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# BERKSHIRE SITES & MONUMENTS RECORD

## Land at Caversham Park Drive: Brief for an Archaeological Watching Brief

### 1 Summary

This brief sets out the background and general conditions to enable a detailed specification for an archaeological scheme to be prepared and submitted for approval to Berkshire Sites & Monuments Record (BSMR) on behalf of Reading Borough Council. The brief is valid for six months only, after which time the Borough should be contacted. Specifications produced in accordance with this brief will be considered valid for the same period of time.

### 2 Site Location and Description

- 2.1 The site is located at Caversham Park, to the north of Reading, centred on NGR SU 7246 7618. A site plan should be sought from the applicant.

### 3 Planning Background

- 3.1 The applicant proposes works to the perimeter of the park, including fencing, reinforcement of ditches and installation of gates – planning application 04/00643 refers.

### 4 Archaeological Background

4.1 The site comprises a Grade II listed park. The remains of an 18<sup>th</sup> century landscaped park and 19<sup>th</sup> century formal garden are in evidence, although the park although the park has been drastically reduced in size. Little survey work has been carried out in the area

4.2 It is therefore considered reasonable that an adequately funded archaeological **watching brief** should take place on the site, during groundworks for the proposed scheme.

### 5 Stages of Work and Techniques

- 5.1 The aims of the project will be to record the presence/absence, extent, condition, character, quality and date of any archaeological deposits within certain areas affected by the proposed scheme.
- 5.2 The archaeological watching brief will be carried out on all areas of ground disturbance (i.e. below topsoil level), within the application site. Specifically, it should cover the area of ditch works, to observe whether features associated with the park

boundaries are exposed and record where appropriate. Adequate stoppage time must be built into the programme to allow for further investigation, sampling and recording of significant features identified, where these are to be truncated or damaged by construction techniques, to allow for an appropriate level of "preservation by record" in line with local and national planning policy.

- 5.3 The project will be fully recorded by descriptive context records giving details of locations, composition, depth, relationships etc, plans, sections and elevation drawings at scales of 1:10, 1:20 and 1:50 where appropriate, and photographs. Sections, plans and elevations are to include spot-heights related to Ordnance Datum in metres OD correct to two decimal places. All finds will be recorded by context as a minimum, significant finds being recorded three-dimensionally. Provision should be made for sampling appropriate material for dating and environmental assessment.
- 5.4 The project will be carried out on a daily basis by a competent archaeologist and managed on a regular, agreed basis by a Member of the Institute of Field Archaeologists registered to an appropriate area of competence, or person of similar skills and archaeological experience.
- 5.5 The archaeological contractor will liaise with the site agent, foreman or other representative as appropriate, with regard to access, the timing of visits, and the health and safety requirements in force on the site.
- 5.6 All health and safety requirements in force on the site will be adhered to by the archaeological contractor's staff.

## **6 Methods**

The Project Specification will include a Method Statement detailing the methods and standards to be applied in the programme of work, both field and post-field.

## **7 Timetable and Monitoring Arrangements**

- 7.1 Details of timing should be the subject of discussion between the developer's representative, the Archaeological Advisor for Reading Borough Council (the Berkshire SMR) and the archaeological contractor. A programme of works, monitoring, recording and access will be agreed in writing before the project commences.
  - 7.1.1 A period of notice required to start site works following the award of the contract should be stated.
- 7.2 Berkshire SMR will monitor the progress and quality of the work at intervals to be agreed. A representative of the archaeological contractor should be present at all monitoring inspections.
  - 7.2.1 The archaeological contractor will provide a projected timetable of activity on site.

## **8 Reporting Requirements**

- 8.1 A preliminary report should be produced no later than 4 weeks after the completion of the fieldwork, unless it is anticipated that a final report can be prepared within 6 months of the completion of archaeological work on site.
- 8.2 An estimate of time and staff resources required for report production should be provided. This should include details of arrangements for specialist conservation and analysis of artefacts and ecofacts.
- 8.3 Details of style and format to be determined by the archaeological contractor. In any event it should include: -
- (a) a plan(s) at an appropriate scale showing the survey area, layout of trenches (as dug) and features located;
  - (b) a summary table and descriptive text showing the features, classes and numbers of artefacts located, with interpretation;
  - (c) an evaluation of the methodology employed and the results obtained (i.e. a confidence rating);
  - (d) a plan at an appropriate scale showing both actual and, where possible, predicted archaeological deposits;
  - (e) a consideration of evidence within the wider landscape setting;
  - (f) any recommendations for further investigation if necessary.

## **9 Standards**

The project should be carried out to the highest professional standards and conform to the IFA Code of Conduct and Code of Practice. The IFA's Code of approved Practice for the Regulation of Contractual Arrangements in Field Archaeology will be applied throughout the selection procedure and contract period.

## **10 Archive Deposition**

- 10.1 All finds (other than those of gold or silver) are the property of the landowner. The agreement of the landowner for the ownership of any finds to be transferred to an appropriate museum will be sought.
- 10.2 Provision should be made for the deposition of archive and artefacts in an appropriate local authority museum. The museum should be advised of the proposed investigation before excavation starts and the specification should include any reasonable requirements they may have regarding conservation and storage of excavated material and archive. The archive should be prepared in accordance with the guidelines published in *Guidelines for the preparation of Excavation Archives for long-term storage* (United Kingdom Institute for Conservation, 1990) and *Standards*

*in the Museum care of archaeological collections* (Museums and Galleries Commission, 1994)

## **11 Publication and Dissemination**

11.1 A copy of the results will be supplied to Berkshire SMR on the understanding that this will become a public document after an appropriate period of time (usually not exceeding six months).

11.2 The archaeological contractor will supply Berkshire SMR with a full set of catalogued slides taken during the projects, together with selected negatives, for future use in lectures, publications, or other publicity material.

11.3 An estimate of time and staff resources required for report production should be provided. This should include details of arrangements for specialist conservation and analysis of artefacts and ecofacts.

11.4 Details of style and format to be determined by the archaeological contractor. However, the report *must* have a front sheet providing the following information:

- ◆ Site name
- ◆ Grid Reference
- ◆ Site activity (e.g. Evaluation trenching, geophysical survey, fieldwalking, etc.)
- ◆ Date and duration of project
- ◆ Site code
- ◆ Area of site
- ◆ Summary of results
- ◆ Monuments identified (this *must* be referenced to the RCHME Thesaurus of Monument Types)
- ◆ Location and reference of archive

11.5 The report should also include:

- (i) a summary of the project's background;
- (ii) the site location;
- (iii) a methodology;
- (iv) a description of the project's results;
- (v) an interpretation of the results in the appropriate context;
- (vi) a summary of the contents of the project archive and its location (including summary catalogues of finds and samples);
- (vii) site layout plans on an Ordnance Survey base, with the location of the trenches superimposed on the results of any earlier, non-intrusive surveys;
- (viii) plans of each trench or area;
- (ix) trench sections and feature sections;
- (x) site matrices where appropriate and
- (xi) a consideration of evidence within the wider setting.

## **12 Oasis Project Reporting**



Berkshire SMR is taking part in the pilot study for the *Online Access to Index of Archaeological Investigations* (OASIS) project. The overall aim of the OASIS project is to provide an online index to the mass of archaeological grey literature that has been produced as a result of the advent of large-scale developer funded fieldwork. **The archaeological contractor must therefore complete the online OASIS form at <http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/project/oasis/>.** If the archaeological contractor does not have Internet access a paper copy of the form can be obtained from Berkshire SMR. Contractors are advised to contact the Berkshire SMR prior to completing the form. Once a report has become a public document by forming part of a planning application, Berkshire SMR will place the information on a website. Please ensure that you and your client agree to this procedure in writing as part of the process of submitting the report Berkshire SMR.

### **13 Other Factors**

- 13.1.1 The specification may be varied where necessary, subject to agreement between the contractor, the landowner/developer and Berkshire SMR, in response to significant discoveries, unforeseen ground conditions or health and safety issues. The contractor is advised to clarify with the client as to any relevant permissions that may be required to carry out these works.

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## **Land at Caversham Park Drive Reading, Berkshire**

NGR SU 7246 7618

### **Written Scheme of Investigation for an Archaeological Watching Brief**

(Planning Reference: 04/00643)

#### **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 Planning permission has been sought from Reading District Council for the construction of a new perimeter fencing, reinforcement of ditches and installation of gates (Planning Ref: 04/00643).
- 1.2 Due to the potential for the disturbance of archaeological remains during ground intrusive works, a condition for a watching Brief has been attached to planning permission by Fiona Macdonald, the Principal Archaeologist for Reading District Council.
- 1.3 The brief sets out the requirements and standards for the archaeological work in line with the Reading District Local Planning Policy and PPG 16. This Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) details how Oxford Archaeology (OA) would implement the requirements of the brief. The first part is site specific while the Appendices detail general OA standards and procedures.

#### **2 Location, Geology and Topography**

- 2.1 The site is located at Caversham Park, to the north of Reading (NGR SU 7246 7618), lying at approximately 80 m OD. The underlying geology bounds both Gravel and Reading Beds, and Upper Chalk (Institute of British Geological Sciences ed. 1979, Sheet 268).

#### **3 Archaeological and Historical Background**

- 3.1 The site comprises a Grade II listed park, Caversham Park. An 18th century landscaped park and 19th century formal garden still remain, although the park has been significantly reduced in size.
- 3.2 Little survey work has been carried out in this area to date. There is therefore a potential that further archaeological remains, particularly those relating the former gardens, to be discovered during the proposed works.

#### 4 Aims

- 4.1 To record the extent, date, character, quality, significance and state of preservation of the archaeological remains within the areas of the site affected by the proposed works. In particular, to preserve by record features and deposits associated with the 18th and 19th century park and formal garden.
- 4.2 To signal, before the destruction of the material in question, the discovery of a significant archaeological find, for which the resources allocated are not sufficient to support a treatment to a satisfactory and proper standard.
- 4.3 To make available the results of the watching brief.

#### 5 Methodology

- 5.1 The watching brief will observe all groundworks that may affect or reveal archaeological deposits. This will include monitoring the excavation of surface stripping, excavation of ditches, foundation trenching for fencing and any other ground intrusive works.
- 5.2 In the event of significant archaeological remains being discovered, for which the resources allocated are not sufficient to support a treatment to a satisfactory and proper standard, all groundworks with the potential to effect this archaeology will be halted until a suitable mitigation strategy has been agreed with the Principal Archaeologist and implemented by the attending Archaeologist(s).
- 5.3 The main contractor on site will allow sufficient time and working space for the attending Archaeologist(s) to carry out any agreed mitigation procedures requested by the Principal Archaeologist. However, this work will be undertaken in such a way as to minimise any delays to the main contractor's work program.
- 5.4 Excavation of archaeological features will be undertaken to fulfil the basic objective of retrieval of archaeological data affected by the works. In the event that Human remains are discovered, OA will obtain the necessary burial licence from the Home Office and remove the remains to established OA practises and with due care and respect.
- 5.5 All features and deposits will be issued with unique context numbers, and context recording will be in accordance with the established OA *Field Manual* (OAU 1992). All contexts, and any small finds and samples from them will be allocated unique numbers. Bulk finds will be collected by context. Colour transparency and black-and-white negative photographs will be taken of all trenches and archaeological features.
- 5.6 Site plans will be drawn at an appropriate scale (normally 1:50 or 1:100) with larger scale plans of features as necessary. Section drawings of features and sample sections of trenches will be drawn at a scale of 1:20. Full trench sections will be drawn only if complex stratigraphy is present.

- 5.7 The project will be carried out by a suitably qualified OA Supervisor, under the direction of Andrew Holmes, Head of Small Works and under the overall direction of Nick Shepherd, OA Head of Fieldwork.
- 5.8 The watching brief will be monitored by Fiona Macdonald, Principal Archaeologist for Reading District Council.

## 6 Report and Archive

- 6.1 A client report (appendix 8) on the results of the investigation will be completed within three weeks of the end of the fieldwork. The Project Supervisor and OA finds specialists will undertake the report stage under the direction of the Head of Small Works. Copies will be forwarded to the client. Two copies of the report will be submitted to the Fiona Macdonald and the Sites and Monuments Record Office. The content and style of the report will be as defined in Appendix 8.
- 6.2 Should significant deposits be encountered, proposals for the analysis, preparation and publication will be determined in the light of the aims and results of the fieldwork.
- 6.3 A list of specialists used by OA is presented below:

Specialist	Subject
Martin Bates (St. David's University College, Lampeter), Liz Stafford (OA)	Geoarchaeologists
Richard McPhail (UCL)	Soil micromorphologist
Mark Robinson (Oxford University Museum)	Plant remains analysis
Mark Robinson (Oxford University Museum of Natural History)	Molluscs
Rob Scaife (Freelance)	Pollen analysis
Angela Boyle (OA)	Osteoarchaeologist, Head of Burials
Adrienne Powell (Centre for Human Ecology, Southampton), Emma-Jayne Evans (OA)	Animal bone analysis
Paul Miles (OA)	IT manager
Tom Evans (OA)	Head of Geomatics
Leigh Allen (OA)	Finds manager
Dana Challinor (OA)	Environmental manager
Jane Baldwin (OA)	Community Relations Officer
Vanessa Fell (Oxford Institute of Archaeology)	Conservator
Hugo Lamdin Whymark (OA)	Lithic analysis
Alistair Barclay (OA)	Prehistoric pottery
Alistair Barclay (OA)	Daub and other building materials
Paul Booth (OA)	Roman pottery
Paul Blinkhorn/Duncan Brown (Freelance)	Saxon/medieval/post-medieval pottery
Chris Salter (Oxford University)	Slag
Cecily Cropper (Freelance)	Glass

Specialist	Subject
Ian Scott (Freelance)	Metalwork
Dan Miles (Freelance)	Worked wood/Dendrochronology
Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences Ltd, Wairakei Research Centre, New Zealand	C14 dating
Sarah Hall (Oxford Archaeological Research Laboratory)	Thermoluminescence dating

- 6.4 OA will complete a fieldwork summary as part of the OASIS scheme, upon completion of the report. The OASIS report will be submitted to BSMR.
- 6.5 The site archive will be created in accordance with the guidelines published in Guidelines for the preparation of Excavation Archives for long-term storage (UK Inst. for Conservation 1990) and standards in the museum care of archaeological collections - see Appendix 8.
- 6.6 The project archive including finds (subject to the landowner's agreement) will be deposited with an appropriate repository agreed by the landowner in accordance with Berkshire Museum Service's requirements.

## 7 Health and Safety

- 7.1 All OA project fieldwork is undertaken in accordance with all relevant current Health and Safety Legislation. This includes in particular the following regulations (the list is not intended to be exhaustive):

*Health and Safety at Work Act 1974*  
*Construction (Design and management) Regulations 1994*  
*The management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1992*  
*Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992*  
*Work Equipment Regulations 1992*  
*Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1992*  
*Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992*

- 7.2 The OA has its own Health and Safety Policy which refers to the manual Health and Safety in Field Archaeology (SCAUM 1997), and these two documents constitute the Health and Safety arrangements of the OA. The Director of OA is ultimately responsible under the terms of the Health and Safety Act (1974) for ensuring the safety of employees. He must know the broad requirements of relevant legislation; attend meetings of the OA Health and Safety Committee; ensure that responsibility for health and safety is properly assigned and accepted at all levels. The Director of the OA is David Jennings.
- 7.3 The Safety Co-ordinator of the OA: represents the director on matters of health and safety; keeps abreast of relevant legislation and approved practice, and disseminates this information to OA staff; advises staff as required on matters of health and safety; maintains the OA health and safety records; calls and chairs meetings of the OA Health and Safety Committee. The Safety Co-ordinator of the OA is Dan Poore.

- 7.4 The Project Director is the person delegated to take overall charge of a particular project. She/he is responsible for health and safety matters on the projects that they manage, reporting to the Safety Co-ordinator in the first instance, and ultimately to OA's Director. She/he must be satisfied that an adequate safety plan has been drawn up for the project, or for each phase of the project. The Project Director may also be the Project Manager in some cases (see below).
- 7.5 Individual Project Supervisors/Managers are the persons delegated to take charge of a particular phase or part of the overall project. They are responsible for ensuring that for each site that they are in charge of an adequate Risk Assessment and any amendments or additions to the Site Safety Plan have been drawn up prior to work starting on site, and they are immediately responsible for the Health and Safety of employees and sub-contractors under their supervision. They report directly to the Project Director and OA Safety Co-ordinator. The manager for this evaluation project will be Andrew Holmes.
- 7.6 The OA Health and Safety Committee consists of the Director, Safety Co-ordinator, OA Manager and the Site Staff Representative. The Safety Officer normally calls meetings of the Committee when there is business for discussion, but may be called by other members of the committee.
- 7.7 OA's independent Health and Safety Consultants are Safety Services Ltd, Stanton Harcourt, Oxon, who are consulted with regard to matters such as deep trenching, shoring and working in confined spaces.
- 7.8 Prior to the project a pro-forma OA Health and Safety audit checklist is completed by the project manager/supervisor and passed to the OA Safety Co-ordinator for comment. A Risk Assessment document may also be completed. The Project Manager/supervisor ensures that the following information is available to the excavation team copy of the HSE poster 'Health and Safety Law - What You should Know', copy of the Safety Plan and Risk Assessment, Emergency Information Sheet giving details of nearest hospital etc, copy of the Notification of Project to HSE, location of an accident book.

## 8 General

- 8.1 Appendices 7, 8 and 11 are relevant to this project.

## 9 References

BSMR, 2004 *Land at Caversham Park Drive: Design Brief for an Archaeological Watching Brief*

IFA, 1992 *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Watching Briefs*

OAU, 1992 *Fieldwork Manual* (ed. D Wilkinson)

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## OA Standard Fieldwork Methodology Appendices

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The following methods and terms will apply, where appropriate, to all OA fieldwork unless varied by undertakings specified in a detailed Written Scheme of Investigation.

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### 7 WATCHING BRIEFS

- 7.1 Ground disturbances (demolition, general site strip and levelling, reduction for roads, excavation for service trenches and foundation trenches) will be monitored by an archaeological supervisor assisted, where necessary, by archaeological technicians and under the overall guidance of a project manager.
- 7.2 All archaeological features and deposits exposed will be recorded.
- 7.3 Where only the tops of features or deposits are exposed, these will be located on a site plan, planned, and recorded by written description and by photographs.
- 7.4 Visible artefacts will be collected in order to assist in the dating of features and deposits.
- 7.5 Where trenches are excavated through cut features (pits, ditches, etc.) and vertical stratigraphy is not present, the features will be recorded in section with appropriate collection of finds.
- 7.6 Where ground disturbance exposes stratified remains or significant features, these will be hand excavated by the archaeologist and recorded.
- 7.7 The archaeological curator will be advised at the earliest opportunity of any archaeological features or deposits that appear worthy of preservation *in situ*.
- 7.8 On completion of the fieldwork the site archive will be compiled and security copied.
- 7.9 Proposals for analysis and publication will be determined in the light of the results of the fieldwork.

### RECORDING

- 7.10 All on-site recording will be undertaken in accordance with the OA *Field Manual* (ed. D Wilkinson 1992).
- 7.11 A continuous unique numbering system will be operated. Written descriptions will be recorded on proforma sheets comprising factual data and interpretative elements.
- 7.12 Plans will normally be drawn at 1:50 but in urban or deeply stratified sites a scale of 1:20 will be used. Detailed plans will be at an appropriate scale. Burials will be drawn at 1:10.
- 7.13 A register of plans will be kept.

- 7.14 Sections of features or trenches showing stratigraphy will be drawn at 1:20 or 1:10.
- 7.15 A register of sections will be kept.
- 7.16 All sections will be tied in to Ordnance Datum if possible or into the contractors TBM.
- 7.17 A black and white and colour (35 mm transparency) photographic record, illustrating in both detail and general context the principal features and finds discovered will be maintained. The photographic record will also include working shots to illustrate more generally the nature of the archaeological work.
- 7.18 Photographs will be recorded on OA Photographic Record Sheets.
- 7.19 All identified finds and artefacts from stratified archaeological deposits will be retained, although certain classes of building material or post medieval pottery may sometimes be discarded after recording if an appropriate sample is retained.

## **8 EVALUATION AND WATCHING BRIEF REPORTS**

- 8.1 Style and format of the report will be determined by OA, but will include as a minimum the following:
- A location plan of trenches and/or other fieldwork in relation to the proposed development.
  - Plans and sections of features as appropriate located at an appropriate scale.
  - A section drawing showing depth of significant deposits (if encountered) including present ground level with Ordnance Datum, vertical and horizontal scale.
  - A summary statement of the results.
  - A table summarising per trench the features, classes and numbers of artefacts contained within, spot dating of significant finds and an interpretation.
  - A reconsideration of the methodology used, and a confidence rating for the results.
  - An interpretation of the archaeological findings within both the site and their wider landscape/townscape setting.
- 8.2 Copies of the report will be supplied to the client and the Archaeological Officer monitoring the works. Copies of the report will also be supplied to the County Sites and Monuments Record on the understanding that it will become a public document after an appropriate period of time (normally six months).
- 8.3 If the evaluation works generate archaeological results of importance which merit wider publication, the client will be consulted about further arrangements.

### **ARCHIVES**

- 8.4 The site archive, including finds and environmental material, will be ordered, catalogued, labelled and conserved and stored according to the UKIC Guidelines for the preparation of excavation archives for long-term storage.
- 8.5 The site archive will be prepared to at least the minimum acceptable standard defined in Management of Archaeological Projects 2, English Heritage 1991.
- 8.6 The site archive will be microfilmed by the RCHME National Archaeological Record as a safeguard against the accidental loss and the long-term degeneration of paper records and photographs.



- 8.7 The site archive will be deposited with the relevant receiving Museum at the earliest opportunity unless further archaeological work on the site is expected within one year of completion of the archive. The OA will advise the landowner that any artefacts resulting from the project work should be given to the relevant Museum.

## 11 GENERAL

- 11.1 The requirements of the Brief will be met in full where reasonably practicable.
- 11.2 Any significant variations to the proposed methodology will be agreed with the local authority's archaeological representative in advance.
- 11.3 The scope of work detailed in the main part of the Written Scheme of Investigation is aimed at meeting the aims of the project in a cost-effective manner. Oxford Archaeology attempts to foresee possible site-specific problems and resource these. However there may be unusual circumstances which have not been included in the costing and programme.
- Unavoidable delays due to extreme bad weather, vandalism, etc.
  - Complex structures or objects, including those in waterlogged conditions, requiring specialist removal.
  - Extensions to specified trenches or feature sample sizes requested by the archaeological curator.
  - Trenches requiring shoring or stepping, ground contamination, unknown services, poor ground conditions requiring additional plant, specialist reinstatement of surfaces (i.e. tarmac, turf).

## HEALTH AND SAFETY and INSURANCE

- 11.4 All work will be carried out to the requirements of *Health and Safety at Work, etc. Act 1974*, *The Management of Health and Safety Regulations 1992*, the SCAUM (Standing Conference of Archaeological Unit Managers) H & S manual *Health and Safety in Field Archaeology 1991*, the OA Health and Safety Policy, and any main contractors requirements.
- 11.5 A copy of the OA's Health and Safety Policy is available on request. OA will require copies of the H & S policies of all other contractors and operators present on site in compliance with *The Manual of H & S Regulations 1992*.
- 11.6 The OA holds Employers Liability Insurance, Public Liability Insurance and Professional Indemnity Insurance. Details will be supplied on request.
- 11.7 The OA will not be liable to indemnify the client against any compensation or damages for or with respect to:
- Damage to crops being on the Area or Areas of Work (save in so far as possession has not been given to the Archaeological Contractor);
  - The use or occupation of land (which has been provided by the Client) by the Project or for the purposes of completing the Project (including consequent loss of crops). Interference whether temporary or permanent with any right of way, light, air or water or other easement or quasi easement which are the unavoidable result of the Project in accordance with the Agreement;

- Any other damage which is the unavoidable result of the Project in accordance with the Agreement;
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## Land at Caversham Park Drive, Reading, Berkshire

### *Archaeological Watching Brief Report*

*Written by Mike Sims*

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## Summary

*Between November and December 2004 Oxford Archaeology conducted an archaeological watching brief during the excavation of a perimeter ditch at Caversham Park Drive, Reading, Berkshire (NGR: SU 7216 7632 to SU 7254 7652). The watching brief observed 18th and 19th century agricultural soils overlying natural deposits including colluviums. No evidence for any earlier activity was observed.*

### 1 LOCATION AND SCOPE OF WORK

- 1.1.1 During November and December 2004 undertook an archaeological watching brief at Caversham Park near Reading, Berkshire (centred at NGR SU 7246 7618). As part of the security improvements a perimeter ditch approximately 350m long was dug along the north-west and north sides of the playing fields located to the north of Caversham Park House, parallel to Peppard Road and Lowfield Road (between SU 7216 7632 to SU 7254 7652). The underlying geology is Gravel and Reading Beds (Institute of British Geological Sciences, sheet no. 268).

### 2 METHODOLOGY

- 2.1.1 The work was undertaken using a tracked excavator fitted with a 0.6m wide bucket. The ditch measured approximately 2m wide and 1.4m deep and the excavated material was used to form a bank on the southern side of the ditch.
- 2.1.2 The watching brief was undertaken as a series of site visits during the period of groundworks which had the potential to disturb or destroy below ground archaeological remains.
- 2.1.3 During this time the excavations were examined for the presence of archaeological evidence including deposits, features and artefacts.
- 2.1.4 All features and deposits were issued with unique context numbers, and context recording was in accordance with established OA practices (OA, 1992). Bulk finds were collected by context. Black-and-white negative photographs and a digital photographic record was taken of all excavations, general settings and archaeological sections.
- 2.1.5 A site plan showing the location of any excavations and any recorded sections was maintained. Section drawings of features and sample sections were drawn at a scale of 1:20.

### 3 DESCRIPTION OF DEPOSITS

- 3.1.1 The stratigraphy observed was broadly similar throughout the length of the excavation and a generic description can be used.
- 3.1.2 The underlying natural, a pale yellowish brown silty clay with gravel inclusions was exposed within the base of the trench (Contexts 3, 6 and 11). Areas of greater concentrations of gravel were observed within the northernmost length of the trenching (Context 12) and of lesser concentration in the region of the tennis courts (Context 5).
- 3.1.3 Observed above these natural deposits was a patchy layer of clean yellowish brown silty clay (Contexts 4, 8 and 10).



- 3.1.4 Overlying these deposits and running the length of the excavation was a layer of reddish brown clay silt containing charcoal flecking and abraded brick fragments (Contexts 2, 7 and 9). These measured between 0.2m and 0.35m in depth.
- 3.1.5 Sealing this layer and also running the length of the excavation was a layer of dark greyish brown clayey loam (1), measuring up to 0.25m in depth. This deposit contained charcoal flecking, abraded bricks and fragments of clay pipe stem dating to the 19th century.

#### 4 DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1.1 Contexts 3, 5, 6, 11 and 12 represent the underlying gravelly natural of the area. Contexts 4, 8 and 10 were very clean and also represent natural deposits, possibly colluviums giving the sloping nature of the ground to the north.
- 4.1.2 Deposits 2, 7 and 9 are indicative of worked soils, probably an earlier phase of ploughsoil. Although none of the brick fragments recovered from these deposits was diagnostic it was thought probable that they originated with the construction of either the standing building or one of the earlier phases of Caversam House.
- 4.1.3 Layer 1 is the present day topsoil and turf. The fragments of 19th century clay pipe stem recovered may have been deposited during the landscaping of the gardens in the 19th century.
- 4.1.4 All the dating evidence was evaluated on site but be not retained.
- 4.1.5 No deposits, features or artefacts earlier than the 18th century were observed.

#### 5 REFERENCES

- BSMR 2004 Land at Caversham Park Drive, Reading , Berkshire: Design Brief for an Archaeological Watching Brief
- OA 1992 Fieldwork Manual, (Ed. D Wilkinson, first edition, August 1992)
- OA 2004 Land at Caversham Park Drive, Reading, Berkshire: Written Scheme of Investigation

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# WATCHING BRIEF RECORD

SITE CODE REBBU 04

SITE NAME Caversham park

DATE 25/11/04

NGR

County

Start Time

14.18

Finish Time

Milage

Previous Visit

23/11/04

Visit By

M. Sims

Type of construction work

Excavation of security Ditch

Contacts made

Archaeology present?

Yes:

Possible human burial.

No:

Undated:

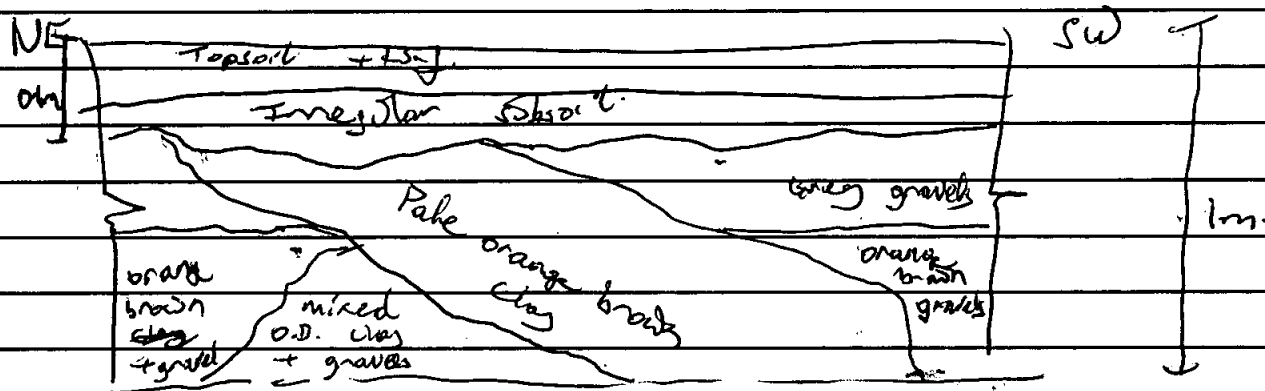
Other:

## COMMENTS

Excavation of security ditch along N.E. edge of the perimeter

Approx 60m dig since last visit.

Geology changes from gravel to ~~clay~~ to layers of gravel interspersed with layers of clay. Tipping down towards the west.



Approx 10m NE of kink in ditch, large bones and flint nodules and fragments of CBth & Brick also encountered 0.5m below ground

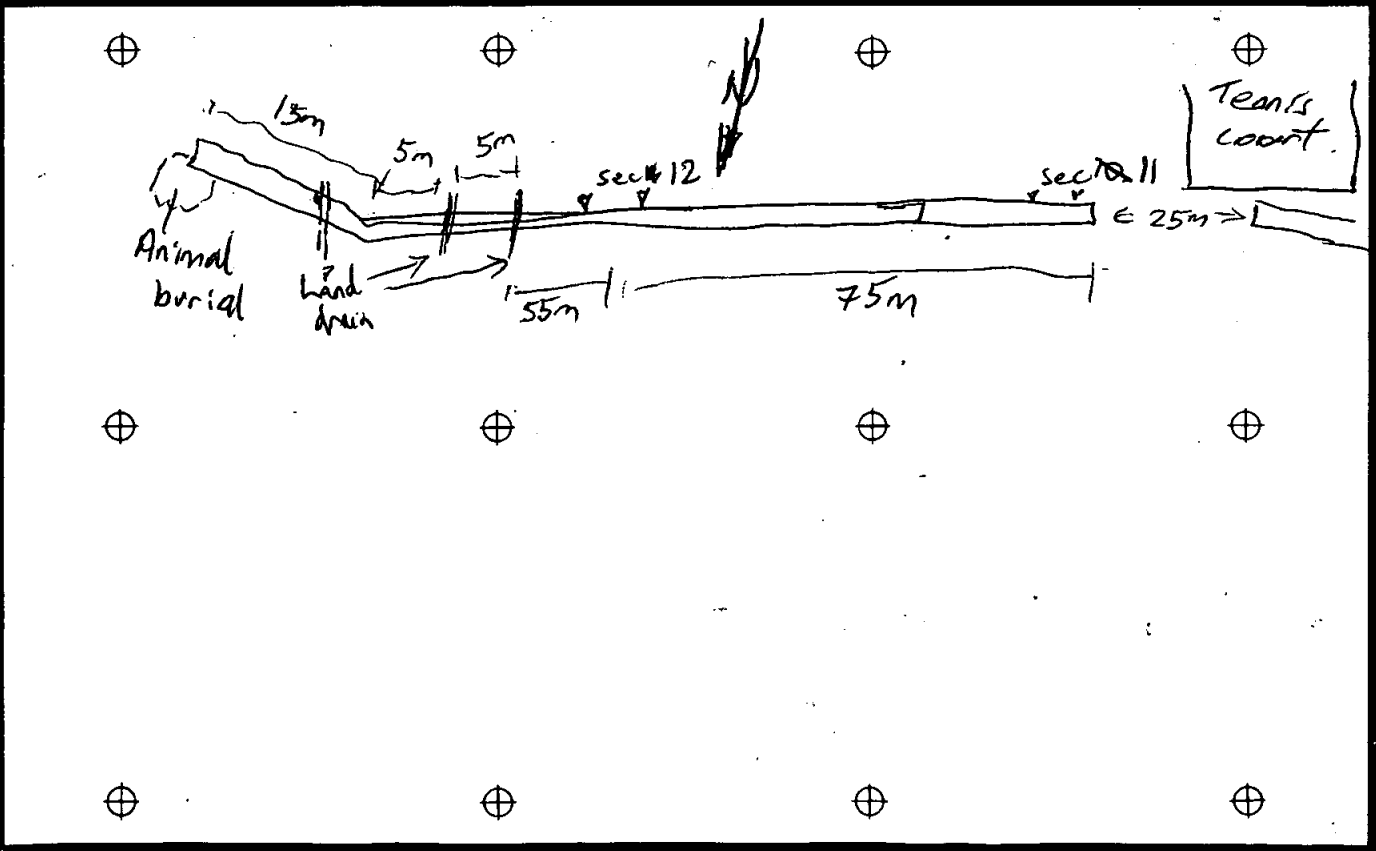
Records? Photos see sec

SITE REBBC04

CONTEXT RECORD ADDITIONAL SHEET

Context No. 25/11/04

level in A.M. excavation switched to SW end of ditch adjacent to tennis court.  
Police called later ~~proved~~ to proved to be large mammal.  
3 Nos land drains exposed 19th construction clinker backfill.





# WATCHING BRIEF RECORD

SITE CODE **DEBBC 04**

SITE NAME **Caversham Park.**

DATE **1/12/04**

NGR

County **Berks**

Start Time **14.00**

Finish Time **15.30**

Milage

Previous Visit

Visit By **M.S.M.S**

Type of construction work **Excavation of security ditch**

Contacts made

Archaeology present?

Yes:

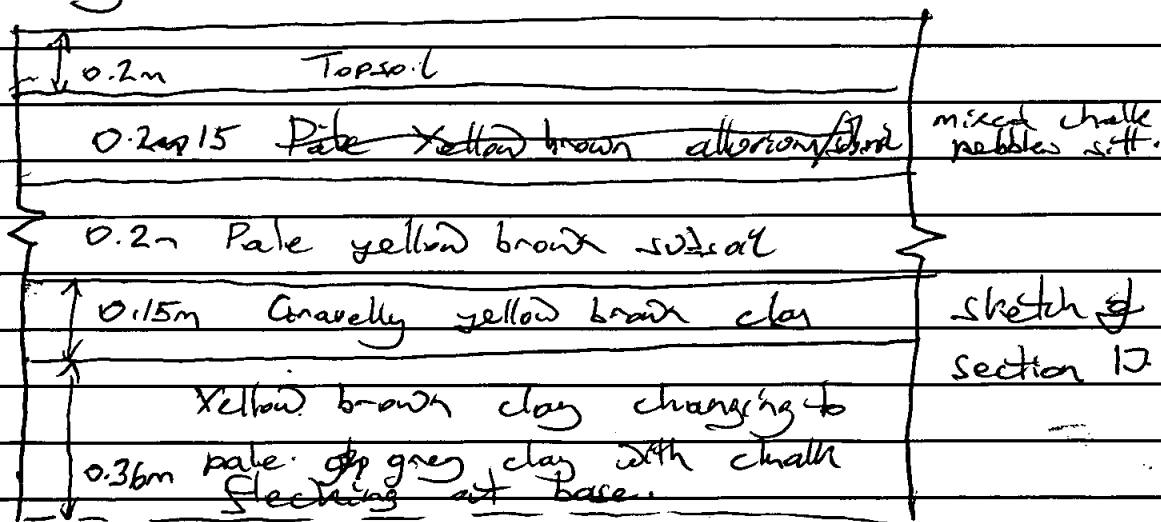
No:

Undated:

Other:

## COMMENTS

Digging of ditch parallel to Peppard road continuing.



More land drains exposed. No other features.

Records? **Photos sect.**



# WATCHING BRIEF RECORD

SITE CODE REBBC 04

SITE NAME *Caversham Park*

DATE *8/12/04*

NGR

County

*BERKS*

Start Time

*10.00*

Finish Time

*11.45*

Milage

Previous Visit

Visit By

*M.S.*

Type of construction work

*Excavation of secreted ditch.*

Contacts made

Archaeology present?

Yes:

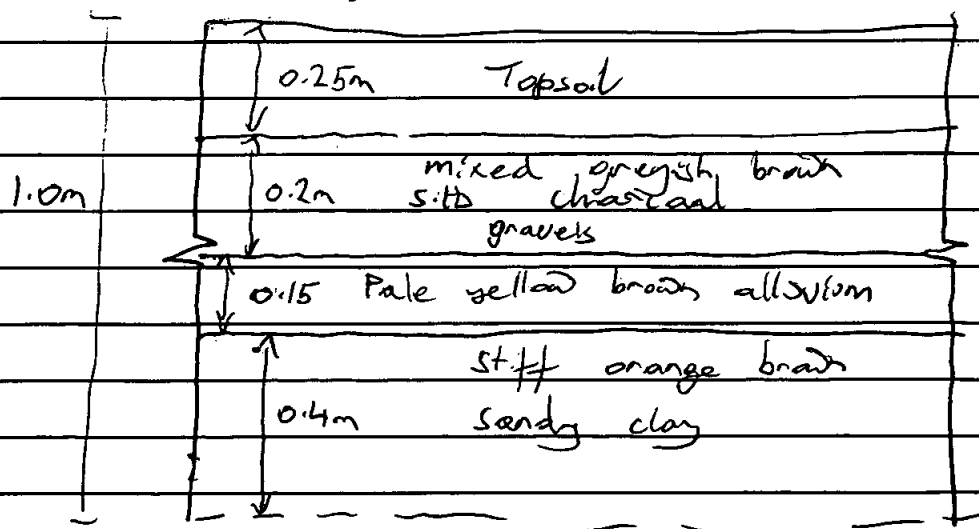
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Undated:

Other:

## COMMENTS

*Excavation of ditch continuing area to Excavation started to area to NE of carpark along alignment of old drainage ditch*



*Sketch of section 14.*

*Section recorded where trench enters rhododendrons. Some land drains observed no archaeology.*

Records?



# WATCHING BRIEF RECORD

SITE CODE **REBBL04**

SITE NAME **Caversham Park**

DATE **13/12/04**

NGR

County **Becks**

Start Time

**14.10**

Finish Time

**15.10**

Milage **7km**

Previous Visit **7/12/04**

Visit By

**M. Sims**

Type of construction work

**Excavation of footings.**

Contacts made

Archaeology present?

Yes:

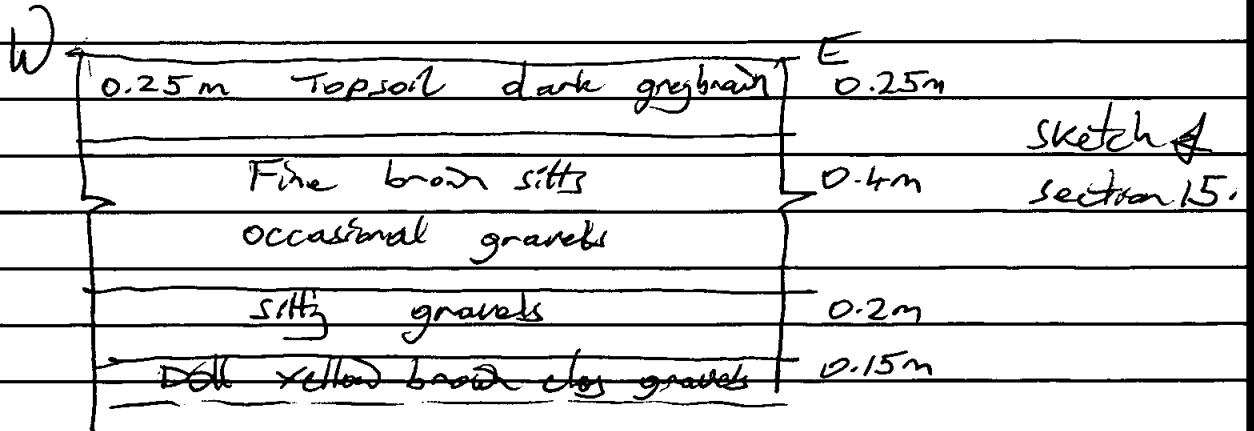
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Other:

## COMMENTS

Footings for new security wall running from  
 main gate to security barrier road dig  
 Depth ranges from 0.5m at West end  
 0.25m topsoil  
 0.25m clayey gravels  
 To 1.0m deep at eastern end



~~Only~~ Only approx 10m extra of security ditch dug east on carpark since last visit.  
 No archaeology observed

Records?

**Photos section**

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SITE REBBL at

ADDITIONAL SHEETS:

TYPE Laser

Trench

Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure

Check Lists:

Site sub-div

Overlain by:

DEPOSIT:

Structure No.

Abutted by:

1. compaction 2. colour  
3. composition 4. inclusion  
5. thickness 6. extent  
7. comments 8. method & conditions

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Cut by:

Filled by:

Section No.

10-15

Same as:

Part of:

CUT:

1. shape in plan  
2. base/sides/top profile  
3. dimension and depth  
4. sketch 5. truncation 6. fill nos 7. other comments

Co-Ordinates

Consists of:

Overlies: 2:7:9

Level

Butts:

MASONRY:

Slide No.

Cuts:

1. materials 2. size of bricks etc  
3. finish of stones 4. coursing/bond 5. form 6. faces  
7. bond 8. dimensions as found  
9. other comments

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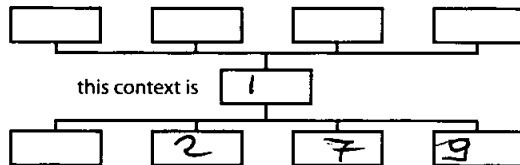
Matrix location

Relationships uncertain

Description (See check lists):

- 1) Frtable
- 2) Dark greyish brown
- 3) Clayey loam
- 4) Some gravels
- 5) Depth 0.15m - 0.25m

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX



Interpretation/Discussion

Present day topsoil and turf.  
Brick ends for construction of house.

Finds (tick): None  Pot  Bone  Flint  Stone  Burnt stone  Glass  Metal   
CBM  Wood  Leather

Small Finds

Recorder My

Samples

Date

Building Materials

Initials



# CONTEXT RECORD

Context No.

2

SITE REBBC 04

ADDITIONAL SHEETS:

TYPE Laser

Trench

Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure

Check Lists:

Site sub-div

Overlain by: 1

DEPOSIT:

1. compaction
2. colour
3. composition
4. inclusion
5. thickness
6. extent
7. comments
8. method & conditions

Structure No.

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Same as:

Part of:

Co-Ordinates

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Overlies: 4:5:11

CUT:

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3. dimension and depth
4. sketch
5. truncation
6. fill nos
7. other comments

Level

Butts:

MASONRY:

Slide No.

Cuts:

1. materials
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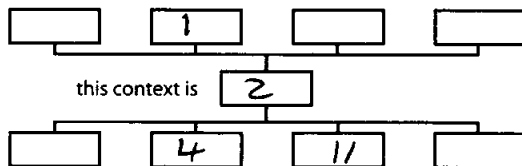
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Relationships uncertain

Description (See check lists):

- 1) Focable
- 2) mid brown
- 3) Clay silt
- 4) Some small gravels
- 5) Depth 0.3 - 0.35m

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX



Interpretation/Discussion

SSsoil, possible colluvium.

Finds (tick): None  Pot  Bone  Flint  Stone  Burnt stone  Glass  Metal   
 CBM  Wood  Leather

 Small FindsRecorder *mg* Samples

Date

 Building Materials

Initials



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# CONTEXT RECORD

Context No.

3

SITE *REBBC OH*

ADDITIONAL SHEETS:

TYPE *Layer*

Trench

Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure

Check Lists:

Site sub-div

Overlain by: *2*

DEPOSIT:

Structure No.

Abutted by:

1. compaction 2. colour  
3. composition 4. inclusion  
5. thickness 6. extent  
7. comments 8. method & conditions

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Part of:

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Consists of:

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Butts:

MASONRY:

Slide No.

Cuts:

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3. finish of stones 4. coursing/bond 5. form 6. faces  
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Matrix location

Relationships uncertain

Description (See check lists):

1) *Tenacious*

2) *Pale brown*

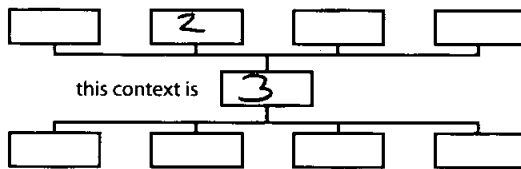
3) *silt clay*

4) *Many small-medium*

*flint gravels, patches of grey clay*

5) *> 0.4m*

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX



Interpretation/Discussion

*Natural clay.*

Finds (tick): None [] Pot [] Bone [] Flint [] Stone [] Burnt stone [] Glass [] Metal []  
CBM [] Wood [] Leather []

Small Finds

Recorder *WES*

Samples

Date

Building Materials

Initials



# CONTEXT RECORD

Context No.

4

SITE REBBC 04

ADDITIONAL SHEETS:

TYPE Laser

Trench

Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure

Check Lists:

Site sub-div

Overlain by: 2: 4: 6

DEPOSIT:

Structure No.

Abutted by:

1. compaction 2. colour  
3. composition 4. inclusion  
5. thickness 6. extent  
7. comments 8. method & conditions

Plan No.

Cut by:

Filled by:

Section No.

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Same as:

Part of:

CUT:

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2. base/sides/top profile  
3. dimension and depth  
4. sketch 5. truncation 6. fill nos 7. other comments

Co-Ordinates

Consists of:

Overlies: 4: 6

Level

Butts:

MASONRY:

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Cuts:

1. material 2. size of bricks etc  
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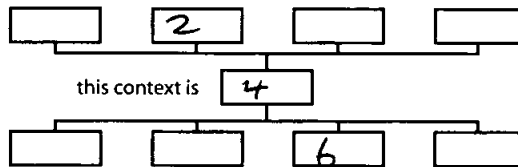
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Relationships uncertain

Description (See check lists):

- 1) Terracotta
- 2) Pale grey
- 3) Clay
- 4) Some small flint gravel
- 5) 0.5m thick.

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX



Interpretation/Discussion

Band 2) natural clay tipping down to south.

**Finds (tick):** None  Pot  Bone  Flint  Stone  Burnt stone  Glass  Metal   
 CBM  Wood  Leather

 Small Finds

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Context No.

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SITE *REBBC dr*

ADDITIONAL SHEETS:

TYPE *6*

Trench

Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure

Check Lists:

Site sub-div

Overlain by: *4*

DEPOSIT:

Structure No.

Abutted by:

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Butts:

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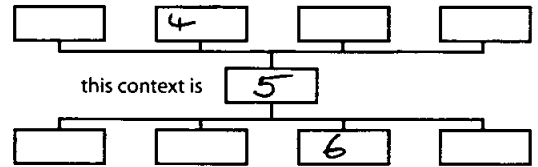
Matrix location

Relationships uncertain

Description (See check lists):

- 1) Terrace*
- 2) Pale orange band*
- 3) Clay*
- 4) Some fine sands*
- 5) Depth 0.6m*

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX



Interpretation/Discussion

*Band of alluvium / clay to tippy down to earth.*

Finds (tick): None  Pot  Bone  Flint  Stone  Burnt stone  Glass  Metal   
 CBM  Wood  Leather

Small Finds

Recorder *M*

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TYPE *Layer*

Trench

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- 3. finish of stones 4. coursing/bond 5. form 6. faces
- 7. bond 8. dimensions as found
- 9. other comments

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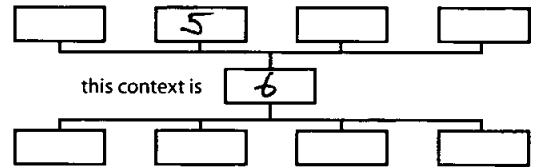
Matrix location

Relationships uncertain

Description (See check lists):

- 1) *Tenaxia*
- 2) *Orange brown*
- 3) *Sandy clay*
- 4) *Many small - medium angular flint gravels*
- 5) *Depth > 0.3m*

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX



Interpretation/Discussion

*Layer of natural clay and gravels*

Finds (tick): None  Pot  Bone  Flint  Stone  Burnt stone  Glass  Metal  CBM  Wood  Leather

Small Finds

Recorder *YH*

Samples

Date

Building Materials

Initials



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# CONTEXT RECORD

Context No.

7

SITE *REBBCOH*

ADDITIONAL SHEETS:

TYPE *Layer*

Trench

Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure

Check Lists:

Site sub-div

Overlain by: *1*

DEPOSIT:

Structure No.

Abutted by:

1. compaction 2. colour  
3. composition 4. inclusion  
5. thickness 6. extent  
7. comments 8. method & conditions

Plan No.

*11*

Cut by:

Filled by:

Section No.

*12*

Same as:

Part of:

CUT:

1. shape in plan  
2. base/sides/top profile  
3. dimension and depth  
4. sketch 5. truncation 6. fill nos 7. other comments

Co-Ordinates

Consists of:

Overlies: *10*

Level

Butts:

MASONRY:

Slide No.

Cuts:

1. materials 2. size of bricks etc  
3. finish of stones 4. coursing/bond 5. form 6. faces  
7. bond 8. dimensions as found  
9. other comments

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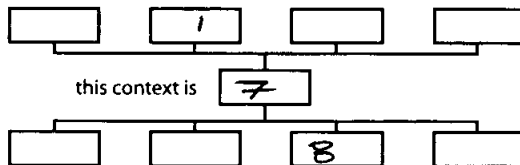
Matrix location

Relationships uncertain

Description (See check lists):

- 1) *friable*
- 2) *reddish brown*
- 3) *silty clay*
- 4) *small flint gravel*
- 5) *Depth 0.2m*

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX



Interpretation/Discussion

*Possible area of colluvion?*  
*Area of cast of soil?*

Finds (tick): None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ]  
CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

Small Finds

Recorder *PH*

Samples

Date

Building Materials

Initials



# CONTEXT RECORD

Context No.

8

SITE *REBBC dr*

ADDITIONAL SHEETS:

TYPE *Layer*

Trench

Context Type: Deposit / *Cut* / Structure

Check Lists:

Site sub-div

Overlain by: *7*

DEPOSIT:

Structure No.

Abutted by:

1. compaction 2. colour  
3. composition 4. inclusion  
5. thickness 6. extent  
7. comments 8. method & conditions

Plan No.

Cut by:

Filled by:

Section No.

*12*

Same as:

Part of:

CUT:

1. shape in plan  
2. base/sides/top profile  
3. dimension and depth  
4. sketch 5. truncation 6. fill nos 7. other comments

Co-Ordinates

Consists of:

Overlies: *6*

Level

Butts:

MASONRY:

Slide No.

Cuts:

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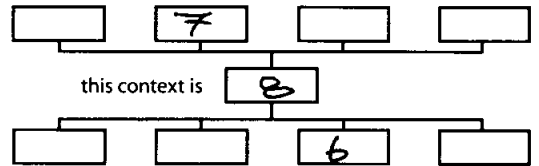
Matrix location

Relationships uncertain

Description (See check lists):

- 1) *Teraciaz*
- 2) *mid yellowish-brown*
- 3) *Silty clay.*
- 4) *Very occasional small flint gravel*
- 5) *Depth 0.3m*

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX



Interpretation/Discussion

*Layer of natural clay-*

Finds (tick): None  Pot  Bone  Flint  Stone  Burnt stone  Glass  Metal   
 CBM  Wood  Leather

 Small FindsRecorder *[Signature]* Samples

Date

 Building Materials

Initials





# CONTEXT RECORD

Context No.

9

SITE REBBC 04

ADDITIONAL SHEETS:

TYPE Laser

Trench

Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure

Check Lists:

Site sub-div

Overlain by: 1

DEPOSIT:

Structure No.

Abutted by:

1. compaction 2. colour  
3. composition 4. inclusion  
5. thickness 6. extent  
7. comments 8. method & conditions

Plan No.

Cut by:

Filled by:

Section No.

14

Same as:

Part of:

CUT:

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2. base/sides/top profile  
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Co-Ordinates

Consists of:

Overlies: 10

Level

Butts:

MASONRY:

Slide No.

Cuts:

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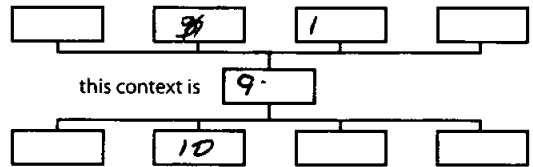
Matrix location

Relationships uncertain

Description (See check lists):

- 1) Friable
- 2) Greenish brown
- 3) silts
- 4) Much charcoal flecking, chalk flecking C.B.M fragments
- 5) Depth 0.25m

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX



Interpretation/Discussion

Dump of disturbed soils

Finds (tick): None  Pot  Bone  Flint  Stone  Burnt stone  Glass  Metal   
 CBM  Wood  Leather

△ Small Finds

Recorder *MM*

◇ Samples

Date

⬆ Building Materials

Initials



# CONTEXT RECORD

Context No.

10

SITE *RE BBC 04*

ADDITIONAL SHEETS:

TYPE *Layer*

Trench

Context Type: Deposit / ~~Cut~~ / Structure

Check Lists:

Site sub-div

Overlain by: *9*

DEPOSIT:

Structure No.

Abutted by:

1. compaction 2. colour  
3. composition 4. inclusion  
5. thickness 6. extent  
7. comments 8. method & conditions

Plan No.

Cut by:

Filled by:

Section No.

*15*

Same as:

Part of:

CUT:

1. shape in plan  
2. base/sides/top profile  
3. dimension and depth  
4. sketch 5. truncation 6. fill nos 7. other comments

Co-Ordinates

Consists of:

Overlies: *11*

Level

Butts:

MASONRY:

Slide No.

Cuts:

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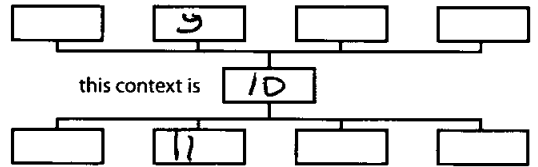
Matrix location

Relationships uncertain

Description (See check lists):

- 1) *Favable*
- 2) *Pale yellowish Brn*
- 3) *8.5 Clayey silts*
- 4) *Very occasional small flint gravels*
- 5) *Depth 0.18m*

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX



Interpretation/Discussion

*Possible layer of colluvium.*

Finds (tick): None  Pot  Bone  Flint  Stone  Burnt stone  Glass  Metal   
 CBM  Wood  Leather

 Small FindsRecorder *peg* Samples

Date

 Building Materials

Initials



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# CONTEXT RECORD

Context No.

11

SITE REBEL 04

ADDITIONAL SHEETS:

TYPE Layer

Trench

Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure

Check Lists:

Site sub-div

Overlain by: 2:10

DEPOSIT:

Structure No.

Abutted by:

1. compaction 2. colour  
3. composition 4. inclusion  
5. thickness 6. extent  
7. comments 8. method & conditions

Plan No.

Cut by:

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Section No.

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Same as:

Part of:

CUT:

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4. sketch 5. truncation 6. fill nos 7. other comments

Co-Ordinates

Consists of:

Overlies:

Level

Butts:

MASONRY:

Slide No.

Cuts:

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Neg No.

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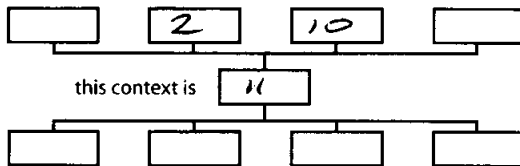
Matrix location

Relationships uncertain

Description (See check lists):

- 1) Friable
- 2) Yellowish brown
- 3) Clayey silt
- 4) Much very small to small subangular flint gravels
- 5) Depth 0.2m - > 0.3m

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX



Interpretation/Discussion

Natural silty gravel.

Finds (tick): None  Pot  Bone  Flint  Stone  Burnt stone  Glass  Metal   
CBM  Wood  Leather

Small Finds

Recorder *RS*

Samples

Date

Building Materials

Initials



# CONTEXT RECORD

Context No.

12

SITE *REBBLOX*

ADDITIONAL SHEETS:

TYPE *Layer*

Trench

Context Type: Deposit / ~~Cut~~ / Structure

Check Lists:

Site sub-div

Overlain by: *11*

DEPOSIT:

Structure No.

Abutted by:

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Plan No.

Cut by:

Filled by:

Section No.

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Same as:

Part of:

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Co-Ordinates

Consists of:

Overlies:

Level

Butts:

MASONRY:

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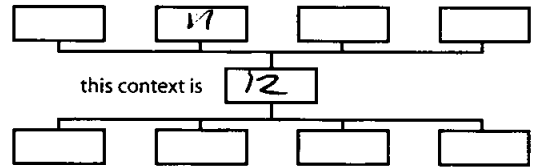
Matrix location

Relationships uncertain

Description (See check lists):

- 1) *Teracotta*
- 2) ~~Clay~~ *Yellowish brown*
- 3) *Silty clay*
- 4) *Many small - medium sized sub-angular gravels*
- 5) *Depth > 0.15m*

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX



Interpretation/Discussion

*Natural clayey gravel*

Finds (tick): None  Pot  Bone  Flint  Stone  Burnt stone  Glass  Metal   
 CBM  Wood  Leather

 Small FindsRecorder *[Signature]* SamplesDate *15/12/04* Building Materials

Initials

CAVERSHAM, READING  
PARK DRIVE  
REBBC 04

Box 1 FILES

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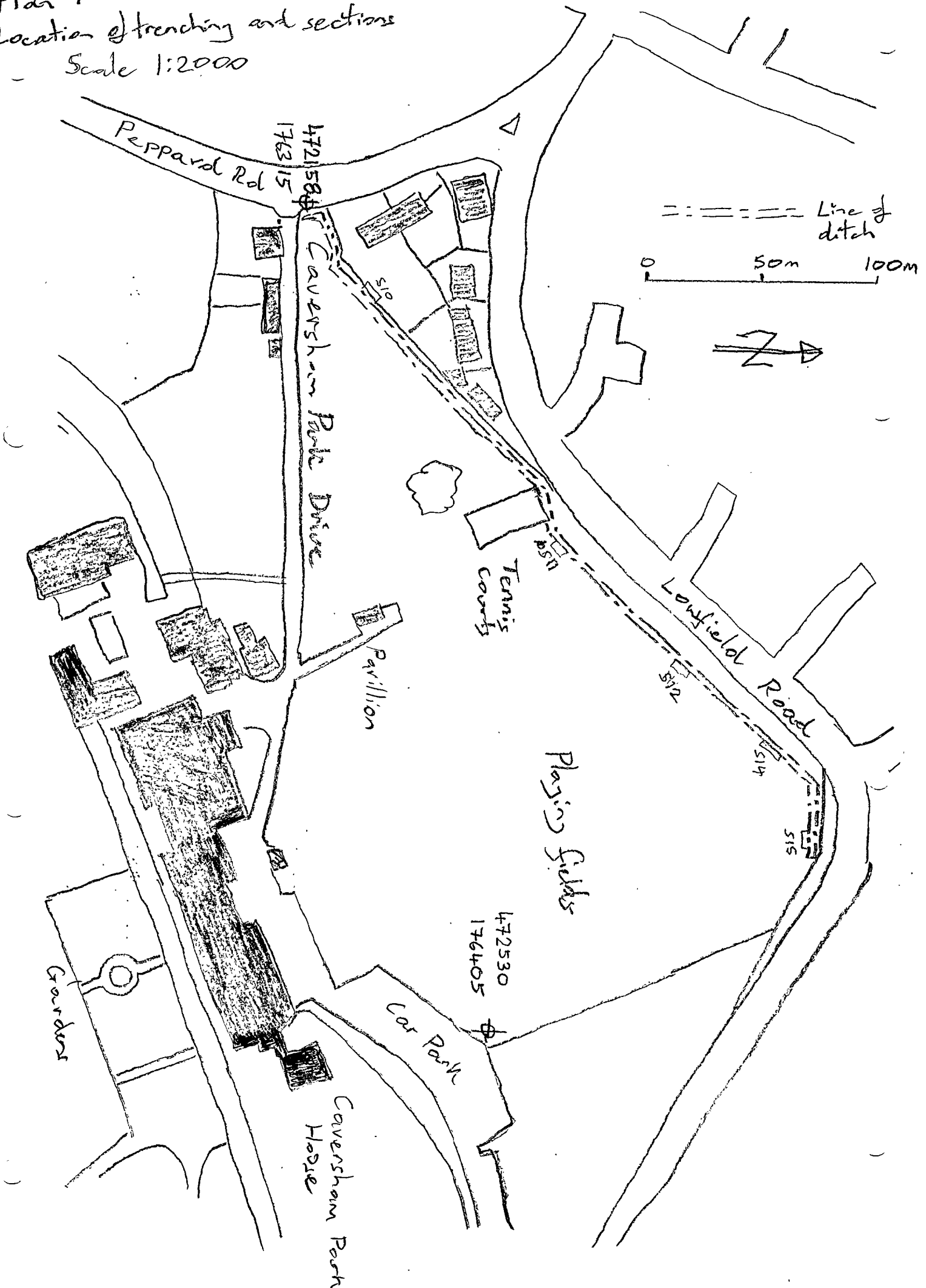


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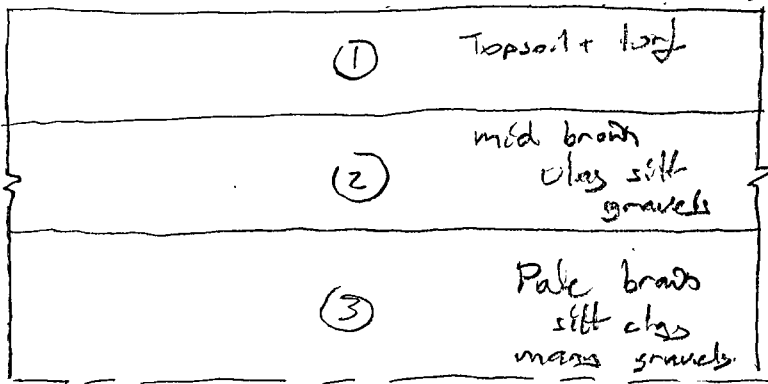
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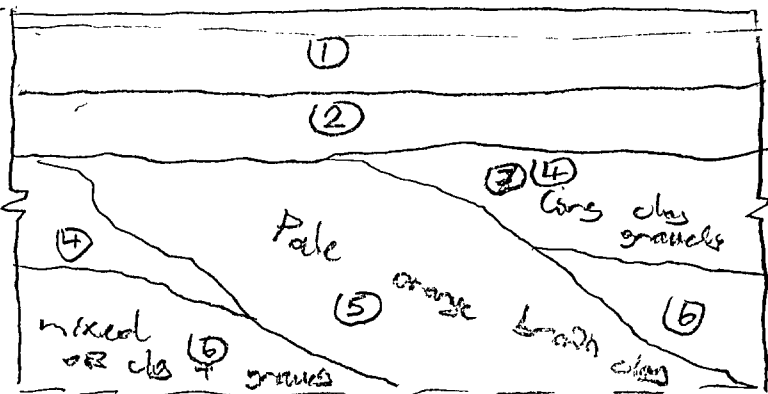
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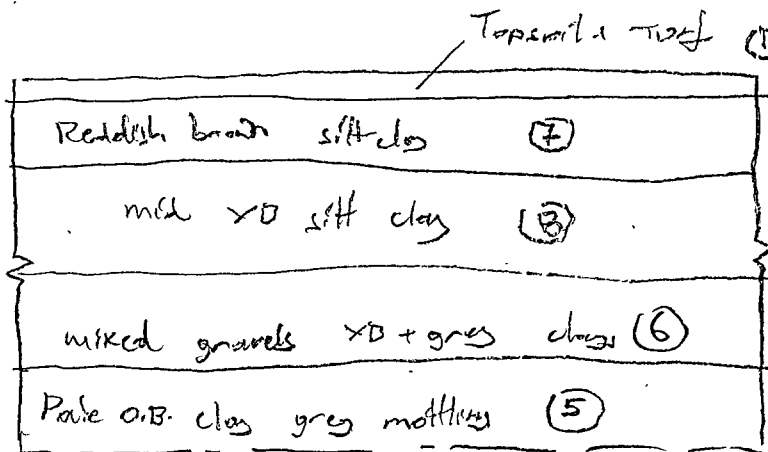
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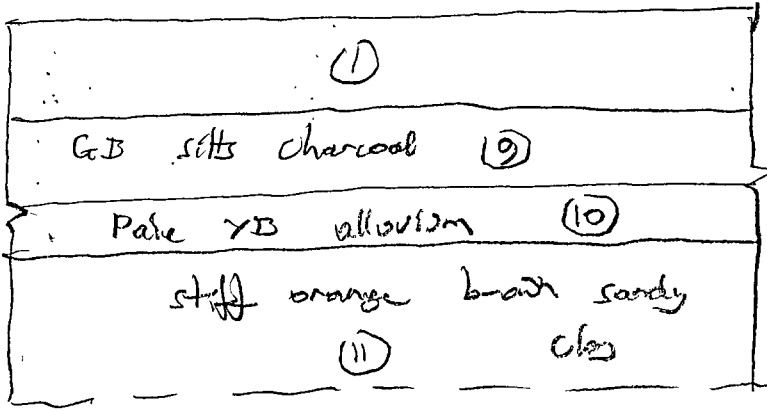
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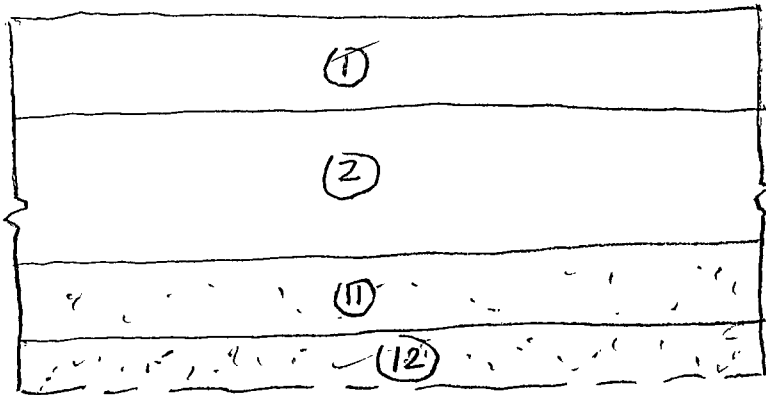
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