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Summary

This report details the results of an archaeological evaluation carried out by University of Leicester Archaeological Services (ULAS) at Land off Hill Lane, Markfield, Leicestershire, LE67 9UB. The work was undertaken between 07/09/26 and 11/09/26 on behalf of Glenalmond Developments Ltd in advance of the erection of up to 67 dwellings.

Eighteen trenches were excavated across five fields and they each measured 30m long except for two trenches which measured 8-10m long. The reduced length of two trenches was due to Field 1 containing a 20th century landfill that measures up to 2m deep. A demolished farm building was also identified in Field 5 and consequently the trench that was proposed to be excavated across it was infilled and relocated 60m to the west.

No archaeology was found during the trenching. Patches of stones were recorded in the natural substratum and the weak geophysical anomalies identified during the geophysical survey are likely to be the result of these geological changes.

Due to the absence of archaeological remains of any significance the archive (X.A91.2026) has been deemed a sterile project. The Leicestershire County Council Museums accession number has been retained but the archive will be available via OASIS.

The report and digital record of the work will be deposited under the Oasis number universi1- 545983 with the Archaeology Data Service.

Introduction

This document is a report on a programme of archaeological evaluation at Land off Hill Lane, Markfield, Leicestershire, LE67 9UB, in accordance with National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF): Section 20 Enhancing and Conserving the Historic Environment HE1-10 (MHCLG 2026).

This work was carried out by University of Leicester Archaeological Services (ULAS) on behalf of Glenalmond Developments Ltd.

Outline Planning Permission (**25/01157/OUT**) has been deferred for the erection of up to 67 dwellings on land off Hill Lane, Markfield, Leicestershire LE67 9UB due to the requirement for an archaeological evaluation.

Due to the archaeological potential, the Planning Archaeologist for Leicestershire as advisor to the Planning Authority has requested archaeological evaluation to determine the impact of the proposed scheme on any buried archaeological remains and, if necessary, to provide a mitigation strategy for the development site.

Location, topography and geology

The proposed development area (PDA) is located on the north-western edge of Markfield, Leicestershire. It comprises c.3.2ha of land divided into five rough pasture fields, centred at NGR SK 4871 1054 (Figs 1 & 2). The boundaries of the site consist of Hill Lane to the north-west and hedgerows and mature trees forming the rear property boundaries of housing to the north-east, east and south. Hedgerows and mature trees are also to the south-west, beyond which are small agricultural plots and woodland.

The ground within the PDA rises from c.195m aOD in the south-eastern corner to c.200m aOD in the north-eastern corner and to c.205m AOD along the western site boundary (Figure 3).

The British Geological Survey (BGS) 1:50,000 records the geology within the PDA as mudstone belonging to the Gunthorpe Member. Superficial deposits overlaying the mudstone in most of the site are Head clay, silt, sand and gravel and Diamicton of the Oadby Member in a small area along the eastern site boundary (BGS; <https://www.bgs.ac.uk/map-viewers/bgs-geology-viewer/> accessed 28/08/2026).

The Soilscape/ LandIS website indicates that the soils, slowly permeable seasonally wet acid loamy and clayey soils (Soilscape 17) <https://portal.landis.org.uk/apps>.



Figure 1: Site Location, within UK, county, and local.

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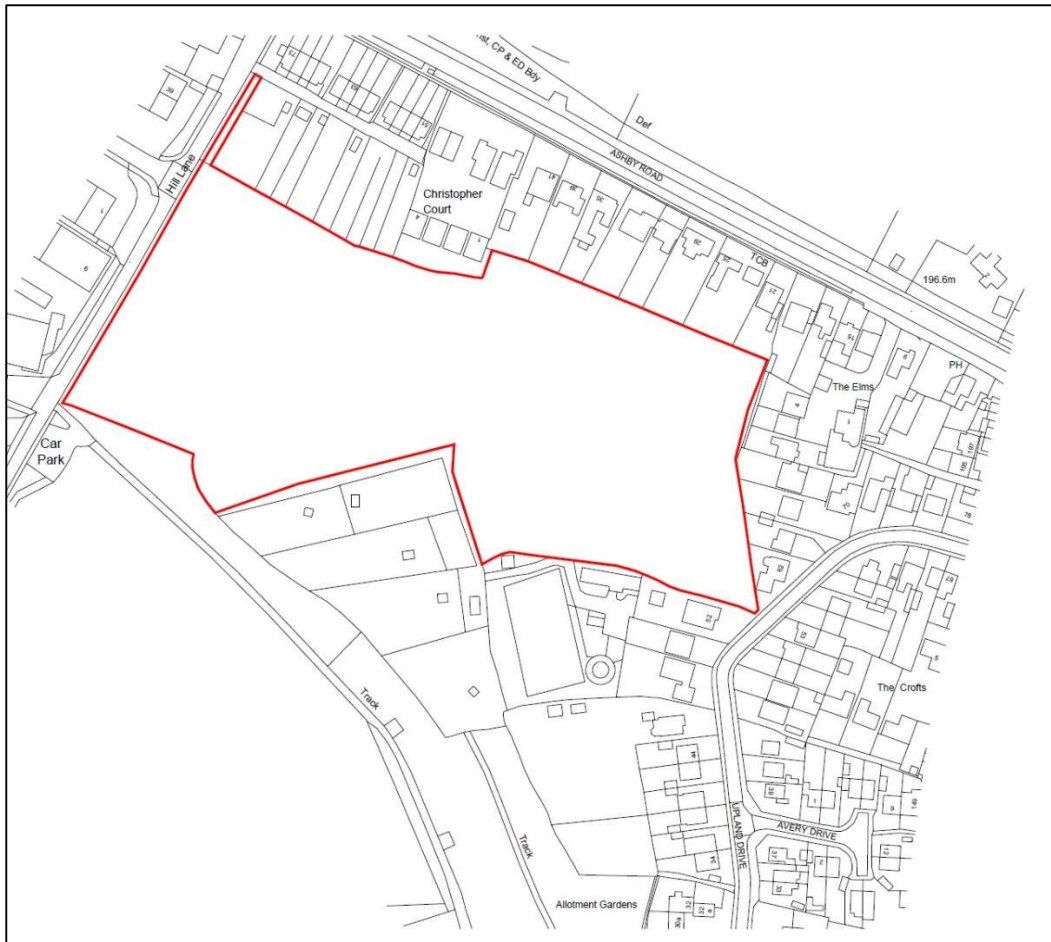


Figure 2: Detailed site location plan (provided by client).



Figure 3: Topographic survey (provided by client).



Figure 4: The proposed development (provided by client).

Historical and Archaeological Background

A desk-based assessment (Behrendt 2021) has been undertaken, and the following is summarised from this. The reference number for the Historic Environment Record (HER) for Leicestershire & Rutland are shown in bold in the text.

Prehistoric - Roman

There are no HER records of Prehistoric or Roman date within the PDA or within the 1km search area.

Anglo-Saxon to Medieval

The Saxon and Medieval historic settlement core of Markfield (**MLE5940**) is located c.400m south of the PDA, focused around St Michael's church with a narrow band mapped along Main Street towards the north. The settlement is recorded as Merchenefeld in Domesday Book (1086), roughly translating to the open country of the Mercians. The most likely explanation of this name is that at the time of early Anglo-Saxon settlement this was a stretch of open land which formed a boundary between the Middle Angles and the Mercians (Bourne 2003). The settlement also contains the Medieval church of St Michael (**MLE11696**) c.400m south of the PDA. Earthwork remains of fishponds (**MLE2943**) of possible medieval origin, are also recorded c.650m south of the PDA.

The HER contains no records of Saxon/Medieval activity within the PDA. The HER records ridge and furrow earthworks within the PDA (**MLE28869**).

Post-medieval to modern

Out of the 23 records on the HER within the search area, 20 are of post-medieval and/or modern date. All of these relate to buildings/monuments, transport routes or quarry sites of a well-defined extent and nature that generally add little to the understanding of the study site's archaeological potential and are therefore not discussed in any further detail.

The remains of a 19th century quarry lie 170m south of the PDA. The quarry was active until WWI. Hill Hole Quarry is the type locality for 'Markfieldite', much admired as a building stone for its colour and beauty (**MLE21633**).

Previous Archaeological Work

Magnitude Surveys Ltd was commissioned to assess the subsurface archaeological potential of the PDA in 2021. A fluxgate gradiometer survey was successfully completed across the survey area, except c. 1.17ha that could not be surveyed due to the presence of trees and overgrown vegetation. The geophysical survey identified ridge and furrow cultivation along with potential headland ploughing. Previous LiDAR survey has recorded evidence of ridge and furrow cultivation within the vicinity. The potential remains of a former structure were also identified. No anomalies suggestive of archaeological remains were identified, however several undetermined anomalies were detected for which could not be confidently ascribed. (Clements 2021).

Archaeological Potential

The desk-based assessment identified there is Low archaeological potential within the site, apart from ridge and furrow earthworks. However, this may be due to a paucity of archaeological work in the area, which is unattested archaeologically.

Aims and Objectives

The main aim of the investigation was to identify and record any archaeological remains and provide evidence in order for the local planning authority to make informed recommendations and to identify an appropriate mitigation strategy for the proposed development.

The main objectives of the archaeological work were:

- To identify the presence/absence of any archaeological deposits.
- To characterise the extent, date range, character, condition and significance of any archaeological deposits to be affected by the ground works.
- To excavate and record archaeological deposits uncovered during the work.
- To establish the ecofactual and environmental potential of any archaeological deposits and features encountered.
- Interpret the archaeology of the site within its local, regional, and national, archaeological context.
- To advance understanding of the heritage assets and establish the relationship of any remains within the wider landscape.
- To produce a report and archive of the results.

Research Objectives

The site had the potential to add to research objectives mainly from the Iron Age, Roman, Medieval, and post-medieval periods, identified within the East Midlands Historic Environment Research Framework

<https://researchframeworks.org/emherf/introducing-the-research-agenda/>

There was therefore potential for remains that could contribute to the following Research Objectives:

Iron Age

- 4E Assess the evidence for the evolution of settlement hierarchies
- 4F Investigate intra-regional variations in development of fields and linear boundaries
- 4G Study the production, distribution and use of artefacts

Roman

- 5H Investigate landscape contexts of rural settlements.
- 5I Support research and publication of landscape syntheses.
- 5J Instigate regional scale characterisation study of industry

Medieval

- 6J Update and expand East Midlands Anglo-Saxon Pottery Project.
- 7E Investigate the morphology of rural settlements.

Post-Medieval

- 8C Establish a typology of regional building traditions.

Methodology

The fieldwork followed the procedures set out in the approved *Written Scheme of Investigation* (WSI) for the project (ULAS 2026).

It was carried out in accordance with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA) *Universal guidance for archaeological field evaluation* (2023a), *Standard for Archaeological field evaluation* (2023b) and *Code of Conduct : professional ethics in archaeology* (updated 2022) <https://www.archaeologists.net/codes/cifa> . The accession number X.A91.2026 was used to identify all records and artefacts.

Fieldwork was carried out by ULAS between 07/09/26 and 11/09/26 and was followed by post-excavation and reporting.

The project involved the excavation of eighteen trenches across 5 fields using a nine-ton tracked 360 excavator with a 1.80m ditching bucket. Many of the trench locations had to be adjusted slightly to avoid trees or dense vegetation, however care was made to ensure that any targeted geophysical anomalies were investigated. The trenches measured 30m long except for two trenches in the western field which measured 8-10m long. The reduced size of

these trenches was due to the field containing a deep landfill. Another trench in the south-eastern field was moved 60m to the west due to the presence of a concrete base from a demolished farm building.

The site also contained a potentially active badger sett, in the south-western part of the PDA. All archaeological work was kept outside the indicated exclusion zone and at least one end of the trench was sloped to allow animals to escape if they entered. Following the excavation all trenches were infilled.



Figure 5: The infilled trenches in Field 3 (looking west).

Monitoring

Internal monitoring procedures were undertaken with the Project Manager, to ensure that project targets were met and professional standards maintained.

No monitoring visits were undertaken by the LPA, but photos and descriptions of the results were shared with Planning archaeologist during the work.

Results

Several possible features were tested during the trenching; however, they were found to be drains or furrows. No archaeology was revealed during the evaluation. All the trenches were recorded and the deposits found within them were documented.

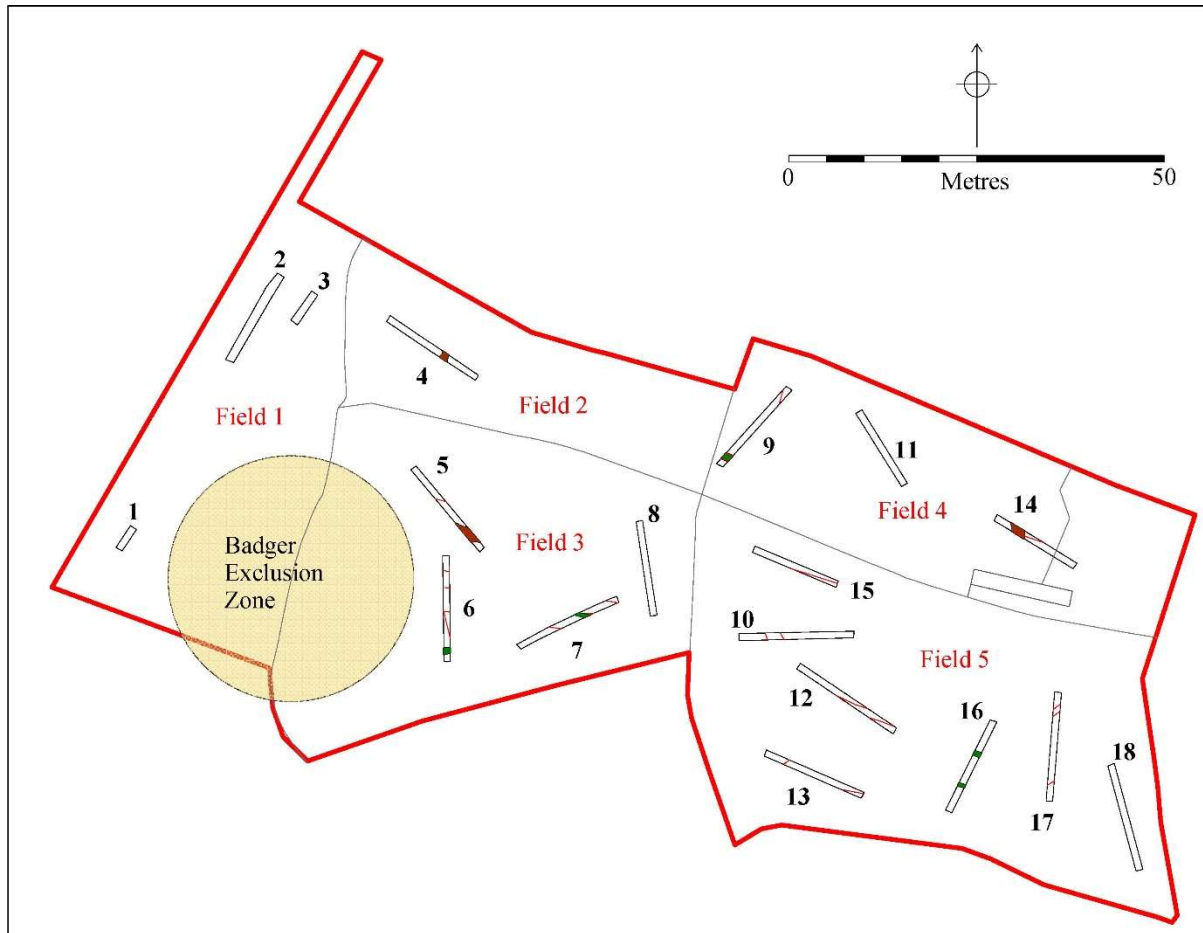


Figure 6: Plan of the trenches.

Table 1: The data from the trenches.

Field	Trench	Orientation	Length (m)	Width (m)	Trench Depth (m)	Topsoil Depth (m)	Subsoil/ Sub-layers Depth (m)	Comments
1	1	NE-SW	8	1.8	2	0.3	1.7	No subsoil but ashy landfill
1	2	NE-SW	30	1.8	1-2	0.4	1.6	No subsoil but ashy landfill. Asbestos identified at southern end.
1	3	NE-SW	10	1.8	1.6	0.4	1.2	No subsoil but ashy landfill.
2	4	NW-SE	30	1.8	0.2-0.54	0.08-0.2	0.1-0.18	Patches of stone in natural.
3	5	NW-SE	30	1.8	0.26-0.59	0.13-0.38	0.07-0.19	Multiple land drains
3	6	N-S	30	1.8	0.28-0.38	0.14-0.23	0.07-0.13	An east to west furrow and drains
3	7	NE-SW	30	1.8	0.31-0.49	0.17-0.38	0.06-0.18	An east to west furrow and drains
3	8	NW-SE	30	1.8	0.28-0.49	0.14-0.27	0.09-0.21	Multiple land drains
4	9	NE-SW	30	1.8	0.2-0.4	0.16-0.23	0.06-0.16	An east to west furrow and drains
5	10	E-W	30	1.8	0.29-0.48	0.13-0.3	0.07-0.16	Multiple land drains
4	11	NW-SE	30	1.8	0.28-0.41	0.12-0.2	0.08-0.17	Nothing in trench
5	12	NW-SE	30	1.8	0.35-0.48	0.19-0.28	0.12-0.18	Land drains. 20 th century pottery in topsoil and Pantheon ware in subsoil.
5	13	NW-SE	30	1.8	0.39-0.46	0.18-0.21	0.15-0.2	Multiple land drains
4	14	NW-SE	30	1.8	0.2-0.44	0.2-0.38	-	No subsoil. Patches of stone in natural.
5	15	NW-SE	30	1.8	0.33-0.18	0.13-0.2	0.21-0.27	Trench moved 60m west due to rubble containing asbestos in original location
5	16	NE-SW	30	1.8	0.22-0.63	0.12-0.23	0.09-0.26	North-west to south-east land drains.
5	17	N-S	30	1.8	0.27-0.43	0.12-0.29	0.11-0.17	North-east to south-west land drains.
5	18	NW-SE	30	1.8	0.28-0.48	0.17-0.23	0.09-0.2	Land drain

Field 1

Field 1 is in the western part of the site and is orientated north-east to south-west alongside Hill Lane. The site was overgrown with tall nettles, trees and bushes and occasionally contained rubbish. A badgers set had been identified in the eastern boundary and the area surrounding it was avoided. The location and size of the three planned trenches were moved in this area to avoid site constraints.

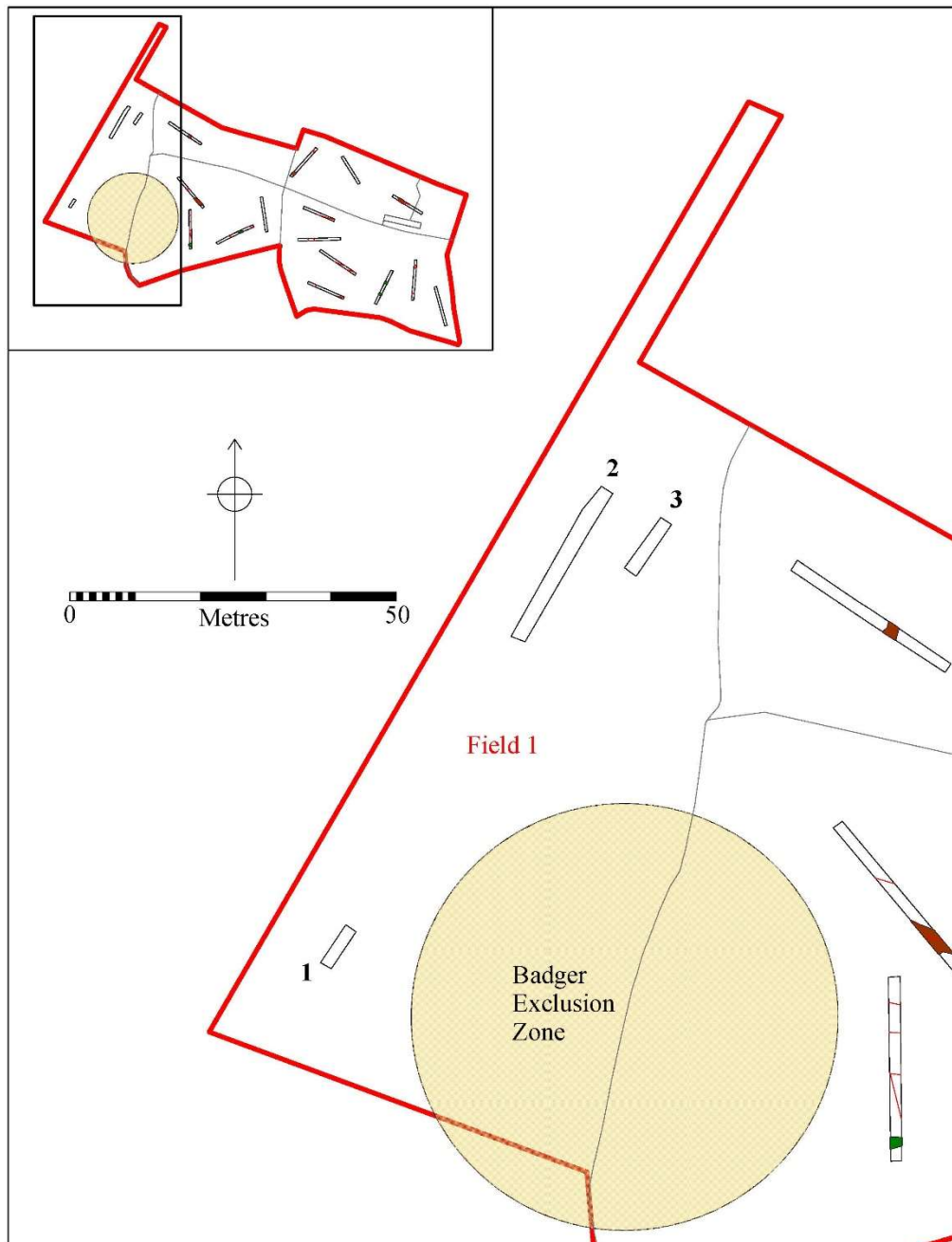


Figure 7: Plan of Field 1.

Trenches 1, 2 and 3

Trenches 1, 2 and 3 all contained a topsoil consisting of a dark greyish brown loamy sandy silt. No subsoil was present in this area, however a 1.2-1.7m thick layer of mid greyish brown ashy silt containing discarded 20th century waste was present beneath the topsoil (contexts (104), (204) and (304)).



Figure 8: The modern landfill and natural substratum in Trench 1.



Figure 9: The modern landfill and natural substratum in Trench 2.

The waste material was mainly glass and ceramic vessels with fragments of metal, however the first trench to be excavated in this area (Trench 2) contained fragments of asbestos cement sheets at the southern end. Because of this none of the trenches in this area were entered by the archaeologist and the remaining trenches were excavated at a reduced length (8-10m) with the aim of not disturbing any more of the material.

The natural substratum was reached in all trenches and consisted of mid orangey brown sandy clay. In Trenches 1 and 2 this was 2m below the current ground level and in Trench 3 it was slightly shallower at 1.6m.

Field 2

Field 2 forms the northern boundary in the centre of the PDA. The field was overgrown with areas of large bushes, tall trees and brambles; however, the western side had enough space to fit the planned trench.

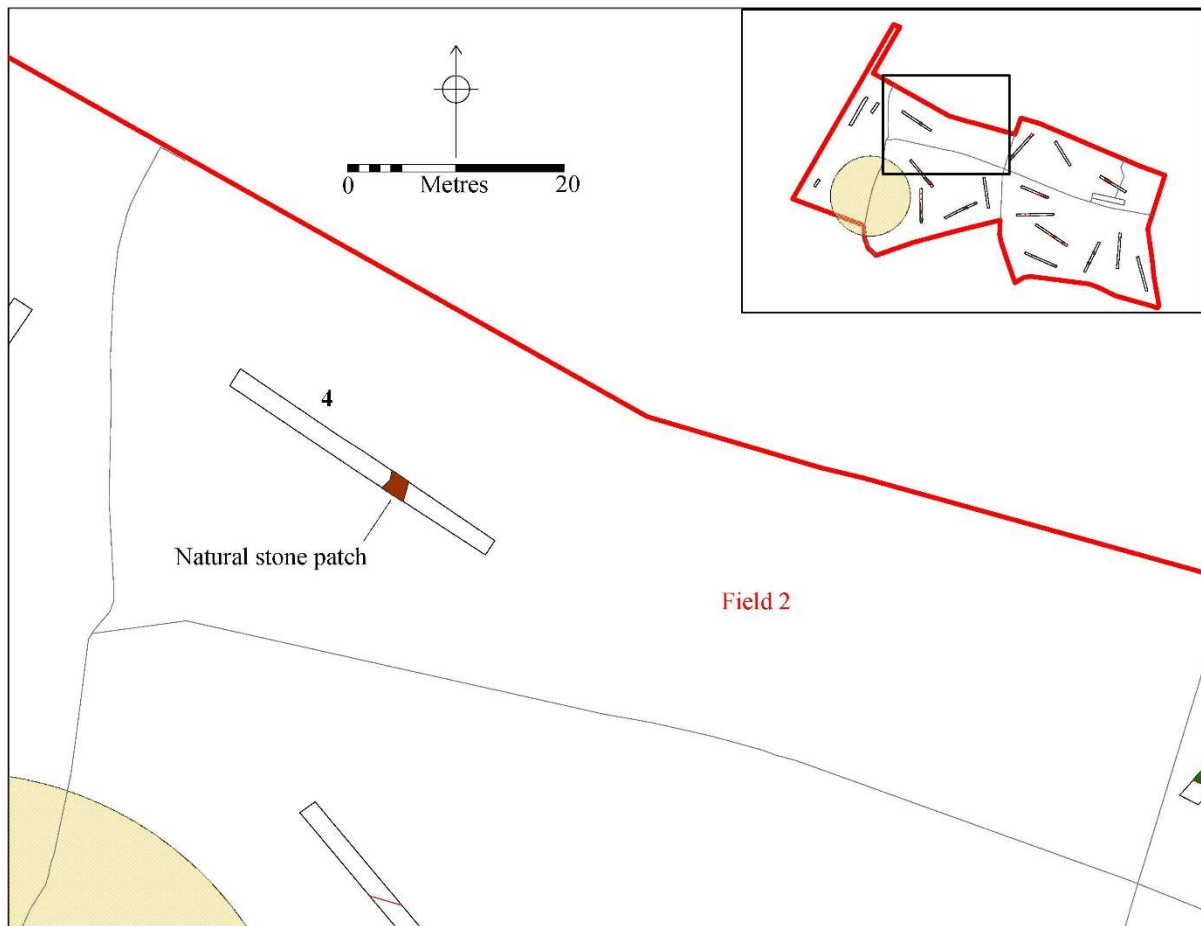


Figure 10: Plan of Field 2.

Trench 4

Trench 4 measured 0.2-0.54m deep and contained a topsoil consisting of mid greyish brown sandy silt. A mid-yellowish brown sandy silt subsoil was found beneath it. The natural substratum consisted of light yellowish grey clayey sand which occasionally contained patches of stones. Larger stones were occasionally present at the eastern end of the trench.



Figure 11: The overgrown bushes and trees in Field 2.



Figure 12: Trench 4 with patches of stone visible in the natural substratum.

Field 3

Field 3 forms the southern boundary in the centre of the PDA. The field was overgrown with areas of tall bushes and dense bramble thickets. Four trenches were excavated in this field, and these were mostly in their planned positions. However, due to the presence of large bushes and trees the orientation of Trench 5 was changed to north-west to south-east.

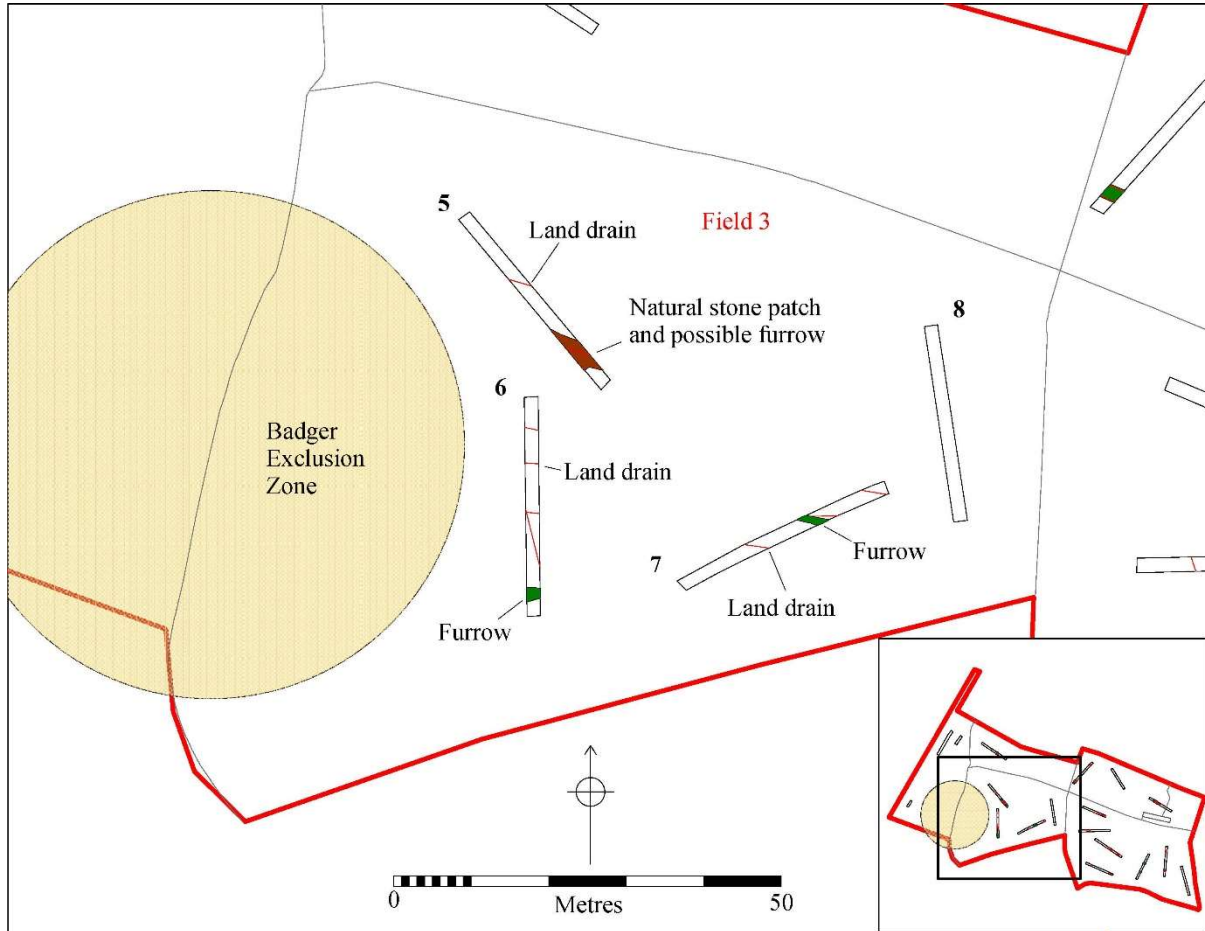


Figure 13: Plan of Field 3.

Trenches 5, 6, 7 and 8

The topsoil in Field 3 was a mid-greyish brown sandy silt; however, this had a slightly greyer colour in Trench 7. The subsoil was a mid-yellowish brown silty sand and was consistent across the field. The natural substratum consisted of light yellowish grey clayey sand with patches of stones. The trenches were all shallow with an average depth of 0.38m.

An east to west orientated furrow was found at the southern end of Trench 6 and another was found near the centre of Trench 7. At the southern end of Trench 5 a depression, which may have been caused by a furrow, was found and this coincided with where there was a change of geology. East to west orientated drains were regularly found and occasionally others orientated north-west to south-east were present.



Figure 14: Trench 7 with the regularly spaced drains and furrows.

Field 4

Field 4 is in the north-eastern corner of the PDA and oriented north-west to south-east. The field was overgrown with tall trees, bushes and dense bramble thickets. Due to the overgrown nature of the field the orientation of the trenches was altered slightly, however care was taken to intercept any targeted geophysics.

Trenches 9, 11 and 14

The topsoil in Field 4 was generally a friable mid greyish brown sandy silt, however the colour changed in the eastern Trench 14 and became orangey grey. The subsoil consisted of mid yellowy brown silty sand which contained a few stones; however, it was absent in Trench 14. The natural substratum consisted of light yellowish grey clayey sand that contained a band of stones in Trench 14. The trenches were all shallow and had an average depth of 0.32m.

An east to west orientated furrow containing two land drains was found in the southern end of Trench 9. Drains were also found in in the northern end and in Trench 14.

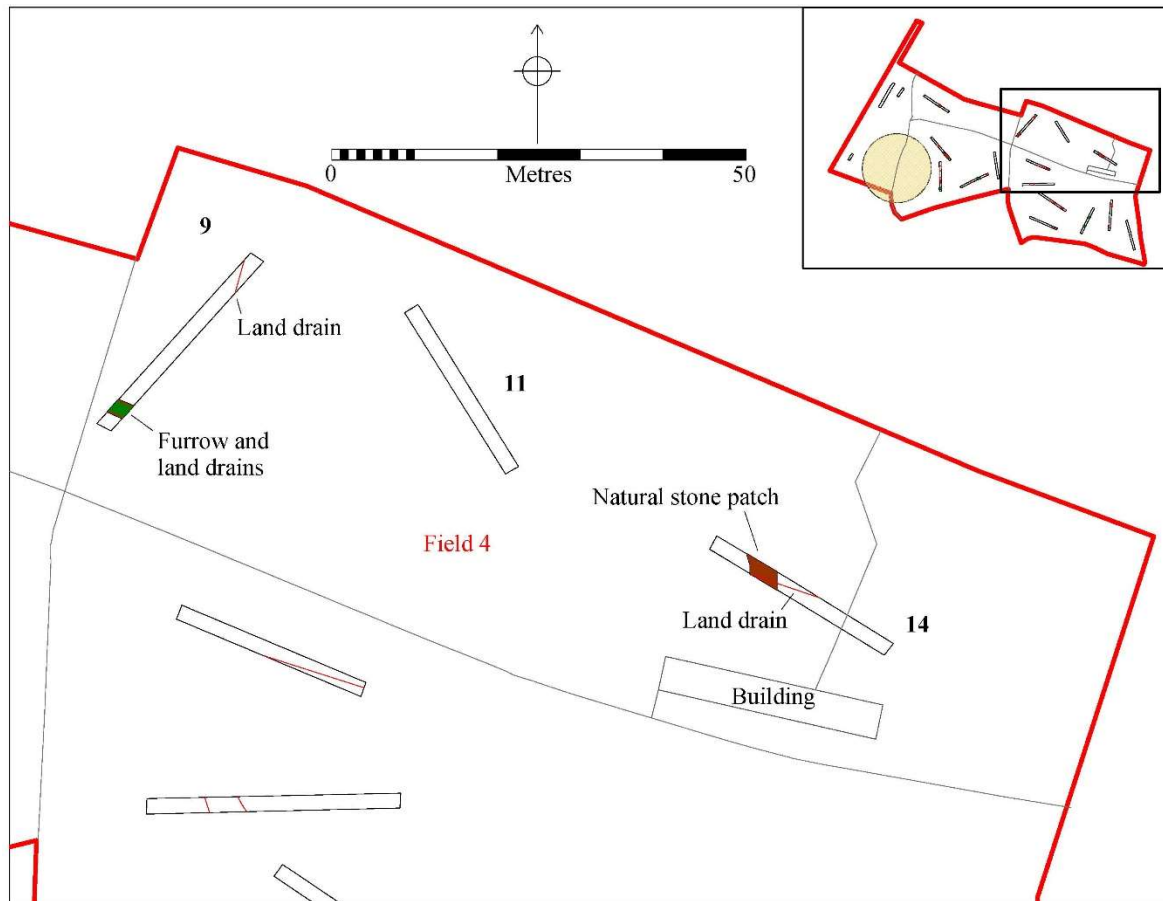


Figure 15: Plan of Field 4.



Figure 16: Trench 09 with the east to west orientated furrow.



Figure 17: The drains in the furrow in Trench 09.

Field 5

Field 5 is in the south-eastern corner of the PDA and is the largest of the 5 fields. The field was overgrown with areas of dense bramble thickets, trees and bushes and the location of several trenches had to be adjusted slightly. The only trench that had a significant change in location was Trench 15 which was moved 60m to the west of its original planned location. This was due to building remains consisting of a concrete surface and an adjacent layer of rubble containing fragments of asbestos cement sheets being found in the area.

Trenches 10, 12, 15, 16, 17 and 18

The topsoil in Field 5 was consistent across the area and consisted of mid greyish brown sandy silt. Modern China pottery was found in the topsoil in Trench 12 and was not retained. The subsoil was a mid-yellowish brown silty sand and was consistent across the area. A sherd of Pantheon ware pottery was found in the subsoil in Trench 12 and was not retained. The natural substratum was a light yellowish grey clayey sand containing stones and the trenches had an average depth of 0.4m.

Land drains on various orientations were found in most trenches in this area although many were orientated north-west to south-east. Two furrows were also found on this alignment in the centre of Trench 16.

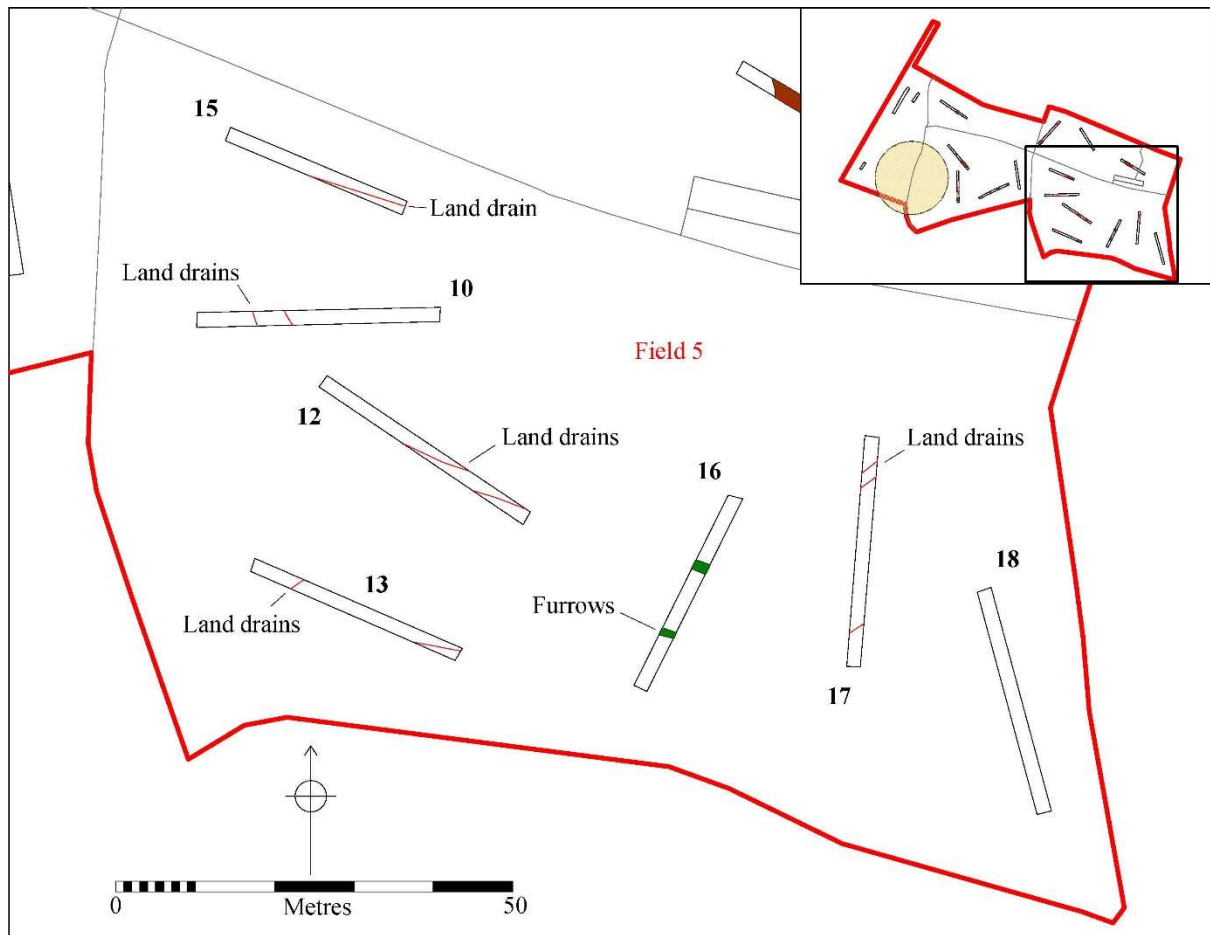


Figure 18: Plan of Field 5.



Figure 19: The concrete surface in the original location of Trench 15.



Figure 20: Trench 16 in Field 5.



Figure 21: A land drain filled with stone in Trench 10.

Finds/Samples

No finds or samples were recovered during the fieldwork.

Discussion

A programme of archaeological trenching was undertaken by ULAS at Hill Lane, Markfield, Leicestershire. Previous geophysical survey identified no anomalies that strongly suggest archaeological activity. Anomalies from ridge and furrow cultivation along with modern demolition debris were identified. Several weak anomalies of an uncertain nature were also identified (Clements 2021, p11).

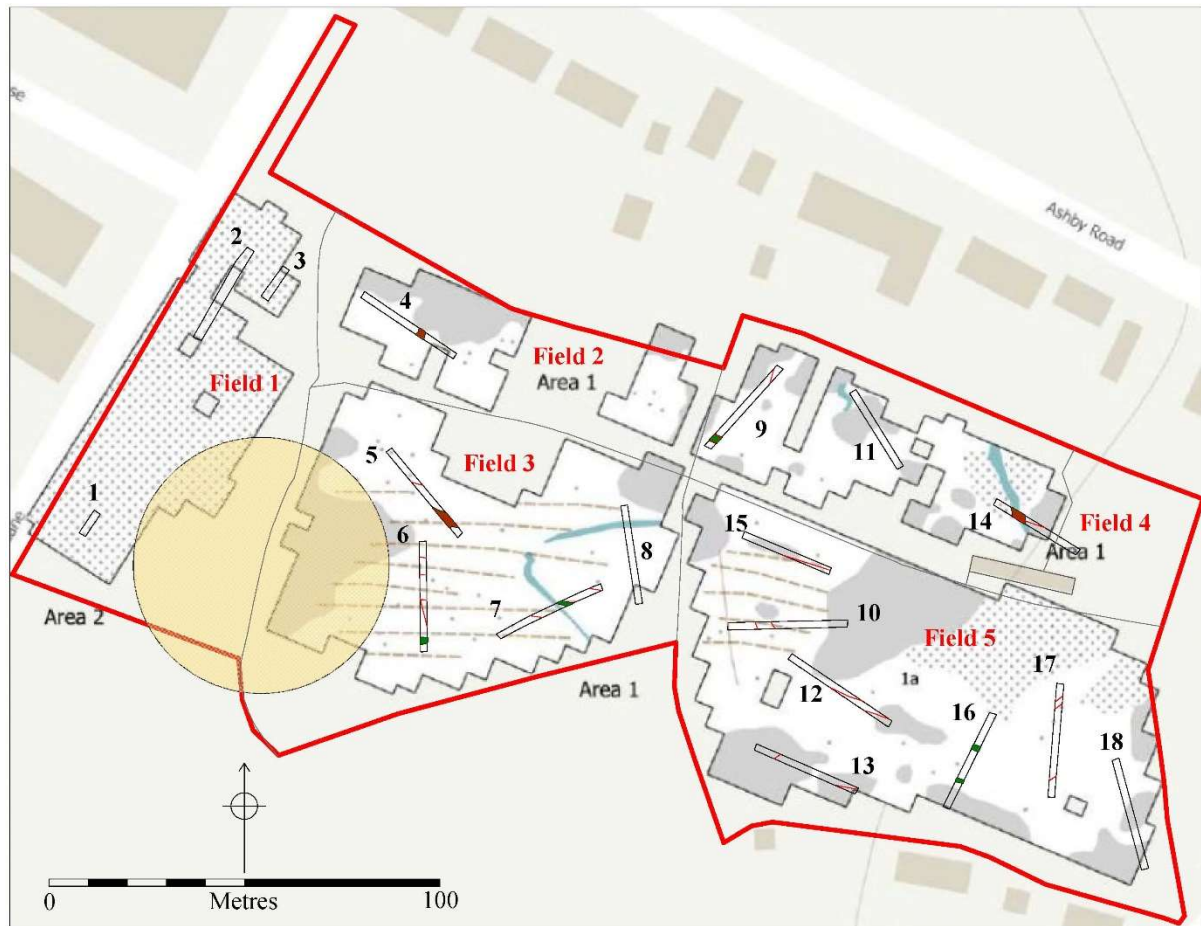


Figure 22: The site plan overlaid with the geophysical plan (Clements 2021, p18).

The results of the archaeological trial trenching show that no archaeological remains were present in the area investigated. A spread of ferrous debris was identified through geophysical survey in Field 1, and this is likely to be the result of a 20th century landfill. Several weak geophysical anomalies were identified (blue lines in Figure 22) however none of these were archaeological. The large curvilinear anomaly in Trenches 7 and 8 could not be identified, however it is possible this is the result of changes in geology, which occasionally had patches of stones within it. In Trench 14 a band of stones was found at the western end of the trench, and this corresponds to the location as another weak geophysical anomaly (Figure 23).

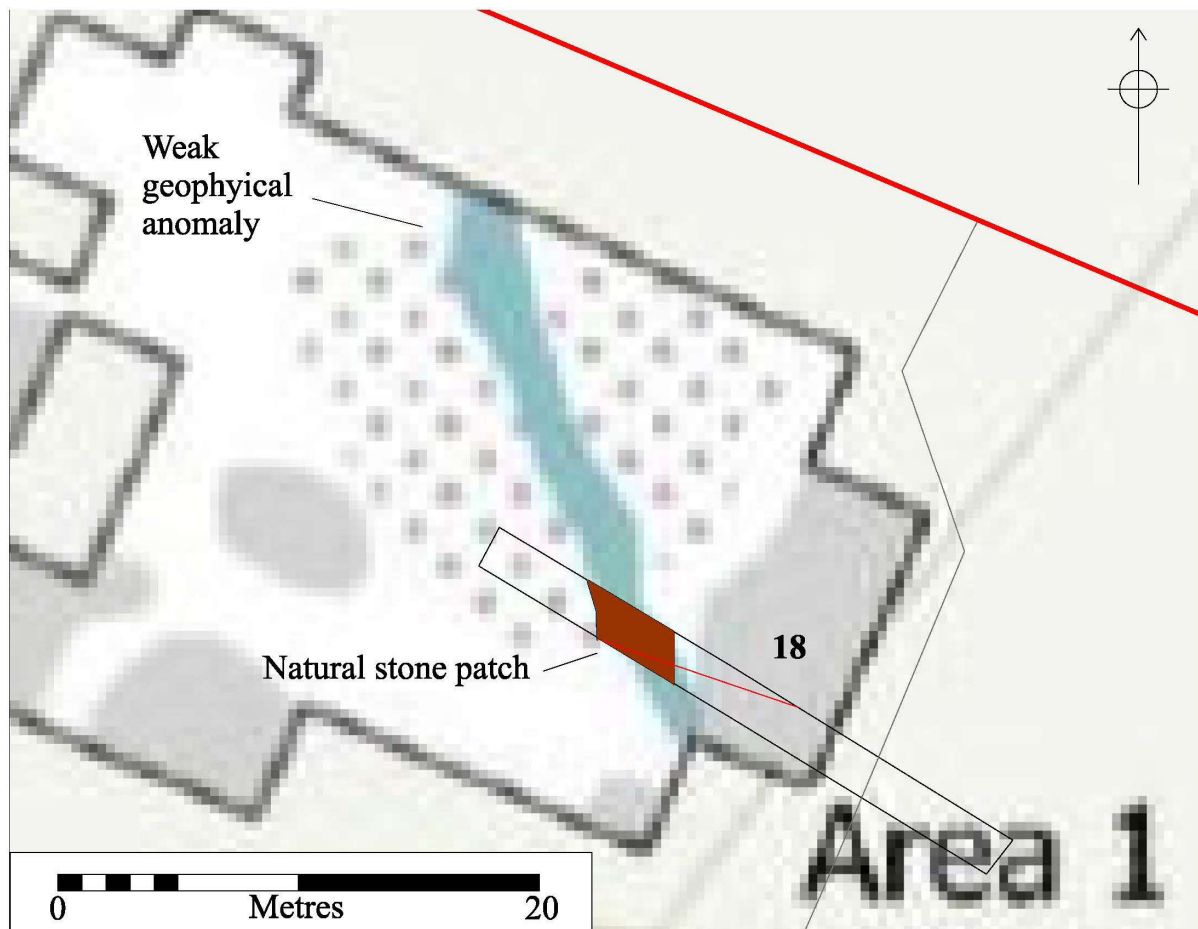


Figure 23: Trench 14 overlaid with the geophysical survey.

The geophysical survey identified areas of magnetic disturbance and ferrous spread in Field 5 which was thought to be due to the demolition of a former structure (Clements 2021 *ibid*). This was confirmed with the proposed excavation of Trench 15 which found a concrete slab at the eastern end of the trench, in the ferrous spread. Demolition rubble was found more than 30m to the west indicating that the adjacent magnetic disturbance also contains demolished building remains. Both anomalies were found to contain fragments of asbestos cement sheets and Trench 15 was moved further west to avoid disturbing it (Figure 23).

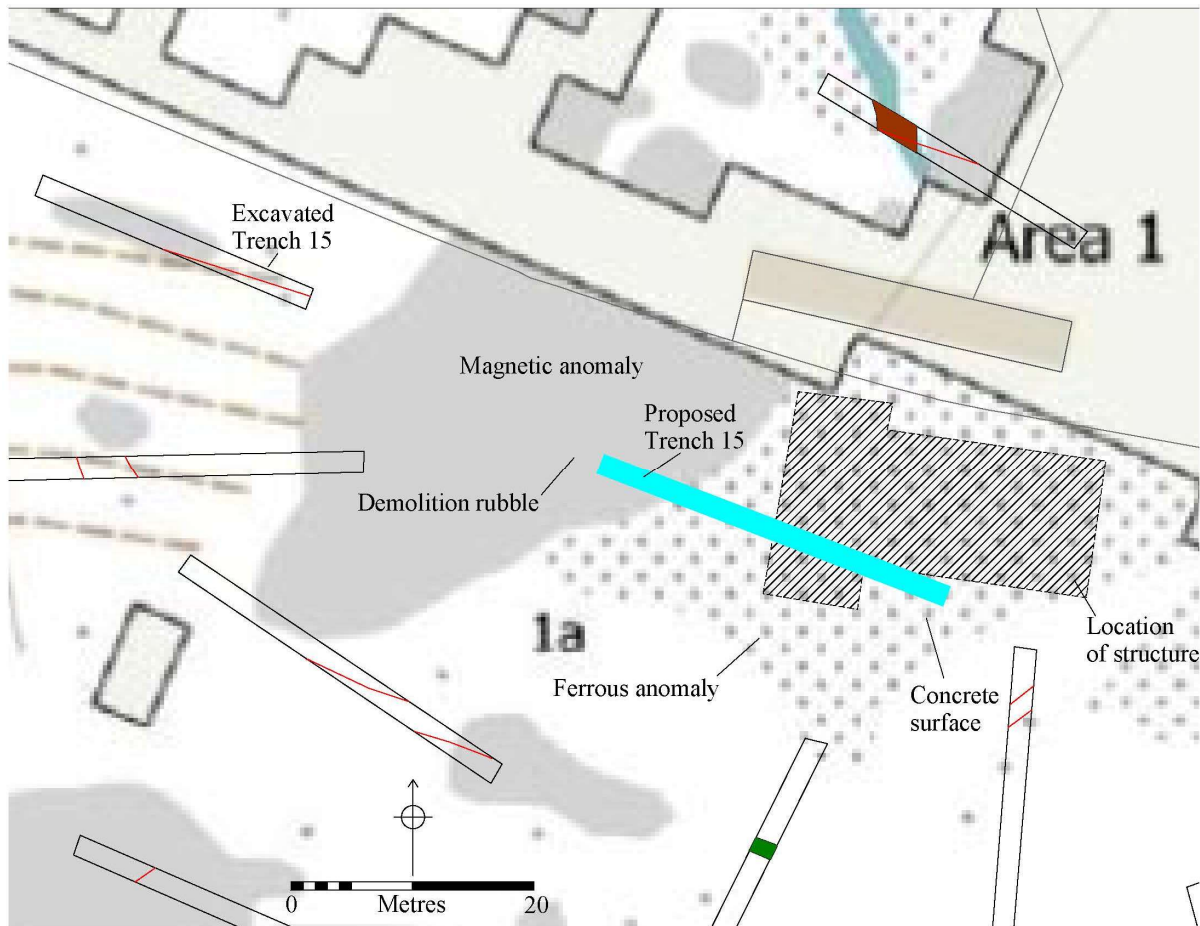


Figure 24: The proposed location of Trench 15 with the geophysical overlay and location of former building highlighted.

Archive & Publication

In line with the guidance outlined in 'Leicestershire Transfer of Archaeological Archives to Leicestershire County Council Museum Collections (2024, 22) and the ClfA *Toolkit for selecting archaeological archives*, as the site was negative, the on-site data recorded by hand and digitised in post excavation along with the relevant selected photographic records are presented within the report (see Appendices 1, 2 and 3) rather than deposited as digital files with the ADS.

The online OASIS data entry has been completed detailing the results of the project and the report will be digitally accessible through The Archaeological Data Service (www.archaeologydataservice.ac.uk) with universi1-545983 as the identifier.

A summary of this report will appear in due course in the Transactions of the Leicestershire Archaeological and Historical Society.

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Appendix 1: Context List

Context	Type	Description	Finds	Suggested Date
101	Deposit	Topsoil - Trench 01	None	Post-medieval 1700+
102	Deposit	Subsoil - Trench 01	None	-
103	Deposit	Natural - Trench 01	None	-
104	Deposit	Landfill in Trench 01	None	Modern 20 th century
201	Deposit	Topsoil - Trench 02	None	Modern 20 th century

202	Deposit	Subsoil - Trench 02	None	-
203	Deposit	Natural - Trench 02	None	-
204	Deposit	Landfill in Trench 02	None	Modern 20 th century
301	Deposit	Topsoil - Trench 03	None	Modern 20 th century
302	Deposit	Subsoil - Trench 03	None	-
303	Deposit	Natural - Trench 03	None	-
304	Deposit	Landfill in Trench 03	None	Modern 20 th century
401	Deposit	Topsoil - Trench 04	None	Post-medieval 1700+
402	Deposit	Subsoil - Trench 04	None	Post-medieval 1700+
403	Deposit	Natural - Trench 04	None	-
501	Deposit	Topsoil - Trench 05	None	Post-medieval 1700+
502	Deposit	Subsoil - Trench 05	None	Post-medieval 1700+
503	Deposit	Natural - Trench 05	None	-
601	Deposit	Topsoil - Trench 06	None	Post-medieval 1700+
602	Deposit	Subsoil - Trench 06	None	Post-medieval 1700+
603	Deposit	Natural - Trench 06	None	-
701	Deposit	Topsoil - Trench 07	None	Post-medieval 1700+
702	Deposit	Subsoil - Trench 07	None	Post-medieval 1700+
703	Deposit	Natural - Trench 07	None	-
801	Deposit	Topsoil - Trench 08	None	Post-medieval 1700+
802	Deposit	Subsoil - Trench 08	None	Post-medieval 1700+
803	Deposit	Natural - Trench 08	None	-
901	Deposit	Topsoil - Trench 09	None	Post-medieval 1700+
902	Deposit	Subsoil - Trench 09	None	Post-medieval 1700+
903	Deposit	Natural - Trench 09	None	-
1001	Deposit	Topsoil - Trench 10	None	Post-medieval 1700+
1002	Deposit	Subsoil - Trench 10	None	Post-medieval 1700+
1003	Deposit	Natural - Trench 10	None	-
1101	Deposit	Topsoil - Trench 11	None	Post-medieval 1700+
1102	Deposit	Subsoil - Trench 11	None	Post-medieval 1700+
1103	Deposit	Natural - Trench 11	None	-
1201	Deposit	Topsoil - Trench 12	Modern China (not retained)	Post-medieval 1700+
1202	Deposit	Subsoil - Trench 12	Pantheon ware pottery (not retained)	Post-medieval 1700+
1203	Deposit	Natural - Trench 12	None	-
1301	Deposit	Topsoil - Trench 13	None	Post-medieval 1700+
1302	Deposit	Subsoil - Trench 13	None	Post-medieval 1700+
1303	Deposit	Natural - Trench 13	None	-
1401	Deposit	Topsoil - Trench 14	None	Post-medieval 1700+
1402	Deposit	Subsoil - Trench 14	None	Post-medieval 1700+
1403	Deposit	Natural - Trench 14	None	-
1501	Topsoil	Topsoil - Trench 15	None	Post-medieval 1700+
1502	Subsoil	Subsoil - Trench 15	None	Post-medieval 1700+

1503	Natural	Natural - Trench 15	None	-
1601	Topsoil	Topsoil - Trench 16	None	Post-medieval 1700+
1602	Subsoil	Subsoil - Trench 16	None	Post-medieval 1700+
1603	Natural	Natural - Trench 16	None	-
1701	Topsoil	Topsoil - Trench 17	None	Post-medieval 1700+
1702	Subsoil	Subsoil - Trench 17	None	Post-medieval 1700+
1703	Natural	Natural - Trench 17	None	-
1801	Topsoil	Topsoil - Trench 18	None	Post-medieval 1700+
1802	Subsoil	Subsoil - Trench 18	None	Post-medieval 1700+
1803	Natural	Natural - Trench 18	None	-

Appendix 2: Photo Index

Photo No.	Contexts	Description	Date	Location
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6	-	Field 2 pre-excavation	W	Figure 11
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8	Trench 7	Trench 7 with the regularly spaced drains and furrows	W	Figure 14
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10	Trench 6	Furrow in the southern end of Trench 6	N	Appendix 2
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12	Trench 5	Trench 5 south-eastern end	NW	Appendix 2
13	Trench 5	Trench 5 north-western end	SE	Appendix 2
14	Trench 8	Trench 8 southern end	N	Appendix 2
15	Trench 8	Trench 8 northern end	S	Appendix 2
16	Trench 10	Trench 10 western end	E	Appendix 2
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18	-	The concrete surface in the original location of Trench 15	W	Figure 19
19	-	A land drain filled with stone in Trench 10.	SE	Figure 21
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22	Trench 13	Trench 13 north-western end	SE	Appendix 2
23	Trench 13	Trench 13 south-eastern end	NW	Appendix 2
24	Trench 16	Trench 16 south-western end	NE	Appendix 2
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28	Trench 18	Trench 18 south-western end	NE	Appendix 2
29	Trench 18	Trench 18 north-eastern end	SW	Appendix 2
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37	Trench 1	The modern landfill and natural substratum in Trench 1.	SW	Figure 8
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Appendix 3:



Photo 1. Field 1 pre-excavation (NE).



Photo 3. Cutting Field 1 (NE).



Photo 3. Marking out trenches in Field 3 (NW).



Photo 4. Field 4 pre-excitation (SE).



Photo 5. Cutting Field 5 (NE).



Photo 9. Trench 7 west end.



Photo 10. Furrow in the southern end of Trench 6.



Photo 11. Trench 6 northern end.



Photo 12. Trench 5 south-eastern end.



Photo 13. Trench 5 north-western end.



Photo 14. Trench 8 southern end.



Photo 15. Trench 8 northern end.



Photo 16. Trench 10 western end.



Photo 17. Trench 10 eastern end.



Photo 20. Trench 20 north-western end,



Photo 21. Trench 20 south-eastern end.



Photo 22. Trench 13 north-western end.



Photo 23. Trench 13 south-eastern end.



Photo 24. Trench 16 south-western end.



Photo 26. Trench 17 north-eastern end.



Photo 27. Trench 17 south-western end.



Photo 28. Trench 18 south-western end.



Photo 29. Trench 18 north-eastern end.



Photo 30. Trench 15 south-eastern end.



Photo 31. Trench 18 north-western end.



Photo 32. Trench 2 south-western end.



Photo 33. Trench 2 north-eastern end.



Photo 35. Trench 3 south-western end.



Photo 36. Trench 1 south-western end.



Photo 38. Trench 14 south-eastern end.



Photo 39. Trench 14 north-western end.



Photo 40. Trench 11 south-eastern end.



Photo 41. Trench 11 north-western end.



Photo 43. Trench 9 north-eastern end.



Photo 45. Trench 4 south-eastern end.



Photo 47. Infilled trenches in Field 5 (SE).



Photo 49. Infilled trenches in Field 4 (E).



Photo 50. Infilled Trench 14 (SE)



Photo 51. Infilled trenches in Field 2 (NW).



Photo 52. Infilled Trenches in Field 1 (NE).



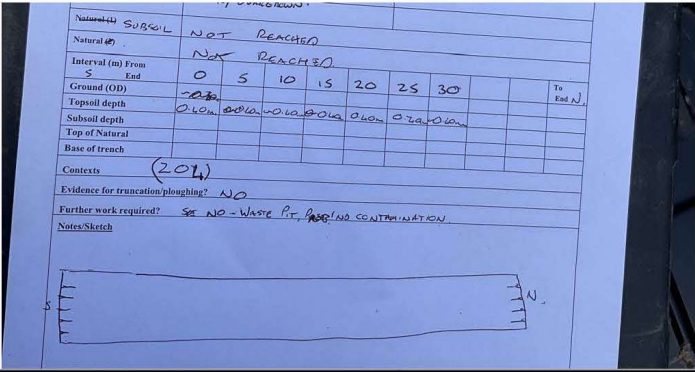
Photo 53. Infilled Trench 1 (S).

Appendix 3

TRENCH

SITE CODE X.A91.2026	SITE NAME Hill Lane, Markfield	AREA	TRENCH NO. 01			
TOPOGRAPHY Flat, undulating.		GROUND COVER Heavily overgrown and unkept. Next to hill hole nature reserve Overlying large waste pit				
STRATIGRAPHY/SPITS <table border="1"> <tr> <td> (101) Topsoil Same as: (201), (301). Vertical span: 2.00 (avg.). Colour: dark greyish brown. Compaction: dry, loose. Composition: sandy silt. Disturbance: pit. Lower boundary: clear, wavy. </td> <td> (102) Subsoil </td> <td> (103) Natural Same as: (203), (303). Colour: mid orangey brown. Compaction: moist, friable. Composition: sandy clay. </td> </tr> </table>				(101) Topsoil Same as: (201), (301). Vertical span: 2.00 (avg.). Colour: dark greyish brown. Compaction: dry, loose. Composition: sandy silt. Disturbance: pit. Lower boundary: clear, wavy.	(102) Subsoil	(103) Natural Same as: (203), (303). Colour: mid orangey brown. Compaction: moist, friable. Composition: sandy clay.
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SKETCH		(104) Same as: (204), (304). Vertical span: 0.30 to 2.00. Compaction: moist, loose. Inclusions: frequent industrial waste see notes, evenly distributed.				
CONTEXTS WITHIN		NOTES Trench 01 int large refuse/ waste pit Conditions: bright, dry.				
		ORIENTATION N-S				
		MEASUREMENTS LENGTH (m) 8.00				
		WIDTH (m) 1.80				
		DEPTH (m) 2.00 (avg.)				
		PHOTOS Shot no. 70 File -				
NAME AND DATE R. Huxley 07/09/26	PROJECT NO.	ACCESSION NO. X.A91.2026				

TRENCH

SITE CODE X.A91.2026		SITE NAME Hill Lane, Markfield		AREA	TRENCH NO. 02
TOPOGRAPHY Undulating.			GROUND COVER Heavily overgrown and unkept. Next to hill hole nature reserve		
STRATIGRAPHY/SPITS					
(201) Topsoil Vertical span: 0.40 (avg.).		(202) Subsoil		(203) Natural	
SKETCH			(204) Vertical span: 1.60 (avg.). Compaction: moist, loose. Inclusions: frequent industrial waste see notes, evenly distributed.		
					
CONTEXTS WITHIN		NOTES Large pit filled with industrial and domestic waste. Probably including asbestos. O detailed recording undertaken due to health risks. Conditions: bright, dry.		ORIENTATION N-S	
				MEASUREMENTS	
				LENGTH (m) 30.00	
				WIDTH (m) 1.80	
				DEPTH (m) 2.00 (avg.)	
PHOTOS					
Shot no. 58,60,62,64		File -			
NAME AND DATE R. Mabbett 07/09/26		PROJECT NO.		ACCESSION NO. X.A91.2026	

TRENCH

SITE CODE X.A91.2026		SITE NAME Hill Lane, Markfield		AREA	TRENCH NO. 03
TOPOGRAPHY Flat, undulating.			GROUND COVER Heavily overgrown and unkept. Next to hill hole nature reserve		
STRATIGRAPHY/SPITS					
(301) Topsoil Same as: (201).		(302) Subsoil Vertical span: 2.00 (avg.).		(303) Natural Same as: (203). Colour: light orangey brown. Composition: sandy clay. Disturbance: burrow, roots, .	
SKETCH				(304) Vertical span: 1.60 (avg.).	
CONTEXTS WITHIN		NOTES Large pit filled with industrial and domestic waste. Probably including asbestos. O detailed recording undertaken due to health risks. Conditions: bright, dry.		ORIENTATION N-S	
				MEASUREMENTS	
				LENGTH (m) 10.00	
				WIDTH (m) 1.80	
				DEPTH (m) 1.60 (avg.)	
				PHOTOS Shot no. 67 File -	
NAME AND DATE B. Sorrill 07/09/26		PROJECT NO.		ACCESSION NO. X.A91.2026	

TRENCH

SITE CODE X.A91.2026		SITE NAME Hill Lane, Markfield		AREA	TRENCH NO. 04			
TOPOGRAPHY Undulating.				GROUND COVER Heavily overgrown and unkept. Next to hill hole nature reserve				
STRATIGRAPHY/SPITS <table border="1"> <tr> <td> (401) Topsoil Same as: (501). Vertical span: 0.20 to 0.18. Colour: mid greyish brown. Compaction: very dry, very loose. Composition: sandy silt. Disturbance: burrow, roots, service trench. Lower boundary: clear, wavy. </td> <td> (402) Subsoil Same as: (502). Vertical span: 0.10 to 0.18. Colour: mid yellowish brown. Compaction: dry, loose. Composition: fine silty sand. Inclusions: occasional flecks to medium angular to sub-rounded pebbles, evenly distributed. Disturbance: burrow, roots, service trench. Lower boundary: clear, wavy. </td> <td> (403) Natural Same as: (503). Colour: light yellowish grey. Compaction: moist, friable. Composition: fine clayey sand. Inclusions: moderate small to large angular to sub-rounded pebbles, evenly distributed. Disturbance: burrow, roots, service trench. </td> </tr> </table>						(401) Topsoil Same as: (501). Vertical span: 0.20 to 0.18. Colour: mid greyish brown. Compaction: very dry, very loose. Composition: sandy silt. Disturbance: burrow, roots, service trench. Lower boundary: clear, wavy.	(402) Subsoil Same as: (502). Vertical span: 0.10 to 0.18. Colour: mid yellowish brown. Compaction: dry, loose. Composition: fine silty sand. Inclusions: occasional flecks to medium angular to sub-rounded pebbles, evenly distributed. Disturbance: burrow, roots, service trench. Lower boundary: clear, wavy.	(403) Natural Same as: (503). Colour: light yellowish grey. Compaction: moist, friable. Composition: fine clayey sand. Inclusions: moderate small to large angular to sub-rounded pebbles, evenly distributed. Disturbance: burrow, roots, service trench.
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SKETCH								
CONTEXTS WITHIN			NOTES Blank. No drains either. Conditions: bright, dry.		ORIENTATION E-W			
					MEASUREMENTS LENGTH (m) 30.00			
					WIDTH (m) 1.80			
					DEPTH (m) 0.20 to 0.54			
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					File -			

TRENCH

SITE CODE X.A91.2026		SITE NAME Hill Lane, Markfield		AREA	TRENCH NO. 05
TOPOGRAPHY Undulating.			GROUND COVER Heavily overgrown and unkept. Next to hill hole nature reserve		
STRATIGRAPHY/SPITS (501) Topsoil Same as: (601). Vertical span: 0.13 to 0.32. Colour: mid greyish brown. Compaction: very dry, very loose. Composition: sandy silt. Disturbance: burrow, roots, service trench. Lower boundary: clear, wavy. (502) Subsoil Same as: (602), (702). Vertical span: 0.10 to 0.19. Colour: mid yellowish brown. Compaction: dry, loose. Composition: fine silty sand. Inclusions: occasional flecks to medium angular to sub-rounded pebbles, evenly distributed. Disturbance: burrow, roots, service trench. Lower boundary: clear, wavy. (503) Natural Same as: (603), (703). Colour: light yellowish grey. Compaction: moist, friable. Composition: fine clayey sand. Inclusions: moderate small to large angular to sub-rounded pebbles, evenly distributed. Disturbance: burrow, roots, service trench.					
SKETCH 					
CONTEXTS WITHIN			NOTES Blank. Field drains Conditions: light, rainy.		ORIENTATION NW-SE
					MEASUREMENTS LENGTH (m) 30.00
					WIDTH (m) 1.80
					DEPTH (m) 0.26 to 0.59
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					PHOTOS Shot no. 19,22 File -

TRENCH

SITE CODE X.A91.2026		SITE NAME Hill Lane, Markfield		AREA	TRENCH NO. 06
TOPOGRAPHY Undulating.			GROUND COVER Heavily overgrown and unkept. Next to hill hole nature reserve		
STRATIGRAPHY/SPITS (601) Topsoil Vertical span: 0.14 to 0.23. Colour: mid greyish brown. Compaction: very dry, very loose. Composition: sandy silt. Disturbance: burrow, roots, service trench. Lower boundary: clear, wavy. (602) Subsoil Same as: (702). Vertical span: 0.07 to 0.13. Colour: mid yellowish brown. Compaction: dry, loose. Composition: fine silty sand. Inclusions: occasional flecks to medium angular to sub-rounded pebbles, evenly distributed. Disturbance: burrow, roots, service trench. Lower boundary: clear, wavy. (603) Natural Same as: (703). Colour: light yellowish grey. Compaction: moist, friable. Composition: fine clayey sand. Inclusions: moderate small to large angular to sub-rounded pebbles, evenly distributed. Disturbance: burrow, roots, service trench.					
SKETCH 					
CONTEXTS WITHIN			NOTES Blank. Field drains. Uncertain Blob Conditions: dim, rainy.		ORIENTATION N-S
					MEASUREMENTS LENGTH (m) 30.00
					WIDTH (m) 1.80
					DEPTH (m) 0.28 to 0.38
NAME AND DATE R. Mabbett 07/09/26			PROJECT NO.		ACCESSION NO. X.A91.2026
					PHOTOS Shot no. 15,17 File -

TRENCH

SITE CODE X.A91.2026		SITE NAME Hill Lane, Markfield		AREA	TRENCH NO. 07																																																												
TOPOGRAPHY Undulating.				GROUND COVER Heavily overgrown and unkept. Next to hill hole nature reserve																																																													
STRATIGRAPHY/SPITS (701) Topsoil Vertical span: 0.17 to 0.38. Colour: mid brownish grey. Compaction: dry, very loose. Composition: sandy silt. Disturbance: burrow, roots, service trench. Lower boundary: clear, wavy. (702) Subsoil Vertical span: 0.06 to 0.18. Colour: mid yellowish brown. Compaction: dry, loose. Composition: fine silty sand. Inclusions: occasional flecks to medium angular to sub-rounded pebbles, evenly distributed. Disturbance: burrow, roots, service trench. Lower boundary: clear, wavy. (703) Natural Colour: light yellowish grey. Compaction: moist, friable. Composition: fine clayey sand. Inclusions: moderate small to large angular to sub-rounded pebbles, evenly distributed. Disturbance: burrow, roots, service trench.																																																																	
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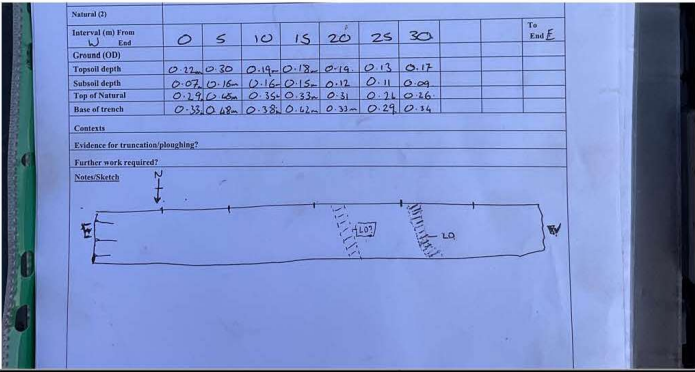
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TOPOGRAPHY Undulating.				GROUND COVER Heavily overgrown and unkept. Next to hill hole nature reserve	
STRATIGRAPHY/SPITS (901) Topsoil Same as: (501), (601), (701), (801), (1001), (1101), (1201), (1301), (1501), (1601), (1701), (1801). Vertical span: 0.07 to 0.24. Colour: mid greyish brown. Compaction: very dry, very loose. Composition: sandy silt. Disturbance: burrow, roots, service trench. Lower boundary: clear, wavy. (902) Subsoil Same as: (502), (602), (702), (802), (1002), (1102), (1202), (1302), (1502), (1602), (1702), (1802). Vertical span: 0.07 to 0.16. Colour: mid yellowish brown. Compaction: dry, loose. Composition: fine silty sand. Inclusions: occasional flecks to medium angular to sub-rounded pebbles, evenly distributed. Disturbance: burrow, roots, service trench. Lower boundary: clear, wavy. (903) Natural Same as: (503), (603), (703), (803), (1003), (1103), (1203), (1303), (1403), (1503), (1703), (1803). Colour: light yellowish grey. Compaction: moist, friable. Composition: fine clayey sand. Inclusions: moderate small to large angular to sub-rounded pebbles, evenly distributed. Disturbance: burrow, roots, service trench.					
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				MEASUREMENTS LENGTH (m) 30.00	
				WIDTH (m) 1.80	
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TOPOGRAPHY Undulating.				GROUND COVER Heavily overgrown and unkept. Next to hill hole nature reserve			
STRATIGRAPHY/SPITS (1101) Topsoil Same as: (501), (601), (701), (801), (1001), (1201), (1301), (1501), (1601), (1701), (1801). Vertical span: 0.12 to 0.20. Colour: mid greyish brown. Compaction: very dry, very loose. Composition: sandy silt. Disturbance: burrow, roots, service trench. Lower boundary: clear, wavy.				(1102) Subsoil Same as: (502), (602), (702), (802), (1002), (1202), (1302), (1502), (1602), (1702), (1802). Vertical span: 0.08 to 0.17. Colour: mid yellowish brown. Compaction: dry, loose. Composition: fine silty sand. Inclusions: occasional flecks to medium angular to sub-rounded pebbles, evenly distributed. Disturbance: burrow, roots, service trench. Lower boundary: clear, wavy.		(1103) Natural Same as: (503), (603), (703), (803), (1003), (1203), (1303), (1403), (1503), (1603), (1703), (1803). Colour: light yellowish grey. Compaction: moist, friable. Composition: fine clayey sand. Inclusions: moderate small to large angular to sub-rounded pebbles, evenly distributed. Disturbance: burrow, roots, service trench.	
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TOPOGRAPHY Undulating.				GROUND COVER Heavily overgrown and unkept. Next to hill hole nature reserve	
STRATIGRAPHY/SPITS (1201) Topsoil Same as: (501), (601), (701), (801), (1001). Vertical span: 0.19 to 0.28. Colour: mid greyish brown. Compaction: very dry, very loose. Composition: sandy silt. Disturbance: burrow, roots, service trench. Lower boundary: clear, wavy. (1202) Subsoil Same as: (502), (602), (702), (802), (1002). Vertical span: 0.12 to 0.18. Colour: mid yellowish brown. Compaction: dry, loose. Composition: fine silty sand. Inclusions: occasional flecks to medium angular to sub-rounded pebbles, evenly distributed. Disturbance: burrow, roots, service trench. Lower boundary: clear, wavy. (1203) Natural Same as: (503), (603), (703), (803), (1003). Colour: light yellowish grey. Compaction: moist, friable. Composition: fine clayey sand. Inclusions: moderate small to large angular to sub-rounded pebbles, evenly distributed. Disturbance: burrow, roots, service trench.					
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CONTEXTS WITHIN 		NOTES Blank. Conditions: light, dry.		ORIENTATION NW-SE MEASUREMENTS LENGTH (m) 30.00 WIDTH (m) 1.80 DEPTH (m) 0.35 to 0.48 PHOTOS Shot no. 34,36 File -	
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TOPOGRAPHY Undulating.				GROUND COVER Heavily overgrown and unkept. Next to hill hole nature reserve	
STRATIGRAPHY/SPITS (1401) Topsoil Vertical span: 0.20 to 0.38. Colour: mid orangey grey. Compaction: dry, very loose. Composition: sandy silt. Inclusions: occasional small to medium angular to sub-rounded stones, evenly distributed. Disturbance: none. Lower boundary: sharp, smooth. (1402) Subsoil Notes: subsoil not present in feature. (1403) Natural Colour: light greyish yellow. Compaction: moist, firm. Composition: sandy clay. Inclusions: occasional small to medium angular to sub-angular pebbles, evenly distributed. Disturbance: roots, service trench.					
SKETCH 					
CONTEXTS WITHIN		NOTES Blank. Trench 14 runs across farmyard that passes into disuse in the 1980's Conditions: bright, dry.		ORIENTATION E-W	
				MEASUREMENTS LENGTH (m) 30.00	
				WIDTH (m) 1.80	
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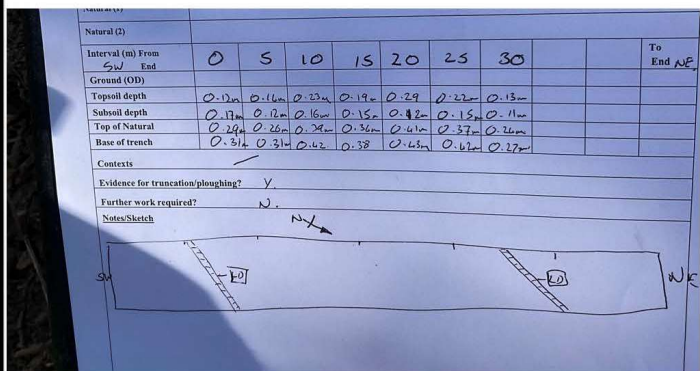
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