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## SUMMARY

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| <b>Project name:</b>        | Shinfield Studios Backlot          |
| <b>Location:</b>            | Shinfield, Berkshire               |
| <b>NGR:</b>                 | 474615 168686                      |
| <b>Type:</b>                | Evaluation                         |
| <b>Date:</b>                | 17–23 March 2023                   |
| <b>Planning reference:</b>  | Wokingham Borough Council 222906   |
| <b>Location of Archive:</b> | To be held by Cotswold Archaeology |
| <b>Site Code:</b>           | SSBT23                             |

In March 2023, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological evaluation at Shinfield Studios Backlot, Shinfield, Berkshire. A total of seven trenches were excavated.

The evaluation recorded a line of fifteen undated postholes which likely formed a fence line. Also recorded were two undated ditches, which may represent former field boundaries.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. In March 2023, Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological evaluation at Shinfield Studios Backlot, Shinfield, Berkshire centred at National Grid Reference (NGR): 474615 168686 (see Figure 1). This evaluation was undertaken for Bidwells LLP.
- 1.2. The evaluation results will inform a planning application for the erection of a temporary film studio backlot, which has been made to Wokingham Borough Council (planning ref: 222906).
- 1.3. The scope of this evaluation was defined by the Archaeological Officer at Berkshire Archaeology, the archaeological advisor to Wokingham Borough Council. The evaluation was carried out in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) prepared by CA (2023) and approved by the Archaeological Officer at Berkshire Archaeology.
- 1.4. The evaluation was also in line with *Standard and guidance for archaeological field evaluation* (CIfA 2014; updated October 2020), *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MoRPHE) PPN 3: Archaeological Excavation* (Historic England 2015) and *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment: The MoRPHE Project Managers' Guide* (Historic England 2015).

### The site

- 1.5. The proposed development site is approximately 2.2ha in extent. It lies on the eastern side of Cutbush Lane, on the eastern outskirts of Shinfield. The site currently comprises agricultural fields used as Shinfield Studios Backlot, located to the southeast of Old House Farm. The site lies at approximately 40m above Ordnance Datum (aOD).
- 1.6. The underlying bedrock geology of the site is mapped as London Clay Formation - comprising clay, silt and sand, which formed approximately 48 to 56 million years ago in the Palaeogene Period. This is overlain by superficial deposits of Brickearth clay, silt and sand, which formed during the Quaternary Period (BGS 2023).

## 2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

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- 2.1. The below is a succinct summary of HER data from a 1km radius around the site. No activity has been recorded within the site boundaries and largely it appears this would have been located within the hinterlands to other settlements, however this interpretation may be affected by the small quantity of archaeological investigations in the surrounding area.

#### **Early Prehistoric (500,000 BC to 4000 BC)**

- 2.2. Early Prehistoric activity in the surrounding area is typified by find spots of flint flakes and implements. A Palaeolithic handaxe was recovered in 1925 during gravel extractions c. 1km southwest of the site (Wymer 1968). Various flint flakes including a Mesolithic flint assemblage have also been found during field walking surveys of the Loddon Valley (Ford 1997). A residual flint assemblage of possible Late Mesolithic to Early Neolithic date was also recovered during evaluation of land to the north of Cutbush Lane, c. 500m east of site, which was deemed to be indicative of transient activity in the area (CA 2016).

#### **Neolithic (4000 BC – 2400 BC)**

- 2.3. Further finds of flint flakes and implements from the Neolithic period were recovered during field walking surveys of the Loddon Valley (Ford 1997). A ground and polished flint axe was also found c. 1km to the southeast of site at Parkside Cottage near Arborfield. This suggests that activity within the area was still transient at this time.

#### **Bronze Age (2400 BC -700 BC)**

- 2.4. During the Bronze Age a small increase in activity is noted in the current archaeological record. The HER data references a possible Bronze Age cremation was identified during evaluation of land north of Cutbush Lane (CA 2015). Subsequent excavation of the feature during further investigations revealed this to be a small undated pit with poorly preserved charcoal remains and no evidence of cremated bone (CA 2016). A possible cropmark potentially representing a Bronze Age hut circle has also been noted to the south of site. Various findspots of flint flakes and implements in the Loddon Valley fieldwalking surveys may also date to the Bronze Age (Ford 1997)

#### **Iron Age (700 BC- AD 43)**

- 2.5. In the Iron Age the first conclusive evidence for settlement in the local area can be seen in the archaeological record. An Early Iron Age boundary ditch was revealed during an archaeological watching brief at Cedar Hall Farm, located c. to 750m to the

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east of site. An evaluation and subsequent excavation of land north of Cutbush Lane, c. 750m west of the site, revealed a series of pits and ditches which may have had origins within the Middle Iron Age period based on pottery recovered from the fills (CA 2015 and 2016).

#### **Roman (AD 43 – AD 410)**

- 2.6. Occupation of the area which began in the Iron Age period appears to have continued into the Roman period. A possible Roman road was recorded as being present to the south of site, but subsequent investigations could find no evidence for it.
- 2.7. A phase of transitional Late Iron Age to Early Roman activity in the form of a rectilinear enclosure was recorded during excavations at land north of Cutbush Lane. Two hollow features within the enclosure were found to contain Early Roman pottery and extended beyond the limits of the excavation. A number of other small discrete features comprising of pits and postholes were also recorded some of which were undated whilst others contained Roman material. They did not appear however to form coherent structures. The Late Iron Age-Early Roman enclosure was surrounded by a series of Late Roman ditches which also appear to have been forming some form of enclosure with a possible trackway leading to it (CA 2016)
- 2.8. Two small pits containing small quantities of Romano-British pottery were recovered during an evaluation investigating linear features visible as cropmarks c. 1km southwest of site. Three undated ditches were also recorded and may be of similar date (OAU 1999).
- 2.9. A possible Romano-British field system was recorded during archaeological monitoring c. 1km southeast of site, although the dating around this is uncertain (AC 2015).

#### **Early Medieval (AD 410 – 1066)**

- 2.10. No evidence for early medieval occupation surrounding the site is recorded within the HER data, although the nearby village of Shinfield is recorded in the Domesday survey as a settlement predating the Norman Conquest. Within the nearby village of Arborfield lies the remains of a 13th century ruined church of St Bartholomew, which is a Grade II listed building. It is also believed that the original village nucleus may have been located more to the west of the current village (Ford 1987).

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- 2.11. Small amounts of medieval pottery were recovered during excavations north of Cutbush Lane from features including two pits and ditches. Residual medieval pottery was also recovered from later post-medieval ditches (CA 2016).
  - 2.12. A singular ditch containing medieval pottery was recorded during an evaluation of land south of Cutbush Lane (CA 2020).
  - 2.13. Ridge and furrow have been observed c. 500m to the east of site suggesting that the site will likely have been agricultural hinterlands during this period.

#### **Post-medieval to modern (1540 to present)**

- 2.14. Post-medieval activity is largely limited to field boundaries recorded during investigations near Cutbush Lane (CA 2016 and 2020).
- 2.15. Post-medieval ditches were also recorded as part of an archaeological and geoarchaeological evaluation undertaken by Wessex Archaeology in 2021 just north of the site (Wessex Archaeology 2021)
- 2.16. Cropmarks of a road and curving boundary and square enclosure may all date to this period, but this is uncertain.
- 2.17. Possible remains of a building were identified during geophysical surveys c.1km to the southeast of site near Hall Farm.
- 2.18. Historic mapping (not illustrated) shows that Old House Farm directly to the northwest of site had been established by 1838 and that the site has long been used for agricultural purposes.

### **3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

- 3.1. The general objective of the evaluation was to provide further information on the likely archaeological resource within the site, including its presence/absence, character, extent, date and state of preservation. This information will enable Wokingham Borough Council to identify and assess the particular significance of any archaeological heritage assets within the site, consider the impact of the proposed development upon that significance and, if appropriate, develop strategies to avoid or minimise conflict between heritage asset conservation and the development proposals, in line with the *National Planning Policy Framework* (MHCLG 2021).

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- 3.2. A further objective of the project is to compile a stable, ordered, accessible project archive.

## 4. METHODOLOGY

- 4.1. The initial evaluation fieldwork proposed in the WSI (CA 2023) comprised the excavation of 8 trenches (see Figure 2). A total of 7 trenches, each measuring 50m x 1.8m were excavated.
- 4.2. **Trench 1** was not excavated due to being located on the access track and could not be relocated due to physical constraints present on site. Furthermore, **Trench 2** was split into two halves due to a service and **Trenches 5** and **6** had small extensions in order to further expose archaeological features.
- 4.3. Trenches were set out on OS National Grid co-ordinates using Leica GPS. Overburden was stripped from the trenches by a mechanical excavator fitted with a toothless grading bucket. All machining was conducted under archaeological supervision to the top of the natural substrate, which was the level at which archaeological features were first encountered.
- 4.4. Archaeological features/deposits were investigated, planned and recorded in accordance with *CA Technical Manual 1: Fieldwork Recording Manual*.
- 4.5. Deposits were assessed for their palaeoenvironmental potential in accordance with *CA Technical Manual 2: The Taking and Processing of Environmental and Other Samples from Archaeological Sites*. No deposits were identified that required sampling.
- 4.6. Currently, Wokingham Borough Council do not have a repository for archaeological archives. As such, the project archive will be held by CA until such time a recipient museum is appointed.
- 4.7. A summary of information from this project, as set out in Appendix B, will be entered onto the OASIS online database of archaeological projects in Britain.

## 5. RESULTS

- 5.1. This section provides an overview of the evaluation results. Detailed summaries of the recorded contexts are given in Appendix A.

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5.2. The natural substrate was exposed at an average depth of 0.58m below present ground level. It comprised mid-brown/yellow sandy flint based gravel with bands of sandy clay. It was overlain by 0.28m of sandy clay subsoil, which was covered in turn by 0.29m of topsoil. Trenches **2, 3, 7 and 8** contained no archaeological features or deposits (Figure 3).

5.3. **Trenches 4, 5 and 6** contained archaeological features, and are discussed below.

#### **Trench 4 (Figure 4)**

5.4. Posthole **403** was circular in plan, measured 0.45m in length, 0.57m in width and 0.23m in depth. It contained a single undated fill (**404**).

5.5. North-west/south-east aligned ditch **405** was 1.1m wide and 0.3m deep, with a single undated fill (**406**). This feature appears to correspond to a cropmark seen on Google Earth which possibly represents a previous field boundary ditch.

#### **Trench 5 (Figure 5)**

5.6. East/west aligned ditch terminus **503** was 1.17m wide and 0.29m deep, with a single undated fill (**504**) comprising of a friable dark brown grey silty sandy clay with small amounts of flint gravel inclusions.

#### **Trench 6 (Figures 6–8)**

5.7. **Trench 6** contained 15 postholes arranged in a north-west/south-east linear formation. The posthole fills were indistinguishable from the subsoil, and it was uncertain whether they were cut into or sealed by the subsoil. Four of these postholes were excavated. The remaining 11 postholes were recorded in plan and contained similar fill material to that of the excavated postholes.

5.8. Posthole **603** was circular in plan, measured 0.33m in diameter and 0.3m in depth. It had straight sides into a concave base. It had a single undated fill (**604**).

5.9. Posthole **607** was circular in plan, measured 0.58m in length, 0.53m in width and 0.2m in depth. It had straight sides with a moderate break of slope into a flat base. It contained a single undated fill (**608**).

5.10. Posthole **615** was circular in plan, measured 0.39m in length, 0.43m in width and 0.12m in depth. It had straight sides with a moderate break of slope into a flat base. It contained a single undated fill (**616**).

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- 5.11. -Posthole **625** was circular in plan, measured 0.52m in length, 0.45m in width and 0.1m in depth. It had straight sides with a moderate break of slope into a flat base. It contained a single undated fill (**626**).

## 6. DISCUSSION

- 6.1. The evaluation recorded two ditches and 16 postholes. No dating evidence was recovered.
- 6.2. The ditch in **Trench 4** corresponds to a cropmark seen on Google Earth which possibly represents a previous field boundary ditch. The very wet conditions when excavating this feature also could indicate a drainage ditch. The ditch in **Trench 5** could also be representative of a boundary ditch, however its fill is very different from the ditch in **Trench 4** indicating that these are perhaps not contemporary.
- 6.3. **Trench 6** contained a line of fifteen postholes which likely formed a fence line. The site activity is probably indicative of dispersed agricultural activity within the immediate area.

## 7. CA PROJECT TEAM

- 7.1. Fieldwork was undertaken by, assisted by Kathrine Hebbard, Charlie Sessions and Megan Whitehead. This report was written by Kathrine Hebbard. The report illustrations were prepared by Li Sou. The project archive has been compiled by Kathrine Hebbard and prepared for deposition by Hazel O'Neill. The project was managed for CA by Niomi Edwards.

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## APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

| Context No. | Type  | Fill of | Interpretation      | Description                                                                                                                                 | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth/thickness (m) |
|-------------|-------|---------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------|---------------------|
| 200         | layer |         | Topsoil             | Dark brown grey friable to loose sandy silt with rare flint gravel inclusions (5%, 25mm)                                                    | 44.82      | 2.05      | 0.29                |
| 201         | layer |         | Subsoil             | Mid yellow brown friable silty sandy clay with rare flint gravel (10%)                                                                      | 44.82      | 2.05      | 0.2                 |
| 202         | layer |         | Natural             | Dark yellow brown compact silty sandy clay with flint gravel patches                                                                        | 44.82      | 2.05      |                     |
| 300         | layer |         | Topsoil             | Dark grey brown friable to loose sandy silt with very rare flint gravel (10%)                                                               | 50.43      | 2.05      | 0.29                |
| 301         | layer |         | Subsoil             | Mid yellow brown friable silty sandy clay with rare flint (10%)                                                                             | 50.43      | 2.05      | 0.26                |
| 302         | layer |         | Natural             | Dark yellow brown compact silty clay with patches of sandy gravel                                                                           | 50.43      | 2.05      |                     |
| 400         | layer |         | Topsoil             | Dark brown grey friable silty sand with flint gravel (10%)                                                                                  | 50.49      | 2.05      | 0.35                |
| 401         | layer |         | Subsoil             | Mid grey brown friable silty sand with occasional flint gravel inclusions (10%)                                                             | 50.49      | 2.05      | 0.2                 |
| 402         | layer |         | Natural             | Mid brown yellow loose gravel with bands of yellow brown sand.                                                                              | 50.49      | 2.05      |                     |
| 403         | cut   |         | Posthole            | Circular, concave sides with sharp break and tapered uneven base with moderate break.                                                       | 0.45       | 0.57      | 0.23                |
| 404         | fill  | 403     | Deliberate Backfill | Mid grey brown friable silty sand with sub-angular stones (10%, 50mm) with charcoal flecks (10%).                                           | 0.45       | 0.57      | 0.23                |
| 405         | cut   |         | Ditch               | Linear with near vertical to steep sides with a straight break and a flat base with imperceptible break, NW to SE running, heavily flooded. | >1.5       | 1.1       | 0.3                 |
| 406         | fill  | 405     | Deliberate Backfill | Dark brown grey friable to compact silty clay with medium sub-angular flint gravel (10%, 0-120mm)                                           | >1.5       | 1.1       | 0.3                 |
| 500         | layer |         | Topsoil             | Dark grey brown friable silty sand with flint gravels (5%)                                                                                  | 48.78      | 2.05      | 0.33                |
| 501         | layer |         | Subsoil             | Mid orange brown friable sandy clay with flint gravel (5%)                                                                                  | 48.78      | 2.05      | 0.25                |
| 502         | layer |         | Natural             | Mid yellow brown friable sandy clay with flint gravel (5%)                                                                                  | 48.78      | 2.05      |                     |
| 503         | cut   |         | Ditch               | Linear running E-W. Moderate break with concave sides to irregular uneven base with a gentle break. Field boundary                          | >3         | 1.17      | 0.29                |
| 504         | fill  | 503     | Secondary Fill      | Dark brown grey friable silty sandy clay with rare flint gravel (5%), heavily rooted                                                        | >3         | 1.17      | 0.29                |
| 600         | layer |         | Topsoil             | Dark grey friable friable silty sand with flint gravels (5%)                                                                                | 47         | 1.96      | 0.22                |
| 601         | layer |         | Subsoil             | Mid orange brown friable sandy clay flint gravels (1%)                                                                                      | 47         | 1.96      | 0.3                 |
| 602         | layer |         | Natural             | Mid yellow brown friable sandy clay with gravel in inclusions                                                                               | 47         | 1.96      |                     |
| 603         | cut   |         | Posthole            | Circular with straight sharp break sides and rounded moderate break base.                                                                   | 0.33       | 0.32      | 0.3                 |

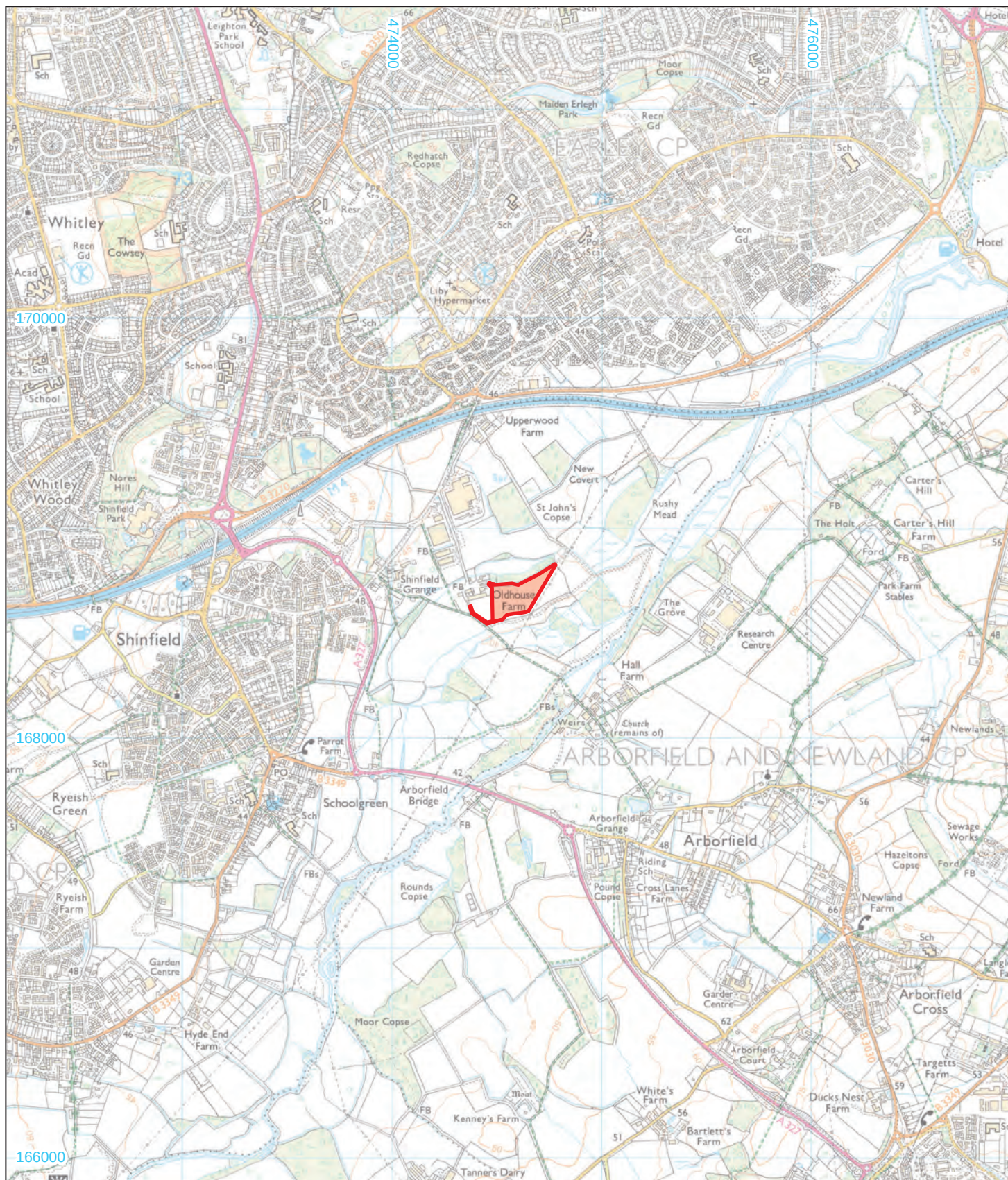
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| 604 | fill  | 603 | Deliberate Backfill | Mid orange brown friable sandy silt with flint gravel (15%)                  | 0.33  | 0.32 | 0.3  |
| 605 | cut   |     | Posthole            | Circular, in posthole line                                                   | 0.44  | 0.51 |      |
| 606 | fill  |     | Posthole            | Fill of 605, Mid orange brown friable sandy silt with flint gravel           | 0.44  | 0.51 |      |
| 607 | cut   |     | Posthole            | Circular with straight sides with sharp break and flat moderate break.       | 0.58  | 0.53 | 0.2  |
| 608 | fill  | 607 | Secondary Fill      | Mid grey brown friable clayey sand with flint gravel (10%)                   | 0.58  | 0.53 | 0.2  |
| 609 | cut   |     | Posthole            | Circular, in line of postholes                                               | 0.48  | 0.58 |      |
| 610 | fill  |     | Posthole            | Fill of 609, Mid orange brown friable sandy silt with flint gravel           | 0.48  | 0.58 |      |
| 611 | cut   |     | Posthole            | Circular, in line of postholes                                               | 0.51  | 0.51 |      |
| 612 | fill  |     | Posthole            | Fill of 611, Mid orange brown friable sandy silt with flint gravel           | 0.51  | 0.51 |      |
| 613 | cut   |     | Posthole            | Circular, in line of postholes                                               | 0.47  | 0.47 |      |
| 614 | fill  |     | Posthole            | Fill of 613, Mid orange brown friable sandy silt with flint gravel           | 0.47  | 0.47 |      |
| 615 | cut   |     | Posthole            | Circular with straight sides sharp break and flat moderate break.            | 0.39  | 0.43 | 0.12 |
| 616 | fill  | 615 | Deliberate Backfill | Mid grey brown friable clayey silt with flint gravel (5%)                    | 0.39  | 0.43 | 0.12 |
| 617 | cut   |     | Posthole            | Circular, line of postholes                                                  | 0.41  | 0.45 |      |
| 618 | fill  |     | Posthole            | Fill of posthole 617, Mid orange brown friable sandy silt with flint gravel  | 0.41  | 0.45 |      |
| 619 | cut   |     | Posthole            | Circular, line of postholes                                                  | 0.5   | 0.49 |      |
| 620 | fill  |     | Posthole            | Fill of 619, Mid orange brown friable sandy silt with flint gravel           | 0.5   | 0.49 |      |
| 621 | cut   |     | Posthole            | Circular, in line of postholes                                               | 0.45  | 0.53 |      |
| 622 | fill  |     | Posthole            | Fill of 621, Mid orange brown friable sandy silt with flint gravel           | 0.45  | 0.53 |      |
| 623 | cut   |     | Posthole            | Circular, in line of postholes                                               | 0.47  | 0.53 |      |
| 624 | fill  |     | Posthole            | Fill of 623, Mid orange brown friable sandy silt with flint gravel           | 0.47  | 0.53 |      |
| 625 | cut   |     | Posthole            | Circular, straight sides with sharp break and flat base with moderate break. | 0.52  | 0.45 | 0.1  |
| 626 | fill  | 625 | Deliberate Backfill | Mid grey brown friable clayey sand with flint gravel (25%)                   | 0.52  | 0.45 | 0.1  |
| 627 | cut   |     | Posthole            | Circular, in line of postholes                                               | 0.41  | 0.41 |      |
| 628 | fill  |     | Posthole            | Fill of 627, Mid orange brown friable sandy silt with flint gravel           | 0.41  | 0.41 |      |
| 629 | cut   |     | Posthole            | Circular, in line of postholes                                               | 0.43  | 0.5  |      |
| 630 | fill  |     | Posthole            | Fill of 629, Mid orange brown friable sandy silt with flint gravel           | 0.43  | 0.5  |      |
| 631 | cut   |     | Posthole            | Circular, in line of postholes                                               | 0.45  | 0.44 |      |
| 632 | fill  |     | Posthole            | Fill of 632, Mid orange brown friable sandy silt with flint gravel           | 0.45  | 0.44 |      |
| 700 | layer |     | Topsoil             | Dark grey brown friable silty sandy clay with flint gravel (5%)              | 49.51 | 2.05 | 0.29 |
| 701 | layer |     | Subsoil             | Mid grey brown friable silty sandy clay with flint gravel (10%)              | 49.51 | 2.05 | 0.51 |

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| 702 | layer |  | Natural | Mid orange yellow loose silty clay with bands of sand and gravel | 49.51 | 2.05 |      |
| 800 | layer |  | Topsoil | Dark brown grey friable sandy silt with flint gravel (5%)        | 49.92 | 2.05 | 0.28 |
| 801 | layer |  | Subsoil | Mid grey brown friable silty clay with flint gravel (5%)         | 49.92 | 2.05 | 0.29 |
| 802 | layer |  | Natural | Mid orange brown friable sand with bands of flint gravel (40%)   | 49.92 | 2.05 |      |

## APPENDIX B: OASIS REPORT FORM

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| <b>PROJECT DETAILS</b>                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                    |
| Project name                                                                                                                                     | Shinfield Studios Backlot, Shinfield, Berkshire                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                    |
| Short description                                                                                                                                | In March 2023, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological evaluation at Shinfield Studios Backlot, Shinfield, Berkshire. A total of seven trenches were excavated. The evaluation recorded a line of fifteen undated postholes which likely formed a fence line. Also recorded were two undated ditches, which may represent former field boundaries. |                                                                    |
| Project dates                                                                                                                                    | 17 <sup>th</sup> March to 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2023                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                    |
| Project type                                                                                                                                     | Evaluation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                    |
| Previous work                                                                                                                                    | none                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                    |
| Future work                                                                                                                                      | Unknown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                    |
| <b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                    |
| Site location                                                                                                                                    | Shinfield Studios, Shinfield, Berkshire                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                    |
| Study area (m <sup>2</sup> /ha)                                                                                                                  | 2.2ha                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                    |
| Site co-ordinates                                                                                                                                | 474615 168686                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                    |
| <b>PROJECT CREATORS</b>                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                    |
| Name of organisation                                                                                                                             | Cotswold Archaeology                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                    |
| Project brief originator                                                                                                                         | Berkshire Archaeology                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                    |
| Project design (WSI) originator                                                                                                                  | Cotswold Archaeology                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                    |
| Project Manager                                                                                                                                  | Niomi Edwards                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                    |
| Project Supervisor                                                                                                                               | Kathrine Hebbard                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                    |
| <b>MONUMENT TYPE</b>                                                                                                                             | Postholes and ditches                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                    |
| <b>SIGNIFICANT FINDS</b>                                                                                                                         | none                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                    |
| <b>PROJECT ARCHIVES</b>                                                                                                                          | <b>Intended final location of archive</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Content</b>                                                     |
| Physical                                                                                                                                         | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | none                                                               |
| Paper                                                                                                                                            | Receiving museum TBC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Context sheets, drawings trench sheets photo register matrices etc |
| Digital                                                                                                                                          | Receiving museum TBC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Database, digital photos DRS survey data                           |
| <b>BIBLIOGRAPHY</b>                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                    |
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 Site boundary

0  1km

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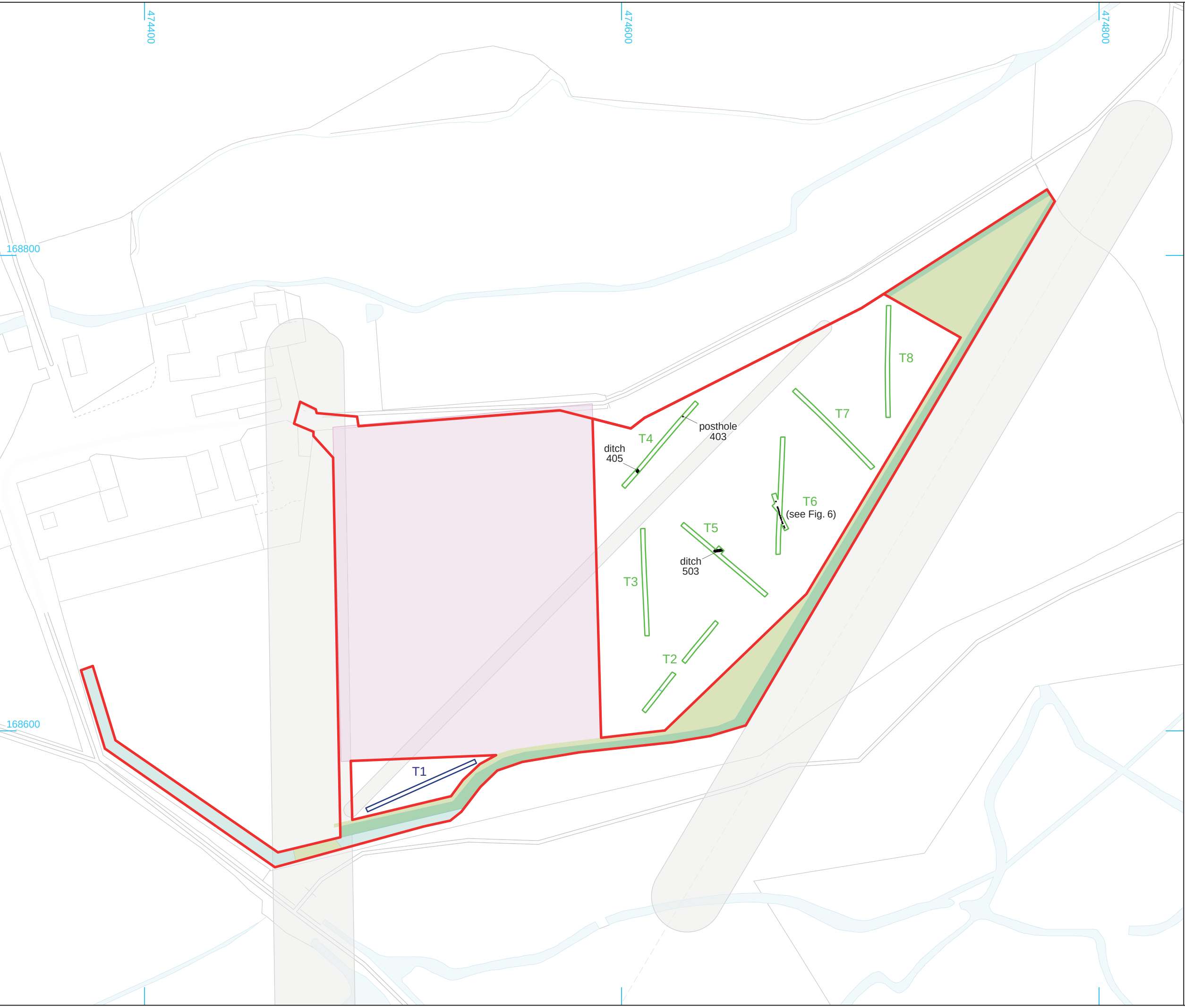
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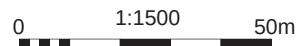
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**FIGURE NO.**

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- Site boundary
- Evaluation trench
- Proposed evaluation trench
- Archaeological feature
- Field drain
- Constraint (area not trenchable)
- Constraint (Proposed Broadleaved Woodland Mix)
- Constraint (Proposed EM4 Emorsgate Meadow Mixture)
- Constraint (Proposed Native Scrub Mix)
- Constraint (Service Buffer)



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FIGURE TITLE  
Trench location plan showing archaeological features

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Trench 2, looking north-east (scales 1m)



Trench 3, looking south (scales 1m)

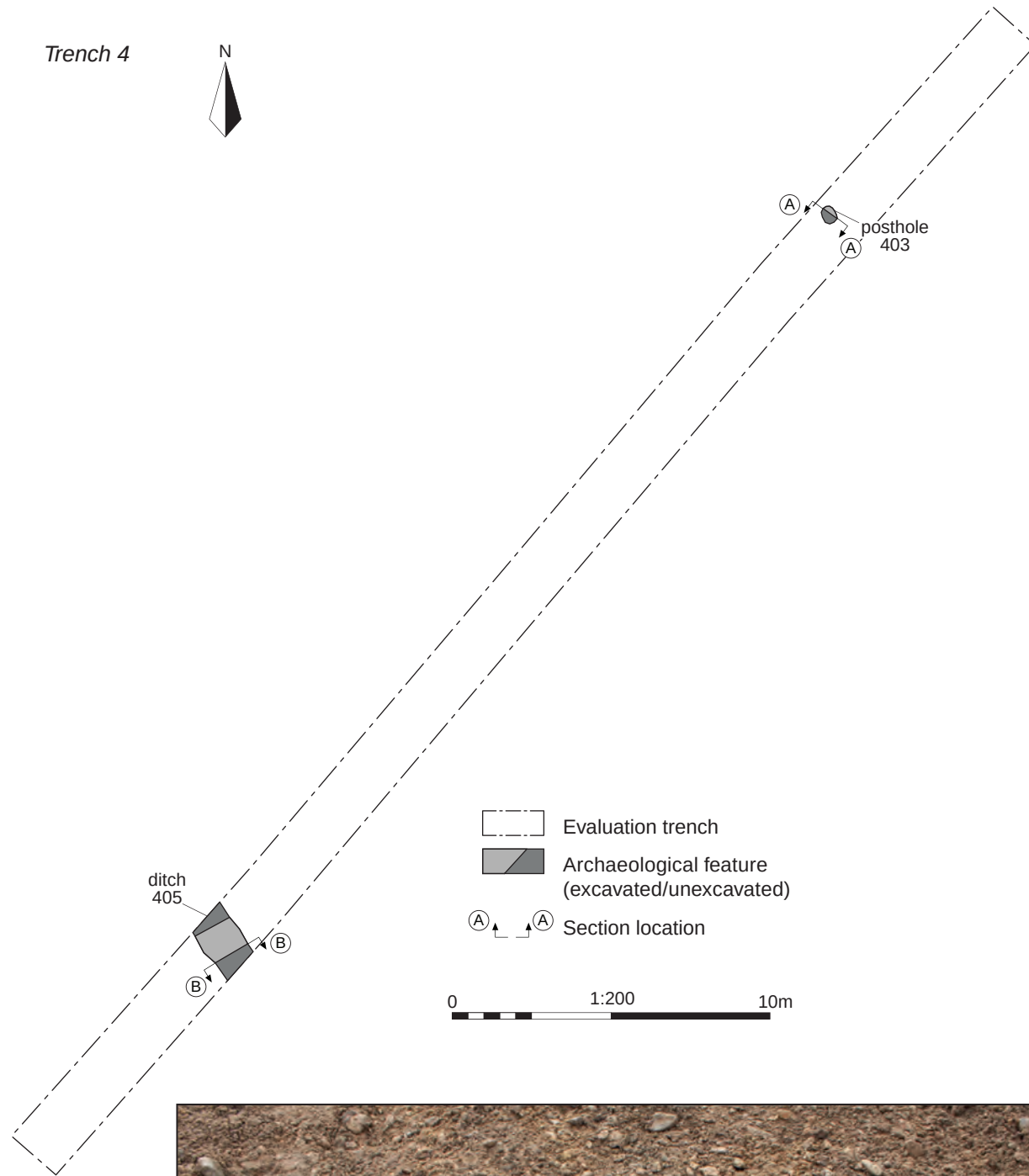


Trench 7, looking north-west (scales 1m)



Trench 8, looking south-west (scales 1m)

# Trench 4



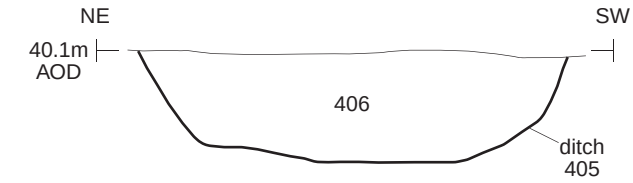
- Evaluation trench
- Archaeological feature (excavated/unexcavated)
- Section location

0 1:200 10m

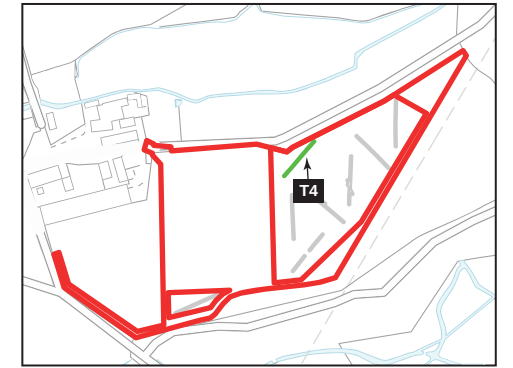
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## Section BB



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Trench 4, looking south-west (scales 1m)



Posthole 403, looking south-west (scale 0.3m)



Ditch 405, looking south-east (scale 1m)

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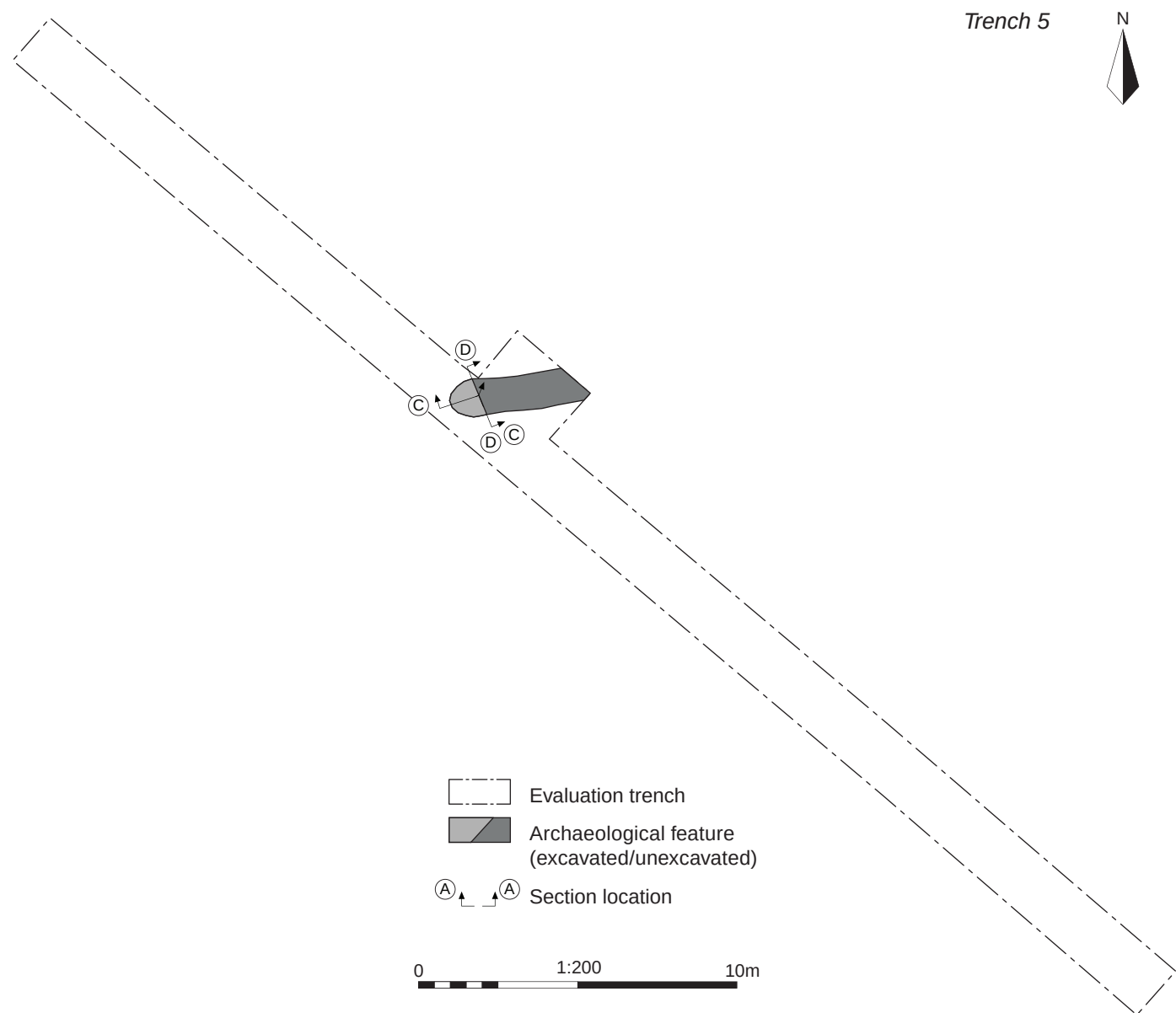
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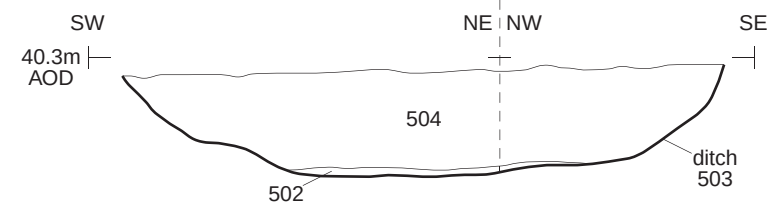
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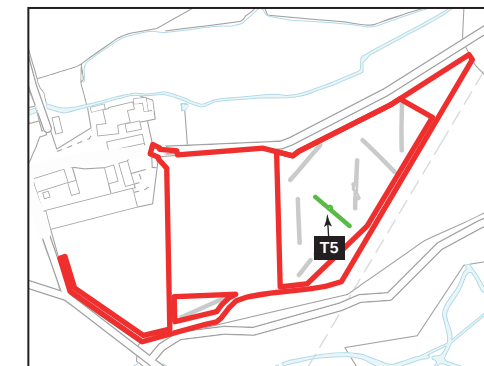
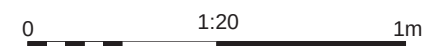
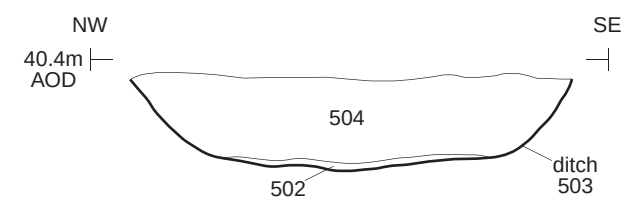
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Section CC



Section DD



Trench 5, looking south-east (scales 1m)



Ditch 503, looking north-east (scale 1m)

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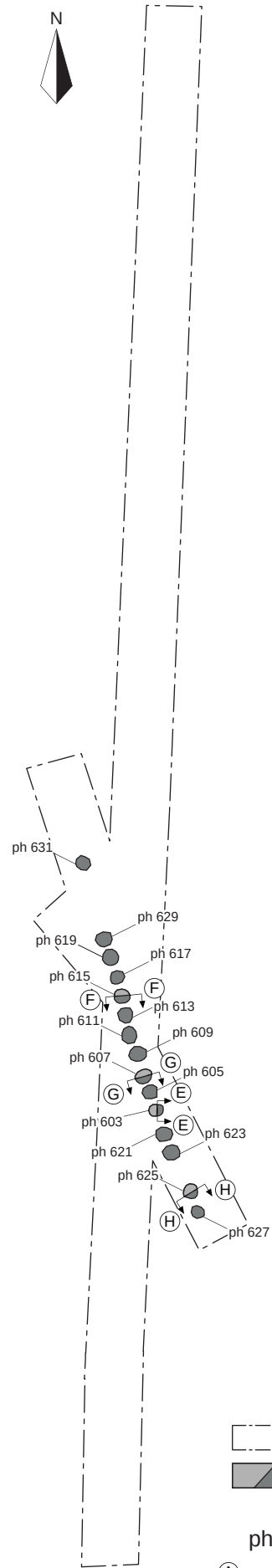
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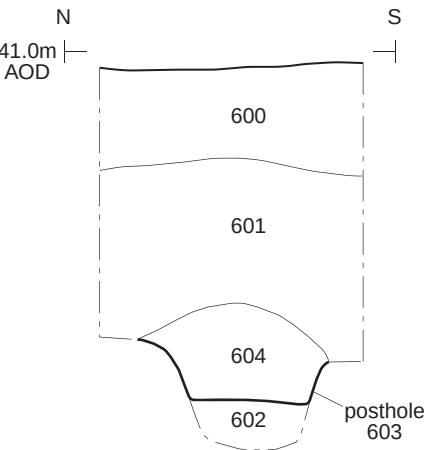
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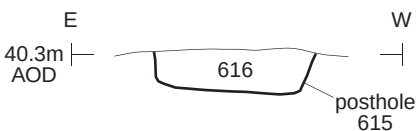
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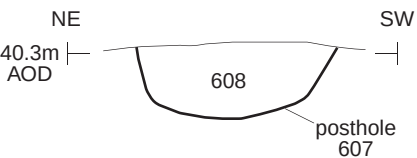
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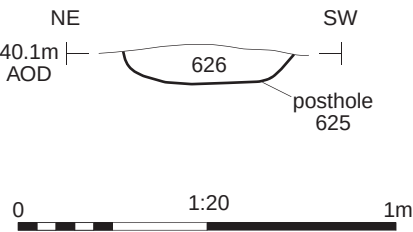
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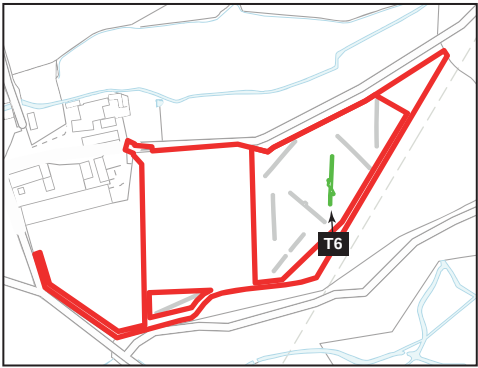
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Trench 6, looking north (scales 1m)



Postholes, looking west (scale 2m)



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**Trench 6: plan, sections and  
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Postholes, looking west (scale 2m)



Postholes, looking west (scale 2m)



Postholes, looking north (scale 2m)



Posthole 603, looking west (scale 1m)



Posthole 615, looking south (scale 0.3m)



Posthole 607, looking south (scale 0.4m)



Posthole 625, looking south (scale 0.3m)

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