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## Summary

*An archaeological evaluation was carried out on land just off Ermine Street, formerly occupied by Alconbury Airfield, Alconbury, Cambridgeshire. The work took place as part of a series of archaeological works ahead of the Alconbury Weald development. The site was centred on TL 1975 7684. The fieldwork took place between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 2015 and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2015.*

*The plan was for 88 trenches to be excavated, but, due to the presence of modern services and buildings, only 73 were opened. These trenches revealed two main concentrations of archaeology: in the north-west part of the site where a series of undated features (ditches, furrows and postholes) and a Middle Bronze Age posthole containing two thumbnail scrapers; and several ditches on the eastern edge of the site, which have been dated as Roman and may have been part of a field system.*

*The features identified during the evaluation revealed a small selection of animal bone, scraps of undiagnostic metalwork, Roman roof tiles, fired clay, and a larger selection of Roman pottery that included samian ware from an enclosure ditch.*

*The identified features tie in with the other phases of work on the site, with ridge and furrow identified along the western edge in a watching brief carried out during 2014, and Late Iron Age and Roman activity identified in open area excavations along the eastern edge during 2013 and 2015.*





## 1 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Location and scope of work

- 1.1.1 An archaeological evaluation was conducted on land at Alconbury Weald, centred on land formerly occupied by Alconbury Airfield (TL 1975 7684; see figure 1). This lies to the north-east of Ermine Street and the A1, and 3km north-west of the historic town of Huntingdon, in the parish of Abbots Ripton and Stukeley (see figure 1 for location). The work took place as part of the conditions of outline planning permission granted by Huntingdonshire District Council for up to 5,000 dwellings, 290,000sq m of employment space, neighbourhood facilities, vehicular and non-vehicular access points, and associated facilities and infrastructure. The work took place between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 2015 and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2015. The work took place as a phase of archaeological work within the development of the site.
- 1.1.2 This archaeological evaluation was undertaken in accordance with a Brief issued by Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC; Planning Application 1201158OUT), supplemented by a Specification (Drummond-Murray 2015) prepared by OA East.
- 1.1.3 The work was designed to assist in defining the character and extent of any archaeological remains within the proposed development area, in accordance with its' policy the *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.
- 1.1.4 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 The proposed development area at Alconbury Airfield comprises an area of 47.26ha, with the current evaluation area covering the western third, within the Alconbury Weald Enterprise Zone. The airfield site is situated on a plateau of slightly higher land (c.47.7mOD in the north-west corner and 48.6mOD in the south-east corner) to the north of Huntingdon and adjacent to the villages of Great and Little Stukeley. There are no natural watercourses around the site, with the land draining towards Alconbury Brook, c.1km to the south-west (Atkins 2012, 7). The site lies on deposits of Glacial Till overlying Oxford Clay (BGS 1993 Sheet 172).

### 1.3 Archaeological and historical background

- 1.3.1 The current evaluation took place as part of a series of archaeological works (outlined in 1.3.12-1.3.20) being undertaken ahead of development on the site. The following background information has been based upon the 2012 evaluation report (Atkins 2012), and amended where appropriate with information from later works in the area.

#### **Earlier Prehistoric** (pre c.800BC)

- 1.3.2 Within a 1km area of the site, the earliest artefact that has been recovered is a Mesolithic perforated macehead (Cambridgeshire Historic Environment Record (CHER) 00805; Dicks and Chadwick 2011, 12) that was found 1km to the south-east. Recovery

of Neolithic and Bronze Age artefacts continues to have been sparse, with only a flint scraper c.300m to the north-west (CHER 00834) and flint implements c.100m to the south (CHER 00827). Settlement activity dating to the Bronze Age has been found further away (3km to the south-east) at Northbridge. This settlement comprises of a concentration of pits, gullies and postholes in the centre of the site (CHER MCB16363; Cullen 2004). A Bronze Age saucer barrow, Monk's Hole Barrow, has also been identified, approximately 2.5km to the north of the site (HER819, SAM 27165).

### **Iron Age/Roman (c.800BC-AD410)**

#### *Within 1km*

- 1.3.3 Alconbury Airfield is surrounded by Roman activity, with the route of the Roman road Ermine Street – the Roman road from *Durovigutum* (Godmanchester: 7km to the south of the study area) to *Durobrivae* (Water Newton: 16km to the north) – running along the south-western edge of the site.
- 1.3.4 A Roman building (CHER 00836) and associated remains were found near Hermitage Wood, which lies 0.6km to the north of the site; and a Roman coffin and quern stone were found at Alconbury House, 200m to the south of the site (CHER 00826). Two Roman barrows were located c.1km to the south and south-west of the site, close to the route of Ermine Street in Great Stukeley (Scheduled Monuments 33351 and 33352). Roman artefacts have been recovered from a further six locations within a 1km radius of the current area – a coin (at CHERs 00828 and 01572), finds (at CHER 00808), pottery and a brooch (at CHERs 00809 and 00830), and pottery (at CHER 00817).

#### *Wider area*

- 1.3.5 Beyond the 1km radius, evidence for two Iron Age settlements was uncovered during an archaeological evaluation in 2000 (Macaulay 2000). These settlements were c.2 and 3km to the east of the current development area, and each consisted of a series of ditches.
- 1.3.6 A Middle Iron Age farmstead that, by the Roman period, had grown into a settlement of several hectares has been located at Bob's Wood, 4km to the south-east of the development area (CHER 13033; Hinman 2005). Amongst the findings were houses and associated structures, enclosures and water management features, a smithy, cremations, inhumations, and significant assemblages of metalwork, pottery and animal bone (Hinman 2005).
- 1.3.7 Iron Age hilltop activity continued into the Roman period with settlement at Abbots Ripton, c.3km to the north (Hall and Coles 1994, no. RN4 and 5, ABR S1 and S5). Roman settlements have been identified in the wider area, close in proximity to Ermine Street. Located 2km to the north-east of the development area, Roman settlement and activity has been identified at South Farm, Upton through sherds of Roman pottery (HER 2068; Carlyle 2010, 2). About 2.5km to the west of the development area is the location of extensive Roman remains at Vinegar Hill (Carlyle 2010, 2).
- 1.3.8 At Northbridge, 4km to the south-west of the development area an area of Roman agricultural activity, including a square enclosure, was identified (CHER 16364). Evidence for the presence of Roman field systems disappears towards Ermine Street and the current evaluation area (Cullen 2004).

### **Anglo Saxon to Modern (c.AD410 to present)**

- 1.3.9 There is sparse evidence for Anglo-Saxon activity in the vicinity of the site. Within a 1km area of the site there are no Early to Middle Saxon CHER records. Little Stukeley, 1km to the east, began life in the Late Saxon period, and Alconbury is a medieval parish. The ridge and furrow identified through the aerial photography and geophysics suggests that the site was under arable cultivation in Saxon and medieval times (Atkins 2012).
- 1.3.10 The area around Alconbury Airfield has important medieval remains that include the nationally important remains of Prestley Wood, a moated enclosure (Scheduled Ancient Monument Number 01307, 29707; Drummond-Murray 2015, 3).
- 1.3.11 In 1791, a pattern of roughly rectangular hedged fields was created through the enclosure of land within the parish of Alconbury, with little change to this pattern before the 1887 Ordnance Survey map. The site retained agricultural use until it became an air force base during World War II, and survived as such until its closure in 1994, although USAF have retained an enclave base to the east of the development area.

### **Previous Archaeological Investigations**

- 1.3.12 An aerial photograph assessment suggested that small areas of ridge and furrow survive in arable fields (ECB 1139, Palmer 1998).
- 1.3.13 Geophysical surveys undertaken by GSB Prospection (2000) identified potential archaeological remains (pits, ditches or enclosures) in two of 12 areas of open grass that were covered by a gradiometer survey. Further survey by Durham University in 2006 revealed anomalies relating to modern services, drains and the runway (ECB 2874, Roberts 2006).
- 1.3.14 Archaeological trial trenches to the east of the airfield in 2000 and 2001 (ECB 254, Macaulay 2000; ECB 541, Macaulay and Casa-Hatton 2001) identified the remains of a Belgic/early Roman field system and potential settlement areas from the early/middle Iron Age. Within the airfield, these trial trenches identified archaeological remains of pits, postholes and enclosure ditches. However, 20<sup>th</sup> century activity disturbed areas of the site.
- 1.3.15 Further evaluation, to the south of the current site, and adjacent to the Ermine Street Business Park (ECB 3078, Phillips 2009) revealed a Middle Iron Age settlement with an associated industrial area. An evaluation in 2012, to the south-west of the Enterprise Zone area (ECB 3741, Fletcher and Rees 2012), revealed further localised evidence of Mid to Late Iron Age settlement.
- 1.3.16 A series of 12 trenches were excavated as an evaluation in advance of new road access around the airfield site in 2012 (Atkins 2012). These trenches revealed two Iron Age 'domestic' areas from separate farmsteads or family groupings, and two locations of Early to Middle Roman remains. These farmsteads were separated by a similar distance to those at Stow Longa and Tilbrook, Huntingdonshire (Atkins 2010, 85 cited in Atkins 2012, 20) and around Ely, Cambridgeshire (Atkins and Mudd 2003 cited in Atkins 2012, 20).
- 1.3.17 During February 2013 an excavation was carried out ahead of the construction of the Incubator Building, covering a footprint of 0.22ha (Mordue and Hart 2013). The site revealed evidence for a transitional Late Iron Age to Early Romano-British landscape. The Iron Age activity constituted a boundary ditch with a metalled surface on the south side. To the north of the ditch was an area quarried for material to construct buildings; a series of gullies leading away to the north; and a curvilinear enclosure that possibly

incorporated a ring-gully. The enclosure has two entrances, which may be unusual for a dwelling, and points towards a different use (Drummond-Murray 2015, 4). Romano-British activity in this area constituted the reworking of the boundary ditch – with an entrance being put in – the formalising of the ring-gully into a rectilinear pattern with recurring realignments, and the creation of a new enclosure for keeping animals. The whole Roman layout here was probably adjacent to a settlement focus to the south and may represent animal husbandry, pens, light industrial activity and rubbish disposal. The strength of the Romano-British layout pattern is such that the boundary is preserved into the medieval period with the ridge and furrow following the same alignments (Drummond-Murray 2015, 4).

- 1.3.18 During 2014 a watching brief was carried out during the construction of the Boulevard Spur and Estate Road (Webster 2014). This revealed Iron Age and Roman pottery in a sealed layer near the middle of the current evaluation area. In the north-west corner of the current evaluation area, a long watching brief trench revealed a series of furrows aligned north-east to south-west. This trench also revealed a series of undated postholes running along the trench. Beyond these, an Iron Age pit and two undated ring-ditches that could equate to animal enclosures from the Iron Age or Roman period were recorded, along what equates to the western edge of the current evaluation area.
- 1.3.19 2014 also saw a 42 trench evaluation in the south-west corner of the development area (Stocks-Morgan 2014), to the south-west of the current area. This revealed Iron Age remains in the southern and eastern sides of that area, and included features relating to a nearby settlement. Within the trenches, settlement features were identified with a substantial posthole, a rectangular pit, and a system of field enclosure ditches that were aligned north-east to south-west. This evaluation also revealed undated features in the north and north-east.
- 1.3.20 An archaeological excavation was undertaken adjacent to the Incubator Building in February 2015 (Webb 2015). This encountered Late Iron Age and Roman occupation associated with the periphery of the settlement. This spread from the focal area uncovered in 2013. The remains comprised a possible stock enclosure, and possible Roman cultivation strips and a watering hole.

## 1.4 Acknowledgements

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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 The Brief required that 88 trenches (covering an area of 3,960sq m; see figure 2), each 25 metres by 1.8 metres would be excavated by machine down to the depth of geological horizons, or to the upper interface of archaeological features, whichever was encountered first. These were excavated to an agreed plan where possible, but the location of services required that some trenches moved slightly and that others could not be opened. In total, 73 trenches were opened (covering an area of 2,547.39sq m).
- 2.2.2 Machine excavation was carried out under constant archaeological supervision by a 360 degree excavator using a toothless ditching bucket.
- 2.2.3 The site survey was carried out by Pat Moan and Robin Webb using a Leica GPS fitted with Smartnet.
- 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. Samples were taken from five features due to the heavy clay content of the fills.
- 2.2.6 The site was excavated in sunny conditions, although the flat and open nature of the area meant that there was constant exposure to wind and the dust of machine movements around the airfield complex. The ground baked dry quickly, and excavated features saw ground water encroaching from a depth of c.0.25m below the natural ground level.

## 3 RESULTS

### 3.1 Introduction

- 3.1.1 The results of the evaluation are presented below in numerical order (see figure 2 for the locations of the trenches). General descriptions and full details of the trenches have been given in Appendix A.

### 3.2 Trenches

- 3.2.1 The natural geology of the area consisted of an orange chalky clay (153) that was overlain by a reddish brown clay silt (152) of between 0.08 and 0.60m, which in turn was overlain by a friable dark greyish brown clay silt topsoil layer (151) of between 0.10 and 0.35m thickness. A large portion of the development area was disturbed by modern services, many of which were probably inserted whilst the area was being used as an airfield.

#### *Trench 1*

- 3.2.2 This trench was located in the north-west corner of the development area at 47.8mOD. It contained a posthole (1) with near vertical sides and a concave base. This posthole was filled by a firm mid greyish orange silty clay (2) that contained two Middle Bronze Age thumbnail scrapers and surrounded a firm mid orange grey clay postpipe (3). To the west of the posthole was tree rooting. To the north of the posthole was a furrow cut by a field drain, both aligned north-east to south-west. The north end of the trench contained a field drain aligned north-west to south-east.

#### *Trench 2*

- 3.2.3 This trench was located in the north-west corner of the development area at 47.9mOD and contained two furrows aligned north-east to south-west, each cut by field drains. These cut across the middle of the trench.

#### *Trench 3*

- 3.2.4 Trench 3 was located in the north-west corner of the development area at a height of 47.9mOD and contained a posthole (57) cutting a possible pit or posthole (59) and tree rooting. Posthole 57 had gentle sides and a concave base, and was filled by a firm, mid orange brown silty clay (56). Posthole 59 had gentle sides and a concave base, and was filled by a firm light orange grey silty clay (58). One sherd of Roman pot was recovered from context 58.

#### *Trench 4*

- 3.2.5 This trench was located in the north-west corner of the development area at a height of 47.9mOD and contained two furrows, a ditch (8) and a possible posthole (6). The furrows were aligned north-east to south-west and bounded the other features. The posthole had gentle sides and a concave base, and was filled by a firm mid greyish brown silty clay (7). The ditch was aligned east to west with steep sides, a concave base, and was filled by a firm mid greyish brown silty clay (9). Two field drains cut across the trench, aligned north-east to south-west. No finds were recovered from this trench.

#### *Trench 5*

- 3.2.6 This trench was located in the north-west corner of the development area at a height of 48.0mOD and contained three furrows aligned north-east to south-west, a ditch (4), a

posthole (149) and a treebole. The ditch had steep sides and a concave base, and was filled by a firm mid greyish orange clay (5). The posthole had steep sides and a concave base, and was filled by a firm mid orange brown clay (150). No finds were recovered from this trench.

#### *Trench 6*

- 3.2.7 This trench was located in the north-west corner of the site at a height of 48.0mOD, and contained a furrow (30), 2 ditches (12 and 36), and a posthole (15). Ditch 12 had gentle sides and a flat base, and was filled by a friable light greyish brown chalk (10) overlying a plastic mid greyish brown silty clay. Ditch 36 had gentle sides, where excavated, but went under the baulk, and contained a plastic mid greyish brown silty clay (35). The posthole had steep sides and a v-shaped base, and contained a plastic mid orange brown silty clay (14). The furrow had gentle sides and an irregular base, and was filled by a firm mid greyish brown clay (29). No finds were recovered from this trench.

#### *Trench 7*

- 3.2.8 Trench 7 was located in the north-west corner of the development area at a height of 48.1mOD and contained a field drain, a furrow (cut by a modern service), three postholes (17, 19, 26), a treebole (21), two ditches (23 (plate 1), 28). Posthole 17 had gentle sides and a concave base, and was filled by a firm mid blueish grey silty clay (16). Posthole 19 had steep sides and a concave base, and was filled by a firm mid brownish grey silty clay (18). It was unclear which of these two postholes cut the other. Posthole 26 had steep sides and a concave base, and was filled by a light patchy orange grey clay (24) overlying a mid orange brown silty clay (25). The treebole, which cut ditch 23, had steep sides and an irregular base, and was filled by a firm dark brownish grey silty clay (20). Ditch 23 had gentle sides and a flat base, and was filled by a firm light yellowish brown silty clay (22). This ditch may be a furrow. Ditch 28 had gentle sides and a flat base, and was filled by a firm light brown silty clay (27). This ditch was probably a gully. No finds were recovered from this trench.

#### *Trench 8*

- 3.2.9 This trench was located in the north-west corner of the development area at a height of 48.1mOD and contained a north-east to south-west aligned field drain, two furrows aligned north-east to south-west, a ditch (37), a pit (49) and a posthole (51). The ditch had steep sides and a concave base, and was filled by a firm mid greyish brown clayey silt (38) that contained a small fragment of pottery. The pit had steep sides and a concave base, and was filled by a firm dark grey silty clay (50). The posthole had gentle sides and a flat base, and was filled by a firm dark grey clayey silt (52). No finds were recovered from this trench.

#### *Trench 9*

- 3.2.10 Trench 9 was located in the north-west corner of the site at a height of 48.3mOD, and contained four furrows, two pits (62, 64), two ditches (70 and 72), and a ring-ditch terminus (66 and 68). Pit 62 had steep sides and a flat base, and contained a firm light brown silty clay (63), whilst posthole 64 had steep sides and a flat base, and was filled by a firm mid brownish grey silty clay (65). The ring-ditch (66) had gentle sides and a concave base, and was filled by a firm mid brownish grey clayey silt (67), whilst its terminus (68) had steep sides and a concave base, and was filled by a firm mid brownish grey clay silt (69). This ring-ditch was similar to those identified in the 2014 watching brief. Ditch 70 had gentle sides and a concave base, and was filled by a firm light greyish brown silty clay (71). Ditch 72 had gentle sides and a flat base, and was

filled by a firm light greyish brown silty clay (73). No finds were recovered from this trench.

*Trench 10*

- 3.2.11 This trench was located in the north-west corner of the site at a height of 48.5mOD and contained two ditches (**43** and **45**) and a treebole (**48**). Ditch **43** had steep sides and a concave base, and was filled by a light blue grey silty clay (41) that overlay a mid brownish orange silty clay (42). This ditch cut ditch **45**, which had steep sides and a convex base, and was filled by a firm light orange brown silty clay (44). The treebole had gentle sides and a flat base, and was filled by a light brownish grey silty clay (46) overlying a light yellow orange silty clay (47). No finds were recovered from this trench.

*Trench 11*

- 3.2.12 Trench 11 was located in the north-west corner of the development area at a height of 48.5mOD and contained a ditch (**31**), a pit (**33**) and a posthole (**39**). The east end of the trench had a modern service cutting across it. The ditch had steep sides and an irregular base, and was filled by a firm light reddish brown clay (32). This was truncated by the posthole, which had vertical sides and an irregular base, and was filled by a firm mid reddish orange silty clay (40). This may represent an enclosure ditch that has been replaced by a fenceline. The pit had gentle sides and an irregular base, and was filled by a firm mid reddish brown clay (34). No finds were recovered from this trench.

*Trench 12*

- 3.2.13 This trench was located in the north-west corner of the site at a height of 48.5mOD and contained a single ditch (**60**). This ditch had gentle sides and a concave base, and was filled by a firm light brown silty clay (61). No finds were recovered from this trench.

*Trench 13*

- 3.2.14 This trench was not opened as it lay along the line of a gas main.

*Trench 14*

- 3.2.15 This trench was located in the north-west corner of the site at a height of 48.8mOD and contained a field drain at the southern end and a natural feature at the northern end.

*Trench 15*

- 3.2.16 Trench 15 was located along the western edge of the site at a height of 49.0mOD, and contained a treebole at the north-west end, a north-east to south-west aligned furrow across the middle of the trench, and a modern service at the south-eastern end of the trench.

*Trenches 16-18*

- 3.2.17 These trenches were located towards the north-west corner of the site and contained no archaeological features. Trench 16 was not opened as it lay along the line of a gas main. Trench 17 was at a height of 48.7mOD and trench 18 at 48.6mOD.

*Trench 19*

- 3.2.18 Trench 19 was located in the north-west corner of the development area at a height of 48.5mOD and contained a single furrow aligned north-east to south-west that was cut through by a field drain along the same alignment. No finds were recovered from this trench.

*Trenches 20-21*



3.2.19 These trenches were located in the north-west corner of the site and contained no archaeological features. Trench 20 was only partially opened as it was located in an area that had been disturbed by modern services and hardcore. Trench 21 was at a height of 48.6mOD.

*Trench 22*

3.2.20 This trench was located in the north-west corner of the site at a height of 48.2mOD and contained two field drains aligned north-east to south-west, two field drains aligned north to south, and a treebole (**55**) located at the south-eastern end of the trench. The treebole had irregular sides and base, and was filled by a plastic dark greyish brown silty clay (53) overlying a plastic mid yellowish grey silty clay (54). No finds were recovered from this trench.

*Trench 23*

3.2.21 Trench 23 was located in the north-west corner of the development area at a height of 48.1mOD and contained two field drains, a furrow and a ditch (**76**), all aligned north-east to south-west. The ditch had steep sides and a flat base, and was filled by a plastic mid greyish brown silty clay (74) overlying a plastic mid orange brown silty clay (75). No finds were recovered from this trench.

*Trench 24*

3.2.22 This trench was located in the north-west corner of the site at a height of 47.9mOD and contained two field drains and tree root activity.

*Trench 25*

3.2.23 This trench was located in the north-west corner of the development area at a height of 48.2mOD and contained three furrows, each aligned north-east to south-west – with the northern two cut by modern services – and a natural hollow in the ground between the southern two. CBM was recovered from the subsoil.

*Trench 26*

3.2.24 Trench 26 was located along the northern edge of the development area at a height of 48.0mOD and contained a north-west to south-east aligned ditch (**77**) truncated by a furrow aligned north-east to south-west. The ditch had gentle sides and a concave base, and was filled by a firm light orange brown clay silt (78). No finds were recovered from this trench.

*Trenches 27-30*

3.2.25 These trenches, towards the northern edge of the development area, contained no archaeological features.

3.2.26 Trenches 27 and 28, at a height of 48.2mOD, contained only furrows that had field drains running along the same alignment cutting through them.

3.2.27 Trench 29 contained only a field drain cutting across it and natural rooting.

3.2.28 Trench 30, at a height of 48.5mOD, contained a peri-glacial natural feature cutting across the middle of it and a treebole in the north-west corner. There was further disturbance from field drains at the southern end of the trench.

*Trench 31*

3.2.29 Trench 31, at a height of 48.2mOD, contained several archaeological features and modern disturbance from water pipes and field drains. The southern end of the trench had a furrow (**174**) aligned north-east to south-west that had a field drain running along

its northern edge. This furrow had steep sides, a flat base, and was filled by a firm mid yellowish brown clay (173). To the north of this was an undated ditch (**156**) aligned north-west to south-east with steep sides and a concave base. This ditch was filled by a soft mid brownish orange clayey sand (154) that overlay a plastic light brownish yellow sandy clay (155). Cutting this ditch was a modern posthole (**158**) with steep sides, a flat base, and that was filled by a plastic dark brown clay (157). To the west of posthole **158** was a second modern posthole (**160**) with steep sides, a flat base, and that was filled by a plastic dark brown clay (159) that contained a spark plug. Ditch **156** was also cut by a modern gully (**168**) that was aligned north-east to south-west, with steep sides and a concave base, and was filled by a plastic dark brown clay (167). Ditch **156**, did though, cut gully **172**, which was aligned north-east to south-west, had steep sides, a concave base, and was filled by a plastic mid yellowish brown silty clay (171). The northern end of this gully was truncated by a field drain. Just to the south of this gully was a posthole (**163**) with steep sides and a concave base. This posthole was filled by a soft mid yellowish brown clayey sand (161) overlying a plastic light blueish yellow clay (162). Paired with this posthole, and just to the north, was a second posthole (**166**) with steep sides and a concave base. This was again filled by a soft mid yellowish brown clayey sand (164) overlying a plastic light blueish yellow clay (165). Lying at the northern end of the trench, and separate to all of the other features in the trench was a single posthole (**170**) with steep sides and a concave base that was filled by a plastic dark brown clay (169) that contained a single piece of unworked flint.

#### *Trench 32*

- 3.2.30 Trench 32 was located along the northern edge of the development area at a height of 48.5mOD and contained a furrow aligned north-east to south-west that was cut by a field drain. No finds were recovered from this trench.

#### *Trenches 33-36*

- 3.2.31 These trenches were located along the northern edge of the development area and contained no archaeological features. They were disturbed by modern services and included modern rubble in the layers above the natural.
- 3.2.32 Trench 33 was at a height of 48.2mOD.
- 3.2.33 Trench 34 was not opened due to the high level of services picked up in proximity to its location.
- 3.2.34 Trench 35 was at a height 48.8mOD and was disturbed by a field drain and modern service aligned north-east to south-west and hardcore at the eastern end. Similarly, Trench 36 (at a height of 48.9mOD) contained modern disturbance including a modern brick wall and demolition rubble layer at the eastern end of the trench.

#### *Trench 37*

- 3.2.35 Trench 37, at a height of 49.1mOD contained a modern service at its northern end as well as a service trench cutting across the southern end. There was, though a ditch (**176**) aligned east to west cutting across the trench just to the north of the service trench. This ditch had steep sides and a flat base, and was filled by a firm mid orangey grey silty clay (175).

#### *Trenches 38-43*

- 3.2.36 Trench 38, at a height of 49.1mOD, contained only a modern electric cable across the middle.

- 3.2.37 Trench 39 was at a height of 49.3mOD and contained a chalky concrete layer below the topsoil. This trench was shortened due to a water pipe and other services in the location.
- 3.2.38 Trench 40 was at a height of 49.3mOD. The east end of the trench had an electric cable cutting across it, and there was a chalk deposit above the topsoil from recent disturbance in the area. Similarly, trench 41 (at a height of 49.2mOD) had an electric cable running across its west end; whilst trench 42 (at 49.3mOD) had an electric cable running across its northern end and was made up of a heavily disturbed layer below the topsoil.
- 3.2.39 Trench 43 was at a height of 49.5mOD, and the trench deposits were made up of a series of modern levelling deposits (88, 102-104). The upper layer (88) was a redeposited topsoil that overlay a concreted light grey brown chalky lime (102). This lay upon a modern clay bedding layer (103) that had been deposited over a brown ash and clinker layer (104) that contained CBM. The natural (105) in this trench was an orange brown silty clay.

*Trench 44*

- 3.2.40 This trench was located in the north-east corner of the development area at a height of 49.5mOD and contained modern levelling layers (84-86) at the north end. The uppermost of these was a redeposited topsoil (84). Below this was a concreted light grey chalky lime (85) that overlay a mid greyish brown clay (86) containing CBM and overlying a natural (87) that was an orange brown silty clay. The southern end of the trench quickly flooded with ground water at a depth of 1m, and had one possible ditch terminus – aligned north-west to south-east – that was not excavated due to the depth of the trench and the water level.

*Trenches 45-47*

- 3.2.41 These trenches were located in the north-east corner of the site and did not reveal any archaeological features.
- 3.2.42 Trench 45 was at a level of 49.5mOD, but was not opened due to services located in its location.
- 3.2.43 Trench 46, at a height of 49.3mOD, was only partially excavated due to services, located at its southern end, that were present below a modern build-up layer.
- 3.2.44 Trench 47 was at a height of 49.3mOD.

*Trench 48*

- 3.2.45 Trench 48 was located along the eastern edge of the site at a height of 49.3mOD and contained two parallel ditches (**92** (plate 2) and **97**) running north-east to south-west. Ditch **92**, which cut across the middle of the trench and had a field drain running through it, had steep sides and a concave base, and was filled by a light orange brown silty clay (89) overlying a light orange grey silty clay (90) that contained pottery and animal bone fragments. This deposit overlay a light yellowish brown clay redeposited natural (91) that contained pottery and animal bone. To the south of this ditch lay ditch **97** which had steep sides and a concave base, and was filled by a light greyish orange silty clay (95) overlying a light yellowish brown silty clay (96) redeposited natural.

*Trench 49*

- 3.2.46 This trench (plate 3) was located along the eastern edge of the site at a height of 49.4mOD and contained five ditches (**98**, **100**, **139**, **143** and **147**) across the middle of

the trench, a concrete surface at the north-east end, and a series of modern services at the south-west end.

- 3.2.47 The northernmost ditch in this trench was ditch **98**, which ran north to south with steep sides and a flat base, and was filled by a firm light yellowish grey silty clay (99), from which sample 2 was taken. This ditch was truncated at its northern end by ditch **100**, which ran north-east to south-west with gentle sides and a flat base, and was filled by a firm mid blueish grey silty clay (101) from which sample 3 was taken. This last fill contained an iron nail (small find 3).
- 3.2.48 To the west of these ditches were three ditches running north to south (**139**, **143** and **147** (plate 4)). The earliest of these ditches was ditch **147** with stepped sides. This was not fully excavated due to its depth below the level of the trench and the rapid encroachment of water. The earliest fill that was exposed was a plastic mid orange yellow clay (146) redeposited natural that was probably the result of material slipping down the sides of the ditch whilst it was open. Overlying this was a soft mid brownish grey silty clay (145) from which sample 5 was taken. This deposit contained large fragments of pottery and animal bone, including decorated samian ware (small finds 1 and 2). This layer was, in turn, overlain by a soft mid brownish grey silty clay (144) that contained pottery and animal bone. Subsequent to the deposition of the last layer, ditch **147** was recut by ditch **143** with gentle sides and a concave base. This ditch had a plastic light brownish yellow silty clay (142) redeposited natural that contained pottery and was the result of the silting of the ditch whilst it was open. Overlying this was a plastic mid orange brown silty clay (141) that in turn was overlain by a friable dark greyish brown clay silt (140). Both of these deposits contained pottery and animal bone. This last layer marked the end of the current use of this ditch as a boundary on the same scale, as the later ditch cutting through on the same alignment (ditch **139**) was substantially narrower at 1.3m rather than 4.18m. Ditch **139** had steep sides and a concave base, and was filled by a plastic mid greenish brown silty clay (138) that contained pottery and animal bone fragments.

#### *Trench 50*

- 3.2.49 Trench 50 was located along the eastern edge of the site at a height of 49.5mOD and contained two ditches (**80** and **83**). The northernmost ditch in the trench was aligned north to south with steep sides and a flat base, and was filled by a plastic mid greyish brown silty clay (79) that was cut by a field drain. To the south of this, aligned north-west to south-east was ditch **83** with steep sides and a flat base that was filled by a plastic dark grey silty clay (81) that contained pottery and animal bone fragments. This deposit overlay a plastic mid orange brown silty clay (82).

#### *Trench 51*

- 3.2.50 Trench 51 was located along the eastern edge of the site, just to the north-east of the 2015 excavation area for the Amenity Building, at a height of 49.5mOD. This trench had modern services cutting across the middle of it and field drains at each end. Towards the north-west end of the trench was a pit (**93**) with steep sides and a concave base that was filled by a firm light greyish yellow silty clay (94) containing pottery and animal bone fragments, and from which sample 1 was taken.

#### *Trench 52*

- 3.2.51 This trench (plate 5) was located towards the eastern side of the site, to the west of the old airfield control tower, at a height of 49.5mOD and contained only modern features. Three metres from the west end of the trench were traces of a red brick wall running north-west to south-east, whilst the five metres at the eastern end of the trench showed

modern footings. Just one metre to the west of the footings was a shallow gully containing fragments of red brick.

#### *Trenches 53-58*

- 3.2.52 These trenches were located across the middle of the development area amongst buildings that had been demolished. These trenches revealed no archaeological features.
- 3.2.53 Trench 53 was at a height of 49.6mOD and contained modern services.
- 3.2.54 Trench 54 was at a height of 49.6mOD and contained modern services and disturbance.
- 3.2.55 Trench 55, at a height of 49.5mOD, was not opened as services from a building that had just been demolished were surrounding its location.
- 3.2.56 Trench 56, at a height of 49.5mOD, was only partially opened due to services cutting across it, and contained a modern build-up layer.
- 3.2.57 Trench 57, at a height of 49.4mOD, had concrete running across it.
- 3.2.58 Trench 58 was at a height of 49.1mOD and contained a field drain and modern services.

#### *Trench 59*

- 3.2.59 This trench was located in the middle of the development area at a height of 49.0mOD and contained two furrows running north-west to south-east at the southern end of the trench.

#### *Trenches 60-65*

- 3.2.60 These trenches were located across the middle of the site amongst demolished buildings and contained no archaeological features.
- 3.2.61 Trench 60 was at a height of 49.2mOD and contained only a modern service.
- 3.2.62 Trenches 61-65 were not opened due to services in their locations. Trench 61 was at a height of 49.4mOD, trench 62 at 49.2mOD, 63 at 49.4mOD, 64 at 51.2mOD and 65 at 49.4mOD.

#### *Trench 66*

- 3.2.63 This trench was located towards the eastern side of the site, just to the west of the 2013 excavation area for the Incubator Building and its carpark. It was on a slight slope from 49.4mOD at its north-eastern end to 49.0mOD at its south-western end. The upper levels of the trench consisted of made-up ground (121-123). Layer 121 was a mid greyish brown clay redeposited topsoil; 122 a light yellowish brown chalky clay, and 123 a plastic mid greyish brown silty clay. These overlay the subsoil (124) – a mid yellowish brown silty clay – and a field drain at the southern end of the trench, and ditch **112** at the northern end. The ditch had steep sides and a flat base. It was filled by a soft light greenish brown clay (111) containing animal bone and pottery fragments, and overlying a soft light grey silty clay (115).

#### *Trench 67*

- 3.2.64 Trench 67 was located towards the eastern side of the site, to the north-west of the 2013 excavation area for the Incubator Building, at a height of 49.3mOD. This trench again consisted of a series of modern layers (128-130) that overlay ditch **132**. Layer 128 was the topsoil and 129 a friable mid greyish brown silty clay. These overlay a

plastic light grey silty clay (130) that sealed the ditch. Ditch **132** had nearly vertical sides and a flat base, and was filled by a mixed blue grey clay (131) that contained a clay pipe fragment. The natural in this trench (133) was a plastic mid orange brown clay.

#### *Trench 68*

- 3.2.65 This trench was located towards the eastern side of the site and contained a topsoil (125) overlying a modern light grey brown chalky clay (126) and a mid yellowish brown silty clay subsoil (127). The north end of the trench had a field drain cutting across it, whilst the southern end had a mixed natural deposit.

#### *Trenches 69-73*

- 3.2.66 These trenches, along the eastern edge of the site, contained no archaeological features.
- 3.2.67 Trench 69 was not opened due to modern disturbance and would have been at a height of 49.2mOD.
- 3.2.68 Trench 70 sloped up from 48.9mOD at its northern end to 49.1 at its southern end and contained only a modern build-up layer and a field drain at its northern end.
- 3.2.69 Trench 71, at a height of 48.5mOD, was not opened due to trees planted in the area and the proximity of services.
- 3.2.70 Trench 72 was at a height of 48.8mOD and contained a field drain at the western end and modern concrete covered services across the middle.
- 3.2.71 Trench 73, at a height of 48.5mOD contained only modern services and field drains amongst made-up ground. The upper layer (106) was a redeposited topsoil that overlay a plastic mid greyish brown silty clay (107), a light greyish brown chalky lime (108), a plastic dark greyish brown silty clay (109) and natural (110).

#### *Trench 74*

- 3.2.72 Trench 74 was located in the south-east corner of the site at a height of 48.3mOD and contained three modern services, tree rooting and a ditch (**114**). The ditch ran north to south with 45 degree sides and a concave base, and was filled by a light orange brown silty clay (113) that contained Roman pottery fragments.

#### *Trenches 75-88*

- 3.2.73 These trenches were located near the south-west corner of the site and contained no archaeological features, only field drains and modern services amongst modern disturbance. This area of the site had been disturbed by a drainage area in the south-west corner of the site, with the upcast from this construction spread to its east across this field. Trench 75 was at a height of 48.8mOD with modern layers (116-118); trench 76 at 48.8mOD; 77 at 48.6mOD; 78 at 48.5mOD; 79 sloping up from 47.8mOD at the north-west end to 48.2mOD at the south-east end; 80 sloping from 47.4mOD at the north end to 47.0mOD at the south end; and 81 at 46.7mOD.
- 3.2.74 Trenches 82 to 84 were not opened due to the proximity of services and trees that had been planted. Trench 82 would have been at a height of 47.9mOD, 83 at 48.2mOD, and 84 at 48.1mOD.
- 3.2.75 Trench 85 was in an area of recently covered ground and at a height of 48.5mOD, with brick fragments amongst the deposits.

- 3.2.76 Trench 86 was in a grassed area between areas that had been concreted over for carparks and at a height of 48.5mOD. The north-east end of the trench had an area of natural disturbance from tree roots and water.
- 3.2.77 Trench 87 was not opened as it was in an expanse of concrete, but would have been at a height of 48.7mOD.
- 3.2.78 Trench 88 was in a grassed area at a height of 48.8mOD, but was only partially opened due to the proximity of services.

### 3.3 Finds Summary

- 3.3.1 The evaluation produced a relatively small assemblage of finds, with the majority of artefacts coming from the trenches towards the eastern edge of the site. There was a total of 5.29kg of animal bone from a range of animals; 0.589kg of CBM; 0.021kg of fired clay; 0.37kg of Roman roof tile; 4.66kg of mainly Roman pottery; 0.07kg of flint; 0.05kg of oyster shell; and 0.01kg of undiagnostic metalwork debris.
- 3.3.2 The flint comprised of two Middle Bronze Age thumbnail scrapers (R. Mortimer *pers. Comm.*, small finds 4 and 5) from a single posthole in trench 1 in the north-west corner of the site. These may have been related to some of the undated ditches identified in this corner of the site.
- 3.3.3 There was a small quantity of oyster shell within the fill of the Roman enclosure ditch (fill 145 in ditch **147**).

### 3.4 Environmental Summary

- 3.4.1 A total of five environmental samples were taken during the evaluation in order to assess the preservation of plant remains and their potential to provide useful data as part of further archaeological work. These samples were taken from ditches that were mostly dated to the Roman period, and were devoid of preserved plant remains other than occasional sparse charcoal.

## 4 DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

### 4.1 Discussion

- 4.1.1 The discussion concentrates on features that can be grouped together. It is presented in an overall chronological format so that the features can be set into the context of the wider landscape, and especially within the context of the immediate vicinity and its different phases of excavation.
- 4.1.2 There were two main areas of activity in the area covered by this evaluation. The focus of each of these demonstrated activity in different periods: the north-west corner (figure 3) of the site was dominated by undated ridge and furrow, but had a series of undated ditches and a Middle Bronze Age posthole; whilst the eastern edge (figure 4) saw the continuation of the Romano-British activity identified in the excavations of 2013 and 2015

### 4.2 Bronze Age (Fig 3)

- 4.2.1 Bronze Age activity was identified in one feature of the site – a posthole in the north-west corner. This may have been related to some of the undated ditches present in this area of the site, most notably ditches **4**, **8**, **12**, **36** and **76** which may comprise part of a field system (R. Mortimer *pers. comm.*). Taken in conjunction with the flint scraper found 300m to the north-west of the site, this may suggest that there has been Bronze Age activity in this area, which then migrated to the more heavily identified Iron Age and Roman activity to the south-east. This activity also contrasts with the more substantial evidence of Late Bronze Age settlement activity identified 3km to the south-east (CHER MCB 16363; Cullen 2004).

### 4.3 Romano-British (Fig 4)

- 4.3.1 Roman activity within the evaluation trenches was identified with a focus along the eastern edge of the site, to the north of the 2015 excavation area, and especially in trench 49 with an enclosure ditch (**139**) and two bisecting ditches just to its east. The enclosure ditch had been recut before its final phase. The ditch aligned north-east to south-west (**100**) continued into trench 48 (ditch **92**). Running parallel to ditch **98** was ditch terminus **80**. To the south of the enclosure lay a Roman pit (**93**), although its use could not be determined from its truncated nature. To the west of the excavated areas the Roman activity continued with a ditch in trench 66. The westernmost Roman activity identified in this evaluation was in the north-west corner, where a fragment of Roman pottery was recovered from a small pit or posthole (**59**) in trench 3 (fig 3).
- 4.3.2 The alignments of the Roman ditches suggest a field system that continues from the ditches identified in the 2013 and 2015 excavations. The boundary ditch aligns as perpendicular to boundary ditch 472 identified in the 2013 excavation, and a ladder pattern can be suggested through the lines of the ditches in the eastern side of the site. The small number of features suggests that the area around trenches 48 -51 is approaching the north-eastern fringes of the Roman activity.

### 4.4 Undated

#### *Furrows*

- 4.4.1 The majority of features identified during the evaluation did not contain any material from which to date them. The appearance and alignment of them, though, suggest that



they are likely to have been a series of furrows running across the site. The identified furrows from the evaluation follow the same alignment as the furrows that were identified as medieval or later in the 2014 watching brief.

## 4.5 Significance

- 4.5.1 This phase of evaluation was hampered by the high number of services that were present, especially across the middle of the site and approaching the earlier excavation areas. This meant that trenches 64 and 65, where it was expected the extent of the Iron Age and Romano-British activity identified in the 2013 and 2015 excavations could be determined, could not be opened. The middle area of the site also had modern buildings that had been demolished, and resulted in deeper modern deposits. Most of the activity that was causing this disturbance was probably from the World War II airfield.
- 4.5.2 Two concentrations of archaeological remains were found to be present on site. The first of these was in an area of relatively undisturbed ground in the north-west corner of the site and consisted of a Middle Bronze Age posthole and a series of undated linear features. Some of these features were ditches, aligned north-east to south-west and north-west to south east, that may relate to an as yet unidentified Bronze Age field system. Others could be more readily identified as furrows relating to those identified as anomalies in the 2006 geophysics survey and during the 2014 watching brief, continuing as they do along the same alignment.
- 4.5.3 The alignment of the furrows had been reused for the laying of field drains and emphasises the continued use of that area of the site as an open area, and the continuous need to artificially direct water away due to the absence of natural drainage through the clay.
- 4.5.4 The second concentration of archaeological features, along the eastern edge of the development area, contained high levels of Roman pottery, and links the features to the nearby enclosure uncovered in the 2015 excavation and the settlement periphery identified in the 2013 excavation – both of which lie to the south-west of the identified Roman features.
- 4.5.5 The continued use of the land is reflected through the ditches and furrows following the same broad alignment – the Iron Age features identified in the 2000 and 2001 evaluations to the east of the site, the Roman ditches identified in this evaluation and in the excavations of 2013 and 2015, and the furrows identified in this evaluation all have a preponderance to a north-east to south-west alignment. These are then reinforced with the perpendicular ditches, notably the enclosure ditch and crossing ditches identified in trench 49.
- 4.5.6 The re-use of the boundaries helps to enforce this idea with the Roman re-use of Iron Age boundary ditch alignments identified in the 2013 excavation (Mordue and Hart 2013, 8). However, the areas being utilised during each of the periods shifts, with Iron Age enclosure activity identified in the area just to the east (Macaulay and Casa-Hatton 2001, 15) and smaller scale activity further east (Stocks-Morgan 2014). These areas showed less later activity. The overlap of activity is focused towards the middle of the site, with intermittent activity from the Late Bronze Age becoming more permanent by the 2<sup>nd</sup> century BC, and continuing into the mid Roman period, as identified in the 2012 evaluation (Atkins 2012, 16).

## APPENDIX A. TRENCH DESCRIPTIONS AND CONTEXT INVENTORY

Trench 1						
<b>General description</b>				<b>Orientation</b>		N-S
Trench contained a deep posthole at the southern end containing two flint scrapers. Otherwise there was tree rooting and two field drains. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.				<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>		0.49
				<b>Width (m)</b>		1.8
				<b>Length (m)</b>		24
Contexts						
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
1	Cut	0.46	0.82	Cut of posthole	-	Middle Bronze Age
2	Fill	0.46	0.82	Fill of posthole 1	Flint (SF 4 and 5)	Middle Bronze Age
3	Fill	0.16	0.82	Fill of posthole 1	-	-
151	Layer	-	0.18	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.17	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
Trench 2						
<b>General description</b>				<b>Orientation</b>		NE-SW
Trench contained two furrows aligned north-south, each cut by a field drain. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.				<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>		0.62
				<b>Width (m)</b>		1.8
				<b>Length (m)</b>		20
Contexts						
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
151	Layer	-	0.25	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.34	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
Trench 3						
<b>General description</b>				<b>Orientation</b>		N-S
Trench contained a posthole cutting a pit/posthole along its northern edge. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.				<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>		0.43
				<b>Width (m)</b>		1.8
				<b>Length (m)</b>		20
Contexts						
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
56	Fill	0.47	0.12	Fill of posthole 57	-	-
57	Cut	0.47	0.12	Cut of posthole	-	-
58	Fill	0.4	0.28	Fill of pit/posthole 59	Pottery	Roman
59	Cut	0.4	0.28	Cut of pit/posthole	-	Roman

151	Layer	-	0.26	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.16	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 4</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	N-S
Trench contains a posthole towards the southern end, with an east-west aligned ditch just to its north. Either side of these are two furrows running north-east to south-west and two field drains along the same line. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.37
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	25
<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>
6	Cut	0.75	0.28	Cut of posthole	-	-
7	Fill	0.75	0.28	Fill of posthole <b>6</b>	-	-
8	Cut	0.36	0.1	Cut of ditch	-	-
9	Fill	0.36	0.1	Fill of ditch <b>8</b>	-	-
151	Layer	-	0.25	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.12	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 5</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	N-S
Trench contains a pit at the southern end, an east-west aligned ditch across the middle and three furrows aligned north-east to south-west. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.42
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	25
<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>
4	Cut	1.66	0.46	Fill of ditch <b>5</b>	-	-
5	Fill	1.66	0.46	Cut of ditch	-	-
148	Fill	0.52	0.34	Fill of ditch <b>5</b>	-	-
149	Cut	0.39	0.18	Cut of pit	-	-
150	Fill	0.39	0.18	Fill of pit <b>149</b>	-	-
151	Layer	-	0.27	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.27	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 6</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	E-W
Trench contains a posthole at the western end, and two ditches aligned north-west to south-east at the eastern end. Cutting across the middle on a north-east to south-west alignment is a furrow. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.37
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	20

<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>	
10	Fill	1.4	0.05	Fill of ditch <b>12</b>	-	-	
11	Fill	1.4	0.12	Fill of ditch <b>12</b>	-	-	
12	Cut	1.4	0.12	Cut of ditch	-	-	
13	Fill	0.17	0.05	Fill of posthole <b>15</b>	-	-	
14	Fill	0.25	0.16	Fill of posthole <b>15</b>	-	-	
15	Cut	0.25	0.16	Cut of posthole	-	-	
29	Fill	1.2	0.05	Fill of ditch <b>30</b>	-	-	
30	Cut	1.2	0.05	Cut of ditch	-	-	
35	Fill	0.6	0.18	Fill of ditch <b>36</b>	-	-	
36	Cut	0.6	0.18	Cut of ditch	-	-	
151	Layer	-	0.25	Topsoil	-	-	
152	Layer	-	0.12	Subsoil	-	-	
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	
<b>Trench 7</b>							
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>		
Trench contains two intercutting postholes towards the western end with a furrow cut by a modern service adjacent to it. Across the middle of the trench, aligned north-south, is a ditch cut by a treebole, and aligned north-east to south west at the east end of the trench is a second ditch. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>E-W</b>		
					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>		0.34
					<b>Width (m)</b>		1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>		
				22			
<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>	
16	Fill	0.3	0.11	Fill of posthole <b>17</b>	-	-	
17	Cut	0.3	0.11	Cut of posthole	-	-	
18	Fill	0.35	0.11	Fill of posthole <b>19</b>	-	-	
19	Cut	0.35	0.11	Cut of posthole	-	-	
20	Fill	1.2	0.15	Fill of treebole <b>21</b>	-	-	
21	Cut	1.2	0.15	Cut of treebole	-	-	
22	Fill	1.2	0.08	Fill of ditch/furrow <b>23</b>	-	-	
23	Cut	1.2	0.08	Cut of ditch/furrow	-	-	
24	Fill	0.5	0.26	Fill of ditch <b>26</b>	-	-	
25	Fill	0.25	0.07	Fill of ditch <b>26</b>	-	-	
26	Cut	0.5	0.26	Cut of ditch	-	-	
27	Fill	0.48	0.12	Fill of ditch <b>28</b>	-	-	
28	Cut	0.48	0.12	Cut of ditch	-	-	
151	Layer	-	0.47	Topsoil	-	-	

152	Layer	-	0.11	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 8</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	N-S
Trench contains a pit on the western edge, a north-east to south-west aligned ditch cut by a posthole, and two north-east to south-west aligned furrows. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.37
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	25
<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>
37	Cut	1.8	0.5	Cut of ditch	-	-
38	Fill	1.8	0.5	Fill of ditch <b>37</b>	-	-
49	Cut	0.66	0.33	Cut of ditch	-	-
50	Fill	0.66	0.33	Fill of ditch <b>49</b>	-	-
51	Cut	0.45	0.1	Cut of posthole	-	-
52	Fill	0.45	0.1	Fill of posthole <b>51</b>	-	-
151	Layer	-	0.22	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.15	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 9</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	N-S
Trench contains four north-east to south-west furrows across the trench, with the middle two cut by field drains along the same alignment. Between the northern two furrows is a north-east to south-west aligned ditch. Between the southern two furrows is a curvilinear ditch enclosing two intercutting pits. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.43
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	25
<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>
62	Cut	0.53	0.08	Cut of pit	-	-
63	Fill	0.53	0.08	Fill of pit <b>62</b>	-	-
64	Cut	0.45	0.08	Cut of pit	-	-
65	Fill	0.45	0.08	Fill of pit <b>64</b>	-	-
66	Cut	0.53	0.1	Cut of ring-ditch	-	-
67	Fill	0.53	0.1	Fill of ring-ditch <b>66</b>	-	-
68	Cut	0.35	0.08	Cut of ring-ditch terminus	-	-
69	Fill	0.35	0.08	Fill of ring-ditch terminus <b>68</b>	-	-
70	Cut	0.46	0.09	Cut of ditch	-	-
71	Fill	0.46	0.09	Fill of ditch <b>70</b>	-	-

72	Cut	0.87	0.07	Cut of ditch	-	-
73	Fill	0.87	0.07	Fill of ditch <b>72</b>	-	-
151	Layer	-	0.2	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.23	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

#### Trench 10

<b>General description</b>  Trench contains a pit at the western end and two gullies aligned north to south. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.	<b>Orientation</b>	E-W
	<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.37
	<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
	<b>Length (m)</b>	20

#### Contexts

context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
41	Fill	0.28	0.21	Fill of gully <b>43</b>	-	-
42	Fill	0.48	0.36	Fill of gully <b>43</b>	-	-
43	Cut	0.61	0.36	Cut of gully	-	-
44	Fill	0.4	0.27	Fill of gully <b>45</b>	-	-
45	Cut	0.4	0.27	Cut of gully	-	-
46	Fill	0.85	0.17	Fill of pit <b>48</b>	-	-
47	Fill	0.7	0.1	Fill of pit <b>48</b>	-	-
48	Cut	0.98	0.17	Cut of pit	-	-
151	Layer	-	0.2	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.16	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

#### Trench 11

<b>General description</b>  Trench contains a ditch aligned north-east to south-west cut by a posthole and a pit. To the east of these is a modern service. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.	<b>Orientation</b>	E-W
	<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.39
	<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
	<b>Length (m)</b>	22.5

#### Contexts

context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
31	Cut	1.6	0.11	Cut of ditch	-	-
32	Fill	1.6	0.11	Fill of ditch <b>31</b>	-	-
33	Cut	1.1	0.11	Cut of pit	-	-
34	Fill	1.1	0.11	Fill of pit <b>33</b>	-	-
39	Cut	0.35	0.12	Cut of posthole	-	-
40	Fill	0.35	0.12	Fill of posthole <b>39</b>	-	-
151	Layer	-	0.26	Topsoil	-	-

152	Layer	-	0.14	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 12</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	N-S
Trench contains a single ditch aligned north-east to south-west. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.4
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	25
<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>
60	Cut	0.95	0.11	Cut of ditch	-	-
61	Fill	0.95	0.11	Fill of ditch <b>60</b>	-	-
151	Layer	-	0.22	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.18	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 13</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	-
Trench not opened due to the presence of a gas main.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	-
					<b>Width (m)</b>	-
					<b>Length (m)</b>	-
<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>
151	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-
<b>Trench 14</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	N-S
Trench contains a land drain at the southern end and a natural channel aligned north to south at the northern end. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of silty sand.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.63
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	22
<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>
151	Layer	-	0.41	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.2	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 15</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	NW-SE
Trench contains a furrow aligned north-east to south-west across the middle, modern disturbance at the south-east end, and tree rooting at the north-west end. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.58
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	20

<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>
151	Layer	-	0.32	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.23	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 16</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	-
Trench not opened as it lies across a gas main.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	-
					<b>Width (m)</b>	-
					<b>Length (m)</b>	-
<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>
151	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-
<b>Trench 17</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.38
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	20
<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>
151	Layer	-	0.21	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.15	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 18</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	E-W
Trench devoid of archaeology, but did have a field drain cutting across the western end. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.48
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	20
<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>
151	Layer	-	0.24	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.13	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 19</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	E-W
The middle of the trench contains a north-east to south-west aligned					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.4



furrow with a field drain cutting through it. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.		<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8			
		<b>Length (m)</b>	20			
<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>
151	Layer	-	0.23	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.15	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 20</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	NW-SE
Trench opened but heavily truncated by modern disturbance. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.4
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	15
<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>
151	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 21</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	N-S
Trench devoid of archaeology. A field drain cuts across the northern end. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.65
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	20
<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>
151	Layer	-	0.33	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.32	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 22</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	NW-SE
Trench contains a treebole at the eastern end and four field drains cutting across the middle. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.35
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	19
<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>
53	Fill	0.3	0.12	Fill of treebole <b>55</b>	-	-
54	Fill	0.8	0.28	Fill of treebole <b>55</b>	-	-

55	Cut	0.8	0.28	Cut of treebole	-	-
151	Layer	-	0.25	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.1	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 23</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	N-S
Trench contains a ditch and a furrow both aligned north-east to south west across the middle of the trench. Either side of the furrow are field drains along the same alignment. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.33
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	21
<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>
74	Fill	1.6	0.56	Fill of ditch <b>76</b>	-	-
75	Fill	1.2	0.56	Fill of ditch <b>76</b>	-	-
76	Cut	2	0.56	Cut of ditch	-	-
151	Layer	-	0.15	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.18	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 24</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	E-W
Trench contains only a natural depression and two field drains. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.5
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	15
<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>
151	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.1	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 25</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	N-S
Trench contains three furrows aligned north-east to south-west, each of which is cut by a field drain along the same alignment. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.77
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	21
<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>
151	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.47	Subsoil	Fired clay	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 26						
<b>General description</b>				<b>Orientation</b>	N-S	
The northern end of the trench contains a ditch aligned north-west to south-east that is truncated by a furrow aligned north-east to south-west. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.				<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.67	
				<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8	
				<b>Length (m)</b>	25	
Contexts						
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
77	Cut	0.47	0.11	Cut of ditch	-	-
78	Fill	0.47	0.11	Fill of ditch 77	-	-
151	Layer	-	0.23	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.2	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
Trench 27						
<b>General description</b>				<b>Orientation</b>	E-W	
This trench contained a modern electric cable at the western end, a modern service trench and a furrow with a filed drain along the same alignment. The layers of this trench consisted of a recently imported topsoil overlying a compacted chalk layer, a plastic mid greyish brown silty clay topsoil (151) still containing grass, a subsoil (152) that was a plastic mid yellow brown silty clay, and the natural (153) of yellow clay with frequent chalk inclusions.				<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.5	
				<b>Width (m)</b>	2	
				<b>Length (m)</b>	25	
Contexts						
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
151	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.2	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
Trench 28						
<b>General description</b>				<b>Orientation</b>	N-S	
Trench contained a peri-glacial feature running across the middle as well as field drains cutting across it. The middle field drain cut the southern edge of a furrow that ran along the same alignment. The layers of this trench consisted of a recently imported topsoil overlying a compacted chalk layer, a plastic mid greyish brown silty clay topsoil (151) still containing grass, a subsoil (152) that was a plastic mid yellow brown silty clay, and the natural (153) of yellow clay with frequent chalk inclusions.				<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.66	
				<b>Width (m)</b>	2	
				<b>Length (m)</b>	25	
Contexts						
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
151	Layer	-	0.21	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.2	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

<b>Trench 29</b>						
<b>General description</b>				<b>Orientation</b>	NE-SW	
This trench contained two field drains – one cutting across and the other running down the trench, and three shallow natural depressions in the natural showing evidence of roots. The layers of this trench consisted of a recently imported topsoil overlying a compacted chalk layer, a plastic mid greyish brown silty clay topsoil (151) still containing grass, a subsoil (152) that was a plastic mid yellow brown silty clay, and the natural (153) of yellow clay with frequent chalk inclusions.				<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.58	
				<b>Width (m)</b>	2	
				<b>Length (m)</b>	25	
<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>
151	Layer	-	0.34	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.24	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-
<b>Trench 30</b>						
<b>General description</b>				<b>Orientation</b>	NE-SW	
This trench contained a field drain cutting across it at the southern end as well as a field drain cutting down the northern half that ended by cutting a peri-glacial feature that cut across the middle of the trench. The north-west corner of the trench contained a treebole. The layers of this trench consisted of a recently imported topsoil overlying a compacted chalk layer, a plastic mid greyish brown silty clay topsoil (151) still containing grass, a subsoil (152) that was a plastic mid yellow brown silty clay, and the natural (153) of yellow clay with frequent chalk inclusions.				<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.82	
				<b>Width (m)</b>	2	
				<b>Length (m)</b>	25	
<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>
151	Layer	-	0.22	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.3	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 31</b>						
<b>General description</b>				<b>Orientation</b>	N-S	
Each end of this trench was cut by water pipes, whilst two field drains also cut across. The southern field drain ran along the edge of a furrow (aligned north-east to south-west). This trench also contained two pairs of post holes: one modern pair near the southern end, and an undated pair near the middle; and a single post hole at the northern end. One ditch ran across the trench aligned north-west to south-east, and two gullies ran north-east to south-west (the northern one of which was modern). The layers of this trench consisted of a recently imported topsoil overlying a compacted chalk layer, a plastic mid greyish brown silty clay topsoil (151) still containing grass, a subsoil (152) that was a plastic mid yellow brown silty clay, and the natural (153) of yellow clay with frequent chalk inclusions.				<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.66	
				<b>Width (m)</b>	2	
				<b>Length (m)</b>	25	

<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>
151	Layer	-	0.18	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.22	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
154	Fill	0.55	0.17	Upper fill of ditch <b>156</b>	-	-
155	Fill	0.31	0.1	Lower fill of ditch <b>156</b>	-	-
156	Cut	0.55	0.27	Cut of linear ditch	-	-
157	Fill	0.26	0.1	Fill of posthole <b>158</b>	-	Modern
158	Cut	0.26	0.1	Cut of posthole	-	Modern
159	Fill	0.39	0.14	Fill of posthole <b>160</b>	-	Modern
160	Cut	0.39	0.14	Cut of posthole	-	Modern
161	Fill	0.54	0.36	Upper fill of posthole <b>163</b>	-	-
162	Fill	0.33	0.12	Lower fill of posthole <b>163</b>	-	-
163	Cut	0.54	0.38	Cut of posthole	-	-
164	Fill	0.4	0.22	Upper fill of posthole <b>166</b>	-	-
165	Fill	0.27	0.08	Lower fill of posthole <b>166</b>	-	-
166	Cut	0.4	0.31	Cut of posthole	-	-
167	Fill	0.17	0.11	Fill of gully <b>168</b>	-	Modern
168	Cut	0.17	0.11	Cut of gully	-	Modern
169	Fill	0.37	0.14	Fill of posthole <b>170</b>	-	-
170	Cut	0.37	0.14	Cut of posthole	-	-
171	Fill	0.32	0.19	Fill of gully <b>172</b>	-	-
172	Cut	0.32	0.19	Cut of gully	-	-
173	Fill	0.26	0.1	Fill of furrow <b>174</b>	-	-
174	Cut	0.26	0.1	Cut of furrow	-	-
<b>Trench 32</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	E-W
The middle of the trench contains a furrow aligned north-east to south-west that is cut by a field drain along the same alignment. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.94
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	20
<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>
151	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.61	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 33</b>						

<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	NW-SE
Trench devoid of archaeology. The south-eastern end has a modern service that resulted in the trench being truncated. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.82
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	11.5
<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>
151	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.52	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 34</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	-
Trench not opened due to services in the area.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	-
					<b>Width (m)</b>	-
					<b>Length (m)</b>	-
<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>
151	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-
<b>Trench 35</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	NW-SE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Contains a modern service and field drain aligned north-east to south-west. The eastern end of the trench has red brick rubble, and there is a series of demolition layers between the subsoil and topsoil. Consists of soil, three modern demolition layers and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.85
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	15
<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>
151	Layer	-	0.32	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.22	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 36</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	NE-SW
Trench contains only modern concrete and red brick at the eastern end. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.9
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	20
<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>
151	Layer	-	0.7	Topsoil	-	-

152	Layer	-	0.23	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 37</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	N-S
The northern end of this trench had electric cables in it, and the southern end had a service trench cutting across it. To the north of the service trench was a single ditch aligned east to west. The layers of this trench consisted of a recently imported topsoil overlying a compacted chalk layer, a plastic mid greyish brown silty clay topsoil (151) still containing grass, a subsoil (152) that was a plastic mid yellow brown silty clay, and the natural (153) of yellow clay with frequent chalk inclusions.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	1
					<b>Width (m)</b>	2
					<b>Length (m)</b>	25
<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>
151	Layer	-	0.2	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.22	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 38</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	E-W
Trench devoid of archaeology. Contains modern deposits at the eastern end and an electric cable cutting across the western end. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	1.1
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	15.2
<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>
151	Layer	-	0.65	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.47	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 39</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	N-S
Trench contains only modern rubble and concrete. Trench not fully opened due to a water pipe and other services. Consists of a modern redeposited layer over a soil and subsoil, which overlie a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.6
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	9.6
<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>
151	Layer	-	0.12	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.1	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 40</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	NW-SE

Trench devoid of archaeology. Contains only an electric cable at the eastern end. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.98
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	18
<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>
151	Layer	-	0.2	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.48	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 41</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	E-W
Trench contains only an electric cable at the west end. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.87
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	18.5
<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>
151	Layer	-	0.27	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.32	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 42</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	N-S
Trench contains only an electric cable at the northern end. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.85
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	15
<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>
151	Layer	-	0.15	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.46	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 43</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	E-W
Trench devoid of archaeology except modern layers making up its entire depth. Consists of modern layers overlying a natural of clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	1.4
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	16.5
<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>
88	Layer	-	0.25	Redeposited topsoil	-	Modern



102	Layer	-	0.35	Modern concreted layer	-	Modern
103	Layer	-	0.4	Bedding for 102	-	Modern
104	Layer	-	0.2	Modern clinker layer	-	Modern
105	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 44</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	NW-SE
Trench contains one ditch 0.9m across that is underwater and not excavated, and modern build-up layers. Consists of modern layers overlying a natural of clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	1.03
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	20
<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>
84	Layer	-	0.3	Redeposited topsoil	Pottery	-
85	Layer	-	0.35	Chalk layer	-	-
86	Layer	-	0.2	Subsoil	-	-
87	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 45</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	-
Trench not opened due to services in the area.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	-
					<b>Width (m)</b>	-
					<b>Length (m)</b>	-
<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>
151	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-
<b>Trench 46</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	N-S
Trench devoid of archaeology. Truncated length due to modern services at the southern end. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	1.32
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	5
<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>
151	Layer	-	0.32	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.3	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 47</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of modern redeposited soil over soil and subsoil that overlie a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.68
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8

					Length (m)	12
<b>Contexts</b>						
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
151	Layer	-	0.15	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.25	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 48</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	NE-SW
Trench contains two ditches aligned north-east to south-west at the southern end. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.44
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	20
<b>Contexts</b>						
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
89	Fill	0.75	0.21	Fill of ditch <b>92</b>	-	-
90	Fill	0.65	0.28	Fill of ditch <b>92</b>	Bone, pottery	Roman
91	Fill	0.66	0.27	Fill of ditch <b>92</b>	Bone, pottery	Roman
92	Cut	1.15	0.48	Cut of ditch	-	Roman
95	Fill	0.43	0.3	Fill of ditch <b>97</b>	-	-
96	Fill	0.46	0.08	Fill of ditch <b>97</b>	-	-
97	Cut	0.6	0.36	Cut of ditch	-	-
151	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 49</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	NE-SW
Trench contains a ditch aligned north-east to south-west cutting a north-south aligned ditch, and a ditch with a recut and later ditch aligned north to south. Modern services truncate the west end of the trench, and a concrete layer the east end. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.47
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	22
<b>Contexts</b>						
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
98	Cut	0.75	0.42	Cut of ditch	-	Late Iron Age/Early Romano-British
99	Fill	0.75	0.42	Fill of ditch <b>98</b>	Bone, fired clay, pottery	Late Iron Age/Early Romano-British
100	Cut	1.05	0.25	Cut of ditch	-	Roman

101	Fill	1.05	0.25	Fill of ditch <b>100</b>	Bone, CBM, fired clay, iron nail (SF 3), pottery	Late Iron Age/Early Romano-British
138	Fill	1.3	0.32	Fill of ditch <b>139</b>	Bone, CBM, pottery, roof tile	Roman
139	Cut	1.3	0.32	Cut of ditch	-	-
140	Fill	4.18	0.2	Fill of ditch <b>143</b>	Bone, pottery	Roman
141	Fill	3.11	0.4	Fill of ditch <b>143</b>	Pottery, roof tile	Roman
142	Fill	1.2	0.2	Fill of ditch <b>143</b>	Pottery	-
143	Cut	4.18	0.5	Recut of ditch <b>147</b>	-	Roman
144	Fill	2.6	>0.3	Fill of ditch <b>147</b>	Bone, pottery	-
145	Fill	2.77	>0.25	Fill of ditch <b>147</b>	Bone, pottery (SF 1 and 2), shell	Roman
146	Fill	5.8	>0.2	Fill of ditch <b>147</b>	-	-
147	Cut	5.8	>0.45	Cut of ditch	-	Roman
151	Layer	-	0.25	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.2	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

#### Trench 50

<b>General description</b>	<b>Orientation</b>	NE-SW
Trench contains a north to south aligned ditch terminus cut by a field drain in the middle and a north-west to south-east aligned ditch at the southern end with an adjacent modern deposit. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.	<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.45
	<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
	<b>Length (m)</b>	11

#### Contexts

context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
79	Fill	0.8	0.3	Fill of ditch terminus <b>80</b>	Bone	-
80	Cut	0.8	0.3	Cut of ditch terminus	-	-
81	Fill	1.1	0.08	Fill of ditch <b>83</b>	Bone, pottery	ERB
82	Fill	0.9	0.32	Fill of ditch <b>83</b>	-	-
83	Cut	1.1	0.4	Cut of ditch	-	Roman
151	Layer	-	0.2	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.25	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 51						
<b>General description</b>				<b>Orientation</b>		NW-SE
Trench contains a pit towards the western end. Trench was shortened due to modern services. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.				<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>		0.65
				<b>Width (m)</b>		1.8
				<b>Length (m)</b>		17.5
Contexts						
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
93	Cut	1.3	0.39	Cut of pit	Pottery, bone	Roman
94	Fill	1.3	0.39	Fill of pit <b>93</b>	Bone, pottery	Roman
151	Layer	-	0.28	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.31	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
Trench 52						
<b>General description</b>				<b>Orientation</b>		NE-SW
Trench contains only modern disturbance of building footings with a modern north to south aligned gully at the eastern end, and the remains of a red brick wall at the western end. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.				<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>		0.69
				<b>Width (m)</b>		1.8
				<b>Length (m)</b>		18.5
Contexts						
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
151	Layer	-	0.36	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.3	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
Trench 53						
<b>General description</b>				<b>Orientation</b>		NW-SE
Trench contains only modern services and disturbance. Consists of modern build-up layers overlying a natural of chalky clay.				<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>		1
				<b>Width (m)</b>		1.8
				<b>Length (m)</b>		20
Contexts						
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
Trench 54						
<b>General description</b>				<b>Orientation</b>		NW-SE
Trench contains only modern disturbance. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.				<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>		0.68
				<b>Width (m)</b>		1.8
				<b>Length (m)</b>		12

<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>
151	Layer	-	0.23	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.17	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 55</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	-
Trench not opened due to services in the area.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	-
					<b>Width (m)</b>	-
					<b>Length (m)</b>	-
					<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>
151	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-
<b>Trench 56</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology, and was shortened due to the depth of modern material in the redeposited topsoil. Consists of redeposited topsoil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.9
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	7.5
					<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>
151	Layer	-	0.9	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.2	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 57</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	NW-SE
Trench contains only modern disturbance. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	1.05
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	21
					<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>
151	Layer	-	0.7	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.3	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 58</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	NW-SE
Trench contains only modern disturbance. Consists of soil and					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.8

subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.		<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8			
		<b>Length (m)</b>	25			
<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>
151	Layer	-	0.25	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.35	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 59</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	NE-SW
Trench contains two furrows at the south-west end of the trench, both aligned north-west to south-east. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.8
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	25
<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>
151	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.5	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 60</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.9
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	20
<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>
151	Layer	-	0.5	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.5	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 61</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	-
Trench not opened due to services in the area.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	-
					<b>Width (m)</b>	-
					<b>Length (m)</b>	-
<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>
151	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-
<b>Trench 62</b>						

<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	-
Trench not opened due to services in the area.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	-
					<b>Width (m)</b>	-
					<b>Length (m)</b>	-
					<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>
151	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-
<b>Trench 63</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	-
Trench not opened due to services in the area.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	-
					<b>Width (m)</b>	-
					<b>Length (m)</b>	-
					<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>
151	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-
<b>Trench 64</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	-
Trench not opened due to services in the area.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	-
					<b>Width (m)</b>	-
					<b>Length (m)</b>	-
					<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>
151	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-
<b>Trench 65</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	-
Trench not opened due to services in the area.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	-
					<b>Width (m)</b>	-
					<b>Length (m)</b>	-
					<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>
151	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-
<b>Trench 66</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	NE-SW
Trench contains a north to south aligned ditch at the northern end and a field drain at the southern end. Consists of modern build-up layers overlying a subsoil and a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.8
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	21

<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>
111	Fill	1.2	0.5	Fill of ditch <b>112</b>	Bone, pottery	Late Iron Age/Early Romano-British
112	Cut	1.2	0.6	Cut of ditch	-	Roman
115	Fill	0.4	0.1	Fill of ditch <b>112</b>	-	-
121	Layer	-	0.2	Redeposited topsoil	-	Modern
122	Layer	-	0.18	Modern build-up layer	-	-
123	Layer	-	0.15	Modern bedding layer	-	-
124	Layer	-	0.4	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 67</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	NW-SE
Trench contains a ditch aligned north to south at the eastern end, modern disturbance across the middle, and a field drain at the western end. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.53
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	13.5
<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>
128	Layer	-	0.1	Topsoil	-	-
129	Layer	-	0.35	Subsoil	-	-
130	Layer	-	0.08	Deposit over ditch <b>132</b>	-	-
131	Fill	1.16	0.6	Fill of ditch <b>132</b>	Clay pipe	Post-medieval
132	Cut	1.16	0.6	Cut of ditch	-	Post-medieval
133	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 68</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	NE-SW
Trench contains only a layer of modern build-up between the topsoil and subsoil. The trench was shortened due to modern services. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.8
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	13
<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>
125	Layer	-	0.1	Topsoil	-	-
126	Layer	-	0.2	Modern build-up	-	-
127	Layer	-	0.5	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 69</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	-



Trench not opened due to modern disturbance and services.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	-
					<b>Width (m)</b>	-
					<b>Length (m)</b>	-
<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>
151	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-
<b>Trench 70</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	N-S
Trench contains only modern build-up layers and a field drain at the northern end. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.82
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	20.5
<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>
151	Layer	-	0.27	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.35	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 71</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	-
Trench not opened due to services and trees in the area.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	-
					<b>Width (m)</b>	-
					<b>Length (m)</b>	-
					<b>Length (m)</b>	-
<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>
151	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-
<b>Trench 72</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	NE-SW
Trench contains only a field drain and concrete covered services. Trench only partly opened due to services. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.91
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	14
<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>
151	Layer	-	0.22	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.41	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 73</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	NW-SE

Trench devoid of archaeology, but contains modern build-up layers. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	1.05
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	14.2
<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>
106	Layer	-	0.2	Redeposited topsoil	-	-
107	Layer	-	0.2	Modern build-up layer	-	-
108	Layer	-	0.12	Modern build-up layer	-	-
109	Layer	-	0.24	Subsoil	-	-
110	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 74</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	NE-SW
Trench contains a north to south aligned ditch across the middle, with tree rooting towards the south end of the trench. Three modern services cut across the trench. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.82
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	20
<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>
113	Fill	1.68	0.17	Fill of ditch <b>114</b>	Pottery	Roman
114	Cut	1.68	0.17	Cut of ditch	-	Roman
151	Layer	-	0.32	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.36	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 75</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	NW-SE
Trench contains only modern layers, a natural depression and modern services. Trench not fully opened due to modern services in the area. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	1
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	12
<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>
116	Layer	-	0.15	Modern topsoil	-	-
117	Layer	-	0.26	Redeposited subsoil	-	-
118	Layer	-	0.2	Compacted chalk	-	-
119	Layer	-	0.4	Subsoil	-	-
120	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 76</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	NE-SW
Trench contains only a field drain at the western end, electric cables					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.61

at the eastern end, and an area of modern disturbance in the middle. Trench was not fully opened due to the modern services. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	19.7
<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>
151	Layer	-	0.23	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.26	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 77</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	N-S
Trench devoid of archaeology, but has a field drain cutting across the southern end. Trench not fully opened due to services in the area. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.9
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	15.4
<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>
151	Layer	-	0.4	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.5	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 78</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	NW-SE
Trench only has an electric cable and field drain at the western end. It was not fully opened due to services in the area. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.87
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	10.65
<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>
151	Layer	-	0.24	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.32	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 79</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	NW-SE
Trench contains only modern build-up layers (from the nearby drainage pond) above the topsoil and services. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.73
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	25
<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>
151	Layer	-	0.2	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.4	Subsoil	-	-

153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 80</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	NE-SW
Trench contains only modern build-up layers (from the nearby drainage pond) above the topsoil and services. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.67
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	25
<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>
151	Layer	-	0.5	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.2	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 81</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	NW-SE
Trench contains only modern build-up layers (from the nearby drainage pond) above the topsoil and services. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.7
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	25
<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>
151	Layer	-	0.4	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.3	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 82</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	-
Trench not opened due to services in the area.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	-
					<b>Width (m)</b>	-
					<b>Length (m)</b>	-
<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>
151	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-
<b>Trench 83</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	-
Trench not opened due to services in the area.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	-
					<b>Width (m)</b>	-
					<b>Length (m)</b>	-
<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>

151	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-
<b>Trench 84</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	-
Trench not opened due to services in the area.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	-
					<b>Width (m)</b>	-
					<b>Length (m)</b>	-
					<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>
151	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-
<b>Trench 85</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	N-S
Trench contains only modern build-up layers above the topsoil and a field drain. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	1.04
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	17
					<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>
151	Layer	-	0.32	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.72	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 86</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	NE-SW
Trench contains only modern layers of made-up ground and an area of natural disturbance at the north-eastern end. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.78
					<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8
					<b>Length (m)</b>	17
					<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>
151	Layer	-	0.24	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.54	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
<b>Trench 87</b>						
<b>General description</b>					<b>Orientation</b>	-
Trench not opened as it lay in an area of concrete adjacent to a standing building.					<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	-
					<b>Width (m)</b>	-
					<b>Length (m)</b>	-
					<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>

<b>Trench 88</b>						
<b>General description</b>				<b>Orientation</b>	NE-SW	
Trench contains only modern services. It was not fully opened due to the services in the area. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of chalky clay.				<b>Avg. depth (m)</b>	0.36	
				<b>Width (m)</b>	1.8	
				<b>Length (m)</b>	7.5	
<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>
151	Layer	-	0.16	Topsoil	-	-
152	Layer	-	0.22	Subsoil	-	-
153	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

## APPENDIX B. METAL WORKING DEBRIS

*By Sarah Percival*

### **B.1 Nature of the Assemblage**

B.1.1 Three small scraps of undiagnostic metal working debris weighing 5g were recovered from fill 99 of ditch **98** Trench 49. The pieces are not datable.

### **B.2 Methodology**

B.2.1 The complete assemblage was recorded by type by context. The MWD was scanned with a magnet to establish the presence of iron and was counted and weighed to the nearest whole gram.

### **B.3 Further Work**

B.3.1 No further work is required during analysis of the site.

B.3.2 No pieces require illustration.

## APPENDIX C. CERAMIC BUILDING MATERIAL

By Sarah Percival

### C.1 Introduction

C.1.1 A small assemblage of four pieces of ceramic building material weighing 589g was collected. The assemblage comprises three Roman roof tile fragments and one undated scrap.

### C.2 Methodology

C.2.1 The assemblage was quantified by context by fabric and form and counted and weighed to the nearest whole gram. Fabrics were examined using a x20 hand lens and were described by main inclusions present. Width, length and thickness were recorded where complete examples are present.

### C.3 Nature of the Assemblage

C.3.1 Three identifiable fragments were recovered, all in orange sandy fabric with sparse rounded quartz, sparse and rare chalk. These include two pieces of tegula, each 24mm thick of which one has a surviving flange 29mm thick. A single curved imbrex fragment, 20mm thick has a finger smoothed upper surface and rough, pitted underside. The remaining undiagnostic fragment, in similar fabric is very abraded and has no surviving surfaces.

C.3.2 All of the ceramic building material was found in the fills of ditches in Trench 49.

<i>Feature</i>	<i>Context</i>	<i>Feature type</i>	<i>Fabric</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Weight (g)</i>
100	101	Ditch	Pale orange sandy fabric with pale grey core. Sparse quartz inclusions	1	213
139	138	Ditch	Pale orange sandy fabric with pale grey core. Sparse quartz and chalk inclusions	1	299
			Pale orange sandy fabric. Sparse chalk inclusions	1	10
143	141	Ditch	Pale orange sandy fabric with pale grey core. Sparse quartz and chalk inclusions	1	67
<b>Total</b>				<b>4</b>	<b>589</b>

*Table #: Quantity of Roman CBM by fabric*

### C.4 Further Work

C.4.1 No further work is required during analysis of the site.

C.4.2 No pieces require illustration.



## APPENDIX D. BAKED CLAY

By Sarah Percival

### D.1 Introduction

D.1.1 A total of five pieces of clay weighing 21g were collected. The assemblage is poorly fired and crumbly.

### D.2 Methodology

D.2.1 The complete assemblage was analysed and the baked clay recorded by context, grouped by form and fabric, and counted and weighed to the nearest whole gram. Diameter of withy or round wood impressions was noted where available. Surface treatment and impressions were recorded along with the form and number of surviving surfaces. Fabrics were identified following examination using a x10 hand lens and are classified by major inclusion present. The archive is held by OAE.

### D.3 Description

D.3.1 Three fabrics are present (Table #). One fabric has deliberately added crushed grog and one has common chalk inclusions.

D.3.2 The assemblage comprises material almost certainly derived from domestic uses such as ovens and hearths. Single pieces have been found in ditches 98 and 100 in Trench 49. Three fragments weighing 17g came from posthole 1, Trench 1.

Trench	Feature type	Feature	Context	Fabric	Quantity	Weight (g)
	1 Post hole	1	2	Orange fine clay with dark grey core. Sparse grog inclusions	3	17
49	Ditch	98	99	Orange sandy fabric with no visible inclusions	1	1
		100	101	Pale orange open fabric with common sub angular chalk >4mm	1	3
Total					5	21

Table #: Baked clay fabrics

### D.4 Further Work

D.4.1 No further work is required during analysis of the site.

D.4.2 No pieces require illustration.

## APPENDIX E. POTTERY

By Alice Lyons

### Introduction

- E.1.1 A small assemblage of early-to-mid Roman pottery comprising 323 fragments, weighing 4647g, were recovered from eight of the evaluation trenches, with the majority (84.33% by weight) found within Trench 49 (Table 1). Nearly all the pottery was recovered from a series of ditches (93% by weight), although lesser amounts were also found in pits or postholes, also a layer of disturbed topsoil.
- E.1.2 The pottery is in an abraded fragmentary condition, with an average sherd weight of 14.4g.

### Methodology

- E.2.1 The pottery was analysed following the guidelines of the Study Group for Roman Pottery (Darling 2004). Local (Hancocks et al 1998) and national (Tomber and Dore 1998; Tyers 2006) publications were used for referencing the fabrics and forms.
- E.2.2 The total assemblage was studied and a catalogue was prepared (Appendix 1). The sherds were examined using a hand lens (x10 magnification) and were divided into broad fabric groups defined on the basis of inclusion types present. Vessel forms (jar, bowl) were also recorded. The sherds were counted and weighed to the nearest whole gram and recorded by context. Decoration, residues and abrasion were also noted.
- E.2.3 OA East curates the pottery and archive.

### The Pottery

- E.3.1 A total of eight broad fabric families were identified during the evaluation of this assemblage (Table 2).

Fabric	Abbreviation	Vessel form	Sherd Count	Weight (g)	Weight (%)
Sandy grey ware	SGW	Beaker, dish, flanged dish, jar, jar/bowl, lid, jar and storage jar	185	2308	49.67
Shell tempered ware	STW	Jar, storage jar	86	1242	26.73
Verulamium white ware	SOW(VER)	Jar, lid, mortaria	14	620	13.34
Grey ware with common grog inclusions	GW(GROG)	Jar, jar/bowl, storage jar	10	201	4.33
Gaulish samian	SAM	Bowl, cup, dish	10	159	3.42
Sandy oxidised ware	SOW	Beaker, flagon, jar, jar/bowl	16	91	1.96
Sandy coarse ware	BAT AM	Amphora	1	22	0.46

Nene Valley Colour Coat	NVCC	Beaker	1	4	0.09
Total			323	4647	100.00

RB pot Table 2. The pottery, listed in descending order of percentage of weight.

### **Coarsewares**

- E.4.1 The earliest pottery within this assemblage comprised a small group of handmade storage jars and wheelmade jar/bowl forms, the fabric of which were tempered with common grog (crushed pot) inclusions (GW(GROG)). This type of pottery was introduced to south-east Britain before the Roman conquest (AD43) and is considered transitional between the Iron Age and Roman periods (Thompson 1982; Hancocks et al 1998, 77). The jars were well made often with cordons on their necks and with burnished surfaces, while the lack of use residues (such as soot or lime) may indicate they were not used for cooking.
- E.4.2 Replacing the grog tempered material described above, although with a period of overlap, was a larger group of early to mid Roman locally produced Sandy grey wares (SGW). The fabric of these early Roman vessels was poorly mixed with common sand inclusions, also sparse flint and small amounts of grog. Moreover the firing process was not consistent with the result that many vessels have a 'sandwiched' appearance (a red core with a grey to off-white surface). As the Roman period progressed into the early-to-mid 2nd century the production of SGW pottery fabric became more standardised as it was produced in a hard fired blue-grey fabric with few inclusions or temper. The SGW fabric was mainly used to produce a limited range of utilitarian jars and storage jars, although a small number of beakers and dishes were also found.
- E.4.3 Also found in a similar fabric, but fired in an oxidising atmosphere, were a small number of SOW jar and flagon fragments. Some of this material may have been produced in the Lower Nene valley (Tomber and Dore 1998, 119), others more locally.
- E.4.4 Less common than SGW vessels, although still well represented, were jars and storage jars manufactured from clay containing fossilised shell fragments (STW). The Lower Nene Valley was known to have been a production centre for shell-tempered storage jars (Perrin 1996, 119–20) between the late Iron Age and 3<sup>rd</sup> century AD and may have been the source of this material. It is worthy of note, however, that the jars are consistent with local production possibly at Earith on the eastern Fen-edge (Anderson 2013, 311) or another unknown local source.

### **Finewares**

- E.5.1 Imported finewares comprise fine red slipped table wares, referred to as samian, from Gaul which found their way to this site between the mid 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> centuries. The assemblage includes the remains of two South Gaulish mould impressed decorated bowls (Dr37), also a central Gaulish cup (Dr33). No makers' stamps were found.
- E.5.2 Only one other fine ware fragment was found which is a Lower Nene Valley (Perrin 1999; Tyers 1996, 173-175; Tomber and Dore 1998, 118) beaker fragment with rouletted decoration produced between the mid 2<sup>nd</sup> and mid 3<sup>rd</sup> centuries AD.

### **Specialist wares**

- E.6.1 A single extremely abraded piece of Spanish globular olive oil amphora was recovered (Tyers 1996, 87-89). Although imported between the end of the Iron Age and the mid 3<sup>rd</sup> century AD, most arrived within this area in the 2<sup>nd</sup> century AD.

E.6.2 Mortaria, gritted mixing bowls, were also found but only in very small numbers. Two mortaria in a Verulamium sandy oxidised white ware fabric were recovered. The best preserved is of bead and flange type, with a large spout (Tyers 1996, p132-4, fig 137, no 5-6) and probably dating to the later part of the 1<sup>st</sup> century AD. The other is only a small fragment and not closely datable.

**Statement of potential**

E.7.1 This is primarily an early Roman (mid to late 1<sup>st</sup> century AD) utilitarian pottery assemblage with some continuance into the mid/late Romano-British period. It consists mostly of domestically produced utilitarian coarse ware jars and storage jars, although some imported finewares and traded specialist wares are also present. All the pottery is fragmentary and none was recovered from deliberately placed deposits (such as burial) rather the pottery has found its way into the ditch system as part of the rubbish/manuring disposal process.

This assemblage is similar to material excavated previously in the area (Atkins 2012; Hancocks *et al* 1998), it can be confidently stated therefore, that this ceramic material is typical of the area and chronological period and suggests an affluent rural settlement existed in the vicinity.

## APPENDIX F. ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTS

### F.1 Environmental samples

*By Rachel Fosberry*

#### **Introduction**

- F.1.1 Five bulk samples were taken from features within the evaluated areas at Alconbury Weald Enterprise Zone in order to assess the quality of preservation of plant remains and their potential to provide useful data as part of further archaeological investigations.
- F.1.2 The features sampled were all ditches that mostly dated to the Roman period.

#### **Methodology**

- F.1.3 Ten litres of each bulk 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 residues were allowed to air dry. A magnet was dragged through each residue fraction prior to sorting for artefacts. Any artefacts present were noted and reintegrated with the hand-excavated finds. The dried flots were subsequently sorted using a binocular microscope at magnifications up to x60 and a list of the recorded remains are presented below.

#### **Results**

Sample No.	Context No.	Cut No.	Feature Type	Trench No.	Volume processed (L)	Flot Volume (ml)	Flot contents	Residue contents
1	94	<b>93</b>	ditch	51	10	2	No preservation	Bone
2	99	<b>98</b>	ditch	49	10	1	No preservation	Pottery
3	101	<b>100</b>	ditch	49	10	3	Sparse charcoal	Bone, pottery
4	111	<b>112</b>	ditch	66	10	1	No preservation	No finds
5	145	<b>147</b>	ditch	49	10	10	Sparse charcoal	Bone, pottery

#### *Environmental samples from STUALE15*

- F.1.4 All of the samples were devoid of preserved plant remains other than occasional sparse charcoal.

## F.2 Animal Bone

by Chris Faine

F 2.1 Five point four kilograms of animal bone was recovered from the evaluation, largely recovered from Romano-British contexts. Bones were recorded using a version of the criteria described in Davis (1992) and Albarella and Davis (1994).

	<b>NISP</b>	<b>NISP %</b>	<b>MNI</b>	<b>MNI %</b>
Cattle ( <i>Bos</i> )	19	65.5	8	44.4
Sheep/Goat ( <i>Ovis/Capra</i> )	5	17.4	5	27.8
Pig ( <i>Sus scrofa</i> )	2	6.8	2	11.2
Horse ( <i>Equus</i> )	3	10.3	3	16.6
<b>Total:</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>100</b>

Table 1: Species distribution

F2.2 Seventy nine fragments were recovered with 29 identifiable to species (36.7% of the sample). Cattle was the dominant taxon along with smaller numbers of sheep, pig and horse. Cattle remains consist almost entirely of lower limb elements (tibiae, radii, metapodia), with a single femur being recovered from context **145**. all elements were from adult animals apart from a juvenile tibia from context **101**. Sheep remains are limited to 2 metatarsals from contexts **138 & 144**, and a fragmentary humerus, maxilla and tibia from contexts **99, 101 & 140** respectively. The tibia fragments displayed two areas of healed new bone growth on the shaft, indicative of slight trauma. A metatarsal from context **138** was partially worked, most likely in an attempt to form a point or awl (although the end was missing). Single portions of adult pig humerus and scapula were recovered from contexts **138 & 148** respectively. Horse remains are limited to a partial metacarpal, 2<sup>nd</sup> molar and scapula from contexts **81, 111 & 140** respectively.

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## APPENDIX H. OASIS REPORT FORM

### Project Details

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Project Name	Archaeological Evaluation at Alconbury Weald Enterprise Zone			
Project Dates (fieldwork)	Start	06-04-2015	Finish	03-06-2015
Previous Work (by OA East)	Yes		Future Work	Yes

### Project Reference Codes

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### Monument Types/Significant Finds & Their Periods

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Monument	Period	Object	Period
Ditch	Roman 43 to 410	Pottery	Roman 43 to 410
Pit	Roman 43 to 410	Bone	Uncertain
Posthole	Bronze Age -2.5k to -700	Flint	Bronze Age -2.5k to -700

### Project Location

County	Cambridgeshire	Site Address (including postcode if possible)	
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Parish	The Stukeleys		
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Study Area	3960sq m	National Grid Reference	TL 1975 7684

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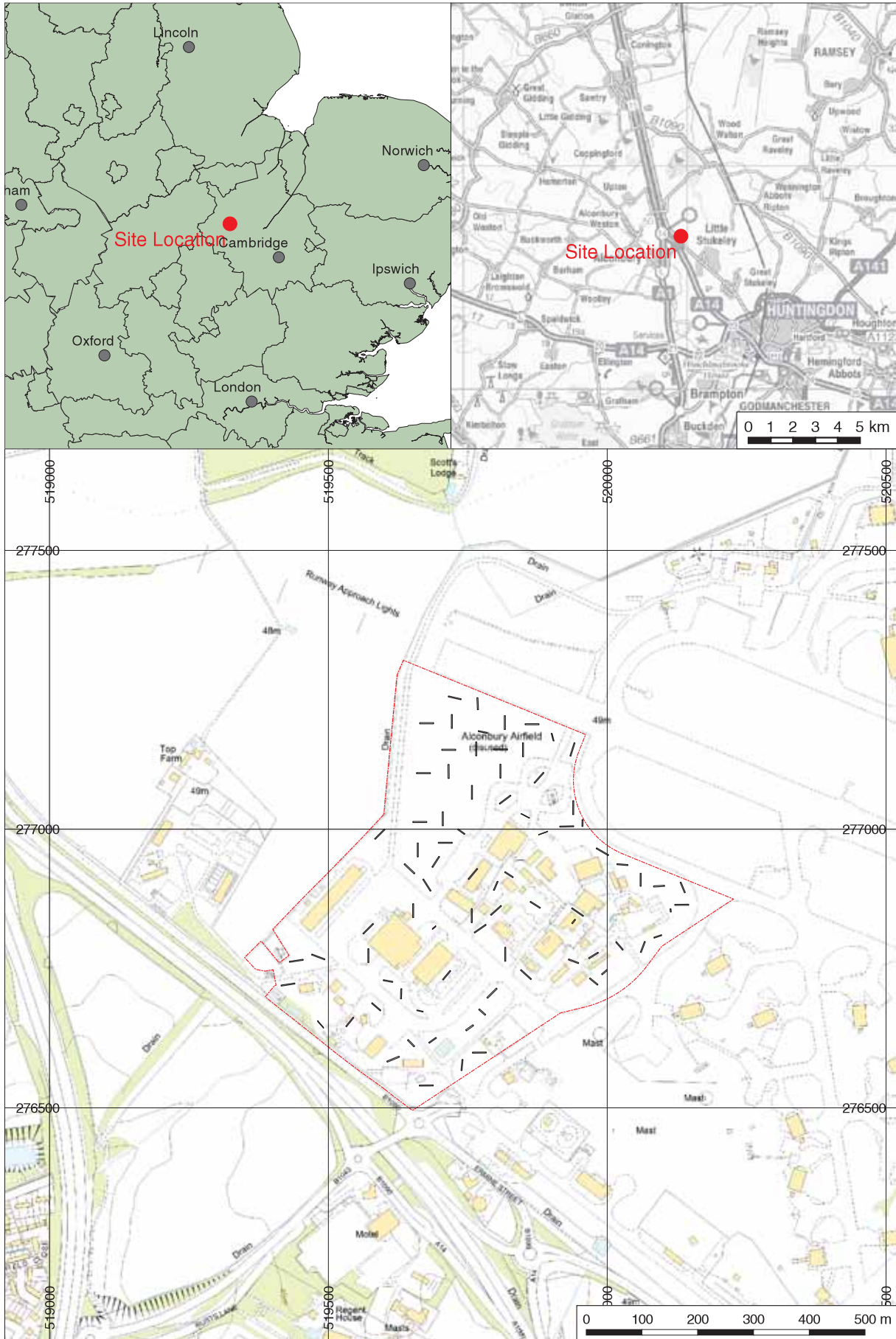
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Figure 1: Site location showing archaeological trenches (black) in development area (red)

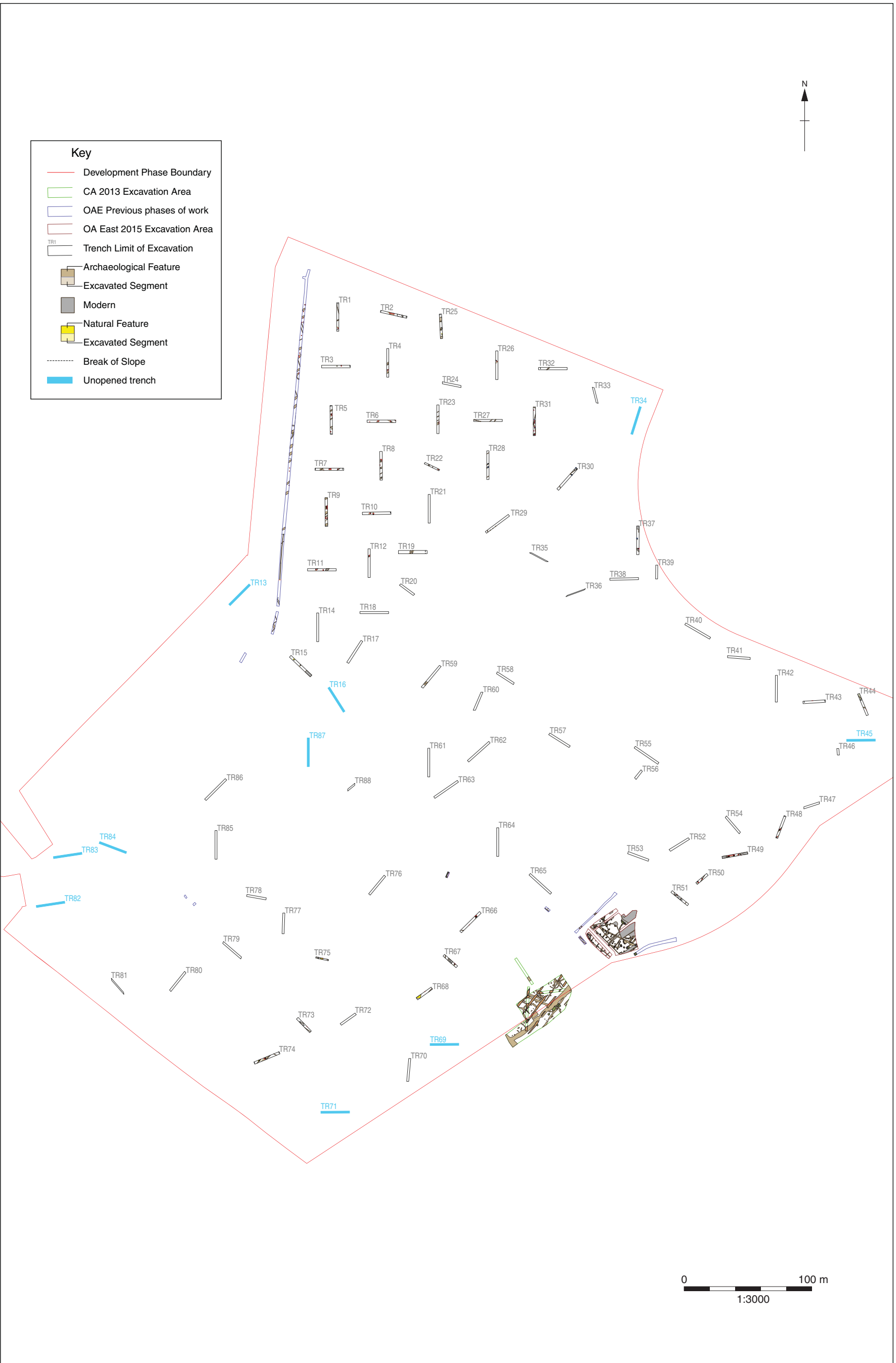


Figure 2: Trench location plan

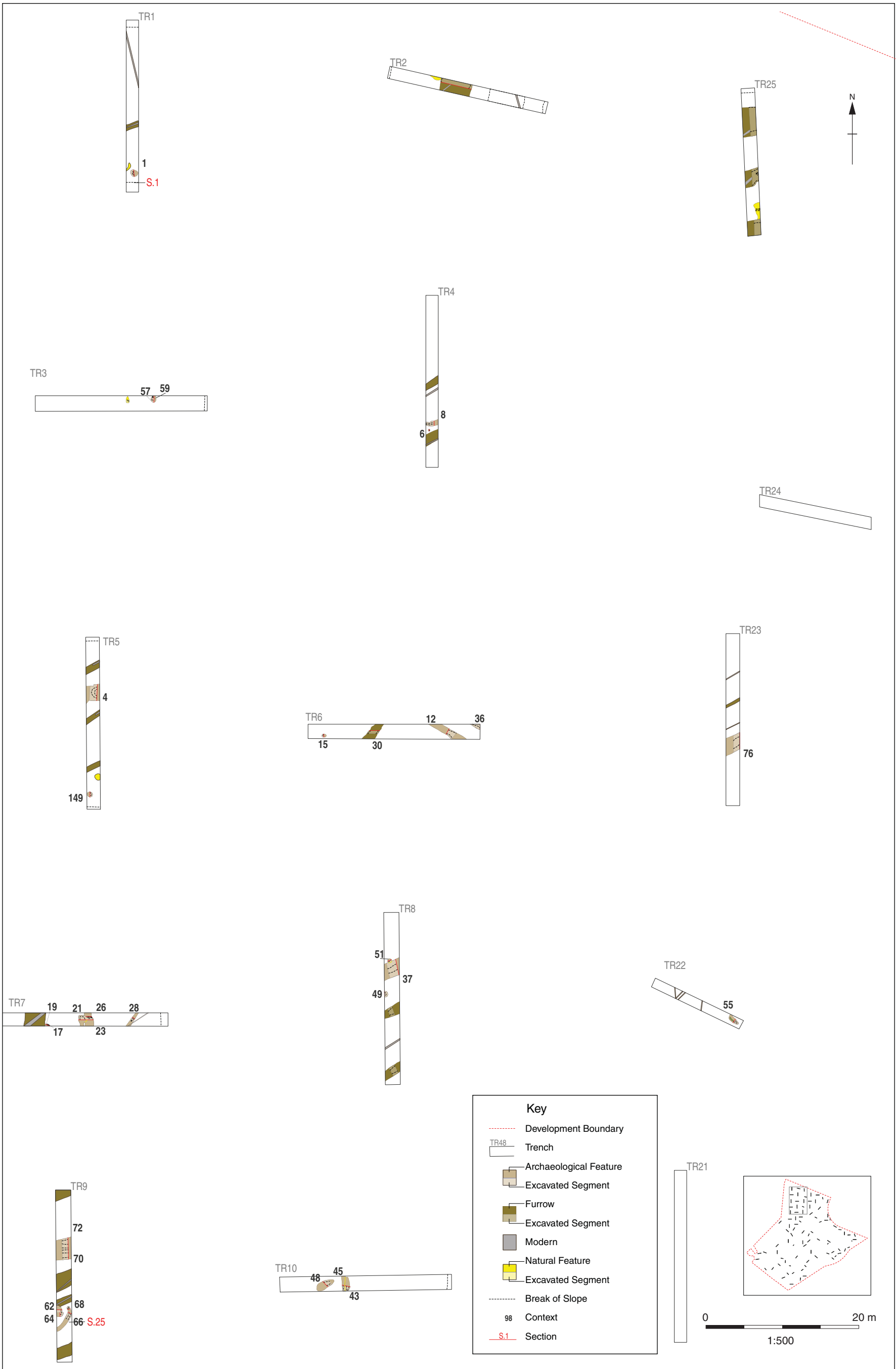


Figure 3: Detail of archaeological features: north-west corner of the development area

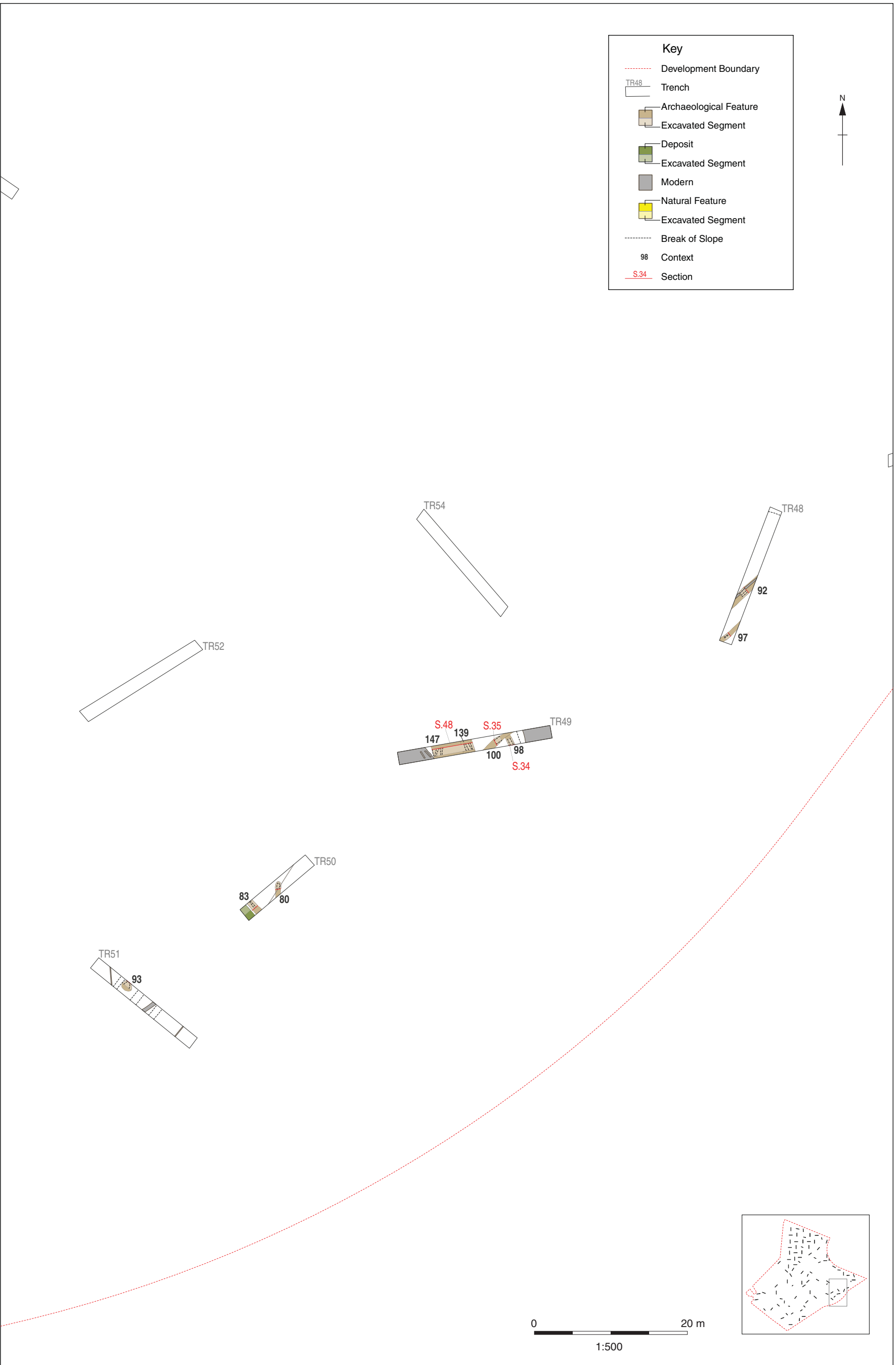


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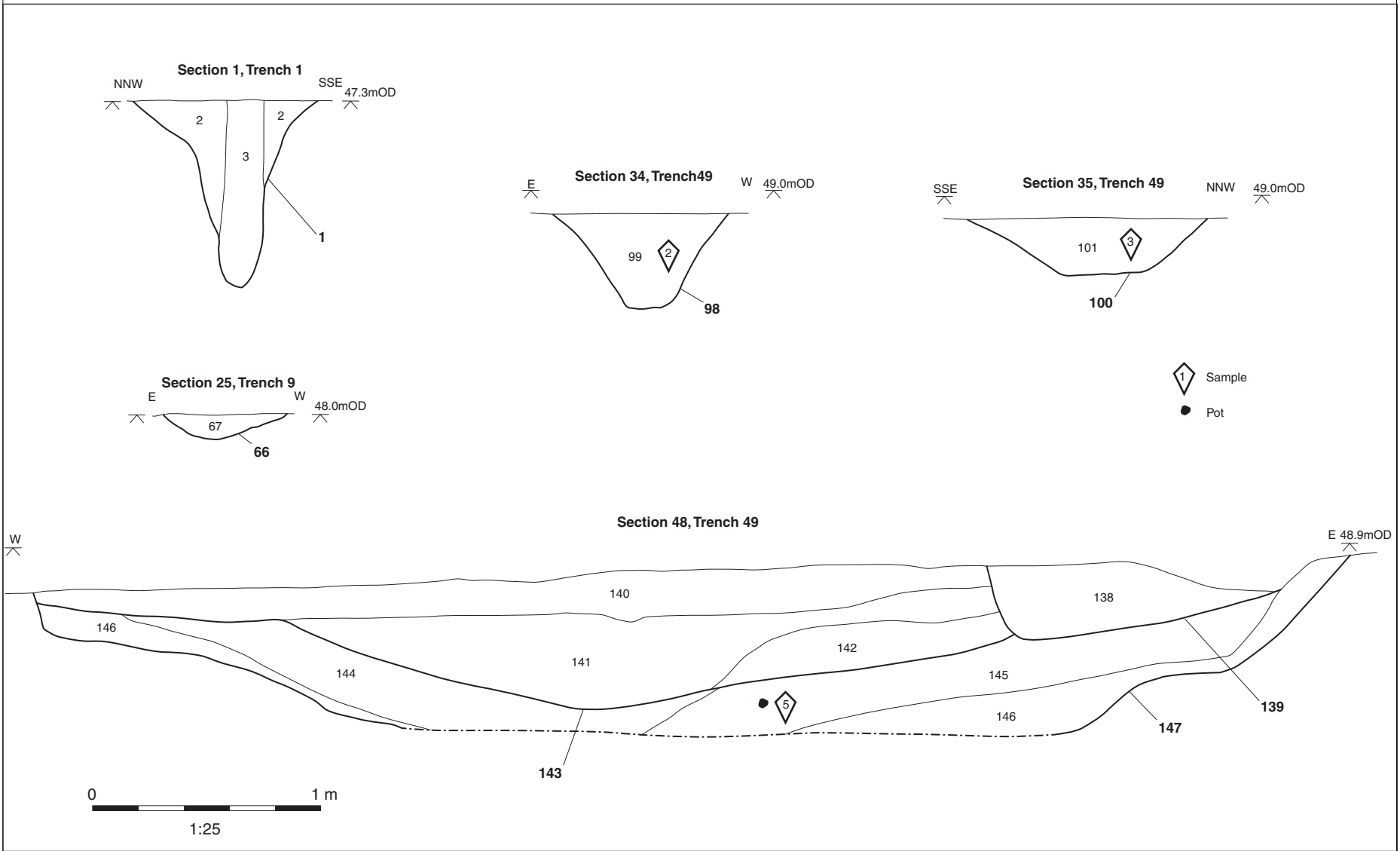


Figure 5: Selected sections



Plate 1: Furrow 23. Photograph taken from the north



Plate 2: Roman ditch 92. Photograph taken from the south-west





Plate 3: Trench 49 with concrete in the foreground and Roman ditches 98 and 100 in the beyond. Photograph taken from the north-east



Plate 4: Roman enclosure ditch 147. Photograph taken from the south-east



Plate 5: Trench 52 with old airfield building behind. Photograph taken from the west



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