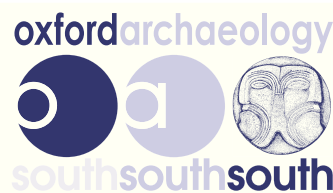


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## **Summary**

*Oxford Archaeology South (OAS), was commissioned by CgMs Consulting Ltd, on behalf of Miller Homes (East Midlands) Ltd, to undertake an archaeological evaluation of land off Offenham Road, Evesham, Worcestershire, NGR SP 0501 4418. The work was carried out in respect of a planning condition attached to approval (LPA ref: PA/11/0081) of a planning application (W/10/00295/OU) prior to residential development of the site. The work was undertaken between 21st - 29th November 2011.*

*The only significant archaeological remains exposed within the evaluation comprised the remainder of the circuit of an Iron Age enclosure, previously excavated within the adjacent school site. By agreement with Mike Glyde, Historic Environment Planning Officer for Worcestershire County Council, all of the excavation and recording required to mitigate the impact of the proposed development upon this feature has been completed. It has been agreed that no further archaeological work will be required on this site.*



## 1 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Location and scope of work

- 1.1.1 Oxford Archaeology South (OAS) was commissioned by CgMs Consulting Ltd, on behalf of Miller Homes (East Midlands) Ltd, to undertake a trench investigation of land off Offenham Road, Evesham, Worcestershire (see Fig.1) centred on National Grid Reference SP 0501 4418.
- 1.1.2 Planning permission has been granted for the proposed development (ref:PA/11/0081). A condition for archaeological characterisation of the site was attached to the permission. Accordingly Mike Glyde the Historic Environment Planning Officer for Worcestershire County Council set a brief for a programme of archaeological evaluation. In response to the brief, CgMs Consulting Ltd, acting on behalf of Miller Homes, produced a Written Scheme of Investigation detailing the methodology to be employed by an archaeological contractor (CgMs 2011). This document was approved by the Historic Environment Planning Officer. Oxford Archaeology were appointed by CgMs Consulting to carry out the work.
- 1.1.3 All work was undertaken in accordance with *Planning for the Historic Environment (PPS5)* and the local authority's policies on archaeology. The work was undertaken between 21<sup>st</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

### 1.2 Geology and topography

*The following geology and topography and archaeological background sections are reproduced from the WSI (CgMs 2011). This is supplemented with a note on works related to the Iron Age enclosure adjacent to the site (WCCHEA 2010 - see below).*

- 1.2.1 The site is located on the north-eastern edge of Evesham. It comprises an irregular piece of land (c. 19 ha) centred on NGR SP 0501 4418. It is bounded by land associated with Aldington Lodge to the north, by Offenham Road to the east, by properties off Lichfield Avenue to the south, by Bengeworth First School to the west and by the Worcester – Oxford railway line to the northwest. The northern third of the site is occupied by a fruit farm and orchard, the remainder is arable, divided by a footpath and trackway into three parts.
- 1.2.2 The solid geology of the site is the Blue Lias and Charmouth Mudstone Formation overlain by superficial deposits of patchy Wasperton sand and gravel (<http://maps.bgs.ac.uk/geologyviewer>).

### 1.3 Archaeological and historical background

- 1.3.1 A full archaeological background to the site is presented in the desk based assessment (RPS Report JR 6702)) and will not be reproduced here. A brief summary of the findings are presented below.



- 1.3.2 Given the proximity of the River Avon and the presence of river terrace deposits across the site, the potential for the presence of Prehistoric material was assessed as medium/low. One cropmark of uncertain origin was identified within the site (WSM26950). The potential for significant remains of all other periods was assessed as low.
- 1.3.3 A detailed caesium vapour gradiometer survey of the site was undertaken by ArchaeoPhysica in August 2006 (Report OEW111). This established that although there were relatively few features of archaeological interest within the site there was clear evidence for what was interpreted as a pit alignment, likely to be of early Iron Age date.
- 1.3.4 An archaeological evaluation (Historic Environment and Archaeological Service 2010) was carried out on the adjacent land plot on the site of the new Bengeworth First School. The evaluation identified two areas of pre-historic activity. The Bronze Age was represented by pits, post-holes and ditches. A possible Iron Age enclosure was identified.
- 1.3.5 In July 2010, Following the evaluation, a geophysical survey was carried out (Stratascan 2010) which revealed the extent of the enclosure and a number of possible pits and linear features.
- 1.3.6 A full excavation of the site was carried out . The report is forthcoming. A plan view of the excavation has been supplied for this report by Mike Glyde (see Fig.3).

## 2 EVALUATION AIMS AND METHODOLOGY

### 2.1 Aims

2.1.1 The aims and objectives of the Evesham evaluation were:

- To determine the location, extent, date, character, condition, significance and quality of any archaeological remains within the development site;
- To assess vulnerability/sensitivity of any exposed remains;
- To provide sufficient information on the archaeological potential of the site to enable the archaeological implications of the proposed development to be assessed
- To assess the impact of previous land use on the site;
- To inform a strategy to avoid or mitigate impacts of the proposed development on surviving archaeological remains;
- To produce a site archive for deposition with an appropriate museum and to provide information for accession to the Leicestershire HER.

### 2.2 Specific aims and objectives

2.2.1 The specific aims and objectives of the evaluation were;to seek to establish the nature of the geophysical anomalies, particularly to assess if the possible pit alignment is anthropogenic in origin.



## 2.3 Methodology

- 2.3.1 The initial evaluation strategy comprised 16 trenches. Twelve measuring 50 x 2m, two measuring 50 x 3m, two measuring 30 x 5m.
- 2.3.2 Trenches were located (see Fig.2) to investigate geophysical anomalies but also in respect of the avoidance of overhead cables. Trench 6 was extended to the south in order to further investigate a geophysical anomaly.
- 2.3.3 Trench locations were set out using a Leica GPS.
- 2.3.4 An additional trench measuring 5 x 2m was excavated to confirm the presence of an Iron Age enclosure, the majority of which was excavated on the site of the Bengeworth First School. Following discussions between Mike Glyde (Historic Environment Planning Officer for Worcestershire County Council) and Simon Mortimer (CgMs) this was expanded to an area measuring 15 x 30m. Following hand excavation of the enclosure ditch in two sections the entire ditch was subject to mechanical excavation under archaeological supervision.
- 2.3.5 The procedures for the excavation of the evaluation trenches followed those given in the specifications (CgMs 2011) and in accordance with OA guidelines and IFA standards.

## 3 RESULTS

### 3.1 Introduction and presentation of results

- 3.1.1 The results of the evaluation are presented below, beginning with the objective elements; a summary of the trench results. Trenches that did not contain archaeological features or only furrows are not described. A full index of all trenches including dimensions, orientation and strata is presented, in tabular form, in Appendix A.

### 3.2 General soils and ground conditions

- 3.2.1 The investigation area lay on a fallow field crossed by footpaths and popular with dog walkers. The trenches were dug in generally dry ground conditions. The features were generally well defined.





### 3.3 General distribution of archaeological deposits

- 3.3.1 Significant archaeological remains were found within Trench 17 only.

### 3.4 Trench descriptions

#### ***Trench 17***

*(see figs. 3, 4 and 5)*

- 3.4.1 Trench 17 identified the south-eastern corner of an Iron Age enclosure, and possible wheel ruts associated with a drove way.
- 3.4.2 Two sections (see Fig.5) were hand excavated through the enclosure ditch.
- 3.4.3 The ditch profiles were fairly uniform, both with 45° sides. The ditch was consistently c. 2.3m wide. The easternmost profile (Cut 1708) was 0.8m deep with a gently rounded base whereas the western profile (Cut 1702) was 1m deep with a rounded base.
- 3.4.4 Both sections revealed the ditch to be filled with a sequence of three deposits. This corresponds with the sequence shown in the single section excavated during the 2010 evaluation (no sections have been seen from the forthcoming publication). There was no distinct difference in the character of the deposits between the two sections and these are described together below.
- 3.4.5 The primary fills (1703, 1711) consisted of a compact mid greyish brown silt with occasional sub rounded pebbles, c. 0.3m thick. This deposit did not produce any artefacts.
- 3.4.6 The secondary fills (1703, 1710) consisted of a moderately compact mid grey brown sandy silt with up to 20% rounded pebbles between 0.2-0.4m thick. This deposit produced five sherds of pottery of middle-late Iron Age date.
- 3.4.7 The tertiary fills (1705, 1709) consisted of a moderately compact mid brown sandy silt with 10% sub rounded pebbles c. 0.34m thick. This deposit produced three sherds of pottery dated AD 43-110.
- 3.4.8 Following the provision of the excavation site plan from Mike Glyde Trench 17 was closely scrutinised in order to try to identify any trace of a drove way recorded adjacent to the enclosure during excavation. This had been extremely ephemeral during the excavation and only noted during aerial photography (*pers comm* Mike Glyde) and indeed one of the two linear features representing the droveway does not appear to continue southward in the excavation plan (see Fig.5).
- 3.4.9 Two small insubstantial linear impressions were revealed in the investigation area. These were on a similar alignment to a drove way identified in the Bengeworth First School excavation and could represent the continuation of impacts caused by cart wheels along the line of a drove way. The possible ruts were parallel, 1.8m apart, between 0.18m and 0.21m wide and 0.08-0.1m deep.



## 4 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### 4.1 Significant archaeological remains

- 4.1.1 The south-east corner of an Iron Age enclosure revealed in Trench 17 largely completes the plan record of this feature which has been subject to excavation by Worcester County Council Heritage and Archaeology Service. Pottery was retrieved from the infill episodes of the feature: five sherds of middle-late Iron-Age pottery in the central (secondary) fills and three sherds of Roman pottery from the final infilling of the enclosure ditch. Two of the Roman sherds were from a South Gaulish Samian platter base (probably Drag. 18); the other a sherd of sandy oxidised fabric. In addition 17 unidentifiable large mammal bone fragments were retrieved from the secondary fills.
- 4.1.2 The artefacts may coarsely indicate a lack of maintenance in cleaning the ditch during the Iron Age occupation of the enclosure followed by purposeful infilling during the Roman period. However any interpretive analysis of the feature would be best served by the results of the full excavation.
- 4.1.3 The two very shallow linear features may relate to wheel ruts as a continuation of the droveway evidence identified in the enclosure excavation. Typically cart tracks are more likely to deepen as they progress upslope. As the investigation area is topographically near the base of the NW-SE slope up which the droveway runs, this may explain their very ephemeral nature in Trench 17 and lack of appearance in the geophysical survey.

### 4.2 Non-significant archaeological remains and the reliability of absence of archaeological remains

#### *Ridge and furrow*

- 4.2.1 Ridge and furrow was clearly evident in the geophysical survey, the Bengeworth school evaluation and excavation plan and represented as furrows within the majority of the trenches. The survival of evidence for ridge and furrow is often an indicator that modern agricultural practices on the site have not been extensive in depth and that therefore the conditions are favourable for medieval and earlier archaeological remains to survive if they have been present.
- 4.2.2 The Iron Age enclosure and the line of the (undated) droveway are not respected by the orientation and placement of the remains of the ridge and furrow and had presumably been removed from the visible landscape by the time this farming system was employed in the area.
- 4.2.3 Post medieval/modern
- 4.2.4 A small rectilinear ditch was revealed in Trench 16 (see Fig.6). Post medieval pottery and tile was noted in the fill of the ditch. The feature is likely to be a small-plot drainage and boundary ditch associated with sub-division of the site when it was used as market garden plots in the recent past (*pers comm* landowner Mr Morris).



### *Geophysical Anomalies*

- 4.2.5 Trenches 15 and 16 were specifically positioned to target geophysical results suggested to be a pit alignment of possible prehistoric date. No features corresponding to the geophysical results were identified in either trench. However a line of c. 20 piles of topsoil with a rough spacing of 2m was noted at ground level on the same orientation. These appeared to be the product of machine excavation into the topsoil.



## APPENDIX A. TRENCH DESCRIPTIONS AND CONTEXT INVENTORY



Trench 1						
<b>General description</b>				<b>Orientation</b>		N-S
Trench was devoid of archaeological deposits. Two furrows were noted corresponding to the geophysical survey results.				<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>		0.45
				<b>Width (m)</b>		2
				<b>Length (m)</b>		50
Contexts						
context no.	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
100	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-
101	Layer	-	0.15	Plough disturbed interface	-	-
102	Cut	1	-	Furrow (Not excavated)	-	-
103	Fill	-	-	Fill of 102	-	-
104	Cut	1	0.2	Furrow	-	-
105	Fill	-	-	Fill of 104	-	-
106	Geology	-	-		-	-
Trench 2						
<b>General description</b>				<b>Orientation</b>		SW-NE
Trench was devoid of archaeological deposits. Two furrows were noted corresponding to the geophysical survey results.				<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>		0.4
				<b>Width (m)</b>		2
				<b>Length (m)</b>		50
Contexts						
context no.	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
200	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-
201	Layer	-	0.1	Plough disturbed interface	-	-
202	Cut	2.5	0.2	Furrow	-	-
203	Fill	-	-	Fill of 202	-	-
204	Cut	2.2	-	Furrow (not excavated)	-	-
205	Fill	-	-	Fill of 204	-	-
206	Geology			Gravel, sandy silt	-	-
Trench 3						
<b>General description</b>				<b>Orientation</b>		NE-SW
Trench was devoid of archaeological deposits. Two furrows were noted corresponding to the geophysical survey results.				<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>		0.4
				<b>Width (m)</b>		2
				<b>Length (m)</b>		50
Contexts						
context no.	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
300	Layer	-	0.28	Topsoil	-	-
301	Layer	-	0.26	Plough disturbed interface	-	-



302	Cut	1.5	-	Furrow	-	-
303	Fill	-	-	Fill of 302 (not excavated)	-	-
304	Cut	1.5	-	Furrow	-	-
305	Fill	-	-	Fill of 304	-	--
306	Geology					

**Trench 4**

<b>General description</b>	<b>Orientation</b>	NNW-SSE
Trench was devoid of archaeological deposits. Two furrows were noted corresponding to the geophysical survey results.	<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.4
	<b>Width (m)</b>	2
	<b>Length (m)</b>	50

**Contexts**

context no.	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
400	Layer	-	0.2	Topsoil	-	-
401	Layer	-	0.2	Plough disturbed interface	-	-
402	Geology	-			-	-

**Trench 5**

<b>General description</b>	<b>Orientation</b>	ESE-WNW
Trench was devoid of archaeological deposits. Two furrows were noted corresponding to the geophysical survey results.	<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.4
	<b>Width (m)</b>	2
	<b>Length (m)</b>	50

**Contexts**

context no.	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
500	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-
501	Layer	-	0.1	Plough disturbed interface	-	-
502	Cut	1.5	-	Furrow	-	-
503	Fill			Fill of 502 (not excavated)	-	-
504	Cut	1.25		Furrow	-	-
505	Fill			Fill of 504 (not excavated)	-	-
506	Geology				-	-

**Trench 6**

<b>General description</b>	<b>Orientation</b>	E-W
Trench was devoid of archaeological deposits. One linear feature and a land drain were recorded corresponding to the geophysical survey results. This trench was extended to the north by 3m x 5m to further investigate a furrow.	<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.4
	<b>Width (m)</b>	2
	<b>Length (m)</b>	50

**Contexts**

context	type	Width	Depth	comment	finds	date
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no.		(m)	(m)			
600	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-
601	Layer	-	0.1	Plough disturbed interface	-	-
602	Cut	2	-	Furrow	-	-
603	Fill	2	0.36	Fill of 602	-	-
604	Cut	1.5	0.3	Furrow and land drain	-	-
605	Fill			Fill of 604	-	-
606	Cut			Land drain	-	-
607	Fill			Fill of land drain	-	-
608	Geology				-	-
609	Fill			Fill of 610	-	-
610	Cut			Land drain	-	-

**Trench 7**

General description	Orientation	NE-SW
Trench was devoid of archaeological deposits. Three furrows were noted corresponding to the geophysical survey results.	Avg. depth (m)	0.45
	Width (m)	2
	Length (m)	50

**Contexts**

context no.	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
700	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-
701	Layer	-	0.15	Plough disturbed interface	-	-
702	Cut	2		Furrow (not excavated)	-	-
703	Fill			Fill of 702	-	-
704	Cut	2		Furrow	-	-
705	Fill			Fill of 704 (not excavated)	-	-
706	Cut	2		Furrow	-	-
707	Fill			Fill of 706 (not excavated)	-	-
708	Geology				-	-

**Trench 8**

General description	Orientation	NE-SW
Trench was devoid of archaeological deposits. One land drain noted.	Avg. depth (m)	0.3
	Width (m)	2
	Length (m)	49

**Contexts**

context no.	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
800	Layer	-	0.25	Topsoil	-	-
801	Layer	-	0.05	Root disturbed interface	-	-



802	Geology	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 9</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	NNW-SSE
Trench was devoid of archaeological deposits.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.6
					<b>Width (m)</b>	2
					<b>Length (m)</b>	50
<b>Contexts</b>						
<b>context no</b>	<b>type</b>	<b>Width (m)</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>	<b>comment</b>	<b>finds</b>	<b>date</b>
900	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-
901	Layer	-	0.3	Alluvial deposit	-	-
902	Geology	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 10</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	NE-SW
Trench was devoid of archaeological deposits. One furrow was noted corresponding to the geophysical survey results.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.4
					<b>Width (m)</b>	2
					<b>Length (m)</b>	50
<b>Contexts</b>						
<b>context no.</b>	<b>type</b>	<b>Width (m)</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>	<b>comment</b>	<b>finds</b>	<b>date</b>
1000	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-
1001	Layer	-	0.1	Plough horizontal disturbed	-	-
1002	Cut	-	-	Furrow	-	-
1003	Fill	-	-	Fill of 1002	-	-
1004	Geology	-	-			
<b>Trench 11</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	NNE-SSW
Trench was devoid of archaeological deposits.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.5
					<b>Width (m)</b>	2
					<b>Length (m)</b>	50
<b>Contexts</b>						
<b>context no.</b>	<b>type</b>	<b>Width (m)</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>	<b>comment</b>	<b>finds</b>	<b>date</b>
1100	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-
1101	Layer	-	0.3	Plough horizontal disturbed	-	-
1102	Geology	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 12</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	NE-SW





Trench was devoid of archaeology.	<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.5
	<b>Width (m)</b>	2
	<b>Length (m)</b>	50

**Contexts**

context no.	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
1200	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-
1201	Layer	-	0.07	Plough disturbed horizon	-	-
1202	Geology	-	-	Natural	-	-

**Trench 13**

**General description**

Trench was devoid of archaeological deposits. Two furrows were noted corresponding to the geophysical survey results. To alluvial deposits were recorded at the NE end of the trench.

<b>Orientation</b>	NE-SW
<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.4
<b>Width (m)</b>	3
<b>Length (m)</b>	50

**Contexts**

context no.	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
1300	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil		
1301	Layer	-	0.22	Alluvial deposits		
1302	Cut	-4	-	Furrow	-	-
1303	Fill			Fill of 1302 (not excavated)		
1304	Cut	4		Furrow		
1305	Fill			Fill of 1304		
1306	Layer		0.3	Alluvial deposit		
1307	Geology					

**Trench 14**

**General description**

Trench was devoid of archaeological deposits. Three furrows were noted corresponding to the geophysical survey results.

<b>Orientation</b>	NE-SW
<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.4
<b>Width (m)</b>	2
<b>Length (m)</b>	50

**Contexts**

context no.	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
1400	Layer		0.2	Topsoil	-	-
1401	Layer		0.2	Plough disturbed interface	-	-
1402	Cut	3		Furrow	-	-
1403	Fill			Fill of 1402	-	-
1404	Cut	3		Furrow	-	-
1405	Fill			Fill of 1404	-	-



1406	Geology				-	-
<b>Trench 15</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	NW-SE
Trench was devoid of archaeological deposits. Three furrows were noted corresponding to the geophysical survey results.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.5
					<b>Width (m)</b>	5
					<b>Length (m)</b>	30
<b>Contexts</b>						
<b>context no.</b>	<b>type</b>	<b>Width (m)</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>	<b>comment</b>	<b>finds</b>	<b>date</b>
1500	Layer	-	0.33	Topsoil	-	-
1501	Layer	-	0.21	Plough disturbed horizon	-	-
1502	Cut	3	-	Furrow	-	-
1503	Fill			Fill of 1502	-	-
1504	Cut	3		Furrow	-	-
1505	Fill			Fill of 1504	-	-
1506	Cut	3		Furrow	-	-
1507	Fill			Fill of 1506	-	-
1508	Geology				-	-
<b>Trench 16</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	NW-SE
Trench contained the SW extent of a small enclosure and a furrow, both corresponding to the geophysical results					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.3
					<b>Width (m)</b>	4
					<b>Length (m)</b>	30
<b>Contexts</b>						
<b>context no.</b>	<b>type</b>	<b>Width (m)</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>	<b>comment</b>	<b>finds</b>	<b>date</b>
1600	Layer	-	0.25	Topsoil	-	-
1601	Layer	-	0.05	Plough disturbed horizon	-	-
1602	Cut	3.5	-	Furrow	-	-
1603	Fill			Fill of 1602		
1604	Cut	1.5	0.18	Enclosure ditch		
1605	Fill			Fill of 1604	Pottery	Post-medieval pottery noted but not retained
1606	Geology					
<b>Trench 17</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	E-W
Trench contained the SE corner of an IA enclosure. A possible track-way was represented by two wheel ruts. Two furrows were noted.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.4
					<b>Width (m)</b>	15
					<b>Length (m)</b>	30



<b>Contexts</b>						
<b>context no.</b>	<b>type</b>	<b>Width (m)</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>	<b>comment</b>	<b>finds</b>	<b>date</b>
1700	Layer	-	0.35	Topsoil	-	-
1701	Layer	-	0.05	Plough disturbed horizon	-	-
1702	Cut	2	1.02	Ditch	-	-
1703	Fill		0.25	Primary fill of 1702	-	-
1704	Fill		0.4	Fill of 1702	Pottery	Middle-late Iron Age
1705	Fill		0.36	Upper fill of 1702	-	-
1706	Cut	1	0.2	Furrow	-	-
1707	Fill			Fill of 1706	-	-
1708	Cut	2.3	0.84	Ditch	-	-
1709	Fill		0.3	Upper fill of 1708	Pottery	Roman
1710	Fill		0.3	Fill of 1708	Pottery	Middle-late Iron Age
1711	Fill		0.2	Primary fill of 1708	-	-



## APPENDIX B. FINDS REPORTS

### B.1 Ceramics

*By E Biddulph*

B.1.1 Nine sherds of pottery, weighing 153g, were recovered from the evaluation. With the exception of a single post-medieval fragment, the pottery dated to the middle/late Iron Age or early Roman period. Two forms were recognised: a barrel-shaped jar from context 1704, and a platter in South Gaulish Samian ware from context 1709. The remainder consisted of body sherds.

B.1.2 The assemblage indicates that the site is situated in an area of later Iron Age and Roman activity. The mean sherd weight of 17g records comparatively large fragments which suggests that the pottery had undergone relatively few episodes of disturbance and re deposition.

Context	Count	Weight (g)	Comments	Date
203	1	1	White-glazed whiteware/China	18th-19th cent.
1704	3	82	Neckless barrel-shaped jar with plain rim in limestone-tempered fabric; band of fingernail decoration below rim.	Middle-late Iron Age
1709	3	44	South Gaulish Samian platter base (probably Drag. 18); one sherd of sandy oxidised fabric.	AD 43-110
1710	2	26	Limestone-tempered body sherds	Middle-late Iron Age

### B.2 Bone

*By Lena Strid*

Context	Description	Date
1704	2 unidentifiable fragments, 6g	
1710	15 fragments of large mammal long bone (probably a single bone), 1 fragment possible mandible, 18g	

### B.3 Fired clay

*By E Biddulph*

Context	Description	Date
1704	1 fragments, 4g	



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## APPENDIX D. SUMMARY OF SITE DETAILS

**Site name:** Offenham Road, Evesham, Worcestershire

**Site code:** EVEOFF 11

**Grid reference:** SP 0501 4418

**Type:** Evaluation

**Date and duration:** 21<sup>st</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011

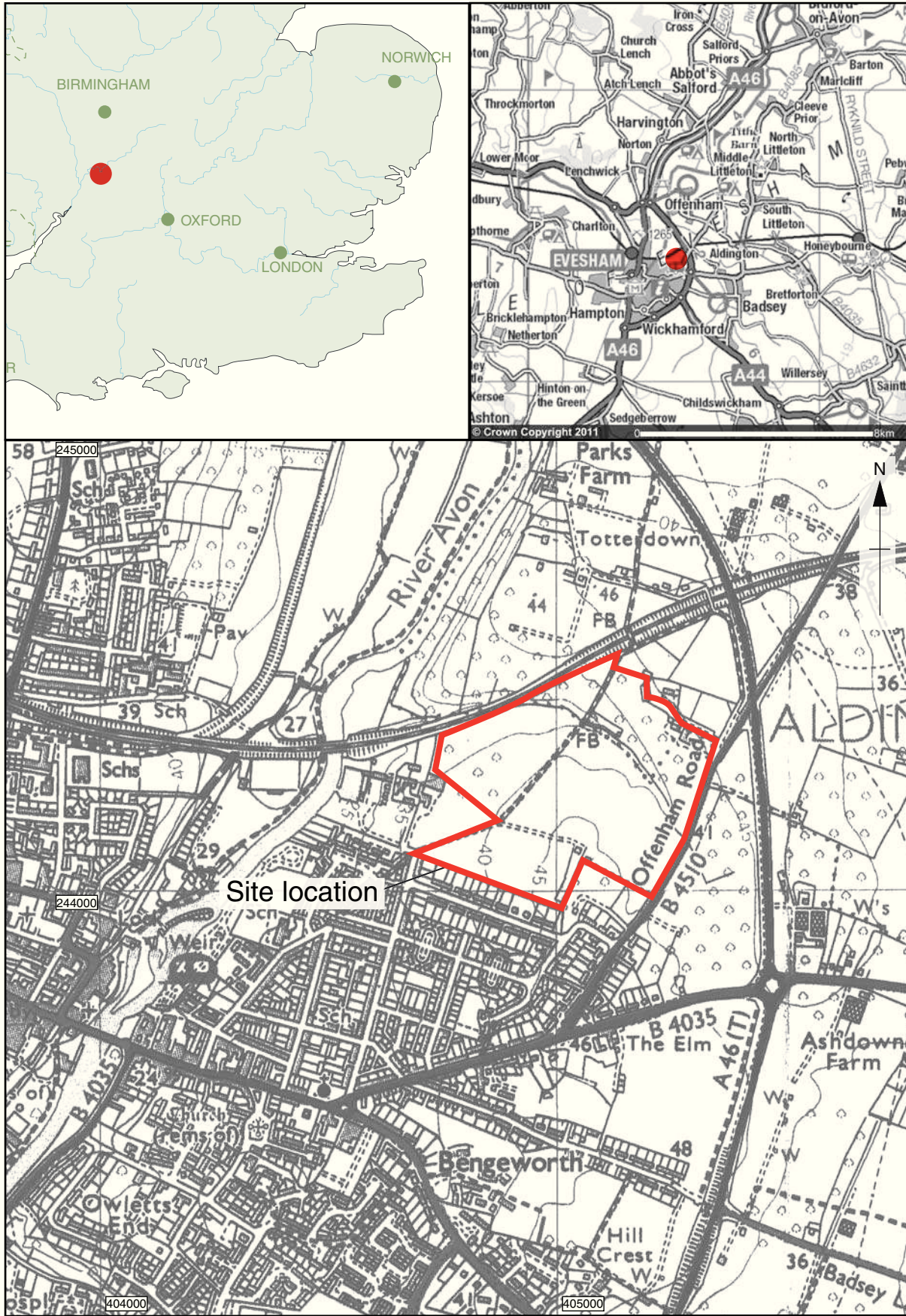
**Area of site:** c.19 ha

**Summary of results:** Oxford Archaeology South (OAS), was commissioned by CgMs Consulting Ltd, on behalf of Miller Homes (East Midlands) Ltd, to undertake an evaluation of land off Offenham Road, Evesham, Worcestershire, NGR SP 0501 4418. The work was carried out as part of planning condition prior to residential development. The work was undertaken between 21<sup>st</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

The evaluation confirmed the south eastern corner of an Iron Age enclosure previously identified from geophysical survey and confirmed through archaeological evaluation and excavation.

**Location of archive:** The archive is currently held at OA, Janus House, Osney Mead, Oxford, OX2 0ES, and will be deposited with Worcester Museum in due course, under an accession to be agreed with the Worcester Museums Service.





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Figure 1: Site location





Figure 2: Trench locations



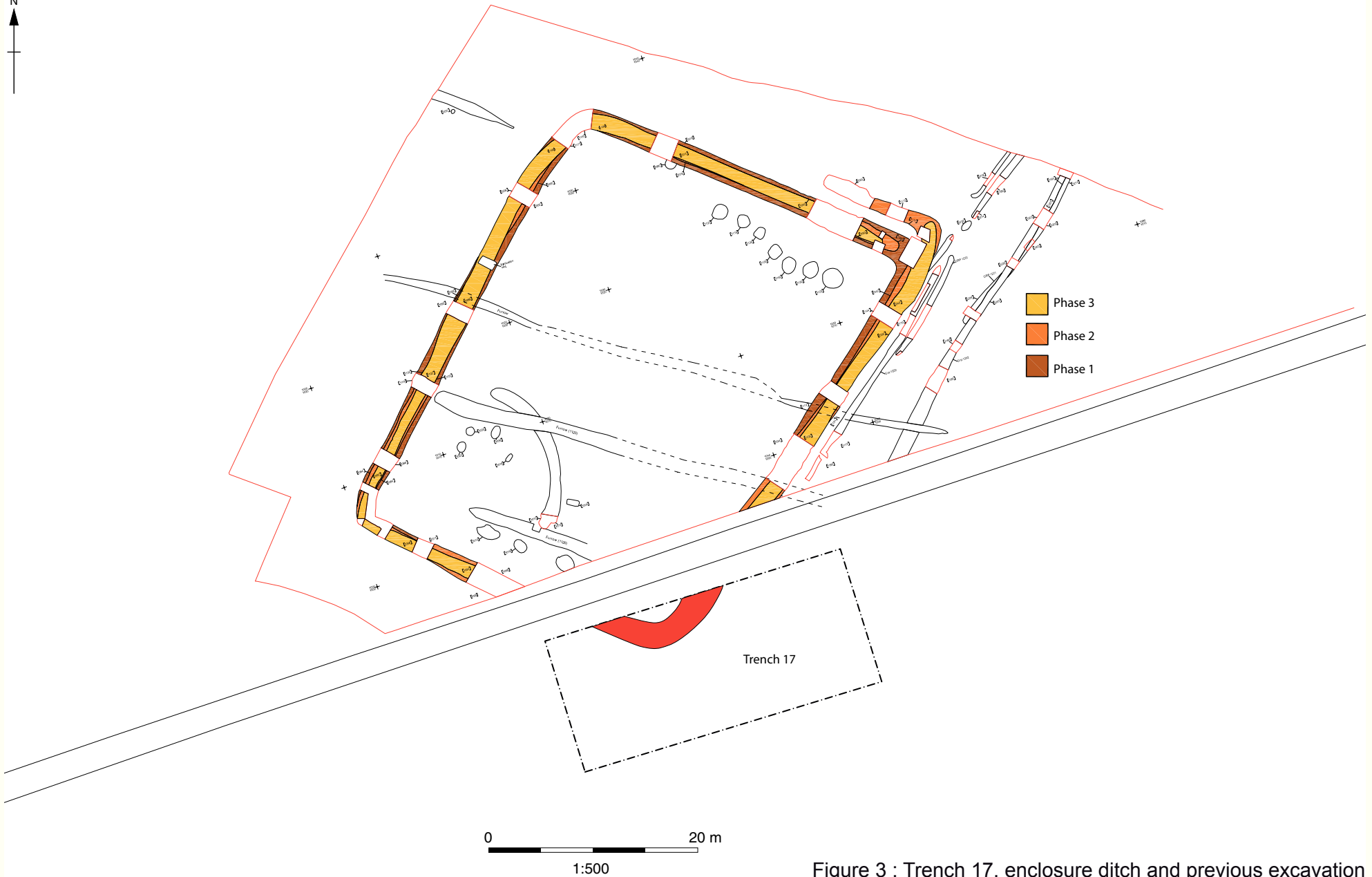


Figure 3 : Trench 17, enclosure ditch and previous excavation

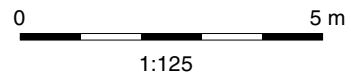
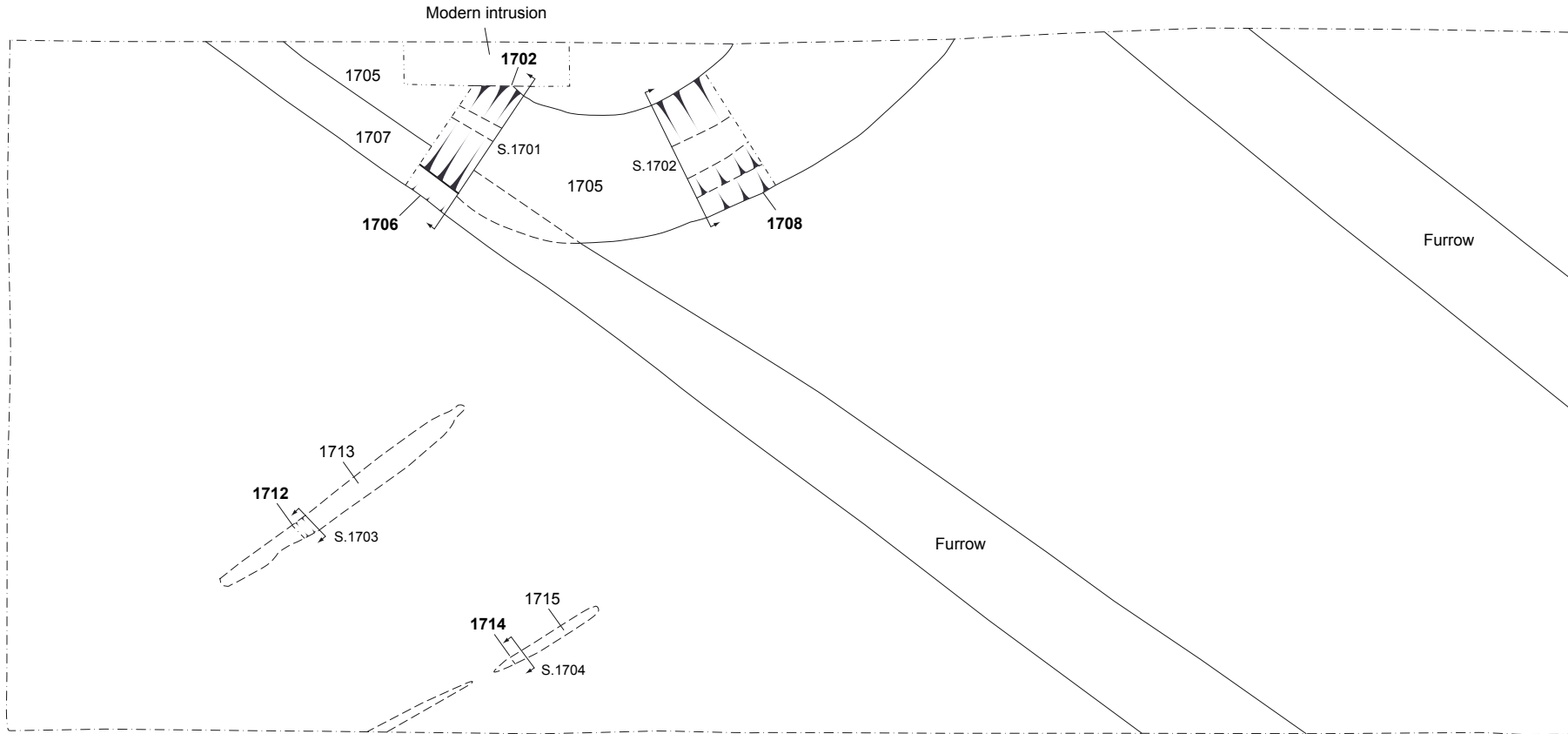
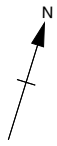


Figure 4 : Trench 17 plan

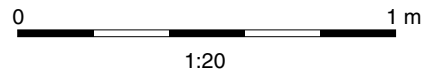
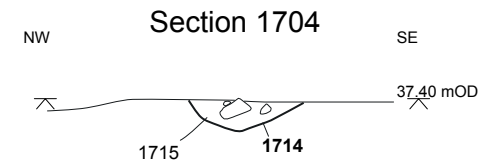
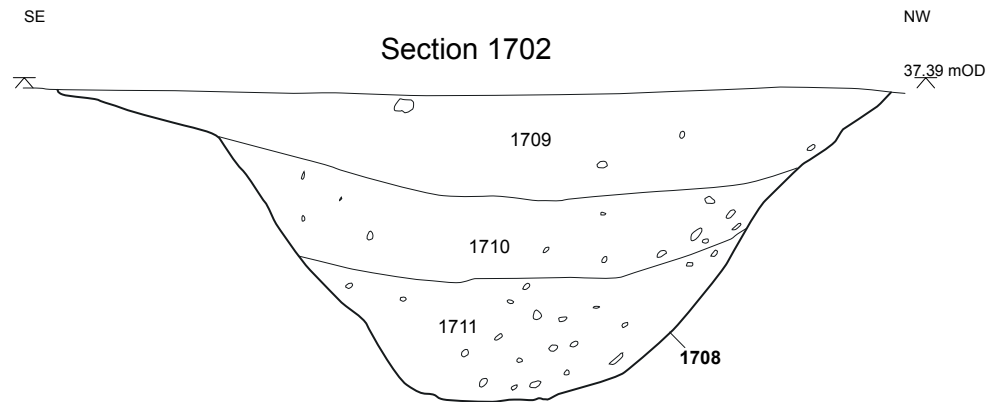
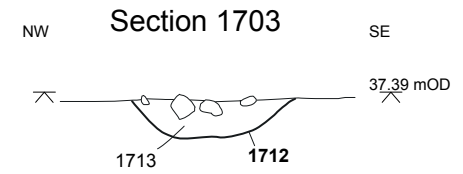
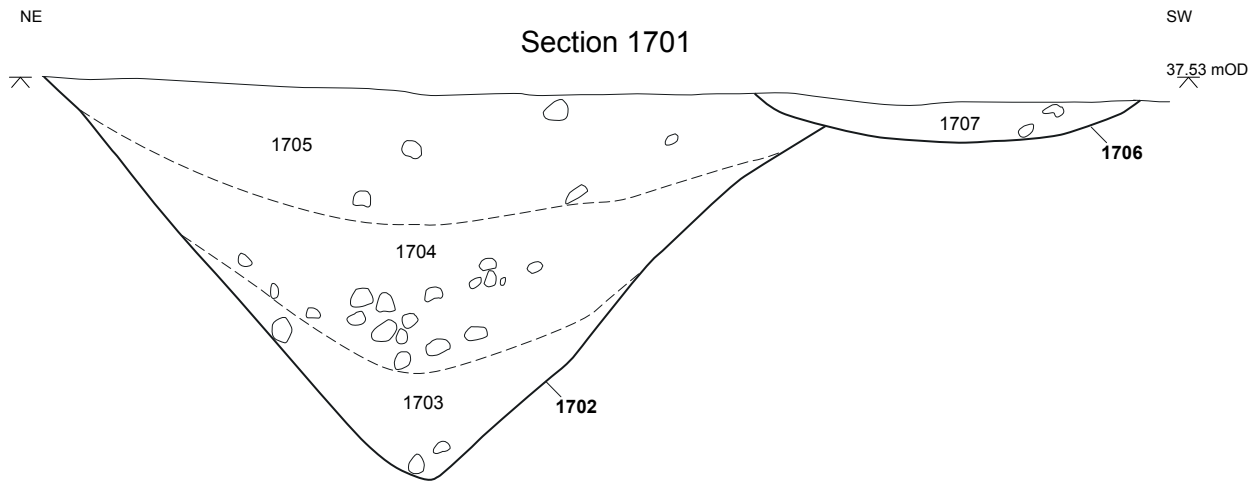


Figure 5 : Trench 17 sections

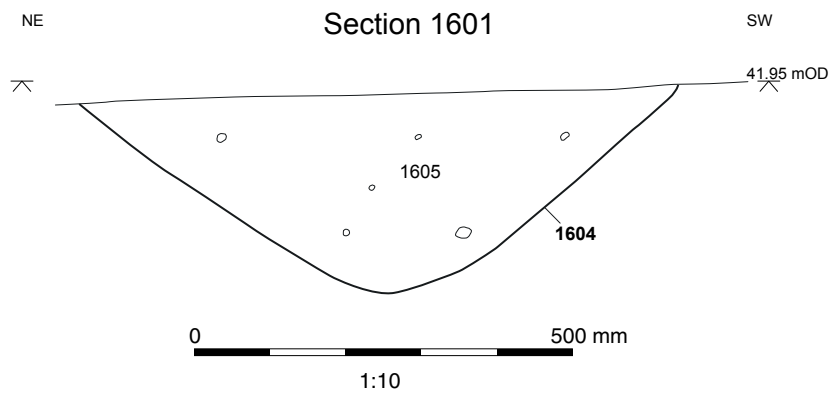
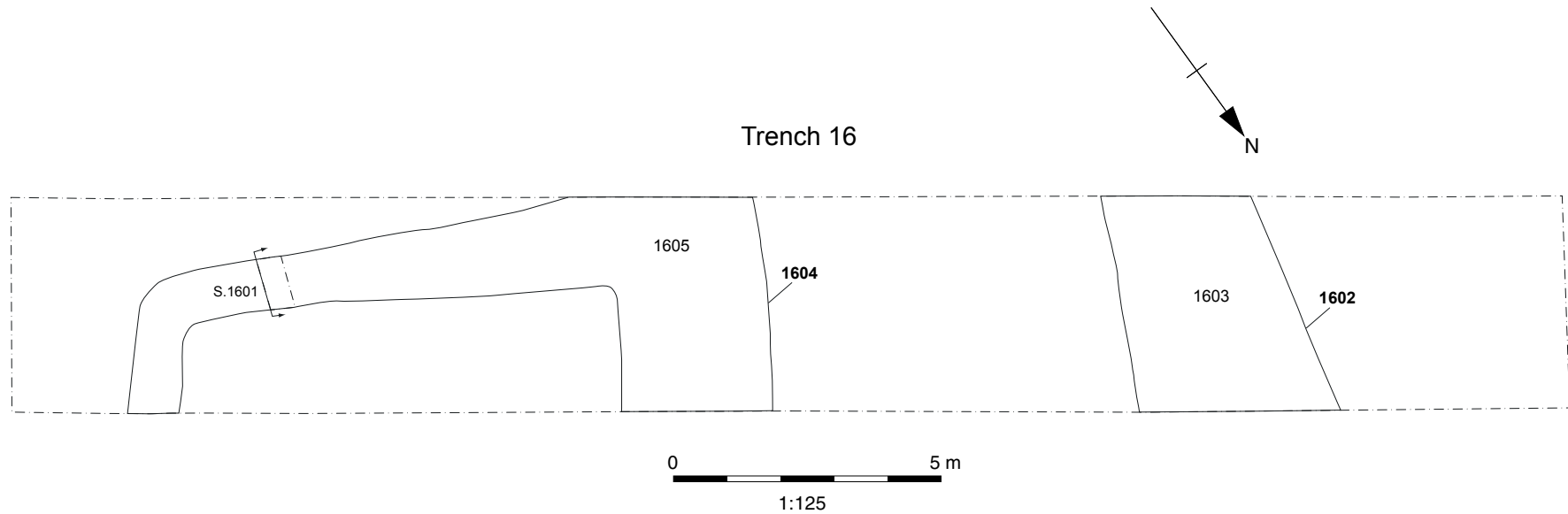


Figure 6 : Trench 16 plan and section