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SUMMARY

Oxford Archaeology was commissioned by RPS on behalf of Richborough to undertake a trial trench evaluation at the site of a proposed residential development on Land North of A47 Normandy Way and West of A447 Ashby Road, Hinckley in advance of determination of a planning application.

The fieldwork was undertaken in two phases, the first being a drone survey and LiDAR analysis and the second a trial trenching evaluation. A total of 74 trenches measuring 30m by 1.8m were excavated across the site many of which targeted possible geophysical and LiDAR anomalies; the majority of which were not identified as archaeological features during the fieldwork. All of the trenches contained plough furrows, and two contained archaeological features: a gully in Trench 6 and a pit in Trench 47. Neither contained finds, so both remain undated. Thirteen other trenches contained evidence of post-medieval and modern field boundaries shown on historical mapping. The overall result of the evaluation was therefore negative, as no significant archaeological remains have been identified.

The only remains of potential significance that were identified are the medieval ridge and furrow earthworks, which are a rapidly disappearing category of earthwork, especially in the East Midlands. On this site the ridge and furrow represents the survival of aspects of the otherwise erased medieval landscape of this area north of Hinckley. However, the area of Leicestershire in which the site sits was not identified as a priority township area for preservation of the ridge and furrow, and so the level of recording of these features in this report and the earlier research report constitutes an appropriate level of mitigation.

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Scope of work

1.1.1 Oxford Archaeology (hereafter OA) was commissioned by RPS on behalf of Richborough to undertake a trial trench evaluation at the site of a proposed residential development on Land North of A47 Normandy Way and West of A447 Ashby Road, Hinckley.

1.1.2 The work was undertaken to inform the Planning Authority in advance of determination of a Planning Application. Although the Local Planning Authority did not set a brief for the work, discussions between Simon Mortimer, RPS, and William Kelly, Senior Planning Archaeologist (Heritage), established the scope of work required, which was set out within a written scheme of investigation (WSI) produced by OA (2024a). This document reports on the second phase of site investigation, outlining the results of the trial trenching evaluation.

1.1.3 All work was carried out in accordance with The Chartered Institute for Archaeologists' *Code of Conduct* (CIfA 2022), *Standard and guidance for archaeological field evaluation* (CIfA 2023) and *national and local guidance for archaeological field investigations*.

1.2 Location, topography and geology

1.2.1 The site lies across seven pasture fields totalling c 17.6ha just outside the southern edge of the Stoke Golding rolling farmland landscape to the north of Normandy Way, Hinckley, and surrounding Westfields Farm and Sunnyside Farm (Fig. 1; NGR SP 427 959). This land is bounded in the east by housing alongside the A447 / Ashby Road and in the west by a narrow stream which feeds into the River Tweed to the northwest. The area currently lies under short grass and contained the remains of ridge and furrow, which survives as earthworks between c 20-50cm high.

1.2.2 The site is located on the northern edge of Hinckley, on a valley slope falling westward towards the brook at the western boundary of the site. The site gradually falls from a high of c 124m above Ordnance Datum (aOD) at the eastern boundary to a low of c 107m aOD at the brook.

1.2.3 The geology of the area is mapped as mudstone of the Mercia Mudstone Group (BGS n.d.). This is overlain by five northwest / southeast bands of superficial deposits. From west to east these comprise clay, silt, sand and gravel alluvium bounding the brook, Bosworth Clay Member clay and silt, Wolston sand and gravel, Oadby Member diamicton and Dunsmore Gravel sand and gravel (*ibid*).

1.3 Archaeological and historical background

1.3.1 The archaeological and historical background of the site has been described in detail in the recent desk-based assessment report (RPS 2024), the WSI for this evaluation (OA 2024a), and the ridge and furrow documentary report (OA 2024b). Only the most salient points are briefly summarised here.

Prehistoric to Roman period (c 10,000 BC – AD 410)

- 1.3.2 Early prehistoric activity is known within the vicinity of Wykin located on an area of high ground c 1.7km to the west of the site, but consists solely of unstratified finds, including multiple Mesolithic and early Bronze Age flint tools and a tanged arrowhead.
- 1.3.3 Iron Age and Roman activity is also relatively scarce within the area, although Iron Age and Roman rural settlements have been recorded to the south-west (OA 2023).

Medieval period (AD 410 – 1540)

- 1.3.4 The site is located between the settlements of Barwell and Wykin, c 3km south of Stapleton and c 1.5km north of the historic core of Hinckley. The early medieval origins of these settlements are not well recorded but there are indications of early medieval activity in the vicinity of the site including one enclosure c 800m to the north of the site at Crabtree Road, Barwell and a poorly located findspot of a possible sword pommel.
- 1.3.5 Understanding of the site and its environs improves after the 1086 Domesday survey. Hinckley is mentioned as hinehelie, a settlement in the hundred of Guthlaxton under the lordship of Earl Aubrey of Coucy, and comprised 69 households, which is a substantial settlement for this time (Domesday Online 2024b). Barwell (Barewelle) and Stapleton (Stapletone) are also recorded in the Survey within the same hundred (Domesday 2024a; 2024c).
- 1.3.6 The HER has evidence of a possible later medieval moated site near Hinckley Road, Barwell, with an adjacent fishpond and enclosure. Another indication of medieval activity adjacent to the site is the 'Old Gallows' noted on a 1785 map, and which appear to be located to the east of the site under housing. Finally, there is the site of a medieval post-mill or windmill at Middlefield Lane, Hinckley, which may be the Hinckley mill that first appears in the documentary record in 1326 (Nichols 1811, 670). This mill was excavated during trial trenching on the fields immediately west of the site to the south of Middlefield Farm, and appears to have been constructed between AD 1200 and 1450, and to have burnt down in the 16th century (Groundworks Archaeology 2022, 12-13). Ploughed-out remains of medieval ridge and furrow were also encountered across that site in both the evaluation trenches and in the earlier geophysical survey (MOLA 2022).
- 1.3.7 A separate research report on the medieval ridge and furrow surviving within much of the site has been prepared (OA 2024b). This concluded that the landscape within which the site is located had a continuous history of agriculture from at least the medieval period into the 19th century, with each successive phase of use influenced by the original medieval organisation of the landscape. The 1814 Ordnance Survey (OS) map supports this assertion, showing the site straddling five agricultural fields to the west of the modern A447. The subsequent 1835 OS is the first map to show Westfields Farm, with an access track leading westward from what is now the A447.

Previous archaeological surveys at the site

- 1.3.8 A geophysical survey of the site was previously undertaken in support of the current proposal (Fig. 2; MOLA 2023). A linear anomaly, potentially of an
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- archaeological origin, was identified within the field south-west of Westfield Farm. The anomaly abuts a curving linear anomaly to its east, the latter of which, appears to cut the medieval ridge and furrow earthworks.
- 1.3.9 A pair of anomalies were identified to the northwest of Sunnyside Farm, which produced a strong magnetic response in the survey, albeit the easternmost anomaly was much weaker. These have been interpreted as a possible kiln and waste pit. Alternatively, the westernmost anomaly corresponds with a small area of disturbance shown on the 2006 satellite imagery (not reproduced), but this could just represent superficial disturbance.
- 1.3.10 Anomalies potentially representing pits were identified in the fields northwest of Westfield Farm (Fig. 2). However, these could also be geological in origin. A linear anomaly was identified east of Westfield Farm, which could represent a relict boundary ditch. Several linear anomalies were also identified which could be of an archaeological origin, particularly a pair of linear features located outside of the site boundary to the south-east of Sunnyside Farm, that could represent a trackway.
- 1.3.11 An unmanned aerial (drone) survey and LiDAR analysis of the site was carried out, also in support of the current development proposal (Fig. 3; SUMO 2024). The report upon this concluded that the fields across the centre of the site contained extensive upstanding ridge and furrow and that, where these were not present, they had probably been denuded by extensive modern mechanical ploughing (Fig. 3; SUMO 2024). This survey also identified two anomalies in the multispectral data, one an L-shaped linear feature in the northernmost field of the site, and the other U-shaped linear feature in the south-west of the site, but was not able to determine what these features might represent (ibid).

2 AIMS AND METHODOLOGY

2.1 Aims

General

- i. To determine or confirm the presence or absence and approximate extent of any surviving remains;
 - ii. To determine the date range of any surviving remains;
 - iii. To determine the condition and state of preservation of any remains;
 - iv. To determine the degree of complexity of any surviving stratigraphy;
 - v. To assess the associations and implications of any remains encountered with reference to the historic landscape;
 - vi. To determine the potential of the site to provide palaeoenvironmental and/or economic evidence, and the forms in which such evidence may survive;
 - vii. To determine the implications of any remains with reference to economy, status utility and social activity;
 - viii. To determine or confirm the likely range, quality and quantity of the artefactual evidence present;
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Specific

- ix. To ground-truth the results of the geophysical survey, including targeting geophysical anomalies and areas suggested to be devoid of archaeological remains;
 - a. To confirm whether the extant ridge and furrow earthworks on site are overlying any earlier archaeological remains;
 - b. To establish the character of any kiln or industrial activity at the site;
 - c. To determine whether the site was settled during prehistory and establish the extent and character of any prehistoric activity.

2.2 Methodology

2.2.1 The scope of the trial trench evaluation was designed as a 2.5% sample of the development site, specifically to target the results of the geophysical and Lidar surveys. Initially 78 trial trenches were proposed, but due to a modification of the development boundary Trenches 68, 69, 70, and 71 were in an area no longer within the development, and were therefore not excavated. A total of 74 trenches measuring 30m by 1.8m were excavated across the area, as shown in Figure 4.

2.2.2 The fieldwork was undertaken into two phases:

- Phase 1: Drone survey (Fig 3), supported with documentary research and survey of the extant ridge and furrow earthworks;
 - o This has been reported in OA (2024b) and the results are summarised here where relevant
- Phase 2a: The excavation of trenches 1-35 (Fig. 4)
- Phase 2b: The excavation of trenches 36-74 (Fig. 4), which was delayed whilst site access was agreed

2.2.3 Some trenches had to be moved from their proposed locations in the WSI (OA 2024) due to onsite constraints. Trenches 43 and 46 were moved to the north-east to avoid a fence line, whilst 72 and 54 were moved considerably to avoid a water service. Trench 67 was moved slightly eastwards to avoid a tree canopy. The work was also occasionally delayed to allow cows to be moved between fields to enable safe access for trenching.

Trial trench methodology

2.2.4 The trenches were laid out as shown in Figure 4 using a GPS unit with sub-15mm accuracy. The trenches were then excavated, using an appropriately powered mechanical excavator fitted with a toothless bucket under the direct supervision of an archaeologist. Spoil was stored adjacent to, but at a safe distance from, the trench edges. Machining continued in even spits down to the top of the undisturbed natural geology or the first archaeological horizon, whichever was encountered first. Once archaeological deposits had been exposed, further excavation proceeded by hand.

2.2.5 The exposed surface was sufficiently cleaned to establish the presence or absence of archaeological remains. A sample of each feature or deposit type sufficient to resolve the principal aims of the evaluation was excavated and recorded in accordance with the WSI (OA 2024a).

- 2.2.6 Upon completion of the works, and in agreement with Simon Mortimer of RPS and William Kelly, Leicestershire Planning Archaeologist, the trenches were backfilled with soils in reverse order of excavation.

3 RESULTS

3.1 Introduction and presentation of results

- 3.1.1 The results of the evaluation are presented below and include a stratigraphic description of the trenches that contained archaeological remains. The full details of all trenches with dimensions and depths of all deposits can be found in Appendix A.
- 3.1.2 No finds were retrieved and no deposits suitable for environmental sampling were encountered.

3.2 General soils and ground conditions

- 3.2.1 The soil sequence in the trenches was fairly uniform. The natural geology of mixed silt and clay was overlain by an average of 0.17m deep silty clay or clay silt subsoil, which in turn was overlain by topsoil which was 0.21m deep on average.
- 3.2.2 Ground conditions throughout the evaluation were generally good, and the site remained mostly dry throughout. Archaeological features, where present, were easy to identify against the underlying natural geology.

3.3 General distribution of archaeological deposits

- 3.3.1 Out of the of 74 trenches undertaken across the site, archaeological features were present in only two trenches: Trenches 6 (in the north) and 47 (on the north-east).
- 3.3.2 Plough furrows were present in almost all trenches and the extant medieval ridge and furrow was recorded in Trenches 29 and 49 (Fig. 9).
- 3.3.3 Trenches 25, 28, 37 (Plate 1), 40, 43 (Plate 2; Fig. 5), 46, 51, 53, 54, 59, 66, 76, 77, all contained late 19th and 20th-century former field boundaries that correlated with anomalies noted in the geophysical survey (Figs. 2, 4 and 10). The majority of these were not excavated but the example in Trench 43 was tested and survived as a 0.06m deep 0.8m wide feature with a single fill (Plate 3; Fig. 8, section 4300). The rest of these features are not discussed further.
- 3.3.4 A light greyish-brown colluvium was identified in Trenches 17 and 35 but this natural accumulation did not produce any dating evidence, so is not discussed further. A modern disturbance was identified at the SW end of Trench 57 (Plate 4).
- 3.3.5 The remaining trenches revealed no archaeological features or deposits, including those targeting anomalies identified in the geophysical and LiDAR surveys (Fig. 4). Trenches 3, 32, 33, 57, and 61, for example, were targeted on possible archaeological features identified in the geophysical survey, none of which could be identified during the excavation of these trenches. Similarly, Trenches 22 and 73 were targeted on a possible ferrous anomalies and several other trenches were located close to clusters of such anomalies, none of which were located during the fieldwork. Trenches 2, and 10, likewise overlapped a

multispectral anomaly identified in the LiDAR survey which was not identified as a feature in the field.

3.4 Trenches 6 and 47

3.4.1 Trench 6 (Plate 5; Fig. 6), located in the northernmost field of the site, revealed shallow E-W aligned gully 602 which had a single fill of firm greyish-brown sandy clay (Plate 6; Fig. 8, section 601). This gully produced no dating evidence.

3.4.2 Trench 47 (Plate 7; Fig. 7) revealed an ovoid pit, 4703, with a single soft light greyish-brown clay silt fill (Plate 8; Fig. 8, section 4700). This deposit was fully excavated for finds retrieval, but no finds were recovered.

3.5 Trenches 29 and 49

3.5.1 The previous research report (OA 2024b) confirmed the presence of medieval ridge and furrow across the site through the arial survey, LiDAR analysis, and the previous geophysical survey (MOLA 2023, RPS 2024; SUMO 2024). That report also placed this ridge and furrow within historical context for this site and the County of Leicestershire more generally. No evidence of other medieval features or settlement were identified during the desk-based assessment, surveys, or trial trench evaluation (OA 2024b; RPS 2024). This concords with the medieval character of Leicestershire which Parker (1948, 9) characterises as 'open-field country (champaign), very largely arable ... and in the main devoid of woodland' in 1485. Ridge and furrow cultivation would have dominated the landscape of Leicestershire in the medieval period, but much has been flattened or ploughed out with more modern ploughing techniques (Hartley 2004).

3.5.2 The early ridge and furrow earthworks within the site are described in the DBA as somewhat eroded but with upstanding remains that were noticeable at ground level in both the long central field and the field to the north-west (RPS 2024). Trench 29 recorded the upstanding profile of this ridge and furrow in the north-west of the two fields with upstanding earthworks, and Trench 49 recorded the profile in the central long field (Plates 9-10; Fig. 8, section 2900; Fig. 9).

4 DISCUSSION

4.1 Reliability of field investigation

4.1.1 The conditions on site were generally good and identification of archaeological features, where present, was clear against the natural geology. The trenches which had to be relocated did not alter the ability of this evaluation to ground-truth the geophysical and LiDAR surveys and so the results of the field investigation are considered to be reliable.

4.2 Evaluation objectives and results

4.2.1 The evaluation did not locate any significant archaeological remains survive within the development area; had they existed, any such remains would have been easily identified against the light-coloured natural geology (aims i, iii).

4.2.2 The two archaeological features that were identified as non-modern field boundaries were not evident on the geophysical survey, and could not be dated as no artefactual or ecofactual material was found (aim ii, iv, vi, viii).

- 4.2.3 As no finds were recovered little can be inferred from the archaeology about the economy, status, or social activity within the site with the exception of the surviving ridge and furrow (aim vii).
- 4.2.4 The geophysical, aerial, and LiDAR survey identified a number of potential anomalies which were targeted by multiple trenches. With the exception of modern and post-medieval field boundaries none of these anomalies were identified as archaeological features during the trenching (aim ix).
- 4.2.5 No prehistoric activity was identified (aim ix. c), and the possible kiln identified in the geophysical survey could not be identified in Trench 47 which only identified a single ovoid pit with no finds assemblage (aim ix. b).
- 4.2.6 The only remains of significance on this site are the extant ridge and furrow earthworks that date to the medieval period which the evaluation confirmed do not appear to overlay earlier archaeological remains (aim ix. a).
- 4.3 Interpretation**
- 4.3.1 This evaluation has identified two undated archaeological features, a series of previous post-medieval and modern field boundaries (Figure 10), an area of modern ground disturbance, and upstanding remains of medieval ridge and furrow.
- 4.3.2 The evaluation therefore has a negative result; no significant archaeological remains have been identified. The features identified are consistent with the interpretation of the site being predominantly in arable cultivation from the medieval period onwards.
- 4.4 Significance**
- 4.4.1 The only remains of potential significance that were identified during this evaluation are the medieval ridge and furrow earthworks. Ridge and furrow earthworks in the East Midlands have been assessed for their heritage significance by David Hall on behalf of English Heritage (Hall 2001). The objectives of the *Turning the Plough* report were 'to select priority townships of nationally important examples suitable for preservation' (Hall 2001; Anderton and Went 2002). A 2012 update of the *Turning the Plough* assessment recorded only a 4.24% reduction of ridge and furrow recorded in the 2001 assessment (Catchpole and Priest 2012).
- 4.4.2 The site is within the study area of the original report but was not identified as a priority township area for preservation of the ridge and furrow. Nevertheless, the ridge and furrow does represent the survival of aspects of the otherwise erased medieval landscape of this area north of Hinckley and so recording these earthworks as this report, and the previous research report (OA 2024b), have done is appropriate to their level of significance.

APPENDIX A TRENCH DESCRIPTIONS AND CONTEXT INVENTORY

Trench 1							
General Description					Orientation		N-S
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying a clay geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.47
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
100	Layer			0.27	Topsoil. Clayey silt, mid brown		
101	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Mid yellow/red brown, silty clay		
102	Layer				Natural. Mixed mid yellow brown clayey sand and mid reddish brown silty clay		

Trench 2							
General Description					Orientation		NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying a mixed sand geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.45
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
200	Layer			0.3	Topsoil. Clayey silt, mid brown		
201	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown, clay silt		
202	Layer				Natural. Mid yellowish brown clayey sand		

Trench 3							
General Description					Orientation		N-S
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying a mixed silt geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.36
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
300	Layer			0.21	Topsoil. Mid greyish brown loose friable sandy silt		
301	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown loose friable sandy silt		
302	Layer				Natural. Mid yellowish reddish-brown firm friable sandy silt		

Trench 4							
General Description					Orientation		NW-SE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying a mixed mudstone geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.42
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
400	Layer			0.27	Topsoil. Mid greyish brown firm friable clayey sand		
401	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown firm sandy clay		
402	Layer				Natural. Mid reddish-brown mudstone		

Trench 5							
General Description					Orientation	NW-SE	
Trench revealed three plough furrows. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying a clay natural.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Average Depth (m)	0.52	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
500	Layer			0.3	Topsoil. Mid brown, Clayey silt		
501	Layer			0.22	Subsoil. Mid red brown, silty clay		
502	Layer				Natural. Mixed mid yellowish brown clayey sand and mid reddish brown silty clay		

Trench 6							
General Description					Orientation	NW-SE	
Trench revealed three plough furrows and one gully, aligned E-W. Consists of topsoil overlying a mixed sand geology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Average Depth (m)	0.45	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
600	Layer			0.45	Topsoil. Mid brown clayey silt		
601	Layer				Natural. Mid red brown, silty clay and mid yellow brown silty sand		
602	Cut		0.62	0.2	Gully. Shallow gully.		
603	Fill	602	0.62	0.2	Secondary Fill. Firm, greyish brown sandy clay.		

Trench 7							
General Description					Orientation	NW-SE	
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying a mudstone geology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Average Depth (m)	0.41	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
700	Layer			0.25	Topsoil. Mid grey-brown firm friable clayey sand		
701	Layer			0.16	Subsoil. Mid reddish-brown firm friable clayey sand		
702	Layer				Natural. Mixed mid yellow brown and reddish pinkish brown mudstone		

Trench 8							
General Description					Orientation	NW-SE	
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying a mixed clay geology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Average Depth (m)	0.34	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
800	Layer			0.21	Topsoil. Mid grey-brown friable sandy silt		
801	Layer			0.13	Subsoil. Mid brownish grey friable clayey silt		
802	Layer				Natural. Mid orange-brown clayey silt and yellowish brown and bluish grey silty clay		

Trench 9							
General Description					Orientation	NW-SE	
Trench revealed four plough furrows running across trench width. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying a clay geology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Average Depth (m)	0.45	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
900	Layer			0.3	Topsoil. Mid brown, Clayey silt		
901	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Mid red brown, silty clay		
902	Layer				Natural. Mid orangey-yellow silty sand mixed with dark orange red silty clay.		

Trench 10							
General Description					Orientation	NW-SE	
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of topsoil and subsoil overlying a clay geology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Average Depth (m)	0.4	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1000	Layer			0.3	Topsoil. Mid brown clayey silt		
1001	Layer			0.1	Subsoil. Mid red brown, Silty clay		
1002	Layer				Natural. Mid orangey-yellow silty sand mixed with dark orange red silty clay.		

Trench 11							
General Description					Orientation	NW-SE	
Trench revealed one plough furrow that was dug and recorded. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying a clay geology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Average Depth (m)	0.5	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1100	Layer			0.3	Topsoil. Mid brown, Sandy silt		
1101	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Mid red brown, Sandy silt		
1102	Layer				Natural. Mid yellowish silty sand mixed with dark orange red silty clay		
1103	Cut		2.1	0.17	Plough Furrow cut		
1104	Fill	1103	2.1	0.17	Secondary Fill. Firm/friable mid brownish yellow sandy silt. Frequent SR stones, small-medium.		

Trench 12							
General Description					Orientation	SE-NW	
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying a mixed clay and silt geology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Average Depth (m)	0.49	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1200	Layer			0.29	Topsoil. Friable mid greyish brown clayey silt		
1201	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Mid orangey-brown firm silty clay		
1202	Layer				Natural. Mixed greyish brown firm silty clay and orangey-brown friable clayey silt		

Trench 13							
General Description					Orientation	E-W	
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying a clay geology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Average Depth (m)	0.43	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1300	Layer			0.27	Topsoil. Mid greyish brown friable clayey silt.		
1301	Layer			0.16	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown silty clay		
1302	Layer				Natural. Mid greyish brown compact silty clay		

Trench 14							
General Description					Orientation	E-W	
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of topsoil and subsoil overlying a silt geology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Average Depth (m)	0.52	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1400	Layer			0.32	Topsoil. Greyish brown mid. Firm, silt.		
1401	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Firm, greyish brown mid, silt.		
1402	Layer				Natural. Firm, orangish brown sandy silt.		

Trench 15							
General Description					Orientation	NE-SW	
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying a silt geology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Average Depth (m)	0.5	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1500	Layer			0.3	Topsoil. Firm, greyish brown mid, silt.		
1501	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Firm, orangish brown mid, silt.		
1502	Layer				Natural. Firm, orangish brown light. Clay variations throughout. Sandy silt.		

Trench 16							
General Description					Orientation	NW-SE	
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of subsoil and topsoil overlying a mixed clay and silt geology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Average Depth (m)	0.43	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1600	Layer			0.23	Topsoil. Mid greyish brown friable clayey silt.		
1601	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Mid orangey-brown firm silty clay.		
1602	Layer				Natural. Mix of reddish orange friable clayey silt and mid orangey brown compact silty clay.		

Trench 17							
General Description					Orientation	NE-SW	
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying a colluvial layer, which in turn overlies a mixed clay geology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Average Depth (m)	0.8	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1700	Layer			0.4	Topsoil. Mid greyish brown friable clayey silt.		
1701	Layer			0.3	Subsoil		
1702	Layer			0.1	Colluvial Layer. Light greyish brown silty clay		
1703	Layer				Natural. Light blueish grey and mid greyish brown silty clay		

Trench 18							
General Description					Orientation	NE-SW	
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying a silt geology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Average Depth (m)	0.55	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1700	Layer			0.4	Topsoil. Mid greyish brown friable clayey silt.		
1701	Layer			0.3	Subsoil		
1702	Layer			0.1	Colluvial Layer. Light greyish brown silty clay		
1703	Layer				Natural. Light blueish grey and mid greyish brown silty clay		

Trench 19							
General Description					Orientation	NW-SE	
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying a mixed clay and silt geology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Average Depth (m)	0.46	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1900	Layer			0.26	Topsoil. Mid greyish brown friable clayey silt.		
1901	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Mid orangey-brown compact silty clay.		
1902	Layer				Natural. Mixture of mid reddish brown friable clayey silt and mid greyish brown silty clay		

Trench 19							
General Description					Orientation	NW-SE	
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying a mixed clay and silt geology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Average Depth (m)	0.46	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1900	Layer			0.26	Topsoil. Mid greyish brown friable clayey silt.		
1901	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Mid orangey-brown compact silty clay.		
1902	Layer				Natural. Mixture of mid reddish brown friable clayey silt and mid greyish brown silty clay		

Trench 20							
General Description					Orientation		N-S
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying a clay geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.48
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2000	Layer			0.24	Topsoil. Mid greyish brown friable clayey silt.		
2001	Layer			0.24	Subsoil. Mid orangey brown firm silty clay		
2002	Layer				Natural. Mixture of light reddish brown and mid greyish brown firm silty clay.		

Trench 21							
General Description					Orientation		NW-SE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying a mixed silt geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.5
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2100	Layer			0.35	Topsoil. Firm, greyish brown mid, silt.		
2101	Layer			0.15	Subsoil		
2102	Layer				Natural. Mid yellowish brown clayey silt		

Trench 22							
General Description					Orientation		NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying a clay geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.48
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2200	Layer			0.28	Topsoil. Mid greyish brown friable clayey silt		
2201	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Mid yellowish brown silty clay		
2202	Layer				Natural. Mid yellowish grey silty clay		

Trench 23							
General Description					Orientation		NW-SE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying a clay geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.38
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2300	Layer			0.26	Topsoil. Mid greyish brown firm friable clayey silt		
2301	Layer			0.12	Subsoil. Mid orangish yellowish brown firm silty clay		
2302	Layer				Natural. Mixed mid yellowish- and reddish-brown firm silty clay		

Trench 24							
General Description					Orientation		NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying a mixed sand geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.47
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2400	Layer			0.27	Topsoil. Mid greyish brown firm friable sandy clay		
2401	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Mid brownish grey firm friable silty clay		
2402	Layer				Natural. Mid yellow brown firm friable clayey sand		

Trench 25							
General Description					Orientation		NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying a mixed clay geology					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.37
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2500	Layer			0.27	Topsoil. Mid greyish brown friable clayey silt		
2501	Layer			0.1	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown firm silty clay		
2502	Layer				Natural. Mixed mid yellow and mid reddish-brown firm friable silty clay		
	Unexcavated feature				Modern		

Trench 26							
General Description					Orientation		NW-SE
Trench revealed one plough furrow. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying a clay geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.43
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2600	Layer			0.26	Topsoil. Mid greyish brown firm friable clayey silt		
2601	Layer			0.17	Subsoil. Mid orangey-brown firm silty clay		
2602	Layer				Natural. Mixed mid orange brown and yellow brown firm silty clay		

Trench 27							
General Description					Orientation		NW-SE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying a mixed sand geology					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.39
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2700	Layer			0.25	Topsoil. Mid greyish-brown silty sand		
2701	Layer			0.14	Subsoil. Mid orangey-brown friable silty sand		
2702	Layer				Natural. Mid yellow orangey-brown friable silty sand		

Trench 28							
General Description					Orientation	NE-SW	
Trench revealed a modern linear feature. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying a mixed clay geology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Average Depth (m)	0.41	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2800	Layer			0.28	Topsoil. Mid brownish grey friable clayey silt		
2801	Layer			0.13	Subsoil. Mid brownish grey firm friable silty clay		
2802	Layer				Natural. Mid to light yellowish brown firm silty clay		
	Unexcavated feature				Modern		

Trench 29							
General Description					Orientation	NW-SE	
Trench revealed several plough furrows. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying a clay geology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Average Depth (m)	0.54	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2900	Layer			0.3	Topsoil. Mid greyish brown friable clayey silt.		
2901	Layer			0.24	Subsoil. Mid greyish brown firm silty clay		
2902	Layer				Natural. Mid orangey-brown firm silty clay		

Trench 30							
General Description					Orientation	SE-NW	
Trench revealed one plough furrow. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying clay geology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Average Depth (m)	0.58	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3000	Layer			0.34	Topsoil. Mid greyish-brown friable clayey silt.		
3001	Layer			0.24	Subsoil. Mid reddish-brown firm silty clay		
3002	Layer				Natural. Mid greyish-brown silty clay		

Trench 31							
General Description					Orientation	SE-NW	
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying a clay geology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Average Depth (m)	0.58	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3100	Layer			0.38	Topsoil. Mid brownish-grey friable clayey silt.		
3101	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Mid reddish-brown silty clay		
3102	Layer				Natural. Mid greyish-brown compact silty clay		

Trench 32							
General Description					Orientation		NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil over a clay geology					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.57
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3200	Layer			0.37	Topsoil. Mid greyish-brown friable clayey silt		
3201	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Mid orangey-brown firm silty clay		
3202	Layer				Natural. Mid greyish-brown silty clay		

Trench 33							
General Description					Orientation		NE-SW
Trench revealed several furrows. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil over a clay geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.6
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3300	Layer			0.3	Topsoil. Mid greyish brown friable clayey silt.		
3301	Layer			0.3	Subsoil. Mid greyish brown firm silty clay		
3302	Layer				Natural. Mid reddish brown silty clay		

Trench 34							
General Description					Orientation		NW-SE
Trench revealed several furrows. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil over a clay geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.57
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3400	Layer			0.37	Topsoil. Mid greyish brown friable clayey silt		
3401	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Mid greyish brown compact silty clay		
3402	Layer				Natural. Mid orangey-brown compact silty clay		

Trench 35							
General Description					Orientation		SE-NW
Trench revealed several furrows. Consisted of topsoil, subsoil and a colluvium layer, overlying a clay geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.7
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3500	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Mid greyish brown clayey silt		
3501	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay.		
3502	Layer			0.3	Colluvial Layer. Light greyish brown compact silty clay		
3503	Layer				Natural. Mid brownish grey silty clay		

Trench 36							
General Description					Orientation		N-S
Trench revealed several furrows. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.29
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3600	Layer			0.1	Topsoil. Coarse grained firm, dark orangish brown clayey silt		
3601	Layer			0.19	Subsoil. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown clayey silt		
3602	Layer				Natural. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown sandy silt		

Trench 37							
General Description					Orientation		NW-SE
Trench revealed several furrows and one modern ditch - same as in trench 40. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.28
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3700	Layer			0.12	Topsoil. Coarse grained firm, dark greyish brown clayey silt		
3701	Layer			0.16	Subsoil. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown clayey silt		
3702	Layer				Natural. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown sandy silt		
3703	Unexcavated feature				Modern		

Trench 38							
General Description					Orientation		E-W
Trench revealed several furrows. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.23
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3800	Layer			0.11	Topsoil. Coarse grained firm, dark greyish brown clayey silt		
3801	Layer			0.12	Subsoil. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown clayey silt		
3802	Layer				Natural. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown sandy silt		

Trench 39							
General Description					Orientation		N-S
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.41
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3900	Layer			0.21	Topsoil. Coarse grained firm, dark greyish brown clayey silt		
3901	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown clayey silt		
3902	Layer				Natural. Coarse grained firm, light orangish brown clayey silt		

Trench 40							
General Description					Orientation		NE-SW
Trench revealed one modern ditch. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.33
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
4000	Layer			0.18	Topsoil. Coarse-grained firm, dark greyish brown clayey silt		
4001	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Coarse-grained firm, mid orangish brown clayey silt		
4002	Layer				Natural. Coarse-grained firm, mid orangish brown sandy silt		
4003	Unexcavated feature				Modern. Same as 3703		

Trench 41							
General Description					Orientation		N-S
Trench revealed several furrows. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.28
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
4100	Layer			0.12	Topsoil. Coarse grained firm, dark greyish brown clayey silt		
4101	Layer			0.18	Subsoil. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown clayey silt		
4102	Layer				Natural. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown sandy silt		

Trench 42							
General Description					Orientation		SE-NW
Trench revealed several furrows. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.3
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
4200	Layer			0.12	Topsoil. Coarse grained firm, dark orangish brown clayey silt.		
4201	Layer			0.18	Subsoil. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown clayey silt		
4202	Layer				Natural. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown sandy silt		

Trench 43							
General Description					Orientation		NE-SW
Trench revealed one modern ditch. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.29
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
4300	Layer			0.11	Topsoil. Coarse grained firm, dark orangish brown clayey silt		
4301	Layer			0.18	Subsoil. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown clayey silt		
4302	Layer				Natural. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown sandy silt		
4303	Cut		0.8	0.06	Ditch. Shallow linear SE-NW		
4304	Fill	4303	0.8	0.06	Secondary Fill. Firm mid orangish brown clayey silt		

Trench 44							
General Description					Orientation		E-W
Trench revealed several furrows. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.25
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
4400	Layer			0.09	Topsoil. Coarse grained firm, dark greyish brown clayey silt		
4401	Layer			0.16	Subsoil. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown clayey silt		
4402	Layer				Natural. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown sandy silt		

Trench 45							
General Description					Orientation		NW-SE
Trench revealed several furrows. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.25
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
4500	Layer			0.15	Topsoil. Coarse grained firm, dark orangish brown clayey silt		
4501	Layer			0.1	Subsoil. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown clayey silt		
4502	Layer				Natural. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown sandy silt		

Trench 46							
General Description					Orientation		NW-SE
Trench revealed one modern ditch. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.4
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
4600	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Coarse grained firm, dark greyish brown clayey silt		
4601	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown clayey silt		
4602	Layer				Natural. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown sandy silt		
4603	Unexcavated feature				Modern. NW-SE aligned linear. Feature unexcavated.		

Trench 47							
General Description					Orientation		NW-SE
Trench revealed one pit and one furrow. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.35
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
4700	Layer			0.15	Topsoil. Coarse grained firm, dark greyish brown clayey silt		
4701	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown clayey silt		
4702	Layer				Natural. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown sandy silt		
4703	Cut		0.65	0.09	Pit. Oval shaped shallow pit. Moderate sloping sides flattish base		
4704	Fill	4703	0.65	0.09	Secondary Fill. Soft light greyish brown clayey silt.		

Trench 48							
General Description					Orientation		NE-SW
Trench revealed two furrows. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.35
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
4800	Layer			0.15	Topsoil. Coarse grained firm, dark greyish brown clayey silt		
4801	Layer			0.18	Subsoil. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown clayey silt		
4802	Layer				Natural. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown sandy silt		

Trench 49							
General Description					Orientation		NW-SE
Trench revealed several furrows. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.38
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
4900	Layer			0.18	Topsoil. Coarse grained firm, dark greyish brown clayey silt		
4901	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown clayey silt		
4902	Layer				Natural. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown sandy silt		

Trench 50							
General Description					Orientation		NW-SE
Trench revealed several furrows. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.42
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
5000	Layer			0.18	Topsoil. Coarse grained firm, dark orangish brown clayey silt		
5001	Layer			0.25	Subsoil. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown clayey silt		
5002	Layer				Natural. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown sandy silt		

Trench 51							
General Description					Orientation		NE-SW
Trench revealed one modern ditch and one furrow. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.34
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
5100	Layer			0.1	Topsoil. Coarse grained firm, dark greyish brown clayey silt		
5101	Layer			0.24	Subsoil. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown clayey silt		
5102	Layer				Natural. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown sandy silt		
5103	Unexcavated feature				Modern. Modern ditch - same as 4303		

Trench 52							
General Description					Orientation		NW-SE
Trench revealed several furrows. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.26
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
5200	Layer			0.12	Topsoil. Coarse grained firm, dark orangish brown clayey silt		
5201	Layer			0.14	Subsoil. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown clayey silt		
5202	Layer				Natural. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown sandy silt		

Trench 53							
General Description					Orientation		W-E
Trench revealed one modern ditch. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.48
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
5300	Layer			0.23	Topsoil. Coarse grained firm, dark greyish brown clayey silt		
5301	Layer			0.25	Subsoil. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown clayey silt		
5302	Layer				Natural. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown sandy silt		
5303	Unexcavated feature				Modern ditch.		

Trench 54							
General Description					Orientation		E-W
Trench revealed one modern ditch and two furrows. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.42
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
5400	Layer			0.17	Topsoil. Coarse grained firm, dark greyish brown clayey silt		
5401	Layer			0.25	Subsoil. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown clayey silt		
5402	Layer				Natural. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown sandy silt		
5403	Unexcavated feature				Modern ditch. Same as 5303		

Trench 55							
General Description					Orientation		NW-SE
Trench revealed several furrows. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.24
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
5500	Layer			0.11	Topsoil. Coarse grained firm, dark orangish brown clayey silt		
5501	Layer			0.13	Subsoil. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown clayey silt		
5502	Layer				Natural. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown sandy silt		

Trench 56							
General Description					Orientation		NW-SE
Trench revealed several furrows. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.29
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
5600	Layer			0.15	Topsoil. Coarse grained firm, dark greyish brown clayey silt		
5601	Layer			0.14	Subsoil. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown clayey silt		
5602	Layer				Natural. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown sandy silt		

Trench 57							
General Description					Orientation		NW-SE
Trench devoid of archaeology with a modern disturbance at the SE end. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.4
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
5700	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Coarse grained firm, dark greyish brown clayey silt		
5701	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown clayey silt		
5702	Layer				Natural. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown sandy silt		

Trench 58							
General Description					Orientation		N-S
Trench revealed several furrows. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.27
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
5800	Layer			0.14	Topsoil. Coarse grained firm, dark greyish brown clayey silt		
5801	Layer			0.13	Subsoil. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown clayey silt		
5802	Layer				Natural. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown sandy silt		

Trench 59							
General Description					Orientation		NW-SE
Trench revealed one modern ditch and several furrows. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.25
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
5900	Layer			0.1	Topsoil. Coarse grained firm, dark greyish brown clayey silt		
5901	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown clayey silt		
5902	Layer				Natural. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown sandy silt		
5903	Unexcavated feature				Modern		

Trench 60							
General Description					Orientation		NW-SE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Contained several furrows. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.25
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
6000	Layer			0.16	Topsoil. Coarse grained firm, dark greyish brown clayey silt		
6001	Layer			0.09	Subsoil. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown clayey silt		
6002	Layer				Natural. Coarse grained firm, mid orangish brown sandy silt		

Trench 61							
General Description					Orientation		NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.3
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
6100	Layer			0.18	Topsoil. Coarse-grained firm, dark greyish brown clayey silt		
6101	Layer			0.12	Subsoil. Coarse-grained firm, mid orangish brown clayey silt		
6102	Layer				Natural. Coarse-grained firm, mid orangish brown sandy silt		

Trench 62							
General Description					Orientation		NW-SE
Trench revealed several plough furrows. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.2
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
6200	Layer			0.05	Topsoil. Coarse-grained firm, dark greyish brown clayey silt		
6201	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Coarse-grained firm, mid orangish brown clayey silt		
6202	Layer				Natural. Coarse-grained very firm, mid orangish brown sandy silt		

Trench 63							
General Description					Orientation		NW-SE
Trench revealed several plough furrows. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.26
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
6300	Layer			0.16	Topsoil. Coarse-grained firm, dark greyish brown clayey silt		
6301	Layer			0.1	Subsoil. Coarse-grained firm, mid orangish brown clayey silt		
6302	Layer				Natural. Coarse-grained firm, mid orangish brown sandy silt		

Trench 64							
General Description					Orientation		N-S
Trench revealed one furrow. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.33
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
6400	Layer			0.16	Topsoil. Coarse-grained firm, dark greyish brown clayey silt		
6401	Layer			0.17	Subsoil. Coarse-grained firm, mid orangish brown clayey silt		
6402	Layer				Natural. Coarse-grained firm, mid orangish brown sandy silt		

Trench 65							
General Description					Orientation		E-W
Trench revealed several plough furrows. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.2
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
6500	Layer			0.05	Topsoil. Coarse-grained firm, mid reddish brown clayey silt		
6501	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Coarse-grained firm, light orangish brown clayey silt		
6502	Layer				Natural. Coarse-grained firm, light orangish brown sandy silt		

Trench 66							
General Description					Orientation		NE-SW
Trench revealed one modern ditch. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.27
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
6600	Layer			0.16	Topsoil. Coursegrained firm, dark greyish brown clayey silt		
6601	Layer			0.11	Subsoil. Coursegrained firm, mid orangish brown clayey silt		
6602	Layer				Natural. Coursegrained firm, mid orangish brown sandy silt		
6603	Unexcavated feature				Modern		

Trench 67							
General Description					Orientation		E-W
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Average Depth (m)		0.48
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
6700	Layer			0.28	Topsoil. Coursegrained firm, dark greyish brown clayey silt		
6701	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Coursegrained firm, mid orangish brown clayey silt		
6702	Layer				Natural. Coursegrained firm, mid orangish brown sandy silt		

Trenches 68 to 71 were not excavated due to a change in scope of the proposed development.

Trench 72							
General Description					Orientation	NE-SW	
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Average Depth (m)	0.23	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
7200	Layer			0.12	Topsoil. Coarse-grained firm, dark greyish brown clayey silt		
7201	Layer			0.11	Subsoil. Coarse-grained firm, mid orangish brown clayey silt		
7202	Layer				Natural. Coarse-grained very firm, mid orangish brown sandy silt		

Trench 73							
General Description					Orientation	E-W	
Trench revealed several plough furrows. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Average Depth (m)	0.25	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
7300	Layer			0.15	Topsoil. Coarse-grained firm, dark greyish brown clayey silt		
7301	Layer			0.1	Subsoil. Coarse-grained firm, mid orangish brown clayey silt		
7302	Layer				Natural. Coarse-grained firm, mid orangish brown sandy silt		

Trench 74							
General Description					Orientation	SE-NW	
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Average Depth (m)	0.2	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
7400	Layer			0.05	Topsoil. Coarse-grained firm, dark greyish brown clayey silt		
7401	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Coarse-grained firm, mid orangish brown clayey silt		
7402	Layer				Natural. Coarse-grained firm, mid orangish brown sandy silt		

Trench 75							
General Description					Orientation	NW-SE	
Trench contained one plough furrow. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Average Depth (m)	0.19	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
7500	Layer			0.1	Topsoil. Coarse-grained firm, dark greyish brown clayey silt		
7501	Layer			0.09	Subsoil. Coarse-grained firm, mid orangish brown clayey silt		
7502	Layer				Natural. Coarse-grained firm, mid orangish brown sandy silt		

Trench 76							
General Description					Orientation	NE-SW	
Trench devoid of archaeology. Contained 1 modern ditch recorded in plan. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Average Depth (m)	0.42	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
7600	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Coarse-grained firm, dark greyish brown clayey silt		
7601	Layer			0.22	Subsoil. Coarse-grained firm, mid orangish brown clayey silt		
7602	Layer				Natural. Coarse-grained firm, mid orangish brown sandy silt		
7603	Unexcavated feature				Modern		

Trench 77							
General Description					Orientation	NE-SW	
Trench devoid of archaeology. Contained 1 modern ditch recorded in plan - same as trench 76. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Average Depth (m)	0.25	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
7700	Layer			0.15	Topsoil. Coarse-grained firm, dark greyish brown clayey silt		
7701	Layer			0.1	Subsoil. Coarse-grained firm, mid orangish brown clayey silt		
7702	Layer				Natural. Coarse-grained firm, mid orangish brown sandy silt		
7703	Unexcavated feature				Modern		

Trench 78							
General Description					Orientation	E-W	
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural sandy silt geology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Average Depth (m)	0.35	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
7800	Layer			0.15	Topsoil. Dark greyish brown clayey silt		
7801	Layer			0.22	Subsoil. Mid orangish brown clayey silt		
7802	Layer				Natural. Mid orangish brown sandy silt		

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APPENDIX C

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SITE SUMMARY DETAILS

Hinckley West, Land off Ashby Road

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Evaluation

July to September 2024

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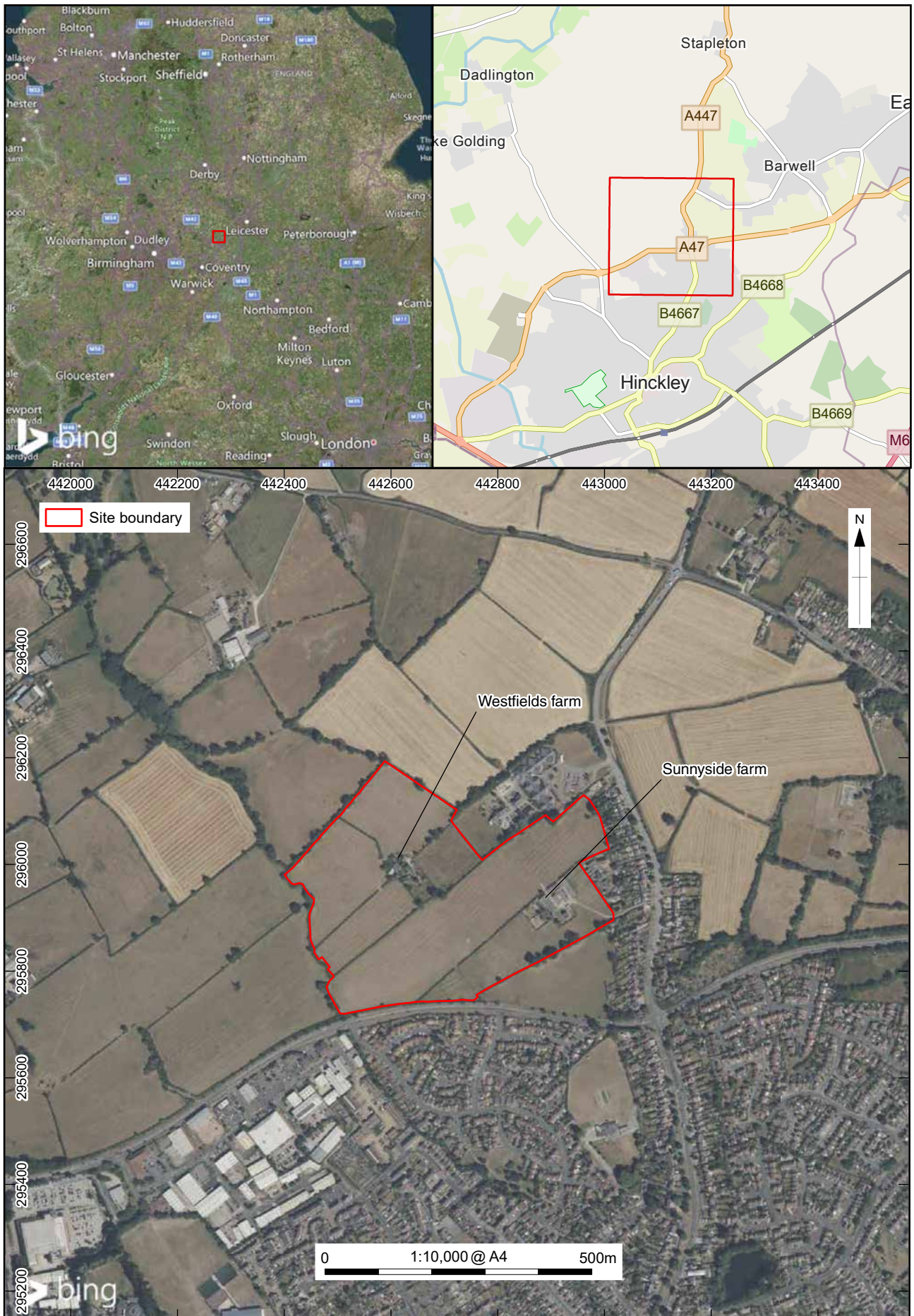
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Oxford Archaeology was commissioned by RPS on behalf of Richborough to undertake a trial trench evaluation at the site of a proposed residential development on Land North of A47 Normandy Way, Hinckley. The fieldwork was undertaken into two phases with a drone survey and LiDAR analysis forming the first phase and this trial trench evaluation forming the second phase.

A total of seventy-four trenches measuring 30m by 1.8m were excavated across the site. All the trenches contained plough furrows, and two contained archaeological cut features; a gully in Trench 6, and a discrete pit in Trench 47. Both features remain un-dated. Ten other trenches contained evidence of post-medieval and modern field boundaries. The evaluation therefore has a negative result; no significant archaeological remains have been identified.

The only remains of potential significance from this evaluation are the medieval ridge and furrow earthworks. They represent a surviving aspect of the otherwise erased medieval landscape north of Hinckley. However, this site was not identified as a priority area for the preservation of the ridge and furrow and so the level of recording of these features presented here is an appropriate level of mitigation.

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Figure 1: Site location



Figure 3: LiDAR 1m multi-view hillshade DTM

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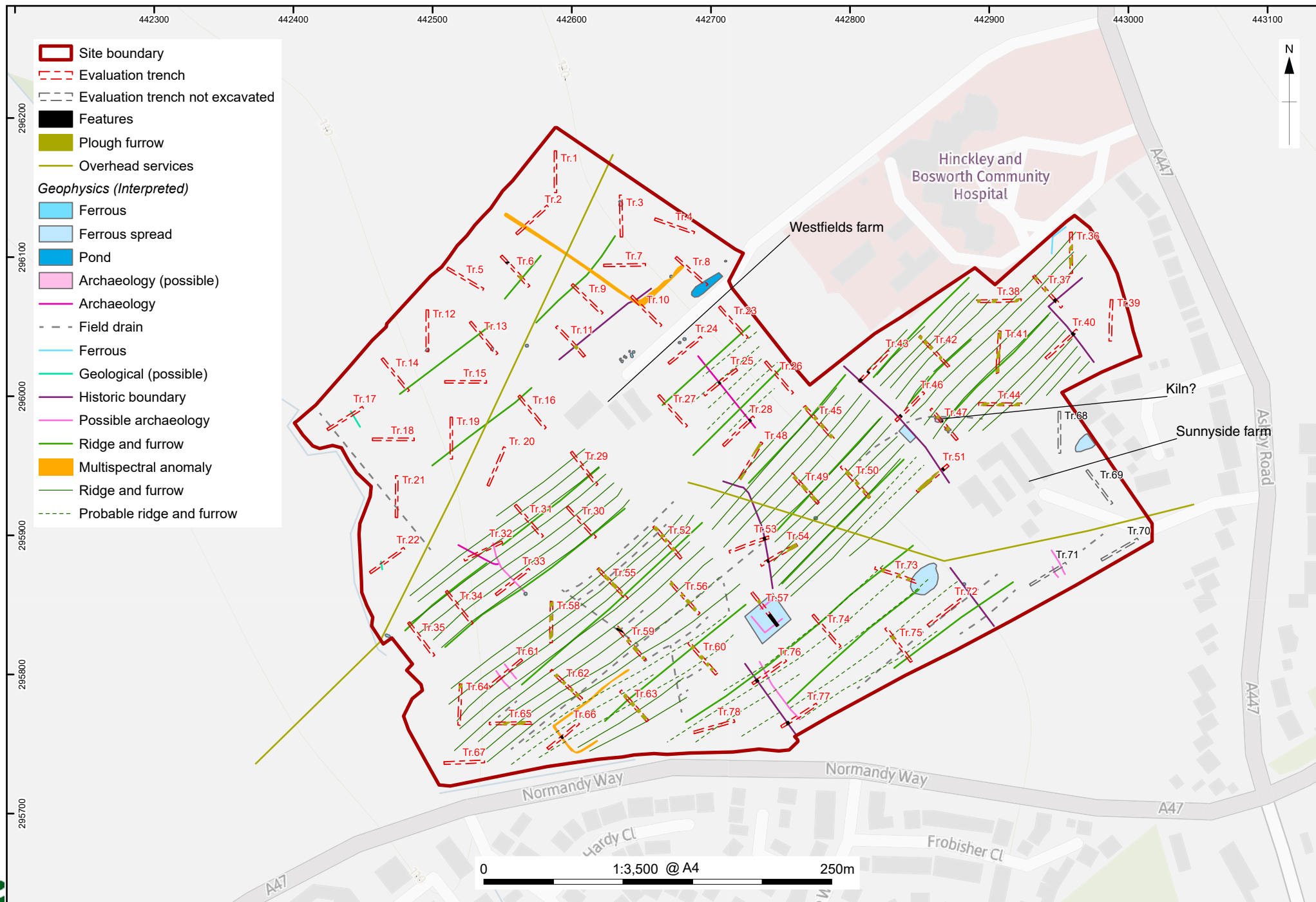
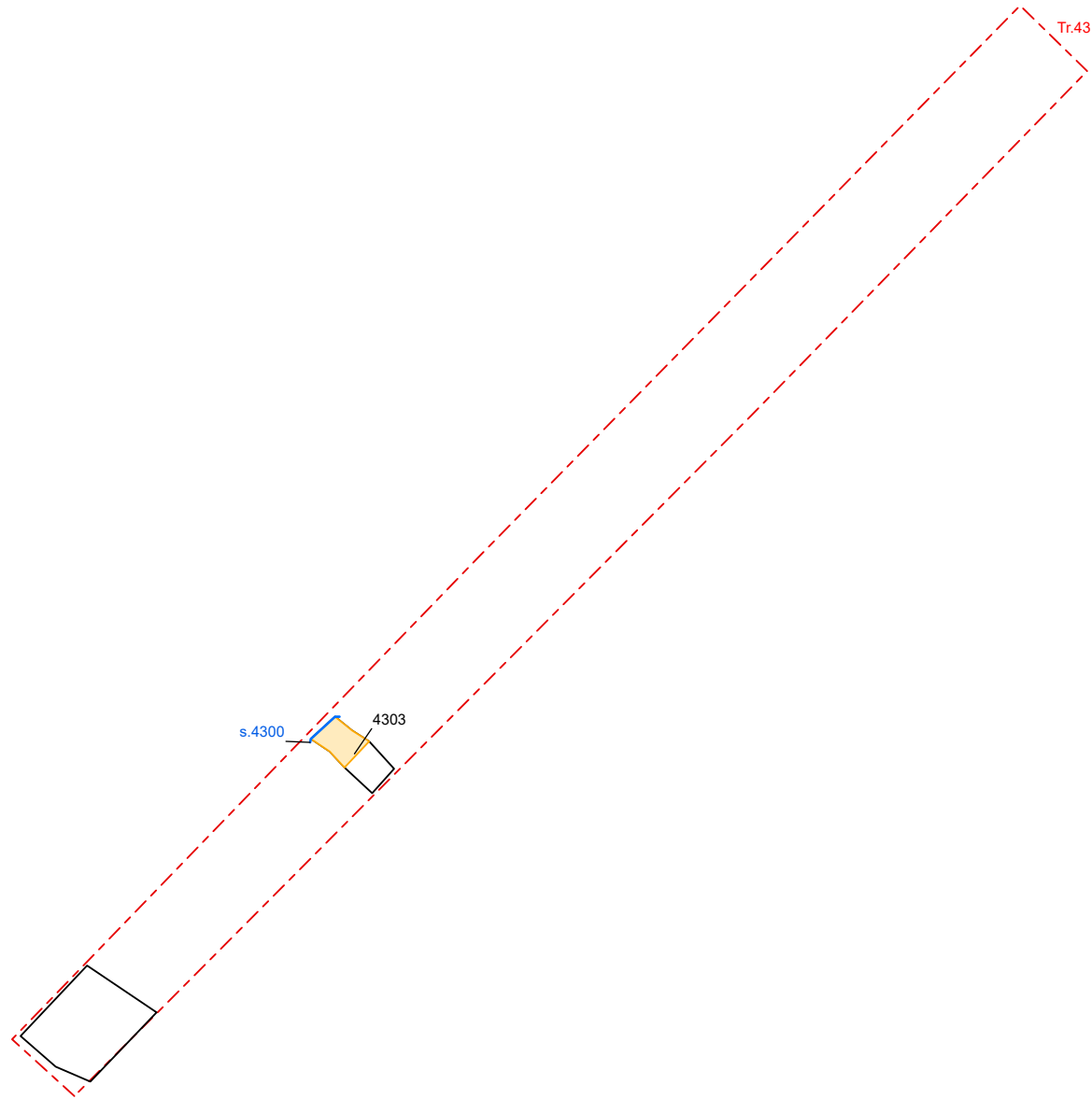


Figure 4: Trench locations with geophysics and LiDAR interpretation

- Section
- Evaluation trench
- Features
- Interventions



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Figure 5: Plan of trench 43

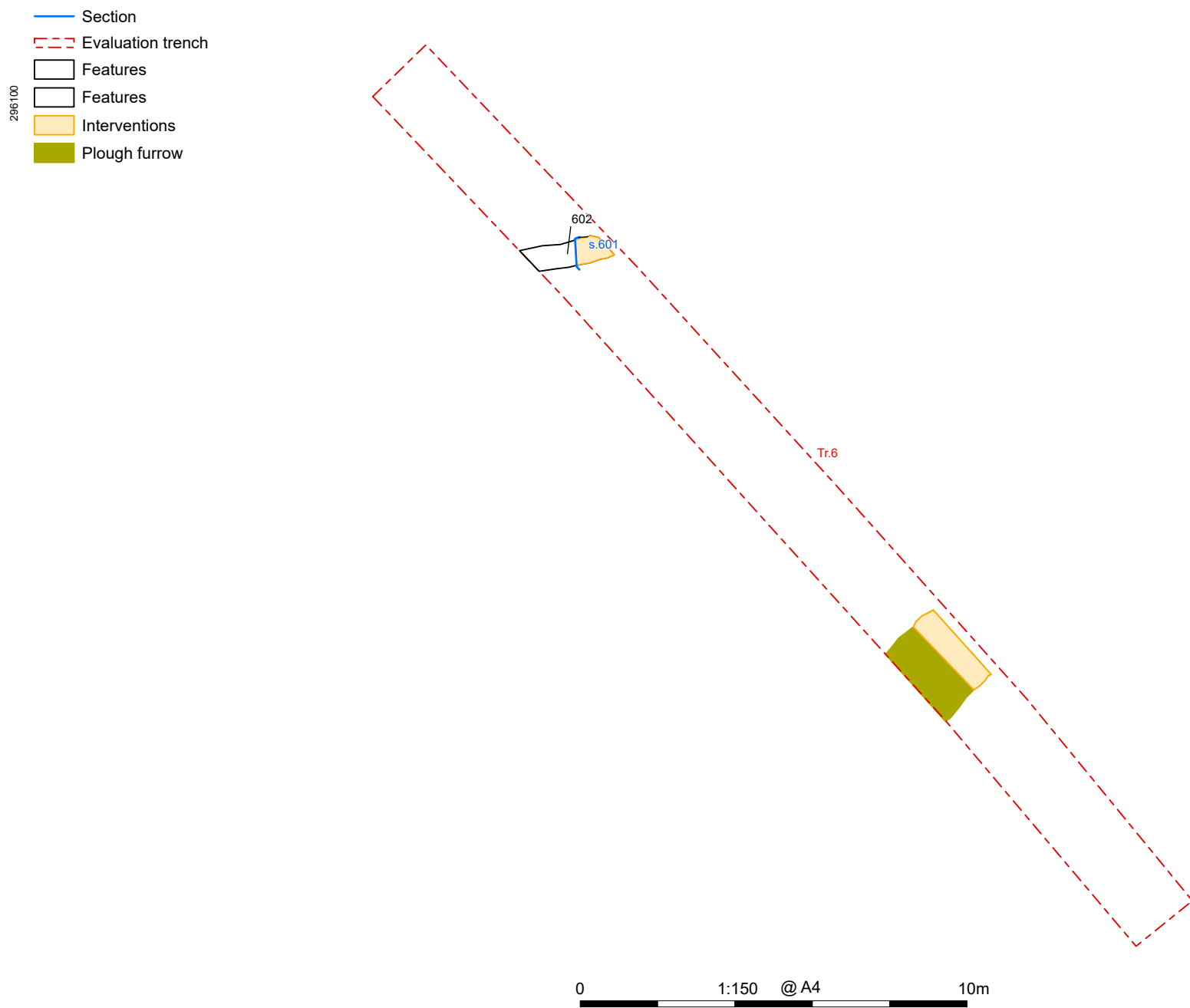


Figure 6: Plan of trench 6

- Section
- Evaluation trench
- Features
- Interventions
- Plough furrow

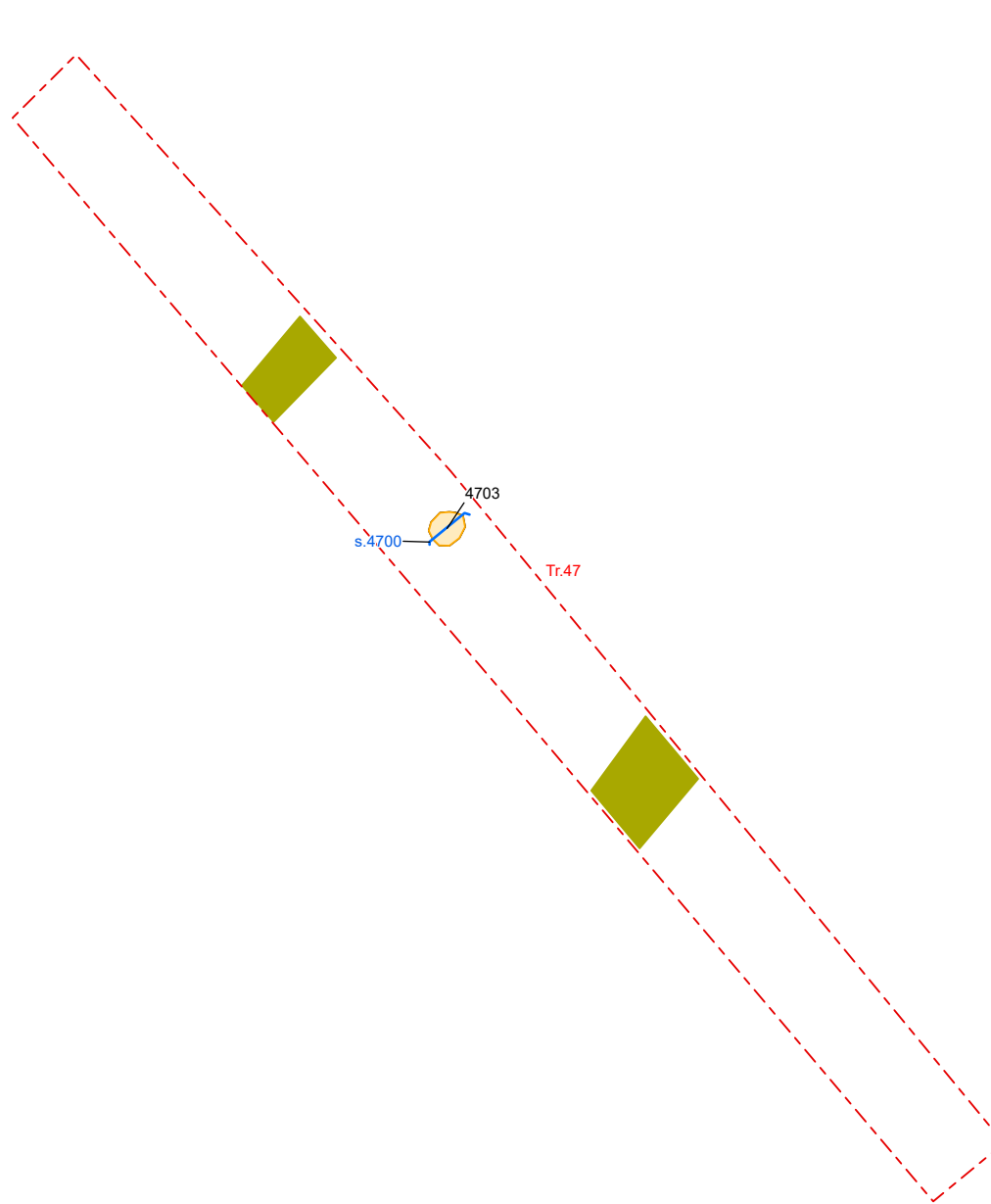


Figure 7: Plan of trench 47

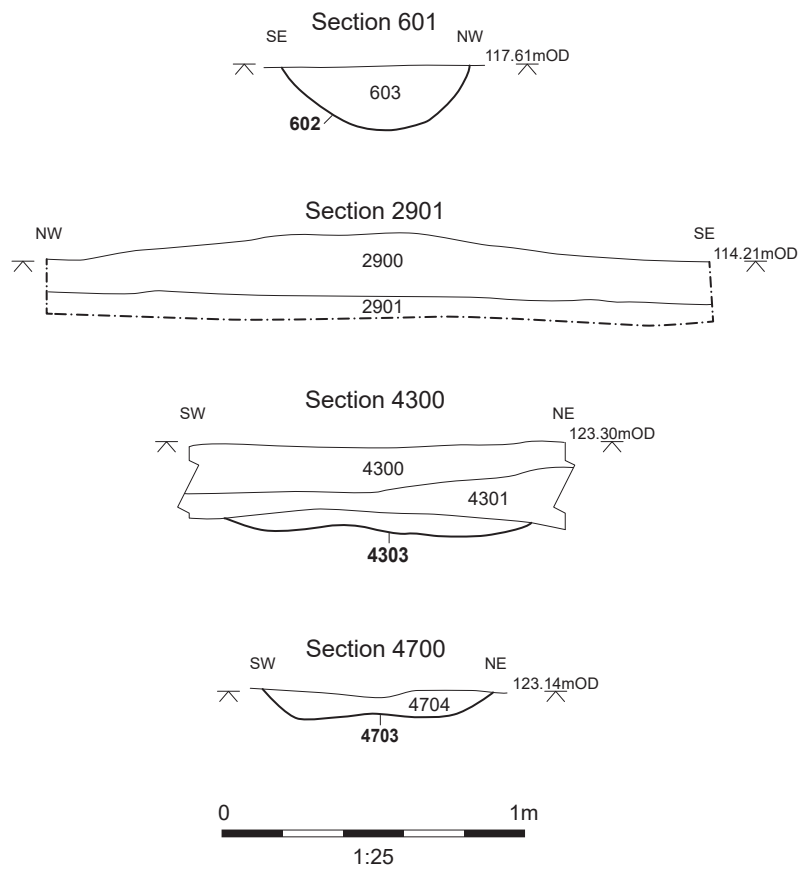


Figure 8: Selected sections

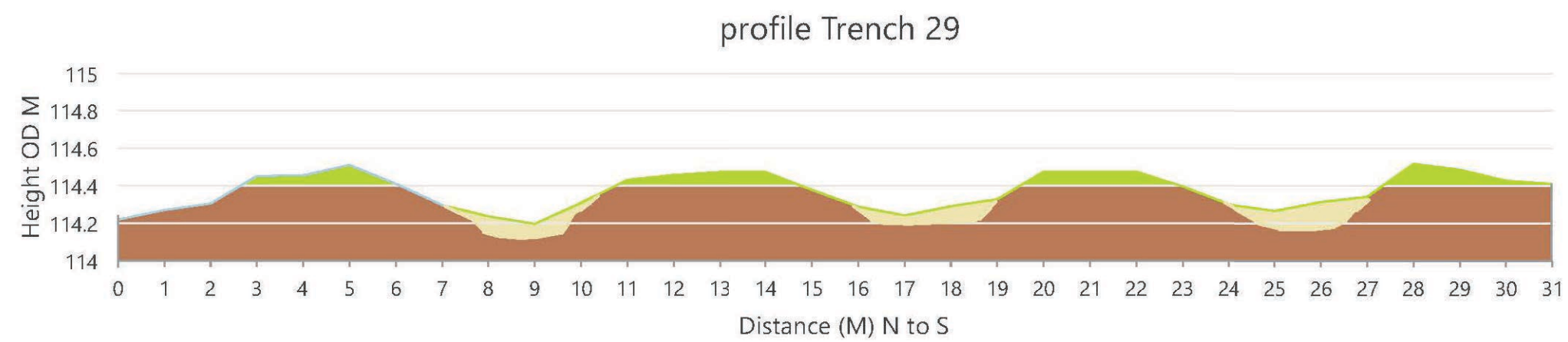
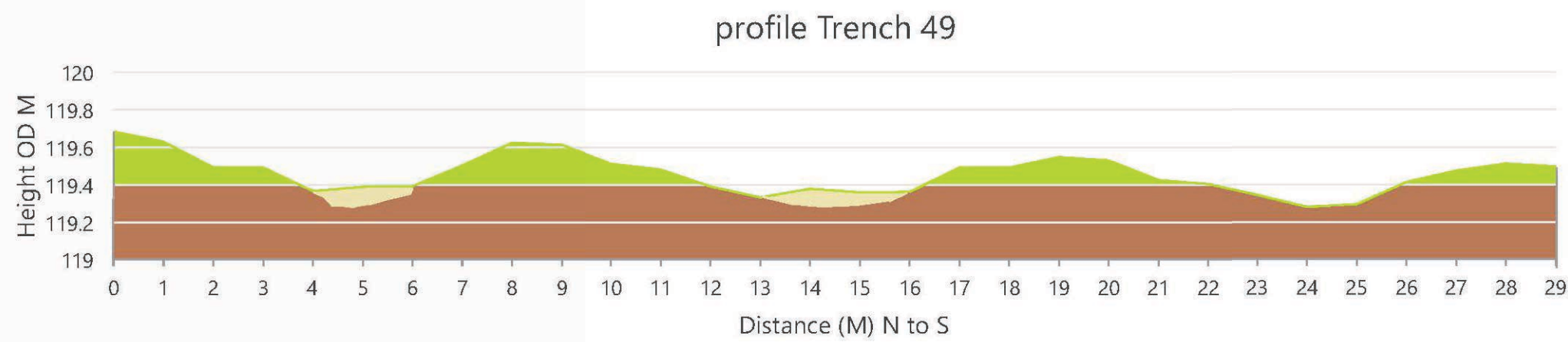


Figure 9: Ridge and furrow profiles from trenches 29 and 49

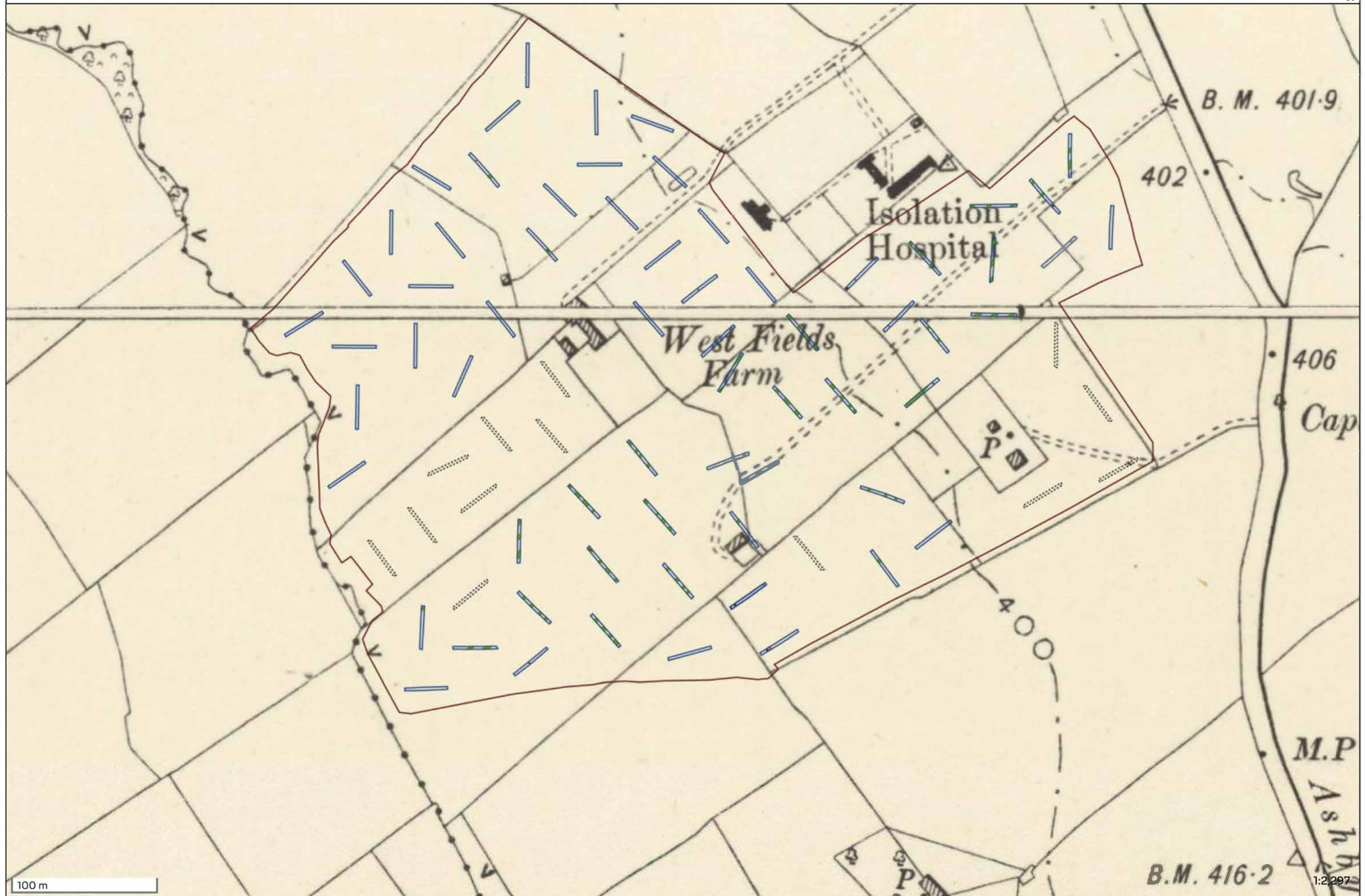


Figure 10: Trench features with 1888 OS Map



Plate 1: Trench 37, looking north west, showing former field boundary



Plate 2: Trench 43 looking north-west



Plate 3: Trench 43, section 4300, ditch 4303 looking north-west



Plate 4: Trench 57, showing modern disturbance, looking north-west



Plate 5: Trench 6 looking north-east



Plate 6: Trench 6, section 601, gully 602 looking south-west



Plate 7: Trench 47 looking north-east



Plate 8: Trench 47, section 4700, pit 4703 looking north-west



Plate 9: Trench 29 looking south-east showing upstanding ridge and furrow earthworks



Plate 10: Trench 49 looking north-west showing upstanding ridge and furrow earthworks

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