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School Lane or **Lower Cambourne** (Area A) excavated by VB 1999 – **45977 (LC)**
- Contexts 100 – 394
- Graphics 1 – 67
- Samples 1000 – 1051
- Small finds 2000 – 2006

**Lower Cambourne Green** (JW) – **45978 (LCG)**
- Area B
  - Contexts 1-999
  - Small finds 1-49
  - Samples 1-
  - Evaluation trenches - **45976**  304-309

Area C (Technically Lower Cambourne Collector Roads) – **45978 (Area C)**
- Contexts 1000-3000
- Small finds 50-600
- Samples *-<400
- Evaluation trenches - **45976**  347-9, 351-3

Area D (Technically LC16) (Under social housing and not yet excavated, finds from metal detecting of topsoil)
- Contexts 5001-5727 (not continuous)
- Graphics -808
- Small finds 1501-1530

**Grange Great Common Farm** (May have **Manor Grange** on site records, AM, supervised by ZC/CS) – **45978 (GR)**
- Contexts 10,001-10,120 (with gaps)
- Samples 11,001-11,004
- Small finds None
- Drawings 14,001-14,021
- Evaluation trenches- **45976**  268, 269, 270, 272 and 273

**Great Common Farm The Grange** (Manor Grange written on site records, AM, supervised by ZC/CS then JB) –**45978 (GCF)**
- Contexts 20,001-20,999
- Drawings 21,001-21,071
- Samples 22,001-22062
- Photos 23,001-23,024
- Small finds 24,001-24,008
- Evaluation trenches- **45976**  274-6

**Caxton Bypass** (AM, supervised by ZC/CS) – **45978 (CB)**
- Contexts 30,001-30,212
- Samples 31,001-31,018
- Small finds 32,000 None used
Mill Farm (AM, supervised by ZC/CS then PP) – 45978 (MF)
Contexts 40,001-40,320
Small finds 41,001-41,025
Samples 42,001-42,028
Photos 43,001-43,018
Drawings 44,001-44,073
Evaluation trenches - 45976

Broadway Farm (AM, supervised by ZC/CS) – 45978 (BF)
Contexts 50,001-50,098
Samples 51,001-51,014
Small finds 52,001-52,001
Photos 53,001-53,008
Drawings 54,001-54,030
Evaluation trenches - 45976 242, 243, 247-53

Knapwell Plantation (AM supervised by DM) - 45972 (KP)
Contexts 60,001-60,797
Small finds 61,001-61,061
Samples 62,001-62,079
Photos 63,001-63,042
Drawings 64,001-64,137
Evaluation trenches - 45976 434-450

Phase 4&5 Spine Sewer (JW evaluation) 45975
Contexts 60,801-61,302 (with gaps)
Sample 61,206
Drawings ???

Monk Field Farm (DG, supervised by BH) 45978 (MFF)
Contexts 70,001-70,133
Drawings 71,001-71,039
Films 72,001-72,008
Samples 73,001-73,003

Poplar Plantation (technically GC10/11 and wrongly called LC10/11 on site records) (JW) 45978
Contexts 72,001-72445 (not continuous)
Samples 74,001-74,036
Graphics 75,001-75,038

Jeavons Lane (AM, supervised by CB) – 50068 (JL)
Contexts 80,001-80,899
Small finds 81,001-81,158
Samples 82,001-82,107
Photos 83,001-83,041
Little Common Farm (DG, supervised by BH) 459781 (LCF)

**Contexts** 90,001-90,497 - Note! 90,276-90,281 not used
**Drawings** 91,001-91,111
**Films** 92,001-91,020
**Samples** 93,001-93,036
**Small finds** 94,001-94,017

*Upper Cambourne* (RE, supervised by SG) 45976 Evaluation

**Contexts** 16,1401-17,3803 (with gaps)
**Small finds** 81,159
**Samples** 90276-90281
**Drawings** 614; 623; 715; 717; 718 and 16404-172718 (with gaps)

Unpublished Client Report 45976.13

*Playing Field Drainage* (RE) 45975 Watching Brief

**Contexts** 17,3901-17,4200 (with gaps)
**Drawings** 174201-2 (with gaps)
**Trenches** 739-742

Unpublished Client Report 45975.3

*The Fields* (RE) 45973

Mitigation (trenches and test pits)
Evaluation trenches 765-775
**Contexts** 176501-177509 (with gaps)

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Twelve excavations were carried out by Wessex Archaeology within the Cambourne Development Area. Situated on the clay uplands west of Cambridge, which have seen little previous archaeological investigation, the results presented here are important in demonstrating the ebb and flow of occupation according to population or agricultural pressure.

Short-lived Bronze Age occupation was followed in the Middle Iron Age by small farming communities with an economy based on stock-raising and some arable cultivation. The Late Iron Age seems to have seen a recession, perhaps partly due to increased waterlogging making farming less viable.

From the mid-1st century AD new settlements began to emerge, possibly partly stimulated by the presence of Ermine Street, and within a century the area was relatively densely occupied. Several farmsteads were remodelled in the later Romano-British period, though none seems to have been very prosperous.

Dispersed occupation may have continued into the early 5th century at least, followed by a hiatus until the 12th/13th century when the entire area was taken into arable cultivation, leaving the ubiquitous traces of medieval ridge and furrow agriculture.