

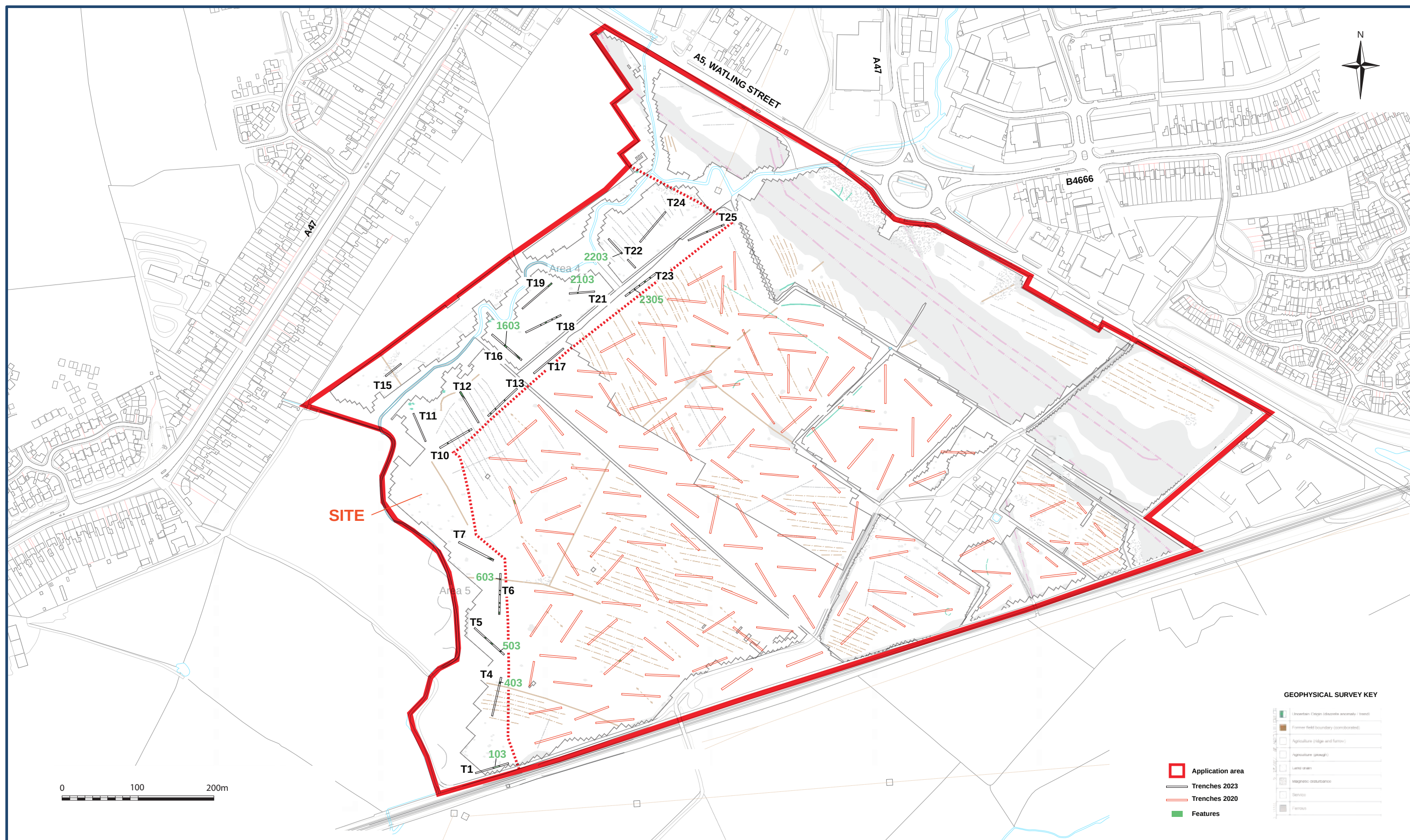


Fig 3: Trenches with previous trenching and geophysical survey

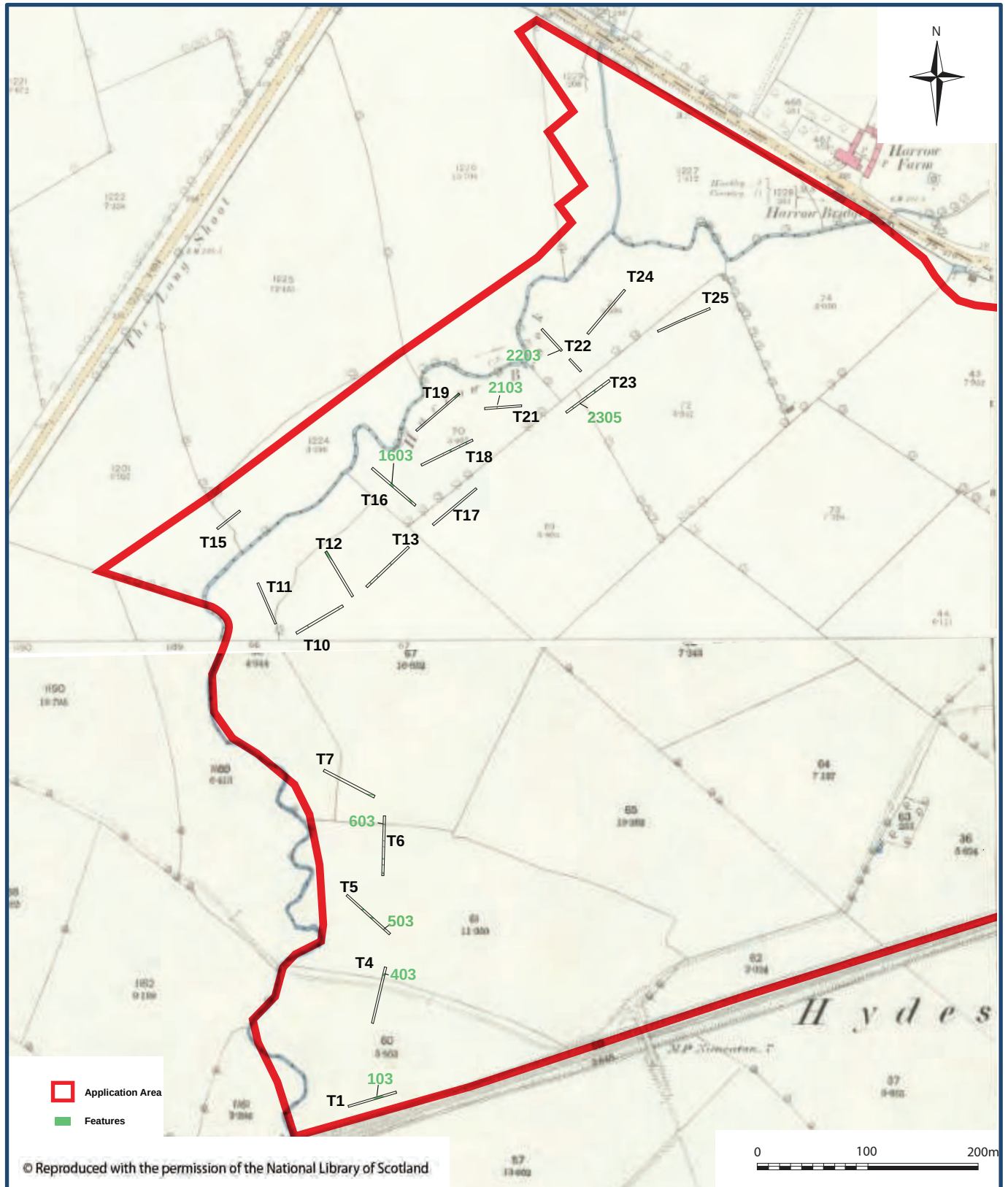


Fig 4: Trenches with 1888 mapping

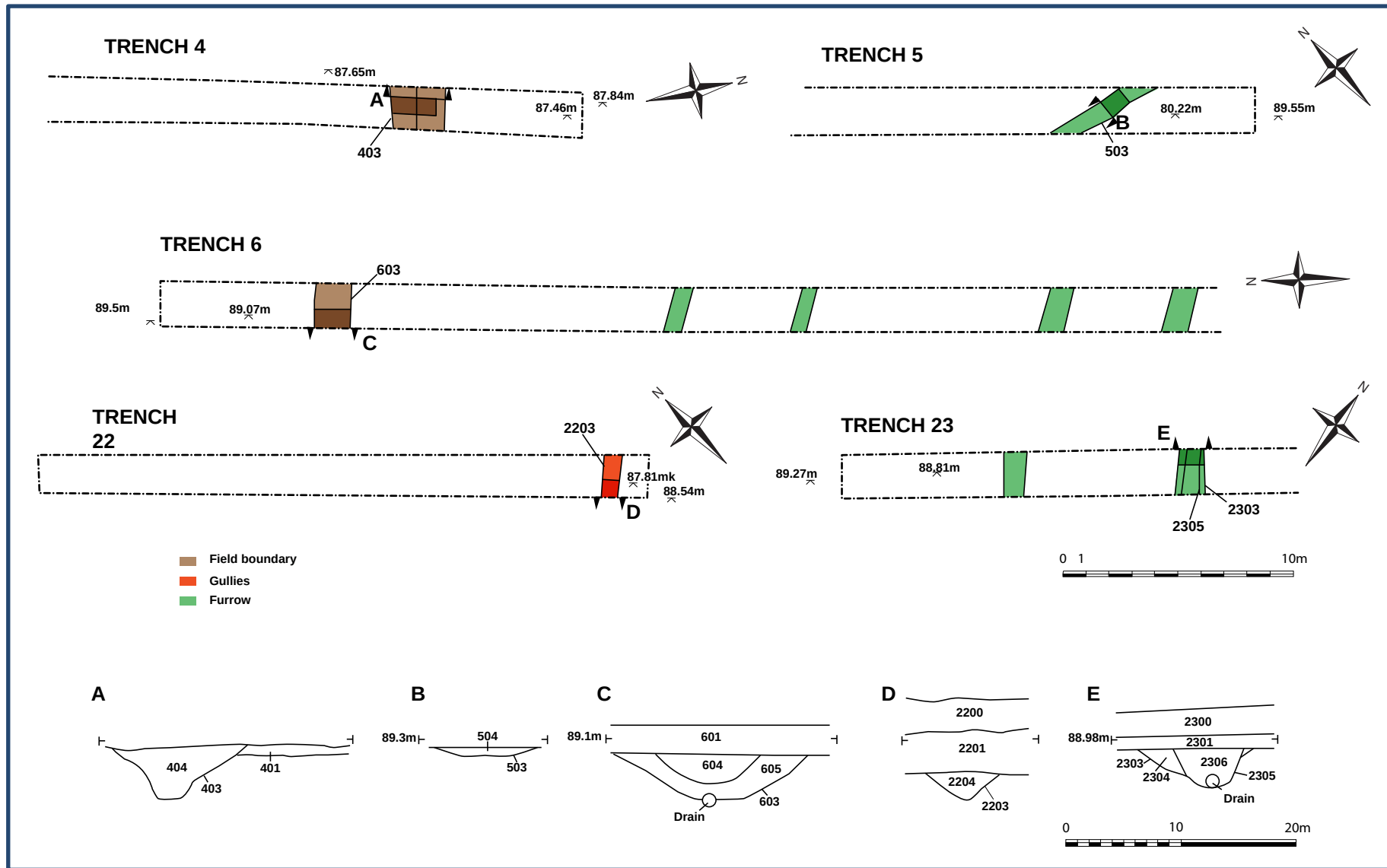


Fig 5: Detail trenches 4, 5, 6, 22, 23 with sections A to E

6 CONCLUSIONS

- 6.1 The additional trial trenches at Padge Hall Farm revealed few features of archaeological interest. Two gullies by the Harrow Brook were difficult to investigate due to a rising water table but seem likely to have been semi-permanently waterlogged and given they were adjacent to a significant layer of alluvium seem most likely to have been drains.
- 6.2 The majority of other features represented land organisation for agriculture and included both the buried and extant remains of ridge and furrow; and former ditched field boundaries visible on the 1888 1st edition OS map. A large clay extraction pit was discovered along the southern boundary of the site and is likely associated with those found in an earlier phase of trial trenching, datable to the post-medieval period.
- 6.3 The research aims which dictated the work were to understand the date, character, extent, form, function, preservation and significance of any features discovered. This has been achieved on all features but those found at the north of the site near the Brook, where conditions meant thorough investigation could not be undertaken. Reductions to the proposed numbers of trial trenches were agreed with the relevant Local Authority archaeological advisors.

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APPENDICES

A List of Contexts

Context	Description	Depth (m) or AOD	Comment
100	Dark brown clayey silt.	0.32	Topsoil
101	Reddish brown silty clay.	0.16	Plough soil
102	Brownish red pebbly clay.		Geological natural
400	Dark brown clayey silt.	0.34	Topsoil
401	Reddish brown silty clay.	0.15	Plough soil
402	Brownish red pebbly clay.		Geological natural
403	Linear in plan with steep sides and a near flat base.	0.45	Cut of NW-SE ditch
404	Dark brownish grey clayey silt containing occasional small to medium sub-rounded spheroidal pebbles, evenly distributed and occasional flecks of platy charcoal, evenly distributed.	0.45	Fill of ditch [403]
500	Dark brown clayey silt.	0.28	Topsoil
501	Reddish brown silty clay.	0.10	Plough soil
502	Brownish red pebbly clay.		Geological natural
503	Linear in plan with a gradual concave profile.	0.07	Cut of E-W furrow
504	Light greyish brown sandy clay containing moderate small to medium sub-rounded to well-rounded spheroidal pebbles, evenly distributed.	0.07	Fill of furrow [503]
600	Dark brown clayey silt.	0.31	Topsoil
601	Reddish brown silty clay.	0.13	Plough soil
602	Brownish red pebbly clay.		Geological natural
603	Linear in plan with a gradual concave profile.	0.41	Cut of ditch
604	Yellowish brown silty clay.	0.27	Fill of ditch [603]
605	Greyish brown silty clay.	0.2	Fill of ditch [603]
700	Dark brown clayey silt.	0.38	Topsoil
701	Reddish brown silty clay.	0.19	Plough soil

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702	Brownish red pebbly clay.		Geological natural
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1001	Reddish brown silty clay.	0.10	Plough soil
1002	Brownish red pebbly clay.		Geological natural
1100	Greyish brown clayey silt.	0.45	Topsoil
1101	Reddish brown silty clay.	0.13	Plough soil
1102	Brownish red pebbly clay.		Geological natural
1200	Dark brown clayey silt.	0.38	Topsoil
1201	Reddish brown silty clay.	0.09	Plough soil
1202	Brownish red pebbly clay.		Geological natural
1300	Dark brown clayey silt.	0.27	Topsoil
1301	Reddish brown silty clay.	0.08	Plough soil
1302	Brownish red pebbly clay.		Geological natural
1500	Greyish brown clayey silt.	0.32	Topsoil
1501	Brownish red pebbly clay.		Geological natural
1600	Greyish brown clayey silt.	0.25	Topsoil
1601	Bluish grey clay.	0.55	Alluvium
1602	Greyish red clayey pebble.		Geological natural
1700	Greyish brown clayey silt.	0.32	Topsoil
1701	Reddish brown silty clay.	0.12	Plough soil
1702	Brownish red pebbly clay.		Geological natural
1800	Greyish brown clayey silt.	0.32	Topsoil
1801	Reddish brown silty clay.	0.18	Plough soil
1802	Brownish red pebbly clay.		Geological natural
1900	Greyish brown clayey silt.	0.23	Topsoil
1901	Bluish grey silty clay.	0.72	Alluvium
1902	Brownish red pebbly clay.		Geological natural
2100	Greyish brown clayey silt.	0.35	Topsoil
2101	Reddish brown silty clay.	0.19	Plough soil
2102	Greyish red pebbly clay.		Geological natural
2200	Greyish brown clayey silt.	0.23	Topsoil
2201	Bluish grey silty clay.	0.41	Alluvium
2202	Brownish red pebbly clay.		Geological natural

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2203	Linear in plan with a concave profile.	0.26	Cut of NW-SE ditch
2204	Dark bluish grey sandy clay containing moderate small to medium angular spheroidal pebbles, evenly distributed.	0.26	Fill of ditch [2203]
2300	Greyish brown clayey silt.	0.35	Topsoil
2301	Reddish brown silty clay.	0.10	Plough soil
2302	Brownish red pebbly clay.		Geological natural
2303	Linear in plan with a gradual concave profile.	0.23	Cut of E-W furrow
2304	Light reddish grey clayey sand containing small rounded to well-rounded spheroidal pebbles, evenly distributed.	0.23	Fill of furrow [2303]
2305	Linear in plan with a steep concave profile.	0.34	Cut of E-W ditch
2306	Dark brownish grey clayey sand containing occasional small rounded to well-rounded spheroidal pebbles, evenly distributed.	0.34	Fill of ditch [2305]
2400	Greyish brown clayey silt.	0.23	Topsoil
2401	Reddish brown silty clay.	0.13	Plough soil
2402	Bluish grey silty clay.	0.25	Alluvium
2403	Brownish red pebbly clay.		Geological natural
2500	Dark brownish grey loam.	0.30	Topsoil
2501	Reddish yellow coarse moderately sorted sandy pebble.		Geological natural

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B List of Finds

<i>Context</i>	<i>Material</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Date/Comments</i>
404	CBM	2	1 flat fragment of handmade building material, sandy fabric with clay pellets, 14mm thick with small lip or widened base, possibly an upright of a post medieval land drain; 1 fragment with curving surface (no rear face) soapy micaceous fabric with clay pellets, undiagnostic
404	Iron	1	Iron square shafted spike 262mm in length tapering at base with circular head and washer corroded to top of shaft
404	Pottery	1	Roman greyware heavily abraded body sherd

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C Archive Selection Strategy and Data Management Plan

Project Information	
Site Code	NP24
Site Address	Padge Hall Farm, Nuneaton, Warwickshire
Project Type	Evaluation
Project Manager	Paul Clarke
Project Team	Adam Griffiths, Katie Lea, John Appleby and Lee Baylis
Archive Information	
Physical archive location	Warwickshire Museum
Accession Number	TBC
Digital Archive location	Archaeology Data Service (ADS)
Previous work to be included	No
Future work to be included	Unknown
Data Management Plan	
Data Creation	
Where will data be created	Office: pre-fieldwork and post-excavation Site: fieldwork
What data will be created	Paper: sample sheets, site registers, drawings on permatrace of sections and elevations and if required plans. Digital: photographs (jpegs), surveys (dxf), context lists (excel), report and specialist reports (word), finds list (excel), specialist catalogues (excel), photo register/metadata (excel), scanned registers (PDF), scanned context sheets (PDF)
Ethics and Legal Compliance	
Data security	If the data contains commercially, or personally sensitive data it will not be made available to anyone beyond the project team.
	AW will retain the copyright of any data, including reports, photographs etc., generated by the project. External data used under licence, such as OS mapping,

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	The report generated from this project will be publicly available through submission to the Online Access to the Index of archaeological investigations (OASIS).	
Data selection and preservation		
Preservation and deposition	The paper and digital archives will be collated in line with national, regional and repository specific guidelines, See below.	
Specific Repository Requirements		
Archaeological Data Service	Jpeg Photographs PDF report	
Warwickshire Museum	Does not accept unstratified finds or post-medieval or modern finds, unless in exceptional circumstances	
Warwickshire HER	PDf version of the report .shp file of trenches	
Archaeology Warwickshire Management Archive	Word versions of report, DXF or .shp files of surveys, illustration files (Adobe Illustrator), etc.	
Data generated Pre-fieldwork		
Document/format	Where stored	To form management archive or site archive
WSI/PDF & paper copy	WCC Network/Physical Site folder	Site archive
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GIS trench layouts/GIS data files	WCC Network	Not retained following completion of project
Signed Agreement/PDF	WCC Network: confidential	Management Archive: digital copy retained on WCC network
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Site visit photos/jpegs	WCC Network	Management Archive: retained on WCC Network
Data generated from Site		
Physical Record type/format	Security Copy	Number
Context Sheets/paper proforma	N/A	N/A
Digital Record type/format	Saved to WCC Network	Number
Context Sheets/Diggit	Yes – saved on the WCC network, as well as the Diggit database	1 Excel file
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Phased plans	yes	Site archive

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Archaeological Finds Archive & Selection Strategy		
Expected Finds		
Material Type	Site collection Policy	Guidance from
Pottery - Modern	Collect 100%	Project Lead
Pottery - Post-medieval	Collect 100%	Project Lead
Pottery - Medieval	Collect 100%	Project Lead
Pottery - Roman	Collect 100%	Project Lead
Pottery - Iron Age	Collect 100%	Project Lead
Flint - Prehistoric	Collect 100%	Project Lead
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Material Type	Checked by	Action ie. Identified, added to database, discarded
Pottery - Roman	Cathy Coutts	Identified, added to finds spreadsheet
Ceramic Building Material	Cathy Coutts	Identified, measured, added to finds spreadsheet
Metal - Iron object	Bekky Hillman	Identified, measured, added to finds spreadsheet
Specialist Assessment		
Material Type	Specialist	Action ie, coded, weighed, reported,
N/A	N/A	N/A
Specialist Recommendations		
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Specialist Analysis		
Material Type	Specialist	Action ie. Offer to Museum with report and illustrations
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For Retention or Discard		

Material Type	Target date of deposition/ Archived date	Repository accepting/recommending discard
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OASIS Summary for archaeol27-523433

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Sitename	Padge Hall Farm, Nuneaton, Warwickshire
Sitecode	NP24
Project Identifier(s)	NP24 Padge Hall Farm, Nuneaton, Warwickshire
Activity type	Evaluation
Planning Id	21/01191/HYB, 038340
Reason For Investigation	Planning: Between application and determination
Organisation Responsible for work	Archaeology Warwickshire
Project Dates	12-Feb-2024 - 16-Feb-2024
Location	Padge Hall Farm, Nuneaton, Warwickshire NGR : SP 39800 92750 LL : 52.53117061402172, -1.414727890889588 12 Fig : 439800,292750
Administrative Areas	Country : England County/Local Authority : Warwickshire Local Authority District : Rugby Parish : Stretton Baskerville
Project Methodology	An archaeological evaluation was undertaken at Padge Hall Farm, Nuneaton, ahead of proposed industrial development, on land adjacent to extensive previous evaluation trenching that was largely sterile. The work was carried out in accordance with The Chartered Institute for Archaeologists Standard for archaeological field evaluation (CIfA 2023).
Project Results	A total of 19 trenches were excavated from an initial 37, which, due to an intervening programme of monitoring covering the northeastern side of the site, had been reduced to 25 trenches. Six of these could not be excavated due to standing water. Two undated gullies were uncovered in the northern part of the site, in close proximity to the Harrow Brook, although only one could be excavated due to a rising water table. Given they were filled with sterile bluish clay it is likely that they had a drainage function. A significant layer of Alluvium was also present in this area. The buried and extant remains of ridge and furrow cultivation were discovered across the site, as were ditches representing former field boundaries present on the Ordnance Survey map of 1888. A large clay extraction pit was also discovered, it contained no datable material though four others were discovered during the previous phase of trenching and were dated to the post-medieval period.
Keywords	
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