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### Summary

Wessex Archaeology (WA) was commissioned by CgMs Consulting on behalf of Colonnade Group (the Client) to undertake a programme of archaeological work on land at Coombes Farm, Rochford, Essex, centred on National Grid Reference 588437 190618 in advance of a proposed planning application for residential development.

Subsequent to an Archaeological Desk-based Assessment (CgMs Consulting 2008), an archaeological evaluation was required by the Archaeological Adviser to the Local Planning Authority to further inform the nature of the archaeological survival on the Site. The evaluation comprised the excavation of eighty eight machine-dug trenches across the area of the proposed development. The work aimed to identify the date, extent, character and preservation of the underlying archaeological remains.

Two zones of heightened archaeological activity were recorded during the evaluation with concentrations of features in both the north-east (Zone 1) and south-west corners (Zone 2) of the Site. The archaeology of both areas was characterised by linear features dating to the Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age (Zone 1) and the Middle Bronze Age and Middle/Late Iron Age (Zone 2) and may represent a degree of land division and activity associated with the water management and drainage of the Site.

Zone 2 was dominated by a concentration of early prehistoric worked flint broadly dating to the Mesolithic period, recovered from the plough and subsoils and the waterborne alluvial deposits which underlay them. A number of flint flakes, tools and cores were present and exhibited varying degrees of abrasion.

Although the degree of preservation was generally good and was fairly consistent across the evaluation area, it was noted deep ploughing had caused some truncation. Plough scars were visible cutting the very top of the exposed natural alluvium and the Site was also crossed by 'tram-lines'; agricultural wheel ruts visible on the ground surface and associated with heavy harvesting machinery and tractor movement across the fields.

The fieldwork was carried out from the 26<sup>th</sup> of August to the 19<sup>th</sup> of September 2008.

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Wessex Archaeology was commissioned by CgMs Consulting on behalf of Colonnade Group (the Client) to carry out the evaluation. The assistance of Suzanne Gailey in facilitating the evaluation is gratefully acknowledged. Thanks also to Patrick Connell of Essex County Council who monitored the work on behalf of the local authority

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### 1 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Project Background

1.1.1 Wessex Archaeology was commissioned by CgMs Consulting Limited on behalf of Colonnade Group (the Client) to undertake a programme of archaeological works at land at Coombes Farm, Rochford, Essex (NGR 588437 190618) hereafter 'the Site' in a pre-planning application assessment of the archaeological potential (**Figure 1**).

1.1.2 The programme of archaeological work was required by the Historic Environment Officer from the Historic Environment Branch of Essex County Council acting as Archaeological Advisor to Rochford District Council in accordance with national and local planning policies on the historic environment. The results of the fieldwork are to be incorporated into an Environmental Statement and form part of a planning application for the proposed residential development of the Site.

1.1.3 A Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) was prepared by Suzanne Gailey on behalf of CgMs Consulting Ltd (CgMs, 2008b) ahead of fieldwork commencing. The WSI set out the strategy and methodology to be implemented during the archaeological evaluation. The evaluation was intended to assist in the preparation of a mitigation strategy to offset the impact of the proposed development on any archaeology exposed.

1.1.4 This report documents the results of the evaluation and presents an assessment of the results of these works, taking account of the stated aims and objectives of the evaluation.

1.1.5 The evaluation fieldwork was carried out from 26<sup>th</sup> August to 19<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

#### 1.2 Site Location, Topography and Geology

1.2.1 The Site, centred on NGR 588437 190618, occupies an area of approximately 19.5 hectares to the east of the town of Rochford, Essex.

1.2.2 The Site is bounded by Coombes Farm and Stambridge Road to the north, houses around Mornington Avenue and Rocheway to the west, Mill Lane to the east and the tidal River Roach to the south.

1.2.3 The western part of the Site is within the parish of Rochford and the eastern part in the parish of Stambridge; the Site being split centrally by a public foot

path and drainage ditch running east to west. A second drainage ditch aligned east to west is located to the south separating the main area of the Site from a parcel of land adjacent to the River Roach.

- 1.2.4 Two high voltage overhead electricity cables traverse the Site and a 30m exclusion zone around each of the overhead wires was enforced throughout the fieldwork.
- 1.2.5 The Site gradually slopes north to south from a height of approximately 5.60m above Ordnance Datum (aOD) to approximately 3.60m aOD.
- 1.2.6 The underlying geology comprises alluvial silts associated with the tidal River Roach and drift First River Terrace Gravels (BGS Sheet 258).

### **1.3 Archaeological and Historical Background**

1.3.1 The detailed archaeological background to the Site was detailed in an Archaeological Desk-based Assessment, prepared by Suzanne Gailey on behalf of CgMs Consulting Ltd (CgMs 2008a) and is summarised below.

1.3.2 The following information is derived from the Essex Historical Environment Record (EHER) covering the 'study area' defined as a 1km radius from the centre of the Site.

*Palaeolithic (450,000-12,000BC)*

1.3.3 Only isolated find spots of Palaeolithic date have been made within the study area with a pointed flint implement from Broomhills approximately 500m east of the study area (HER 13244 NGR 589000 190400) and a further isolated flint flake from within gravel deposits close to Purdey Farm on the south bank of the Roach 500m south-east of the study area (HER 13316 NGR 588500,190100).

*Mesolithic (12,000-4,000BC)*

1.3.4 No evidence of Mesolithic activity or find spots have been recorded within the study area.

*Neolithic- Bronze Age (4,000-600BC)*

1.3.5 A Neolithic polished stone axe head was recovered from near Fleethall Creek approximately 700m south east of the study area (HER 9621) with a second from a garden approximately 300m south-west of the study area (HER 13372).

1.3.6 A Bronze Age cremation urn was recovered at what is now Southend Airport during trench digging in World War I approximately 800m south-west of the study area (HER 9908 and ECC1999).

*Iron Age (600BC-AD43)*

1.3.7 Although no Iron Age activity has been recorded within the study area, this region is characterised by settlement stability and the large scale organisation of the landscape, from developments begun in the Late Bronze



Age. Settlement evidence ranges from individual farmsteads to larger enclosed communities.

*Romano-British (AD43-410)*

- 1.3.8 During the Romano-British period the study area lay within a landscape heavily exploited due to its free draining soils for agricultural production, with the coastal marshes utilised for grazing and salt production.
- 1.3.9 A watching brief on a drain on the south bank of the River Roach approximately 500m south of the study area exposed a number of Roman ditches with associated finds. (HER 9621) with further finds including Samian ware recovered during gravel extraction some 700m south-west of the study area (HER 9620 and HER 9686)
- 1.3.10 It is clear that the southern bank of the Roach had been settled by this time, while pottery and building material recovered from East Street in Rochford some 500m west of the study area suggests the presence of a high status building somewhere in the vicinity. (HER 16372)

*Saxon-Early Medieval*

- 1.3.11 The EHER records a possible Saxon burial uncovered by workmen in the 19<sup>th</sup> century in the centre of Rochford (HER 16966 NGR 587600 190600). The Domesday Survey of 1086 records 20 households at Rochford positioned at the lowest crossing of the River Roach. The village of Stambridge to the east of the study area may have got its name from the 'stone bridge' and is also recorded in the Domesday survey. In addition the Church of St. Mary's and All Saints Church may have Saxon origins and settlement may have been focused to the east around Great Stambridge Hall.
- 1.3.12 The study area lay within a landscape of dispersed settlements focusing on or around manor houses and churches, with Rochford Hall approximately 1km west of the study area becoming the focus of the medieval town of Rochford.
- 1.3.13 Within the study area and just to the north of the Site a moated manor house was constructed on the site of what is now Coombes Farm, and is potentially associated with the family of John de Combe dating to 1294. The moated site is recorded on later historical maps and the EHER records that the moat is still visible. (HER 13608 NGR 588540 190820)

*Post Medieval and Modern*

- 1.3.14 By the post-medieval period Coombes Farm had been reduced to a more modest farm described by Morant in 1763 as *'the house is moated around but seems and hath been much larger'*. The Chapman and Andre map of 1777 shows Coombes Farm and much of the study area, is occupied by agricultural land, with a road running east west across the Site, known as Mill Lane leading to Rochford Mills to the south east of the study area. Mill Lane was eventually reduced to the footpath which exists today.

- 1.3.15 The 1796 Estate map of Coombes Farm shows in more detail the extent of the development at the farm and the surrounding mixed farmland of orchards, arable and pasture extending down to the marshland on the northern bank of the Roach.
- 1.3.16 To the south-east of the Site is the estate of Stambridge Mill. Dating from 1762 (HER 40672 NGR 588510 190330) it comprised a house, barn, stables, a Tide Mill and wharf for the shipping and landing of goods on the river which was at this time known as Broom Hill River. The mill was rebuilt in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and destroyed by fire in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.
- 1.3.17 The Tithe map of 1838 and subsequent Ordnance Survey (OS) map of 1880, 1897, 1923 and 1938 show the changes to the field systems within the study area.

#### **1.4 Aerial Photographic Evidence**

- 1.4.1 A series of crop marks are clearly visible to the north east of Stambridge Road, with further crop and soil marks evident to the south-west of the Site to the north of the flood plain.
- 1.4.2 Aerial photographs on Windows Live Search maps website [www.maps.live.com/](http://www.maps.live.com/) clearly show a series of crop marks extending from the south-west corner of the Site diagonally towards the north-east corner and the crop marks to the north of Stambridge road. These crop marks formed a ladder shaped series of features, (linear features at right-angles to each other) possibly drainage channels.

## **2 METHODOLOGY**

- 2.1.1 The evaluation of the Site was undertaken by the mechanical excavation of 88 trenches, each measuring 40m by 1.8m. The trenches were excavated under constant archaeological supervision using two 14 ton 360<sup>o</sup> tracked excavator fitted with a toothless grading buckets. The mechanical excavation proceeded in spits to the top of the uppermost archaeological horizon or natural geology whichever was encountered first. The machine excavated arisings were stored adjacent to the trench and were scanned for artefacts.
- 2.1.2 Archaeological features and deposits were subsequently hand cleaned and sample excavated in keeping with the methodology set out in the WSI (CgMs 2008b). Features and deposits were recorded using Wessex Archaeology's *pro forma* record sheets and a unique numbering system for individual contexts, and were planned at a scale of 1:20. Sections were drawn at 1:10. All principal strata and features were related to the Ordnance Survey datum. The trench was located using a Leica GPS survey system.
- 2.1.3 A photographic record of the evaluation was maintained, including black and white negatives (on 35mm film) and digital images. The photographic record illustrated both the detail and general context of the archaeological remains

revealed, and the Site as a whole. Following all investigation and recording, the trenches were backfilled.

- 2.1.4 The archive and all artefacts were subsequently transported to the offices of Wessex Archaeology in Salisbury where they were processed and assessed for this report. The excavated material and archive including plans, photographs and written records are currently held at the Wessex Archaeology offices under the project code 70000.
- 2.1.5 It is intended that the archive should ultimately be deposited in Southend Museum.

### **3 RESULTS**

#### **3.1 Introduction**

- 3.1.1 The following sections provide a summary of the information held in the Site archive. Details of individual excavated contexts and features are retained in the Site archive and a tabulated version of these can be found in **Appendix 1** of this report.
- 3.1.2 A number of trenches were foreshortened or moved from their original positions due to obstacles on Site, and in a number of instances the trenches were enlarged to investigate features only partially revealed within the original constraints of the trench.
- 3.1.3 The results of the evaluation are presented below with reference to the Site as a whole and not on a trench by trench basis, except with reference to individual features.

#### **3.2 Site Wide Stratigraphy**

- 3.2.1 The Site was covered by an approximately 0.30m thick layer of ploughsoil and subsoil, which in some areas could not be distinguished as separate layers. The ploughsoil was heavily disturbed and filled with decaying plant matter from recent years of ploughing and the subsoil was a mixture of this context and underlying natural deposits dragged up by the plough. The descriptions of the ploughsoil and subsoil with reference to individual trenches are contained within **Appendix 1**.
- 3.2.2 The underlying geology was identified as waterborne alluvium; the result of flooding events from the River Roach, which covered the majority of the northern part of the Site. The southern half was a mixture of alluvium and small gravel outcrops.
- 3.2.3 It was clear that deep ploughing had occurred across the Site as plough scars were visible cutting the very top of the exposed natural alluvium. The Site was also crossed by 'tram-lines'; agricultural wheel ruts visible on the ground surface and associated with heavy harvesting machinery and tractor movement across the fields. Repeated use of the tram lines over time had

resulted in the disturbance of the underlying natural alluvium and the formation of parallel 'cut' features. These features on first identification were investigated, however, when it became clear that wheel ruts visible in the base of the trenches aligned precisely with tram lines visible on the ground surface no further investigation was undertaken.

### **3.3 The Archaeology**

3.3.1 Two clear zones of archaeological activity were identified during the evaluation with concentrations of features in both the north east and south west corners of the Site (**Figure 3 & 4**). These features appeared to correspond with the aerial photographic evidence which showed a ladder-shaped series of crop marks extending north east to south west across the Site

3.3.2 There was also a concentration of worked flint recovered in the south west corner of the Site, from both the topsoil and the natural alluvium.

### **3.4 Zone 1 - North East Corner**

3.4.1 A concentration of archaeological features was noted in Trenches 83, 84, 85 and 87 where a series of linear ditches, pits and possible post holes were exposed.

3.4.2 A series of roughly east to west aligned intercutting ditches were observed in Trench 84. The earliest was recorded as [8408/8418] with the upper fill (8410) containing the single largest concentration of pottery found on the Site and dating to the Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age.

3.4.3 Fill 8410 was subsequently cut by large ditch [8403/8413] which showed evidence of deliberate infilling from nearby occupation activity (**Figure 5**). This feature contained a small amount of post-medieval pottery and is possibly related to the medieval moated site to the west at Coombes Farm.

3.4.4 The upper fill (8407) of [8403/8413] was then cut by undated ditches [8411] and [8420]. The re-cutting and slight realignment of earlier landscape divisions, initially beginning in the Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age are potentially reused for the medieval moated manor site and estate of Coombes Farm.

3.4.5 Trench 85 contained a roughly north south aligned ditch [8508] positioned perpendicular to the ditches in Trench 84 and may represent a continuation of ditch [8403/8413], potentially forming an enclosure to the south and west. Pottery recovered from its fill, [8508] was of the same date (Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age) though not from the same vessel. The infilling deposits within [8508] show evidence of water borne deposition suggesting these features may not only have served as possible enclosure ditches, but also functioned as part of a wider water management system, resulting in well draining land suitable for agricultural use.



- 3.4.6 Additional north south aligned ditches [8308] and [8310] were observed in Trench 83 and provided further evidence of water borne silting and are likely to be part of the water management system. A large sub square pit [8304] was identified in Trench 83, the earliest fill of which (8307) contained Late Iron Age/Early Roman pottery.
- 3.4.7 Trench 87 at the eastern limit of the Site contained a number of possible post holes forming a crude arc and recorded as [8704], [8706], [8708], [8710], [8712] and [8714]. These insubstantial features were not clearly anthropogenic in origin and may have been the remains of small shrub holes, although their proximity to features dating to the Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age does suggest the possibility of post-built structures.

### **3.5 Zone 2 South West Corner**

- 3.5.1 The south-west corner of the Site was dominated by a concentration of early prehistoric worked flint recovered from the plough and sub-soils and the waterborne alluvial deposits which underlay them. A number of flint flakes, tools and cores were present, in raw materials of various quality and demonstrating varying degrees of abrasion. Some were relatively crisp and can be assumed to have travelled little since deposition, whilst others had heavy edge damage from reworking in the ploughsoil.
- 3.5.2 Assessment of the worked flint suggests a Mesolithic, possibly Late Mesolithic, date for the assemblage, presumably relating to the exploitation of the River Roach at this time.
- 3.5.3 Reduced quantities of flint were found within features, the majority interpreted as residual based on the early date assigned to the assemblage as a whole.
- 3.5.4 The features identified in Zone 2 consist of a number of small pits and tree throws and a series of ditches. The ditches aligned roughly north south or east west were observed in Trenches 12, 14, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25 and 26 and may define either small land parcels or provide further evidence of the water management system noted elsewhere on the Site. It is unclear if they are all contemporary; if so there is a possibility that they have been in intermittent use from the prehistoric period through into the post-medieval or modern period.
- 3.5.5 The ditches observed within Zone 2 became wider and deeper as they progressed towards the south of the area. The northern-most ditches [1204], [1407], [1713] and [1904] all aligned north-west to south-east measured 0.68m wide, 0.09m deep, 0.78m wide, 0.15m deep 0.56m wide, 0.20m deep and 0.65m wide, 0.24m deep respectively with the southern ditches [2106], [2304], [2504] and [2604] recorded as 1.12m wide, 0.48m deep, 1.95m wide, 0.41m deep, 1.52m wide, 0.53m deep and 2.45m wide, 0.89m deep respectively.
- 3.5.6 All ditches within Zone 2 show evidence of natural water borne silting events and in general, all features to the south are wider and deeper, potentially as a result of their proximity to the River Roach. Rain water flowing down slope

from the north off the fields towards the river and backwash water flowing from the river into the ditches (due to the tidal nature of the Roach), would have resulted in increased erosion of the southern ditches and therefore have a need to be re-established more frequently.

- 3.5.7 Trench 21 revealed an east west aligned ditch [2106] which had been infilled with a series of waterborne deposits and contained unabraded sherds of Middle/Late Iron Age date (**Figure 6**). The upper fill (2109) had been cut by a later pit [2103] and contained a deliberate dump of fire debris, including burnt flint (2104). No *in situ* burning was evident and the pit functioned solely for the dumping of waste material. No datable material was recovered from the feature. A further sherd of Middle/Late Iron Age pottery was recovered from the alluvium in Trench 21 (2102), indicating that these features represent a discrete area of prehistoric activity, unrelated to the much earlier Mesolithic flint assemblage.
- 3.5.8 Trench 14 contained a shallow ditch [1407] with a large unabraded reworked blade of good quality Bullhead flint and a sub-rectangular pit [1403] with several sherds of Deveral-Rimbury tradition Middle Bronze Age pottery.
- 3.5.9 A large ditch (2604) exposed in Trench 26 showed evidence of partial silting, prior to the placement of a circular/oval ceramic land drain sometime in the late 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> century (**Figure 7**). The land drain had been laid directly within the ditch and then covered by a series of both natural silting and deliberate backfill completely infilling the feature. This suggests that ditch (2604) was still partially open and in use at the time of the placing of the land drain and facilitated the acquisition of more useable farmland instead of the fields being criss-crossed by drainage ditches. If the drainage ditches are prehistoric in origin then they have been open, re-excavated and reused for some considerable time. This is not unprecedented, as recent work at Heathrow Airport in Middlesex identified Bronze Age field system alignments still in use in the medieval period (Framework Archaeology in preparation) and at Rochford it is evident that once a water management system was successfully utilised there was very little need to alter it drastically. Notably, both [2604] and the old Rochford parish boundary running through Trenches 35, 36, 40, 44, 46 and 48, are aligned with current drainage channels in the small parcel of land at the far south of the Site.
- 3.5.10 It is possible that the features are much later in date and the flint work and prehistoric pottery recovered are residual as it is clear that worked flint is present in the waterborne alluvium through which these drainage ditches have been dug, however, given the fragile nature of the pottery, it is unlikely that it could withstand frequent re-excavation within the soils.
- 3.5.11 A small circular pit [2403] was exposed in Trench 24, cutting tree throw [2405]. A single flint flake was recovered from the fill (2404) of the pit which may be *in situ* given its level of preservation.

### **3.6 Historic Landscape Character**

- 3.6.1 Analysis of the historical mapping has shown the presence of a number of field boundaries/hedgerows which have been removed in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century. A number of these boundaries have been identified within several of the trenches.
- 3.6.2 Trenches 61, 63, 64, 68 and 69 in the northern half of the Site exposed a broadly north south aligned, roughly linear but irregular ditch, leading south away from the edge of the moated area of Coombes Farm to the north. Up-cast from the excavated ditch, would have formed a bank on which a hedge would have been positioned. Root disturbance from the associated hedge has distorted the edges of the feature.
- 3.6.3 The linear ditch was excavated in Trench 69 and recorded as (6904). Whilst map regression has confirmed the feature functioned as a field boundary, the lower infilling deposits (6905), (6906) and (6907) have also suggested the feature was used as a drainage channel. Following a period of natural infilling, a ceramic clay land drain (6912) was placed upon (6907). The land drain was dated to the 19<sup>th</sup> century and corresponds with the cartographic evidence detailing a field boundary on the 1838 Tithe Map, but grubbed out by 1880 as shown on the 1880 Ordnance Survey (OS) map. It is possible this occurred post-1845 following the passing of a General Enclosure Act.
- 3.6.4 The land drain was sealed by a series of deliberately backfilled layers; the result of the associated hedgerow being ploughed back into the ditch, to both reclaim and create more useable farm land.
- 3.6.5 In the southern half of the Site a second hedgerow/boundary was observed in Trenches 48, 46, 44, 40, 36 and 35. At its most northerly the ditch was recorded as [4804] and measured 1.46m wide and 0.49m deep; at its most southerly point it was recorded as [3503], 5.65m wide and 0.83m deep. The ditch widens as it nears the river and at the southernmost point the ditch [3503] served as a large drainage channel, and was potentially the continuation of an extant drainage ditch visible in the southern most area of the Site leading to the River Roach. The lower fills of [3503] consisted of natural silting events, which had been overlain by two sets of ceramic field drains. To the north of [3503] a narrow section through the ditch (recorded as 4004) demonstrated the land drains continued.
- 3.6.6 This feature formed the parish boundary between the parishes of Rochford and Stambridge and is clearly shown on the 1796 Coombes Farm estate map and all subsequent maps produced, through to the most recent Ordnance Survey mapping. As the boundary is marked on all the mapping examined from the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century onwards it is difficult to ascertain when the physical, visible boundary was removed, however, it is probable it was removed between 1838 and 1880 when other field boundaries on the Site were removed.
- 3.6.7 A ditch observed in Trench 56 was identified as a diagonal boundary which first appeared on the 1898 OS map and was still present on the 1947 aerial

photograph and the 1961 OS map but had been removed by the publication of the 1999 OS map. This was not excavated.

## **4 FINDS**

### **4.1 Introduction**

4.1.1 The finds assemblage consists of material from a large range of dates, from Mesolithic flint through to 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> century pottery, showing that the land has been in continued use throughout many periods of history. Much of the material is residual in the plough-soil, as would be expected from an area with prolonged agricultural usage. Most of the rest of the assemblage can also be regarded as residual, although it was recovered from ditches, as there is evidence of prolonged use of drainage ditches across the site throughout its history, and material from various periods will have been incorporated during cutting, recutting and silting up of these features. One notable feature is the lack of material from the Medieval period, and only a single sherd of possible Saxon pottery, suggesting that perhaps the land was being used for different purposes at those times. All finds have been quantified by material type and context and the results are shown in Table 1.

### **4.2 Pottery**

4.2.1 As noted above, there is a large date range from prehistoric to modern material. The overall assemblage comprises 164 sherds of pottery weighing 1569g, giving a mean sherd weight (MSW) of 9.6g. The pottery was scattered across the Site, with the prehistoric pottery concentrated mainly in Zone 1 and the largest single concentration in context (8410).

#### *Prehistoric pottery*

4.2.2 The fragmentary and abraded nature of the prehistoric pottery makes identification and dating difficult, as does the lengthy currency of some fabrics in South Essex, and the aforementioned residual nature which means that few of the features can be dated from the pottery alone. The earliest pottery recovered was of Deverel-Rimbury type, of Middle Bronze Age (MBA) to Late Bronze Age (LBA) date, characterised by very coarse flint tempering. Very few sherds of this type were found, however; none was decorated and all were very abraded. There were two conjoining rim sherds from context (1905), but these were found in conjunction with post Deverel-Rimbury and Late Iron Age (LIA) and Romano-British (RB) sherds.

4.2.3 Late Bronze Age (LBA) to Early Iron Age (EIA) pottery in the post Deverel-Rimbury tradition was found residually in several contexts, but also accounts for the single largest concentration of pottery found on the Site. There were 38 sherds weighing 678g in context (8410) (the upper fill of U-shaped ditch [8408]) with a MSW of 17.8g, almost twice the average for the Site. Of these sherds, 35 were from a single vessel, which had been partially burnt. The vessel was a fine-ware jar with an angled shoulder. The temper was of finely crushed flint and the walls were thin. Two sherds from this same vessel were also recovered from context (8409), the lower fill of the same ditch.



The other three sherds from (8410) may have been slightly later in date as they were flint and grog tempered and smoothed on both surfaces. These sherds, unlike the majority of the rest of the assemblage, are in crisp condition and can therefore be deemed not to have moved far from their original position. Three sherds of pottery of the same date were found in (8510), the fill of ditch [8508], believed to be a continuation of the ditch in trench 84, but were not from the same vessel. All other examples may be considered to be residual, either coming from plough-soil or in contexts with mixed date ranges.

- 4.2.4 Middle to Late Iron Age (LIA) pottery was recovered from 14 contexts. The fabrics are tempered with grog, another long-lasting tradition in this region, so dating is difficult. Four sherds from a large vessel made from a micaceous, grog-tempered fabric were recovered from context (7605). These were in fairly crisp condition, but were found in conjunction with earlier pottery. The only other sherds of this date that were not abraded came from context (2109), the fill of a ditch identified as being a possible early landscape division. All other sherds can be considered to be residual.

#### *Later pottery*

- 4.2.5 A very few sherds of Romano-British (RB) pottery were recovered and all came from contexts where they were residual or with material of mixed dates. The sherds were very small and non-diagnostic, although one piece was decorated with a shallow combed pattern.
- 4.2.6 A single sherd of organic-tempered pottery of possible Saxon date was recovered from post-hole/shrub bole [8713]. No pottery of medieval date was found.
- 4.2.7 The rest of the assemblage comprised post-medieval and modern pottery and was either found residually, in ditches containing 19<sup>th</sup> century land drains, or in grubbed out hedgerow ditches. The majority showed evidence of having been rolled around in plough-soil, but a sherd of late 18<sup>th</sup> C blue and white pearlware, the rim of a stoneware bottle, a handle fragment of a 19<sup>th</sup> century slipped ware cup and the bases of two post-medieval redware vessels were recovered in good condition from boundary/hedgerow ditch [6904]. This feature also contained six fragments of clay pipe stem and some post-medieval brick and tile.

### **4.3 Flint**

- 4.3.1 The assemblage comprised 160 pieces of flint weighing 2211g.
- 4.3.2 The density of worked flint from across the Site is relatively low; the average number of pieces per excavated context is three. The majority of the flint was recovered from the topsoil, subsoil or surface of the natural alluvium and is therefore unstratified. The largest single group of material, 44 pieces, was collected from (2109) the upper fill of ditch [2106].

- 4.3.3 Most of the worked flint is clearly derived from nodules of mixed quality, both good and poor quality material being present in the terrace gravel deposits. The better quality material includes nodules of Bullhead and Bi-zoned flint, both types of flint that might be expected in gravel at the lower reaches of the Rivers Thames and Medway.
- 4.3.4 The condition of the material varies; some is in a sharp condition and may have lain relatively undisturbed since its deposition while the remainder has heavy edge damage from reworking in the plough soil, material that has been unquestionably redeposited. Despite this much of the assemblage is consistent and features recurring use of blade technology. This is evident not only in the frequency with which blades and bladelets were recorded but also in the presence of blade/let cores, crested pieces and rejuvenation tablets. Many of the blades themselves are irregular; however given the quality of the raw material used this is perhaps not surprising.
- 4.3.5 The industry is accompanied by all the features of a blade industry most notably platform abrasion and possible use of soft hammers. Diagnostic artefacts include the distal tip of a probable obliquely blunted point and a backed bladelet, both indicative of Mesolithic, probably Late Mesolithic activity. This is in accord with the likely date of the remainder of the assemblage.
- 4.3.6 There is insufficient material, and none from well stratified deposits, to make additional comment. It is quite conceivable that artefacts from later, possibly Neolithic, periods are represented although these are likely to account for only a small number of pieces, all apparently poorly stratified.
- 4.3.7 Although no Mesolithic material had been previously documented on the Site itself or in the immediate vicinity, in the light of the riverside location, the recovery of Mesolithic material was not unexpected. Indeed, given that most material was recovered from the topsoil it suggest that worked flint may once have been more extensive and lay in the upper parts of the subsoil from where it has been reworked by plough action. The condition of some of the flint suggests that some material has undergone only limited reworking and it is possible that small concentrations or pockets still exist on the Site in sub surface hollows and tree throw features. Such features do exist at the Site but have currently produced only one piece of worked flint.

#### **4.4 Burnt Flint**

- 4.4.1 There were 441 pieces of burnt flint, weighing 2833g recovered from the Site. They were found mostly in small quantities in a variety of contexts, but a large concentration of 404 pieces (2454g) came from context [2104], a pit fill interpreted as a deliberate dump of burnt material from elsewhere, as there was no burning *in situ*. None of the flint was struck and none has been retained.

## **4.5 Ceramic Building Material**

- 4.5.1 There were 53 pieces of ceramic building material (CBM) weighing 4258g found on the Site. All were of Post-Medieval or modern date. The largest concentration came from ditch [3503], a large ditch containing 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> Century land drains. This yielded two large fragments of 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> Century frogless brick, some Post-Medieval tile and some fragments of the actual land drain. This had walls measuring 150mm thickness and a 400mm bore. It was made from a single slab of clay, rolled and sealed with wet clay.
- 4.5.2 Context [2604] was another large ditch with a land drain and contained some large fragments of much worn 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> Century brick that had lost both faces, so was probably immersed in slow running water for a considerable period. This ditch also yielded some post-medieval tile fragments. All other CBM consisted of small deposits of very fragmented, non-diagnostic material.

## **4.6 Animal Bone**

- 4.6.1 The 64 fragments of animal bone recovered derive from 18 mammal bones. All bone fragments were in poor or fair condition, and 12 could be identified to species. No gnawing or burning was observed on the bones.
- 4.6.2 The material included horse (n=2), cattle (n=6), sheep/goat (n=2) and dog (n=2). Six bones could be aged. Context (2506) contained a full set of horse upper dentition. According to crown height, the horse was c. 7.5-11.5 years old when it died (Levine 1982). Five bones were measurable, amongst which was a complete dog radius with a GL of 151mm. This resulted in a height at the withers of 50cm (Harcourt 1974). This would have been a large type of dog.

## **4.7 Other Finds**

### *Fired Clay*

- 4.7.1 Only five fragments of fired clay were recovered. Three of these came from the aforementioned pit and the other two from ditches of uncertain date. All were non-diagnostic, featureless fragments.

### *Shell*

- 4.7.2 Shell was recovered from 12 contexts. The majority of this was oyster shell, but there were fragments of whelk and clam and seven cockle shells. The largest accumulations were in contexts (8307), a pit fill (9 oysters – 115g); (8309), a ditch fill (6 oysters – 48g) and (8416), a ditch fill (8 oysters – 89g, 6 cockles – 24g and 1 clam fragment).

### *Glass*

- 4.7.3 Only five fragments of glass (19g) were recovered from the Site. One sherd from context (6910), the fill of hedgerow ditch [6904], had traces of decoration, but was modern. All the other glass was modern with the

exception of a tiny sherd of Romano-British glass, residual in probable modern ditch [4005].

#### *Clay Pipes*

- 4.7.4 Ten fragments (30g) of clay pipe were found in all. Of these, eight were plain stem fragments with no diagnostic features and one stem with traces of red paint. The only decorated piece was a small bowl fragment with a leaf motif, but this was not complete enough to be diagnostic. Six of the fragments came from the fills of hedgerow ditch [6904].

#### *Stone*

- 4.7.5 A single piece of roofing slate (22g) came from context (6908), a hedgerow ditch fill.

#### *Slag*

- 4.7.6 Seven pieces of iron slag (57g) were recovered from the whole Site. Six were very small and non-diagnostic. One piece from context (6910) has a distinctly curved surface and may have come from inside a crucible. No other evidence of metalworking was found on the Site.

#### *Metalwork*

- 4.7.7 Very little metalwork was recovered from the Site. A single penny coin was found in the topsoil of trench 58, but was so worn that no detail can be seen. A single nail came from context (8607). All other material was recovered from the fills of ditch [6904] and all pieces are modern and probably of agricultural origin. These comprise four iron nail fragments and two nondescript iron objects.

## **5 ENVIRONMENTAL**

- 5.1.1 No material or deposits suitable for environmental analysis/sampling were exposed during the evaluation trenching.

## **6 DISCUSSION**

### **6.1 Evaluation results**

- 6.1.1 Of the 88 trial trenches investigated, two distinct zones of archaeological activity were identified; one to the north-east and one to the south-west of the Site (**Figure 2**). Between both areas the trenches were dominated by modern agricultural disturbance and documented post-medieval land divisions.

- 6.1.2 Zone 1, situated in the north-east corner of the Site contained a series of ditches relating to earlier land divisions and water management of the flood plain of the tidal River Roach. Ditches [8408] and [8508] both contained pottery dated to the Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age and may represent the same feature enclosing an area to the south. This correlates with aerial



photograph evidence which shows a complex series of irregular enclosures to the north of Stambridge Road, no more than 20m from the Site.

- 6.1.3 A number of discrete undated features were recorded to the south of these ditches but are of too low a density to extrapolate form or function.
- 6.1.4 It would appear that the course of the prehistoric ditches [8408] and [8508] was recut and realigned, possibly a number of times, as [8408] is followed successively by ditches [8403], [8411] and [8420], and [8506] runs parallel to [8508]. These further ditches all appear to be medieval or post-medieval in character, possibly related to the medieval moated manor site at Coombes Farm, although notably, the absence of medieval pottery across the Site would suggest a less intensive use of the Site in the medieval period.
- 6.1.5 Zone 2 was dominated by a relatively high concentration of flint work. 130 out of a total 160 pieces (81%) were recovered from the area bordered to the north and west by services, to the east by the parish boundary and running south towards the river. The majority was recovered from the natural strata but was in relatively good condition suggesting that it had not travelled far from its point of origin.
- 6.1.6 The flint assemblage has been assigned a broad Mesolithic date and there is potential for lithic groups to still exist in sub-surface hollows and tree throw features. As no previous sites or artefacts from this period have been found within the 1km study area (CgMS 2008a) there is the potential for important information to be gained through further fieldwork in this area.
- 6.1.7 In addition to the unstratified artefactual material, a number of features, both dated and undated were recorded within Zone 2. Large ditches of various alignments were excavated in Trenches 21, 23, 25 and 26, as with Zone 1 possibly reflecting a continuation of cropmarks noted in aerial photographs to the south west of the Site. Trench 26, [2604] is aligned with a current drainage channel in the parcel of land adjacent to the river and may represent an earlier phase of landscape division than that in place today.
- 6.1.8 Further prehistoric features were encountered in Trenches 14 and 21. Trench 14 contained a shallow ditch [1407] with a large unabraded reworked blade of good quality Bullhead flint and a sub-rectangular pit [1403] with several sherds of Deveral-Rimbury tradition Middle Bronze Age pottery. Trench 21 contained a large ditch [2103] which produced sherds of Middle/Late Iron Age pottery and was subsequently cut by a pit [2106] filled with large amounts of burnt flint.
- 6.1.9 The flint assemblage and the two trenches with well stratified deposits all date to different prehistoric periods separated by thousands of years, confirming the successive exploitation of the area alongside the River Roach since at least the Mesolithic, albeit at relatively low levels.
- 6.1.10 It is notable that Zone 2 is bounded by the 18<sup>th</sup> century parish boundary to the east; only 3 pieces of confirmed struck flint being recovered from the 7 trenches east of this. It is possible that, as potentially noted with the Late

Bronze Age/Early Iron Age ditch in Zone 1 this 18<sup>th</sup> century boundary is a later version of a much earlier landscape division of which we have little evidence.

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## 8 APPENDIX 1: EVALUATION TRENCH CONTEXT SUMMARY TABLES

bgl = below ground level. CBM = ceramic building material

<b>TRENCH 1</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 38m by 1.9m		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.38m	<b>Ground level:</b> 8.81m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
101	<i>Plough soil</i>	Dark brownish grey compact clay silt, with rare sub rectangular flint inclusions <0.04m sparse CBM flecking and fragments <0.02, and rare chalk flecking, evidence of possible addition of lime to enhance productiveness of the soil. Heavily bioturbated.	0-0.16m	
102	<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid brownish grey compact silty clay with rare sub-rectangular flints <0.04m and glass and pottery fragments. Heavily bioturbated.	0.16-0.33m	
103	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium deposit pale yellowish brown clay silt compact and heavily bioturbated containing rare flint inclusions with moderate manganese flecking. A number of modern features were observed cutting (103) including a number of wheel ruts associated with agricultural machinery and plough scars. There were considerable ruts as it was at the edge of the field at the formation of the plough headland.	0.33m +	

<b>TRENCH 2</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 40m by 1.8m		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.33m	<b>Ground level:</b> 8.95m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
201	<i>Plough soil</i>	Dark greyish brown silty loam with rare flint gravels <0.06m, heavily bioturbated, with CBM fragments.	0-0.24m	
202	<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid greyish brown compact silty clay with rare small flint gravels <0.03m.	0.24-0.38m	
203	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium compact pale to mid yellowish brown silty clay with rare flint gravels <0.02m. 2 sets of modern wheel ruts and plough scars were observed.	0.33m +	

<b>TRENCH 3</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 40m by 1.8m		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.33m	<b>Ground level:</b> 8.45m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
301	<i>Plough soil</i>	Dark greyish brown silty loam with rare flint gravels <0.06m, heavily bioturbated, with CBM fragments.	0-0.21m	
302	<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid greyish brown silty clay with rare flint gravels <0.04m, thin deposit with moderate bioturbation and CBM flecking.	0.21-0.25	
303	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium compact pale to mid yellowish brown silty clay with rare predominately rounded flint gravels <0.03m. Very compact with bioturbation. 2 sets of modern wheel ruts and 2 patches of bioturbation were investigated but not recorded.	0.25m +	

<b>TRENCH 4</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 38.7m by 1.8m		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.42m	<b>Ground level:</b> 8.36m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
401	<i>Plough soil</i>	Dark greyish brown silty loam with rare flint gravels <0.05m and rare chalk flecks.	0-0.23m	
402	<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid greyish brown silty clay with rare small sub rounded and rounded flint gravels, quite compact with bioturbation and rare charcoal flecks.	0.19-0.31m	
403	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium pale yellowish brown silty clay with rare rounded and sub rounded flint gravels. 2 sets of modern wheel ruts were investigate and not recorded.	0.27m +	

<b>TRENCH 5</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 38.76m by 1.9m		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.44m	<b>Ground level:</b> 7.96m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
501	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid brownish grey compact clay silt with rare sub angular flint gravels <0.05m and buried vegetation from the previous ploughing event.	0-0.16m	
502	<i>Subsoil</i>	Pale brownish grey clay silt with rare sun angular flint gravels <0.02m with sparse chalk flecking.	0.16-0.28m	
503	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium pale yellowish brown with moderate manganese flecking and spare sub angular flint gravels <0.02m and occasional patches or lenses of more clay rich material.	0.28m+	

<b>TRENCH 6</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 39.85m by 1.9m		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.40m	<b>Ground level:</b> 7.58m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
601	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid yellowish brown clay silt with sparse inclusions of small sub rounded and sub angular flint gravels <0.05m. rare charcoal and chalk flecking with abundant roots and plant material ploughed in.	0-0.23	
602	<i>Subsoil</i>	Very thin layer, or horizon between (601) and (603), light yellowish brown silty clay with rare small rounded gravels <0.02m, clear boundary with (603)	0.23-0.28	
603	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium, mid brownish orange silty clay with rare small <0.06 sub rounded gravels with rare chalk fragments and manganese flecking. Series of plough marks and modern agricultural wheel ruts observed but not investigated.	0.28m+	

<b>TRENCH 7</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 38.6 by 1.88		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.39m	<b>Ground level:</b> 8.6m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
701	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid yellowish brown clay silt with sparse inclusions of small <0.05m sub rounded and sub angular flints with rare small<0.01m chalk fragments and charcoal flecks, diffuse boundary with (702).	0-0.23m	
702	<i>Subsoil</i>	Light yellowish brown silty clay with rare inclusions of small gravels with rare CBM and charcoal. Clear horizon with (703).	0.23-0.30	
703	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium mid brown orange silty clay with sparse inclusions of small sub rounded gravels.	0.30m +	

<b>TRENCH 8</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 38.3 by 1.85		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.32	<b>Ground level:</b> 8.48m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
801	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid brown silty loam with rare sub rounded fine gravels <0.02m with rare modern finds.	0-0.20m	
802	<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid greyish brown silty loam with rare sub rounded gravels <0.02m.	0.20-0.31	
803	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium mid yellowish brown silty clay with rare rounded gravels <0.02m quite a sharp horizon with overlying (802). Modern plough marks and agricultural wheel ruts observed.	0.31m +	

<b>TRENCH 9</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 37.3 by 1.85		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.33	<b>Ground level:</b> 8.02m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
901	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid greyish brown silty loam with rare fine gravels <0.01m with some bioturbation and rare CBM fragments.	0-0.18	
902	<i>Subsoil</i>	Light greyish brown silty clay with rare rounded gravels <0.01m.	0.18-0.27	
903	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium mid yellowish brown silty clay with rare rounded gravels <0.02m quite a sharp horizon with overlying (802). 3 sets of modern agricultural wheel ruts observed.	0.27m +	

<b>TRENCH 10</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 37.9 by 1.85		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.46	<b>Ground level:</b> 7.30m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
1001	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid greyish brown silty loam with rare flint gravels and rare chalk flecks.	0-0.31m	
1002	<i>Subsoil</i>	Light brownish grey silty loam with rare sub rounded flint gravels <0.01.	0.31-0.40	
1003	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium light yellowish brown silty clay with rare rounded gravels <0.02m with sharp overlying horizon, a set of modern agricultural wheel ruts were observed.	0.40m +	

<b>TRENCH 11</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 38.9 by 1.85		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.84m	<b>Ground level:</b> 7.5m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
1101	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid greyish brown clayey silt with patches of orange clay.	0-0.34m	
1102	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium mid orange silty clay with sparse inclusions of small sub rounded and sub angular gravels.	0.34m +	
1103	<i>Layer</i>	Very mixed mid grey and mid orange silty clay. Modern dump deposit which overlies (1104) within cut (1105).	0.34-0.56m	
1104	<i>Layer</i>	Mid yellowish brown silty clay with sparse small gravels and modern building debris. Fill of (1105).	0.56-0.84m	
<b>1105</b>	<b>Cut</b>	<b>Cut of modern dumping event, filled with (1104) and (1103).</b>	<b>0.40m deep +</b>	

<b>TRENCH 12</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 38.66 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.37	<b>Ground level:</b> aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
1201	<i>Plough soil</i>	Dark greyish brown loose silty clay with sparse sub rounded flint gravels <0.03m and very rare chalk flecks.	0-0.16m	
1202	<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid greyish brown loose silty clay with occasional flint gravels <0.03m and rare chalk flecks and ploughed in crop.	0.16-0.28m	
1203	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium mid yellow brown firm silty clay with sparse sub rounded flint gravels <0.02m.	0.28m +	
<b>1204</b>	<b>Cut</b>	<b>Cut of shallow ditch aligned WNW ESE cutting (1203) and recorded as 1m long by 0.68m wide and 0.09m deep and in filled with (1205) a natural low energy infilling event suggestive of water derived material, which infers the ditch is an agricultural drainage channel.</b>	<b>0.09m deep</b>	
1205	<i>Fill</i>	Mid to light yellow brown silty clay with sparse sub rounded flint gravels and manganese staining containing burnt flint and pottery. Single secondary fill of (1204) deposit derived from the edges of the feature, low energy water borne deposit.	0.09m thick	



<b>TRENCH 13</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 40 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 1.11	<b>Ground level:</b> 7.01m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
1301	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid grey brown silty loam with occasional sub angular flints, heavily disturbed, with a clear horizon over (1302), no sub soil was observed.	0-0.26m	
1302	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium mottled light and mid yellow silty clay with rare sub rounded flints. Cut by a number of modern features which were not investigated. A sondage was excavated through (1302) to a depth of 1.11m from the ground surface and a large natural feature was observed within (1302).	0.26m +	
1303	<i>Cut</i>	Cut of large tap root, with off shoots. Very irregular in shape and in filled with very compact fill.	-	
1304	<i>Fill</i>	Light to mid grey silty clay, very compact, natural infilling following the decaying of the tap root.	-	

<b>TRENCH 14</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 38.40 by 1.85		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.82m	<b>Ground level:</b> 7.38m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
1401	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid greyish brown clay loam, with yellow brown mottling and sparse flint gravels <0.02m and rare chalk flecks.	0-0.26m	
1402	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium, light reddish brown with light grey clay patches with common sub rounded gravels <0.05m	0.26m +	
<b>1403</b>	<b><i>Cut</i></b>	<b>Cut of sub rectangular pit, with steep, concave sides running on to a concave base and recorded as 2.08m long by 0.78m wide and 0.56m deep. Filled with (1404), (1405) and (1406). Function of feature unknown.</b>	<b>0.56m deep</b>	
1404	<i>Fill</i>	Mid brownish yellow silty clay with very rare rounded gravels <0.01m, light grey mottled lower fill of (1403) derived from the edge of the feature.	0.28m thick	
1405	<i>Fill</i>	Light grey clayey silt with rare gravels <0.02m and flint flakes and pottery. Diffuse horizons with some dark yellow mottling. Homogenous fill of repeated depositions over some period of time. Secondary fill of pit. Fill of (1403). Seals (1404) and sealed by (1405).	0.38m thick	
1406	<i>Fill</i>	Mid yellowish brown clayish silt upper fill of (1403), overlies (1405) and sealed by (1401). Potentially a tertiary fill derived from agricultural infilling.	0.15m thick.	
<b>1407</b>	<b><i>Cut</i></b>	<b>Cut of shallow ditch aligned E W which widens and deepens a little to the east. Linear in shape with concave moderate sides running on to a flat base, and recorded as 0.64m long by 0.47m wide and 0.15m deep. Unclear function though possibly water drainage.</b>	<b>0.15m deep</b>	
1408	<i>Fill</i>	Mid brownish yellow silty clay lower fill of (1407), with iron staining mottling naturally derived material. Probable primary fill.	0.03m thick	
1409	<i>Fill</i>	Light yellowish grey upper fill of (1407) which overlies (1408), secondary fill, low energy water borne material.	0.12m thick	

<b>TRENCH 15</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 37.5 by 1.90		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.50	<b>Ground level:</b> 6.94m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
1501	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid grey brown clay loam with modern organic components with rare rounded flint gravels <0.05m and rounded chalk fragments.	0-0.25	
1502	<i>Subsoil</i>	Compact mid grey brown clay loam with (1501) pushed in plough, with rare rounded flint gravels and chalk flecking and fragments.	0.25-0.33	
1503	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium compact mid yellow brown clay silt with rare rounded flint gravels <0.03m with bands of reddish brown gravels.	0.33m +	
<b>1504</b>	<b>Cut</b>	<b>Cut of modern disturbance. Not investigated</b>	-	
1505	<i>Fill</i>	Upper fill of (1504), redeposited natural with modern components.	-	

<b>TRENCH 16</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 38.2 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.34	<b>Ground level:</b> 6.60m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
1601	<i>Plough soil</i>	Dark greyish brown silty loam with rare flint gravels <0.05m.	0-0.24	
1602	<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid greyish brown silty clay with rare flint gravels and rare charcoal flecking.	0.24-0.29m	
1603	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium pale yellow brown very compact silty clay with rare rounded and sub rounded flints <0.02m. a set of modern agricultural wheel ruts were observed.	0.29m +	

<b>TRENCH 17</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 40 by 1.86		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.40m	<b>Ground level:</b> 6.71m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
1701	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid greyish brown clay silt with sparse inclusions of small sub rounded and sub angular flints with rare CBM and chalk fragments	0-0.28m	
1702	<i>Subsoil</i>	Dark yellow brown silty clay with patches of light brown clay with rare inclusions of sparse flint gravels <0.01m	0.28-0.6m	
1703	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium mid orange silty clay with sparse inclusions of manganese and flint gravels.	0.36m +	
<b>1704</b>	<b>Cut</b>	<b>Cut of ditch associated with modern hedge row visible on the 1838 Tithe Map, aligned roughly N S and recorded as roughly linear with irregular edges and an irregular base and 0.70m long by 1.56m wide and ranging from 0.32-0.55m deep and in filled with (1705) and (1706). Grubbed out hedgerow.</b>	<b>0.32-0.55m deep.</b>	
1705	<i>Fill</i>	Mid yellowish brown silty clay upper fill of (1704) with clear boundary with underlying (1706). Heavily root disturbed natural.	0.12m thick	
1706	<i>Fill</i>	Light yellowish brown silty loam lower fill of (1704) with flint gravels, and manganese flecking.	0.25-0.55m thick	
<b>1707</b>	<b>Cut</b>	<b>Cut of modern land drain, not excavated.</b>	-	
1708	<i>Fill</i>	Upper fill of (1707), mid brown silty clay with orange mottling.	-	
<b>1709</b>	<b>Cut</b>	<b>Cut of modern land drain, not excavated.</b>	-	
1710	<i>Fill</i>	Upper fill of (1709), mid yellowish brown silty clay.	-	
<b>1711</b>	<b>Cut</b>	<b>Cut of ditch associated with modern hedge row visible on the 1838 Tithe Map, aligned roughly N S and recorded as roughly linear with irregular edges and a concave base and 0.94m long by 1.50m wide and 0.46m deep and in filled with (1712). Grubbed out hedgerow. Potentially a predecessor or replacement for (1704).</b>	<b>0.46m deep</b>	
1712	<i>Fill</i>	Upper fill of (1711) light yellow brown silty clay with sparse manganese flecking with rare small sub angular and sub rounded flint gravels <0.03m. Root disturbed natural material. Cut by (1707)	0.46m thick	
<b>1713</b>	<b>Cut</b>	<b>Cut of E W aligned gully recorded as linear with slightly concave moderate edges running on to a concave base and</b>	<b>0.20m deep.</b>	

		<b>0.40m long by 0.56m wide and 0.20m deep. Possible water management ditch.</b>	
1714	<i>Fill</i>	Single fill of (1713) light yellow brown silty clay with very rare small sub angular and sub rounded gravels with sparse manganese flecking. Cut by (1707)	0.20m deep.

<b>TRENCH 18</b>		Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 38.5 by 1.90		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.40	<b>Ground level:</b> 6.01m aOD
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>
1801	<i>Plough soil</i>	Loose mid grey brown clay loam with rare rounded flints <0.01m and chalk fragments.	0-0.30m
1802	<i>Subsoil</i>	Compact mid grey brown clay loam with rare rounded flints <0.01, same as (1801) though less organic content.	0.30-0.35
1803	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium compact mid yellow brown clay silt with rare rounded flints <0.05. A single set of modern wheel ruts observed cutting the alluvium.	0.35m +

<b>TRENCH 19</b>		Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 44 by 1.80		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.35	<b>Ground level:</b> 6.23m aOD
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>
1901	<i>Plough soil</i>	Dark greyish brown silty loam with rare flint gravels <0.07m.	0-0.27m
1902	<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid greyish brown silty clay with rare flint gravels <0.05m with rare chalk and charcoal flecking.	0.27-0.33
1903	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium, pale yellow brown silty clay with rare rounded and sub rounded flint gravels, <0.03m	0.33m +
<b>1904</b>	<b>Cut</b>	<b>Cut of linear ditch aligned NW SE and recorded as 1m long by 0.65m wide and 0.24m deep in filled with natural water borne material indicative of a water drainage channel.</b>	<b>0.24m deep.</b>
1905	<i>Fill</i>	Pale brown silty clay single fill of (1904) in filled with material derived from the edge of the features as a result of water action.	0.24m thick
<b>1906</b>	<b>Cut</b>	<b>Cut of irregular shaped tree throw with moderate concave sides and a flat concave base. Recorded as 1.01m wide and 0.20m deep. Cleared prior to agricultural activity. Filled with (1908) and (1907).</b>	<b>0.20m deep.</b>
1907	<i>Fill</i>	Upper fill of (1906), mid greyish brown silty clay secondary fill of tree throw.	0.15m thick
1908	<i>Fill</i>	Initial fill of (1906) mid yellow brown silty clay, result of roots disturbing the natural at the base.	0.13m thick

<b>TRENCH 20</b>		Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 38.60 by 1.85		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.38	<b>Ground level:</b> 5.91m aOD
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>
2001	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid greyish brown silty loam with sparse sub rounded gravels <0.03m. no sub soil observed	0-0.32m
2002	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium layer mid yellowish brown sandy silt with rare sub rounded gravels. Cut by a number of plough scars.	0.32m +

<b>TRENCH 21</b>		Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 39.50 by 1.85		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.36	<b>Ground level:</b> 5.56m aOD
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>
2101	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid yellow brown silt loam with rare fine sub rounded gravels	0-0.27m
2102	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium light yellowish brown clay silt with rare gravels.	0.27m +
<b>2103</b>	<b>Cut</b>	<b>Cut of sub rectangular pit with near vertical sides and a concave base recorded as 0.46m long by 0.36m wide and 0.55m deep. Filled with (2104), (2105) and (2110). Cut for the dumping of burnt flint and charcoal, possible cooking waste from a fire elsewhere. Cuts (2109) the upper fill of ditch (2106)</b>	<b>0.55m deep.</b>
2104	<i>Fill</i>	Dark grey with yellow brown mottling sandy silt with moderate	0.35m thick

		sub angular gravels <0.05m. Deliberate dump of burnt material, waste from elsewhere, potentially associated with cooking, (? burnt flint derived from pot boilers).	
2105	<i>Fill</i>	Mid yellow grey silty sand with sparse sub angular gravels <0.04m with rare burnt flint and flint flakes. Secondary fill of pit, appears to be natural weathering deposit, infill derived from the feature edges.	0.40m thick
<b>2106</b>	<b><i>Cut</i></b>	<b>Cut of roughly E W aligned ditch which cuts (2102) and is in filled with (2107), (2108) and (2109). Recorded as 1m long by 1.12m wide and 0.48m deep, feature is potentially an early landscape division or possible water drainage channel.</b>	<b>0.48m deep.</b>
2107	<i>Fill</i>	Yellowish red with light yellow mottling sand with moderate sub angular gravels <0.04m, very similar to the natural in this area, potentially the primary fill of the feature formed just after it was dug, deposited prior to the stabilisation of the feature edges.	0.08m thick
2108	<i>Fill</i>	Light grey with yellow mottling silty sand with very common sub rounded gravels <0.04m, secondary infilling, derived from the feature edges and the surrounding ground surface.	0.23m thick
2109	<i>Fill</i>	Mid yellow brown silt loam with sparse sub rounded gravels <0.04m very similar to (2102), alluvium deposit infilling the top of the ditch, potential overflowing water borne material.	0.35m thick
2110	<i>Fill</i>	Light grey with yellow mottling silty sand with sparse sub angular gravels <0.02m water and wind borne material. Fill of (2103).	0.15m thick

<b>TRENCH 22</b>			Type: Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 38.7 by 1.85		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.56	<b>Ground level:</b> 5.49m aOD
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>
2201	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid greyish brown silty loam with rare sub angular gravels <0.02m with rare chalk flecks and ploughed in plant material. no subsoil observed.	0-0.33m
2202	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium mid yellowish brown clay sand with rare rounded gravels <0.02m, a patch of coarse sand towards the NW end of trench and becomes more gravelly to the SE end also.	0.33m +

<b>TRENCH 23</b>			Type: Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 38.59 by 1.90		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.54	<b>Ground level:</b> 5.31m aOD
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>
2301	<i>Plough soil</i>	Dark brownish compact grey clay silt with rare chalk flecking and moderate poorly sorted flints gravels. <0.07m.	0-0.21m
2302	<i>Subsoil</i>	Dark brownish grey compact clay silt but some what lighter than (2301) with moderate poorly sorted flints <0.05m with rare chalk and CBM fragments.	0.21-0.37
2303	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium mid brownish yellow stiff silty clay with moderate iron staining and manganese flecking with rare sub angular flint gravels <0.04m	0.37m +
<b>2304</b>	<b><i>Cut</i></b>	<b>Cut of linear ditch with shallow concave sides and concave base aligned NE SW, recorded as 1.58m long by 1.95m wide and 0.41m deep. Possible water management ditch which would account for the manganese and iron staining. Filled with (2305) and (2306)</b>	<b>0.41m deep</b>
2305	<i>Fill</i>	Lower fill of (2304) pale yellow brown clay silt with moderate poorly sorted sub angular flints<0.04 and moderate iron staining and manganese. Compact and bioturbated fine grained matrix with considerable inclusions. The large size of the inclusions infers a high energy water borne deposition which further infers the ditch being part of a water management system.	0.19m thick
2306	<i>Fill</i>	Upper fill of (2304) pale brownish grey clay silt with moderately poorly sorted sub angular flint gravels <0.05 with moderate manganese flecking. Compact deposit, high energy deposition.	0.27m thick

<b>TRENCH 24</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 38.9 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.42	<b>Ground level:</b> 4.98m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
2401	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid grey brown silty clay, very compact and heavily bioturbated with small sub rounded flint gravels <0.04m, no subsoil observed but a clear horizon with the underlying alluvium (2402)	0-0.25	
2402	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium, light yellow silty clay water borne natural with occasional to common gravel inclusions.	0.25m+	
<b>2403</b>	<b><i>Cut</i></b>	<b>Cut of sub circular features with shallow concave sides and a concave base recorded as 0.68m in diameter and 0.13m deep which cuts through (2406) the upper fill of (2405). Filled with heavily iron stained silty clay. Function and date of this feature is unclear.</b>	<b>0.13m deep</b>	
2404	<i>Fill</i>	Mottled dark yellow brown and light yellow silty clay fill of (2403) with common iron staining and manganese, natural infilling or potentially just disturbed natural if the feature is just a tree throw.	0.13m thick	
<b>2405</b>	<b><i>Cut</i></b>	<b>Cut of irregular shaped concave sided and irregular based tree throw recorded as 1.10m long by 1.10m wide and 0.14m deep which was cut through by (2403). Filled with (2406).</b>	<b>0.14m deep</b>	
2406	<i>Fill</i>	Mottled light yellow and mid yellow brown compact silty clay with common manganese flecks. Cut by (2403).	0.14m thick	

<b>TRENCH 25</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 36.5 by 1.8 (4.9m max)		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.50	<b>Ground level:</b> 4.63m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
2501	<i>Plough soil</i>	Dark greyish brown silty clay with occasional sub rounded flint gravels <0.05m and sparse chalk flecks <0.02m	0-0.24m	
2502	<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid yellow brown silty clay with occasional sub rounded flint <0.04m	0.24-0.40m	
2503	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium pale yellow brown firm sandy silt with sparse sub rounded flints <0.03m	0.40m +	
<b>2504</b>	<b><i>Cut</i></b>	<b>Cut of E W aligned ditch with concave sides and an irregular base and recorded as 1m long by 1.52m wide and 0.53m deep. In filled with (2505) and (2506). Probable drainage ditch.</b>	<b>0.53m deep</b>	
2505	<i>Fill</i>	Mid bluish grey sandy silt lower fill of (2504) which is sealed by (2506). Naturally derived deposit, water borne material.	0.21m thick	
2506	<i>Fill</i>	Upper fill of (2504) pale brownish grey silty sand with occasional sub rounded flint gravels <0.04m water borne material.	0.32m thick	

<b>TRENCH 26</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 39.20 by 1.90		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.38	<b>Ground level:</b> 4.80m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
2601	<i>Plough soil</i>	Dark greyish brown silty loam with rare flint gravels <0.05m with moderate bioturbation and plough disturbance.	0-0.21m	
2602	<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid greyish brown silty clay with rounded and angular gravels <0.04m	0.21-0.27	
2603	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium pale brown silty clay with sub rounded and sub angular gravels<0.03m	0.27m +	
<b>2604</b>	<b><i>Cut</i></b>	<b>Cut of large ditch aligned roughly NNW SSE cut into the natural alluvium (2603) and recorded as linear with steep concave side and a flattish base and 1m long by 2.45m wide and 0.89m deep and filled with (2605), (2606), (2607), (2608), (2609), (2610), (2611) and (2612). Ditch is either a large landscape division/boundary or a large water management ditch. It is clear the ditch had partially silted up when a large</b>	<b>0.89m deep</b>	



		<b>ceramic field drain (2612) was placed in the ditch and then backfilled. To create more useable space. Likely to be part of medieval to post medieval water management.</b>	
2605	<i>Fill</i>	Earliest fill of (2604) mid orange brown sand with rare small sub rounded flint gravels <0.02 and moderate iron staining. Friable fairly fine grained matrix with relatively few inclusions fairly low energy deposition and the rounded nature infers water borne deposition of material derived from the feature edges. Sealed beneath (2605).	0.19m thick
2606	<i>Fill</i>	Fill of (2604) dark bluish grey clay with sparse sub rounded gravels <0.03m and moderate iron panning and manganese staining. Almost pure clay deposit, very compact and solid with fine grains and few inclusions. Result of long term slow silting of fine sediments, extremely low energy natural deposition. Seals (2605) and lay upon by ceramic field drain (2612).	0.25m thick
2607	<i>Fill</i>	Fill of (2604) mid brownish grey clay silt compact fairly fine grained deposit with moderate to frequent sub angular flint gravels <0.06, which infers a high energy deposition, such as a flood event however could also be a deliberate deposition as it overlies ceramic field drain (2612) with no evidence of a cut and so the drain was placed and sealed by (2607).	0.30m thick
2608	<i>Fill</i>	Fill of (2604) pale brownish grey clay silt with rare sub angular flint gravels <0.04m and rare iron staining and manganese flecking. Size of inclusions suggests relatively high energy deposition which could mean collapse of feature edges or deliberate backfill event. Seals (2607) and is sealed by (2609).	0.16m thick
2609	<i>Fill</i>	Fill of (2604) mid greyish brown clay silt with rare sub angular flint gravels <0.03m and moderate iron staining. Secondary infilling event appears to be natural accumulation. Sealed by (2610) and seals (2608)	0.21m thick
2610	<i>Fill</i>	Fill of (2604) mid brownish grey silty clay with very sparse sub angular flint gravels <0.01m and rare iron panning and manganese staining. Gradual silting event over time, low energy. Seals (2609) and sealed by (2611)	0.22m thick
2611	<i>Fill</i>	Fill of (2604) pale greyish brown clay silt with moderate small sub angular flint inclusions <0.04m with moderate iron staining and manganese flecking. Moderate energy deposition at the end of the features lifetime, flooding deposition. Seals (2610) and sealed by (2602).	0.22m thick
2612	<i>Fill</i>	Ceramic land drain which is laid upon (2606) and sealed by (2607)	-

<b>TRENCH 27</b>		Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 40 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.45	<b>Ground level:</b> 4.60m aOD
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>	<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
2701	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid greyish brown silty clay with sparse sub rounded flint gravels <0.02m	
2702	<i>Subsoil</i>	Dark greyish brown silty sand with sparse sub rounded flint gravels <0.03 and rare chalk fragments <0.02m	
2703	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium light brownish grey silty sand with sparse sub rounded flint <0.02m and heavy iron panning and staining.	

<b>TRENCH 28</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 31.2 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.61	<b>Ground level:</b> 3.61m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
2801	<i>Topsoil</i>	Light grey brown silty clay with heavy root inclusions for previous ploughing and sparse sub rounded flints gravels <0.03m	0-0.11m	
2802	<i>Layer</i>	Modern made ground. Light brown grey silty clay containing moderate roots inclusions and occasional sub angular flint gravels <0.04m	0.11-0.24m	
2803	<i>Layer</i>	Dark red brown silt clay, Victorian or early 20 <sup>th</sup> century deposition, bottle dump.	0.24-0.29	
2804	<i>Layer</i>	Dark blue black compact silty clay layer relating to bottle dump. Modern	0.29-0.31m	
2805	<i>Natural</i>	Compact mid brown grey clay silt, water deposited natural at the edge of river channel.	0.31m+	

<b>TRENCH 29</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 28.6 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.48	<b>Ground level:</b> 3.50m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
2901	<i>Topsoil</i>	Mid brown grey silty sand very organic layer, lots of decaying vegetation and root, no course components observed	0-0.05	
2902	<i>Subsoil</i>	light blue grey silty clay with heavy orange iron panning mottling with rare sub rounded flint gravels <0.02m	0.05-0.26m	
2903	<i>Natural</i>	Mid blue grey compact clay silt with moderate iron panning with sparse flints gravels <0.03m	0.26m +	

<b>TRENCH 30</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 32.3 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.61	<b>Ground level:</b> 3.85m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
3001	<i>Topsoil</i>	Pale brownish grey silty clay with no course components observed with heavy root inclusions.	0-0.12	
3002	<i>Layer</i>	Made ground pale grey silty clay containing root and sparse sub rounded flints <0.03m and CBM fragments.	0.12-0.26	
3003	<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid grey brown silt clay with slight manganese staining and contains occasional sub rounded flint gravels <0.03m and CBM fragments and flecking.	0.26-0.49	
3004	<i>Natural</i>	Dark grey brown compact clay silt with heavy manganese staining an occasional sub rounded flints <0.04m and chalk flecks.	0.49m +	

<b>TRENCH 31</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 33.95 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.53	<b>Ground level:</b> 3.67m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
3101	<i>Topsoil</i>	Pale brownish grey silty clay with no course components observed with heavy root inclusions.	0-0.06	
3102	<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid grey brown silt clay with slight manganese staining and contains occasional sub rounded flint gravels <0.03m and CBM fragments and flecking.	0.06-0.18	
3103	<i>Natural</i>	Mid yellow brown compact clay silt with heavy manganese staining an occasional sub rounded flints <0.03m and chalk flecks.	0.18m +	

<b>TRENCH 32</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 28 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.55	<b>Ground level:</b> 3.52m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
3201	<i>Topsoil</i>	Dark brownish grey silty clay with sparse sub rounded flint gravels <0.03m with heavy root inclusions.	0-0.07	
3202	<i>Subsoil</i>	Light brownish grey silt clay with slight manganese staining and contains occasional sub rounded flint gravels <0.03m and CBM fragments and flecking.	0.07-0.28	
3203	<i>Natural</i>	Mid yellow brown compact clay silt with slight manganese staining	0.28m+	

<b>TRENCH 33</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 19.3 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.48	<b>Ground level:</b> 3.55m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
3301	<i>Topsoil</i>	Dark blue grey silty clay with sparse sub angular flint gravels <0.03m.	0-0.22	
3302	<i>Natural</i>	Mid brownish grey silty clay containing sparse sub rounded flint <0.02m and sparse chalk flecks	0.22-0.37	
3303	<i>Natural</i>	light brownish grey sandy clay with slight iron panning.	0.37m +	

<b>TRENCH 34</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 45.5 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.45	<b>Ground level:</b> 3.50m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
3401	<i>Topsoil</i>	Dark brownish grey silty loam with lots of decayed plant matter and occasional sub angular flint gravels <0.05m	0-0.09	
3402	<i>Layer</i>	Made ground mix of brownish yellow and brownish grey silty clay with moderate sub rounded flint gravels <0.03m. Material derived from the digging of drainage channels.	0.09-0.20	
3403	<i>Buried surface</i>	Dark blue black silty clay, decayed root matter, old ground surface buried by redeposited material from the digging of drainage ditches.	0.20-0.26	
3404	<i>Natural</i>	Mid yellow brown silty clay containing sparse sub rounded flint gravels <0.03m	0.26-0.37	
3405	<i>Natural</i>	Pale brownish grey sandy clay with very rare sub rounded flint gravels <0.02m	0.37m +	

<b>TRENCH 35</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 27.3 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 1.29	<b>Ground level:</b> 3.51m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
3501	<i>Plough soil</i>	Compact mid grey brown silty clay with occasional flint inclusions. No sub soil observed.	0-0.45	
3502	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium, water borne material mottled and mixed light yellow silty clay which overlies sandy gravels revealed in excavated sondage. Gravels visible in patches amongst alluvium	0.45m +	
<b>3503</b>	<b><i>Cut</i></b>	<b>Cut of large linear ditch aligned roughly N S with shallow concave sides and a probable concave base (however not fully observed) recorded as 0.80m long and 5.65m wide and 0.83m deep and in filled with (3504), (3505), (3506), (3507), (3508), (3509), (3510), (3511). Deposits comprise natural infilling and then the placing of a ceramic land drain and then deliberate backfilling. Ditch continues to the south and is visible as an existing drainage channel leading to the River Roach. Part of water management, and replaced by late east west aligned gully and land drains</b>	<b>0.83m deep.</b>	
3504	<i>Fill</i>	Very light yellow compact sandy clay with occasional sub rounded flint gravels, natural slumping deposit in to the ditch potentially from an associated bank, as deposit very similar to the natural observed at the base of the feature. Located at the edge of the feature and cut modern land drains (not recorded) .	0.23m thick	

		Overlies (3503) and sealed by (3505).	
3505	<i>Fill</i>	Light blue grey compact silty clay concentrated on the western side of the ditch, natural slumping of redeposited natural, possibly from an associated bank but unclear. overlies (3504) and sealed by (3506).	0.15m thick
3506	<i>Fill</i>	Dark grey silty clay with common rounded flint gravels <0.07m derived from the natural gravels at the base. Waterlogged deposit with wood fragments. Natural accumulation at the base during the lifetime of the ditch as a drainage channel. Sealed by (3507) and seals (3505).	0.10m thick
3507	<i>Fill</i>	Mixed and mottled dark grey and light grey silty clay with occasional small sub rounded flints. Homogenous layer, repeated depositions of similar material over time, heavy manganese staining infers a wet deposition and water movement. (3507) has two land drains (3510) and (3511) laid upon it, inferring that the drainage ditch was still relatively open and the ceramic land drains were placed so the ditch could be backfilled and more land turned over to agriculture.	0.38m thick
3508	<i>Fill</i>	Very mixed and mottled mid grey brown and orange red silty clay with common iron staining. Deposit which seals land drains (3510) and (3511), natural accumulation but likely as the result of activity around the edge of the feature as it is prepared to be decommissioned. Sealed by (3509)	0.15
3509	<i>Fill</i>	Mottled mid orange brown and mid grey silty clay with very rare small flint gravels <0.01m. post med or modern deliberate backfilling of the drainage ditch following its decommissioning.	0.30m thick
3510	<i>Ceramic land drain</i>	Overlies (3507) and sealed by (3508)	-
3511	<i>Ceramic land drain</i>	Overlies (3507) and sealed by (3508)	-

<b>TRENCH 36</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 39.5 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.39	<b>Ground level:</b> 4.21m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
3601	<i>Plough soil</i>	Dark greyish brown silty loam with flint gravels <0.08m and CBM, charcoal and chalk flecking.	0-0.29	
3602	<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid grey brown silty clay with rare sub rounded and sub angular flints <0.03m	0.29-0.34	
3603	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium mid yellow brown silty clay with rare rounded flints <0.02m.	0.34m +	
3604	<i>Cut</i>	Large ditch investigated in tr35. unexcavated.	-	
3605	<i>Fill</i>	Fill of unexcavated ditch	-	

<b>TRENCH 37</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 35.5 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.40	<b>Ground level:</b> 3.70m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
3701	<i>Plough soil</i>	Soft dark grey brown clay loam with rare sub rounded flints <0.09m and rare rounded flints <0.03m with chalk fragments, very little decayed plant matter compared to other trench plough soil and no sub soil observed.	0-0.28m	
3702	<i>Natural</i>	Mixed natural comprised of patches of mid red yellow clay sand and rounded gravels in a mid yellow clay. No alluvium in this area. Modern agricultural wheel ruts observed.	0.28m +	

<b>TRENCH 38</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 38 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.50	<b>Ground level:</b> 4.13m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>Description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
3801	<i>Plough soil</i>	Soft mid grey brown clay loam with high organic components due to recent ploughing with rare rounded flints <0.05m and chalk inclusions.	0-0.22	
3802	<i>Subsoil</i>	Compact mid grey brown clay loam with rare rounded flints <0.03m with chalk flecks and fragments. Mixed and irregular interface with (3801) and (3803) due to ploughing.	0.22-0.33	
3803	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium, very compact mid yellow brown sandy silt with rare rounded gravels <0.05m	0.33m +	

<b>TRENCH 39</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 37.72 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.45	<b>Ground level:</b> 3.82m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
3901	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid grey brown clay loam with high organic components due to recent ploughing with rare sub rounded flints and chalk flecking.	0-0.25	
3902	<i>Subsoil</i>	Compact mid grey brown clay loam with occasional lenses of (3904) disturbed by deep ploughing with rare rounded flint gravels <0.07m and chalk flecking.	0.25-0.35	
3903	<i>Natural Alluvium</i>	Natural alluvium, pale yellow brown sandy silt with rare sub rounded and sub angular flints <0.09m and chalk fragments and flecking, observed at the northern and central area of trench.	0.35+	
3904	<i>Natural</i>	Mixed patches of rounded gravels in a dark red yellow clay and mid yellow sand.	0.35m +	

<b>TRENCH 40</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 39 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.39	<b>Ground level:</b> 4.80m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
4001	<i>Plough soil</i>	Dark greyish brown silty loam with rare flint gravels <0.05m and CBM and chalk flecking.	0-0.26m	
4002	<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid greyish brown silty clay with rare mainly sub rounded flints <0.03m	0.26-0.34	
4003	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium mid yellow brown silty clay with rare sub rounded and sub angular flints	0.34m +	
4004	<i>Cut</i>	Cut of roughly N S aligned ditch recorded as linear with steep concave sides and a concave base and 1m long by 1.51m wide and 0.74m deep and in filled with (4005), (4006), (4007) and (4008). Probably part of post medieval/modern water management ditch system.	0.74m deep	
4005	<i>Fill</i>	Upper fill of (4004), mid brown silty clay deliberate backfill layer to create useable agricultural land and cut through by land drain (4009).	0.36m thick	
4006	<i>Fill</i>	Pale grey brown silty clay fill of (4004) secondary fill the result of slow build up over time due to water movement. Overlies (4007) and sealed by (4005).	0.15m thick	
4007	<i>Fill</i>	Mid grey sand silt clay with rare sub rounded and sub angular flints <0.03m. Potentially water logged deposit, result of water borne material deposited in very wet conditions and remaining wet over time. Overlies (4008) and sealed by (4006).	0.12m thick	
4008	<i>Fill</i>	Earliest fill of ditch (4004) elements of primary and secondary fill, bright yellow brown sand, contains clay pipe.	0.29m thick	
4009	<i>Cut</i>	Cut of land drain	-	
4010	<i>Fill</i>	Fill of land drain, ceramic pipe and backfill.	-	



<b>TRENCH 41</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 39.9 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.35	<b>Ground level:</b> 5.33m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
4101	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid greyish brown clay silt with sparse inclusions of small gravels <0.04m.	0-0.28m	
4102	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium mid yellow orange silty clay with rare small gravel inclusions <0.04m. cut by a number of plough scars and modern agricultural wheel ruts not investigated.	0.28m +	
4103	<i>Cut</i>	Cut of possible post hole, recorded as sub square with steep straight, possibly stepped sides and a 'V' shaped base, and 0.38m long by 0.38m wide and 0.33m deep. The 'V' shaped nature of the base may infer a modern date and that a post has been driven in and the removed by movement side to side. No dating.	0.33m deep	
4104	<i>Fill</i>	Fill of (4103) mid yellow brown silty clay. No evidence of decaying of post <i>in situ</i> . Material washed in after post removed.	0.33m thick	

<b>TRENCH 42</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 40 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.39	<b>Ground level:</b> 5.07m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
4201	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid yellow brown clay silt with sparse sub rounded and sub angular flints <0.03m. no sub soil observed	0-0.37m	
4202	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium mid orange mottled with light yellow clayey sand.	0.37m +	

<b>TRENCH 43</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 39.4 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.38	<b>Ground level:</b> 5.01m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
4301	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid yellow brown clay silt with sparse sub rounded small gravels <0.04 and chalk fragments	0-0.28m	
4302	<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid yellow brown silty clay with rare charcoal and CBM and flint gravels <0.03m.	0.28-0.33m	
4303	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium mid brownish yellow silty sand.	0.33m +	

<b>TRENCH 44</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 41.7 by 1.9		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.40	<b>Ground level:</b> 5.62m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
4401	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid grey brown clay loam with high organic components and rare rounded flints <0.03m and chalk inclusions.	0-0.25m	
4402	<i>Subsoil</i>	Compact mid grey brown clay loam with rare rounded flints <0.03m and chalk fragments.	0.25-0.32	
4403	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium pale yellow brown sand silt with rare sub rounded and sub angular flints <0.07m and chalk fragments.	0.32m +	
4404	<i>Cut</i>	Cut of old hedgerow, this forms the parish boundary between Rochford and Stambridge. Recorded in other trenches. Not excavated.	-	
4405	<i>Fill</i>	Upper fill of (4404), mid grey brown silty clay upper fill of unexcavated hedgerow/boundary (4404)	-	

<b>TRENCH 45</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 38.9 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.41	<b>Ground level:</b> 5.15m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
4501	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid yellow brown clay silt with sparse sub rounded and sub angular gravels <0.03m	0-0.26m	
4502	<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid yellow brown silty clay with rare flints <0.02	0.26-0.30	
4503	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium mid greyish yellow clay silt with frequent small sub rounded and sub angular gravel	0.30m +	

<b>TRENCH 46</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 40 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.47	<b>Ground level:</b> 5.78m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
4601	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid yellowish brown clay silt with sparse inclusions of small sub angular and sub rounded flints	0-0.25	
4602	<i>Subsoil</i>	Light greyish brown silty clay with rare small sub angular and sub rounded gravels.	0.25-0.33	
4603	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium light orange yellow clay silt with iron staining and gravels<0.03m	0.33m +	
4604	<i>Cut</i>	Cut of hedgerow/boundary which forms the parish boundary with Rochford and Stambridge. Unexcavated.	-	
4605	<i>Fill</i>	Upper fill of (4604) mid greyish brown silty clay.	-	

<b>TRENCH 47</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 36.8 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.51	<b>Ground level:</b> 5.59m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
4701	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid greyish brown silt clay with sparse chalk fragments and sparse sub rounded flints <0.04m	0-0.26	
4702	<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid brownish grey silty clay with occasional sub rounded flints <0.04m	0.26-0.39	
4703	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium pale greyish yellow silty clay with occasional sub rounded flints <0.03m	0.39m +	

<b>TRENCH 48</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 33.2 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.50	<b>Ground level:</b> 6.12m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
4801	<i>Plough soil</i>	Dark greyish brown silty clay with CBM and chalk fragments and occasional small flint inclusions.	0-0.29m	
4802	<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid greyish brown silty clay with occasional small sub rounded flints <0.03m and CBM flecking.	0.29-0.35	
4803	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium mid yellow brown silty clay with sparse flint <0.03m	0.35m +	
<b>4804</b>	<b><i>Cut</i></b>	<b>Cut of N S aligned hedgerow ditch recorded as linear with irregular moderate sides and an irregular base due to root action and 1m long by 1.55m wide and 0.49m deep. Forms part of a grubbed out hedgerow which was the parish boundary between Rochford and Stambridge.</b>	<b>0.49m deep</b>	
4805	<i>Fill</i>	Pale grey brown clay silt with rare sub rounded flints <0.04m, lower fill of ditch which was in filled with natural erosion deposits.	0.29m thick	
4806	<i>Fill</i>	Pale yellow brown silty clay fill of (4804) derived from the surrounding ground surface.	0.08m thick	
4807	<i>Fill</i>	Pale greyish brown silty clay fill of (4804). Material ploughed into ditch following total decommissioning of the boundary.	0.11m thick	

<b>TRENCH 49</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 36.5 by 1.85		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.48	<b>Ground level:</b> 6.27m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
4901	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid greyish brown silty loam with rare chalk flecks and fine gravel, sub angular <0.01m	0-0.18m thick	
4902	<i>Subsoil</i>	Light greyish brown silty loam with rare chalk flecks and fine gravels <0.02m	0.18-0.27m	
4903	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium mid yellow brown silty clay with rare rounded gravel <0.02m	0.27m +	

<b>TRENCH 50</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 39 by 1.85m		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.40	<b>Ground level:</b> 6.18m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
5001	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid greyish brown silty loam rare chalk fragments and rare sub rounded fine gravels <0.02m.	0-0.22m	
5002	<i>Subsoil</i>	Light greyish brown silty loam with chalk flecks and fine sub rounded gravel <0.01m	0.22-0.40	
5003	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium mid yellow brown silty clay with rare sub rounded gravels <0.02m	0.40m +	

<b>TRENCH 51</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 33.7 by 1.87		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.40	<b>Ground level:</b> 6.19m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
5101	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid yellow brown silty loam rare chalk fragments and rare sub rounded fine gravels <0.02m.	0-0.30	
5102	<i>Subsoil</i>	Light yellow brown silty loam with chalk flecks and fine sub rounded gravel <0.01m	0.30-0.35	
5103	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium mid yellow brown silty clay with rare sub rounded gravels <0.02m	0.35m+	

<b>TRENCH 52</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 39.7 by 1.80		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.44	<b>Ground level:</b> 6.64m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
5201	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid yellow brown silty loam rare chalk fragments and rare sub rounded fine gravels <0.02m.	0-0.21	
5202	<i>Subsoil</i>	Light yellow brown silty loam with chalk flecks and fine sub rounded gravel <0.01m	0.21-0.31	
5203	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium mid yellow brown silty clay with rare sub rounded gravels <0.02m	0.31m+	

<b>TRENCH 53</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 40 by 1.87		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.42	<b>Ground level:</b> 6.73m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
5301	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid yellow brown silty loam rare chalk fragments and rare sub rounded fine gravels <0.02m.	0-0.20	
5302	<i>Subsoil</i>	Light yellow brown silty loam with chalk flecks and fine sub rounded gravel <0.01m	0.20-0.30	
5303	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium mid yellow brown silty clay with rare sub rounded gravels <0.02m	0.30m+	
5304	<i>Fill</i>	Fill of modern wheel rut.	-	
5305	<i>Cut</i>	Cut of modern wheel rut.	-	

<b>TRENCH 54</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 38.5 by 1.85		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.34	<b>Ground level:</b> 6.59m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
5401	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid brown silty loam sparse chalk fragments and rare sub rounded fine gravels <0.02m.	0-0.20	
5402	<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid greyish brown silty loam with chalk flecks and fine sub rounded gravel <0.01m	0.20-0.28	
5403	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium light yellow brown silty clay with rare sub rounded gravels <0.02m	0.28m +	

<b>TRENCH 55</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 39 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.35	<b>Ground level:</b> 7.30m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
5501	<i>Plough soil</i>	Dark orange brown silty loam rare chalk fragments and rare sub rounded fine gravels <0.02m.	0-0.24	
5502	<i>Subsoil</i>	Light orange brown silty loam with chalk flecks and fine sub rounded gravel <0.01m	0.24-0.30	
5503	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium mid brown orange silty clay with rare sub rounded gravels <0.02m	0.30m+	

<b>TRENCH 56</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 39.9 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.40	<b>Ground level:</b> 6.85m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
5601	<i>Plough soil</i>	Dark orange brown silty loam rare chalk fragments and rare sub rounded fine gravels <0.02m. no sub soil observed	0-0.30	
5602	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium mid brown orange silty clay with rare sub rounded gravels <0.02m	0.30m+	

<b>TRENCH 57</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 39.8 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.39	<b>Ground level:</b> 7.52m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
5701	<i>Plough soil</i>	Dark orange brown silty loam rare chalk fragments and rare sub rounded fine gravels <0.02m. no sub soil observed	0-0.30	
5702	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium mid brown orange silty clay with rare sub rounded gravels <0.02m	0.30m +	

<b>TRENCH 58</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 40 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.30	<b>Ground level:</b> 7.45m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
5801	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid grey brown silty loam rare chalk fragments and rare sub rounded fine gravels <0.02m. no sub soil observed. CBM fragments.	0-0.24	
5802	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium light yellow brown silty clay with rare sub rounded gravels <0.02m	0.24m +	

<b>TRENCH 59</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 38.5 by 1.9		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.47	<b>Ground level:</b> 5.71m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
5901	<i>Plough soil</i>	Dark brownish grey clay silt with rare sub angular flint gravels <0.04m with sparse chalk flecking and CBM.	0-0.27	
5902	<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid brownish grey clay silt with rare sub angular flints <0.04m sparse chalk flecking.	0.27-0.49m	
5903	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium pale yellow brown clay silt with moderate manganese flecking.	0.49m+	
5904	<i>Cut</i>	Cut of E W aligned shallow ditch, linear with concave sides running on to a concave base and recorded as 1.15m long by 0.65m wide and 0.05m deep. The features is very shallow probably as a result of modern plough and potentially relates to water management.	0.05m deep	
5905	<i>Fill</i>	Single fill of (5904) mid brownish grey clay silt. With sparse sub angular flint gravels <0.03m.	0.05m thick	

<b>TRENCH 60</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 40 by 1.85		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.40	<b>Ground level:</b> 5.78m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
6001	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid greyish brown silty loam with rare fine gravels <0.01m, and CBM fragments.	0-0.23m	
6002	<i>Subsoil</i>	Light greyish brown silt loam with rare chalk flecks and fine gravel <0.01m and CBM flecks.	0.23-0.35	
6003	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium mid yellow brown silty clay with rare rounded gravels <0.02m cut by a number of modern agricultural wheel ruts.	0.35m+	

<b>TRENCH 61</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 38.5 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.33m	<b>Ground level:</b> 5.42m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
6101	<i>Plough soil</i>	Dark greyish brown silty loam with flint gravels <0.05m	0-0.25	
6102	<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid greyish brown silty clay with fine gravels <0.04	0.25-0.33m	
6103	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium pale yellow brown silty clay with rounded and sub rounded flints <0.03m	0.33m+	
6104	<i>Cut</i>	Cut of ditch aligned NW SE and linear with moderate concave sides and a concave base and recorded as 1m long by 0.70m wide and 0.19m deep and in filled with (6105) part of water drainage system.	0.19m deep	
6105	<i>Fill</i>	Single fill of (6104) mid greyish yellow/brown silty clay water derived deposit.	0.19m thick	

<b>TRENCH 62</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 39 by 1.85		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.36	<b>Ground level:</b> 5.68m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
6201	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid brown silty loam with rare fine gravels <0.01m, and CBM fragments.	0-0.11	
6202	<i>Subsoil</i>	Light greyish brown silt loam with rare chalk flecks and fine gravel <0.01m and CBM flecks.	0.11-0.32	
6203	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium light yellow brown silty clay with rare rounded gravels <0.02m cut by a number of modern agricultural wheel ruts.	0.32m+	

<b>TRENCH 63</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 39.5 by 1.85		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.44	<b>Ground level:</b> 5.44m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
6301	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid brown silty loam with rare fine gravels <0.01m, and CBM fragments.	0-0.23	
6302	<i>Subsoil</i>	Light greyish brown silt loam with rare chalk flecks and fine gravel <0.01m and CBM flecks.	0.23-0.35	
6303	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium light yellow brown silty clay with rare rounded gravels <0.02m cut by a number of modern agricultural wheel ruts.	0.35m+	
6304	<i>Cut</i>	Cut of grubbed out field boundary which goes out of use sometime between 1838 and 1880 according to cartographic evidence. Unexcavated. See Trench 69.	-	
6305	<i>Fill</i>	Upper fill of (6304) light grey clay silt.	-	

<b>TRENCH 64</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 38.5 by 1.85		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.55	<b>Ground level:</b> 5.42m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
6401	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid greyish brown silty loam with rare fine gravels <0.01m, and CBM fragments.	0-0.20	
6402	<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid greyish brown silt loam with rare chalk flecks and fine gravel <0.01m and CBM flecks.	0.20-0.34	
6403	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium light yellow brown silty clay with rare rounded	0.34m+	



		gravels <0.02m cut by a number of modern agricultural wheel ruts.	
6404	<i>Cut</i>	Cut of grubbed out field boundary which goes out of use sometime between 1838 and 1880 according to cartographic evidence. Unexcavated. See Trench 69.	-
6405	<i>fill</i>	Upper fill of (6404) mid grey clay silt.	-
6406	<i>Cut</i>	Cut of possible ditch terminus revealed as linear with concave west side and steep east side and a concave base and 0.52m long by 0.65m wide and 0.24m deep. Possible water management ditch.	0.24m deep
6407	<i>Fill</i>	Single fill of (6406) mixed and mottled light yellow and mid yellow brown silty clay with no inclusions. Water borne material.	0.24m deep

<b>TRENCH 65</b>		Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b>		<b>Max. depth:</b>	<b>Ground level:</b> 5.56m aOD
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>	<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
6501	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid greyish brown silty loam with rare fine gravels <0.01m, and CBM fragments.	
6502	<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid greyish brown silt loam with rare chalk flecks and fine gravel <0.01m and CBM flecks.	
6503	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium light yellow brown silty clay with rare rounded gravels <0.02m cut by a number of modern agricultural wheel ruts.	

<b>TRENCH 66</b>		Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 39.1 by 1.85		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.36	<b>Ground level:</b> 5.64m aOD
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>	<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
6601	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid greyish brown silty loam with rare fine gravels <0.01m, and CBM fragments.	
6602	<i>Subsoil</i>	light greyish brown silt loam with rare chalk flecks and fine gravel <0.01m and CBM flecks.	
6603	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium light yellow brown silty clay with rare rounded gravels <0.02m cut by a number of modern agricultural wheel ruts.	

<b>TRENCH 67</b>		Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 39.8 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.40	<b>Ground level:</b> 5.27m aOD
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>	<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
6701	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid greyish brown silty loam with rare fine gravels <0.01m, and CBM fragments.	
6702	<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid greyish brown silt loam with rare chalk flecks and fine gravel <0.01m and CBM flecks.	
6703	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium mid to light reddish brown silty clay with rare rounded gravels <0.02m cut by a number of modern agricultural wheel ruts.	

<b>TRENCH 68</b>		Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 34 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.46	<b>Ground level:</b> 4.87m aOD
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>	<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
6801	<i>Plough soil</i>	Dark yellow brown silty clay with rare small sub angular and sub rounded flints <0.02m	
6802	<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid yellow brown compact silty loam with flecks of charcoal and coal.	
6803	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium light yellow silty clay with common to occasional small to medium sub rounded flints <0.04m	
6804	<i>Cut</i>	<b>Cut of grubbed out field boundary which goes out of use sometime between 1838 and 1880 according to cartographic evidence. Unexcavated. See Trench 69.</b>	
6805	<i>Fill</i>	Upper fill of (6804) dark grey brown silty clay.	

6806	<i>Cut</i>	<b>Cut of shallow gully aligned roughly N S and recorded as linear with steep concave sides and a concave base and 0.50m long by 0.90m wide and 0.12m deep, undated but probably medieval or post medieval drainage gully.</b>	<b>0.12m deep</b>
6807	<i>Fill</i>	Mixed and mottle mid yellow brown and very light yellow silty clay single fill of (6806). Water borne material.	0.12m thick

<b>TRENCH 69</b>			Type: Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 39.4 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.32	<b>Ground level:</b> 5.11m aOD
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>
6901	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid greyish brown silty loam with rare fine gravels <0.01m, and CBM fragments.	0-0.11
6902	<i>Subsoil</i>	Dark brownish grey silt loam with rare chalk flecks and fine gravel <0.01m and CBM flecks.	0.11-0.28
6903	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium mid to light reddish brown silty clay with rare rounded gravels <0.02m cut by a number of modern agricultural wheel ruts.	0.28m+
<b>6904</b>	<b><i>Cut</i></b>	<b>Cut of field boundary/hedgerow ditch visible on the 1838 maps but removed by 1880. Recorded as linear with irregular sides and a concave base and 1m long by 3.8m wide and 0.92m deep and in filled with (6905), (6906), (6907), (6908), (6909), (6910) and (6911).</b>	<b>0.92m deep</b>
6905	<i>Fill</i>	Earliest fill of (6904) light bluish grey silty sand fill derived from the subsidence of the lower western side of the ditch.	0.14m thick
6906	<i>Fill</i>	Mid bluish grey clay secondary fill of (6904) water derived deposit and waterlogged.	0.11m thick
6907	<i>Fill</i>	Dark greyish brown with brown mottling fill of (6904) natural infilling of the ditch. Land drain (6912) is laid directly upon (6907) an indication that the ditch had been silting up and then there was a deliberate infilling event. Drain sealed by (6908)	0.28m thick
6908	<i>Fill</i>	Dark brownish grey clay silt possible deliberate backfilling which covers (6912) in (6904)	0.38m thick
6909	<i>Fill</i>	Mid yellowish brown silty clay fill of (6904) appears to be natural infilling following a deliberate backfilling event.	0.16m thick
6910	<i>Fill</i>	Mid greyish brown silty clay fill of (6904)	0.27m thick
6911	<i>Fill</i>	Final infilling of ditch/hedgerow boundary (6904) material ploughed in.	0.13m thick
6912	<i>Ceramic field drain</i>	Land drain sits upon deposit (6907) and is sealed by (6908). No deliberate cut, drain placed in while ditch being natural filled and then subsequently deliberately backfilled.	-

<b>TRENCH 70</b>			Type: Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 39 by 1.85		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.36	<b>Ground level:</b> 5.10m aOD
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>
7001	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid greyish brown silty loam with rare fine gravels <0.01m, and CBM fragments.	0-0.12
7002	<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid greyish brown silt loam with rare chalk flecks and fine gravel <0.01m and CBM flecks.	0.12-0.30
7003	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium mid yellow brown silty clay with rare rounded gravels <0.02m cut by a number of modern agricultural wheel ruts.	0.30m+

<b>TRENCH 71</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 35.5 by 1.9		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.55	<b>Ground level:</b> 5.51m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
7101	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid greyish brown silty loam with rare fine gravels <0.01m, and CBM fragments.	0-0.30	
7102	<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid greyish brown silt loam with rare chalk flecks and fine gravel <0.01m and CBM flecks.	0.30-0.36	
7103	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium mid yellow brown silty clay with rare rounded gravels <0.02m cut by modern agricultural wheel rut.	0.36m+	

<b>TRENCH 72</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 39.3 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.34	<b>Ground level:</b> 5.46m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
7201	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid greyish brown silty loam with rare fine gravels <0.01m, and CBM fragments.	0-0.11	
7202	<i>Subsoil</i>	Light greyish brown silt loam with rare chalk flecks and fine gravel <0.01m and CBM flecks.	0.11-0.31	
7203	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium mid reddish brown silty clay with rare rounded gravels <0.02m cut by a number of modern agricultural wheel ruts.	0.31m +	

<b>TRENCH 73</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 38.9 by 1.85		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.44	<b>Ground level:</b> 5.46m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
7301	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid greyish brown silty loam with rare fine gravels <0.01m, and CBM fragments.	0-0.12	
7302	<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid greyish brown silt loam with rare chalk flecks and fine gravel <0.01m and CBM flecks.	0.12-0.33	
7303	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium mid reddish brown silty clay with rare rounded gravels <0.02m cut by a number of modern agricultural wheel ruts.	0.33m+	

<b>TRENCH 74</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 38.7 by 1.85		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.36	<b>Ground level:</b> 5.64m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
7401	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid greyish brown silty loam with rare fine gravels <0.01m, and CBM fragments.	0-0.10	
7402	<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid greyish brown silt loam with rare chalk flecks and fine gravel <0.01m and CBM flecks.	0.10-0.30	
7403	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium mid yellow brown silty clay with rare rounded gravels <0.02m cut by a number of modern agricultural wheel ruts.	0.30m+	

<b>TRENCH 75</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 40 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.36	<b>Ground level:</b> 5.52m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
7501	<i>Plough soil</i>	Dark greyish brown silty loam with rare fine gravels <0.01m, and CBM fragments.	0-0.17	
7502	<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid greyish brown silt loam with rare chalk flecks and fine gravel <0.01m and CBM flecks.	0.17-0.28	
7503	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium pale yellow brown silty clay with rare rounded gravels <0.02m cut by a number of modern agricultural wheel ruts.	0.28m+	
7504	<i>Cut</i>	Cut of possible post hole small sub circular feature with steep concave sides and an irregular base 0.30 in diameter and 0.10m deep. Unclear if natural feature or archaeological.	0.10m deep	
7505	<i>Fill</i>	Mid brown silty clay fill of (7504)	0.10m thick	
7506	<i>Cut</i>	Cut of sub circular shrub throw roughly 0.28m in diameter and 0.10m deep	0.10m deep	

7507	Fill	Mid brown silty clay fill of (7506)	0.10m thick
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<b>TRENCH 76</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 38.8 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.35	<b>Ground level:</b> 5.51m aOD	
context	description		depth (bgl)	
7601	Plough soil	Dark greyish brown silty loam with rare fine gravels <0.01m, and CBM fragments.	0-0.28	
7602	Subsoil	Mid greyish brown silt loam with rare chalk flecks and fine gravel <0.01m and CBM flecks.	0.28-0.35	
7603	Natural	Natural alluvium pale yellow brown silty clay with rare rounded gravels <0.	0.35m+	
<b>7604</b>	<b>Cut</b>	<b>Cut of NE SW aligned ditch recorded as linear with steep sides and a concave base and 1m long by 0.76m wide and 0.29m deep. Probably part of water drainage channel system.</b>	<b>0.29m deep</b>	
7605	Fill	Mid brown silty clay fill of (7604). Water derived material. Contained unabraded sherds of Middle/Late Iron Age date	0.29m thick	

<b>TRENCH 77</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 37.8 by 1.9		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.42	<b>Ground level:</b> 5.45m aOD	
context	description		depth (bgl)	
7701	Plough soil	Mid greyish brown clay silt with rare fine gravels <0.06m, and CBM fragments and chalk flecking	0-0.09	
7702	Subsoil	Dark greyish brown clay silt with rare chalk flecks and fine gravel <0.01m and CBM flecks.	0.09-0.28	
7703	Natural	Natural alluvium pale yellow brown silty clay with rare rounded gravels <0.01m	0.28m+	

<b>TRENCH 78</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 39.8 by 1.9		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.42	<b>Ground level:</b> 5.39m aOD	
context	description		depth (bgl)	
7801	Plough soil	Dark greyish brown clay silt with rare fine gravels <0.06m, and CBM fragments and chalk flecking	0-0.11	
7802	Subsoil	Mid to dark greyish brown clay silt with rare chalk flecks and fine gravel <0.01m and CBM flecks.	0.11-0.25	
7803	Natural	Natural alluvium pale yellow brown silty clay with rare rounded gravels <0.05m with manganese flecking	0.25m +	
7804	Cut	Cut of small feature, possible post hole but no evidence of post, recorded as sub circular with steep moderate straight sides and flattish base, 0.19m long by 0.18m wide and 0.10m deep.	0.10m deep	
7805	Fill	Pale brownish grey sandy clay silt fill of (7804).	0.10m thick	
7806	Cut	Cut of small feature, possible post hole but no evidence of post, recorded as circular with shallow concave sides and concave base, 0.30m in diameter and 0.09m deep.	0.09m thick	
7807	Fill	Dark brownish grey clay silt fill of (7805)	0.09m thick	

<b>TRENCH 79</b>			Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 39.40 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.35	<b>Ground level:</b> 5.49m aOD	
context	description		depth (bgl)	
7901	Plough soil	Dark greyish brown clay silt with rare fine gravels <0.06m, and CBM fragments and chalk flecking	0-0.14	
7902	Subsoil	Mid greyish brown clay silt with rare chalk flecks and fine gravel <0.01m and CBM flecks.	0.14-0.35	
7903	Natural	Natural alluvium pale yellow brown silty clay with rare rounded gravels <0.05m with manganese flecking	0.35m+	

TRENCH 80			Type:	Machine Excavated
Dimensions: 39.8 by 1.8		Max. depth: 0.46	Ground level: 5.55m aOD	
context	description		depth (bgl)	
8001	<i>Plough soil</i>	Dark brown clay silt with rare fine gravels <0.03m, and CBM fragments and chalk flecking	0-0.09	
8002	<i>Subsoil</i>	Light brownish grey clay silt with rare chalk flecks and fine gravel <0.01m and CBM flecks.	0.09-0.30	
8003	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium mid reddish brown silty clay with rare rounded gravels <0.05m with manganese flecking	0.30m+	
8004	<i>Cut</i>	Cut of shrub bole recorded as 0.43m in diameter and 0.06m deep.	0.06m deep	
8005	<i>Fill</i>	Mid greyish brown silty clay fill of (8004).	0.06m thick	

TRENCH 81			Type:	Machine Excavated
Dimensions: 39 by 1.90		Max. depth: 0.44	Ground level: 4.82m aOD	
context	description		depth (bgl)	
8101	<i>Plough soil</i>	Dark greyish brown silty clay with rare fine gravels <0.02m, and CBM fragments and chalk flecking	0-0.06	
8102	<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid greyish brown clay silt with occasional chalk flecks and fine gravel <0.03m and CBM flecks.	0.06-0.28	
8103	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium pale yellow brown silty clay with rare rounded gravels <0.05m with manganese flecking	0.28m+	

TRENCH 82			Type:	Machine Excavated
Dimensions: 39.5 by 1.8		Max. depth: 0.46	Ground level: 5.24m aOD	
context	description		depth (bgl)	
8201	<i>Plough soil</i>	Dark brown grey silt clay with rare fine gravels <0.03m	0-0.09	
8202	<i>Subsoil</i>	Light greyish brown clay silt with rare chalk flecks and fine gravel <0.01m and CBM flecks.	0.09-0.33	
8203	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium mid reddish brown silty clay with rare rounded gravels <0.05m with manganese flecking	0.33m+	

TRENCH 83			Type:	Machine Excavated
Dimensions: 41.5 by 1.8		Max. depth: 0.40	Ground level: 4.89m aOD	
context	description		depth (bgl)	
8301	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid brown grey silt clay with rare fine gravels <0.03m	0-0.23	
8302	<i>Subsoil</i>	Light greyish brown clay silt with rare chalk flecks and fine gravel <0.01m and CBM flecks.	0.23-0.44	
8303	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium light orange sandy silt with rare rounded gravels <0.05m with manganese flecking	0.44m+	
<b>8304</b>	<b><i>Cut</i></b>	<b>Cut of sub rectangular pit with steep straight sides and a flat base recorded for 1.57m long by 0.94m wide and 0.60m deep.</b>	<b>0.60m deep</b>	
8305	<i>Fill</i>	Upper fill of (8304) light orange grey silty clay with rare small flints <0.02m natural accumulation and possible plough deposited.	0.16m thick	
8306	<i>Fill</i>	Mid greyish yellow silty clay fill of (8304), natural accumulation.	0.29m thick	
8307	<i>Fill</i>	Earliest fill of (8304) mid grey with yellow patches of silty clay erosion of the feature edges.	0.16m thick	
<b>8308</b>	<b><i>Cut</i></b>	<b>Cut of roughly N S aligned ditch recorded as 0.76, long by 0.52m wide and 0.50m deep, function unclear, possibly modern wheel ruts from agricultural vehicles.</b>	<b>0.50m deep</b>	
8309	<i>Fill</i>	Light yellow grey silty clay fill of (8308), gradual natural silting of ditch. Repeated depositions of material over time.	0.50m thick	
<b>8310</b>	<b><i>Cut</i></b>	<b>Cut of linear ditch aligned roughly N S and recorded as having straight steep sides and a flat base and 0.80m long by 1.30m wide and 0.50m deep.</b>	<b>0.50m deep</b>	
8311	<i>Fill</i>	Upper fill of (8310). Light yellowish grey silty clay with sub angular gravels and manganese staining.	0.39m thick	



8312	<i>Fill</i>	Earliest fill of (8310) light orange grey silty clay with sparse manganese flecks and rare gravels.	0.11m thick
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<b>TRENCH 84</b>		Type:	Machine Excavated
Dimensions: 38.8 by 5 (max)		Max. depth: 1.40	
		Ground level: 4.51m aOD	
context	description		depth (bgl)
8401	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid greyish brown silty loam with rare CBM flecks and rare fine gravels <0.01m	0-0.30m
8402	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium, light yellow brown silty clay with sparse fine gravels <0.05m	0.30m+
<b>8403</b>	<b><i>Cut</i></b>	<b>Cut of ditch aligned SE NW visible for c.7m in Trench and recorded as linear with steep straight sides and a flat to 'U' shaped base and 1m long by 2.40m wide and 1m deep. Cuts through (8410) the upper fill of ditch (8408). Ditch is potentially related to the medieval moated site to the west, and cuts through Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age dated fill (8410)</b>	<b>1m deep</b>
8404	<i>Fill</i>	Earliest fill of (8403) light brownish yellow silty clay with grey mottling and rare fine gravels <0.01m. Material derived from the feature edges and possible primary fill. Sealed by (8405).	0.15m thick
8405	<i>Fill</i>	Dark grey with black mottling clay silt with rare fine gravel fill of (8403), darker in the NW facing section, potentially derived from nearby occupation and appears to be deliberate deposition. Sealed by (8406) and seals (8404)	0.20m thick
8406	<i>Fill</i>	Mid bluish grey clay silt with yellow mottling fill of (8403) with rare fine gravels. Seals (8405) and sealed by (8407).	0.45m thick
8407	<i>Fill</i>	Upper fill of (8403) mid yellowish brown clay silt with rare fine medium gravels. Seals (8406) and has been cut through by (8411) and (8420) though unclear which is earliest.	0.50m thick
<b>8408</b>	<b><i>Cut</i></b>	<b>Cut of ditch probably aligned SE NW but has been cut through by later ditch (8403). Linear with moderate concave sides and a 'U' shaped base and recorded as 0.60m long by 0.35m wide and 0.37m deep and filled with (8409) and (8410). Pottery recovered from (8410) dates to the Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age.</b>	<b>0.37m deep</b>
8409	<i>Fill</i>	Fill of (8408) light brownish yellow silty clay with rare fine gravel, naturally derived material	0.25m thick
8410	<i>Fill</i>	Upper fill of (8408) mid greyish brown clay silt, appears to be natural silting though had Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age pottery vessel placed in deposit. Cut by (8403).	0.12m thick
<b>8411</b>	<b><i>Cut</i></b>	<b>Cut of ditch which cuts (8407) fill of (8403) and is linear with shallow concave sides and a concave base recorded as 1m long by 0.70m wide and 0.35m deep and in filled with (8412) and (8422).</b>	<b>0.35m deep</b>
8412	<i>Fill</i>	Lower fill of (8411) dark grey clay silt with rare chalk flecks, deliberate backfill. Sealed by (8422).	0.22m thick
<b>8413</b>	<b><i>Cut</i></b>	<b>Cut of ditch, equal to (8403) and filled with (8414), (8415), (8416) and (8417). Only partially excavated slot recorded as 0.54m long by 1m wide and 1.04m deep. Recorded cutting (8419) upper fill of (8418).</b>	<b>1.04m deep</b>
8414	<i>Fill</i>	Fill of (8413) identical to (8404)	0.10m thick
8415	<i>Fill</i>	Mid yellow grey clay silt fill of (8413) with sparse fine gravel derived from the surrounding ground surface and feature edges. Seals (8414) and sealed by (8416).	0.58m thick
8416	<i>Fill</i>	Dark grey clay silt fill of (8413) deliberate dump deposit.	0.18m thick
8417	<i>Fill</i>	Mid yellow brown silty clay fill of (8413), result of material ploughed into the feature.	0.15m thick
<b>8418</b>	<b><i>Cut</i></b>	<b>Cut of ditch equal to (8408). Recorded as 0.54m long by</b>	<b>0.08m</b>

		<b>0.30m wide and 0.08m deep.</b>	<b>deep</b>
8419	<i>Fill</i>	Fill of ditch (8418) and identical to (8410) and cut through y (8413). Light yellow brown silty clay.	0.08m thick
<b>8420</b>	<b><i>Cut</i></b>	<b>Cut of ditch only partially revealed as cutting (8407) and not fully investigated</b>	<b>0.23M+ deep</b>
8421	<i>Fill</i>	Upper fill of (8420) dark grey clay silt. Not investigated.	0.23m thick +
8422	<i>Fill</i>	Upper fill of (8411) mid yellow brown clay silt.	0.15m thick

<b>TRENCH 85</b>			Type: Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 33 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.45	<b>Ground level:</b> 4.53m aOD
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>
8501	<i>Plough soil</i>	Pale grey silty loam with angular and rounded gravels <0.04m	0-0.16
8502	<i>Subsoil</i>	Pale greyish brown silty loam occasional angular and rounded flints with chalk and CBM flecking.	0.16-0.37
8503	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium pale greyish yellow clay silt.	0.37m+
<b>8504</b>	<b><i>Cut</i></b>	<b>Cut of possible post hole, though may be natural feature, unclear. Recorded as sub circular with moderate concave sides and concave base and 0.41m in diameter and 0.10m deep.</b>	<b>0.10m deep</b>
8505	<i>Fill</i>	Pale brown silty clay naturally derived deposit.	0.10m thick
<b>8506</b>	<b><i>Cut</i></b>	<b>Cut of N S aligned ditch linear in shape with moderate concave sides and a flattish base and 1.5m long by 1.45m wide and 0.20m deep. Potentially part of post-medieval or modern ditch.</b>	<b>0.20m deep</b>
8507	<i>Fill</i>	Single fill of (8506) mid brown silty clay with rare small flints, water derived deposit.	0.20m thick
<b>8508</b>	<b><i>Cut</i></b>	<b>Cut of roughly N S aligned ditch recorded as 1.22m long by 1.49m wide and 0.74m deep and in filled with (8509), (8510) and (8511). Ditch at right angles to (8403/8413) and potentially a continuation of the ditch in Trench 84</b>	<b>0.74m deep</b>
8509	<i>Fill</i>	Primary fill of (8508) pale greyish yellow clay silt with sparse sub angular flint gravels <0.03m erosion of the feature edges during and soon after initial excavation.	0.12m thick
8510	<i>Fill</i>	Pale greyish brown clay silt fill of (8508) low energy deposition, redeposited natural alluvium from the feature edges and washed in from elsewhere.	0.49m thick
8511	<i>Fill</i>	Pale brownish grey clay silt with manganese staining fill of (8508). Water deposited layer.	0.40m thick

<b>TRENCH 86</b>			Type: Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 39 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.48m	<b>Ground level:</b> 5.14m aOD
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>		<b>depth (bgl)</b>
8601	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid grey brown silty loam with angular and rounded gravels <0.04m	0-0.12
8602	<i>Subsoil</i>	Pale greyish brown silty loam occasional angular and rounded flints with chalk and CBM flecking.	0.12-0.25
8603	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium pale greyish brown clay silt.	0.25m+
8604	<i>Cut</i>	Cut of possible post hole though not clear, sub circular in shape with moderate shallow concave edges and a concave base recorded as 0.31m in diameter and 0.05m deep.	0.05m deep
8605	<i>Fill</i>	Mid yellow brown silty clay fill of (8604) natural derived material	0.05m thick
8606	<i>Cut</i>	Cut of modern wheel rut. As this was one of the first trenches to be opened the features were investigated to confirm them as modern.	-
8607	<i>Fill</i>	Fill of modern wheel rut.	-
8608	<i>Cut</i>	Cut of ditch recorded as NE SW aligned and 0.48m long by 0.86m wide and 0.30m deep. This had been cut through by modern wheel rut (8606). Possible water management feature.	0.30m deep

8609	<i>Fill</i>	Mid brown silty clay fill of (8608). Naturally derived deposit disturbed by (8606).	0.30m thick
8610	<i>Cut</i>	Cut of modern wheel rut. As this was one of the first trenches to be opened the features were investigated to confirm them as modern.	-
8611	<i>Fill</i>	Fill of modern wheel rut.	-

<b>TRENCH 87</b>		Type:	Machine Excavated
<b>Dimensions:</b> 39.3 by 1.8		<b>Max. depth:</b> 0.49	
		<b>Ground level:</b> 5.40m aOD	
<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>	<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
8701	<i>Plough soil</i>	Light grey brown silty clay with angular and rounded gravels <0.04m	0-0.19m
8702	<i>Subsoil</i>	Mid greyish brown silty loam occasional angular and rounded flints with chalk and CBM flecking.	0.19-0.36
8703	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium pale yellow brown clay silt.	0.36m+
<b>8704</b>	<b><i>Cut</i></b>	<b>Cut of possible post hole, not very obvious or convincing and possibly a natural shrub bole. Recorded as sub circular and 0.18m in diameter and 0.16m deep</b>	<b>0.16m deep</b>
8705	<i>Fill</i>	Fill of (8704) mid greyish brown silty clay, naturally derived deposit.	0.16m thick
<b>8706</b>	<b><i>Cut</i></b>	<b>Cut of possible post hole, or natural shrub bole. Recorded as sub circular and 0.21m in diameter and 0.10m deep</b>	<b>0.10m deep</b>
8707	<i>Fill</i>	Fill of (8706) mid greyish brown silty clay, naturally derived deposit.	0.10m deep
<b>8708</b>	<b><i>Cut</i></b>	<b>Cut of possible post hole, or natural shrub bole. Recorded as sub circular and 0.19m in diameter and 0.10m deep</b>	<b>0.10m deep</b>
8709	<i>Fill</i>	Fill of (8706) mid greyish brown silty clay, naturally derived deposit.	0.10m deep
<b>8710</b>	<b><i>Cut</i></b>	<b>Cut of large post hole recorded as sub circular with vertical sides and flat base and 0.37m in diameter and 0.18m deep. Most convincing of a number of features.</b>	<b>0.18m deep.</b>
8711	<i>Fill</i>	Mid grey brown silty clay fill of (8710) contains burnt flint, natural deposition	0.18m thick
<b>8712</b>	<b><i>Cut</i></b>	<b>Cut of possible post hole, or natural shrub bole. Recorded as sub circular and 0.32m in diameter and 0.10m deep</b>	<b>0.10m deep</b>
8713	<i>Fill</i>	Fill of (8706) mid greyish brown silty clay, naturally derived deposit.	0.10m thick
<b>8714</b>	<b><i>Cut</i></b>	<b>Cut of post hole recorded as sub circular with vertical sides and flat base and 0.23m in diameter and 0.10m deep..</b>	<b>0.10m deep</b>
8715	<i>Fill</i>	Mid greyish brown fill of (8715)	0.10m thick
<b>8716</b>	<b><i>Cut</i></b>	<b>Cut of modern wheel rut. As this was one of the first trenches to be opened the features were investigated to confirm them as modern.</b>	-
8717	<i>Fill</i>	Fill of modern wheel rut.	-

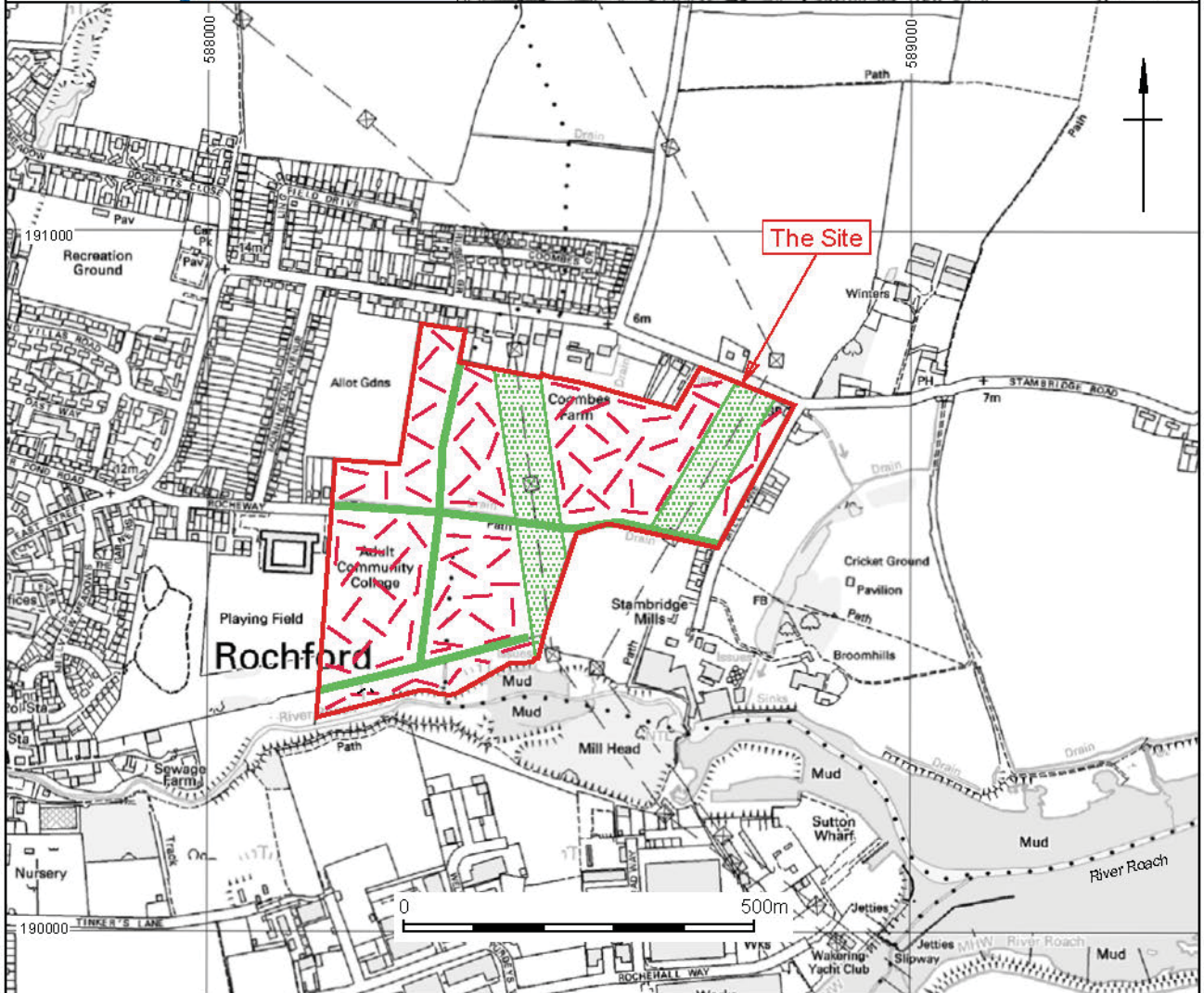
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<b>context</b>	<b>description</b>	<b>depth (bgl)</b>	
8801	<i>Plough soil</i>	Mid grey brown silty clay with angular and rounded gravels <0.04m	
8802	<i>Subsoil</i>	Dark greyish brown silty loam occasional angular and rounded flints with chalk and CBM flecking.	
8803	<i>Natural</i>	Natural alluvium pale yellow brown clay silt.	
8804	<i>Cut</i>	Cut of tree throw, oval in shape with moderate concave sides and flat base recorded as 0.80m long by 0.87m wide and 0.08m deep.	
8805	<i>Fill</i>	Mid brown silty clay fill of tree throw (8804) naturally derived material, disturbed natural by root action.	
8806	<i>Cut</i>	Cut of small circular feature with moderate concave sides and a flattish base recorded as 0.50m in diameter and 0.10m deep. Possible post hole or natural feature.	
8807	<i>Fill</i>	Mid brown silty clay fill of (8806)	
8808	<i>Cut</i>	Cut of oval steep concave sided flat and irregular feature recorded as 0.98m long and 0.23m wide and 0.06m deep probable tree throw.	
8809	<i>fill</i>	Fill of (8808) fill of tree thro mid brown silty clay.	

**9 APPENDIX 2: ALL FINDS BY CONTEXT (NUMBER / WEIGHT IN GRAMMES)**

Context	Pottery	Flint	B. Flint	CBM	A. Bone	Other (No.)
201	1/10					
202	1/3			1/7		1 slag
303				1/9		
403		1/4				
1003		2/8				
1201		2/23				
1205	1/6		4/27			
1405		8/52				
1409		1/41				
1501		5/32				
1603	1/4	2/7				
1701		1/7				
1705	5/30			1/25		1 slag
1714		1/2				
1801		10/33	6/82			
1901		1/79				
1903	5/17		6/33	1/3		
1905	8/35	1/99				
1907	3/13	1/1				
2001		4/61				
2102	1/3	2/4				
2104		4/6	404/2454			
2105		3/15	1/33			
2109	2/10	49/402	3/33			
2201		2/31				
2301		2/120				
2305		2/8				
2401		2/64				
2404		1/3				
2502	2/3	4/105				
2505	1/5	1/42				
2506	2/10	13/108	1/6	1/88	36/569	
2607				1/610		
2611		7/196		6/247		1 glass
2702		1/8				
3001		1/8				
3202			1/14			
3507				7/2038		
3509	4/27			6/779	3/38	1 shell
3601	2/17					
3701		1/81				
4005	5/25					1 glass
4006		1/1				
4008						3 clay pipe
4104				1/5		
4201	1/17					
4401		3/7				
4605	1/9					
4903	1/1	2/4				
5002		1/17				
5302	1/3					



Context	Pottery	Flint	B. Flint	CBM	A. Bone	Other (No.)
5801	1/3					1 cu alloy
6002	1/1			1/8		
6103		1/19	2/14	2/31		1 clay pipe
6203	5/11	1/7				
6407	2/2					
6502				5/23		
6901		1/2				
6908	2/89			10/163	2/95	5 iron; 2 clay pipe; 2 shell; 1 stone; 2 slag
6910	3/28			5/92		3 glass; 1 slag; 3 clay pipe; 3 shell; 2 iron
6911		1/13		1/33	2/11	1 clay pipe; 1 shell
7002	5/8					
7003		1/1				
7302	1/4	1/5				
7402	3/6			1/6		
7503	7/21					
7605	6/66					
8001		1/11				
8005	5/24					
8302	1/1					
8305	1/2					4 shell
8307	5/28	3/41	1/14		18/115	3 fired clay; 9 shell
8309	8/20		2/64			6 shell
8311	1/5		2/6			1 shell
8405					2/81	1 fired clay
8406						1 shell
8407	5/73				1/4	
8409	2/8					
8410	38/678					
8416						15 shell
8507	1/1			2/101		2 fired clay; 2 slag
8509						1 shell
8510	3/18					
8567						2 shell
8603	2/5	4/21				
8605		1/1	1/1			
8607	3/2	2/16				1 iron
8609	3/6		5/32			
8611		6/53				
8711			2/20			
8713	1/3					
8803		1/8				
8809	1/1					
unstratified		3/37				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>164/1569</b>	<b>160/2211</b>	<b>441/2833</b>	<b>53/4258</b>	<b>64/913</b>	










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Site location

Figure 1

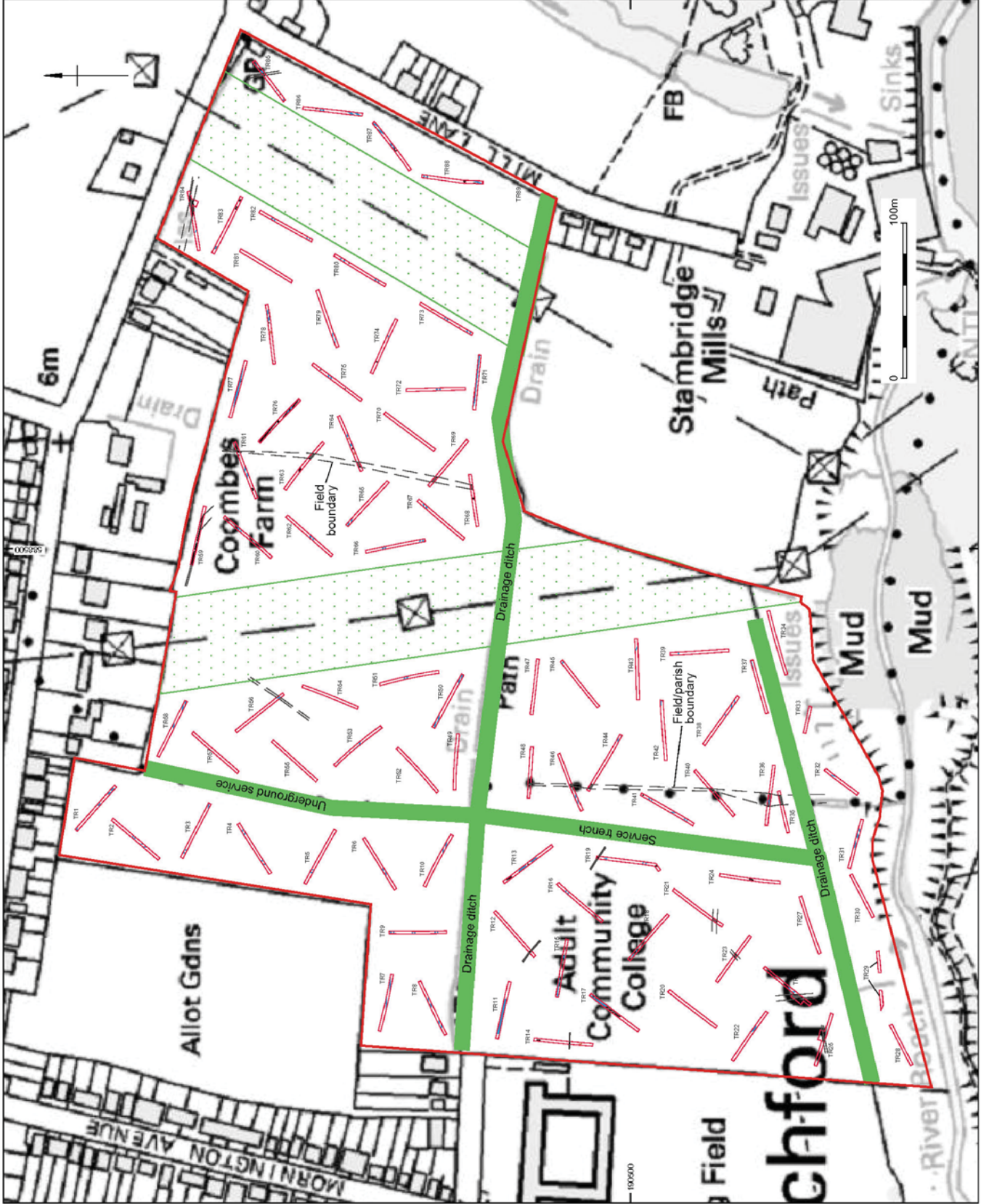


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-  Pylon buffer zone
-  Services/drainage ditch
-  Evaluation trench
-  Archaeological feature
-  Modern disturbance
-  Tree throw

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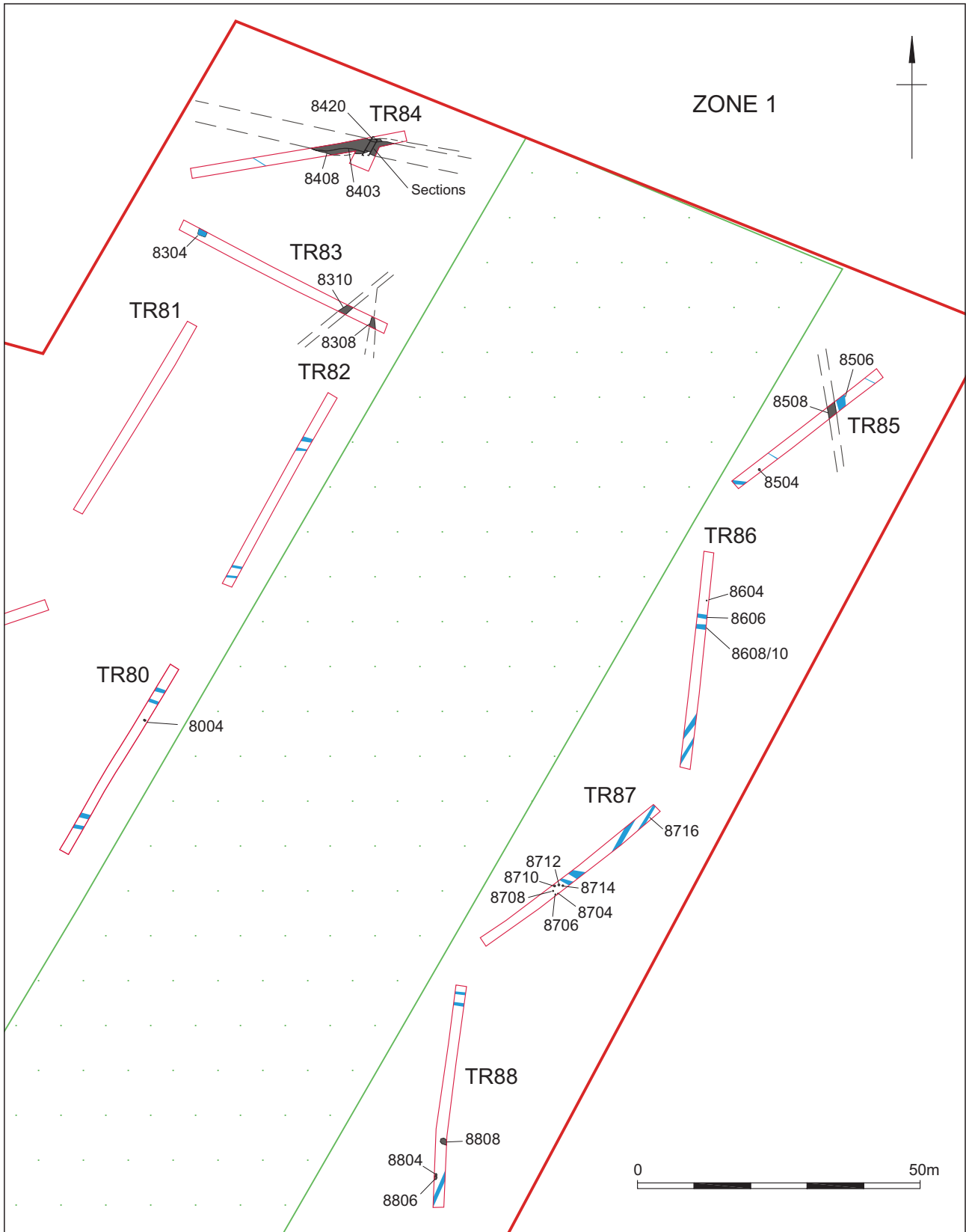
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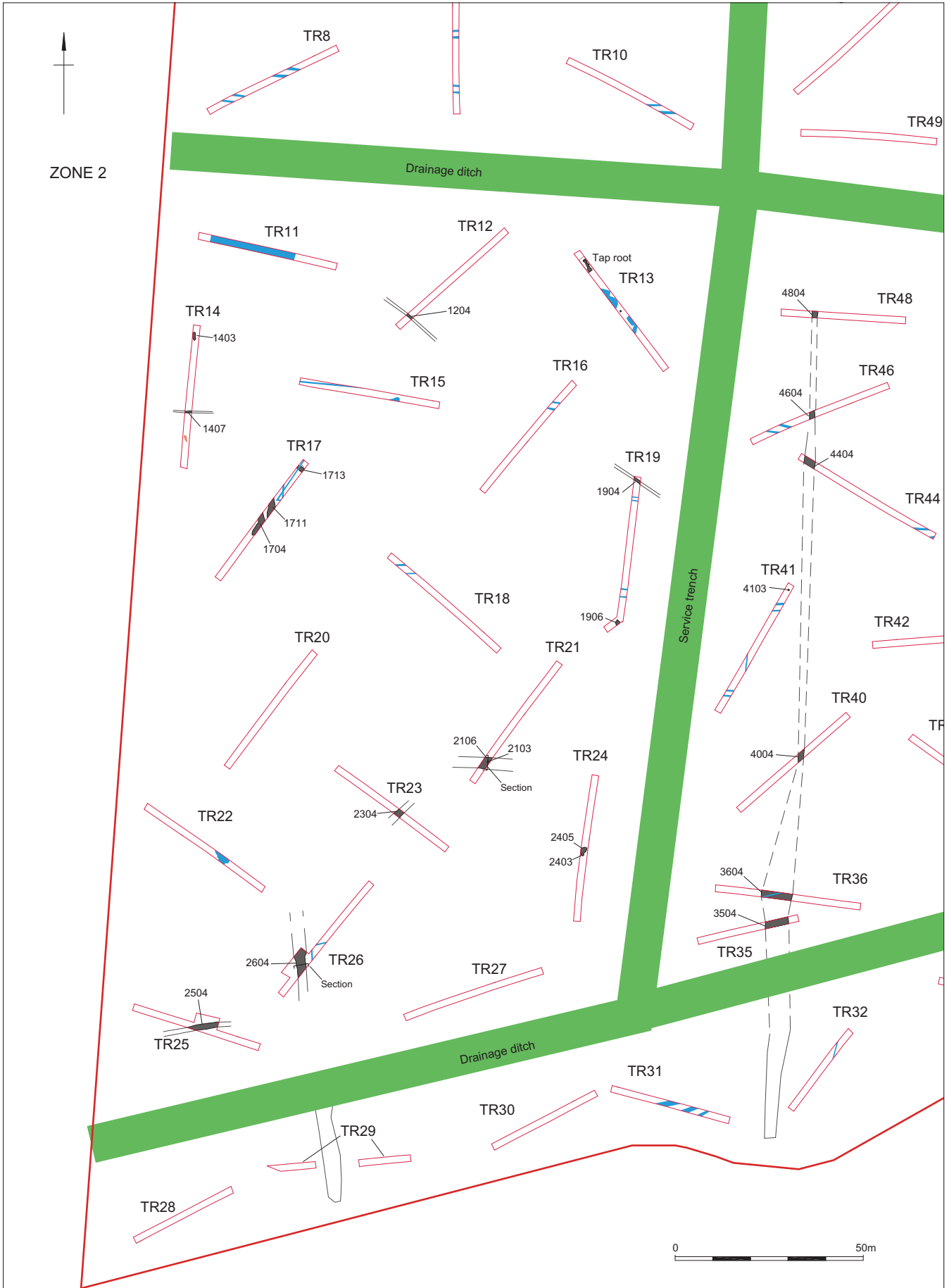
Trench location with features

Figure 2



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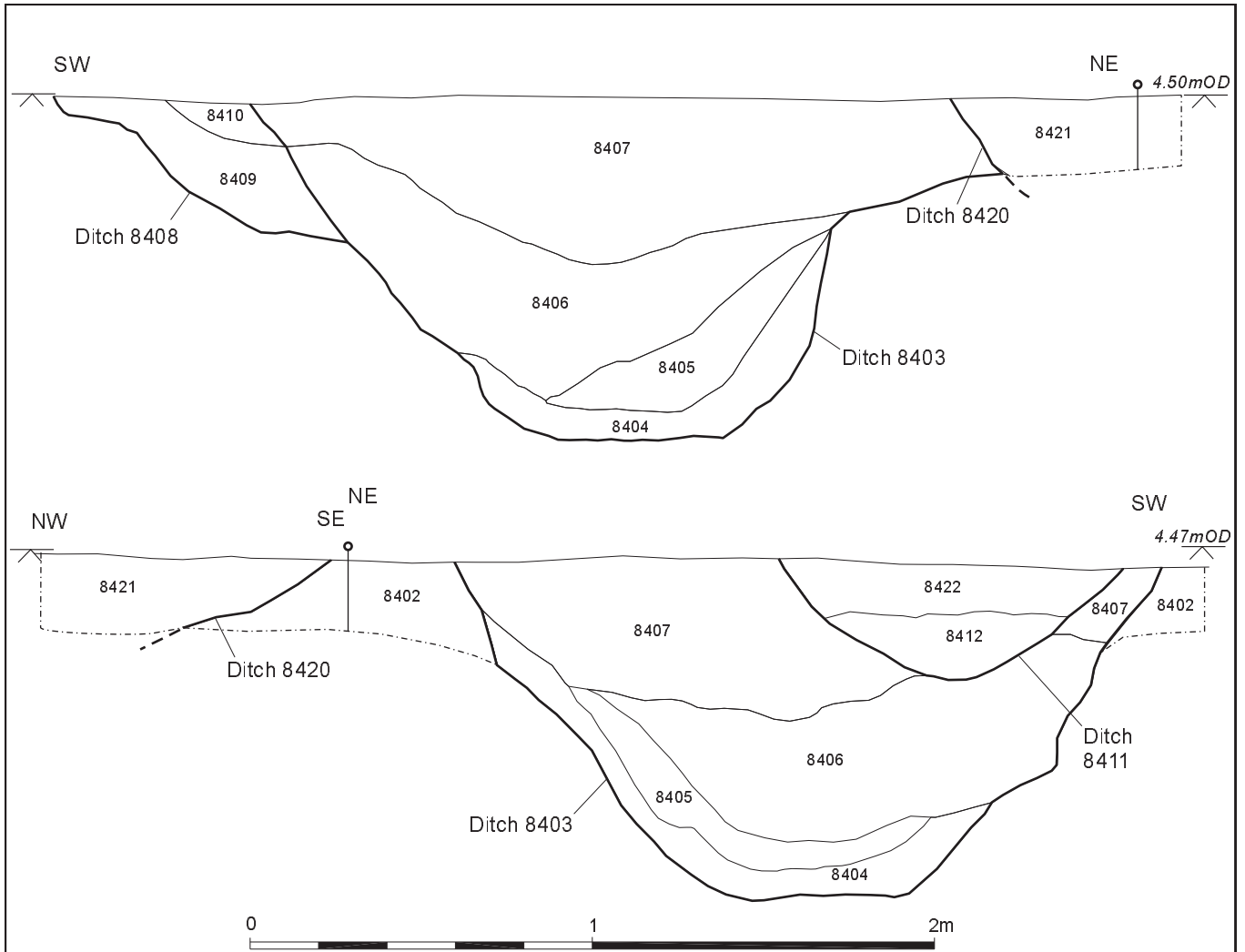


Plate 3: West-north-west facing section through ditch 8403

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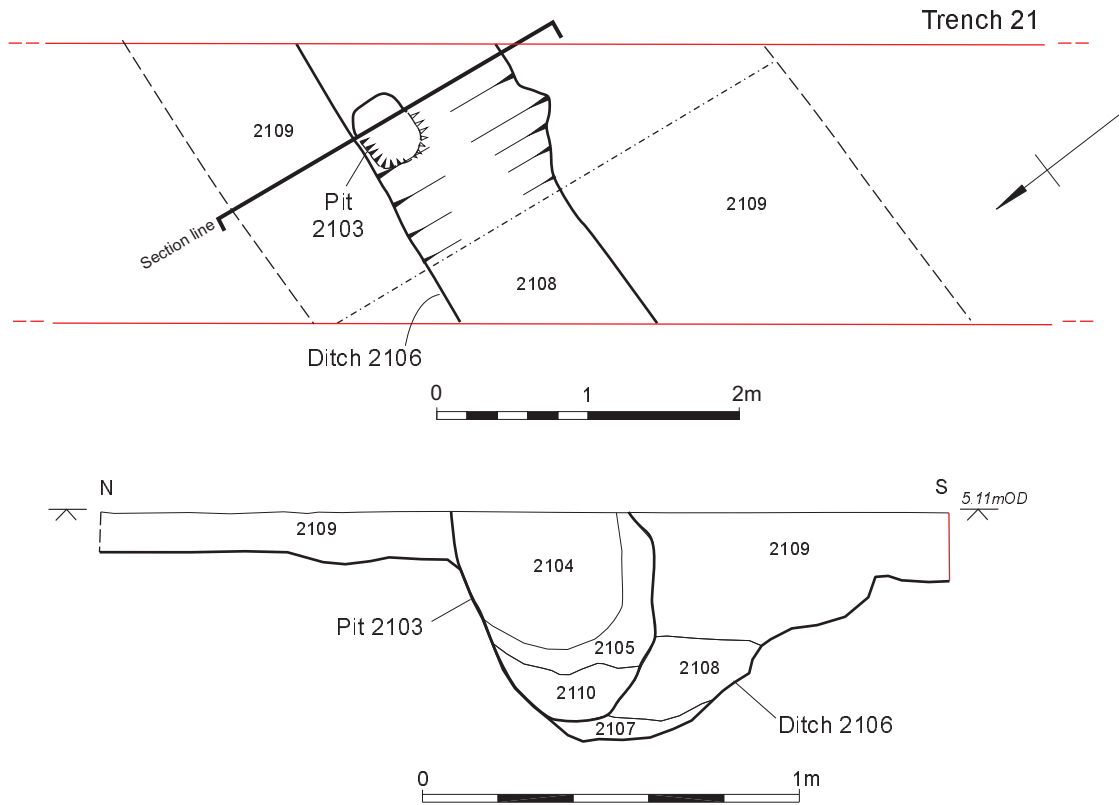


Plate 1: West facing section through ditch 2106 and pit 2103

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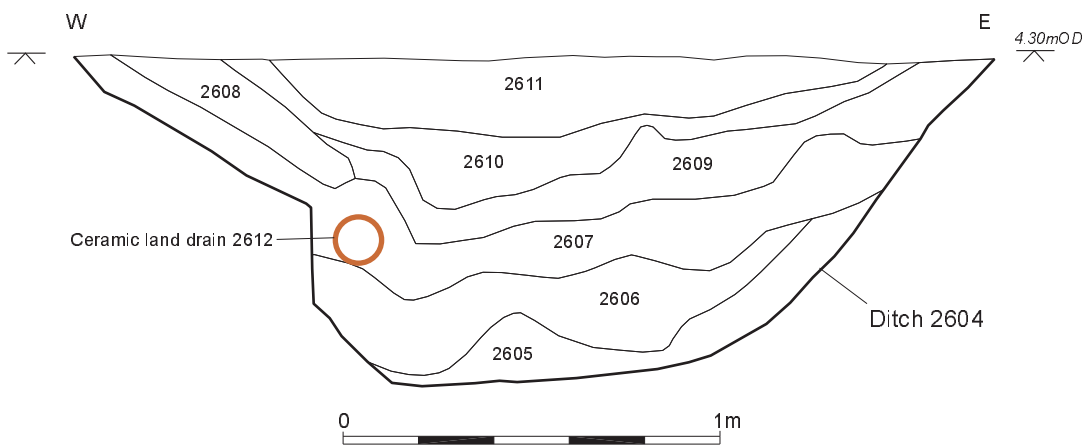


Plate 2: South facing section through ditch 2604

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Plate 4: South facing representative section in Trench 49



Plate 5: South facing section of ditch 4004



Plate 6: South-east facing section of ditch 8508

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