

Site/Project Name: Eton Rowing Course

Site Code: DBC 04

Site/Project Type: Watching Brief

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B. General Summaries

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DBC '04 WBS9.

Summary

WB on machining down two strips @ 5m wide x 50m long initially down to just about the waterline with a normal 25°-360°, recording the sections & plan & looking to recover archaeological finds. Also machining down beneath the water table for another 3-4m using a long-reach 360°.

Nothing much coming up.

Mostly alluvial layers above the (high) water table & not revealing the tops of more interesting peaty/lighter river channel deposits.

The Eastern side of the river channels not seen - this appears to be another 10- to 15m to the East (seen as gravels revealed in already excavated areas).

The northern side of the channel(s) was briefly seen as ballast (gravels) approx 5m East of the 0m mark on the drawn sections - at 0.6 to 0.8m beneath the water table (see sketched on indication on section 3401).

The most obvious channel seen as the sharp difference between blackish clay (18507) & Pale Grey Clay (18511)/(18508), given out

number [18510]

Peaty deposits yielding occasional bone (antler jaws & animal rib) & unworked wood (mostly tree trunks or branches).

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B. Primary Context Data

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WATCHING BRIEF RECORD

Monday

SITE CODE DBC '04

SITE NAME Eton Rowing Lake W89.

DATE 23/10/4.

NGR
SU 928 780

County
Bucks

Start Time
8am on Site.
Finish Time
4pm Eton → Oxf.

Milage

Previous Visit

Visit By
B. Matthews.

Type of construction work
Excavation of section next to return lake

Contacts made

Archaeology present?

Yes:

No: /

Undated:

Other:

COMMENTS

On site 8am - no-one around at offices to sign-in, so out to site.
Introducing myself to Colin (My machine driver) & signing out the site.
Introducing myself to Bruce at the office when he gets in, then signing in at the Northern command office & chatting to Ron (Foreman) - back to site.

Starting off machining - some confusion over the extent of the proposed excavation - extending the initially stated area to excavate a strip approx 5m wide by 50m long - down to just above the water-table
(Excavation slower because of lack of dumpers)
Leaving site 4.10pm → Oxford.

Records?

Oxford Archaeological Unit	WATCHING BRIEF RECORD		Tuesday
SITE CODE DBC'04	SITE NAME Eton Rowing Lake W39.		DATE 24/10/04.
NGR	County	Start Time	8.15 am (on site).
		Finish Time	4pm.
Milage	Previous Visit	Visit By B. Matthews.	
Type of construction work Continuing excavation of section.			
Contacts made			
Archaeology present?			
Yes:			
No: ✓			
Undated:			
Other:			
COMMENTS			
Continueing to machine out section.			
Double shifting some of the loose to speed up the machine (still just one dumper).			
Finishing the section. Drawing the finished section, contexting & producing a plan, also doing a series of section shots & some general records.			
leaving site 4pm.			
Records? ✓			

Oxford Archaeological Unit	WATCHING BRIEF RECORD		Thursday
SITE CODE <i>DBC '04</i>	SITE NAME <i>Eton Rowing Lake WBA</i>		DATE <i>28/10/04</i>
NGR	County	Start Time	<i>8am</i>
		Finish Time	
Milage	Previous Visit <i>25/10/4.</i>	Visit By <i>B. Matthews.</i>	
Type of construction work			
Contacts made			
Archaeology present?			
Yes:			
No:			
Undated:			
Other:			
COMMENTS			
<p><i>Using the long-reach 350 to initially probe for possible archaeology before the water comes in. Then continuing to machine out along the excavated strip.</i></p>			
<p><i>Some Antlers & a animal rib-bone recovered but otherwise nothing of particular note, after 3pm reaching the level of the underlying gravel (at NW end) & leaving Eddie (the machine driver) to continue.</i></p>			
<p><i>To return to do the next strip next Wednesday.</i></p>			
Records?			



WATCHING BRIEF RECORD

Wednesday

SITE CODE *DBC'04*

SITE NAME *Eton Rowing Lake WB9.*

DATE *3rd Nov. '04.*

NGR

County

Start Time

8 am.

Finish Time

Milage

Previous Visit

Thursday 26/10/04.

Visit By

B. Matthews.

Type of construction work

Contacts made

Archaeology present?

Yes:

No:

Undated:

Other:

COMMENTS

Machining out a new strip using the 20 ton(?) 360. taking quite a broad strip this time (≈ 6m wide)

No archaeology coming up - the watertable seems to have risen noticeably since last week (≈ 0.2m higher).

Just coming down to the top of more organic (ie slightly peaty) or silty sand layers. No worked timbers. One jawbone found.

Leaving Neil (the 360 driver) to remove the excavated spoil (heap) & tidy up before tomorrow.

Talking briefly with Bruce on site - confirming that we're using the hired 360 to probe & reduce level tomorrow & then finish off with the long-reach machine on Friday.

Records?



WATCHING BRIEF RECORD

Thursday

SITE CODE DBC '04

SITE NAME Eton Rowing lake WS 9.

DATE 4th Nov '04.

NGR

County

Start Time

8.30 am

Finish Time

3.30 pm

Milage

Previous Visit

3rd Nov.

Visit By

B. Matthews.

Type of construction work

Contacts made

Archaeology present?

Yes:

No:

Undated:

Other:

COMMENTS

Using the 25T 360° to dig out beneath the 1st step (beneath the water table) to explore underlying deposits for arch. remains.

This works quite well - machining down \approx 0.8m or until the water comes in too quickly to see what's going on - doing 3 or 4 bucket widths this way before leaving a bank & starting again.

No archaeology seen - just a few pieces of unworked wood - no other finds today.

Records?



WATCHING BRIEF RECORD

Friday

SITE CODE DBC'04

SITE NAME Eton Rowing Lake

DATE 5th Nov '04

NGR

County

Start Time

8 am

Finish Time

4 pm

Milage

Previous Visit

4th Nov.

Visit By

B. Matthews.

Type of construction work

Contacts made

Archaeology present?

Yes:

No: /

Undated:

Other:

COMMENTS

Continuing watching brief

Using the long-reach 360° to deepen this strip down to the level of the underlying ballast (or the clay beneath that)

(On this strip that's typically 3-4m down from the 1st step. - becoming 0.6 - 0.8m at the southern end of the drawn section - ie the southern bank the North-western river bank appearing at the NW end of the section.

Machining taking longer than expected - Machining not really starting until 10am, with problems running the dumpers (too wet/soft & no tread on one machine).

About 1/2 way through by the end of today.

- Nothing very exciting coming up - a fair few pieces of un-worked work (ie parts of trees). Some Antler & the occasional piece of un-worked bone.

Leaving site at 4pm (to return on Monday).

Records?



WATCHING BRIEF RECORD

Mandary

SITE CODE DBC '04

SITE NAME Eton Rowing lake - WB 9

DATE 8th Nov. 04

NGR
SU 928 780

County
Bucks

Start Time
8.30

Finish Time

Milage

Previous Visit
5th Nov.

Visit By
B. Matthews

Type of construction work

Contacts made

Archaeology present?

Yes:

No: /

Undated:

Other:

COMMENTS

Finishing off the watching brief - on the last part of long-reach work.

Not much coming up - a few animal bones (un-worked & of little interest) & smaller wood (mostly smaller branches)

When the machine reaches the ballast on the NW side - not much more to see. Here its fairly shallow (0.6m - 0.8m beneath the water-table).

Telling Des & Eddie (The Machine-Driver) that that's it for this phase of works.

Records?

POINT' (on plan) GPS PLOT POINTS : DBR/PA. DBC '04. WB 9.

- 170 = EAST POINT. 'B' Marked as 'B' on Plan Using handheld GPS.
- 171 = WEST POINT. " " 'A' on Plan.
- 172 = W. END of Main section face
- 173 = W. END of Main section (PIN).
- 174 = E. END of Main section (50m Mark)
- 175 = Rib mark (+3m N), Cxt. = (18513)
- 176 = Antler Mark (+3m N) Cxt. = (18514)
- 177 = Jaw (Bone?) found at level of first step (ie just above the water table)
- 178 = SE End of section 3401. Cxt. = (18515)
- 179 = NW End of section 3402.

Plan No's used :- 2600 = 1:100 Step Section Plan.

Section No's used :- 3400 & 3401. - 1:50 drawn Main sections (to above the present water table) (located on Plan 2600).

Context No's used :- 18500 → 18512. & 18513 → 18515.

Film No used :- 1851 (B&W & colour).

Also about 20-30 digital shots (see digital Photo Archive sheet) & CD-R

Context Nos given for Rinds

- = 18513 = Rib (animal) @ GPS POINT. #175
- 18514 = Antler @ GPS " #176
- 18515 = Jawbone @ GPS " #177.

total time taken = 4 days on each stepped section = 8 day total.

23/10/04 → 8/11/04.

A 1:100 plan drawn (# 2600) & two 1:50 scale sections 3400 & 3407.

Various record shots taken, including digital archive


Numbered Contexts briefly described on a WB. Sheet.

(Numbers used listed on next sheet).

BM.

8/11/04.

INVOICE = DBC EX 9. Context description to go with

		WATCHING BRIEF RECORD		sheet 3
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NGR	County	Start Time		
		Finish Time		
Milage	Previous Visit	Visit By		
Type of construction work				
Contacts made				
Archaeology present?				
Yes:				
No:				
Undated:				
Other:				
COMMENTS Cxts 18,500 → Plans 2600 → 3000 3400 →				
1st 4m wide section excavated to just above the watertable				
Drawn section 3400 - Context notes below.				
18500 (topsoil) = absent. (Previously stripped).				
18501 = Orange brown silty clay (subsoil)				
18502 = Pale orange-grey silty clay (with freq. orange mottling). >1% small stone.				
18503 = brownish orange clay = 18504.				
18505 = Grey loamy clay.				
18506 = Brown to pale brown clay (looks like clayey topsoil).				
18507 = Blackish brown, slightly peaty clay with occasional un-worked wood. & streaks of grey shelly sand or of grey clay. No worked timbers or archaeology content. - together with (18506) this = the top of the channel deposits & is ≈ 0.1m above the present watertable.				
18508 = Grey clay, occasional decayed wood (aberrant)				
18509 = A mixed gritty grey to pale grey sand with grey sandy clay mottles. ^{Also contains} v. small shell.				
18510 = Possible channel cut - runs approx N-S across stripped area.				
18511 = Granular Pale Orangey White silt & clayey silt = v. Nat looking. ^{Also contains}				
18512 = Pinkish brown to pale orange clay				
Records?				

Also contains

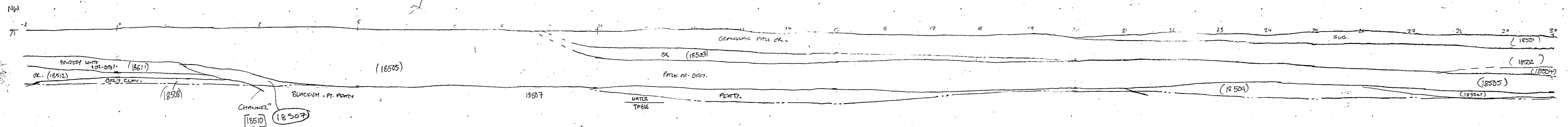
Also contains

Lead-outs of GPS Plots.

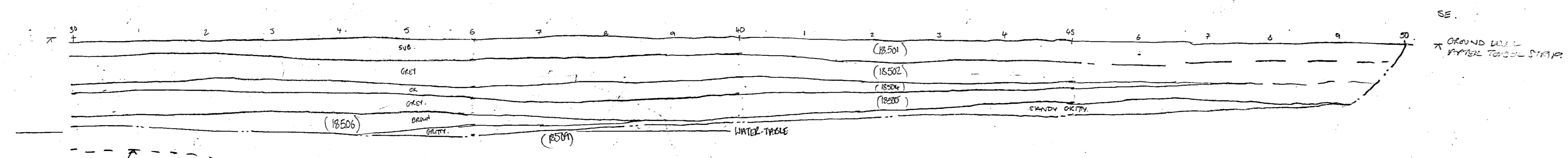
Sheet 4

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172	=	" 92897	" 78026	19m
173	=	92704	78020	19
174	=	92735	77988	21m
175	=	92720	78003	20
176	=	92716	78006	20
177	=	92727	77994	13
178	=	92739	77993	15
179	=	92704	78026	10m

DBC04 S.3400, S.3401 R.2600

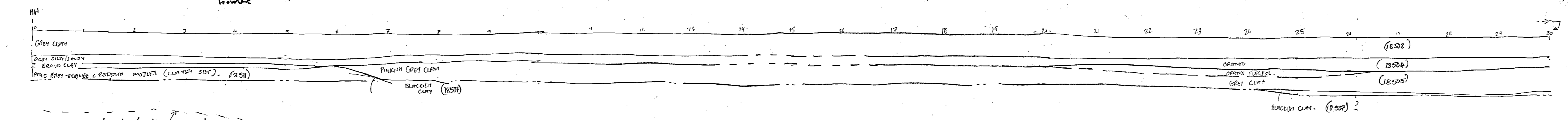


DBC04 SECTION 3400
1:50 SCALE
MACHINED SECTION OVER
PIT/LOG-PIPER (ALLUVIAL LEVELS)
IN 2 PARTS, SW FACING



SECTION 3401 (PART II)

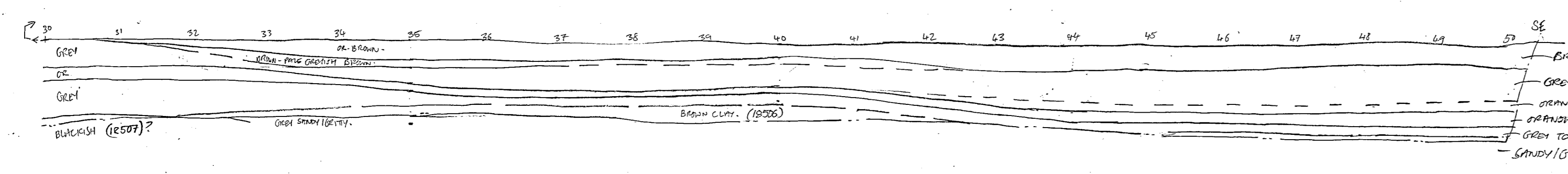
Indicated level of the ground channel banks



Indicated level of the gravel channel banks

#A' LAYING OUT POINT
GPS # 171

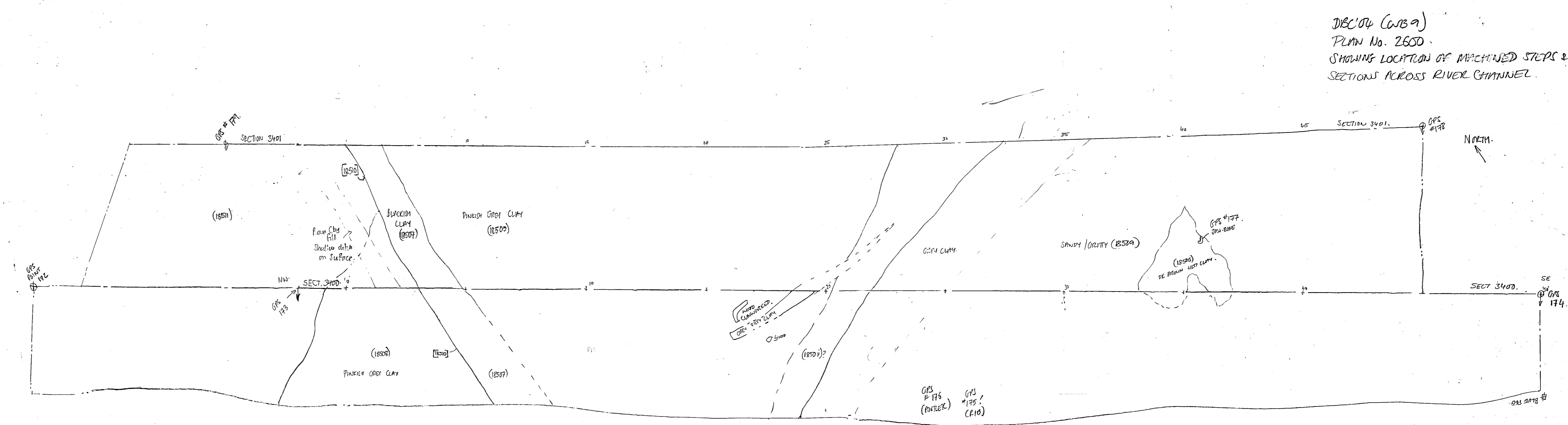
#B' LAYING OUT POINT
GPS # 170



SECTION NO. 3401 (PART II)

- Orange silt (18501)
- Green silt (18502)
- Orange silt (18503)
- Green silt (18504)
- Orange silt (18505)
- Green silt (18506)
- Orange silt (18507)
- Green silt (18508)
- Orange silt (18509)
- Green silt (18510)

SECTION NO. 3401
1:50 SCALE
SECOND STEP: MACHINED SECTION
SEE LOCATION ON PLAN BELOW



DBC04 (WBS9)
PLAN No. 2650
SHOWING LOCATION OF MACHINED STEPS &
SECTIONS ACROSS RIVER CHANNEL

PLAN SECTION

DBC04 WBS9

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D. Catalogue of Photographs

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PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD SHEET

SET 18

SITE CODE *DBC'04*

SITE NAME *ETON ROWING LANE WBA.*

FILM NO. *1851.*

Camera number

Lens number

~~Black & white~~ colour

Date	Negative number	View	Context(s)	Initials
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<i>26/10/4.</i>	1		<i>ID shot.</i>	<i>Bm</i>
	2	<i>→E</i>	<i>General record shots of first strip</i>	↓
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<i>4/11/4</i>	5	<i>→E</i>	<i>" " - Section #3401 excavated (1st Step)</i>	
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PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD SHEET

SET 18.

SITE CODE *DBE 04*

SITE NAME *Eton Rowing lake WS 9*

FILM NO. 1850

Camera number *DBE 04*

Lens number

Black & white ~~colour~~

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	2	<i>→E</i>	<i>General record shots of Plot strip</i>	↓
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	4	"	" " " " " "	↓
<i>4/11/04</i>	5	<i>→E</i>	<i>General record - Section #4301 excavated.</i>	↓
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Digital Photo Archive



PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD SHEET

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Black & white / Colour:	Film No:	Lens No:

Date	Neg. No	View	Context(s)	Initials
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	5	→SE	Section 3400 0→3m.	
	6		" " 3m → 6m	
	7		" " 6m → 9m	
	8		" " 9m → 12m (2x R. Kodak)	
	9		" " 12m → 15m	
	10		" " → 18m	
	11		" " → 21m	
	12		" " → 24m	
	13		" " → 27m	
	14		" " → 30m (Opps!)	
	15		" " → 33m	
	16		" " → 36	
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	18		" " → 42	
	19		" " → 45	
	20	→NW	General Views along excavated section	
	21	"	" " (R. Kodak at 42 & 45m)	
4/11/4	22	→E	General View - Sect. 4301 exc. (1st Step)	
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