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Summary

An archaeological evaluation was carried out at Zone R, Beaulieu, Chelmsford. The fieldwork took place between the 3/9/15 and the 18/10/15. A total of eighteen trenches were excavated, within the proposed development area.

The remains of two early post-medieval linear, brick built features. These are thought to form part of a deer course. A further three post-medieval field boundaries were encountered, along with two undated ditches and an undated posthole.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Location and scope of work

- 1.1.1 Between the 3th September and 18th October 2015 Oxford Archaeology East carried out an archaeological evaluation at Zone R, Beaulieu, Chelmsford (TL 7345 1058) in advance of the construction of a new neighbourhood planned for North-East Chelmsford, known as Beaulieu. Chelmsford City Council has resolved to grant outline planning permission (ref: 09/01314/EIA) for a new neighbourhood at Beaulieu of up to 3,600 new homes and up to 62,300m² of mixed use development including new schools, leisure and community facilities, employment areas, new highways and associated ancillary development, including full details in respect of roundabout access from Essex Regiment Way and a priority junction from White Hart Lane.
- 1.1.2 An archaeological evaluation was conducted on land to the east of Essex Regiment Way and north of White Hart Lane, at Beaulieu, Chelmsford (see fig. 1 for location). The evaluation was undertaken in advance of Zone R.
- 1.1.3 This archaeological evaluation was undertaken in accordance with the Archaeological Investigation and Mitigation Strategy (URS 2013) prepared for the Beaulieu scheme in consultation with Richard Havis of the Historic Environment Branch, ECC (Planning Application 09/01314/EIA), and supplemented by a Method Statement prepared by OA East.
- 1.1.4 The work was designed to assist in defining the character and extent of any archaeological remains within the proposed redevelopment area, in accordance with the guidelines set out in *National Planning Policy Framework* (Department for Communities and Local Government March 2012). The results will enable decisions to be made by CCC, on behalf of the Local Planning Authority, with regard to the treatment of any archaeological remains found.
- 1.1.5 The site archive is currently held by OA East and will be deposited with the appropriate county stores in due course.

1.2 Geology and topography

- 1.2.1 Beaulieu (the Site) is located approximately 4km to the north-east of Chelmsford, Essex (centred on TL 7345 1058; Figure 1). The Site encompasses an area of high ground surrounded on three sides by river valleys. To the west and south is the River Chelmer, and to the east is Boreham Brook. North of the Site the ground rises towards the village of Terling. From the southern part of the Site there are views south towards the Chelmer Valley and Danbury Hill.
- 1.2.2 The superficial geology consists of boulder clay of the Lowestoft Till formation underlain by London Clays. To the south of the area lay a mixture of head deposits and sand and gravels (British Geological Survey).

1.3 Archaeological and historical background

Neolithic

- 1.3.1 Essex has some of the earliest surviving evidence of settlement, mainly concentrated to the north-east along the River Crouch at Lawford and Lemarsh (Hedges, 1984). Evidence for possible domestic settlement within the vicinity of Beaulieu was recorded

at Court Road, 1km to the north-west, in the form of several pits with Neolithic pottery within their fills (SMR 6142).

Bronze Age

- 1.3.2 Settlement continued to be concentrated along the river valleys of the Chelmer and Crouch, however during the Bronze Age the landscape was enclosed by field systems for the first time, such as those found at Great Wakering (Kemble, 2001). These enclosed field systems would have continued in use through into the early Iron Age. It has been suggested that these Bronze Age field systems form the basis for the modern landscape in the Chelmer Valley (Drury & Rodwell, 1980).
- 1.3.3 Several crop-marks have been recorded by aerial photography to the south of Belstead Hall and interpreted as part of a Bronze Age settlement (SMR 16888), with further domestic dwellings excavated at Springfield Lyons, 2.5km to the south-west. Further occupation sites are attested to by the recovery of artefacts, such as at New Hall School, to the south-east and Pratt's Farm, to the north.

Iron Age

- 1.3.4 The settlement pattern during the Iron Age would have been of nucleated settlements within a larger farming landscape. Evidence of this, within the vicinity of the development area, was seen to the south of Belstead Hall (SMR 17438). This comprised a large enclosure with associated pits and smaller ditches (Drury, 1978).
- 1.3.5 The later Iron Age witnessed an expansion of settlement onto the heavier clay soils and the continued occupation of the estuaries. These estuarine sites are seen to become more complex in nature over time, with higher population density and sustained occupation, such as has been found at Little Waltham (Drury 1980).
- 1.3.6 By the end of the Iron Age sites such as Gosbecks oppida show that portions of the population were highly structured and of high status. These sites would have relied on farming communities scattered around the environs to supply agricultural commodities. (Crummy 1997).

Roman

- 1.3.7 During the Roman period a small market town would have grown up around the Mansio, located 5km to the south-west at Moulsham Street. The area surrounding this would have formed an agricultural hinterland to supply produce to the town.
- 1.3.8 This agricultural landscape would have comprised of large farms and villa complexes, such as those at Great Holts Farm and Bulls Farm Lodge. Smaller domestic sites would also have formed part of the landscape. Evidence for these has been recorded during evaluation work at Greater Beaulieu. Evidence for pottery making, associated with domestic use was also recorded.

Anglo-Saxon

- 1.3.9 In the immediate post-Roman period, the Roman town at Chelmsford was abandoned and much of the surrounding landscape reverted to rough pasture or woodland (Hunter, 2003). No known remains of Anglo-Saxon date are recorded within the application site although this is more likely to reflect the relatively poor archaeological visibility of Anglo-Saxon settlement sites rather than a lack of activity during the period.
- 1.3.10 Two records dating to the Anglo-Saxon period are held by the EHER; both of which are documentary records for Late Saxon manors, Belestedam (Belstead Hall) is recorded in the Domesday survey of AD 1086 (Reaney, 1035).

Medieval

- 1.3.11 The medieval town of Chelmsford was founded at the end of the 12th century, by the Bishop of London, to the north of the earlier Roman settlement at Moulsham. Throughout the medieval period the site was located within the rural hinterland of Chelmsford in a landscape populated by scattered farmsteads and manors.
- 1.3.12 To the south-east lay the manor of New Hall on the site of the current New Hall School. It is first mentioned by name (as 'Nova Aula') in documents dating to AD1301 when the site formed part of the lands owned by the Canons of Waltham Abbey and was used as the summer residence of the Abbott. It was later transferred to the Regular Canons under Henry II (Burgess & Rance, 1988).
- 1.3.13 The first deer park surrounding New Hall was created during the medieval period with the manor at its centre (Tuckwell, 2006). Under Henry VII, New Hall was granted to Thomas Boteler, Earl of Ormond, who received a licence to crenellate (fortify) it in AD1481 (E41/420) and who, in all likelihood, rebuilt or remodelled the original medieval hall in the latest architectural style. The new structure came to the attention of Henry VIII who visited New Hall in 1510 and 1515, shortly before Ormond's death. Subsequently, the property passed to Thomas' daughter and thus into the Boleyn family through her husband Sir Thomas Boleyn, from whom Henry VIII acquired the hall in 1516, changing its name to the 'Palace of Beaulieu'. Shortly after 1518 he rebuilt the Ormond's medieval hall on a quadrangular plan with gatehouse in the south range, great hall in the east and chapel in the west ranges. Mary Tudor took residency at New Hall intermittently between 1532 and her ascendancy to the crown in 1553.
- 1.3.14 Evidence for a further moated manor is recorded at Belstead. This manor was occupied throughout the medieval period. By 1325 it was called Belestede, in 1354 it was recorded as Belestede Hall and by 1504 it was known as Belested Hall. The name is thought to derive from 'the site of the bell house' (P.H Reaney 1935).
- 1.3.15 Analysis of aerial photographs and geophysical survey identified a number of features which, when investigated by trial trench evaluation, were found to comprise a possible enclosure ditch or moat. A cobbled surface (possibly representing a house platform or yard surface), pit and several further ditches were recorded within the enclosure. Pottery recovered from the features suggests an occupation date of the 12-13th century (ECC FAU 2009). These remains have been interpreted as a medieval farmstead or manor, possibly the precursor to the later manorial site at Belstead Hall c.160m to the north-east of site 7.

Post-Medieval

- 1.3.16 The development of New Hall and its deer park dominated the landscape of the application site and the surrounding area until the park contracted in size and the fields were enclosed for agriculture in the early 18th century. As the deer park was reduced in size the former medieval manors or lodges developed into farms, creating an essentially agricultural landscape.
- 1.3.17 Since the medieval period, New Hall had been set within the largest deer park in Essex; once totalling some 1,500 acres. The EHER records that the enclosed area actually comprised four separate parks surrounding New Hall and its gardens. Within the Great or Old Park located to the north of New Hall. The remaining parks were known as the Red Deer Park located to east of New Hall, the Dukes Park (located further east beyond the study area; EHER 47226) and the New or Little Park situated to the south and west of New Hall. The application site is located within this latter area.

Previous Archaeological Investigations

Geophysical Surveys

- 1.3.18 Geophysical magnetic susceptibility and detailed magnetometer surveys were carried out to evaluate the potential for important archaeological remains that may be buried within the Site. The magnetic susceptibility survey provided a rapid assessment of likely areas for previous settlement and industrial activity. The survey identified six areas of high potential, ten areas of medium potential and seven areas of low potential (Scott Wilson 2008). The magnetic susceptibility survey was followed by a detailed magnetometer survey of c.50% of the Beaulieu scheme. This survey provided a greater level of detail and identified individual features such as pits and ditches, field boundaries, buildings and structures, kilns or hearths and buried iron objects. The detailed magnetometer survey identified ten areas of high archaeological potential; six of medium potential and 19 of low potential (Scott Wilson 2008).

Trial trench Evaluation (2008)

- 1.3.19 A limited programme of targeted trial trench evaluation was undertaken between June and August 2008. The purpose of the trial trenching was to confirm the presence/absence and significance of archaeological remains at eight sites identified by an assessment of the combined results of the desk-based studies and non-intrusive surveys (Scott Wilson 2007).
- 1.3.20 The trial trenching confirmed the presence of archaeological remains dating from the late prehistoric to post-medieval periods. This included a Late Iron Age and Early Romano-British settlement (Site 8); an Iron Age ditch (Site 5); medieval rural settlement possibly indicative of a precursor to Belstead Hall (Site 7); a possible medieval/early post-medieval warrener's lodge associated with the former deer park (Site 10); early post-medieval moated enclosure (Site 11); Tudor fishpond and associated earthwork dam (Site 2); a brick making site comprising two scove or clamp kilns of possible Tudor date (Site 3) and evidence for associated quarrying activity (Site 4) (Pocock, 2009).

Beaulieu Minerals trial trench evaluation

- 1.3.21 A trial trench evaluation was undertaken in September/October 2011 to inform and support the planning application for the Beaulieu Minerals Extraction scheme. The evaluation identified a concentration of archaeological remains to the north-west of New Hall School. These remains appear to represent a rural settlement and possible metalworking activity dating from the Late Bronze Age through to the end of the Roman period. Metal detecting of the plough soil revealed several Early Roman coins and fragments of Early Roman brooches within the main area of activity (House, 2011).

Beaulieu 1 Mitigation evaluation and excavations 2013

- 1.3.22 Recent archaeological trial trench evaluation of the proposed Essex Regiment Way roundabout, White Hart Lane junction and connecting access road identified four locations of significant archaeological remains (Stocks-Morgan, 2013).
- 1.3.23 Site 5, located within the footprint of the proposed Essex Regiments Way roundabout, identified part of a Middle Iron Age settlement comprised a single round-house, surviving only as the remains of an eaves-drip gully. Several small pits and postholes were identified outside the roundhouse and were likely to be associated with domestic activity contemporary with the building. This settlement was surrounded by a large oval enclosure.

1.3.24 In Area A1 a single east to west aligned field boundary ditch of possibly Late Iron Age date attests to a wider agricultural landscape of field systems. A second, probably medieval, ditch was encountered on a north-west to south-east alignment (Stocks-Morgan, 2013a).

1.3.25 Site 11 and Zone D1 identified evidence of two High Medieval house platforms and their surrounding enclosures. Thought to be a medieval settlement associated with Belstead Manor estate (Stocks-Morgan, 2013b).

Beaulieu Mitigation evaluation and excavations 2014

1.3.26 Four areas of significant archaeological remains were identified on land to the south of Belstead Manor (Zone A Housing) (Stocks-Morgan 2014).

1.3.27 A Middle Bronze Age boundary ditch, aligned north-east to south-west, was identified in Site 7; whilst an Early Iron Age open settlement comprising of ten pits containing a large assemblage of pottery and fired clay, and medieval animal husbandry remains were present in the excavation area. Sparse domestic activity is suggested from the five Late Iron Age pits that were revealed in areas A3 and A4 along the side of a brook to the south of Zone A. In contrast, Area A2 revealed the presence of a Late Iron Age/Early Roman enclosure ditch and later medieval ditch (Stocks-Morgan 2015).

Zone B and E Trench Evaluation, 2014

1.3.28 Four areas of significant archaeological remains were identified in Zone B and E (Stocks-Morgan 2014b).

1.3.29 Two small open area excavations were undertaken to the west of the area, which encountered Late Bronze Age / Early Iron Age open settlement, comprising five four-poster structures and several pits. A further one to the north of the site encountered a small undated gully.

1.3.30 A large open area excavation was undertaken towards the south-eastern corner of the site, which identified occupation spanning a period from the Late Iron Age into the Early Roman period. These settlement remains consisted of an enclosure surrounding a roundhouse and associated occupation features. In the Early Roman period this enclosure was reconfigured and a replacement roundhouse. This phase of settlement also produced associated midden deposits and an ancillary roundhouse (Stocks-Morgan, in prep)

Beaulieu Mitigation evaluation and excavations 2015

Site 9

1.3.31 A small open area excavation was carried out ahead of the construction of ponds and swales infrastructure works. The archaeology encountered comprised a prehistoric trackway and a Late Iron Age nucleated settlement.

Zone G / Site 10

1.3.32 A 14th / 15th century pit was encountered with two associated ditches. This pit is thought to be a retting pit due to its characteristics and the recovery of pollen / seeds from the waterlogged deposits.

1.3.33 A later medieval ditched enclosure was recorded. Inside the enclosure was a 16th century house, represented by the remains of two brick built fireplaces, and a possible brick built staircase. Two further brick built structures were evident, which were ancillary structures, one being a cellar and the second a probable toilet block.

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2 AIMS AND METHODOLOGY

2.1 Aims

- 2.1.1 The objective of this evaluation was to determine as far as reasonably possible the presence/absence, location, nature, extent, date, quality, condition and significance of any surviving archaeological deposits within the development area.

2.2 Methodology

- 2.2.1 Eighteen trenches were excavated within the proposed development area and all archaeological remains were excavated where appropriate and possible.
- 2.2.2 Machine excavation was carried out under constant archaeological supervision with a tracked 15 ton machine using a toothless ditching bucket.
- 2.2.3 The site survey was carried out by Dave Brown using a Leica GPS fitted with *Smartnet* technology.
- 2.2.4 Spoil, exposed surfaces and features were scanned with a metal detector. All metal-detected and hand-collected finds were retained for inspection, other than those which were obviously modern.
- 2.2.5 All archaeological features and deposits were recorded using OA East's *pro-forma* sheets. Trench locations, plans and sections were recorded at appropriate scales and colour and monochrome photographs were taken of all relevant features and deposits.
- 2.2.6 A total of two bulk samples were taken, from deposits considered most appropriate for environmental sampling, while also considering feature type and period
- 2.2.7 The site conditions were dry and sunny.

3 RESULTS

3.1 Introduction

3.1.1 The trenches are presented below by field and then in numerical order (see Fig. 2 for trench locations).

3.2 Field 48

3.2.1 Eighteen trenches were excavated within this field. The natural geology was an orange clay. A subsoil layer (4310), approximately 0.1m thick was recorded underlying a topsoil deposit (4309) that was approximately 0.3m thick.

Trench 281

3.2.2 No archaeology was recorded in this trench.

Trench 282

3.2.3 At the western end of this trench lay a north to south aligned ditch (**4671**) which was 1.2m wide. This ditch had steep sides and a flat base and measured 0.2m deep. It was filled with a light greyish brown silty clay (4672).

Trench 282

3.2.4 At the northern end of the trench a brick built linear feature (4720) was seen in section. This feature was 0.3m wide and comprised brick and tile which were uncoursed and unbonded.

Trench 284 - 287

3.2.5 No archaeology was recorded in these trenches.

Trench 288

3.2.6 At the southern end of this trench the remains of a brick built linear feature (**4673**), which was aligned east to west was uncovered. This feature was 0.4m wide and comprised brick and tile which were uncoursed and unbonded.

Trench 289

3.2.7 No archaeology was recorded in this trench.

Trench 290

3.2.8 Towards the eastern end of this trench was north to south aligned ditch (**4669**), which had gradually sloping sides and a concave base. This ditch, which was 0.66m wide and 0.17m deep was filled with light greyish brown silty clay (4670).

Trench 291

3.2.9 In the southern central part of this trench the terminus of a north-west to south-east aligned ditch (**4668**) was excavated and this was filled with mid orangey brown silty clay (4714). The dimensions of this ditch are unknown due to the fact that its edges extended beyond the boundaries of the trench.

Trench 292

3.2.10 A north-east to south-west aligned ditch (**4378**), which had steep sides and a concave base, was uncovered in this trench (see fig 3 for plan and section). The fill of this ditch, a light greyish brown sandy clay (4379), was cut by a parallel foundation trench (**4380**)

which contained a brick linear (**4381**). This brick linear consisted of uncoursed and unbonded red bricks and occasional rounded stones.

Trench 293

- 3.2.11 A series of north to south aligned ditches were revealed in the western part of this trench, the earliest of which was ditch (**4487**). This ditch, which was too truncated to ascertain much as to its nature, was cut to the east by a parallel ditch (**4482**). Although the later ditch was of unknown width and depth, as its edges lay beyond the limits of excavation, it was seen to be filled with brown silty clays (4490), (4480) and (4483), the upper fill (4483) contained fragments of ceramic building material.
- 3.2.12 A further north to south aligned ditch (**4488**) was uncovered to the east and this was 0.70m wide and 0.35m deep with steep sides and an irregular base. The fill of this ditch consisted of a dark orangey brown silty clay (4489).
- 3.2.13 At its eastern end this trench contained a north-east to south-west aligned ditch (**4477**) which was 0.42m wide, 0.20m deep and filled with a dark orangey brown silty clay (4488). To the east of this feature a further ditch (**4475**) which was aligned north to south. Ditch **4475** had stepped sides and was 0.42m wide, 0.20m deep and filled with a light greyish brown silty clay (4476).

Trench 294

- 3.2.14 The northern end of this trench was found to contain a north-east to south-west aligned brick built linear feature (**4377**), measuring 0.2m wide (see plate 1). This feature comprised brick and tile which were uncoursed and unbonded.

Trench 295

- 3.2.15 No archaeology was recorded in this trench.

Trench 296

- 3.2.16 A heavily truncated circular posthole (**4803**) was located at the northern end of this trench. This shallow sided feature was 0.35m in diameter, 0.03m deep and filled with light yellowish grey silty clay (4804).

Trench 297

- 3.2.17 In its central eastern part, this trench contained a steep sided sub-circular pit (**4498**) which was 0.56m wide and 0.14m. This pit was filled with a light greyish brown silty clay (4499).
- 3.2.18 The western part of this trench contained a north-east to south-west aligned ditch (**4496**) measuring 0.84m wide. It had concave sides and a flat base and was 0.3m deep. The ditch was filled by a dark brown silty clay (4497).

Trench 298

- 3.2.19 No archaeology was recorded in this trench.

3.3 Finds Summary

- 3.3.1 The evaluation recovered two sherds of medieval pottery weighing 1g from ditch **4475** and 11 fragments of ceramic building material weighing 2.135kg from ditch **4882**, both of which are in Trench 293.

3.4 Environmental Summary

- 3.4.1 One sample was taken from posthole **4803**. This contained no preserved archaeobotanical remains

4 DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

4.1 Introduction

4.1.1 The discussion concentrates on features that are dated and can be grouped. It is presented chronologically to help set the findings into context within their wider landscape setting.

4.2 Early post-medieval

4.2.1 The remains of two brick built linear features (**4377**, **4673**, **4720**) were recorded within the field. The evaluations and excavations that have been conducted in the fields to the west, north and north-east have all encountered similar brick linears. These are not closely datable at present with the bricks being early post-medieval in date, however, later reuse of the bricks is a possibility.

4.2.2 Their construction suggests they acted as a foundation for some form of wall, however, they are likely to be temporary or small, light structures as there was little evidence for compaction. It has been suggested that the brick linears could have formed deer courses, which are barriers used to divert and funnel deer into enclosed spaces where they can be hunted more easily. This suggested function seems quite plausible, especially given their position to the north-east of the known Tudor palace and within the wider deer park.

4.2.3 The two brick linears are most likely either contemporary or very close in date due to them being similar in materials and construction. They are, however, on slightly different alignments. This may be because they were gradually funnelling the deer into a small pass, or part of different courses, if the deer courses were constructed on a yearly basis.

4.2.4 In the south-eastern part of the field a series of three ditches (**4475**, **4487**, **4488**), all of which were on a north to south alignment, were present suggesting they are either contemporary or act as replacements. One of these ditches contained two small sherds of medieval pottery, however, the small size of the assemblage does not conclusively date these features. They do, however, run parallel to Generals Lane which has been a routeway from at least the medieval period and may form the property or field boundaries which are located along the lane.

4.3 Recommendations

4.3.1 Recommendations for any future work based upon this report will be agreed in consultation with the ECC HEM.

APPENDIX A. TRENCH DESCRIPTIONS AND CONTEXT INVENTORY

Trench 281						
General description				Orientation		N-S
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of topsoil and subsoil overlying a natural of gravel clay.				Avg. depth (m)		0.31
				Width (m)		2
				Length (m)		
Contexts						
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
4309	Layer	-	0.18	Topsoil	-	-
4310	Layer	-	0.13	Subsoil	-	-
Trench 282						
General description				Orientation		E-W
Trench contained a single ditch. Consists of topsoil and subsoil overlying a natural of orange gravel.				Avg. depth (m)		0.4
				Width (m)		2
				Length (m)		30
Contexts						
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
4671	Cut	1.2	0.2	Ditch	-	-
4672	Fill	1.2	0.2	Ditch	-	-
4309	Layer	-	0.2	Topsoil	-	-
4310	Layer	-	0.13	Subsoil	-	-
Trench 283						
General description				Orientation		N-S
Trench contained a wall. Consists of topsoil and subsoil overlying a natural of gravel clay				Avg. depth (m)		0.38
				Width (m)		2
				Length (m)		30
Contexts						
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
4720	Masonry	0.2	-	Wall	-	-
4309	Layer	-	0.28	Topsoil	-	-
4310	Layer	-	0.1	Subsoil	-	-
Trench 284						
General description				Orientation		E-W
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of topsoil and subsoil overlying a natural of gravel clay.				Avg. depth (m)		0.35
				Width (m)		2
				Length (m)		30

Contexts						
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
4309	Layer	-	0.25	Topsoil	-	-
4310	Layer	-	0.1	Subsoil	-	-
Trench 285						
General description					Orientation	E-W
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of topsoil and subsoil overlaying a natural of sandy clay.					Avg. depth (m)	0.45
					Width (m)	2
					Length (m)	30
Contexts						
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
4309	Layer	-	0.29	Topsoil	-	-
4310	Layer	-	0.16	Subsoil	-	-
Trench 286						
General description					Orientation	N-S
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of topsoil and subsoil overlaying a natural of gravel clay.					Avg. depth (m)	0.4
					Width (m)	2
					Length (m)	30
Contexts						
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
4309	Layer	-	0.29	Topsoil	-	-
4310	Layer	-	0.11	Subsoil	-	-
Trench 287						
General description					Orientation	E_W
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of topsoil and subsoil overlaying a natural of sandy clay.					Avg. depth (m)	0.43
					Width (m)	2
					Length (m)	30
Contexts						
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
4309	Layer	-	0.28	Topsoil	-	-
4310	Layer	-	0.15	Subsoil	-	-
Trench 288						
General description					Orientation	N-S
Trench contained a wall. Consists of topsoil and subsoil overlaying a natural of gravel clay.					Avg. depth (m)	0.3
					Width (m)	2
					Length (m)	30

Contexts						
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
4673	Masonry	1	-	Brick linear	-	-
4674	Cut	1.95	-	Brick linear	-	-
4675	Fill	1.95	-	Brick linear	-	-
4309	Layer	-	0.2	Topsoil	-	-
4310	Layer	-	0.1	Subsoil	-	-
Trench 289						
General description					Orientation	N-S
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of topsoil and subsoil overlaying a natural of gravelly clay.					Avg. depth (m)	0.27
					Width (m)	2
					Length (m)	30
Contexts						
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
4309	Layer	-	0.2	Topsoil	-	-
4310	Layer	-	0.7	Subsoil	-	-
Trench 290						
General description					Orientation	E-W
Trench contained a ditch. Consists of topsoil and subsoil overlaying a natural of gravel clay.					Avg. depth (m)	0.44
					Width (m)	2
					Length (m)	30
Contexts						
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
4669	Cut	0.66	0.17	Ditch	-	-
4670	Fill	0.66	0.17	Ditch	-	-
4309	Layer	-	0.26	Topsoil	-	-
4310	Layer	-	0.18	Subsoil	-	-
Trench 291						
General description					Orientation	N-S
Trench contained a ditch. Consists of topsoil and subsoil overlaying a natural of gravel clay.					Avg. depth (m)	0.30
					Width (m)	2
					Length (m)	30
Contexts						
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
4668	Cut	-	0.18	Ditch	-	-
4714	Fill	-	0.18	Ditch	-	-

4309	Layer	-	0.28	Topsoil	-	-
4310	Layer	-	0.2	Subsoil	-	-
Trench 292						
General description					Orientation	E-W
Trench contained a ditch and a brick linear. Consists of topsoil and subsoil overlaying a natural of gravel clay.					Avg. depth (m)	0.37
					Width (m)	2
					Length (m)	30
Contexts						
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4378	Cut	0.65	0.2	Ditch	-	-
4379	Fill	0.65	0.2	Ditch	CBM	Post-Medieval
4380	Cut	0.45	0.16	Brick linear	-	-
4381	Masonry	-	-	Brick linear	-	-
4382	Fill	-	0.16	Ditch	-	-
4309	Layer	-	0.27	Topsoil	-	-
4310	Layer	-	0.1	Subsoil	-	-
Trench 293						
General description					Orientation	E-W
Trench contained four ditches, a gully and a wall. Consists of topsoil and subsoil overlaying a natural of orange clay.					Avg. depth (m)	0.51
					Width (m)	2
					Length (m)	30
Contexts						
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
4475	Cut	2	0.49	Ditch	-	Medieval
4476	Fill	2	0.49	Ditch	pottery	Medieval
4477	Cut	0.42	0.2	Gully	-	-
4478	Fill	0.42	0.2	Gully	-	-
4481	Fill	1.58	0.1	Ditch [4475]	-	-
4482	Cut	2.04	0.65	Ditch	-	-
4483	Fill	2.04	0.44	Ditch	CBM	-
4484	Fill	1.48	0.1	Ditch	-	-
4486	Cut	0.3	0.17	Foundation	-	-
4487	Fill	0.3	0.17	Wall	-	-
4488	Cut	0.7	0.35	Ditch	-	-
4489	Fill	0.42	0.26	Fill	-	-
4490	Fill	0.61	0.18	Ditch [4482]	-	-

4491	Cut	1.06	0.6	Ditch	-	-
4492	Fill	0.85	0.23	Ditch	-	-
4493	Fill	1.06	0.6	Ditch	-	-
4494	Layer	0.72	0.13	Bank	-	-
4495	Layer	0.42	0.12	Truncated ditch?	-	-
4309	Layer	-	0.37	Topsoil	-	-
4310	Layer	-	0.14	Subsoil	-	-

Trench 294

General description	Orientation	N-S
Trench contained a single wall. Consists of topsoil and subsoil overlaying a natural of gravel clay.	Avg. depth (m)	0.4
	Width (m)	2
	Length (m)	30

Contexts

context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
4377	Masonry	-	0.3	Brick linear	-	-
4309	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-
4310	Layer	-	0.1	Subsoil	-	-

Trench 295

General description	Orientation	E-W
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of topsoil and subsoil overlaying a natural of orange clay.	Avg. depth (m)	0.38
	Width (m)	2
	Length (m)	30

Contexts

context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
4309	Layer	-	0.27	Topsoil	-	-
4310	Layer	-	0.07	Subsoil	-	-

Trench 296

General description	Orientation	N-S
Trench contained a single posthole. Consists of topsoil and subsoil overlaying a natural of orange clay.	Avg. depth (m)	0.36
	Width (m)	2
	Length (m)	30

Contexts

context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
4803	Cut	0.35	0.03	posthole	-	-
4804	Fill	0.35	0.03	posthole	-	-
4309	Layer	-	0.27	Topsoil	-	-
4310	Layer	-	0.05	Subsoil	-	-

Trench 297						
General description					Orientation	E-W
Trench contained a posthole and a ditch. Consists of topsoil and subsoil overlaying a natural of orange clay.					Avg. depth (m)	0.43
					Width (m)	2
					Length (m)	30
Contexts						
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4496	Cut	0.84	0.3	Ditch	-	-
4497	Fill	0.84	0.3	Ditch	pottery, CBM, possible quern	-
4498	Cut	0.56	0.14	posthole	-	-
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Trench 298						
General description					Orientation	N-S
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of topsoil and subsoil overlaying a natural of clayey sand.					Avg. depth (m)	0.32
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Contexts						
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APPENDIX B. FINDS REPORTS

B.1 Medieval Pottery

Identified by Helen Walker

Introduction

- B.1.1 Two sherds of pottery, weighing 17g were recovered from ditch fill 4476 in Trench 293. These sherds are Mill Green fineware, characterised by a shell and sand tempered fabric and date to the mid 13th to 15th century.

B.2 Ceramic Building Material

Identified By Rob Atkins

Assemblage

- B.2.1 An assemblage of eleven sherds weighing 2.135kg was recovered from ditch fill 4483, in Trench 293, from one context. All are early post-medieval in date.

Type	Fabric	No. fragments	Weight (g)
Brick	Orange red sandy type	5	1771
roof tile	Orange sandy type	4	249
roof tile	Orange sandy type, evidence of vitrification on edge	1	60
roof tile	Orange sandy type with grey core	1	55

Table 1: ceramic building material

APPENDIX C. ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTS

C.1 Environmental Samples

By Rachel Fosberry

Introduction

- C.1.1 A single 1L bulk sample (903) was taken from fill 4804, post hole **4803** in order to assess the quality of preservation of plant remains and their potential to provide useful data as part of further archaeological investigations.

Methodology

- C.1.2 The total volume of the sample was processed by water flotation (using a modified Siraff three-tank system) for the recovery of charred plant remains, dating evidence and any other artefactual evidence that might be present. The floating component (flot) of the samples was collected in a 0.3mm nylon mesh and the residue was washed through 10mm, 5mm, 2mm and a 0.5mm sieve. Both flot and residue were allowed to air dry. A magnet was dragged through each residue fraction prior to sorting for artefacts.

Results

- C.1.3 The sample was devoid of any preserved remains.

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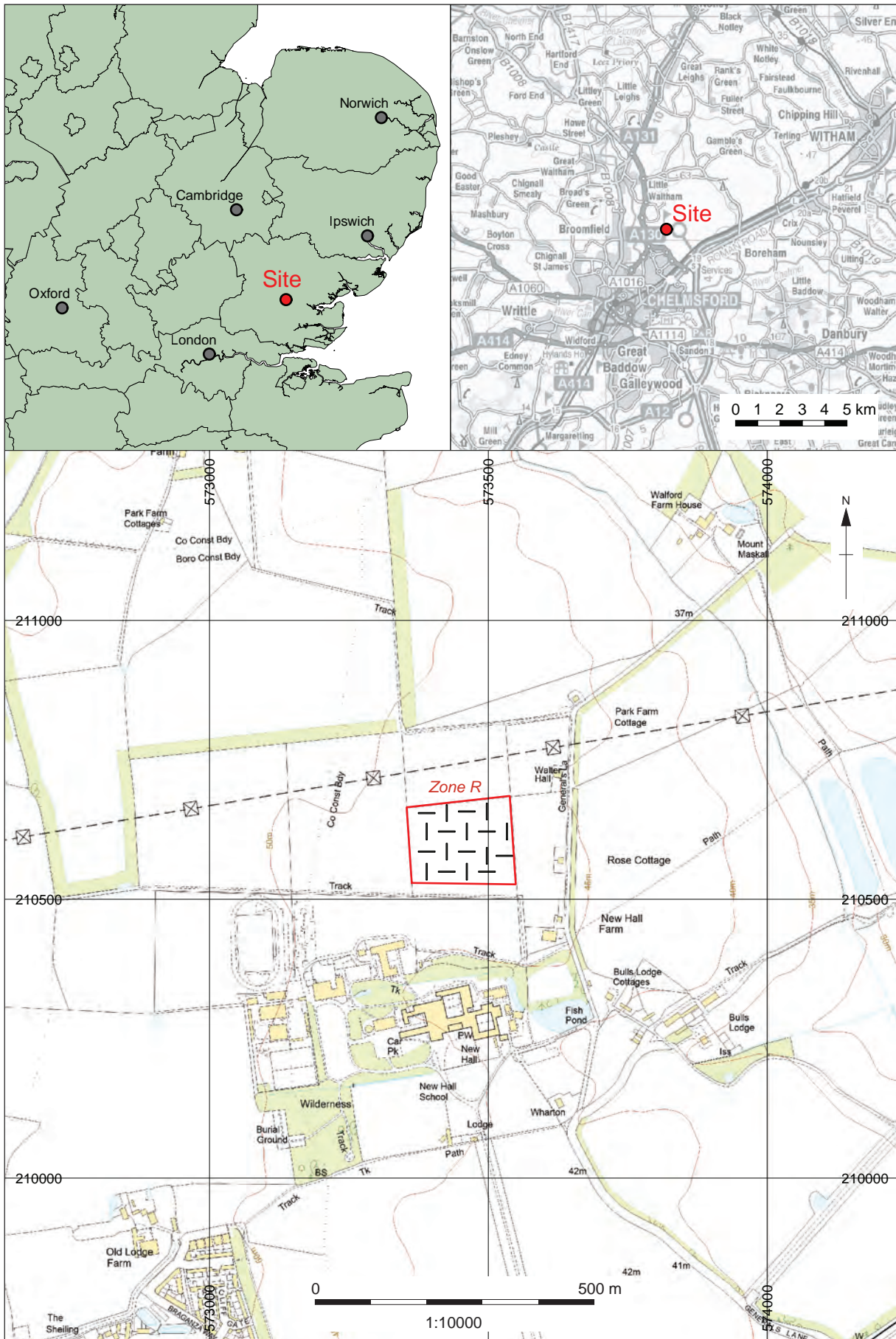
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Figure 1: Site location showing archaeological trenches (black) in development area (red)

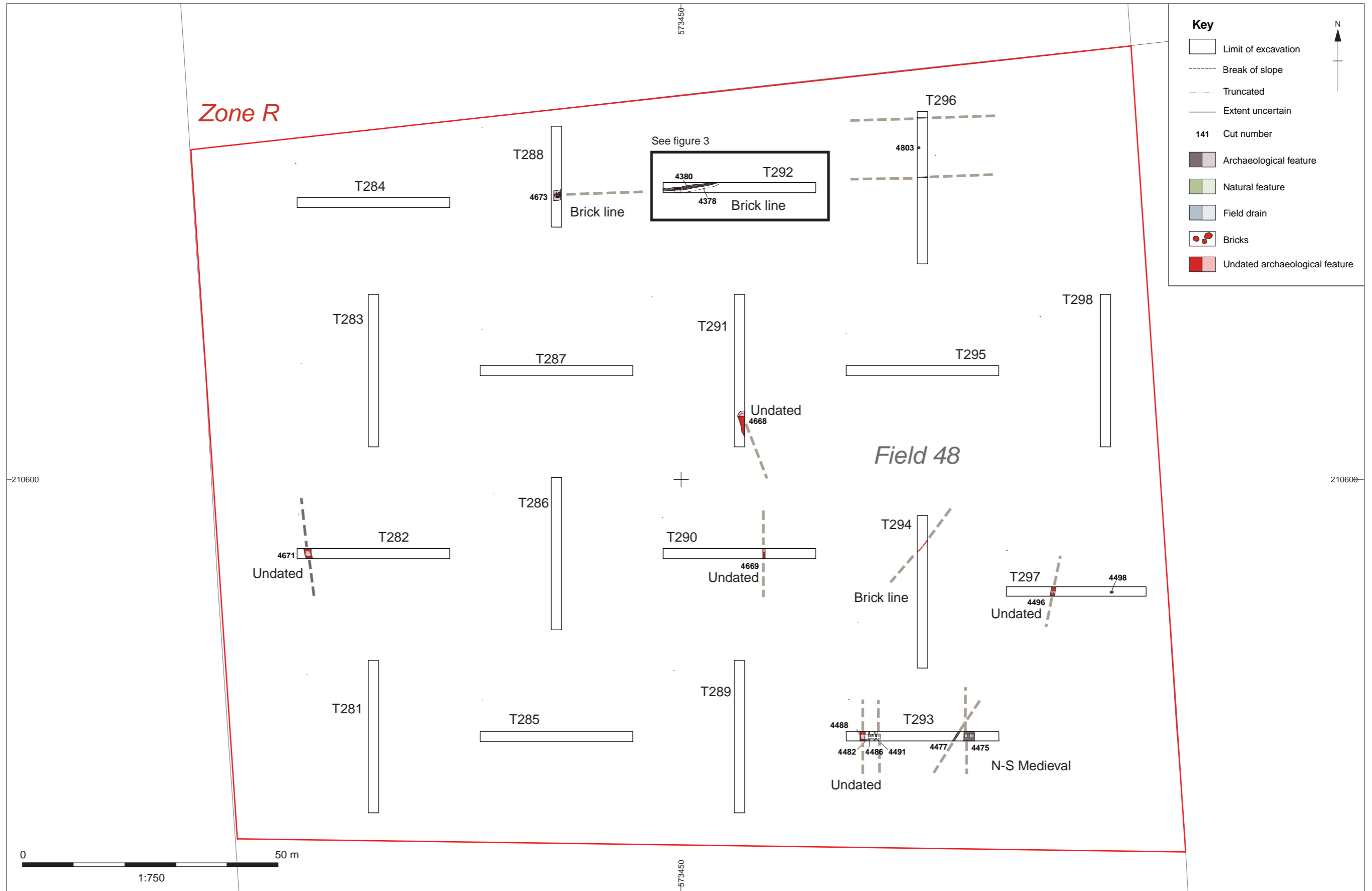
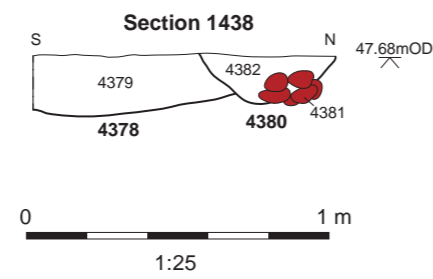
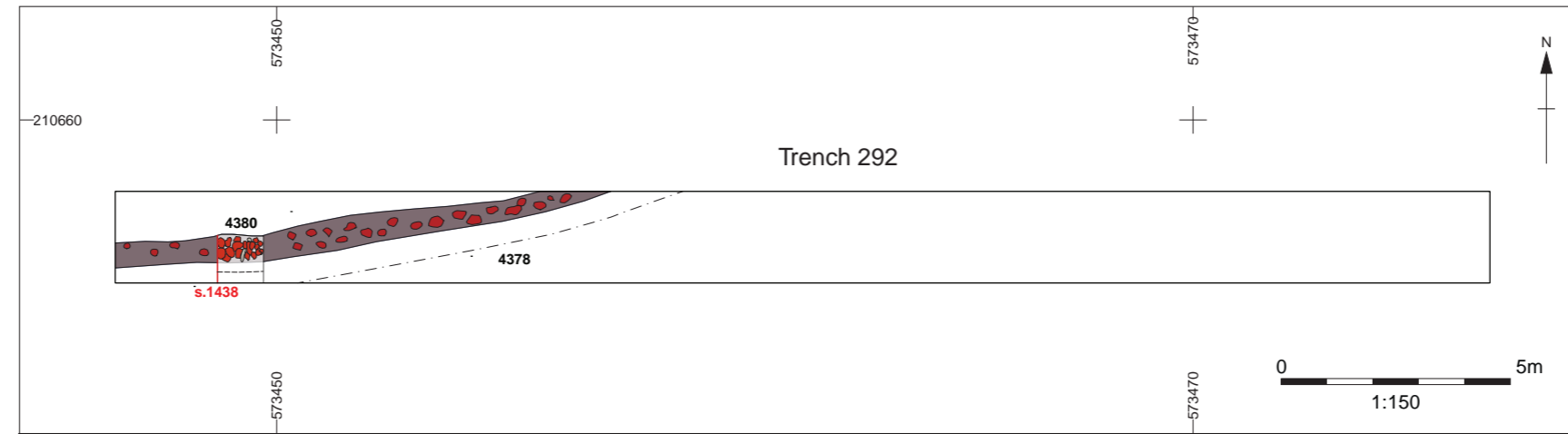


Figure 2: Plan of evaluation trenches.

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







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Figure 3: Plan of Trench 292 and section 1438.



Plate 1: Brick linear **4377** looking from north



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