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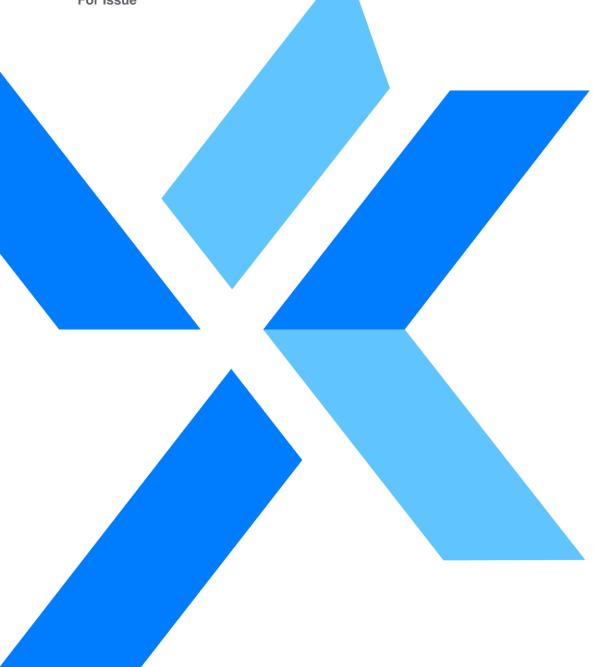
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# 1 PRELIMINARY TRIAL TRENCHING REPORT

### 1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 This document forms Volume 2, Appendix 2.3: Preliminary Trial Trenching Report of the Environmental Statement prepared for the United Kingdom elements of Xlinks' Morocco-UK Power Project (the 'Project'). For ease of reference, the UK elements of the Project are referred to as the 'Proposed Development, which is the focus of the Environmental Statement. The ES presents the findings of the Environmental Impact Assessment process for the Proposed Development.
- 1.1.2 Cotswold Archaeology was commissioned by the Xlinks 1 Limited (the 'Applicant') to undertake a trial trench evaluation for the Proposed Development. This document provides the preliminary results of the archaeological trial trenching evaluation.
- 1.1.3 The work was undertaken to contribute to Volume 3, Chapter 5: Historic Environment of the ES, which accompanies an application for a Development Consent Order.
- 1.1.4 The Preliminary Trial Trenching Report developed by Cotswold Archaeology is presented below.





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#### **SUMMARY**

Project name: UK Elements of the Xlinks Morocco–UK Power Project

**Location:** Near Bideford, Devon

**NGR:** 241203 128185 to 250158 125131

**Type:** Evaluation

**Date:** 5 June–13 September 2023

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**Location of archive:** To be deposited with the Museum of Barnstaple and North Devon and the

Archaeology Data Service (ADS)

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In June to September 2023, Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological evaluation of the proposed onshore route of the UK elements of the Xlinks Morocco–UK Power Project, Devon. A total of 135 trenches were excavated.

The evaluation recorded a broad spread of features along the onshore elements of the Proposed Development. Artefactual material was limited and the majority of the features remained undated. There were, however, some clear concentrations of prehistoric and Roman activity.

A cluster of Early Neolithic pits and postholes within two of the trenches were indicative of Early Neolithic domestic activity.

A wide, flat cut recorded in one of the trenches potentially represents a terracing platform for a late prehistoric roundhouse. Three possible cremation burials were cut into the backfill of this feature, one of which contained a sherd of Roman pottery.

A sub-square enclosure detected by a previous geophysical survey was found to correspond to a substantial enclosure ditch with a steep, V-shaped profile. Quantities of Roman pottery were recovered from this ditch. One small ditch and six pits/postholes were present within the enclosure, potentially representing associated internal features.

As noted, the majority of the features recorded by the evaluation remained undated. It is possible that some of these features also represent prehistoric or Roman activity, but there was no way of verifying this; they may equally be of post-medieval or modern date. Furthermore, the scattered nature of these features is indicative of general, low-intensity background and/or agricultural activity, with no clear evidence for settlement or industrial processes.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. In June to September 2023, Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological evaluation of the proposed onshore route of the UK elements of the Xlinks Morocco–UK Power Project, Devon (hereafter referred to as the Proposed Development). This evaluation was undertaken for RPS Consulting Services Ltd, who are acting on behalf of Xlinks 1 Ltd.
- 1.2. The scope of this evaluation was agreed with Stephen Reed, Senior Historic Environment Officer, Devon County Historic Environment Team. The evaluation was undertaken in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) prepared by CA (2023) and approved by the Devon County Historic Environment Team. The evaluation was also in line with:
  - Specification for Archaeological Field Evaluation (Devon County Council 2022);
  - Standard and guidance for archaeological field evaluation (ClfA 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 Proposed Development**

- 1.3. The Proposed Development is approximately 14.7km in extent. It runs through a primarily rural landscape to the south, east and west of Bideford, from Cornbrough (approx. NGR: 241203 128185) to an existing National Grid Electricity Transmission substation site at Alverdiscott (NGR: 250158 125131; Fig. 1).
- 1.4. The underlying bedrock geology of the Proposed Development is mapped predominantly as Bude Formation mudstone and siltstone, which formed in the Carboniferous Period. No superficial deposits are noted for the majority of the Proposed Development, although Tidal Flat clay, silt and sand deposits are present along the line of the River Torridge, which bisects the scheme south of Bideford (BGS 2023).

#### 2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

- 2.1. The bulk of the Proposed Development has been subject to geophysical survey (SUMO Survey 2023). This recorded numerous geophysical anomalies of potential archaeological origin, including possible rectilinear enclosures, potential ring ditches/barrows, pits/postholes and other linear features.
- 2.2. The Proposed Development is on a similar line to the previously-proposed Atlantic Array Onshore cable route. This project was withdrawn, but its route was subject to geophysical survey and archaeological trial trenching (OA 2012). A total of 36 trenches were excavated, some of which were within the boundary of the current Proposed Development. These recorded a series of boundary/drainage features associated Late Iron Age/Early Roman and postmedieval/modern agricultural field systems.
- 2.3. A further programme of geophysical survey and trial trenching was undertaken to the immediate south-west and north-east of the Alverdiscott Substation Site, in advance of the Gammaton Moor Solar Farm development (OA 2022). This recorded an early prehistoric pit, a middle Bronze Age pit and ditch, and a series of postmedieval field boundaries. Also recorded were a number of undated features, including possible enclosure ditches.
- 2.4. An archaeological watching brief at the Cornborough Sewage Treatment Works recorded a considerable amount of worked flint. The majority of this material was Mesolithic in date, but there were also a few possible earlier flints. There were no clearly associated features (Exeter Archaeology 1994).

#### 3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

3.1. The general objective of the evaluation was to provide further information on the likely archaeological resource along the Proposed Development, including its presence/absence, character, extent, date and state of preservation. This information will enable the project stakeholders to identify and assess the particular significance of any archaeological heritage assets along the Proposed Development, 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 proposal, in line with the

National Planning Policy Framework (MHCLG 2021). A further objective of the project was to compile a stable, ordered, accessible project archive (see Section 7).

3.2. The specific objective of the evaluation was to ground test the geophysical survey results (SUMO Survey 2023).

#### 4. METHODOLOGY

- 4.1. The evaluation fieldwork comprised the excavation of 135no 50m x 1.8m trenches (Fig. 2). Trenches were located to test geophysical anomalies and to provide a representative sample of the remainder of the Proposed Development.
- 4.2. It was necessary to alter the positions of several of the trenches from the locations specified in the WSI (CA 2023) in response to ground conditions/access issues/other constraints. Additionally, not all of the trenches proposed in the WSI were excavated in this phase of the works. It is proposed to excavate the remainder of the trenches as a second phase.
- 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 and samples were taken in accordance with CA Technical Manual 2: The Taking and Processing of Environmental and Other Samples from Archaeological Sites.
- 4.6. Artefacts were processed in accordance with CA Technical Manual 3: Treatment of Finds Immediately after Excavation.
- 4.7. CA will make arrangements with the Museum of Barnstaple and North Devon for the deposition of the project archive and, subject to agreement with the legal landowner(s), the artefact collection. The Museum of Barnstaple and North Devon was contacted to obtain an accession number on 10 May 2023. At the time of writing, the accession number has not been received.

- 4.8. A digital archive will also be prepared and deposited with the Archaeology Data Service (ADS). The archives (museum and digital) will be prepared and deposited in accordance with *Standard and guidance for the creation, compilation, transfer and deposition of archaeological archives* (ClfA 2014; updated October 2020).
- 4.9. A summary of information from this project, as set out in Appendix D, will be entered onto the OASIS online database of archaeological projects in Britain (OASIS ID: cotswold2-519559).

#### 5. RESULTS

- 5.1. This section provides an overview of the evaluation results. Detailed summaries of the recorded contexts are given in Appendix A. Details of the artefactual material recovered from the site are given in Section 6 and Appendix B. Details of the biological evidence from the site are given in Section 7 and Appendix C.
- 5.2. The natural geological substrate varied along the scheme, but most commonly comprised yellow-brown clay. In 104 of the trenches, the natural substrate was sealed by 0.05m–0.5m of silty clay subsoil. The subsoil was covered in turn by the modern topsoil, which measured 0.11m–0.48m in thickness. In the trenches without subsoil, the natural substrate was directly overlain by the topsoil (Appendix A).
- 5.3. Trenches with archaeological features are discussed below. All features were cut into the natural substrate, except where stated below.

#### Trench 1

- 5.4. Tr1 contained three east/west aligned ditches: 103, 105 and 107. These ditches corresponded broadly to geophysical anomalies.
- 5.5. Ditch 107 was 0.75m wide and 0.24m deep, with a single fill (108).
- 5.6. Ditches 103 and 105 (both unexcavated) were 1.4m wide and 0.8m wide, respectively. They are likely to represent a double-ditched field boundary due to their similar orientation and proximity to a boundary depicted on 19th century historic mapping. Post-medieval pottery was recovered from the upper surface of ditch 103 (fill 104).

#### Trench 2 (Fig. 4)

- 5.7. Posthole 203 was 0.68m long, 0.51m wide and 0.16m deep. It had a single fill (204).
- 5.8. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 205 was 0.6m wide and 0.25m deep. It had a single fill (206), from which 13 sherds of post-medieval pottery were recovered.
- 5.9. North/south aligned ditch 207 was 1.36m and 0.52m deep. It had a single fill (208), from which an iron nail and fragments of post-medieval clay pipe were recovered.
- 5.10. North/south aligned ditch 209 was 1.85m wide and 0.38m deep. It had a single fill (210), from which four sherds of post-medieval pottery were recovered.
- 5.11. Ditches 207 and 209 corresponded to geophysical anomalies.

#### Trench 3 (Fig. 5)

- 5.12. North-east/south-west aligned ditch 303 was 0.9m wide and 0.18 deep. It had a single fill (304).
- 5.13. East/west aligned ditch 305 was 1.23m wide and 0.09 deep. It had a single fill (306).
- 5.14. East/west aligned ditch 307 was 1.03m wide and 0.43m deep. It had a single fill (308).
- 5.15. Posthole 309 was 0.92m long and 0.54m deep, with a single fill (310).
- 5.16. Ditches 303 and 307 corresponded to geophysical anomalies.

#### Trench 4 (Fig. 6)

- 5.17. North/south aligned probable furrow 403 was 1.22m wide and 0.08m deep, with a single fill (404).
- 5.18. Posthole 405 was 0.3m in diameter and 0.28 in depth. It had a single fill (406).
- 5.19. North-east/south-west aligned ditch 407 was 2.63m wide and 0.21m deep. It had a single fill (408). This ditch corresponded to a linear geophysical anomaly.

#### Trench 5

5.20. Posthole 503 was 0.3m long, 0.23m wide and 0.13m deep. It had a single fill (504).

- 5.21. Probable land drain 505 (U) was 0.45m wide.
- 5.22. East/west aligned ditch 507 was 0.86m wide and 0.28m deep. It had a single fill (508), from which post-medieval pottery and clay pipe was recovered.
- 5.23. Pit 511 (U) was 1.32m long and 0.91m wide.
- 5.24. East/west aligned ditch 513 was 0.8m long and 0.1m wide. It had a single fill (514), from which fragments of post-medieval clay pipe were recovered.

- 5.25. Pit 1902 was 0.9m long, 0.6m wide and 0.07m deep. It had a single fill (1903).
- 5.26. North/south aligned ditch 1904 was 1.06m wide and 0.2m deep, with a single fill (1905). This ditch corresponded to a linear geophysical anomaly.

#### Trench 20

5.27. North/south aligned ditch 2004 was 0.5m wide and 0.19m deep. It had a single fill (2005).

#### Trench 25

5.28. North/south aligned ditch 2503 terminated within the trench. It was 0.43m wide and 0.07m deep, with a single fill (2504).

#### Trench 26 (Figs. 18 and 19)

- 5.29. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 2604 was 1.32m wide and 0.18m deep. It had a single fill (2603).
- 5.30. North-east/south-west aligned ditch 2612 was 0.85m wide and 0.57m deep. It had five fills (2607–2611). This ditch corresponded to a linear geophysical anomaly.
- 5.31. Posthole 2606 measured 0.41m in diameter and 0.1m in depth. It had a single fill (2605).

#### **Trench 27 (Fig. 20)**

5.32. Partially-exposed pit 2702 was 0.5m wide and 0.29 deep. It had two fills (2703 and 2704).

#### **Trench 28 (Fig. 21)**

5.33. North/south aligned ditch 2802 was 0.74m wide and 0.01m deep. It had a single fill (2803).

#### **Trench 29 (Figs. 22 and 23)**

- 5.34. Pit/posthole 2904 measured 0.65m in diameter and 0.26m in depth. It had a single fill (2903).
- 5.35. Pit/posthole 2907 measured 0.85m in diameter and 0.13m in depth. It had two fills (2905 and 2906).

#### Trench 31

5.36. North/south aligned ditch 3104 was 1.1m wide and 0.22m deep. It had a single fill (3103).

#### **Trench 32 (Fig. 25)**

- 5.37. Pit/posthole 3202 was 0.6m long, 0.47m wide and 0.22m deep. It had a single fill (2303).
- 5.38. Pit/posthole 3205 measured 0.38m in diameter and 0.13m in depth. It had a single fill (3204).

#### Trench 34

5.39. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 3404 was 0.58m wide and 0.16m deep. It had a single fill (3403).

#### Trench 35

- 5.40. North/south aligned ditch 3502 was 1.21m wide and 0.35m deep. It had a single fill (3502).
- 5.41. North/south aligned ditch 3505 was 1.24m wide and 0.29m deep. It had a single fill (3504).

#### Trench 36

- 5.42. North/south aligned ditch 3603 was 0.94m wide and 0.27m deep. It had a single fill (3604).
- 5.43. Shallow linear cut 3606 was 5m wide and 0.04m deep. It was filled by silty clay deposit 3605.

#### **Trench 39 (Fig. 27)**

- 5.44. Ditch 3903 was aligned roughly north/south, but was somewhat irregular in plan. It was 0.72m wide and 0.12m deep, with a single fill (3904).
- 5.45. North-east/south-west aligned ditch 3905 was 0.64mn wide and 0.22m deep, with a single fill (3906).

#### **Trench 40 (Fig. 28)**

- 5.46. Posthole 4004 measured 0.35m in diameter and 0.69m in depth. It had a single fill (4005).
- 5.47. Posthole 4006 measured 0.25m in diameter and 0.15m in depth. It had a single fill (4007).
- 5.48. North-east/south-west aligned ditch 4008 was 1.88m wide and 0.52m deep, with two fills (4009 and 4010). This ditch corresponded to a linear geophysical anomaly.

#### **Trench 42 (Fig. 29)**

- 5.49. North/south aligned ditch 4209 was 0.82m wide and 0.17m deep, with a single fill (4210). This ditch corresponded to a linear geophysical anomaly.
- 5.50. North/south aligned ditch 4207 was 0.58m wide and 0.15m deep, with a single fill (4208).
- 5.51. Posthole/pit 4203 was 0.32m long, 0.22m wide and 0.1m deep. It had a single fill (4204).
- 5.52. Pit 4211 was 0.9m long, 0.69m wide and 0.25m deep. It had a single fill (4212).
- 5.53. Pit 4213 was 0.51m long, 0.45m wide and 0.1m deep. It had a single fill (4214).

#### Trench 43 (Figs. 30-32)

- 5.54. Posthole/pit was 0.48m long, 0.4m wide and 0.1m deep, with a single fill (4305).
- 5.55. North-east/south-west aligned ditch 4306 was 9.3 wide and 0.4m deep, with a single fill (4307). The wide, shallow nature of this feature might indicate that it was a former trackway.
- 5.56. North-east/south-west aligned ditch 4308 was 0.9m wide and 0.2m deep, with two fills (4309 and 4310).

5.57. Possible quarry pit 4803 was 4.93m wide. It was not excavated due to the presence of modern artefacts on the upper surface of its fill (4804).

#### Trench 49 (Fig. 34)

- 5.58. North-east/south west aligned ditch terminus 4902 was 0.4m wide and 0.06m deep, with a single fill (4903).
- 5.59. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 4904 was 0.94m wide and 0.1m deep. It had a single fill (4905), from which two post-medieval pottery sherds were recovered.

#### **Trench 52 (Fig. 36)**

5.60. Three postholes were present in Tr52 (5203, 5205 and 5207). Where excavated, these were 0.33m-0.43m in diameter and 0.08m-0.14m in depth. They each had single fills.

#### **Trench 53 (Fig. 37)**

5.61. Posthole 5303 measured 0.31m in diameter and 0.15m in depth. It had a single fill (5304).

#### Trench 55 (Figs. 38-40)

- 5.62. Tr55 contained four north-east/south-west aligned ditches. Ditches 5503, 5506 and 5510 were 0.3m–0.57m wide and 0.07m–0.19m deep. Ditch 5503 had two fills; ditches 5506 and 5510 had single fills. Ditch 5522 was slightly more substantial at 1.12m wide and 0.42m deep; it also contained a single fill (5523).
- 5.63. A line of six postholes (5508, 5512, 5514, 5516, 5518, 5520) cut across ditch 5510 on a north-west/south-east alignment. These postholes were 0.19m–0.51m in length, 0.17–0.28m in width and (where excavated) 0.14m–0.45m in depth. They each had single fills.
- 5.64. A further north-east/south-west aligned ditch was present (5524). This ditch was 1.86m wide and 0.84m deep, with two fills (5525 and 5526). Unlike the other features in Tr55, ditch 5524 was cut into the subsoil (5501) and sealed by the topsoil (5500), indicating that it is later in date.

#### Trench 65

5.65. North/south aligned ditch 6504 was1m wide and 0.06 deep. It had a single fill (6503).

- 5.66. North/south aligned ditch 6505 was 0.67m wide and 0.06m deep. It had a single fill (6506).
- 5.67. East/west aligned ditch 6507 was 1.06m wide and 0.16m deep. It had a single fill (6508), from which a shard of post-medieval bottle glass was recovered.
- 5.68. North/south aligned ditch 6509 (unexcavated) was 0.7m wide.

- 5.69. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 6702 was 0.55m wide and 0.14m deep. It had a single fill (6703).
- 5.70. North/south aligned ditch 6704 was 0.76m wide and 0.17m deep, with a single fill (6705). This ditch corresponded to a linear geophysical anomaly.

#### Trench 68

- 5.71. East/west aligned ditch 6803 was 1.03m wide and 0.15m deep, with a single fill (6804). This ditch corresponded to a linear geophysical anomaly.
- 5.72. Possible quarry pit 6805 was 0.8m deep, with three fills (6806–6808). It corresponded to a geophysical anomaly.

#### Trench 69

5.73. North-east/south-west aligned ditch 6902 was 1.82m long and 0.49m wide, with two fills (6903 and 6904). This ditch corresponded to a linear geophysical anomaly.

#### Trench 70

5.74. Possible guarry pit 7003 was 1m deep. It had two fills (7004 and 7005).

#### Trench 71

5.75. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 7103 was 0.56m wide and 0.09m deep. It had a single fill (7104).

#### Trench 72

5.76. Tr72 contained two parallel east/west aligned ditches. Ditch 7203 was 0.7m wide and 0.16m deep; ditch 7205 was 0.53m wide and 0.29m deep. Both ditches had single fills.

5.77. North/south aligned ditch 7302 was 1m wide and 0.25m deep. It had a single fill (7303).

#### Trench 74 (Figs. 43 and 44)

- 5.78. Pit 7405 measured 0.5m in diameter and 0.1m in depth. It had a single fill (7406).
- 5.79. Pit 7408 had been largely partially truncated by later pit 7403 (see below). It survived to 0.55m in diameter and 0.09m in depth, and had a single fill (7409).
- 5.80. Pit 7403 was only partially exposed in the trench. It was 1.04m wide and 0.71m deep, with two fills (7404 and 7407). Pit 7403 was cut through subsoil 7401 and sealed by topsoil 7400, indicating that it is later in date.

#### Trench 75

- 5.81. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 7503 was 1.2m wide and 0.14m deep. It had a single fill (7504).
- 5.82. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 7505 was 0.75m wide and 0.39m deep. It contained two fills (7506 and 7507).

#### Trench 76

5.83. East/west aligned ditch 7603 was 0.63m wide and 0.15m deep. It had a single fill (7604).

#### **Trench 77 (Fig. 46)**

- 5.84. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 7704 was 1.21m wide and 0.37m deep. It had a single fill (7703), from which a single prehistoric worked flint was recovered.
- 5.85. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 7706 was 1.12m wide and 0.43m deep. It had a single fill (7705).
- 5.86. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 7710 was 1.03m wide and 0.37m deep. It had a single fill (7709).
- 5.87. North-east/south-west aligned ditch 7708 was 0.53m wide and 0.11m deep. It had a single fill (7707).

#### **Trench 78 (Figs. 47 and 48)**

- 5.88. North-east/south-west aligned ditch 7811 was 1.13m wide and 0.55m deep. It had three fills (7812, 7815 and 7816), from which a combined total of four prehistoric worked flint flakes were recovered. Ditch 7811 had been cut by posthole 7813, which measured 0.13m in diameter and 0.18 in depth. Posthole 7813 had a single fill (7814).
- 5.89. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 7808 was 5.2m wide and 0.4m deep. It was filled by a deposit of stones in a silty matrix (7807). It had been cut in the same alignment by ditch 7806, which was 1.05m wide and 0.56m deep. Ditch 7806 had a single fill (7805).
- 5.90. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 7809 was 1.13m wide and 0.55m deep. It had a single fill (7810).
- 5.91. Posthole 7803 measured 0.5m in diameter and 0.26m in depth. It had a single fill (7804).

#### **Trench 79 (Figs. 49 and 50)**

- 5.92. A cut (7905) measuring 5.1m in width was partially exposed within Tr79. This feature was up to 0.3m deep and contained three fills (7906, 7909 and 7910). It corresponded to a curved linear geophysical anomaly and a discrete, pit-like anomaly. The curved anomaly raises the possibility that cut 7905 represents a terracing platform for a late prehistoric roundhouse.
- 5.93. Three possible cremation burials (7911, 7913 and 7915) were cut into the backfill of feature 7905. These each contained dark, charcoal-rich fills with possible bone flecks visible. None of these features were excavated, in line with the stipulation in the WSI that human remains will be left in situ at the evaluation stage (CA 2023). A sherd of Roman pottery was recovered from the upper surface of possible cremation 7913 (fill 7914).
- 5.94. Pit 7907 was not excavated due to the presence of late post-medieval artefacts on its upper surface.

#### Trench 85

5.95. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 8503 was 0.72m wide and 0.19m deep. It had a single fill (8504), from which three prehistoric worked flint flakes were recovered.

- 5.96. North-east/south-west aligned ditch 8505 was not excavated.
- 5.97. North-east/south-west aligned ditch 8507 was not excavated.

5.98. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 8604 was 0.6m wide and 0.22m deep. It had a single fill (8605). This ditch was on the approximate line of a linear geophysical anomaly.

#### **Trench 87 (Fig. 53)**

- 5.99. Pit 8706 was 0.6m wide and 0.14m deep. The base of this pit featured a stakehole (8709) which measured 0.15m in diameter and 0.11m in depth. A sequence of three fills (8703–8705) had built up within the stakehole and the pit. The natural substrate underneath/around this pit featured red/pink colouring, possibly indicating a burning episode within the pit.
- 5.100. Possible ditch terminus/pit 8708 was 0.75m wide and 0.25m deep. It had a single fill (8707).

#### **Trench 88 (Fig. 54)**

- 5.101. Pit 8802 was 0.8m long, 0.63m wide and 0.18m deep It had steep sides and a flat base. It contained two fills (8803 and 8806).
- 5.102. North/south aligned ditch 8804 was not excavated.

#### Trench 101 (Fig. 56)

- 5.103. Pit 10105 was 9.46m long, 0.96m wide and 1.04m deep. It had a single fill (10106).
- 5.104. Pit 10105 was cut by pit 10103, which was 17.14m long, 1.6m wide and 0.51m deep. Pit 1013 had a single fill (10104).

#### Trench 106 (Figs. 58 & 59)

- 5.105. Parallel north-west/south-east aligned ditches 10603 and 10605 were both unexcavated. These ditches corresponded to either side of a historic field boundary detected by the geophysical survey They presumably represent ditches to either side of a former hedgeline.
- 5.106. A wide feature in the south-western end of Tr106 may represent a possible former dewpond (context 10607). This feature was 14m wide and up to 0.44m deep. A

deposit of limestone (10610) had been placed within the base of the cut towards its south-western extent, possibly representing an attempt to firm up the ground. A sequence of four undated fills had then built up within this feature (10608, 10609, 10611 and 10612).

#### **Trench 107 (Fig. 60)**

- 5.107. Parallel north-west/south-east aligned ditches 10703 and 10705 were not excavated.
- 5.108. North-east/south-west aligned ditch 10707 was 1.41m wide and 0.2m deep, with a single undated fill (10708).

#### Trench 108 (Figs. 61 & 62)

- 5.109. East/west aligned ditch 10812 was 1.46m wide and 0.36m deep, with a single undated fill (10813).
- 5.110. North-east/south-west aligned ditch 10818 was 0.8m wide and 0.28m deep, with a single undated fill (10819).
- 5.111. North-east/south-west aligned ditch 10803 was 1.5m wide and 0.28m deep, with a single undated fill (10804). This ditch matched a linear geophysical anomaly associated with a former field boundary.
- 5.112. East/west aligned ditch 10816 was 0.6m wide and 0.13m deep, with a single undated fill (10817). This ditch matched a linear geophysical anomaly associated with a former field boundary.
- 5.113. Three intercutting pits were present towards the centre of the trench. Pit 10805 was 0.15m deep and survived to 0.54m in width; it had a single undated fill (10805). Pit 10810 was 0.3m deep and survived to 1.33m in width; it had a single undated fill (10811). Both of these pits had been truncated by pit 10807, which was 1.26m wide and 0.27m. Pit 10807 had two undated fills (10808 and 10809).
- 5.114. Pit 10814 was 0.64m wide and 0.21m deep, with a single undated fill (10815).

#### Trench 109 (Figs. 63 & 64)

5.115. Tr109 contained two north-west/south-east aligned ditches. Ditch 10903 was 0.53m wide and 0.29m deep, with a single undated fill (1904). Ditch 10905 was 0.89m

wide and 0.27m deep, with three undated fills (10906–10908). Ditch 1905 corresponded to a geophysical anomaly.

#### Trench 111

5.116. North/south aligned ditch 11103 (unexcavated) was 1.53m wide. It corresponded to a linear geophysical anomaly associated with a former field boundary.

#### **Trench 112 (Fig. 65)**

5.117. Tr112 contained two parallel north-west/south-east aligned ditches. Ditch 11203 was 0.71m wide and 0.45m deep, with two undated fills (11204 and 11205). Ditch 11208 was 0.51m wide and 0.23m deep, with a single undated fill (11209). These ditches were separated from each other by 1.9m. The area between the ditches was covered by 0.06m-thick silty clay layer 11207, which may represent trample/surfacing associated with a former trackway.

#### **Trench 113 (Figs. 66 and 67)**

- 5.118. Pit 11303 was partially exposed within the trench. This pit was 3.1m wide and 0.46m deep. It had three undated fills (11304–11306).
- 5.119. Stakehole 11307 measured 0.14m in diameter and 0.3m in depth. It had a single undated fill (11308). The high amount of charcoal in this fill might indicate that the wooden stake was burned *in situ*.

#### **Trench 114 (Fig. 68)**

5.120. East/west aligned ditch 11403 was 0.76m wide and 0.07m deep, with a single undated fill (11404). This ditch corresponded to a curved geophysical anomaly.

#### Trench 115 (Figs. 69-71)

- 5.121. Curved ditch 11503 terminated within the trench. This ditch was 0.7m wide and 0.12m deep, with a single undated fill (11504).
- 5.122. A cluster of postholes and pits were adjacent to ditch 11503. These postholes (11505, 11507 and 11509) measured 0.24m–0.39m in diameter and 0.05m–0.06m in depth; they each had single undated fills. The pits (11511, 11513, 11515 and 11518) measured 0.93m–1.3m in length, 0.33m–0.84m in width and 0.22m–0.29m in depth; they each contained one or two fills. Fill 11519 in posthole 11518 contained three pottery sherds dating to the Early Neolithic.

- 5.123. North/south aligned ditch 11520 was 1.23m wide and 0.44m deep, with three undated fills (11521–11523). This ditch corresponded to a linear geophysical anomaly associated with a former field boundary.
- 5.124. Two further pits (11524 and 11526) were present in the north-eastern end of the trench. These pits were 0.57m–0.66m long, 0.49m–0.63m wide and 0.1m–0.12m deep. They each contained single fills. Fill 11525 in pit 11524 contained a sherd of post-medieval pottery.

#### Trench 116 (Figs. 72-74)

- 5.125. Posthole 11606 was 0.52m long, 0.27m wide and 0.1m deep, with a single undated fill (11607).
- 5.126. Posthole 11608 measured 0.41m in diameter and 0.22m in depth. It had a single undated fill (11609).
- 5.127. Pit/posthole 11617 measured 0.28m in diameter and 0.13m in depth. It had a single undated fill (11618). Posthole 11617 was cut by pit/posthole 11619, which measured 0.18m in diameter and 0.09m in depth. Posthole 11619 had a single undated fill (11620).
- 5.128. Posthole 11621 was 0.28m long, 0.2m wide and 0.14m deep, with a single undated fill (11622).
- 5.129. Posthole 11625 was 0.5m long, 0.12m wide and 0.23m deep, with a single undated fill (11626).
- 5.130. Pit 11603 was 1.24m long, 1.06m wide and 0.22m dee. It had two fills (11604 and 11605), from which a combined total of 59 Early Neolithic pottery sherds was recovered, as well as three prehistoric worked flints.
- 5.131. Pit 11610 was 0.68m long, 0.49m wide and 0.12m deep, with a single undated fill (11611).
- 5.132. Pit 11612 was 0.65m long, 0.57m wide and 0.08m deep, with a single undated fill (11613).
- 5.133. Pit 11614 was 0.82m wide and 0.18m deep, with two fills (11615 and 11616). Fill 11615 contained 51 Early Neolithic pottery sherds and a prehistoric worked flint.

- 5.134. North/south aligned ditch 11623 terminated within the trench. This ditch was 0.4m wide and 0.25m deep, with a single undated fill (11624).
- 5.135. North-east/south-west aligned ditch 11629 was 0.41m wide and 0.09m deep, with a single undated fill (11630).
- 5.136. North/south aligned ditch 11627 was 1.45m wide and 0.42m deep, with a single undated fill (11628). This ditch corresponded to a linear geophysical anomaly associated with a former field boundary.

5.137. Parallel east/west aligned ditches 11703 and 11705 measured 0.9m–1.1m in width. Both ditches were unexcavated. They were on the line of a linear geophysical anomaly associated with a former field boundary. They presumably represent ditches to either side of a former hedgerow.

#### Trench 118 (Figs. 75-77)

- 5.138. Pit 11803 was 0.72m long, 0.46m wide and 0.18m deep. It had two undated fills (11804 and 11805).
- 5.139. Pit 11808 was 0.71m long, 0.34m wide and 0.08m deep. It had a single undated fill (11809).
- 5.140. Pit 11812 measured 0.31m in diameter and 0.08m in depth. It had a single undated fill (11813).
- 5.141. Pit 11814 was partially exposed in the trench. It was 0.72m wide and 0.16m deep, with a single undated fill (11815).
- 5.142. North/south aligned ditch 11818 was 0.77m wide and 0.09m deep, with a single undated fill (11819).
- 5.143. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 11806 was 0.45m wide and 0.1m deep, with a single undated fill (11807).
- 5.144. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 11810 terminated within the trench. This ditch was 0.66m wide and 0.15m deep, with a single undated fill (11811).
- 5.145. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 11816 terminated within the trench. This ditch was 0.42m wide and 0.11m deep, with a single undated fill (11817).

#### Trench 120 (Figs. 78 and 79)

- 5.146. North/south aligned ditch 12003 was 0.51m wide and 0.22m deep. It had a single fill (12004).
- 5.147. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 12005 was 0.7m wide and 0.35m deep. It had a single fill (12006).
- 5.148. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 12007 was 0.83m wide and 0.42m deep. It had two fills (12008 and 12009). It was re-cut by ditch 12010, which was 1.04m wide and 0.47m deep and had three fills (12011–12013). These ditches corresponded to a linear geophysical anomaly.

#### Trench 123

5.149. North/south aligned ditch 12303 was 0.83m wide and 0.22m deep. It had two fills (12304 and 12305). This ditch corresponded to a linear geophysical anomaly associated with a former field boundary.

#### Trench 124 (Figs. 81 and 82)

- 5.150. Posthole 12403 measured 0.25m in diameter and 0.3m in depth. It had two fills (12404 and 12409).
- 5.151. Pit 12405 was 0.66m long, 0.49m wide and 0.14m deep. It had a single fill (12406).
- 5.152. East/west aligned ditch 12407 terminated within the trench. It was 0.84m wide and 0.21m deep. It had a single fill (12408). This ditch corresponded to part of a curved geophysical anomaly.

#### Trench 125 (Figs. 83 and 84)

- 5.153. North/south aligned ditch 12503 was not excavated. It corresponded to a linear geophysical anomaly associated with a former field boundary.
- 5.154. Pit 12513 was 0.6m long, 0.42m wide and 0.04m deep. It had a single fill (12514).
- 5.155. Pit 12515 was 0.65m long, 0.47m wide and 0.12m deep. It had a single fill (12516).
- 5.156. A cluster of four postholes potentially represented a sub-square structure (postholes 12505, 12507, 12509 and 12511). These measured 0.12m–0.2m in diameter. Where excavated, they were 0.06m deep and contained single fills.

#### **Trench 126 (Fig. 85)**

- 5.157. North-east/south-west aligned ditch 12603 terminated within the trench. This ditch was 0.6m wide and 0.15m deep. It had a single fill (12604).
- 5.158. Ditch 12603 was cut across by north/south aligned ditch 12605, which was 1.42m wide and 0.2m deep. Ditch 12603 had a single fill (12606), from which two sherds of post-medieval pottery were recovered. Ditch 12603 corresponded to a linear geophysical anomaly.

#### Trench 127 (Fig. 86)

- 5.159. North/south aligned ditch 12703 was 0.5m wide and 0.07m deep. It had a single fill (12704).
- 5.160. Ditch 12704 was truncated by east/west aligned ditch 12705, which was 0.56m wide and 0.37m deep. It had a single fill (12706).

#### Trench 128 (Figs. 88 and 89)

- 5.161. Posthole 12803 was 0.23m long, 0.14m wide and 0.05m deep. It had a single fill (12804).
- 5.162. Posthole 12805 was 0.23 long, 0.12m wide and 0.05m deep. It had a single fill (12806).
- 5.163. Pit 12807 was 0.63m long, 0.56m wide and 0.14m deep. It had a single fill (12808).

#### Trench 129 (Fig. 90)

- 5.164. Pit/ditch terminus 12905 was 0.73m wide and 0.31m deep, with a single fill (12906).
- 5.165. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 12903 was 1.89m wide and 0.1m deep. It had a single fill (12904). This ditch corresponded to a linear geophysical anomaly.

#### Trench 130 (Fig. 91)

- 5.166. Pit/posthole 13006 measured 0.53m in diameter and 0.23m in depth. It had a single fill (13007).
- 5.167. North-east/south-west aligned ditch 13003 was 1.1m wide and 0.22m deep. It had two fills (13004 and 13005). This ditch corresponded to a linear geophysical anomaly associated with a former field boundary.

#### **Trench 132 (Figs. 92 and 93)**

- 5.168. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 13205 was 0.38m wide and 0.16m deep. It had a single fill (13206). Pit 13203 measured 0.8m in diameter and 0.32 in depth. It had a single fill (13204). The north-western end of ditch 13205 had been truncated by pit 13203. This pit measured 0.8m in diameter and 0.32 in depth. It had a single fill (13204).
- 5.169. Tr132 contained four further postholes (13207, 13209, 13211, 13217). These measured 0.28m–0.35m in diameter. Where excavated, they were 0.11m–0.19m deep and contained single fills.
- 5.170. Pit 13213 was 0.58m long, 0.45m wide and 0.19m deep. It had a single fill (13214). This pit was slightly truncated by north/south aligned ditch 13215, which was 0.38m wide and 0.12m deep. This ditch had a single fill (13216).

#### Trench 133 (Fig. 94)

5.171. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 13303 was 0.92m wide and 0.17m deep. It had a single fill (13304).

#### Trench 134 (Figs. 96 and 97)

- 5.172. North-east/south-west aligned ditch 13403 was 0.8m wide and 0.32m deep. It had a single fill (13404). This ditch corresponds to a linear geophysical anomaly.
- 5.173. North-east/south-west aligned ditch 13405 was 0.7m wide and 0.9m deep, with a single fill (13406). It was recut on the same alignment by ditch 13407, which was 0.44m wide and 0.08m deep, with a single fill (13408).
- 5.174. East/west aligned ditch 13416 was 0.4m wide and 0.12m deep. It had a single fill (13417).
- 5.175. East/west aligned ditch 13411 was 0.69m wide and 0.28 deep, with a single fill (13412). It was recut on the same alignment by ditch 13413, which was 0.56m wide and 0.26m deep, with a single fill (13415).
- 5.176. Ditch 13411 and recut 13413 were cut across by north/south aligned ditch 13409. This later ditch was 0.47m wide and 0.15m deep. It had a single fill (13410), from which three sherds of medieval pottery were recovered.

#### Trench 135 (Figs. 98-100)

- 5.177. North/south aligned curved ditch 13503 was 0.64m wide and 0.1m deep. It had a single fill (13504), from which a single prehistoric flint flake was recovered. This ditch corresponded to a curved geophysical anomaly.
- 5.178. East/west aligned ditch 13505 was 0.37m wide and 0.24m deep, with two fills (13506 and 13511). It had been partially recut on the same alignment by 13512. Ditch 13512 was 0.48m wide and 0.2m deep, with two fills (13513 and 13514).
- 5.179. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 13507 was 1m wide and 0.27m deep. It had a single fill (13508). This ditch corresponded to a linear geophysical anomaly.
- 5.180. Posthole 13509 measured 0.45 in diameter and 0.09m in depth. It had one fill (13510).
- 5.181. Posthole 13515 measured 0.15m in diameter and 0.08m in depth. It had a single fill (13516).

#### Trench 136 (Fig. 101)

5.182. Posthole 13603 measured 0.25m in diameter and 0.07m in depth. It had a single fill (13604).

#### Trench 137 (Figs. 102 and 103)

- 5.183. North-east/south-west aligned ditch 13703 was 0.6m wide and 0.09m deep. It had a single fill (13704).
- 5.184. Pit 13711 measured 0.55m in diameter and 0.08 in depth. It had a single fill (13712). Pit 13711 was partially truncated by north-west/south-east aligned ditch 13705. This ditch was 0.57m wide and 0.17m deep. It had a single fill (13706).
- 5.185. North-east/south-west aligned ditch 137078 was 0.8m wide and 0.2m deep, with a single fill (13708). It was cut by curved ditch 13709. This later ditch was 0.47m wide and 0.15m deep, with a single fill (13710).

#### Trench 138 (Fig. 105)

5.186. North/south aligned ditch 13803 was 0.93m wide and 0.25m deep. It had a single fill (13804). This ditch corresponds to a geophysical anomaly.

#### Trench 139 (Fig. 106)

5.187. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 13902 was 1.31m wide and 0.24m deep. It had two fills (13903 and 13904). This ditch corresponds to a geophysical anomaly.

#### Trench 140

5.188. North/south aligned ditch 14002 was 0.71m wide and 0.11m deep. It had a single fill (14003). This ditch corresponds to a geophysical anomaly.

#### Trench 141 (Fig. 107)

- 5.189. Pit 14102 measured 0.5m in diameter and 0.11 in depth. It had a single fill (14103).
- 5.190. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 14104 was 1.36m wide and 0.43m deep. It had a single fill (14105). This ditch was on the broad line of a geophysical anomaly.
- 5.191. Posthole 14106 was 0.25m long, 0.17m wide and 0.08m deep. It had a single fill (14107).

#### **Trench 144 (Fig. 51)**

5.192. Tr144 contained two postholes (14404 and 14406). These measured 0.3m–0.35m in diameter and 0.07m–0.11m in depth. They each had single fills.

#### **Trench 157 (Fig. 7)**

- 5.193. Probable pond 15703 was 1.3m deep. It continued beyond the edges of the trench but was exposed for a length of 13m. It had four fills (15704, 15707–15709).
- 5.194. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 15705 was 1.54m wide and 0.08m deep, with a single undated fill (15706).

#### **Trench 158 (Fig. 8)**

- 5.195. North-east/south-west ditch 15803 (unexcavated) was 0.9m wide.
- 5.196. North-east/south-west aligned ditch 15805 was 1.1m wide and 0.15m deep. It had a single fill (15806), from which post-medieval pottery and modern glass were recovered. This ditch corresponded to a geophysical anomaly.

#### Trench 162

- 5.197. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 16203 (unexcavated) was 0.4m wide.
- 5.198. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 16205(unexcavated) was 1.15m wide.

#### **Trench 163 (Figs. 109 and 110)**

- 5.199. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 16302 was 1.04m wide and 0.47m deep. It had a single fill (16302). This ditch corresponded to a linear anomaly associated with a former field boundary.
- 5.200. North-east/south-west aligned ditch 16310 was 0.33m wide and 0.21m deep. It had a single fill (16311).
- 5.201. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 16304 terminated within the trench. This ditch was 0.46m wide and 0.12m deep. It had a single fill (16305).
- 5.202. Pit/posthole 16306 measured 0.45m in diameter and 0.15m in depth. It had a single fill (16307).
- 5.203. Pit/posthole 16308 measured 0.35m in diameter and 0.1m in depth. It had a single fill (16309).

#### Trench 164 (Fig. 111)

- 5.204. Pit 16404 was 0.89m wide and 0.49m deep. It had a single fill (16405).
- 5.205. Pit/posthole 16406 was 0.47m long, 0.3m wide and 0.08m deep, with a single fill (16407). It had been truncated by north/south aligned ditch 16408. This later ditch was 2.35m wide and 1m deep, with two fills (16409 and 16410).

#### **Trench 165 (Fig 112)**

- 5.206. Posthole 16502 measured 0.22m in dimeter and 0.1m in depth. It had a single fill (16503), from which five sherds of early Neolithic pottery were recovered.
- 5.207. Pit/posthole 16504 was 0.32m long, 0.22m wide and 0.14m deep. It had a single undated fill (16505).

#### Trench 167 (Figs. 10–12) and Trench 168 (Figs. 13–16)

- 5.208. Tr167 and Tr168 sampled a sub-square enclosure detected by the geophysical survey. This was found to correspond to a substantial enclosure ditch with a steep, V-shaped profile (ditch 16722 in Tr167; ditch 16811 in Tr168).
- 5.209. North-east/south-west aligned ditch 16722 had largely been truncated by later recut 16708. Ditch 16722 had three surviving fills (16721, 16723, 16724). Recut 16708 was 3.77m wide and 1.47m deep. It had 12 fills (16709–16720), from which a

- combined total of 28 sherds of Roman pottery were recovered. Ditch 16722 and recut 16708 had a combined width of 3.77m and a combined depth of 2.1m.
- 5.210. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 16811 had been largely truncated by later recut 16821. It had seven surviving fills (16812–16817, 16820). Recut 1682 was 4.68m wide and 2m deep, with 10 fills (16822–16831). Fill 16828 contained two sherds of Roman pottery. Ditch 16811 and recut 16821 had a combined width of 4.7m and a combined depth of 2.3m.
- 5.211. One small ditch and six pits/postholes were present within the enclosure. East/west aligned ditch 16804 was 0.31m wide and 0.14m deep. It had a single fill (16805).
- 5.212. Pit 16702 was 0.59m wide and 0.18m deep. It had a single fill (16703).
- 5.213. Pit 16806 was 0.68m long, 0.5m wide and 0.22m deep. It had a single fill (16807).
- 5.214. Pit 16808 was 1.05m long, 0.76m wide and 0.17m deep. It had two fills (16809 and 16810).
- 5.215. Postholes 16704, 16706 and 16802 measured 0.2m–0.3m in diameter and 0.03m–0.18m in depth. They each had single fills.

#### 6. THE FINDS

6.1. Artefactual material, comprising pottery, ceramic building material, worked flint, clay tobacco pipe, fired clay, glass and iron was recovered by hand from 37 deposits. Recording of this material was direct to an Excel spreadsheet, from which Table B1 (Appendix B) is taken. The artefacts have been recorded by deposit and fragment/item count, weight, type and morphological characteristics according to each find category. The recording undertaken is in accordance with the ClfA *Toolkit* for Specialist Reporting (ClfA 2021).

#### **Pottery**

6.2. A total of 315 sherds/2,829g of pottery was recovered from 28 deposits. The majority (162 sherds, 1,845g) of the pottery is of post-medieval/modern date, with the remainder dating mainly to the Neolithic period (116 sherds, 858g). A small number of sherds date to the Roman (31 sherds, 103g) and medieval (four sherds, 10g) periods.

- 6.3. The pottery is well broken-up, containing few vessels reconstructable below shoulder level.
- 6.4. Fabric codes used for recording are defined in Appendix B, Table B2.

#### Neolithic

- 6.5. The pottery of this period amounted to 116 sherds/858g. With the exception of five very small sherds (<1g) from Tr165, the pottery was recovered from Tr115 and Tr116, both located in the eastern part of the Proposed Development.
- 6.6. The Tr115 and Tr116 material came from three pits: 11518 (fill 11519; Tr115), 11603 (fill 11604; Tr116) and 11614 (fill 11615; Tr116). The pottery from these features is heavily fragmented, with much of the breakage occurring at the time of or post-recovery due to the soft and coarse-gritted character of the pottery fabric. Sherd surfaces are, however, generally well-preserved; a number have internal or external carbonaceous residues (below). The single recorded fabric (VQ) is characterised by abundant and large (up to 9mm), angular 'vein quartz' inclusions, some protruding through the sherd surfaces.
- 6.7. The large majority of the Neolithic group is made up of unfeatured body sherds, most of which measure 9mm–12mm in thickness. The levels of fragmentation are such that the number of vessels represented is unclear, although it is possible that single vessels are represented from pits 11518, 11603 and 11614.
- 6.8. A small number of rim sherds were noted from pits 11603 (four sherds) and 11614 (one sherd). These are of simple upright/slightly everted form, with squared tops.
- 6.9. Examples of body sherds from fills 11604 and 11615 exhibit a shallow angled carination, probably from the vessel's girth; one sherd from the latter deposit also features a handle scar which is level with the carination.
- 6.10. As noted, some sherds from pits 11603 and 11614 preserve carbonaceous residues. Those from the latter feature are located internally and very probably represent a burnt food deposit. Those on the sherds from pit 11603 are sparser and external, probably representing a sooting-type residue resulting from placement in or over a fire.
- 6.11. The pottery from pits 11518, 11603 and 11614 can with certainty be attributed to an Early Neolithic Carinated bowl tradition in use over the period *c.* 3850–3350 BC.

The fragmentation of the pottery is such that fullest classification according to schema developed by Cleal (2004) is not possible. Use of vein quartz is attested for this period mainly from south Devon (Quinnell and Taylor 2016), but also eastwards, from Timberscombe, Somerset (Quinnell 2013) and Hinkley Point, Somerset (Quinnell forthcoming).

#### Roman

- 6.12. Pottery of Roman date consists of 31 sherds/103g. The sherds are small and abraded. They were recovered from three trenches: the majority (28 sherds, 92g) from Tr167 and the remainder from Tr79 (one sherd, 4g) and Tr168 (two sherds, 7g).
- 6.13. Fabric types present include a black sandy (BS) fabric, likely made locally. Regional fabric types consist of a gabbroic fabric (GAB, 22 sherds, 64g) and two very abraded Black-burnished ware sherds from South-east Dorset (DOR BB1, 10g). Gabbroic pottery derives from the Lizard peninsula, Cornwall, and is a long-lived fabric type (Quinnell 2004, 108–27). The only imported ware present is a single bodysherd of Central Gaulish (LEZ SA2, 3g), recovered from ditch 16708 (fill 16713: Tr167).
- 6.14. Only two rim sherds were recovered, both from ditch 16708 (fills 16713 and 16718; Tr167). These sherds were both present amongst the black sandy (BS) fabric and are from necked vessels, probably jars or bowls. The presence of Black-burnished ware and Samian in ditch 16708 suggests a date in the 2nd century (or later) for this feature.

#### Medieval

6.15. Four medieval sherds (10g) were recovered. They are all in a chert and coarse quartz tempered fabric (QZC) typical in Devon and are of broadly 11th–14th century date. These sherds came from Tr134 and were recovered from topsoil layer 13400 and ditch 13409 (fill 13410). The latter included a sherd from a vessel with a flat rim top.

### Post-medieval/modern

6.16. The majority of the pottery from the site (162 sherds, 1,845g) is attributed to this period. The fabrics present are typical for the area and include a range of fine (GLCf; UGCf, nine sherds, 33g) to coarse quartz tempered (GLC; UGC; NDE, 136

- sherds, 1,742g) wares. The coarsewares are typical of North Devon assemblages of 16th–18th century date.
- 6.17. Also present were small quantities of modern fabrics, dating to the late 18th century or later, including black basalt ware (BAS, one sherd, 4g), refined whitewares (BWW; TPW, 11 sherds, 35g), porcelain (POR, one sherd, 14g) and stoneware (WSW, four sherds, 17g).
- 6.18. Forms present in the coarsewares are comparable with other sites in Devon, including at Exeter (Allan 1984) and Bideford (Allan *et al.* 2005). A possible glazed coarseware (GLC) Type 3C bowl with a clubbed rim (ibid. Fig. 7, 60–1; 63–4, 178) was recovered as an unstratified surface find, and a glazed coarseware (GLC) bowl with a complex rim and lid seat was recovered from ditch 103 (fill 104: Tr1). The latter has an applied thumbed strip similar to nos. 81–2 (ibid. Fig. 8, 179).
- 6.19. Also noted from amongst the North Devon ware (NDE) were jars, including a Type 10 with a cupped rim from topsoil layer 7300 (Tr73), and Type 3G flanged bowls from topsoil layer 11600 (Tr116) and subsoil layer 12501 (Tr125) (Allan 1984, Fig. 63, 149).

### **Lithics**

- 6.20. A total of 28 worked flints (265g) and two pieces of burnt unworked flint (92g) were recovered from nine deposits and as unstratified surface finds. The artefacts were recorded according to broad debitage/artefact type, as defined by Butler (2005), and catalogued directly onto a Microsoft Access database. Attributes recorded include count, weight, raw material type and quality, cortex type and degree of edge damage.
- 6.21. The raw material is mostly fine-grained or moderately fine-grained. Cortex is present on 11 items and is chalky on nine, abraded on one and 'chattered' on one. This suggests a reliance mainly on primary sources, such as chalk. However, the eastern end of the Proposed Development lies approximately 76km north-west of the nearest chalk bedrock (of the Grey Chalk Subgroup, BGS 2023), so the chalk flint must have been traded/imported. Gravel flints would have been more readily available; the Proposed Development crosses the River Torridge and the western end is approximately 2km from the coast.

- 6.22. The lithics consist of flakes, blades, cores and a spurred piece. Three of the flakes display features consistent with Mesolithic or Early Neolithic knapping techniques: one with a prepared platform from fill 8504 (ditch 8503; Tr85); one with a punctiform butt from fill 11605 (pit 11603; Tr116); and one with a linear butt from fill 11615 (pit 11614; Tr116).
- 6.23. Blade technology is a flint working strategy which was in use during the Mesolithic and Early Neolithic periods. Examples were retrieved from pit fill 11604 (Tr116) and as an unstratified surface find.
- 6.24. Three cores were recovered as unstratified surface finds. One is a chronologically undiagnostic multi-platform flake core. The other two are likely to date to the Mesolithic or Early Neolithic periods, as one features blade (as well as flake) scars and the other has had a core tablet removed (a form of core rejuvenation).
- 6.25. The only retouched tool is a spurred piece from fill 7703 (ditch 7704; Tr77). It has been made using a flake blank and is not closely datable.
- 6.26. The condition of the flints is variable, with slight or no edge damage recorded on the flints from fill 7815 (ditch 7811; Tr78), fill 8504 (ditch 8503; Tr85), fill 11525 (pit 11524; Tr15), fills 11604 and 11605 (pit 11603; Tr116) and fill 11615 (pit 11614; Tr116), suggesting that these artefacts are likely to be stratified.
- 6.27. One burnt was recovered as an unstratified surface find.
- 6.28. The lithics from pits 11603 and 11614 (both Tr116) were recovered in association with Early Neolithic pottery. Although all of the datable artefacts within the flint assemblage are indicative of a Mesolithic/Early Neolithic origin, other prehistoric periods may also be represented.

## **Ceramic Building Material (CBM)**

6.29. A total of four fragments (74g) of CBM were recovered as unstratified surface finds. These are in a hard fired, orange fabric typical of post-medieval material. A single curved fragment is from a possible pantile and as such probably dates to the 18th or 19th centuries.

## Fired clay/ceramic object

6.30. A single fragment (8g) of fired/burnt clay was recovered as an unstratified surface find. This fragment was in a hard fired, orange sandy fabric which preserves no features indicative of function.

#### **Glass**

6.31. Three pieces of glass (91g) were recovered. A single fragment from a dark green wine/spirit bottle (24g) of post-medieval date was recovered from ditch 6507 (fill 6508; Tr65). A single fragment from a colourless vessel (2g), likely of modern date, was recovered from ditch 15805 (fill 15806; Tr158). A cobalt blue hexagonal object (possibly a post-medieval/modern door knob) was recovered as an unstratified surface find.

#### Iron

6.32. A total of seven iron objects/fragments were recovered. These are all too corroded or fragmentary to date. They include four nails/nail fragments and two objects of unknown function: a hooked object from topsoil 10800 (Tr108) and a socketed implement from pit 11803 (fill 10804; Tr108) with a flattened end (Ra. 2).

## Clay tobacco pipe

6.33. Eight fragments of clay pipe (21g) were recovered from ditches 207 (Tr2), 507 (Tr5) and 513 (Tr5) and as unstratified surface finds. The plain stems can be broadly dated to the late 16th–late 19th centuries.

## **Summary**

- 6.34. Relatively small quantities of artefactual material were recovered, with the finds being distributed across the length of the Proposed Development.
- 6.35. The quantities of Early Neolithic pottery and worked flint from Tr115 and Tr116 are of note; the clusters of pits and other features in this area possibly represent rare evidence of Early Neolithic habitation or other activity at this location.
- 6.36. The small quantities of Roman material suggest activity of this date in the area of Tr167 and Tr168.
- 6.37. The majority of the assemblage is of post-medieval or modern date. The post-medieval pottery is typical of North Devon assemblages. The forms present suggest a utilitarian function.

## Further work and selection strategy

- 6.38. The finds are stable and have been recorded to the standards appropriate for an archaeological evaluation. The finds should be retained, except for the small quantities of fired clay and CBM and the modern or unstratified material. The unworked, burnt flint has been discarded subsequent to quantification.
- 6.39. Further recording or analysis is not required, although the Neolithic finds are of sufficient interest to warrant publication. Should further archaeological works be undertaken at the site, it is recommended that the Neolithic finds should be incorporated within any further reporting, with the material considered and illustrated alongside any further finds.

## 7. THE BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE

## Paleoenvironmental samples

- 7.1. A series of 111 bulk environmental samples and five monoliths were taken from a range of features from along the pipeline. The majority of these samples were from undated features.
- 7.2. A selection of 13 bulk samples were processed for this report. This selection was made from pits and ditches in 11 trenches to give some spatial distribution along the scheme, including samples from the Roman ditches in Tr167 and Tr168 and from two Early Neolithic pits in Trench Tr116. These 13 bulk samples (183 litres of soil) were processed to evaluate the preservation of palaeoenvironmental remains and with the intention of recovering environmental evidence of domestic or industrial activity. The samples were processed by standard flotation procedures (CA Technical Manual 2: The Taking and Processing of Environmental and Other Samples from Archaeological Sites). The five monolith samples were also examined.
- 7.3. Preliminary identifications of plant macrofossils are noted in Appendix C (Table C1), following nomenclature of Stace (1997) for wild plants, and traditional nomenclature, as provided by Zohary *et al* (2012), for cereals. The presence of mollusc shells has also been recorded; nomenclature is according to Anderson (2005) and habitat preferences are according to Kerney (1999) and Davies (2008).

7.4. The flots varied in size, with low to moderate numbers of rooty material and modern seeds. The charred material was in varying levels of preservation. The charcoal was generally comminuted fragments and included round/twig wood pieces.

## Trench 42

7.5. A few charcoal fragments and no charred plant remains were recovered from undated pit 4211 (sample 108).

#### Trench 74

7.6. Sample 32 from undated pit 7403 produced a few small charcoal fragments and no charred plant remains.

#### Trench 87

7.7. A large quantity of charcoal pieces and a few stem fragments were recovered from undated pit/stakehole 8709 (sample 17). There is nothing in the assemblage to suggest whether this material came from a domestic or industrial hearth. The few mollusc shells included those of the open country species *Helicella itala* and *Vallonia costata*, and the shade-loving species *Aegopinella nitidula*.

#### Trench 108

7.8. A large quantity of charcoal pieces, a single hazelnut (*Corylus avellana*) shell fragment and a tuber fragment were recovered from undated pit 10810 (sample 104). This assemblage may be reflective of dumped hearth waste material.

## Trench 113

7.9. A large quantity of charcoal fragments and no charred plant remains were recovered from undated pit 11305 (sample 83).

#### Trench 115

7.10. Sample 97 from pit 11515 contained a high number of both hazelnut shell fragments and charcoal pieces. This assemblage is likely to be representative of dumped domestic hearth waste. Early Neolithic pottery was recovered from another pit in this trench, and this assemblage would be compatible with a Neolithic date.

## Trench 116

7.11. High numbers of hazelnut shell fragments were recovered from Early Neolithic pits 11603 and 11614 (samples 86 and 89, respectively). There were also large quantities of charcoal fragments. The assemblages are likely to be dumps of domestic hearth waste. The predominance of hazelnut fragments within these assemblages has been recorded from other Neolithic deposits in Southern Britain and this may be indicative of the exploitation and general reliance on wild food resources during this period (Moffett *et al* 1989; Stevens 2007; Robinson 2000). A shell of the intermediate species *Trochulus hispidus* was observed in sample 86.

#### Trench 128

7.12. A few charcoal fragments and no charred plant remains were recovered from undated pit 12807 (sample 27).

#### Trench 135

7.13. A moderately large quantity of charcoal pieces and a few hazelnut (*Corylus avellana*) shell fragments were recovered from undated ditch 13512 (sample 51). This assemblage may be reflective of dumped hearth waste material. A fragment of mussel shell (*Mytilus edulis*) was also noted.

#### Trench 167

7.14. Sample 76 from Roman ditch 16722 contained only a very sparse amount of wood charcoal.

#### Trench 168

- 7.15. The small assemblage recovered from undated pit 16806 (sample 44) included Hazelnut shell fragments, an oat/brome grass (*Avena/Bromus sp.*) seed and charcoal pieces.
- 7.16. Ony a sparse amount of wood charcoal was recovered from Roman ditch 16811 (sample 69).

### Summary

- 7.17. There is an indication of some Early Neolithic food preparation activity taking place, with a reliance on the local wild food resource, in the vicinity of Tr116 and probably Tr115.
- 7.18. There is some evidence for settlement activity in the areas of Tr87, Tr108, Tr113, and Tr135, although there is nothing within these assemblages to indicate the likely date of this activity.
- 7.19. There is no evidence from any of these samples for local crop production and processing, nor for any industrial activities.

### Recommendations

7.20. If further archaeological work takes place along the Proposed Development, any of the remaining unprocessed evaluation samples that fall within the mitigation areas could be considered for processing. In particular, the remaining 12 samples from Tr115 and Tr116 should be considered for processing, as some of the samples from currently undated features may be from Early Neolithic deposits. The results of these samples, together with the three samples already processed from Tr115 and Tr116, should be considered at any analysis phase.

#### **Animal bone**

- 7.21. A small assemblage of animal bone, amounting to eight fragments (160g) was recovered from deposit 11523 (fill of ditch 11520, Tr115), pit fills 12514 (pit 12513, Tr125) and 12516 (pit 12515, Tr125) and as unstratified surface finds. There was no association with any datable artefactual material. The bone was fragmentary and poorly preserved. It was, however, possible to identify the presence of cattle (*Bos taurus*) from a premolar and a fragment of metapodial, and sheep/goat (*Ovis aries/Capra hircus*) from pieces of the skull, two partial mandibles, a scapula and two humeri. None of this material displayed any evidence of butchery, but any such damage may have been lost as a result of the poor preservation.
- 7.22. The low recovery of animal remains severely limits what can be said in terms of site economy or animal husbandry. However, both species have been commonly exploited domestics since the Neolithic and as such their recovery is to be expected.
- 7.23. Other than species identification, there is no further useful interpretative information to be gained from such a small assemblage of animal bone. Long-term deposition within the site archive would not be recommended.

### **Monolith samples**

- 7.24. Five monolith samples were taken from three sequences:
  - Monoliths 5, 6 and 7: potential pond 15703 (Tr157), section 1572 (Appendix C, Fig. C1, Table C3s, C4 and C5);
  - Monolith 68: Roman ditch 16811 and its re-cut 16821 (Tr168), section 16805
     (Appendix C, Fig. C2, Table C6); and

- Monolith 73: Roman ditch 16722, section 16705 (Appendix C, Fig. C3, Table C7).
- 7.25. All samples were taken with intention of:
  - describing and interpreting the sediments in order to characterise the depositional processes that led to formation of the infills; and
  - assessing palaeoenvironmental potential and providing recommendations for potential future work.

## Geological background

7.26. The British Geological Survey (BGS 2023) map the underlying bedrock geology of the Proposed Development predominantly as Bude Formation mudstone and siltstone, which formed in the Carboniferous Period. Plot 31 (Trench 157, Monoliths 5–7) lies on Crackington Formation that was deposited in the Carboniferous Period. No superficial deposits are mapped for the majority of the Proposed Development.

## Methodology

- 7.27. Five monoliths were taken from three sequences to collect sediments for geoarchaeological and paleoenvironmental assessment. All monolith samples were retained in steel tins measuring 100mm x 100mm x 250mm/500mm and were then wrapped and labelled in line with CA Technical Manual 2: The Taking and Processing of Environmental and Other Samples from Archaeological Sites. The monoliths were unwrapped, and the deposits were cleaned, photographed and recorded. The lithological descriptions of the monolith samples are presented in Appendix C.
- 7.28. The lithostratigraphy of the samples and the assessed sections were described according to standard geological criteria provided by Historic England (2015), Jones et al. (1999), Munsell Color (2018) and Tucker (2011). The description includes a characterisation of texture, colour, compaction, clast size, shape and abundance, and inclusions (e.g. charcoal, shells, finds). Post-depositional features (e.g. rooting, mottling) and the nature of sediment contacts (e.g. sharp, diffuse) were also noted.
- 7.29. Not all contexts visible in the field may be well defined in monolith samples. Therefore, some contexts have been grouped in a single lithological unit that was based on their lithology, rather than on post-depositional features such as colour/mottling.

### Results

7.30. Based on the assessment of the monoliths combined with the site records, several main stratigraphic units were distinguished in each of the sampled sequences. Each sequence is described separately.

## Monoliths 5, 6 and 7: potential pond 15703

- 7.31. Three monolith samples were taken from sediments accumulated in a possible pond. The lowermost (Unit 4, context 15702) was grey minerogenic silt/clay. The fine-grained nature of the Unit suggests deposition in a low energy environment, most likely washed in sediments (soil and the weathered mudstone from the surrounding area) that settled in the stagnant water body present in the feature. The reduced nature of the Unit indicates waterlogging/saturation of the sediments due to the presence of a high water table in the area.
- 7.32. A relatively sharp contact boundary separated Unit 4 from Unit 3 (context 15704). The overlying context was a dark grey clayey silt. The sediments likely accumulated by a natural silting and the darker colour and siltier nature of Unit 3 suggests the presence of an organic component. This Unit could represent a phase of prolonged stabilisation allowing development of vegetation within the feature. The Unit was affected by root action and the fine roots were replaced by iron oxides.
- 7.33. Unit 3 was sealed by minerogenic Unit 2 and Unit 1. Their fine-grained texture and homogenous nature are indicative of low energy, gradual depositional processes. Unit 1 was slightly oxidised as a result of post-depositional oxidation related to fluctuation of the water table within the unsaturated zone. The presence of frequent iron-replaced roots and root channels suggest that the feature was colonised by plants, which could lead to homogenisation of the fills by mixing.

## Monolith 68: Roman ditch 16811 and its re-cut 16821

- 7.34. The monolith was taken from a large Roman ditch located in Tr168. The sampling covered only the top of the fill sequence. The monolith was taken in order to establish whether fills that might be derived from a bank were present.
- 7.35. The lowest fill recorded in the sequence (16817, Unit 3) was interpreted in the field as fill of ditch 16811. This Unit consisted of reddish-brown silt/clay with randomly distributed and moderately sorted sandstone and mudstones. The sediments were derived from the local geological background and were deposited by natural

processes, possibly due to the erosion of the bare (and prone to weathering) steep side (south-facing side) of the ditch.

- 7.36. Unit 3 was separated by a diffuse contact boundary from overlying Unit 2. Although a clear interface can be seen in Fig. C2, the sampled sediments show a gradual change. Also, no distinctive differences between context 16828 and 16824 were seen during the assessment. As such, both contexts were grouped under the same stratigraphic unit based on their texture and noted inclusions. Contexts 16824 and 16828 were assigned during fieldwork as fills of re-cut ditch 16821. They were composed of reddish brown slightly sandy silt/clay with randomly distributed gravel, predominately sandstone derived from the local background. The context was characterised by a relatively high quantity of charcoal that could indicate some dumping of waste material but wind-blown/washed in processes cannot be ruled out. Pockets of light-coloured clay/silt could be indicative of channels formed by worms; together with the presence of fine root channels, these can suggest that it was a biologically active layer. It could be suggested that the fine-grained sediments were washed into the ditch and this was followed by a stabilisation phase with some vegetational covering (but not long enough for the development of a distinctive soil in the ditch).
- 7.37. The uppermost Unit 1 (contexts 16830 and 16829) was predominately reddish-brown silt/clay with frequent sandstone from the geological substrate. The texture of Unit 1 is same as Units 2 and 3; as such no clear contact boundary was noted in the monolith samples. As seen in Fig. C2, however, there is a sharp change in the quantity of the gravel. The relatively sharp contact boundary which separated Unit 2 from Unit 1 can be suggestive of a change in the method of depositional processes (Historic England 2015, 26; Lisá et al. 2014; Rapp and Hill 1998, 48). This unit seems to be less affected by biological activity, which may be indicative of quick deposition. It is possible that Unit 1 represents an intentional backfilling/levelling of the area; the material could be derived from remnants of a bank.

#### Monolith 73: Roman ditch 16722

- 7.38. Monolith sample 73 was taken from upper fills deposited in Roman ditch 16722 to assess the source of these fills.
- 7.39. The lowermost Unit 5 (context 16718) consisted of yellowish red sandy silt/clay. As only 0.04m of this context was recorded in the sample, it can only be concluded that

Unit 5 represents redeposited natural substrate, either by natural processes or by backfilling.

- 7.40. A sharp contact boundary was recorded between Unit 5 and Unit 4 (contexts 16716 and 16717). Unit 4 was a dark reddish grey silt/clay with common vertical fine root channels. The daker greyish colour (higher humic content) and presence of roots may be indicative of soil/stabilisation within the ditch.
- 7.41. Unit 4 was sealed by yellowish red silty clay with common large pebbles and sandstone cobbles (Unit 3, context 16715). As seen in Fig. C3, this layer probably accumulated due to natural erosional processes; it seems to have accumulated from both sides. The larger clasts have the same orientation towards the base of the feature. A rapid backfill would produce a random accumulation (Karkanas and Goldberg 2018, 143).
- 7.42. A relatively sharp contact boundary separated Unit 3 from Unit 2. Two contexts, 16713 and 16714, were grouped under the same unit as no clear differences were noted in the monolith sample. This unit was a dark reddish grey silt/clay (siltier that the erosional fills), porous with vertical fine root channels and a tendency to break into granular-sized aggregates. The presence of roots and grey colour suggests that the Unit is a soil. Furthermore, the breaking into aggregates (peds) is characteristic of soils (A horizon) (Holliday 2004, 85). The lower boundary of Unit 2 is sharp, whereas soils tend to have a clear/diffuse lower contact as they form in the top of underlying sediments (ibid. 85). Possibly, the sharp boundary is an effect of post-depositional compression.
- 7.43. Unit 1 (contexts 16711 and 16712) consisted of reddish-brown sandy silt/clay mixed with poorly sorted sandstone/shale gravel, charcoal and grey lenses of silt/clay. The heterogeneous character could be indicative of dumped material or/and later post-depositional mixing. The sharp contact between Unit 2 and Unit 1 confirms a change in depositional process.

### Discussion

7.44. Feature 15703 (Tr157) acted as a closed sedimentary sink in which sediments accumulated over an extended period, under the same low energy depositional environment, such as washed in sediments due to water/rain action, possibly together with windblown sediments. The presence of dark and humic Unit 3 indicates a period of prolongated hiatus in infilling and the development of

vegetation cover. The reduced/waterlogged texture suggests that the feature has kept water and acts as a drainage feature for the field. The high water table maintained the waterlogging of these deposits, but the mottled character of the upper sediments is a post-depositional feature caused by a cyclical wetting and drying regime due to fluctuating water table levels.

- 7.45. It is difficult to interpret the function of the feature based on the monolith sequence. A large man-made hollow can be filled by the same sedimentary processes as a natural pond. The sharp cut can potentially imply that the feature was cut intentionally, possibly to retain water. No finds were recorded to provide a date for this feature.
- 7.46. Monoliths 68 and 73 were taken from upper fills of the Roman ditch recorded in Tr167 and Tr168. Although the sequences are from the same feature, they were different in terms of recorded fills.
- 7.47. The lowermost fill recorded in ditch 16811 accumulated along the northern slope of the ditch and possibly represents rapidly washed in sediments derived from freshly dug and exposed ditch sides. The erosion was caused by water, especially by heavy rainfall that affected the exposed sediments by dislodging particles which were then carried away down the slope by the flowing water.
- 7.48. Context 16817 (Unit 3) was then cut by re-cut ditch. The overlying contexts (16828/16824) contained a relatively high quantity of charcoal mixed into the fills. Based on the monolith only, it is not possible to clearly determinate the processes of accumulation. This Unit could represent a washed in former turf/soil/subsoil (together with charcoal) along the ditch slope, or a short period of stabilisation with the charcoal washed in and incorporated into the groundmass by bioturbation. It should be noted that the soil recorded in ditch 16722 was more humic and is therefore not likely to represent the same phase of ditch infilling. The uppermost fills (16830 and 16829) are made of redeposited natural substrate and possibly represent levelled remnants of the bank(s).
- 7.49. Monolith 73 taken from ditch 16722 contained natural fills interbedded with humic fills. None of these fills show clear evidence for intentional backfilling. Based on texture and structure, Units 2 and 4 could be interpreted as soils that formed within the ditch after the accumulation of the lower fills (not recorded in the samples). For

pedogenesis to start and a humic A-horizon to develop, a longer period of time is needed; thus, if this layer is *in situ*, it could imply that, after the relatively rapid accumulation of the lower fills, the ditch was left open and not maintained (i.e. by recutting). Units 2 and 4 were separated by a natural/erosional accumulation (Unit 3). The top fills in ditch 16722 could be either a dump or layers which were reworked by later bioturbation.

#### Conclusion and recommendations

- 7.50. The geoarchaeological examination of the sediments encountered in the monolith samples has characterised their composition and mode of origin.
- 7.51. Possible pond 15703 was filled by natural processes and the presence of waterlogged conditions is favourable for pollen preservation; thus, paleoenvironmental potential could be high. As the chronology of the potential pond and its relationship with the recorded archaeology is unknown, no further analysis (i.e. pollen and diatoms) are recommended at this stage.
- 7.52. It is not possible to be precise about the presence of a bank in the upper fills of the Roman ditch slots. The erosional fills and the possible buried soil (monolith 73) could provide good pollen records, but only from period of ditch disuse as no lower fills were sampled. The uppermost fills are likely to be made up of a reworked natural substrate used for construction of the bank and/or former land surface and, in that instance. would have mixed pollen assemblages; thus, palaeoenvironmental potential is low for pollen samples from the upper sequences and no pollen assessment is recommended at this stage.
- 7.53. To determine if the potential soil (Units 2 and 4 in monolith 73) is in situ or redeposited material, soil micromorphology could be considered at a later stage. The potential soil recorded in monolith 73 could provide additional information about the past environment and potentially about specific human activities that are not detectable at the macroscale of observation (i.e. secondary phosphate, dung, phytoliths, ashes).

## 8. DISCUSSION

8.1. The evaluation recorded a broad spread of archaeological features along the Proposed Development. There was a generally good correspondence to the geophysical survey results (SUMO Survey 2023), with the majority of the

geophysical anomalies corresponding to below-ground archaeological features, although there were some discrepancies.

8.2. Artefactual material was limited, and the majority of the features remained undated. There were, however, some clear concentrations of prehistoric and Roman activity. There were also a number of post-medieval and modern features, the majority of which appeared to comprise possible quarry pits, ponds and field boundaries. The following text identifies and discusses those features considered to be of demonstrable archaeological significance.

## Early Neolithic (4000 BC-3000 BC)

- 8.3. There was evidence for Early Neolithic activity within Tr115 and Tr116. These two trenches contained a concentration of pits and postholes. The majority of these features were undated, but pits 11503, 11603 and 11614 contained a combined total of 113 Early Neolithic pottery sherds. Palaeoenvironmental samples recovered from these Early Neolithic pits suggested that their fills comprised dumped domestic hearth waste, indicating Early Neolithic domestic activity in the vicinity of Tr115 and Tr116.
- 8.4. Additionally, posthole 16502 (Tr165) contained five sherds of early Neolithic pottery.

## Late Prehistoric (700 BC-AD 43) and Roman (AD 43-AD 410)

- 8.5. Tr79 contained a wide, flat cut (7905), corresponding to a curved linear geophysical anomaly and a discrete, pit-like anomaly. It is possible that cut 7905 represents a terracing platform for a late prehistoric roundhouse. Three possible cremation burials were cut into the backfill of feature 7905, one of which contained a sherd of Roman pottery. All three possible cremations were left *in situ*.
- 8.6. Tr167 and Tr168 sampled a sub-square enclosure detected by the geophysical survey. This was found to correspond to a substantial enclosure ditch with a steep, V-shaped profile. Quantities of Roman pottery were recovered from this ditch, with indications that it dated to the 2nd century AD or later. The evidence was inconclusive as to whether or not a bank had been present alongside the ditch. One small ditch and six pits/postholes were present within the enclosure, potentially representing associated internal features.

8.7. The deep, wide and v-shaped profile of this enclosure ditch suggests that it had a defensive function, although the area enclosed (c. 45m x c. 40m) is smaller than would be expected for a military enclosure.

## **Undated**

8.8. As noted, the majority of the features recorded by the evaluation remained undated. It is possible that some of these features also represent prehistoric or Roman activity, but there was no way of verifying this; they may equally be of post-medieval or modern date. Furthermore, the scattered nature of these features is indicative of general, low-intensity background and/or agricultural activity, with no clear evidence for settlement or industrial processes.

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# **APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS**

Trench	Context No.	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/ thickness (m)	Spot-date
1	100		Topsoil	Dark grey brown clayey silt			0.22	
1	101		Subsoil	Dark grey brown clayey silt			0.23	
1	102		Natural	Light grey yellow clay				
1	103		Ditch	Field boundary east/west orientated		1.4		
1	104	103	Ditch fill	Mid grey brown silty clay		1.4	-	PM
1	105		Ditch	Field boundary east/west orientated		0.8		
1	106	105	Ditch fill	Mid grey brown silty clay		0.8	-	
1	107		Ditch	U-shaped ditch, east/west orientated		0.75	0.24	
1	108	107	Ditch fill	Dark grey brown silty clay		0.75	0.24	
2	200		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.25	
2	201		Subsoil	Mid yellow brown silty clay			0.15	
2	202		Natural	Light yellow brown clay				
2	203		Posthole	Oval posthole, flat based	0.68	0.51	0.16	
2	204	203	Posthole fill	Dark yellow brown clayey silt	0.68	0.51	0.16	
2	205		Ditch	Boundary ditch north/south orientated	0.71	0.6	0.25	
2	206	205	Ditch fill	Dark grey brown silty clay		0.6	0.25	PM
2	207		Ditch	U-shaped ditch, north/south orientated		1.36	0.52	

Trench	Context No.	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/ thickness (m)	Spot-date
2	208	207	Ditch fill	Dark brown silty clay		1.36	0.52	LC16+
2	209		Ditch	Enclosure ditch, north/south orientated		1.85	0.38	
2	210	209	Ditch fill	Light brown silty clay		1.85	0.38	C16-C18
3	300		Topsoil	Mid brown grey silty clay			0.3	
3	301		Subsoil	Mid brown grey silty clay			0.1	
3	302		Natural	Mid brown yellow silty clay				
3	303		Ditch	Field boundary, northeast/southwest orientated		0.9	0.18	
3	304	303	Ditch fill	Mid grey brown silty clay		0.9	0.18	
3	305		Ditch	Field boundary, east/west orientated		1.23	0.09	
3	306	305	Ditch fill	Light brown grey silty clay		1.23	0.09	
3	307		Ditch	U-shaped ditch, east/west orientated		1.03	0.43	
3	308	307	Ditch fill	Mid grey brown silty clay		1.03	0.43	
3	309		Posthole	Oval posthole, flat based	0.92	0.54	0.3	
3	310	309	Posthole fill	Light brown grey silty clay	0.92	0.54	0.3	
4	400		Topsoil	Dark grey brown clayey silt			0.26	
4	401		Subsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay			0.14	
4	402		Natural	Light grey yellow silty clay				
4	403		Furrow/Ditch	Probable furrow, north/south orientation		1.22	0.08	
4	404	403	Furrow/ditch fill	Mid grey brown silty clay		1.22	0.08	

Trench	Context No.	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/ thickness (m)	Spot-date
4	405		Posthole	Circular posthole, concave based	0.32	0.29	0.28	
4	406	405	Posthole fill	Dark grey brown silty clay	0.32	0.29	0.28	
4	407		Trackway	Trackway, north/south orientated	1.5	2.63	0.21	
4	408	407	Trackway fill	Dark yellow brown silty clay	1.5	2.63	0.21	
5	500		Topsoil	Mid brown grey silty clay			0.21	
5	501		Subsoil	mid brown grey silty clay			0.08	
5	502		Natural	mid yellow brown silty clay				
5	503		Posthole	Posthole, north/south orientated	0.3	0.23	0.13	
5	504	503	Posthole fill	mid grey brown silty clay	0.3	0.23	0.13	
5	505		Ditch/land drain	ditch/ Possible Land Drain		0.45		
5	506	505	Ditch fill	mid yellow brown silty clay		0.45	-	
5	507		Ditch	field boundary ditch east/west orientated		0.86	0.28	
5	508	507	Ditch fill	light grey brown silty clay		0.86	0.28	C16-C17
5	509		Bioturbation	Bioturbation	0.36	0.3		
5	510	509	Bioturbation fill	mid grey brown silty clay	0.36	0.3		
5	511		Pit	Unexcavated possible pit	1.32	0.91		
5	512	511	Pit fill	Mid yellow brown silty clay	1.32	0.91	-	
5	513		Ditch	possible field boundary or perimeter east/ west orientated		0.8	0.1	
5	514	513	Ditch fill	dark grey brown silty clay		0.8	0.1	LC16+

Trench	Context No.	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/ thickness (m)	Spot-date
14	1400		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.3	
14	1401		Natural	Mid yellow brown clay				
15	1500		Topsoil	Mid Grey brown silty clay			0.33	
15	1501		Natural	Mid yellow brown clay				
16	1600		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.23	
16	1601		Natural	Mid yellow brown clay				
16	1602		Treethrow	Treethrow	1.5	2.6	-	
17	1700		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.45	
17	1701		Natural	Mid yellow brown clay				
18	1800		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.33	
18	1801		Natural	Mid yellow brown clay				
19	1900		Topsoil	mid grey brown silty clay			0.3	
19	1901		Natural	mid yellow brown cay				
19	1902		Pit	oval shallow pit	0.9	0.6	0.07	
19	1903	1902	Pit fill	light yellow grey silty clay	0.9	0.6	0.07	
19	1904		Ditch	u-shaped ditch north/south orientated		1.06	0.2	
19	1905	1	Ditch fill	grey brown silty clay		1.06	0.2	
20	2000		Topsoil	Dark grey red silt			0.3	
20	2001		Subsoil	Mid grey red silt			0.13	

Trench	Context No.	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/ thickness (m)	Spot-date
20	2002		Colluvium	Light grey red silt			19	
20	2003		Natural	Mid red silty clay				
20	2004		Ditch	Narrow u-shaped ditch, north/south orientated		0.5	0.19	
20	2005	2004	Ditch fill	Mid red brown clayey silt		0.5	0.19	
21	2100		Topsoil	light grey red silt			0.2	
21	2101		Subsoil	light grey red silty clay			0.06	
21	2102		Natural	dark red silty clay				
21	2103		Land Drain	Land drain, south/north orientated		0.62	0.18	
21	2104	2103	Land drain fill	Dark brown red silty clay		0.62	0.18	
21	2105		Treethrow	Treethrow	0.8	0.78	-	
21	2106	2105	Treethrow fill	mid brown red silty clay	0.8	0.78	-	
22	2200		Topsoil	Dark grey red silt			0.22	
22	2201		Subsoil	Mid grey red silty clay			0.12	
22	2202		Natural	Mid red silty clay				
23	2300		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silt			0.2	
23	2301		Subsoil	Mid grey brown silt			0.05	
23	2302		Natural	Mid yellow silty clay				
24	2400		Topsoil	Dark grey red silt			0.19	
24	2401		Subsoil	Mid grey red silt			0.06	

Trench	Context No.	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/ thickness (m)	Spot-date
24	2402		Natural	Mid red silty clay			, ,	
24	2403		Natural	Grey limestone rock				
25	2500		Topsoil	Dark grey red silt			0.2	
25	2501		Subsoil	Mid grey red silty clay			0.06	
25	2502		Natural	Mid red silty clay				
25	2503		Ditch	ditch terminus, north/south orientated		0.43	0.07	
25	2504	2503	Ditch fill	Mid grey brown silty clay		0.43	0.07	
26	2600		Topsoil	mid grey brown silty clay			0.24	
26	2601		Subsoil	mid/dark red brown silty clay			0.06	
26	2602		Natural	light yellow brown clayey silt				
26	2603	2604	Ditch fill	light grey yellow silty clay		1.32	0.18	
26	2604		Ditch	concave ditch, northwest/southeast orientation		1.32	0.18	
26	2605	2606	Posthole fill	mid red brown silty clay	0.41	0.41	0.1	
26	2606		Posthole	circular posthole flat based	0.41	0.41	0.1	
26	2607	2612	Ditch fill	light grey brown silty clay		0.85	0.27	
26	2608	2612	Ditch fill	dark grey brown silty clay		0.78	0.11	
26	2609	2612	Ditch fill	mid grey brown silty clay		0.36	0.06	
26	2610	2612	Ditch fill	dark grey brown silty clay		0.66	0.1	
26	2611	2612	Ditch fill	light grey brown clayey silt		0.51	0.26	

Trench	Context No.	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/ thickness (m)	Spot-date
26	2612		Ditch	v shaped ditch, south/north orientated		0.85	0.57	
27	2700		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.3	
27	2701		Natural	Mid yellow brown clay				
27	2702		Pit	Sub-circular pit with concave base, northeast/southwest orientated	1.15	0.5	0.29	
27	2703	2702	Pit fill	Dark red brown silty clay	1.15	0.5	0.14	
27	2704	2702	Pit fill	Mid brown grey silty clay	1.15	0.5	0.15	
28	2800		Topsoil	Mid red brown clayey silt			0.27	
28	2801		Natural	Light brown yellow silty clay				
28	2802		Possible Ditch	Possible old field boundary, north/south orientated		0.74	0.01	
28	2803	2802	Ditch fill	Mid yellow brown clayey silt		0.74	0.01	
29	2900		Topsoil	mid grey brown silty clay			0.25	
29	2901		Subsoil	mid/light red brown clayey silt			0.1	
29	2902		Natural	mid red yellow clayey silt				
29	2903	2904	Pit fill	dark red silty clay	0.7	0.6	0.26	
29	2904		Pit	Oval pit	0.7	0.6	0.26	
29	2905	2907	Pit fill	dark brown black charcoal silty clay	0.39	0.38	0.05	
29	2906	2907	Pit fill	red brown silty clay	0.9	0.8	0.08	
29	2907		Pit	Possible circular shallow pit	0.9	0.8	0.13	
30	3000		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.34	

Trench	Context No.	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/ thickness (m)	Spot-date
30	3001		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay			0.11	
30	3002		Natural	Mid yellow brown clay				
31	3100		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.24	
31	3101		Subsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay			0.19	
31	3102		Natural	Light yellow brown clay				
31	3103	3104	Ditch fill	Mid red brown silty clay		1.1	0.22	
31	3104		Ditch	Possible former field boundary, north/south orientated		1.1	0.22	
32	3200		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.27	
32	3201		Natural	Light yellow brown clay				
32	3202		Posthole	Sub-circular posthole concave based	0.6	0.47	0.22	
32	3203	3202	Fill of posthole	Mid brown grey silty clay	0.6	0.47	0.22	
32	3204	3205	Fill of posthole	Mid brown grey silty clay	0.38	0.38	0.13	
32	3205		Posthole	Circular posthole concave shallow based	0.38	0.38	0.13	
33	3300		Topsoil	Light brownish grey silty clay			0.2	
33	3301		Subsoil	Mid brown grey silty clay			0.11	
33	3302		Natural	Mid yellow reddish clayey silt				
34	3400		Topsoil	Dark red brown silty clay			0.3	
34	3401		Subsoil	Mid/dark yellow brown clayey silt			0.1	
34	3402		Natural	Light yellow grey clayey silt				

Trench	Context No.	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/ thickness (m)	Spot-date
34	3403	3404	Ditch fill	Mid brown yellow silty clay		0.58	0.16	
34	3404		Ditch	ditch, northwest/southeast orientated		0.58	0.16	
34	3405		Tree throw	Irregular in plan with silty clay fill	1.5	1.3		
35	3500		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.3	
35	3501		Natural	Light yellow brown clay				
35	3502		Ditch	Former boundary ditch, north/south orientated		1.21	0.35	
35	3503	3502	Ditch fill	Mid brown grey silty clay		1.21	0.35	
35	3504	3505	Ditch fill	Mid brown yellow silty clay		1.24	0.29	
35	3505		Ditch	Former field boundary, north/south orientated		1.24	0.29	
36	3600		Topsoil	Mid red brown clayey silt			0.23	
36	3601		Subsoil	Mid brown red clayey silt			0.14	
36	3602		Natural	Mid yellow red silty clay				
36	3603		Ditch	Former field boundary, north/south orientated		0.94	0.27	
36	3604	3603	Ditch fill	Mid red brown clayey silt		0.94	0.27	
36	3605	3606	Ditch fill	Dark brown black silty clay		5	0.04	
36	3606		Ditch	Cut of a shallow spread of material		5	0.04	
37	3700		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.45	
37	3701		Natural	Mid yellow brown clay				
38	3800		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.3	

Trench	Context No.	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/ thickness (m)	Spot-date
38	3801		Subsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay			0.18	
38	3802		Natural	Mid yellow brown clay				
39	3900		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay			0.28	
39	3901		Subsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.21	
39	3902		Natural	Mid yellow brown clay				
39	3903		Ditch	Roughly N/S aligned, but somewhat irregular in plan		0.72	0.12	
39	3904	3903	Ditch fill	Mid yellow-brown silty clay		0.72	0.12	
39	3905		Ditch	NE/SW aligned		0.64	0.22	
39	3906	3905	Ditch fill	Mid yellow-brown silty clay		0.64	0.22	
40	4000		Topsoil	Dark brown clayey silt			0.48	
40	4001		Subsoil	Mid brown clayey silt			0.17	
40	4002			VOID				
40	4003		Natural	Reddish-brown clay				
40	4004		Posthole	Posthole cut	0.36	0.33	0.09	
40	4005	4004	Posthole fill	Dark brown clayey silt	0.36	0.33	0.09	
40	4006		Posthole	Posthole cut	0.26	0.23	0.15	
40	4007	4006	Posthole fill	Mid reddish brown silty clay	0.26	0.23	0.15	
40	4008		Ditch	NE/SW aligned		1.88	0.52	
40	4009	4008	Ditch fill	Mid yellow-brown silty clay		1.27	0.27	

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40	4010	4008	Ditch fill	Mid reddish brown silty clay		1.88	0.32	
41	4100		Topsoil	Dark reddish brown silty clay			0.3	
41	4101		Subsoil	Mid reddish brown silty clay			0.2	
41	4102		Natural	Yellow-brown silty clay				
42	4200		Topsoil	Dark reddish brown silty clay			0.21	
42	4201		Subsoil	Mid reddish brown silty clay				
42	4202		Natural	Mid reddish brown clay				
42	4203		Posthole/pit	Pit/posthole cut	0.32	0.22	0.1	
42	4204		Posthole/pit fill	Dark brown clayey silt	0.32	0.22	0.1	
42	4205			VOID				
42	4206			VOID				
42	4207		Ditch	N/S aligned		0.58	0.15	
42	4208	4207	Ditch fill	Dark reddish brown silty clay		0.58	0.15	
42	4209		Ditch	N/S aligned		0.82	0.17	
42	4210	4209	Ditch fill	Dark reddish brown silty clay		0.82	0.17	
42	4211		Pit	Pit cut	0.9	0.69	0.25	
42	4212	4211	Pit fill	Mid reddish brown silty clay	0.9	0.69	0.25	
42	4213		Pit	Pit cut	0.51	0.45	0.1	
42	4214	4213	Pit fill	Mid reddish brown silty clay	0.51	0.45	0.1	

Trench	Context No.	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/ thickness (m)	Spot-date
43	4300		Topsoil	Dark reddish brown silty clay			0.28	
43	4301		Subsoil	Mid reddish brown silty clay			0.26	
43	4302			VOID		<u> </u>		<u> </u>
43	4303		Natural	Mid yellow-brown silty clay				
43	4304		Posthole/pit	Posthole/pit cut	0.48	0.4	0.1	
43	4305	4304	Posthole/pit fill	Mid reddish brown silty clay	0.48	0.4	0.1	
43	4306		Ditch	NE/SW aligned. Possible trackway		9.3	0.4	
43	4307	4306	Ditch fill	Mid reddish brown silty clay		9.3	0.4	
43	4308		Ditch	NE/SW aligned		0.9	0.2	
43	4309	4308	Ditch fill	Mid reddish brown clayey silt		0.6	0.1	
43	4310	4308	Ditch fill	Mid brown clayey silt		0.9	0.12	
44	4400		Topsoil	Dark reddish brown silty clay			0.3	
44	4401		Subsoil	Mid reddish brown silty clay			0.4	
44	4402		Natural	Reddish-brown silty clay				
45	4500		Topsoil	Dark reddish brown silty clay			0.3	
45	4501		Subsoil	Mid reddish brown silty clay			0.4	
45	4502		Natural	Reddish-brown silty clay				
46	4600		Topsoil	Dark reddish brown silty clay			0.3	
46	4601		Subsoil	Mid reddish brown silty clay			0.5	

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46	4602		Natural	Reddish-brown silty clay			, ,	
47	4700		Topsoil	Dark reddish brown silty clay			0.18	
47	4701		Subsoil	Mid reddish brown silty clay			0.21	
47	4702		Natural	Reddish-brown silty clay				
48	4800		Topsoil	Dark reddish brown silty clay			0.16	
48	4801		Subsoil	Mid reddish brown silty clay			0.48	
48	4802		Natural	Reddish-brown silty clay				
48	4803		Pit	Pit cut; unexcavated		4.93		
48	4804		Pit fill	Mid reddish brown silty clay		4.93		
49	4900		Topsoil	Dark reddish brown clayey silt			0.32	
49	4901		Natural	Reddish brown clay				
49	4902		Ditch	NE/SW aligned ditch terminus		0.4	0.06	
49	4903	4902	Ditch fill	Dark reddish brown silty clay		0.4	0.06	
49	4904		Ditch	NW/SE aligned ditch		0.94	0.1	
49	4905	4904	Ditch fill	Dark reddish brown silty clay		0.94	0.1	C16-C17
50	5000		Topsoil	Dark reddish brown silty clay			0.34	
50	5001		Subsoil	Mid reddish brown silty clay			0.4	
50	5002		Natural	Reddish-brown silty clay				
52	5200		Topsoil	Dark reddish brown silty clay			0.35	

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52	5201		Subsoil	Mid reddish brown silty clay			0.08	
52	5202		Natural	Reddish-brown silty clay				
52	5203		Posthole cut	Posthole; unexcavated	0.37	0.26		
52	5204		Posthole fill	Mid reddish brown silty clay	0.37	0.26		
52	5205		Posthole cut	Posthole	0.33	0.3	0.08	
52	5206		Posthole fill	Mid reddish brown silty clay	0.33	0.3	0.08	
52	5207		Posthole cut	Posthole	0.43	0.42	0.14	
52	5208		Posthole fill	Mid reddish brown silty clay	0.43	0.42	0.14	
53	5300		Topsoil	Dark reddish brown silty clay			0.2	
53	5301		Subsoil	Mid reddish brown silty clay			0.2	
53	5302		Natural	Reddish-brown silty clay				
53	5303		Posthole cut	Posthole	0.33	0.29	0.15	
53	5304		Posthole fill	Mid reddish brown silty clay	0.33	0.29	0.15	
54	5400		Topsoil	Dark reddish brown silty clay			0.25	
54	5401		Subsoil	Mid reddish brown silty clay			0.15	
54	5402		Culluvium	Mid yellow-brown silty clay			0.28	
54	5403		Natural	Reddish-brown silty clay				
55	5500		Topsoil	Dark reddish brown silty clay			0.39	
55	5501		Subsoil	Mid reddish brown silty clay			0.21	

Trench	Context No.	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/ thickness (m)	Spot-date
55	5502		Natural	Reddish-brown silty clay				
55	5503		Ditch	NE/SW aligned ditch		0.45	0.19	
55	5504	5503	Ditch fill	Mid yellow-brown silty clay		0.45	0.19	
55	5505	5503	Ditch fill	Mid reddish brown silty clay		0.28	0.08	
55	5506		Ditch	NE/SW aligned ditch		0.3	0.17	
55	5507	5506	Ditch fill	Mid reddish brown silty clay		0.3	0.17	
55	5508		Posthole	Posthole	0.39	0.28	0.22	
55	5509	5508	Posthole fill	Mid reddish brown silty clay	0.39	0.28	0.22	
55	5510		Ditch	NE/SW aligned ditch		0.57	0.07	
55	5511	5510	Ditch fill	Mid reddish brown sandy clay		0.57	0.07	
55	5512		Posthole	Posthole	0.51	0.28	0.45	
55	5513	5512	Posthole fill	Mid brown sandy clay	0.51	0.28	0.45	
55	5514		Posthole	Posthole	0.19	0.17	0.14	
55	5515	5514	Posthole fill	Mid brown sandy clay	0.19	0.17	0.14	
55	5516		Posthole	Posthole; unexcavated	0.23	0.2		
55	5517	5516	Posthole fill	Mid brown sandy clay	0.23	0.2		
55	5518		Posthole	Posthole; unexcavated	0.43	0.19		
55	5519	5518	Posthole fill	Mid brown sandy clay	0.43	0.19		
55	5520		Posthole	Posthole; unexcavated	0.24	0.23		

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55	5521	5520	Posthole fill	Mid brown sandy clay	0.24	0.23	, ,	
55	5522		Ditch	NE/SW aligned ditch		1.12	0.42	
55	5523	5522	Ditch fill	Mid grey-brown sandy clay		1.12	0.42	
55	5524		Ditch	NE/SW aligned ditch		1.86	0.84	
55	5525	5524	Ditch fill	Mid yellow-brown silty clay		1.4	0.42	
55	5526	5524	Ditch fill	Mid yellow-brown silty clay		1.86	0.42	
62	6200		Topsoil	Mid yellow brown silty clay			0.2	
62	6201		Subsoil	Mid yellow brown silty clay			0.25	
62	6202		Subsoil	Mid yellow brown silty clay			0.25	
62	6203		Natural	Mid/light yellow brown clayey silt				
63	6300		Topsoil	Mid yellow brown silty clay			0.2	
63	6301		Subsoil	Light yellow brown silty clay			0.1	
63	6302		Natural	Light yellow brown clayey silt				
64	6400		Topsoil	Mid yellow brown silty clay			0.2	
64	6401		Subsoil	Light yellow brown silty clay			0.2	
64	6402		Natural	Light yellow brown clayey silt				
65	6500		Topsoil	Mid grey brown clayey silt			0.27	
65	6501		Subsoil	mid yellow brown clayey silt			0.25	
65	6502		Natural	yellow and light brown silty clay				

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65	6503	6504	Ditch fill	light grey brown clayey silt		1	0.06	
65	6504		Ditch	Possible Linear, north/south orientated		1	0.06	
65	6505		Ditch	possible ditch, north/south orientated, flat based		0.67	0.06	
65	6506	6505	Ditch fill	light grey brown sandy clay		0.67	0.06	
65	6507		Ditch	former field boundary, east/west orientated		1.06	0.16	
65	6508	6507	Ditch fill	dark reddish brown silty clay		1.06	0.16	PM
65	6509		Ditch	Unexcavated		0.7		
65	6510	6509	Ditch fill	Unexcavated		0.7	-	
66	6600		topsoil	Mid grey brown sandy silt			0.34	
66	6601		Natural	Light grey yellow brown sandy silt				
67	6700		Topsoil	Dark grey brown clayey silt			0.21	
67	6701		Natural	Mid yellow grey clay				
67	6702		Ditch	Boundary or Enclosure Ditch, northwest/ southeast orientated		0.55	0.14	
67	6703	6702	Ditch fill	Mid grey brown silty clay		0.55	0.14	
67	6704		Ditch	Boundary or Enclosure ditch, north/south orientated		0.76	0.17	
67	6705	6704	Ditch fill	Mid yellow brown silty clay		0.76	0.17	
68	6800		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay			0.25	
68	6801		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay			0.1	
68	6802		Natural	Light yellow brown silty clay				

Trench	Context No.	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/ thickness (m)	Spot-date
68	6803		Ditch	Concave ditch uneven based, east/west orientated		1.03	0.15	
68	6804	6803	Ditch fill	Light grey yellow silty clay		1.03	0.15	
68	6805		Quarry Pit	Quarry pit	8	1.8	0.8	
68	6806	6805	Pit fill	Mid yellow grey brown clayey silt	6.2	1.8	0.5	
68	6807	6805	Pit fill	Mid yellow grey brown clayey silt	4.6	1.8	0.4	
68	6808	6805	Pit fill	Mid grey brown silty clay	8	1.8	0.2	
69	6900		Topsoil	Dark Grey brown sandy silt			0.23	
69	6901		Natural	Mid yellow brown sandy silt				
69	6902		Ditch	Old Enclosure or boundary ditch		1.82	0.49	
69	6903	6902	Ditch fill	Mid grey brown sandy silt		1.28	0.37	
69	6904	6902	Ditch fill	Mid grey brown sandy silt		1.24	0.32	
70	7000		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay			0.38	
70	7001		Subsoil	Mid brown clayey silt			0.05	
70	7002		Natural	Light grey mudstone				
70	7003		Quarry Pit	Limestone Quarry Pit	20	1.8	1	
70	7004	7003	Pit fill	Mid Yellow Brown silty clay	20	1.8	0.5	
70	7005	7003	Pit fill	Mid grey brown silty clay	20	1.8	0.6	
71	7100		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay			0.2	
71	7101		Subsoil	Mid brown silty clay			0.06	

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71	7102		Natural	Light yellow silty and limestone				
71	7103		Ditch	Former field boundary, northwest/southeast orientated		0.56	0.09	
71	7104	7103	Ditch fill	Mid grey yellow sandy silt		0.56	0.09	
72	7200		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay			0.23	
72	7201		Subsoil	Mid brown silt			0.06	
72	7202		Natural	Light yellow silty clay				
72	7203		Ditch	Linear ditch, west/east orientated		0.7	0.16	
72	7204	7203	Ditch fill	Mid brown clayey silt		0.7	0.16	
72	7205		Ditch	Linear ditch, west/east orientated		0.53	0.29	
72	7206	7205	Ditch fill	Mid grey brown sandy silt		0.53	0.29	
73	7300		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay			0.23	C16-C18
73	7301		Natural	Light yellow silty clay				
73	7302		Ditch	Linear ditch, north/south orientated		1	0.25	
73	7303	7302	Ditch fill	Light reddish brown grey silty clay		1	0.25	
74	7400		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay			0.27	
74	7401		Subsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.2	
74	7402		Natural	Light yellow silty clay				
74	7403		Pit	Circular pit flat based	1.04	0.5	0.71	
74	7404	7403	Pit fill	Mid Yellow Brown silty clay	0.25	0.25	0.16	

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74	7405		Pit	Circular pit concave based	0.5	0.5	0.1	
74	7406	7405	Pit fill	Mid grey yellow brown silty clay	0.48	0.46	0.1	
74	7407	7403	Pit fill	Mid/dark grey brown silty clay	1.04	0.5	0.6	
74	7408		Pit	Oval pit flat based	0.55	0.58	0.09	
74	7409	7408	Pit fill	Light yellowish brown silty clay	0.55	0.58	0.09	
75	7500		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.4	
75	7501		Subsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.17	
75	7502		Natural	Grey with patches of yellow silty clay				
75	7503		Ditch	Old field boundary, north/south orientated		1.2	0.14	
75	7504	7503	Ditch fill	Mid grey brown silty clay		1.2	0.14	
75	7505		Ditch	Enclosure ditch, north/south orientated		0.75	0.39	
75	7506	7505	Ditch fill	Dark yellow brown silty clay		0.69	0.15	
75	7507	7505	Ditch fill	Mid brown silty clay		0.75	0.29	
76	7600		Topsoil	Mid grey brown clayey silt			0.3	
76	7601		Subsoil	Light yellow brown clayey silt			0.24	
76	7602		Natural	Light greyish yellow silty clay				
76	7603		Ditch	Possible field boundary, west/east orientated		0.63	0.15	
76	7604	7603	Ditch fill	Mid yellow brown silty clay		0.63	0.15	
77	7700		Topsoil	Mid/dark red brown silty clay			0.36	

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77	7701		Subsoil	Mid/light yellow brown silty clay			0.25	
77	7702		Natural	Light yellow brown clayey silt				
77	7703	7704	Ditch fill	Mid brown yellow silty clay		1.21	0.37	Pre.
77	7704		Ditch	v-cut ditch, north/south orientated		1.21	0.37	
77	7705	7706	Ditch fill	Mid yellow brown silty clay		1.12	0.43	
77	7706		Ditch	v-cut ditch, north/south orientated		1.12	0.43	
77	7707	7708	Ditch fill	Mid/dark yellow brown silty clay		0.53	0.11	
77	7708		Ditch	Possible small ditch, north/south orientated		0.53	0.11	
77	7709	7710	Ditch fill	Mid yellow brown silty clay		1.03	0.37	
77	7710		Ditch	Linear ditch, north/south orientated		1.03	0.37	
78	7800		Topsoil	Mid grey brown clayey silt			0.3	
78	7801		Subsoil	Mid yellow brown clayey silt			0.16	
78	7802		Natural	Light grey yellow clayey silt				
78	7803		Posthole	sub circular posthole pointed base	0.5	0.5	0.26	
78	7804	7803	Fill of Posthole	dark greyish brown silty clay	0.5	0.5	0.26	
78	7805	7806	Ditch fill	mid/dark grey brown silty clay		1.05	0.56	
78	7806		Ditch	linear ditch, north/south orientation		1.05	0.56	
78	7807	7808	Ditch fill	Grey-brown silty clay with medium to large densely packed stones		5.2	0.4	
78	7808		Ditch	NW/SE aligned		5.2	0.4	

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78	7809		Possible ditch	drainage ditch, north/south orientated		1.13	0.55	
78	7810	7809	Ditch fill	mid brown yellow silty clay		1.13	0.55	
78	7811		Ditch	linear ditch, northeast/southwest orientated		1.13	0.55	
78	7812	7811	Ditch fill	mid red brown clayey silt		1.45	0.44	Pre.
78	7813		Posthole	circular v-shaped posthole	0.16	0.1	0.18	
78	7814	7813	Fill of Posthole	mid yellow brown clayey silt	0.16	0.1	0.18	
78	7815	7811	Ditch fill	dark black brown clayey silt		0.2	0.26	Pre.
78	7816	7811	Ditch fill	light grey, brown silty clay		0.2	0.26	
79	7900		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty sand			0.26	
79	7901		Subsoil	mid grey brown silty clay			0.12	
79	7902		Colluvium	mid yellow brown silty clay			0.19	
79	7903		Natural	mid yellow silty clay				
79	7904		Natural	mid grey limestone rock				
79	7905		Platform?	Possible roundhouse terrace platform		5.02	0.3	
79	7906	7905	Ditch fill	mid yellow brown silty clay		5.02	0.3	
79	7907		Pit	Not excavated				
79	7908	7907	Fill of Pit	Not excavated				
79	7909	7905	Ditch fill	dark grey brown sandy silt		5.02	0.06	
79	7910	7905	Ditch fill	dark black brown clayey silt		5.02	0.08	

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79	7911		Possible Cremation	Cut of Possible Cremation				
79	7912	7911	Fill of possible cremation	Dark black brown silty clay				
79	7913		Possible cremation	Cut of Possible Cremation				
79	7914	7913	Fill of possible cremation	Dark black brown silty clay				RB
79	7915		Possible cremation	Cut of Possible Cremation				
79	7916	7915	Fill of possible cremation	Dark black brown silty clay				
80	8000		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty sand			0.26	
80	8001		Subsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.1	
80	8002		Colluvium	Light brown silty clay			0.34	
80	8003		Natural	Light yellow mid reddish silty clay				
81	8100		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay			0.25	
81	8101		Natural	Light yellow to mid reddish silty clay with mid grey limestone				
82	8200		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.26	
82	8201		Natural	Light brown yellow silty clay				
83	8300		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.17	
83	8301		Subsoil	Mid yellow brown silty clay			0.16	
83	8302		Natural	Light grey yellow silty clay				
84	8400		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.19	
84	8401		Subsoil	Mid yellow brown silty clay			0.14	

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84	8402		Natural	Light grey yellow silty clay				
85	8500		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay			0.22	
85	8501		Subsoil	mid grey brown silty clay			0.23	
85	8502		Natural	mid yellow brown silty clay				
85	8503		Ditch	Old boundary ditch, northwest/southeast orientated		0.72	0.19	
85	8504	8503	Ditch fill	mid yellow brown silty clay		0.72	0.19	Pre.
85	8505		Ditch	Modern ditch, southwest/northeast orientated				
85	8506	8505	Ditch fill	dark red brown silty clay				
85	8507		Ditch	Modern ditch, southwest/northeast orientated				
85	8508	8507	Ditch fill	dark red brown silty clay				
86	8600		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay			0.13	
86	8601		Subsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.16	
86	8602		Colluvium	Mid yellow brown silty clay			0.32	
86	8603		Natural	Light yellow grey silty clay				
86	8604		Ditch	Old boundary ditch, northwest/southeast orientated		0.6	0.22	
86	8605	8604	Ditch fill	Mid yellow brown silty clay		0.6	0.22	
87	8700		Topsoil	mid grey brown clayey silt			0.29	
87	8701		Subsoil	light red brown silty clay			0.14	
87	8702		Natural	light brown yellow silty clay				

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87	8703	8706	Pit fill	mid grey brown clayey silt	0.79	0.6	0.17	
87	8704	8706	Pit fill	mid reddishy red clay	0.67	0.55	0.02	
87	8705	8706	Pit fill	light brown grey clayey silt	0.08	0.1	0.1	
87	8706		Pit	oval, concave-based pit	0.79	0.6	0.14	
87	8707	8708	Fill of terminus/pit	mid yellow brown silty clay		0.75	0.25	
87	8708		Terminus/pit	sub-oval flat based terminus/pit		0.75	0.25	
87	8709		Stakehole in 8706	circular in plan; v-shaped profile	0.15	0.14	0.11	
88	8800		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay			0.25	
88	8801		Natural	Light yellow silty clay				
88	8802		Pit	Sub circular flat based pit	0.63	0.8	0.18	
88	8803	8802	Pit fill	Light grey white silty clay	0.6	0.8	0.13	
88	8804		Ditch	Linear ditch, southwest/northeast orientated				
88	8805	8804	Ditch fill	Unexcavated				
88	8806	8802	Pit fill	Dark grey black charcoal	0.8	0.8	0.03	
89	8900		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.22	
89	8901		Subsoil	Mid brown yellow silty			0.1	
89	8902		Natural	Light reddish yellow clayey silt				
94	9400		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay			0.37	
94	9401		Subsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.37	

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94	9402		Natural	Dark red brown and mid blue grey silty clay				
95	9500		Topsoil	Mid grey brown clayey silt			0.21	
95	9501		Subsoil	Mid yellow brown clayey silt			0.25	
95	9502		Natural	Dark blue grey slate				
96	9600		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay			0.24	
96	9601		Subsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.23	
96	9602		Natural	Mid yellow brown and dark blue grey silty clay				
98	9800		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay			0.19	
98	9801		Subsoil	Mid yellow brown silty clay			0.22	
98	9802		Natural	Mid grey brown silty clay				
99	9900		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay			0.3	
99	9901		Subsoil	Mid yellow brown silty clay			0.06	
99	9902		Natural	Mid grey brown and mid blue grey silty clay				
100	10000		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay			0.28	
100	10001		Subsoil	Mid yellow brown silty clay			0.17	
100	10002		Natural	Mid yellow brown and mid blue-grey silty clay				
101	10100		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay			0.2	
101	10101		Subsoil	Mid brown silty clay			0.12	
101	10102		Natural	Grey limestone rock				

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101	10103		Quarry Pit	Irregular quarry pit cuts another potential quarry pit	17.14	1.6	0.51	
101	10104	10103	Pit fill	Mid yellow brown silty clay	17.14	1.6	0.51	
101	10105		Possible Quarry Pit	Irregular quarry pit cut by another quarry pit	9.46	0.96	1.04	
101	10106	10105	Pit fill	Mid light yellow brown silty clay	9.46	0.96	1.04	
102	10200		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay			0.24	
102	10201		Subsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.07	
102	10202		Natural	Mid grey brown silty clay				
103	10300		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay			0.26	
103	10301		Subsoil	Mid yellow brown silty clay			0.14	
103	10302		Natural	Mid reddish-grey silty clay				
104	10400		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay			0.33	
104	10401		Subsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.33	
104	10402		Natural	Mid yellow brown and dark blue-grey silty clay				
105	10500		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silty sand			0.2	
105	10501		Subsoil	Mid yellow brown silty clay			0.2	
105	10502		Natural	Angular stone with patches of light white brown silty clay				
106	10600		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay			0.18	
106	10601		Subsoil	Mid grey-brown silty clay			0.32	
106	10602		Natural	Mid yellow brown silty clay				

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106	10603		Ditch	Unexcavated		1	, ,	
106	10604	10603	Ditch fill	Unexcavated		1		
106	10605		Ditch	Unexcavated		1		
106	10606	10605	Ditch fill	Unexcavated		1		
106	10607		Possible pond	Wide cut, NW/SE aligned		14	0.44	
106	10608	10607	Fill of pond	Dark brown silty clay		>4.52	0.07	
106	10609	10607	Fill of pond	Mid grey-brown silty clay		5.64	0.27	
106	10610	10607	Fill of pond	Limestone deposit		2.14	0.08	
106	10611	10607	Fill of pond	Mid grey-brown sandy clay		>5.31	0.24	
106	10612	10607	Fill of pond	Mid brown silty clay		10.06	0.16	
107	10700		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay			0.18	
107	10701		Subsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.32	
107	10702		Natural	Mid yellow brown silty clay				
107	10703		Ditch	NW/SE aligned; unexcavated		0.7		
107	10704	10703	Ditch fill	Mid grey-brown silty clay				
107	10705		Ditch	NW/SE aligned; unexcavated		0.8		
107	10706	10705	Ditch fill	Mid grey-brown silty clay				
107	10707		Ditch	NE/SW aligned; flat base		1.41	0.2	
107	10708	10707	Ditch fill	Mid grey-brown silty clay		1.41	0.2	

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108	10800		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay			0.22	
108	10801		Subsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.28	LC16+
108	10802		Natural	Mid yellow brown silty clay				
108	10803		Ditch	NE/SW aligned		1.5	0.28	
108	10804	10803	Ditch fill	Mid grey-brown silty clay		1.5	0.28	
108	10805		Pit	Truncated by 10807		0.54	0.15	
108	10806	10805	Pit fill	Mid grey-brown silty clay		0.54	0.15	
108	10807		Pit	Truncates 10805 and 10810		1.26	0.27	
108	10808	10807	Pit fill	Mid grey-brown silty clay		0.48	0.06	
108	10809	10807	Pit fill	Dark grey-brown silty clay		1.26	0.27	
108	10810		Pit	Truncated by 10807		1.33	0.3	
108	10811	10810	Pit fill	Mid grey-brown silty clay		1.33	0.3	
108	10812		Ditch	NW/SE aligned		1.46	0.36	
108	10813	10812	Ditch fill	Mid grey-brown silty clay		1.46	0.36	
108	10814		Pit	Sub-circular pit		0.64	0.21	
108	10815	10814	Pit fill	Mid grey-brown silty clay		0.64	0.21	
108	10816		Ditch	E/W aligned		0.6	0.13	
108	10817	10816	Ditch fill	Mid grey-brown silty clay		0.6	0.13	
108	10818		Ditch	NE/SE aligned		0.8	0.28	

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108	10819	10818	Ditch fill	Mid grey-brown silty clay		0.8	0.28	
109	10900		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.2	
109	10901		Subsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.25	
109	10902		Natural	Mid yellow brown silty clay				
109	10903		Ditch	NW/SE aligned		0.53	0.29	
109	10904	10903	Ditch fill	Mid grey-brown silty clay		0.53	0.29	
109	10905		Ditch	NW/SE aligned		0.89	0.27	
109	10906	10905	Ditch fill	Mid grey-brown silty clay		0.89	0.14	
109	10907	10905	Ditch fill	Dark brown clayey silt		0.89	0.06	
109	10908	10905	Ditch fill	Mid brown sandy clay		0.74	0.08	
110	11000		Topsoil	Dark grey brown clayey silt			0.36	
110	11001		Subsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.35	
110	11002		Natural	Mid grey brown clay				
111	11100		Topsoil	Dark grey brown clayey silt			0.19	
111	11101		Subsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.16	
111	11102		Natural	Mid grey brown clay				
111	11103		Ditch	Former field boundary ditch, north/south orientated; unexcavated	l	1.53		
111	11104	11103	Ditch fill	Dark grey brown silty clay		1.53		
112	11200		Topsoil	Dark grey brown clayey silt			0.21	

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112	11201		Subsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.32	
112	11202		Natural	Mid yellow brown silty clay				
112	11203		Ditch	NW/SE aligned		0.71	0.38	
112	11204	11203	Ditch fill	Mid yellow grey silty clay		0.24	0.06	
112	11205	11203	Ditch fill	Dark brown grey silty clay		0.71	0.38	
112	11206		Trackway	NW/SE aligned		1.9	0.06	
112	11207	11206	Trackway fill	Mid yellow brown silty clay		1.9	0.06	
112	11208		Ditch	NW/SE aligned		0.51	0.23	
112	11209	11208	Ditch fill	Mid grey brown silty clay		0.51	0.23	
113	11300		Topsoil	Dark grey brown clayey silt			0.25	
113	11301		Subsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.18	
113	11302		Natural	Mid yellow brown silty clay				
113	11303		Pit	Irregular in plan and profile		3.1	0.46	
113	11304	11303	Pit fill	Mid reddish brown clay			0.38	
113	11305	11303	Pit fill	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.4	
113	11306	11303	Pit fill	Mid grey brown clayey silt			0.08	
113	11307		Stakehole	Circular in plan with steep sides and concave base	0.14	0.14	0.3	
113	11308	11307	Stakehole fill	Mid brown-grey clayey silt with charcoal inclusions	0.14	0.14	0.3	
114	11400		Topsoil	Dark grey brown clayey silt			0.36	

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114	11401		Subsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.09	
114	11402		Natural	Mid yellow brown silty clay				
114	11403		Ditch	Shallow, east/west aligned		0.76	0.07	
114	11404	11403	Ditch fill	Mid grey-brown clayey silt		0.76	0.07	
115	11500		Topsoil	Dark grey-brown sandy silt			0.29	
115	11501		Subsoil	Mid brown sandy silt			0.14	
115	11502		Natural	Mid yellow brown sandy clay				
115	11503		Ditch	Curved ditch terminus		0.7	0.12	
115	11504	11503	Ditch fill	Dark grey-brown clayey silty		0.7	0.12	
115	11505		Posthole	Circular in plan	0.34	0.32	0.06	
115	11506	11505	Posthole fill	Mid brown-yellow silty clay	0.34	0.32	0.06	
115	11507		Posthole	Circular in plan	0.28	0.24	0.06	
115	11508	11507	Posthole fill	Mid yellow-brown silty clay	0.28	0.24	0.06	
115	11509		Posthole	Circular in plan	0.39	0.34	0.05	
115	11510	11509	Posthole fill	Mid yellow-brown silty clay	0.39	0.34	0.05	
115	11511		Pit	Sub-circular in plan	0.93	0.7	0.24	
115	11512	11511	Pit fill	Dark grey-brown clayey silty	0.93	0.7	0.24	
115	11513		Pit	Sub-circular in plan	1.02	>0.81	0.29	
115	11514	11513	Pit fill	Mid yellow-brown silty clay	1.02	>0.81	0.29	

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115	11515		Pit	Sub-oval in plan	1.3	0.84	0.24	
115	11516	11515	Pit fill	Mid brown silty clay	1.3	0.84	0.2	
115	11517	11515	Pit fill	Dark brown silty clay	1.3	0.43	0.08	
115	11518		Pit	Sub-circular in plan		0.33	0.22	
115	11519	11518	Pit fill	Dark brown-grey clayey silt		0.33	0.22	E. Neo
115	11520		Ditch	North/south aligned		1.23	0.44	
115	11521	11521	Ditch fill	Dark grey-brown silty clay		0.8	0.09	
115	11522	11521	Ditch fill	Dark grey-brown silty clay		1.23	0.22	
115	11523	11521	Ditch fill	Mid grey-brown silty clay		1.15	0.19	
115	11524		Pit	Circular in plan	0.66	0.63	0.1	
115	11525	11524	Pit fill	Yellow-brown sandy silt	0.66	0.63	0.1	C16-C17
115	11526		Pit	Sub-circular in plan	0.57	0.49	0.12	
115	11527	11526	Pit fill	Mid brown sandy silt	0.57	0.49	0.12	
116	11600		Topsoil	Dark grey-brown clayey silt			0.25	MC18- C19
116	11601		Subsoil	Mid grey-brown clayey silt			0.12	
116	11602		Natural	Mid yellow-brown silty clay				
116	11603		Pit	Sub-oval in plan	1.24	1.06	0.22	
116	11604	11603	Pit fill	Pale brown-yellow sandy clay	1.24	1.06	0.07	E. Neo

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116	11605	11603	Pit fill	Mid yellow-brown silty sand	1.24	1.06	0.15	E. Neo
116	11606		Posthole	Irregular in plan and profile	0.52	0.27	0.1	
116	11607	11606	Posthole fill	Mid brown-grey clayey silt	0.52	0.27	0.1	
116	11608		Posthole	Circular in plan	0.42	0.4	0.22	
116	11609	11608	Posthole fill	Mid grey-brown silty clay	0.42	0.4	0.22	
116	11610		Pit	Irregular in plan and profile	0.68	0.49	0.12	
116	11611	11610	Pit fill	Mid grey-brown clayey silt	0.68	0.49	0.12	
116	11612		Pit	Sub-oval in plan	0.65	0.57	0.08	
116	11613	11613	Pit fill	Dark brown-grey clayey silt	0.65	0.57	0.08	
116	11614		Pit	Sub-circular in plan		0.82	0.18	
116	11615	11614	Pit fill	Mid brown-yellow sandy clay		0.82	0.06	E. Neo
116	11616	11614	Pit fill	Mid yellow-brown sandy silt		0.82	0.18	
116	11617		Posthole	Sub-circular in plan	0.29	0.27	0.13	
116	11618	11617	Posthole fill	Mid brown sandy silt	0.29	0.27	0.13	
116	11619		Posthole	Sub-circular in plan	0.19	0.17	0.09	
116	11620	11619	Posthole fill	Mid brown sandy silt	0.19	0.17	0.09	
116	11621		Posthole	Sub-circular in plan	0.28	0.2	0.14	
116	11622	11621	Posthole fill	Dark brown-grey clayey silt	0.28	0.2	0.14	
116	11623		Ditch	N/S aligned ditch terminus		0.4	0.25	

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116	11624	11624	Ditch fill	Mid yellow-brown clayey silt		0.4	0.25	
116	11625		Posthole	Sub-circular in plan	0.5	0.12	0.23	
116	11626	11625	Posthole fill	Dark grey-brown clayey silt	0.5	0.12	0.23	
116	11627		Ditch	N/S aligned		1.45	0.42	
116	11628	11627	Ditch fill	Dark yellow-brown silty clay		1.45	0.42	
116	11629		Ditch	Ditch terminus, NE/SW aligned		0.41	0.09	
116	11630	11629	Ditch fill	Mid grey-brown silty clay		0.41	0.09	
117	11700		Topsoil	Dark grey-brown clayey silt			0.34	
117	11701		Subsoil	Mid grey-brown clayey silt			0.1	
117	11702		Natural	Mid yellow-brown silty clay				
117	11703		Ditch	E/W aligned; unexcavated		1.1		
117	11704		Ditch fill	Dark yellow-brown silty clay		1.1		
117	11705		Ditch	E/W aligned; unexcavated		0.9		
117	11706		Ditch fill	Dark yellow-brown silty clay		0.9		
118	11800		Topsoil	Dark grey-brown clayey silt			0.27	
118	11801		Subsoil	Mid grey-brown clayey silt			0.18	
118	11802		Natural	Mid yellow-brown silty clay				
118	11803		Pit	Sub-oval in plan	0.72	0.46	0.18	
118	11804	11803	Pit fill	Dark grey-brown clayey silt	0.72	0.33	0.08	

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118	11805	11803	Pit fill	Pale yellow-brown silty clay	0.72	0.44	0.1	
118	11806		Ditch	NW/SE aligned		0.45	0.1	
118	11807	11806	Ditch fill	Mid grey-brown silty clay		0.45	0.1	
118	11808		Pit	Sub-oval in plan	0.71	0.34	0.08	
118	11809	1808	Pit fill	Mid grey-brown clayey silt	0.71	0.34	0.08	
118	11810		Ditch	NW/SE aligned ditch terminus		0.66	0.15	
118	11811	11810	Ditch fill	Mid grey-brown silty clay		0.66	0.15	
118	11812		Pit	Sub-circular in plan	0.33	0.3	0.08	
118	11813	11813	Pit fill	Mid reddish brown clayey sand	0.33	0.3	0.08	
118	11814		Pit	Sub-circular in plan		0.72	0.16	
118	11815	11814	Pit fill	Mid grey-brown clayey silt		0.72	0.16	
118	11816		Ditch	NW/SE aligned ditch		0.42	0.11	
118	11817	11817	Ditch fill	Mid yellow-brown clayey silt		0.42	0.11	
118	11818		Ditch	N/S aligned ditch		0.77	0.09	
118	11819	11818	Ditch fill	Mid yellow-brown clayey silt		0.77	0.09	
119	11900		Topsoil	Mid grey brown clayey silt			0.32	
119	11901		Natural	Light yellow brown clay				
120	12000		Topsoil	Mid grey brown clayey silt			0.29	
120	12001		Subsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.31	

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120	12002		Natural	Light grey brown clay				
120	12003		Ditch	Drainage/Enclosure ditch uneven based, north/south orientated	l	0.51	0.22	
120	12004	12003	Ditch fill	Mid grey brown clayey silt		0.51	0.22	
120	12005		Ditch	Linear ditch, east/west orientated		0.7	0.35	
120	12006	12005	Ditch fill	Mid grey brown silty clay		0.7	0.35	
120	12007		Ditch	Boundary/drainage ditch, NW/SE orientated		0.83	0.42	
120	12008	12007	Ditch fill	Mid grey brown silty clay		0.83	0.42	
120	12009	12007	Ditch fill	Yellow brown with pink hue silty sand		0.83	0.42	
120	12010		Ditch	Re-cut drainage ditch cutting 12007, northwest/southeast orientated		1.04	0.47	
120	12011	12010	Ditch fill	Mixed grey brown and yellow brown silty sand		1.04	0.47	
120	12012	12010	Ditch fill	Grey brown silty clay		1.04	0.47	
120	12013	12010	Ditch fill	Yellow brown silty clay		1.04	0.47	
121	12100		Topsoil	Dark grey brown clayey silt			0.32	
121	12101		Natural	Mid yellow brown clay				
122	12200		Topsoil	Dark grey brown clayey silt			0.32	
122	12201		Natural	Light yellow brown with patches of white clay				
123	12300		Topsoil	Mid brown silty clay			0.28	
123	12301		Subsoil	Grey brown silty clay			0.22	
123	12302		Natural	Yellow clay with bands of shillet				

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123	12303		Ditch	Old field boundary/drainage ditch; N/S aligned		0.83	0.22	
123	12304	12303	Ditch fill	Yellow brown silty clay		0.83	0.05	
123	12305	12303	Ditch fill	Mid brown silty clay		0.83	0.17	
124	12400		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay			0.42	
124	12401		Subsoil	Mid grey reddish silty clay			0.15	
124	12402		Natural	Mid yellow brown silty clay				
124	12403		Posthole	Sub-circular posthole pointed base	0.25	0.29	0.3	
124	12404	12403	Posthole fill	Blackish grey silty clay	0.25	0.29	0.3	
124	12405		Possible Pit	Possible sub-circular pit, east/west orientated	0.49	0.66	0.14	
124	12406	12405	Fill of Possible Pit	Mid brown grey silty clay	0.49	0.66	0.14	
124	12407		Ditch Terminus	Terminus of boundary ditch, east/west orientated		0.84	0.21	
124	12408	12407	Ditch fill	Dark Yellow brown silty clay		0.84	0.21	
124	12409	12407	Posthole fill	Reddish brown silty clay	0.25	0.07	0.3	
125	12500		Topsoil	Mid grey brown clayey silt			0.18	
125	12501		Subsoil	mid yellow brown clayey silt			0.26	C16-C18
125	12502		Natural	mid yellow brown silty clay				
125	12503		Ditch	Old field boundary, northwest/southeast orientated				
125	12504	12503	Ditch fill	dark brown grey clayey silt				
125	12505		Posthole	circular flat based posthole	0.2	0.2	0.06	

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125	12506	12505	Posthole fill	mid yellow brown silty clay	0.2	0.2	0.06	
125	12507		Posthole	circular concave based posthole	0.15	0.12	0.06	
125	12508	12507	Posthole fill	mid yellow brown silty clay	0.15	0.12	0.06	
125	12509		Posthole	Unexcavated	-	-	-	
125	12510	12509	Posthole fill	Unexcavated	-	-	-	
125	12511		Posthole	Unexcavated	-	-	-	
125	12512	12511	Posthole fill	Unexcavated	-	-	-	
125	12513		Pit	Possible Waste Pit, north/south orientated	0.6	0.42	0.04	
125	12514	12513	Pit fill	mid yellow brown clayey silt	0.6	0.42	0.04	
125	12515		Pit	sub circular flat based pit	0.47	0.65	0.12	
125	12516	12515	Pit fill	mid yellow brown clayey silt	0.47	0.65	0.12	
126	12600		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay			0.23	
126	12601		Subsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.27	
126	12602		Natural	Mid yellow brown silty clay				
126	12603		Ditch Terminus	Boundary ditch terminus, northeast/south west orientated		0.6	0.15	
126	12604	12603	Ditch fill	Mid yellow brown silty clay		0.6	0.15	
126	12605		Ditch	Medieval field boundary, northwest/south east orientated		1.42	0.2	
126	12606	12605	Ditch fill	Dark grey brown silty clay		1.42	0.2	C16-C17
127	12700		Topsoil	Mid brown silty clay			0.3	

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127	12701		Subsoil	Grey brown silty clay			0.15	
127	12702		Natural	Degraded shillet and shillet bedrock with yellow clay bands and reddish brown clay				
127	12703		Possible Ditch	Possible ditch, probable geological feature, north/south orientated		0.5	0.07	
127	12704	12703	Ditch fill	Light yellow brown silty clay		0.5	0.07	
127	12705		Ditch	Possible former field boundary, southwest/northeast		0.56	0.37	
127	12706	12705	Ditch fill	Mid to light brown silty clay		0.56	0.37	
127	12707		Colluvium	Red brown silty clay			0.18	
128	12800		Topsoil	mid grey brown clayey silt			0.16	
128	12801		Subsoil	light grey brown silty clay			0.2	
128	12802		Natural	mid yellow brown clay				
128	12803		Posthole	sub oval flat based posthole	0.14	0.23	0.05	
128	12804	12803	Posthole fill	mid grey brown clayey silt	0.14	0.23	0.05	
128	12805		Posthole	oval flat based posthole	0.12	0.23	0.05	
128	12806	12805	Posthole fill	dark grey brown clayey silt	0.12	0.23	0.05	
128	12807		Pit	sub-oval round based pit	0.56	0.63	0.14	
128	12808	12807	Pit fill	mid grey brown silty clay	0.56	0.63	0.14	
129	12900		Topsoil	dark grey brown silty clay			0.21	
129	12901		Subsoil	mid brown silty clay			0.14	
129	12902		Natural	dark yellow silty clay				

Trench	Context No.	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/ thickness (m)	Spot-date
129	12903		Ditch	boundary ditch, east/west orientated		1.89	0.1	
129	12904	12903	Ditch fill	mid grey brown silty clay		1.89	0.1	
129	12905		Ditch Terminus	Ditch terminus, northwest/southeast orientated	0.8	0.73	0.31	
129	12906	12905	Ditch fill	mid red brown silty clay		0.73	0.31	
130	13000		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.15	
130	13001		Subsoil	Light grey brown silty clay			0.2	
130	13002		Natural	Mid yellow brown clayey silt				
130	13003		Ditch	Field boundary ditch, northeast/southwest orientated		1.1	0.22	
130	13004	13003	Ditch fill	Mid yellow brown clayey silt		1.1	0.1	
130	13005	13003	Ditch fill	Mid yellow brown silty clay		1.1	0.12	
130	13006		Pit	Circular uneven based pit	0.53	0.53	0.23	
130	13007	13006	Fill of Pit	light grey clayey silt	0.53	0.53	0.23	
131	13100		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay			0.23	
131	13101		Subsoil	Mid brown silty clay			0.15	C16-C17
131	13102		Natural	Light yellow silty clay				
132	13200		Topsoil	brown yellow sandy silt			0.3	
132	13201		Subsoil	yellow brown sandy silt			0.11	
132	13202		Natural	grey yellow reddish silty clay				
132	13203		Pit	circular concave based pit	0.8	0.76	0.32	

Trench	Context No.	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/ thickness (m)	Spot-date
132	13204	13203	Pit fill	mid yellow brown	0.8	0.76	0.32	
132	13205		Ditch	concave based ditch, northwest/southeast orientated		0.38	0.16	
132	13206	13205	Ditch fill	mid yellow brown		0.38	0.16	
132	13207		Posthole	circular pointed base posthole	0.35	0.37	0.19	
132	13208	13207	Posthole	dark grey brown clayey silt	0.35	0.37	0.19	
132	13209		Probable Posthole	circular posthole	0.4	0.33	-	
132	13210	13209	Fill of Probable Posthole	yellow brown sandy silt	0.4	0.33	-	
132	13211		Posthole	circular rounded base posthole	0.28	0.27	0.11	
132	13212	13211	Fill of Posthole	mid yellow brown silty clay	0.28	0.27	0.11	
132	13213		Pit	circular flat based pit	0.45	0.58	0.19	
132	13214	13213	Fill of Pit	mid yellow brown sandy clay	0.45	0.58	0.19	
132	13215		Ditch	ditch, north/south orientated		0.38	0.12	
132	13216	13215	Ditch fill	red brown silty clay		0.38	0.12	
132	13217		Probable Posthole	circular posthole	-	-	-	
132	13218	13217	Fill of Probable Posthole	yellow brown clayey silt				
133	13300		Topsoil	Mid grey brown clayey silt			0.14	
133	13301		Subsoil	Dark brown grey silty clay			0.17	
133	13302		Natural	Mid yellow brown clay				
133	13303		Ditch	NW/SE aligned		0.92	0.17	

Trench	Context No.	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/ thickness (m)	Spot-date
133	13304	13303	Ditch fill	Dark grey with patches of yellow silty clay		0.92	0.17	
134	13400		Topsoil	Mid/light brown silty clay			0.32	C11-C14
134	13401		Subsoil	mid yellow brown silty clay			0.13	
134	13402		Natural	yellow brown clay				
134	13403		Ditch	NW/SW aligned		0.8	0.32	
134	13404	13403	Ditch fill	yellow brown silty clay		0.8	0.32	
134	13405		Ditch	NW/SW aligned		0.7	0.9	
134	13406	13405	Ditch fill	light yellow brown silty clay		0.7	0.9	
134	13407		Ditch	NW/SE aligned. Cuts ditch 13405		0.44	0.08	
134	13408	13407	Ditch fill	yellow brown silty clay		0.44	0.08	
134	13409		Ditch	N/S aligned. Cuts ditches 13411 and 13413		0.47	0.15	
134	13410	13409	Ditch fill	mid brown silty clay		0.47	0.15	C11-C14
134	13411		Ditch	E/W aligned		0.69	0.28	
134	13412	13411	Ditch fill	Mid/light brown silty clay		0.69	0.28	
134	13413		Ditch	E/W aligned. Cuts ditch 13411		0.56	0.26	
134	13414			VOID				
134	13415	13413	Fill of Ditch	mid/dark yellow brown silty clay		0.56	0.26	
134	13416		Ditch	E/W aligned		0.4	0.12	
134	13417	13416	Ditch fill	mid grey brown silty clay		0.4	0.12	

Trench	Context No.	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/ thickness (m)	Spot-date
135	13500		Topsoil	mid grey brown silty clay			0.21	C16-C18
135	13501		Subsoil	mid grey brown silty clay			0.3	
135	13502		Natural	Light brown yellow silty clay				
135	13503		Ditch	flat based ditch, north/south orientated		0.64	0.1	
135	13504	13503	Ditch fill	dark grey brown silty clay		0.64	0.1	Pre.
135	13505		Ditch	E/W aligned		0.37	0.24	
135	13506	13505	Ditch fill	mid grey yellow silty clay		0.37	0.24	
135	13507		Ditch	NW/SE aligned		1	0.27	
135	13508	13507	Ditch fill	dark grey brown silty clay		1		
135	13509		Posthole	Circular posthole	0.45	0.39	0.09	
135	13510	13509	Posthole fill	mid yellow grey clayey silt	0.25	0.39	0.09	
135	13511	13505	Ditch fill	mid grey brown silty clay		0.36	0.1	
135	13512		Ditch	Ditch terminus, east/west orientated		0.48	0.2	
135	13513	13512	Ditch fill	light pink brown and dark grey black silty clay		0.26	0.13	
135	13514	13512	Ditch fill	mid yellow brown silty clay		0.48	0.12	
135	13515		Posthole	Possible circular round based posthole	0.15	0.15	0.08	
135	13516	13515	Posthole fill	mid brown grey silty clay	0.07	0.15	0.08	
136	13600		Topsoil	Mid/dark brown silty clay			0.2	
136	13601		Subsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.2	

Trench	Context No.	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/ thickness (m)	Spot-date
136	13602		Natural	Mid brown silty clay			. ,	
136	13603		Stakehole	Circular round based stakehole/posthole	0.25	0.27	0.07	
136	13604	13603	Fill of Stakehole	Mid grey brown silty clay	0.25	0.27	0.07	
137	13700		Topsoil	mid to dark brown silty clay			0.2	
137	13701		Subsoil	mid brown silty clay			0.1	
137	13702		Natural	mid to dark grey brown silty clay				
137	13703		Ditch	uneven based ditch, NW/SW orientated		0.6	0.09	
137	13704	13703	Ditch fill	dark yellow brown silty clay		0.6	0.09	
137	13705		Ditch	E/W aligned		0.57	0.17	
137	13706	13705	Ditch fill	mid grey brown silty clay		0.57	0.17	
137	13707		Ditch	NE/SW aligned		0.8	0.2	
137	13708	13707	Ditch fill	mid grey brown silty clay		0.8	0.2	
137	13709		Ditch	Curved ditch		0.75	0.15	
137	13710	13709	Ditch fill	mid red brown silty clay		0.75	0.15	
137	13711		Pit	Sub-circular concave based pit	0.55	0.53	0.08	
137	13712	13711	Fill of Pit	mid grey brown silty clay	0.55	0.53	0.08	
138	13800		Topsoil	Mid brown silty clay			0.3	
138	13801		Subsoil	Mid yellow brown silty clay			0.2	
138	13802		Natural	Light yellow brown silty clay				

Trench	Context No.	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/ thickness (m)	Spot-date
138	13803		Ditch	N/S aligned		0.93	0.25	
138	13804	13803	Ditch fill	Mid grey brown silty clay		0.93	0.25	
139	13900		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.31	
139	13901		Natural	Light yellow brown clay with blue patches				
139	13902		Ditch	Boundary ditch, northwest/southeast orientated		1.31	0.24	
139	13903	13902	Ditch fill	Mid yellow brown silty clay		1.15	0.24	
139	13904	13902	Ditch fill	Dark yellow brown clayey silt		0.77	0.08	
140	14000		Topsoil	Mid/dark grey brown clayey silt			0.29	
140	14001		Natural	Mid yellow reddish clay with blue patches				
140	14002		Ditch	Boundary ditch, north/south orientated		0.71	0.11	
140	14003	14002	Ditch fill	Mid grey brown silty clay		0.71	0.11	
141	14100		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.22	
141	14101		Natural	light brown yellow silty clay				
141	14102		Possible Pit	circular flat based pit	0.45	0.5	0.11	
141	14103	14102	Fill of Possible Pit	mid grey brown silty clay	0.45	0.5	0.11	
141	14104		Ditch	linear ditch, southeast/northwest		1.36	0.43	
141	14105	14104	Ditch fill	mid yellow brown silty clay		1.36	0.43	
141	14106		Possible Posthole	sub-oval uneven based posthole	0.25	0.17	0.08	
141	14107	14106	Fill of Possible Posthole	mid grey brown silty clay with patches of yellow	0.25	0.17	0.08	

Trench	Context No.	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/ thickness (m)	Spot-date
142	14200		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay			0.11	
142	14201		Subsoil	Light brown grey sandy clay			0.13	
142	14202		Natural	Light yellow reddish sandy clay				
143	14300		Topsoil	Dark grey silty clay			0.22	
143	14301		Subsoil	Mid grey brown clay and broken limestone			0.11	
143	14302		Colluvium	Mid yellow brown silty clay			0.32	
143	14303		Natural	Mid grey limestone with mid reddish silty clay				
144	14400		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty sand			0.19	
144	14401		Subsoil	Mid brown silty clay			0.15	
144	14402		Colluvium	Light yellow brown clay			0.12	
144	14403		Natural	Mid yellow silty clay				
144	14404		Posthole	Oval/Circular irregular based posthole	0.37	0.35	0.11	
144	14405	14404	Fill of Posthole	Mid yellow brown silty clay	0.37	0.35	0.11	
144	14406		Posthole	Oval/circular v-shaped posthole	0.32	0.29	0.07	
144	14407	14406	Fill of Posthole	Mid yellow brown silty clay	0.32	0.29	0.07	
157	15700		Topsoil	Mid grey brown clayey silt			0.4	
157	15701		Subsoil	Mid grey brown clayey silt			0.24	
157	15702		Natural	Light grey yellow silty clay				
157	15703		Pond	Sub-rectangular pond, northeast/southwest orientated	1.5	1.1	1.3	

Trench	Context No.	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/ thickness (m)	Spot-date
157	15704	15703	Pond fill	mid brown grey silty clay	1.5	1.1	0.31	
157	15705		Possible Ditch	flat based linear ditch, northwest/southeast orientated		-	-	
157	15706	15705	Ditch fill	mid grey brown silty clay		-	-	
157	15707	15703	Pond fill	mid brown grey silty clay	1.5	1.1	0.27	
157	15708	15703	Pond fill	mid brown grey silty clay	1.5	1.1	0.32	
157	15709	15703	Pond fill	dark grey brown silty clay	1.5	1.1	0.15	
158	15800		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silty clay			0.27	
158	15801		Subsoil	dark yellow brown silty clay			0.48	
158	15802		Natural	mid yellow brown clay				
158	15803		Ditch	field boundary ditch, northeast/southwest orientated		0.9	-	
158	15804	15803	Ditch fill	dark grey brown silty clay		0.9	-	
158	15805		Possible Ditch	Linear ditch, northeast/southwest orientated		1.1	0.15	
158	15806	15805	Ditch fill	dark black brown silty clay		1.1	0.15	Mod
161	16100		Topsoil	Mid grey brown clayey silt			0.26	
161	16101		Subsoil	Dark grey brown clayey silt			0.07	
161	16102		Natural	Mid yellow reddish clay with patches of grey				
161	16103		Land Drain	Limestone rubble lined Land drain 19th/20th century		0.35	0.15	
162	16200		Topsoil	Mid grey brown clayey silt			0.26	
162	16201		Subsoil	Dark grey brown clayey silt			0.08	

Trench	Context No.	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/ thickness (m)	Spot-date
162	16202		Natural	Light yellow reddish clay with patches of grey			. ,	
162	16203		Ditch	Field boundary ditch		0.4	-	
162	16204	16203	Ditch fill	Mid grey brown clayey silt		0.4	-	
162	16205		Ditch	Field boundary ditch		1.15	-	
162	16206	16205	Ditch fill	Mid grey brown clayey silt		1.15	-	
163	16300		Topsoil	Dark grey brown clayey silt			0.32	
163	16301		Natural	Light grey brown clay				
163	16302		Ditch	boundary ditch, southeast/northwest		1.04	0.47	
163	16303	16302	Ditch fill	mid/dark yellow brown clayey silt		1.04	0.47	
163	16304		Ditch	Linear ditch, north/south orientated		0.46	0.12	
163	16305	16304	Ditch fill	mid yellow brown silty clay		0.46	0.12	
163	16306		Possible Pit	Oval concave pit	0.5	0.4	0.15	
163	16307	16306	Fill of Pit	Dark grey brown silty clay	0.5	0.4	0.15	
163	16308		Pit	circular rounded pit	0.31	0.35	0.1	
163	16309	16308	Fill of Pit	Mid grey brown clayey silt	0.31	0.35	0.1	
163	16310		Ditch	curvilinear ditch, northeast/southwest orientated		0.33	0.21	
163	16311	16309	Ditch fill	dark grey brown silty clay		0.33	0.21	
164	16400		Topsoil	mid brown silty clay			0.38	
164	16401		Natural	yellow brown silty clay				

Trench	Context No.	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/ thickness (m)	Spot-date
164	16402		Bioturbation	-				
164	16403	16402	Fill of Bioturbation	-				
164	16404		Pit	sub-oval flat based pit	0.5	0.89	0.49	
164	16405	16404	Fill of Pit	Mid grey brown clayey silt	0.5	0.89	0.49	
164	16406		Possible Posthole	Sub-oval uneven based posthole	0.47	0.3	0.08	
164	16407	16406	Fill of Possible Posthole	Mid grey brown clayey silt	0.47	0.3	0.08	
164	16408		Ditch/Quarry Pit	Oval quarry pit or boundary ditch		2.35	1	
164	16409	16408	Pit fill	Mid grey brown clayey silt	>2.6	1.97	0.9	
164	16410	16408	Pit fill	Mid grey brown clayey silt	>2.6	1.85	0.45	
165	16500		Topsoil	mid/dark yellow brown clayey silt			0.45	
165	16501		Natural	mid/light yellow brown silty clay				
165	16502		Posthole	sub-circular uneven based posthole	0.23	0.22	0.1	
165	16503	16502	Fill of Posthole	dark yellow brown silty clay	0.23	0.22	0.1	E. Neo
165	16504		Possible Pit	sub-oval round based pit	0.32	0.22	0.14	
165	16505	16504	Fill of Possible Pit	Mid yellow brown clayey silt	0.32	0.22	0.14	
167	16700		Topsoil	Mid red brown clayey silt			0.21	
167	16701		Natural	Dark red brown silty clay				
167	16702		Pit	Sub-oval flat based pit		0.59	0.18	
167	16703	16702	Fill of pit	Mid red brown silty clay		0.59	0.18	

Trench	Context No.	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/ thickness (m)	Spot-date
167	16704		Posthole	Oval concave based pit	0.32	0.29	0.11	
167	16705	16704	Fill of posthole	Light reddish brown silty clay	0.32	0.29	0.11	
167	16706		Posthole	Oval rounded based posthole	0.23	0.19	0.18	
167	16707	16706	Fill of posthole	Mid grey brown red silty clay	0.23	0.19	0.18	
167	16708		Ditch	Linear round based		3.77	1.47	
167	16709	16708	Ditch fill	Mid reddish brown clayey silt		2.14	0.16	
167	16710	16708	Ditch fill	Mid reddish grey silty clay		1.48	0.09	
167	16711	16708	Ditch fill	Light brownish bluey grey silty clay		2.14	0.09	RB
167	16712	16708	Ditch fill	Mid grey brown with red mottling		1.81	0.13	
167	16713	16708	Ditch fill	Dark grey drown clayey silt		1.14	0.13	C2-C4
167	16714	16708	Ditch fill	Mid reddish brown with yellow staining clayey silt		2.61	0.18	
167	16715	16708	Ditch fill	Mid green grey silty clay		0.98	0.1	
167	16716	16708	Ditch fill	Mid red brown clayey silt		1.6	0.08	
167	16717	16708	Ditch fill	Mid green grey clayey silt		1.88	0.1	
167	16718	16708	Ditch fill	Mid pinkish red clayey silt		2.14	0.11	C2-C4
167	16719	16708	Ditch fill	Mid pinkish red clayey silt		3.77	0.51	
167	16720	16708	Ditch fill	Mid pinkish red silty clay		0.9	0.18	
167	16721	16722	Ditch fill	Mid greyish red clayey silt		2.04	0.37	
167	16722		Ditch	Linear flat based		2.03	0.64	

Trench	Context No.	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/ thickness (m)	Spot-date
167	16723	16722	Ditch fill	Mid pinkish red clayey silt		0.8	0.18	
167	16724	16722	Ditch fill	Mid pinkish red clay		0.57	0.24	
168	16800		Topsoil	Mid red brown sandy silt			0.25	
168	16801		Natural	Mid yellow brown red sandy clay				
168	16802		Possible posthole	Sub-circular flat based	0.3	0.2	0.03	
168	16803	16802	Fill of possible posthole	Mid brown red silty clay	0.3	0.2	0.03	
168	16804		Ditch	Curvilinear flat based		0.31	0.14	
168	16805	16804	Ditch fill	Dark grey brown silty clay		0.31	0.14	
168	16806		Pit	Longitudinal oval concave based	0.68	0.5	0.22	
168	16807	16706	Fill of pit	Light reddish brown silty clay	0.68	0.5	0.22	
168	16808		Pit	Sub-circular flat based	0.76	1.05	0.17	
168	16809	16808	Fill of pit	Mid pink brown clay	0.76	1.05	0.05	
168	16810	16808	Fill of pit	Mid grey brown silty clay	0.76	1.05	0.11	
168	16811		Ditch	Cut of ditch		4.42	2.3	
168	16812	16811	Ditch fill	Mixed grey red silty clay		0.48	0.24	
168	16813	16811	Ditch fill	Light yellow brown silty clay		0.5	0.18	
168	16814	16811	Ditch fill	Purple red sandy silt		0.24	0.1	
168	16815	16811	Ditch fill	Light yellow brown silty clay		0.46	0.16	
168	16816	16811	Ditch fill	Mid reddish brown silty clay		1.6	0.16	

Trench	Context No.	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/ thickness (m)	Spot-date
168	16817	16811	Ditch fill	Reddish brown silty clay		2.04	0.18	
168	16818			VOID		1		<u> </u>
168	16819			VOID				
169	16820	16811	Ditch fill	Red brown silty clay		1	0.14	
168	16821		Ditch	Linear pointed base		4.68	2	
168	16822	16821	Ditch fill	Mid brown silty clay		0.8	0.4	
168	16823	16821	Ditch fill	Mottled grey brown silty clay		0.74	0.6	
168	16824	16821	Ditch fill	Red brown clay		1.64	0.2	
168	16825	16821	Ditch fill	Mottled reddish brown silty clay		1.64	0.2	
168	16826	16821	Ditch fill	Light red brown silty clay		0.8	0.2	
168	16827	16821	Ditch fill	Red brown silty clay		1.3	0.1	
168	16828	16821	Ditch fill	Grey brown silty clay		0.8	0.1	RB
168	16829	16821	Ditch fill	Mid red brown silty clay		1.4	0.16	
168	16830	16821	Ditch fill	Light red brown silty clay		3.9	0.6	
168	16831	16821	Ditch fill	Greyish brown silty clay		1.68	0.1	

## **APPENDIX B: THE FINDS**

Table B1: Finds quantification

Context	Material	Fabric	Description	Ct.	Wt. (g)	Spot-date
104	PM pottery	UGC		4	202	PM
	PM pottery	GLC		6	165	
206	PM pottery	GLC		11	77	PM
	PM pottery	UGCf		2	11	
208	Iron		nail	1	8	LC16+
	clay tobacco pipe		stems	2	7	
210	PM pottery	NDE		4	66	C16-C18
508	clay tobacco pipe		stem	1	4	C16-C17
	PM pottery	GLC		1	10	
514	clay tobacco pipe		stems	2	2	LC16+
4905	PM pottery	GLC		2	19	C16-C17
6508	Glass		dark green bottle body fragment	1	24	PM
7300	PM pottery	NDE		1	17	C16-C18
	PM pottery	GLC		2	28	
7703	Flint		Spurred piece	1	7	Pre.
7812	Flint		Flake	3	18	Pre.
7815	Flint		Flake	1	0.5	Pre.
7914	RB pottery	GAB		1	4	RB
8504	Flint		Flake	3	9	Pre.
10800	Iron		object, hooked	1	29	-
10801	Iron		stems	3	16	LC16+
10804	Iron		Ra. 2; socketed object	1	113	-
11519	Pre. Pottery	VQ		3	24	E. Neo
11522	Iron	1 -	lump	1	6	-
11525	PM pottery	GLC	15	1	45	C16-C17
	Flint	1020	Flake	1	3	
11600	Mod pottery	BAS	- I saite	1	4	MC18-C19
	PM pottery	UGCf		2	2	
	PM pottery	NDE		1	50	
11604	Pre. Pottery	VQ		34	189	E. Neo
11001	Flint	7 9	Flake, blade	2	7	2.1100
11605	Pre. Pottery	VQ	Tiake, blade	25	113	E. Neo
11000	Flint	7 3	Flake	1	1	2.1100
11615	Pre. Pottery	VQ	Ra. 1	51	544	E. Neo
11010	Flint	7 9	Flake	1	4	2.1100
12501	PM pottery	NDE	T Idio	4	157	C16-C18
.2001	PM pottery	GLC		4	62	0.00.0
	PM pottery	UGC		6	27	
	PM pottery	GLCf		1	6	
12606	PM pottery	UGC		1	1	C16-C17
000	PM pottery	GLC		1	29	
13101	PM pottery	GLC		1	5	C16-C17
13400	Med pottery	QZC		1	4	C11-C14
13410	Med. Pottery	QZC		3	6	C11-C14
13500	PM pottery	NDE		1	2	C16-C18
13504	Flint	INDL	Flake	1 1	10	Pre.
15806	Glass		colourless vessel fragment	1	2	Mod
.0000	PM pottery	UGC	Colouriose Vessel Hagineria	1	16	
16503	Pre. Pottery	VQ		5	1	E. Neo
16711	RB pottery	GAB		3	4	RB
16713	RB pottery	LEZ SA2		1	3	C2-C4
.07.10	RB pottery	GAB		16	49	† ~~ ~ ·
	RB pottery	BS		2	14	1
	RB pottery	DOR BB1		1	1	1
16718	RB pottery	BS		4	12	C2-C4
107 10				1		02-04
	RB pottery	DOR BB1		]	9	

Context	Material	Fabric	Description	Ct.	Wt. (g)	Spot-date
16828	RB pottery	GAB		2	7	RB
Surface	Mod pottery	TPW		10	34	LC18-C19
finds	Mod pottery	BWW		1	1	
	Mod pottery	POR		1	14	
	PM pottery	UGCf		4	14	
	PM pottery	UGC		28	130	
	PM pottery	GLC		56	634	
	PM pottery	WSW		4	17	
	clay tobacco pipe		Stems	2	6	
	Glass		cobalt blue, hexagonal handle	1	65	
	Flint		Flake, blade core	12	114	
	fired clay		hard fired, orange sandy	1	8	
	clay tobacco pipe		stem	1	2	
	СВМ		hard fired, orange sandy; 1x	4	74	]
			imbrex?			

(Med.: medieval, Mod.: modern, PM: post-medieval, Pre.: prehistoric, RB: Romano-British)

Table B2: Pottery summary quantification by fabric

Period	Fabric*	Description	Ct.	Wt. (g)
Neolithic	VQ	Brown with patchy grey-brown exterior surface and margin. Soft with irregular fracture and rough feel (inclusions commonly protrude from inner surface). Contains abundant to common, poor-sorted, white or pinkish angular	116	858
		vein quartz inclusions 1–9mm		
Sub-total			116	858
Roman				
Local/ unsourced	BS	Black sandy	6	26
Regional	GAB	Gabbroic	22	64
	DOR BB1	South-east Dorset Black-burnished ware	2	10
Import	LEZ SA2	Central Gaulish samian (Lezoux)	1	3
Sub-total			31	103
Medieval	QZC	Quartz and chert tempered	4	10
Sub-total			4	10
Post-medieval-	BAS	Black basalt	1	4
Modern	BWW	Blue glazed refined whiteware	1	1
	TPW	Transfer printed whiteware	10	34
	POR	Porcelain, blue	1	14
	GLC	Glazed coarseware	85	1074
	GLCf	Glazed coarseware, fine	1	6
	UGC	Unglazed coarseware	40	376
	UGCf	Unglazed coarseware, fine	8	27
	NDE	North Devon gravel tempered ware	11	292
	WSW	White glaze stoneware	4	17
Sub-total			162	1845
Total			315	2829

## APPENDIX C: THE PALAEOENVIRONMENTAL EVIDENCE

Table C1: Assessment table of the palaeoenvironmental remains

Feature   Context   Sample   (L)   vol (L)   (ml)   s %   Grain   Chaff   Other   Notes   > 4/2mm   Other				Process	Unproc	Flot							
Trench 42 - Undated pit   4212   108   9   0   20   15	_			ed vol	essed	size	Root			Charred	Charred Plant	Charcoal	
4211				(L)	vol (L)	(ml)	s %	Grain	Chaff	Other	Notes	> 4/2mm	Other
Trench 74 - Undated pit   7403   7404   32   4   0   25   5   -   -   -   -   -   -   -   -								1	1	1	1		
Trench 87 - Undated pit/hearth   Stem frags   Trench 108 - Undated pit/hearth   Trench 108 - Undated pit   104   9   0   80   20   -     Stem frags   Trench 108 - Undated pit   Stem frags   Trench 113 - Trench 113 - Trench 115 - Trench 115 - Trench 115 - Trench 116 - Early Neolithic pit   Stem frags   Trench 116 - Early Neolithic pit   Trench 128 - Undated pit   Stem frags   Trench 135 - Undated pit   Stem frags   Trench 167 - Roman ditch   Stem frags   Trench 168 - Undated pit   Stem frags   Trench 168 - Undated pit   Stem frags   Trench 168 - Roman ditch   Stem frags   Trench 168 - Roman ditch   Trench 1				9	0	20	15	-	-	-	-	*/*	-
Trench 87 - Undated pit/hearth   8709													
8709   8703   17   20   25   125   25   -   -   *   Stem frags   ****/*****   Moll-t (*)			_	4	0	25	5	-	-	-	-	-/*	-
8709   8703   17   20   25   125   25   -   -   *   Stem frags ***/***** (*)   Trench 108 - Undated pit	Trench 87	- Undated p	oit/hearth	1				1		1	,		
Trench 108 - Undated pit    10810	0700	0700	4-			405	0.5			_	0. (		
10810				20	25	125	25	-	-	ı î	Stem frags	***/****	(^)
10810   10811   104   9   0   80   20   -   -   *   shell frag, tuber   **********   -	Trench 10	8 - Undated	pit	1				1		1	10 "		
Trench 113 Undated pit	40040	40044	404	0	0	00	00			*		****/****	
11305				9	0	80	20	-	-		snell frag, tuber	/	-
Trench 115 - ?Early Neolithic pit  11515				40	0	450	20	1		1	1	****/****	
11515				18	0	150	20	-	-	-	-	/	-
11515	Trench 11	5 - ?⊑any iv	leolithic pit	1				ı		1			
Trench 116 - Early Neolithic pits    Trench 116 - Early Neolithic pits	11515	11517	07	20	20	60	15			****	,	***/****	
11603				20	20	60	15	-	-		shell frags	/	
11603	Trench 11	o - ⊑any ive	onthic pits	l :				l		I	Complete avallana		Malla
11614	11602	11604	96	20	0	60	30			****		****/***	-
11614	11003	11004	00	30	U	60	30	-	-			/	()
Trench 128 - Undated pit  12807   12808   27   13   0   15   50   -   -   -   -   */*   -    Trench 135 - Undated ditch    13512   13513   51   9   0   70   10   -   -   *   shell frags   ***/*****   frag    Trench 167 - Roman ditch	11614	11616	90	20	20	60	10			****		****/****	
12807   12808   27   13   0   15   50   -   -   -   -   -   */*   -				20	20	00	10				Sileli Hays		
Trench 135 - Undated ditch    13512			•	13	0	15	50	_		I -		*/*	
13512   13513   51   9   0   70   10   -   -   *   *   *   *   *   *   *   *			:	10		10	30				_	,	
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13512     13513     51     9     0     70     10     -     -     * shell frags     ***/***** frag       Trench 167 - Roman ditch       16722     16724     76     5     0     <1											Corvlus avellana		
Trench 167 - Roman ditch  16722	13512	13513	51	9	0	70	10	_	-	*		***/****	
Trench 168 - Undated pit    Corylus avellana   shell frags,   16806   16807   44   6   0   20   50   -   *   Avena/Bromus   **/**   -     Trench 168 - Roman ditch			ditch	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,				l		ı		•	
Trench 168 - Undated pit    Corylus avellana   shell frags,   16806   16807   44   6   0   20   50   -   *   Avena/Bromus   **/**   -	16722	16724	76	5	0	<1	_	_	_	_	_	-/*	· -
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	16811			20	0	5	20	-	-	-	-	*/*	-

Key \* = 1-4 items; \*\* = 5-19items; \*\*\* = 20-49 items; \*\*\*\* = 50-99 items; \*\*\*\*\* = >100 items

Table C2: Number of Identifiable Specimens (NISP) by weight and context

Cut	Deposit/Fill	BOS	O/C	Total	Weight (g)
	11523	1		1	54
12513	12514		3	3	39
12515	12516		3	3	65
	plot 88 fw	1		1	2
Total		2	6	8	
Weight		56	104	160	

BOS = cattle; O/C = sheep/goat



Figure C1: Monolith 5, 6 and 7 (top to bottom) from potential pond 15703 (Tr157)



Figure C2: Monolith 68 from ditch 16811, and re-cut 16821 (Tr168)



Figure C3: Monolith 73 from ditch 16722 (Tr167)

Table C3: Monolith 5: possible pond 15703 (Tr157), 85.04m OD

Monolith Depth Context Unit Description	
0.12- 0.24  0.12- 0.25  0.25	v. Rare (<5%) stone. root channels ing. Diffuse  brown, firm. v with rare (<2%) stone.

Table C4: Monolith 6: possible pond 15703 (Tr157), 84.93m OD

Monolith	Depth	Context	Unit	Description
	(m)			
2 3 4 5 5 6 7 8 9 10 1 2	0-0.15	15708	2	2.5Y 5/2 greyish brown, firm. cohesive silt/clay with rare (<2%) weathered sandstone. Occasional fine roots channels. Diffuse contact with:
5 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 20 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 20 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 20 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 20 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 20 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 20 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 20 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 20 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 20 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 20 1 2 3 4 6 7 8 9 20 1 2 2 3 4 6 7 8 9 20 1 2 2 3 4 6 7 8 9 20 1 2 2 3 4 6 7 8 9 20 1 2 2 3 4 6 7 8 9 20 1 2 2 3 4 6 7 8 9 20 1 2 2 3 4 6 7 8 9 20 1 2 2 3 4 6 7 8 9 20 1 2 2 3 4 6 7 8 9 20 1 2 2 2 3 4 6 7 8 9 20 1 2 2 2 3 4 6 7 8 9 20 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	0.15- 0.24	15704	3	2.5Y 4/1 dark grey, firm, cohesive silt/clay. Common fine root channels with iron oxides coating.

Table C5: Monolith 7: Possible pond 15703 (Tr157), 84.83m OD

Monolith	Depth (m)	Context	Unit	Description
1 1-16 EEEE 2 3 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	0-0.15	15704	3	2.5Y 4/1 dark grey, firm, cohesive silt/clay. Common fine root channels with iron oxides coating. Sharp contact with:
	0.15- 0.24	15702	4	2Y 7/1 light grey, firm silt/clay, with rare fine sand and large sandstone.

Table C6: Monolith 68: Ditch 16811 and re-cut 16821 (Tr168), 121.91m OD

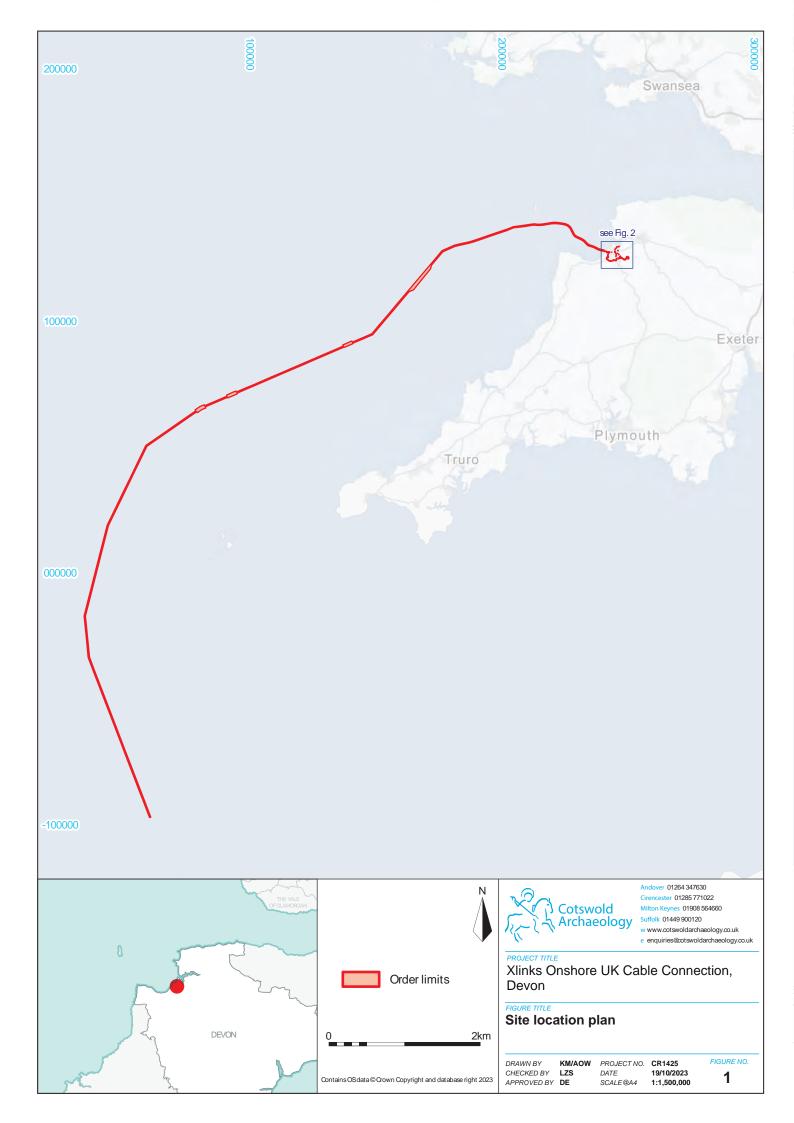
Monolith	Depth (m)	Context	Unit	Description
2 3 4 = 15 6 7 8 9	0-0.18	16830 /16829	1	5YR 4/4 reddish brown, firm but moderately cohesive, silt/clay with randomly distributed frequent (<25%) medium to large (<40mm) sand and mudstone. Angled and diffuse contact with:
	0.18- 0.44	16828/ 16824	2	5YR 4/4 reddish brown, firm but moderately cohesive sandy silt/clay with randomly distributed, frequent (<35%) mid to large (<30mm) sandstone and mudstone. Occasional, granular to medium-sized charcoal (<16mm). Pockets of greyish silt/clay with flecks of charcoal. Porous, common fine root channels. Angled and diffuse contact with:
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	0.44- 0.50	16817	3	5YR 4/4 reddish brown, firm but moderately cohesive, silt/clay with randomly distributed frequent (<25%) medium to large (<40mm) sand and mudstone

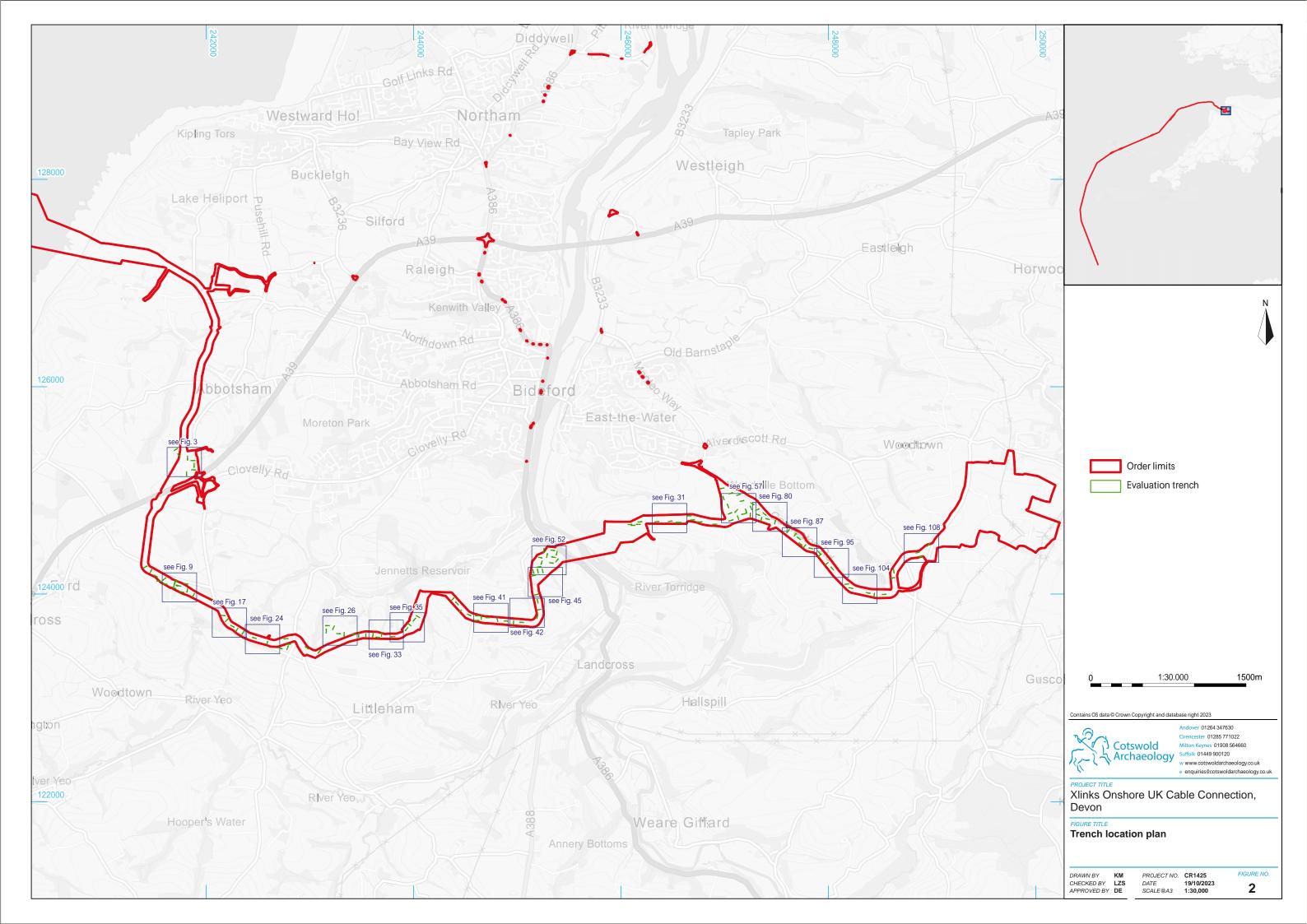
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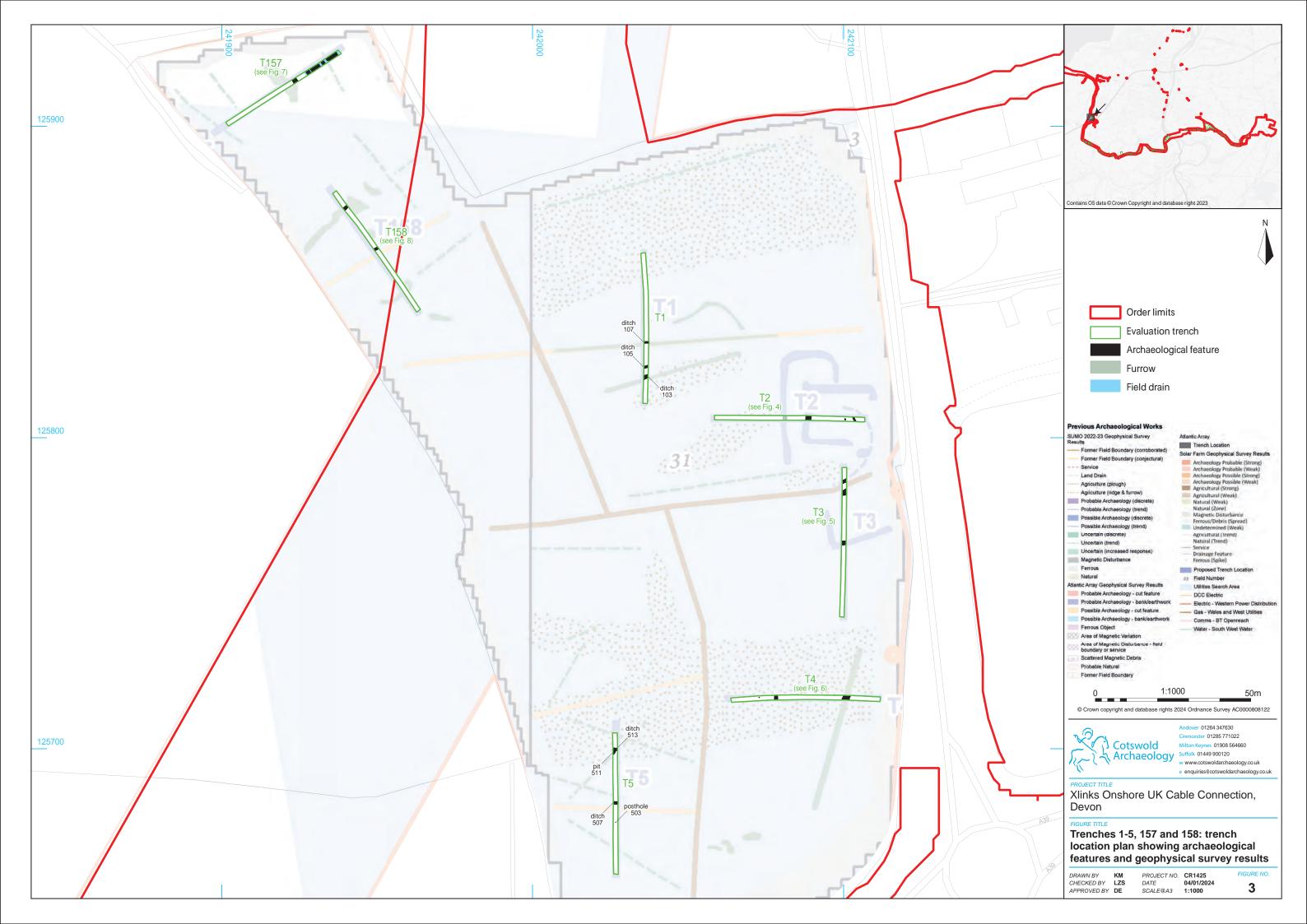
Monolith	Depth (m)	Context	Unit	Description
2 3 4 in 5 6 7 8 9 10 10 1	0-0.10	16711/ 16712	1	2.5YR 4/4 reddish brown, firm, moderately cohesive, slightly sandy silt/clay. Rare (<2%) granular-sized charcoal (<3mm) and pockets of grey silt/clay and weathered sandstone. Sharp contact with:
	0.10- 0.29	16713/ 16714	2	5YR 4/2 dark reddish grey, firm and soft silt/clay (siltier). Porous, common vertical fine root channels. Breaks into granular-sized aggregates. Sharp contact with:
9 10 7 11	0.29- 0.38	16715	3	5YR 4/6 yellowish red, firm silt/clay with common small to large-sized (<60mm) sandstone. Sharp contact with:
30 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	0.38- 0.46	16716/ 16717	4	5YR 4/2 dark reddish grey, firm and soft silt/clay (siltier). Porous, common vertical fine root channels. Sharp contact with:
5 17 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18	0.46- 0.50	16718	5	5YR 4/6 yellowish red, firm sandy silt/clay.

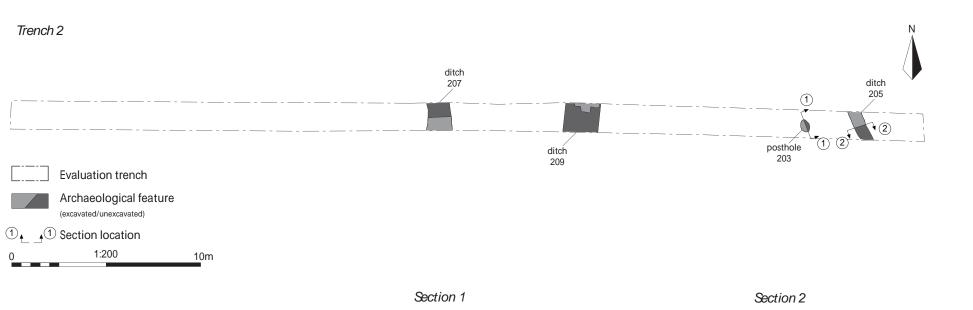
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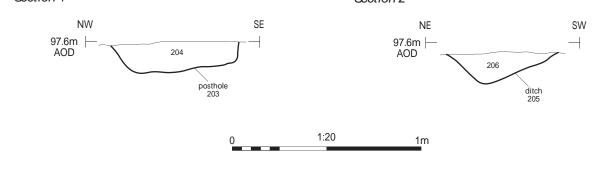
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Project name	UK Elements of the XLinks Morocco-UK P	ower Project, Devon					
Short description	archaeological evaluation of the proposed	In June to September 2023, Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological evaluation of the proposed onshore route of the UK elements of the XLinks Morocco–UK Power Project, Devon. A total of 135 trenches were excavated.					
	The evaluation recorded a broad spread of elements of the Proposed Development. A and the majority of the features remained u some clear concentrations of prehistoric ar	rtefactual material was limited ndated. There were, however,					
	A cluster of Early Neolithic pits and posthowere indicative of Early Neolithic domestic	les within two of the trenches activity.					
	A wide, flat cut recorded in one of the trend terracing platform for a late prehistoric roul cremation burials were cut into the backfill contained a sherd of Roman pottery.	ndhouse. Three possible					
	found to correspond to a substantial enclos profile. Quantities of Roman pottery were r small ditch and six pits/postholes were pre	A sub-square enclosure detected by a previous geophysical survey was found to correspond to a substantial enclosure ditch with a steep, V-shaped profile. Quantities of Roman pottery were recovered from this ditch. One small ditch and six pits/postholes were present within the enclosure, potentially representing associated internal features.					
	undated. It is possible that some of these for Roman activity, but there was no way of be of post-medieval or modern date. Furth these features is indicative of general, low-	As noted, the majority of the features recorded by the evaluation remained undated. It is possible that some of these features also represent prehistoric or Roman activity, but there was no way of verifying this; they may equally be of post-medieval or modern date. Furthermore, the scattered nature of these features is indicative of general, low-intensity background and/or agricultural activity, with no clear evidence for settlement or industrial					
Project dates	5 June–13 September 2023	<u> </u>					
Project type	Field evaluation						
Previous work	Field evaluation (Oxford Archaeology 2012	);					
	Geophysical survey (SUMO Survey 2023)						
Future work	Unknown						
PROJECT LOCATION	T						
Site location	Near Bideford, Devon						
Study area (m²/ha)	14.7km 241203 128185						
Site co-ordinates	241203 128185						
PROJECT CREATORS  Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology						
Project brief originator	N/A						
Project design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology						
Project Manager	Derek Evans						
Project Supervisor	Matt Nicholl						
MONUMENT TYPE	Early Neolithic pits; Roman enclosure						
SIGNIFICANT FINDS None							
PROJECT ARCHIVES	Intended final location of archive						
Physical	Museum of Barnstaple and North Devon	Museum of Barnstaple and North Devon Ceramics, animal bone, etc.					
Paper	N/A	N/A					
Digital	Archaeology Data Service (ADS)	Digital photos, survey data, scans of primary site archive					
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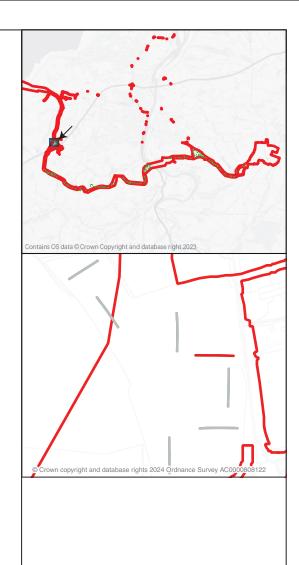








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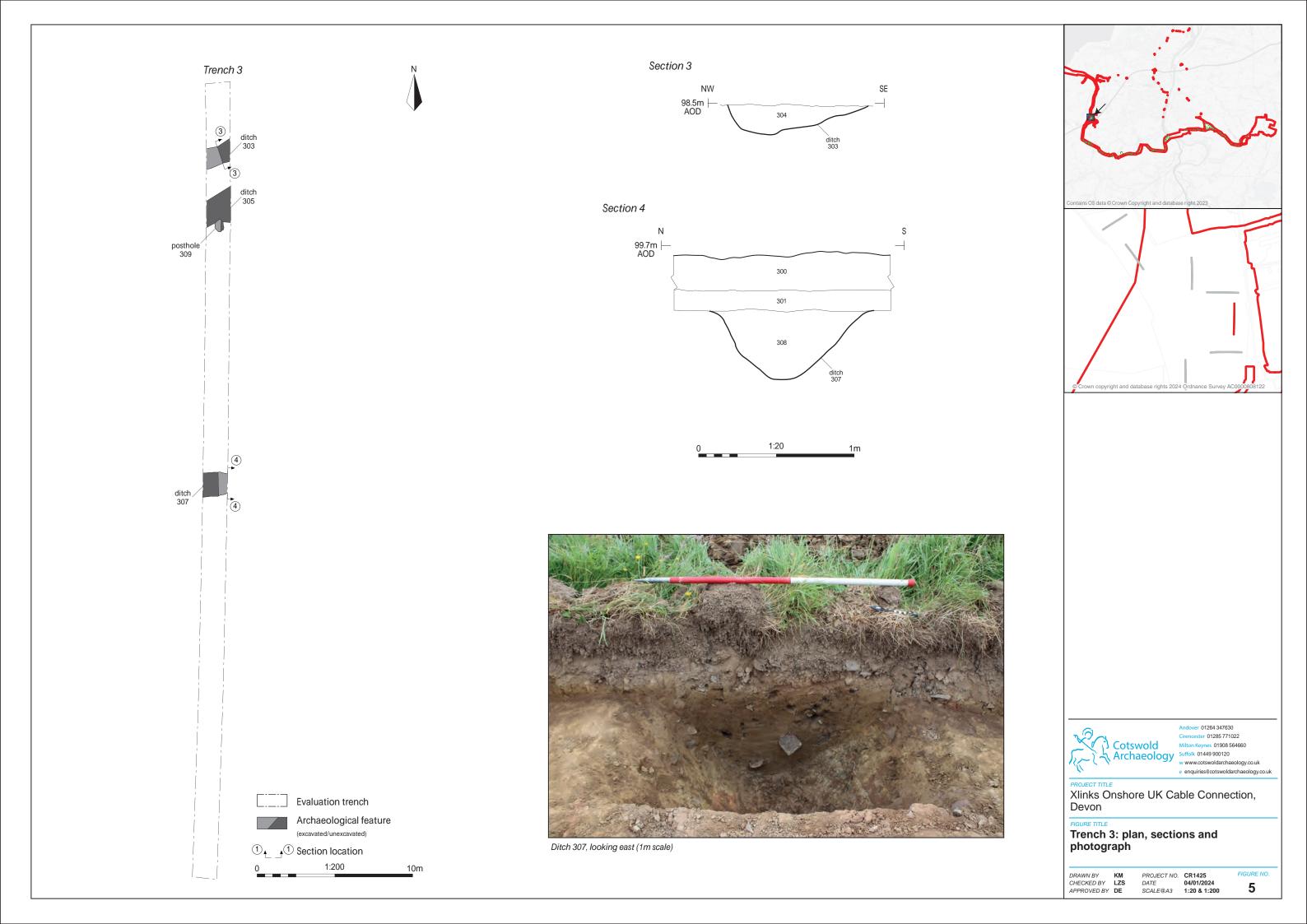
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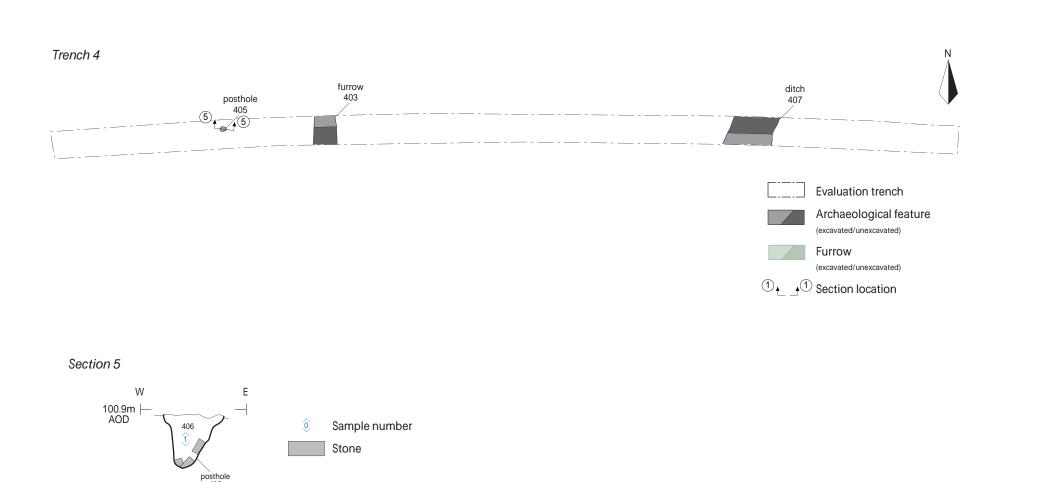
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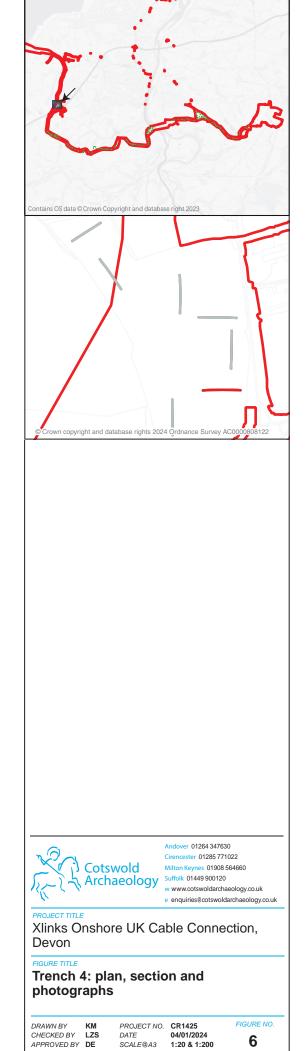


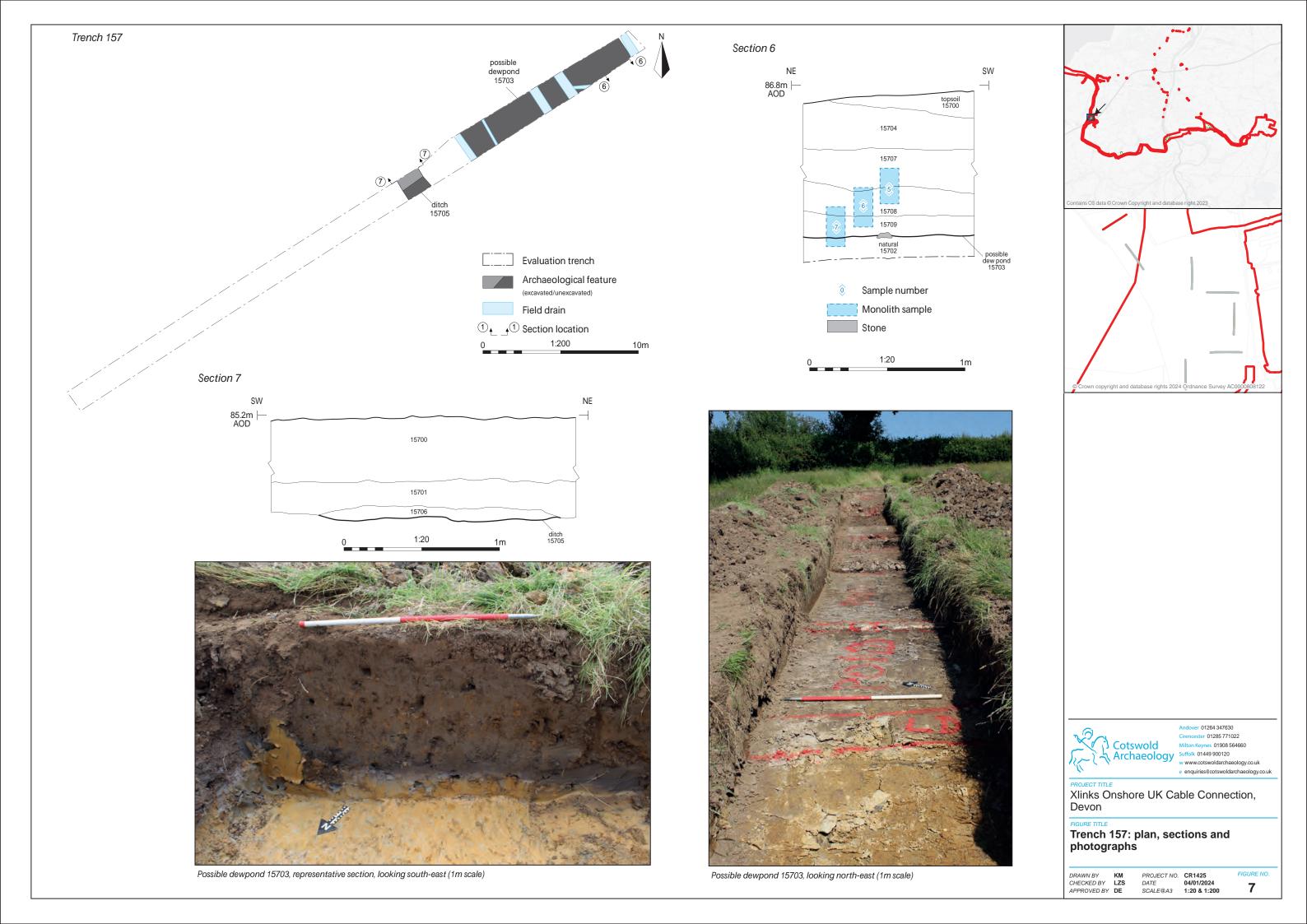


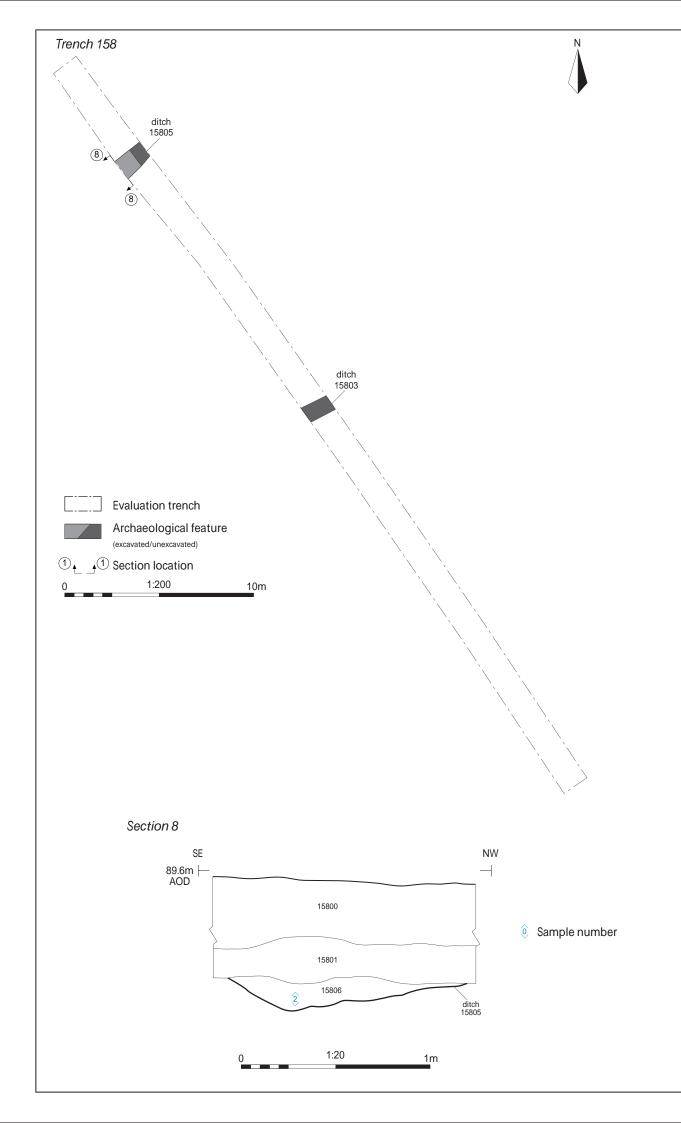


Posthole 405, looking north (scale 0.2m)

Trackway 407, looking south (scale 2m)





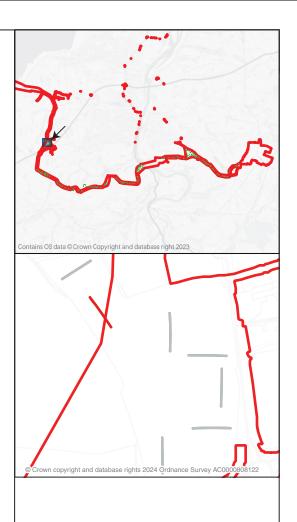




Trench 158, looking north-west (1m scales)



Ditch 15805, looking north (0.5m scale)





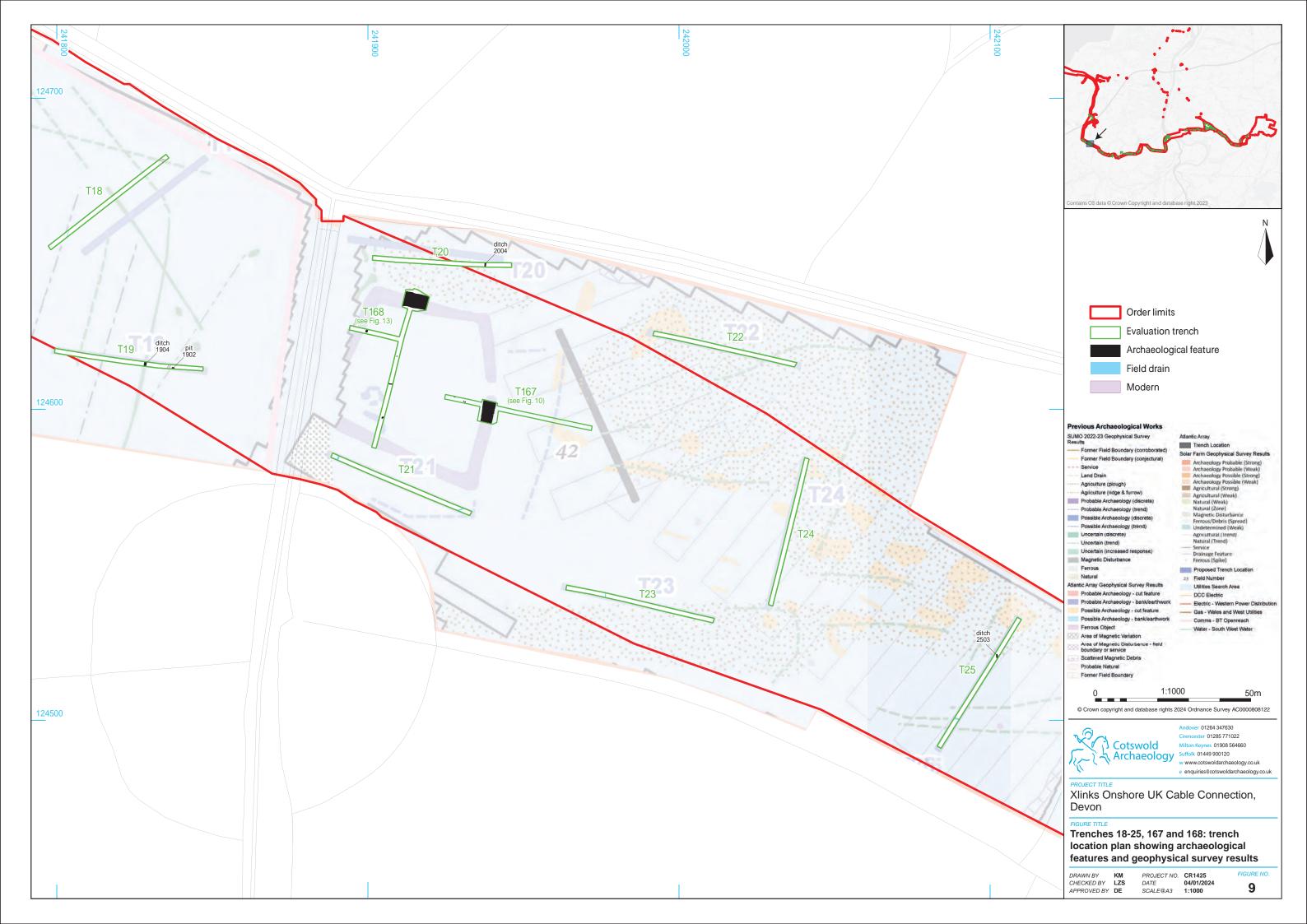
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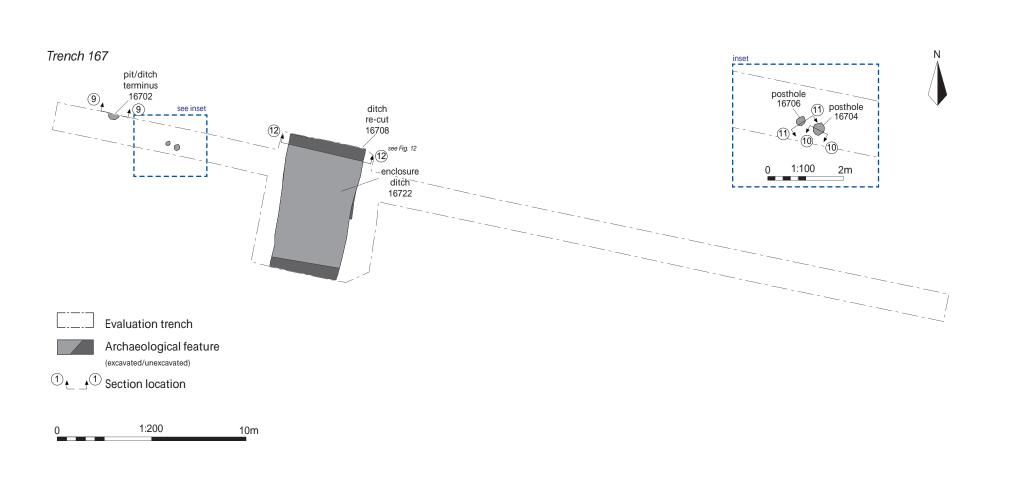
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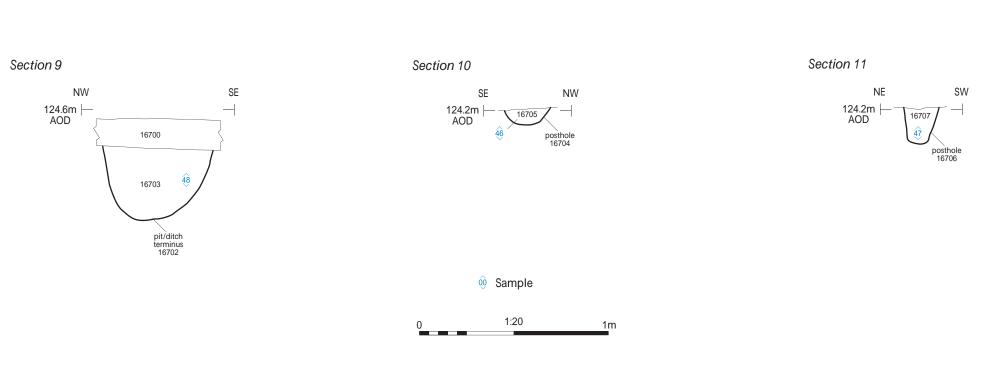
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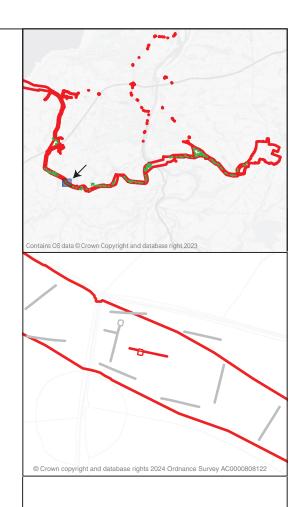
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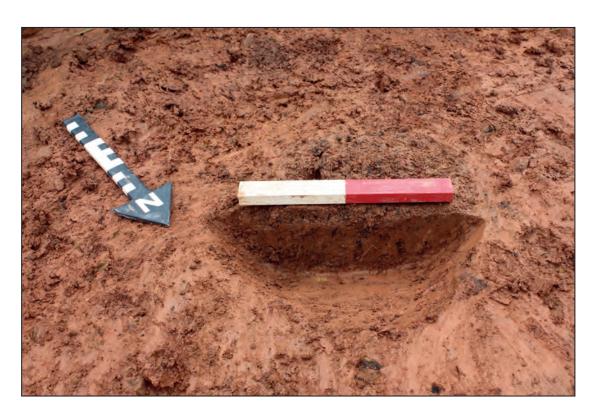
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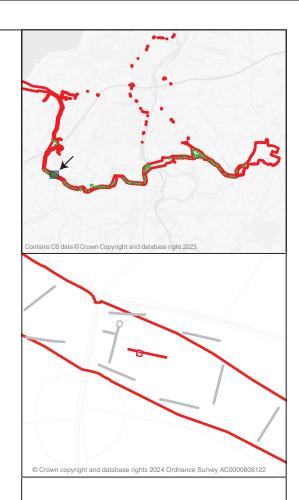
Pit/ditch terminus 16702, looking north-east (0.5m scale)



Posthole 16704, looking south-west (0.2m scale)



Posthole 16706, looking south-east (0.2m scale)





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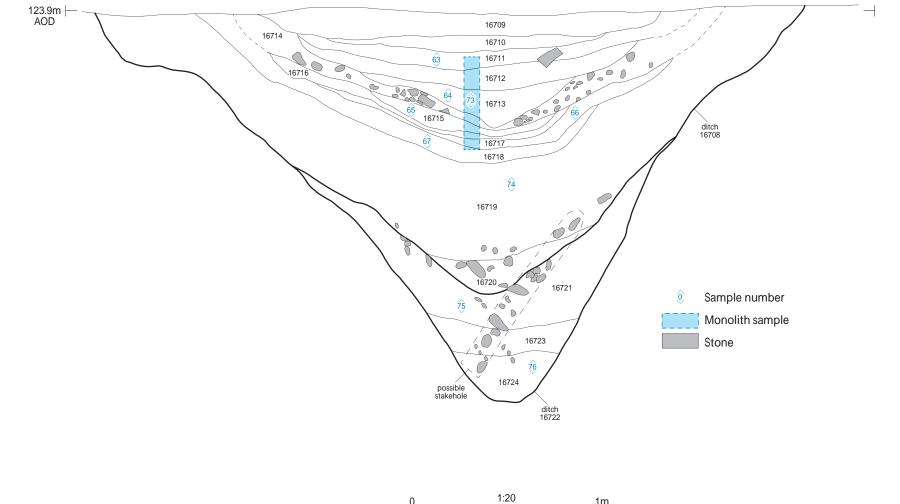
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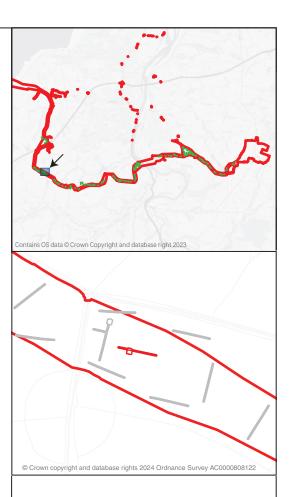


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Enclosure ditch 16722 with ditch re-cut 16708, looking north-east (2m scale)

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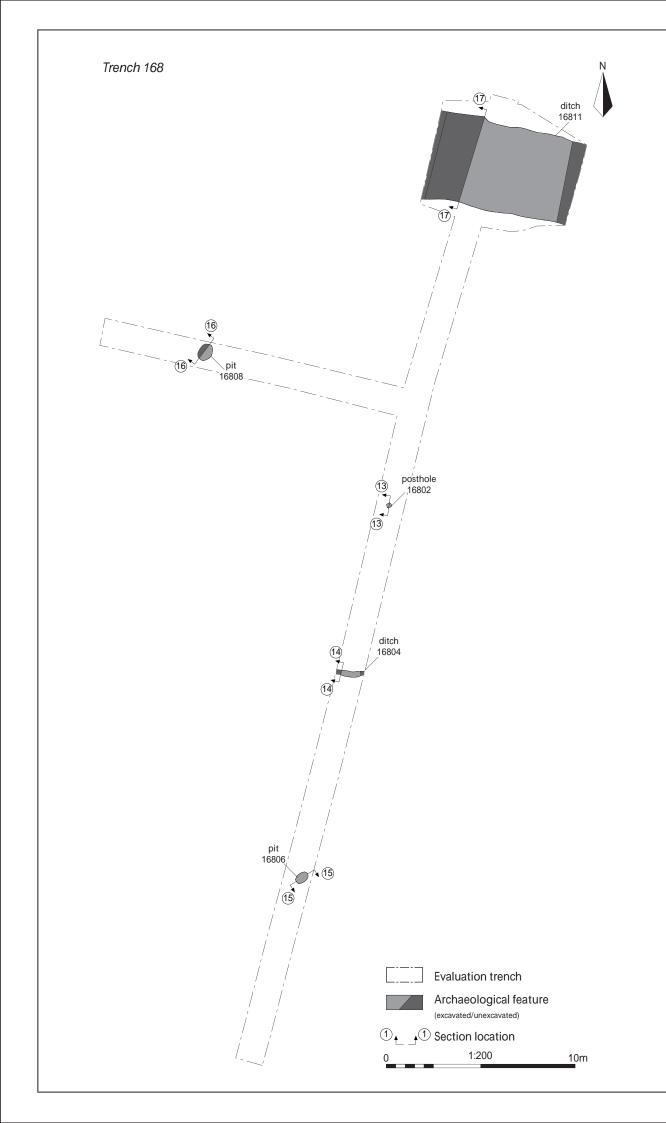
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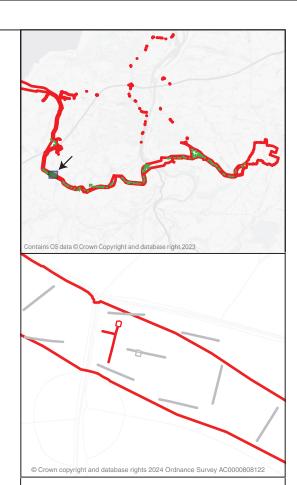
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Trench 168, looking north-east (1m scales)





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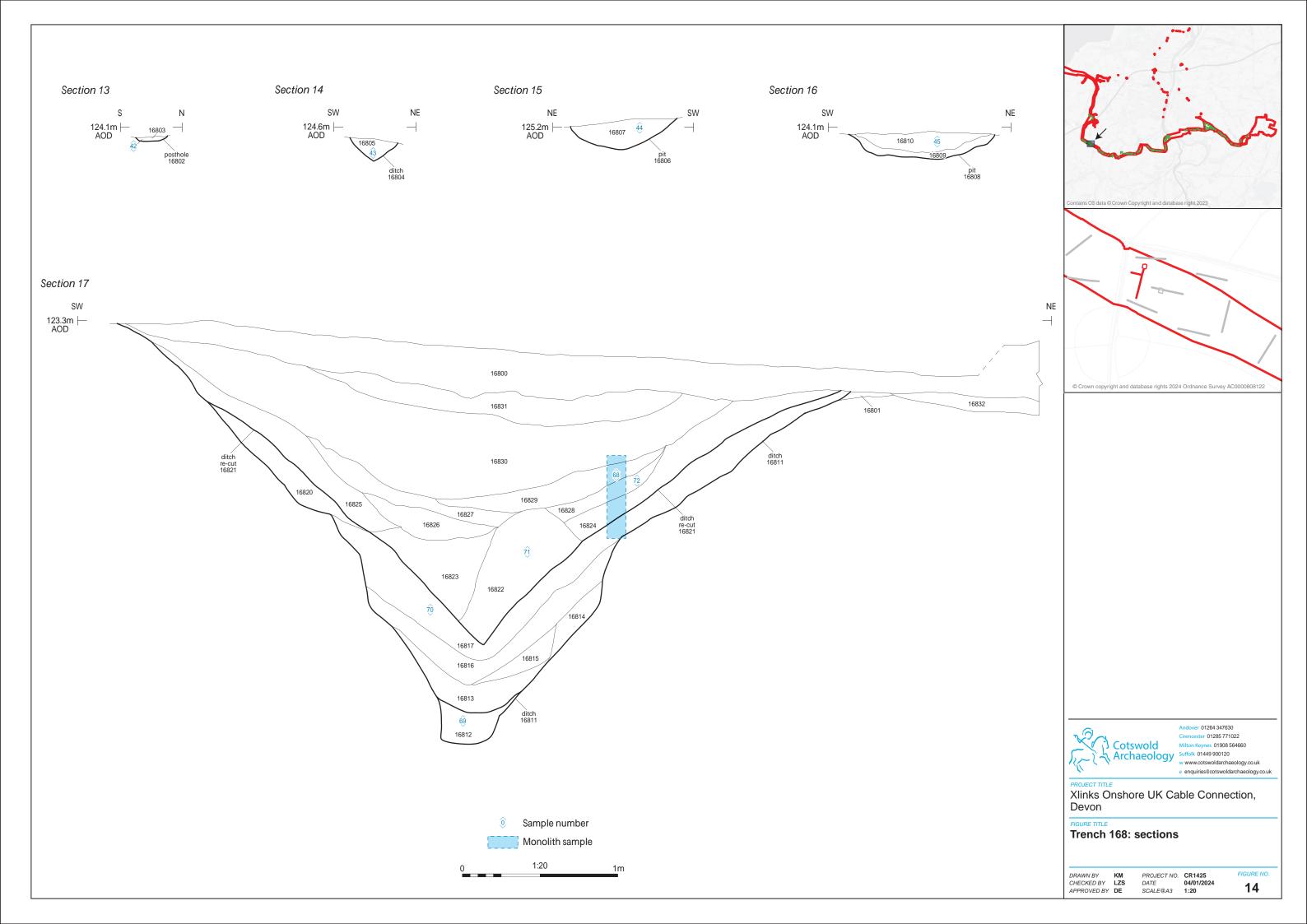
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Posthole 16802, looking east (0.2m scale)



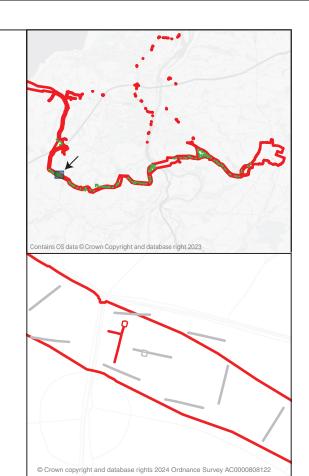
Ditch 16804, looking west (0.2m scale)



Pit 16806, looking south-east (0.4m scale)



Pit 16808, looking north-west (0.5m scale)





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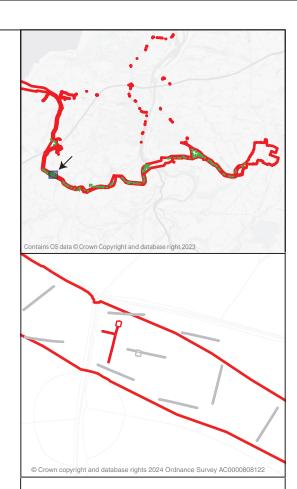
Enclosure ditch 16811 with ditch re-cut 16821, looking north-west (2m scale)



Enclosure ditch 16811 with ditch re-cut 16821, looking north-west (2m scale)



Toolmarks in base of ditch 16811 (0.2m scale)





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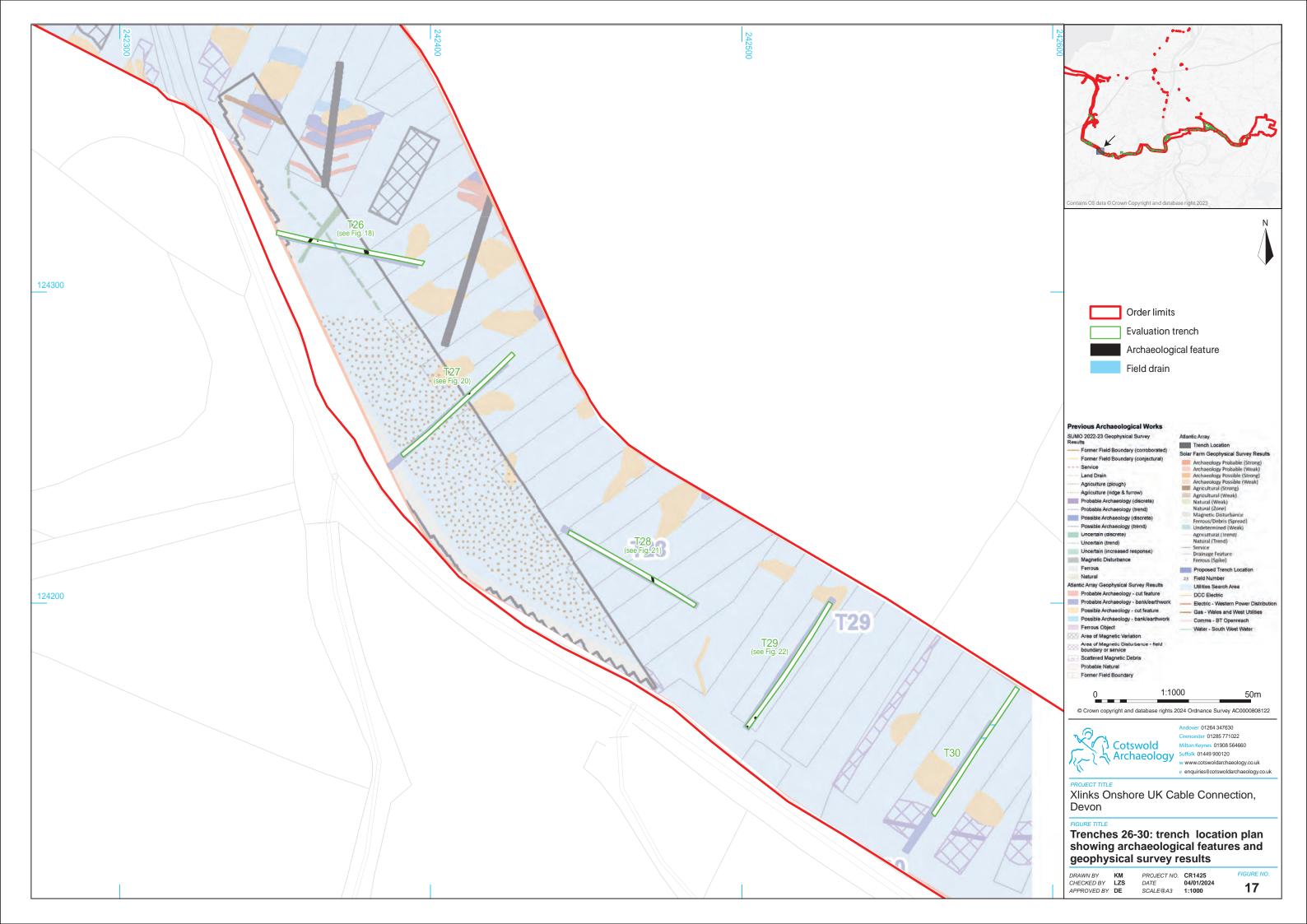
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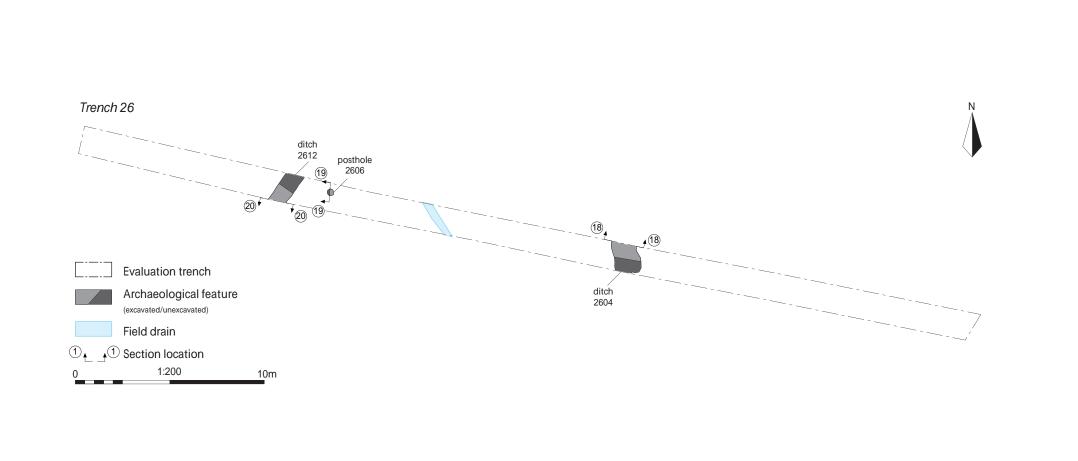
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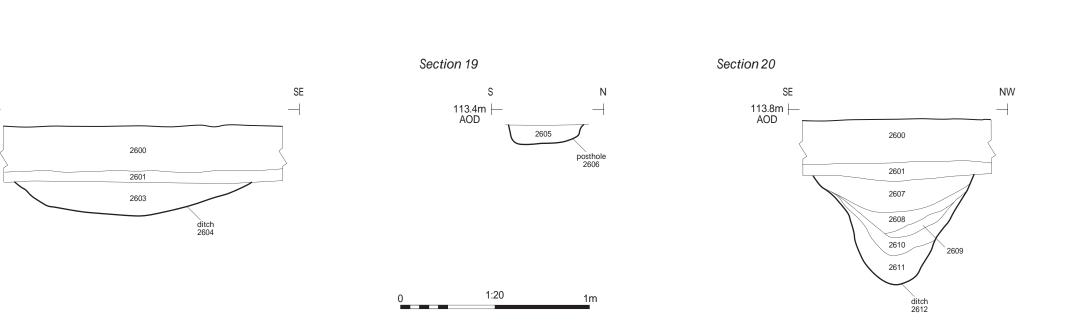
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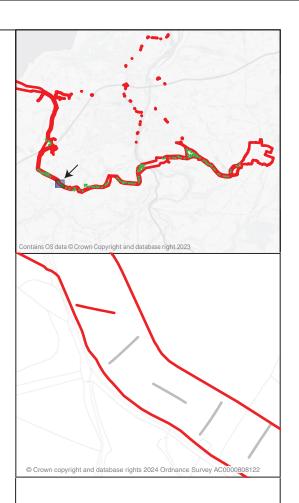




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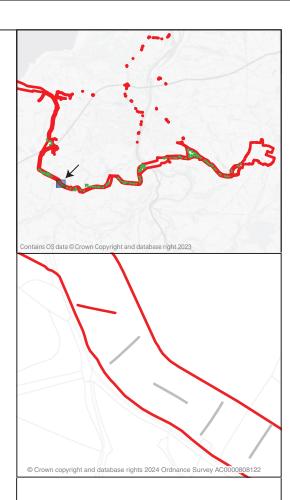
Trench 26, looking south-east (1m scales)



Posthole 2606, looking west (0.3m scale)



Ditch 2612, looking south-west (1m scale)



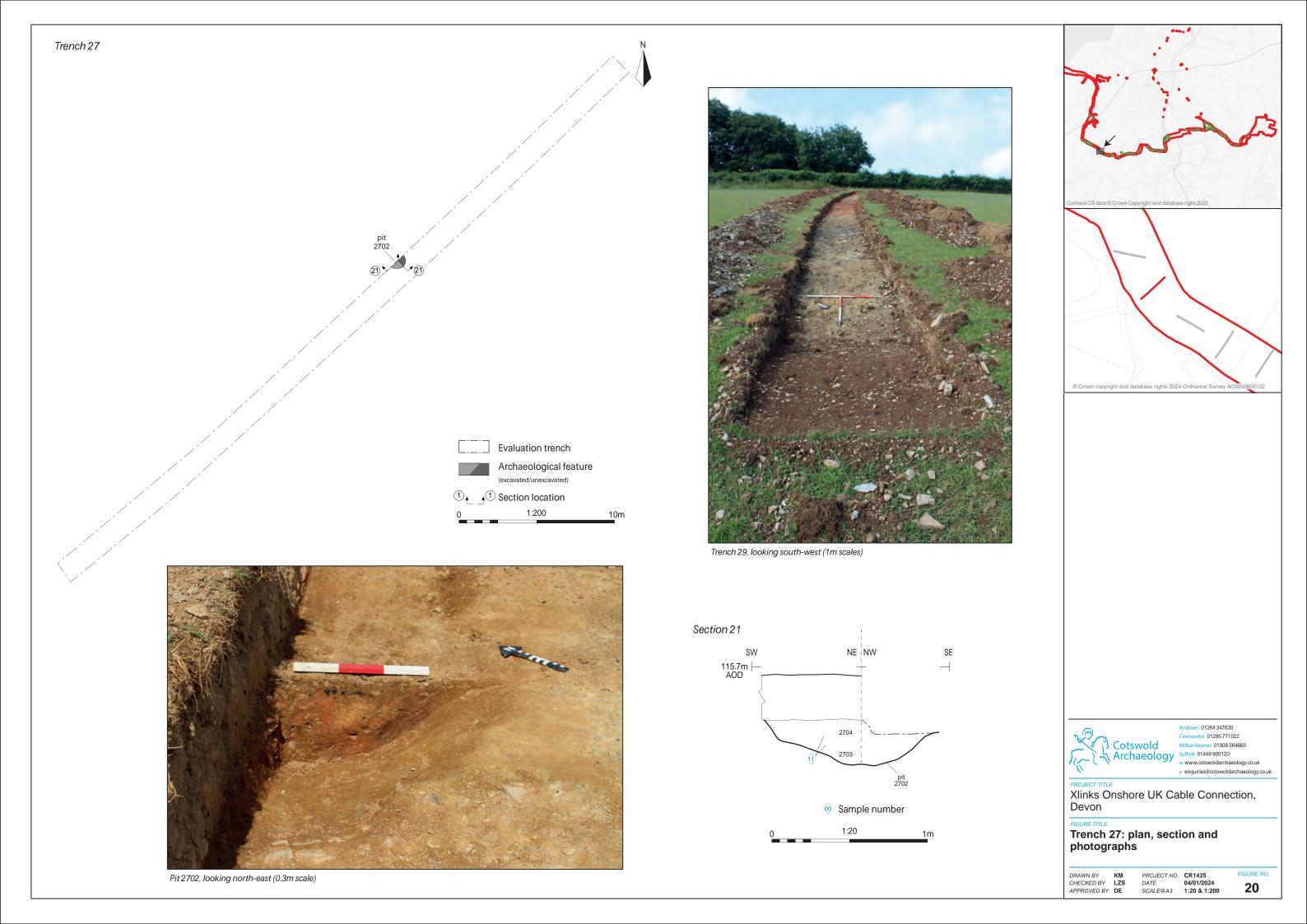


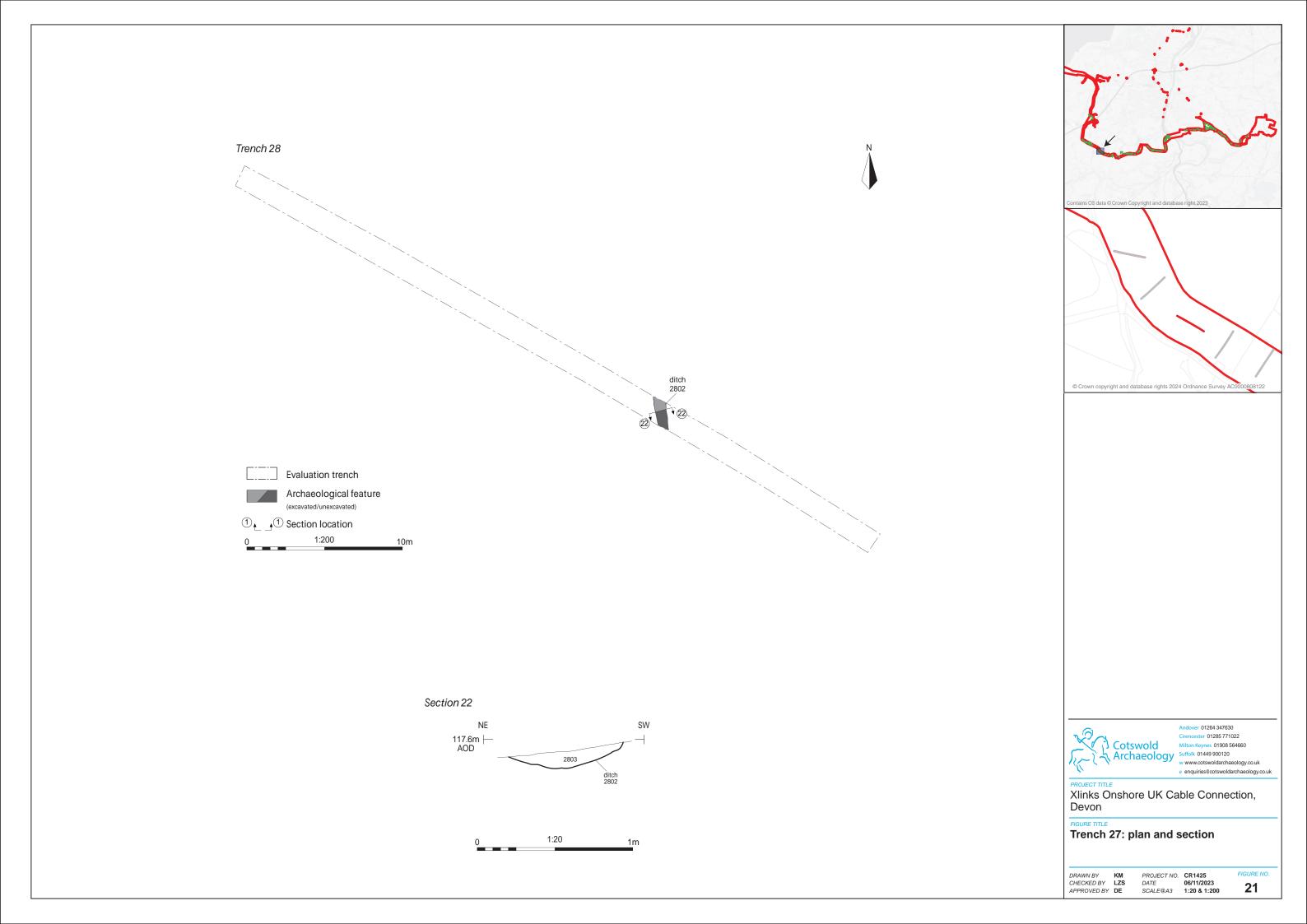
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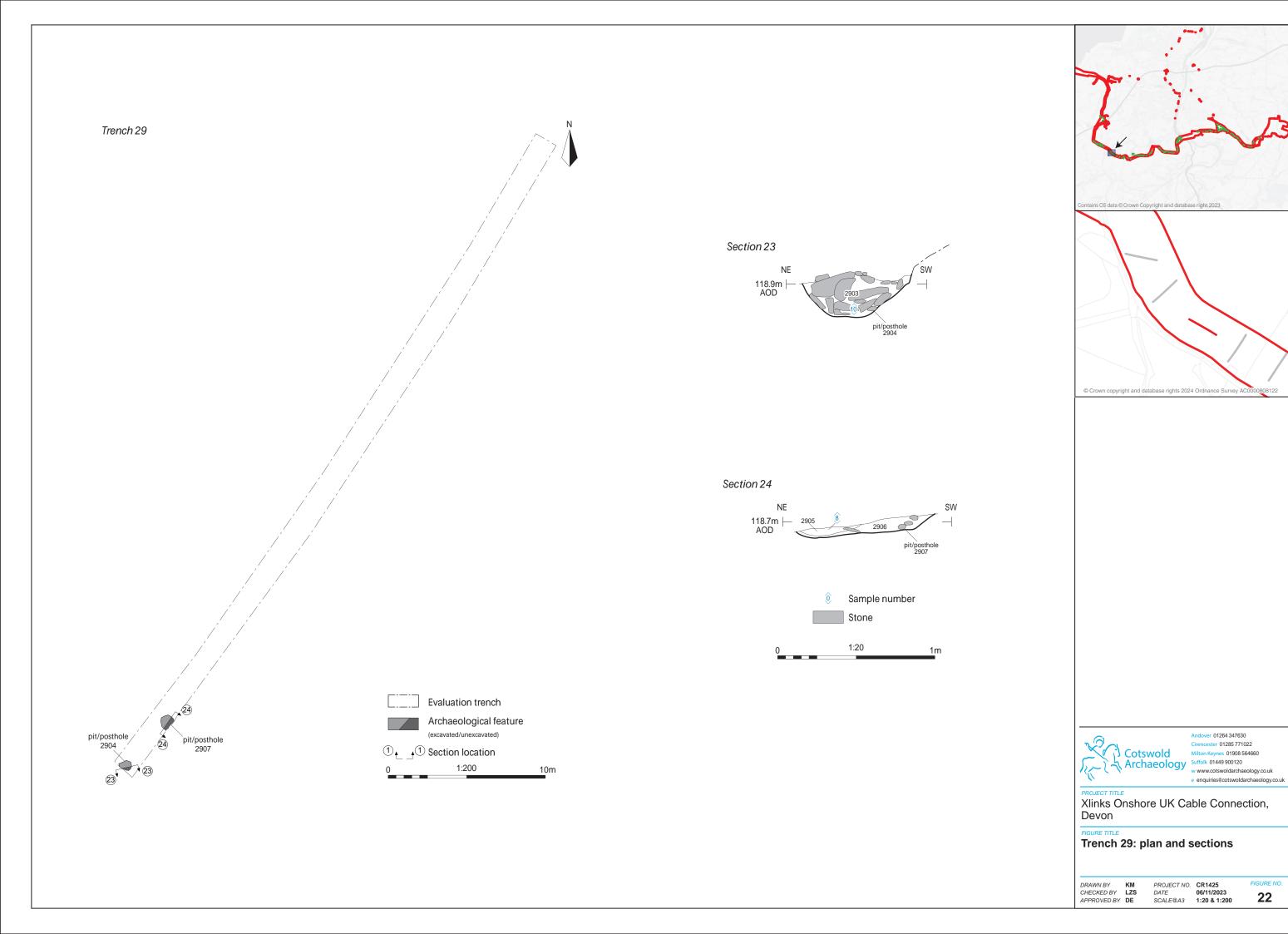
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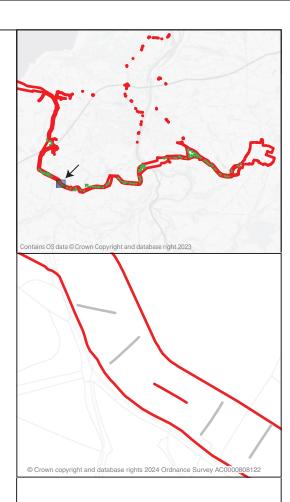
Trench 29, looking south-west (1m scales)



Pit/posthole 2904, looking south-east (0.4m scale)



Pit 2907, looking south-east (0.4m scale)



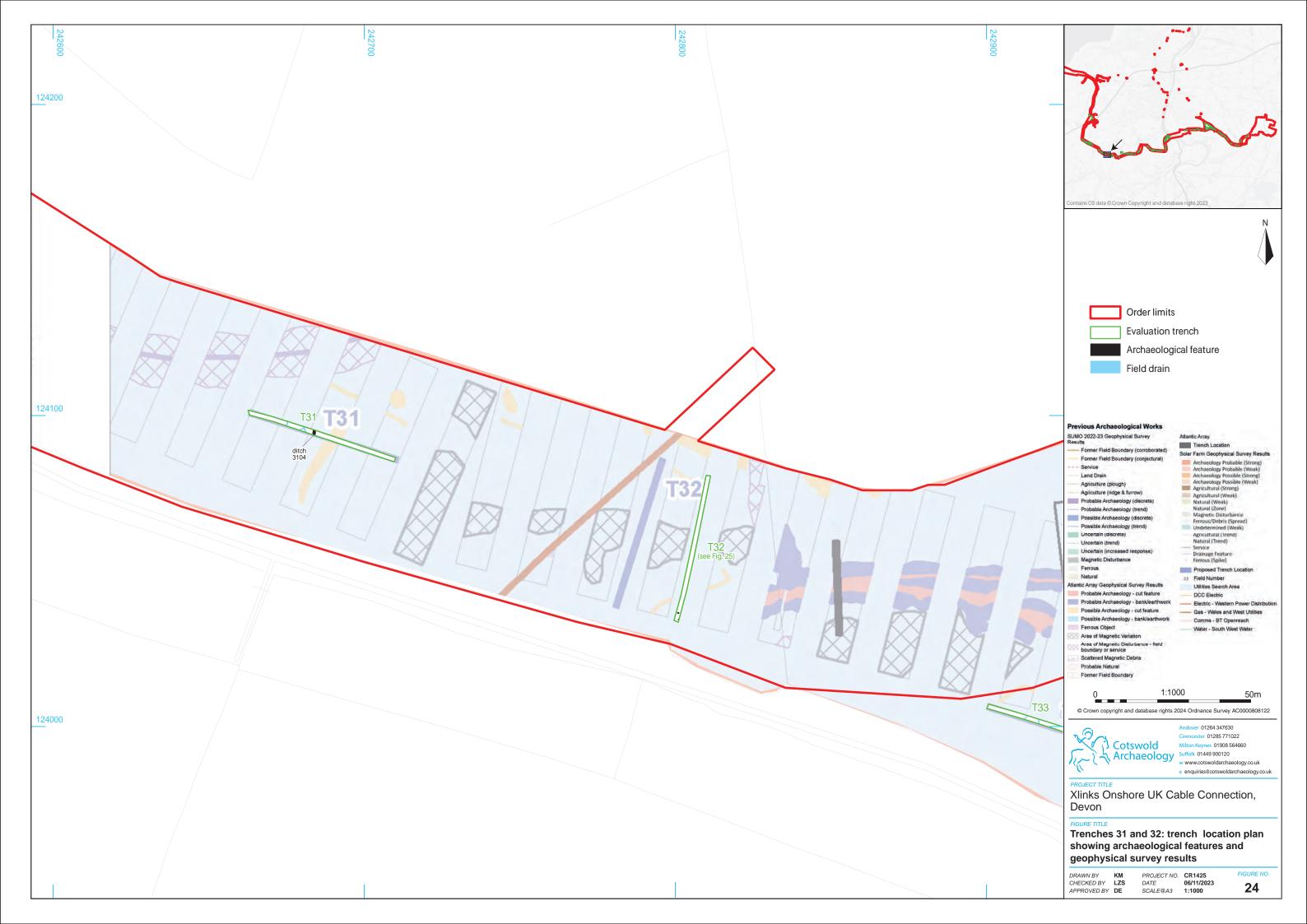


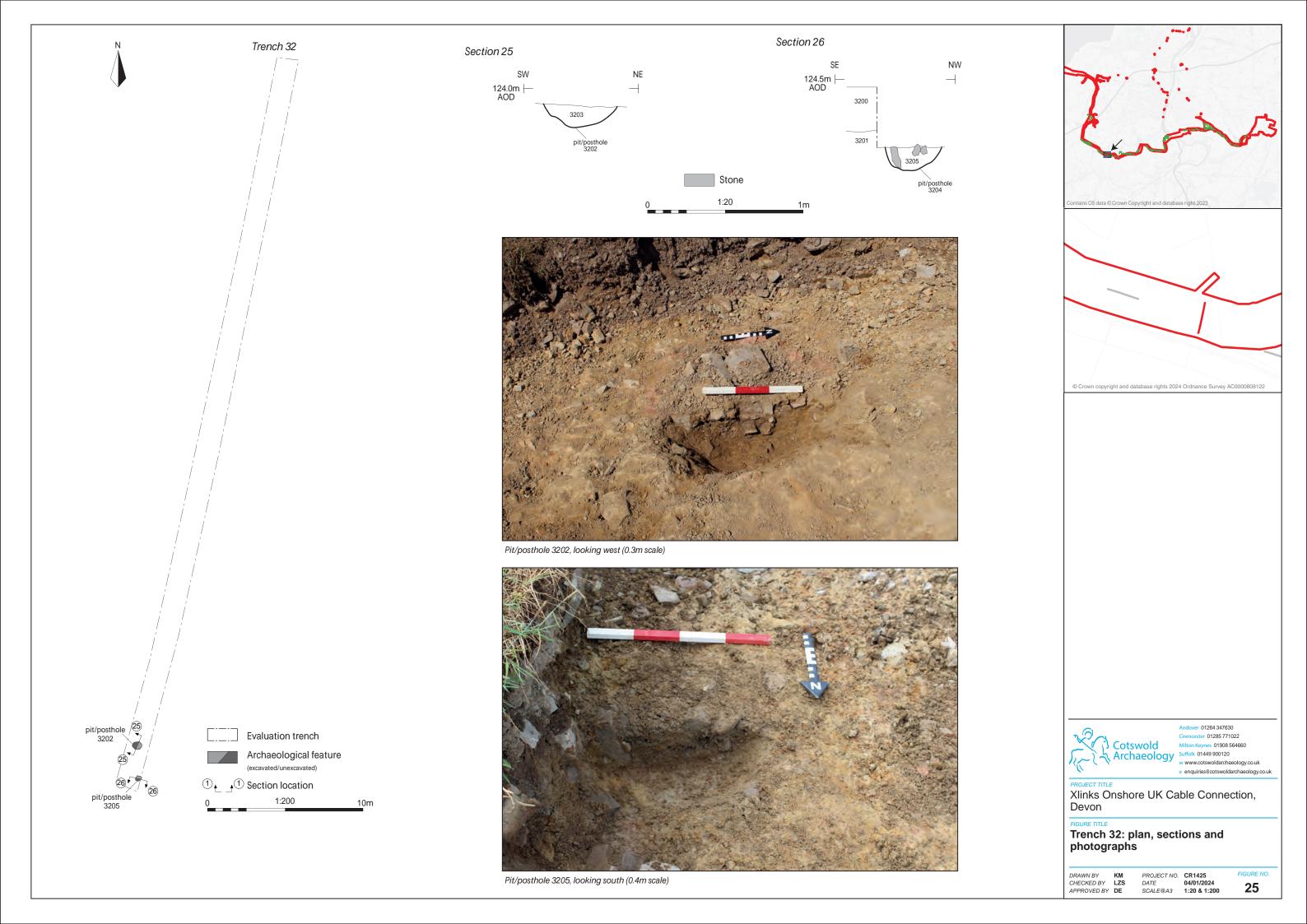
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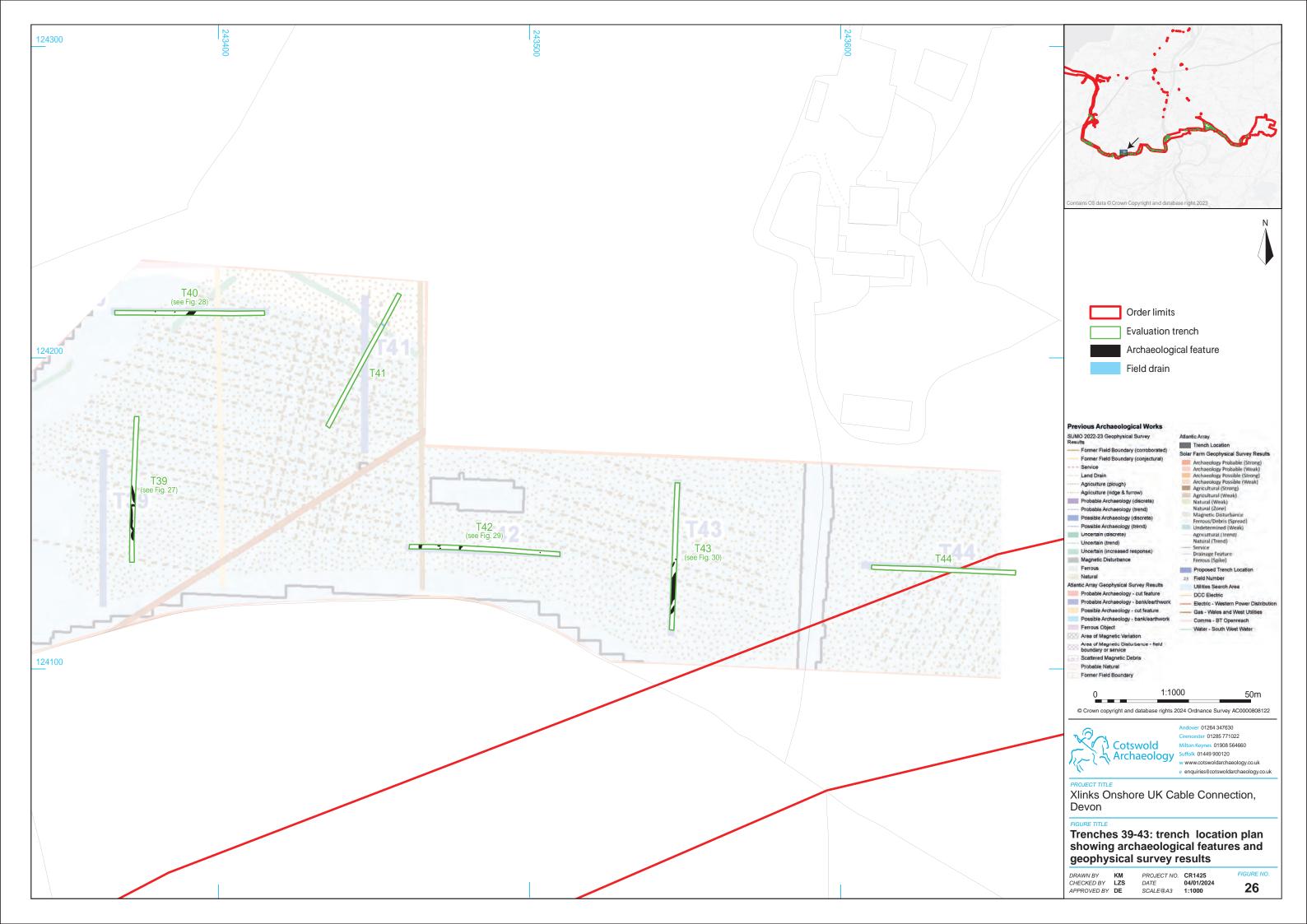
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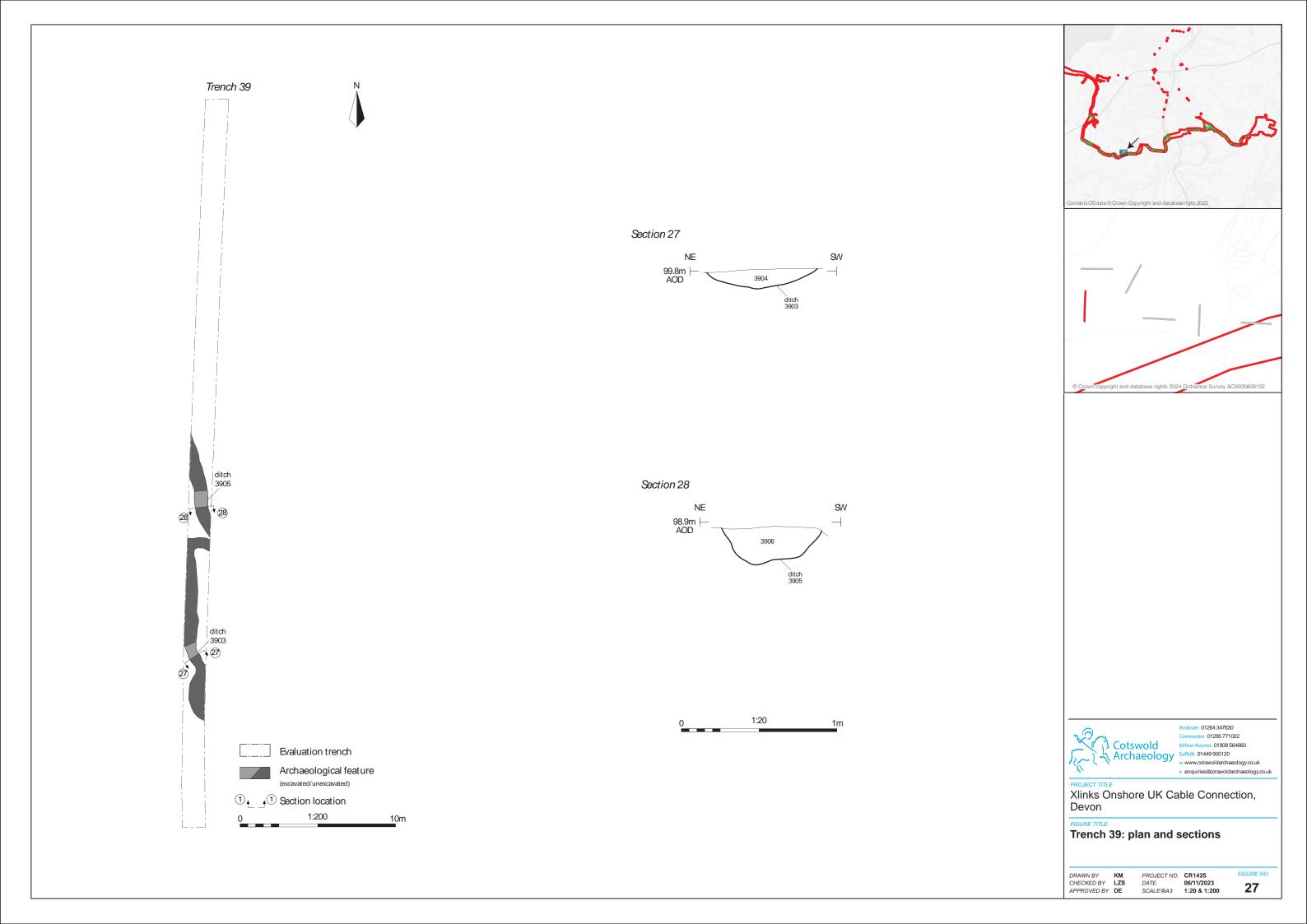
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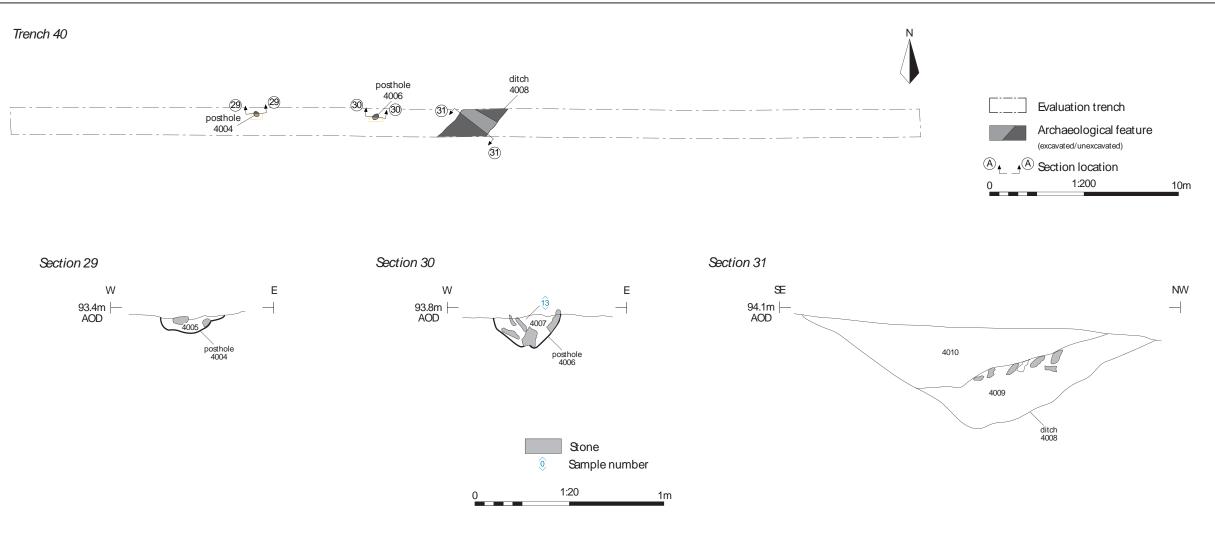
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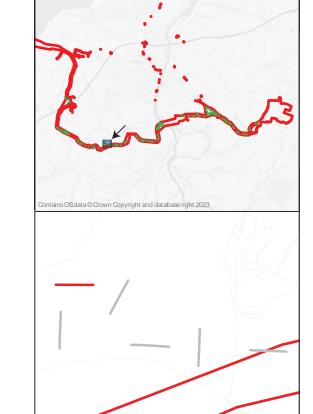








Posthole 4006, looking north (0.4m scale) Ditch 4008, looking south-west (1m scale)





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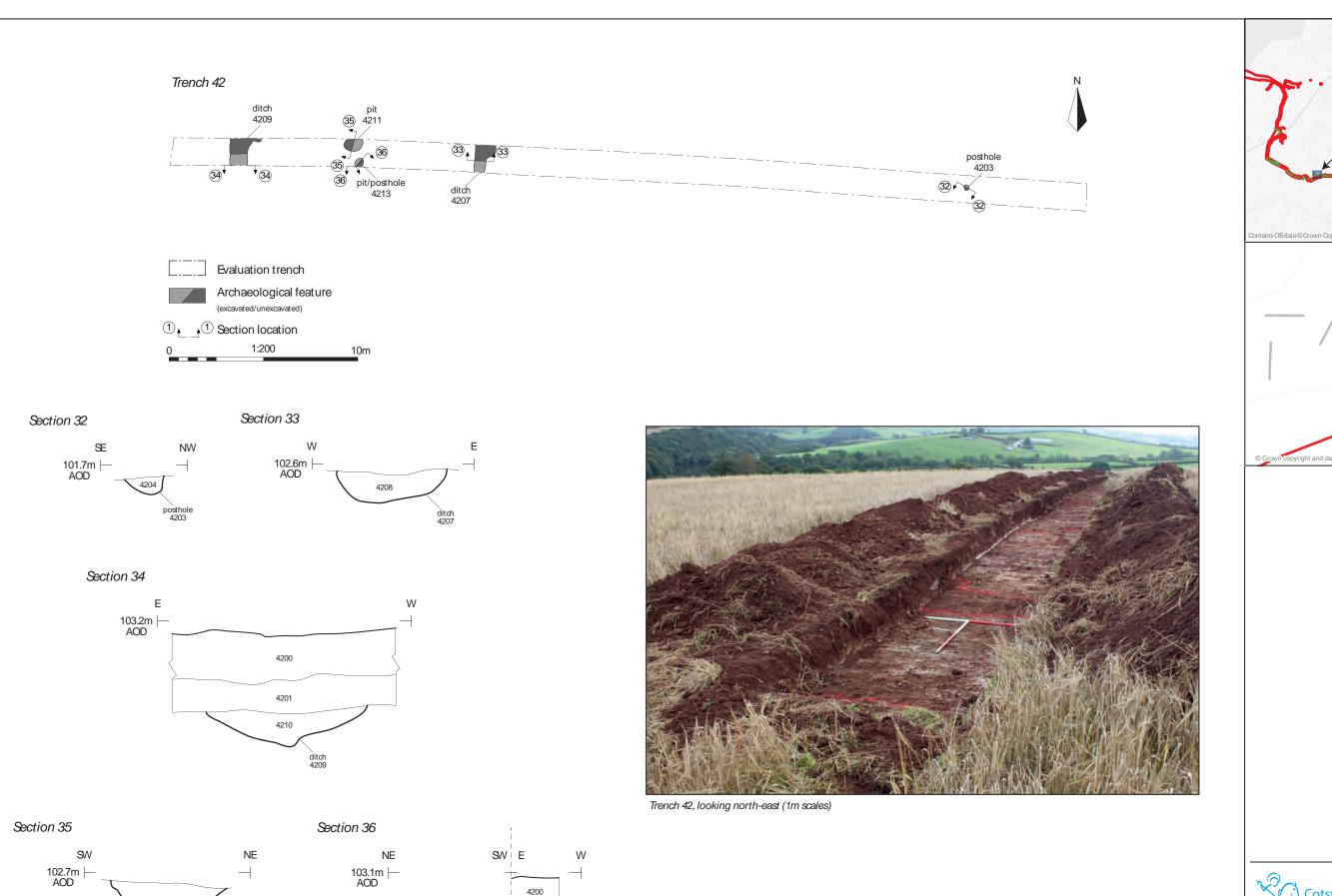
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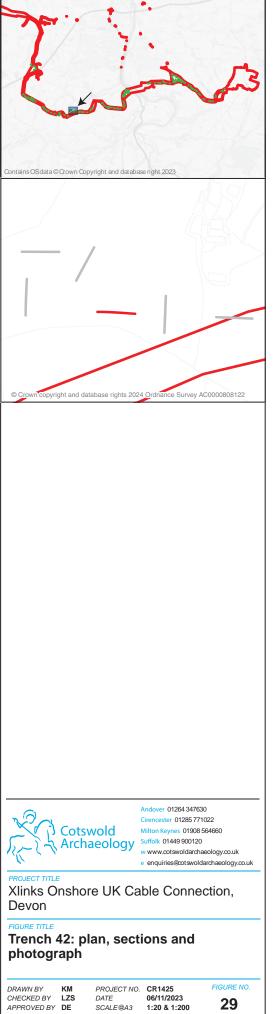
Trench 40: plan, sections and photographs

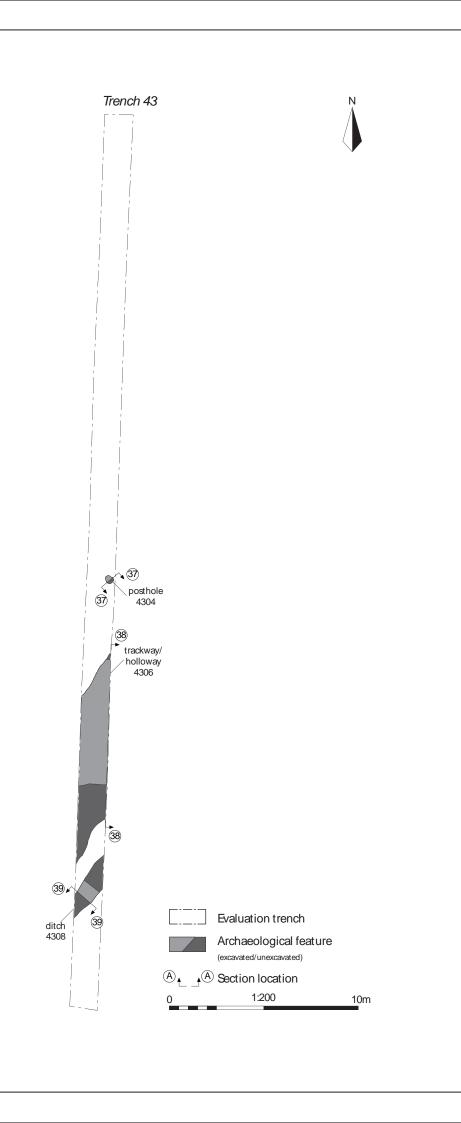
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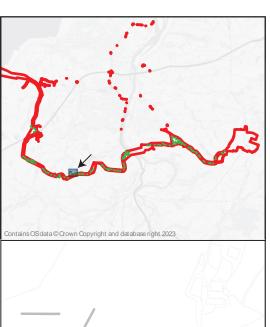
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Trench 43, looking north (1m scales)





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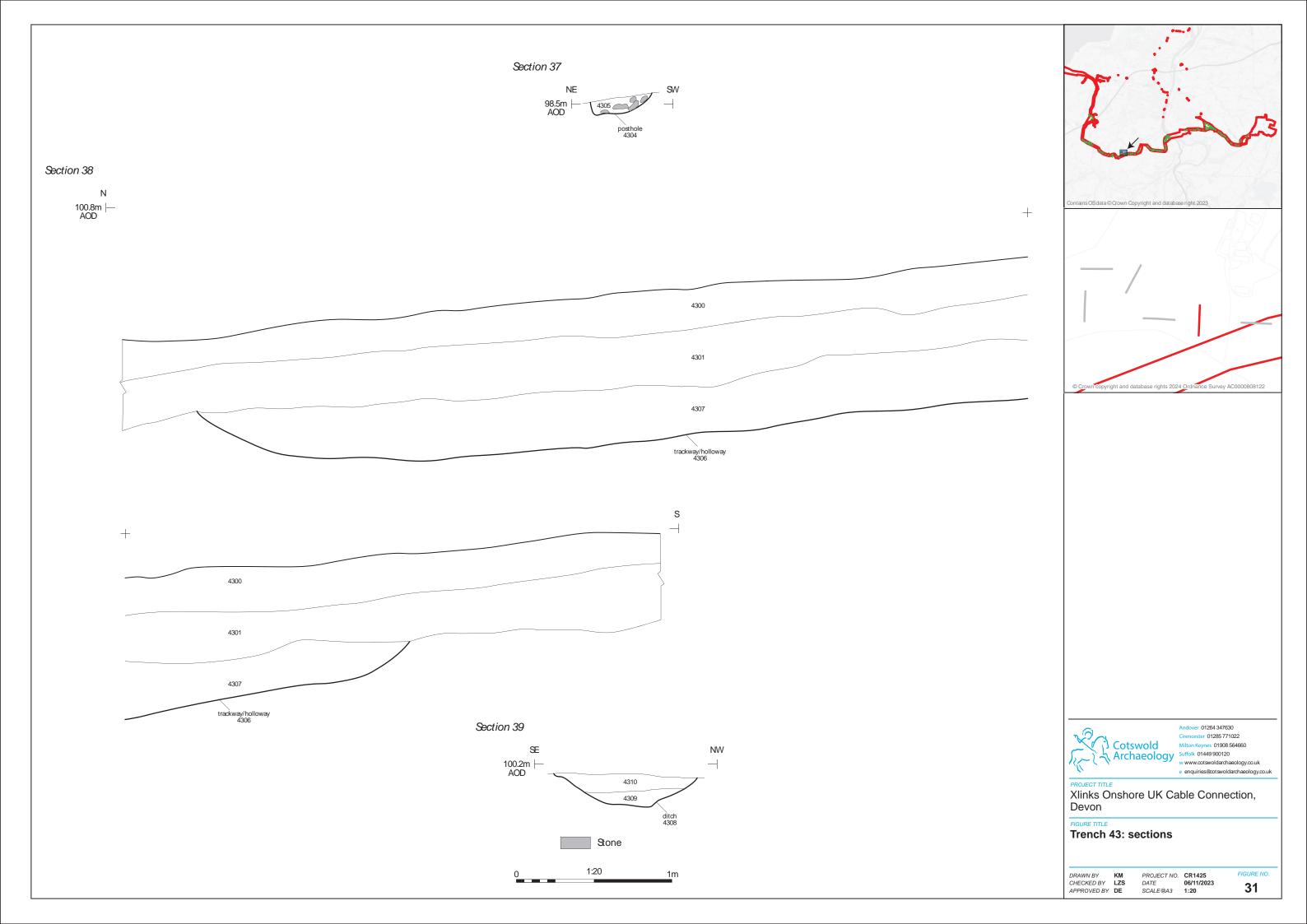
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Trench 43: plan and photograph

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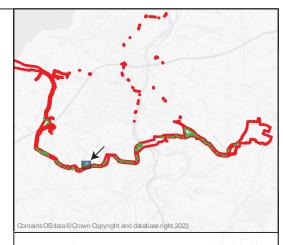




Posthole 4304, looking south-east (0.3m scale)



Ditch 4308, looking south-west (0.5m scale)





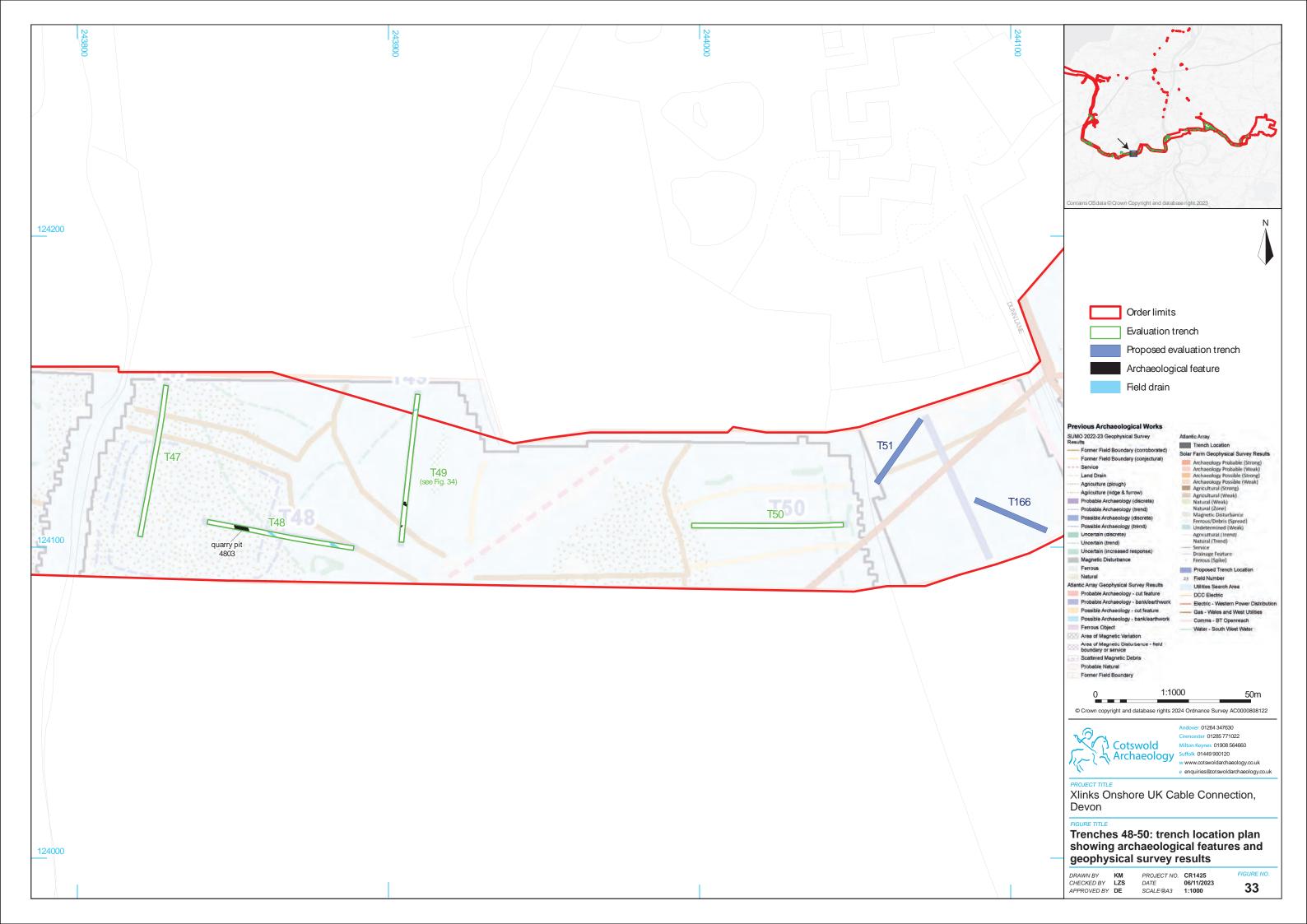


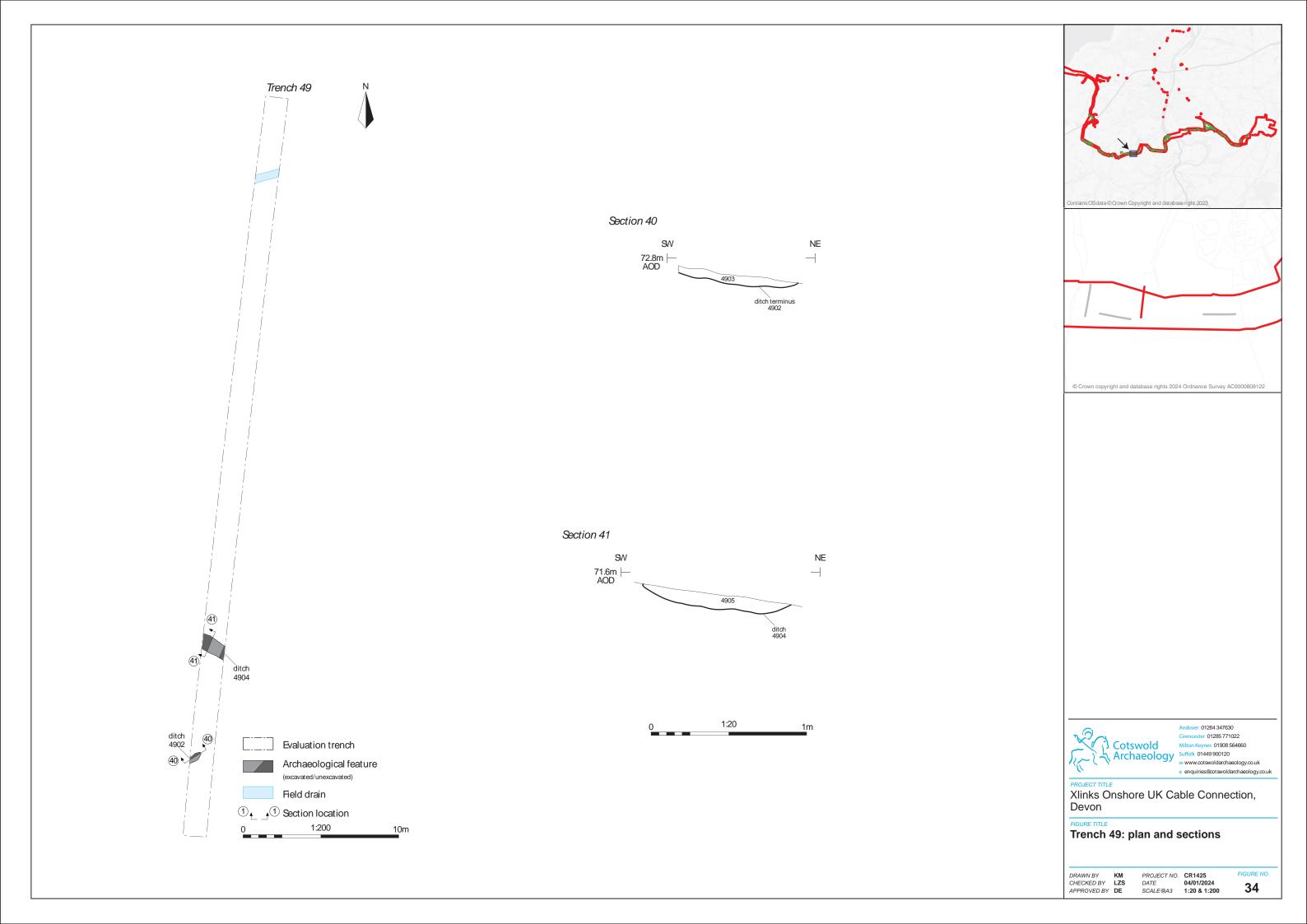
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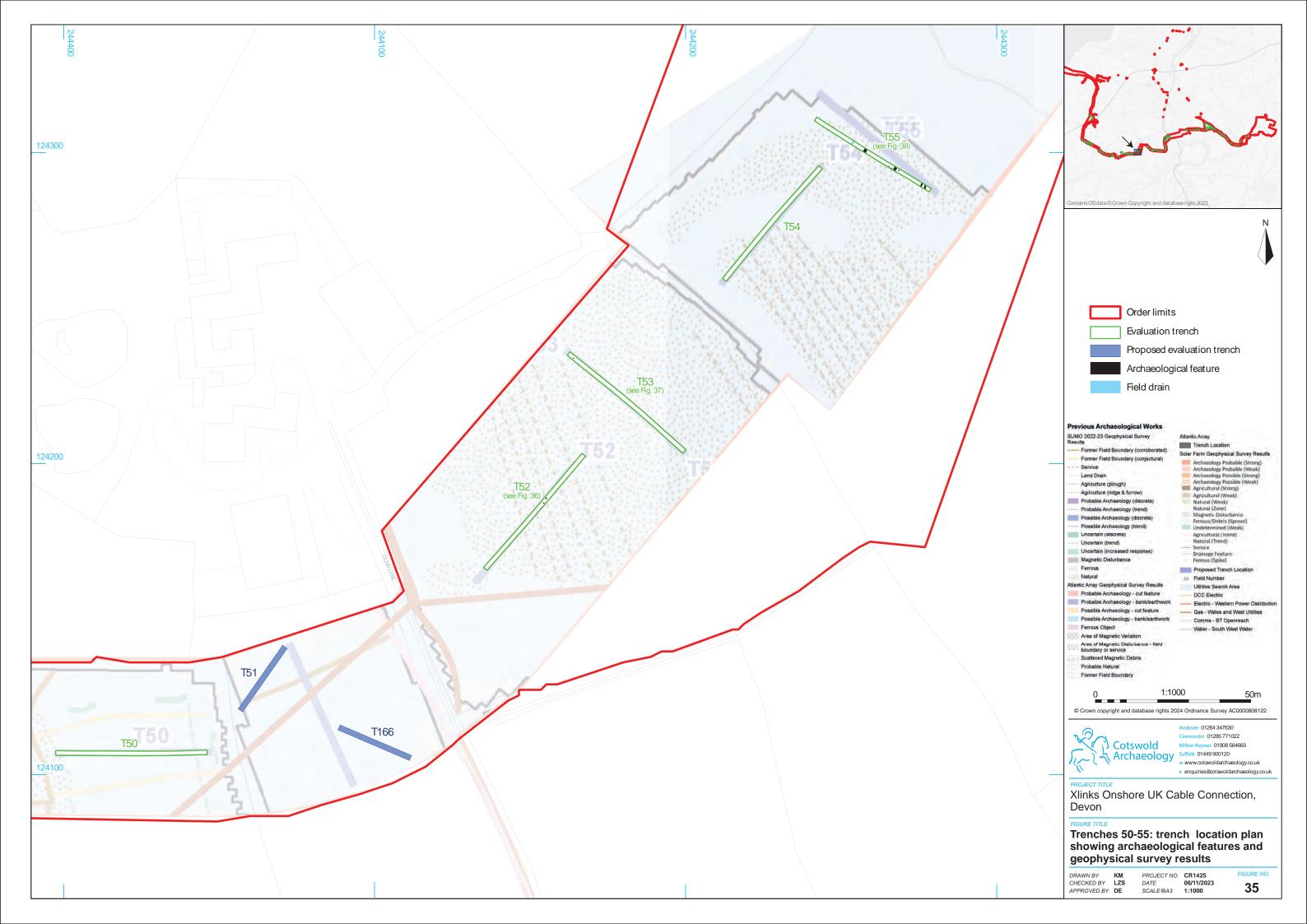
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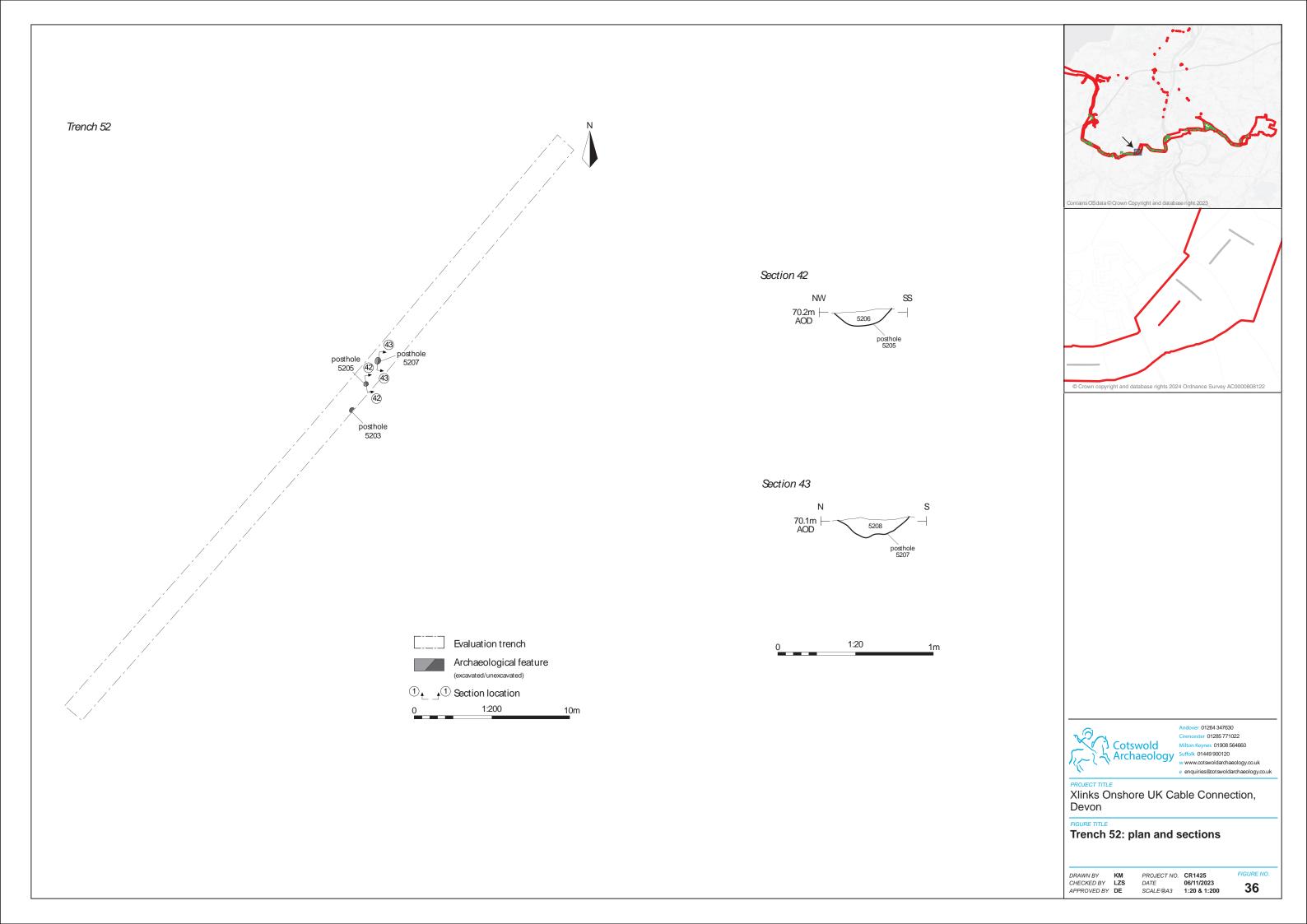
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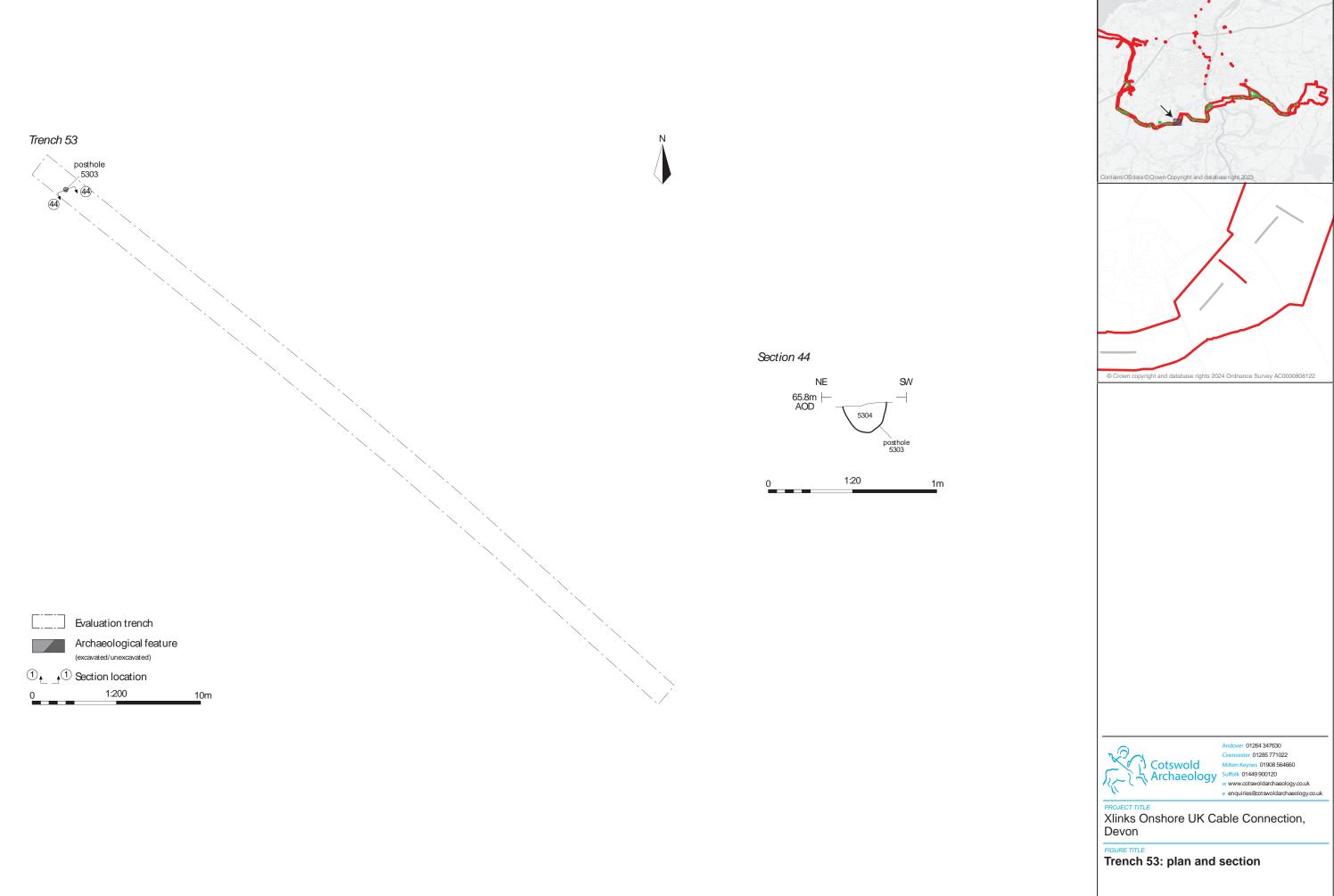
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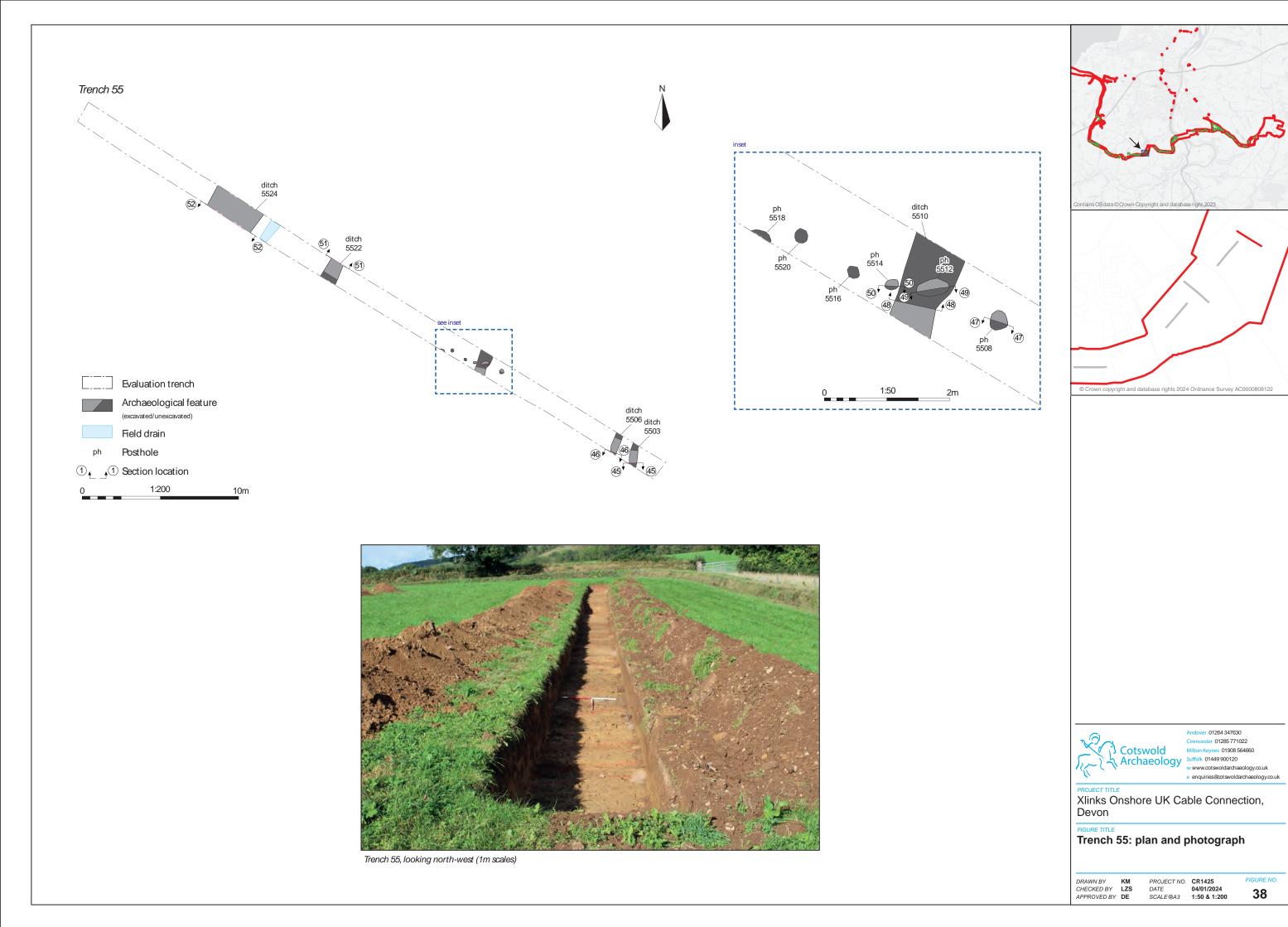


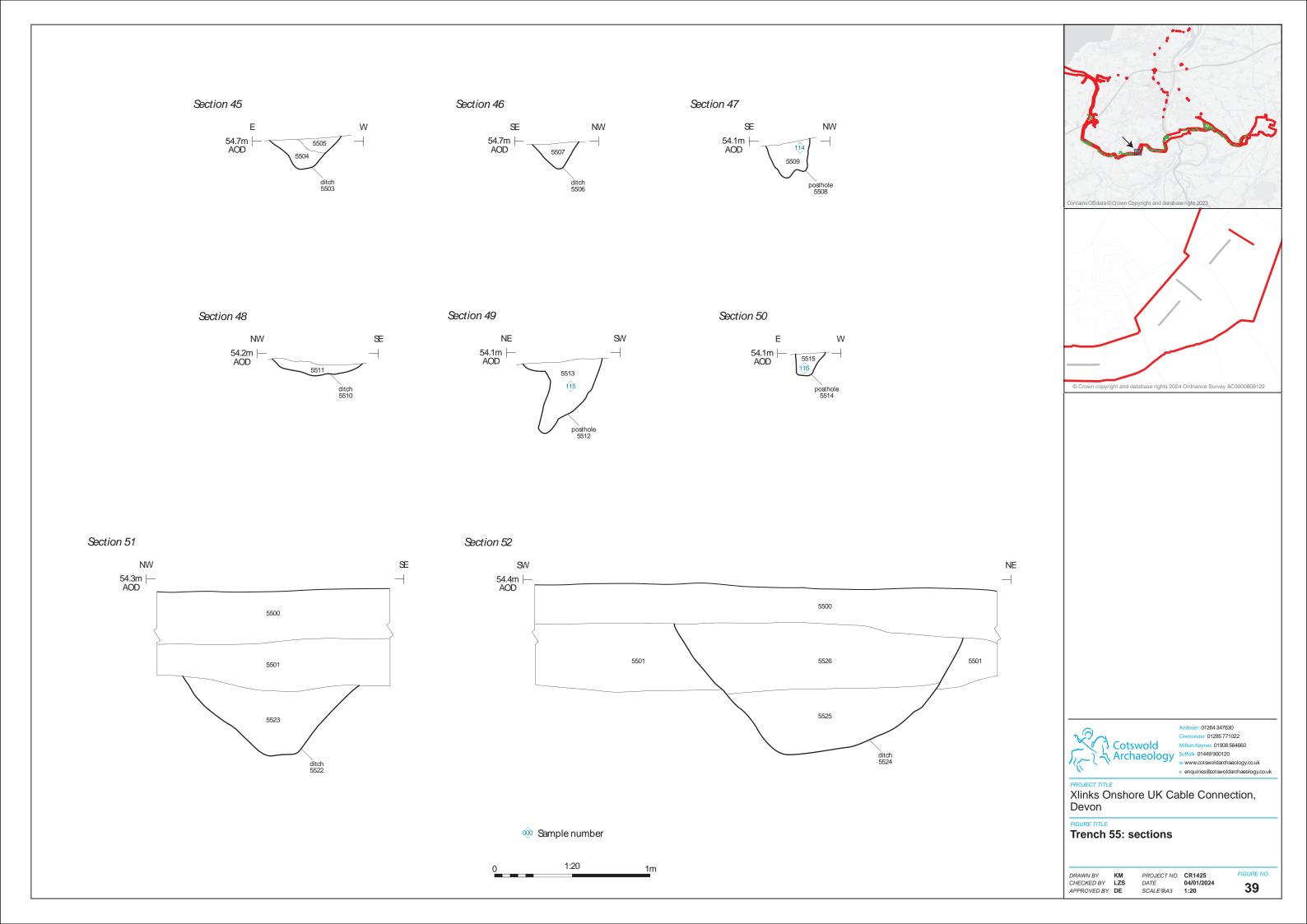


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Trench 53: plan and section

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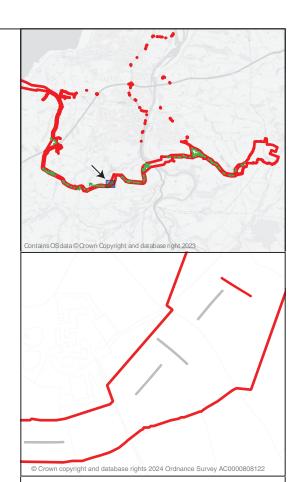
Ditch 5506, looking south (0.3m scale)



Ditch 5522, looking north (1m scale)



Ditch 5524, looking south-west (1m scale)





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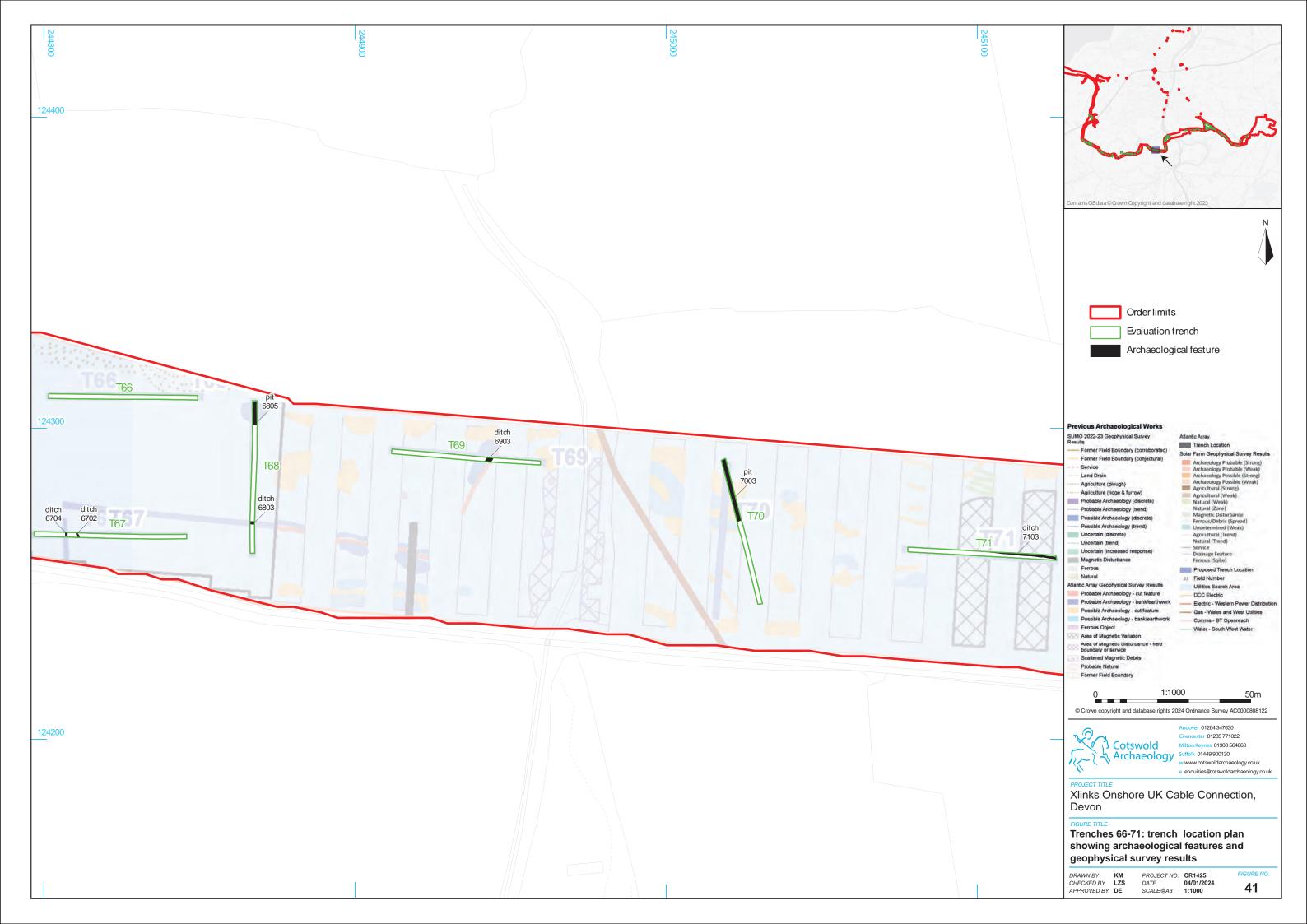
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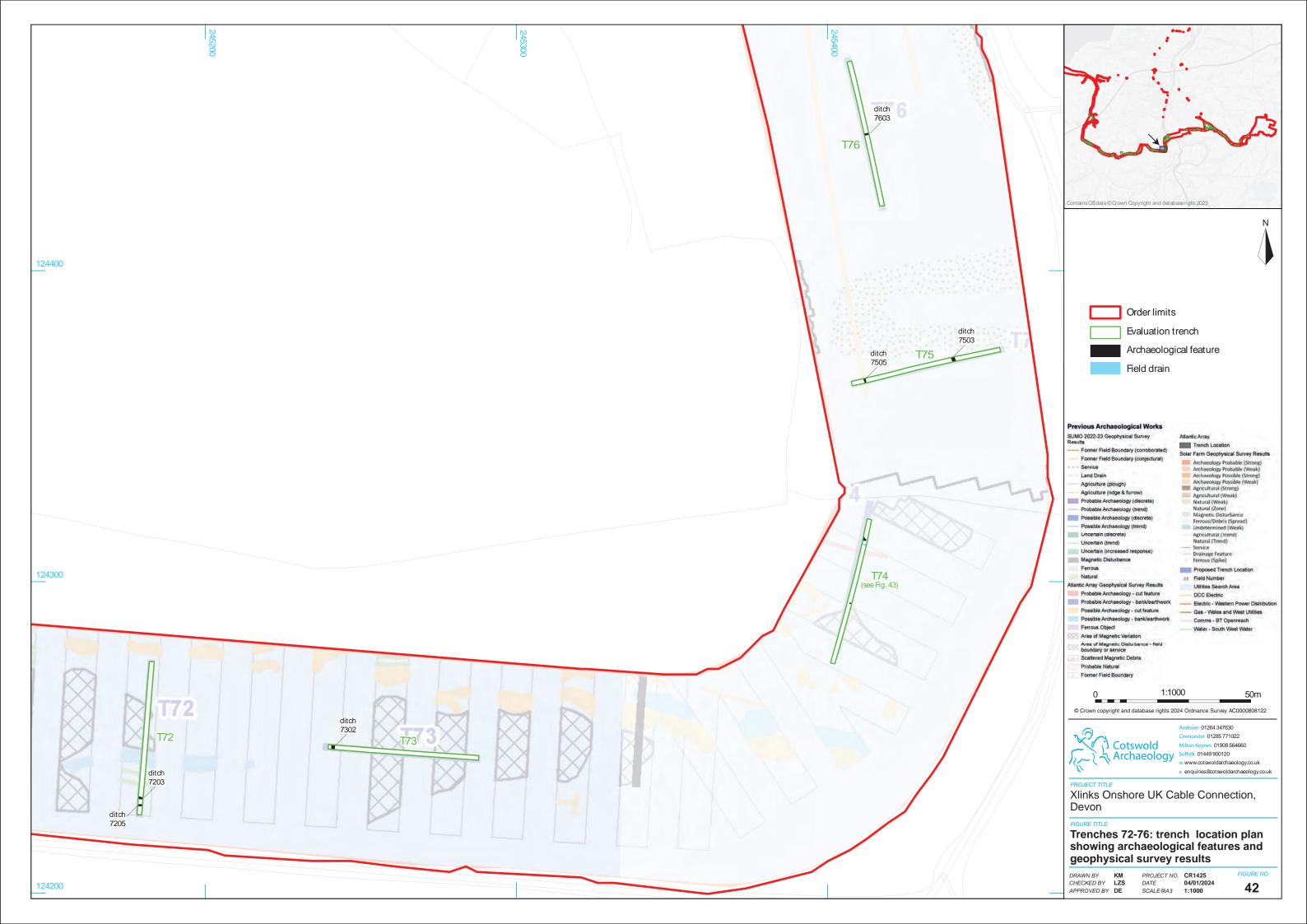
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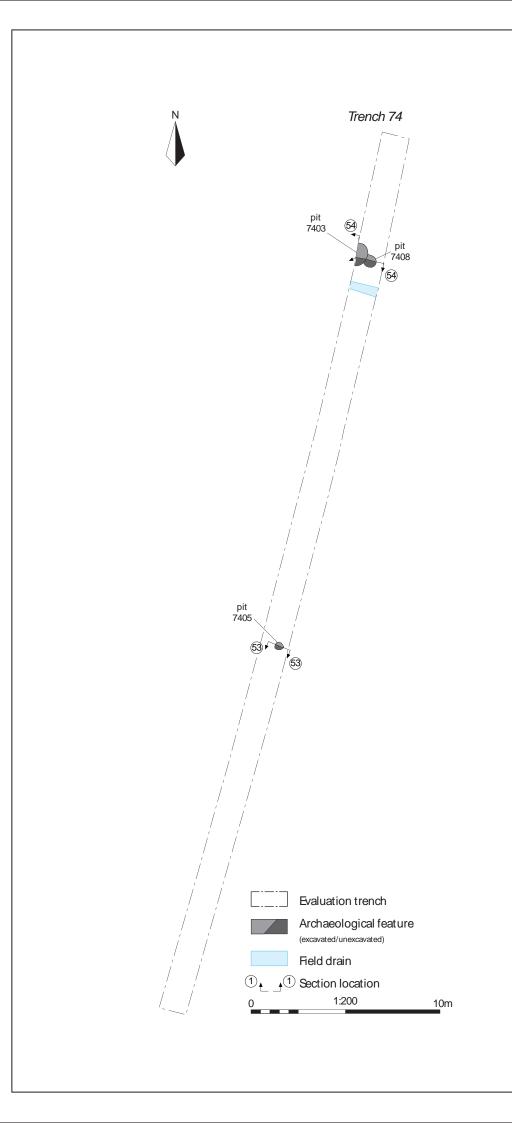
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Trench 74, looking north-east (1m scales)





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Trench 74: plan and photograph

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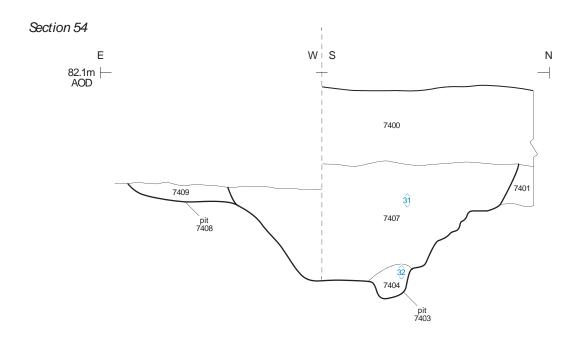
Pit 7405, looking north (0.4m scale)



Pit 7403 and pit 7408, looking south-west (1m scale)



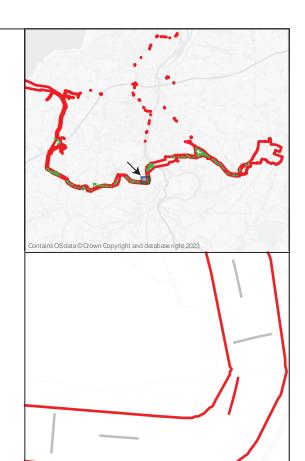




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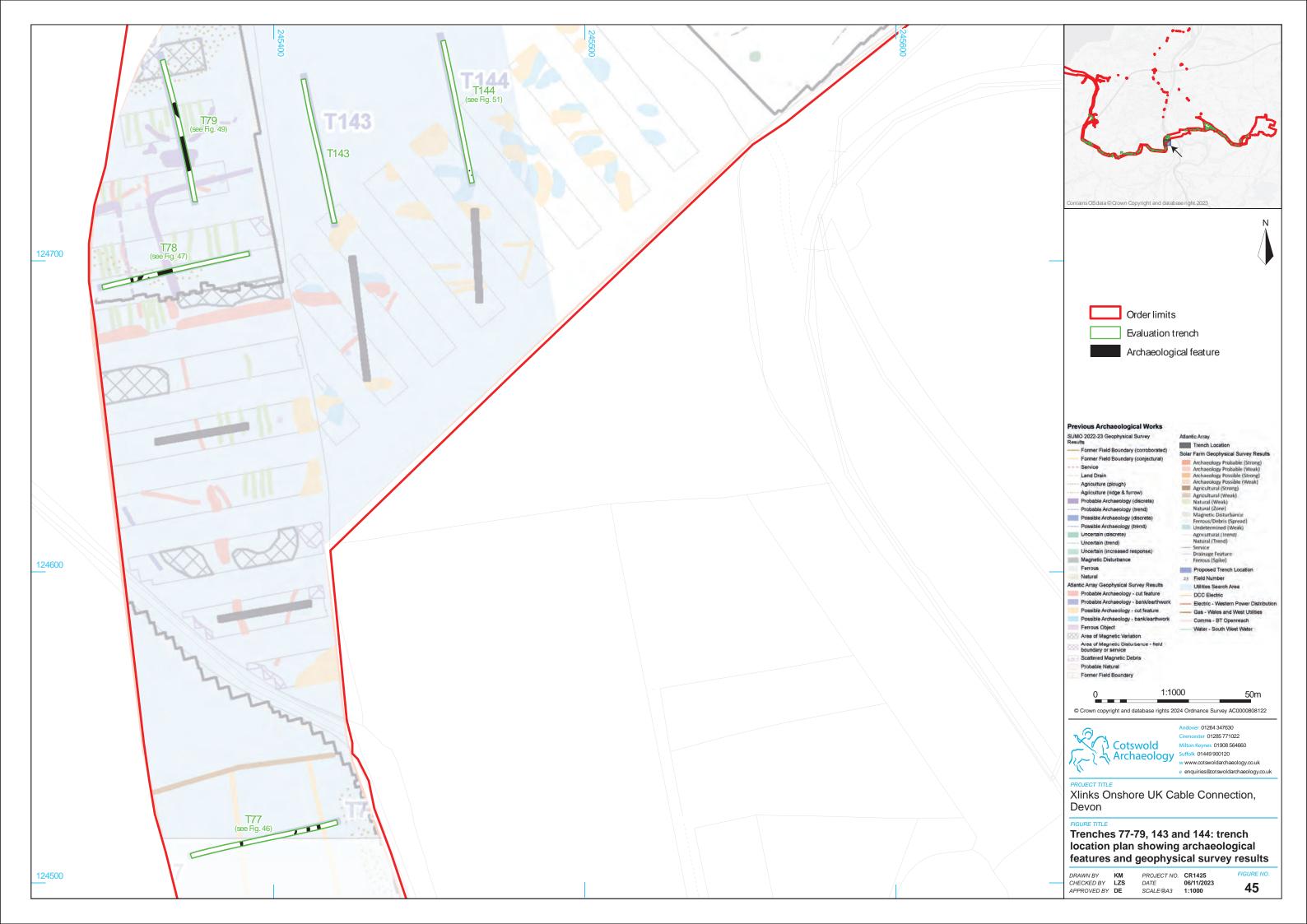
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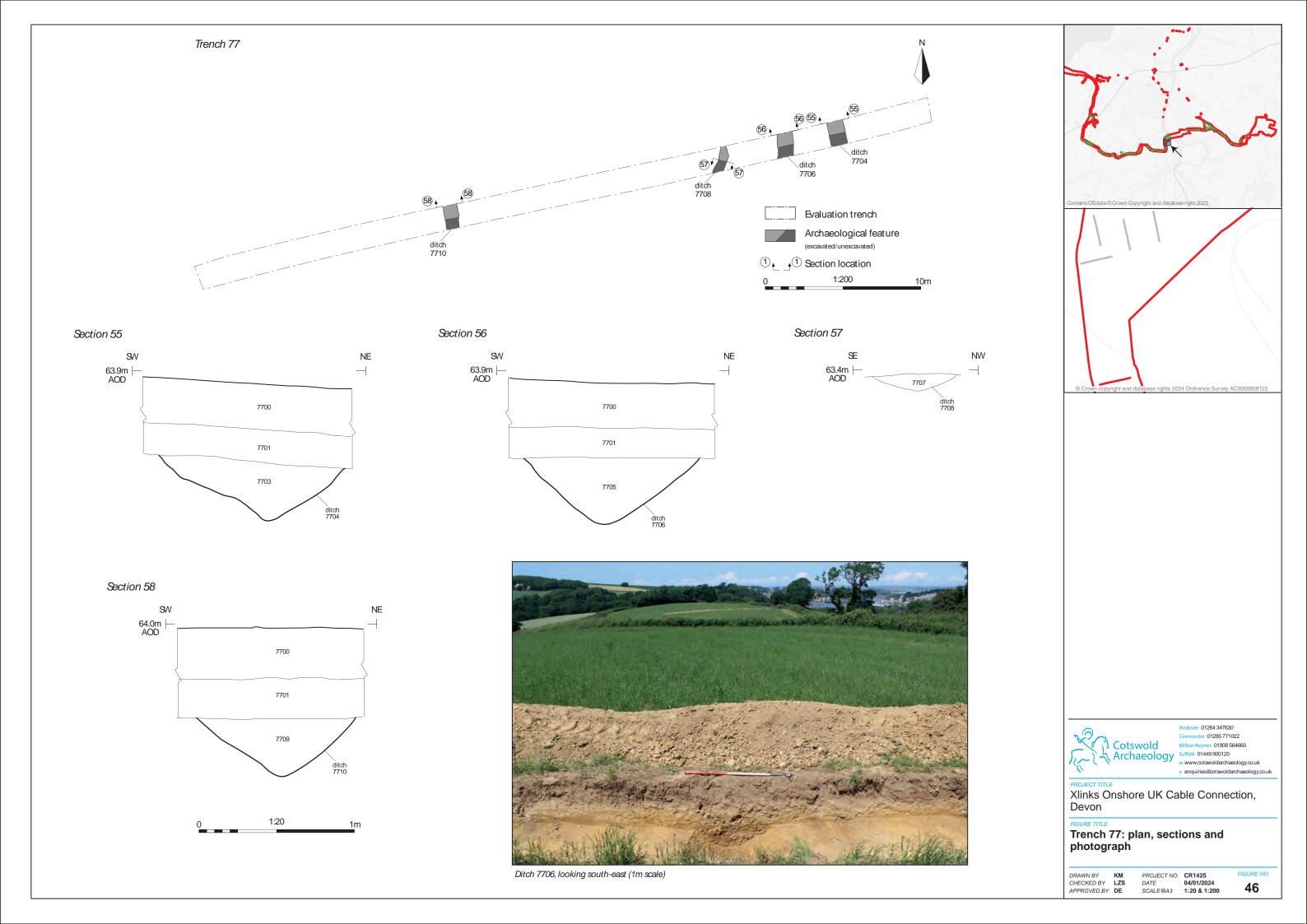
Trench 74: sections and photographs

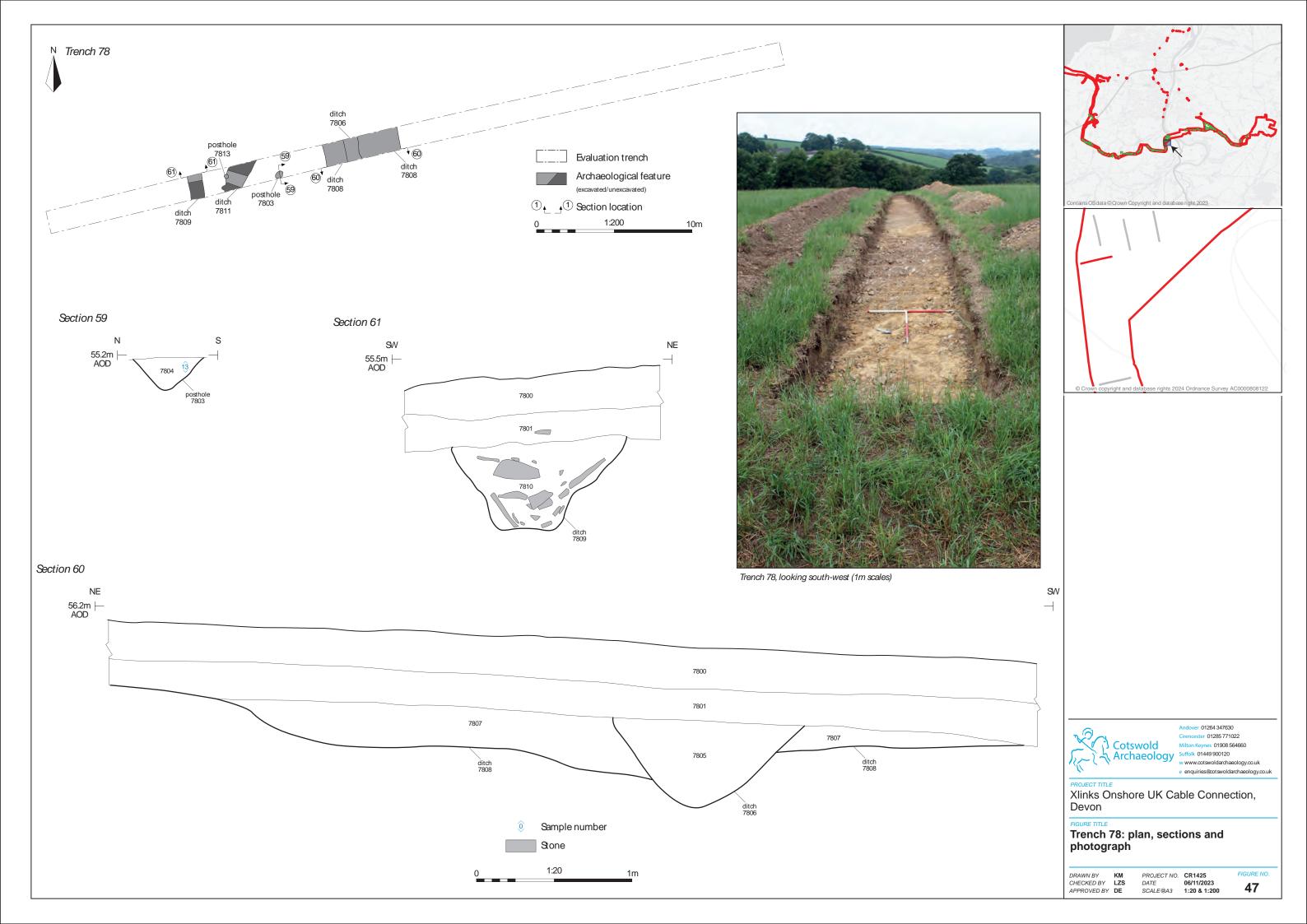
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Posthole 7803, looking north-east (0.3m scale)



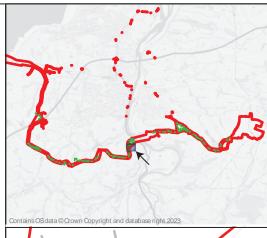
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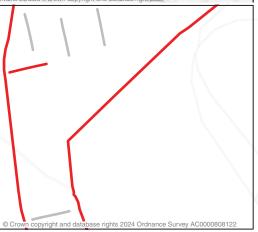


Ditch 7811, looking north-east (1m scale)



Ditch 7809, looking north-east (1m scale)







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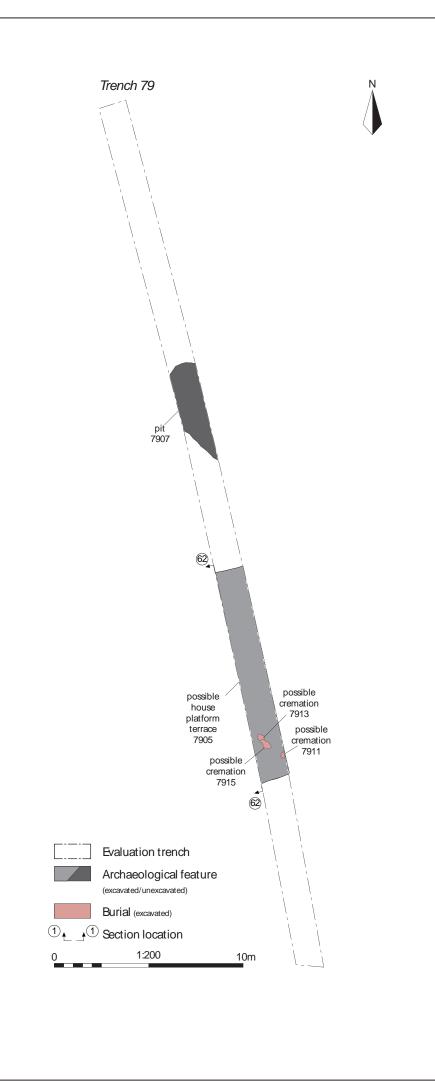
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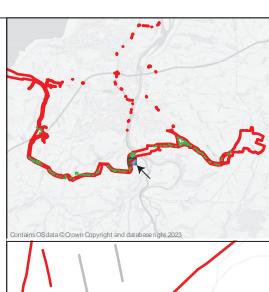
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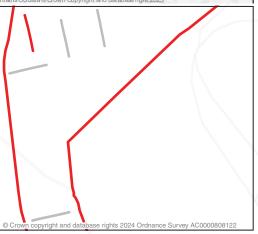
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Trench 79, looking north-west (1m scales)





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