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#### **Summary**

Wessex Archaeology was commissioned by Paragon Community Housing Group to carry out an archaeological evaluation of land situated south-east of Franklands Drive, Addlestone, Surrey. Planning consent for residential redevelopment of the Site has already been granted, but the evaluation was required by Surrey County Council's Archaeology section to obtain sufficient information regarding the Site's archaeological resource and potential to determine the need for, and scale of any further archaeological mitigation.

Seventy archaeological trial trenches were excavated. Most of the trenches were archaeologically blank, although significant archaeological remains, were identified at a number of locations across the Site. These included pits of Prehistoric date (amongst which were three small features in **Trench 41**, all containing Middle Bronze Age pottery), two Roman cremation burials (one urned, the other unurned) and a number of poorly or entirely undated ditches. Evidence for post-medieval agricultural land-division was also recorded.

The evaluation clearly demonstrated that an area of the Site known to have been prepared for quarrying in the early 1940s, but evidently never exploited, has retained its archaeological potential.

A combination of site constraints made it impossible to evaluate the garden and associated grounds of Park Farm (six proposed trench locations). To the south east, an additional area (upon which four proposed trenches were originally) could not be trenched as it lay under a birch plantation.

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### 1 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Project Background

1.1.1 Wessex Archaeology was commissioned by Paragon Community Housing Group to carry out a programme of archaeological evaluation on land south-east of Franklands Drive, Addlestone, Surrey (hereafter 'the Site'), centred on National Grid Reference (NGR) 504075 163326, (see **Figure 1**). The evaluation was required in respect of proposals to develop the Site for residential housing.

1.1.2 Although there is an existing planning consent for the development, additional information was required by Surrey County Council's Archaeology Section (in their role as archaeological advisors to Runnymede District Council) with regard to the extent, nature and significance of the Site's archaeological resource and potential, in order to allow an appropriate archaeological mitigation strategy to be devised.

#### 1.2 Site location, topography and geology

1.2.1 The Site lies some 0.25 km west of the M25 motorway, south-west of Addlestone, between Row Town and New Haw. It is bounded to the north by existing residential housing and to the south by open pasture.

1.2.2 The Site as a whole occupies some 22.5 hectares, although some areas are wooded and defined as a SANG (Suitably Accessible Natural Green space). Central parts of the Site (all now also wooded) were quarried for aggregate in the first half of the twentieth century (see **Figure 1**). The southern extremity of this quarried area contains an artificial pond, which is apparently heavily contaminated by (unspecified) hazardous waste.

1.2.3 Air-photographic evidence suggests that the south-western corner of the Site was readied for quarrying during 1941-42 (Wessex Archaeology 2008, see **Figure 1**), although the current evaluation has shown that, over significant parts of this zone, these preparations have had no appreciable impact on sub-surface archaeological levels, and can have comprised little (if anything) more than ground-clearance or limited stripping of topsoil.

1.2.4 The majority of the Site rests on variable composed sandy- and gravelly drift, classified by the Geological Survey of Great Britain (England and Wales) as part of the Lower Quaternary Boyne Hill Gravel terrace. Below these superficial deposits, solid geology comprises Tertiary Bagshot Beds (GSGBEW 1981).

### 1.3 Archaeological background

1.3.1 A desk-based assessment of the Site (JSAC 1998) presented data held (at the time) by the National Monuments Record and the Surrey Sites and Monuments Record, along with a historic map-regression exercise, which discussed the Site's wider archaeological background and potential. These comprise in summary of the following:

- No archaeological sites or significant find spots were known within or immediately adjacent to the Site prior to the commencement of fieldwork.
- Late Bronze Age and Iron Age occupation is known from the area, with hill forts at St. Anne's Hill in Chertsey and St. George's Hill in Weybridge. Individual artefacts including Neolithic and Middle Bronze Age axes have been located in Addlestone.
- Cropmarks indicative of remains dated to the Roman period have been identified some 0.65km south-east of the Site.
- A medieval moat (now surrounding a nineteenth century farmhouse) is located c. 0.5km to the east.
- Historic mapping up to 1870 indicates that the Site was under agricultural land use in the post-medieval period, divided by a number of field-boundaries. By the late nineteenth century, these boundaries appear to have been removed to create parkland around a large house (*Coombelands*), formerly situated immediately north-east of the Site.
- Cartographic evidence also indicates that the quarrying within the central part of the Site probably post-dates 1914, and was well-advanced by 1935 (JSAC 1998).

### 1.4 Project objectives

1.4.1 The objectives of the evaluation were laid out in the *Written Scheme of Investigation*. These were to:

- Determine the presence or absence of a former buried ground surface and archaeological remains beneath the Site, or parts of the Site and, where present, determine the extent, nature, date and importance of the archaeological remains
- Establish the extent of existing impacts on the Site, in particular of the former reservoirs work undertaken to prepare areas for quarrying.
- Provide information that may be used to determine the subsequent treatment of archaeological remains within the Site in light of the existing permission for its development (Wessex Archaeology 2008, 5).



## **2 EVALUATION METHODS**

### **2.1 Introduction**

2.1.1 All work undertaken was carried out in accordance with the *Written Scheme of Investigation* (WSI, Wessex Archaeology 2008) and the requirements of Surrey County Council's Heritage Conservation Group, in conjunction with the guidance and standards outlined in the Institute of Field Archaeologists' *Standards and Guidance for Archaeological Field Evaluations* (Revised 1999).

2.1.2 The evaluation was undertaken between September and October 2008 and a second phase in October 2009.

### **2.2 Health and safety**

2.2.1 Health and Safety considerations were of paramount importance in conducting all fieldwork. Safe working practices took preference over archaeological considerations at all times.

2.2.2 All work was carried out in accordance with the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and the Management of Health and Safety Regulations 1992, and all other relevant Health and Safety legislation, regulations and codes of practice in force at the time.

### **2.3 Service Location**

2.3.1 Trial trench locations were scanned before and (where necessary during) excavation with a Cable Avoidance Tool (CAT) to verify the absence of any live underground services. Additionally the Site was visually inspected prior to excavation for any evidence of buried services not otherwise amenable to electronic scanning.

### **2.4 Constraints**

#### ***Absolute constraints***

2.4.1 Two discrete groups of trenches (six trenches in total) could not be opened, owing to insurmountable on-site constraints (see **Figure 1** for locations):

- *Proposed Trenches 46, 47 and 48* lay beneath mature tree-cover, in an area which had already been subject to aggregate quarrying.
- *Proposed Trenches 9, 21 and 22* lay in ecologically uncleared zones, woodland, or within the immediate garden of Park Farm house. Although this property forms part of the proposed redevelopment area, it was occupied as a private residence at the time of evaluation.

#### ***Constraints***

2.4.2 Prior to start of archaeological fieldwork, a destructive ecological survey was commissioned by the Client across the majority of the Site's non-wooded areas. It was indicated by the Client's plant-operator, however, that the Local Planning Authority required a c 4m easement of uncleared land to be left outside the edge of any mature tree-canopies. Where proposed

trench positions conflicted with ecologically uncleared areas, trenches were shifted accordingly.

- 2.4.3 Within the ecologically cleared zones, topsoil and former vegetation cover had been stored in innumerable piles and rows, sometimes up to c. 2.5 – 3m high (see rear cover). Minor repositioning/re-alignment of some trenches was also undertaken to reduce the amount of soil double-handling necessary to open the evaluation trenches.

## **2.5 Fieldwork**

- 2.5.1 End-points of trenches were established in the field using Leica® 1200 Series GPS equipment. As stated above, where necessary, these locations were then modified in response to local ground conditions and/or constraints (**Figures 1-3**).
- 2.5.2 All trenches were opened using a 13 tonne tracked 360° excavator fitted with a 1.80m wide toothless ditching bucket, working under the constant direction of an appropriately qualified and experienced archaeologist. Strata were excavated with due care, in spits of not more than 50-100mm. Topsoil and subsoils\interfacial/natural soils were stored separately, adjacent to the trenches from which they arose.
- 2.5.3 Mechanical excavation continued to the top of archaeological horizons or to the clear upper exposure of the underlying geology, whichever was encountered first. Care was taken not to damage archaeological deposits through excessive use of mechanical excavation.
- 2.5.4 A complete written and drawn record of excavated archaeological features horizons and natural deposits encountered in the evaluation was made using Wessex Archaeology's *pro forma* record sheets. This included plans and sections, drawn to appropriate scales (1:20 for plans, 1:10 for sections), and tied to the Ordnance Survey National Grid. A unique context numbering system was maintained across the entire evaluation.
- 2.5.5 The locations and absolute datum levels of trenches, archaeological features, excavated segments and drawn sections were surveyed using Leica® 1200 Series GPS equipment.
- 2.5.6 A photographic record of the evaluation, its results, context, setting and conduct was maintained in 35mm colour transparency (slide), 35mm black-and-white print, and digital format.
- 2.5.7 On completion of recording (and after departure of the archaeological team from Site), the trenches were backfilled by the Clients' plant.

### **3 RESULTS**

#### **3.1 Introduction**

3.1.1 A total of seventy two archaeological trial trenches were excavated (**Figures 1-3**). The majority of the trenches were archaeologically blank, but archaeological remains (or remains potentially of archaeological significance) were identified in twenty of the trenches. Most of these remains contained no firm dating evidence, and cannot presently be assigned to a chronological phase. However, features of, Middle Bronze Age, generally 'Prehistoric', Roman and post-medieval/recent date were identified, key amongst which were a cluster of small Middle bronze Age pits and two Roman cremation burials (see below).

3.1.2 For the purposes of this report, only trenches containing likely/confirmed archaeological features are described in the report text: Full tabulated trench data, including feature and deposit descriptions, are presented as **Appendix 1**.

#### **3.2 Site-wide generic deposits**

##### ***Topsoil***

3.2.1 Topsoil comprised a mid-grey/brown very sandy loam, containing variable quantities (sparse to common) rounded to sub-angular inclusions (sometimes ranging up to 80mm – 0.1m in diameter), the frequency of stone clasts dependant upon the nature of the underlying parent geology. Animal burrows (active and relict) were endemic across the entire site, often intruding into, or through, subsoil deposits to impact the underlying natural ground.

3.2.2 Across the evaluation area, topsoil had been truncated to a varying degree during the mechanical clearance work for the destructive ecological survey. It is estimated (based on site observations) that this truncation was generally in the order of between 100mm - 200mm, and it should therefore be noted that the measurements of topsoil depth recorded in the trench tables (**Appendix 1**) reflect this variable level of truncation.

##### ***Subsoil***

3.2.3 Subsoil B horizon was present in the majority of trenches and ranged in thickness up to c. 0.3m. The interface between subsoil and topsoil was generally reasonably sharp and well-defined, although often locally disturbed. However, the lower interface with natural deposits was more typically gradual or diffuse (sometimes graduated over a thickness of c. 0.1 – 0.2m). It should therefore also be noted that the measurements of subsoil depth (to the top of natural deposits) presented in **Appendix 1** are, to some extent, subjective, and should be taken as indicative only.

3.2.4 Subsoil tended to reflect closely the composition of the underlying geology, but generally comprised mid-dark red/brown very sandy loam, with variable quantities of gravel clasts and common thin bands of post-depositional iron panning, indicative of incipient or partial podsoilisation.

##### ***Natural deposits***

3.2.5 Natural deposits varied markedly across the Site, and often within individual trenches. Over most of the eastern and southern areas, these variations reflected aspects of the fluviially-deposited Boyne Hill Gravel Terrace, namely yellow-brown pebbly gravel and sandy gravel, sometimes giving way to areas of gravelly sand, deep featureless mid-yellow brown loamy and silty sand, or relatively stoneless pale yellow-brown sand. Within the gravel areas, innumerable silty sand-filled hollows were evident, and in some areas, linear geological and periglacial trends were seen.

3.2.6 In the far north and north-western parts of the Site, gravel and sand became patchy in their distribution, giving way instead to areas of stiffer mid yellow-brown sandy- and gravelly clay, more probably reflecting in-situ weathering of the Bagshot Beds (GSGBEW 1981).

### 3.3 Prehistoric features

#### ***Trench 16***

3.3.1 Small quantities of undiagnostic Prehistoric pottery (2 sherds, 16g) came from the upper fill of ditch **1608 (See Appendix 1)**.

#### ***Trench 41***

3.3.2 A closely grouped cluster of three small pits (see **Figure 4**) can all be dated to the Middle Bronze Age (c 1500-1100 BC).

3.3.3 Pit **4104** was sub-circular, 0.45m wide and 0.40m deep and vertically-sided with a flat base. A bucket-shaped Deverel-Rimbury style urn, the majority of which survived *in-situ* (1862g), had been deliberately set into the pit. The fill within this vessel (**4105**) was very dark in colour, but contained no trace of any cremated bone.

3.3.4 Immediately to the north-west, shallower pits **4106** and **4108** also contained Deverel-Rimbury pottery (36g and 320g respectively), both probably parts of single vessels, although in neither case could the vessel profile be reconstructed.

#### ***Trench 50***

3.3.5 Some 60m to the south-east, pit **5003 (Figure 5)**, probably oval in plan (its southern end was not exposed), measured in excess of 1.45m by 1.40m and survived to a depth of 0.23m. Its moderately sloping concave sides gave way to a broad, very gently concave base. Its single fill deposit (**5004**) yielded ten sherds (75g) of prehistoric (Late Bronze Age or early/middle Iron Age) pottery and fourteen pieces (347g) of burnt flint, all potentially indicative of nearby domestic activity.

### 3.4 Roman features

#### ***Trench 34***

3.4.1 Cremation burial **3404 (Figure 6)** comprised a sub-oval pit up to 0.43m in diameter and c. 0.20m deep. Set centrally onto the base of the pit was a single Middle Roman Alice Holt (Surrey/Hampshire) greyware jar, containing calcined bone along with a number of iron hobnails and other objects. The burial was recovered from Site with its contents intact but, at the time of writing, these had not been subject to close specialist

excavation. However, the bone fragments recovered during excavation and from the top of the jar indicate the burial was of an adult

#### **Trench 16**

- 3.4.2 Some 80m to the west, unurned cremation burial **1611 (Figure 7)** contained two fill deposits, most of the artefactual material residing in the upper fill. A single iron hobnail suggests the grave belongs to the Roman period. The 48g of calcined human bone recovered also attest the interment of a single adult

#### **Trenches 1 and 20**

- 3.4.3 Very small quantities of Roman pottery (2 sherds), were also recovered from topsoil and from an former animal burrow in **Trench 20**, and a third small fragment came from topsoil in **Trench 1**. In neither case were these finds associated with recognisable archaeological features.

### **3.5 Post-medieval and modern features**

#### **Trench 73**

- 3.5.1 At the far eastern end of **Trench 73**, a nearly north-south, or possibly NNW-SSE aligned ditch was partially exposed. Exceeding 2.5m wide, ditch **7304** was 0.53m deep, with gently-sloping, slightly irregular sides and a broad concave base. The ditch fills contained two fragments of post-medieval brick/tile and an iron plate fragment.

#### **Trenches 75 and 69**

- 3.5.2 Some 150m to the west of **Trench 73**, ditch **7504** (and its northerly continuation **6903**) was also approximately NNW-SSE aligned. Ditch **7504** measured 1.20m wide by c.0.50m deep, and had steep, moderately concave sides, with a relatively flat base. Its single recorded fill, deposit (**7503**), contained a large (752g) piece of post-medieval brick.

#### **Trench 40**

- 3.5.3 NNW-SSE-aligned ditch **4004** was almost 1m wide and c. 0.3m deep, with moderately-sloping sides and a flat base. Its single fill-deposit **4005** contained a single sherd of comparatively modern industrially-produced pottery from just below its exposed surface.

- 3.5.4 These three ditches seem to be approximately equally spaced east-west, and may perpetuate/mirror extant field boundaries mapped immediately south of the Site.

#### **Trench 57**

- 3.5.5 A relatively shallow, but 3.5m wide feature trending east-west in **Trench 57**, appears to represent relatively modern disturbance, and contained numerous decayed tree-roots.

#### **Trench 39**

- 3.5.6 At the north-western end of **Trench 39 (Figure 8)**, a NE-SW aligned ditch was exposed. It was 2m wide and c. 0.60m deep. Ditch [**3903**] had one secondary fill (**3904**) with moderate concave sides and concave base. The ditch fill contained four fragments of modern glass, two fragments of modern brick and a piece of struck flint.



### **Trench 23**

- 3.5.7 At the centre of **Trench 23 (Figure 9)** a 2.05m wide ditch was exposed that was 0.41m deep. Ditch **2303** had two fills, **2307** was a deliberate backfill while **2304** was a secondary fill. In the middle of ditch **2303** two sets of iron cast tracks **2305** were unearthened (see **Figure 10**). The ditch **2303** and the tracks **2305** had a north-east orientation. The secondary fill **2304** contained fragments of modern brick, iron fragments and modern china. Similar finds were retrieved from fill **2307**. The iron cast tracks were part of a possible track junction where two lines were meeting. One was coming from the north and one from the north-east. Both iron tracks are c. 0.40m wide making them too narrow for trains or horses. Also the loose backfilled layer underneath them is not suitable for heavy loads. There is no further evidence for such a feature across the Site. However, they could belong to the early 1940's sand quarry works.

## **3.6 Unphased features**

- 3.6.1 Several features contained no finds or only small amounts of undiagnostic material, and have therefore not been assigned to a chronological phase.

### **Trench 43**

- 3.6.2 Ditch **4304** was aligned north-west/south-east. It was 1m wide and 0.28m deep, with moderately sloping concave sides and a rounded concave base. Its single fill comprised mid orange-brown loamy sand with frequent small-medium gravel clasts.

### **Trench 60**

- 3.6.3 Ditch **6003** was aligned NNE-SSW. It was 1.00m wide and 0.14m deep, with gently concave sides and a flattish base. A single fill deposit **6004** comprised mid orange-brown loamy sand with moderate small-medium gravel clasts.

### **Trench 68**

- 3.6.4 Two small ditches were noted in **Trench 68**. Neither produced any dating evidence. At the far-eastern end of the trench, a north-south aligned ditch, **6803**, measured 0.50m wide and 0.15m deep, with moderately sloping sides and a flattish base. Its single fill **6804** comprised mid orange-brown slightly loamy sand containing moderate small gravel. Some 20m to the west, north-west/south-east aligned ditch **6805** was 0.62m wide and 0.18m deep, also with moderately sloping sides but a concave base. Its single fill **6806** also comprised mid orange-brown slightly loamy sand containing moderate small gravel.

## **3.7 Features of uncertain origin**

- 3.7.1 Within the Site, a small number of features were encountered and investigated, but for which no firm interpretation can be made. Whilst some of these may be anthropogenic others might represent the burning and grubbing-out of tree-root bases, and some might perhaps be the remnants of former animal burrows.

### **Trench 24**

- 3.7.2 Towards the north-east of this trench there was a tree bole. It was 1.6m wide and 2.4m long. **Trench 24** had no archaeological features.

### **Trenches 13 and 18**

- 3.7.3 Sub-circular features recorded in **Trenches 13** and **18** are not considered likely to be anthropogenic, and may instead be remnants of former animal burrows.

### **Trenches 10, 12 and 31**

- 3.7.4 Three irregular, shallow sub-circular or sub-oval features contained variously dark and moderately charcoal-rich soils. These features all demonstrated numerous poorly-defined root-holes, and are interpreted as the vestiges of (probably comparatively recent) attempts to burn and grub-out tree-root systems.

### **Trench 52**

- 3.7.5 Two tree boles were located in **Trench 52**. One towards the north east and one in the south west. This trench was located in an area with numerous trees and was heavily disturbed by their roots before their removal.

### **Trench 53**

- 3.7.6 Towards the south east end of **Trench 53** there was a wide feature, possibly the result of modern backfilling. It was a 5m wide, irregular disturbance with modern brick fragments and loose mid greyish brown topsoil. In addition, there was root disturbance due to an area that was heavily forested.

### **Trench 58**

- 3.7.7 An ENE – WSW aligned linear feature **5802** was up to 1.30m wide, but contained extensively demineralised fills, and on excavation failed to yield any satisfactorily defined sides or base: The feature may be of geological or periglacial origin.

### **Trench 64**

- 3.7.8 In the middle of **Trench 64** there was a large area of sub-rounded, poorly sorted pebbles. It was 10m wide and was part of geological variations of the natural soil.

### **Trench 65**

- 3.7.9 This trench had numerous natural features (**Figure 11**). At least three tree boles, one modern land drain and variations of the natural soil. All identified features were either the result of natural processes or geology.

## **4 FINDS**

### **4.1 Introduction**

- 4.1.1 The evaluation produced a small quantity of finds, deriving from twenty-one of the sixty-five trial trenches excavated. The assemblage includes material of prehistoric, Romano-British and medieval/post-medieval date.

- 4.1.2 Condition of the finds varies from fair to poor, reflecting at least in part a provenance from topsoil contexts. Aggressive soil conditions have militated against the survival of any animal bone, although burnt human bone was recovered. Ceramics have suffered a relatively high degree of surface and edge abrasion, particularly the more friable prehistoric wares. Most of the flint exhibits edge damage, and the metalwork is highly corroded.

4.1.3 The finds have been quantified by material type within each context, and the results are presented in **Table 1**. The urned cremation was block lifted on site, and will in due course be excavated and recorded under controlled conditions. Quantities from this deposit are not, therefore, included in **Table 1**, but preliminary comments on both the human bone and its pottery vessel are presented here.

## 4.2 Pottery

4.2.1 Pottery provides the primary dating evidence for the Site; the assemblage includes sherds of later prehistoric, Romano-British and post-medieval date.

### *Prehistoric*

4.2.2 The bulk of the sherds are later prehistoric, but probably represent just a few vessels. Most of these prehistoric sherds came from three adjacent features in **Trench 41**: pits **4104**, **4106** and **4108**. Sherds from all three pits are in coarse, flint-tempered fabrics. Pit **4104** contained what seemed to be a largely complete vessel, although the rim had been partly truncated and only survived as two sherds; the rest of the vessel was recovered in a very fragmentary condition. Site records, and examination of the surviving sherds, indicate that this was a large, bucket-shaped vessel with a simple, upright rim; no trace of decoration was observed. Fabric and form are both typical of the Middle Bronze Age Deverel-Rimbury ceramic tradition. Sherds from pits **4106** and **4108** probably also represent single vessels in each case, although neither was reconstructable; both these vessels also belong to the Deverel-Rimbury tradition.

4.2.3 Nine other sherds were dated as later prehistoric; these include five flint-tempered, one shelly and nine sandy wares. One flint-tempered sherd (from the topsoil in **Trench 19**) is also of Middle Bronze Age date, while the others are more characteristic of post-Deverel-Rimbury ceramics (ditch **1608**, pit **5003**, and from topsoil in **Trench 69**). The shelly and sandy wares are less easily dated, but both types are likely to fall somewhere within the 1<sup>st</sup> millennium BC (ditch **1608**, pit **5003**).

### *Romano-British*

4.2.4 Three sherds are of Romano-British date; two are greywares which cannot be dated more closely within the Roman period (**Trench 20** topsoil, animal burrow **2004**), while the third is a colour coat of uncertain source, possibly Oxfordshire ware from the topsoil in **Trench 1**.

4.2.5 In addition, the complete cremation vessel from **3404** is a wide-mouthed, cordoned jar, probably originating from the Alice Holt production centre on the Surrey/Hampshire border. This type of jar was produced throughout the Roman period at Alice Holt (Lyne and Jefferies 1979, class 1 jars), and without full examination this example cannot be dated with confidence, but preliminary observation suggests that this vessel has the rounded body profile and wider, flattened rim which is typical of the later industry (Lyne and Jefferies 1979, 35, fig. 22).

### *Post-Medieval*

4.2.6 The remaining four sherds are post-medieval; all are coarse redwares, not closely datable. All came from topsoil contexts.

### **4.3 Ceramic Building Material (CBM)**

4.3.1 The CBM comprises fragments of medieval/post-medieval roof tile, and post-medieval brick, with one field drain. Most fragments came from topsoil contexts.

### **4.4 Worked Flint**

4.4.1 The small lithic assemblage consists of seven flakes and one core. In the absence of tools or other utilised pieces this small group cannot be more closely dated than as broadly Neolithic/Bronze Age. Raw material is likely to be the locally accessible gravel-derived flint, which is not of high quality.

### **4.5 Human Bone**

4.5.1 Human bone, all cremated, was recovered from two contexts – an unurned burial in **Trench 16 (1611)**, and an urned burial in **Trench 34 (3404)**. The latter is certainly Romano-British, from the pottery container, and the unurned burial is also assumed to be of similar date on the basis of the presence of a single hobnail.

4.5.2 Preliminary comments are made here on the bone from **3404**, on the basis of a small quantity of bone already recovered and processed from the top of the feature. This suggests that the bone represents an adult; the bone is in good condition and is well oxidised; trabecular bone survives. Bone from the unurned cremation burial is also from an adult; there is no reason to suppose that more than one individual is represented. Again, the bone is in good condition, but little survives, suggesting that the feature may have been truncated.

### **4.6 Metalwork**

4.6.1 The metalwork consists entirely of iron objects, and most of these (12 objects) are hobnails recovered from the two cremation burials (one from **1611** and 11 from **3404**); there may be further hobnails within the cremation vessel from **3404**.

4.6.2 One other object from **3404** is unidentified at this stage – it could be a bent nail, or part of a buckle. Other objects comprise a plate fragment from ditch **7304** and a nail from **Trench 59** topsoil.

### **4.7 Other Finds**

4.7.1 Other finds comprise two plain clay pipe stems, and a small piece of vessel glass from urned cremation burial **3404**. The latter is undiagnostic, but is assumed to be of Romano-British date.

**Table 1: All finds by context (number / weight in grammes)**

Tr.	Context	Burnt Flint	CBM	Worked Flint	Human Bone (g)	Prehistoric Pottery	Roman Pottery	Post-med Pottery	Iron (No.)	Other Finds (No.)
1	0101						1/6			
16	1610	1/61				2/6				
16	1612				48				1	
17	1701	3/47								
19	1901	3/35				1/6				
19	1905	4/44								
19	1907	6/54		1/1						
20	2001	4/81					1/1			
20	2005	9/54					1/1			
26	2601	2/35								
34	3401	4/230	5/40	1/91						1 clay pipe
34	3404								1	
34	3405	1/27			18		(whole pot)		7	1 glass
34	3406				17+				4	
38	3801	3/42	2/33							
41	4101	1/7								1 clay pipe
41	4103					15/36				
41	4105	1/4		1/4		181/1862				
41	4107					41/320				
50	5004	14/347		1/2		10/75				
51	5101		1/14							
54	5401		1/36							
55	5501		1/6							
55	5502		1/10							
57	5701		1/8					2/5		
59	5901								1	
61	6104		1/4							
62	6201			1/5						
69	6901		1/21			2/7		1/11		
72	7201		1/31					1/8		
73	7305		2/31						1	
75	7503		1/752	1/3						
-	Unstrat.			2/11						
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>56/1068</b>	<b>18/986</b>	<b>8/117</b>	<b>83+</b>	<b>252/2312</b>	<b>3/8+</b>	<b>4/24</b>	<b>15</b>	



## 5 PALAEO-ENVIRONMENTAL EVIDENCE

### 5.1 Summary

- 5.1.1 Bulk samples were taken from archaeological features encountered in the evaluation trenches in order to assess the presence and preservation of palaeo-environmental remains. This information can contribute to the archaeological significance of sampled features, thus providing an indication of the significance of the archaeological site as a whole, as well as providing the basis for a sampling strategy given future excavation.
- 5.1.2 Ten bulk samples were taken recovered during excavation (see **Table 2**). These were processed for the recovery and assessment of charred plant remains and charcoals. No molluscs were encountered in the samples.

**Table 2: Soil samples: location, volume and phasing**

Trench	Phase	No. of samples	Volume (litres)	Feature types
16	Roman	4	19	Cremation burial
31	Unphased	1	9	Tree-root hole
34	Roman	2	18	Cremation burial
41	Middle Bronze Age	3	25	Pits
<b>total</b>		10	71	

### 5.2 Assessment Results: methods and data

#### **Charred Plant Remains and Wood Charcoals**

- 5.2.1 Bulk samples were processed by standard flotation methods, the flot retained on a 0.5 mm mesh, residues fractionated into 5.6 mm, 2mm and 1mm fractions and dried. The coarse fractions (>5.6 mm) were sorted, weighed and discarded. Flots were scanned under a x10 – x40 stereobinocular microscope and the presence of charred remains quantified (**Table 2**) to record the preservation and nature of the charred plant and wood charcoal remains. Preliminary identifications of dominant or important taxa are noted below, following the nomenclature of Stace (1997).
- 5.2.2 The flots were generally small. Roots and modern seeds were common in some of the deposits indicating some risk of intrusive contamination by later elements. Charred material limited and it is not possible to comment on preservation conditions.
- Charred plant remains**
- 5.2.3 Charred plant remains were extremely rare in the samples and no evidence for arable activity (cereal grain or chaff) was recovered. Both cremation burial deposits (feature **3404** in **Trench 34** and feature **1611** in **Trench 16**) produced small flots containing fragments of burnt bone and occasional weed seeds and rhizomes or tubers. Identification of the tubers was not attempted although they do not compare well with *Arrhenatherum elatius* (false oat-grass) which is commonly encountered in archaeological

deposits, particularly cremation burials. It is likely that they derive from a grass or grasses and may have been thrown onto the cremation pyres with turf cleared as a fire-break. The wild plant species represented by seeds were *Galium aparine* (goosegrass) and *Plantago lanceolata/media* (ribwort/hoary plantain) and *Chenopodium album* (fat hen). These are all species of disturbed ground (including arable fields) and are likely to have been growing naturally on the site of the cremation rituals or entered the funeral pyre with fuel.

### Wood Charcoal

5.2.4 Wood charcoal was noted from the flots of the bulk samples and is recorded in **Table 3**. Charcoal was abundant from the burnt or grubbed out tree root hole in **Trench 31** (feature **3103**), forming the bulk of the flot and appears to consist entirely or predominantly of *Quercus* sp. (oak). It is likely that much of the charcoal derives from the tree/ tree roots associated with the feature. The small quantity of charcoal present in the cremation deposits similarly appears to be dominated by *Quercus* sp. (oak).

**Table3. Charred plant remains and charcoal noted in the evaluation samples**

Feature type/No	Context	Sample	size litres	Flot								Residue	
				flot size ml	% roots	Grain	Chaff	Charred Seeds other	Charcoal >4/2mm	Other	Charcoal >4mm		
<b>Trench 16 – Roman cremation burial</b>													
Cremation/1611	1612 East	7	5	30 <sup>90</sup>	-	-	C	Small grass x1; goose-grass x1, rhizomes? C	3/2	Recent Carex			
Cremation/1611	1613	8	?	50 <sup>90</sup>	-	-	C	fat hen? X1	2/<1	Burnt bone			
Cremation/1611	1612 west	9	5	20 <sup>90</sup>	-	-	C	rhizome/tubers C	2/1	-			
Cremation/1611	1613	10	4	30 <sup>90</sup>	-	-	-	Rhizome C	2/1	burnt bone			
<b>Trench 31 – Unphased feature</b>													
Tree hole/3103	3104	1	9	600 <sup>-</sup>	-	-	-	-	350/200				
<b>Trench 34 – Roman cremation burial</b>													
Pit/3404	3504	5	17	40 <sup>90</sup>	-	-	B	Plantain x1; small grass x1 rhizome/tubers B	1/<1				
Urn/3404	3406	6	1	5 <sup>20</sup>	-	-	C	rhizomes/tubers	-	Burnt bone			
<b>Trench 41 – Middle Bronze Age pits</b>													
Pit/4104	4103	2	8	10 <sup>5</sup>	-	-	-	-	2/<1	Recent Rubus			
Pit/4106	4105	3	8	20 <sup>40</sup>	-	-	-	-	2/<1				
Pit/4108	4107	4	9	30 <sup>20</sup>	-	-	-	-	2/1				

KEY: A\*\*\* = exceptional, A\*\* = 100+, A\* = 30- 99, A = ≥10 items, B = 9 - 5 items, C = < 5 items, sab/f = small animal/fish bones; Moll-t = terrestrial molluscs Moll-f = freshwater molluscs;

Analysis: C = charcoal, P = plant, M = molluscs, C14 = radiocarbon suggestions

## 5.3 Potential

5.3.1 There is no potential for further analysis of the charred plant remains or charcoal in the samples. The charcoal appears to consist entirely or

predominantly of oak which is of limited value for dating purposes. Insufficient material was present in the flots generally to provide clues as to the phasing of the features. The composition of the samples from **Trenches 16** and **34** are consistent with cremation burial deposits. The preservation of charred plant remains at the Site is clearly possible however, so any future excavation should including a sampling programme.

#### **5.4 Proposals and Recommendations for Sampling**

##### ***Charred plant remains and charcoal***

- 5.4.1 No further work is proposed on the samples. However, in the event of further excavation samples should be taken where permitting from phased features, especially any arising and related to settlement activities and/or structures. Features that are specifically related to burning activities, such as cremations, should also be sampled. Generally samples should be taken covering as wider range of feature types, and phases as possible. Where available deposits permit, sample size should be of 20 to 30 litres and from individual, secure contexts.

##### ***Storage and curation requirements, including any proposals for discard***

- 5.4.2 The samples are in a stable condition and can be archived for long term storage.

## 6 DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

### 6.1 Introduction

6.1.1 The evaluation has indicated the presence of significant, Bronze Age and Romano-British remains seemingly clustered with the western part of the Site. Also identified in both the western and eastern halves of the Site, were ditched boundaries that probably relate to post-medieval-recent agricultural land use.

### 6.2 Confidence rating

6.2.1 Factors with the potential to have hindered recognition of archaeological remains during the evaluation include the acidic and highly mobile sandy nature of the Site's soils, the widely variable composition of the underlying drift geology, the general paucity of artefacts, and the limited plan-view afforded by the trial-trenches. These factors notwithstanding, this report posits a **moderate to high degree of confidence** that archaeological features or significant deposits within the trenches were recognised and recorded where present.

6.2.2 Particular care was taken to investigate and critically appraise a range of 'possible features', to assess whether they were of artificial (anthropogenic) origin or whether they represented naturally infilled undulations, geological trends or periglacial features (frost/ice wedges, polygonal jointing *etc.*).

### 6.3 Summary and Conclusions

6.3.1 Most of the evaluation trenches were archaeologically blank, although significant archaeological remains were identified at a number of locations across the Site.

6.3.2 The three small pits (**Trench 41, Figure 4**) all contained middle Bronze Age Deverel-Rimbury style pottery. Of these, pit **4104** contained the largest share (comprising a bucket-shaped urn - described in greater detail above), which had been deliberately set below ground-level. The absence of calcined bone from the fills of this pit group suggests they were not primarily funerary in function, and they could equally indicate domestic activity, or have served a more esoteric function as ceremonially 'placed' deposits.

6.3.3 Pottery from pit **5003** in **Trench 50**, some 60m to the south east, (see **Figure 5**) does not appear to be contemporary with that from **Trench 41**, instead suggesting an origin in the Late Bronze Age or earlier part of the Iron Age.

6.3.4 The Middle Roman urned cremation burial (**Trench 34, Figure 6**) and Roman unurned cremation burial (**Trench 16, Figure 7**) may each represent isolated interments, but could equally be indicative of a larger cemetery (or multiple cemeteries) within the Site.

6.3.5 Two sets of iron tracks were found in **Trench 23**. They were c. 0.40m wide and had a NE-SW orientation. They were of modern date and could have

been part of the early 1940's sand quarry. Evidence for similar tracks was not identified in any of the other trenches.

- 6.3.6 The ditches identified in the following trenches; **16, 19, 43, 60** and **68** all remain unphased, but are potentially of some antiquity, and are therefore of significance. The non-continuance of these ditches between adjacent trial-trenches may indicate (in some instances at least) that they mark localised enclosures. Evidence for more widespread, planned, or structured field-systems was conspicuously absent from the Site prior to the post-medieval period, when three similarly aligned ditches (seen in **Trenches 40, 73** and **69/75**) probably attest the imposition of agricultural land-boundaries. These boundaries are known, from cartographic evidence, to have survived until the late nineteenth century (JSAC 1998).

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## Appendix 1: Trench summary tables

<b>TRENCH 1</b>		Centred on NGR: 503949 163345	Ground Level (m aOD): 36.5
<b>Max. Dimensions</b>	Length: 30m	Width: 1.80 m	Max. Depth: 0.43m
Context	Description	Thickness/ depth BGL	
101	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.16m	
102	<b>Subsoil:</b> Mid greyish reddish brown medium sand with sparse sub-rounded & sub-angular flint gravel (0.01-0.03m), very diffuse boundary with natural 103.	0.16m-0.23m	
103	<b>Natural deposits:</b> Mid greyish reddish brown sand with some light yellowish grey patches & occasional iron panning. Occasional inclusions of sub-rounded & sub-angular flint gravel (0.04-0.08m), bioturbated. More gravel in bands at SSW end of the trench.	0.23m+	

<b>TRENCH 2</b>		Centred on NGR: 503984 163358	Ground Level (m aOD): 35.6
<b>Max. Dimensions</b>	Length: 32 m	Width: 1.80 m	Max. Depth: 0.48 m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	
201	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.08m	
202	<b>Subsoil:</b> medium orange brown fine sand with sparse inclusions of gravel as above, sparse roots, iron panning, rare charcoal flecks, very diffuse boundary with natural 203.	0.08m-0.38m	
203	<b>Natural deposits:</b> mid orange yellow sand mottled with reddish orange & mid grey sandy clay; rare roots, rare gravels as above	0.38m+	

<b>TRENCH 3</b>		Centred on NGR: 503999 163373	Ground Level (m aOD): 35.7
<b>Max. Dimensions</b>	Length: 25 m	Width: 1.80 m	Max. Depth: 0.42 m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	
301	<b>Topsoil:</b>	0.00- 0.12m	
302	<b>Subsoil:</b> medium orange brown fine sand with sparse to moderate inclusions of sub-rounded & sub-angular gravels, frequent roots, very rare charcoal flecks, diffuse boundary with natural (303)	0.12m-0.39m	
303	<b>Natural deposits:</b> medium yellow mottled with brownish orange, reddish orange & grey; sand with lenses of clay (reddish orange & grey). Sparse to moderate gravels, frequent roots.	0.39m+	

<b>TRENCH 4</b>		Centred on NGR: 504017 163395	Ground Level (m aOD): 35.6
<b>Max. Dimensions</b>	Length: 30 m	Width: 1.80 m	Max. Depth: 0.38 m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	

401	<b>Topsoil:</b>	0.00- 0.19m
402	<b>Natural deposits:</b> red orange medium sand, gravels abundant (0.02-0.10m), bioturbated. In northern end of trench iron panning & some changes in natural (clay lenses) visible on surface	0.19m+

<b>TRENCH 5</b>		Centred on NGR: 504035 163434	Ground Level (m aOD): 35.2
<b>Max. Dimensions</b>	Length: 36 m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.50m
<b>Context</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Thickness / depth BGL</b>	
501	<b>Topsoil:</b>	0.00- 0.17m	
502	<b>Subsoil:</b> pale greyish brown silty sand containing ferric forms, iron panned, occasional sub-rounded & sub-angular stones (0.01-0.05m), lower horizon highly diffuse, bioturbated	0.17m-0.40m	
503	<b>Natural deposits:</b> red orange medium sand with patches of gravels, iron staining & randomly located lenses of clay; stone inclusions abundant, bioturbated	0.40m+	

<b>TRENCH 6</b>		Centred on NGR: 504049 163405	Ground Level (m aOD): 35.2
<b>Max. Dimensions</b>	Length: 29 m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.40 m
<b>Context</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Thickness / depth BGL</b>	
601	<b>Topsoil:</b>	0.00- 0.18m	
602	<b>Subsoil:</b> Medium orange brown soft fine sand with moderate inclusions of gravel, moderate roots, rare charcoal flecks: diffuse boundary with natural (603)	0.1m-0.30m	
603	<b>Natural deposits:</b> Light yellow to mid yellowish brown fine sand & gravels on sandy or orange clay matrix; frequent roots	0.30m+	

<b>TRENCH 7</b>		Centred on NGR: 504072 163442	Ground Level (m aOD): 35.3
<b>Max. Dimensions</b>	Length: 35 m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.44 m
<b>Context</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Thickness / depth BGL</b>	
701	<b>Topsoil:</b>	0.00- 0.10m	
702	<b>Subsoil:</b> light yellow sand/mid orange, light grey sandy clay. Small & medium, sub-rounded & sub-angular stones, moderate roots, rare charcoal flecks, diffuse boundary with natural (703)	0.1m0-0.20m	
703	<b>Natural deposits:</b> light yellow sand, mid orange, light grey sandy clay; small & medium size sub-rounded & sub-angular gravels on sandy matrix. All three types of natural appear in the trench with gravel. Moderate rooting	0.20m+	

<b>TRENCH 8</b>		Centred on NGR: 504081 163482	Ground Level (m aOD): 35.2
<b>Max. Dimensions</b>	Length: 38 m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.62 m
<b>Context</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Thickness / depth BGL</b>	

<b>801</b>	<b>Topsoil:</b>	0.00- 0.14m
<b>802</b>	<b>Subsoil:</b> mid orange brown fine sand with sparse inclusions of gravel, roots, rare charcoal, clear boundary with (801) but highly diffuse with natural (803)	0.14m-0.30m
<b>803</b>	<b>Natural deposits:</b> mid brownish yellow medium sand with patches of gravel, random lenses of grey clay. Moderate roots.	0.30m+
<i>Modern land-drainage approximately E-W &amp; SE-NW, not separately recorded</i>		

<b>TRENCH 10</b>		Centred on NGR: 504081 163406	Ground Level (m aOD): 34.4
Max. Dimensions	Length: 31 m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.38 m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	
<b>1001</b>	<b>Topsoil:</b>	0.00- 0.12m	
<b>1002</b>	<b>Subsoil:</b> mid greyish brown loamy sand; sparse rounded gravels (0.03-0.04m), bioturbated, diffuse horizons	0.12m-0.22m	
<b>1005</b>	<b>'Fill' of burnt tree-base 1004:</b> diffuse spread of dark brown loamy sand with variable amounts of fragmented charcoal: no clearly defined edge.	--	
<b>1004</b>	<b>'Cut' of burnt tree base:</b> Irregular sub-oval, maximum width 1.4m, depth 0.15m, shallow irregular profile. No finds. Undated, but considered likely to be of comparatively recent date.	0.22m-0.37m	
<b>1003</b>	<b>Natural deposits:</b> mid orange brown with yellow sandy mottling, rare rounded gravels, patches of reddish clay	0.22m+	

<b>TRENCH 11</b>		Centred on NGR: 504055163371	Ground Level (m aOD): 34.2
Max. Dimensions	Length: 34 m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.54 m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	
<b>1101</b>	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.20m	
<b>1102</b>	<b>Subsoil:</b> mid yellowish brown fine sand with sparse inclusions of gravel, sparse roots, rare charcoal & burnt stones, mid orange banding, very diffuse boundary with natural (1103)	0.20-0.40m	
<b>1103</b>	<b>Natural deposits:</b> light yellowish brown loamy sand mottled with pure yellow fine sand. In N part of trench changes in natural (reddish orange lenses of sandy clay with some stone inclusions), bioturbated.	0.40m+	

<b>TRENCH 12</b>		Centred on NGR: 504024 163336	Ground Level (m aOD): 35.0
Max. Dimensions	Length: 30 m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.40 m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	
<b>1201</b>	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.18m	

1202	<b>Subsoil:</b> mid orange brown fine sand, soft with sparse inclusions of gravel, rooting, presence of charcoal, diffuse boundary with (1203)	0.18m-0.28m
1205	<b>'Fill' of burnt tree-base 1204:</b> Mid brownish grey fine sand, some sparse mixed gravel and moderate fragmented charcoal.	--
1204	<b>'Cut' of burnt tree-base:</b> Irregular sub-oval, maximum diameter 1.03m, depth 0.25m. Shallow irregular profile. No finds. Undated, but considered to be of comparatively recent date.	0.28m-0.53m
1203	<b>Natural deposits:</b> light orange brown medium sand with moderate to frequent gravel, roots.	0.28m+

<b>TRENCH 13</b>		Centred on NGR: 504017 163329	Ground Level (m aOD): 34.0
Max. Dimensions	Length: 30 m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.45m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	
1301	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.20m	
1303	<b>Fill of ?animal burrow 1306:</b> Loose orange-grey silty sand, rare small stones: No finds.	--	
1304	<b>Fill of ?animal burrow 1306:</b> Mid brown-grey silty sand loam, occasional small stones: No finds.	--	
1305	<b>Fill of ?animal burrow 1306:</b> Pale orange/white sand, stoneless: No finds.	--	
1306	<b>Cut of ?animal burrow:</b> Irregular sub-circular, diameter c0.70m. Steeply-sloping irregular sides with a concave base. Undated.	0.20m-0.45m	
1302	<b>Natural deposits:</b> orange medium sand with sub-rounded & sub-angular gravels inclusions (0.04-0.10m) compact, bioturbated.	0.20m+	

<b>TRENCH 14</b>		Centred on NGR: 503964 163316	Ground Level (m aOD): 35.4
Max. Dimensions	Length: 30m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.33m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	
1401	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.20m	
1402	<b>Natural deposits:</b> Mid greyish reddish brown medium sand, iron panned with occasional sub-rounded & sub-angular flint gravel (0.01-0.08m), bioturbated.	0.20m+	

<b>TRENCH 15</b>		Centred on NGR: 503992 163299	Ground Level (m aOD): 33.9
Max. Dimensions	Length: 30 m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.46 m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	
1501	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.16m	
1502	<b>Subsoil:</b> mid orange brown soft fine sand with moderate inclusions of small & medium size gravel, roots. Presence of charcoal, boundary with (1503) visible in section as a dark reddish brown band	0.16m-0.30m	
1503	<b>Natural deposits:</b> light yellow brown mottled with light yellow, soft fine sand with moderate to frequent gravel & dark reddish brown banding	0.30m+	

	visible in section.	
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<b>TRENCH 16</b>		Centred on NGR: 503981 163252	Ground Level (m aOD): 33.6
Max. Dimensions	Length: 39 m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.56 m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	
1601	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.20m	
1602	<b>Upper subsoil:</b> Mid yellowish brown with red hue sandy loam. Sparse sub-rounded gravel (0.03-0.05m). Diffuse horizon with (1603)	0.20m-0.35m	
1603	<b>Lower subsoil:</b> Mid yellowish brown sandy loam containing sub-rounded gravels (0.02-0.04m), bioturbated, diffuse horizon.	0.35m-0.52m	
1607	<b>Upper fill of ditch 1605:</b> Mid yellowish brown sandy loam with sparse small gravel inclusions. No finds.	--	
1606	<b>Lower fill of ditch 1605:</b> Mid-yellow-brown sandy loam, sparse small gravel clasts. No finds.	--	
1605	<b>Cut of ditch:</b> Aligned ENE-WSWE. Width 1.20m, depth 0.30m, irregular, shallowly-sloping sides with a broad, gently concave base. Undated.	0.52m-0.82m	
1610	<b>Upper fill of ditch 1608:</b> Mid orange-brown loamy sand, sparse small gravel clasts. 2 small sherds of Prehistoric pottery.	--	
1609	<b>Lower fill of ditch 1608:</b> Light yellowish brown slightly loamy sand, rare small gravel clasts. No finds.	--	
1608	<b>Cut of ditch:</b> Aligned east-west. Width 1.037m, depth 0.45m, irregular shallowly-sloping sides with a broad, gently concave base. Probably Prehistoric	0.52m-0.97m	
1612	<b>Upper fill of cremation grave 1612:</b> Loose mid greyish brown silty sand, rare small gravel clasts, moderate flecks and small fragments of charcoal and calcined bone. Contained Recorded Object 7 an iron hobnail.	--	
1613	<b>Lower fill of cremation grave 1612:</b> Mid yellowish brown silty sand, rare gravel clasts, rare calcined bone flecks, moderate-rare charcoal flecks.	--	
1611	<b>Cut of cremation grave:</b> Sub-oval (but somewhat modified by biotic disturbance), maximum diameter 0.32m, depth 0.17m. Probably Roman	0.52m-0.69m	
1604	<b>Natural deposits:</b> light yellowish medium to fine sand. Sparse rounded gravels (0.03-0.04m).	0.52m+	

<b>TRENCH 17</b>		Centred on NGR: 504014 163263	Ground Level (m aOD): 32.8
Max. Dimensions	Length: 30 m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.57m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	
1701	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.21m	
1702	<b>Subsoil:</b> mid greyish, reddish brown silty sand with occasional moderate sub-rounded & sub-angular flint gravel (0.01-0.05m), bioturbated, very	0.21m-0.39m	

	diffuse boundaries with topsoil & natural.	
1703	<b>Natural deposits:</b> Mid/light reddish brown sand with common sub-rounded & sub-angular flint gravel (0.01-0.05m), bioturbated.	0.39m+

<b>TRENCH 18</b>		Centred on NGR: 504029 163298	Ground Level (m aOD): 33.0
Max. Dimensions	Length: 30 m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.60 m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	
1801	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.12m	
1802	<b>Subsoil:</b> mid brown orange iron panned silty sand; common sub-rounded & sub-angular stone inclusions (0.01-0.05m), bioturbated.	0.12m-0.40m	
1803	<b>Upper fill of pit/burrow 1806:</b> Pale orange-brown iron-panned sand. Rare small gravel clasts. No finds.	--	
1804	<b>Middle fill of pit/burrow 1806:</b> Pale orange/grey iron-panned silty sand. Rare small gravel clasts. No finds.	--	
1805	<b>Basal fill of pit/burrow 1806:</b> Mid-dark brownish grey iron-panned silty sand-loam, rare small gravel clasts. No finds.	--	
1806	<b>Cut of pit/burrow:</b> ?Sub-oval (partially exposed in plan). Length in excess of 0.70m, width 0.45m. Moderately steeply-sloping sides to a poorly-defined ?rounded concave base. Undated.	0.40m-0.92m	
1807	<b>Natural deposits:</b> yellow orange medium sand containing sub-rounded & sub-angular gravels (0.01-0.09m), iron panned	0.40m+	

<b>TRENCH 19</b>		Centred on NGR: 504064 163316	Ground Level (m aOD): 32.8
Max. Dimensions	Length: 30m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.56m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	
1901	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.19m	
1902	<b>Subsoil:</b> Mid greyish reddish brown silty sand with occasional sub-rounded & sub-angular flint gravel (0.01-0.03m). Diffuse boundary with topsoil & very diffuse horizon with natural probably due to bioturbation. Almost indistinguishable from ditch fills 1904 and 1906.	0.19m-0.40m	
1905	<b>Fill of ditch 1904:</b> Mid greyish/reddish brown slightly silty sand, sparse small gravel clasts. No finds.	--	
1904	<b>Cut of ditch:</b> Aligned NNE-SSW, width c1.10m, depth 0.21m. Moderately steeply-sloping concave sides with a broad concave base. Although not certain, there is a hint that the ditch may be gently curvilinear. Undated. Relationship with adjacent ditch 1906 could not be determined.	0.40m-0.61m	
1907	<b>Fill of ditch 1906:</b> Mid greyish/reddish brown slightly silty sand, sparse small gravel clasts. No finds.	--	
1906	<b>Cut of ditch:</b> Aligned NNE-SSW, width c1.17m, depth 0.30m. Moderately steeply-sloping concave	0.40m-0.70m	



	sides with a broad concave base. Although not certain, (as with 1904) there is a hint that the ditch may be gently curvilinear. Undated. Relationship with adjacent ditch 1904 could not be determined.	
1903	<b>Natural deposits:</b> Mid/light yellowish brown medium sand with sparse sub-rounded & sub-angular flint gravel (0.01-0.04m), bioturbated	0.40m+

<b>TRENCH 20</b>		Centred on NGR: 504076 163338	Ground Level (m aOD): 33.1
Max. Dimensions	Length: 28.50m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.44m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	
2001	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.12m	
2002	<b>Subsoil:</b> Mid brownish orange medium sand, sparse round gravel (0.01-0.05m). Patches of gravel spread through trench, bioturbated.	0.12m-0.23m	
2005	<b>Fill of animal burrow 2004:</b> Mid greyish/reddish brown silty sand, rare gravel clasts. Single small sherd of Roman greyware.	--	
2004	<b>Animal burrow:</b> Short undated curvilinear burrow, sloping gently south to north. Recorded only as fill 2005 contained small amounts of pottery.	N/A	
2003	<b>Natural deposits:</b> Mid brownish orange fine to medium sand with sparse sub-rounded gravel (0.01-0.04m)	0.23m+	

<b>TRENCH 23</b>		Centred on NGR: 504155 163405	Ground Level (m aOD): 32.3
Max. Dimensions	Length: 29.30m	Width: 1.90m	Max. Depth: 0.81m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	
2300	<b>Topsoil:</b> Mid greyish brown, friable sand with evidence for root bioturbation.	0.00m-0.2m	
2301	<b>Subsoil:</b> Light greyish brown loose, fine sand with moderate sub-rounded coarse gravel.	0.20m-0.40m	
2302	<b>Natural:</b> Light reddish yellow fine sand with sparse, rounded poorly sorted gravel.	0.40m- +	
2303	<b>Construction cut:</b> Cut of modern ditch with a NW-SE orientation. It is 5m wide and at least 0.40m deep.	0.00M-0.40m	
2304	<b>Deliberate backfill:</b> Mid greyish brown, sandy clay silt, laid over the iron tracks. Rare sub-angular stones, frequent amounts of CBM fragments and post medieval pottery.	0.00m-0.37m	
2305	<b>Iron Tracks:</b> Narrow iron rails. Their width and depth indicate that these did not carry heavy loads.	0.27m-0.32m	
2306	<b>Tarmac:</b> Modern layer of tarmac placed above the construction phase of the tracks.	0.31m-0.35m	
2307	<b>Deliberate backfill:</b> Mid greyish brown, sandy clay silt, laid over the iron tracks. Rare sub-angular stones, frequent amounts of CBM fragments and post medieval pottery	0.30m-0.40m	

<b>TRENCH 24</b>		Centred on NGR: 504165 163347	Ground Level (m aOD): 31.6
Max. Dimensions	Length: 29.30m	Width: 1.90m	Max. Depth: 0.81m

Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL
2400	<b>Topsoil:</b> Mid greyish brown, friable sand with evidence for root bioturbation.	0.00m-0.23m
2401	<b>Subsoil:</b> Light greyish brown loose, fine sand with moderate sub-rounded coarse gravel.	0.23m-0.50m
2402	<b>Natural:</b> Light reddish yellow fine sand with sparse, rounded poorly sorted gravel.	0.50m-0.63m
2403	<b>Cut of natural feature:</b> Cut of a possible periglacial feature. 0.30m long, 0.10m wide.	0.50m-0.56m
2404	<b>Secondary fill:</b> Light greyish brown sandy silt. Loose fill with rare charcoal fleck inclusions.	0.50m-0.56m

<b>TRENCH 25</b>		Centred on NGR: 504104 163324	Ground Level (m aOD): 32.4
<b>Max. Dimensions</b>	Length: 28 m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.42 m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	
2501	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.18m	
2502	<b>Natural deposits:</b> light yellowish brown fine to medium sand containing moderate round gravel (0.01-0.03m), bioturbated.	0.18m+	

<b>TRENCH 26</b>		Centred on NGR: 5804093 163297	Ground Level (m aOD): 32.2
<b>Max. Dimensions</b>	Length: 30 m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.42 m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	
2601	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.15m	
2601	<b>Natural deposits:</b> Mid reddish brown sand with occasional moderate sub-rounded & sub-angular flint gravel (0.01-0.08m), bioturbated.	0.15m+	

<b>TRENCH 27</b>		Centred on NGR: 504073 163281	Ground Level (m aOD): 32.0
<b>Max. Dimensions</b>	Length: 32 m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.75m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	
2701	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.21m	
2702	<b>Subsoil:</b> Mid yellowish grey loamy sand; sparse rounded gravel (0.01-0.04m); diffuse horizon with natural.	0.21m-0.32m	
2703	<b>Natural deposits:</b> Mid orange brown medium sand; sparse round gravel (0.01-0.04 m)	0.32m+	

<b>TRENCH 28</b>		Centred on NGR: 504050 163247	Ground Level (m aOD): 32.1
<b>Max. Dimensions</b>	Length: 28m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.32m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	
2801	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.18m	
2802	<b>Natural deposits:</b> Mid orange brown medium sand, sparse round gravel (0.01-0.05m)	0.18m+	

<b>TRENCH 29A</b>		Centred on NGR: 504026 163207	Ground Level (m aOD): 32.2
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Max. Dimensions		
Length: 25m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.46m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL
2901	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.21m
2902	<b>Subsoil:</b> yellowish brown fine sand with sparse inclusions of sub-rounded & sub-angular flint gravel (0.01-0.02m). Diffuse boundary with (2903)	0.21m-0.29m
2903	<b>Natural deposits:</b> mid orange brown medium sand, poorly sorted with sparse to moderate inclusions of small & medium size (0.02-0.08m) sub-rounded & sub-angular gravel.	0.29m+

TRENCH 29B			Centred on NGR: 504039 163220	Ground Level (m aOD): 31.9	
Max. Dimensions			Length: 27 m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.40m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL			
2904	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.11m			
2905	<b>Subsoil:</b> mid orange brown fine sand with moderate inclusions of gravel, bioturbated, rare charcoal, diffuse boundary with (2906)	0.11m-0.30m			
2906	<b>Natural deposits:</b> Yellowish brown, mottled with reddish orange medium sand with patches of gravel	0.30m+			

TRENCH 30			Centred on NGR: 503995 163213	Ground Level (m aOD): 32.6	
Max. Dimensions			Length: 24m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.57m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL			
3001	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.21m			
3002	<b>Subsoil:</b> Mid orange brown loamy sand, sparse sub-rounded gravel (0.01-0.04m), diffuse boundary with natural.	0.21m-0.44m			
3003	<b>Natural deposits:</b> yellowy orange fine to medium sand, patches of coarser reddish orange sand, sparse sub-rounded gravel (0.01-0.04m), patches of gravel in trench.	0.44m+			

TRENCH 31			Centred on NGR: 504023 163183	Ground Level (m aOD): 31.6	
Max. Dimensions			Length: 29m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.33m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL			
3101	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.23m			
3104	<b>'Fill' of burnt tree-base 3104:</b> Mid brownish grey loamy sand, rare small gravel clasts, common patchy flecks and lumps of charcoal.	--			
3103	<b>'Cut' of burnt tree-base:</b> Irregular sub-oval, length 1m, width 0.80m, depth 60mm. Very gently concave profile with numerous localised and very poorly-defined root-holes. Undated, but considered to be of comparatively recent date.	0.23m-0.29m			
3102	<b>Natural deposits:</b> Mid orange brown medium sand, sparse rounded gravel (0.01-0.04m)	0.23m+			

<b>TRENCH 32</b>		Centred on NGR: 504057 163182		Ground Level (m aOD): 31.2
Max. Dimensions	Length: 30m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.48m	
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL		
3201	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.15m		
3202	<b>Natural deposits:</b> Mid reddish brown medium sand, moderate round gravel (0.01-0.05m), becomes yellower below 0.30m, darker patches at NE of trench.	0.15m+		

<b>TRENCH 33</b>		Centred on NGR: 504085 163188		Ground Level (m aOD): 30.7
Max. Dimensions	Length: 29m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.38m	
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL		
3301	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.16		
3302	<b>Subsoil:</b> Mid orange brown fine sand, diffuse boundaries with topsoil & natural, moderate inclusions of sub-rounded & sub-angular gravels (0.01-0.08m), bioturbated.	0.16m-0.28m		
3303	<b>Natural deposits:</b> Light orange brown medium sand with patches of light yellow fine sand, well sorted with moderate to frequent gravels, bioturbated.	0.28m+		

<b>TRENCH 34</b>		Centred on NGR: 5804064 163225		Ground Level (m aOD): 31.6
Max. Dimensions	Length: 30m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.37m	
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL		
3401	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.15m		
3402	<b>Subsoil:</b> Mid brownish, reddish grey silty sand with rare sub-rounded & sub-angular flint gravel, (0.01-0.03m), very diffuse boundary with natural due to bioturbation	.0.15m-0.22m		
3405	<b>Backfill of cremation grave 3404:</b> Mid orange-grey-brown sandy loam, occasional small stone clasts and occasional flecks of calcined bone.	--		
3406	<b>Cremation urn and /internal burial deposits:</b> Single near-complete Early Roman greyware jar containing cremated human remains in a mid-dark grey-brown sandy loam matrix.	--		
3404	<b>Cut of cremation grave:</b> Slightly sub-circular with moderately-steeply sloping sides and a flat base. Diameter 0.43m, depth 0.20m.	0.22m-0.42m		
3403	<b>Natural deposits:</b> Mid reddish brown sand with occasional moderate sub-rounded & sub-angular flint gravel (0.01-0.06m), bioturbated.	0.22m+		

<b>TRENCH 35</b>		Centred on NGR: 504085 163242		Ground Level (m aOD): 31.5
Max. Dimensions	Length: 36m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.50m	
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL		
3501	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.15m		

3502	<b>Subsoil:</b> Mid orange brown medium sand with moderate inclusions of gravel (0.01-0.06m), rare lumps of yellow sand, charcoal presence, diffuse boundary with (3503)	0.15m-0.39m
3503	<b>Natural deposits:</b> Mid orange brown mottled with reddish orange, fine to coarse sand with frequent inclusions of gravel. Patches of gravel on sandy matrix, bioturbated.	0.39m+

<b>TRENCH 36</b>		Centred on NGR: 504106 163270	Ground Level (m aOD): 31.8
Max. Dimensions	Length: 36m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.32m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	
3601	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.15m	
3602	<b>Natural deposits:</b> Mid brownish orange medium sand, sparse round gravel (0.01-0.05m). Patches of gravel spread through trench, bioturbated.	0.15m+	

<b>TRENCH 37</b>		Centred on NGR: 5404126 163260	Ground Level (m aOD): 31.6
Max. Dimensions	Length: 32m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.40m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	
3701	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.07m	
3702	<b>Subsoil:</b> Mid orange brown fine sand with moderate gravel inclusions (0.02-0.05m), diffuse horizon with natural	0.07m-0.24m,	
3703	<b>Natural deposits:</b> light yellowish brown medium sand, with common gravel, bioturbated. Patches of gravel in sandy matrix in whole trench.	0.24m+	

<b>TRENCH 38</b>		Centred on NGR: 504129 163300	Ground Level (m aOD): 31.9
Max. Dimensions	Length: 30m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.37m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	
3801	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.07m	
23802	<b>Natural deposits:</b> Mid/light reddish brown medium sand with common sub-rounded & sub-angular flint gravel (0.01-0.08m), bioturbated.	0.07m+	

<b>TRENCH 39</b>		Centred on NGR: 504160 163305	Ground Level (m aOD): 31.5
Max. Dimensions	Length: 30m	Width: 1.90m	Max. Depth: 0.81m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	
3900	<b>Topsoil:</b> Dark brownish grey, peaty, loam sand with moderate bioturbation and rare inclusions of small, sub-rounded pebbles.	0.00m-0.20m	
3901	<b>Subsoil:</b> Mid orange brown fine sand with moderate gravel inclusions (0.02-0.05m), diffuse horizon with natural	0.20m-0.40m	
3902	<b>Natural:</b> Light yellowish brown medium sand, with common gravel, bioturbated. Patches of gravel in sandy matrix in whole trench.	0.40m+	
3903	<b>Cut of ditch:</b> Linear feature with a NE-SW orientation. Concave base and moderate concave	0.20m-0.8m	

	sides.	
3904	<b>Secondary fill:</b> Secondary fill of post-medieval ditch. Light greyish brown, loose, fine sand. Moderate, sub-rounded, poorly sorted pebbles.	0.20-0.81m

<b>TRENCH 40</b>		Centred on NGR: 504147 163297	Ground Level (m aOD): 31.9
<b>Max. Dimensions</b>	Length: 31m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.36m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	
4001	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.12m	
4002	<b>Subsoil:</b> Mid orange/greyish brown fine sand with moderate inclusions of gravel, bioturbated, charcoal presence, diffuse boundary with natural	0.12m-0.22m	
4005	<b>Fill of ditch 4004:</b> Loose, mid- greyish brown loamy sand, with fairly common medium-sized roots. Upper part of fill contained a single sherd of modern/recent industrially-produced ware.	--	
4004	<b>Cut of ditch:</b> Aligned NNW-SSE, width 1m, depth 0.30m. Moderately steeply-sloping sides with a relatively well-defined broad, flattish base. Post-medieval or recent date.	0.22m-0.52m	
4003	<b>Natural deposits:</b> Soft yellowish brown fine sand, medium sorted, common gravel, bioturbated.	0.22m+	

<b>TRENCH 41</b>		Centred on NGR: 504006 163154	Ground Level (m aOD): 31.8
<b>Max. Dimensions</b>	Length: 30m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.50m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	
4101	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.19m	
4109	<b>Subsoil:</b> Mid brown pale orange silty sand mixed with common stones (0.01-0.05m),bioturbated, occasionally visible in trench profiles	0.19m-0.32m	
4103	<b>Fill of pit 4104:</b> Dark grey-brown loamy sand occasional small gravel clasts. Contained Middle Bronze Age pottery.	--	
4104	<b>Cut of pit:</b> Sub-circular, diameter 0.45m, depth 0.40m. Irregular concave sides and base. Middle Bronze Age	0.32m-0.44m	
4105	<b>Fill of pit 4106:</b> Dark grey-brown silty sand-loam, common small gravel clasts. Contained lower part of Middle Bronze Age urn	--	
4106	<b>Cut of pit:</b> Sub-circular, diameter 0.30m, depth 0.40m. Vertically-sided with a flat base. Middle Bronze Age.	0.32m-0.72m	
4107	<b>Fill of pit 4108:</b> Dark grey-brown silty sand-loam with common small gravel clasts. Contained Middle Bronze Age pottery.	--	
4108	<b>Cut of pit:</b> Sub-oval, length 0.30m by 0.23m, depth 0.27m. Steeply concave sides with a rounded concave base. Middle Bronze Age.	0.32m-0.49m	
4102	<b>Natural deposits:</b> Red orange medium/ fine sand with common to abundant gravel (0.02-0.10m)	0.32m+	



<b>TRENCH 42</b>		Centred on NGR: 504032 163147		Ground Level (m aOD): 31.7
Max. Dimensions	Length: 30m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.46m	
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL		
4201	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.18m		
4202	<b>Subsoil:</b> Mid orange brown medium sand with sparse to moderate inclusions of gravel (0.02-0.06m),bioturbated, charcoal presence, diffuse horizon with natural	0.18m-0.32m		
4203	<b>Natural deposits:</b> Light orange brown medium coarse sand, poorly sorted with common inclusions of gravel. Patches of gravel on sandy matrix in whole trench.	0.32m+		

<b>TRENCH 43</b>		Centred on NGR: 504047 163119		Ground Level (m aOD): 31.8
Max. Dimensions	Length: 30m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.45m	
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL		
4301	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.09m		
4305	<b>Fill of ditch 4304:</b> Mid orange-brown loamy sand, frequent small-medium gravel clasts. No finds.	--		
4304	<b>Cut of ditch:</b> Aligned north west – south east. Width 1m, depth 0.28m. Moderately sloping concave sides with a rounded concave base. Undated.	0.09m-0.37m		
4302	<b>Natural (I):</b> Mid greyish reddish brown silty sand with abundant sub-rounded & sub-angular, rounded & angular stones (0.01-0.08m), flint cobbles (0.10-0.20m) and bioturbated.	0.09m-0.25m		
4303	<b>Natural (II):</b> beneath gravel rich natural, mid/light reddish brown medium sand, rare stone inclusions, bioturbated.	0.25m+		

<b>TRENCH 44</b>		Centred on NGR: 504069 163136		Ground Level (m aOD): 30.9
Max. Dimensions	Length: 34m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.55m	
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL		
4401	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.08m		
4402	<b>Subsoil:</b> light brownish orange fine sand with moderate inclusions of gravel, very soft, diffuse boundary with natural	0.08m-0.27m		
4403	<b>Natural deposits:</b> Light brown med orange fine sand with sparse inclusions of gravel (0.02-0.08m). Patches of fine sand & gravels visible in trench.	0.27m+		

<b>TRENCH 45</b>		Centred on NGR: 504084 163146		Ground Level (m aOD): 30.5
Max. Dimensions	Length: 31m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.48m	
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL		
4501	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.23m		
4502	<b>Natural deposits:</b> Mid brownish orange medium sand, well sorted, moderate round gravel (0.01-	0.23m+		

	0.05m), bioturbated.
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<b>TRENCH 49</b>		Centred on NGR: 5804071 163108	Ground Level (m aOD): 31.4
<b>Max. Dimensions</b>	Length: 30m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.33m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	
4901	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.33m	
4902	<b>Natural deposits:</b> red orange sand containing sub-rounded & sub-angular gravel (0.03-0.10m), crumbly & saturated with water, bioturbated.	0.33m+	

<b>TRENCH 50</b>		Centred on NGR: 504028 163098	Ground Level (m aOD): 31.7
<b>Max. Dimensions</b>	Length: 33m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.40m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	
5001	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.13m	
5004	<b>Fill of pit 5003:</b> Dark greyish brown silty sand loam with moderate small-medium gravel clasts. Contained Prehistoric pottery and burnt flint.	--	
5003	<b>Cut of pit:</b> Oval pit (partially exposed). Length in excess of 1.45m, width 1.40m. Moderately steeply sloping concave sides with a broad, gently concave base. Late Bronze Age or Earlier part of the Iron Age.	0.13m-0.36m	
5002	<b>Natural deposits:</b> Mid brownish orange medium sand, very abundant round gravel (0.02-0.08m),bioturbated	0.13m+	

<b>TRENCH 51</b>		Centred on NGR: 504016 163120	Ground Level (m aOD): 31.6
<b>Max. Dimensions</b>	Length: 43m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.34m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	
5101	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.20m	
5102	<b>Natural deposits:</b> Mid greyish reddish brown medium sand with very common sub-rounded & sub-angular flint gravel (0.01-0.08m). Potential sub-soil occasionally visible in trench.	0.20m+	

<b>TRENCH 52</b>		Centred on NGR:	Ground Level (m aOD):
<b>Max. Dimensions</b>	Length: 32.3m	Width: 1.90m	Max. Depth: 0.65m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	
5200	<b>Topsoil:</b> Previously stripped before the trench was excavated. Mid greyish brown sandy silt. Frequent small-medium sub-angular flint. Rare fragments of modern CBM.	0.00m-0.17m	
5201	<b>Subsoil:</b> Mid reddish yellow, silty sand. Rare amounts of small-medium sub-angular flint.	0.17m-0.47m	
5202	<b>Natural:</b> Bands of light brownish yellow sand and mid reddish yellow sub-angular rare gravels.	0.47m-0.55m	

<b>TRENCH 53</b>		Centred on NGR:	Ground Level (m aOD):
<b>Max. Dimensions</b>	Length: 30.6m	Width: 1.90m	Max. Depth: 0.73m

Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL
5300	<b>Topsoil:</b> Previously stripped before the trench was excavated. Mid greyish brown sandy silt. Frequent small-medium sub-angular flint. Rare fragments of modern CBM.	0.00m-0.12m
5301	<b>Subsoil:</b> Mid reddish yellow, silty sand. Rare amounts of small-medium sub-angular flint.	0.12m-0.64m
5302	<b>Natural:</b> Bands of light brownish yellow sand and mid reddish yellow sub-angular rare gravels.	0.64m-0.73m

<b>TRENCH 54</b>		Centred on NGR: 504307 163146	Ground Level (m aOD): 29.1
<b>Max. Dimensions</b>	Length: 30m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.32m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	
5401	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.17m	
5402	<b>Subsoil:</b> mid greyish reddish brown silty sand with occasional sub-rounded & sub-angular flint gravel (0.01-0.04m), very diffuse boundaries with natural, bioturbated.	0.17m-0.27m	
5403	<b>Natural deposits:</b> Light reddish orange medium sand with occasional sub-rounded & sub-angular flint gravel (0.01-0.08m)	0.27m+	

<b>TRENCH 55</b>		Centred on NGR: 504359 163131	Ground Level (m aOD): 27.5
<b>Max. Dimensions</b>	Length: 30m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.32m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	
5501	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.22m	
5502	<b>Subsoil:</b> mid reddish brown silty sand with occasional sub-rounded & sub-angular flint gravel (0.01-0.04m), very diffuse boundaries	0.22m-0.30m	
5503	<b>Natural deposits:</b> sub-rounded & sub-angular flint gravel (0.01-0.08m), mixed & diffuse due to bioturbation. The natural in northern half of the trench is much sandier & quite loose.	0.30m+	

<b>TRENCH 56</b>		Centred on NGR: 504417 163132	Ground Level (m aOD): 26.8
<b>Max. Dimensions</b>	Length: 30m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.36m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	
5601	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.20m	
5602	<b>Natural deposits:</b> mid brownish orange sand containing abundant sub-rounded & sub-angular gravels (0.02-0.07m), compact, saturated with water. Plough scares visible in open trench.	0.20m+	

<b>TRENCH 57</b>		Centred on NGR: 504443 163144	Ground Level (m aOD): 26.7
<b>Max. Dimensions</b>	Length: 30m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.55m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	
5701	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.20m	
5702	<b>Natural deposits:</b> mid reddish brown sand with abundant sub-rounded & sub-angular gravel	0.20m+	

	(0.05-0.10m); no sub-soil was visible in section but it occurs as a diffuse light reddish brownish grey layer of silty sand in a few places in the trench.	
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<b>TRENCH 58</b>		Centred on NGR: 504485 163142		Ground Level (m aOD): 26.4
Max. Dimensions	Length: 28.50m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.38m	
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL		
5801	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.10m		
5802	<b>Subsoil:</b> mid greyish brown silty sand, moderate sub-rounded gravel (0.01-0.04m)	0.10m-0.24m		
5805	<b>Fill of linear feature 5804:</b> Mid orange-brown fine sand, mottled with patches of pale yellow fine sand. Moderate small-medium gravel clasts. Possibly periglacial in origin? No finds.	--		
5804	<b>Cut of linear feature:</b> Aligned east – west, width 1.25, depth difficult to ascertain, but not more than 0.40m. Indistinct profile: possibly periglacial in origin?	0.24m4- c0.64m		
5803	<b>Natural deposits:</b> Mid brownish orange sand. Common rounded/sub-rounded gravel (0.01-0.04m). Diffuse upper horizon	0.24m+		

<b>TRENCH 59</b>		Centred on NGR: 504464 163115		Ground Level (m aOD): 26.5
Max. Dimensions	Length: 25m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.50m	
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL		
5901	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.20m		
5902	<b>Natural deposits:</b> Orange pale brown sand containing abundant sub-rounded & sub-angular gravels (0.02-0.07m)	0.20m+		

<b>TRENCH 60</b>		Centred on NGR: 504426 163100		Ground Level (m aOD): 26.8
Max. Dimensions	Length: 32m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.27m	
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL		
6001	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.19m		
6004	<b>Fill of ditch 6003:</b> Mid orange-brown loamy sand, moderate small-medium gravel clasts. Rare charcoal flecks. No finds.	--		
6003	<b>Cut of ditch:</b> Aligned NNE-SSW, width 1.00m, depth 0.14m. Gently concave sides to a broad, flattish base. Undated.	0.19m-0.33m		
6002	<b>Natural deposits:</b> mid brownish orange fine sand with common inclusions of small & medium size (0.01-0.08m) gravel	0.19m+		

<b>TRENCH 61</b>		Centred on NGR: 504390 163110		Ground Level (m aOD): 27.0
Max. Dimensions	Length: 33m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.35m	
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL		
6101	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.20m		

6104	<b>Fill of natural feature 6103:</b> Mid brownish grey sandy silt, rare small gravel clasts. No finds.	--
6103	<b>Cut of natural feature:</b> Irregular sub-oval, length 0.85m, width 0.36m, depth 0.10m. Irregular profile. Probably root-disturbance. Undated.	0.20m-0.30m
6102	<b>Natural deposits:</b> mid brownish orange sand, frequent rounded gravel (0.01-0.06m), patches of dense gravel	0.20m+

<b>TRENCH 62</b>		Centred on NGR: 504336 163117		Ground Level (m aOD): 27.6
Max. Dimensions	Length: 30m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.30m	
Context	Description			Thickness / depth BGL
6201	<b>Topsoil</b>			0.00- 0.10m
6202	<b>Natural deposits:</b> Mid orange brown fine, well sorted sand with common gravel, bioturbation across the trench.			0.10m+

<b>TRENCH 63</b>		Centred on NGR: 504301 163122		Ground Level (m aOD): 28.6
Max. Dimensions	Length: 30m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.32m	
Context	Description			Thickness / depth BGL
6301	<b>Topsoil</b>			0.00- 0.20m
6302	<b>Natural deposits:</b> mid reddish brown silty sand with occasional moderate sub-rounded & sub-angular flint gravel (0.01-0.08m). Very diffuse boundary with topsoil, no clear sub-soil present, possibly due to rooting.			0.20m+
6303	<b>Natural:</b>			

<b>TRENCH 64</b>		Centred on NGR: 504261 163184		Ground Level (m aOD): 30.6
Max. Dimensions	Length: 31.76m	Width: 1.90m	Max. Depth: 0.73m	
Context	Description			Thickness / depth BGL
6400	<b>Topsoil:</b> Mostly removed due to prior stripping. Only a small amount was left. Mid greyish brown sandy silt. Frequent small – medium sub-angular flint. Rare fragments of CBM.			0.00m-0.13m
6401	<b>Subsoil:</b> Mid yellowish red, silty sand, frequent amounts of small-medium sized stones.			0.13m-0.64m
6402	<b>Natural:</b> Mid reddish brown silty sand with occasional moderate sub-rounded & sub-angular flint gravel. Very diffuse boundary with topsoil, no clear sub-soil present, possibly due to rooting.			0.64m-0.67m
6403	<b>Natural:</b> Re-deposited natural. Previously excavated areas where the natural was placed on top of topsoil.			0.00m-0.7m

<b>TRENCH 65</b>		Centred on NGR: 504261 163184		Ground Level (m aOD): 30.6
Max. Dimensions	Length: 29.2m	Width: 1.90m	Max. Depth: 0.70m	
Context	Description			Thickness / depth BGL
6500	<b>Topsoil:</b> Mostly removed due to prior stripping. Only a small amount was left. Mid greyish brown			0.00m-0.10m

	sandy silt. Frequent small – medium sub-angular flint. Rare fragments of CBM.	
6501	<b>Subsoil:</b> Light reddish, silty sand, frequent amounts of small-medium sized stones.	0.10m-0.35m
6502	<b>Natural:</b> Light reddish brown silty sand with occasional moderate sub-rounded & sub-angular flint gravel.	0.35m+

<b>TRENCH 66</b>		Centred on NGR: 504264 163093	Ground Level (m aOD): 29.0
<b>Max. Dimensions</b>	Length: 30m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.32m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	
6601	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.21m	
6602	<b>Subsoil:</b> mid greyish reddish brown silty sand with occasional moderate sub-angular & sub-rounded flint gravel (0.01-0.08m),intensive rooting	0.21m-0.34m	
6603	<b>Natural deposits:</b> mid/light reddish brown with moderate inclusions of sub-rounded & sub-angular flint gravel (0.01-0.08m), bioturbation.	0.34m+	

<b>TRENCH 67</b>		Centred on NGR: 504290 163078	Ground Level (m aOD): 27.8
<b>Max. Dimensions</b>	Length: 30m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.40m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	
6701	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00-.0.15m	
6702	<b>Natural deposits:</b> red orange sand containing sub-rounded gravels, friable, bioturbated	0.15m+	

<b>TRENCH 68</b>		Centred on NGR: 504307 163098	Ground Level (m aOD): 27.9
<b>Max. Dimensions</b>	Length: 30m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.34m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	
6801	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.20m	
6804	<b>Fill of ditch 6803:</b> Mid orange-brown slightly loamy sand, moderate small gravel; clasts. No finds.	--	
6803	<b>Cut of ditch:</b> Aligned north-south. Width 0.50m, depth 0.15m. Moderately sloping sides with a flattish base. Undated.	0.20m-0.35m	
6806	<b>Fill of ditch 6805:</b> Mid orange-brown loamy sand, sparse small gravel clasts. No finds.	--	
6805	<b>Cut of ditch:</b> Aligned north west – south east. Width 0.62m, depth 0.18m. Moderately sloping sides with a concave base. Undated.	0.20m-0.38m	
6802	<b>Natural deposits:</b> mid reddish brown silty sand with occasional moderate sub-rounded & sub-angular flint gravel (0.01-0.08m). Very diffuse boundary with topsoil, no clear sub-soil present, possibly due to rooting.	0.20m+	

<b>TRENCH 69</b>		Centred on NGR: 504333 163081	Ground Level (m aOD): 27.5
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Max. Dimensions		
Length: 30m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.32m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL
6901	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.17m
6902	<b>Subsoil:</b> mid reddish brown silty sand with sparse sub-rounded & sub-angular flint gravel (0.01-0.03m),very diffuse boundaries	0.17m-0.31m
6903	<b>Natural deposits:</b> mid/light yellowish reddish brown sand with sparse occasional sub-rounded & sub-angular flint gravel (0.01-0.05m),changes in natural	0.31m+
<i>Aligned NNW-SSE, width 1.40m, unexcavated: A northerly (unexcavated) continuation of post-medieval/modern ditch 7504, filled with mid greyish brown loamy sand containing occasional small gravel clasts. No visible surface finds.</i>		

TRENCH 70		
Centred on NGR: 504362 163086		Ground Level (m aOD): 27.2
Max. Dimensions		
Length: 26m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.22m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL
7001	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.19m
7002	<b>Natural deposits:</b> mid brownish orange sand frequent rounded gravel (0.01-0.03m), bioturbated. Plough marks run E-W at southern end of trench	0.19m+

TRENCH 71		
Centred on NGR: 504402 163087		Ground Level (m aOD): 26.7
Max. Dimensions		
Length: 29m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.25m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL
7101	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.22m
7102	<b>Natural deposits:</b> mid brownish orange sand, frequent sub-rounded gravel (0.01-0.03m), plough marks run E-W	0.22m+

TRENCH 72		
Centred on NGR: 504475 163072		Ground Level (m aOD): 26.6
Max. Dimensions		
Length: 30m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.30m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL
7201	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.15m
7202	<b>Subsoil:</b> light reddish brownish grey silty sand with moderate inclusions of sub-rounded & sub-angular flint gravel (0.01-0.04m), very diffuse boundary	0.15m-0.19m
7203	<b>Natural deposits:</b> light reddish brown sand with abundant inclusions of sub-rounded & sub-angular flint gravel (0.05-0.08m)	0.19m+

TRENCH 73		
Centred on NGR: 504478 163096		Ground Level (m aOD): 26.7
Max. Dimensions		
Length: 29m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.38m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL

7301	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.25
7302	<b>Subsoil:</b> mid orange brown silty sand, common sub-rounded gravel (0.01-0.03m)	0.25-0.38
7305	<b>Upper fill of ditch 7304:</b> Mid orange-brown slightly silty sand, Moderate small-medium gravel clasts. Iron plate fragment and 2 fragments of post-medieval CBM.	--
7306	<b>Middle fill of ditch 7304:</b> Mid brownish grey slightly silty sand with moderate small-medium gravel clasts. Occasional charcoal flecks.	--
7307	<b>Basal fill of ditch 7304:</b> Mid greyish brown silty sand with frequent small-medium gravel clasts. Rare charcoal flecks.	--
7304	<b>Cut of ditch:</b> Aligned NNW-SSE, width in excess of 2.5m, depth 0.53m, irregular, but overall gently concave, with gently sloping eroded upper sides. Post-medieval date.	0.38m-0.53m
7303	<b>Natural deposits:</b> mid brownish orange sand, frequent sub-rounded gravel (0.01-0.03m)	0.38+

<b>TRENCH 74</b>		Centred on NGR: 504424 163056	Ground Level (m aOD): 26.8
<b>Max. Dimensions</b>	Length: 30m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.25m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	
7401	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.14m	
7402	<b>Subsoil:</b> mid/light reddish brownish grey silty sand with moderate inclusions of sub-rounded & sub-angular flint gravels (0.01-0.04m), very diffuse boundaries	0.14m-0.19m	
7403	<b>Natural deposits:</b> mid/light reddish brown sand with abundant inclusions of sub-rounded & sub-angular flint gravel (0.05-0.10m)	0.19m+	

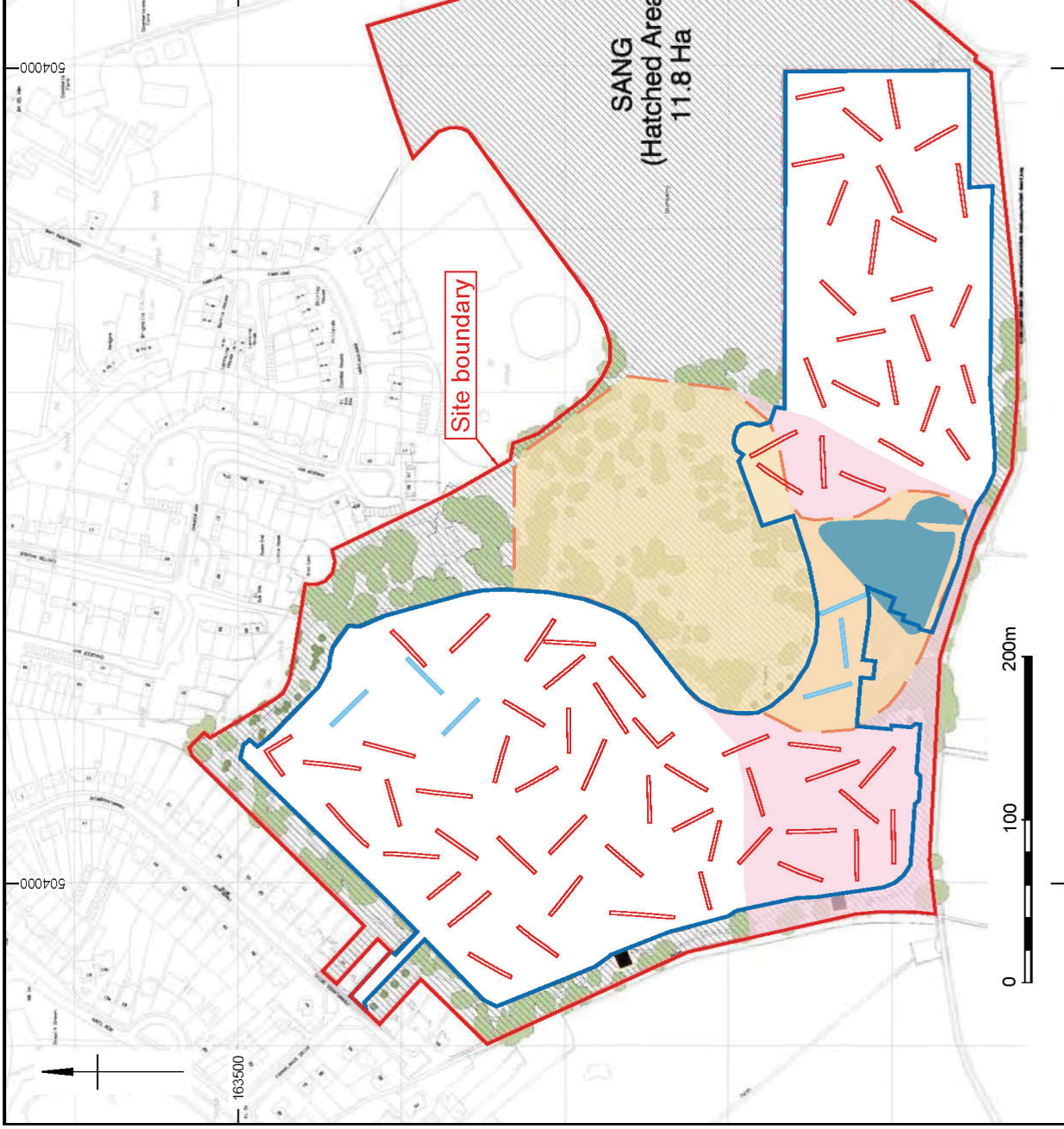
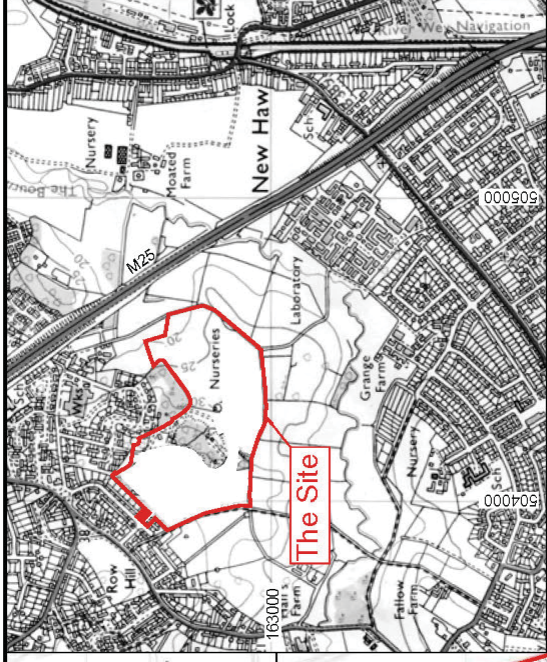
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<b>Max. Dimensions</b>	Length: 30m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.25m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	
7501	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.25m	
7503	<b>Fill of ditch 7504:</b> Mid brownish grey silty sand, common small-medium gravel clasts. Single post-medieval brick in upper part of deposit.	--	
7504	<b>Cut of ditch:</b> Aligned NNW-SSE, width 0.80, depth 0.50, Moderately-sloping sides with a rounded concave base. Post-medieval date.	0.25m-0.72m	
7502	<b>Natural deposits:</b> orange pale brown sand containing abundant sub-rounded & sub-angular gravels (0.04-0.15m)	0.25m+	

<b>TRENCH 76</b>		Centred on NGR: 504306 163052	Ground Level (m aOD): 27.5
<b>Max. Dimensions</b>	Length: 24m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.24m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	


7601	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.21m
7602	<b>Natural deposits:</b> mid brownish orange sand. Frequent gravel (0.01-0.05m). Rabbit borrows & bioturbation	0.21m+

<b>TRENCH 77</b>		Centred on NGR: 504269 163058	Ground Level (m aOD): 28.0
<b>Max. Dimensions</b>	Length: 22m	Width: 1.80m	Max. Depth: 0.28m
Context	Description	Thickness / depth BGL	
7701	<b>Topsoil</b>	0.00- 0.07m	
7702	<b>Subsoil:</b> light greyish brown to light orange brown fine sand, well sorted with common inclusions of gravel (0.01-0.08m), rare roots, charcoal, clear boundary with natural	0.07m-0.20m	
7703	<b>Natural deposits:</b> mid orange brown fine sand with common to frequent inclusions of gravel	0.20m+	



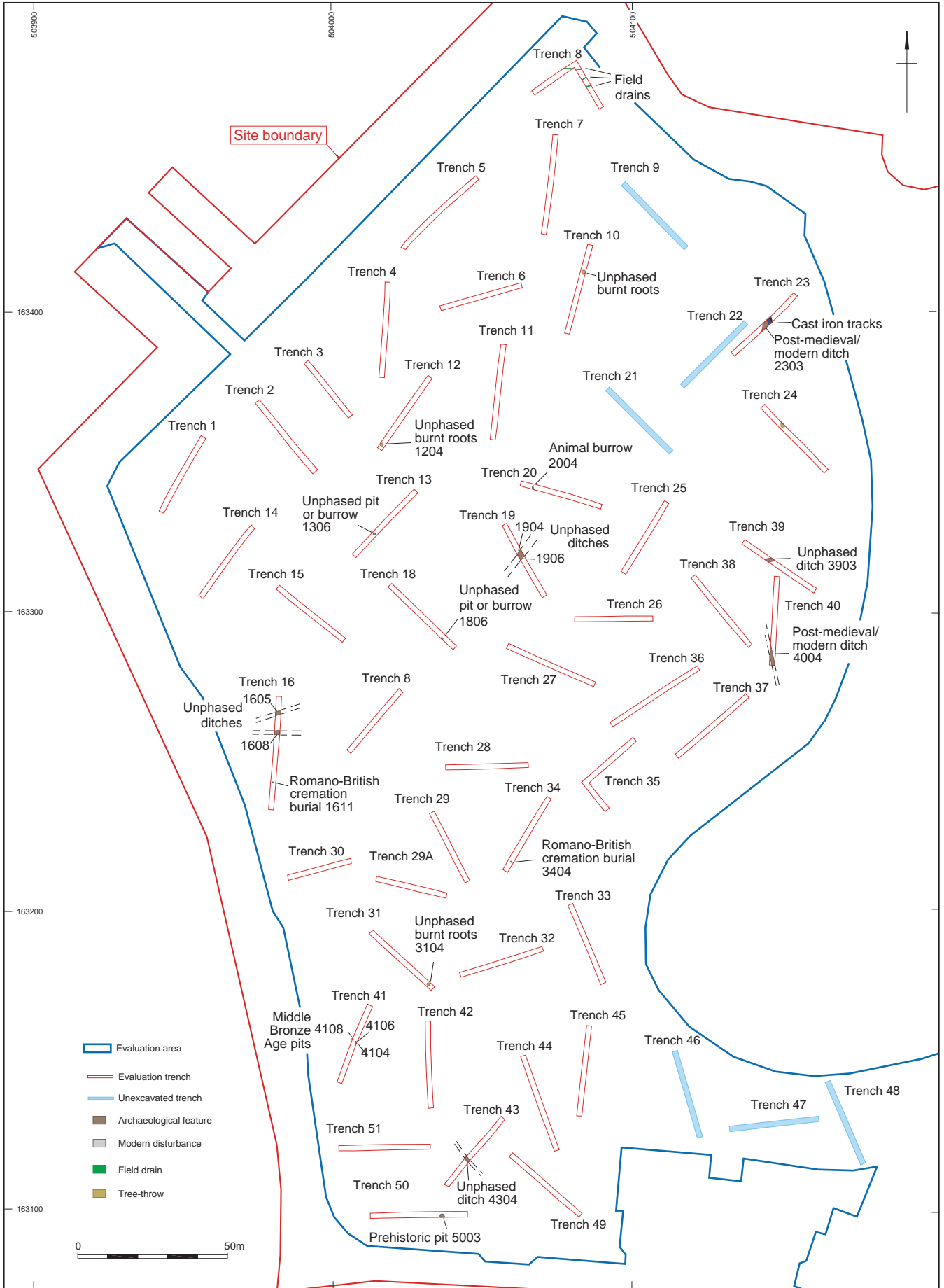


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Site and trench location plan

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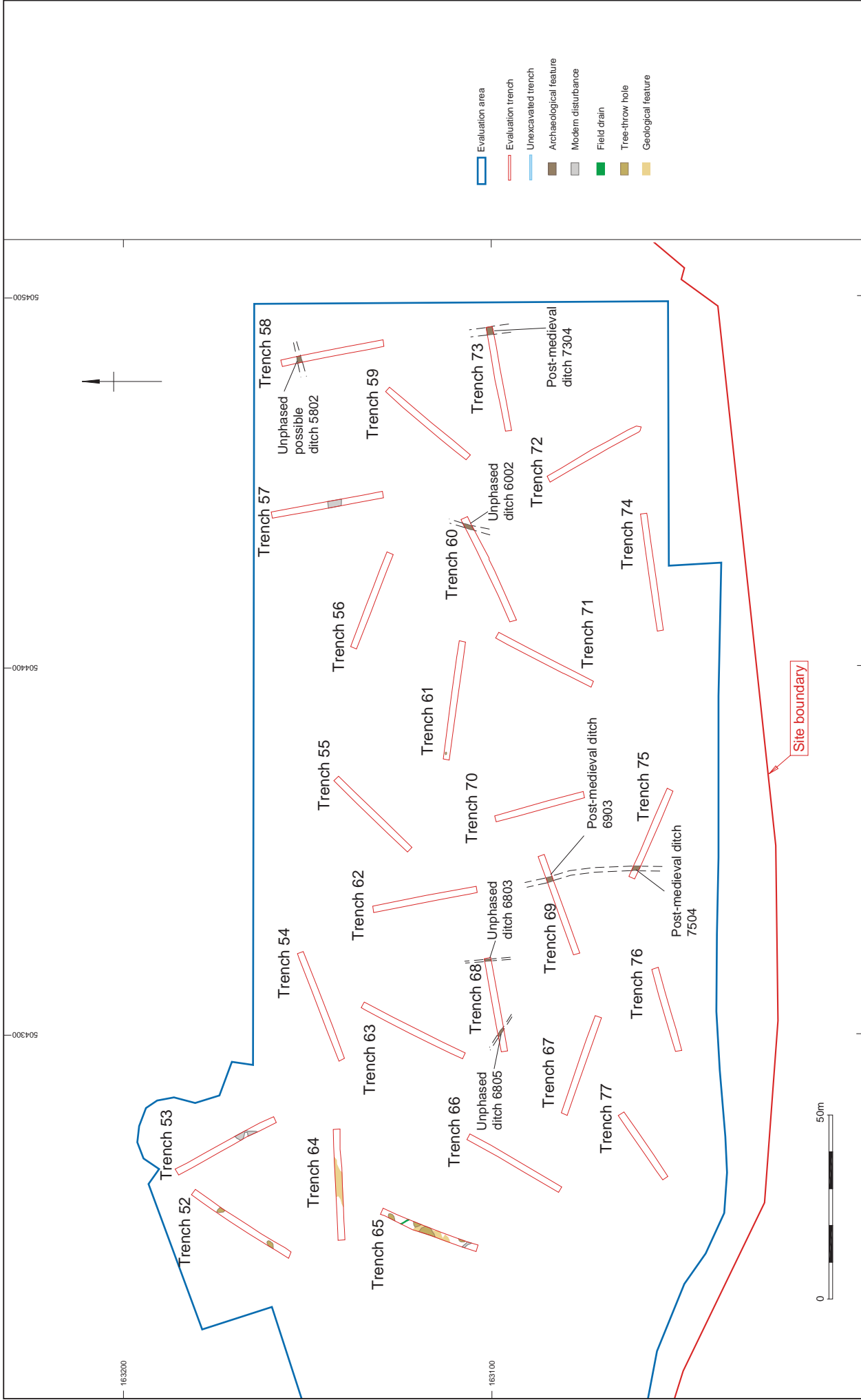


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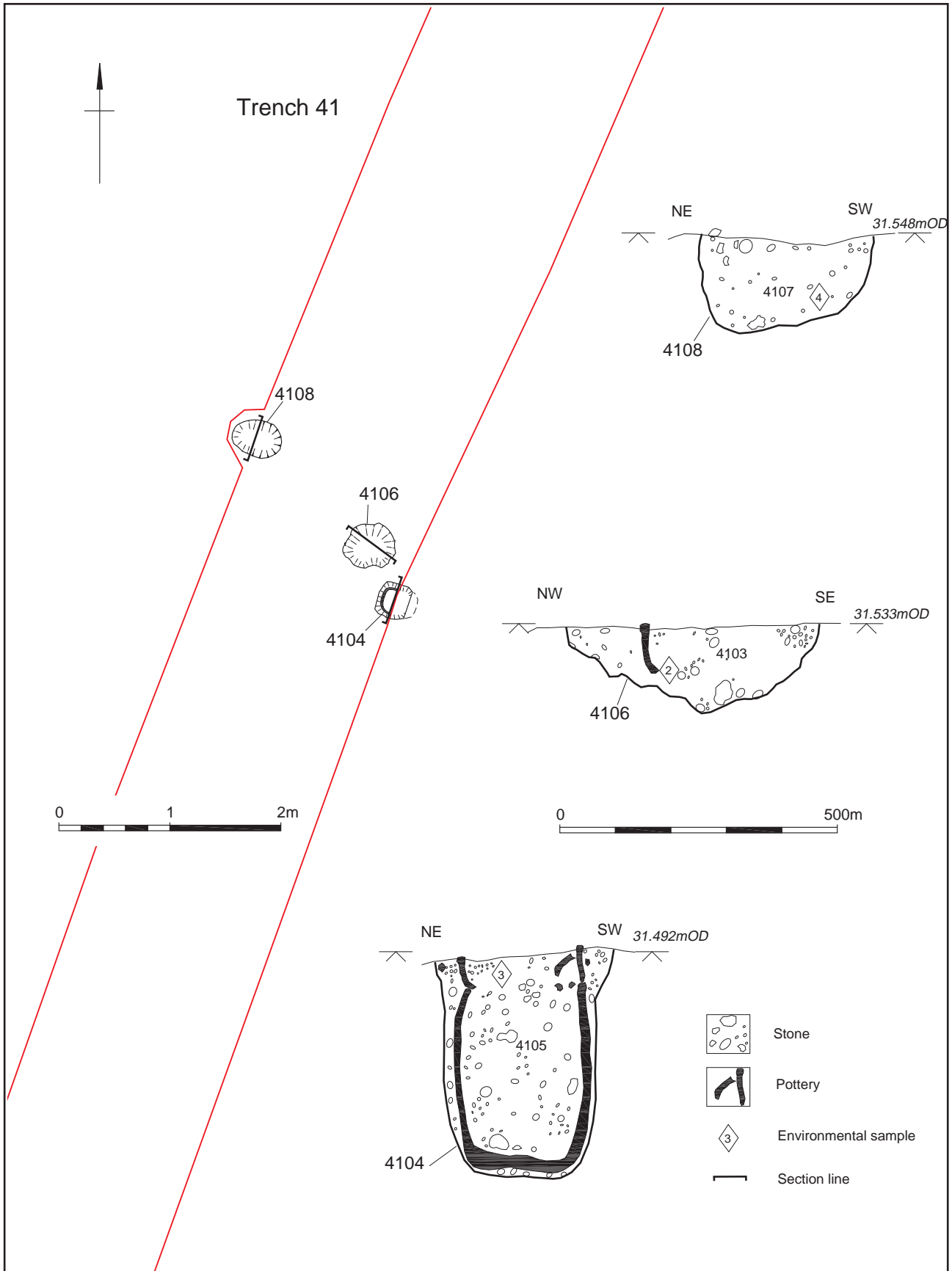
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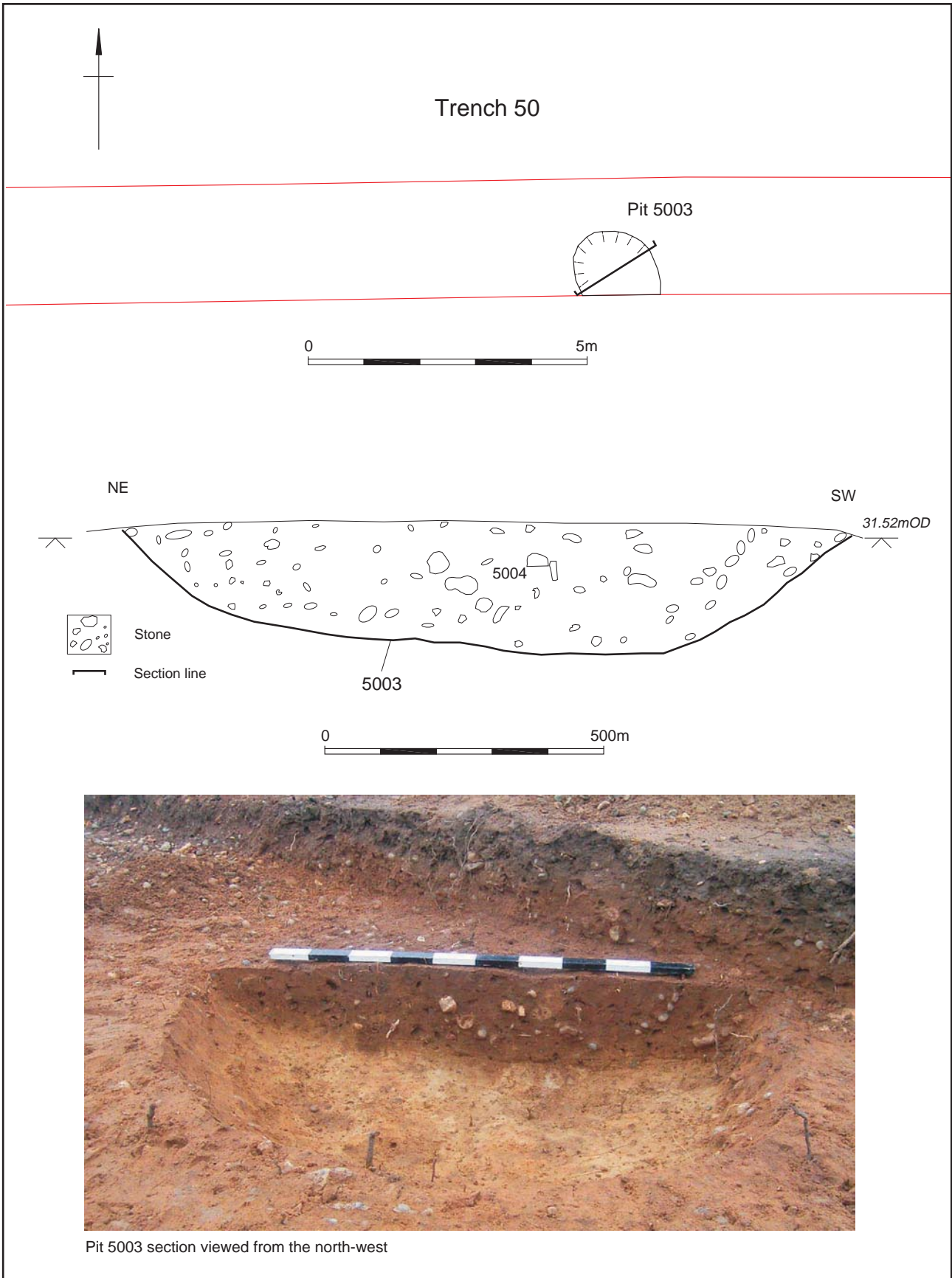
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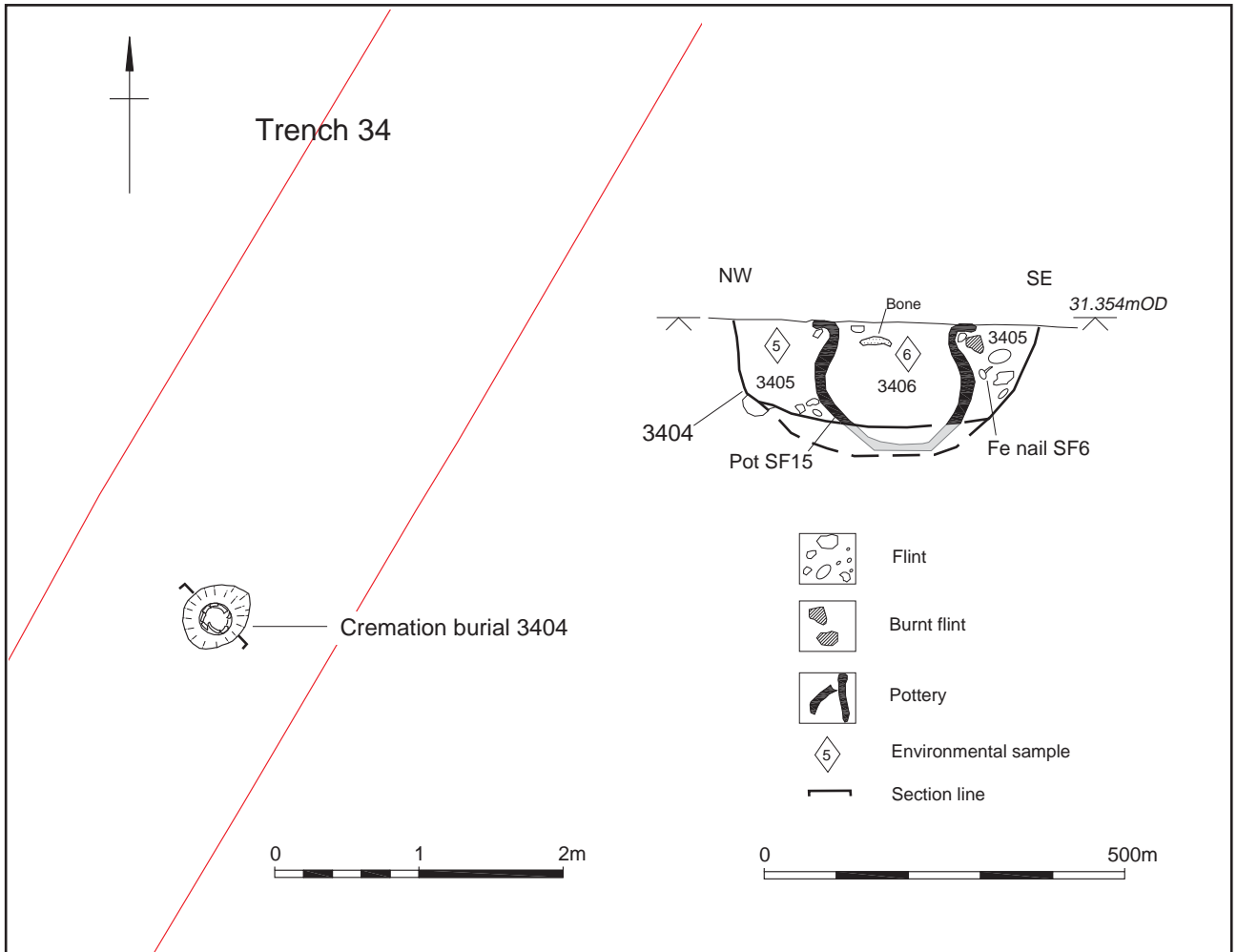
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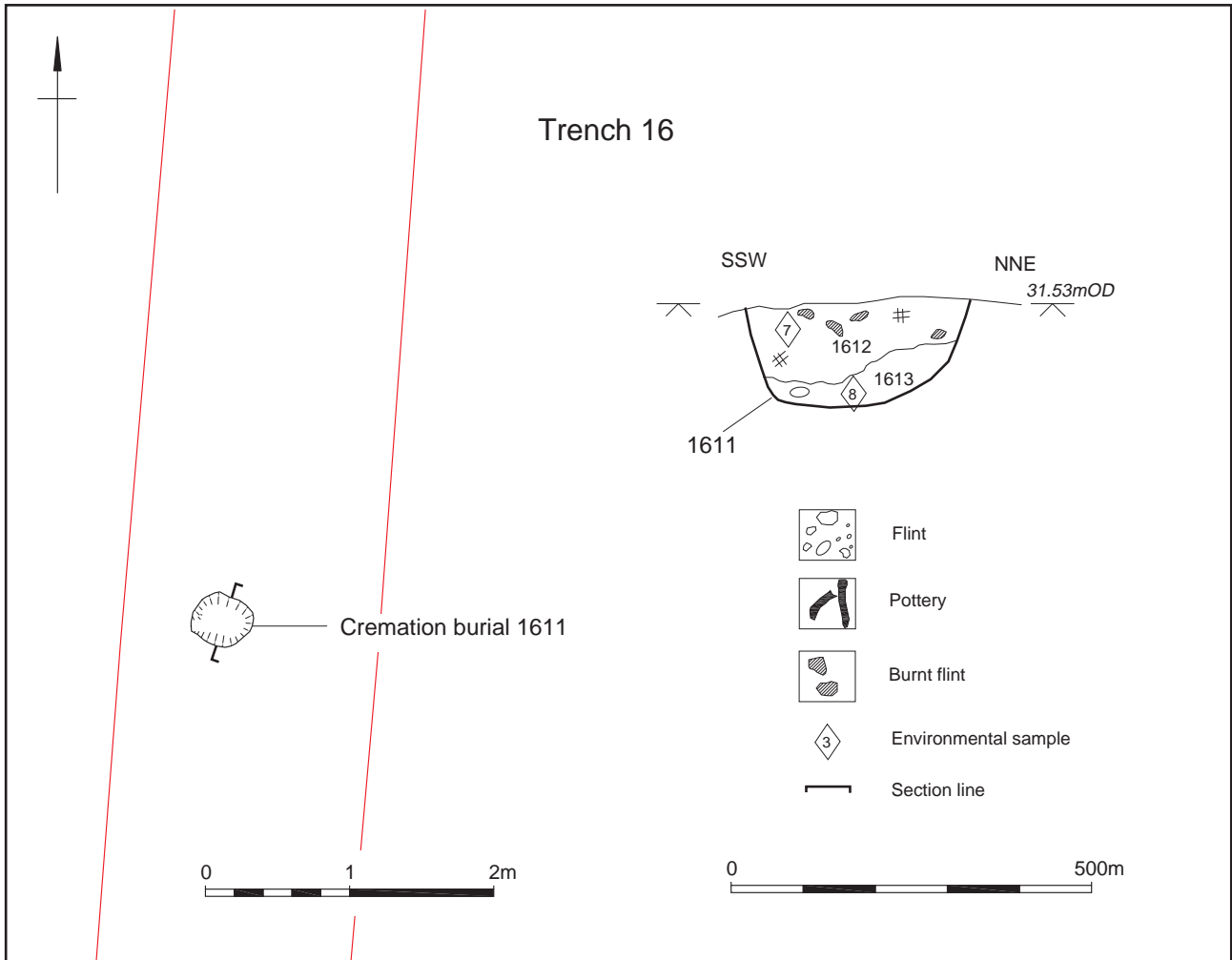


Cremation burial 3404 half excavated

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Cremation burial 1611

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Trench 39

Unphased  
ditch 3903

0 10m



Overview of Trench 39 from the southeast

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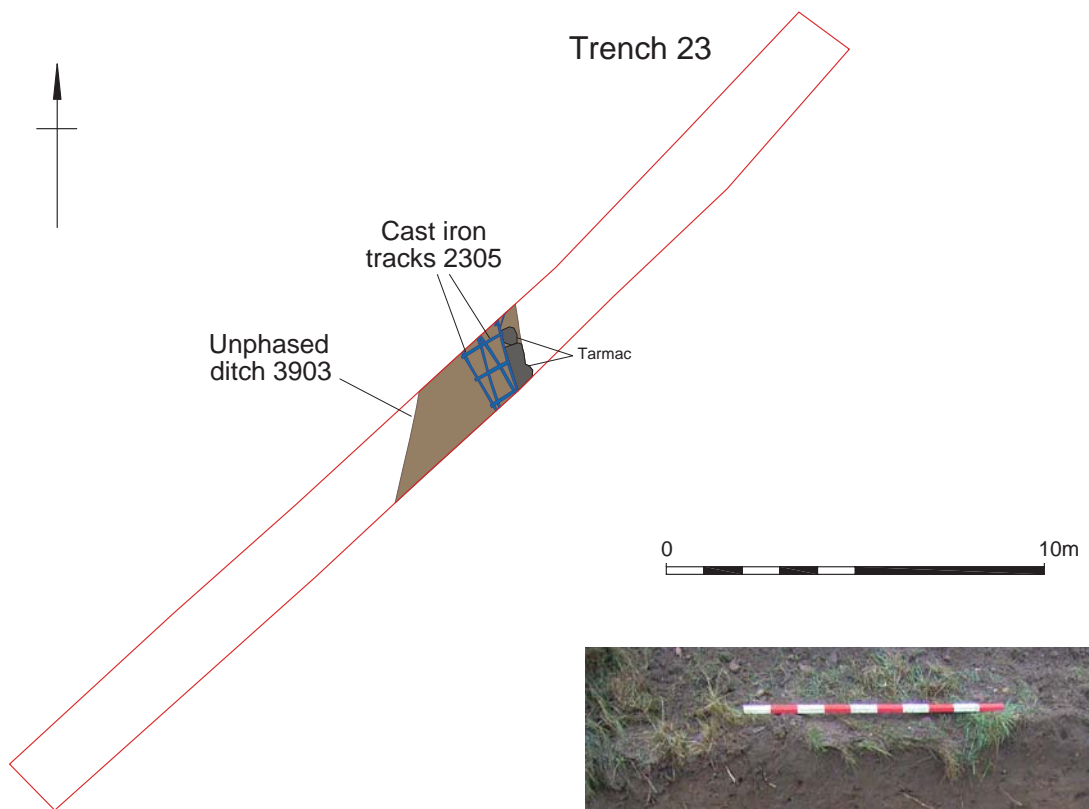
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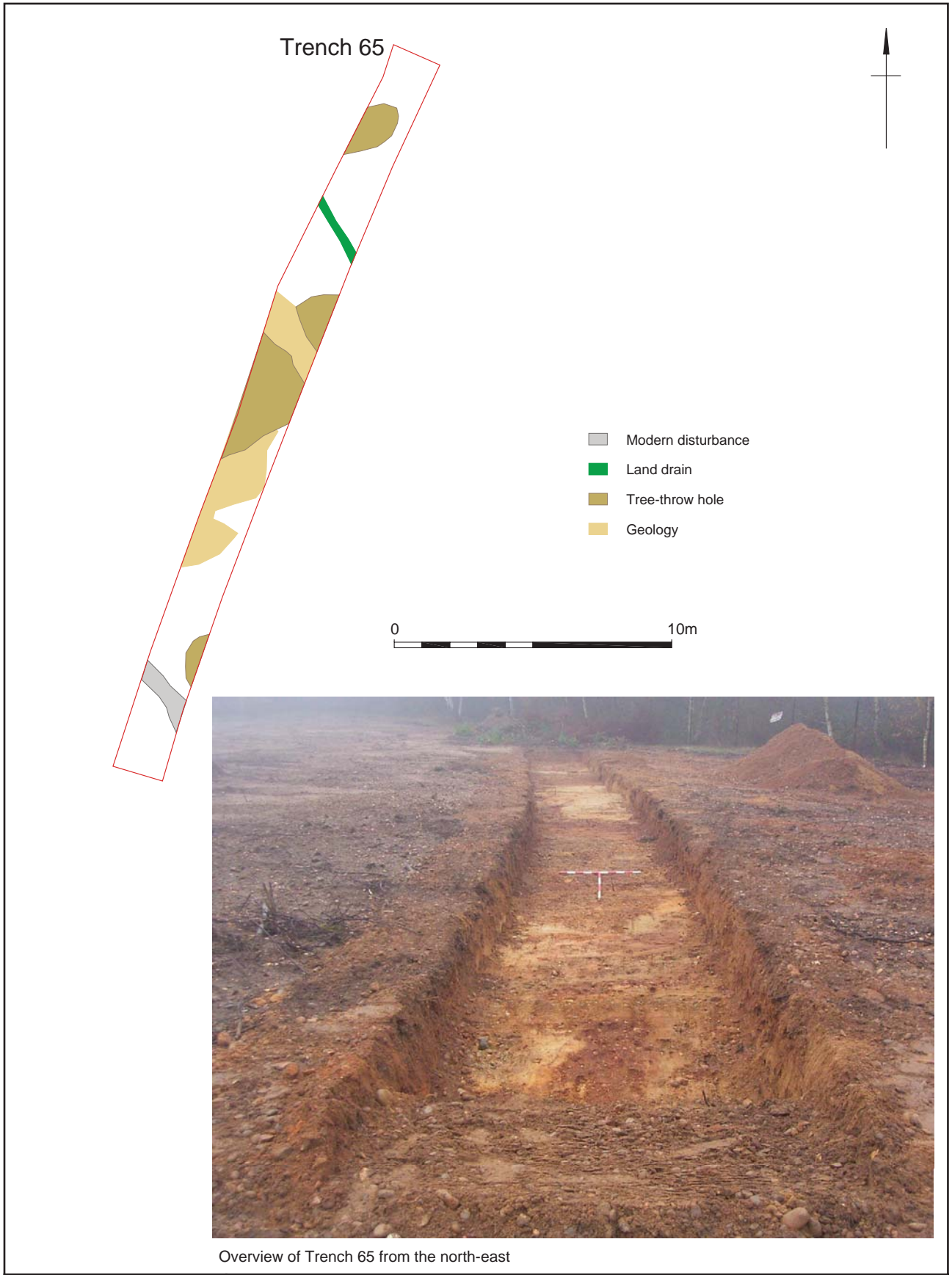
Overview of Trench 23 from the north-east



Iron tracks 2305 viewed from the south-east

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Trench 65: Plan and overview

Figure 10





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