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## **SUMMARY**

*A field evaluation by trenching was carried out following a geophysical survey.*

*Two ditches containing later Neolithic pottery were found towards the north part of the site. A further ditch close to one containing the Neolithic pottery contained a struck flint flake.*

*Sporadic features were found across parts of the rest of the site. A ditch in Trench 15 contained two sherds of possible medieval pottery. The other features comprising small pits, gullies and ditches were undated. Medieval and post-medieval pottery was recovered from agricultural furrows and subsoils.*

## **1 INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Site Location (Figure 1)**

The site occupies four fields on the rural outskirts of Northampton. On the northeast side of the site the area is bordered by the corridor of the M1. On the east side the site is bordered by a field under pasture, beyond which is a road maintenance depot. There is a short section of the eastern boundary fronting onto the Banbury Road. On the southeast and south side the site is bordered by other pastoral fields that lie between the site and the development of New Rothersthorpe. On the west side of the site there is a hedge line and stream.

Topographically the land has a low central spur that lies at 75m to 80m Ordnance Datum. On the west side of the site the ground falls away into a shallow valley with a stream on the west side. Here the Ordnance Datum falls to just below 70m. There are three designated underlying geological deposits that have been identified across the site by the British Geological Survey. The lowest is the Dyrham Formation, an interbedded siltstone and mudstone deposited 183 to 190 million years ago ([mapapps.bgs.ac.uk/geologyofbritain/home.html](http://mapapps.bgs.ac.uk/geologyofbritain/home.html)). Overlying this is the Marlstone Rock Formation, a limestone and ferruginous sedimentary bedrock deposit 176 million to 190 million years ago. The upper bedrock is the Whitby Mudstone Formation a sedimentary mudstone deposited some 176 million to 183 million years ago. Overlying part of these bedrocks is a superficial deposit called the Oadby Member, a diamicton deposit laid down in the Quaternary period 2 million years ago under Ice Age conditions.

### **1.2 Planning Background**

A planning application has been submitted to South Northamptonshire Council for a 5MV solar development consisting of mounted solar panel modules, power inverter/transformer systems and housings, power connections, fencing and associated works on land west of Banbury Road, Rothersthorpe, Northamptonshire. The Assistant Archaeological Advisor of Northamptonshire County Council (NCC), as advisor to South Northamptonshire Council, has required an evaluation of the proposal site as part of the consideration of the application.

John Moore Heritage Services (JMHS) was commissioned to undertake the trenching aspect of evaluation, and a *Written Scheme of Investigation* (JMHS 2015) was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the Assistant Archaeological Advisor of NCC. This *Written Scheme of Investigation* (WSI) proposed the methodology by which the archaeological field evaluation was to be carried out.

### **1.3 Archaeological Background**

The archaeological background has been covered in a Heritage Impact Assessment (JMHS 2015a). A geophysical survey has found anomalies that appear to represent field or enclosure boundaries along with some discrete features of probable archaeological origin (Stratascan 2015).

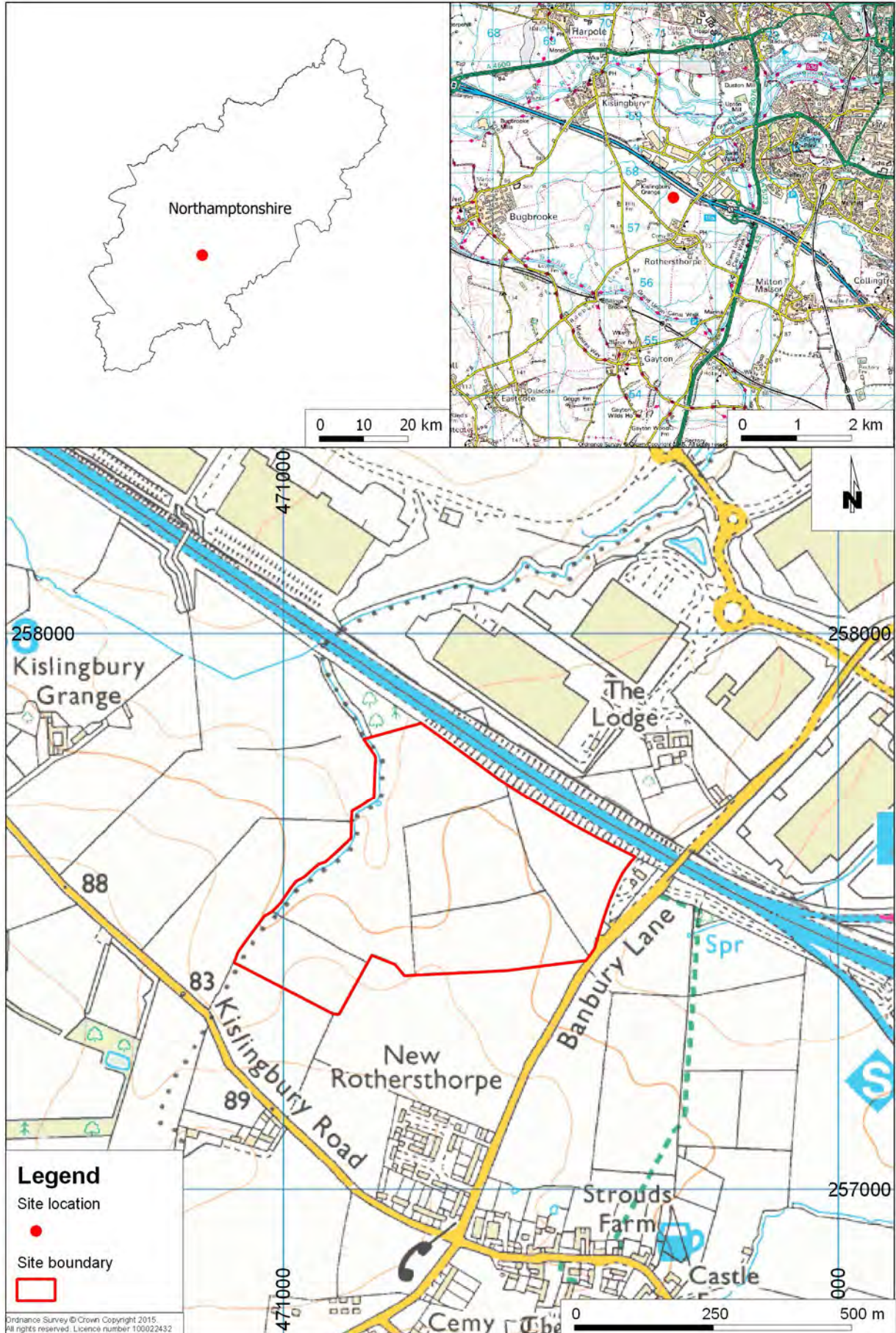


Figure 1: Site location

## **2 AIMS OF THE INVESTIGATION**

The aims of the investigation as laid out in the WSI were:

- To establish the presence/absence, date and degree of preservation of significant archaeological remains.
- To determine whether the geophysical anomalies are of an archaeological nature and to assess the character and extent of them.

## **3 STRATEGY**

### **3.1 Research Design**

In accordance with the WSI (JMHS 2015), JMHS carried out the work, which comprised a scheme for the mechanical excavation of 27 evaluation trenches across the site. Site procedures for the investigation and recording of potential archaeological deposits and features were defined in the WSI.

The recording was carried out in accordance with the standards specified by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (2014) and the principles of MoRPHE (English Heritage 2006).

### **3.2 Methodology**

A thirteen tonne excavator fitted with a toothless 1.8m wide ditching bucket was used to excavate the trenches; 23No. 30m x 1.80m wide trenches, 3No. 30m x 3.00m and 1No. 40m x 1.80m (Fig. 1).

Archaeological deposits and features revealed were then cleaned by hand and recorded at an appropriate level. Archaeological features had written, drawn and photographic records made of them, and all deposits and features were assigned individual context numbers. All artefacts were collected, analysed and not retained.

## **4 RESULTS**

### **4.1 Field Results**

All features were assigned individual context numbers. Context numbers with no brackets indicate feature cuts, numbers in round brackets ( ) show feature fills or deposits of material and numbers in bold indicate any form of masonry.

Detailed descriptions of deposits, individual features and their fills are given in the Context Inventory (see Appendix 1). Below is a general description of the archaeological results. No finds were recovered from deposits unless referred to in the text below.



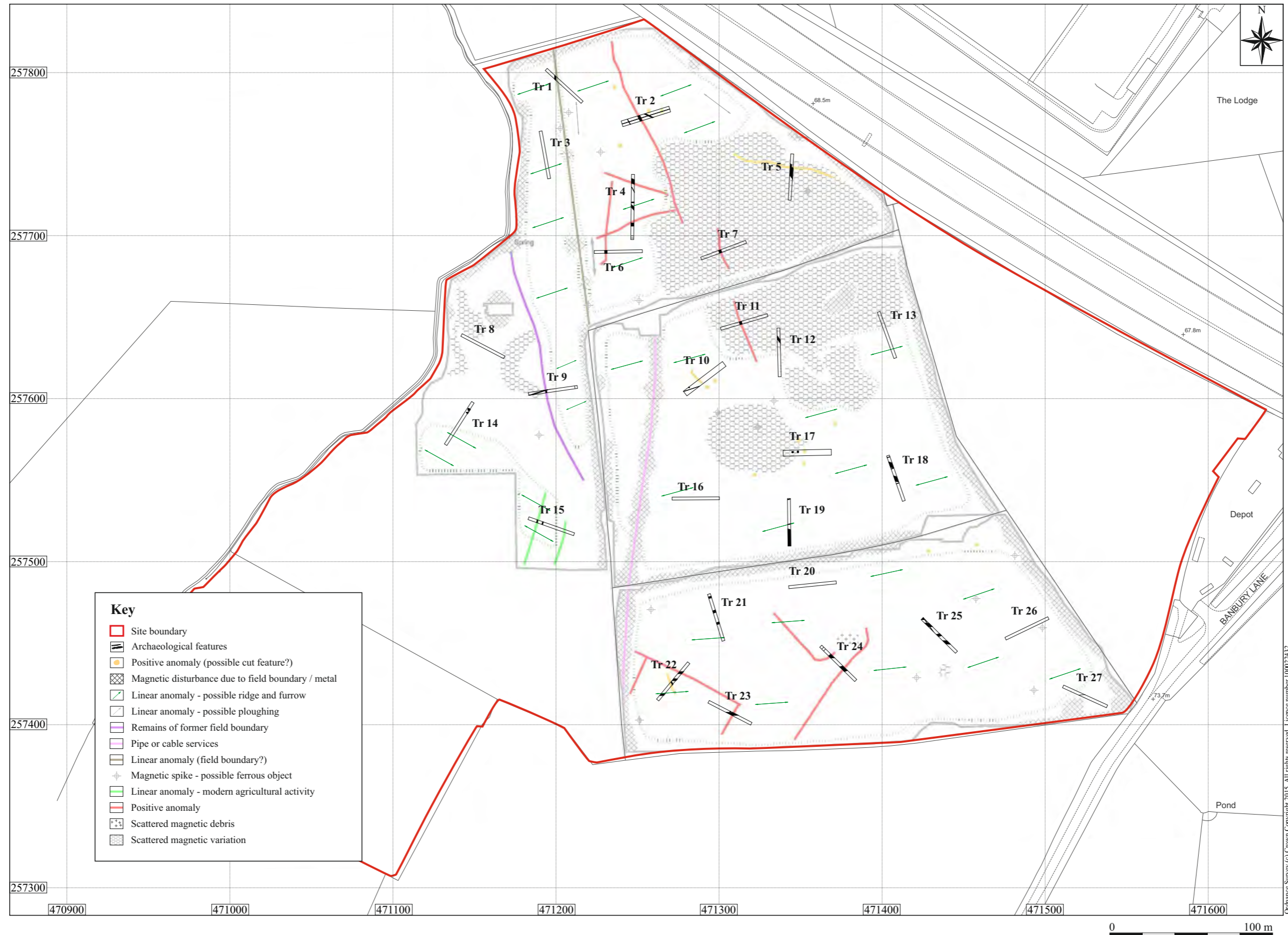


Figure 2: Trench location plan



## 4.2 Trenches 1-7, 10-13 (Figures 3-4)

Trench 1 contained a boundary ditch which had a modern fence pole and animal bone in its upper fill.

The geophysical survey found anomalies which were investigated by Trenches 2, 4 & 6. The large roughly north-south anomaly was found as ditch 2/06 that survived 80mm deep and was 1.12m wide with sides at 30° and a flat base. Fragments of animal bone were the only finds recovered. A shallow gully 2/04 on a NW-SE orientation lay to the east. This was 70mm deep and 300mm wide with a concave base. No archaeological finds were found in the gully. On the west side of the trench a modern land drain was found.

Trench 4 found the northern (NW-SE) anomaly in the 'triangle' as a probable furrow 4/12, 30mm deep and 2.86m wide. To the south of this was a modern land drain. In the centre of the trench was probable ditch 4/10 surviving 100mm deep and 900mm wide. To the north of this was a probable gully 4/08 on an E-W orientation. This was 500mm wide and 30mm deep. To the south of ditch 4/10 was ditch 4/07, 100mm deep and 1.90m wide containing later Neolithic pottery (4/06). This was on an E-W orientation and is in the position of the southern anomaly of the 'triangle'.

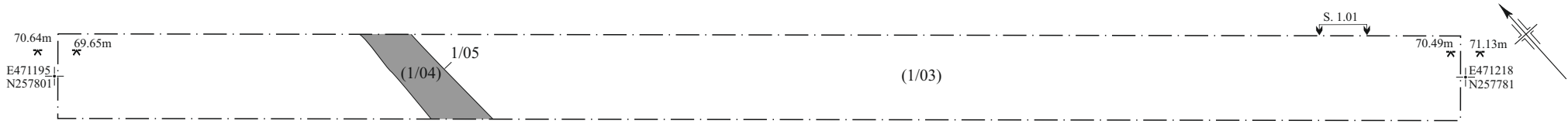
Trench 6 investigated the western anomaly of the 'triangle' finding probable ditch 6/05. This contained a flint flake and the probable ditch survived 90mm deep and 1.6m wide on a N-S axis.

Trenches 3 and 13 did not contain any visible archaeological remains. The anomaly shown as a possible cut feature in the geophysical survey that Trench 5 crossed was a variation in the natural geology.

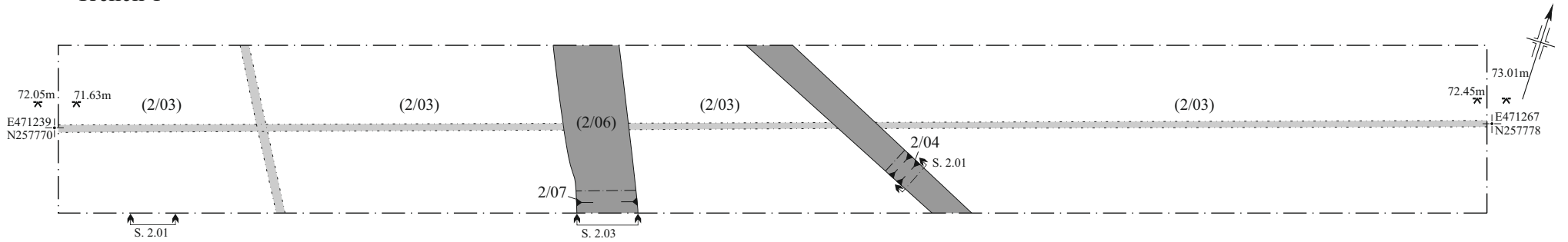
Trenches 7 & 11 investigated a broken anomaly found in the geophysical survey. A possible ditch surviving 60-100mm deep and 1.4-1.5m wide was found. This had sides at 30° from the horizontal and a rounded base although the latter was irregular in Trench 7.

A small pit 10/05 was located in Trench 10, presumably one of several such features as indicated by the geophysical survey. This was sub-circular in plan 520mm by 640mm in size and 400mm deep.

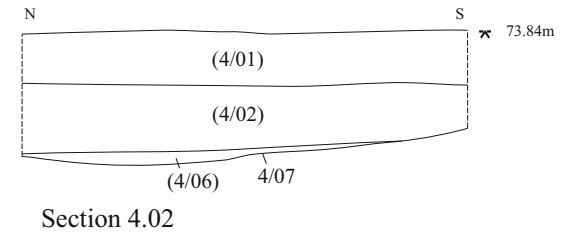
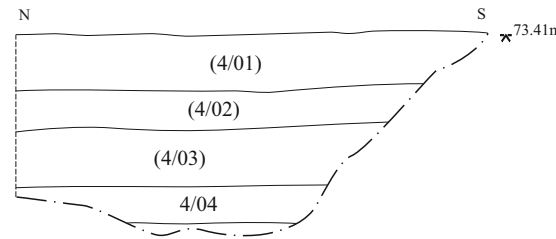
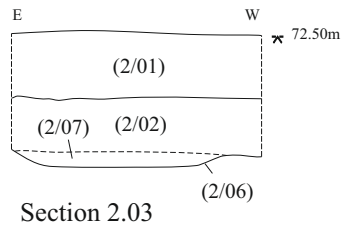
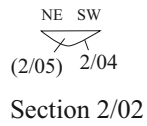
Trench 12 contained a ditch 12/05 containing several sherds of Neolithic pottery that probably all come from one vessel. The ditch was 60mm deep and 980mm wide with 30° sides and a slightly rounded base on a NW-SE orientation.



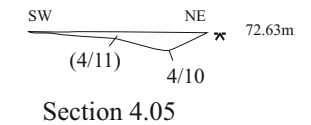
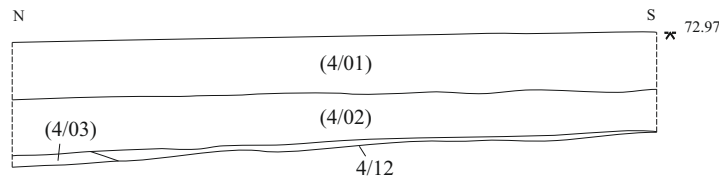
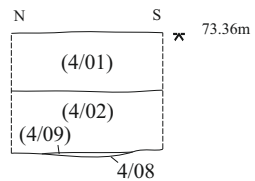
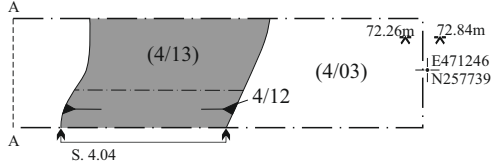
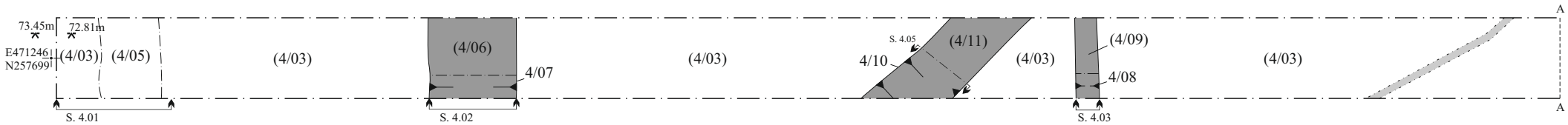
Trench 1



Trench 2



Trench 4



Key

- Feature, e.g. furrow
- Land drain

Section 4.03

Section 4.04

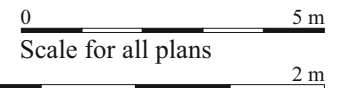
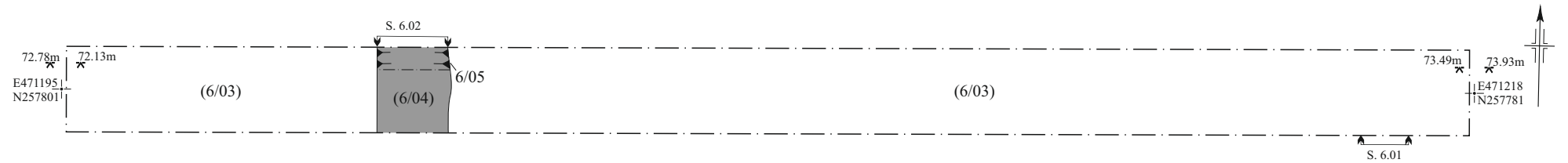
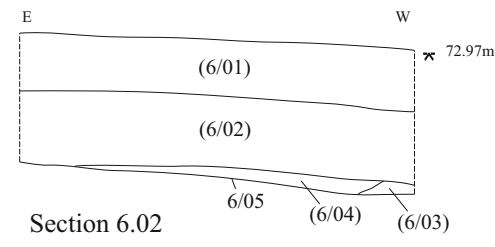


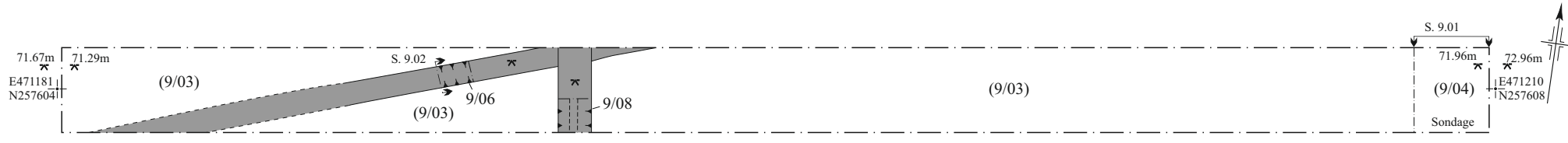
Figure 3: Trenches 1, 2 and 4 Plans and sections



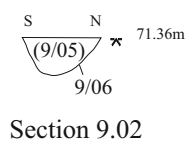
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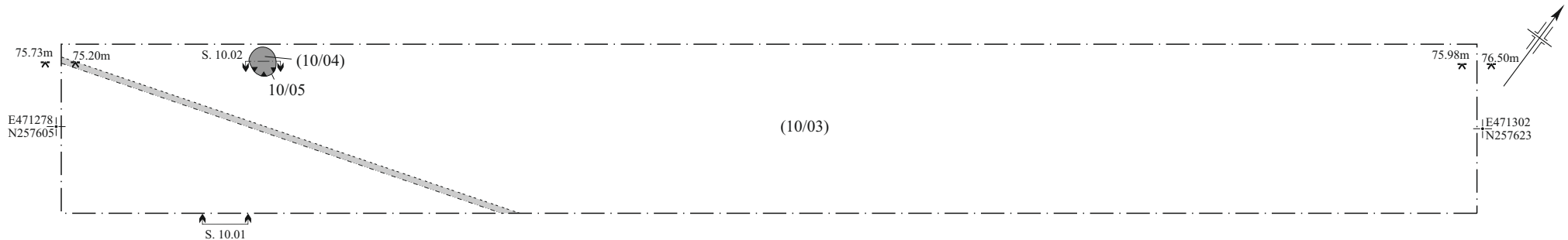
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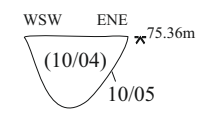
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Section 9.02



Trench 10



Section 10.02

**Key**  
 ■ Feature, e.g. furrow  
 ■ Land drain

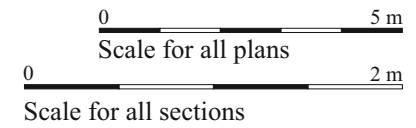


Figure 4: Trenches 6, 9 and 10 Plans and sections

### **4.3 Trenches 8-9, 14-15 (Figures 4-6)**

The geophysical survey 'remains of former field boundary' was a modern drain 9/08 from a spring at the northern end. This was established in Trench 9. The trench also contained a gully 9/06 that was 200mm deep and 450mm wide with sides at 60° and a rounded base on a WSW-ENE orientation.

Trench 14 contained parts of two probable pits or ditch terminals. The southern feature 14/07 does align with the gully in Trench 9. The pit/ditch terminal has a pointed west side extending into the trench by 1.3m. It was 1.6m wide and 200mm deep, much wider than the gully in Trench 9. It contained animal bone fragments. The other feature 14/05 extended into the trench by 1.5m. It was 50mm deep and 1.4m wide.

Trench 8 did not contain any archaeological remains.

Trench 15 contained a land drain 15/04 and a ditch 15/06. The latter survived 50mm deep and 650mm wide with sides at 30° and a flat base on a NNE-SSW orientation. It contained two sherds of possible medieval pottery (15/07)

### **4.4 Trenches 16-20 (Figure 6)**

Trenches 16 & 20 did not contain any archaeological remains.

Trench 17 contained a small discrete feature. This was a rectangular pit with rounded corners 17/05, 640mm x 980mm in plan and 280mm deep.

Two furrows were found in Trench 18. 18/04 was 3m wide and 120mm deep with possible medieval pottery and an iron nail found in its fill. Subsoil 18/02 contained a post-medieval sherd of pottery. A further furrow was found in Trench 19.

### **4.5 Trenches 21-27 (Figures 6-7)**

Trench 22 investigated a WNW-SSE geophysical anomaly which from the trenching evaluation is considered to be a furrow along with two further furrows to the south, all 1m – 1.8 m wide. An undated ditch 22/04, survived 180mm deep and 500mm wide on a NW-SE orientation. The SW side was at 30° while the NE side was at 60°.

Within Trench 23 the geophysical anomaly was not found. A furrow 23/07, 60mm deep and 1.9m wide was found. Beside it a natural feature 23/05 was located.

Trench 24 was positioned to investigate two geophysical anomalies. In the field both were considered to be furrows 24/04 & 24/05. The first was 100mm deep and 2.4m wide while the second was 80mm deep and 4m wide. Post-medieval pottery was recovered from 24/05. Further pottery of this date was found in the subsoil (24/02).

Three furrows 1m-1.6m wide were found in Trench 21. The space between them varied from 6m to 7.5m.

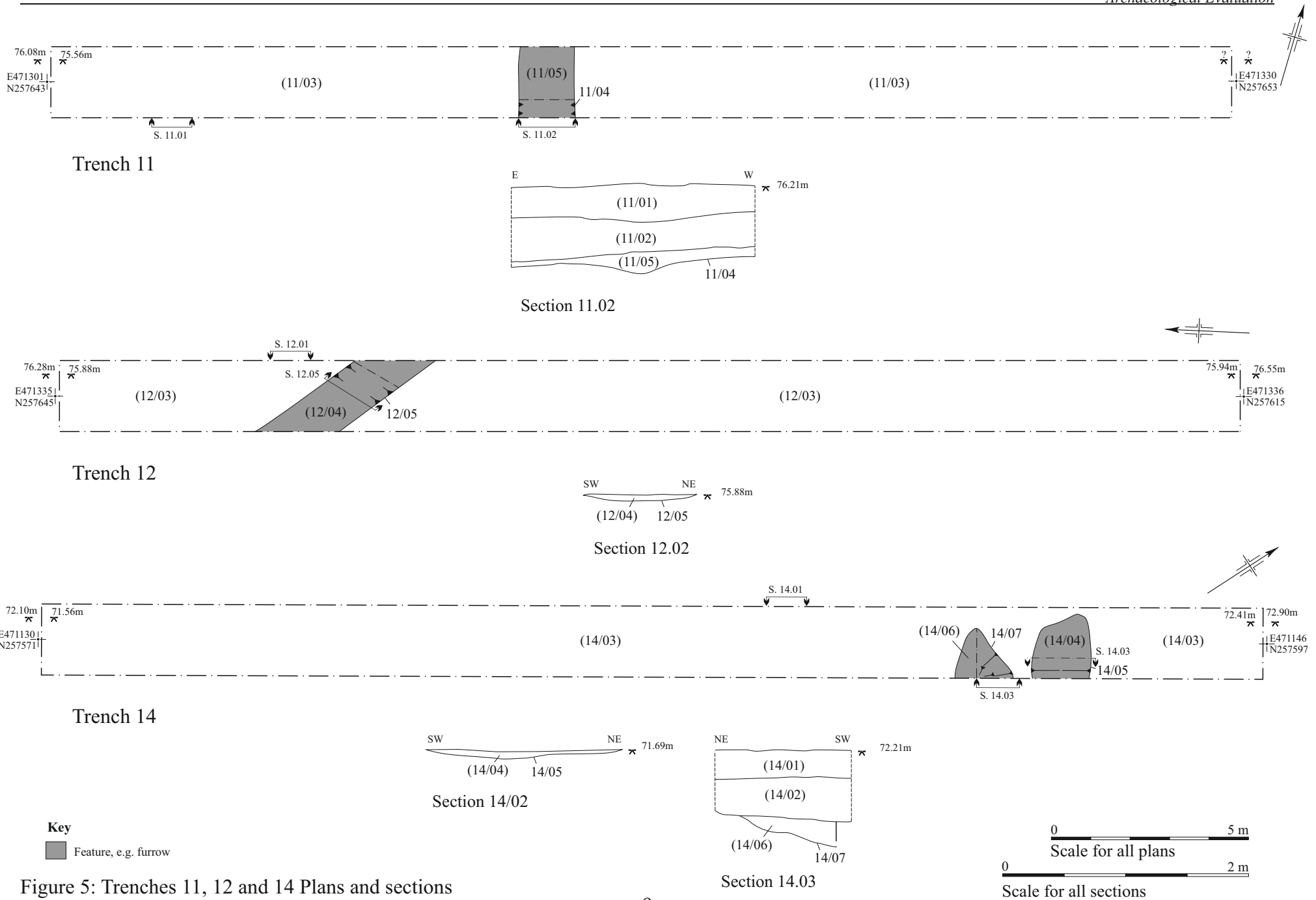
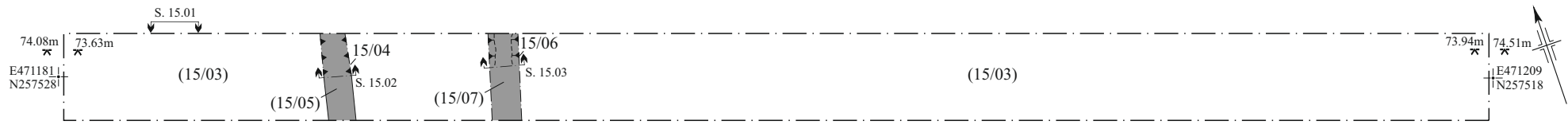
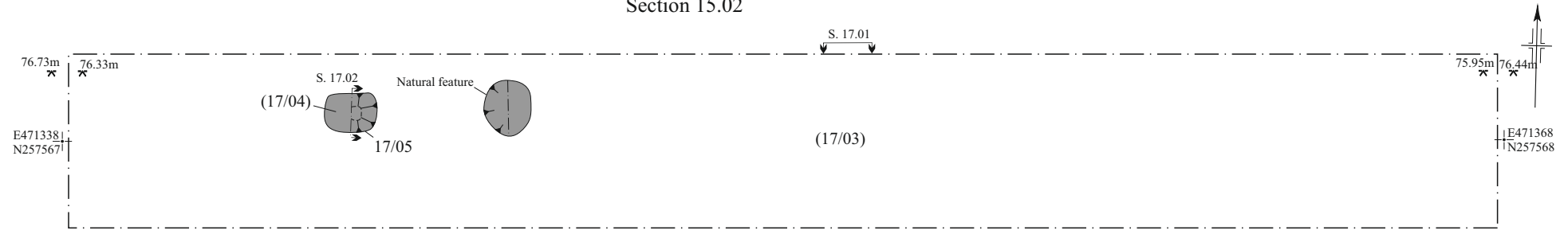
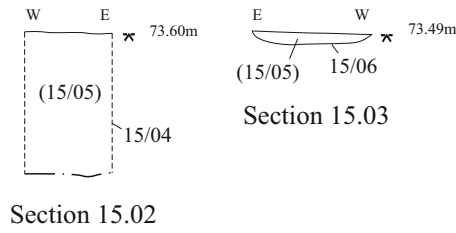


Figure 5: Trenches 11, 12 and 14 Plans and sections

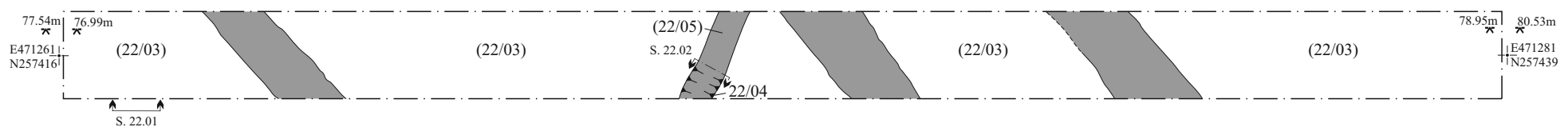
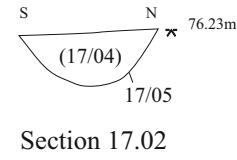




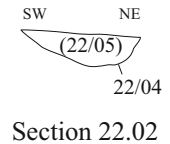
Trench 15



Trench 17



Trench 22



**Key**  
■ Feature, e.g. furrow

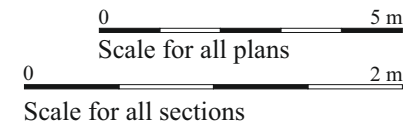


Figure 6: Trenches 15, 17 and 22 Plans and sections

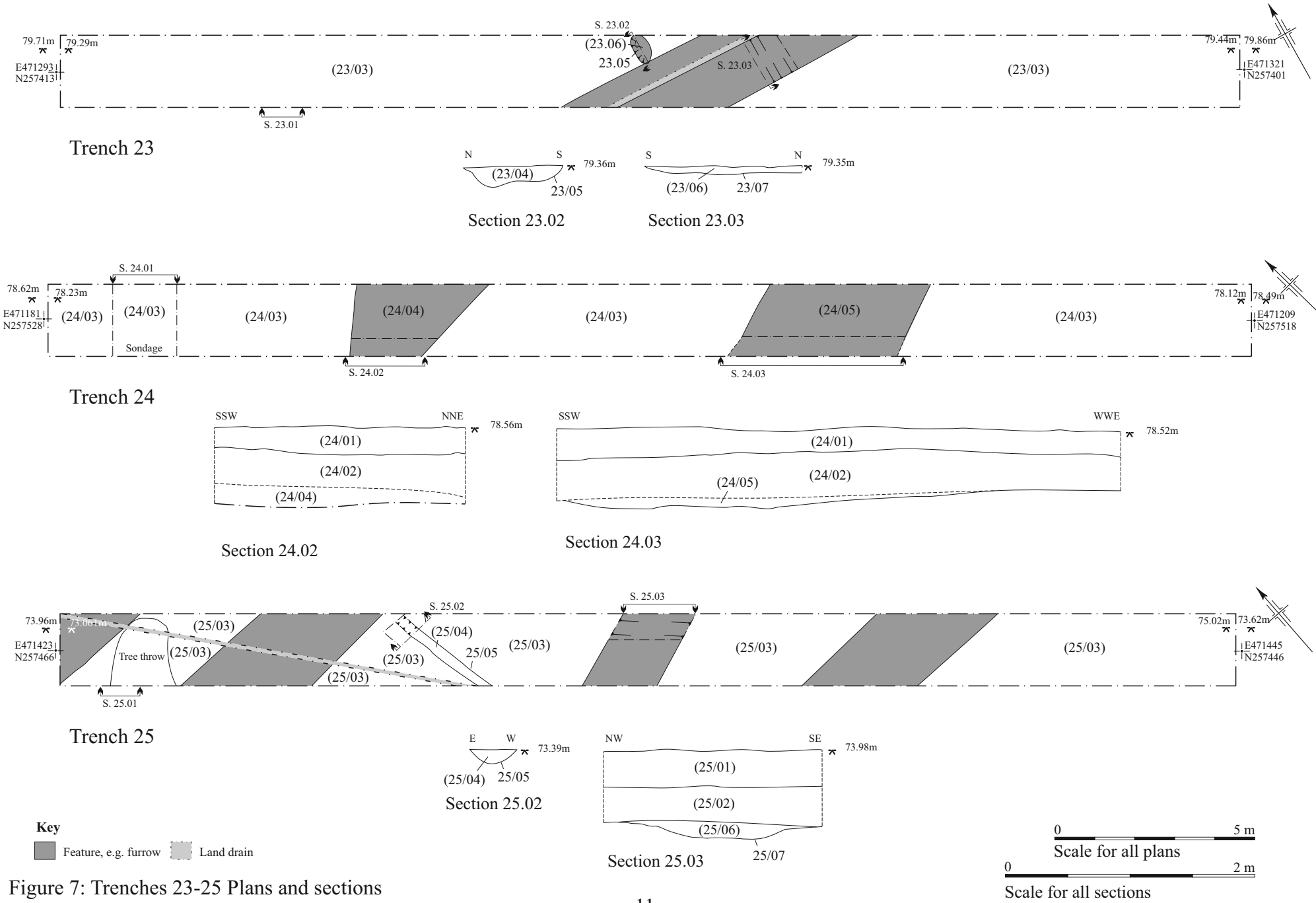


Figure 7: Trenches 23-25 Plans and sections

Four furrows 1.6-2.5m wide and a gully were found in Trench 25. The gully on a N-S alignment was 120mm deep and 300mm wide with sides at 45 degrees and a rounded base. A sherd of pottery of medieval date was recovered from the subsoil (25/02).

No archaeological remains were found in Trenches 26 & 27.

#### **4.6 Reliability of Results**

The reliability of results is considered not to be particularly good. The archaeological field evaluation took place in very dry weather conditions. After the trenches had been recorded and before the Assistant Archaeological Advisor of Northamptonshire County Council visited there was some rain that brought out some features. More prolonged rain may have revealed further features.

### **5 FINDS**

#### **5.1 Pottery by Jane Timby**

##### **5.1.1 Introduction and methodology**

The archaeological evaluation resulted in the recovery of a small group of 26 sherds of pottery weighing 155 g. The assemblage appears to include sherds of earlier prehistoric, medieval(?) and post-medieval date. In addition there are four fragments of ceramic building material (CBM) weighing 11 g.

The assemblage was sorted into fabrics based on the colour, texture and nature of the inclusions present in the clay and quantified by sherd count and weight for each recorded context. Freshly broken sherds, where these could be identified, were counted as single pieces. A summary of the main wares recorded can be found summarised in Table 1 by period along with a spot date.

Pottery was recovered from just seven trenches with a total nine contexts of which eight sherds came from subsoil levels and three sherds from probable furrows. The largest group of 21 fragments came from ditch 12/05.

In the following report the general composition of the assemblage is described by chronological period followed by an overall assessment of the potential of the material.

##### **5.1.2 Earlier prehistoric**

Approximately 72% of the assemblage, some 23 sherds, appears to belong to a phase of occupation dating the earlier prehistoric period, specifically the later Neolithic.

Most of the sherds, 21 in total although some are little more than small crumbs, came from the fill of ditch 12/5. The group includes one large rim fragment and a mixture of larger and smaller bodysherds which probably all come from one vessel. The sherds have diagonally placed impressed whipped cord (maggot) style decoration and

lines of impressed twisted cord decoration. The rim is shaped and folded over and probably comes from a carinated bowl.

The fabric has orange-brown surfaces with a black core and is extremely coarse and friable. It contains large voids from dissolved shell fragments and sparse fine quartz sand.

This style of pottery belongs to the later Neolithic impressed ware tradition which has a number of regional styles. The form of the rim and style of decoration suggests it belong to the Mortlake style, a sub-division of the Peterborough tradition thought to be in use by the end of the third millennium.

A further two small handmade sherds came from ditch 4/07 in a sandy fabric with black grog which are also of earlier prehistoric date and may be contemporary with the material from ditch 12/5, although the pieces are too small to be certain.

### **5.1.3 Medieval and later pottery**

There are four sherds present, all in oxidised sandy wares with no surface finish which could be Roman or medieval in date. These came from ditch 15/07 and furrow 18/04. The presence of a further sherd with traces of internal glaze from 25/2 which is more clearly of medieval date, suggests all these pieces should be regarded as post-Roman.

Also present are four sherds of post-medieval date; largely red earthenware with black iron glaze which could date from anytime from the 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> century on. Three of these came from sub-soil levels; one came from a furrow.

### **5.1.4 Ceramic building material**

Four fragments of probable medieval or post-medieval brick came from sub-soil 5/02.

### **5.1.5 Summary and potential**

The work produced a moderately small assemblage of pottery. The most significant group is that dating to the earlier prehistoric period and although fragmented the sherds are quite well preserved given their age suggesting there is potential for further material of this date from the site

The remaining assemblage appears to date to the medieval and post-medieval periods and is less well preserved. It is more suggestive of 'background' noise reflecting either manuring scatters or a proximity to later medieval or post-medieval occupation.

The Neolithic pottery should be seen and reported on in detail by an appropriate specialist at a later stage and placed into its local and regional context. The rim and two bodysherds could be illustrated.

The ceramic building material has not been retained.

## 5.2 Animal Remains (Table 1) by Andrej Čelovský

A total of 13 animal bone fragments, of a combined weight of 301g, were recovered during the evaluation from contexts (1/04), (2/07), (14/06) and (18/02). Bones recovered from contexts (1/04) and (18/02) were identified as remains of sheep or goat. A bone recovered from context (2/07) represents the upper part of a cow mandible and fragments of bones from the context (14/06) were not identifiable (Kasumally & Western 2002). No butchering marks were identified.

Context	Genus	No. of Items	Weight (g)	Type
1/04	Ovis	1	64	Ilium
1/04	Ovis	3	73	Tibia
2/07	Bos	1	16	Fragment of mandible
14/06	Unidentified Mammal	6	25	Unidentified bone
18/02	Ovis	1	123	Mandible with molars

Table 1: Animal remains

## 5.3 Metal Objects (Table 2) by Andrej Čelovský

Two iron nails and one copper alloy object were recovered from contexts (18/05), (25/02) and (25/06) during the evaluation.

Two very poorly preserved iron nails were identified as machine-cut with hand-hammered head late 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> century general purpose nails (Wells 1998). The copper alloy object (SF 1) represents a quarter of disc with two perforated lines on its circumference. It may possibly represent a fragment of a late medieval or early post-medieval compass (PAS ID WILT-627124).

Context	Material	Type	No. of Items	Weight (g)	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Diameter (mm)	Manufacture details	Date Range	Comments
18/05	Fe	General purpose nail	1	2	26	6	Head 12	Machine-cut square section, hand hammered T-head (?)	L18th/19th C.	Point not preserved. Heavily corroded
25/02 Δ1	Cu-alloy	Compass (?)	1	< 1	22	17	c. 40 (original)	Hammered (?)	L15th/16th C.	Quarter of disc with two perforated lines
25/06	Fe	General purpose nail	1	4	27	8	Head 12	Machine-cut square section, hand hammered T-head (?)	L18th/19th C.	Slightly curved. Point not preserved. Heavily corroded

Table 2: Metal Objects

## 5.4 Ceramic building material – CBM (Table 3) by Andrej Čelovský

The assemblage of CBM comprised two non-diagnostic fragments of CBM (23g) recovered from two contexts (Table ?).



Context	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Thickness (mm)	Weight (g)	Colour	Date
13/02	36	27	13	13	Light orange-brown	Post-medieval (?)
18/05	31	27	12	10	Light orange-brown	Post-medieval (?)

Table 3: Ceramic building material

### 5.5 Lithics by Andrej Čelovský

A fragment of prehistoric struck flint flake with a striking platform and bulb was recovered from context (6/04). It was 31mm long, 20mm wide and 3mm thick, and weighed less than 1g.

### 5.6 Palaeo-environmental Remains

No deposits suitable for palaeo-environmental analysis were identified, and no samples were taken.

## 6 DISCUSSION

Two ditches 4/07 and 12/05 were found to contain later Neolithic pottery. The two locations were *c.* 100m apart. The probable ditch in Trench 6, seen as a geophysical anomaly, must be considered to be possibly of this date with its flint flake found in the fill although this could be residual.

All other archaeological features excepting furrows from ridge and furrow agriculture were undated. These undated features included a ditch and gully in Trench 2, and a possible ditch in Trench 7 continuing into Trench 11.

On the west side of the site a gully was found in Trench 9 which lined up with a feature in Trench 14 where a probable pit was also found. A ditch with two sherds of possible medieval pottery was located in Trench 15.

A small pits was found in Trench 10 while A rectangular pit with rounded corners was present in Trench 17. These belong to several small discrete anomalies found in the geophysical survey.

A boundary ditch is recent use was found in Trench 1.

Trench 22 contained a ditch while a gully was found in Trench 25.

Furrows from ploughed out ridge and furrow agricultural practices were found in Trenches 18, 23, 24 and 25. Extant ridge and furrow remains on the west side of site (see JMHS 2015a, fig. 14). In the NW corner of the site the difference in height between the top of the ridges and the top of the furrows was *c.* 500mm while the difference was in the SW corner was *c.* 300mm. The depth of overburden above the extant furrows was *c.* 600mm in the NW part of the site while it was *c.* 550mm.

## 7 ARCHIVE

### Archive Contents

The archive consists of the following:

#### Paper record

The project brief  
Written Scheme of Investigation  
The project report  
The primary site record

#### Finds

Pottery  
Metal objects

The archive currently is maintained by John Moore Heritage Services and will be transferred to a suitable depository when one is available.

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Context	Type	Description	Depth	Width	Length	Findings	Interpretation	Date
<b>Trench 1 29.7m x 1.80m</b>								
1/01	Deposit	Grey-brown sandy silt with occasional stone inclusions	0.24m	>1.8m	>29.7m	-	Topsoil	-
1/02	Deposit	Yellow brown sandy silt with moderate flint & limestone inclusions	0.21m	>1.8m	>29.7m	-	Subsoil	-
1/03	Deposit	Yellow brown silt with moderate amounts limestone inclusions	-	>1.8m	>29.7m	-	Natural	-
1/04	Fill of 1/05	Grey-brown sandy silt with moderate inclusions of small limestone	unexcav	0.52m	2.33m	Fence pole, animal bone	Ditch fill	Probably Modern
1/05	Cut	Linear	unexcav	0.52m	2.33m		Boundary ditch	Probably Modern
<b>Trench 2 30.50m x 3.60m</b>								
2/01	Deposit	Grey-brown sandy silt with occasional stone inclusions	0.33m	>3.6m	>30.5m	-	Topsoil	-
2/02	Deposit	Yellow brown sandy silt with moderate flint & limestone inclusions	0.18m	>3.6m	>30.5m	-	Subsoil	-
2/03	Deposit	Yellow brown silt with moderate amounts limestone inclusions	-	>3.6m	>30.5m	-	Natural	-
2/04	Cut	Linear, shallow, concave base	0.07m	0.3m	>5m	-	Gully	Undated
2/05	Fill of 2/04	Mid red-brown sandy clay	0.07m	0.3m	>5m	-	Fill of gully	Undated
2/06	Cut	Linear, sides 30 degrees from the horizontal, flat base	0.08m	1.12m	>3.6m	-	Ditch	Undated
2/07	Fill of cut 2/06	Mid brown clayey silt with occasional small angular stones	0.08m	1.12m	>3.6m	Animal bone	Ditch fill	Probably Prehistoric
<b>Trench 3 29.50m x 1.80m</b>								
3/01	Deposit	Grey-brown sandy silt with occasional stone inclusions	0.30m	>1.8m	>29.5m	-	Topsoil	-
3/02	Deposit	Yellow brown sandy silt with moderate flint & limestone inclusions	0.30m	>1.8m	>29.5m	-	Subsoil	-
3/03	Deposit	Orange-brown silt with moderate inclusions of small angular stones & patches of limestone	-	>1.8m	>29.5m	-	Natural	-
<b>Trench 4 40m x 1.80m</b>								
4/01	Deposit	Grey-brown sandy silt with moderate stone inclusions	0.30m	>1.8m	>40m	-	Topsoil	-

4/02	Deposit	Yellow brown sandy silt with moderate flint & limestone inclusions	0.20m	>1.8m	>40m	-	Subsoil	-
4/03	Deposit	Mid brown yellow silt with frequent amounts limestone inclusions	0.40m	>1.8m	>40m	-	Upper Natural	-
4/04	Deposit	Light yellow clayey silt with rare inclusions of angular stones	0.20m	>1.8m	>40m	-	Mid Natural	-
4/05	Deposit	Mid yellow clayey silt with rare inclusions of angular stones	-	>1.8m	>40m	-	Lower Natural	-
4/06	Fill of 4/07	Mid brown silty clay with occasional limestone	0.10m	1.90m	>1.8m	Pottery	Fill of ditch	?Neolithic
4/07	Cut	Linear, gentle slopes, flat base	0.10	1.90m	>1.8m	-	Ditch	?Neolithic
4/08	Cut	Linear, 30-45 degree slopes, rounded base	0.03m	0.50m	>1.8m	-	Probable gully	Undated
4/09	Fill of 4/08	Mid brown clayey silt with rare inclusions of angular stone	0.03m	0.50m	>1.8m	-	Fill of probable gully	Undated
4/10	Cut	Linear, concave slopes, flat base disturbed by rooting	0.10m	0.90m	>2.5m	-	Probable ditch	Undated
4/11	Fill of 4/11	Mid brown clayey silt with occasional inclusions of small angular stones	0.10m	0.90m	>2.5m	-	Fill of probable ditch	Undated
4/12	Cut	Linear, flat base	0.03m	2.86m	>1.8m	-	Probable furrow	?medieval
4/13	Fill of 4/12	Grey-yellow clayey silt with moderate inclusions of small angular stones	0.03m	2.86m	>1.8m	-	Fill of probable furrow	?medieval
<b>Trench 5 28.3m x 1.80m</b>								
5/01	Deposit	Grey-brown-yellow sandy silt with moderate stone inclusions	0.28m	>1.8m	>28.3m	-	Topsoil	-
5/02	Deposit	Yellow brown sandy silt with moderate flint & limestone inclusions	0.12m	>1.8m	>28.3m	Pottery, CBM	Subsoil	Post-medieval
5/03	Deposit	Orange-yellow silt with frequent inclusions of small angular stones & patches of limestone	-	>1.8m	>28.3m	-	Natural	-
<b>Trench 6 29.4m x 1.80m</b>								
6/01	Deposit	Grey-brown-yellow sandy silt with moderate stone inclusions	0.28m	>1.8m	>29.4m	-	Topsoil	-
6/02	Deposit	Yellow brown sandy silt with moderate flint & limestone inclusions	0.18m	>1.8m	>29.4m	-	Subsoil	-
6/03	Deposit	Yellow-brown silt with frequent inclusions of small angular stones &	-	>1.8m	>29.4m	-	Natural	-

		patches of limestone							
6/04	Fill of 6/05	Mid yellow brown clayey silt with occasional inclusions of flint	0.09m	1.6m	>1.8m	Flint flake	Fill of probable ditch	Probably Prehistoric	
6/05	Cut	Linear, shallow sides, slightly rounded base	0.09m	1.6m	>1.8m	-/	Probable ditch	Probably Prehistoric	
<b>Trench 7 29.3m x 1.80m</b>									
7/01	Deposit	Grey-brown-yellow sandy silt with moderate stone inclusions	0.23m	>1.8m	>29.3m	-	Topsoil	-	
7/02	Deposit	Yellow brown sandy silt with moderate flint & limestone inclusions	0.28m	>1.8m	>29.3m	-	Subsoil	-	
7/03	Deposit	Orange-brown silt with frequent inclusions of small angular stones & patches of limestone	-	>1.8m	>29.3m	-	Natural	-	
7/04	Fill of &/05	Mid brown clayey silt with moderate inclusions of small angular stones	0.06m	1.50m	>1.8m	-	Fill of possible ditch	Undated	
7/05	Cut	Linear, shallow sides, slightly rounded and irregular base	0.06m	1.50m	>1.8m	-	Possible ditch	Undated	
<b>Trench 8 29.5m x 1.80m</b>									
8/01	Deposit	Grey-brown-yellow sandy silt with occasional stone inclusions	0.30m	>1.8m	>29.5m	-	Topsoil	-	
8/02	Deposit	Dark yellow clay	0.24m	>1.8m	>29.5m	-	Upper natural	-	
8/03	Deposit	Grey clay with moderate inclusions of small angular stones & patches of limestone	0.16m	>1.8m	>29.5m	-	Mid Natural	-	
8/04	Deposit	Yellow silty clay with rare inclusions of small angular stones	-	>1.8m	>29.5m	-	Lower Natural	-	
<b>Trench 9 30.2m x 2m</b>									
9/01	Deposit	Grey-brown-yellow sandy silt with occasional stone inclusions	0.30m	>1.8m	>30.2m	-	Topsoil	-	
9/02	Deposit	Brown-yellow sandy silt with occasional inclusions of small angular stones	0.20m	>1.8m	>30.2m	-	Subsoil	-	
9/03	Deposit	Brown-yellow clayey silt with moderate inclusions of small angular stones & patches of limestone	0.45m	>1.8m	>30.2m	-	Upper Natural	-	
9/04	Deposit	Brown-yellow clay silt with rare inclusions of small angular stones	-	>1.8m	>30.2m	-	Lower Natural	-	



9/05	Fill of 9/06	Mid grey sandy clay with occasional flint	0.2m	0.45m	>4.9m	-	Fill of gully	Undated
9/06	Cut	Linear, 60 degree sides, rounded base	0.2m	0.45m	>4.9m	-	Gully	Undated
<b>Trench 10 30m x 3.6m</b>								
10/01	Deposit	Grey-brown-yellow sandy silt with occasional stone inclusions	0.26m	>3.6m	>30m	-	Topsoil	-
10/02	Deposit	Yellow sandy silt with frequent inclusions of small angular stones	0.24m	>3.6m	>30m	-	Subsoil	-
10/03	Deposit	Brown-yellow sandy silt with frequent inclusions of small angular stones & patches of limestone	-	>3.6m	>30m	-	Natural	-
10/04	Fill of 10/05	Mid brown silt with rare inclusions of small angular limestone	0.40m	0.52m	0.64m	-	Fill of small pit	Undated
10/05	Cut	Sub-circular, 60 degree sides small rounded base	0.40m	0.52m	0.64m		Small pit	Undated
<b>Trench 11 29.9m x 1.8m</b>								
11/01	Deposit	Grey-brown-yellow sandy silt with moderate stone inclusions	0.22m	>1.8m	>29.9m	-	Topsoil	-
11/02	Deposit	Yellow sandy silt with moderate inclusions of small angular stones	0.40m	>1.8m	>29.9m	-	Subsoil	-
11/03	Deposit	Orange-yellow sandy silt with frequent inclusions of small angular stones & patches of limestone	-	>1.8m	>29.9m	-	Natural	-
11/04	Cut	Linear, 30 degree sides, rounded base	0.1m	1.4m	>1.8m		Possible ditch	Undated
11/05	Fill of 11/04	Mid brown silty clay with rare limestone inclusions	0.1m	1.4m	>1.8m		Fill of possible ditch	Undated
<b>Trench 12 29.8m x 1.8m</b>								
12/01	Deposit	Grey-brown-sandy silt with moderate stone inclusions	0.28m	>1.8m	>29.8m	-	Topsoil	-
12/02	Deposit	Yellow sandy silt with frequent inclusions of small angular stones	0.29m	>1.8m	>29.8m	-	Subsoil	-
12/03	Deposit	Orange-yellow silt with frequent inclusions of small angular stones & patches of limestone	-	>1.8m	>29.8m	-	Natural	-
12/04	Fill of 12/05	Yellow-brown clayey silt with occasional small angular stones	0.06m	0.98m	>2.87m	Pottery	Fill of ditch	Later Neolithic

12/05	Cut	Linear, sides 30 degrees, slightly rounded base	0.06m	0.98m	>2.87m		Ditch	Later Neolithic
<b>Trench 13 30m x 1.8m</b>								
13/01	Deposit	Grey-brown sandy silt with moderate stone inclusions	0.26m	>1.8m	>30m	-	Topsoil	-
13/02	Deposit	Yellow sandy silt with frequent inclusions of small angular stones	0.27m	>1.8m	>30m	CBM	Subsoil	-
13/03	Deposit	Orange-yellow silt with frequent inclusions of small angular stones & patches of limestone	-	>1.8m	>30m	-	Natural	-
<b>Trench 14 29.8m x 1.8m</b>								
14/01	Deposit	Grey-brown sandy silt with occasional stone inclusions	0.25m	>1.8m	>29.8m	-	Topsoil	-
14/02	Deposit	Brown-yellow sandy silt with occasional inclusions of small angular stones	0.16m	>1.8m	>29.8m	-	Subsoil	-
14/03	Deposit	Dark yellow silt with frequent inclusions of small angular stones & patches of limestone	-	>1.8m	>29.8m	-	Natural	-
14/04	Fill of 14/05	Dark brown silty clay with some charcoal flecks and rare small stones	0.05m	1.4m	>1.5m	-	Fill of pit	Undated
14/05	Cut	Oval, sides ten degrees, slightly rounded base	0.05m	1.4m	>1.5m	-	Probable pit	Undated
14/06	Fill of 14/07	Dark grey-brown sandy clay with occasional small flint	0.20m	1.6m	>1.3m	Animal bone fragments	Fill of pit	Undated
14/07	Cut	Sub-oval, sides north side varied	0.20m	1.6m	>1.3m	-	Probable pit	Undated
<b>Trench 15 29.6m x 1.8m</b>								
15/01	Deposit	Grey-brown sandy silt with occasional stone inclusions	0.35m	>1.8m	>29.6m	-	Topsoil	-
15/02	Deposit	Brown-yellow sandy silt with occasional inclusions of small angular stones	0.19m	>1.8m	>29.6m	-	Subsoil	-
15/03	Deposit	Mid brown-yellow silt with frequent inclusions of small angular stones & patches of limestone	-	>1.8m	>29.6m	-	Natural	-
15/04	Cut	Linear, vertical sides	>0.75m	0.5m	>1.8m	-	Drain	Modern
15/05	Fill of 15/04	Dark brown silty clay with some charcoal flecks and rare small stones	>0.75m	0.5m	>1.8m	-	Fill of drain	Modern

15/06	Cut	Linear, sides 30 degrees	0.05m	0.65m	>1.8m	-	Ditch	?Medieval
15/07	Fill of 15/06	Mid brown silty clay with occasional limestone	0.05m	0.65m	>1.8m	Pottery	Fill of ditch	?Medieval
<b>Trench 16 29m x 1.8m</b>								
16/01	Deposit	Grey-brown sandy silt with occasional stone inclusions	0.21m	>1.8m	>29m	-	Topsoil	-
16/02	Deposit	Brown-yellow sandy silt with occasional inclusions of small angular stones	0.25m	>1.8m	>29m	-	Subsoil	-
16/03	Deposit	Orange-yellow sandy silt with frequent inclusions of small angular stones & patches of limestone	-	>1.8m	>29m	-	Natural	-
<b>Trench 17 29.4m x 3.5m</b>								
17/01	Deposit	Yellow-brown sandy silt with rare stone inclusions	0.22m	>3.5m	>29.4m	-	Topsoil	-
17/02	Deposit	Brown-yellow sandy silt with moderate inclusions of small angular stones	0.30m	>3.5m	>29.4m	-	Subsoil	-
17/03	Deposit	Dark orange-yellow sandy silt with frequent inclusions of small angular stones & patches of limestone	-	>3.5m	>29.4m	-	Natural	-
17/04	Fill of 17/05	Orange-brown clayey silt with moderate inclusions of stone	0.28m	0.64m	0.98m	-	Fill of pit	Undated
17/05	Cut	Rectangular with rounded corners	0.28m	0.64m	0.98m	-	Pit	Undated
<b>Trench 18 29.5m x 1.8m</b>								
18/01	Deposit	Orange-yellow sandy silt with rare stone inclusions	0.24m	>1.8m	>29.5m	-	Topsoil	-
18/02	Deposit	Yellow-brown sandy silt with frequent inclusions of small angular stones	0.22m	>1.8m	>29.5m	Pottery, animal bone	Subsoil	Post-medieval
18/03	Deposit	Orange-yellow sandy silt with frequent inclusions of small angular stones & patches of limestone	-	>1.8m	>29.5m	-	Natural	-
18/04	Cut	Linear, S side 10 degrees, N side 30 degrees, flat base	0.12m	3m	>1.8m	-	Furrow	?medieval
18/05	Fill of 18/04	Mid brown, silty clay with rare inclusions of stone	0.12m	3m	>1.8m	Pottery, Fe-nail	Fill of furrow	?medieval
<b>Trench 19 29.3m x 1.8m</b>								
19/01	Deposit	Grey-yellow sandy silt with rare stone	0.30m	>1.8m	>29.3m	-	Topsoil	-

		inclusions						
19/02	Deposit	Brown-yellow sandy silt with rare inclusions of small angular stones	0.22m	>1.8m	>29.3m	-	Subsoil	-
19/03	Deposit	Orange-yellow sandy silt with rare inclusions of small angular stones & patches of limestone	-	>1.8m	>29.3m	-	Natural	-
19/04	Deposit	Brown-yellow sandy silt (more clayey than 19/03) with frequent inclusions of small angular stones	-	>1.8m	>29.3m		Natural	-
<b>Trench 20 29.5m x 1.8m</b>								
20/01	Deposit	Mid brown sandy silt with occasional stone inclusions	0.14m	>1.8m	>29.5m	-	Topsoil	-
20/02	Deposit	Yellow-brown sandy silt with occasional inclusions of small angular stones	0.12m	>1.8m	>29.5m	-	Subsoil	-
20/03	Deposit	Mid yellow sandy silt with frequent inclusions of small angular stones & patches of limestone	-	>1.8m	>29.5m	-	Natural	-
<b>Trench 21 29.8m x 1.8m</b>								
21/01	Deposit	Mid grey-brown sandy silt with occasional stone inclusions	0.22m	>1.8m	>29.5m	-	Topsoil	-
21/02	Deposit	Yellow-brown sandy silt with occasional inclusions of small angular stones	0.17m	>1.8m	>29.5m	-	Subsoil	-
21/03	Deposit	Mid brown-yellow sandy silt with occasional inclusions of small angular stones & patches of limestone	-	>1.8m	>29.5m	-	Natural	-
21/04	Deposit	Orange-yellow sandy silt with frequent inclusions of angular stone	-	>1.8m	>29.5m		Natural	
<b>Trench 22 29.7m x 1.8m</b>								
22/01	Deposit	Mid grey-brown sandy silt with occasional stone inclusions	0.30m	>1.8m	>29.7m	-	Topsoil	-
22/02	Deposit	Yellow-brown sandy silt with occasional inclusions of small angular stones	0.24m	>1.8m	>29.7m	-	Subsoil	-
22/03	Deposit	Mid yellow sandy silt with frequent inclusions of small angular stones & patches of limestone	-	>1.8m	>29.7m	-	Natural	-
22/04	Cut	Linear, SW side 30 degrees, NE side 60 degrees	0.18m	0.50m	>1.9m	-	Ditch	Undated

22/05	Fill of 22/04	Yellow-brown sandy silt with occasional inclusions of small stones	0.18m	0.50m	>1.9m		Fill of ditch	Undated
<b>Trench 23 30m x 1.8m</b>								
23/01	Deposit	Mid grey-brown sandy silt with occasional stone inclusions	0.25m	>1.8m	>30m	-	Topsoil	-
23/02	Deposit	Yellow-brown sandy silt with occasional inclusions of small angular stones	0.20m	>1.8m	>30m	-	Subsoil	-
23/03	Deposit	Mid yellow silt with frequent inclusions of small angular stones & patches of limestone	-	>1.8m	>30m	-	Natural	-
23/04	Fill of 23/05	Yellow-brown silt with occasional small rounded stones	0.11m	0.5m	0.76m	-	Fill of natural feature	
23/05	Cut	Oval, 60 degree sides, irregular base	0.11m	0.5m	0.76m	-	Natural feature	
23/06	Fill of 23/07	Yellow-grey silty clay with occasional inclusions of small angular stones	0.06m	1.90m	>4m	-	Fill of furrow	
23/07	Cut	Linear, sides 15 degrees, flat base	0.06m	1.90m	>4m	-	Furrow	
<b>Trench 24 30m x 1.8m</b>								
24/01	Deposit	Mid grey-brown sandy silt with occasional stone inclusions	0.26m	>1.8m	>30m	-	Topsoil	-
24/02	Deposit	Yellow-brown sandy silt with occasional inclusions of small angular stones	0.32m	>1.8m	>30m	Pottery	Subsoil	Post-medieval
24/03	Deposit	Mid yellow sandy silt with occasional inclusions of small angular stones & patches of limestone	-	>1.8m	>30m	-	Natural	-
24/04	Deposit	Yellow-brown silty clay with occasional inclusions of small angular stones & patches of limestone	0.1m	2.4m	>1.8m	-	Probable fill of furrow	
24/05	Deposit	Yellow-brown silty clay with occasional inclusions of small angular stones & patches of limestone	0.08m	4m	>1.8m	Pottery	Probable fill of furrow	Post-medieval
<b>Trench 25 29.3m x 1.8m</b>								
25/01	Deposit	Mid grey-brown sandy silt with occasional stone inclusions	0.25m	>1.8m	>29.3m	-	Topsoil	-
25/02	Deposit	Yellow-brown sandy silt with occasional inclusions of small angular stones	0.15m	>1.8m	>29.3m	Pottery, Cu Alloy Object	Subsoil	?medieval
25/03	Deposit	Mid yellow sandy silt with occasional inclusions of small angular stones &	-	>1.8m	>29.3m	-	Natural	-

		patches of limestone						
25/04	Fill of 25/05	Yellow-brown silty clay with occasional stone inclusions	0.12m	0.30m	>2.8m	-	Fill of gully	
25/05	Cut	Linear, sides 45 degrees, rounded base	0.12m	0.30m	>2.8m	-	Gully	Undated
25/06	Fill of 25/07	Mid brown silty clay	0.18m	1.4m	>2.7m	Fe-nail	Fill of furrow	
25/07	Cut	Linear	0.18m	1.4m	>2.7m	-	Furrow	
<b>Trench 26 29.3m x 1.8m</b>								
26/01	Deposit	Yellow-brown sandy silt with occasional stone inclusions	0.28m	>1.8m	>29.3m	-	Topsoil	-
26/02	Deposit	Brown-yellow sandy silt with occasional inclusions of small angular stones	0.15m	>1.8m	>29.3m	-	Subsoil	-
26/03	Deposit	Mid yellow sandy silt with occasional inclusions of small angular stones & patches of limestone	-	>1.8m	>29.3m	-	Natural	-
<b>Trench 27 29.6m x 1.8m</b>								
27/01	Deposit	Mid brown silty sand with occasional stone inclusions	0.30m	>1.8m	>29.6m	-	Topsoil	-
27/02	Deposit	Brown-yellow silty sand with occasional inclusions of small angular stones	-	>1.8m	>29.6m	-	Natural	-