

ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT

TETSWORTH, SPENCERS FARM

Introduction

On behalf for Mr. Nixey an archaeological assessment was carried out in August 1989 by the Oxford Archaeological Unit to provide information for a planning application for housing development.

The application site occupies c.2.5 acres and comprises deposits of Gault clay. The site lies immediately to the north of the village green.

The existence of the medieval part of the village on the north side of the A40 is unknown although its likely location is on the eastern side of the Green where the land rises. The name 'Marsh End (if old) for the road along the western side of the Green may imply that the area was too wet for settlement.

Results

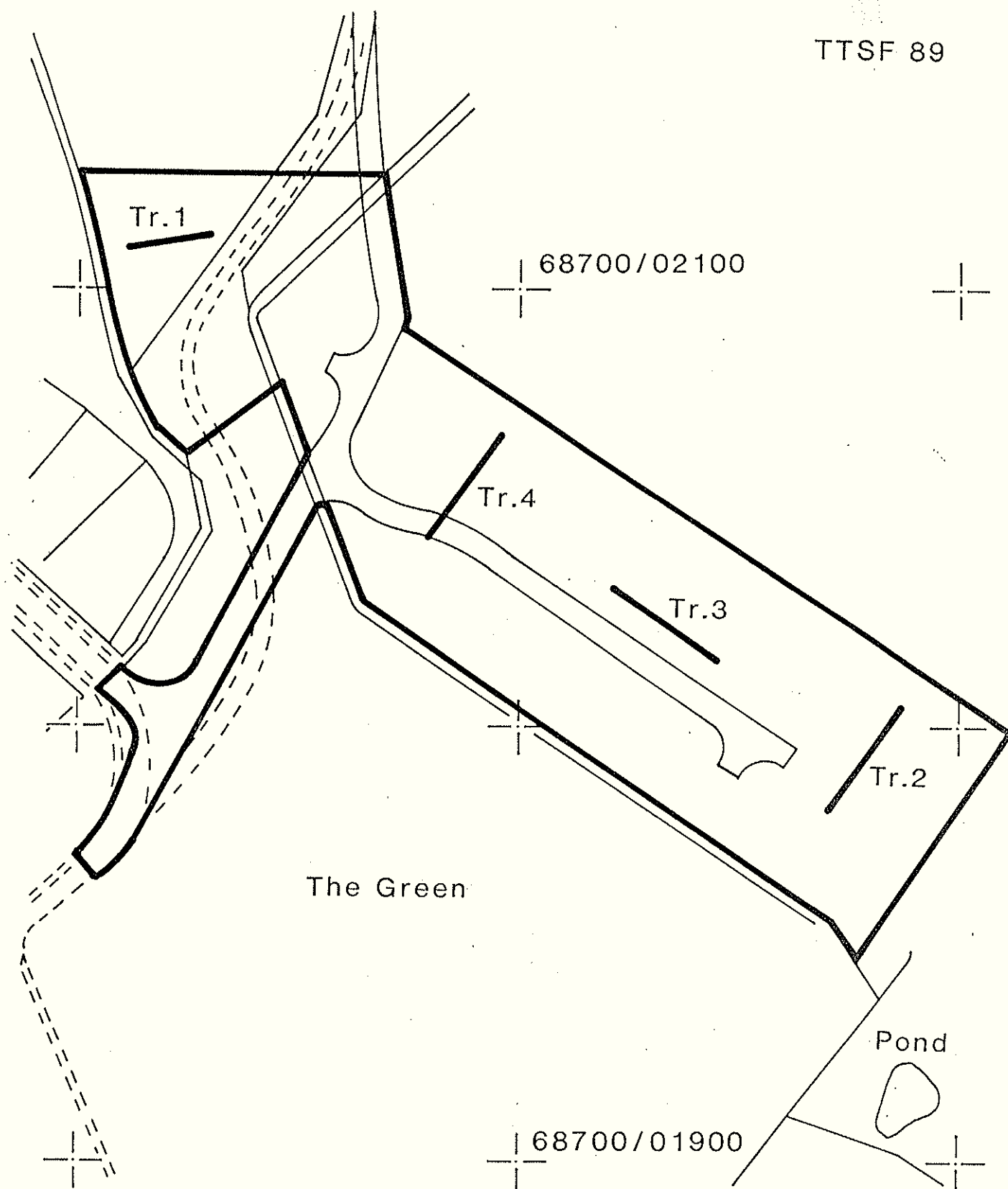
Four 30km long trenches (see plan), 1.65m wide were excavated by JCB. The topsoil (16-30cm thick) directly overlay the gault clay. Inspection of the clay revealed several phases of land drains. There were no archaeological features present. The only finds recovered were pieces of tile from the topsoil.

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