

# **XLINKS' MOROCCO-UK POWER PROJECT**

## **Environmental Statement**

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Trench 135, looking north-east (1m scales)



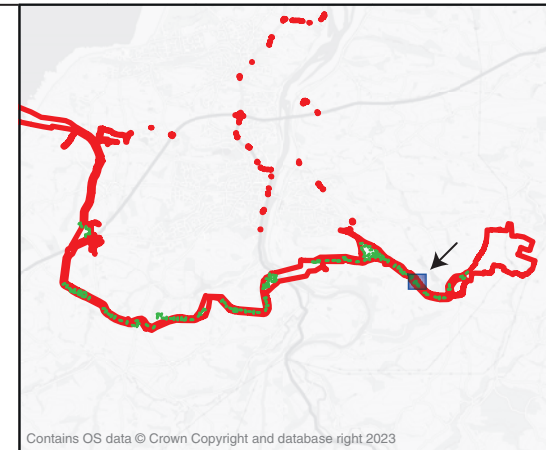
Ditch 13503, looking north-east (0.5m scale)



Ditch 13507, looking south-east (0.5m scale)



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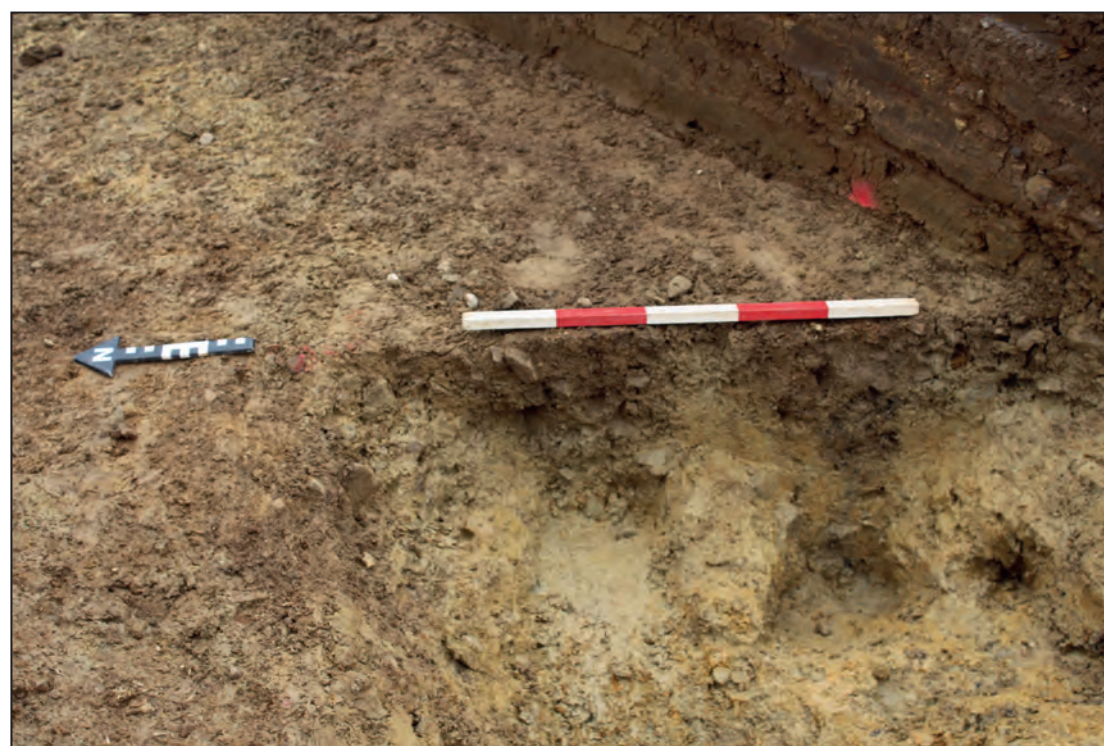
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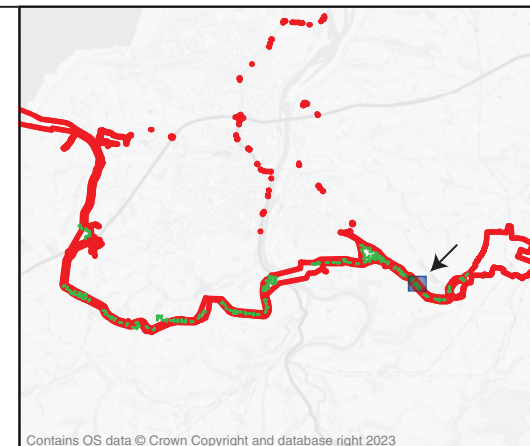
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Posthole 13515, looking north-west (0.2m scale)



Ditches 13505 and 13512, looking east (0.5m scale)



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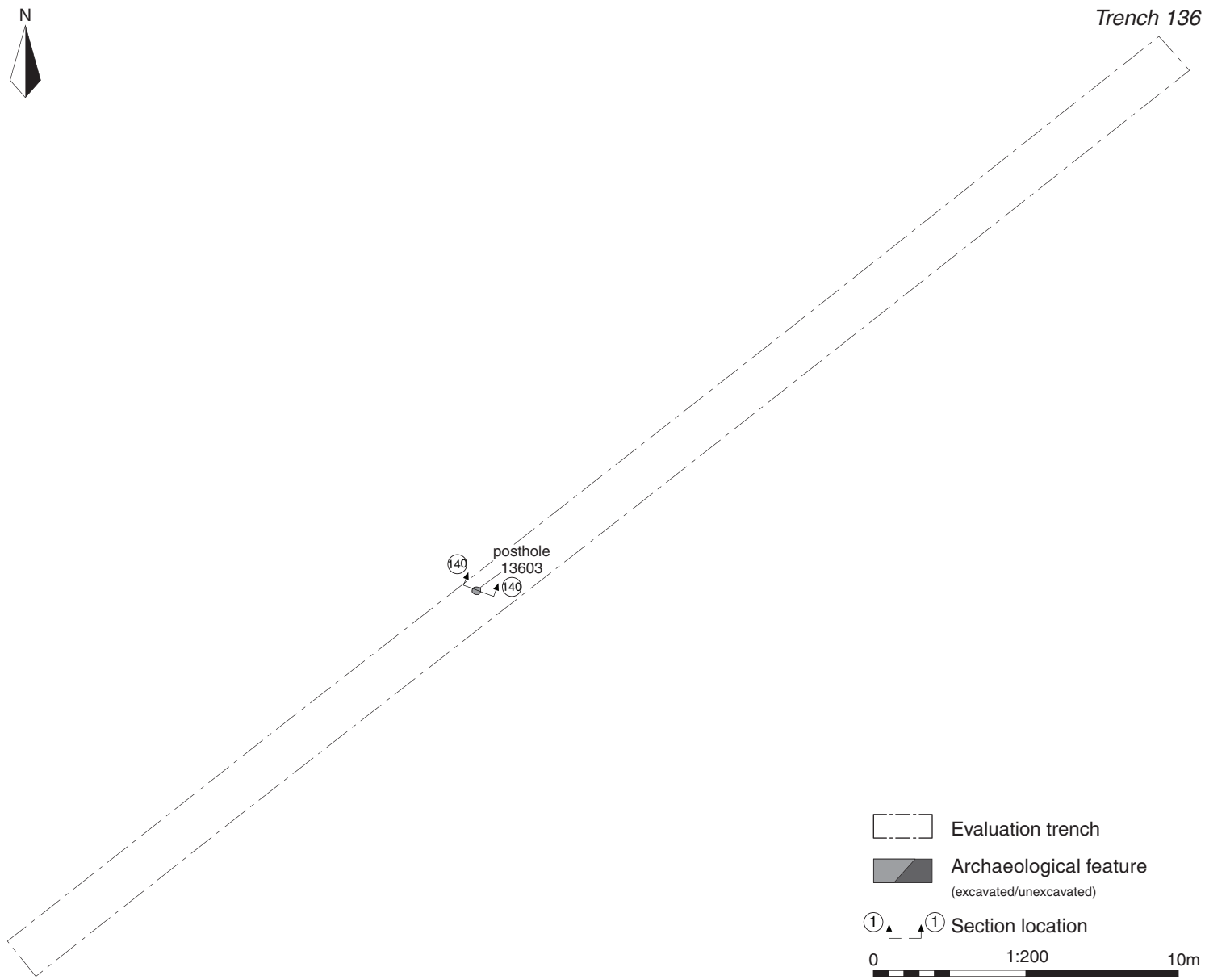
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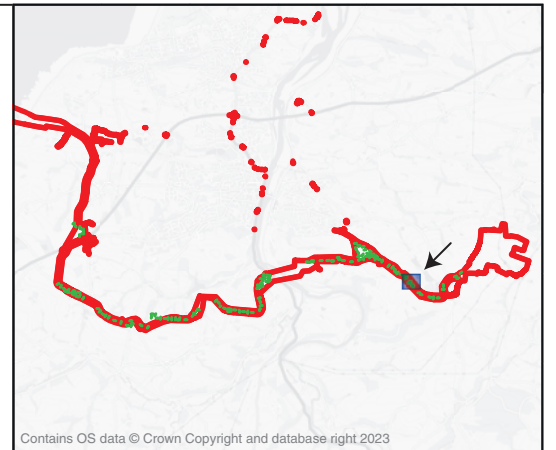
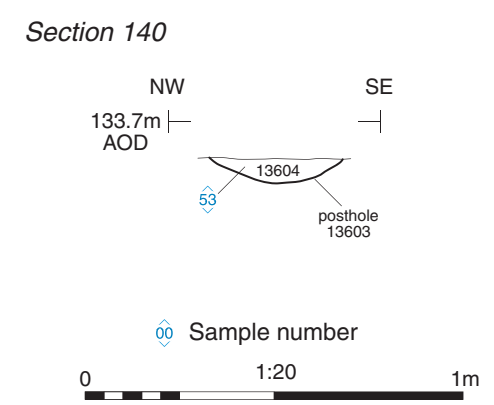
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Evaluation trench  
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 Section location  
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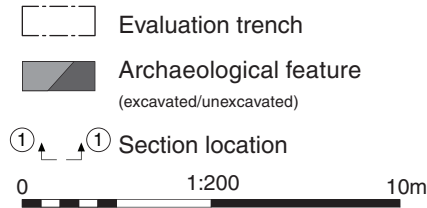
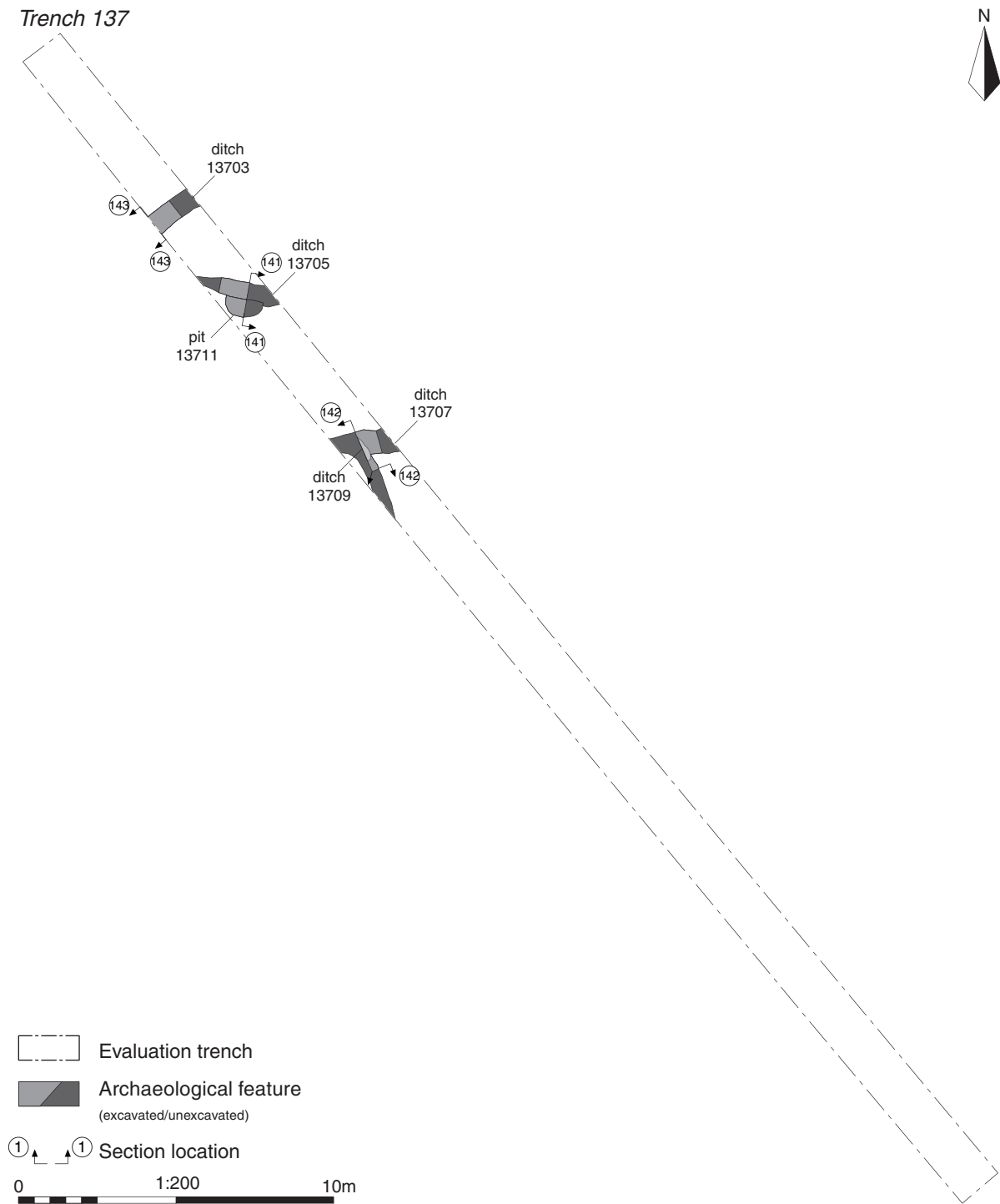


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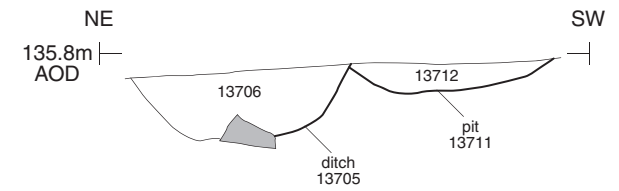
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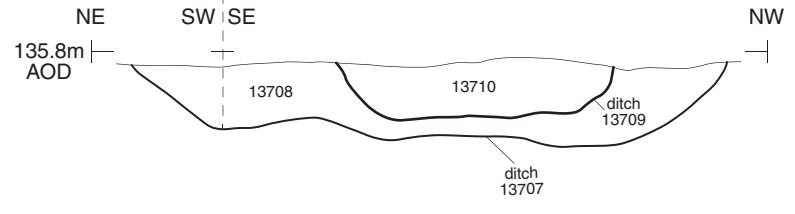
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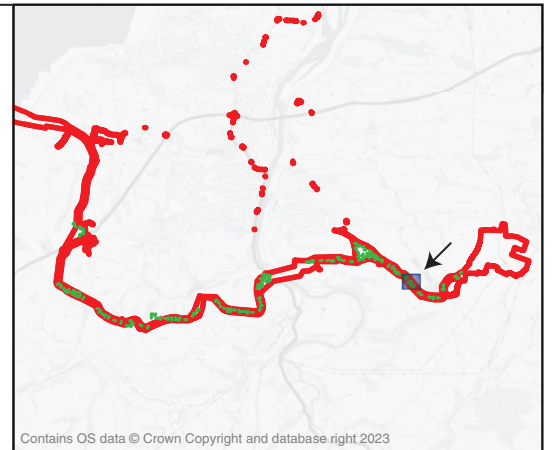
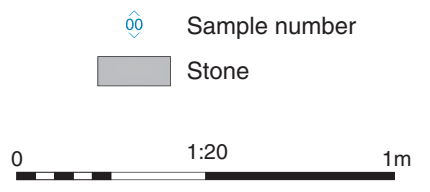
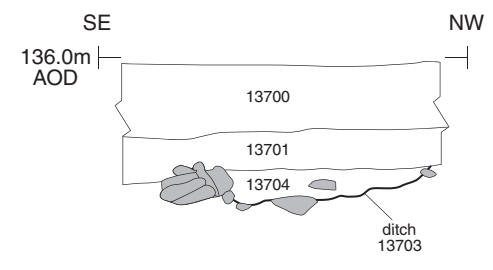
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**Trench 137: plan and sections**



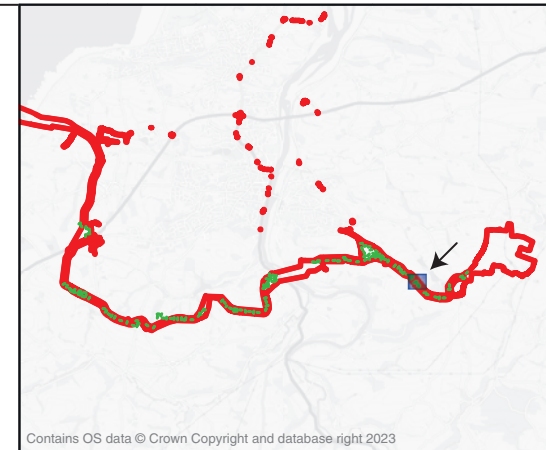
Pit 13711 and ditch 13705, looking south-east (0.5m scale)



Ditch 13707 and ditch 13709, looking south-west (0.5m scale)



Ditch 13703, looking south-west (0.5m scale)



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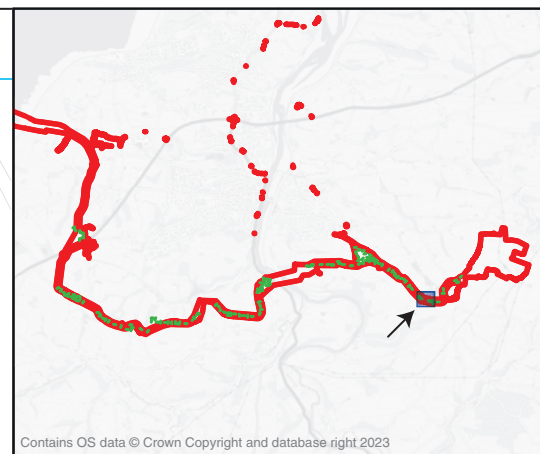
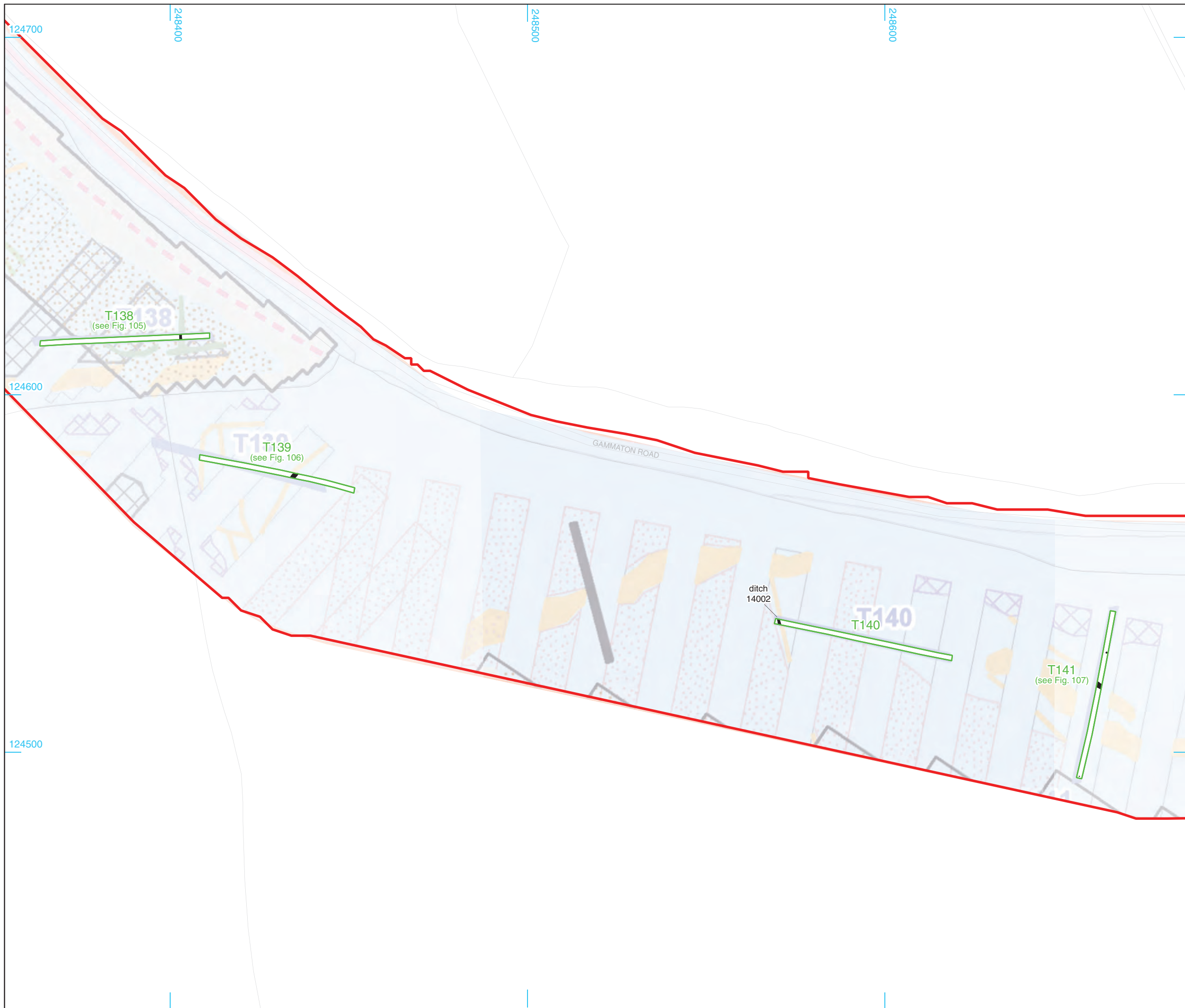
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- Order limits
- Evaluation trench
- Archaeological feature

- Previous Archaeological Works**
- SUMO 2022-23 Geophysical Survey Results
- Former Field Boundary (corroborated)
  - Former Field Boundary (conjectural)
  - Service
  - Land Drain
  - Agriculture (plough)
  - Agriculture (ridge & furrow)
  - Probable Archaeology (discrete)
  - Probable Archaeology (trend)
  - Possible Archaeology (discrete)
  - Possible Archaeology (trend)
  - Uncertain (discrete)
  - Uncertain (trend)
  - Uncertain (increased response)
  - Magnetic Disturbance
  - Ferrous
  - Natural
- Atlantic Array Geophysical Survey Results
- Probable Archaeology - cut feature
  - Possible Archaeology - bank/earthwork
  - Possible Archaeology - cut feature
  - Possible Archaeology - bank/earthwork
  - Ferrous Object
  - Area of Magnetic Variation
  - Area of Magnetic Disturbance - field boundary or service
  - Scattered Magnetic Debris
  - Probable Natural
  - Former Field Boundary
- Atlantic Array
- Trench Location
- Solar Farm Geophysical Survey Results
- Archaeology Probable (Strong)
  - Archaeology Probable (Weak)
  - Archaeology Possible (Strong)
  - Archaeology Possible (Weak)
  - Agricultural (Strong)
  - Agricultural (Weak)
  - Natural (Weak)
  - Natural (Zone)
  - Magnetic Disturbance
  - Ferrous/Debris (Spread)
  - Undetermined (Weak)
  - Agricultural (Trend)
  - Natural (Trend)
  - Service
  - Drainage feature
  - Ferrous (Spike)
  - Proposed Trench Location
  - Field Number
  - Utilities Search Area
  - DCC Electric
  - Electric - Western Power Distribution
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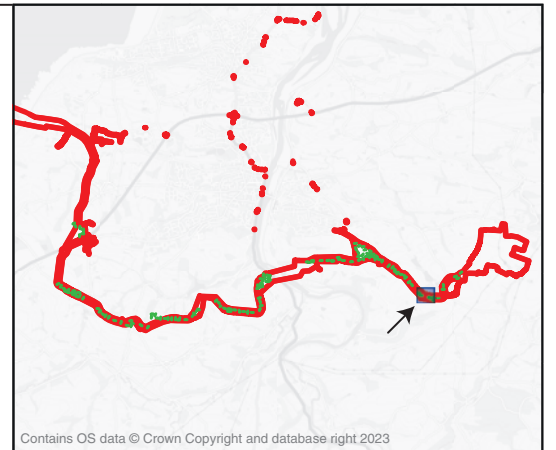
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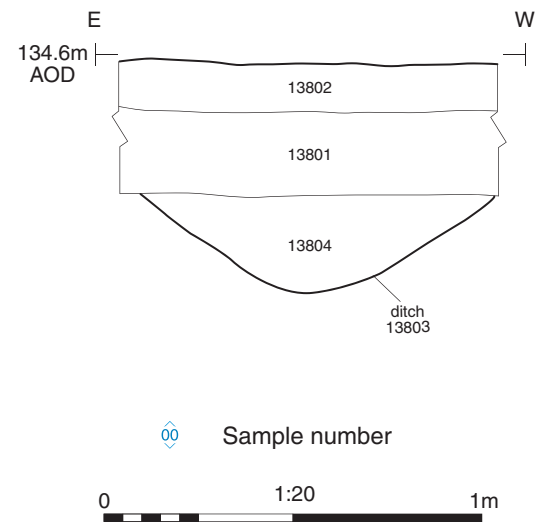
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 Trenches 138-141: trench location plan showing archaeological features and geophysical survey results

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Trench 138



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Ditch 13803, looking south (1m scale)

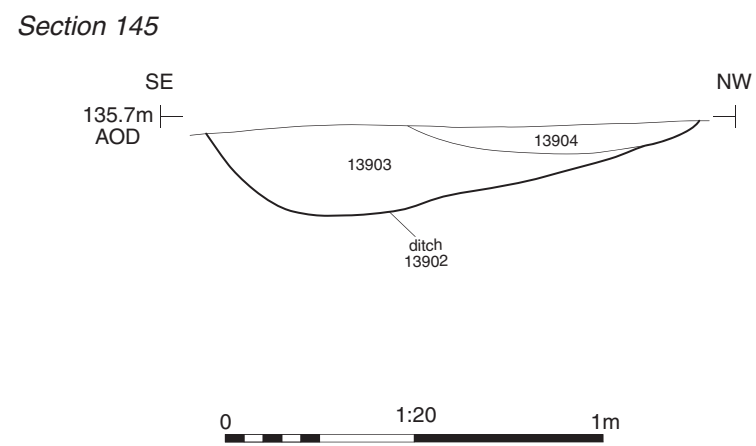
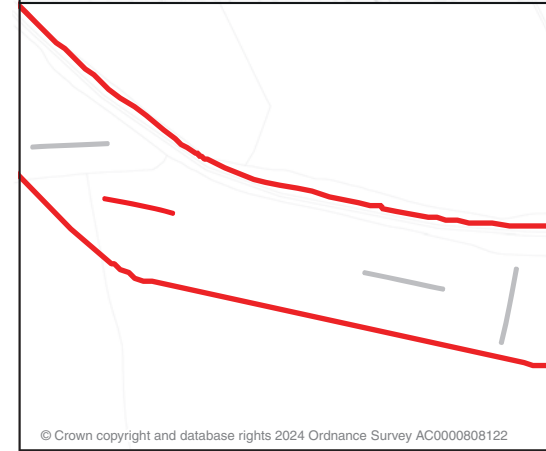
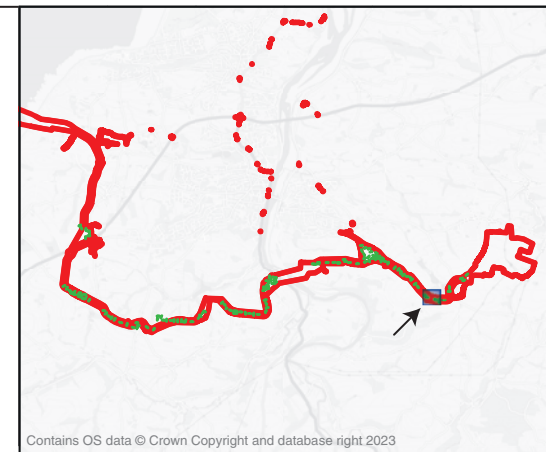
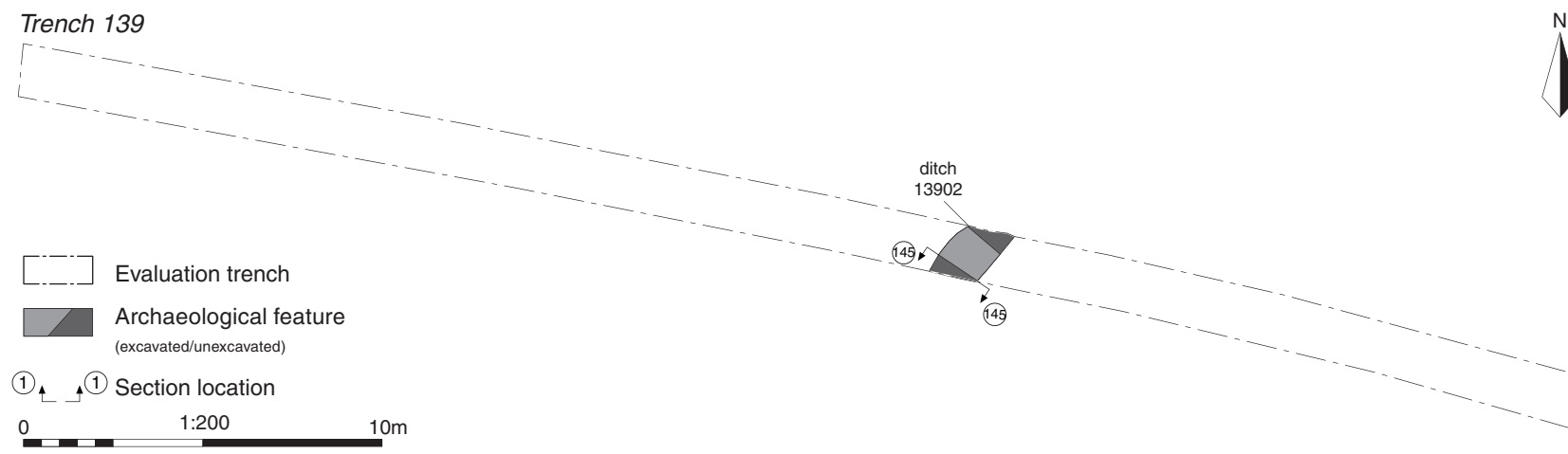

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Ditch 13902, looking south-west (1m scale)

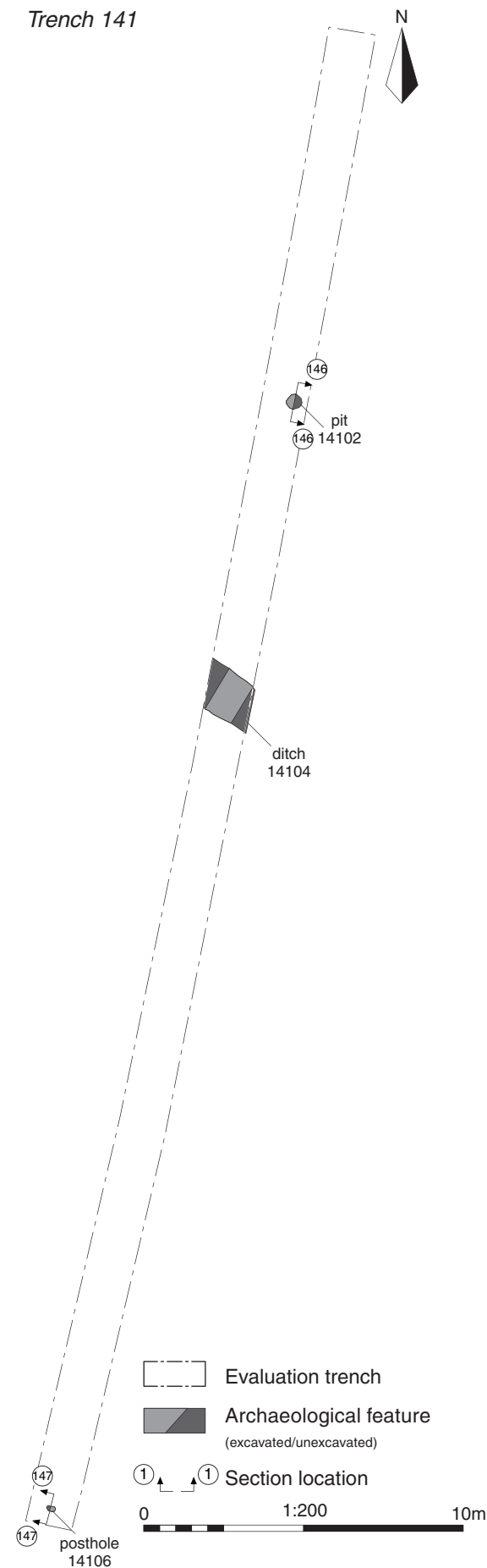
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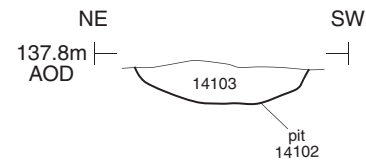
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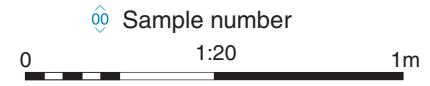
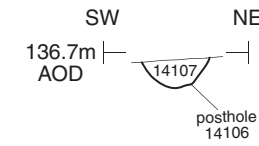
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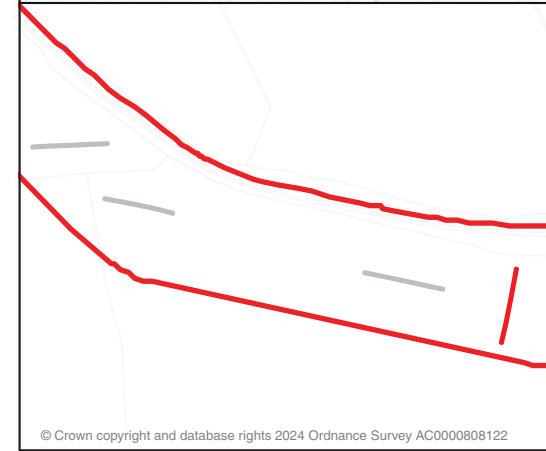
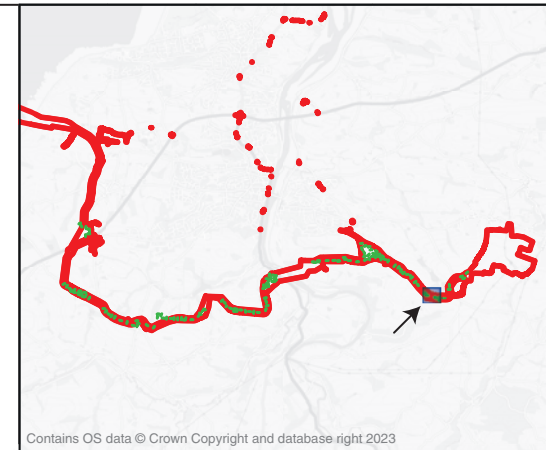
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Pit 14102, looking east (0.3m scale)



Posthole 14106, looking north-west (0.2m scale)

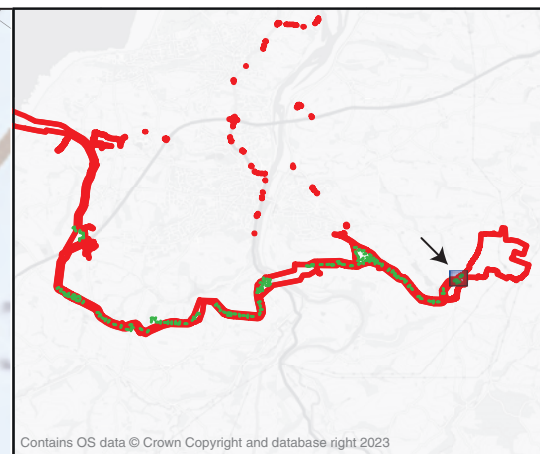
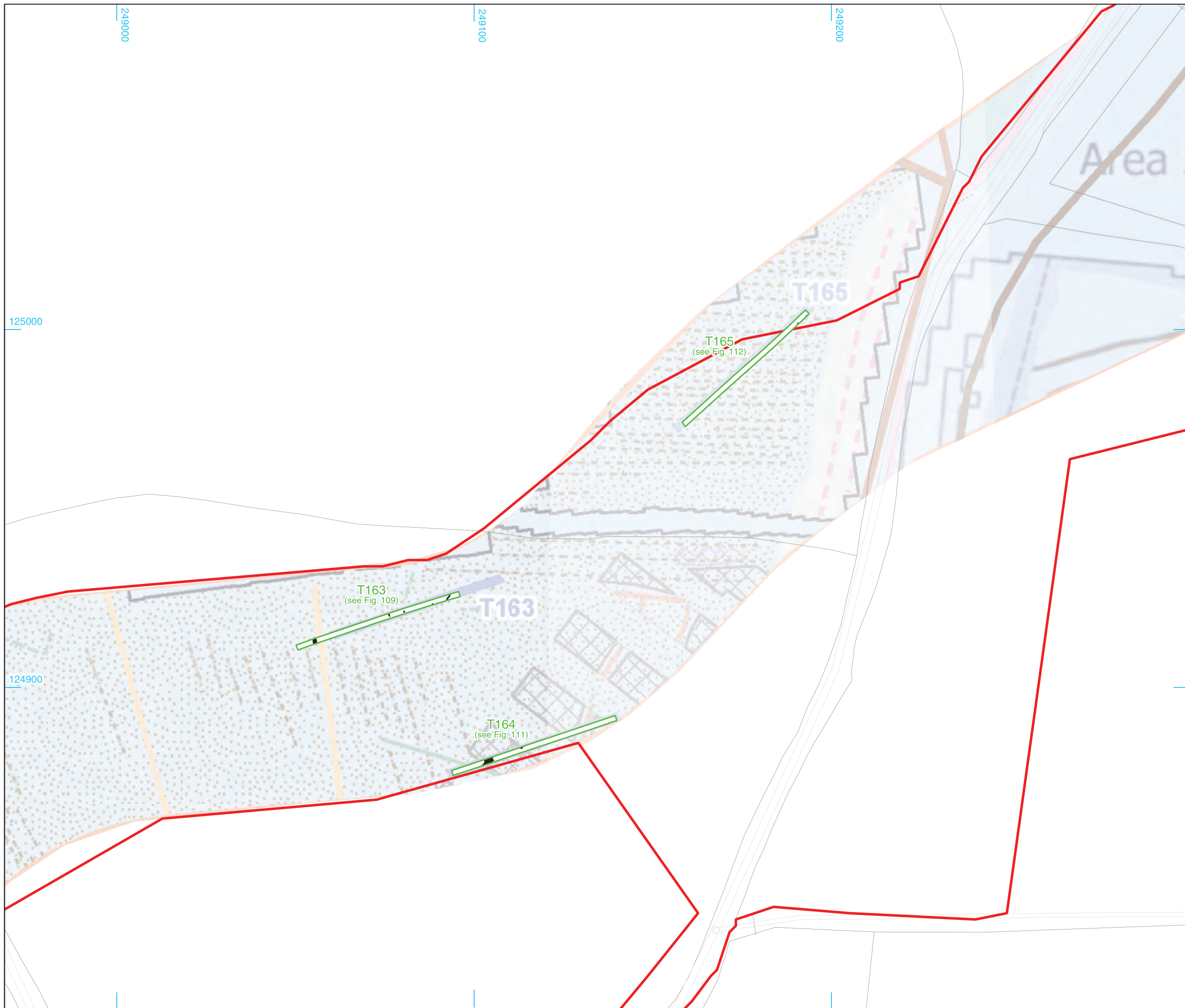


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  - Land Drain
  - Agriculture (plough)
  - Agriculture (ridge & furrow)
  - Probable Archaeology (discrete)
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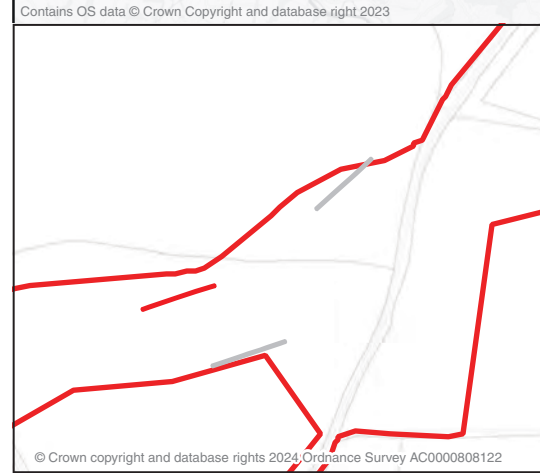
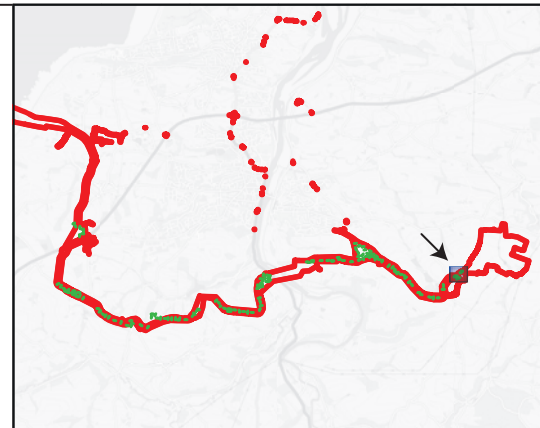
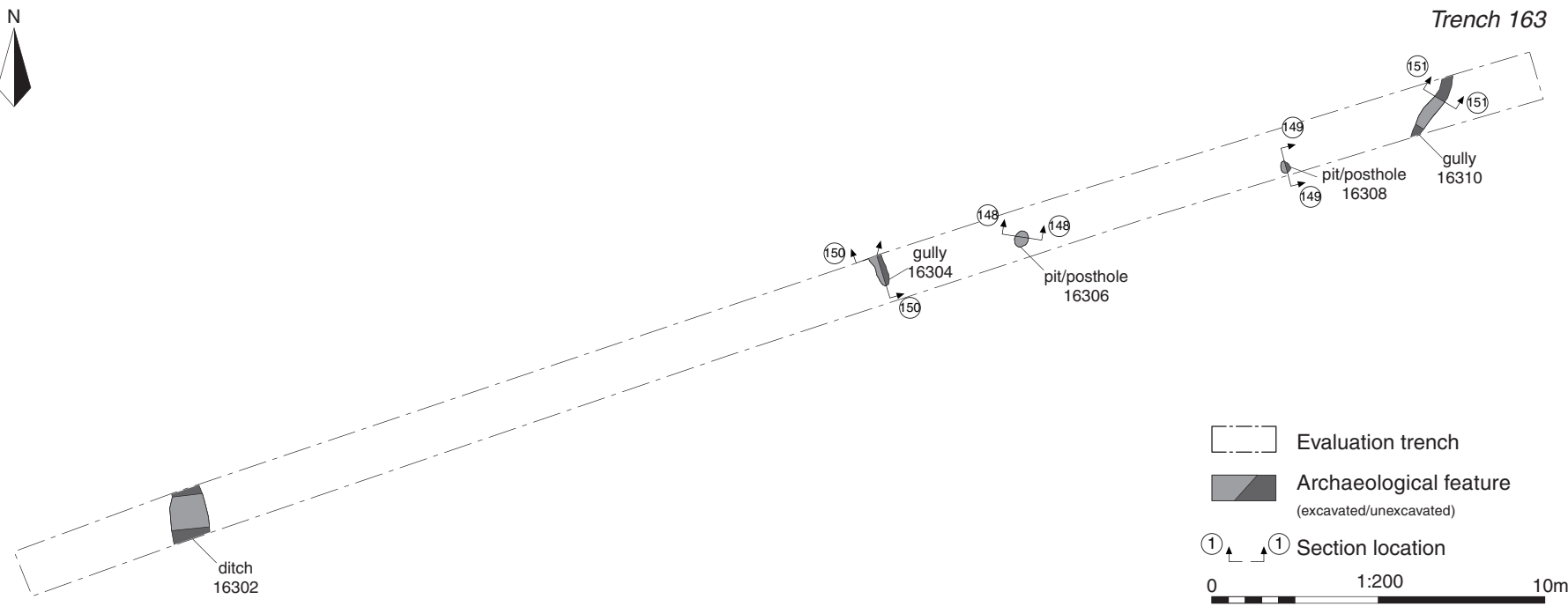
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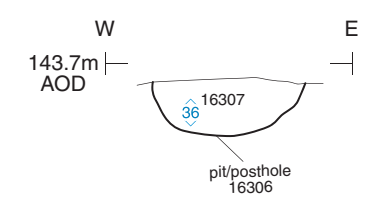
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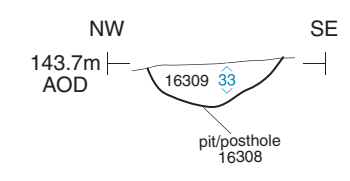
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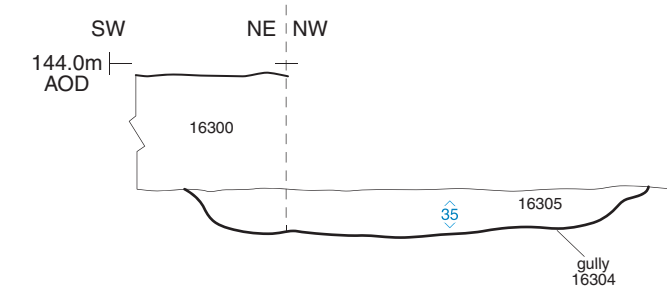
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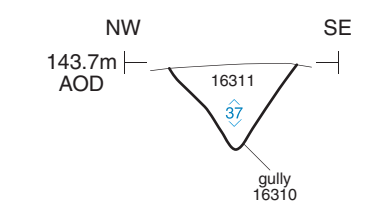
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**Trench 163: plan and sections**

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Trench 163, looking north-east (1m scales)



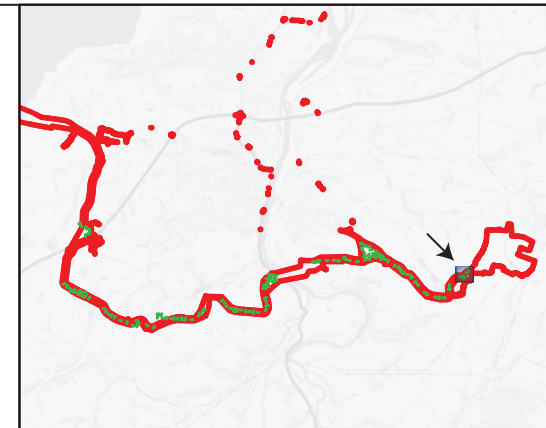
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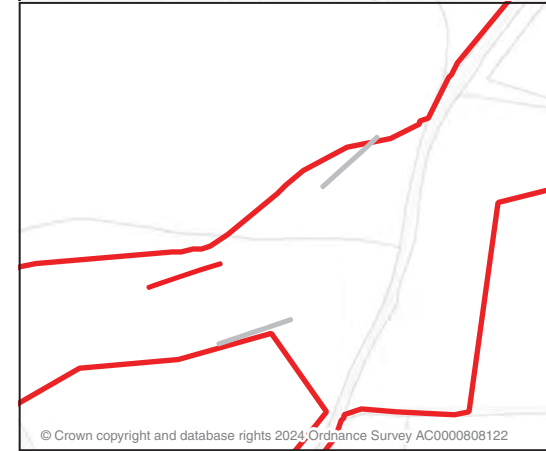
Pit/posthole 16308, looking north-east (0.3m scale)



Ditch 16310, looking north-east (0.2m scale)



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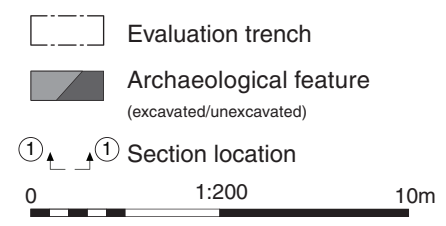
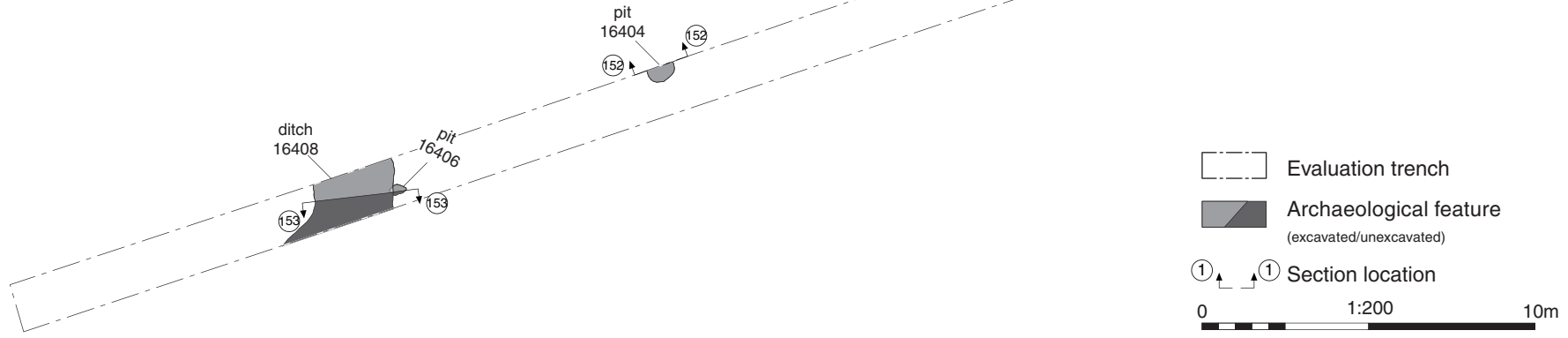

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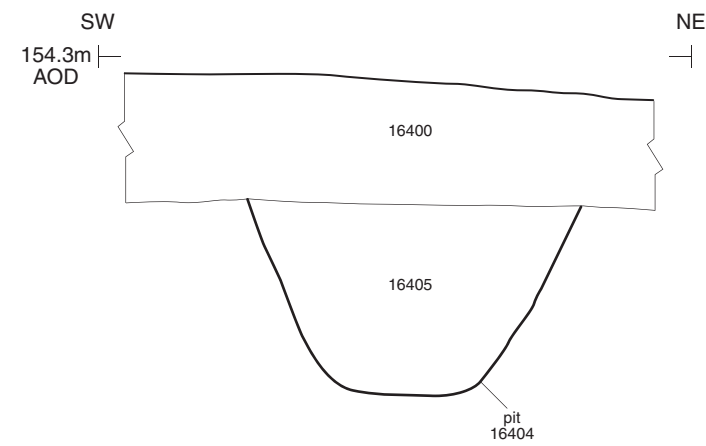
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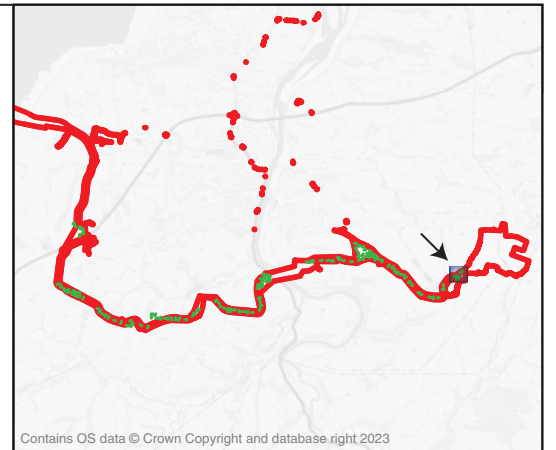
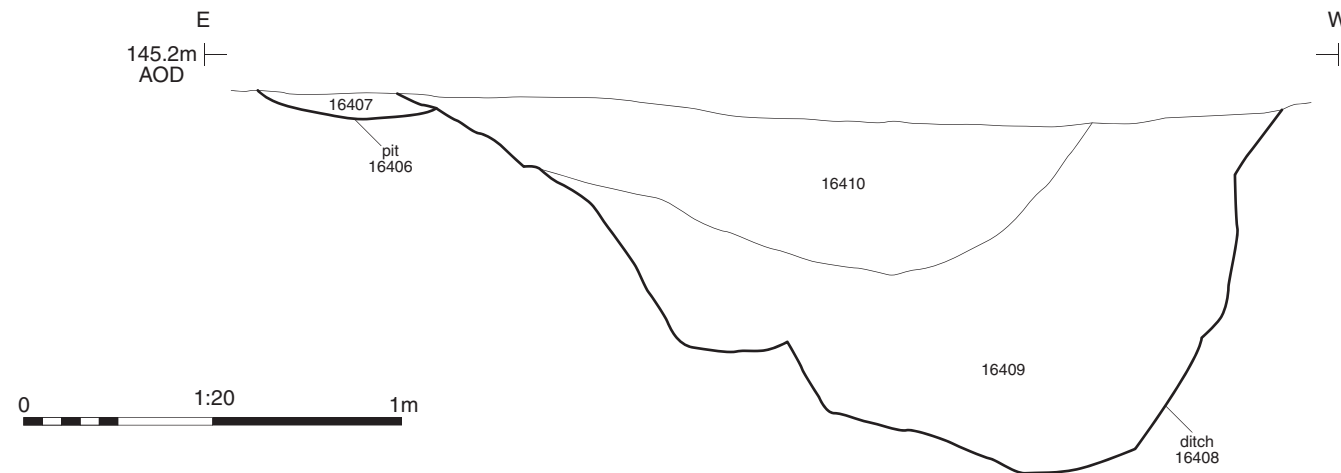
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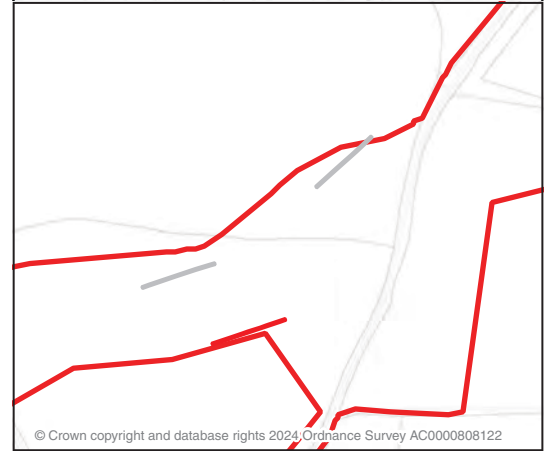
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Section 153



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Pit 16404, looking north-west (1m scale)



Ditch 16408, looking south-east (1m scale)


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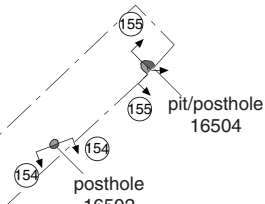
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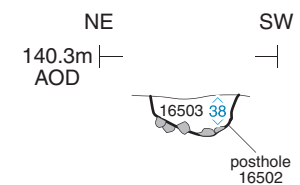
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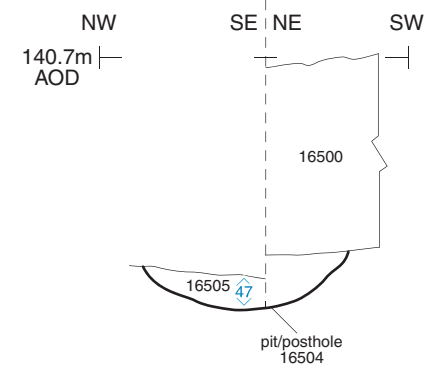
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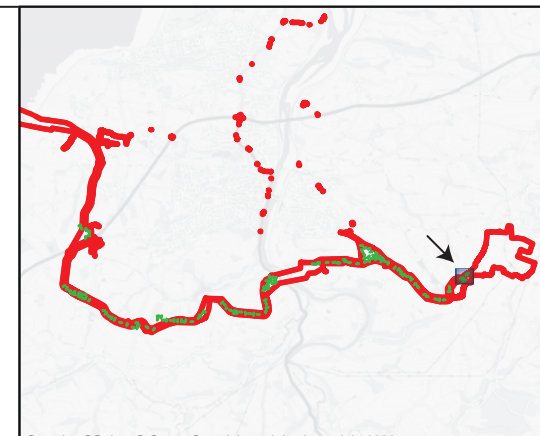
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① Sample number  
 ■ Stone

0 1:20 1m

--- Evaluation trench  
 ■ Archaeological feature (excavated/unexcavated)  
 ① Section location  
 0 1:200 10m



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Posthole 16502, looking south-east (0.2m scale)

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