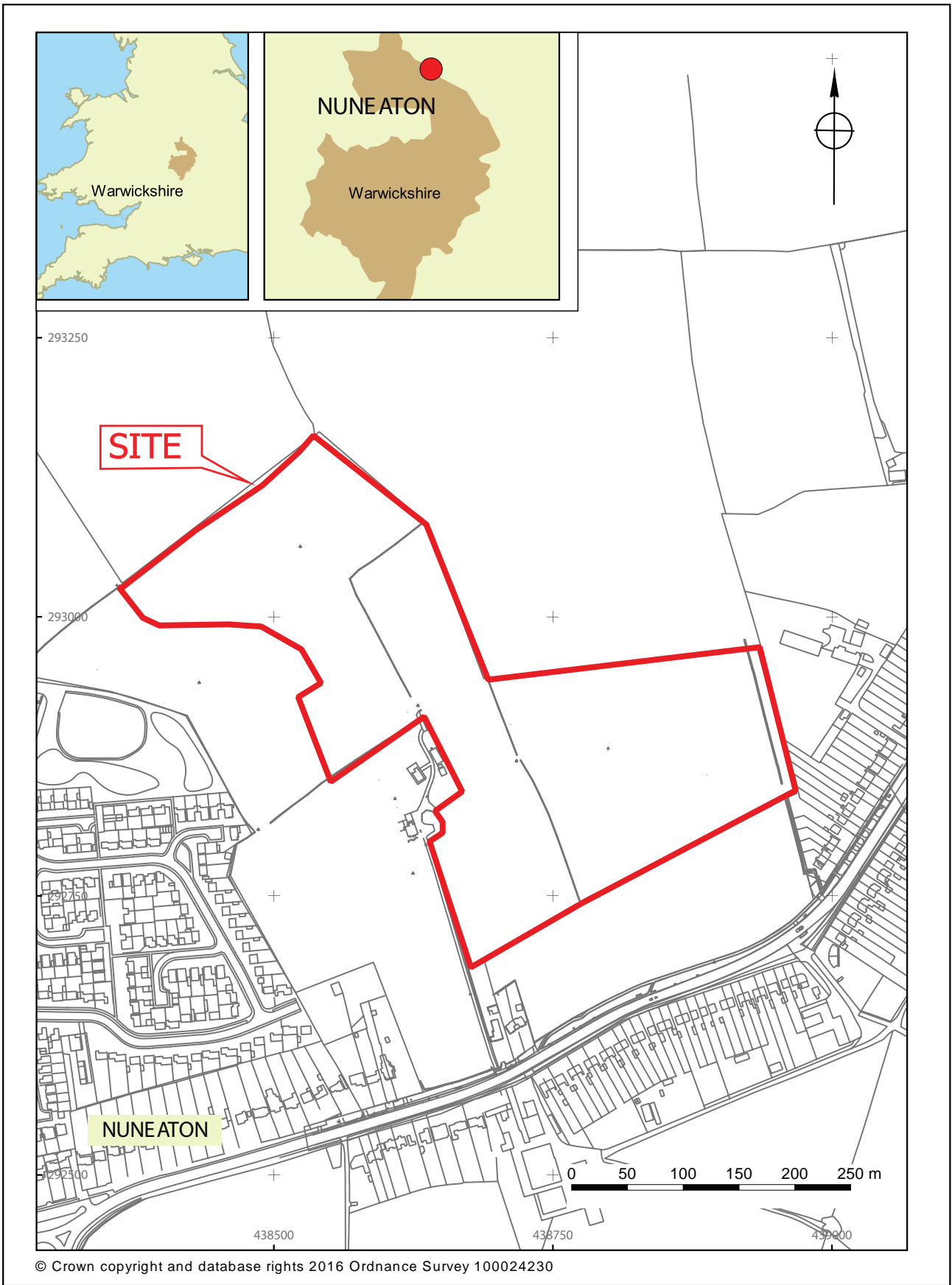
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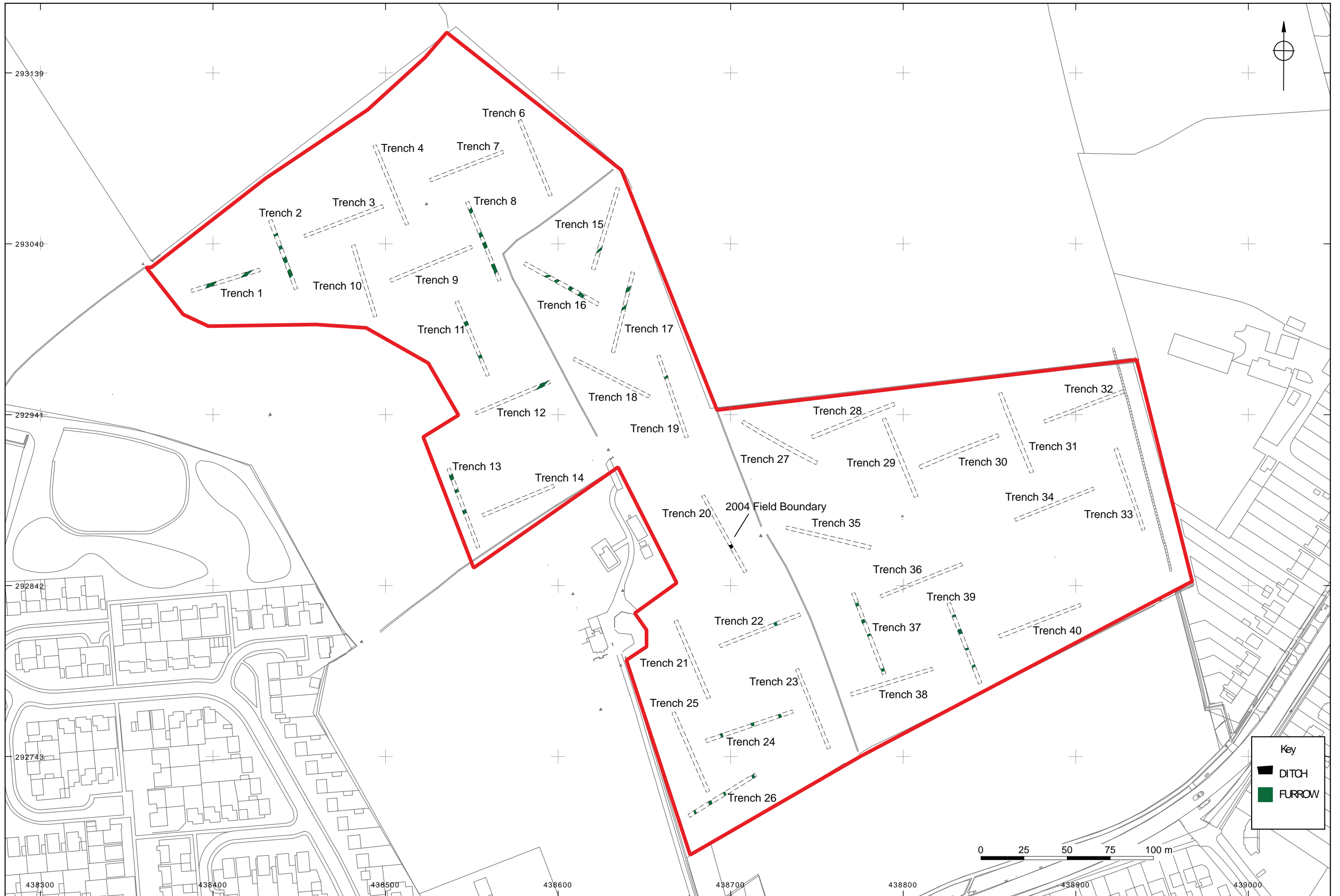
## Figures

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Location of the site

Figure 1



Trench plan showing furrows and field boundary ditch



## Plates



*Plate 1 Trench 22 natural silt deposit in foreground, view north-east*



*Plate 2 Field boundary ditch [2004] in Trench 20, view north-east*

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*Plate 3 Trench 23 with modern dump of hardcore in foreground, view north-west*



*Plate 4 General view south-east of Trench 6*

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*Plate 5 Trench 25 with land drain aligned north to south, view north-west*



*Plate 6 Trench 1 with furrows crossing trench, view north-east*

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*Plate 7 Ceramic land drain cutting natural clay in Trench 34, view east*



*Plate 8 Trench 39 with band of natural siltstone in foreground and furrows across trench, view south-east*

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## Appendix 1 Trench descriptions

### Main deposit descriptions

#### Trench 1

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.53m

Orientation: Northeast – Southwest

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
100	Topsoil	Friable dark greyish brown silty sand	0.00 – 0.35m
101	Subsoil	Firm light yellowish brown silty clay with occasional gravels	0.35 – 0.45m
102	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone) with bands of blue grey silts and pockets of red gravelly sand.	0.45m
103	Fill of furrow	Same as subsoil 101	
104	Furrow	East – West aligned furrow, 1.20m wide	
105	Fill of furrow	Same as subsoil 101	
106	Furrow	East-West aligned furrow 0.80m wide	

#### Trench 2

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.50m

Orientation: Northwest-Southeast

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
200	Topsoil	Friable dark greyish brown silty sand	0.00-0.30m
201	Subsoil	Firm light brownish orange silty clay with occasional gravels	0.30- 0.50m
202	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone) with bands of blue grey silts and pockets of red gravelly sand.	0.50m
203	Fill of furrow	Same as subsoil 201	
204	Furrow	Northeast – Southwest aligned furrow, 1.00m wide	
205	Fill of furrow	Same as subsoil 201	
206	Furrow	Northeast – Southwest aligned furrow, 1.00m wide	
207	Fill of furrow	Same as subsoil 201	

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Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
208	Furrow	Northeast – Southwest aligned furrow, 1.00m wide	
209	Fill of furrow	Same as subsoil 201	
210	Furrow	Northeast – Southwest aligned furrow, 1.00m wide	

**Trench 3**

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.60m

Orientation: Northeast-Southwest

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
300	Topsoil	Friable dark greyish brown silty sand	0.0 0.30m
301	Subsoil	Firm mid brownish orange silty clay with occasional gravels	0.30 – 0.52m
302	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone)	0.52m

**Trench 4**

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.40m

Orientation: Northwest- Southeast

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
400	Topsoil / Ploughsoil	Friable dark greyish brown clayey silt	0.0 0.30m
401	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone)	0.30m

**Trench 5 – Not excavated due to proximity of Badger Sett**

**Trench 6**

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.44m

Orientation: Northwest- Southeast

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
600	Topsoil	Friable dark greyish brown silty sand	0.00 – 0.10m
601	Subsoil	Firm mid brownish orange silty clay with occasional gravels	0.10m
602	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone)	0.34m

**Trench 7**

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.40m

Orientation: Northeast- Southwest

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
700	Topsoil/ Ploughsoil	Friable dark greyish brown silty sand	0.00 – 0.30m
701	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone)	0.30m

**Trench 8**

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.50m

Orientation: Northwest- Southeast

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
800	Topsoil/ Ploughsoil	Friable dark greyish brown silty sand	0.00 – 0.40m
801	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone)	0.40m
802	Fill of furrow	Moderately compact mid orangey brown silty clay	
803	Furrow	Northeast – Southwest aligned furrow, 1.00m wide	
804	Fill of furrow	Moderately compact mid orangey brown silty clay	
805	Furrow	Northeast – Southwest aligned furrow, 1.00m wide	
806	Fill	Moderately compact mid orangey brown silty clay	

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Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
807	Furrow/ Field boundary ditch	Northeast – Southwest aligned furrow, 1.00m wide	
808	Fill of furrow	Moderately compact mid orangey brown silty clay	
809	Furrow	Northeast – Southwest aligned furrow, 1.00m wide	

**Trench 9**

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.50m

Orientation: Northeast- Southwest

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
900	Topsoil/ Ploughsoil	Friable dark greyish brown silty sand	0.00 – 0.40m
901	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone)	0.40m

**Trench 10**

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.50m

Orientation: Northwest- Southeast

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
1000	Topsoil/ Ploughsoil	Friable dark greyish brown silty sand	0.00 – 0.40m
1001	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone)	0.40m

**Trench 11**

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.50m

Orientation: Northwest- Southeast

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
1100	Topsoil/ Ploughsoil	Friable dark greyish brown silty sand	0.00 – 0.40m
1101	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone)	0.40m

**Trench 12**

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.60m

Orientation: Northeast-Southwest

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
1200	Topsoil	Friable dark greyish brown silty sand	0.0 0.45m
1201	Subsoil	Moderately compact mid brown silty clay with rare pebbles	0.45 – 0.52m
1202	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone)	0.52m
1203	Fill of furrow	Moderately compact mid brown silty clay	
1204	Furrow	Northwest – Southeast aligned furrow, 1.00m wide	

**Trench 13**

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.60m

Orientation: Northwest-Southeast

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
1300	Topsoil	Friable dark greyish brown silty sand	0.00-0.25m
1301	Subsoil	Moderately compact mid brown silty clay with rare pebbles	0.25- 0.55m
1302	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone) with bands of blue grey silts and pockets of red gravelly sand.	0.55m
1303	Fill of furrow	Same as subsoil 201	
1304	Furrow	Northeast – Southwest aligned furrow, 1.00m wide	



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Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
1305	Fill of furrow	Same as subsoil 201	
1306	Furrow	Northeast – Southwest aligned furrow, 1.00m wide	
1307	Fill of furrow	Same as subsoil 201	
1308	Furrow	Northeast – Southwest aligned furrow, 1.00m wide	
1309	Fill of furrow	Same as subsoil 201	
1310	Furrow	Northeast – Southwest aligned furrow, 1.00m wide	

**Trench 14**

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.40m

Orientation: Northeast- Southwest

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
1400	Topsoil/ Ploughsoil	Friable dark greyish brown silty sand	0.00 – 0.30m
1401	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone)	0.30m

**Trench 15**

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.63m

Orientation: Northwest- Southeast

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
1500	Topsoil	Friable dark greyish brown silty sand	0.00 – 0.35m
1501	Subsoil	Firm mid brownish orange silty clay with occasional gravels	0.35 – 0.53m
1502	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone)	0.53m

**Trench 16**

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.50m

Orientation: Northwest- Southeast

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
1600	Topsoil/ Ploughsoil	Friable dark greyish brown silty sand	0.00 – 0.45m
1601	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone)	0.45m
1602	Modern truncation	Fill of modern made ground rubble and manure in northwest end of trench	0.45-1.30m
1603	Modern truncation	cut for dump of modern made ground in northwest end of trench	0.45-1.30m
1604	Fill of furrow	Same as subsoil 201	
1605	Furrow	Northeast – Southwest aligned furrow, 1.00m wide	
1606	Fill of furrow	Same as subsoil 201	
1607	Furrow	Northeast – Southwest aligned furrow, 1.00m wide	
1608	Fill of furrow	Same as subsoil 201	
1609	Furrow	Northeast – Southwest aligned furrow, 1.00m wide	

**Trench 17**

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.43m

Orientation: North- South

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
1700	Topsoil	Friable dark greyish brown silty sand	0.00 – 0.30m
1701	Subsoil	Firm mid brownish orange silty clay with occasional gravels	0.30 – 0.38m
1702	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone)	0.38m
1703	Fill of furrow	Same as subsoil 201	
1704	Furrow	Northeast – Southwest aligned furrow, 1.00m wide	
1705	Fill of furrow	Same as subsoil 201	
1706	Furrow	Northeast – Southwest aligned furrow, 1.00m wide	



**Trench 18**

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.50m

Orientation: Northwest- Southeast

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
1800	Topsoil	Friable dark greyish brown silty sand	0.00 – 0.30m
1801	Subsoil	Firm yellowish brown silty clay with rare pebbles	0.30- 0.40m
1802	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone)	0.40m

**Trench 19**

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.50m

Orientation: North- South

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
1900	Topsoil	Friable dark greyish brown silty sand	0.00 – 0.30m
1901	Subsoil	Firm yellowish brown silty clay with rare pebbles	0.30- 0.40m
1902	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone)	0.40m
1903	Fill of furrow	Same as subsoil 1801 - Firm yellowish brown silty clay with rare pebbles	
1904	Furrow	Northeast – Southwest aligned furrow, 0.80m wide	

**Trench 20**

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.60m

Orientation: Northwest- Southeast

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
2000	Topsoil	Friable dark greyish brown clayey silt	0.00 – 0.30m
2001	Subsoil	Firm yellowish brown silty clay with rare pebbles	0.30- 0.40m
2002	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone)	0.40m
2003	Fill of ditch	Firm yellowish brown silty clay with rare pebbles	0.40 – 0.65m+
2004	Field boundary ditch	North-east –southwest field boundary ditch, in line with old hedgerow. ).1.80m wide and over 0.25m deep. Not fully excavated.	0.40-0.65m+

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
2005	Fill of land drain	Compact dark greyish brown clayey silt with ceramic pipe	
2006	Land drain	Modern land drain 0.30m wide orientated east west in Northwest end of trench	

**Trench 21**

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.60m

Orientation: Northwest- Southeast

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
2100	Topsoil	Friable dark greyish brown clayey silt	0.00 – 0.30m
2101	Subsoil	Firm yellowish brown silty clay with rare pebbles	0.30- 0.40m
2102	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone)	0.40m
2103	Fill of land drain	Redeposited natural clay	
2104	Land drain	Modern land drain 0.30m wide orientated east west in Northwest end of trench	

**Trench 22**

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.60m

Orientation: Northeast- Southwest

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
2200	Topsoil	Friable dark greyish brown clayey silt	0.00 – 0.35m
2201	Subsoil	Firm yellowish brown silty clay with rare pebbles	0.30- 0.40m
2202	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone)	0.40m
2203	Fill of furrow	Same as subsoil 1801 - Firm yellowish brown silty clay with rare pebbles	
2204	Furrow	Northwest – Southeast aligned furrow, 1.00m wide	
2205	Fill of land drain	Compact dark greyish brown clayey silt with ceramic pipe	
2206	Land drain	Modern land drain 0.30m wide	

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**Trench 23**

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.50m

Orientation: Northwest- Southeast

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
2300	Topsoil	Friable dark greyish brown clayey silt	0.00 – 0.30m
2301	Subsoil	Firm yellowish brown silty clay with rare pebbles	0.30- 0.40m
2302	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone)	0.40m
2303	Modern truncation fill	Modern spread of Type 1 grey stone and broken concrete hardcore.	
2304	Modern truncation cut	Cut for modern dump of concrete and stone hardcore 1m wide orientated northeast – southwest in south end of trench	

**Trench 24**

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.50m

Orientation: Northeast- Southwest

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
2400	Topsoil	Friable dark greyish brown clayey silt	0.00 – 0.35m
2401	Subsoil	Firm yellowish brown silty clay with rare pebbles	0.30- 0.40m
2402	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone)	0.40m
2403	Fill of furrow	Firm yellowish brown silty clay with rare pebbles	
2404	Furrow	Northwest – Southeast aligned furrow, 1.00m wide	
2405	Fill of furrow	Firm yellowish brown silty clay with rare pebbles	
2406	Furrow	Northwest – Southeast aligned furrow, 1.10m wide	
2407	Fill of furrow	Firm yellowish brown silty clay with rare pebbles	
2408	Furrow	Northwest – Southeast aligned furrow, 1.00m wide	

**Trench 25**

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.60m

Orientation: Northwest- Southeast

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
2500	Topsoil	Friable dark greyish brown clayey silt	0.00 – 0.35m
2501	Subsoil	Firm yellowish brown silty clay with rare pebbles	0.35- 0.45m
2502	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone)	0.45m
2503	Land drain fill	Redeposited natural red clay marl	
2504	Modern land drain cut	Cut of land drain 0.30m wide aligned North-south and at southeast end of trench	

**Trench 26**

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.50m

Orientation: Northeast- Southwest

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
2600	Topsoil	Friable dark greyish brown clayey silt	0.00 – 0.35m
2601	Subsoil	Firm yellowish brown silty clay with rare pebbles	0.30- 0.40m
2602	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone)	0.30-40m
2603	Fill of furrow	Firm yellowish brown silty clay with rare pebbles	
2604	Furrow	Northwest – Southeast aligned furrow, 1.00m wide	
2605	Fill of furrow	Firm yellowish brown silty clay with rare pebbles	
2606	Furrow	Northwest – Southeast aligned furrow, 1.10m wide	
2607	Fill of furrow	Firm yellowish brown silty clay with rare pebbles	
2608	Furrow	Northwest – Southeast aligned furrow, 1.00m wide	

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### Trench 27

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.48m

Orientation: Northwest- Southeast

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
2700	Topsoil	Friable dark greyish brown clayey silt	0.00 – 0.40m
2701	Subsoil	Firm yellowish brown silty clay with rare pebbles	0.40 – 0.48m
2702	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone) with red and yellow patches of sandy gravels	0.48m

### Trench 28

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.50m

Orientation: Northeast- Southwest

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
2800	Topsoil	Friable dark greyish brown clayey silt	0.00 – 0.45m
2801	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone) with patches of red sand	0.45m

### Trench 29

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.60m

Orientation: Northwest- Southeast

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
2900	Topsoil	Friable dark greyish brown clayey silt	0.00 – 0.40m
2901	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone) with patches of red sand	0.40m

### Trench 30

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.65m

Orientation: Northeast- Southwest

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
3000	Topsoil	Friable dark greyish brown clayey silt	0.00 – 0.45m

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Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
3001	Subsoil	Firm yellowish brown silty clay with rare pebbles	0.45- 0.55m
3002	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone) with patches of red sand	0.55m

**Trench 31**

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.48m

Orientation: Northwest- Southeast

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
3100	Topsoil	Friable dark greyish brown clayey	0.00 – 0.35m
3101	Subsoil	Firm yellowish brown silty clay with rare pebbles	0.35- 0.45m
3102	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone)	0.45m

**Trench 32**

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.45m

Orientation: Northeast- Southwest

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
3200	Topsoil	Friable dark greyish brown clayey silt	0.00 – 0.35m
3201	Subsoil	Firm yellowish brown silty clay with rare pebbles	0.35- 0.45m
3202	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone)	0.45m

**Trench 33**

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.60m

Orientation: Northwest- Southeast

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
3300	Topsoil	Friable dark greyish brown clayey silt	0.00 – 0.35m
3301	Subsoil	Firm yellowish brown silty clay with rare pebbles	0.35- 0.45m
3302	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone) with pockets of blue grey silt and red	0.45m

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Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
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**Trench 34**

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.60m

Orientation: Northwest- Southeast

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
3400	Topsoil	Friable dark greyish brown clayey silt	0.00 – 0.35m
3401	Subsoil	Firm yellowish brown silty clay with rare pebbles	0.35- 0.45m
3402	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone)	0.45m
3403	Land drain fill	Redeposited natural red clay marl and ceramic land drain	
3404	Modern land drain cut	Cut of land drain 0.30m wide aligned east -west	

**Trench 35**

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 1.20m

Orientation: East - West

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
3500	Topsoil	Friable dark greyish brown clayey silt	0.00 – 0.30m
3501	Subsoil	Firm yellowish brown silty clay with rare pebbles	0.30- 0.40m
3502	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone)	0.40m
3503	Modern truncation fill	Fill of modern cut containing hardcore, rubble, brick and other modern waste	
3504	Modern truncation cut	Area of modern dumping cut into natural. 17m long and 1m deep.	

**Trench 36**

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.50m

Orientation: Northeast- Southwest

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
3600	Topsoil	Friable dark greyish brown clayey silt	0.00 – 0.30m
3601	Subsoil	Firm yellowish brown silty clay with rare pebbles	0.30- 0.40m
3602	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone)	0.40m
3603	Land drain fill	Redeposited natural red clay marl and ceramic land drain	
3604	Modern land drain cut	Cut of land drain 0.40m wide aligned east -west	

**Trench 37**

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.60m

Orientation: Northwest- Southeast

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
3700	Topsoil	Friable dark greyish brown clayey silt	0.00 – 0.30m
3701	Subsoil	Firm yellowish brown silty clay with rare pebbles	0.30- 0.40m
3702	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone)	0.35-40m
3703	Fill of furrow	Firm yellowish brown silty clay with rare pebbles	
3704	Furrow	Northeast – Southwest aligned furrow, 1.20m wide	
3705	Fill of furrow	Firm yellowish brown silty clay with rare pebbles	
3706	Furrow	Northwest – Southeast aligned furrow, 1.40m wide	
3707	Fill of furrow	Firm yellowish brown silty clay with rare pebbles	
3708	Furrow	Northwest – Southeast aligned furrow, 0.80m wide	
3709	Fill of furrow	Firm yellowish brown silty clay with rare pebbles	
3710	Furrow	Northwest – Southeast aligned furrow, 1.20m wide	



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**Trench 38**

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.40 – 0.80m

Orientation: Northeast- Southwest

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
3800	Topsoil	Friable dark greyish brown clayey silt	0.00 – 0.30m
3801	Subsoil	Firm yellowish brown silty clay with rare pebbles	0.30- 0.40m
3802	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone)	0.40 – 0.60m
3803	Modern truncation fill	Modern made ground dump of grey clayey sand with coal, bricks, breeze blocks .	0.20 – 0.80m
3804	Modern truncation cut	Modern made ground cut in last 10m of southwest end of trench 0.60m deep	0.20 – 0,80m

**Trench 39**

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.60m

Orientation: Northwest- Southeast

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
3900	Topsoil	Friable dark greyish brown clayey silt	0.00 – 0.30m
3901	Subsoil	Firm yellowish brown silty clay with rare pebbles	0.30- 0.40m
3902	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone)	0.35 - 40m
3903	Fill of geological fault	Compact Yellowish white sandy gravels and siltstone, irregular, 0.25m + deep and 0.50m wide	
3904	Geological anomaly	Band of friable weathered siltstone in trench running east –west across trench	
3905	Fill of furrow	Firm yellowish brown silty clay with rare pebbles	
3906	Furrow	Northeast – Southwest aligned furrow, 0.60m wide	
3907	Fill of furrow	Firm yellowish brown silty clay with rare pebbles	
3908	Furrow	Northeast – Southwest aligned furrow, 1.20m wide	
3909	Fill of furrow	Firm yellowish brown silty clay with rare pebbles	
3910	Furrow	Northeast – Southwest aligned furrow, 0.60m wide	
3911	Fill of furrow	Firm yellowish brown silty clay with rare pebbles	
3912	Furrow	Northeast – Southwest aligned furrow, 1.00m wide	

**Trench 40**

Maximum dimensions: Length: 50.00m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.50m

Orientation: Northeast- Southwest

Context	Classification	Description	Depth below ground surface (b.g.s) – top and bottom of deposits
4000	Topsoil	Friable dark greyish brown clayey silt	0.00 – 0.30m
4001	Subsoil	Firm yellowish brown silty clay with rare pebbles	0.30- 0.40m
4002	Natural	Compact dark pinkish red clay marl (Mercian Mudstone)	0.40m
4003	Land drain fill	Topsoil and redeposited natural red clay marl with ceramic land drain	
4004	Modern land drain cut	Cut of land drain 0.30m wide aligned east -west	

## **Appendix 2 Technical information**

### **The archive (site code: P4955)**

The archive consists of:

- 3 Field progress reports AS2
- 2 Photographic records AS3
- 135 Digital photographs
- 40 Trench record sheets AS41
- 1 CD-Rom/DVDs
- 1 Copy of this report (bound hard copy)

The project archive is intended to be placed at:

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