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 Site/Project Type: **Archaeological Watching Brief**
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Flick Quarry, Rollright, Oxfordshire

NGR SP 294 300

Written Scheme of Investigation for an Archaeological Watching Brief

Planning reference: W97/1494

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) is for the continuation of mineral extraction at Flick Quarry, Rollright, Oxfordshire and is for the further archaeological work from work carried out in 1999 (Planning reference: 03/2004/P/TCN). This is in line with Condition 23 of the Planning Consent by the Minerals Planning Authority.
- 1.2 This document details how Oxford Archaeology (OA) would maintain a watching brief during the topsoil strip of the new area of the quarry. The project will be monitored by the County Archaeological Service who have prepared a design brief and accepted the previous WSI (OAU 1999). Sections 1-7 are site-specific while the Appendices detail general OA standards and procedures.

2 Geology and Topography

- 2.1 The site is located to the north of Little Rollright, Oxon (NGR SP 294 300). The site lies at approximately 240 m OD and is on a high Limestone spur overlooking the Stour valley (Warwickshire) geology is loam overlying Great Oolitic Limestone.

3 Background

- 3.1 There is a earlier megalithic complex and barrow cemetery to the east of the site at the Rollright Stones. There is also a Iron Age and Roman settlements and Saxon cemetery near to the stones. The site itself produced a beaker vessel found in the 1940's and a Iron age pit or ditch was exposed in the quarry face.

4 Aims

- 4.1 To preserve by record any archaeological remains (if present) that the development may remove or damage within the impacted area.
- 4.2 To signal, before the destruction of the material in question, the discovery of a significant archaeological find, for which the resources allocated are not sufficient to support a treatment to a satisfactory and proper standard.

4.3 To make available the results of the investigation.

5 Strategy

- 5.1 The watching brief will observe the topsoil stripping of the area to monitor any archaeological remains that may be disturbed or destroyed below ground.
- 5.2 Provision will be made for taking environmental/organic samples in accordance with OA Environmental procedures (OA 2000).
- 5.3 Excavation of archaeological features will be undertaken to fulfil the basic objective of retrieval of archaeological data affected by the works.
- 5.4 All features and deposits will be issued with unique context numbers, and context recording will be in accordance with established OA practices (OA Field Manual, 1992). All contexts, and any small finds and samples from them will be allocated unique numbers. Bulk finds will be collected by context. Colour transparency and black-and-white negative photographs will be taken of all trenches and archaeological features.
- 5.5 Site plans will be drawn at an appropriate scale (normally 1:50 or 1:100) with larger scale plans of features as necessary. Trench plans will normally be drawn at a scale of 1:100. Section drawings of features and sample sections of trenches will be drawn at a scale of 1:20. Full trench sections will be drawn only if complex stratigraphy is present.

6 Report and archive

- 6.1 A report of the findings will be produced within three weeks of the completion of fieldwork. Copies will be sent to the client, the County Archaeological Service and the Sites and Monuments Record.
- 6.2 The content and style of the report will be as defined in Appendix 8.
- 6.3 The site archive will be created in accordance with the guidelines published in Guidelines for the preparation of Excavation Archives for long-term storage (UK Inst. for Conservation 1990) and standards in the Museum care of archaeological collections - see Appendix 8. The project archive will ultimately be deposited with the Oxfordshire County Museum Service, Standlake.

7 General

- 7.1 Appendix 11 is relevant.

1998 Appendices apply
Oxford Archaeology

June 2004

References

OA 2000 *OA Environmental Guidelines for sampling (first edition, July 2000)*

OA 1992 *Fieldwork Manual, (Ed. D Wilkinson, first edition, August 1992)*

OAU 1999 *Rollright Quarry Archaeological Watching Brief Written Scheme of Investigation*

OA Standard Fieldwork Methodology Appendices

The following methods and terms will apply, where appropriate, to all OA fieldwork unless varied by undertakings specified in a detailed Written Scheme of Investigation.

7 WATCHING BRIEFS

- 7.1 Ground disturbances (demolition, general site strip and levelling, reduction for roads, excavation for service trenches and foundation trenches) will be monitored by an archaeological supervisor assisted, where necessary, by archaeological technicians and under the overall guidance of a project manager.
- 7.2 All archaeological features and deposits exposed will be recorded.
- 7.3 Where only the tops of features or deposits are exposed, these will be located on a site plan, planned, and recorded by written description and by photographs.
- 7.4 Visible artefacts will be collected in order to assist in the dating of features and deposits.
- 7.5 Where trenches are excavated through cut features (pits, ditches, etc.) and vertical stratigraphy is not present, the features will be recorded in section with appropriate collection of finds.
- 7.6 Where ground disturbance exposes stratified remains or significant features, the archaeologist will excavate by hand and record these.
- 7.7 The archaeological curator will be advised at the earliest opportunity of any archaeological features or deposits that appear worthy of preservation *in situ*.
- 7.8 On completion of the fieldwork the site archive will be compiled and security copied.
- 7.9 Proposals for analysis and publication will be determined in the light of the results of the fieldwork.

RECORDING

- 7.10 All on-site recording will be undertaken in accordance with the *OA Field Manual* (ed. D Wilkinson 1992).
- 7.11 A continuous unique numbering system will be operated. Written descriptions will be recorded on proforma sheets comprising factual data and interpretative elements.
- 7.12 Plans will normally be drawn at 1:50 but in urban or deeply stratified sites a scale of 1:20 will be used. Detailed plans will be at an appropriate scale. Burials will be drawn at 1:10.
- 7.13 A register of plans will be kept.
- 7.14 Sections of features or trenches showing stratigraphy will be drawn at 1:20 or 1:10.
- 7.15 A register of sections will be kept.
- 7.16 All sections will be tied in to Ordnance Datum if possible or into the contractors TBM.

- 7.17 A black and white and colour (35 mm transparency) photographic record, illustrating in both detail and general context the principal features and finds discovered will be maintained. The photographic record will also include working shots to illustrate more generally the nature of the archaeological work.
- 7.18 Photographs will be recorded on OA Photographic Record Sheets.
- 7.19 All identified finds and artefacts from stratified archaeological deposits will be retained, although certain classes of building material or post medieval pottery may sometimes be discarded after recording if an appropriate sample is retained.

8 EVALUATION AND WATCHING BRIEF REPORTS

- 8.1 Style and format of the report will be determined by OA, but will include as a minimum the following:
- A location plan of trenches and/or other fieldwork in relation to the proposed development.
 - Plans and sections of features as appropriate located at an appropriate scale.
 - A section drawing showing depth of significant deposits (if encountered) including present ground level with Ordnance Datum, vertical and horizontal scale.
 - A summary statement of the results.
 - A table summarising per trench the features, classes and numbers of artefacts contained within, spot dating of significant finds and an interpretation.
 - A reconsideration of the methodology used, and a confidence rating for the results.
 - An interpretation of the archaeological findings within both the site and their wider landscape/townscape setting.
- 8.2 Copies of the report will be supplied to the client and the Archaeological Officer monitoring the works. Copies of the report will also be supplied to the County Sites and Monuments Record on the understanding that it will become a public document after an appropriate period of time (normally six months).
- 8.3 If the evaluation works generate archaeological results of importance which merit wider publication, the client will be consulted about further arrangements.

ARCHIVES

- 8.4 The site archive, including finds and environmental material, will be ordered, catalogued, labelled and conserved and stored according to the UKIC Guidelines for the preparation of excavation archives for long-term storage.
- 8.5 The site archive will be prepared to at least the minimum acceptable standard defined in Management of Archaeological Projects 2, English Heritage 1991.
- 8.6 The site archive will be microfilmed by the RCHME National Archaeological Record as a safeguard against the accidental loss and the long-term degeneration of paper records and photographs.
- 8.7 The site archive will be deposited with the relevant receiving Museum at the earliest opportunity unless further archaeological work on the site is expected within one year of completion of the archive. The OA will advise the landowner that any artefacts resulting from the project work should be given to the relevant Museum.

11 GENERAL

- 11.1 The requirements of the Brief will be met in full where reasonably practicable.

- 11.2 Any significant variations to the proposed methodology will be agreed with the local authority's archaeological representative in advance.
- 11.3 The scope of work detailed in the main part of the Written Scheme of Investigation is aimed at meeting the aims of the project in a cost-effective manner. Oxford Archaeology attempts to foresee possible site-specific problems and resource these. However there may be unusual circumstances which have not been included in the costing and programme.
- Unavoidable delays due to extreme bad weather, vandalism, etc.
 - Complex structures or objects, including those in waterlogged conditions, requiring specialist removal.
 - Extensions to specified trenches or feature sample sizes requested by the archaeological curator.
 - Trenches requiring shoring or stepping, ground contamination, unknown services, poor ground conditions requiring additional plant, specialist reinstatement of surfaces (i.e. tarmac, turf).

HEALTH AND SAFETY and INSURANCE

- 11.4 All work will be carried out to the requirements of *Health and Safety at Work, etc. Act 1974*, *The Management of Health and Safety Regulations 1992*, the SCAUM (Standing Conference of Archaeological Unit Managers) H & S manual *Health and Safety in Field Archaeology 1991*, the OA Health and Safety Policy, and any main contractors requirements.
- 11.5 A copy of the OA's Health and Safety Policy is available on request. OA will require copies of the H & S policies of all other contractors and operators present on site in compliance with *The Manual of H & S Regulations 1992*.
- 11.6 The OA holds Employers Liability Insurance, Public Liability Insurance and Professional Indemnity Insurance. Details will be supplied on request.
- 11.7 The OA will not be liable to indemnify the client against any compensation or damages for or with respect to:
- Damage to crops being on the Area or Areas of Work (save in so far as possession has not been given to the Archaeological Contractor);
 - The use or occupation of land (which has been provided by the Client) by the Project or for the purposes of completing the Project (including consequent loss of crops). Interference whether temporary or permanent with any right of way, light, air or water or other easement or quasi easement which are the unavoidable result of the Project in accordance with the Agreement;
 - Any other damage which is the unavoidable result of the Project in accordance with the Agreement;
 - Injuries or damage to persons or property resulting from any act or neglect or breach of statutory duty done or committed by the client or his agents, servants or their contractors (not being employed by Oxford Archaeology) or for or in respect of any claims demands proceedings damages costs charges and expenses in respect thereof or in relation thereto.

COPYRIGHT and CONFIDENTIALITY

- 11.8 Oxford Archaeology will retain full copyright of any commissioned reports, tender documents or other project documents, under the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 with all rights reserved; excepting that it will provide an exclusive licence to the client in all matters directly relating to the project as described in the Written Scheme of Investigation.
- 11.9 Oxford Archaeology will assign copyright to the client upon written request but retains the right to be identified as the author of all project documentation and reports as defined in the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 (Chapter IV, s.79).

- 11.10 OA will advise the client of any such materials supplied in the course of projects that are not OA's copyright.
- 11.11 OA undertakes to respect all requirements for confidentiality about the client's proposals provided that these are clearly stated. It is expected that such conditions shall not unreasonably impede the satisfactory performance of the services required. OA further undertake to keep confidential any conclusions about the likely implications of such proposals for the historic environment. It is expected that clients respect OA's general ethical obligations not to suppress significant archaeological data for an unreasonable period.

OA STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES

- 11.12 OA shall conform to the standards of professional conduct outlined in the Institute of Field Archaeologists' Code of Conduct, the IFA Code of Approved Practice for the Regulation of Contractual Arrangements in Field Archaeology, the IFA Standards and Guidance for Field Evaluations, Desk Based Assessments, etc. and the British Archaeologists and Developers Liaison Group Code of Practice.
- 11.13 OA is a member of the Institute of Environmental Assessment and the Council for British Archaeology.
- 11.14 Project Directors normally will be recognised in an appropriate Area of Competence by the IFA. For more extensive and complicated evaluation projects especially where they are part of large-scale programmes of work in historic urban centres, the procedures outlined in English Heritage's *Management of Archaeological Projects* 2nd Edition 1991 (MAP 2) will be followed for immediate post-field archive preparation and initial assessment. Agreement to then be reached, in collaboration with the local authority's archaeological representative, about what aspects will need to be taken forward to provide a report in the required format containing the information needed for planning purposes.

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A. FINAL REPORT

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Project details

Project name	Rollright Flick Quarry
Short description of the project	On the 13th and 14th of August 2008, Oxford Archaeology carried out an archaeological watching brief at Flick Quarry, Rollright, Oxfordshire (NGR: SP281 306). The work was commissioned in advance of mineral extraction. The watching brief revealed evidence of post-medieval agricultural practices but no significant archaeology was observed.
Project dates	Start: 13-08-2008 End: 14-08-2008
Previous/future work	No / Not known
Any associated project reference codes	RRFQ08 - Sitecode
Any associated project reference codes	OXCMS:2008.92 - Museum accession ID
Type of project	Recording project
Current Land use	Cultivated Land 4 - Character Undetermined
Monument type	NA None
Significant Finds	NA None
Investigation type	'Watching Brief'
Prompt	Planning condition

Project location

Country	England
Site location	OXFORDSHIRE WEST OXFORDSHIRE ROLLRIGHT Flick Quarry
Study area	7000.00 Square metres
Site coordinates	SP 281 306 51.9727301377 -1.590888965960 51 58 21 N 001 35 27 W Point

Project creators

Name of Organisation	Oxford Archaeology
Project brief originator	verbal brief
Project design originator	Oxford Archaeology
Project director/manager	D. Dodds
Project supervisor	M.Sims

Project archives

Physical Archive Exists?	No
Physical Archive recipient	Oxfordshire County Museum Service
Physical Archive ID	OXCMS:2008.92
Digital Archive recipient	Oxford Archaeology
Digital Archive ID	RRFQ08
Digital Contents	'Stratigraphic'
Digital Media available	'Images raster / digital photography','Text'
Paper Archive recipient	Oxfordshire County Museum Service
Paper Archive ID	OXCMS:2008.92
Paper Contents	'Stratigraphic'
Paper Media available	'Context sheet','Diary','Photograph','Plan','Report','Section','Unpublished Text'
Paper Archive notes	Front cover of report states the county as Hertfordshire when it is in fact Oxfordshire. Report, page 2 states that the plans were drawn at a scale of 1:500. They were actually drawn at a scale of 1:1250

Project bibliography 1

Publication type	Grey literature (unpublished document/manuscript)
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Author(s)/Editor(s)	Sims, M
Date	2008
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Place of issue or publication	Oxford
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WATCHING BRIEF RECORD

SITE CODE **RRLQ 08** SITE NAME **Flick Quarry Rollright** DATE **13-8-08**

NGR County **Oxon.** Start Time **11.00**
Finish Time **17.00**

Milage Previous Visit Visit By **M. Sims**

Type of construction work **Topsoil strip prior to quarrying.**

Contacts made

Archaeology present?

Yes:

No: /

Undated:

Other:

COMMENTS

On site to monitor topsoil strip prior to quarrying of a 30m strip north of previous 2005 watching brief.

90m x 8m wide hard road stripned down east side of field to topsoil storage heap.

Stratigraphy observed.

Topsoil :- Dark brown loamy clay 0.3m

Subsoil :- Dark yellow-brown silt clay 0.1m

Natural :- Pale yellow silt limestone in silt clay matrix.

Records? Sections plan cut photos



WATCHING BRIEF RECORD

SITE CODE *RR12 08*

SITE NAME *Flock Quarry*

DATE *14.8.08*

NGR

County *Oxon*

Start Time *07.00*

Finish Time *16.00*

Milage

Previous Visit *13-8-08*

Visit By *Musons*

Type of construction work *Topsoil strip prior to quarrying*

Contacts made

Archaeology present?

Yes:

No: */*

Undated:

Other:

COMMENTS

*Topsoil strip continuing.
Stratigraphy observed same as 13/8/08
except area of red-brown silt clay
colluvium observed in north-east
corner of strip.*

Records? *Plan, sects, ext. Photos.*

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B. PRIMARY CONTEXT RECORDS

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CONTEXT RECORD

Context No.

1

SITE RRLQ 08

ADDITIONAL SHEETS:

TYPE Layer

Trench

Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure

Check Lists:

Site sub-div

Overlain by:

DEPOSIT:

Structure No.

Abutted by:

1. compaction 2. colour
3. composition 4. inclusion
5. thickness 6. extent
7. comments 8. method & conditions

Plan No.

1

Cut by:

Filled by:

Section No.

1.2.13

Same as:

Part of:

CUT:

1. shape in plan
2. base/sides/top profile
3. dimension and depth
4. sketch 5. truncation 6. fill nos 7. other comments

Co-Ordinates

Consists of:

Overlies:

2

Level

Butts:

MASONRY:

1. materials 2. size of bricks etc
3. finish of stones 4. coursing/bond 5. form 6. faces
7. bond 8. dimensions as found
9. other comments

Slide No.

Cuts:

Neg No.

Fill of:

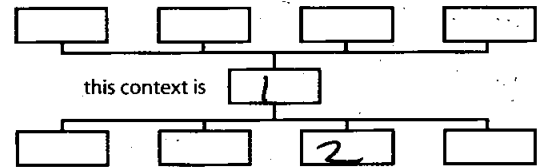
Matrix location

Relationships uncertain

Description (See check lists):

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX

- 1) Friable
- 2) Dark brown
- 3) Lean clay
- 4) many small fragments of limestone
- 5) Depth 0.18m - 0.3m
- 6) Throughout site



Interpretation/Discussion

Present day ploughed.

Finds (tick): None Pot Bone Flint Stone Burnt stone Glass Metal
 CBM Wood Leather

 Small Finds
Recorder *MS*
 Samples

Date

 Building Materials

Initials



CONTEXT RECORD

Context No.

2

SITE *RRLQ 08*

ADDITIONAL SHEETS:

TYPE *Layer*

Trench

Context Type: Deposit / ~~Cut~~ / Structure

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Overlain by: *1*

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Level

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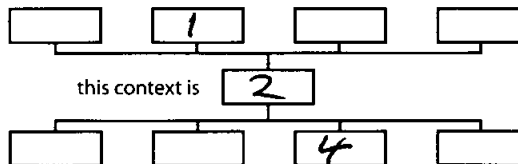
Fill of:

Matrix location

Relationships uncertain

Description (See check lists):

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX

*1) Terracotta**2) Dark yellow brown**3) silt clay**4) Many sub-angular limestone fragments**5) Depth 0.1m**6) Throughout site*

Interpretation/Discussion

*Earlier worked soil horizon
No dating evidence.*

Finds (tick): None Pot Bone Flint Stone Burnt stone Glass Metal
 CBM Wood Leather

 Small Finds

Recorder

 Samples

Date

 Building Materials

Initials



CONTEXT RECORD

Context No.

3

SITE *RRLQ 08*

ADDITIONAL SHEETS:

TYPE *Layers*

Trench

Context Type: Deposit / ~~Cut~~ / Structure

Check Lists:

Site sub-div

Overlain by: *2:4*

DEPOSIT:

Structure No.

Abutted by:

1. compaction 2. colour
3. composition 4. inclusion
5. thickness 6. extent
7. comments 8. method & conditions

Plan No.

1

Cut by:

Filled by:

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1:2:3

Same as:

Part of:

CUT:

1. shape in plan
2. base/sides/top profile
3. dimension and depth
4. sketch 5. truncation 6. fill nos 7. other comments

Co-Ordinates

Consists of:

Overlies:

Level

Butts:

MASONRY:

Slide No.

Cuts:

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3. finish of stones 4. coursing/bond 5. form 6. faces
7. bond 8. dimensions as found
9. other comments

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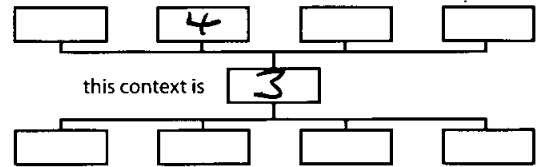
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Relationships uncertain

Description (See check lists):

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX

- 1) Tericoz
- 2) Pale yellow brown
- 3) silt clay
- 4) Many fragments of weathered limestone, edges of tipped limestone beds
- 5) Depth > 0.1m



Interpretation/Discussion

Top of weathered limestone natural.

Finds (tick): None Pot Bone Flint Stone Burnt stone Glass Metal
 CBM Wood Leather

 Small FindsRecorder *WJG* Samples

Date

 Building Materials

Initials



CONTEXT RECORD

Context No.

4

SITE RRLQ 08

ADDITIONAL SHEETS:

TYPE *layer*

Trench

Context Type: Deposit / ~~Cut~~ / Structure

Check Lists:

Site sub-div

Overlain by: 2

DEPOSIT:

Structure No.

Abutted by:

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7. comments 8. method & conditions

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Filled by:

Section No.

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Part of:

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Co-Ordinates

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Overlies: 3

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Butts:

MASONRY:

Slide No.

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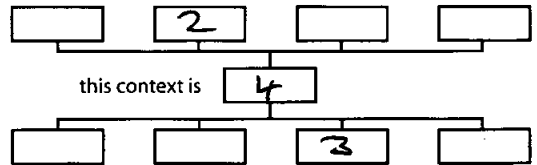
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2) *Tenacious*3) *Reddish brown*4) *fine soft clay*5) *N/A*6) *Depth 0.08m*7) *Eastern edge of striped area only.*

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX



this context is

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Interpretation/Discussion

*Probably colluvial deposit.*Finds (tick): None Pot Bone Flint Stone Burnt stone Glass Metal CBM Wood Leather Small FindsRecorder *[Signature]* Samples

Date

 Building Materials

Initials

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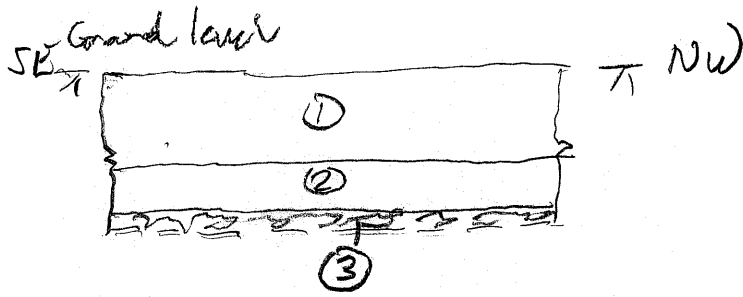
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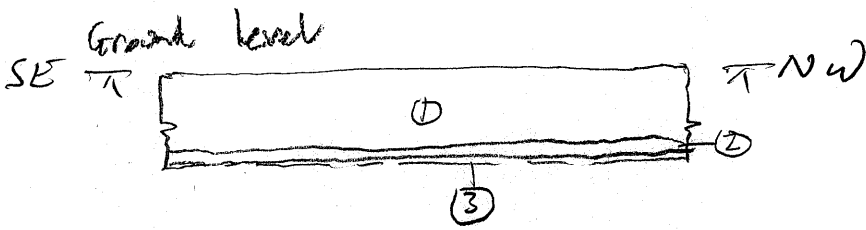
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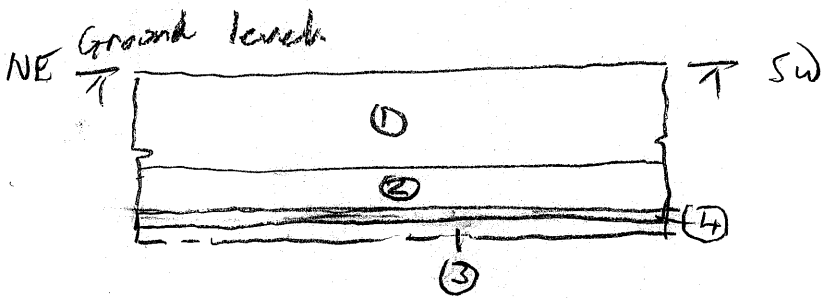
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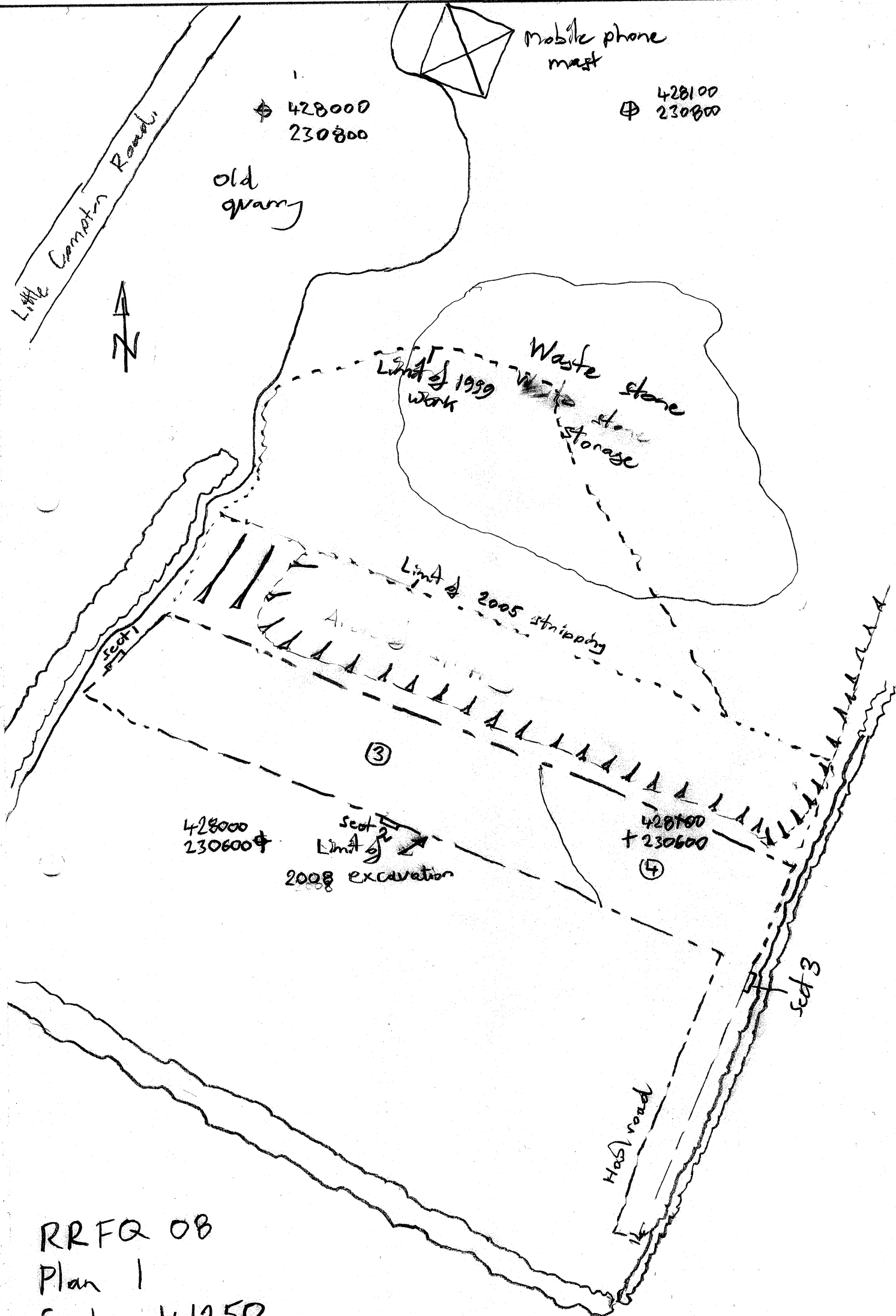
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old quarry

Little Compton Road



Waste stone storage

Limit of 1999 work

Limit of 2005 striping

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Limit of
2008 excavation

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Hosb road

sect 3

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OA Contact: Gerry Thacker

date/time: 31-7-08

copy to: _____

Tender no: 8001

external contact: Phillip Wood

of: HANSONS

telephone no: 01356 554 285

invoice code: _____

notes: 14th August:-

Confirmed that our costs [17-08-07]
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He said 14th August 08 likely start date
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us otherwise], but contractor is
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ARCHAEOLOGICAL SERVICES

Flick Quarry, Watching Brief.

Fieldwork - 11hrs @ £40 per hr = £440

Report - £350 (Forthcoming)

790.00

FAO: Philip Wood

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Net Total	790.00
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Our Ref: OX-WO/8001/MS/01

2nd October 2008

Dear Mr Coddington,

Re: Flick (Rollright) Quarry, Rollright, Oxfordshire - Archaeological Watching Brief Report

Please find enclosed two bound copies of our report for the above named site. One for you and one for the Sites and Monuments Record Office. I have also forwarded copies to our client .

Further digital copies will be undertaken by our archive department on submission of the final archive. This should be completed shortly.

Please let me know if you wish to discuss anything relating to this project.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Sims
Project Supervisor, Small Works

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SMALL WORKS DEPARTMENT

Mr Phillip Wood, Esq.
Guiting Quarry
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Your Order No:
Our Ref: OX-WO/8001/MS/01

2nd October 2008

Dear Mr Wood,

Re: Flick (Rollright) Quarry, Rollright, Oxfordshire - Archaeological Watching Brief Report

Please find enclosed three bound copies of our report for the latest phase of work at the above named site. I have forwarded a further two copies to Hugh Coddington, the Deputy County Archaeological Officer for the Oxfordshire Council Archaeological Service, as required by the brief.

I trust you have been satisfied with our service to date and will not hesitate to use us on future projects. We will be sending an invoice for the work shortly.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Sims
Project Supervisor, Small Works

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external contact: PHILLIP WOOD

date/time: 30-07-08

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17th August 2007

Re: Flick Quarry - Archaeological Watching Brief

As requested I have provided our hourly rates, our minimum charge, notice requirements, and other costs.

OA charges **£40 +VAT per hour** for fieldwork (minimum 3 hour charge per visit). This rate includes project management, an experienced Archaeological Supervisor, transport, equipment, processing of finds and any environmental samples and expenses. All foreseeable fieldwork costs are included in this rate unless stated below.

Regardless of what, if anything is uncovered a report must be produced to include details of the circumstances for the project and the results of the fieldwork. Our in-house reporting rate is **£175 +VAT per day**. This includes research, analysis of finds and environmental samples, production of an illustrated report and archiving of project data to national minimum standards. You should allow for a minimum of two days reporting (£350 +VAT) in the event that little to no archaeology is found.

OA can undertake the work during the week beginning 20th August 2007. However, we ask that you give us at least 5 days prior notification of your wish to appoint OA in order for us to produce the method statement and deploy staff.

I hope the above is clear and our costs and terms are satisfactory. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Dan Dodds
Head of Small Works Dept.

daniel dodds

From: daniel dodds
Sent: 17 August 2007 13:57
To: 'phil.wood@hanson.biz'
Subject: Costs for Watching Brief

Phil,

As requested please find our costs for watching brief at Flick Quarry.

Regards

Dan Dodds
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Flick Quarry Rollright Hertfordshire



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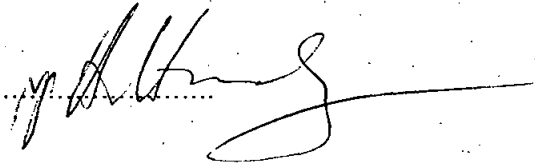
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SUMMARY

On the 13th and 14th of August 2008, Oxford Archaeology (OA) carried out an archaeological watching brief at Flick Quarry, Rollright, Oxfordshire (NGR: SP 281 306). The work was commissioned by Hanson Quarry Products, Europe in advance of mineral extraction. The watching brief revealed evidence of post-medieval agricultural practices, but no significant archaeology was observed.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Scope of work

- 1.1.1 On the 13th and 14th of June 2005 Oxford Archaeology (OA) carried out an archaeological watching brief at Flick Quarry (also known as Rollright Quarry), Rollright, Oxfordshire (NGR: SP 281 306). The work was commissioned by Hanson Quarry Products, Europe Ltd in respect of a planning application for mineral extraction (Planning Application No. 03/2004/P/TCN)
- 1.1.2 The County Archaeological Service had prepared a project brief for previous work on the site conducted by OA in 1999 and this brief was used for this round of investigation.
- 1.1.3 OA prepared a Written Scheme of Investigation (OA 2005) detailing how it would meet the requirements of the brief.

1.2 Location, geology and topography

- 1.2.1 The site is situated approximately 1.4 km north-west of the village of Little Rollright, Oxfordshire (Fig. 1) and is located on a high limestone spur overlooking the Glyme Valley and Chipping Norton to the south, and the Stour Valley (Warwickshire) to the north. The area comprises arable farmland, now currently lying fallow with the site gently rising towards the centre.
- 1.2.2 The site lies at approximately 240 m OD and occupies an area of roughly 0.7 hectares (Fig. 2). The underlying geology is loam overlying Great Oolitic Limestone (British Geological Survey, Sheet no. 218).

1.3 Archaeological and historical background

- 1.3.1 The archaeological background to the watching brief was prepared for the WSI for the project (OA, 2005) and is reproduced below.
- 1.3.2 The site is situated just off the Saltway to Great Rollright Road (the Cotswold Ridgeway or Jurassic Way) which is the ancient road linking the East Midlands to the south-west. There is an early megalithic complex and barrow cemetery to the east of the site at the Rollright Stones (Oxfordshire County Monument No. 1). There are also Iron Age and Roman settlements and a Saxon cemetery near to the stones.

- 1.3.3 The site itself produced a Beaker vessel found in the 1940s and a Iron Age pit or ditch was exposed in the quarry face also at this date.
- 1.3.4 Previous work immediately to the north-east of the site in 1999 (OAU 1999), produced some evidence (pottery sherds and a pit) to suggest limited Middle Iron Age activity within the vicinity of the site and also evidence of small scale 18th - to 19th-century quarrying. Linear natural features caused by frost fractures were also observed.
- 1.3.5 A watching brief conducted by OA in 2005 on land immediately to the north-east of the present development observed continuations of the natural features but no evidence of activity of any period was observed (OA,2005).

2 PROJECT AIMS AND METHODOLOGY

2.1 Aims

- 2.1.1 To identify the presence or absence, extent, condition, quality and date of archaeological remains in the areas affected by the development.
- 2.1.2 To preserve by record any archaeological remains (if present) that the development may remove or damage within the impact area.
- 2.1.3 To make available the results of the archaeological investigation.

2.2 Methodology

- 2.2.1 A continuous archaeological presence was maintained during the period of the topsoil stripping. This consisted of a strip 30 m wide immediately to the south-west of the area stripped in 2005 and a 8 m wide by 90 m long haul road leading to the topsoil storage area in the south-eastern corner of the field.
- 2.2.2 The excavation was undertaken by a 21 ton mechanical excavator fitted with a 2 m wide toothless grading bucket. Machining proceeded in spits down to the required level.
- 2.2.3 After the removal of the topsoil and subsoil the exposed layers were identified as undisturbed deposits and recording proceeded at that level.
- 2.2.4 A plan of the machined areas was kept at a scale of 1:500 (Fig. 2) and sample sections were drawn at a scale of 1:20. A photographic record of the work was made using digital photography, colour slide and black and white print film. Recording followed procedures detailed in the *OA Field Manual* (ed. D Wilkinson, 1992).

3 RESULTS

3.1 Description of deposits

3.1.1 The underlying natural, a pale yellow-brown silt clay (3), which contained many fragments of weathered limestone with tilting bands of thinly bedded oolitic limestone erupting to the surface aligned roughly north to south was exposed throughout the whole of the stripped area (Fig. 3, Sections 1, 2 and 3). These beds are probably the result of frost heaving, lifting the edges of the beds to the surface. This deposit was encountered at approximately 0.4m below the current ground level at the western and eastern edges of the site, rising to 0.25 m below ground level within the centre.

3.1.2 Along the eastern edge of the stripped area a 0.08 m deep layer of reddish brown silt clay (4), was observed, overlying layer 3 (Fig. 3, Section 3). This deposit contained many small angular fragments of oolitic limestone and probably represents a layer of colluvium.

3.1.3 Overlying layers 3 and 4 was a 0.1 m deep layer of dark yellow-brown silt clay (2) containing many small sub-angular limestone fragments.

3.1.4 The entire excavated area was sealed by a layer of dark brown loamy clay (1) of between 0.18 m and 0.3 m in depth. This context contained many small abraded oolitic limestone fragments, a small percentage of which displayed signs of burning.

3.2 Finds

3.2.1 The deposits were closely examined during excavation and the spoil heaps checked afterwards but very little dating evidence was recovered. All the finds recovered during the course of the watching brief were of a late post-medieval date, probably the 19th and 20th centuries. These finds included fragments of brick, nails and slate, all of which were recovered from layer 1. These finds were evaluated on site but were not retained.

3.3 Palaeo-environmental remains

3.3.1 No deposits suitable for palaeo-environmental sampling were encountered during the course of the watching brief.

4 DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

4.1.1 Layer 3 is the upper surface of a weathered oolitic limestone deposit overlying beds of limestone. Layer 4 appears to be a colluvium. The limited extent of this deposit appears to be the result of deep ploughing truncating it in other areas of the site. Layer 2 probably represents an earlier layer of worked soil.

- 4.1.2 Layer 1 represents a layer of plough soil associated with the last known use of the land. The burnt limestone noted during the 2005 watching brief was also observed within this layer and is probably the result of the earlier agricultural practise of burning the cereal straw after harvest.
- 4.1.3 The absence of features cutting into the surface of the natural deposits suggest that this area was outside the focus of any settlements including the Iron Age activity observed during the 1999 excavations. There is the possibility that subsequent agricultural activity may have truncated or destroyed any shallow features although the absence of residual finds recovered from the topsoil or truncated deeper features would mitigate against this.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1 ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONTEXT INVENTORY

<i>Context</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Depth</i>	<i>Comments</i>	<i>Finds</i>	<i>Date</i>
1	Layer	0.18 m - 0.3 m	Modern ploughsoil	Brick, nails and slate	19th - 20th centuries
2	Layer	0.08 m	Earlier worked soil	-	-
3	Layer	> 0.1 m	Weathered limestone	-	-
4	Layer	0.08 m	Colluvial clay	-	-

APPENDIX 2 BIBLIOGRAPHY AND REFERENCES

IFA, 2001 *Standards and Guidance for Archaeological Watching Briefs*

OA 1992 *Field Manual*, (Ed. D Wilkinson)

OA 2000 OA Environmental Guidelines for sampling (first edition, July 2000)

OA 2005 Flick Quarry, Rollright, Oxfordshire: Archaeological Watching Brief Report

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OAU 1999 Rollright Quarry Archaeological Watching Brief Report

APPENDIX 3 SUMMARY OF SITE DETAILS

Site name: Flick Quarry, Rollright, Oxfordshire

Site code: RRFQ 08

Grid reference: SP 281 306

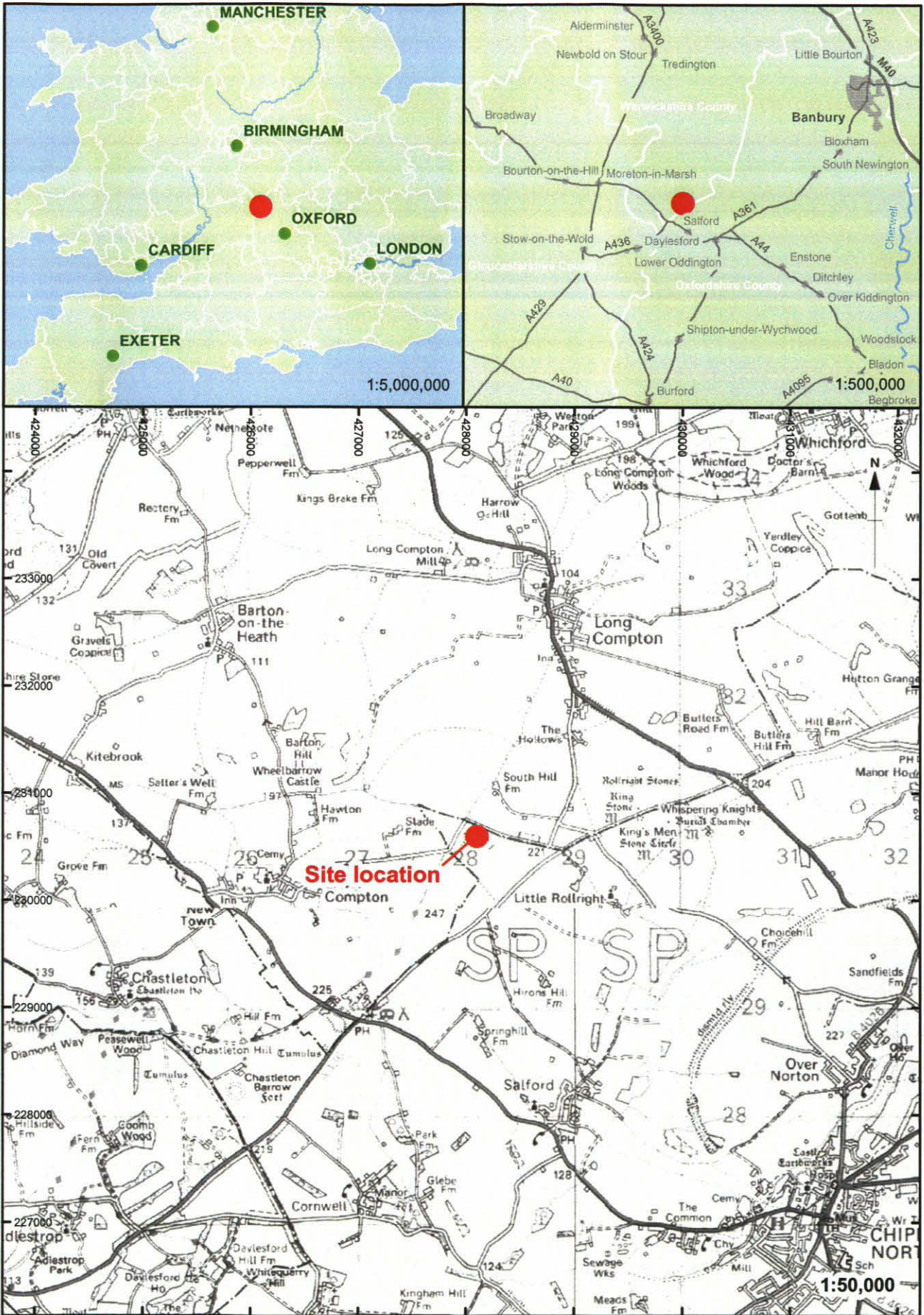
Type of watching brief: Machine stripping of topsoil prior to mineral extraction

Date and duration of project: 2 days, 13th and 14th August 2008

Area of site: c7,000 m²

Summary of results: Post-medieval agricultural soils sealing natural deposits

Location of archive: The archive is currently held at OA, Janus House, Osney Mead, Oxford, OX2 0ES, and will be deposited with Oxfordshire County Museums Service in due course.



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Figure 1: Site location

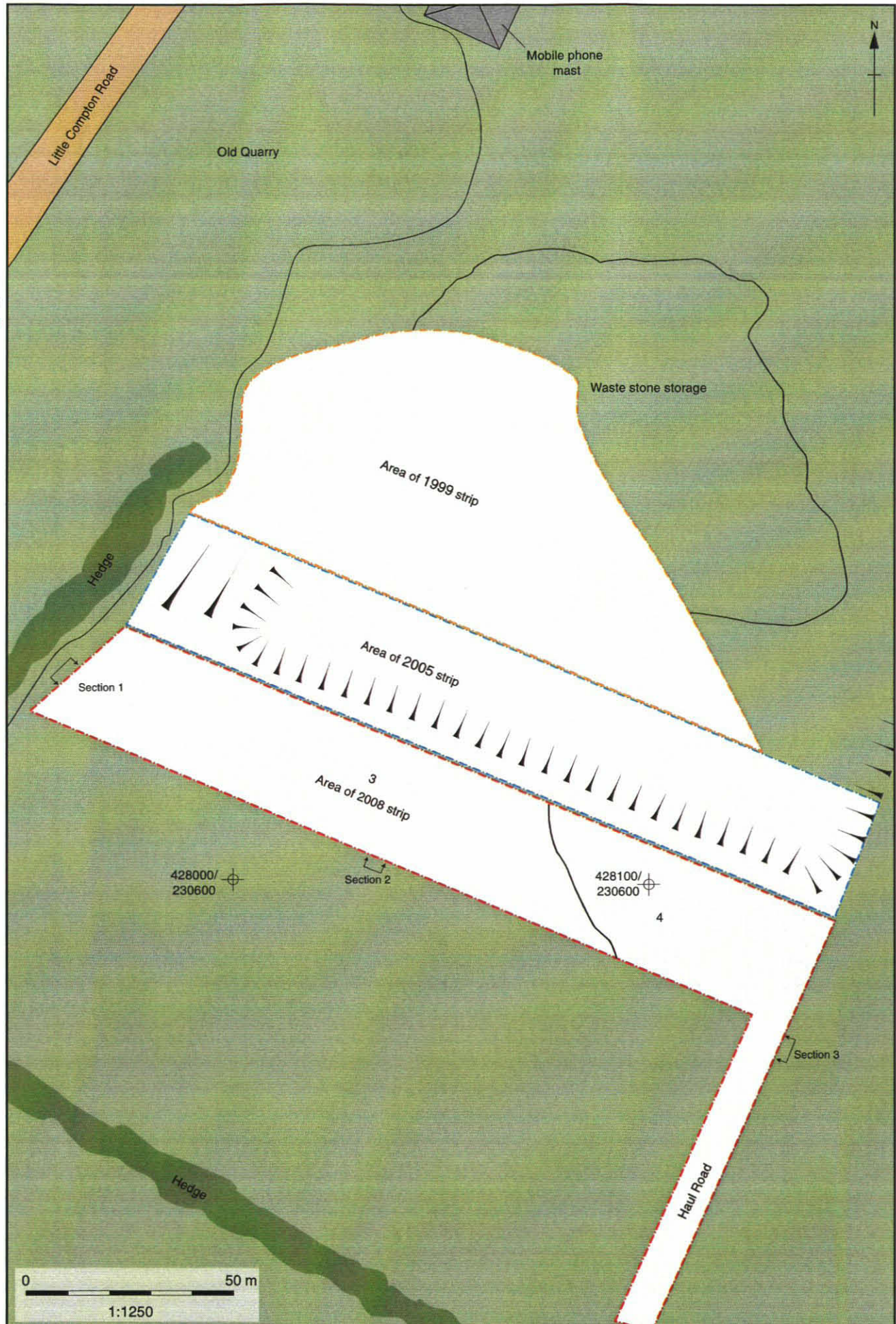


Figure 2: Site plan

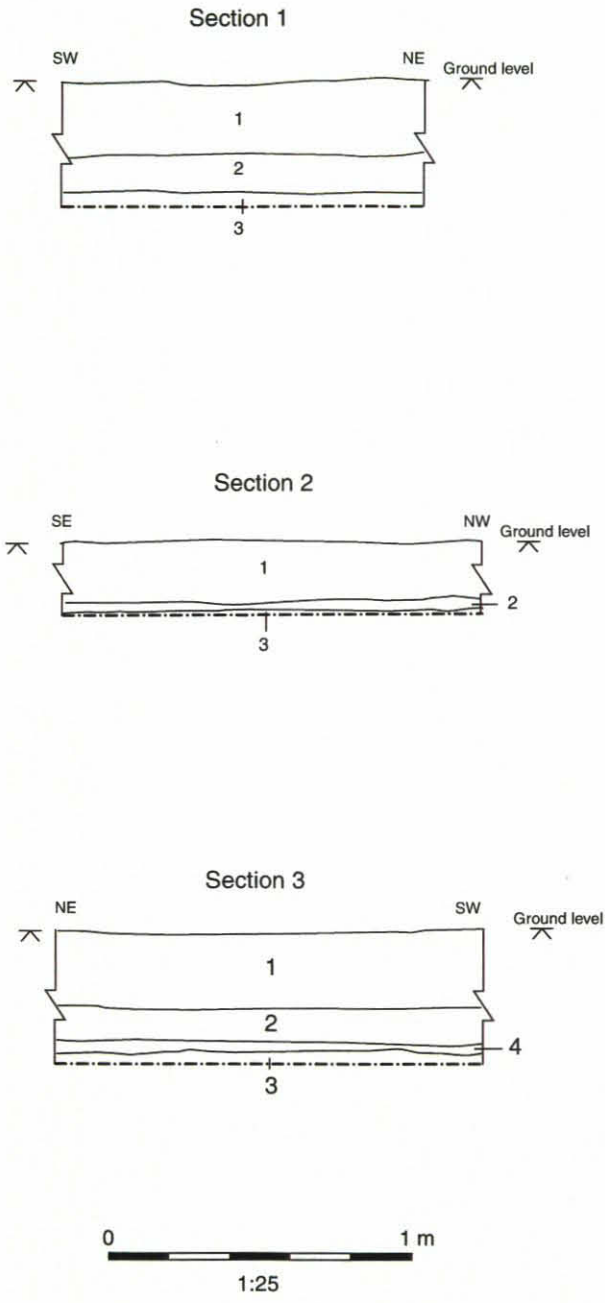


Figure 3: Sections



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