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ABSTRACT

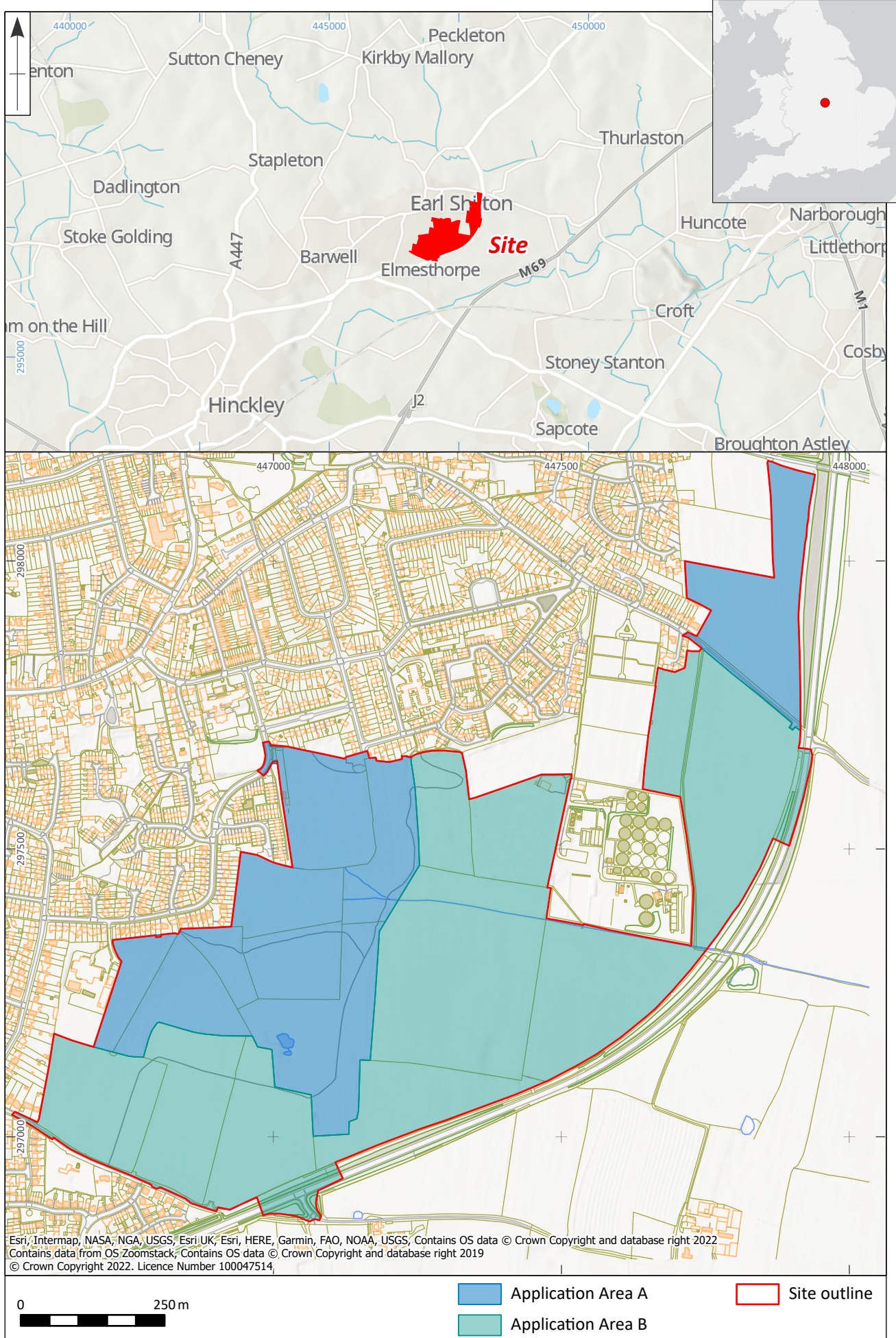
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1 INTRODUCTION

Museum of London Archaeology (MOLA) was commissioned by Wood Environment and Infrastructure Solutions UK Limited on behalf of Bloor Homes, Barwood Land, and Jelson Homes, to undertake a programme of archaeological trial trench evaluation at Earl Shilton SUE, Leicestershire (SP 47300 97200; Fig 1). The archaeological works are being carried out prior to the proposed development of a residential led mixed-use development on land at Weavers Fields. The proposed development is situated to the east and south-east of Earl Shilton, Leicestershire and comprises 64.2 hectares. The evaluation area covered two application areas, Application A (Barwood land), and Application B (Bloor/Jelson land) (Fig 1).

The works took place as part of wider programme of archaeological evaluation agreed with the Senior Planning Archaeologist (Heritage) for Leicestershire County Council (LCCSPA) and were undertaken in accordance with the *National Planning Policy Framework* (MHCLG 2021). The first stage of works comprised two archaeological desk-based assessments of the site, the first conducted by CgMs in 2007 (CgMs 2007) and the second by Nexus Heritage in 2010 (Nexus Heritage 2010). Following the desk-based works, two phases of geophysical survey were undertaken. The first phase was conducted by Stratascan in 2008 (Cook 2008), which targeted land north of Mill Lane. The second phase was undertaken by Northamptonshire Archaeology in 2012 (Walford 2012), which targeted land to the south of Mill Lane. Following these non-intrusive phases of work, two phases of trial trench evaluation were conducted. In 2010, University of Leicester Archaeological Services (ULAS) conducted the first phase of trial trench evaluation (Morris 2010), focussed on land north of Mill Lane. The second phase of trial trenching was conducted by Headland Archaeology in 2013 (Newman 2013), and this focussed on land south of Mill Lane.

A Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) prepared by WSP Global Inc was submitted to, and approved by, the LCCSPA in January 2022 (Pitt 2021). A Project Design was subsequently prepared by MOLA Northampton, which adhered to the methodology outlined within the approved WSI (MOLA 2022). It describes the proposed methodology to be undertaken for the evaluation.



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Site location Fig 1

This document has been prepared in compliance with current best archaeological practice as defined in the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists' *Code of Conduct* (CIfA 2019) and *Standard and Guidance for archaeological field evaluation* (CIfA 2020a), as well as the Historic England procedural document *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MoRPHE)* (HE 2015a).

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Location, geology and topography

The area of investigation lies to the east and south-east of Earl Shilton, a market town in the south-west of Leicestershire, located approximately 8km from Leicester City Centre. The Earl Shilton SUE development covers approximately 64.2ha, located in the Leicestershire parish of Kirby-Mallory. The site is bounded to the east and south by the A47 Clickers Way, Mill Lane to the north-east whilst the north and west are bounded by a series of residential buildings.

The British Geological Survey (BGS 2022) indicates that the local bedrock geology of the site comprises Edwalton Member Mudstone formation overlain in by diamicton deposits of Thrussington Member comprising reddish brown sand, gravel, clay and silts.

The present topography is variable across the site, and the western boundary of the site lies at 106m above Ordnance Datum (aOD), sloping down to 96m aOD in the northern part of site, 103m aOD on the south-western boundary, and to 102m aOD on the eastern boundary of site.

2.2 Historical and archaeological background

The archaeological and historical background was outlined in the Project Design (MOLA 2022) and this information is reproduced below. It is informed by a number of both pre-field and field works conducted in multiple phases across the site.

There are 16 designated heritage assets (two scheduled monuments and 14 listed buildings), and 116 non-designated heritage assets within the vicinity of the site.

Prehistoric

The prehistoric activity around the site is situated around two prominent ridges: one to the north of the modern settlement and the second situated further to the south towards Elmesthorpe (HER MLE70). Bronze Age ritual/funerary monuments (HER MLE9711) are situated to the eastern edge of the northern ridge. Evidence of continued occupation into the Iron Age period was revealed in the vicinity of the current site, and this comprised evidence of an Iron Age settlement and land division (HER 16734).

Previous excavations around Clickers Way have revealed two Bronze Age ring ditches and an Iron Age pit alignment (Jarvis 2008). Evaluation work was also conducted along the line of Clickers Way due to the presence of diffuse scatters of prehistoric flint, but this evaluation did not produce significant archaeological remains (*ibid*).

A Neolithic axe was found approximately 800m to the south-east of the development (HER MLE9235).

Roman

No specific Roman archaeological evidence has been revealed in previous works around the development area. However, work conducted to the north of Mill Lane did reveal an Iron Age enclosure and associated field systems, with evidence of some continuity into the Roman period, but this was not conclusive (Morris 2010).

Saxon and medieval

No Saxon archaeological evidence has been recorded in or around the area of Earl Shilton. The first reference to the village is found in the Domesday book of 1086, where it is noted that the Tenant-in-chief and lord was Hugh of Grandmesnil. The village comprised arable land, meadow, woodland and a mill which supported ten villagers, four freemen, a priest, five smallholder and a slave (Morgan 1979, 13/4). A Scheduled Monument (SM17035) comprising earthworks of a small motte and bailey castle, which the village was developed around, is located approximately 650m west of the site. Given the proximity, it is likely that the development area was situated in the historic open fields of the village during the medieval period. Geophysical surveys conducted in 2008 (Stratascan) and 2012 (Northamptonshire Archaeology) further support this, as evidence of ridge and furrow was revealed towards the centre of site.

Post medieval and modern

The fields within the evaluation area were enclosed by Act of Parliament in 1778, with an enclosure map produced (CRO ref MA/EN/A93/1) showing the land subdivided to separate owners. Towards the northern extent of the development area, a pond was shown on the enclosure map adjoining a plot containing a building. This suggests that the Marl Pit Farm which still stands today, was already built and in use by the late 18th century. The remaining fields of the development area appear to have been in agricultural use since the medieval period (CgMs 2007).

Previous archaeological fieldwork

As well as the previous heritage assessment conducted by AMEC 2012, there were desk-based assessments conducted by CGMS 2007 and Nexus Heritage 2010, as well as two phases of geophysical survey by Stratascan in 2008 (Cook 2008) and Northamptonshire Archaeology in 2012 (Walford 2012). Two phases of archaeological trial trench evaluation were conducted by ULAS in 2010 and Headland archaeology in 2013.

A trial trench evaluation was conducted by ULAS in 2010 on land between Thurlaston Lane and Mill Lane, comprising of 26 trenches that targeted geophysical anomalies and areas of blank geophysical readings. Of the 26 trenches, twelve revealed evidence of archaeological features. The archaeological evidence comprised an Iron Age rectilinear enclosure, a medieval curvilinear feature potentially associated with the windmill (MLE9771), as well as a number of Iron Age/Roman linear ditches and gullies (Morris 2010).

Another evaluation was conducted by Headland Archaeology in 2013, within the current development area. Of the 33 trenches excavated, 19 produced archaeological features. These comprised ditches, pits and a cremation deposit of Bronze and Iron Age date. These features were primarily situated towards the north-eastern part of the evaluation area.

3 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

3.1 Project aims

The evaluation aimed to determine, record and enhance understanding of the location, extent, date, character, condition, significance and quantity of any surviving archaeological remains on the proposed development site. The aims of the investigation were to:

- identify the presence of any archaeological remains with the potential to be adversely impacted by intrusive aspects of the development;
- establish the date, nature and extent of the activity or occupation identified;
- recover artefacts to assist in the development of type series within the region, and;
- recover palaeo-environmental remains to determine past local environmental conditions.

The overall objectives for the site included:

- To inform the need for and extent of further mitigation works in order to ensure that archaeological remains are preserved either *in situ* or *in record* according to their significance.

3.2 Regional research framework

The project was undertaken within the priorities established by the updated East Midlands Historic Environment Research Framework (EMHERF 2022). Any evidence uncovered by the works with the potential to significantly contribute to a research question raised by the framework may, at the appropriate time, be submitted to the agenda via the EMHERF Interactive Digital Resource commenting facility. Prior to the commencement of the project the following specific objectives were highlighted as areas that this project had the potential to contribute towards, based on prior intrusive and non-intrusive investigations of the site and its immediate vicinity. These research objectives included:

6.4 Late Bronze Age and Iron Age

- o **4B** Refine ceramic chronology by additional radiocarbon dating and typological analyses
- o **4E** Assess the evidence for the evolution of settlement hierarchies
- o **4F** Investigate intra-regional variations in development of fields of linear boundaries

6.5 Romano-British

- o **5B** Disseminate and synthesise information on Roman finds
- o **5E** Promote integration of studies of subsistence, diet and health
- o **5H** Investigate landscape context of rural settlements

As no date could be established for any of the identified archaeological features uncovered by the fieldwork it has not been possible to address any of these research objectives, or to select any new questions or objectives.

4 METHODOLOGY

4.1 Fieldwork

The evaluation comprised the excavation of 73 trenches measuring 50m in length and 1.8m in width (Figs 2 and 3). The rationale behind the placement of the trenches was to target anomalies and to investigate 'blank' areas identified by the geophysical survey. Trench locations were finalised on site and Trenches 11, 12, 17, 28, 31, 37, 40, 43, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 62, 63 and 64 were moved and/or shortened in order to allow for exclusion zones around services and public footpaths. A total of 18 trenches were excavated in Application Area A (Barwood Land) and 55 trenches were excavated in Application Area B (Bloor/Jelson land).

In line with MOLA's health and safety policies PAS128 compliant service plans were provided by the client prior to the commencement of works.

The trenches were located using a Leica Survey Grade RTK GPS operating to an accuracy of +/-0.05m to Ordnance Survey National Grid and Datum.

The trenches were machine excavated using a toothless ditching bucket under continuous archaeological supervision to the level of the first archaeological horizon or, where archaeological remains were absent, the upper interface of geological deposits. Topsoil and subsoil were stored separately on either side of the trench, at least 1m from the trench edges. Excavation did not proceed beyond safe working depths.

The trenches were cleaned sufficiently to enhance the definition of features, unless it was certain that there no archaeological remains were present. A sufficient selection of features was sampled by hand to determine their date and character.

All up-cast from trenches was scanned using a metal detector (not discriminating against iron). Periodically during excavation, the archaeological features were also scanned. No finds were recovered using this method.

All archaeological deposits and features encountered during the course of evaluation were investigated and fully recorded. Investigation slots through all linear features were a minimum of 1m in width. Discrete features were half-sectioned or would have been excavated in quadrants if large or deep.

Following the approval of the LCCSPA, trenches were backfilled with the up-cast, lightly compacted by the mechanical excavator, unless otherwise agreed. Subsoil and topsoil were backfilled separately. The field data was compiled into a site archive with appropriate cross-referencing.

Finds were collected from the individual deposits and appropriately packed and stored in stable conditions by context. Artefacts were collected by hand and retained, receiving appropriate care prior to removal from site (CIfA 2020b; Watkinson and Neal 2001). Unstratified animal bones and modern material were not collected.

Samples were to be taken for environmental analysis following the guidance for sampling as outlined by Historic England (Campbell *et al* 2011; HE 2015b). Bulk environmental soil samples would normally have been taken from securely dated, sealed archaeological features or deposits for plant macrofossils, small animal bones and small artefacts. The volume of such samples would have been context and sediment specific and would be at least 40 litres or 100% of feature fills (whichever was less). No environmental samples were taken during the evaluation due to the lack of securely dated features at the site.

4.2 Recording methodology

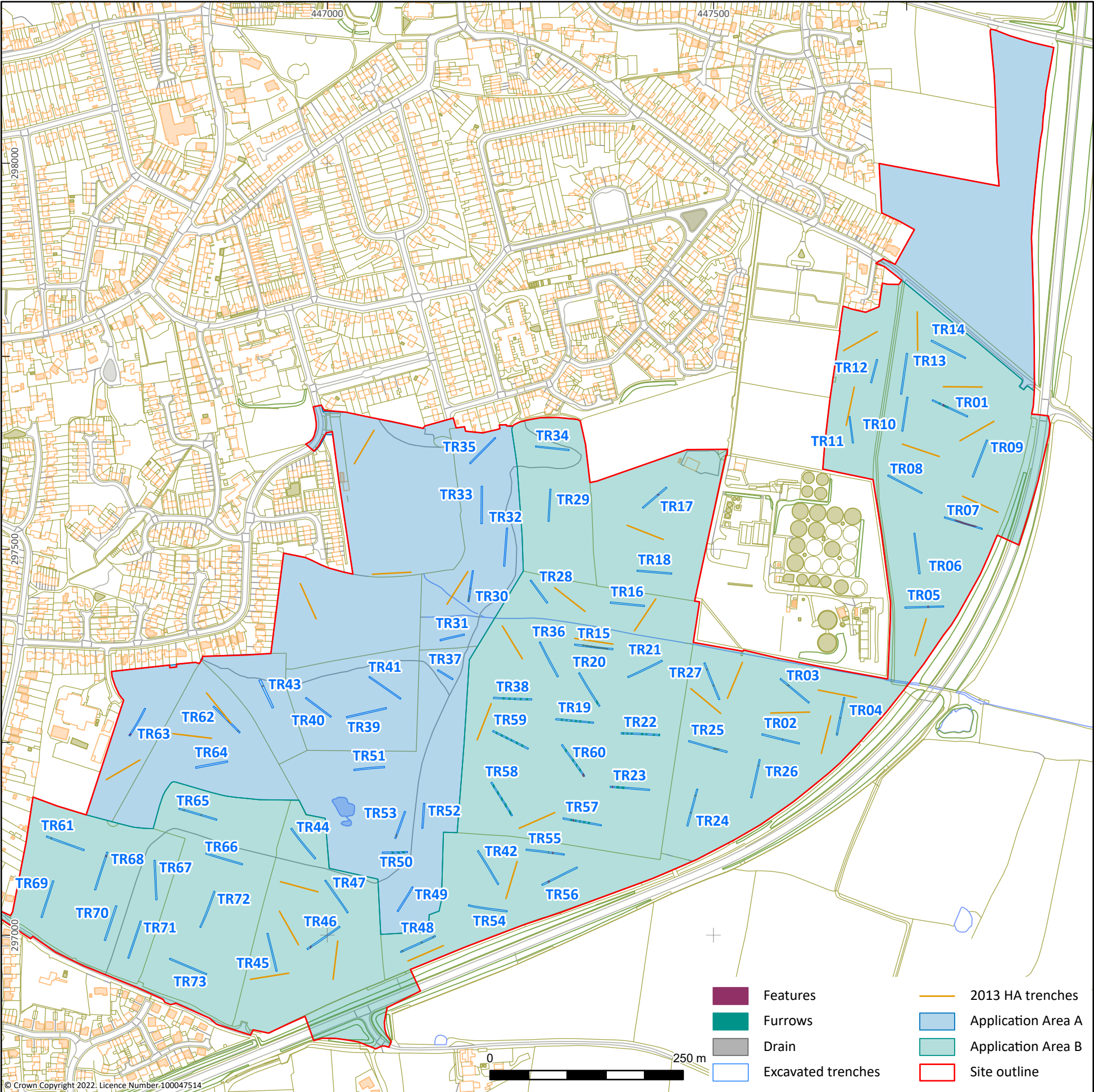
The recording of the trenches, the nature and level of all horizons they contained, and all archaeological contexts encountered within them was wholly carried out digitally, on iPad Pro tablets, using pro-forma templates created in APEX that were based on the MOLA *Fieldwork Recording Manual* (MOLA 2014), which directly populated the MOLA Oracle database. All archaeological features displayed the relevant event number for the site and were given a unique context number. The digital context sheets included details of the context, its relationships, interpretation and a checklist of associated finds or samples taken. This digital approach ensured that all data collected was backed up to the cloud every 15 minutes in the presence of an internet signal or cached and backed up as and when a signal was present. The information could be viewed 'live' by all members of the project team and was provided to Wood Plc and the LCCSPA on request.

The extent in plan of all archaeological features and deposits revealed, as well as all excavation slots, was recorded using Leica Capture Survey Grade RTK GPS using SMARTNET real-time corrections, operating to a 3D tolerance of $\pm 0.05\text{m}$ to Ordnance Survey National Grid and Datum. Sections or profiles through features was measured by hand and drawn digitally in a virtual 1:1 environment using a stylus. These were created using the Arrette Sketch app, to be imported into APEX context sheets. All levels were related to Ordnance Datum.

The primary photographic record was digital photography consisting of detailed shots made of individual features and groups as appropriate, in addition to general views of the site and working shots, which comprised high quality un-interpolated images of at least 12 megapixels taken using a camera with an APS-C or larger sensor. Digital photographs intended for archive purposes complied with best practice – i.e. high quality non-proprietary raw files (DNG) or TIFF images. These were supplemented by context specific photographs captured using the on-site tablets, making use of the in-built 12-megapixel camera, which was incorporated into the APEX context sheets. All photographs, except general site shots or specific shots for publication, included a north arrow and suitable photographic scale.

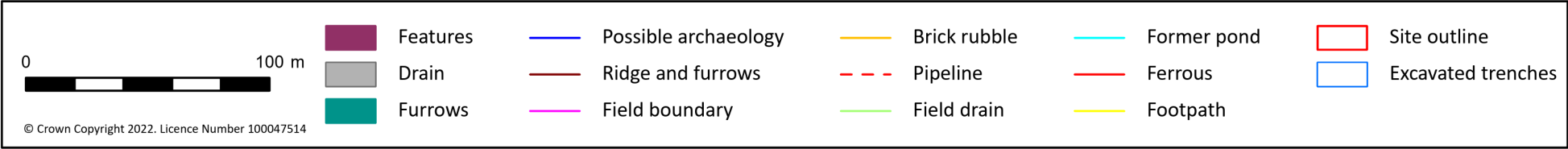
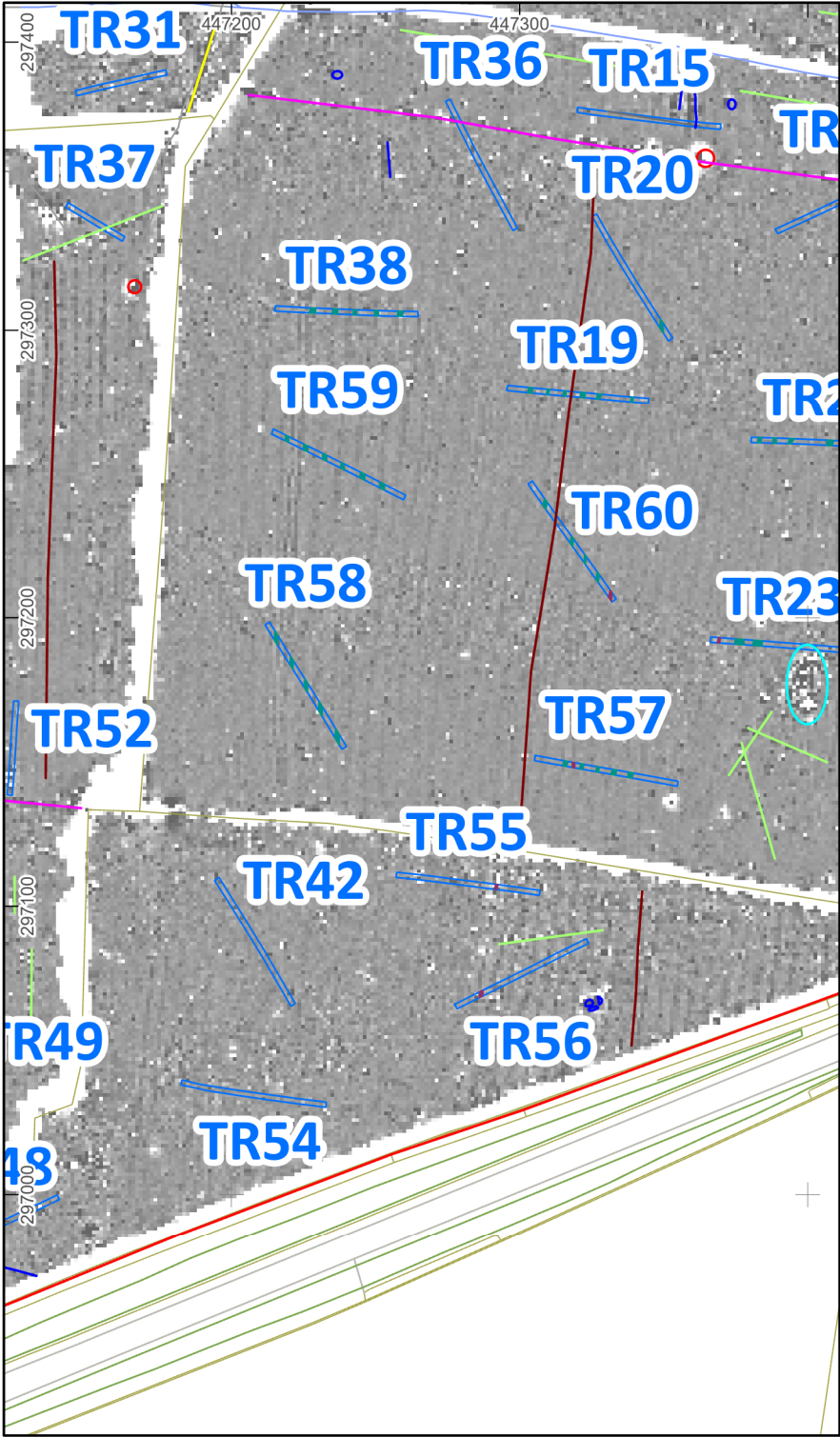
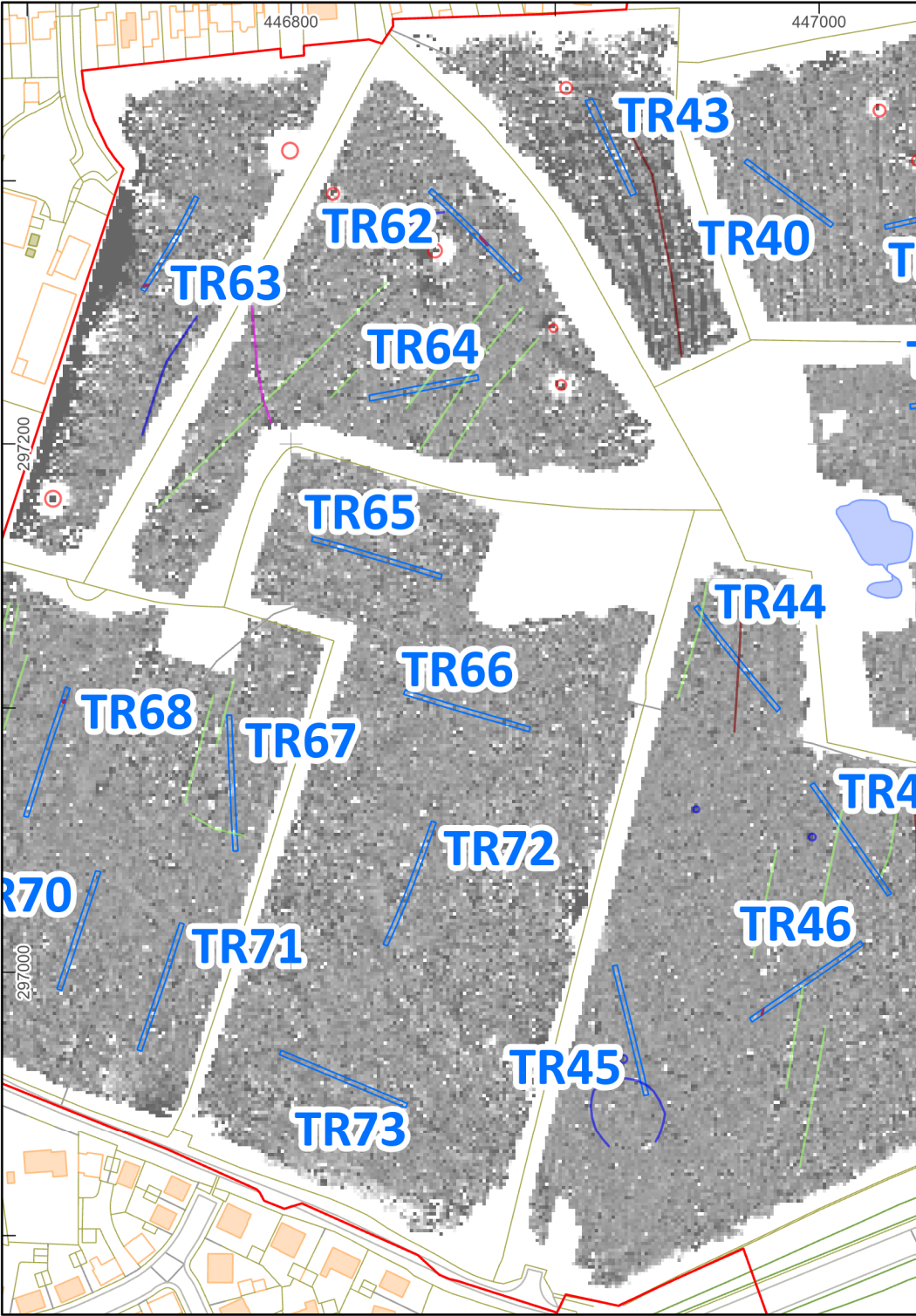
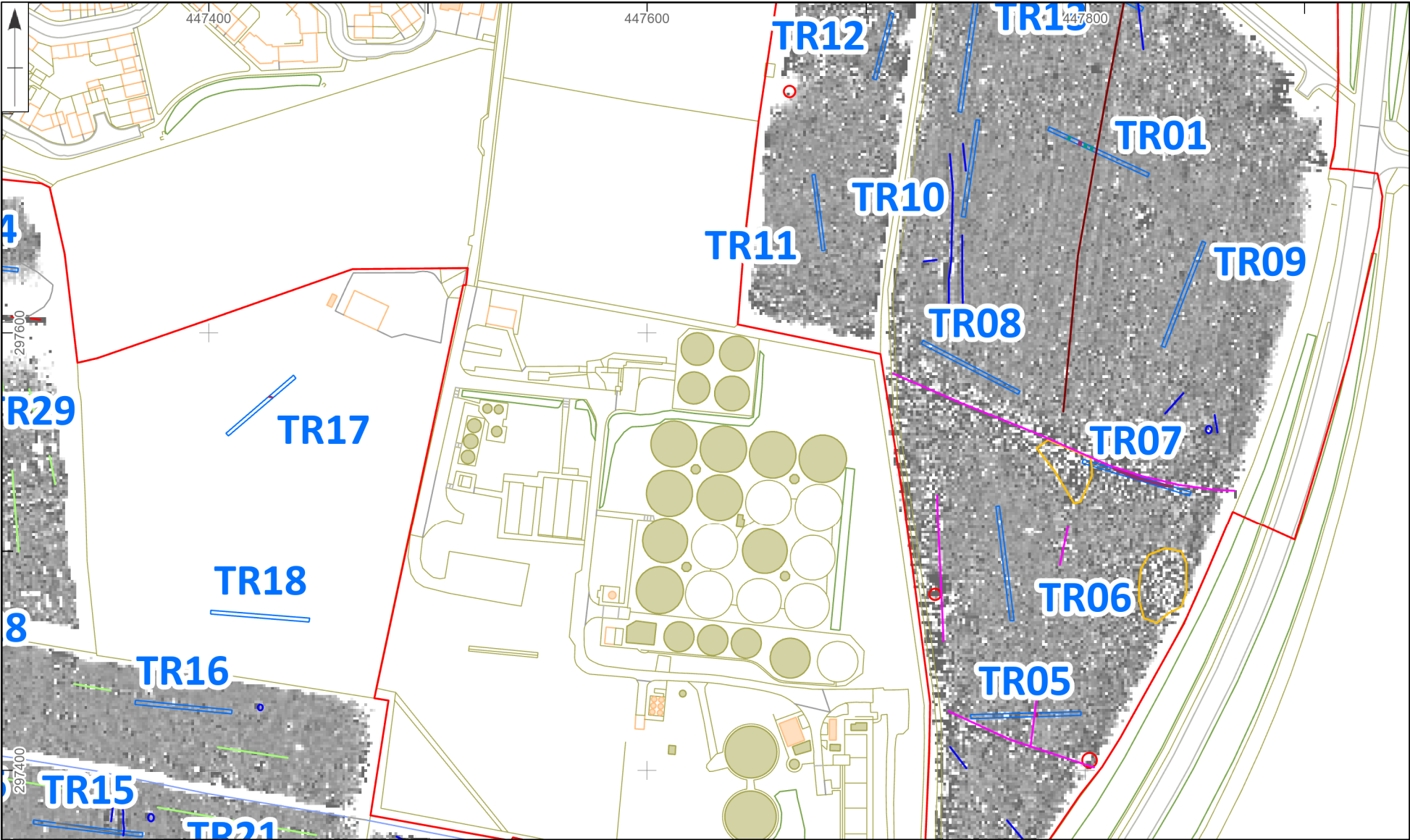
On completion of the field project, the digital archive was consolidated, checked to ensure it was internally consistent and ordered as a permanent archive.

Following completion of the fieldwork and reporting, born-digital data, such as this report, digital photographs, database and GIS data, with appropriate metadata, will be deposited with a CoreTrustSeal Repository, currently the Archaeology Data Service (ADS), making the archive publicly accessible. Each report, once approved, is subsequently made available for inclusion and publication by digital means through the Archaeological Data Service (ADS) via OASIS V. Digital archiving will follow the and guidelines outlined in MOLA's *Digital Data Management Policy and Procedures* (MOLA forthcoming).



Scale: 1:5,500

Trench location plan Fig 2



Scale: 1:2,500

All features plan Fig 3

5 EXCAVATION RESULTS

5.1 General stratigraphy

The geological substrate that was encountered across the site was variable, ranging from mid orange-yellow silty clay in the south-western part of the development area to mid red-brown clay in the north-eastern part. Subsoil was encountered in Trenches 1, 2, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 24, 26, 27, 32, 33, 35, 39, 40, 41, 42, 48, 54, 55, 56, 58 and 59, which comprised mid to dark grey-brown silty clay that measured between 0.05m and 0.20m thick. The natural substrate or subsoil, where present, was overlain by a topsoil deposit of friable dark brown clayey silt, which measured between 0.18m and 0.39m thick.

5.2 Late medieval or post-medieval ridge and furrow

The remnants of the former ridge and furrow cultivation system were visible as linear depressions in 11 trenches (Fig 2). Two different alignments were recognised; with furrows in Trenches 1, 19, 20, 22, 23, 38, 57, 58, 59, 60 in the central and north-east parts of the site (Application Area B – Bloor/Jelson land) aligned north to south, and furrows in Trench 50 (Application Area A – Barwood land) to the south-west aligned north-west to south-east. Furrows were spaced approximately 5m apart and sections were excavated in Trenches 60 and 70, which determined them to be 0.50-0.70m wide and 0.05m deep with an uneven base. No finds were recovered from any of the furrows at the site, but they are assumed to be of late medieval or post-medieval date on the basis that clay tobacco pipe has been recovered from another furrow that was excavated during a previous phase of evaluation work within the site (Newman 2013).

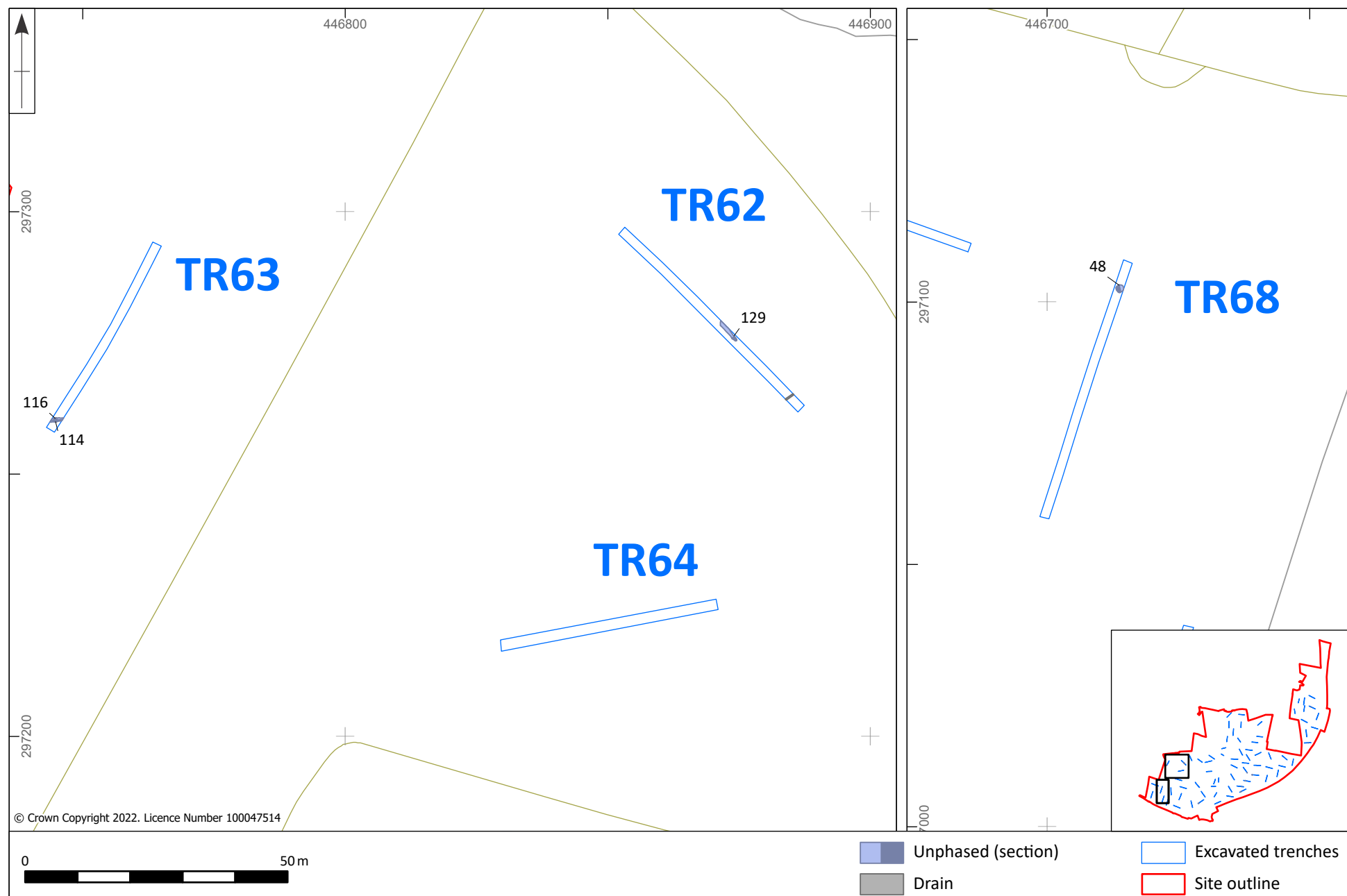
5.3 Application Area A (Barwood land)

Unphased features

Trench 62

Ditch [129]

The terminus of a narrow north-west to south-east aligned ditch [129] was located near the centre of Trench 62 (Fig 4). It had a gently sloping profile with an irregular base and it measured 0.50m wide and 0.11m deep (Fig 5). No finds were recovered from the single fill of the feature, which consisted of loose grey-brown clayey sand.



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Trenches 62, 63, and 68 Fig 4

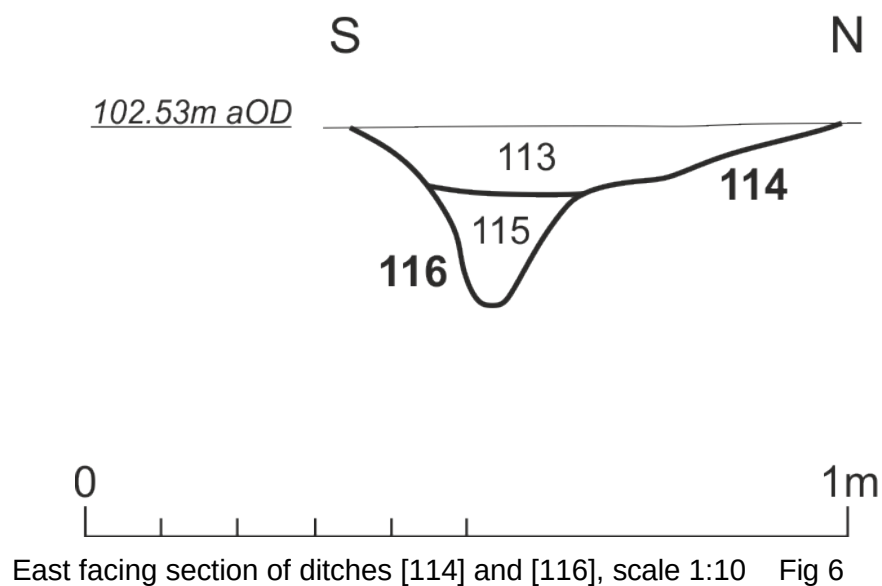


Ditch [129], looking north-west, 0.50m scale Fig 5

Trench 63

Ditches [114] and [116]

A north-west to south-east aligned ditch [116], was located at the south-western end of Trench 63 (Fig 4). The ditch had a truncated concave profile with a visible width of 0.20m and was 0.16m deep (Fig 6). It was recut on the same alignment by ditch [114], which was shallower and measured 0.65m wide and 0.10m deep. No finds were recovered from the fills of either of the ditches.



5.3 Application Area B (Bloor/Jelson land)

Modern ditches

Trench 7

Ditch [80]

An east to west aligned ditch [80] extended for a length of approximately 20m in the centre of Trench 7 (Fig 8). It measured 1.00m wide, 0.20m deep and it had a sharp concave profile. It was filled by a modern waste deposit that comprised a dark grey-brown silty clay that contained fragments of modern glass and ceramic as well as rusted fragments of iron.

Trench 17

Ditch [112]

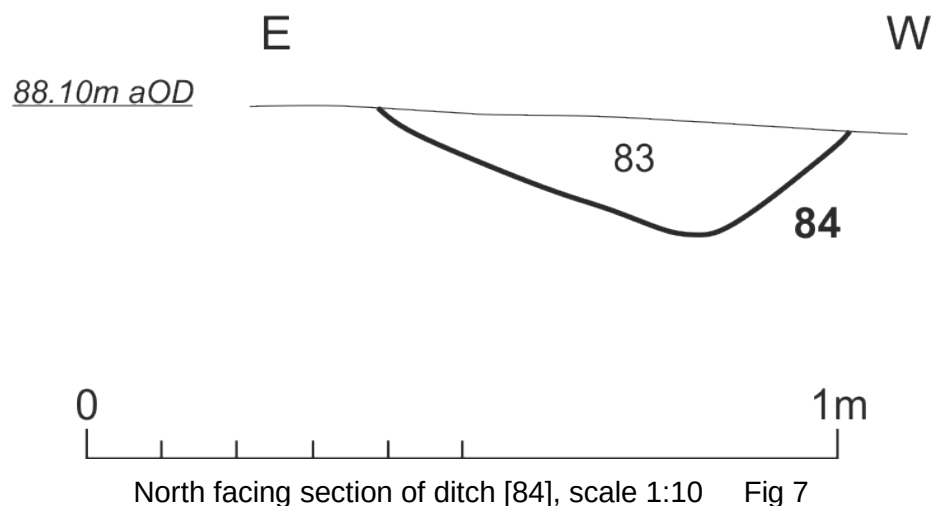
There was a narrow south-east to north-west aligned ditch [112] located near the centre of Trench 17 (Fig 8). It had a shallow concave profile that measured 0.75m wide and 0.06m deep. Tiny fragments of modern glass and slate were identified in the compact red clay fill of the feature, which were not retained.

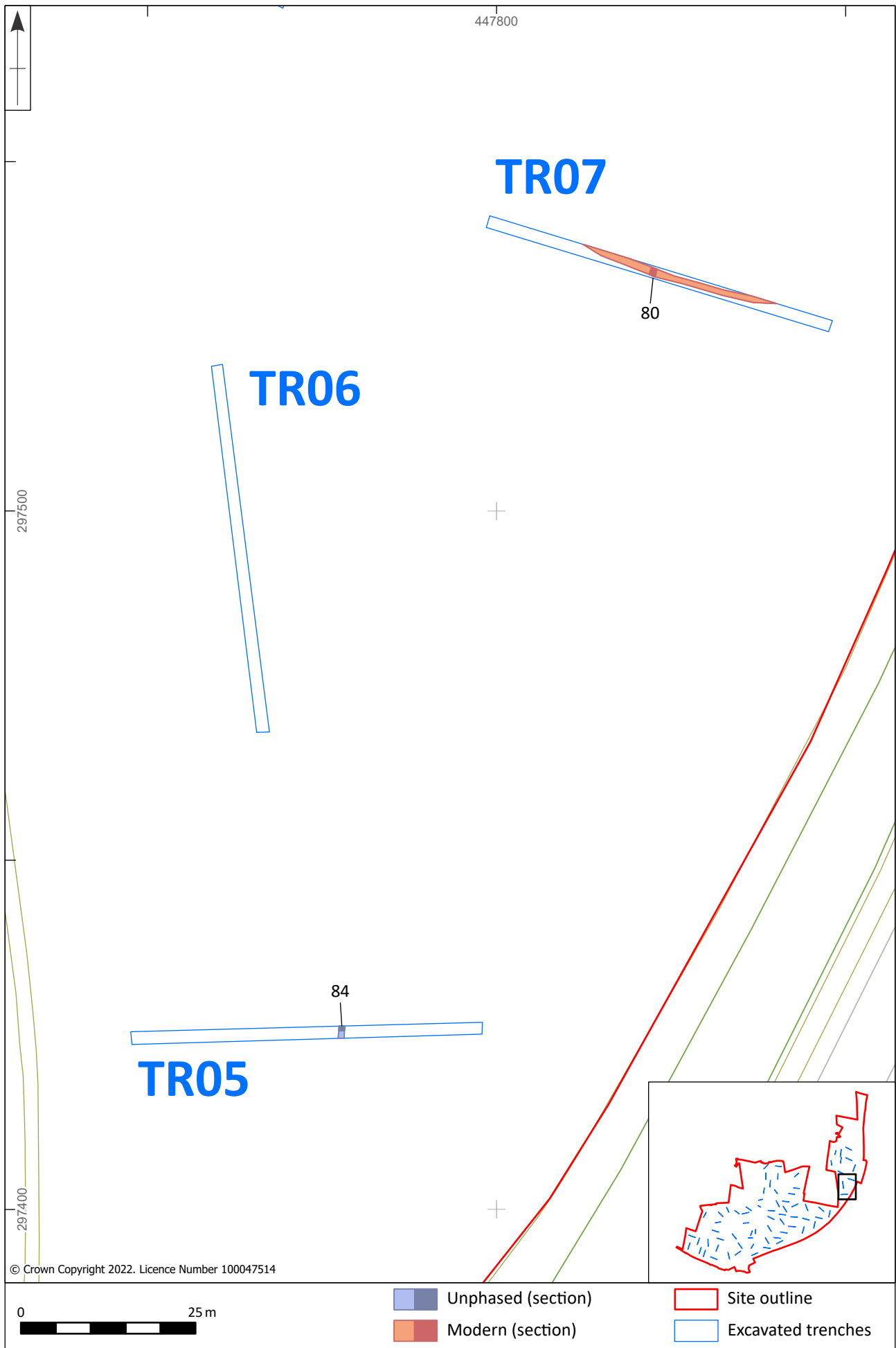
Unphased features

Trench 5

Ditch [84]

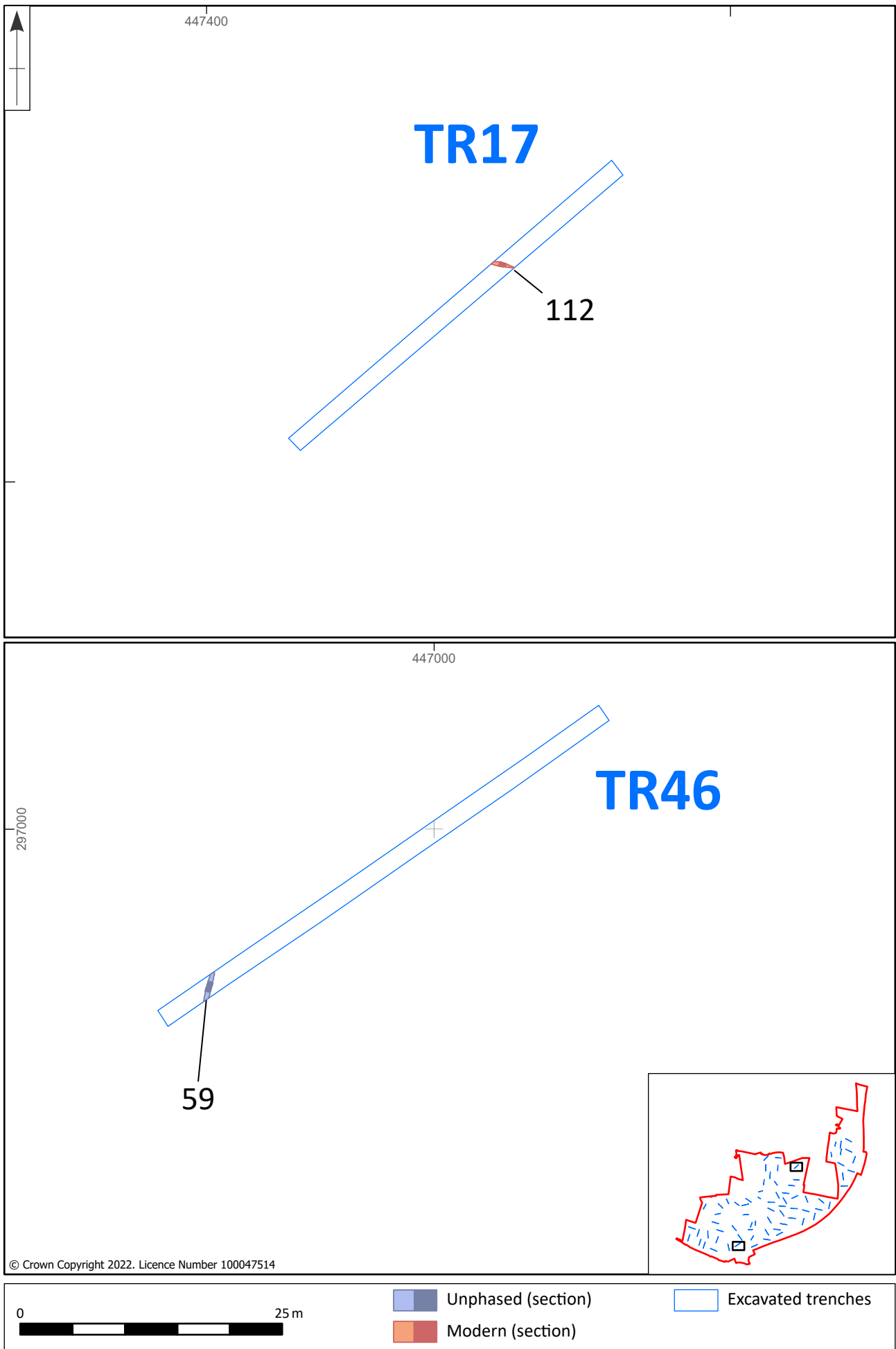
A ditch [84], aligned north to south, was located slightly to the east of the centre of Trench 5 (Fig 8). It measured 1.10m wide and was 0.25m deep, with a gradually sloping concave profile (Fig 7). A single deposit of loose dark black-brown silty clay had accumulated in the feature, which did not contain any finds.





Scale: 1:750

Trenches 5 and 7 Fig 8



Trench 46

Ditch [59]

At the western end of Trench 46 (Fig 9) there was a narrow north to south aligned ditch [59], which measured 0.46m wide and 0.09m deep (Fig 10). No finds were recovered from the single fill of the feature, which comprised compact mid grey-brown silty clay.



Ditch [59], looking south, 0.50m scale Fig 10

Trench 55

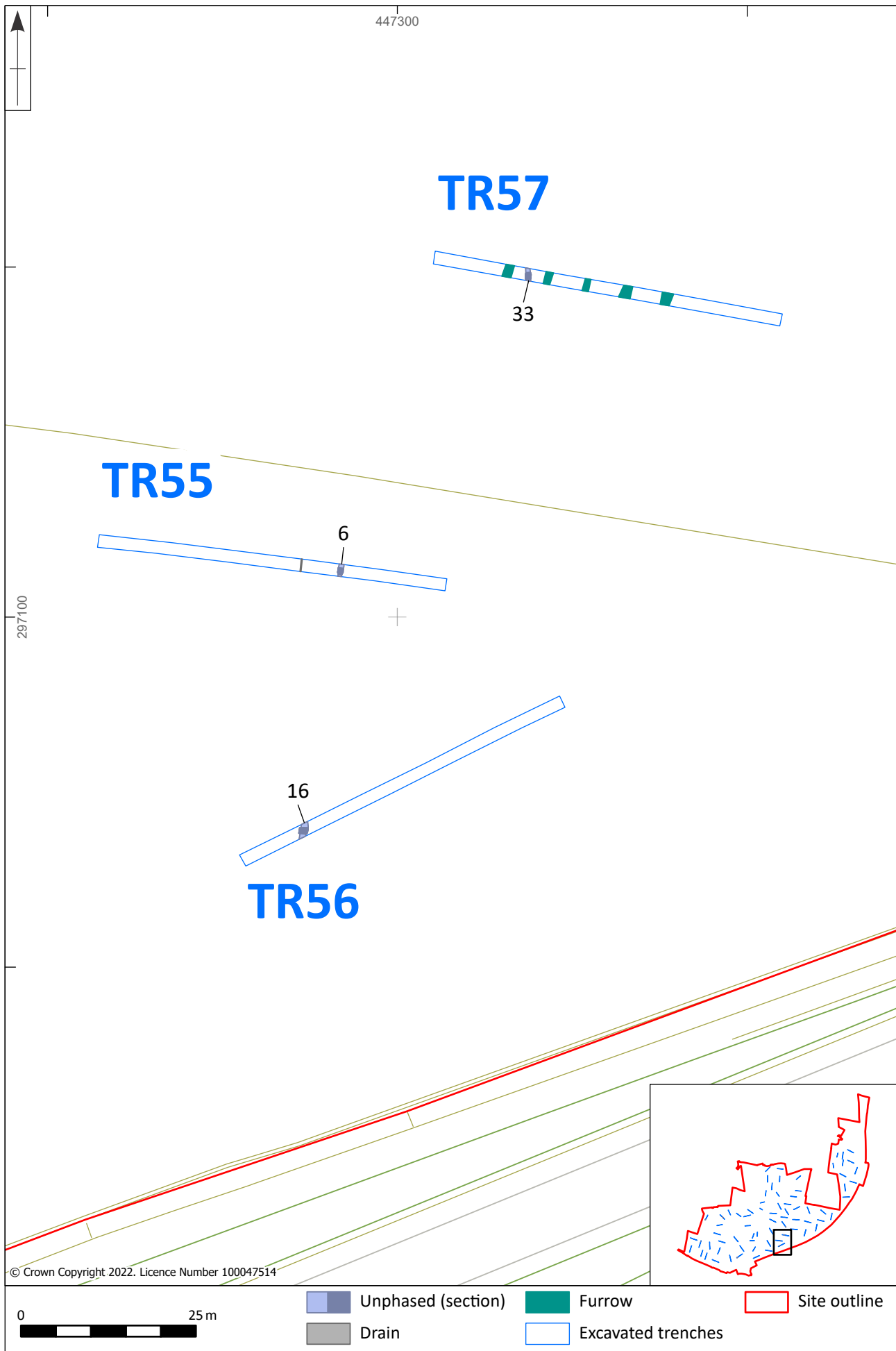
Ditch [6]

A narrow ditch [6] was located at the eastern end of Trench 55 (Fig 11), which was aligned north to south and had a gradually sloping concave profile that measured 0.31m wide by 0.13m deep. No finds were recovered from its single fill, which comprised compact mid brown silty clay.

Trench 56

Ditch [16]

North to south aligned ditch [16] was located at the south-western end of Trench 56 (Fig 11) and it may represent a continuation of the same feature as ditch [6], recorded in Trench 55. It had a similar gradually sloping concave profile and measured 0.90m wide and 0.23m deep (Fig 12). No finds were recovered from the single fill of the feature.





Ditch [16], looking north, 1m scale Fig 12

Trench 57

Ditch [33]

At the western end of Trench 57 (Fig 11) there was a north-west to south-east aligned ditch [33], which measured 1.00m wide and 0.15m deep and had a gently sloping profile. It was filled by a deposit of compact dark yellow-brown clayey silt, which did not contain any finds.

Trench 68

Pit [48]

An east to west aligned elliptical pit [48] was located at the northern end of Trench 68 (Fig 13). The pit had a gradually sloping concave profile with a flat base and measured 1.42m wide and 0.12m deep (Fig 13). It was filled by a dark grey deposit of loose sandy silt that did not contain any finds and may have been derived from topsoil, suggesting the feature was of relatively modern date.



Pit [48], looking east, 1m scale Fig 13

6 DISCUSSION

This phase of evaluation work at Earl Shilton SUE uncovered six ditches and a pit of undetermined date, in addition to the remains of late medieval or post-medieval cultivation and two modern ditches. It is unclear how best to place the undated features into the chronology of the site, given that previous evaluation work within the development area uncovered clusters of activity dating from the Bronze Age through to the Iron Age, in addition to a post-medieval ditch and several other modern ditches (Newman 2013).

Trenches 30 and 62 (Application Area A), and 14, 45, 23, and 15 (Application Area B) were situated close to anomalies highlighted by the geophysical survey (Fig 3, Walford 2012), but none contained archaeological features except for Trench 62, which contained a ditch [129] that was aligned perpendicular to the geophysical anomaly. In the original geophysical survey report it was stated that none of the anomalies were thought to indicate “indisputable” archaeological features and they were only designated as having “potential” archaeological significance, so the results of the evaluation suggest that the anomalies may be geological in origin. The majority of the trenches in this phase of evaluation were intentionally situated away from the anomalies to determine if further clusters of prehistoric activity were present but the dearth of archaeological features found in them suggests that no additional foci exist within the development area.

Application Area A (Barwood land)

Archaeological features were limited to two linear ditches in the western part of the area (Trenches 62 and 63). Neither contained any dateable material and thus remain undated. Parallel linear features in Trench 50, in the south of the area, are indicative of medieval ridge and furrow cultivation practices. Evidence for ridge and furrow was not noted anywhere else in this application area, being more prevalent in Application Area B.

Application Area B (Bloor/Jelson land)

A small number of undated features were spread out across the site, with no dense concentrations noted. A prehistoric date for these features cannot be ruled out but none were located in the vicinity of the prehistoric features that were uncovered during the previous phase of evaluation. The previously identified Bronze Age cremation and Iron Age activity were restricted to the north-eastern part of the site approximately 0.8-1.2km to the north-east of the undated features that were found in this phase of evaluation. The only exceptions are a modern ditch [80] in Trench 7, which was located approximately 150m to the south of the cremation, and the small undated ditch [84], in Trench 5, which was situated an additional 100m further to the south of Trench 7.

Linear features indicative of ridge and furrow cultivation were recorded mostly in the central part of the area, where they were aligned approximately north to south. Further furrows were recorded in a single trench in the north-eastern part of the area and were aligned north-east to south-west. These represent field systems that would have formed part of the medieval to post-medieval open field system to the south-east of Earl Shilton.

A desk-based assessment (CgMs 2007) was undertaken prior to any evaluation work taking place at the site, which displays historic mapping relevant to the site including a 1778 enclosure map and Ordnance Survey maps dating to 1835, 1887 and 1904. Neither of the two modern ditches, nor any of the undated features, correspond with

any historic field boundaries that are present on these maps. It is likely that they represent smaller agricultural drainage ditches.

6.1 Research agendas

Due to the lack of dated features identified at the site it is not possible to discuss the results of this evaluation in relation to the East Midlands Regional Research Framework (EMHERF 2022).

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APPENDIX 1: TRENCH INVENTORY

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
1	50m x 1.8m NW-SE	447829 297673	96.66m	0.40m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.30m deep	-
2	Subsoil	Firm dark grey-brown silty clay.	0.10m	-
-	Natural	Mid brown-grey clay with chalk inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
2	50m x 1.8m E-W	447601 297252	90.26m	0.34m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.29m deep	-
2	Subsoil	Firm dark grey-brown silty clay.	0.05m	-
-	Natural	Mid red-brown clay with chalk inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
3	50m x 1.8m N-S	447595 297326	88.76m	0.28m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown sandy clay, frequent roots.	0.28m deep	-
-	Natural	Mid red-brown clay with chalk inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
4	50m x 1.8m N-S	447664 297286	88.36m	0.42m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.32m deep	-
2	Subsoil	Firm dark grey-brown silty clay.	0.10m	-
-	Natural	Mid red-brown clay with chalk inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
5	50m x 1.8m E-W	447747 297426	87.89m	0.33m
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.33m deep	-
-	Natural	Mid orange-brown clay with chalk inclusions	-	-
83	Fill of ditch	Loose dark black-brown silty clay	W:1.10m D:0.25m	-
84	Cut of ditch	Linear, N-S aligned with gradually sloping concave profile	W:1.10m D:0.25m	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
6	50m x 1.8m N-S	447766 297468	89.71m	0.30m
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.30m deep	-
-	Natural	Mid grey-brown clay with chalk inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
7	50m x 1.8m E-W	447832 297531	92.35m	0.43m
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/Samples</i>
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.28m deep	-
2	Subsoil	Firm dark grey-brown silty clay	0.15m	-
-	Natural	Light orange-brown clay with chalk inclusions	-	-
79	Fill of ditch	Dark grey-brown silty clay	W:1.00m D:0.20m	Modern glass, iron and ceramic (not retained)
80	Cut of ditch	Linear, E-W aligned with sharp concave profile	W:1.00m D:0.20m	-

Trench	Length, width	NGR	Surface	Depth &
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No	& alignment		height (aOD)	height of natural
8	50m x 1.8m NW-SE	447748 297485	93.81m	0.40m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.30m deep	-
2	Subsoil	Firm dark grey-brown silty clay.	0.10m	-
-	Natural	Light orange-brown clay with chalk inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
9	50m x 1.8m N-S	447835 297594	94.26m	0.33m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.23m deep	-
2	Subsoil	Firm dark grey-brown silty clay.	0.10m	-
-	Natural	Light orange-brown clay with chalk inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
10	50m x 1.8m N-S	447743 297653	96.00m	0.36m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.26m deep	-
2	Subsoil	Firm dark grey-brown silty clay.	0.10m	-
-	Natural	Mid grey-brown clay with chalk inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
11	36m x 1.8m N-S	447678 297647	95.54m	0.29m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.24m deep	-
2	Subsoil	Firm dark grey-brown silty clay.	0.05m	-
-	Natural	Light grey-brown clay with chalk inclusions	-	-

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No	& alignment		height (aOD)	height of natural
12	30m x 1.8m N-S	447707 297726	98.45m	0.36m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.26m deep	-
2	Subsoil	Firm dark grey-brown silty clay.	0.10m	-
-	Natural	Mid grey-brown clay with chalk inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
13	30m x 1.8m NE-SW	447742 297701	97.69m	0.43m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.23m deep	-
2	Subsoil	Firm dark grey-brown silty clay.	0.20m	-
-	Natural	Mid orange-brown sand with chalk and manganese inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
14	50m x 1.8m NW-SE	447782 297771	99.70m	0.38m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.30m deep	-
2	Subsoil	Firm dark grey-brown silty clay.	0.08m	-
-	Natural	Mid red-brown clay with chalk inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
15	50m x 1.8m E-W	447330 297376	91.44m	0.35m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.35m deep	-
-	Natural	Mid orange-brown clay with chalk inclusions	-	-

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No	& alignment		height (aOD)	height of natural
16	50m x 1.8m E-W	447411 297428	91.07m	0.40m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.30m deep	-
2	Subsoil	Firm dark grey-brown silty clay.	0.10m	-
-	Natural	Mid grey-brown clay with chalk inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
17	30m x 1.8m N-S	447428 297571	95.38m	0.31m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.31m deep	-
-	Natural	Mid red-brown silty clay with chalk inclusions	-	-
111	Fill of ditch	Compact red clay	W:0.75m D:0.06m	Modern glass and slate (not retained)
112	Cut of ditch	Linear, aligned NW-SE with shallow concave profile	W:0.75m D:0.06m	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
18	50m x 1.8m N-S	447446 297468	92.12m	0.40m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.30m deep	-
2	Subsoil	Firm dark grey-brown silty clay.	0.10m	-
-	Natural	Dark red-brown clay with chalk inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
19	50m x 1.8m E-W	447311 297278	94.10m	0.33m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.33m deep	-
-	Natural	Mid red-brown sandy clay with chalk inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
20	50m x 1.8m N-S	437352 297296	92.83m	0.29m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.29m deep	-
-	Natural	Mid red-brown clay with chalk and manganese inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
21	50m x 1.8m E-W	447432 297357	90.88m	0.28m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.28m deep	-
-	Natural	Mid red-brown clay with chalk and manganese inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
22	50m x 1.8m E-W	447407 297262	93.38m	0.30m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.30m deep	-
-	Natural	Mid red-brown clay with chalk and manganese inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
23	50m x 1.8m NE-SW	447417 297187	96.07m	0.26m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.26m deep	-
-	Natural	Mid red-brown sandy clay with chalk and manganese inclusions	-	-

Trench	Length, width	NGR	Surface	Depth &
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No	& alignment		height (aOD)	height of natural
24	50m x 1.8m NE-SW	447475 297181	94.87m	0.38m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.30m deep	-
2	Subsoil	Firm dark grey-brown silty clay.	0.08m	-
-	Natural	Mid red-brown clay with chalk and manganese inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
25	50m x 1.8m E-W	447506 297241	92.38m	0.30m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.30m deep	-
-	Natural	Mid red-brown clay with chalk and manganese inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
26	50m x 1.8m N-S	447556 297217	92.05m	0.29m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.20m deep	-
2	Subsoil	Firm dark grey-brown silty clay.	0.09m	-
-	Natural	Mid red-brown clay	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
27	50m x 1.8m N-S	447487 297352	90.04m	0.38m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.28m deep	-
2	Subsoil	Firm dark grey-brown silty clay.	0.10m	-
-	Natural	Mid red-brown clay with chalk and manganese inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
28	30m x 1.8m NW-SE	447284 297430	91.84m	0.30m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.30m deep	-
-	Natural	Grey clay and silty sand with red clay inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
29	50m x 1.8m N-S	447288 297578	96.75m	0.33m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.33m deep	-
-	Natural	Mid red-brown clay with chalk and manganese inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
30	50m x 1.8m N-S	447189 297472	93.97m	0.39m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.39m deep	-
-	Natural	Dark grey-brown clay with chalk and manganese inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
31	35m x 1.8m E-W	447169 297387	93.30m	0.35m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.35m deep	-
-	Natural	Mid yellow-brown clay with chalk and manganese inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
32	50m x 1.8m	447228 297478	93.38m	0.38m

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<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/ Samples</i>
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.18m deep	-
2	Subsoil	Firm dark grey-brown silty clay.	0.20m	-
-	Natural	Mid orange-brown clay with chalk and manganese inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
33	50m x 1.8m N-S	447201 297582	96.99m	0.37m
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/ Samples</i>
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.30m deep	-
2	Subsoil	Firm dark grey-brown silty clay.	0.07m	-
-	Natural	Mid grey-brown clay with chalk and manganese inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
34	50m x 1.8m E-W	447270 297632	98.85m	0.30m
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/ Samples</i>
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.30m deep	-
-	Natural	Mid red-brown clay with chalk and manganese inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
35	50m x 1.8m NE-SW	447185 297610	98.48m	0.32m
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/ Samples</i>
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.20m deep	-
2	Subsoil	Firm dark grey-brown silty clay.	0.12m	-
-	Natural	Mid red-brown clay with chalk and manganese inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
36	50m x 1.8m NW-SE	447292 297344	92.88m	0.27mm
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/</i>

				Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.27m deep	-
-	Natural	Mid red-brown clay with chalk inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
37	50m x 1.8m NW-SE	447153 297339	95.10m	0.30m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.30m deep	-
-	Natural	Mid red-brown clay with chalk inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
38	30m x 1.8m E-W	447264 297306	94.60m	0.29m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.29m deep	-
-	Natural	Mid red-brown clay with chalk inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
39	30m x 1.8m E-W	447025 297282	97.99m	0.40m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.30m deep	-
2	Subsoil	Firm dark grey-brown silty clay.	0.10m	-
-	Natural	Dark orange-brown clay with chalk inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
40	30m x 1.8m N-S	446973 297308	97.10m	0.34m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.24m deep	-
2	Subsoil	Firm dark grey-brown silty clay.	0.10m	-
-	Natural	Dark orange-brown clay with	-	-

		chalk inclusions		
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Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
41	50m x 1.8m NW-SE	447095 297306	96.78m	0.38m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.30m deep	-
2	Subsoil	Firm dark grey-brown silty clay.	0.08m	-
-	Natural	Dark orange-brown clay with chalk inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
42	50m x 1.8m N-S	447195 297110	102.65m	0.40m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.30m deep	-
2	Subsoil	Firm dark grey-brown silty clay.	0.10m	-
-	Natural	Dark orange-brown clay with chalk inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
43	35m x 1.8m N-S	446914 297331	97.34m	0.30m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.30m deep	-
-	Natural	Dark orange-brown clay with chalk inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
44	50m x 1.8m NW-SE	446984 297101	104.22m	0.28m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.28m deep	-
-	Natural	Dark orange-brown clay with chalk inclusions	-	-

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No	& alignment		height (aOD)	height of natural
45	50m x 1.8m N-S	446922 297003	105.89m	0.30m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.30m deep	-
-	Natural	Dark orange-brown clay with chalk inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
46	50m x 1.8m NE-SW	447000 297001	105.97m	0.27m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.27m deep	-
-	Natural	Mid red-brown clay with chalk inclusions	-	-
58	Fill of ditch	Compact mid grey-brown silty clay	W:0.46m D:0.09m	-
59	Cut of ditch	Linear, N-S aligned with gradually sloping concave profile	W:0.46m D:0.09m	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
47	50m x 1.8m N-S	447027 297029	105.60m	0.28m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.28m deep	-
-	Natural	Red-brown clay with chalk inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
48	50m x 1.8m E-W	447096 296980	105.06m	0.34m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.26m deep	-
2	Subsoil	Firm dark grey-brown silty clay.	0.08m	-
-	Natural	Dark orange-brown clay with chalk inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
49	40m x 1.8m N-S	447105 297056	104.62m	0.30m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.30m deep	-
-	Natural	Light orange-yellow clay with chalk inclusions	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
50	34m x 1.8m E-W	447103 297107	103.484m	0.35m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.35m deep	-
-	Natural	Orange-yellow clay with pebbles and occasional flint	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
51	40m x 1.8m E-W	447074 297217	100.18m	0.30m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.30m deep	-
-	Natural	Orange-yellow clay with pebbles and occasional flint	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
52	38m x 1.8m N-S	447092 297134	102.83m	0.35m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.35m deep	-
-	Natural	Orange-yellow clay with pebbles and occasional flint	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
53	40m x 1.8m N-S	447124 297171	101.46m	0.30m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/

				Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.30m deep	-
-	Natural	Orange-yellow clay with pebbles and occasional flint	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
54	50m x 1.8m E-W	447182 297038	103.87m	0.45m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.45m deep	-
2	Subsoil	Firm dark grey-brown silty clay.	0.08m	-
-	Natural	Orange-yellow clay with pebbles and occasional flint	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
55	50m x 1.8m E-W	447276 297108	101.17m	0.38m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.30m deep	-
2	Subsoil	Firm dark grey-brown silty clay.	0.08m	-
-	Natural	Red-brown clay with pebbles and occasional flint	-	-
5	Fill of ditch	Compact mid brown silty clay.	W:0.31m D:0.13m	-
6	Cut of ditch	Linear aligned N-S, gradually sloping concave profile	W:0.31m D:0.13m	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
56	50m x 1.8m NE-SW	447304 297079	101.11m	0.33m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.23m deep	-
2	Subsoil	Firm dark grey-brown silty clay.	0.10m	-
-	Natural	Red-brown clay with pebbles and occasional flint	-	-
15	Fill of ditch	Firm dark grey-brown silty clay	W:0.90m D:0.23m	-
16	Cut of ditch	Linear, aligned N-S, gently sloping concave profile	W:0.90m D:0.23m	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
57	50m x 1.8m NW-SE	447305 297150	99.27m	0.30m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.30m deep	-
-	Natural	Red-brown clay with pebbles and occasional flint	-	-
32	Fill of ditch	Compact dark yellow-brown clayey silt	W:1.00m D:0.15m	-
33	Cut of ditch	Linear, NW-SE aligned with gently sloping profile	W:1.00m D:0.15m	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
58	50m x 1.8m NW-SE	447227 297175	100.14	0.40m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.30m deep	-
2	Subsoil	Firm dark grey-brown silty clay.	0.10m	-
-	Natural	Mid orange-brown clay with pebbles and occasional flint	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
59	50m x 1.8m NW-SE	447244 297250	97.18m	0.40m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.30m deep	-
2	Subsoil	Firm dark grey-brown silty clay.	0.10m	-
-	Natural	Mid orange-brown clay with pebbles and occasional flint	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
60	50m x 1.8m NW-SE	447309 297240	95.52m	0.31m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.31m deep	-
-	Natural	Mid red-brown clay with pebbles and occasional flint	-	-
63	Fill of furrow	Firm mid brown-red silty clay	W:0.70m D:0.05m	-

64	Cut of furrow	Linear, N-S aligned with irregular sides and flat base	W:0.70m D:0.05m	-
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Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
61	50m x 1.8m E-W	446646 297123	105.67m	0.34m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.34m deep	-
-	Natural	Mid red-brown clay with pebbles and occasional flint	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
62	40m x 1.8m NW-SE	446873 297277	98.44m	0.30m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.30m deep	-
-	Natural	Mid red-brown clay with pebbles and occasional flint	-	-
128	Fill of ditch	Loose grey-brown clayey sand	W:0.50m D:0.11m	-
129	Cut of ditch	Linear, N-S aligned with gently sloping profile and irregular base	W:0.50m D:0.11m	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
63	40m x 1.8m NE-SW	446755 297278	102.26m	0.30m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.30m deep	-
-	Natural	Mid orange-yellow silty clay with pebbles and occasional flint	-	-
113	Fill of ditch	Friable light grey-brown silty clay	W:0.65m D:0.10m	-
114	Cut of ditch	Linear, NW-SE aligned with shallow concave profile	W:0.65m D:0.10m	-
115	Fill of ditch	Friable mid grey-brown silty clay	W:0.20m D:0.16m	-
116	Cut of ditch	Linear, NW-SE aligned with truncated profile	W:0.20m D:0.16m	-

Trench	Length, width	NGR	Surface	Depth &
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No	& alignment		height (aOD)	height of natural
64	40m x 1.8m E-W	446871 297224	100.56m	0.35m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.35m deep	-
-	Natural	Mid orange-yellow silty clay with pebbles and occasional flint	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
65	50m x 1.8m E-W	446847 297151	102.50m	0.30m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.30m deep	-
-	Natural	Mid orange-yellow silty clay with pebbles and occasional flint	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
66	50m x 1.8m E-W	446890 297091	104.93m	0.27m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.27m deep	-
-	Natural	Mid orange-yellow silty clay with pebbles and occasional flint	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
67	50m x 1.8m N-S	446778 297045	105.25m	0.35m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.35m deep	-
-	Natural	Mid orange-brown silty clay with pebbles and occasional flint	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
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68	50m x 1.8m NE-SW	446706 297077	105.22m	0.33m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.33m deep	-
-	Natural	Mid orange-yellow silty clay with pebbles and occasional flint	-	-
47	Fill of pit	Loose dark grey-brown sandy silt	W:1.42m D:0.12m	-
48	Cut of pit	Elliptical pit, aligned E-W with gradually sloping concave profile	W:1.42m D:0.12m	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
69	50m x 1.8m N-S	446629 297023	106.22m	0.26m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.26m deep	-
-	Natural	Light yellow-brown sandy clay with pebbles and occasional flint	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
70	50m x 1.8m N-S	446713 296993	105.88m	0.35m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.35m deep	-
-	Natural	Light yellow-brown sandy clay with pebbles and occasional flint	-	-
61	Fill of furrow	Firm mid brown-orange silty clay	W:0.50m D:0.05m	
62	Cut of furrow	Linear, aligned N-S with wide irregular base	W:0.50m D:0.05m	

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
71	50m x 1.8m NE-SW	446742 296971	105.37	0.34m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.34m deep	-
-	Natural	Light orange-brown sandy clay	-	-

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Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
72	50m x 1.8m NE-SW	446836 297009	105.84m	0.30m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.30m deep	-
-	Natural	Light yellow-brown sandy clay with pebbles and occasional flint	-	-

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height (aOD)	Depth & height of natural
73	50m x 1.8m NW-SE	446796 296970	105.76	0.33m
Context	Context type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/Samples
1	Topsoil	Friable dark brown clayey silt, frequent roots.	0.33m deep	-
-	Natural	Mid brown sandy clay with red clay patches, chalk inclusions and pebbles.	-	-



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