

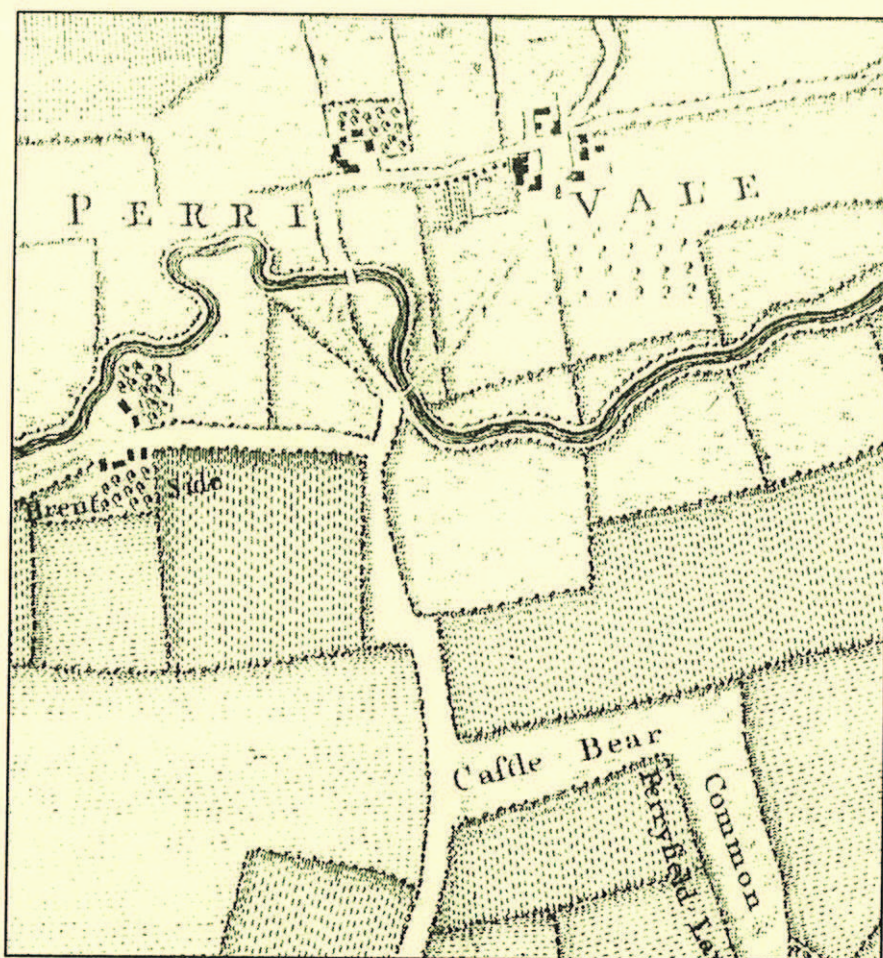
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## SUMMARY

*The Oxford Archaeological Unit undertook a field evaluation at The Myllet Arms, Perivale, London Borough of Ealing on behalf of Cliff Walsingham & Company acting for The Whitbread Hotel Company between 30<sup>th</sup> October and 2<sup>nd</sup> November. The evaluation revealed extensive modern disturbance/truncation and levelling of the surrounding soils and geology. No archaeological deposits or finds were encountered within the evaluation area.*

### 1 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Location and Scope of Work

1.1.1 The Oxford Archaeological Unit (OAU) undertook a field evaluation at The Myllet Arms Public House, Perivale Lane/Western Lane, Perivale, in the London Borough of Ealing. This was on behalf of Cliff Walsingham & Company acting for The Whitbread Hotel Company following a planning application for a 39 bed lodge with associated car parking and landscaping within the garden area of the existing public house (Planning Reference No. IGW/TPNG 00218/15). Conditional planning permission was granted requiring archaeological investigation to determine if *in situ* archaeological remains were present prior to development. Subsequently, through discussion with The Greater London Archaeological Advisory Service (GLAAS), an approved written scheme of investigation (WSI) was produced by OAU to determine the archaeological potential of the site. The field evaluation was completed between 30<sup>th</sup> October and 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2000.

1.1.2 The site occupies a triangular plot of land c 3000 m<sup>2</sup> currently used as The Myllet Arms public house garden and overflow car park. It is bounded to the north by Western Lane (A40) and to the south by Perivale Lane (Figure 1).

#### 1.2 Geology and Topography

1.2.1 The site lies on level ground of London Clay solid geology overlain by Kempton Park Gravel situated at approximately 20m above OD. The River Brent flows 30m to the south of the site.

#### 1.3 Archaeological and Historical Background

1.3.1 The evaluation boundaries lie within an area of medieval archaeological potential. The medieval village, known as Greenford Parva prior to the 16th century, was focused on the 13th century church of St Mary the Virgin which lies to the immediate south, between the river and site. Rocque's map of 1746 shows *Perri Vale* as a small village indicating less than a dozen buildings focused around the church (Figure 2). By 1901 only 60 people were living in the village. During the early 20th century the focus of the village shifted with the opening of the Great Western Railway station which prompted development to the north of Western Avenue.

## 2 EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

### 2.1 Scope of fieldwork

2.1.1 The evaluation comprised over a 5% sample represented by three trenches, two 20m and one 15m long. Due to ground conditions (parking areas) and service cables, these were reduced in size although the final trenches remained above a 5% sample of the c 3000m<sup>2</sup> evaluation area. Each of the trenches measured 3.2m wide (Figure 3).

### 2.2 Fieldwork Methods and Recording

2.2.1 The overburden was removed under close archaeological supervision by a JCB mechanical excavator fitted with a toothless bucket to the level of the first significant archaeological horizon or level of undisturbed natural geology. Following the machine excavation of the evaluation trenches, these were cleaned by hand where necessary and any revealed features were sampled to determine their extent and nature, and to retrieve finds and environmental samples. All encountered archaeological features/deposits were planned and, where excavated, their sections drawn following Museum of London recording guidelines for the deposition of archives. A photographic colour slide and black and white print film record was taken of each trench.

### 2.3 Finds

2.3.1 A single sherd of modern china plate containing the crest of The Great Western Railway Hotels was recovered from context 302. Modern brick and glass was encountered in the upper levelling layers of each trench and noted but not retained. No finds of special or individual interest were encountered.

## 3 RESULTS: DESCRIPTIONS

### 3.1 *Trench 1*

3.1.1 Trench one was located at the eastern end of the evaluation area and was 17m long and orientated east-west. Natural (105) was encountered at a depth of 0.8m, (19.3m OD). Above this was a 0.25m deposit of disturbed natural clay (103, 104). Two deposits of mixed clay and gravel (101, 102) containing modern glass and china overlain by the topsoil (100) levelled the surface for the public house garden.

### 3.1.2 *Trench 2*

3.1.3 Trench two was 20m long, orientated north-south and located on the northern edge of the evaluation area. Natural (209) was encountered at a depth of 0.8m (19.37m OD). Above the natural were deposits of disturbed clay (204, 208) which smelt strongly of petrochemicals. Overlaying this were three modern levelling deposits (0.6m thick) of gravel, and silty clays (202, 203 and 207) sealed by a former paved surface (205) of the garden. Three concrete filled postholes (210) along the centre of the trench were

associated with the paved surface. Above the paved surface and the postholes was a 0.23m thick gravel levelling (201), which was overlain by the topsoil (200).

#### 3.1.4 *Trench 3*

3.1.5 Trench three was 15m long, orientated east-west and situated on the southern edge of the evaluation area. Natural (306) was encountered at a depth of 0.8m (20m OD). The disturbed contaminated clay deposit (303, 302) was again encountered above the natural. Overlaying this was levelling deposits (301, 305) of clay and gravel. These were overlain by a 0.22m thick make up layer (304) for the modern car park tarmac surface (300).

### 4 POTENTIAL OF ARCHAEOLOGY

#### 4.1 Potential

4.1.1 The extensive disturbance and likely truncation of the site, probably from the construction of the A40 and The Myllet Arms, leaves little or no potential for the survival of any archaeological remains within the development area.

## APPENDIX I ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONTEXT INVENTORY

<i>Trench</i>	<i>Ctx. No.</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Width (m)</i>	<i>Thick. (m)</i>	<i>Comment</i>	<i>Finds</i>	<i>No./wt</i>	<i>Date</i>
001								
	101	Layer	-	0.2	Modern topsoil	-		Mod.
	102	Layer	-	0.2	Levelling	-		Mod.
	103	Layer	-	0.25	Levelling	-		Mod.
	104	Layer	-	0.2	Disturbed Natural	-		
	105	Layer	-	-	Natural London Clay	-		
002								
	200	Layer	-	0.2	Modern Topsoil	-		Mod.
	201	Layer	-	0.23	Levelling	-		Mod.
	202	Layer	-	0.4	Made Ground	-		Mod.
	203	Layer	-	0.19	Levelling	-		Mod.
	204	Layer	-	0.16	Disturbed Natural	-		
	205	Layer	-	0.4	Levelling	-		Mod.
	206	Layer	-	0.12	Paved Surface	-		Mod.
	207	Layer	-	0.12	Dumped Deposit	-		Mod.
	208	Layer	-	0.11	Disturbed Natural	-		
	209	Deposit	-	-	Natural	-		
	210	Structure	-	-	Fence Posts	-		Mod.
003								
	300	Surface	-	0.24	Concrete Surface	-		Mod.
	301	Layer	-	0.25	Levelling	-		Mod.
	302	Layer	-	0.27	Disturbed Natural	-		
	303	Layer	-	0.1	Disturbed Natural	-		
	304	Layer	-	0.22	Make Up	-		Mod.
	305	Layer	-	0.25	Make Up	-		Mod.
	306	Deposit	-	-	Natural	-		

**APPENDIX 2 GLSMR ARCHAEOLOGICAL REPORT FORM**

## 1) TYPE OF RECORDING

~~Evaluation, Excavation, Watching Brief, Building Recording, Survey, Geoarchaeological Evaluation, Fieldwalking, Other~~

## 2) LOCATION

Borough: Ealing

Site address: The Myllet Arms, Perivale Lane/Western Avenue, Perivale

Site Name: The Myllet Arms

Site Code: WEP 00

Nat. grid Ref: TQ 1645 8290

centre of site: TQ 1646 8289

Limits of site:	N	1646 8291	S	1646 8287
	E	1643 8289	W	1650 8289

## 3) ORGANISATION

Name of archaeological unit/company/society:

Oxford Archaeological Unit

Address: Janus House,

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Site director/supervisor: Paul Murray

Project manager: Steve Lawrence

Funded by: The Whitbread Hotel Company

## 4) DURATION

Date fieldwork started: 30/10/00

Date finished: 02/11/00

Fieldwork previously notified?

~~YES/NO~~

Fieldwork will continue?

~~YES/NO/NOT KNOWN~~

## 5) PERIODS REPRESENTED

~~Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic, Bronze Age, Iron Age, Roman, Saxon (pre-AD 1066),~~

~~Medieval (AD 1066-1485), Post-Medieval, Unknown~~

no archaeological remains encountered



## 6) PERIOD SUMMARIES

No archaeological remains encountered

## 7) NATURAL

Type: Stated as Kempton Gravel although the evaluation demonstrated that the area lies directly upon London Clay.

Height above Ordnance datum: 20.1m O.D.

## 8) LOCATION OF ARCHIVES

a) Please provide an estimate of the quantity of material in your possession for the following categories:

Notes 30	Plans 3	Sections 3
Photos:	NGtives 10	Slides 16
Correspondence 10	MScripts (unpub reports, etc) 2 (report and WSI)	
Bulk finds 0	Small finds 0	Soil samples 0
Other N/A		

b) The archive has been prepared and stored in accordance with MGC standards and will be deposited in the following location: Museum of London

c) Has a security copy of the archive been made?: ~~YES~~/NO

(to be arranged as of 09/11/00)

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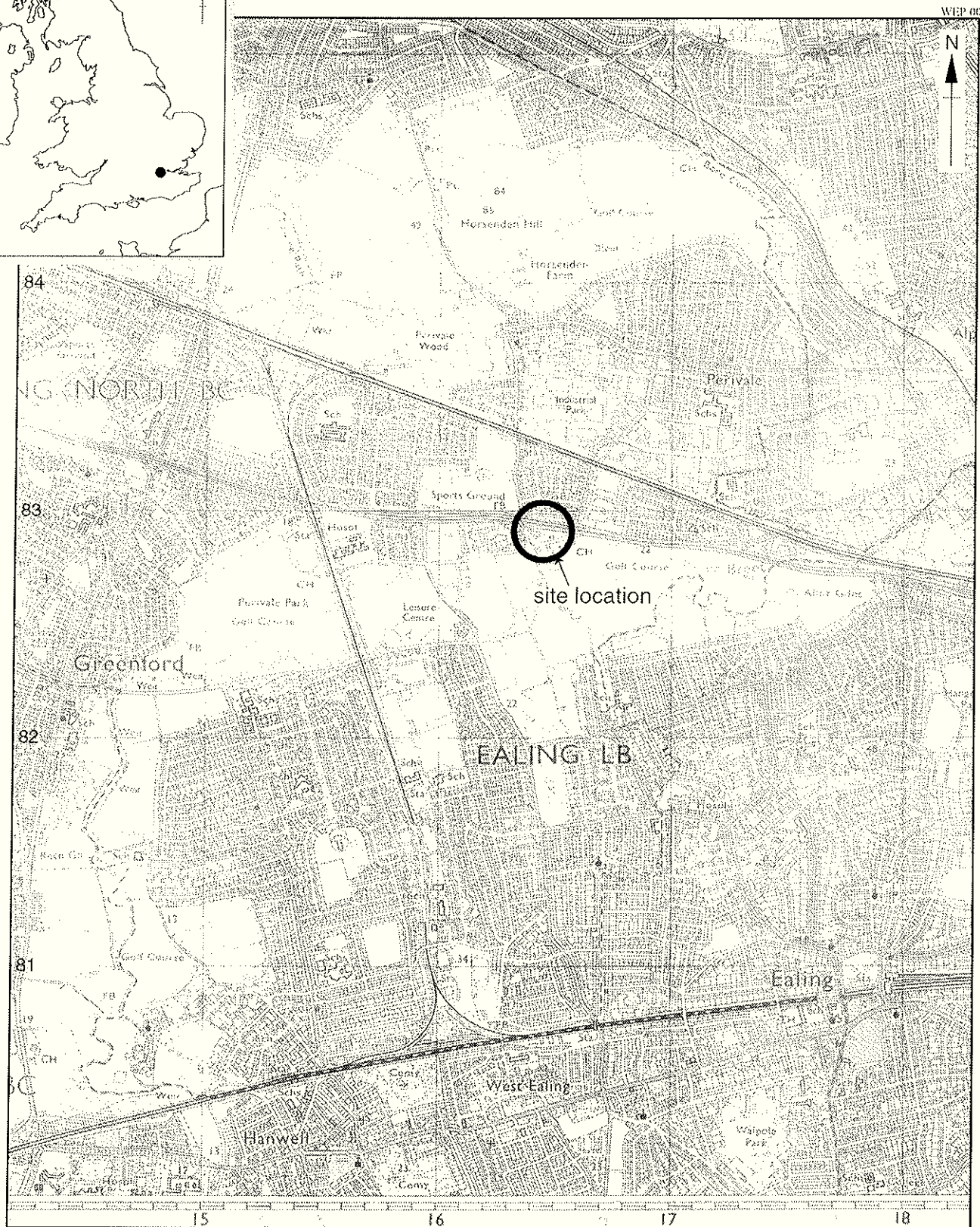
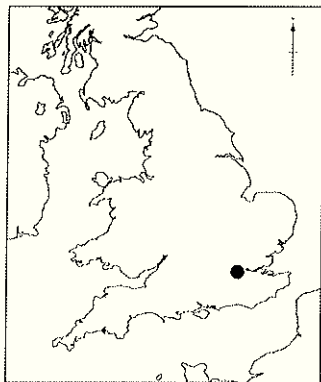
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Figure 1: site location.

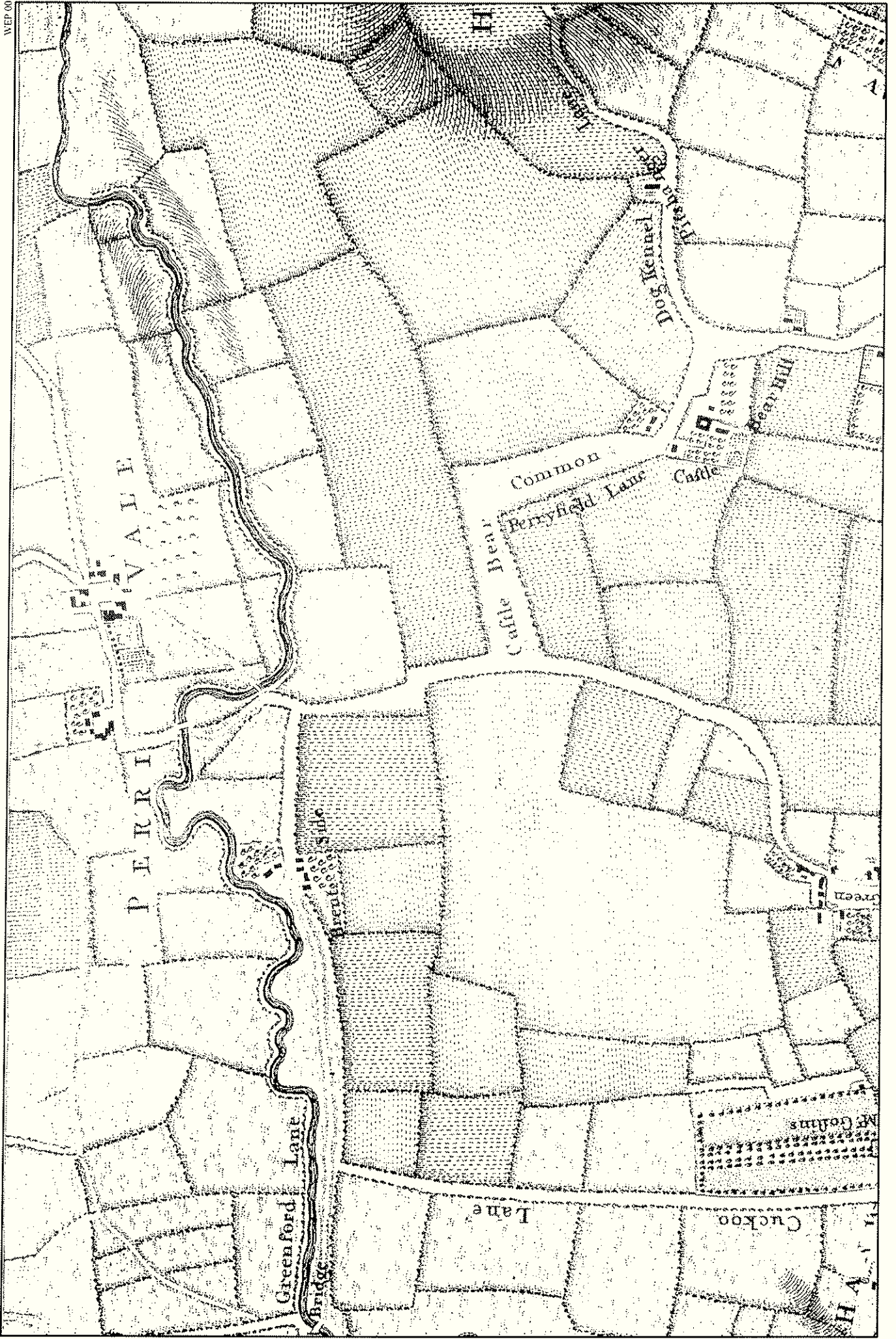


Figure 2: Roques Map of 1746.

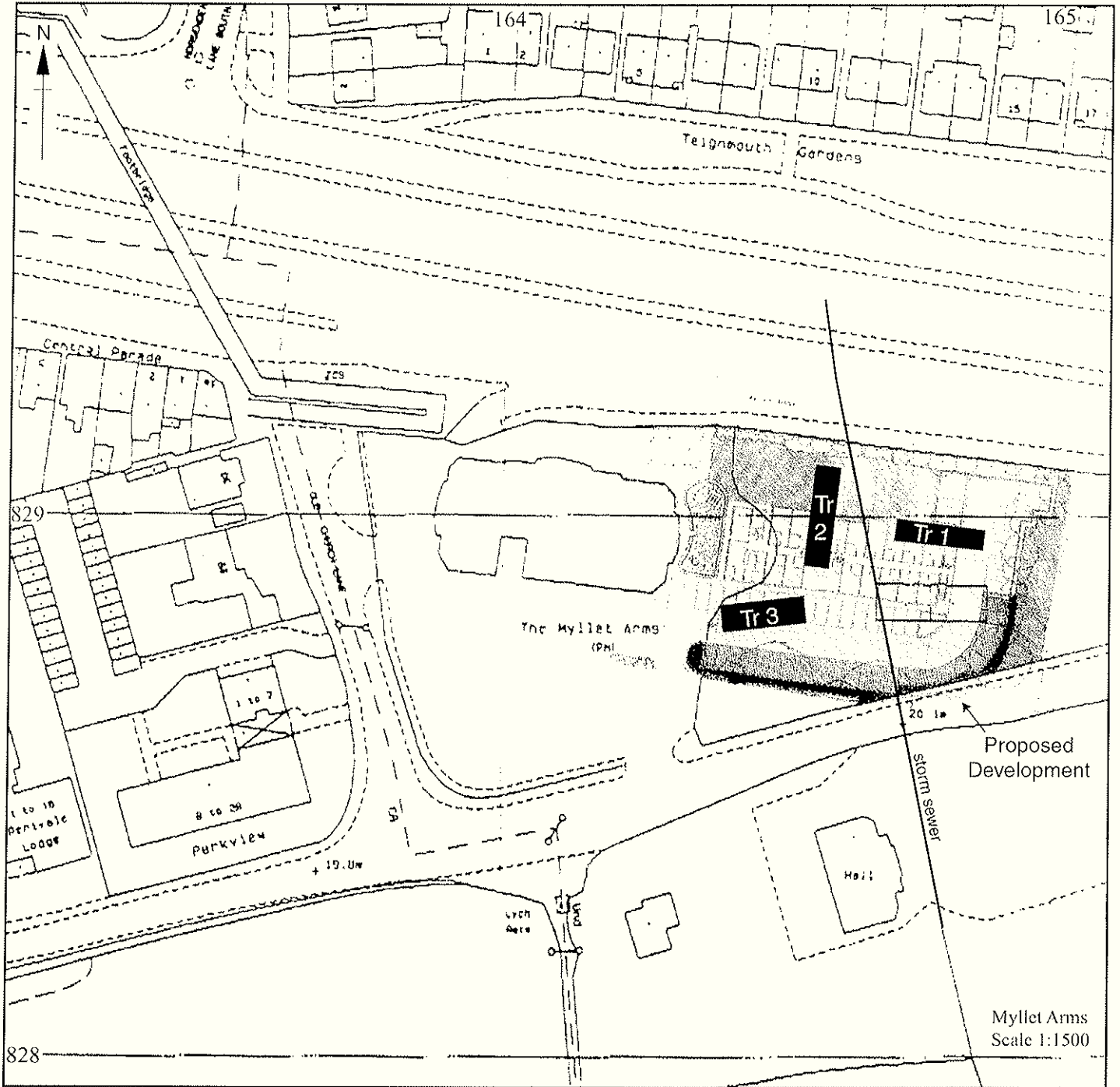


Figure 3: Trench location plan.

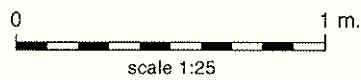
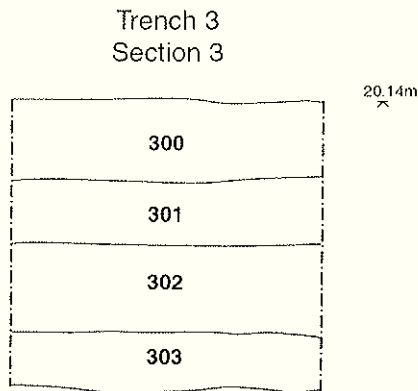
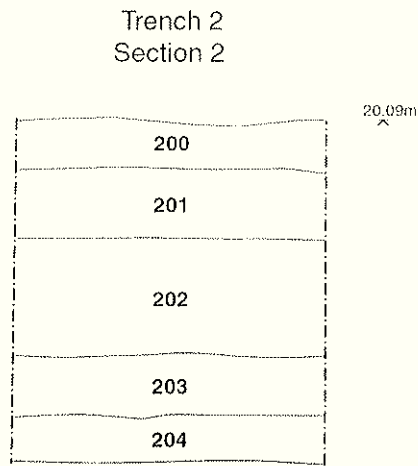
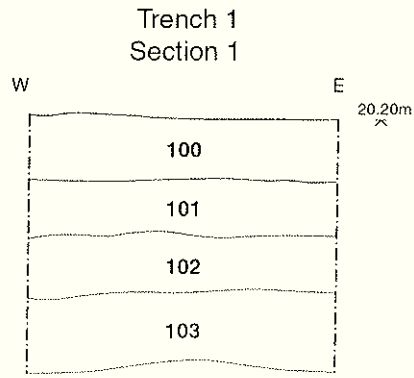


Figure 4: Sample sections.

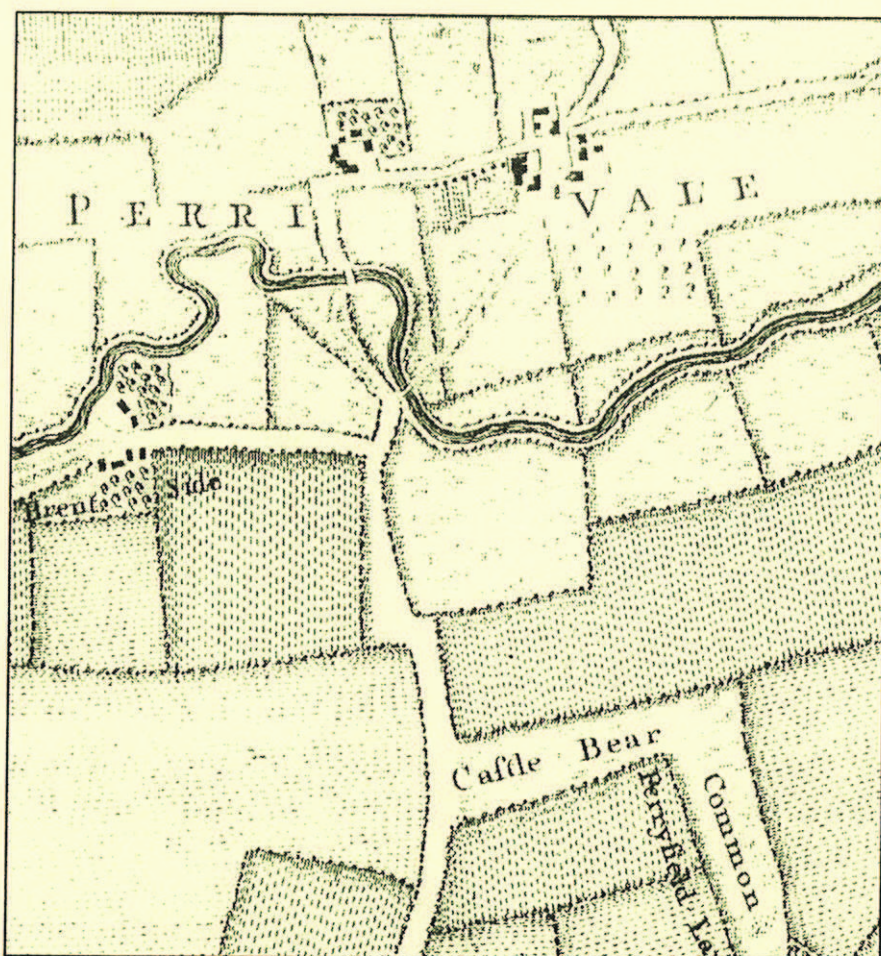
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