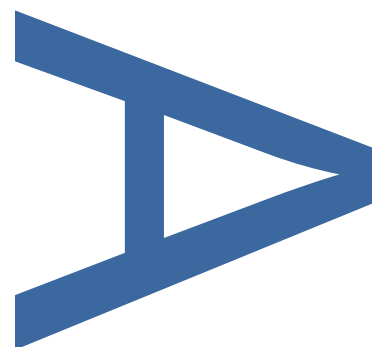


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1 NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY

Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd was commissioned by Sutton Land Development to undertake an archaeological evaluation at Arborfield Green, Arborfield, Berkshire. The evaluation was a requirement of a condition of planning permission (Planning Reference O/2014/2280) for new playing fields granted by Wokingham Borough Council, the Local Planning Authority.

The evaluation was carried out in accordance with a Written Scheme of investigation agreed by the Local Planning Authority's Archaeological Adviser. The evaluation comprised the excavation of 35 30m X 1.8m trenches and 2 15m X 1.8m trenches. The work was undertaken between the 9th and 31st of July 2025.

The archaeological evaluation was carried out in keeping with the aims and methodology set out in the approved WSI and appears to have demonstrated that the Site contains no significant archaeological remains and retains no archaeological potential.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Project Background

2.1.1 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was commissioned Sutton Land Development on behalf of Crest Nicholson to undertake an archaeological evaluation at Arborfield Green, Arborfield, Berkshire (Site centred NGR: SU 76825 65692; **Figure 1**). The Site is subject of a proposed development for which planning permission (Planning Reference O/2014/2280) has been permitted by Wokingham Borough Council.

2.1.2 The evaluation formed part of a staged approach to understanding and addressing the archaeological implications of the proposed development and follows the advice of Berkshire Archaeology's Archaeological Advisor, advisor to the Local Planning Authority (LPA).

The evaluation is required under condition 69 of planning consent. Condition 69 states:
'Prior to the approval of the first RMA on the site, and thereafter prior to the submission of the first reserved matters application for each phase of the development, a programme of archaeological work (which may comprise more than one phase) shall be carried out in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation which has first been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority.

With the exception of the first RMA and any phases that consists solely of the NMRE (where the results need only be provided prior to the application being approved) the results of that archaeological work shall be submitted with and used to inform the reserved matters application for that phase, and shall provide for the in-situ preservation of any archaeological remains of national or regional importance should they occur on the site, and the archaeological investigation, recording and analysis of remains of lesser importance. Development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that any archaeological remains within the site are adequately investigated and recorded or preserved in situ in the interest of protecting the archaeological heritage of the borough in accordance with the NPPF, Core Strategy Policy CP3, and Policy TB25 of the Managing Development Delivery Document'.

2.1.3 This document provides a report on the results of the evaluation that was carried out between the 9th – 31st July 2025 in accordance with an approved Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) (PCA, 2025).

2.1.4 This document has been prepared in accordance with the 'Chartered Institute for Archaeologists Standard for Archaeological Field Evaluation' (CIfA, 2023) and 'Guidance for Archaeological Field Evaluation' (CIfA, 2023) and 'Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment' (Historic England, 2015). PCA is a CIfA Registered Archaeological Organisation and is bound by its code of conduct.

2.2 Location, Topography and Geology

- 2.2.1 The Site comprises playing fields bounded by Arborfield Green housing estate to the north, Biggs Lane, Princess Marina Drive and Buttenshaw Avenue to the east, Tope Road and Baird road to the south, and Whitehall Drive to the west.
- 2.2.2 The site slopes gradually down from c 67.0m OD on Whitehall Drive to the west to c 55.2m OD to the east near Buttenshaw Avenue (MoLA 2024).
- 2.2.3 The British Geological Survey has mapped the geology underlying the Site to comprise solid deposits of London Clay, with no superficial deposits (https://mapapps.bgs.ac.uk/geologyofbritain/home.html?&_ga=2.106840963.126412518.1626092989-714913586.1587483874) .

2.3 Archaeological and Historical Background

- 2.3.1 The archaeological and historical background the Site was set out in an archaeological deskbased assessment prepared in respect of the current proposed development (MoLA, 2014). The desk-based assessment concluded that the Site has high potential to contain archaeological evidence of the Iron Age, Romano-British and medieval periods and low potential for all other periods.
- 2.3.2 Archaeological investigations immediately west of the site at Baird's Road revealed an Iron Age farmstead and round house with pottery recovered suggesting occupation between 500 – 300BC. This site showed clear evidence of iron smelting, suggesting a specialist industrial activity.
- 2.3.3 Immediately to the southwest of the Site at the former Whitehall Brick and Tile Works archaeological investigations revealed a further metal working site, occupied from the mid to late Iron Age to the Romano British period until being abandoned during the mid 3rd Century AD. The site was interpreted as a low status farmstead with important iron-working functions. It is suggested this site was focussed on metalworking rather than agriculture, possibly acting as a supplier to Silchester and local settlements.
- 2.3.4 To the immediate east of the Site is the Scheduled Monument at Moat House (SM number 1009886). A dry medieval moated site, it has a single island and is visible as earthworks on the south, east and west sides, where there is a graded ditch approximately 10m wide. The island rises to c.1m, and the banks up to 2m. The scheduled area includes the island, ditch and a 2m buffer zone for its protection, and comprises a roughly square area of c.60m x 60m.
- 2.3.5 The Moat House sits south of the Scheduled Monument and is a Grade II listed building, built in 1906 for the commanding officer of the remount Depot.
- 2.3.6 To the south of the Site is the Scheduled Monument of Infirmary Stables, Arborfield (SM number 1006949). The extant remains of a stables constructed in 1911 – 1912.
- 2.3.7 The Arborfield Army Remount Service depot was established in 1904. The land was originally leased and was later purchased in 1911. The new depot was one of two established in the aftermath of the Boer War to increase the capacity of the army to supply

remounts in the time and numbers required during a war. The parcel of land originally acquired was worked by Biggs' Farm, Old Biggs' Farm and Ellis' Farm. Initially the only new building constructed were a small block of wooden stables. Biggs' Farm became the headquarters of the Depot. Ellis' Farm was used to accommodate the isolation lines (MoLA 2014).

- 2.3.8 The Site was included as part of a larger geophysical survey in advance of the modern Arborfield Green development. The geophysical survey that was carried out by MoLA Northampton suggested few features of minor archaeological interest to be present, most likely post-medieval features such as field boundaries (MoLA 2015).

3 AIMS & OBJECTIVES

3.1 Archaeological Evaluation

3.1.1 The aim of the archaeological evaluation was to determine the presence or absence of archaeological resources within the Site and, where present, determine their nature, extent, date, condition and significance, taking account of their potential to contain biological and palaeo-environmental remains.

More specific objectives of the evaluation are:

- Is there any evidence of field systems, occupation or prehistoric industrial working?
- Is there any evidence of Romano-British occupation or activity?
- Is there evidence associated with the Scheduled Monument Moated Site at Moat House?

3.1.2 The report on the results of the evaluation aims to provide a context for archaeological any remains found provide sufficient information so that the future treatment of the remains, in respect of the proposed development, can be determined in consultation with the LPA and the Berkshire Archaeology Advisor.

4 RESULTS

4.1 Introduction

4.1.1 The following presents a summary of the evaluation results based upon the Site archive, which comprises a Site diary, written and drawn records, survey data and digital photographs. Photographs of the trenches are provided in **Appendix 1**, and a trench index in **Appendix 2**. The Site archive is held at PCA's Winchester office under the Site code **BAGA25**.

4.2 Methodology

4.2.1 The archaeological evaluation was undertaken following the methodology detailed in the Written Scheme of Investigation (PCA, 2025), which was approved by the Local Planning Authority in advance of the works.

4.2.2 The evaluation comprised the excavation of 35 30m X 1.8m trenches and 2 15 X 1.8m trenches. It was undertaken between 9th – 31st July 2025 (**Figures 2 & 3, Plates 1-22**).

4.2.3 Amendments to the original trench plan were as follows: trenches 8, 9 and 20-11, were rotated to avoid field drains, Trench 10 was moved to avoid footpath and trenches 2 and 37 were moved to avoid fencing.

4.3 Deposition Sequence

4.3.1 The general deposit sequence was mostly consistent across the Site (**Figure 4 and Plates 1-14**). Natural deposits were reached in all trenches and comprised a light to mid orange brown compact clay recorded at a depth between 0.25-0.75m below ground level (BGL). Above the natural was a layer of made ground that was recorded in all trenches and comprised of a light grey, brown compact silty clay with occasional gravel patches and some ceramic building material (CBM) inclusions, recorded at a depth of 0.15-0.3m BGL. In trenches 1-8, 22 and 26 another made ground layer was recorded at a depth of 0.36-0.53m BGL and comprised of a compact dark blue, brown clay with rare CBM inclusions. The topsoil was a consistent light to mid brown, grey firm silty clay with a thickness between 0.15-0.3m.

4.4 Evaluation Results

Area 1 (Trenches 1 – 26)

4.4.1 Five features were recorded in Area 1 trenches 6, 10, 11 and 17. In Trench 6 a small ditch, [604], was recorded (**Figure 4, Plate 22**). It had steep sides and a concave base. It measured 0.33m wide and 0.1m deep. The feature contained a singular fill, (605), which comprised of a compact mid brown, orange silty clay. No datable finds were recovered from it.

4.4.2 In Trench 10 a small linear feature was recorded, [1004] (**Figure 4, Plate 21**). The feature had moderately sloped sides and a concave base. It measured 0.34m wide and 0.07m

deep. Feature [1004] contained a singular fill, deposit (1005), which comprised of a compact light grey, brown silty clay. Not datable finds were recovered from it.

- 4.4.3 In Trench 11 one small linear was recorded, [1104] (**Figure 4, Plate 20**). The feature had moderately steep sides, a concave base, measured 0.34m wide and 0.1m deep, and contained deposit (1105) which was a compact light grey, brown silty clay. No datable material was recovered from this feature.

- 4.4.4 Trench 17 contained two small linear features, [1704] and [1706] (**Figure 4, Plate 18 & 19**). Both features are similar in form with moderate sides and a concave base and measured between 0.65m-0.88m wide and between 0.04m-0.14m deep. Both features contained a single fill, (1705) and (1707), which comprised a compact light grey, brown silty clay. No dateable material was recovered from either feature.

Area 2 (Trenches 27 - 37)

- 4.4.5 Two features were recorded in Area 2. Trenches 27 and 28 revealed the same small linear ditch, feature [2704] and feature [2804] (**Figure 4, Plate 16 & 17**). The feature was recorded as having moderate sides and a concave base, it measured between 0.33-0.33m wide and 0.07-0.08m deep. The feature contained a singular fill (2705) and (2805) which comprised of a compact mid red, grey, brown silty clay. No datable material was recovered from this feature.

- 4.4.6 Trench 37 contained a small linear feature, [3704] (**Figure 4, Plate 15**). The feature was recorded as having moderate sides and a concave base, it measured 0.28m wide and 0.16m deep. The feature contained a singular fill, (3705), which comprised of a compact mid yellow brown silty clay. No dateable material was recovered from this fill.

4.5 Conclusion

- 4.5.1 The archaeological evaluation was carried out in keeping with the aims and methodology set out in the approved WSI and appears to demonstrate that the Site contains no significant, datable, archaeological features or deposits. Much of the Site appears to have undergone landscaping in the form of levelling to create sports pitches. This may well have included the deposition of the made ground deposits. It is possible that the five undated, shallow and narrow linear features that were revealed were at one time more substantial and were reduced by landscaping, which may also have removed any archaeological potential that the Site may have once contained.

5 ARCHIVE PREPARATION AND DEPOSITION

5.1 The Site Archive

- 5.1.1 The Site archive, to include all project records and cultural material produced by the project, will be prepared in accordance with 'Guidelines for the Preparation of Excavation Archives for Long-term Storage' (UKIC 1990) and the Institute for Archaeologists 'Standard and Guidance for the creation, compilation, transfer and deposition of archaeological archives' (ClfA 2014). On completion of the project PCA will arrange for the archive to be deposited with the appropriate museum.

5.2 Copyright

- 5.2.1 The full copyright of the written/illustrative archive relating to the Site will be retained by Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd under the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 with all rights reserved. Hampshire Cultural Trust, however, will be granted an exclusive licence for the use of the archive for educational purposes, including academic research, providing that such use shall be non-profitmaking, and conforms to the Copyright and Related Rights regulations 2003. Further distribution and uses of the report either in its entirety or part thereof in paper or electronic form is prohibited without the prior consent of Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd.
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APPENDIX 1: PLATES



Plate 1: Trench 3, view to West. 1m scale.



Plate 2: Trench 3 South Facing Representative Section. 1m scale.



Plate 3: Trench 10, view to Northeast. 1m scale.



Plate 4: Trench 10 Northwest Facing Representative Section. 1m scale.



Plate 5: Trench 17, view to Southwest. 1m scale.



Plate 6: Trench 17 Southeast Facing Representative Section. 1m scale.



Plate 7: Trench 23, view West. 1m Scale.



Plate 8: Trench 29, view North Facing Representative Section. 1m Scale.



Plate 9: Trench 26, view to Northwest. 1m Scale.



Plate 10: Trench 26 Southwest Facing Representative Section. 1m Scale.



Plate 11: Trench 27, view to West. 1m Scale.

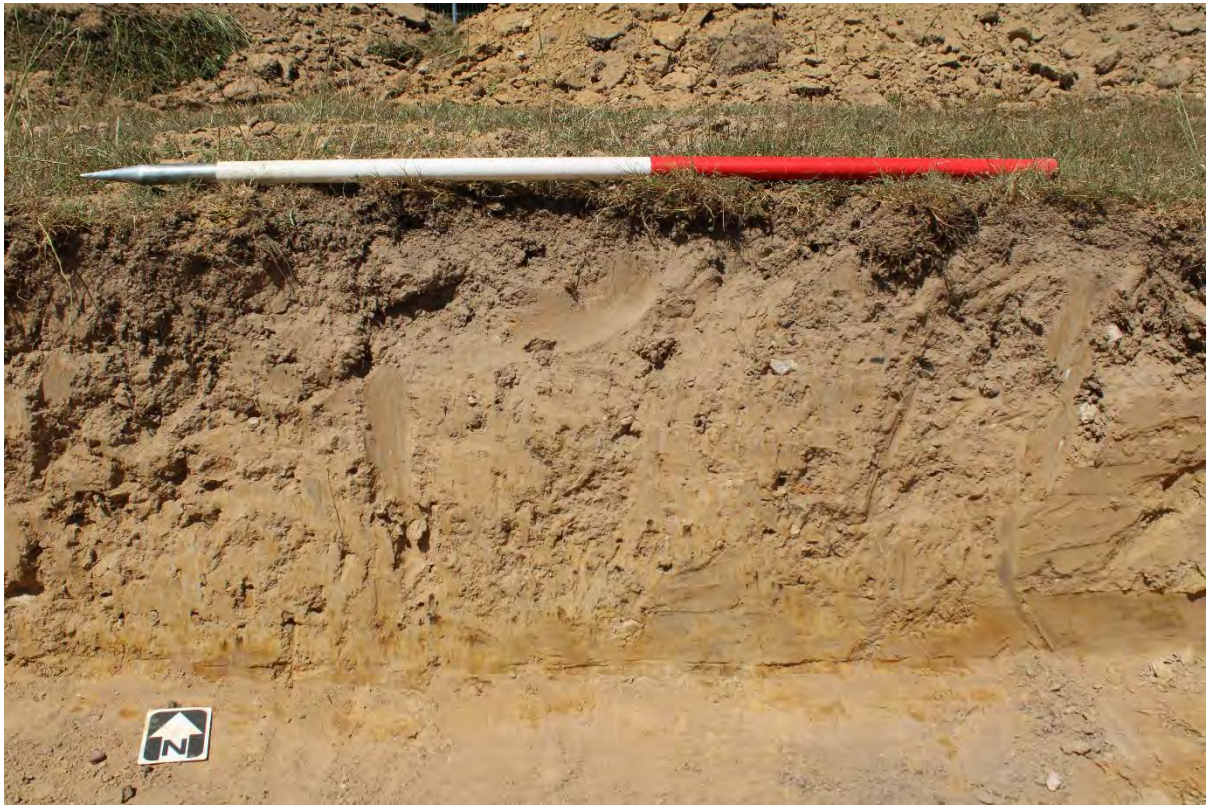


Plate 12: Trench 27 South Facing Representative Section. 1m Scale.



Plate 13: Trench 37, view to Southwest. 1m Scale.



Plate 14: Trench 37 Northeast Facing Representative Section. 1m Scale.



Plate 15: Feature [3704] Southwest Facing Section. 0.5m Scale.

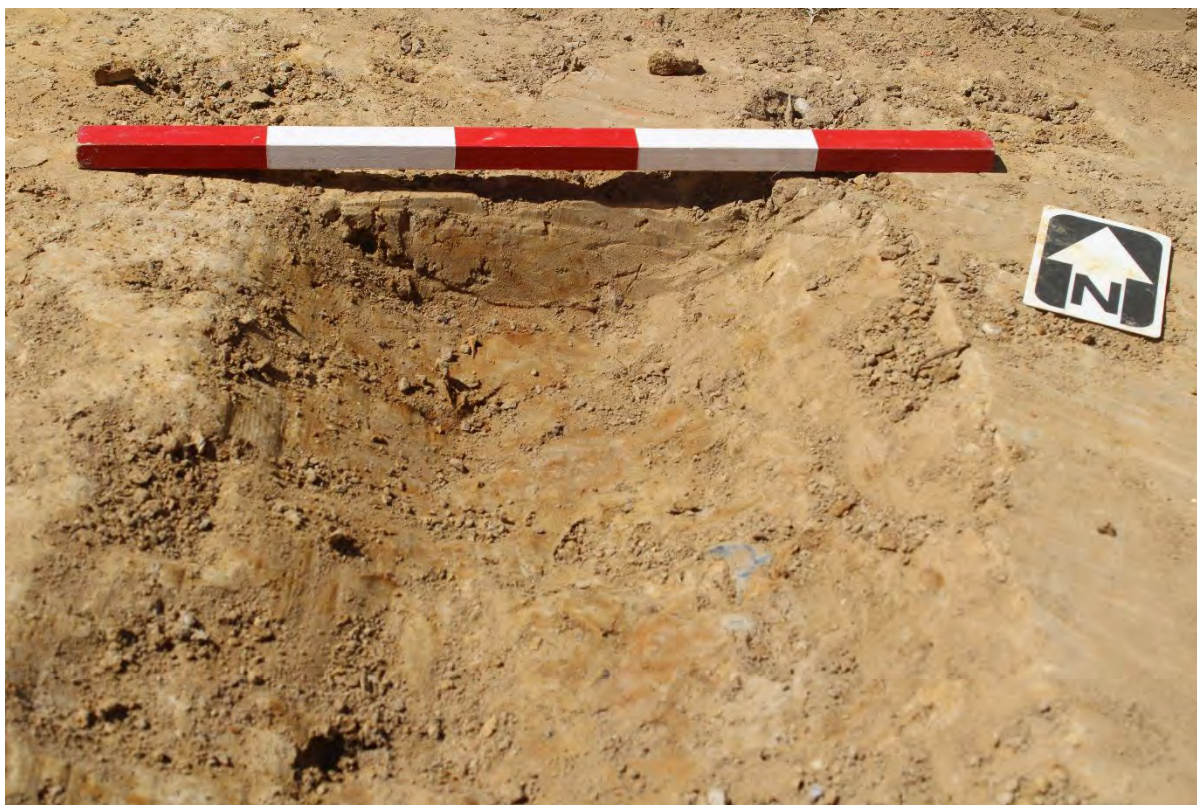


Plate 16: Feature [2704] Southeast Facing Section. 0.5m Scale.



Plate 17: Feature [2804] Southeast Facing Section. 0.5m Scale.

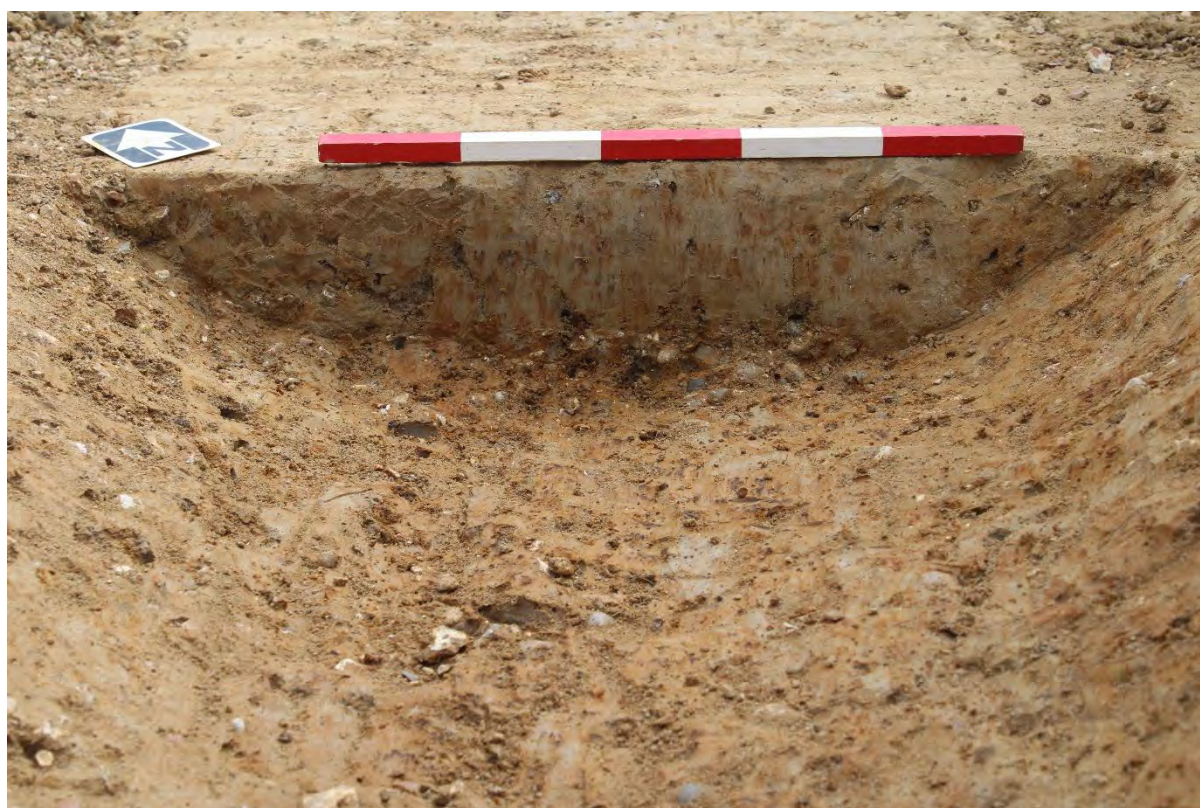


Plate 18: Feature [1704] Southwest Facing Section. 0.5m Scale.



Plate 19: Feature [1706] West Facing Section. 0.5m Scale.



Plate 20: Feature [1104] Southwest Facing Section. 0.5m Scale.



Plate 21: Feature [1004] Northeast Facing Section. 0.5m Scale.



Plate 22: Feature [604] Northwest Facing Section. 0.5m Scale.

APPENDIX 2: TRENCH INDEX

Trench No.	Context Nos	Section Nos	Photo Nos	Type	Description	Depth (m) BGL	
1	101	5D	6095-6097	Topsoil	Mid brown, grey soft silty clay	0-0.18m	
	102			Subsoil	Light grey, brown firm silty clay, occasional small gravel and CBM inclusions	0.18-0.38m	
	103			Natural	Light orange, brown compact silty clay occasional small limestone and gravel and CBM inclusions	0.55m+	
	104			Layer	Dark blue, brown dense clay with occasional small stone inclusions	0.38-0.55m	
2	201	5E	6100-6102	Topsoil	Mid brown, grey moderately firm silty clay, occasional small gravel inclusions	0-0.18m	
	202			Subsoil	Light grey, brown firm silty clay, occasional small gravel and CBM inclusions	0.18-0.36m	
	203			Natural	Light red brown compact silty clay, frequent small gravel inclusions	0.41m+	
	204			Layer	Dark blue, brown compact clay	0.36-0.41m	
3	301	5F	6103-6105	Topsoil	Mid brown, grey moderately firm silty clay, occasional small gravel inclusions	0-0.2m	

	302			Subsoil	Light yellow grey, brown firm sandy clay, occasional small gravel and CBM inclusions	0.2-0.41m	
	303			Natural	Light grey, yellow compact clay	0.52m+	
	304			Layer	Dark blue, brown compact clay	0.41-0.52m	
4	401	6A	6106-6108	Topsoil	Mid brown, grey moderately firm silty clay, occasional small gravel inclusions	0-0.2m	
	402			Subsoil	Light yellow grey, brown firm sandy clay, occasional small gravel and CBM inclusions	0.2-0.45m	
	403			Natural	Light grey, yellow compact clay	0.55m+	
	404			Layer	Dark blue, brown compact clay	0.45-0.55m	
5	501	6B	6109-6111	Topsoil	Mid brown, grey moderately firm silty clay, occasional small gravel inclusions	0-0.25m	
	502			Subsoil	Light yellow brown firm silty clay, occasional small gravel and CBM inclusions	0.25-0.53m	
	503			Natural	Mid red brown compact clay, moderate small gravel/stone inclusions	0.75m+	
	504			Layer	Dark blue, brown compact clay	0.53-0.75m	
6	601	6C	6112-6114	Topsoil	Mid brown, grey moderately firm silty clay,	0-0.15m	

					occasional small gravel inclusions		
	602			Subsoil	Light grey, brown firm silty clay, occasional small gravel and CBM inclusions	0.15-0.36m	
	603			Natural	Light grey, yellow compact clay	0.6m+	
	604	8B	6131-6133	Cut	Linear, steep sides, concave base, 0.33m wide 0.1m deep	-	
	605			Fill	Very compact mid brown with orange red mottling silty clay	-	
	606	6C	6112-6114	Layer	Dark blue, brown compact clay	0.36-0.6m	
7	701	6D	6115-6117	Topsoil	Mid brown, grey moderately firm silty clay, occasional small gravel inclusions	0-0.3m	
	702			Subsoil	Light grey, brown firm silty clay, occasional small gravel and CBM inclusions	0.3-0.38m	
	703			Natural	Mid orange, brown compact clay, moderate small gravel/stone inclusions	0.53m+	
	704			Layer	Dark blue, brown compact clay	0.38-0.53m	
8	801	7A	6118-6120	Topsoil	Mid brown, grey moderately firm silty clay, occasional small gravel inclusions	0-0.2m	

	802			Subsoil	Light orange, brown compact silty clay, occasional small gravel and CBM inclusions	0.2-0.4m	
	803			Natural	Mid orange, brown compact clay, moderate small gravel/stone inclusions	0.5m+	
	804			Layer	Dark blue, brown compact clay	0.4-0.5m	
9	901	7B	6124-6126	Topsoil	Mid brown, grey moderately firm silty clay, occasional small gravel inclusions	0-0.23m	
	902			Subsoil	Light grey, brown firm silty clay, occasional small gravel and CBM inclusions	0.23-0.47m	
	903			Natural	Mid orange, brown compact clay, moderate small gravel/stone inclusions	0.47m+	
10	1001	7C	6127-6129	Topsoil	Mid brown, grey moderately firm silty clay, occasional small gravel inclusions	0-0.21m	
	1002			Subsoil	Light grey, brown firm silty clay, occasional small gravel and CBM inclusions	0.21-0.45m	
	1003			Natural	Light orange, brown compact clay, moderate small gravel/stone inclusions	0.45m+	

	1004	8A	6130-61321	Cut	Linear, moderate sides, concave base, 0.34m wide 0.07m deep	-	
	1005			Fill	Very compact light grey, brown silty clay	-	
11	1101	2F	6089-6091	Topsoil	Mid grey, brown firm silty clay	0-0.16m	
	1102			Subsoil	Light grey, brown compact silty clay, occasional small gravel inclusions	0.16-0.38m	
	1103			Natural	Light orange, brown compact silty clay	0.38m	
	1104	5C	6092-6094	Cut	Small linear with moderately steep sides and concave base, 0.34m wide and 0.1m deep	-	
	1105			Fill	Very compact light grey, brown silty clay	-	
12	1201	5A	6083-6085	Topsoil	Mid grey, brown firm silty clay	0-0.16m	
	1202			Subsoil	Light grey, brown compact silty clay, occasional small gravel inclusions	0.16-0.31m	
	1203			Natural	Light orange, brown compact silty clay	0.31m+	
13	1301	5B	6086-6088	Topsoil	Mid grey, brown firm silty clay	0-0.15,	
	1302			Subsoil	Light grey, brown compact silty clay, occasional small gravel inclusions	0.15-0.32m	
	1303			Natural	Light orange, brown compact silty clay	0.32m+	

14	1401	4F	6080-6082	Topsoil	Mid grey, brown firm silty clay	0-0.18m	
	1402			Subsoil	Light grey, brown compact silty clay, occasional small gravel inclusions	0.18-0.26m	
	1403			Natural	Light orange, brown compact silty clay	0.26m+	
15	1501	4E	6077-6079	Topsoil	Mid grey, brown firm silty clay	0-0.23m	
	1502			Subsoil	Light grey, brown compact silty clay, occasional small gravel inclusions	0.23-0.42m	
	1503			Natural	Light orange, brown compact silty clay	0.42m+	
16	1601	4C	6061-6063	Topsoil	Mid grey, brown firm silty clay	0-0.22m	
	1602			Subsoil	Light grey, brown compact silty clay, occasional small gravel inclusions	0.22-0.35m	
	1603			Natural	Light orange, brown compact silty clay	0.35m+	
17	1701	4D	6064-6066	Topsoil	Mid grey, brown firm silty clay	0-0.17m	
	1702			Subsoil	Light grey, brown compact silty clay, occasional small gravel inclusions	0.17-0.46m	
	1703			Natural	Light orange, brown compact silty clay	0.46m+	
	1704	2D	6067-6071	Cut	Small linear with moderately steep sides	-	

		2E	6074-6076		and concave base, 0.80m wide and 0.14m deep		
	1705			Fill	Very compact light grey, brown silty clay	-	
	1706			Cut	Small linear with shallow sides and concave base, 0.64m wide and 0.05m deep	-	
	1707			Fill	Compact light grey, brown silty clay	-	
18	1801	4A	6055-6057	Topsoil	Mid grey, brown firm silty clay	0-0.18m	
	1802			Subsoil	Light grey, brown compact silty clay, occasional small gravel inclusions	0.18-0.3m	
	1803			Natural	Light orange, brown compact silty clay	0.3m+	
19	1901	3F	6052-6054	Topsoil	Mid grey, brown firm silty clay	0-0.26m	
	1902			Subsoil	Light grey, brown compact silty clay, occasional small gravel inclusions	0.26-0.52m	
	1903			Natural	Light orange, brown compact silty clay	0.52m+	
20	2001	4B	6058-6060	Topsoil	Mid grey, brown firm silty clay	0-0.18m	
	2002			Subsoil	Light grey, brown compact silty clay, occasional small gravel inclusions	0.18-0.35m	
	2003			Natural	Light orange, brown compact silty clay	0.35m+	

21	2101	7D	6121-6123	Topsoil	Mid grey, brown firm silty clay	0-0.2m	
	2102			Subsoil	Light grey, brown compact silty clay, occasional small gravel inclusions	0.2-0.42m	
	2103			Natural	Light orange, brown compact silty clay	0.42m+	
22	2201	9A	6136-6138	Topsoil	Mid grey, brown firm silty clay	0-0.21m	
	2202			Subsoil	Light grey, brown compact silty clay, occasional small gravel inclusions	0.21-0.45m	
				Layer	Compact dark blue grey clay	0.45-0.56m	
	2203			Natural	Light orange, brown compact silty clay	0.56m+	
23	2301	9C	6142-6144	Topsoil	Mid grey, brown firm silty clay	0-0.24m	
	2302			Subsoil	Light grey, brown compact silty clay, occasional small gravel inclusions	0.24-0.41m	
	2303			Natural	Light orange, brown compact silty clay	0.41m+	
24	2401	9D	6145-6147	Topsoil	Mid grey, brown firm silty clay	0-0.16m	
	2402			Subsoil	Light grey, brown compact silty clay, occasional small gravel inclusions	0.16-0.25m	
	2403			Natural	Light orange, brown compact silty clay	0.25m+	

25	2501	9E	6148-6151	Topsoil	Mid grey, brown firm silty clay	0-0.18m	
	2502			Subsoil	Light orange, brown compact silty clay, occasional small gravel inclusions	0.18-0.26m	
	2503			Natural	Light orange, brown compact silty clay	0.26m+	
26	2601	9B	6139-6141	Topsoil	Mid grey, brown firm silty clay	0-0.25m	
	2602			Subsoil	Light grey, brown compact silty clay, occasional small gravel inclusions	0.25-0.30	
	2603			Natural	Light orange, brown compact silty clay	0.46m+	
	2604			Layer	Light grey, brown compact silty clay with frequent stone inclusions	0.3-0.46m	
27	2701	3B	6034-6036	Topsoil	Light to mid brown firm silty clay	0-0.18m	
	2702			Subsoil	Light brown, yellow compact silty clay with occasional gravel inclusions	0.18-0.36m	
	2703			Natural	Light orange, brown compact silty clay	0.36m+	
	2704	2B	6037-6039	Cut	Small linear with moderate sides and a concave base, 0.33m wide and 0.07m deep	-	
	2705			Fill	Compact mid red brown silty clay with occasional small stone inclusions	-	

28	2801	3C	6040-6042	Topsoil	Mid grey, brown firm silty clay	0-0.19m	
	2802			Subsoil	Light grey, brown compact silty clay, occasional small gravel inclusions	0.19-0.4m	
	2803			Natural	Light orange, brown compact silty clay	0.4m+	
	2804	2C	6046-6048	Cut	Small linear with shallow sides and concave base, 0.32m wide and 0.08m deep	-	
	2805			Fill	Very compact light grey, brown silty clay	-	
29	2901	3D	6043-6045	Topsoil	Mid grey, brown firm silty clay	0-0.15m	
	2902			Subsoil	Light grey, brown compact silty clay, occasional small gravel inclusions	0.15-0.29m	
	2903			Natural	Light orange, brown compact silty clay	0.29m+	
30	3001	1F	6027-6029	Topsoil	Mid grey, brown firm silty clay	0-0.15m	
	3002			Subsoil	Light grey, brown compact silty clay, occasional small gravel inclusions	0.15-0.37m	
	3003			Natural	Light orange, brown compact silty clay	0.37m+	
31	3101	3A	6031-6033	Topsoil	Mid grey, brown firm silty clay	0-0.16m	
	3102			Subsoil	Light grey, brown compact silty clay,	0.16-0.36m	

					occasional small gravel inclusions		
	3103			Natural	Light grey, orange, brown compact silty clay	0.36m+	
32	3201	1B	6016-6018	Topsoil	Mid grey, brown firm silty clay	0-0.15m	
	3203			Subsoil	Light grey, brown compact silty clay, occasional small gravel inclusions	0.15-0.38m	
	3203			Natural	Light yellow brown compact silty clay	0.38m+	
33	3301	3E	6049-6051	Topsoil	Mid grey, brown firm silty clay	0-0.16m	
	3302			Subsoil	Light grey, brown compact silty clay, occasional small gravel inclusions	0.16-0.32m	
	3303			Natural	Light orange, brown compact silty clay	0.32m+	
34	3401	1E	6025-6026, 6030	Topsoil	Mid grey, brown firm silty clay	0-0.16m	
	3402			Subsoil	Light grey, brown compact silty clay, occasional small gravel inclusions	0.16-0.36m	
	3403			Natural	Light orange, brown compact silty clay	0.36m+	
35	3501	1D	6022-6024	Topsoil	Mid grey, brown firm silty clay	0-0.15m	
	3502			Subsoil	Light grey, brown compact silty clay, occasional small gravel inclusions	0.15-0.37m	

	3503			Natural	Light orange, brown compact silty clay	0.37m+	
36	3601	1C	6019-6021	Topsoil	Mid grey, brown firm silty clay	0-0.17m	
	3602			Subsoil	Light grey, brown compact silty clay, occasional small gravel inclusions	0.17-0.36m	
	3603			Natural	Light orange, brown compact silty clay	0.36m+	
37	3701	1A	6010-6012	Topsoil	Mid grey, brown firm silty clay	0-0.16m	
	3702			Subsoil	Light grey, brown compact silty clay, occasional small gravel inclusions	0.16-0.33m	
	3703			Natural	Light orange, brown compact silty clay	0.33m+	
	3704	2A	6013-6015	Cut	Small linear with moderate sides and concave base, 0.28m wide and 0.16m deep	-	
	3705			Fill	Very compact mid yellow brown silty clay with occasional small stone inclusions	-	

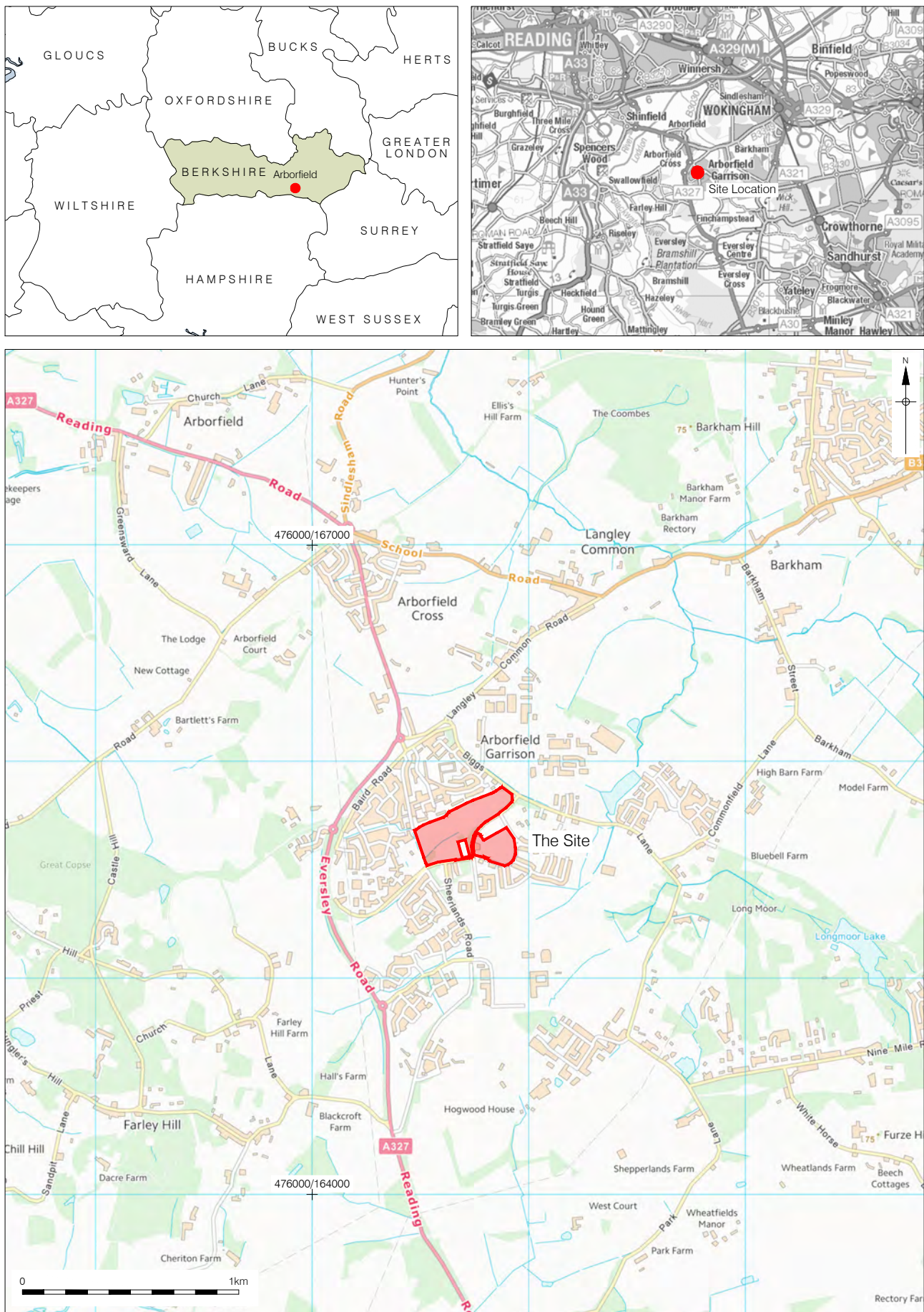
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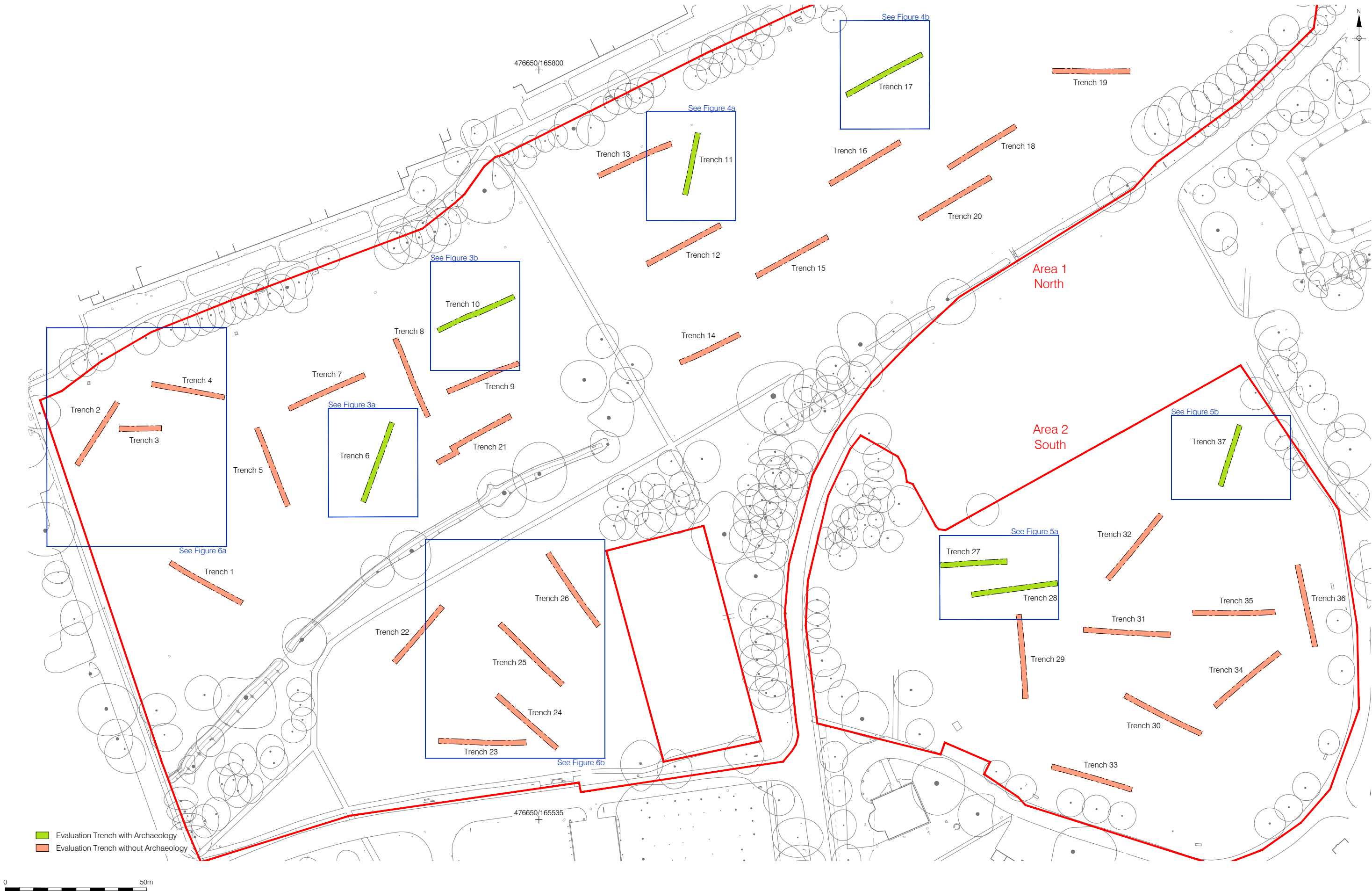
OASIS Summary

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Project Name	Evaluation at Arborfield Green, Arborfield, Berkshire
Sitename	Arborfield Green, Arborfield, Berkshire
Sitecode	BAGA25
Project Identifier(s)	Arborfield Green
Activity type	Evaluation
Planning Id	O/2014/2280
Reason For Investigation	Planning: Post determination
Organisation Responsible for work	Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd
Project Dates	09-Jul-2025 - 31-Jul-2025
Location	Arborfield Green, Arborfield, Berkshire NGR: SU 76825 65692 LL: 51.385084295268726, -0.897394219610433 12 Fig: 476825,165692
Administrative Areas	Country: England County/Local Authority: Wokingham Local Authority District: Wokingham Parish: Barkham
Project Methodology	Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd was commissioned by Sutton Land Development to undertake an archaeological evaluation at Arborfield Green, Arborfield, Berkshire. The evaluation was undertaken as part of conditions attached to planning permission (Planning Reference O/2014/2280) for proposed new playing fields. Planning permission has been granted by Wokingham Borough Council. The evaluation was carried out in accordance with a Written Scheme of investigation agreed by the Local Planning Authority's Archaeological Adviser. The evaluation comprised the excavation of 35 30m X 1.8m trenches and 2 15m X 1.8m trenches. The work was undertaken between the 9th and 31st of July 2025.
Project Results	The archaeological evaluation was carried out in keeping with the aims and methodology set out in the approved WSI and appears to demonstrate that the Site contains minimal significant archaeological features or deposits. It is possible that the two features seen in Trench 17 could have originally been one feature. All the features that have been recorded contained no dateable material so defining date or function is not possible. Over most of the Site it looks like at some point the entire area was lowered and then eventually a layer, which we have recorded as subsoil, was deposited. Due to this event, it is possible that the features we recorded could have originally been much deeper and possibly of

	contained artefacts. It is also possible that other archaeological features and deposits could have been present but were erased by the lowering of the ground level.
Keywords	
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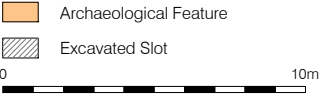
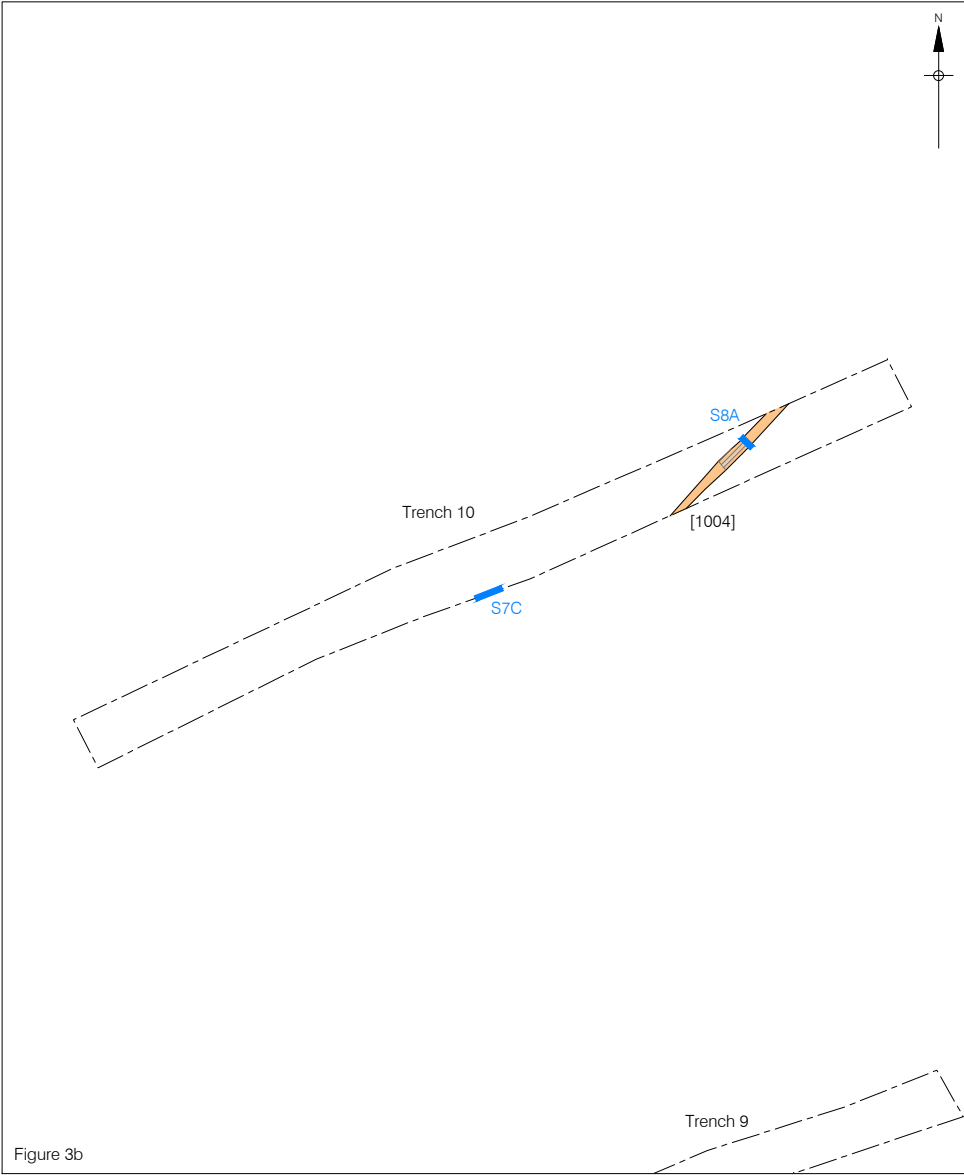
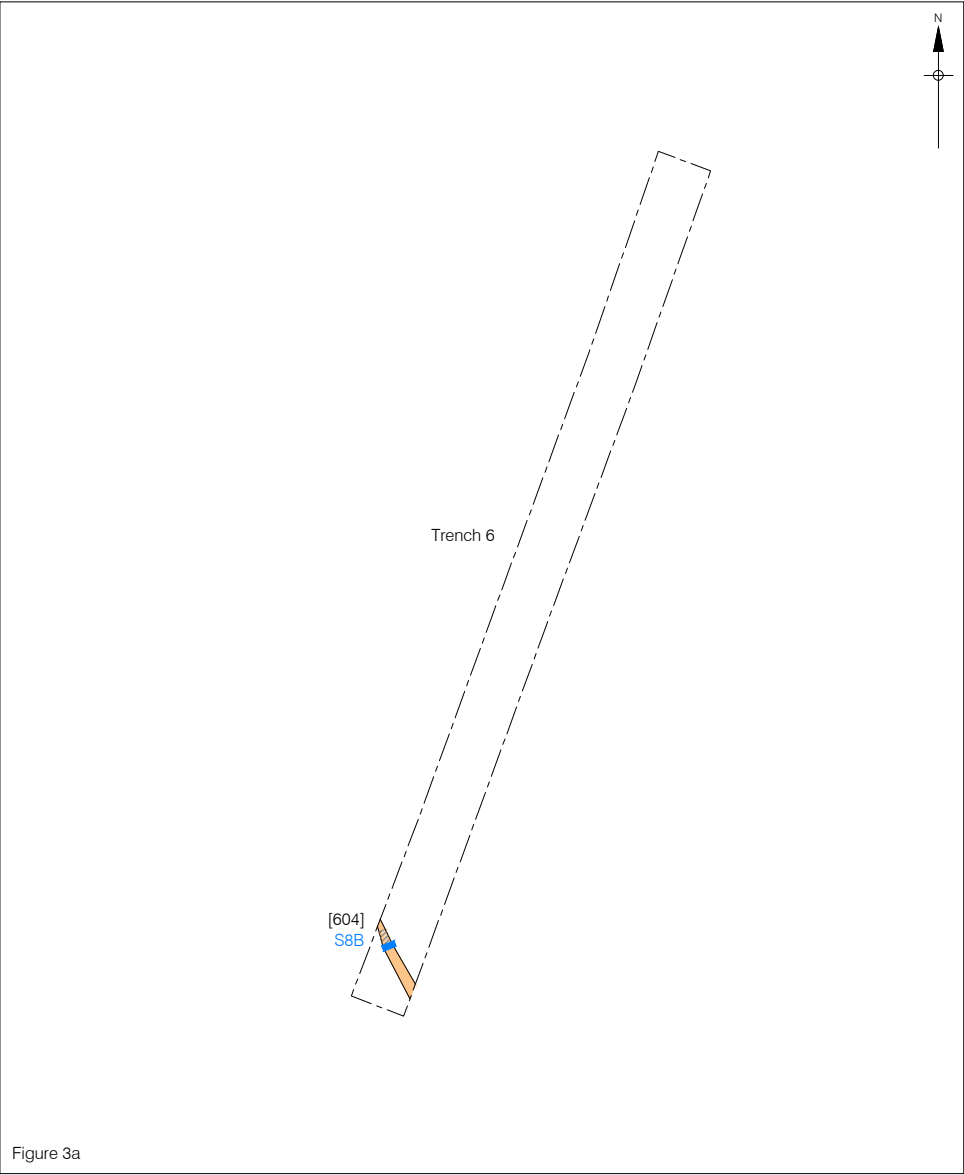


Figure 3
Detail Plans of Trench 6 and Trench 10
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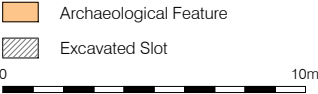
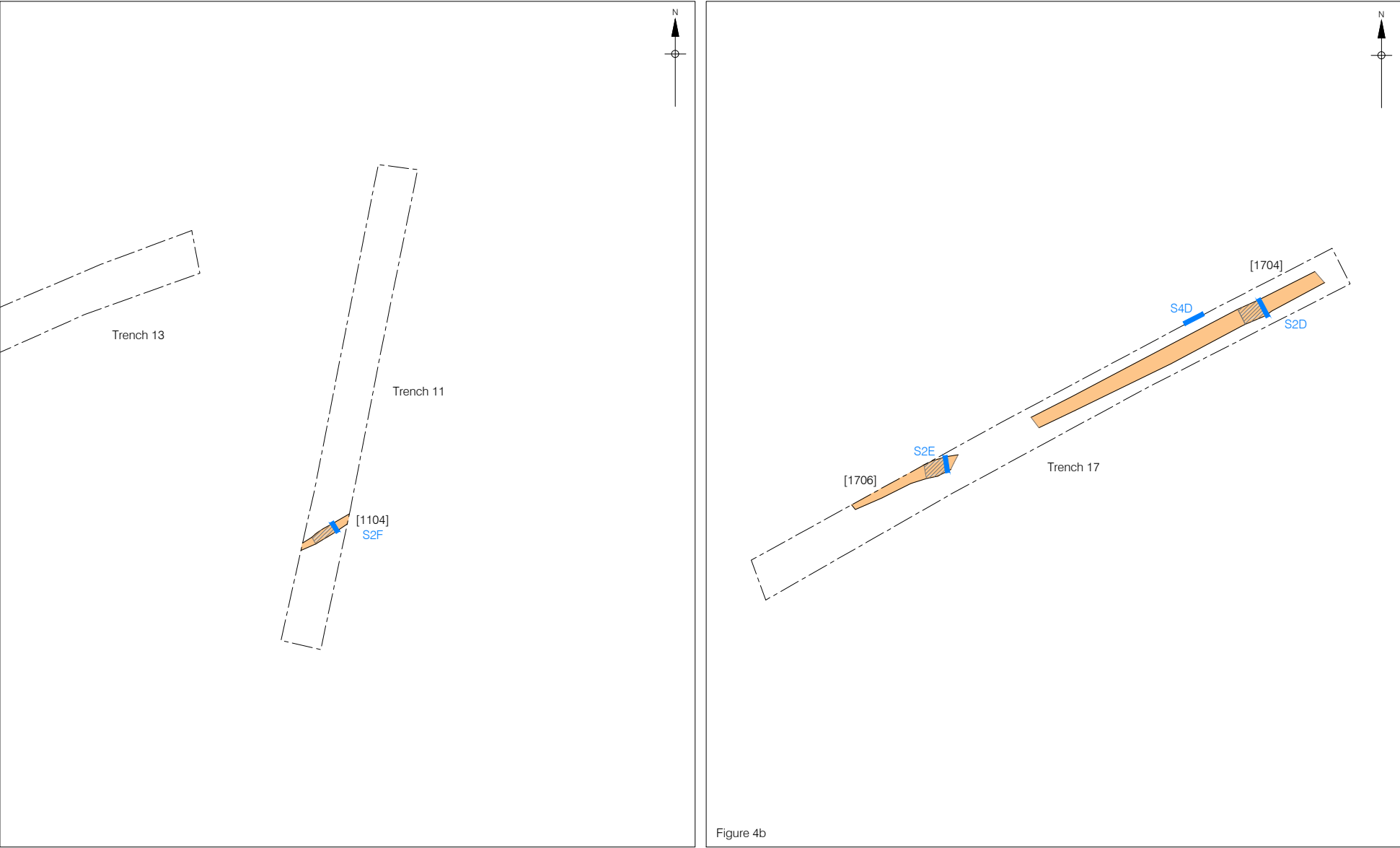
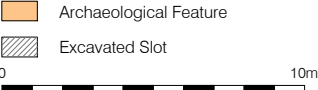
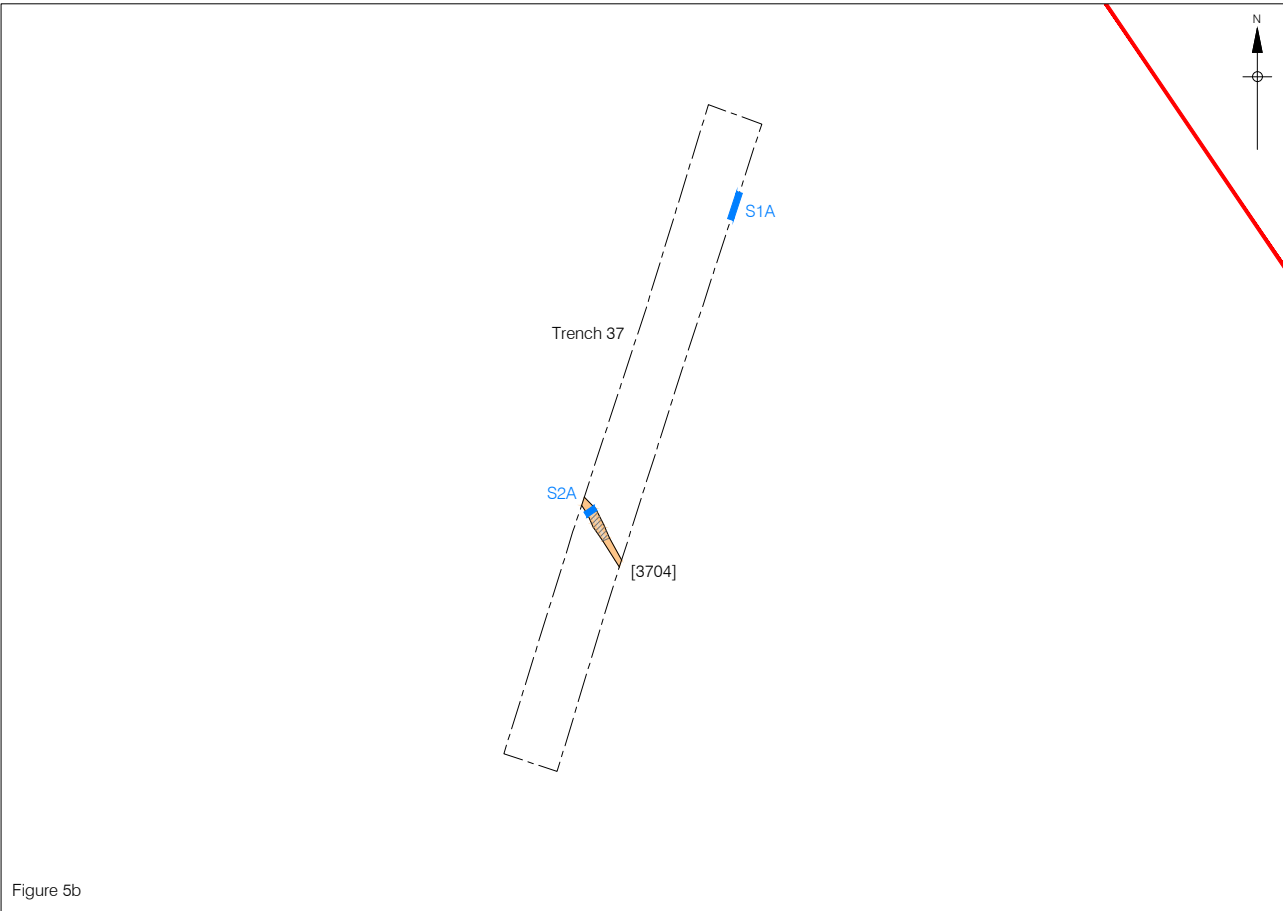
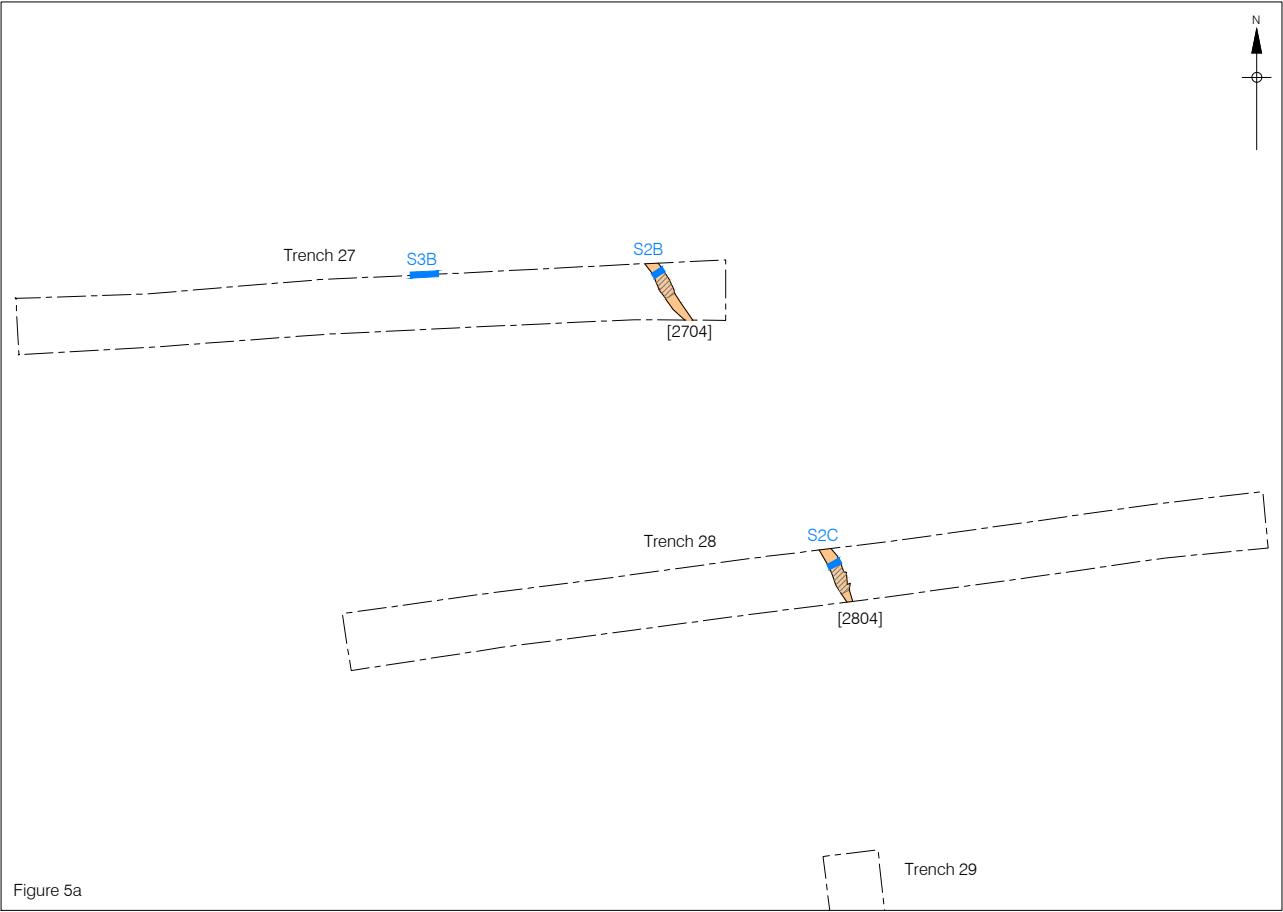
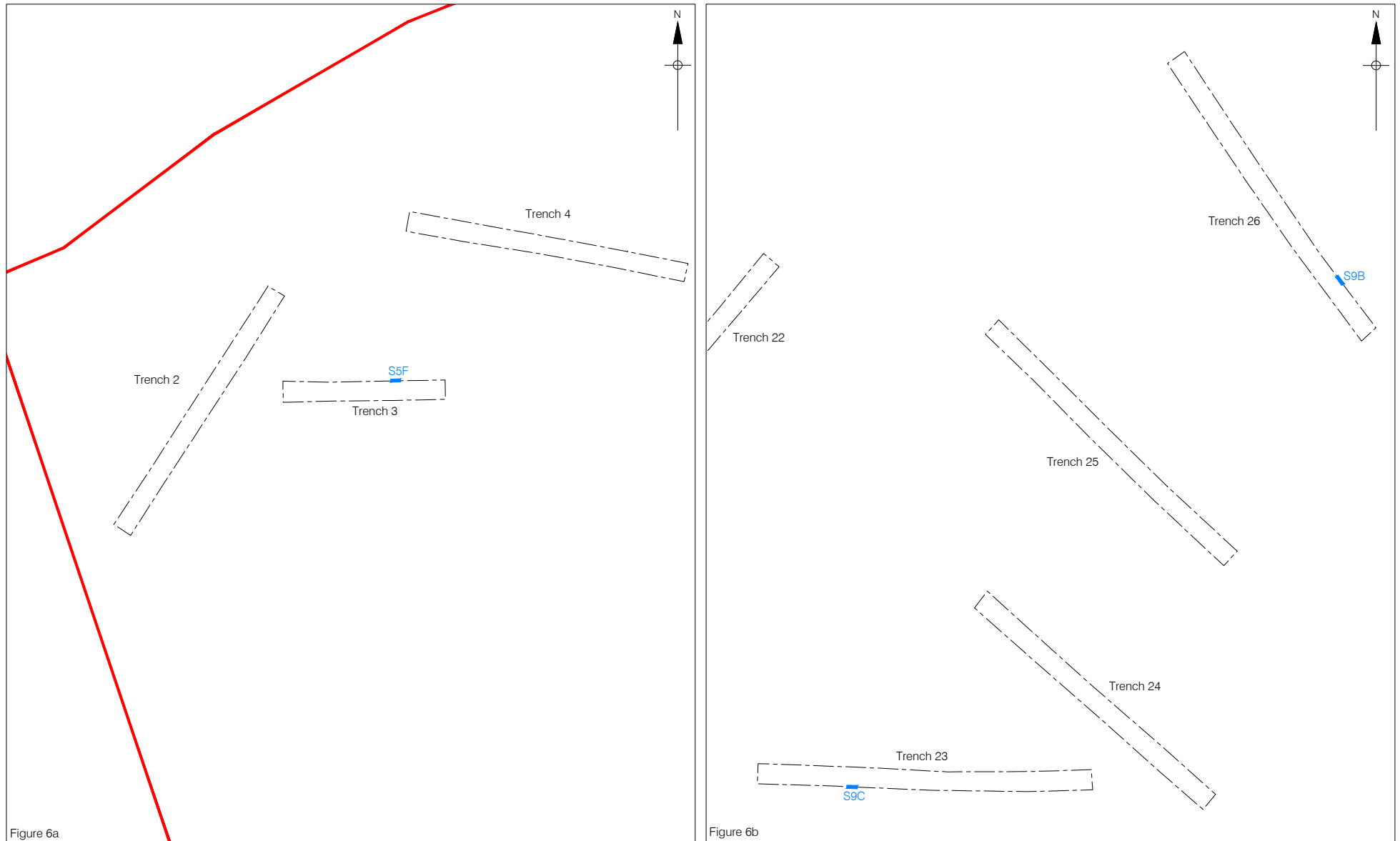
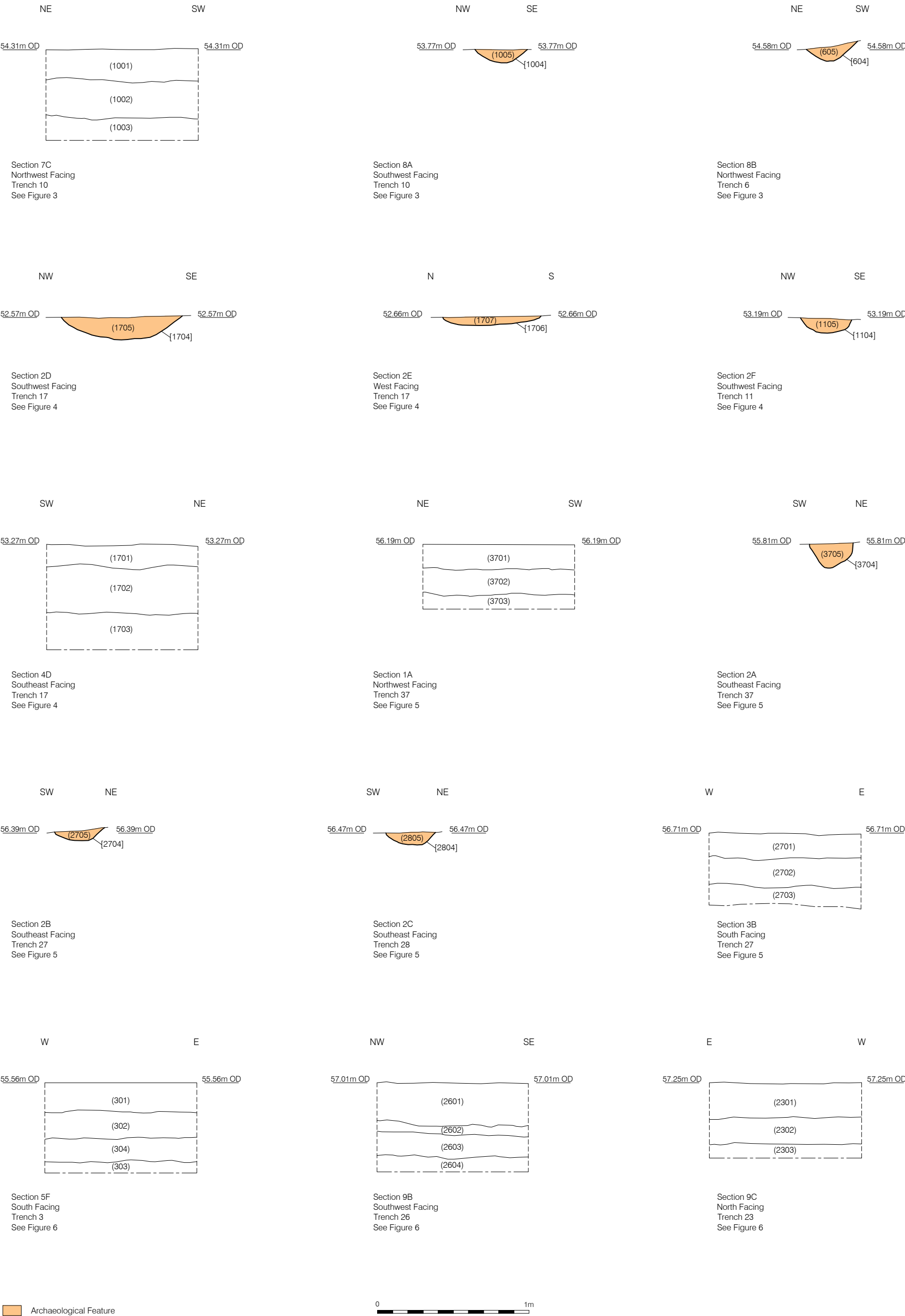


Figure 4b

Figure 4
Detail Plans of Trench 11 and Trench 17
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