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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Written Scheme of Investigation

- 1.1.1 Wessex Archaeology prepared a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) for archaeological mitigation of a 6.53 ha parcel of land to the south of Wokingham, located between Waterloo Road in the east (NHR 482954 167870) and Finchampstead Road in the west (NGR 480933 167875; Wessex Archaeology 2024).
- 1.1.2 The WSI presented the scope for the undertaking of two phases of archaeological evaluation totalling 38 trial trenches across 8 of 14 identified mitigation areas (completed September 2024) and was approved by the Principal Archaeologist at Berkshire Archaeology, archaeological advisor to the Local Planning Authority (LPA). The six remaining areas were not included in the WSI scope for mitigation due to inaccessibility at the time (see Table 1).

Table 1 Previously inaccessible areas and reasons for lack of current investigation

Area No.	Reason for lack of evaluation during July/August 2024 works
1	Already subject to evaluation with the exception of a small area below overhead cables.
4	Located below overhead cables.
5	Partially below overhead cables and contains a large quantity of mature trees. Also positioned over a public bridleway.
7	Located below overhead cables.
8	No permission to remove dense vegetation and ground conditions are significantly wet and boggy.
12	Located below overhead cables.

- 1.1.3 Following the completion of the initial fieldwork as denoted within the WSI, issues regarding the access to these remaining areas have mostly been resolved and trial trenching is now proposed, the scope of which is detailed within this addendum (section 2; Figs 1 - 5), which should be read in conjunction with the WSI (Wessex Archaeology 2024). The methodology for the trial trenching remains the same as that specified within the preceding WSI (Wessex Archaeology 2024).

2 SCOPE OF TRIAL TRENCHING

- 2.1.1 The proposed evaluation will comprise the excavation, investigation and recording of an additional 9 trenches; 7 measuring 30 m in length and 1.8 m in width; 2 measuring 50m in length and 1.8m in width; located within Areas 1, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 12, as denoted in Table 2 and detailed in Figures 1 – 5.

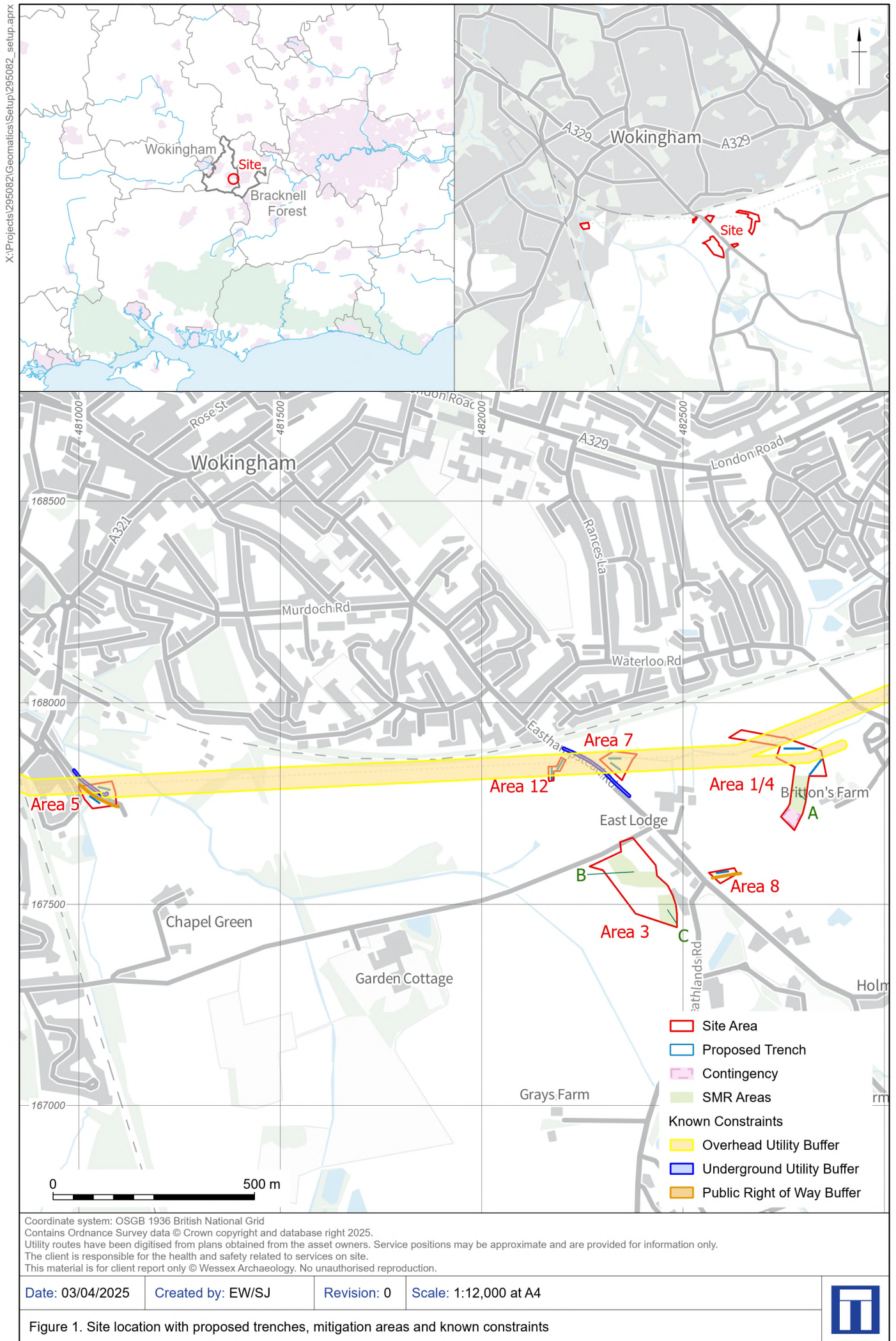


- 2.1.2 It is noted that several areas are located below overhead utilities, with trenches positioned within the recommended buffer zones. Due to the health and safety implications of working in such locations, excavation of the relevant trenches will be carried out under the guidance of Balfour Beatty (the client). However, compliance with health and safety regulations and requirements will take priority over archaeological considerations in all works.
- 2.1.3 Whilst trenches within Areas 8 and 5 have been included within this scope (Figs 1, 2 and 5), it is noted that previous investigations undertaken within the immediate vicinity have highlighted a low archaeological potential in these areas. As such consultation with the Principal Archaeologist regarding the requirement for these trenches is ongoing.
- 2.1.4 Archaeological features observed in the edges of the excavated trenches will need to be properly characterised in order to properly scope any further mitigation. This may require extending the trench edges around identified features where necessary to meet the defined aims in the WSI (Wessex Archaeology 2024).
- 2.1.5 This document will be submitted to the Principal Archaeologist at Berkshire Archaeology, archaeological advisor to the LPA, for approval prior to the evaluation.

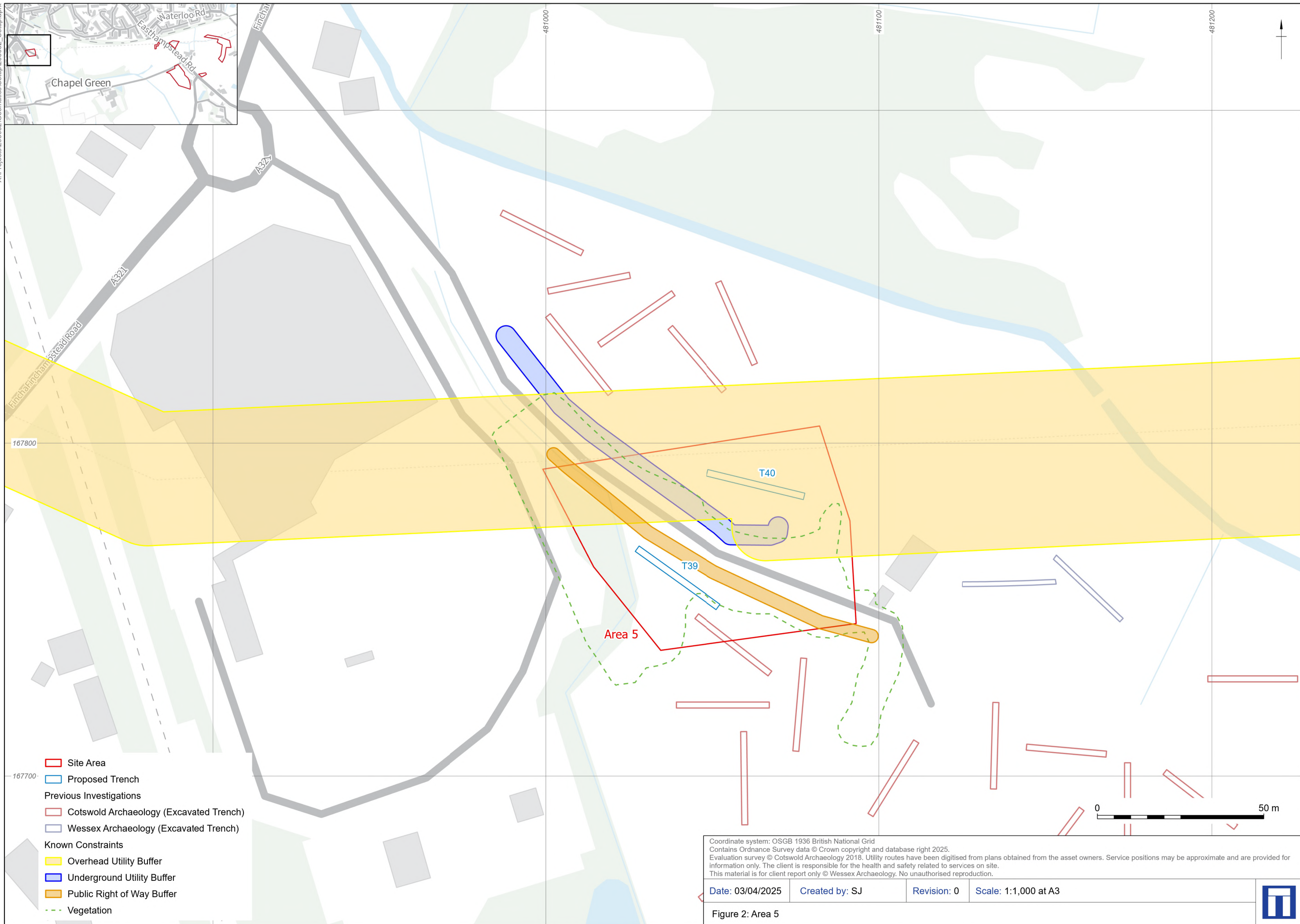


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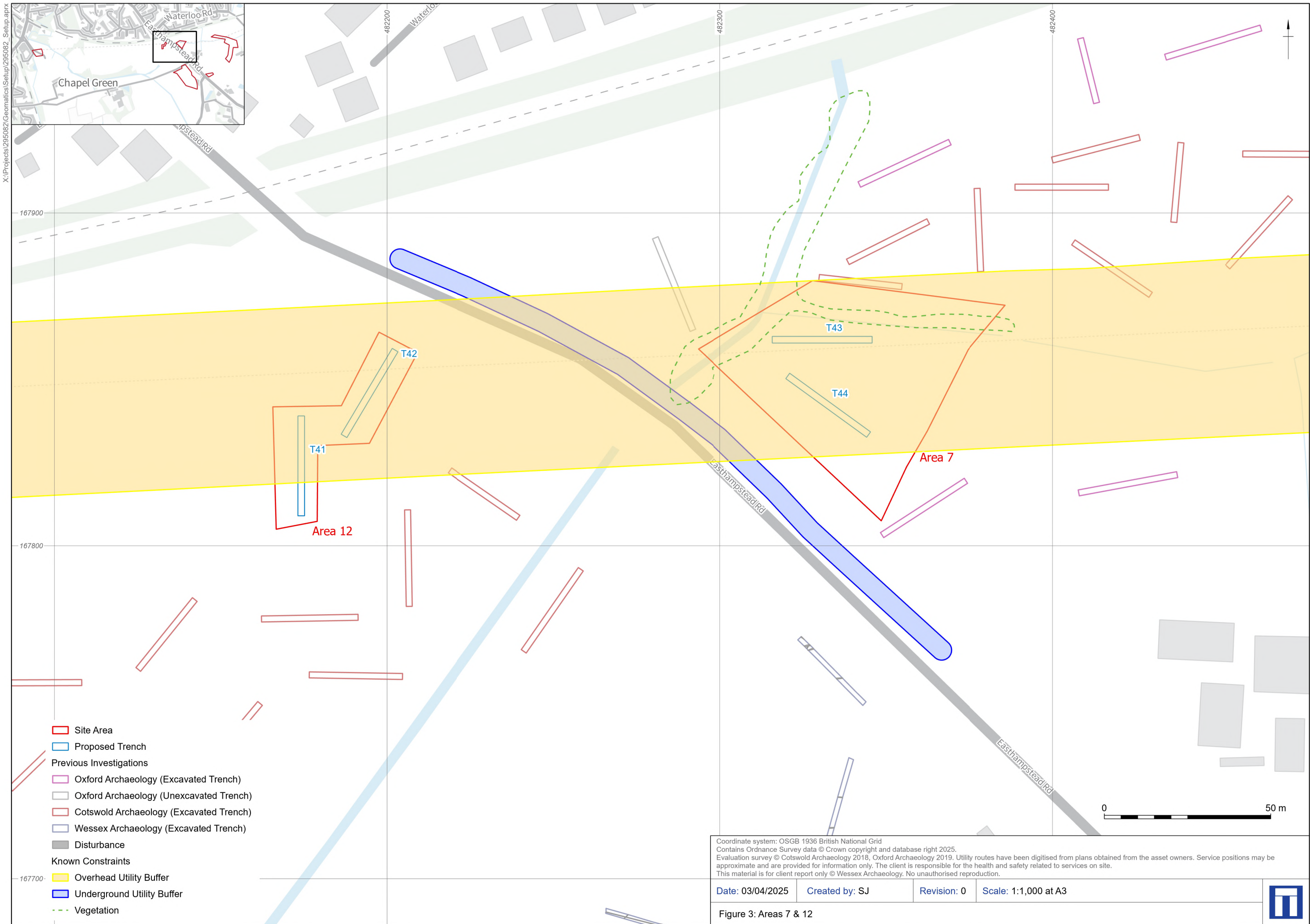
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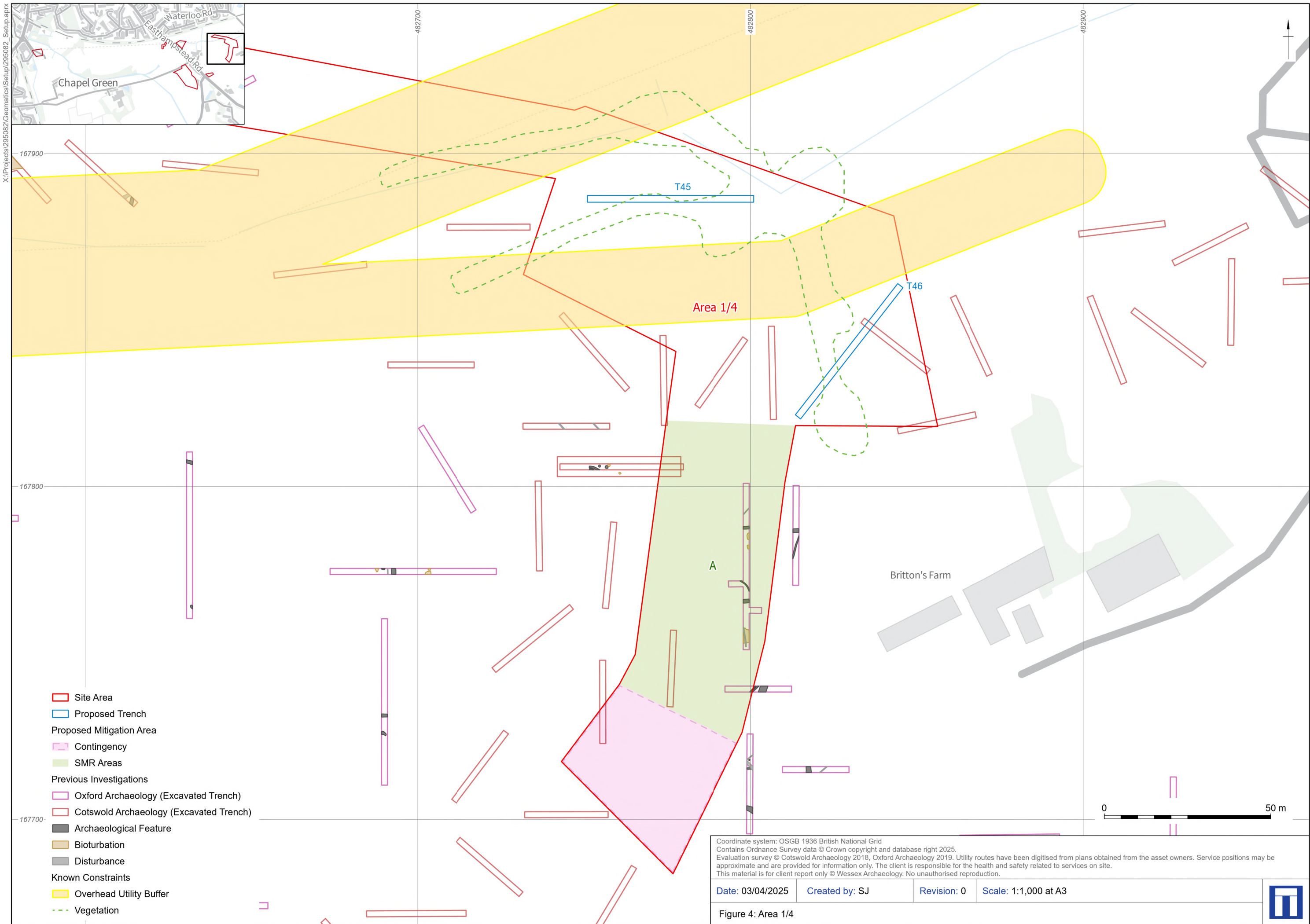
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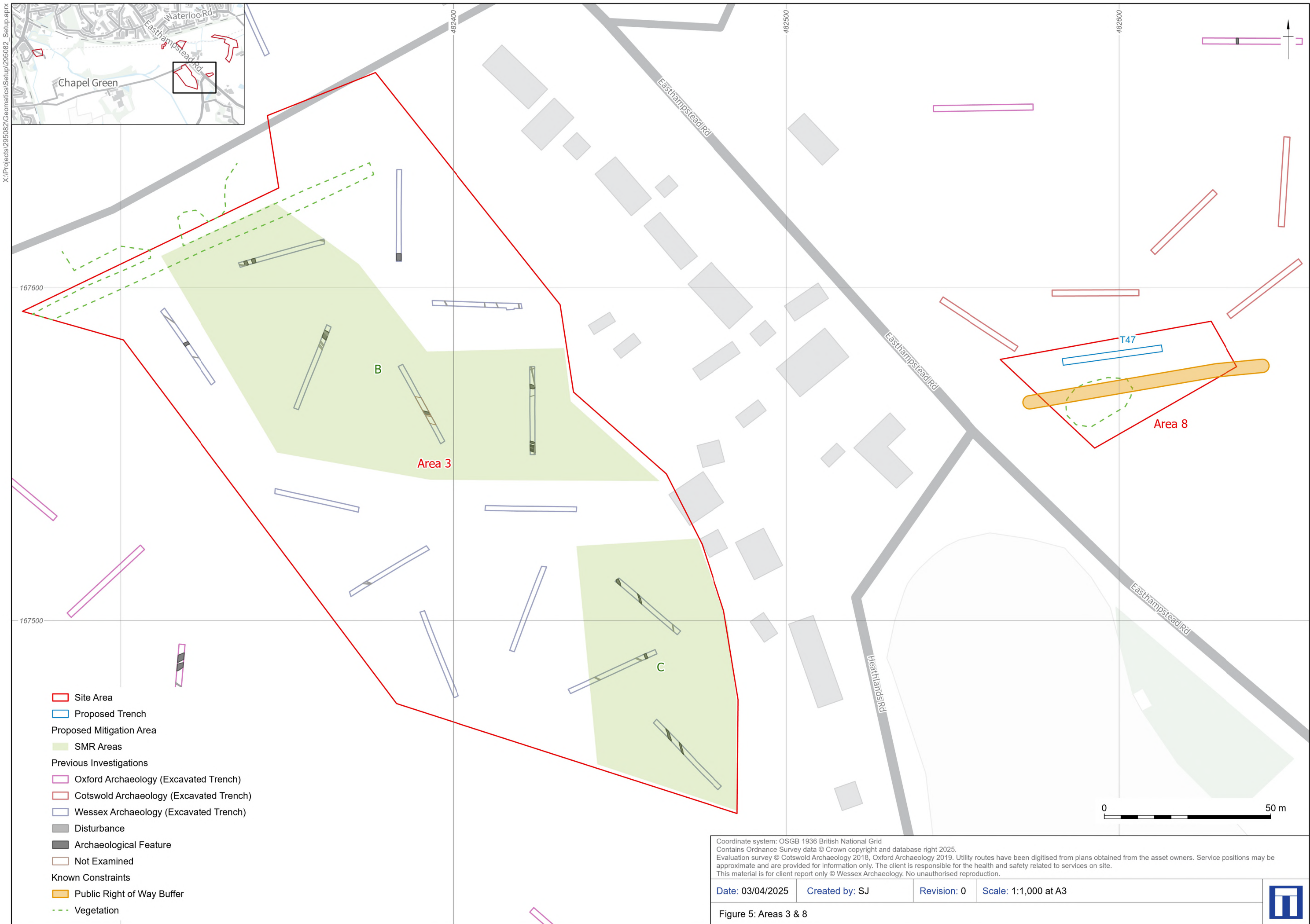
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