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SUMMARY

Between 2nd and 23rd November 2004 an archaeological evaluation was undertaken at Briggs Farm, Thorney, Cambridgeshire (TF 2500 0050) by staff of the Archaeological Field Unit (AFU) of Cambridgeshire County Council. The proposed development includes excavation of a reservoir, borrow pits, settlement lagoons, a processing plant for sand and gravel, an area for the temporary stockpiling of minerals during the course of construction, and a haul roads to and from the site.

From the outset it was anticipated that a 'Flag Fen' type landscape would be uncovered. Recent archaeological investigations within the Thorney area have identified Bronze Age burial mounds and elements of a rectilinear field system.

The evaluation has contributed to the understanding of prehistory on the Thorney Island. It has revealed considerable Bronze Age activity in the form of a barrow, a well, a possible wooden trackway and field boundaries.

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Drawing Conventions

Sections	Plans
Limit of Excavation	Limit of Excavation
Cut	Deposit - Conjectured
Cut - Conjectured	Natural Features
Soil Horizon	Intrusion/Truncation
Soil Horizon - Conjectured	Sondages/Machine Strip
Intrusion/Truncation	Illustrated Section S.14
Top of Natural	Archaeological Deposit
Top Surface	Excavated Slot
Break in Section	Modern Deposit
Cut Number 118	Claying Ditches
Deposit Number 117	Natural features
Ordnance Datum $\frac{18.45m}{\times}$ ODN	Layer
	Cut Number 118

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1 INTRODUCTION

Between 2nd and 23rd November, 2004 an archaeological evaluation was undertaken at Brigg's Farm, Thorney, by staff of the Archaeological Field Unit (AFU) of Cambridgeshire County Council. The proposed development site is within Prior's Fen, south-west of Thorney village and east of Willow Hall Lane. Brigg's Farm is contained within the outline of the subject area. The site is centred at TF 2500 0050 and covers an area of approximately 15.75ha.

The project was commissioned by Andrew B. Dennis, Land and Water Consultant on behalf of P. J. Thory Ltd., and carried out in accordance with the requirements of Ben Robinson of the Archaeology Office, Peterborough City Council. The development includes excavation of a reservoir, borrow pits, settlement lagoons, a processing plant for sand and gravel, an area for the temporary stockpiling of minerals during the course of construction, and a haul road to and from the site.

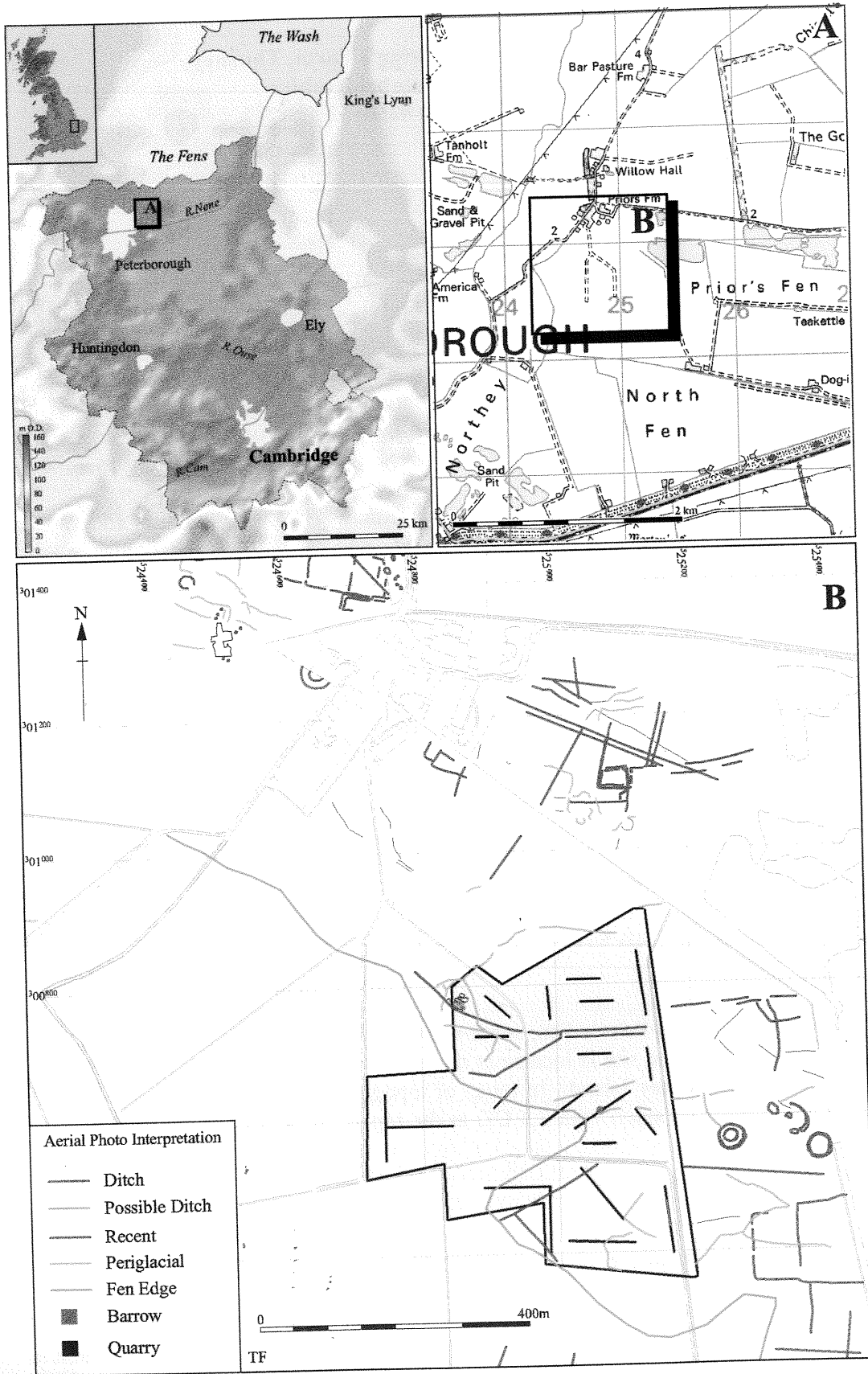
From the outset it was hoped that this evaluation would identify Bronze Age remains characteristic of a fenland edge environment. The results of the archaeological work undertaken at Flag Fen and Whittelesy provide us with a framework for examining the evidence on the Thorney Island.

2 GEOLOGY AND TOPOGRAPHY

The site within Prior's Fen, south-west of Thorney village and east of Willow Hall Lane. The site is located at the point where the Eye peninsula broadens out into Thorney Island. In terms of topography the area gently slopes away from north to south with 2.5 OD at the top of the slope and -0.67 OD at the base.

3 ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Prehistoric remains were recovered on Thorney island during the Fenland Survey (Hall 1987) including Neolithic lithic scatters. At this time the proposed reservoir site lay on dry land close to the edge of marshland to the east.



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Figure 1 Location of trenches with the development area highlighted and aerial photographic interpretation

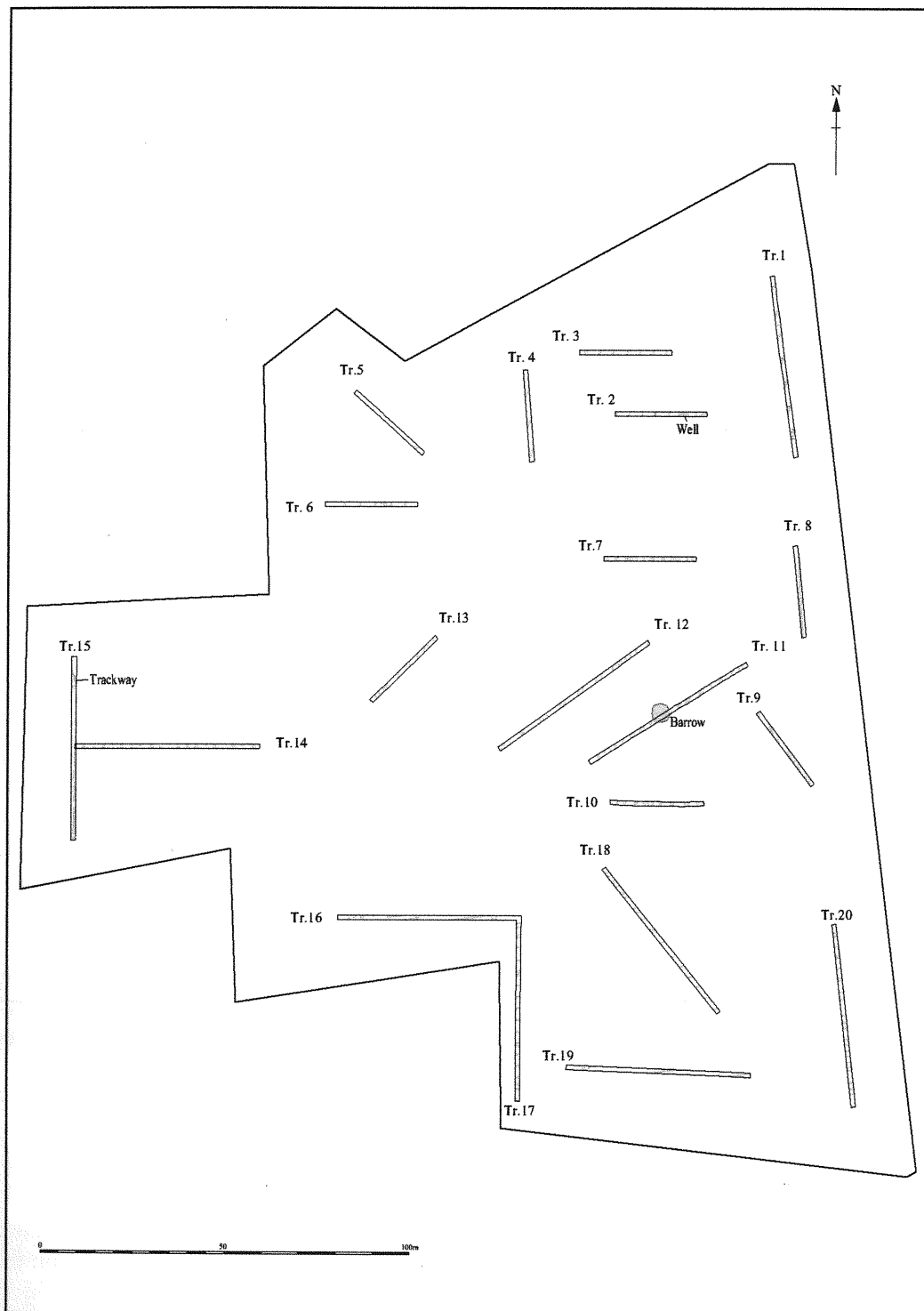


Figure 2 Trench plan showing features

Seventeen Bronze Age barrows have been identified, spaced out along the contemporary fen-edge in the west of the parish. All the barrows are now plough damaged. Later Iron Age settlements were also identified during the survey, including a complex of cropmarks indicating paddocks and enclosures. These were again to the west of the modern village (Hall 1987).

A considerable amount of Roman settlement has been identified in the same area and also on the Terrington Beds to the north. Some have extensive cropmarks showing paddocks and droveways.

The island of Thorney was the location of a Saxon hermitage recorded in the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle from the middle of the 7th century AD. The site was then deserted before a Benedictine monastery was founded in the 10th century by Aethelwold, Bishop of Winchester and this grew in importance to rank alongside Ramsey, Ely, Peterborough and Crowland. The site, along with the other fenland monasteries, was abandoned after the Dissolution in 1539.

Sites and Monuments Record

The Peterborough City Council SMR shows that a plough damaged Bronze Age barrow (SMR 5064), with two flint blades found during fieldwalking sit within the area of the proposed reservoir itself. In addition there are three sets of cropmarks picked up by aerial photography. The first (SMR 10109) is a probable D-shaped enclosure of unknown date lying just to the south-east of a U-shaped ring ditch (SMR 5036), which may be associated. This ring ditch lies on or very close to part of the proposed haulage road. The third is a complex of ditched enclosures and ring ditches (SMR 6851), most of which lie just to the east of the subject area but one likely barrow mound lies within it (TF 2505/0059).

Outside of the subject area three more barrows have been found (SMR 10916, 5376, 5388), all to the east of the site, as well as several sets of extensive cropmarks, including a Roman settlement with enclosures and hut circles (SMR 5063), and the one mentioned above (SMR 6851).

Previous Archaeological Work

A Desktop Survey and aerial photographic survey were carried out in advance of the evaluation but there are no known archaeological excavations within the subject area. Excavation at a site approximately 1km north-west of the subject area (TF 2380/0220) by the Cambridge Archaeological Unit (Gibson and White 1998 and McFadyen 2000) have revealed significant evidence of a late Bronze Age/ Early Iron Age settlement and Romano-British field systems.

The second site lies approximately 1km to the north (TF 2580/0290) and was evaluated by Archaeological Project Services (Malone 2003). Remains of four burial mounds were identified as well as elements of a rectilinear field

system of a probable Bronze Age date and evidence for Iron Age settlement.

Although both sites are outside the subject area they illustrate the archaeological potential in the immediate vicinity and demonstrate what the results of evaluation and excavation can bring to light.

4 **METHODOLOGY**

A mechanical excavator (with 2.5m wide flat-bladed ditching bucket) was used to excavate twenty trial trenches under archaeological supervision (Trenches 1-20). A total of 1100m of trench was excavated, a c.5% sample of the site. The trenches were planned at 1:50 and sections at 1:20. All features and deposits were recorded using the AFU single context system. Each distinct cut, fill and layer was allocated an individual number. In the following text cut numbers are presented in **bold** and deposit numbers in plain text.

Monochrome, colour and digital photographs were taken. All the spoil heaps were scanned for artefacts.

Following consultation with the Ben Robinson from the Peterborough Archaeology Service only a representative sample of claying ditches were excavated.

5 **RESULTS** (Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5)

General

In the majority of trenches there was a sequence of topsoil (1) sealing natural gravel. In trenches 14 and 15, the sequence differed with topsoil sealing a peat layer (276) which in turn sealed alluvial clay (277).

Topsoil 1 was a dark greyish peaty silt which varied from 0.30-0.50m. Layer 276 was a dark greyish peaty silt which varied 0.20-0.30m. Layer 277 was a blue grey alluvial which was over 1m in depth.

Trench 1 (Fig. 2)

Trench 1 was 100m long and 0.5m deep and was located on a north to south alignment. This trench contained a number of claying ditches and drainage ditches 7, 15, 25 and 27.

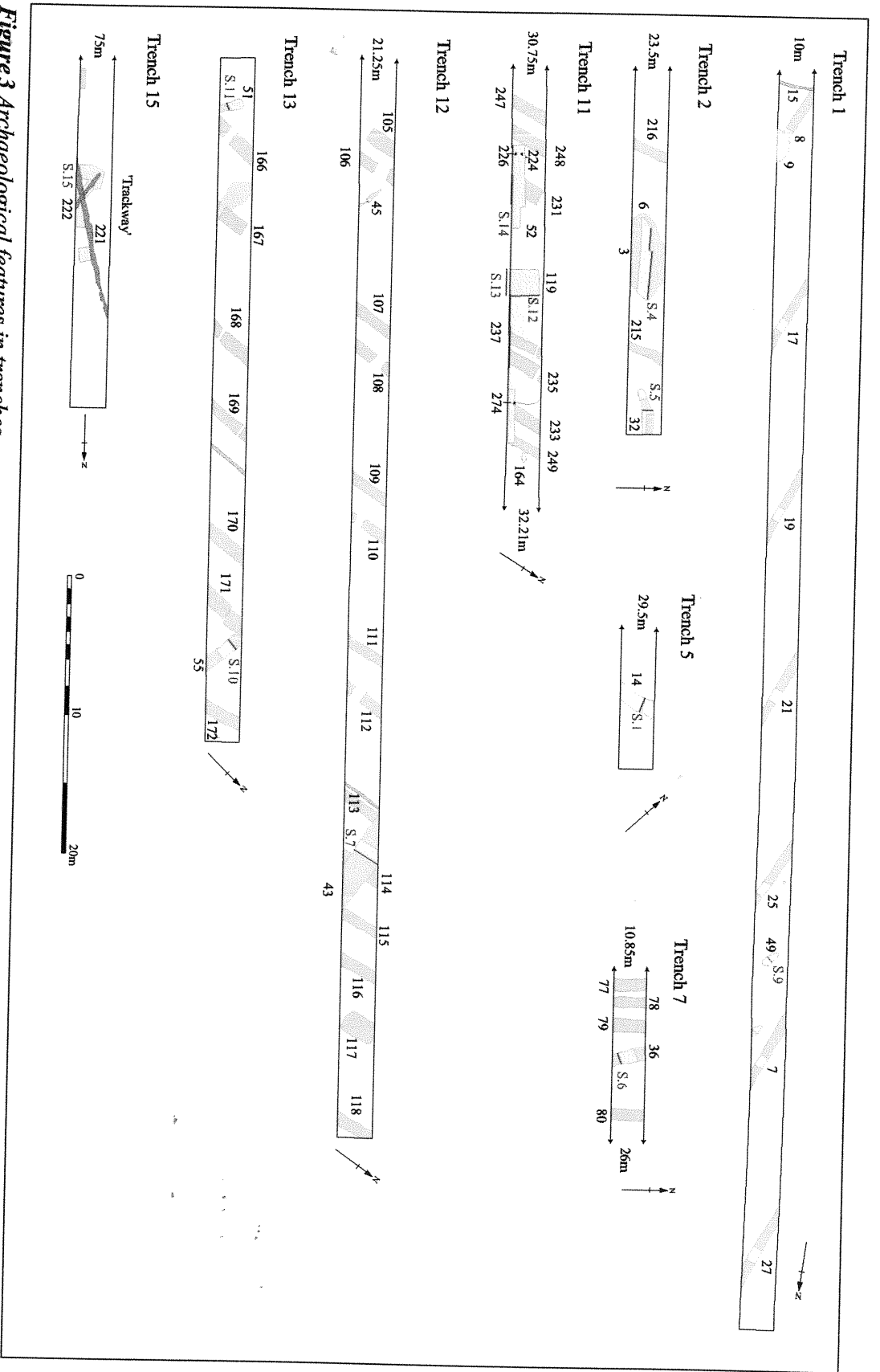


Figure 3 Archaeological features in trenches

All of the ditches ran on a northwest to southeast alignment. They were visible as straight ditches 0.40m-0.60m in width varying in depth from 0.40m-0.60m.

All of the above ditches were excavated in this trench.

Ditch 7 was 0.40m deep and 0.60m wide and contained a dark black silty peat.

Ditch 15 was modern field drain that was 0.26m deep and 0.15m wide.

Ditch 25 was 0.65 m wide and 0.37m deep and contained a dark black silty peat.

Ditch 27 was 0.68m wide and 0.33m deep and contained a dark black silty peat.

Ditch 8 cut pit 9.

Ditch 8 was 0.65m wide and 0.40m deep and contained a dark black silty peat.

Pit 9 was 0.90 m deep and 0.38m deep and contained a brownish blackish brown peaty silt.

Ditch 17 was 0.71wide and 0.40m deep and contained a dark blackish brown silty peat.

Ditch 19 was 0.63m wide and 0.33 m deep and contained a dark blackish brown silty peat.

Ditch 21 was 0.64m wide and 0.30m deep and contained a dark blackish brown silty peat.

Natural feature 49 was 0.58m wide and 0.65m deep and contained a greyish black peaty silt.

Trench 2 (Fig. 3)

Trench 2 was 50m long deep and located on an east to west alignment. The most significant feature identified was a large pit 6 (which may represent a well) in the centre of the trench.

Pit 6 contained five fills 4, 5, 23, 24 and 33. It was 6.2m wide and 1.4m deep. The shape of the pit with a shallow top and a deep centre suggest that pit 6 represents a Bronze Age well for cattle. Pit 6 was truncated by claying ditch 3.

The upper fill of the pit was fill 4, which was 3.4m wide, and 0.2m deep. Fill 4 comprised a blackish brown clayey silt which produced no artefacts.

Fill 5 was a greyish brown sandy silt which was 2.9m wide and 0.1m deep. An environmental sample was taken from this deposit.

Fill 23 was a light grey sandy silt which was 0.46m deep. Animal bone was recovered from fill 23.

Fill 33 was brownish black silt which was 0.50m deep. Several fragments of animal bone were recovered from fill 33.

Ditch 32 was 0.70m wide and 0.38m deep and contained a greyish brown silty clay.

Trench 3

Trench 3 was 50m long 0.40m deep and located on an east to west alignment. This trench contained seven claying ditches (unexcavated) 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61 and 62. All of the ditches ran on a northeast to southwest alignment. They were visible as straight ditches 0.40m-0.45m in width.

Trench 4

Trench 4 was 50m long and 0.40m deep and located on a north to south alignment. This trench contained four claying ditches (unexcavated) 63, 64, 65, and 66. All of the ditches ran on a northeast to southwest alignment. They were visible as straight ditches 0.40m-0.45m in width.

Trench 5

Trench 5 was 50m long and 0.40m deep and located on a northwest to southeast alignment. A single feature (ditch 14) was encountered in the southern part of the trench. Ditch 14 ran on an east to west alignment and was 1m wide and 0.35m deep. It contained a single fill 13 that was light orangey brown sandy clay silt, which produced no artefacts. This ditch may represent part of a Bronze Age field system.

Trench 6

Trench 6 was 50m long and 0.30m deep and located on an east to west alignment. This trench contained five claying ditches (unexcavated) 67, 68, 69, 71 and 73. In addition an agricultural ditch 70 was identified in the eastern part of the trench.

Trench 7

Trench 7 was 50m long and 0.36m deep and located on an east to west alignment. This trench contained a large number (74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, and 89.) of clayey ditches, which ran on a north to south alignment. They were visible as straight ditches varying from 0.40m-0.45m in width.

The most significant feature was ditch 36, which was located in the centre of the trench. Ditch 36 ran on a north-west to south-east alignment and measured 1.04m wide and 0.36m deep. It contained a single fill 35 which was a grey silt which produced a fragment of animal bone.

Trench 8

Trench 8 was 50m long and 0.70m deep and located on a north to south alignment. This trench contained two clayey ditches 90 and 91. Ditch 90 was an interrupted ditch 0.40m wide that ran on a north to south alignment. Ditch 91 was aligned on an east to west alignment. They were visible as straight ditches varying from 0.40m-0.45m in width.

Trench 9

Trench 9 was 50m long and 0.70m deep and located on a north-west to south-east alignment. This trench contained eight clayey ditches (unexcavated) 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98 and 99. They were visible as straight ditches varying from 0.40m-0.45m in width.

Trench 10

Trench 10 was 50m long and 0.40m deep and located on an east to west alignment. This trench contained fourteen clayey ditches (unexcavated) 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 272 and 273. In addition a small pit 47 was identified. Pit 47 was 0.87m wide and 0.30m deep and contained a single fill 46. Fill 46 contained a dark brown sandy silt which contained no artefacts.

Trench 11

Trench 11 was 100m long and 0.45m deep and located on a north-east to south-west alignment. This trench contained significant features including a possible Bronze Age barrow.

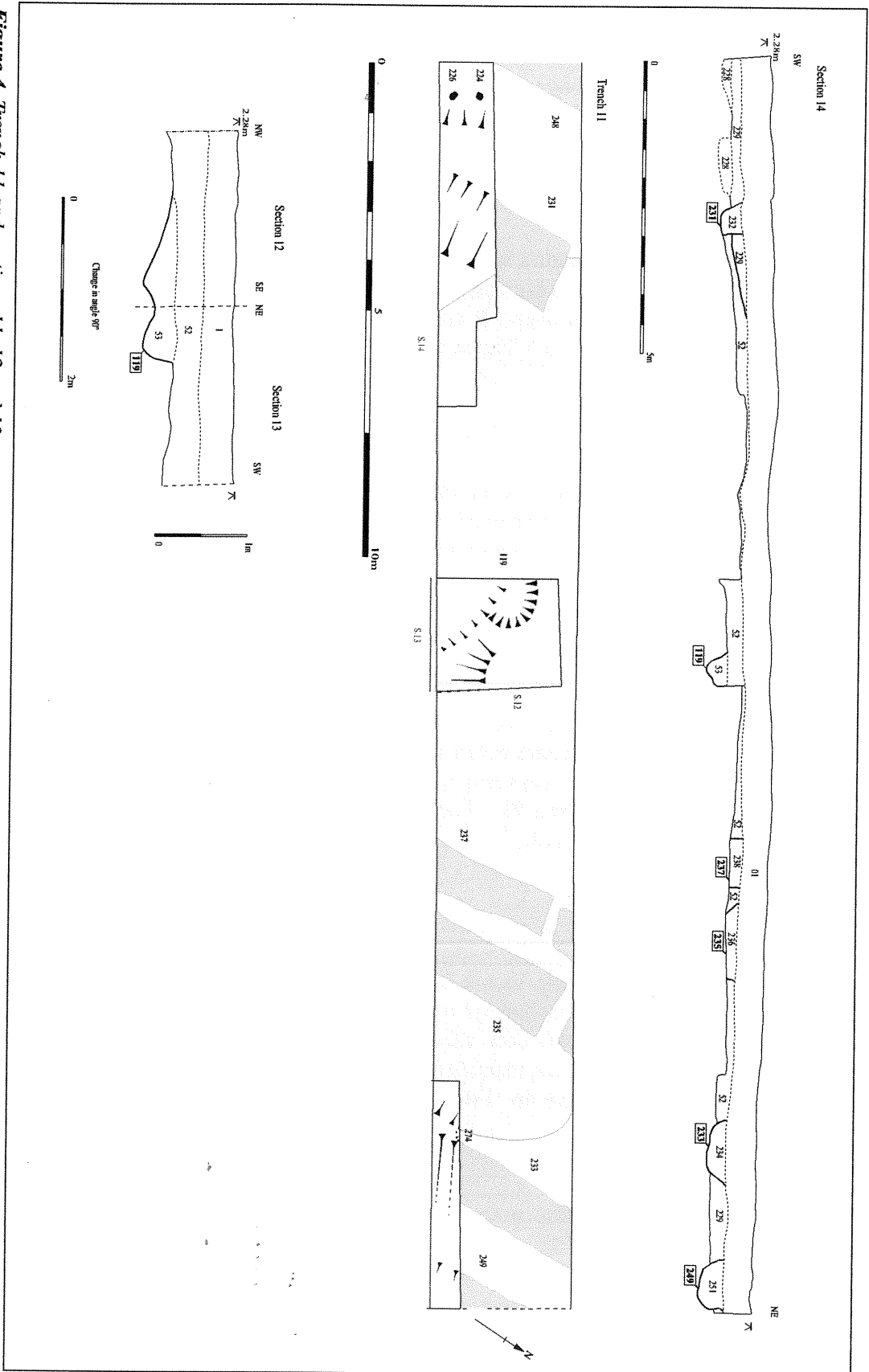


Figure 4 Trench 11 and sections 11, 12 and 13

The presence of a large oval earthwork coupled with the evidence from aerial photography aided us in pinpointing a Bronze Age barrow in the centre of the trench.

Three sondages were excavated in the centre of the trench. These revealed layer 52 which may have been a construction layer for a barrow. Layer 52 was an orangey grey brown sandy silt which was 0.32m deep and 21.4 m wide. Two environmental samples that were processed from layer 52 contained burnt bone. Layers 229 and 228 which were observed in the western and eastern part of the barrow may represent remnants of a ploughed out ditch.

In the centre of the barrow layer 52 sealed an earlier feature 119. Irregular feature 119 was 0.80m wide and 0.19m deep and contained a single fill 53. Fill 53 was a mid brownish grey silty clay which contained work flint.

The presence of small stake holes (224, 226 and 274) within the excavated segments may be interpreted as a marker for the initial setting out of the barrow.

Stake hole 224 was 0.15m wide and 0.07m deep and contained a single light grey silty clay fill (223).

Stake hole 226 was 0.15m wide and 0.17m deep and contained a single light grey silty clay fill (225).

Stake hole 274 was 0.15m wide and 0.07m deep and contained a single light grey silty clay fill (223).

Barrow 52 was truncated by claying ditches 231, 233, 235, 237 and 249.

Pit 164 was 0.40m wide and 0.39m deep and contained a dark brown silt.

Trench 12

Trench 12 was 100m long and 0.70m deep and located on a north-east to south-west alignment. Eighteen claying trenches were identified (100-118) which ran on a north to south alignment. The most significant feature encountered in this trench was ditch 43.

Ditch 43 may be part of a Bronze Age field system. This ditch ran on an east to west alignment and may relate to ditch 55 in trench 13.

Ditch 43 was 1.8m wide and 0.60m deep and contained four fills 39, 40, 41, and 42. Fill 39 was a greyish black silt which was 0.74m wide and 0.10m deep. Fill 40 was brownish grey sandy silt, which was 1.5m wide, and 0.26m deep. Fill 41 was a blackish grey sandy silt which was 0.60m wide and 0.12m deep.

deep. Fill 42 was a yellowish brown clayey silt which was 0.40m wide and 0.20m deep.

Ditch 45 was irregular in profile and may represent a Bronze Age field ditch. Ditch 45 was 0.44m wide and 0.14m deep and contained a single mid grey silt fill (44).

Trench 13

Trench 13 was 50m long and 0.35m deep and located on an north-east to south-west alignment. Six claying trenches were identified (166-172) which ran on a north north-east to south-west alignment.

Ditch 51 was identified in the southern end of the trench. It was 0.60m wide and 0.10m deep and contained a single fill 50. Fill 50 was a light brown silty clay.

Ditch 55 was 0.9m wide and 0.38m deep and contained a single fill 54. Fill 54 was a greyish brown clayey silt which contained no artefacts.

Trench 14

Trench 14 was 100m long and 0.50m deep and located on an east to west alignment. Seventeen claying trenches were identified (166 -172) which ran on a west to east alignment. Following discussion with the Peterborough Archaeology Service Officer none of the claying trenches were excavated.

Trench 15

Trench 15 was 100m long and 0.70m deep and located on an north to south alignment. Important wooden remains were uncovered in the northern end of the trench. Context 221 was a worked oak plank which was 4m long and 0.60m wide and was located on a north-west to south-east alignment. This plank was lying on top of second wooden plank which was at right angles to context 221. There is a strong possibility that these wooden remains represent remnants of a Bronze Age wooden track way.

Trench 16

Trench 16 was 100m long and 0.4 m deep and located on an east to west alignment. Four claying trenches were identified (121-124) which ran on a north-north-east to south-south-west alignment.

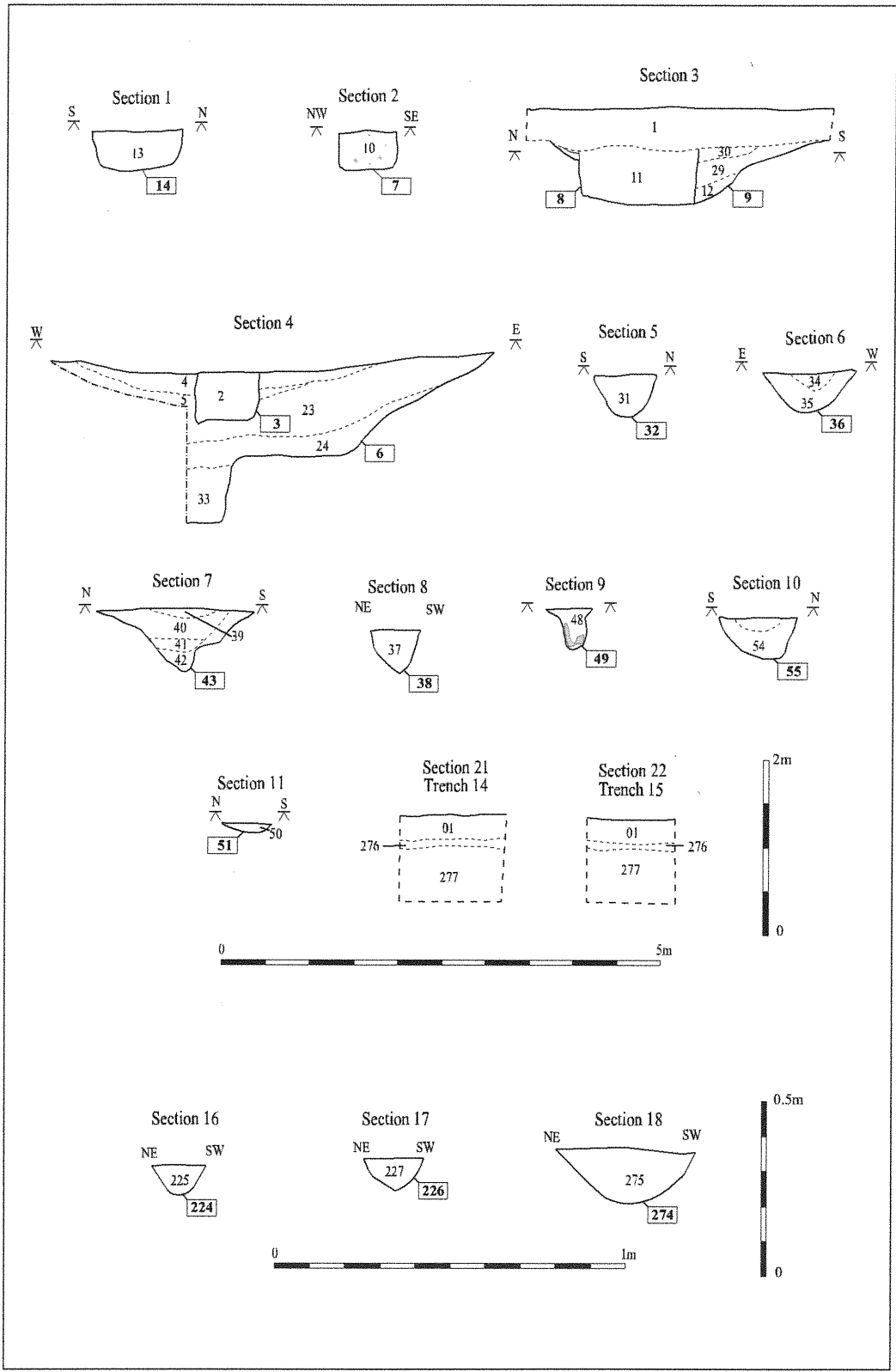


Figure 5 Feature sections

Trench 17

Trench 17 was 100m long and 0.40m deep and located on a north to south alignment. Eighteen claying trenches were identified (125-142) which ran on an east to west alignment.

Trench 18

Trench 18 was 100m long and 0.70m deep and located on a north-west to south-east alignment. Eighteen claying trenches were identified (143-160) which ran on an east to west alignment.

Trench 19

Trench 19 was 100m long and 0.50m deep and located on an east to west to alignment. Three claying ditches were identified which ran on east to west alignment.

Trench 20

Trench 20 was 100m long and 0.50m deep and located on a north to south alignment. Twenty-five claying ditches were identified in this trench (190-214).

6 INTERPRETATION

General

Significant Bronze Age features including a barrow, field system ditches, and a well were encountered within the development area. The majority of other features encountered were post-medieval claying ditches.

Bronze Age (Trenches 2, 5, 7 and 11)

Barrow

The most important feature encountered within the evaluation was a Bronze Age barrow located in the centre of trench 11. The excavated evidence confirmed the presence of a heavily truncated mound (52) - 0.30m high and over 20m in diameter. Burnt bone was recovered from the mound material 52 which may signify the presence of a cremation. The presence of small stake holes (224, 226 and 274) within the excavated segments may be interpreted as

markers for the initial setting out of the barrow. None of the above contexts contained dateable artefacts. Layer 229 may represent secondary construction phase or alternatively a ditch fill, it is difficult ascertain exact function of this deposit due to truncation. Layer 228 may represent fill of a possible feature but again difficult to ascertain exact function due to truncation.

Well

A large pit 2m wide and 1m deep was uncovered in trench 2. No dating evidence was recovered from this feature but a number of animal bones were recovered from lower fills. The shape and nature of this well is very reminiscent of stock wells found within the Fengate area. The environmental evidence from the lower fill produced worked wood that may relate to the wattle construction employed in constructing these types of wells.

The Wooden Trackway

Part of a possible wooden trackway was observed in trench 15. Two fragments of wood were observed in trench 15 which may represent some form of Bronze Age walk way or trackway. The evidence is very fragmentary and the arrangement that is present is very similar to a 'corduroy' construction observed in other wetland environments.

Field Boundaries (ditches 14, 36 and 55)

Excavation of ditch sections failed to produce any dating material, however most of the ditches encountered are most likely to be part of rectilinear field system which maybe Bronze Age in date.

Claying Ditches (All trenches)

Claying trenches were designed to provide stability to the topsoil and are post-medieval in date. The excavated ditches contained post-medieval clay pipe. Claying ditches were encountered in every trench.

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CONCLUSION

The aim of the project was to establish the character, date, state of preservation, and extent of any archaeological remains within the site. Given the existing state of knowledge about the site and the immediate crop marks to the west of the site it was always likely that further archaeology would be revealed during the evaluation and this has proven to be the case.

The evaluation has made a significant contribution to the understanding of the prehistoric landscape of Thorney. The most notable observation to emerge from the results of the evaluation was presence of a Bronze Age barrow in trench 11. The location of the barrow at 2m OD and on the Fen edge is very typical of the Peterborough region.

The low density of finds encountered within the evaluation is not surprising considering we are dealing with remains relating to a Bronze Age landscape.

The site has the potential to contribute to research themes such as the development of fen edge Bronze Age landscape. Any surviving environmental remains may contribute to the study of diet and economy of prehistoric populations. Surviving wooden trackways may aid us in understanding Bronze Age technology.

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Appendix 1: Environmental appraisal by Rachel Fosberry

Introduction and methods

Samples were taken from across the evaluated area and 6 were submitted for an initial appraisal. Four of the samples were taken from a possible Bronze Age well; the lower two fills being waterlogged. The other two samples had been taken from a layer (52) believed to be a Bronze Age barrow. 10 litres of Samples 1 and 2 and 20 litres of samples 5 and 6 were processed by bucket flotation for the recovery of charred plant remains, dating evidence and any other artefactual evidence that might be present. The flot was collected in a 0.5mm nylon mesh and the residue was washed through a 1mm sieve. Both flot and residue were allowed to air dry. The dried residue was passed through 5mm and 2mm sieves and a magnet was dragged through each resulting fraction prior to sorting for artefacts. Any artefacts present were noted and reintegrated with the hand-excavated finds. The flot was examined under a binocular microscope at x16 magnification and the presence of any plant remains or other artefacts are noted on Table

Preservation in samples 1,2, 5 and 6 is by charring and is generally poor. All the flots of these samples contain charcoal, modern rootlets and seeds of *Chenopodium* sp. The residues of samples 1, 2 and 6 are totally devoid of any artefacts. Sample 5 contains a few small fragments of cremated bone .

Samples 3 and 5 are preserved by waterlogging. Sample 3 contained several wood fragments that had a glassy, charred interior when examined dry. The flot from Sample 3 contains numerous elderberry seeds (*Sambucus nigra*).

Sample 4 contains wood fragments, two of which appear to have cut surfaces. There are several fragments of branches up to 2.5cm thick. Also present are hazelnuts and fruit stones of probably hawthorn and *Prunus* sp. The flot contained numerous weed seeds including *Sambucus nigra* (elderberry), *Rubus* sp (blackberry), *Polygonum* sp. (probably *P. hydropiper* (water-pepper)), *Alisma plantago-aquatica* (water plantain), *Urtica* sp (nettle), *Prunus* sp. (plum/cherry stones) hazelnuts and possibly juniper berries

Conclusions and recommendations

Samples 1 to 4 were taken from a feature interpreted as a Bronze Age stock well. Samples 1 (5) and 2 (23) were taken from the upper fill of this feature and were unproductive in terms of artefacts and weed seeds. Sample 2 does contain charcoal, which is evidence of burning, perhaps through tree/scrub clearance.

It is not clear whether the wood in Sample 3 is actually charred or whether the charred appearance is due to some taphonomic process. The presence of substantial number of elderberry seeds suggests that the wood may be elder. These seeds are, however, not charred.

Sample 4 contains a different type of wood from Sample 3 in the form of branches and bark fragments. These, together with the hazlenuts and Prunus/Crataegus stones recovered, may suggest debris from scrub clearance being discarded into the well.

Samples 5 (52) and 6 (52) were both taken from a Bronze Age barrow. Sample 6 was not productive but Sample 5 did contain a few small fragments of burnt bone, which may indicate the presence of cremation burials.

The majority of the samples do not provide sufficient plant remains to aid interpretation of the features or to enhance environmental information. Sample 4 however, contains a significant amount of weed seeds to warrant further study and it would be possible to perform a species identification on the wood recovered from both samples 3 and 4.

Sample Number	Context Number	Cut Number	Feature Type	Sample Size	Volume processed	Comments	Flot Volume (ml)	Preservation	Weed Seeds	Charcoal <2mm	Flot comments	Residue Volume (ml)
1	5	6	well	20	10		40	Charred	+	+	Chenopodium plus un-id seed (possibly juniper berry)	400
2	23	6	Well	20	10		20	Charred	+	+++	Chenopodium	600
3	24	6	Well	20	10	waterlogged. Lots of woody fragments. Possibly elder considering large quantity if elderberry seeds	0	Waterlogged	+++		Lots of elderberry seeds (Sambucus nigra)	
4	33	6	Well	20	10	waterlogged. Wood fragments appear to have been worked (cut surfaces). Lots of twigs/small branches and hazlenuts (Hazel wood)	0	Waterlogged	+++		Lots of weed seeds plus hazlenuts, round berries, and wood fragments	
5	52		layer	20	20		60	Charred	+	++	Chenopodium. Lots of rootlets	2000
6	52		layer	20	20		100	Charred	+	+	Single charred seed/berry	1800

Context	Trench	Category	Feature Type	Function	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Colour	Fine component	Coarse component	Compaction	Shape in plan	Side	Break of Slope	Base	Orientation	Profile
1		layer	top soil		0												
2	2	fill	ditch	use	0	0.7	0.44	blackish brown	clayey silt	occasional gravel	loose						
3	2	cut	ditch	claying	0.85	0.7	0.44					linear	vertical	sharp	flat	NE-SW	flat bottomed U
4	2	fill	well	disuse	0	3.4	0.2	blackish brown	clayey silt	occasional flint fragments	loose						
5	2	fill	well	disuse	0	2.9	0.1	greyish brown	sandy silt	occasional flint chunks, occasional gravel and occasional organic material	moderate						
6	2	cut	well		0.85	6.2	1.4					sub-circular	steep	gradual	flat with well in centre		irregular U
7	1	cut	ditch	claying	4.93	0.75	0.38					linear	vertical	sharp	flat	NE-SW	flat bottomed U
8	1	cut	ditch	claying	4.8	0.65	0.4					linear	vertical	sharp	flat	NE-SW	flat bottomed U
9	1	cut	tree bowl	use	0	0.9	0.51					sub-circular	irregular	gradual	concave		irregular U shape
10	1	fill	ditch	disuse	0	0.75	0.38	dark blackish brown	peaty silt	rare small stones	loose						
11	1	fill	ditch	disuse	0	0.65	0.4	dark blackish brown	peaty silt	occasional chunks of redeposited natural and rare small stones							
12	1	fill	tree bowl	disuse	0	0.54	0.26	light brownish grey	silty clay	occasional small stones	moderate						
13	5	fill	ditch	disuse	0	1	0.35	light orangey brown	sandy clayey silt	frequent small-medium stones	loose						

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14	5	cut	ditch	drainage	1.9	1	0.35					linear	almost vertical	sharp	flat	E-W	flat bottomed U
15	1	cut	field drain		2.52	0.15	0.26					linear	vertical	sharp	flat	E-W	flat bottomed U
16	1	fill	field drain	disuse	0	0.15	0.26	mid whiteish grey	silty clay with particles of blackish brown topsoil	ceramic field drain in base of cut	moderately compact						
17	1	cut	ditch	claying	4.79	0.71	0.4					linear	vertical	sharp	flat	NE-SW	flat bottomed U
18	1	fill	ditch	disuse	0	0.71	0.4	dark blackish brown	peaty silt	occasional chunks of redeposited natural and rare small stones	loose						
19	1	cut	ditch	claying	5.1	0.63	0.33					linear	vertical	sharp	flat	NE-SW	flat bottomed U
20	1	fill	ditch	disuse	0	0.63	0.33	dark blackish brown	peaty silt	occasional chunks of redeposited natural and rare small stones	loose						
21	1	cut	ditch	claying	4.89	0.64	0.3					linear	vertical	sharp	flat	NE-SW	flat bottomed U
22	1	fill	ditch	disuse	0	0.64	0.3	dark blackish brown	peaty silt	occasional chunks of redeposited natural and rare small stones	loose						
23	2	fill	well	disuse	0	3.5	0.46	light grey	sandy silt	occasional flint chunks, occasional gravel and occasional organic material and two pieces of bone	moderate						
24	2	fill	well	disuse	0	2.7	0.24	light brownish black	silt	moderate-frequent small and large lumps of wood or tree remains, one lump of fired clay and two pieces of bone	loose						

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25	1	cut	ditch	claying	4.87	0.65	0.37					linear	vertical	sharp	flat	NE-SW	flat bottomed U
26	1	fill	ditch	disuse	0	0.65	0.37	dark blackish brown	peaty silt	occasional chunks of redeposited natural and rare small stones	loose						
27	1	cut	ditch	claying	5.1	0.68	0.33					linear	vertical	sharp	flat	NE-SW	flat bottomed U
28	1	fill	ditch	disuse	0	0.68	0.33	dark blackish brown	peaty silt	occasional chunks of redeposited natural and rare small stones	loose						
29	1	fill	tree bowl	disuse	0	2.82	0.2	light brownish grey	clayey silt	rare small stones	loose						
30	1	fill	tree bowl	disuse	0	2.22	0.13	light blackish brown	peaty silt	rare small stones	loose						
31	2	fill	ditch	disuse	0	0.7	0.38	greyish brown with orange mottling	silty clay	rare small stones	firm						
32	2	cut	ditch		0	0.7	0.38					slightly curvilinear	steep	sharp	concave	E-W	flat bottomed U
33	2	fill	well	disuse	0	0.4	0.5	brownish black	silt	frequent plant remains and rare bone	loose						
34	7	fill	ditch	disuse	0	0.5	0.16	blackish grey	sandy silt	occasional flecks of organic remains and occasional gravel	moderate						
35	7	fill	ditch	disuse	0	1.04	0.36	grey	sandy silt	occasional flecks of organic remains, occasional gravel and one piece of animal bone	moderate						
36	7	cut	ditch	boundary	1	1.04	0.36					linear	steep	gradual	concave	NNW-SSE	U shaped
37	19	fill	post hole	disuse	0	0.55	0.4	dark greyish	clayey silt	occasional medium							

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38	19	cut	post hole		0	0.55	0.4	brown		stones		circular	steep	sharp	flat		U shaped
39	12	fill	ditch	disuse	0	0.74	0.1	greyish black	silt		loose						
40	12	fill	ditch	disuse	0	1.5	0.26	brownish grey	sandy silt	occasional flint chunks and occasional pieces of organic remains	moderate						
41	12	fill	ditch	disuse	0	0.6	0.12	blackish grey	sandy silt	occasional flint chunks and occasional pieces of organic remains	moderate						
42	12	fill	ditch	disuse	0	0.4	0.2	yellowish brown	clayey silt	occasional lumps of flint and gravel, and one piece of animal bone	compact						
43	12	cut	ditch	boundary	1	1.8	0.6					linear	irregular	gradual	irregular	E-W	V shaped
44	12	fill	ditch/natural hollow	disuse	0	0.44	0.14	mid grey	silt	occasional flint chunks	loose						
45	12	cut	ditch/natural hollow		1	0.44	0.14					irregular	gently sloping	gradual	concave	NW-SE	shallow U
46	10	fill	pit/natural hollow	disuse	0	0.86	0.3	dark brown	occasional flint chunks and occasional gravel	moderate	moderate						
47	10	cut	pit/natural hollow		0	0.86	0.3					sub-circular	gently sloping	gradual	concave		U shaped
48	1	fill	tree bowl	disuse	0	0.58	0.65	greyish black	peaty silt	occasional flint pebbles	loose						
49	1	cut	tree bowl		0	0.58	0.65					sub-circular	steep	gradual	irregular		irregular
50	13	fill	ditch	disuse	0	0.6	0.1	light brown	silty clay		compact						
51	13	cut	ditch	boundary	1.1	0.6	0.1					linear	shallow	sharp	flat	E-W	shallow U
52	11	layer	barrow	construction	2	2	0.32	orangey grey brown	slightly sandy silt	frequent small stones	compact						
53	11	fill	pit/tree throw	disuse	0	0.8	0.3	mid brownish grey	silty clay	rare small stones	moderately compact						

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54	13	fill	ditch	disuse	0	0.9	0.38	greyish brown	clayey silt		moderately compact	linear	steep	sharp	flat	NE-SW	U shaped
55	13	cut	ditch	boundary	1	0.9	0.38					linear					
56	3	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
57	3	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
58	3	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
59	3	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
60	3	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
61	3	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
62	3	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
63	4	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
64	4	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
65	4	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
66	4	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
67	6	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
68	6	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
69	6	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
70	6	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
71	6	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
72	6	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
73	6	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
74	7	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
75	7	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
76	7	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
77	7	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
78	7	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
79	7	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
80	7	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
81	7	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
82	7	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
83	7	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					

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84	7	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
85	7	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
86	7	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
87	7	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
88	7	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
89	7	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
90	8	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
91	8	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
92	9	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
93	9	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
94	9	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
95	9	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
96	9	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
97	9	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
98	9	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
99	9	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
100	12	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
101	12	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
102	12	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
103	12	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
104	12	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
105	12	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
106	12	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
107	12	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
108	12	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
109	12	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
110	12	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
111	12	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
112	12	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
113	12	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
114	12	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					

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115	12	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
116	12	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
117	12	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
118	12	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
119	11	cut	pit/tree throw		0.55	0.8	0.19					irregular	steep	sharp	flat		flat bottomed U
120	15	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
121	16	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
122	16	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
123	16	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
124	16	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
125	17	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
126	17	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
127	17	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
128	17	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
129	17	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
130	17	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
131	17	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
132	17	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
133	17	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
134	17	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
135	17	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
136	17	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
137	17	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
138	17	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
139	17	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
140	17	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
141	17	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
142	17	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
143	18	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					

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144	18	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
145	18	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
146	18	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
147	18	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
148	18	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
149	18	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
150	18	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
151	18	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
152	18	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
153	18	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
154	18	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
155	18	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
156	18	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
157	18	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
158	18	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
159	18	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
160	18	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
161	19	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
162	19	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
163	19	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
164	11	cut	pit/natural hollow		0.75	0.4	0.39					sub-circular	moderate	gradual	concave	E-W	wide U shape
165	11	fill	pit/natural hollow	disuse	0	0.4	0.39	dark brown	silt	rare small stones	loose						
166	13	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
167	13	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
168	13	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
169	13	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
170	13	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
171	13	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
172	13	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					

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173	14	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
174	14	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
175	14	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
176	14	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
177	14	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
178	14	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
179	14	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
180	14	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
181	14	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
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186	14	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
187	14	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
188	14	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
189	14	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
190	20	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
191	20	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
192	20	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
193	20	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
194	20	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
195	20	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
196	20	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
197	20	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
198	20	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
199	20	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
200	20	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
201	20	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
202	20	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
203	20	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					

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204	20	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
205	20	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
206	20	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
207	20	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
208	20	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
209	20	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
210	20	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
211	20	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
212	20	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
213	20	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
214	20	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
215	2	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
216	2	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
217	2	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
218	2	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
219	2	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
220	2	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
221	15	wood	beam/plank		10	0.5	0.05										
222	15	wood	beam/plank		3	0.35	0.1										
223	15	layer	alluvium		0			blueish grey	clayey silt, very sticky	occasional small bits of organic remains, wooden planks	compact						
224	11	cut	stake hole	use	0	0.15	0.07					circular	near vertical	abrupt	rounded		U shaped
225	11	fill	stake hole	disuse	0	0.15	0.07	light grey	silty clay	moderate stones and gravel	moderately compact						
226	11	cut	stake hole	use	0	0.17	0.08					circular	near vertical	abrupt	rounded		U shaped
227	11	fill	stake hole	disuse	0	0.17	0.08	light grey	silty clay	moderate stones and gravel	moderately compact						
228	11	layer			0.9		0.2	yellowish brown	silty clay	occasional stones and gravel	moderately compact						
229	11	layer			4.4		0.2	light grey	silty clay	occasional stones and gravel	moderately compact						

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230	11	fill	ditch	disuse	0	0.6	0.2	black	peaty silt	gravel occasional stones and gravel	compact loose	linear	near vertical	abrupt	flat		wide U
231	11	cut	ditch	claying	0	0.6	0.2					linear					
233	11	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
234	11	fill	ditch	disuse	0							linear					
235	11	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
236	11	fill	ditch	disuse	0							linear					
237	11	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
238	11	fill	ditch	disuse	0							linear					
239	11	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
240	11	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
241	11	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
242	11	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
243	11	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
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251	11	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
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254	11	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
255	11	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
256	11	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
257	11	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
258	11	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					

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259	10	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
260	10	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
261	10	cut	geological test pit		0												
262	10	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
263	10	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
264	10	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
265	10	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
266	10	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
267	10	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
268	10	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
269	10	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
270	10	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
271	10	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
272	10	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
273	10	cut	ditch	claying	0							linear					
274	11	cut	stake hole		0							linear	steep	gradual	concave		U shaped
275	11	fill	stake hole	disuse	0			light grey	silty clay	Moderate stones and gravel	moderately compact						
276	15	layer	sub soil		0			black	peat								
278	15	wood from 223			0												



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