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SUMMARY

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The evaluation has identified a number of archaeologically significant features in the form of linears (ditches and gullies), pits and postholes. Dating evidence across the site as a whole was limited, with the majority of the features remaining undated due to the paucity of finds. Where dating evidence was present, it mainly consisted of one or two small fragments of pottery, therefore for most of the features the dating is tentative.

The earliest evidence for activity is in the form of a small assemblage of worked flints and Prehistoric/early Bronze Age pottery, some of which appeared to be residual in context, but which indicates activity of this period in the general vicinity.

Features [205], [1603] and [3007] all contained Prehistoric or early Bronze Age pottery and/or worked flints. Ditch [3116] contained eight sherds of possible Bronze Age pottery. Although the excavated sections of features [811]/[813]/[815] did not contain dating evidence, seven sherds of Prehistoric pottery were uncovered from their general location and they have tentatively been dated to the Prehistoric period.

Evidence of late Iron Age/Romano British activity was restricted to Trenches 5, 6 and 31. These features were [503], [513], [607], [611], [615], [3114], [3118] and [3120]. Linear [617] did not, in itself, contain dating evidence but was cut by probable Roman feature [615] and can therefore be dated on stratigraphic grounds to the Roman period or earlier.

The only other dated features present within the evaluated trenches were Post-medieval or later in date. These consist of ditches [309], [505] and [2007], as well as ditch [717], which was the only feature identified as cutting through the subsoil and is also therefore contained in this group.

The evaluation trenches were predominantly located to test features identified by the geophysical survey. Correlation between the evaluated archaeology and the geophysical results was variable, with some features matching well, while others were not located.

Features A, B, C, D, G, H, Q and S had excellent correlation to the archaeological features identified within the evaluation trenches, with Feature G and S tentatively dated as Prehistoric and Q possibly Roman.

Features K and O were partly identified by the evaluation, but remain undated.

No correlation was found for Features F, J, L, M, P and R.

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Trenches 1, 4, 9, 14, 18, 22, 25, 28, 32 and 34 did not contain any archaeological features, despite the presence of geophysical anomalies in Trenches 1, 9, 18, 28, 32 and 34.

The results suggest that the possible *Cursus* (Q), identified by both geophysical survey and aerial photography, is convincing. The lack of the western ditch for possible *Cursus* K and the absence of any evidence for its southern extent (as Feature P), may suggest that a second *Cursus* at this location is less likely.

The proposed features at Q and S do not appear to indicate a structure/mausoleum at this location and the archaeological evidence for the evaluation appear to be ditched features, rather than robber trenches for the removal of stone walls. Also, the lack of evidence present in Trenches 1 or 9 for the proposed Roman Road at R, may make the interpretation of this area as a temple/mausoleum less likely.

The results of the evaluation suggest the presence of dispersed archaeological evidence throughout the site, which broadly accords with the geophysical survey, as discussed above. Dating evidence was generally sparse but, where present, mainly dated to the Prehistoric and Roman periods, with some later Post-medieval/Modern activity.

GLOSSARY OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Archaeology

For the purpose of this project, archaeology is taken to mean the study of past human societies through their material remains from prehistoric times to the modern era. No rigid upper date limit has been set, but AD 1900 is used as a general cut-off point.

CBM

Ceramic Building Material.

Cursus

A long and relatively narrow enclosure, built in the early Neolithic period, defined by earthwork banks with external ditches. Usually more than 250 metres long, these enormous enclosures were built between about 3600 and 3300 BC. Their function is not known, although they were presumably ceremonial spaces. They may also have formed barriers or routes across the landscape.

Medieval

The period between AD 1066 and AD 1500.

Natural

In archaeological terms this refers to the undisturbed natural geology of a site.

NGR

National Grid Reference from the Ordnance Survey Grid.

OD

Ordnance datum; used to express a given height above sea-level. (AOD Above Ordnance Datum).

OS

Ordnance Survey.

Post-medieval

The period between AD 1500 and AD 1900.

Prehistoric

The period prior to the Roman invasion of AD 43, traditionally sub divided into; *Palaeolithic* – c. 500,000 BC to c. 12,000 BC; *Mesolithic* – c. 12,000 BC to c. 4,500 BC; *Neolithic* – c. 4,500 BC to c. 2,000 BC; *Bronze Age* – c. 2,000 BC to c. 800 BC; *Iron Age* – c. 800 BC to AD 43.

Roman

The period traditionally dated AD 43 until AD 410.

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report presents the findings of an archaeological evaluation undertaken by Foundations Archaeology between October and December 2014. Foundations Archaeology undertook a programme of archaeological evaluation on land to the south of Banbury (NGR: SP 4700 3775). The works were commissioned by BSA Heritage on behalf of Hallam Land Management.
- 1.2 The project was conducted in accordance with the approved Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI), prepared by Foundations Archaeology (2014); CIfA *Standards and Guidance on Archaeological Evaluation* (2008), the standard *Appendices* issued by Oxfordshire County Council (2013), *MoRPHE*, issued by English Heritage (2006) and complies with the principles of NPPF (2012).
- 1.3 This report constitutes the results of the archaeological works.

2 PROJECT BACKGROUND

- 2.1 It is proposed to develop an area of land to the south of Banbury. The site extends across an area of approximately 40 hectares and is centred at NGR SP 4700 3775. Its western boundaries are defined by the A4260 Banbury to Oxford road and Banbury Rugby Club. To the north, new development marks its boundary, with farm tracks and fields marking its southern and eastern limits. Bodicote lies west of the site and the A4260.
- 2.2 The site has been the subject of an archaeological desk based assessment (BSA Heritage 2014), which should be read in conjunction with this report. The assessment noted that only two HER records lie within the site itself in the form of a possible Roman road, used as a route between Banbury and Buckingham before a new turnpike road was built in the eighteenth century; and two parallel lines with a possible terminus visible on a small number of aerial photographs in the southern part of the site. These were identified as indicating a possible cursus given their shape, although this remained unproven.
- 2.3 The assessment also highlighted that the area has seen activity since the Mesolithic period and it was certainly settled in the Neolithic, given the results of investigations west of the Banbury road. Nearby Roman sites, features and the identification of a trackway as a potential Roman route, suggested the site area might contain remains relating to this and the late prehistoric period too. The site is likely to have been cultivated since the Anglo-Saxon period, with settlement likely to have been centred to the west, at Bodicote.
- 2.4 A geophysical survey of the site (GSB 2014) indicated the presence of a number of archaeological features, including the possible cursus along with a series of enclosures and other features, with a concentration of features in the southern half of the site, as well as a large enclosure in the north and further enclosures in the north east and east.

- 2.5 The site therefore contains the potential for archaeological features and deposits, predominately associated with the Prehistoric, Roman and Medieval periods. This did not prejudice the evaluation against finds and features relating to other periods.

3 AIMS

3.1 The aims of the archaeological evaluation are to gather high quality data from the direct observation of archaeological deposits in order to provide sufficient information to establish the nature, extent, preservation and potential of any surviving archaeological remains; as well as to make recommendations for management of the resource, including further archaeological works if necessary. In turn, this will allow reasonable planning/mitigation decisions to be taken regarding the archaeological provision for the areas affected by the development.

3.2 These aims will be achieved through pursuit of the following specific objectives:

- To determine, as far as reasonably practicable, the location, extent, date, character, condition, significance and quality of any surviving archaeological remains.
- To assess vulnerability/sensitivity of any exposed remains.
- To establish the ecofactual and environmental potential of archaeological deposits and features encountered.
- To assess the impact of previous land use on the site.
- To establish the potential for significant environmental deposits.
- To provide sufficient information on the archaeological potential of the site to enable the archaeological implications of the proposed development to be assessed.
- To inform formulation of a strategy to avoid or mitigate impacts of the proposed development on surviving archaeological remains.
- To produce a site archive for deposition with an appropriate museum.

4 METHODOLOGY

- 4.1 The WSI required the excavation of thirty six trenches within the development area.
- 4.2 Non-significant overburden was removed, under constant archaeological supervision, to the top of the archaeological deposits or the underlying natural

deposits, whichever was encountered first. This was achieved through the use of a 360 mechanical excavator, equipped with a toothless grading bucket. Spoil tips were scanned for finds both visually and using a metal-detector.

- 4.3 All excavation and recording work was undertaken in accordance with the WSI and the Foundations Archaeology Technical Manual 3: Excavation Manual.

5 RESULTS

- 5.1 A detailed description of all contexts identified during the course of the project is presented in Appendix 1. The site yielded a very small artefactual assemblage, which was mainly restricted to pottery and ceramic building material, worked flints and animal bone, which are reported on in Appendices 2, 3 and 4, with miscellaneous finds listed in Appendix 5. A summary discussion is given below.
- 5.2 The natural substrate varied slightly across the site from plated limestone, clay with limestone brash, through to clay and gravels, which were encountered at depths between circa 113m OD and 117m OD and reflect the slope of the underlying natural topography. The limestone, clay and gravels were, on the whole, directly overlaid by an orange brown friable sandy clay silt subsoil. However, in a number of trenches the subsoil did not occur throughout the entire length; here the natural deposits were directly sealed by the ploughsoil, a mid red brown friable sandy silt. Visibility was generally very good.
- 5.3 **Trench 1:** No archaeological finds or features were present within this trench. There was no evidence for the possible linear features identified in the geophysical survey.
- 5.4 **Trench 2: (Figure 4)** Three linear features [203], [205] and [207] were present in this trench. Features [203] and [207] were on a similar east-west alignment; with [203] terminating to the east. Curvilinear feature [205] contained Prehistoric pottery possibly of early Bronze Age date. These features were not identified by the geophysical survey but no evidence was recovered for either of the two possible linear features identified by the geophysical survey.
- 5.5 **Trench 3: (Figure 5)** Five linear features [303], [305], [307], [309] and [311] were present within this trench. Features [303], [305] and [307] were on a similar NNE-SSW alignment and may, therefore, be contemporary. No dating evidence was present in any of the three features, although very small bone fragments and occasional charcoal flecks were present in [305] and [307]. Feature [303] was possibly of natural origin, although due to its proximity and similar alignment to [305] and [307] - and the presence of Prehistoric archaeology - it has been fully recorded. Northeast-southwest linear [311] was undated, but contained fragments of animal bone. North-south aligned ditch [309] was Post-medieval in date and corresponded to a possible linear identified in the geophysical survey; it also contained a residual flint core fragment. Features [305] and [307] were on a similar alignment and location to features identified in the geophysical survey, although it did not identify features [303] and [309].

- 5.6 **Trench 4:** No archaeological finds or features were present within this trench.
- 5.7 **Trench 5: (Figure 6)** Five features were identified in this trench. East-west linear [503] and northeast-southwest linear [513] both contained a single sherd of Roman pottery. Northwest-southeast linear [509] was undated but stratigraphically earlier than probable pit [511], which was also undated. An 'L' shaped linear [505] present at the northwest end of the trench contained Post-medieval bottle glass and a residual flint flake. Feature [509] had a good correlation to a feature identified in the geophysical survey. However, none of the other features identified by the geophysical survey were present within the trench and the four other archaeological features present in the trench were not identified by the survey.
- 5.8 **Trench 6: (Figure 7)** A total of nine features were identified in this trench. Features [607], [609] and [613] have excellent correlation to Feature Q identified in the geophysical survey. These features contained very little dating evidence, with a single sherd of Roman pottery, an iron object and a flint flake present in [607] and a broken flint flake in [613]. Northwest-southeast aligned linears [617] and [621] were undated, but [617] was cut by north-south linear [615], which contained one sherd of Roman pottery and was on a similar alignment to a feature identified in the geophysical survey. Feature [611] comprised a possible pit, which was only partly contained within the trench and this also yielded a single sherd of Roman pottery. Northwest-southeast aligned linear [603] was irregular in plan and profile and possibly was a former hedgerow.
- 5.9 **Trench 7: (Figure 8)** A total of six features were present within this trench, all on a similar northwest-southeast alignment. Feature [712] roughly matched the alignment and orientation of possible *cursus* (Feature O) and it was also visually similar to [703], which may also be related to the possible *cursus*; although it did not match the geophysical survey data. Both features had a narrow gully ([708] and [715]) directly east of the more substantial ditch, which may be contemporary, but none of the features yielded any dating evidence. None of the other features present were identified by the geophysical survey. Undated feature [710] was most likely a linear terminus. Although all the features within Trench 7 were undated; linear [717] cut through the subsoil and so was most likely Post-medieval or Modern in date.
- 5.10 **Trench 8: (Figure 9)** A total of seven features were present within this trench. Feature [803] was on a similar alignment and orientation to possible Feature S, identified in the geophysical survey. Features [811], [813] and [815] were also in a similar location to the western edge of Feature S, with [813] the best match, but all three features contained similar fills and it was not possible to identify their stratigraphic relationship. Feature [803] was undated, but seven sherds of Prehistoric pottery were recovered at the location of features [811], [813] and [815] during the machining of the trench. Narrow linears [805], [807] and [809] were undated, with [809] matching with the possible archaeology response identified from the geophysical survey.

- 5.11 **Trench 9:** No archaeological finds or features were present within this trench. No evidence was encountered for the positive anomalies identified by the geophysical survey.
- 5.12 **Trench 10: (Figure 10)** A single east-west aligned gully [1003] was present within the trench. The feature contained two fragments of animal bone but no dating evidence. No evidence was encountered for the positive anomalies identified by the geophysical survey.
- 5.13 **Trench 11: (Figure 11)** Four undated linears ([1103], [1105], [1107] and [1109]) were present within the trench, although feature [1103] was a possible furrow. NNE-SSW linear [1107] correlated well with a linear anomaly identified by the geophysical survey, although the other three features were not identified. The second linear anomaly identified by the geophysical survey was not present within the trench.
- 5.14 **Trench 12: (Figure 12)** Two features [1203] and [1206] were present within this trench. Possible curvilinear ditch [1203] terminated to the north, within the trench and was cut by linear [1206]; an east-west linear which roughly corresponds to a linear feature identified on the geophysical survey. Neither features contained dating evidence. Further anomalies identified by the geophysical survey were not present within the trench.
- 5.15 **Trench 13: (Figure 13)** A total of five features were present within this trench. Features [1303] and [1307] were of a similar size and orientation and were possibly contemporary, but remain undated. Linear [1309] terminated at the northwestern end and was also undated. Linear [1305] was identified as a possible furrow and feature [1311] was a possible tree-throw. None of the features present within this trench were identified by the geophysical survey.
- 5.16 **Trench 14:** No archaeological finds or features were present within this trench.
- 5.17 **Trench 15: (Figure 14)** Two east-west aligned linear features [1503] and [1506] were present within this trench. Both features correspond to positive linear anomalies identified on the geophysical survey. A Modern animal burial was also identified in the evaluation.
- 5.18 **Trench 16: (Figure 15)** A single northeast-southwest linear [1603] was present within the trench. The linear contained a flint blade and a possible flint blade and is likely to be Prehistoric in date. The feature was not identified by the geophysical survey, while the anomalies identified by the survey, including Feature L were not present within the trench.
- 5.19 **Trench 17: (Figure 16)** Three possible features were present within this trench. Two possible pits [1705] and [1707] were irregular in plan and, as only partly present within the trench, are difficult to interpret, although they may be tree-throws. The pits do not correspond to the geophysical survey but they are in an area which the survey highlighted as containing frequent possible pits. Feature [1703] was a possible linear, which terminated at the southwestern end. No

dating evidence was present within any of the evaluated features. The evaluation did not contain any evidence for possible Feature M, which was identified by geophysical survey.

- 5.20 **Trench 18:** No archaeological finds or features were present within this trench. No evidence was encountered for the positive anomalies identified by the geophysical survey.
- 5.21 **Trench 19: (Figure 17)** A single possible undated pit [1903] was partly contained within the trench. Although this feature was not identified by the survey, it was located in an area highlighted as containing frequent possible pits. No evidence was encountered for Feature F identified by geophysical survey.
- 5.22 **Trench 20: (Figure 18)** Three features [2003], [2005] and [2007] were contained within the trench. East-west ditch [2005] corresponded relatively well with Feature D, as identified by geophysical survey. Probable pit [2003] was undated, but was located within an area which the survey highlighted as containing frequent possible pits. North-south ditch [2007] contained Post-medieval bottle glass and animal bone.
- 5.23 **Trench 21: (Figure 19)** A single undated linear terminus, [2103], was present within the trench, which correlated to Feature C identified in Area 3 by the geophysical survey. The northeast-southwest linear identified by geophysical survey was not present within the trench.
- 5.24 **Trench 22:** No archaeological finds or features were present within this trench.
- 5.25 **Trench 23: (Figure 20)** Three undated features were present within this trench. Ditch [2303] and a possible re-cut [2305] correlated well with the substantial linear feature identified by geophysical survey. An east-west linear [2307] was also identified by geophysical survey.
- 5.26 **Trench 24: (Figure 21)** Five features were present within this trench. Northeast-southwest linear [2409] corresponded well to Feature A as identified in the geophysical survey, but was undated. Ditch [2409] was cut by narrow 'V' shaped gully [2411], but this feature was also undated. Features [2403], [2405] and [2407] were on a similar alignment and were most likely the possible linear features identified by geophysical survey as Feature B and may be contemporary with each other. Dating evidence from these three features was restricted to a single fragment of undated pottery/CBM present in [2407].
- 5.27 **Trench 25:** No archaeological finds or features were present within this trench.
- 5.28 **Trench 26: (Figure 22)** A single north-south ditch [2603] was present in this trench. This correlated well with Feature H identified in the geophysical survey, but did not contain any dating evidence.
- 5.29 **Trench 27: (Figure 23)** A total of three undated features ([2703], [2705] and [2707]) were present within this trench. Northwest-southeast ditch [2707]

correlated well with Feature H identified in the geophysical survey and also had similar dimensions and profile to [2603], previously identified with Feature H. Linear [2703] roughly correlated to a possible small ring ditch identified during the geophysical survey, although the geophysical feature appears to curve the opposite way. Linear terminus [2705] was not identified by the geophysical survey.

- 5.30 **Trench 28:** No archaeological finds or features were present within this trench. None of the discrete features identified by the geophysical survey were present within this trench.
- 5.31 **Trench 29: (Figure 24)** A single possible undated pit/linear terminus was present within this trench. Feature [2903] was only partly contained within the trench and interpretation was therefore difficult. It was located in an area of possible linears identified by the geophysical survey and may be related to one of these features. No other features identified by the geophysical survey were present within the trench.
- 5.32 **Trench 30: (Figure 25)** A total of six features were present within this trench. Linears [3003] and [3007] correspond well with Feature G and [3009] also corresponded with a northwest-southeast linear identified by geophysical survey. However, the geophysical survey did not identify linear [3011], which ran parallel to, and is most likely contemporary with, linear [3009]. Feature [3007] contained the only dating evidence, which consisted of a single sherd of Prehistoric pottery and a broken flint flake. An undated probable post-hole [3013] was present immediately west of linear [3011] and an elongated pit [3005], was possibly a natural feature.
- 5.33 **Trench 31: (Figure 26)** A total of ten features ([3103], [3105], [3107], [3109], [3111], [3114], [3116], [3118], [3120] and [3122]) were present within this trench. An area of intercutting features ([3114], [3116], [3118] and [3120]) were present at the western end of the trench, two sherds of Roman pottery were recovered from the area of these features.
- 5.33.1 The earliest dated feature in this complex was probable ditch [3116], which contained eight sherds of possible Bronze Age pottery; this was cut by both [3118] and [3120]. Probable pit [3118] contained two sherds of Late Iron Age/early Roman pottery and was only partly present within the trench. Probable ditch [3114] contained four sherds of Roman pottery and was in turn cut by [3120], a northeast-southwest aligned linear which contained a single sherd of Roman pottery and a fragment of CBM. Worked flints were also recovered from the ploughsoil of this trench.
- 5.33.2 Linear features [3103] and [3105] were most likely the same feature and were undated, linear terminus [3122] was also undated. Features [3109] and [3111] were probably natural features, most likely a single animal burrow. None of the archaeological features present correspond with the geophysical survey.

- 5.34 **Trench 32:** No archaeological finds or features were present within this trench. The features identified by geophysical survey were not present within this trench.
- 5.35 **Trench 33: (Figure 27)** A total of three features were present within this trench. North-south undated ditch [3305] corresponded well with Feature K identified in the geophysical survey. Curvilinear ditch [3307] and possible linear [3303] were also undated and were not identified by the geophysical survey.
- 5.36 **Trench 34:** No archaeological finds or features were present within this trench. The discrete features identified by geophysical survey were not present within this trench.
- 5.37 **Trench 35: (Figure 28)** A single undated pit-like feature [3503] was present within the trench. The possible pit was only partly contained within the trench and may have been a natural feature. It was located in an area identified by the geophysical survey which contained frequent possible pits.
- 5.38 **Trench 36: (Figure 29)** A total of four undated features ([3603], [3605], [3607] and [3609]) were present within the trench. Probable post-hole [3603] and northwest-southeast linear were most likely archaeology but features [3605] and [3609] were possibly natural in origin. The trench was located in area identified by the geophysical survey as containing frequent possible pits.

6 DISCUSSION

- 6.1 The evaluation has identified a number of archaeologically significant features in the form of linears (ditches and gullies), pits and postholes. Dating evidence across the site as a whole was limited, with the majority of the features remaining undated due to the paucity of finds. Where dating evidence was present, it mainly consisted of one or two small fragments of pottery, therefore for most of the features the dating is tentative.
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- 6.10 The archive is currently held at the offices of Foundations Archaeology, but will be deposited with the appropriate museum in due course with the digital archive deposited with ADS. A short note will be submitted for publication in the relevant local archaeological journal.

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APPENDIX 1: The Stratigraphic Data

CXT	L(m)	W(m)	D(m)	DESCRIPTION	CUTS/LATER THAN	CUT BY/EARLIER THAN
				Trench 1: 50m by 1.85m; natural = Plated limestone with patches of red sandy clay at average 115.72m OD.		
101	na	na	0.28-0.30	Ploughsoil: light brown/red sandy silt.	102, natural	na
102	38+	na	0.30	Subsoil: red brown sandy silt. Not present at western end, only visible after 12m.	natural	101
				No archaeological features were present within the trench.		
				Trench 2: 50m by 1.85m; natural = Plated limestone at average 115.90m OD.		
201	na	na	0.29-0.35	Ploughsoil: light brown/red sandy silt.	natural	na
202				VOID		
[203]	0.9+	0.65	0.25	Pit or east-west aligned linear with terminus at east end. 'V' shaped profile. Contained 204. .	natural	201
204	0.9+	0.65	0.25	Fill of [203]. Orange brown friable sandy silt, with occasional gravel and rare charcoal inclusions. No find present.	[203]	201
[205]	2.3+	0.93	0.48	Northwest-southeast aligned, possibly curving linear. Steep slope on SW edge (outer?), shallower slope on NE (inner?) edge. Contained 206.	natural	201
206	2.3+	0.93	0.48	Fill of [205]. Red brown plastic silty clay, with black mottling, no charcoal present but occasional small limestone inclusions. A total of nine fragments of early Prehistoric, possibly early Bronze Age pottery were present, with a further three Prehistoric sherds found on the surface.	[205]	201
[207]	1.9+	0.95max	0.47	Irregular east-west linear, with vertical southern edge and sloping northern edge. Narrows to the west. Contained 208. .	natural	201
208	1.9+	0.95max	0.47	Fill of [207]. Loose orange brown sandy silt, occasional charcoal and gravel inclusions. No finds, possibly natural feature.	[207]	201
				Trench 3: 50m by 1.85m; natural = Plated limestone with patches of red sandy clay at average 116.75m OD.		
301	na	na	0.32	Ploughsoil: light brown/red sandy silt.	302	na
302	na	na	0.1-0.2	Subsoil: red brown sandy silt.	natural	301
[303]	1.8+	0.90max	0.44	North northeast-south southwest aligned linear. 'V' shaped profile, possibly narrows to north. Contained 304. .	natural	302
304	1.8+	0.90max	0.44	Fill of [303]. Dark brown sandy clay with black mottling, contained occasional small limestone inclusions but no finds or charcoal. Possible natural feature.	[303]	302
[305]	1.8+	0.5	0.26	North northeast-south southwest aligned linear. 'U' shaped profile, with slightly flattened base. Contained 306. .	natural	302
306	1.8+	0.5	0.26	Fill of [305]. Light red brown silty clay, with occasional charcoal and small limestone inclusions. Contained a single fragment of poorly preserved bone.	[305]	302
[307]	1.8+	0.8	0.39	North northeast-south southwest aligned linear, with steep sloping sides and flat base. Contained 308. .	natural	302
308	1.8+	0.8	0.39	Fill of [307]. Light red brown silty clay, with occasional charcoal and small limestone inclusions. Contained ten fragments of bone.	[307]	302
[309]	1.8+	1.6	0.58	North-south aligned ditch, with steep sides and a slightly flattened base. Contained 310.	natural	302
310	1.8+	1.6	0.58	Fill of [309]. A very loose brown silt, with frequent charcoal inclusions. Contained three sherds of Post-medieval/Modern pottery, three fragments of bone, a possible piece of slag, an oyster shell and a flint core fragment.	[309]	302
[311]	2.2+	0.72	0.38	Northeast-southwest aligned linear, uneven in plan and section. Contained 312. .	natural	302
312	2.2+	0.72	0.38	Fill of [311]. A red brown silt with occasional small limestone inclusions but no charcoal. Contained animal bone.		

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				Trench 4: 54m by 1.85m; natural = Beige red sandy clay at average 116.10m OD.		
401	na	na	0.22-0.25	Ploughsoil: mid red brown friable sandy silt.	402	na
402	na	na	0.17-0.25	Subsoil: light orange/beige friable sandy silt.	natural	401
				Trench 5: 55m by 1.85m; natural = Orange sandy clay and gravels at average 116.32m OD.		
501	na	na	0.22	Ploughsoil: mid red brown friable sandy silt.	502	na
502	na	na	0.26-0.3	Subsoil: light orange/beige friable sandy silt.	natural	501
[503]	1.8+	0.75	0.27	East-west aligned linear, with flat base and steep, sloping sides. Contained 504.	natural	502
504	1.8+	0.75	0.27	Fill of [503]. A light red brown sandy clay, with occasional small limestone inclusions but no charcoal. A single sherd of Roman pottery was present.	[503]	502
[505]	3.5+	0.82-1.03	0.16-0.28	'L' shaped linear orientated north-east, with a shallow 'U' shaped profile. Contained 507 and 508.	natural	502
506				VOID		
507		1.03	0.16	Fill of [505] (recorded in east-west portion of [505]). Light red brown sandy clay, with occasional small limestone inclusions but no finds or charcoal. Equivalent to 508.	[505]	502
508		0.82	0.28	Fill of [505] (recorded in north-south portion of [505]). Light red brown sandy clay, with occasional small limestone inclusions but no charcoal. Contained two fragments of Post-medieval blue-green bottle glass and a tertiary flint flake. Equivalent to 507.	[505]	502
[509]	2.3+	1.4	0.31	Northwest-southeast orientated linear, with wide sloping profile. Contained 510. Cut by [511].	Natural	[511], 502
510	2.3+	1.4	0.31	Fill of [509]. Friable orange brown sandy silt with no finds or charcoal.	[509]	[511], 502
[511]	1.15	0.66	0.26	Irregular shaped pit, with sloping sides. Contained 512. .Cut [509]	[509]	502
512	1.15	0.66	0.26	Fill of [511]. Soft orange brown sandy silt with no finds or charcoal.	[505], [509]	502
[513]	2+	0.86	0.25	Northeast-southwest aligned linear, with sloping sides and flattish base. Contained 514	Natural	502
514	2+	0.86	0.25	Fill of [513]. Mid red brown sandy silt, with no obvious charcoal but contained a single sherd of Roman pottery.	[513]	502
				Trench 6: 50m by 1.80m; natural = Orange/beige sandy clay and gravels at average 115.98m OD.		
601	na	na	0.13-0.20	Ploughsoil: mid red brown friable sandy silt.	602	na
602	na	na	0.14-0.23	Subsoil: mid orange/beige friable sandy silt.	natural	601
[603]	2+	0.4-0.85	0.15-0.32	Irregular northwest-southeast aligned linear, with sloping sides and variable width and depth. Contained 604. .	natural	602
604	2+	0.4-0.85	0.15-0.32	Fill of [603]. Red brown silt, no charcoal, finds or inclusions. Possible hedgerow?	[603]	602
[605]	1.05+	0.48	0.12	Northeast-southwest aligned possible gully, with sloping sides and flattish base. Contained 606. Relationship with [607] unclear. .	Natural	602
606	1.05+	0.48	0.12	Fill of [605]. Light grey/orange sandy silt, with no finds or charcoal. Possible natural feature.	[605]	602
[607]	1.8+	1	0.30	North south aligned linear, with steep sloping sides and a flattish base. Contained 608. Relationship with [605] unclear.	Natural	602
608	1.8+	1	0.30	Fill of [607]. Mid brown orange sandy silt, which contained one sherd of Roman pottery, an iron object, a tertiary flint flake and occasional charcoal flecks	[607]	602

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[609]	7+	0.5-0.7	0.2-0.29	Curvilinear, orientated approximately east west. Dissipates to the east. Contained 610. .	natural	602
610	7+	0.5-0.7	0.2-0.29	Fill of [609]. Red brown sandy silt, with occasional gravel and charcoal. No finds present.	[609]	602
[611]	1.5	0.9+	0.22	Pit cut, with gently sloping sides, only partly contained within the trench. Contained 612.	natural	602
612	1.5	0.9+	0.22	Fill of [611]. Mid grey orange sandy silt fill, which contained a single sherd of Roman pottery but no obvious charcoal.	[611]	602
[613]	1.9+	1.54	0.44	North northwest-south southeast aligned linear, with steeply sloping sides and a rounded base. Contained 614.	natural	602
614	1.9+	1.54	0.44	Fill of [613]. Orange brown sandy silt, with occasional gravel inclusions but no obvious charcoal. Contained one broken flint flake.	[613]	602
[615]	1.8+	1.6	0.38	North-south orientated linear, with steeply sloping sides and flat base. Contained 616. Cuts [617].	Natural [617]	602
616	1.8+	1.6	0.38	Fill of [615]. Light orange brown sandy clay fill, with occasional small limestone and rare charcoal inclusions. Contained one sherd of Roman pottery.	[615]	602
[617]	3+	1.03	0.57	Northwest-southeast aligned linear, with steep sides and rounded base. Contained 618, 619 and 620. Cut by [615]. .	natural	[615], 602
618		0.35	0.22	Primary fill of [617]. Light brown sandy clay fill, with occasional small limestone inclusions but no charcoal or finds.	[617]	619, 620, 602
619		0.45	0.08	Secondary fill of [617]. Orange brown sandy clay, with frequent limestone inclusions but no charcoal or finds.	618	620, 602
620	3+	1.03	0.28	Tertiary fill of [617]. Light red brown sandy clay fill, with occasional small stone inclusions but no charcoal or finds.	619	602
[621]	2+	0.53	0.21	Northwest-southeast aligned linear, with sloping sides and rounded base. Contained 622.	natural	602
622	2+	0.53	0.21	Fill of [621]. Light brown sandy silt fill, with no charcoal or finds. .	[621]	602
				Trench 7: 55m by 1.80m; natural = red brown sandy clay and gravels at average 115.81m OD.		
701	na	na	0.13-0.20	Ploughsoil: mid red brown friable sandy silt.	702	na
702	na	na	0.14-0.18	Subsoil: mid orange/beige friable sandy silt.	natural	701
[703]	2+	1.94	0.39	Northwest-southeast aligned linear, with rounded 'U' shaped profile. Contained 704, 705, 706 and 707. Possible <i>curcus</i> ? Possibly associated with [708]. Possibly equivalent to [712]. .	natural	702
704		0.6	0.12	Primary fill of [703]. Re-deposited natural with frequent limestone inclusions but no charcoal or finds. Appeared to have formed through weathering of open ditch.	[703]	705, 706, 707
705		0.76	0.14	Secondary fill of [703]. Grey brown sand silt, with no charcoal or finds. Most likely formed through silting up of open ditch.	704	706, 707
706		1.10	0.12	Tertiary fill of [703]. Red brown silt with rare charcoal inclusions but no finds. Most likely formed through silting up of open ditch.	704, 705	707
707	2+	1.94	0.22	Quaternary fill of [703]. Mid brown sand silt fill, with no obvious charcoal or finds.	705, 706	702
[708]	2+	0.9	0.14	Northwest-southeast aligned linear, with shallow 'U' shaped profile. Contained 709. Possibly associated with [703]	natural	702

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709	2+	0.9	0.14	Fill of [708]. Mid brown sand silt fill, with occasional small limestone inclusions but no obvious charcoal or finds.	[708]	702
[710]	1.4+	0.8	0.26	Possible northwest-southeast aligned linear with terminus at northwestern end. Rounded profile. Contained 711.	natural	702
711	1.4+	0.8	0.26	Fill of [710]. Dark brown clay silt, with occasional small limestone and charcoal inclusions. No finds.	[710]	702
[712]	2.2+	2.2	0.46	Northwest-southeast aligned linear, with slightly uneven rounded profile. Contained 713 and 714. Possible <i>curcus</i> ? Possibly associated with [715]. Possibly equivalent to [703].	natural	702
713		1.45	0.3	Primary fill of [712]. Dark brown silt with frequent limestone. No obvious charcoal or finds.	[712]	714
714	2.2+	2.2	0.22	Secondary fill of [712]. Red brown clay silt with occasional small limestone inclusions but no obvious charcoal or finds.	713	702
[715]	1.9+	0.82	0.22	Northwest-southeast aligned linear, with a rounded profile. Contained 716. Possibly associated with [712], although slightly different alignment. Possibly equivalent to [708].	natural	702
716	1.9+	0.82	0.22	Fill of [715]. Mid orange brown sand silt fill. No obvious charcoal or finds.	[715]	702
[717]	2+	4.4	0.6	North-south aligned ditch, with uneven sloping profile. Contained 718.	natural, 702	701
718	2+	4.4	0.6	Fill of [717]. Mid red brown silt. No obvious charcoal or finds. but cutting the subsoil, therefore most likely late Post-medieval/modern in date.	[717], 702	701
				Trench 8: 55m by 1.80m; natural = red brown sandy clay and gravels at average 115.80m OD.		
801	na	na	0.23	Ploughsoil: mid red brown friable sandy silt. A single flint awl was recovered.	802	na
802	na	na	0.12-0.18	Subsoil: mid orange/beige friable sandy silt.	natural	801
[803]	2.5+	1.9	0.23	Northeast-southwest aligned linear, with sloping sides and flat base. Southeast edge steeper than northwestern edge. Contained 804.	natural	802
804	2.5+	1.9	0.23	Fill of [803]. Light red brown sandy clay, with occasional small limestone inclusions but no charcoal or finds.	[803]	802
[805]	1.8+	0.74	0.29	Northwest-southeast aligned ditch, with steep, almost vertical sides and a flat base. Contained 806.	natural	802
806	1.8+	0.74	0.29	Fill of [805]. Orange brown sandy silt fill, with no obvious charcoal or finds.	[805]	802
[807]	2.5+	0.47	0.31	Narrow northwest-southeast aligned gully, with steep, almost vertical sides and an uneven base. Contained 808.	Natural	802
808	2.5+	0.47	0.31	Fill of [807]. Mid yellow brown sandy silt, with no obvious charcoal or finds.	[807]	802
[809]	1.9+	0.82	0.18	North-south aligned linear, with rounded profile. Contained 810.	natural	802
810	1.9+	0.82	0.18	Fill of [809]. Orange brown sandy silt, with rare charcoal but no finds.	[809]	802
[811]		1.9	0.67	Possible pit, with irregular sides. Relationship with [813] unclear as visually similar fills.	natural	802
812		1.9	0.67	Fill of [811]. Orange brown sandy silt. No obvious charcoal or finds and deposit similar to natural, but slightly siltier. Possible natural feature, however 7 early Prehistoric sherds were found in this area during machining.	[811]	802
[813]	1.8+?	1.7	0.62	Possible north-south aligned linear, with sloping sides and rounded base. Relationship with [811] and [815] unclear as visually similar fills.	natural	802

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814	1.8+?	1.7	0.62	Fill of [813]. Orange brown sandy silt. No obvious charcoal but contained a broken flint flake. Deposit similar to natural, but slightly siltier. Possible natural feature however 7 early Prehistoric sherds were found in this area during machining.	[813]	802
[815]	1.8+?	0.98	0.2	Possible north-south aligned linear, with sloping sides and rounded base. Relationship with [813] unclear as visually similar fills.	natural	802
816	1.8+?	0.98	0.2	Fill of [815]. Orange brown sandy silt. No obvious charcoal but one small fragment of possible Roman pottery was present, with 7 early Prehistoric sherds were found in this area during machining.	[813]	802
				Trench 9: 53m by 1.80m; natural = red brown sandy clay and gravels at average 115.42m OD.		
901	na	na	0.2-0.25	Ploughsoil: mid red brown friable sandy silt.	902	na
902	na	na	0.18-0.27	Subsoil: mid orange/beige friable sandy silt.	natural	901
				Trench 10: 52m by 1.80m; natural = red brown sandy clay and gravels at average 115.85m OD.		
1001	na	na	0.2-0.24	Ploughsoil: mid red brown friable sandy silt.	1002	na
1002	na	na	0.09-0.24	Subsoil: mid orange/beige friable sandy silt.	natural	1001
[1003]	1.8+	0.38	0.08	East-west aligned shallow linear, with sloping sides and flat base. Contained 1004.	natural	1002
1004	1.8+	0.38	0.08	Fill of [1003]. Mid brown silt, with no obvious charcoal. Contained two fragments of animal bone.	[1003]	1002
				Trench 11: 52m by 1.80m; natural = orange brown sandy clay and gravels at average 116.45m OD.		
1101	na	na	0.18-0.35	Ploughsoil: mid red brown friable sandy silt.	1102	na
1102	na	na	0.18-0.28	Subsoil: mid orange/beige friable sandy silt.	natural	1101
[1103]	1.8+	1.4	0.12	North-south aligned linear, with slightly uneven base and steep sides. Contained 1104.	natural	1102
1104	1.8+	1.4	0.12	Fill of [1103]. Mid red brown sandy silt. No obvious charcoal or finds present. Probable furrow.	[1103]	1102
[1105]	2+	0.48	0.09	Northeast-southwest aligned linear, with shallow, rounded profile. Contained 1106.	natural	1102
1106	2+	0.48	0.09	Fill of [1105]. Mid orange brown sandy silt fill. No obvious charcoal or finds present.	[1105]	1102
[1107]	1.8+	1.5	0.58	North-south aligned linear, with rounded profile. Contained 1108.	natural	1102
1108	1.8+	1.5	0.58	Fill of [1107]. Mid orange brown sandy silt fill. No obvious charcoal or finds present.	[1107]	1102
[1109]	2+	0.75	0.3	Northwest-southeast aligned linear, with sloping sides and a flat base. Contained 1110.	natural	1102
1110	2+	0.75	0.3	Fill of [1109]. Mid yellow brown clay silt. No obvious charcoal or finds present.	[1109]	1102
				Trench 12: 55m by 1.80m; natural = orange brown sandy clay and gravels at average 116.55m OD.		
1201	na	na	0.18-0.24	Ploughsoil: mid red brown friable sandy silt.	1202	na
1202	na	na	0.08-0.30	Subsoil: mid orange brown friable sandy silt.	natural	1201
[1203]	4+	upto 0.64	upto 0.20	Curvilinear feature orientated approximately southwest-north, with terminus at northern end. Contained 1204. Cut by [1206].	natural	1202, [1206]
1204	4+	upto 0.64	upto 0.20	Fill of [1203]. Mid grey brown sandy silt, with occasional small limestone inclusions, but no charcoal or finds.	[1203]	1202, [1206]

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1205				VOID		
[1206]	2+	0.5	0.22	East-west aligned linear, with 'V' shaped profile. Contained 1207. Cuts [1203].	[1203], natural	1202
1207	2X	0.5	0.22	Fill of [1206]. Mid red brown sandy silt, with occasional small limestone inclusions, but no charcoal or finds present.	[1203], [1206]	1202
				Trench 13: 50m by 1.80m; natural = orange brown sandy clay and gravels at average 116.31m OD.		
1301	na	na	0.18-0.28	Ploughsoil: mid red brown friable sandy silt.	1302	na
1302	na	na	0.16-0.24	Subsoil: mid orange brown friable sandy silt.	natural	1301
[1303]	1.8+	0.51	0.27	North-south aligned linear, with 'V' shaped profile. Contained 1304.	natural	1302
1304	1.8+	0.51	0.27	Fill of [1303]. Mid yellow brown sandy silt. No obvious charcoal or finds present.	[1303]	1302
[1305]	1.8+	1.48	0.25	North northwest-south southeast aligned linear, with shallow, sloping profile. Contained 1306.	natural	1302
1306	1.8+	1.48	0.25	Fill of [1305]. Orange brown sandy silt fill, with frequent small limestone and rare charcoal inclusions. No finds present. Possible furrow.	[1305]	1302
[1307]	1.8+	0.48	0.22	North-south aligned linear, with sloping sides and flat base. Contained 1308.	natural	1302
1308	1.8+	0.48	0.22	Fill of [1307]. Mid yellow brown sandy silt fill, with no charcoal or finds present.	[1307]	1302
[1309]	1.5+	0.5	0.16	Northwest-southeast linear with terminus at northwestern end. 'V' shaped profile. Contained 1310.	natural	1302
1310	1.5+	0.5	0.16	Fill of [1309]. Mid yellow brown sandy silt fill, with no charcoal or finds present.	[1309]	1302
[1311]	1.5+	1.5+	0.5	Elongated pit or northeast-southwest linear with terminus at southwestern end. Sloping sides, uneven base. Contained 1312.	natural	1302
1312	1.5+	1.5+	0.5	Fill of [1311]. Orange brown sandy silt, with no charcoal or finds present. Possible tree-throw.	[1311]	1302
				Trench 14: 55m by 1.80m; natural = orange brown sandy clay and limestone brash at average 116.37m OD.		
1401	na	na	0.19-0.3	Ploughsoil: mid red brown friable sandy silt.	1402	na
1402	na	na	0.16	Subsoil: mid orange brown friable sandy silt.	natural	1401
				Trench 15: 55m by 1.80m; natural = orange brown sandy clay and limestone brash at average 116.34m OD. Unstratified finds included seven Medieval and one undated sherd or pottery.		
1501	na	na	0.22	Ploughsoil: mid red brown friable sandy silt.	1502	na
na				Multiple juvenile animal burials present, partly investigated. Cut 1502 and natural. Appear to be unarticulated, possibly lambs, contained a rubber/plastic ring (castrating ring?). Modern.	1502, natural	1501
1502	na	na	0.08-0.32	Subsoil: mid orange brown friable sandy silt.	natural	1501
[1503]	3.7+	0.47-0.53	0.12-0.16	East-west aligned linear, with shallow 'V' shaped profile. Contained 1505.	natural	1502
1504	3.7+	0.47-0.53	0.12-0.16	Fill of [1503]. Mid red brown sandy silt, with occasional small limestone inclusions. No charcoal or finds present.	[1503]	1502
1505				VOID		

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[1506]	3.5+	1.12	0.22	East-west aligned linear, with sloping sides and uneven, flattish base. Contained 1507.	natural	1502
1507	3.5+	1.12	0.22	Fill of [1506]. Mid yellow brown sandy silt. No charcoal or finds present.	[1506]	1502
				Trench 16: 56m by 1.80m; natural = orange brown sandy clay and limestone brash at average 116.27m OD. A single unstratified broken flint flake was recovered from the spoil.		
1601	na	na	0.17-0.27	Ploughsoil: mid red brown friable sandy silt.	1602	na
1602	na	na	0.13-0.16	Subsoil: mid orange brown friable sandy silt.	natural	1601
[1603]	1.9+	1.28	0.24	Northeast-southwest aligned linear, with steep sides and flattish, uneven base. Contained 1604.	natural	1602
1604	1.9+	1.28	0.24	Fill of [1603]. Light orange brown sandy silt. Contained a flint blade and possible blade, but no obvious charcoal. Prehistoric?	[1603]	1602
				Trench 17: 54m by 1.80m; natural = orange sandy clay and gravels at average 114.39m OD.		
1701	na	na	0.26	Ploughsoil: mid red brown friable sandy silt.	1702	na
1702	na	na	0.17	Subsoil: mid orange brown friable sandy clay silt.	natural	1701
[1703]	2.2+	0.76	0.22	Northeast-southwest linear cut, with terminus at southwestern end, has rounded profile. Contained 1704.	natural	1702
1704	2.2+	0.76	0.22	Fill of [1703]. Mid yellow brown silty sand. No charcoal or finds present.	[1703]	1702
[1705]	2	1+	0.38	Possible pit, irregular in plan, with variable slope and flattish base. Contained 1706.	natural	1702
1706	2	1+	0.38	Fill of [1705]. Red brown sandy silt, with frequent small limestone and rare charcoal inclusions. No finds present.	[1705]	1702
[1707]	2.2	0.6+	0.5	Possible pit only partly present in trench, with sloping sides and flat base. Contained 1708.	natural	1702
1708	2.2	0.6+	0.5	Fill of [1707]. Orange brown sandy silt, with no charcoal or finds present.	[1707]	1702
				Trench 18: 54m by 1.80m; natural = orange sandy clay and limestone brash at average 115.28m OD.		
1801	na	na	0.15-0.20	Ploughsoil: mid red brown friable sandy silt.	1802	na
1802	na	na	0.17-0.20	Subsoil: mid orange brown friable sandy clay silt.	natural	1801
				Trench 19: 55m by 1.80m; natural = orange sandy clay and limestone brash at average 114.16m OD.		
1901	na	na	0.18-0.30	Ploughsoil: mid red brown friable sandy silt.	1902	na
1902	na	na	0.15	Subsoil: mid orange brown friable sandy clay silt. Only present in the centre of the trench.	natural	1901
[1903]	2+	0.7+	0.34	Possible pit, with sloping sides and slightly rounded base. Contained 1904.	natural	1902
1904	2+	0.7+	0.34	Fill of [1903]. Mid red brown sandy silt, with occasional small limestone and rare charcoal inclusions. No finds present.	[1903]	1902
				Trench 20: 54m by 1.80m; natural = orange sandy clay and limestone brash at average 114.59m OD.		
2001	na	na	0.2	Ploughsoil: mid red brown friable sandy silt.	2002	na
2002	na	na	0.13-0.18	Subsoil: mid orange brown friable sandy clay silt.	natural	2001

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[2003]	1.4+	0.9	0.24	Possible northwest-southeast aligned linear terminus, with terminus at southeastern end, or probable pit partly contained within the trench. Shallow, sloping sides, flattish base. Contained 2004.	natural	2002
2004	1.4+	0.9	0.24	Fill of [2003]. Mid red brown sandy silt, with occasional small limestone inclusions but no charcoal or finds present.	[2003]	2002
[2005]	1.8+	1.78	0.72	East-west aligned substantial linear cut, with steep, sloping sides and rounded base. Contained 2006.	natural	2002
2006	1.8+	1.78	0.78	Fill of [2005]. Mid red brown sandy silt, with frequent small limestone inclusions but no charcoal or finds present.	[2005]	2002
[2007]	5+	1.88	0.6	North-south aligned substantial linear cut, with steep, sloping sides and a flat base. Contained 2008.	natural	2002
2008	5+	1.88	0.6	Fill of [2007]. Mid red brown sandy silt, with frequent small limestone and occasional charcoal. Contained one fragment of Post-medieval bottle glass and six fragments of animal bone.	[2007]	2002
				Trench 21: 50m by 1.80m; natural = orange sandy clay and limestone brash at average 113.88m OD.		
2101	na	na	0.25-0.32	Ploughsoil: Mid red brown friable sandy silt.	2102	na
2102	na	na	0.26-0.48	Subsoil: Light orange brown friable sandy clay silt.	natural	2101
[2103]	1+	0.85	0.30+	Possible northeast-southwest aligned linear terminus, with terminus at northeastern end. Sloping sides. Contained 2104.	natural	2102
2104	1+	0.85	0.30+	Fill of [2103]. Red brown sandy silt fill. No charcoal or finds present.	[2103]	2102
				Trench 22: 52m by 1.80m; natural = orange sandy clay and limestone brash at average 116.24m OD		
2201	na	na	0.24	Ploughsoil: Mid red brown friable sandy silt.	2202	na
2202	na	na	0.22	Subsoil: Light orange brown friable sandy clay silt.	natural	2201
				Trench 23: 50m by 1.80m; natural = orange sandy clay and gravel, occasional patches of blue/grey clay at average 116.41m OD		
2301	na	na	0.2-0.32	Ploughsoil: Mid red brown friable sandy silt.	2302	na
2302	na	na	0.12-0.26	Subsoil: Orange brown friable sandy clay silt.	natural	2301
[2303]	1.8+	2.1	0.36	East-west aligned linear cut, with shallow 'V' shaped profile. Contained 2304, cut by [2305].	natural	[2305]
2304	1.8+	2.1	0.36	Fill of [2303]. Dark red brown sandy silt, with occasional small limestone inclusions and very rare charcoal. No finds present.	[2303]	[2305], 2306
[2305]	1.8+	3.6	0.18	East-west aligned linear, with very shallow profile. Contained 2306. Cut [2303]? Or possible re-cut?.	[2303], natural	2302
2306	1.8+	3.6	0.18	Fill of [2305]. Dark yellow brown sandy silt, with occasional small limestone inclusions. No charcoal or finds present.	[2305]	2302
[2307]	1.8+	0.52	0.16	East-west aligned linear cut, with rounded profile. Contained 2308.	natural	2302
2308	1.8+	0.52	0.16	Fill of [2307]. Light red brown sandy silt with rare small limestone inclusions and very rare charcoal. No finds present.	[2307]	2302

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				Trench 24: 50m by 1.80m; natural = orange/beige sandy clay and limestone brash at average 116.24m OD		
2401	na	na	0.23-0.32	Ploughsoil: Mid red brown friable sandy silt.	2402	na
2402	na	na	0.01-0.15	Subsoil: Light orange brown friable sandy clay silt. Not present at southern end.	natural	2401
[2403]	1.8+	0.4-0.54	0.10-0.15	East-west aligned linear, with shallow, 'V' shaped profile, which widens to the east. Contained 2404. Relationship with [2405] unclear due to similar fills.	natural	2402
2404	1.8+	0.4-0.54	0.10-0.15	Fill of [2403]. Orange grey sandy clay silt, with occasional charcoal inclusions but no finds present.	[2403]	2402
[2405]	1.8+	0.38-0.5	0.18	East-west aligned linear, with rounded profile. Contained 2406. Relationship with [2403] unclear due to similar fills.	natural	2402
2406	1.8+	0.38-0.5	0.18	Fill of [2405]. Orange grey sandy clay silt, with occasional charcoal inclusions but no finds present.	[2405]	2402
[2407]	1.8+	0.48-0.66	0.19	East-west aligned linear, with rounded profile. Appears to narrow to the east. Contained 2408.	natural	2402
2408	1.8+	0.48-0.66	0.19	Fill of [2407]. Orange grey sandy clay silt, with rare charcoal inclusions and a small fragment of undated pottery/CBM.	[2407]	2402
[2409]	2.2+	1.45	0.58	Northeast-southwest aligned ditch, with steep, sloping sides and flat base. Contained 2410. Cut by [2411].	natural	[2411], 2402
2410	2.2+	1.45	0.58	Fill of [2409]. Mid grey brown silty clay with occasional small limestone rare charcoal inclusions. No finds present.	[2409]	[2411], 2402
[2411]	2.8+	0.3	0.18	Northwest-southeast linear, with steeper northeast edge and 'V' shaped profile. Contained 2412. Cut [2409].	[2409], natural	2402
2412	2.8+	0.3	0.18	Fill of [2411]. Mid brown grey silty clay, with occasional small stones and very rare charcoal but no finds.		
				Trench 25: 56m by 1.80m; natural = orange sandy clay and gravel at average 117.13m OD		
2501	na	na	0.24-0.3	Ploughsoil: Mid red brown friable sandy silt.	2502	na
2502	na	na	0.14-0.25	Subsoil: Orange brown friable sandy clay silt.	natural	2501
				Trench 26: 52m by 1.80m; natural = orange sandy clay and gravel at average 117.14m OD		
2601	na	na	0.24-0.34	Ploughsoil: Mid red brown friable sandy silt.	2602	na
2602	na	na	0.15-0.31	Subsoil: Orange brown friable sandy clay silt.	natural	2601
na				Animal burial/s present, partly investigated. Cut 2602 and natural. Appeared to be articulated lamb ribs and vertebrae associated with burnt material and wool. Modern.	2602, natural	2601
[2603]	1.8+	2.80	0.72	North-south aligned ditch, with steep, slightly uneven edges and rounded base. Contained 2604.	natural	2602
2604	1.8+	2.80	0.72	Fill of [2603]. Light to mid brown sandy silt, with rare charcoal inclusions. No finds present.	[2603]	2602
				Trench 27: 54m by 1.80m; natural = orange sandy clay and gravel at average 117.23m OD		
2701	na	na	0.25	Ploughsoil: Mid red brown friable sandy silt. One Roman and one Modern sherd of Pottery present.	2702	na
2702	na	na	0.15-0.3	Subsoil: Orange brown friable sandy clay silt.	natural	2701

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CXT	L(m)	W(m)	D(m)	DESCRIPTION	CUTS/LATER THAN	CUT BY/EARLIER THAN
[2703]	2.1+	0.75-1.4	0.31	Northwest-southeast aligned linear, with uneven edges and varying widths. Possibly turning south. Contained 2704.	natural	2702
2704	2.1+	0.75-1.4	0.31	Fill of [2703]. Mid brown sandy silt, with occasional gravel and charcoal inclusions. No finds present.	[2703]	2702
[2705]	1.15+	0.43	0.13	Northwest-southeast aligned linear, with terminus at northwest end and rounded profile. Contained 2706.	natural	2702
2706	1.15+	0.43	0.13	Fill of [2705]. Mid brown sandy silt, with no finds or charcoal present.	[2705]	2702
[2707]	2.1+	1.82	0.52	Northwest-southeast aligned linear cut, with steep, sloping sides and a flat base. Contained 2708.	natural	2702
2708	2.1+	1.82	0.52	Fill of [2707]. Mid orange brown sandy clay silt, with occasional limestone inclusions, but no charcoal or finds present.	[2707]	2702
				Trench 28: 52m by 1.80m; natural = orange/yellow sandy clay and limestone brash at average 117.85m OD		
2801	na	na	0.20-0.26	Ploughsoil: Mid red brown grey friable sandy silt. One sherd of Medieval and one Post-medieval pottery present.	2802	na
2802	na	na	0.16	Subsoil: Orange brown friable sandy clay silt.	natural	2801
				Trench 29: 52m by 1.80m; natural = orange gravels with sandy clay at average 117.36m OD		
2901	na	na	0.25-0.29	Ploughsoil: Mid red brown friable sandy silt.	2902	na
2902	na	na	0.10-0.24	Subsoil: Orange brown friable sandy clay silt.	natural	2901
[2903]	1.18+	1.25	0.22	Possible pit only partly contained within trench, with shallow, sloping sides. Contained 2904.	natural	2902
2904	1.18+	1.25	0.22	Fill of [2903]. Mid brown orange sandy silt, with occasional limestone inclusions but no charcoal or finds present.	[2903]	2902
				Trench 30: 51m by 1.80m; natural = orange gravels with sandy clay at average 116.94m OD		
3001	na	na	0.24-0.27	Ploughsoil: Mid red brown friable sandy silt.	3002	na
3002	na	na	0.14-20	Subsoil: Orange brown friable sandy clay silt.	natural	3001
[3003]	1.8+	0.5	0.12	Northeast-southwest aligned linear, with shallow, sloping sides and rounded base. Contained 3004.	natural	3002
3004	1.8+	0.5	0.12	Fill of [3003]. Mid orange brown sandy silt, with occasional small limestone inclusions but no charcoal or finds present.	[3003]	3002
[3005]	1.2	0.5	0.13	Possible elongated pit, on northeast-southwest alignment. Shallow sloping profile. Contained 3006.	natural	3002
3006	1.2	0.5	0.13	Fill of [3005]. Orange brown sandy silt, with frequent gravel inclusions but no charcoal or finds present. Possible natural feature.	[3005]	3002
[3007]	2.2+	0.43	0.16	Northwest-southeast aligned linear cut, with steep, sloping sides. Contained 3008.	natural	3002
3008	2.2+	0.43	0.16	Fill of [3007]. Orange brown sandy silt, which contained rare charcoal flecks, a broken flint flake and one sherd of Prehistoric pottery.	[3007]	3002
[3009]	2.1+	0.38	0.16	Northwest-southeast aligned linear cut, with 'V' shaped profile. Contained 3010. Probably contemporary with [3011].	natural	3002

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CXT	L(m)	W(m)	D(m)	DESCRIPTION	CUTS/LATER THAN	CUT BY/EARLIER THAN
3010	2.1+	0.38	0.16	Fill of [3009]. Mid orange brown sandy silt, with occasional limestone inclusions but no charcoal or finds present.	[3009]	3002
[3011]	2.1+	0.6	0.28	Northwest-southeast aligned linear cut, with rounded profile. Contained 3012. Probably contemporary with [3009].	natural	3002
3012	2.1+	0.6	0.28	Fill of [3011]. Mid orange brown sandy silt, with occasional limestone inclusions but no charcoal or finds present.	[3011]	3002
[3013]	0.27	0.27	0.23	Sub-circular post-hole, with pointed base and steeper edge on eastern side. Contained 3014.	natural	3002
3014	0.27	0.27	0.23	Fill of [3013]. Mid brown/grey sandy silt with occasional small limestone inclusions, but no charcoal or finds present. No post-pipe visible.	[3013]	3002
				Trench 31: 54m by 1.80m; natural = orange gravels with sandy clay at average 116.93m OD		
3101	na	na	0.24-0.27	Ploughsoil: Mid red brown friable sandy silt. Two worked flints were recovered.	3102	na
3102	na	Na	0.08-0.14	Subsoil: Orange brown friable sandy clay silt.	natural	3101
[3103]	0.9+	0.53	0.10	Possible northwest-southeast linear with terminus at southeast end, or part of a northwest-southwest aligned curvilinear. Rounded profile, contained 3104. Probable continuation of [3105].	natural	3102
3104	0.9+	0.53	0.10	Fill of [3103]. Mid brown sandy silt, with frequent small limestone and rare charcoal inclusions but no finds present. Visually similar to 3106.	[3103]	3102
[3105]	1+	0.53	0.22	Possible northwest-southeast linear with terminus at northwest end, or part of a northwest-southwest aligned curvilinear. Rounded profile, contained 3106. Probable continuation of [3103].	natural	3102
3106	1+	0.53	0.22	Fill of [3105]. Mid brown sandy silt, with frequent small limestone and rare charcoal inclusions but no finds present. Visually similar to 3104.	[3105]	3102
[3107]	2.5+	0.42	0.16	Northeast-southwest linear, possible curvilinear, with step sloping sides and a flat base. Contained 3108.	natural	3102
3108	2.5+	0.42	0.16	Fill of [3107]. Dark brown silty sand, with occasional small limestone and rare charcoal inclusions. No finds present.	[3107]	3102
[3109]	1+	1.5?	0.3	Cut only partly present within trench, with sloping sides and rounded base. Contained 3110. Possibly continuation of [3111]. Possible animal burrow?	natural	3102
3110	1+	1.5?	0.3	Fill of [3109]. Dark brown sandy silt, with frequent limestone gravels but no charcoal or finds present.	[3109]	3102
[3111]	1+	0.6	0.19	Cut only partly present within trench, with sloping sides and rounded base. Contained 3112. Possibly continuation of [3109]. Possible animal burrow?	natural	3102
3112	1+	0.6	0.19	Fill of [3111]. Dark brown sandy silt, with frequent limestone gravels but no charcoal or finds present.	[3111]	3102
3113				VOID		
[3114]	1.8+	1.15+	0.34+	North northeast-south southwest aligned probable linear. Only western edge survived, which had a shallow, sloping edge. Contained 3115. Cut by [3120].	natural	[3120], 3102
3115	1.8+	1.15+	0.34+	Fill of [3114]. Mid red brown sandy silt, with occasional limestone inclusions but no charcoal. Contained four sherds of Roman pottery.	[3114]	[3120], 3102
[3116]	1.8+	1.3+	0.38	North northeast-south southwest aligned probable linear. Part of eastern edge survived with a shallow sloping edge, possibly steeper western edge. Cut by [3118] and [3120].	natural	[3118], [3120], 3102

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CXT	L(m)	W(m)	D(m)	DESCRIPTION	CUTS/LATER THAN	CUT BY/EARLIER THAN
3117	1.8+	1.3+	0.38	Fill of [3116]. Mid red brown sandy silt, with occasional limestone inclusions but no charcoal. Contained eight sherds of possible Bronze Age pottery.	[3116]	[3118], [3120], 3102
[3118]	0.5+	1.2+	0.24	Possible pit cut partly visible in trench, with shallow, sloping sides. Contained 3119. Cuts [3116].	[3116], natural	3102
3119	0.5+	1.2+	0.24	Fill of [3118]. Dark brown grey sandy silt, contained two sherds of late Iron Age/early Roman pottery, but no obvious charcoal.	[3118]	3102
[3120]	1.8+	1.1	0.40	North northeast-south southwest aligned probable linear, with steep sides and flat, slightly sloping base. Contained 3121. Cuts [3114] and [3116].	[3114], [3116], natural	3102
3121	1.8+	1.1	0.40	Fill of [3120]. Mid brown grey silty sand, with occasional limestone inclusions but no obvious charcoal. Contained a single sherd of Roman pottery and a piece of CBM.	[3114], [3116], [3120]	3102
				A further two sherds of Roman pottery were recovered from the area of features [3114]/[3116]/[3118]/[3120] during the machining.		
[3122]	1.14+	0.8	0.19	North-south aligned linear terminus, with terminus at southern end. Cut had steep rounded profile. Contained 3123.	natural	3102
3123	1.14+	0.8	0.19	Fill of [3122]. Orange brown sandy silt, with frequent limestone and rare charcoal inclusions but no finds present.	[3122]	3102
				Trench 32: 54m by 1.80m; natural = orange gravels with sandy clay at average 116.83m OD		
3201	na	na	0.2-0.3	Ploughsoil: Mid red brown friable sandy silt.	3202	na
3202	na	na	0.09-0.18	Subsoil: Orange brown friable sandy clay silt.	natural	3201
				Trench 33: 55m by 1.80m; natural = orange gravels with sandy clay at average 116.81m OD		
3301	na	na	0.22-0.33	Ploughsoil: Mid red brown friable sandy silt.	3302	na
3302	na	na	0.11-0.24	Subsoil: Orange brown friable sandy clay silt.	natural	3301
[3303]	1.8+	0.37	0.08	Possible northeast-southwest linear, with shallow, rounded profile. Contained 3304.	natural	3302
3304	1.8+	0.37	0.08	Fill of [3303]. Light orange brown sandy silt, with occasional gravel inclusions but no charcoal or finds present.	[3303]	3302
[3305]	1.8+	1.9	0.4	North-south aligned linear, with steep western edge and irregular eastern edge. Contained 3306.	natural	3302
3306	1.8+	1.9	0.4	Fill of [3305]. Light brown sandy clay, with occasional small limestone inclusions, but no finds or charcoal present.	[3305]	3302
[3307]	2+	0.35-0.5	0.25	Curvilinear aligned approximately northeast-south, with steep sides and slightly flattened base. Contained 3308.	natural	3302
3308	2+	0.35-0.5	0.25	Fill of [3307]. Dark grey brown sandy silt, with no obvious charcoal or finds present.	[3307]	3302
				Trench 34: 55m by 1.80m; natural = gravels with orange sandy clay at average 113.93m OD		
3401	na	na	0.25-0.33	Ploughsoil: Mid red brown friable sandy silt.	3402	na
3402	na	na	0.13	Subsoil: Orange brown friable sandy clay silt. Only present at northwest end of trench.	natural	3401

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				Trench 35: 52m by 1.80m; natural = gravels with orange sandy clay at average 115.14m OD		
3501	na	na	0.28-0.36	Ploughsoil: Mid red brown friable sandy silt.	3502	na
3502	na	na	0.13-0.40	Subsoil: Orange brown friable sandy clay silt. Not present at southwest end of trench.	natural	3501
[3503]	2.45	0.94+	0.13	Possible pit, only partly present within the trench. With steep, sloping sides and flat base. Contained 3504.	natural	3502
3504	2.45	0.94+	0.13	Fill of [3503]. Mid orange brown clay silt, with occasional small limestone inclusions, but no charcoal or finds present. Possible natural feature.	[3503]	3502
				Trench 36: 53m by 1.80m; natural = orange sandy clay with gravels at average 116.98m OD		
3601	na	na	0.24	Ploughsoil: Mid red brown friable sandy silt.	3602	na
3602	na	na	0.14	Subsoil: Orange brown friable sandy clay silt.	natural	3601
[3603]	0.7	0.96	0.37	Possible pit/posthole, with sloping sides and pointed base. Contained 3604.	natural	3602
3604	0.7	0.96	0.37	Fill of [3603]. Mid to dark grey brown sandy silt, with occasional charcoal inclusions but no finds present. No post-pipe visible.	[3603]	3602
[3605]	1.40	1.08	0.20	Possible pit, with irregular plan, sloping sides and flattish base. Contained 3606.	natural	3602
3606	1.40	1.08	0.20	Fill of [3605]. Mid brown sandy silt, no obvious charcoal or finds present. Possible natural feature.	[3605]	3602
[3607]	1.8+	1.17	0.55	Northwest-southeast aligned linear, with steep sloping sides and a flat base. Contained 3608.	natural	3602
3608	1.8+	1.17	0.55	Fill of [3607]. Dark red brown sandy silt fill, with occasional limestone inclusions and very rare charcoal flecks. No finds present.	[3607]	3602
[3609]	3+	1.06 to 0.2	0.44	Possible curvilinear which narrows to northwest. Steep, sloping profile with slightly flattened base. Contained 3610.	natural	3602
3610	3+	1.06-0.2	0.44	Fill of [3609]. Red brown sandy silt, with occasional small limestone inclusions but no obvious charcoal or finds present. Possible natural feature.	[3609]	3602

APPENDIX 2: The Pottery

By Dr Jane Timby

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The archaeological assessment resulted in the recovery of a small assemblage of 58 sherds of pottery weighing c 6.71 kg largely dating to the prehistoric, Roman, medieval and post-medieval periods accompanied three fragments of ceramic building material.
- 1.2 Pottery was recovered from 16 separate contexts, with 23 sherds and two of the ceramic building material pieces from surface or unstratified collection. Given that the material is multi-period the condition is quite good with an overall average sherd size of 11.5 g. This is largely skewed by the medieval pieces as the prehistoric and most of the Roman sherds are generally in very poor condition.
- 1.3 All the contexts produced less than 10 sherds which has a great impact on the level of confidence that can be put on the dating of the individual features at this stage.
- 1.4 For the purposes of the assessment the pottery assemblage was briefly scanned to assess its likely chronology and quantified by sherd count and weight for each recorded context. Freshly broken sherds were counted as single pieces. The resulting data is summarised in Table 1.
- 1.5 In the following the pottery is discussed chronologically. No research has been carried out at this stage to seek local or regional parallels for the material.

2 Early prehistoric

- 2.1 Twenty-four pieces have been provisionally designated as early prehistoric in date.
- 2.2 The sherds represented the only finds from just three contexts: (206), (3117) and findspot 'B' and although in generally the same tradition are all slightly different.
- 2.3 The sherds from (206) had a very light porous, finely micaceous fabric with grog-tempering. Those from (3117) include a light coloured, porous rim and joining bodysherd from a small jar and six very small sherds of a thin-walled sandy ware with grog. The seven sherds from findspot 'B' were oxidised on the exterior with a reduced interior and a grog-tempering.
- 2.4 Provisionally these sherds may be of early Bronze Age date but this needs confirmation from an appropriate specialist. It is possible that some are later prehistoric but the pieces are too fragmentary for certain identification.
- 2.5 In addition four other very small sherds/crumbs were dated as 'prehistoric'; three from findspot 'C' and one from (3008). Those from 'C' had no surviving surfaces.

3 Late Iron Age-Roman

- 3.1 Some 16 sherds of later Iron Age and/ or Roman date were noted, mainly as single finds, from 11 contexts. The sherds appear to be chronologically mixed.
- 3.2 Seven of the sherds came from oxidised, handmade, grog-tempered storage jar distributed across three contexts (3118, 3121, findspot 'A'). These are likely to come from the same vessel which is probably of 1st century date. The only recognisable traded ware is a small sherd of Dorset black burnished ware from (616) which dates from the 2nd century onwards. A rim from Tr 27 ploughsoil in a fine, oxidised ware could be an abraded piece of Oxfordshire colour-coated ware which has lost its surface finish. If so, it would be comparable to Young (1977) type C45 and date to the later

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- Roman period. Three other very fine oxidised wares and a fine grey micaceous ware were also recovered which are difficult to date closely other than Roman.
- 3.3 Other wares include a necked wheel-turned grog-tempered bowl from (3119) which could be of later Iron Age or early Roman date.
 - 4 Medieval and post-medieval
 - 4.1 Eight sherds of medieval date are present in the unstratified finds. These include two cooking pot rims and the pod from a tripod pitcher. The latter is in a sandy ware with a green glaze; whilst the former are in a sandy ware with calcareous inclusions (?Banbury ware) and an oolitic limestone-tempered ware of Cotswold type.
 - 4.2 The post-medieval/modern sherds comprising industrial china, glazed red earthenware and English stoneware came from (310) and Tr 27 ploughsoil.
 - 5 Summary and further work
 - 5.1 The assemblage recovered appears to document occupation at or near the site from the early Prehistoric period onwards. The prehistoric material is difficult to characterise with such fragmentary sherds. There also appears to be a phase of activity in the later Iron Age-earlier Roman period with further material of probable later Roman date. Other finds indicate the proximity of medieval occupation probably in the period later 12th-13th century. The incidence of material for each period is very low.
 - 5.2 The site adds to a complex history of settlement around Banbury. Other than documenting definite and possible episodes of activity there is little further that can be definitively done with this particular assemblage but should further work take place at the site some of the ambiguities should be resolved. The earlier prehistoric material should be reported on by an appropriate specialist.

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Tr	Cut	Context	Epreh	Preh	Roman	Med	Pmed	no date	Tot No	Tot Wt	Date	CBM	Other
		206	9	0	0	0	0	0	9	43	E Preh		stone x2
		306	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	no date		stone
		308	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	no date		stone
		310	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	10.25	Pmed		
		504	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	Roman		
		506	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	Roman		
	607	608	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	Roman		
		612	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	5	Roman		
		616	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	Roman		
		814	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.25	Roman?		
		2408	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.5	no date		
		3008	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	Preh		
		3115	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	88	Roman		stone
		3117	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	21	?BA		
		3119	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	34	LIA-eRoman		stone x2
		3121	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	69	Roman	1	
		Surface [3114]/[3116]/[3118]/[3120]	A	0	0	2	0	0	2	252	Roman		stone x8
		Surface [811]/[813]/[815]	B	7	0	0	0	0	7	15	Epreh		
		Surface [205]	C	0	3	0	0	0	3	6	Preh?		
		15	u/s	0	0	0	7	0	8	91	Med		
		27	2701	0	0	1	0	0	1	10	Roman		

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27		2701	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	modern	1	
28		2801	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	8	Pmed	1	
28		2801	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	7	Med		
TOTAL			24	4	16	8	4	2	58	671			

APPENDIX 3: The Animal Bone

By Natasha Moakes BSc MSc

Context No	Element (C = complete, P = partial, F = fragment)	Species	Age (Mature/Immature)	Pathology?	Butchery	Other (e.g. taphonomy)
306	unidentified (F)					very small fragment >1cm
308	long bone (F)					
308	metapodial shaft (F)					
308	flat bone (scapula?) (F)					
308	flat bone (F)					
308	unidentified (F)					
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308	unidentified (F)					
310	flat bone (F)				shear mark	
310	pelvic (F)	Ovis/Capra?				
310	unidentified (F)					
312	tibia (P)	Ovis/Capra				
312	vertebra (P) - in 2 fragments					
312	long bone shaft (F)					
312	long bone shaft (F)					
312	long bone shaft (F)					
312	unidentified (F)					
312	unidentified (F)					

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Context No	Element (C = complete, P = partial, F = fragment)	Species	Age (Mature/Immature)	Pathology?	Butchery	Other (e.g. taphonomy)
312	unidentified (F)					
312	unidentified (F)					
312	unidentified (F)					
312	unidentified (F)					
2008	metapodial (C) - in two pieces	Ovis/Capra	Immature	generalised porosity at distal epiphysis		cortical bone surface is either taphonomically or pathological degraded
2008	carpometacarpal (P)	Copper's Hawk/Merlin/Northern hawk owl /Long eared owl				in good condition (intrusive?)
2008	tooth (C)	Ovis/Capra				
2008	unidentified (F) - in two pieces					extensive cortical surface degradation - taphonomic cause
1004	long bone (F) - in two pieces					cortical bone is severely degraded either taphonomically or pathologically

Ovis/Capra Sheep/Goat

Context No	Washed, dry weight (g)	No of fragments	No of whole bones	No of teeth	Preservation
306	>1	1	0	0	very poor
308	17	10	0	0	Surface preservation good, although bone very fragmentary
310	15	3	0	0	variable
312	59	12	0	0	good (but fragmentary)
1004	23	2	0	0	very poor
2008	20	6	1	1	variable
Total	>44	34	1	1	

APPENDIX 4: The Flints

By Martin Tingle

Introduction

The assemblage is composed of 12 pieces of worked flint weighing 55g. It is largely unpatinated and most of the pieces exhibit evidence of circulation within a cultivated soil.

Raw Materials, Composition and Technology

Where cortex is present, it generally shows signs of wear characteristic of river gravels.

Context	Find	Weight (g)	Comment
	Core		
310	Fragment	13	
	Tertiary		
508	Flake	3	
	Tertiary		
608	Flake	8	
614	Broken Flake	1	
US T8	Awl	9	
814	Broken Flake	5	
US T16	Broken Flake	2	
	Blade like		
1604	flake	3	
1604	Blade	2	
3008	Broken Flake	2	
	Secondary		
3101	Flake	6	Ploughsoil
	Tertiary		
3101	Flake	1	Ploughsoil
	Total	55	

Table 1 The composition of the assemblage

The assemblage is predominantly composed of waste flakes, the only retouched piece being an awl.

Dating

There are no obviously datable pieces within the assemblage and although there is a single blade present in Context 1604.

Conclusion

This assemblage is too small to allow any speculation as to the likely nature of prehistoric activity within the area of the assessment. It is almost certainly an aggregation of material from a considerable period of time forming a residual assemblage within more recent archaeological contexts.

Terminology

Throughout this analysis the term 'cortex' refers to the natural weathered exterior surface of a piece of flint while 'patination' denotes the colouration of the flaked surfaces exposed by human or natural agency. Following Andrevsky (1998, 104) dorsal cortex is divided into four categories; the term primary flake refers to those with cortex covering 100% of the dorsal face while secondary flakes have cortex on between 50% to 99% of the dorsal face. Tertiary flakes have cortex on 1% to 49% of the dorsal face while flakes with no dorsal cortex are referred to as non cortical

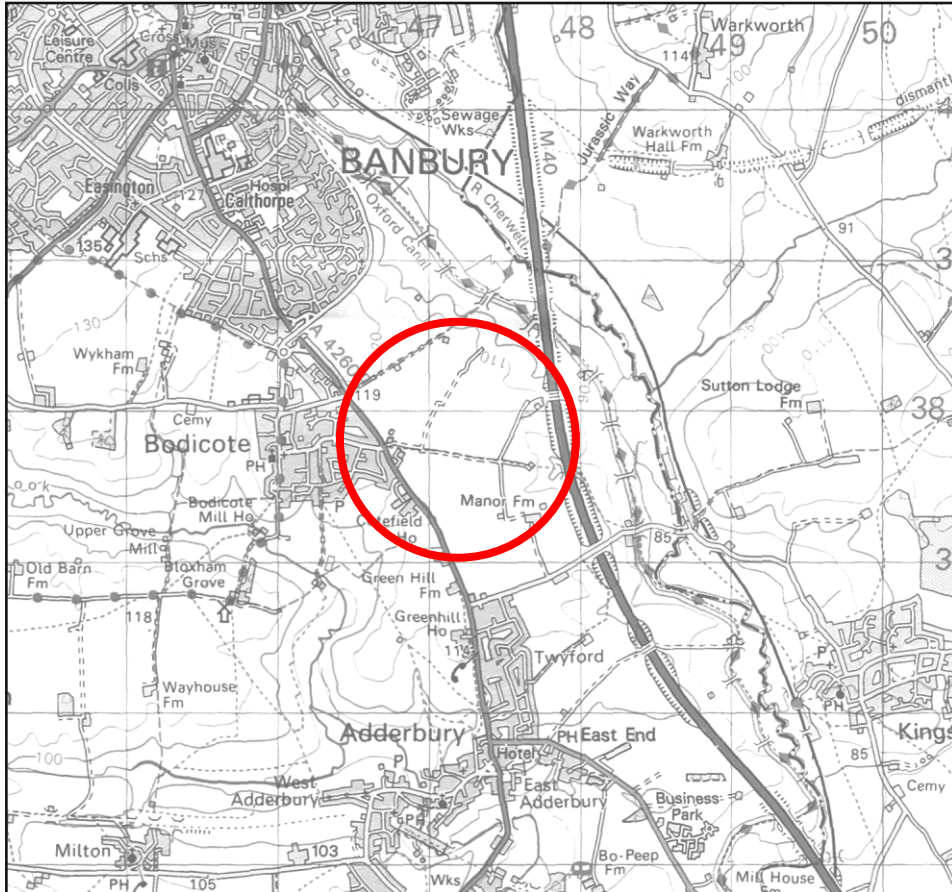
A blade is defined as an elongated flake whose length is at least twice as great as its breadth. These often have parallel dorsal flake scars, a feature that can assist in the identification of broken blades that, by definition, have an indeterminate length/breadth ratio

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APPENDIX 5: The Miscellaneous Finds

CXT	DESCRIPTION
310	1 x fragment of possible slag
310	1 x oyster shell fragment
508	2 x Post-medieval blue-green bottle glass
608	1 x fe object
2008	1 x bottle glass



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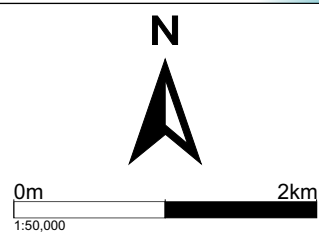


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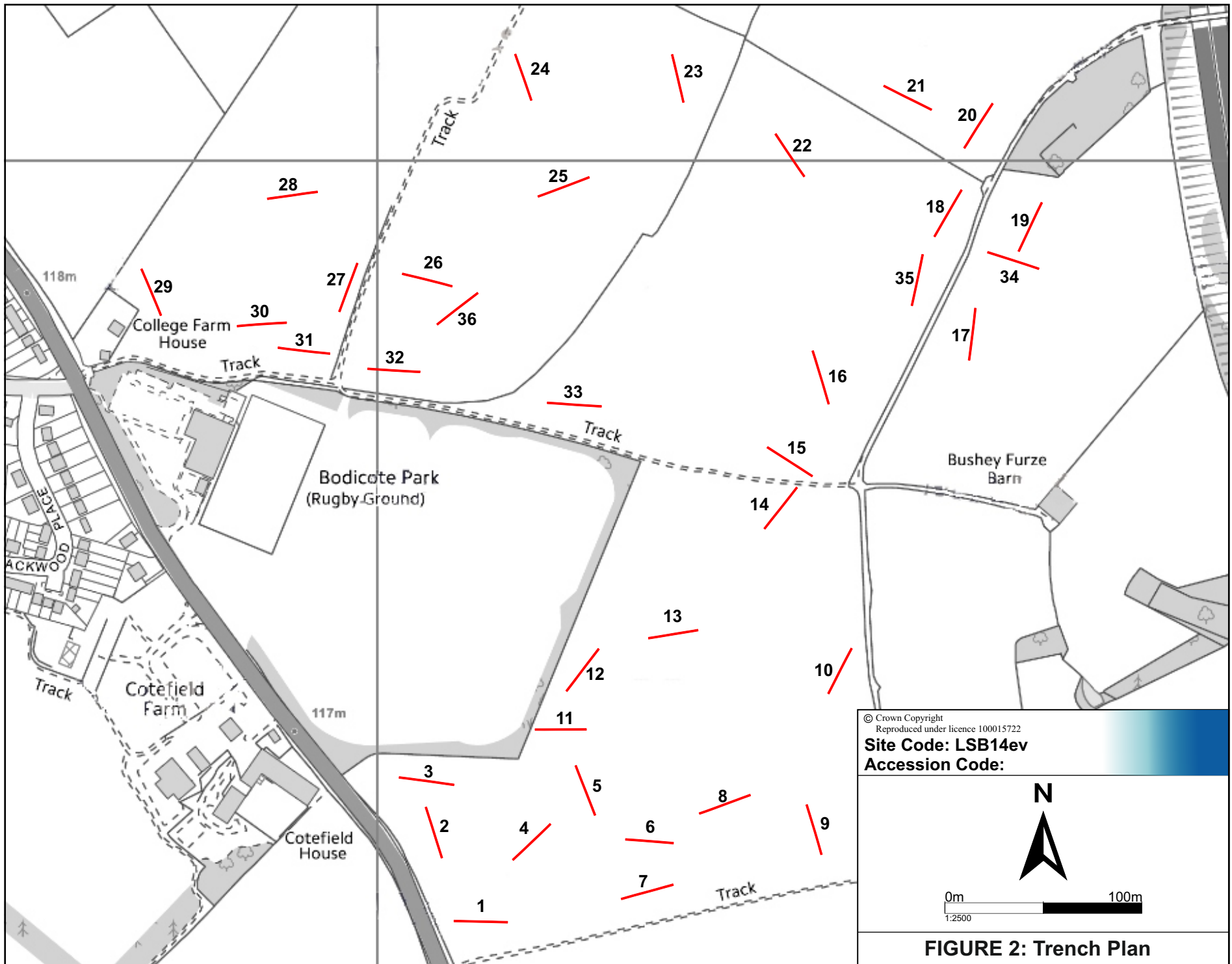
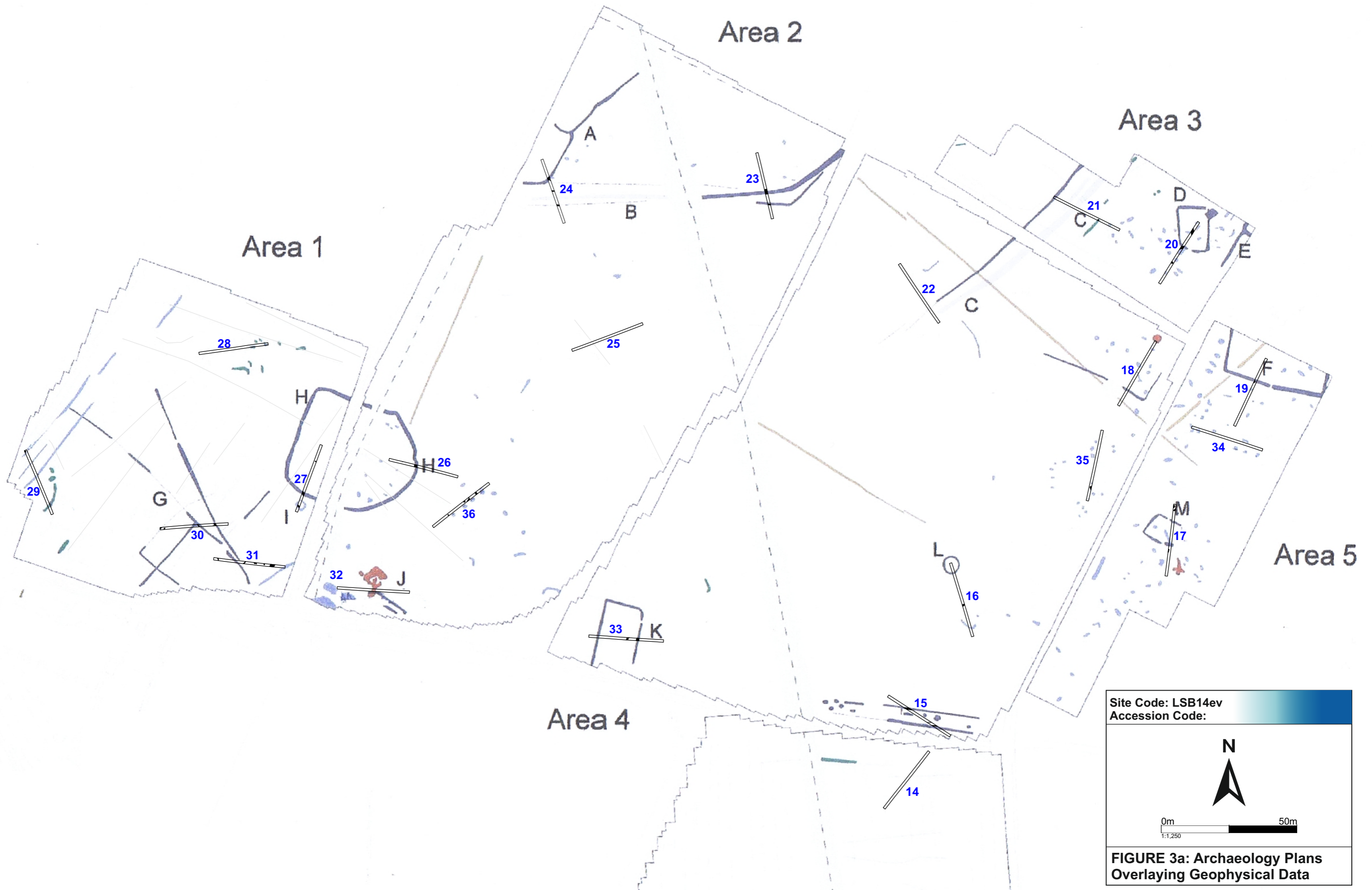


FIGURE 2: Trench Plan

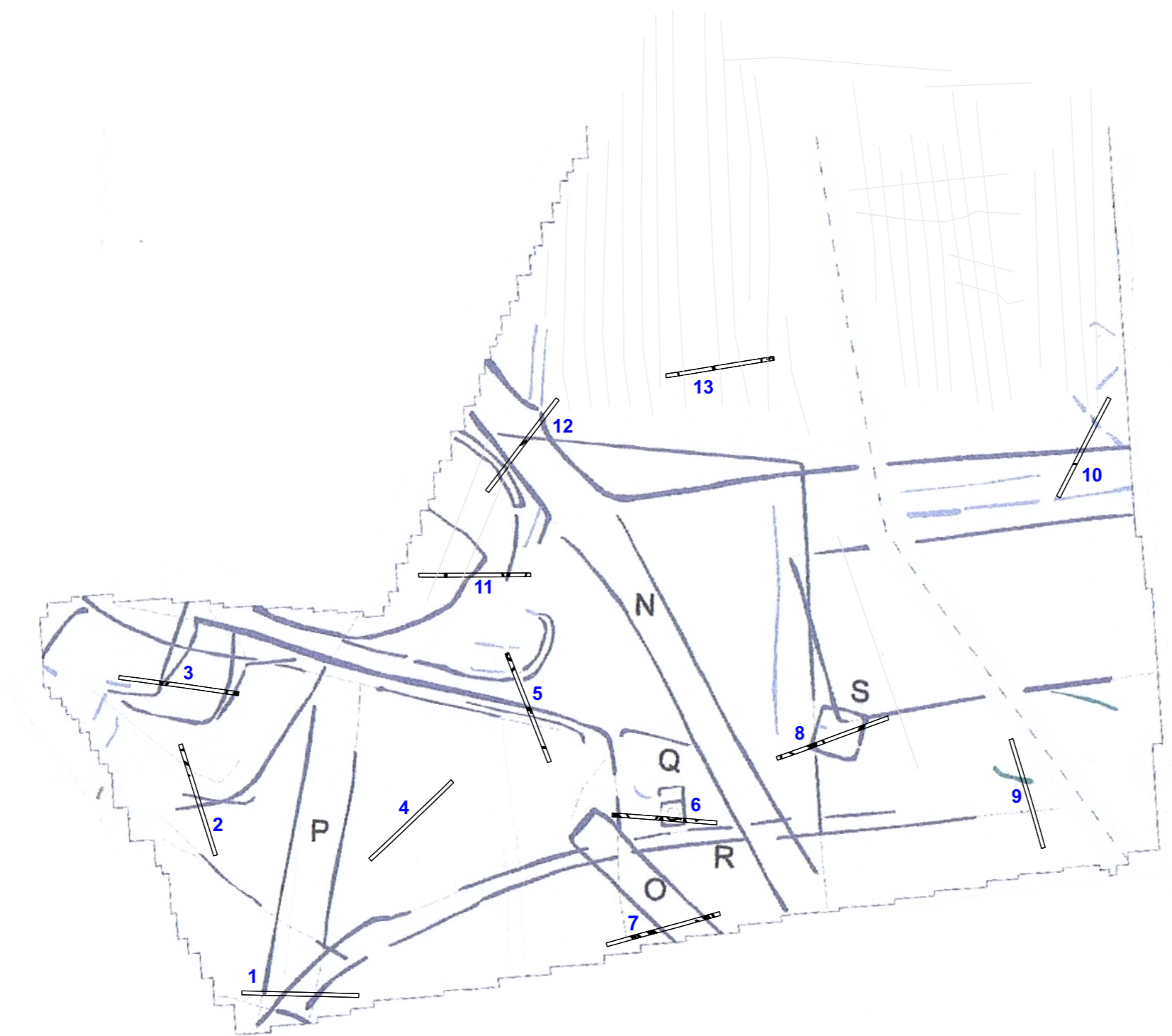


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FIGURE 3a: Archaeology Plans Overlaying Geophysical Data



Area 6

- Archaeology (discrete / trend)
- ?Archaeology (discrete / trend / increased response)
- ?Industrial
- Ridge & Furrow
- Ploughing
- Uncertain Origin (discrete / trend)
- Pipe
- Ferrous

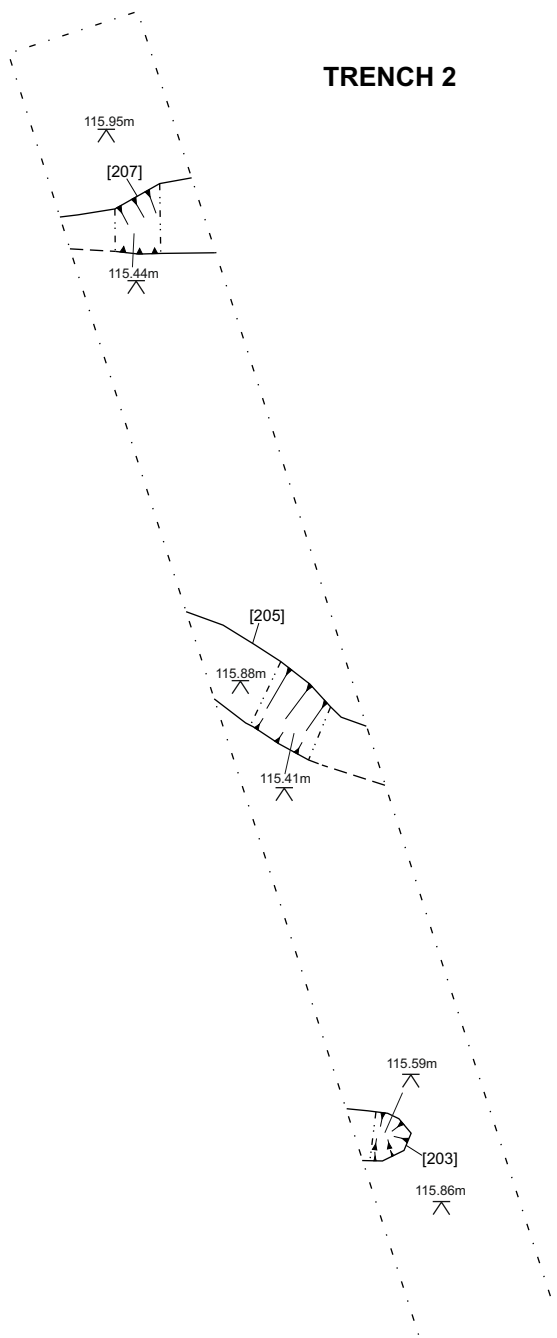
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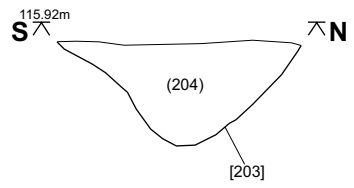
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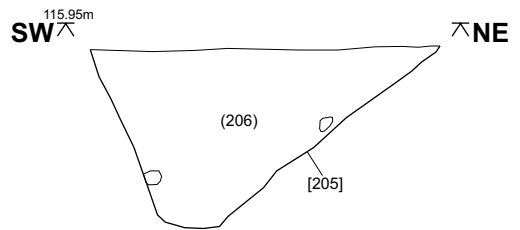
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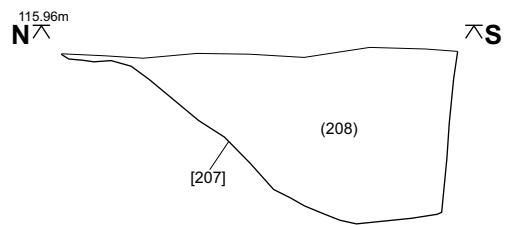
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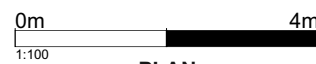
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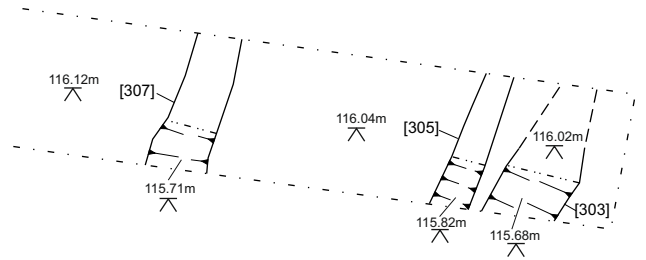
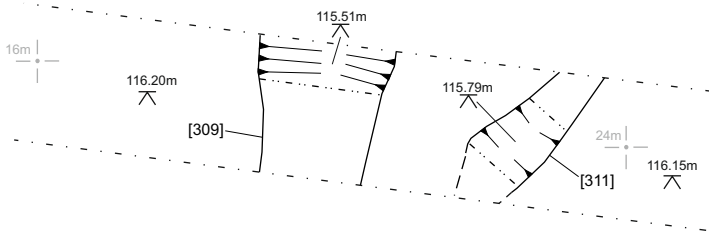
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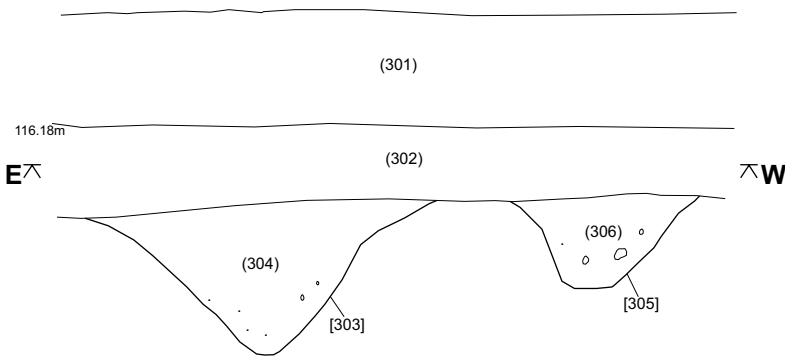
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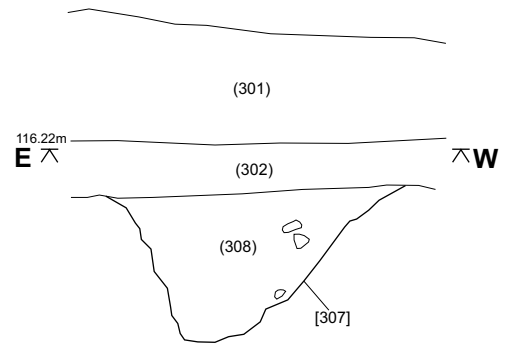
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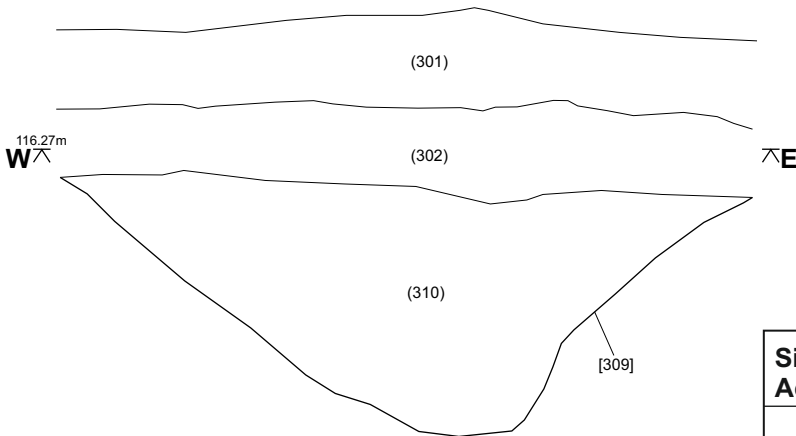
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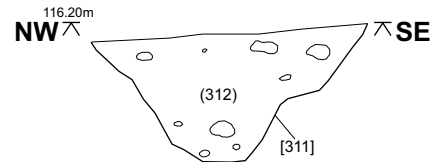
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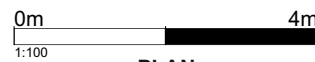
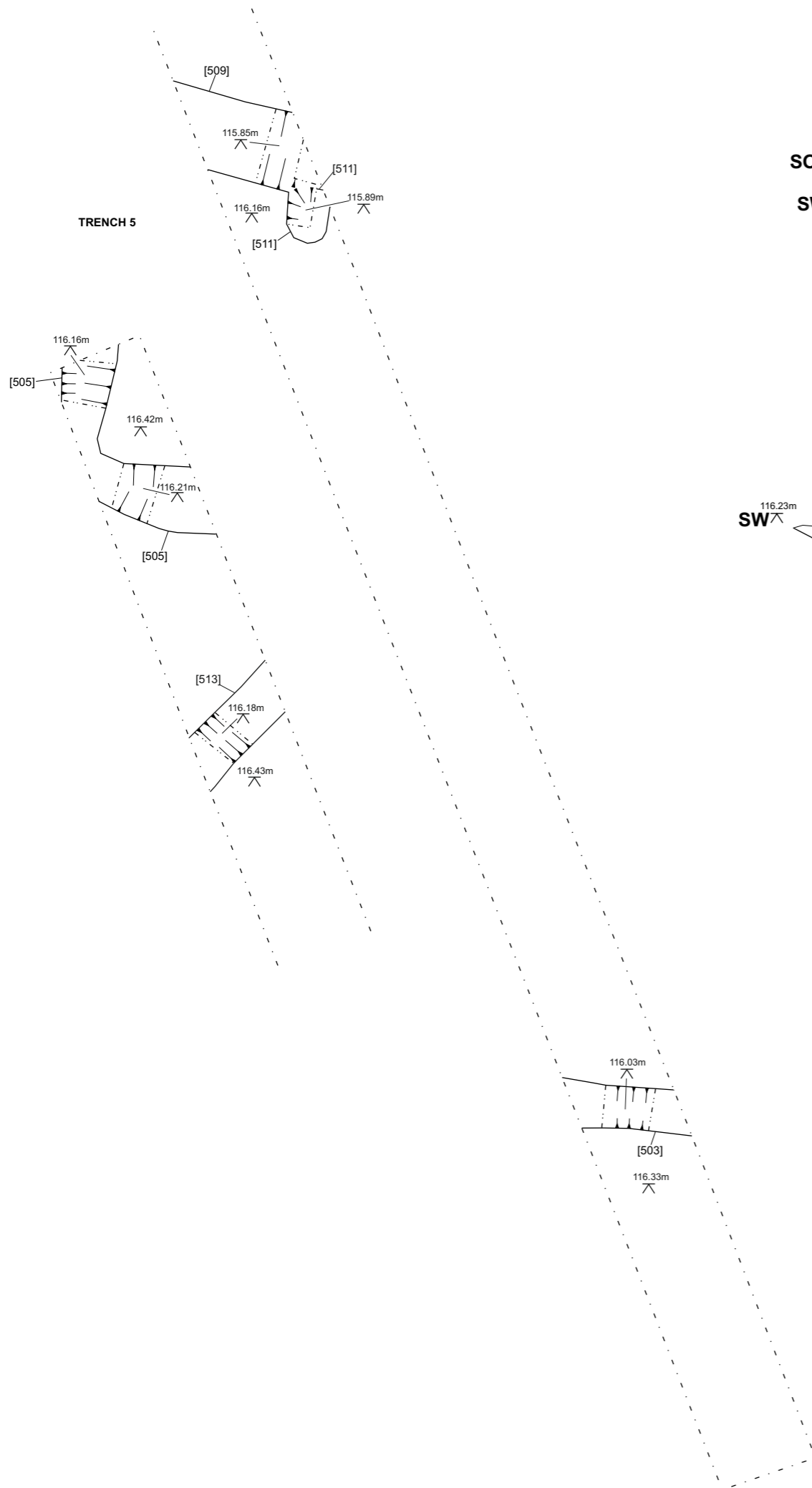
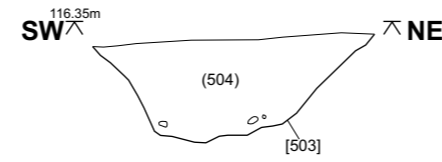


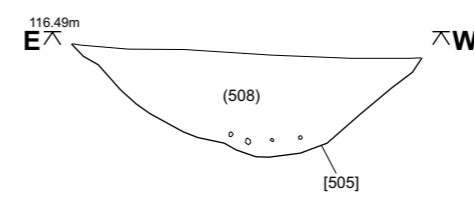
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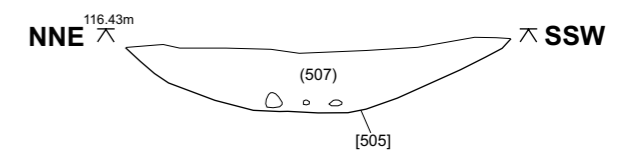
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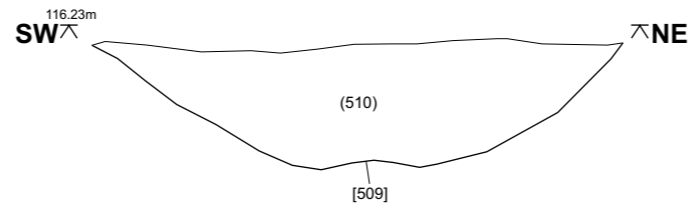
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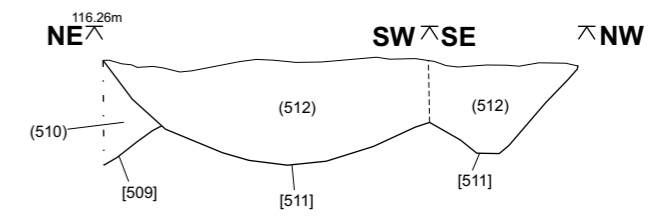
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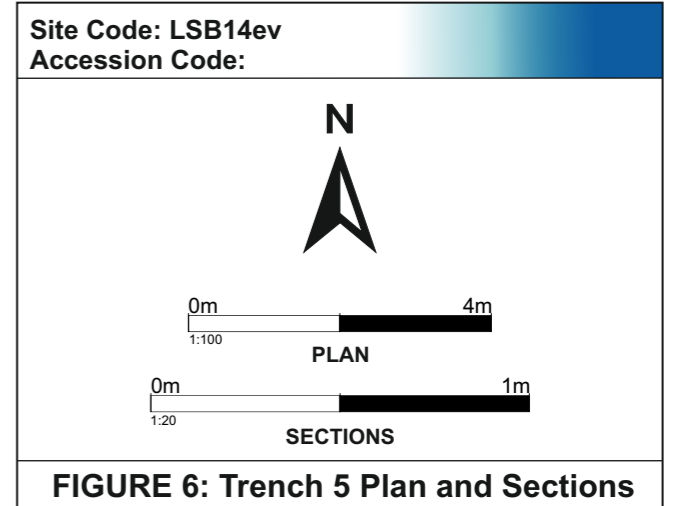
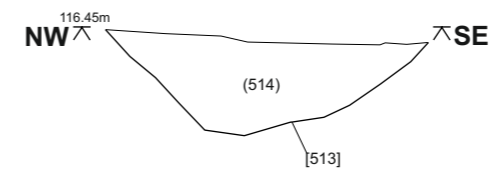
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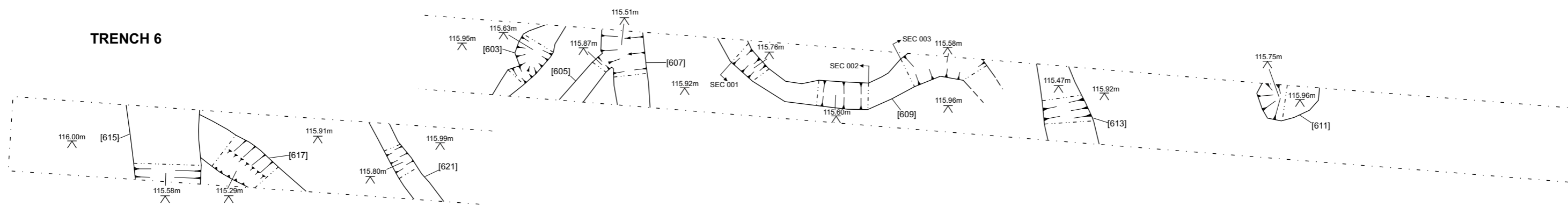


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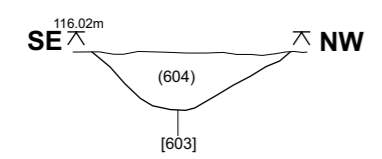


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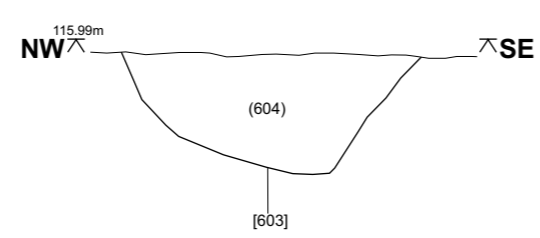




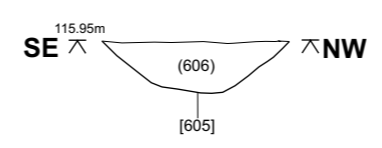
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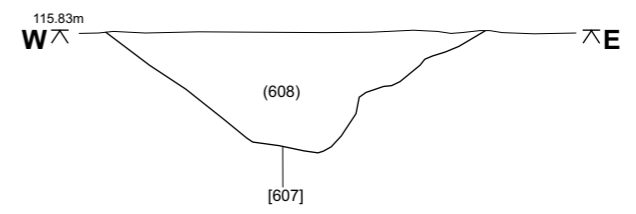
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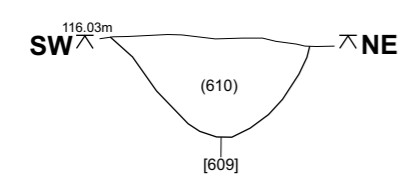
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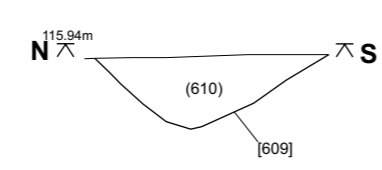
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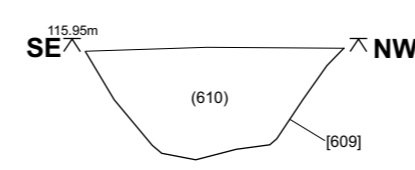
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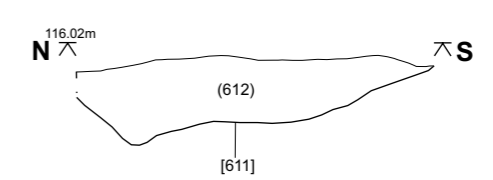
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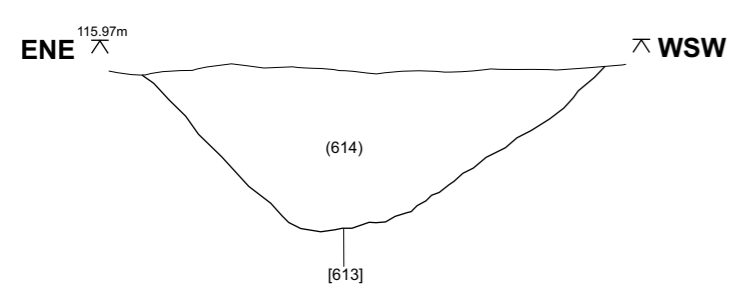
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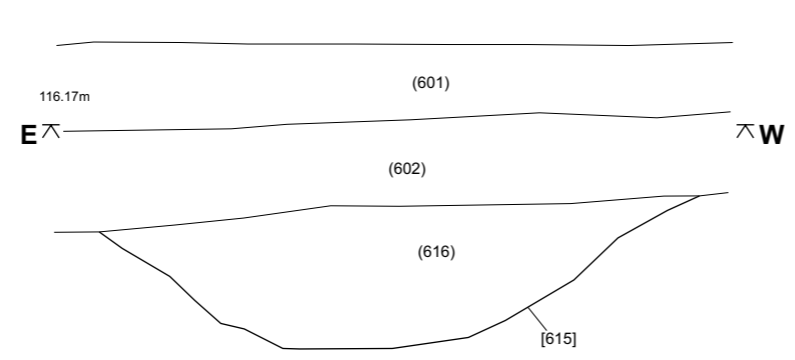
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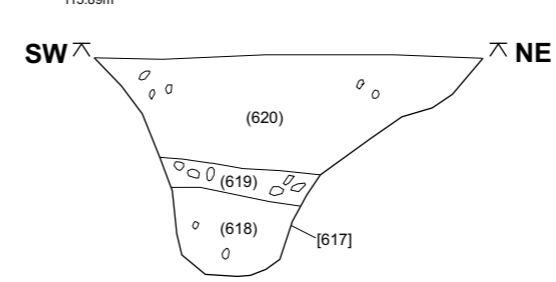
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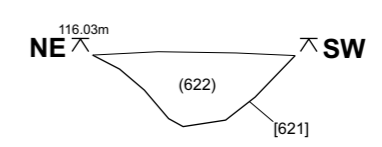
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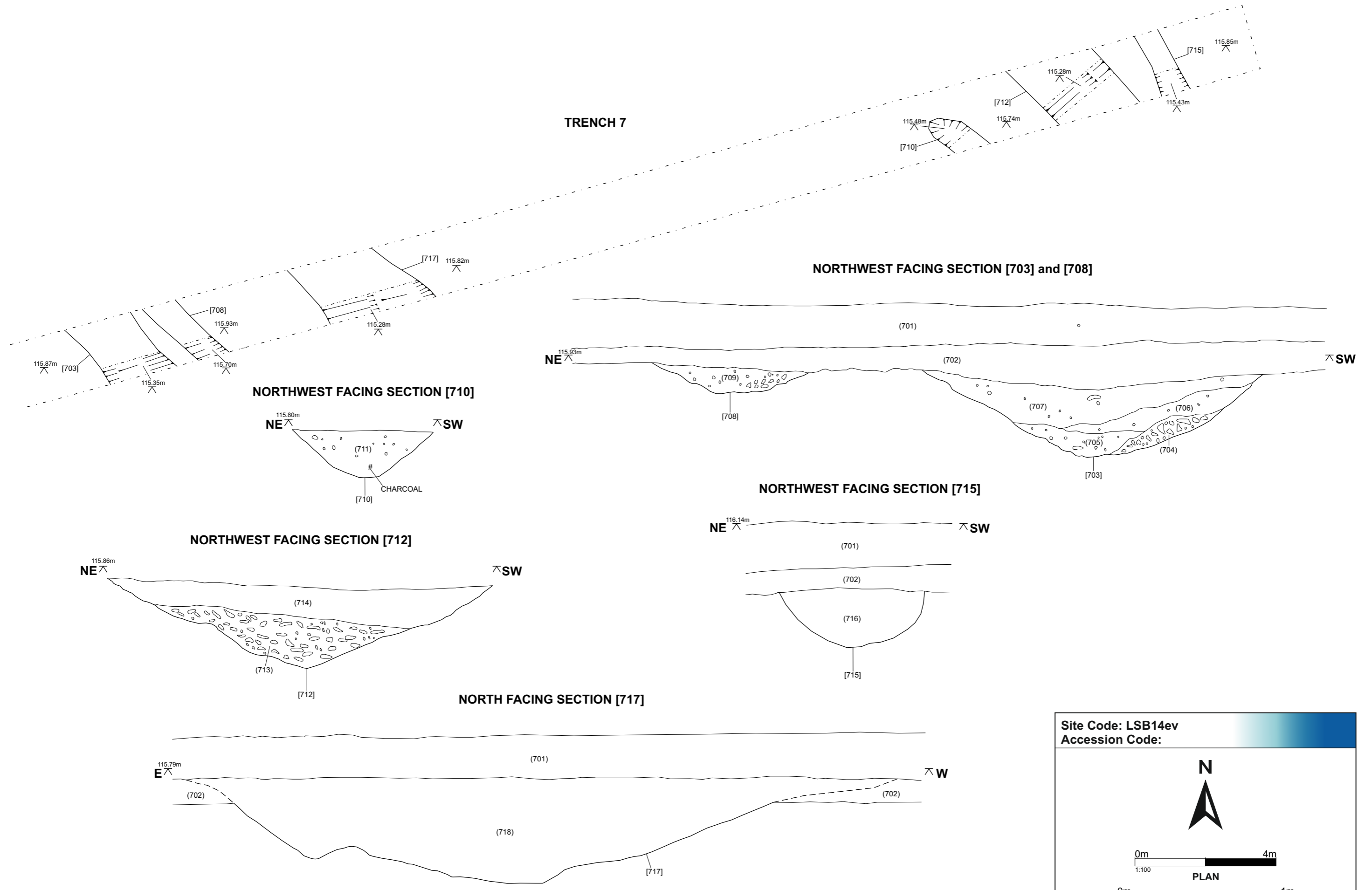
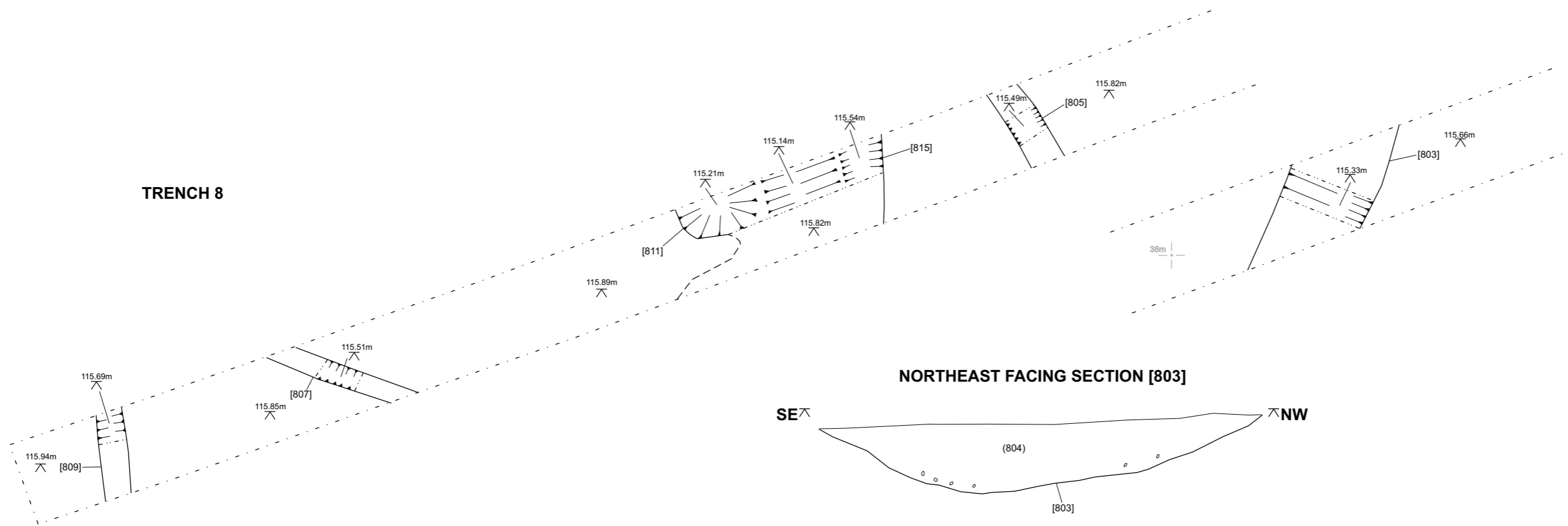
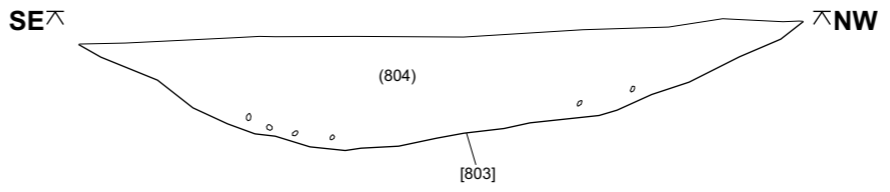


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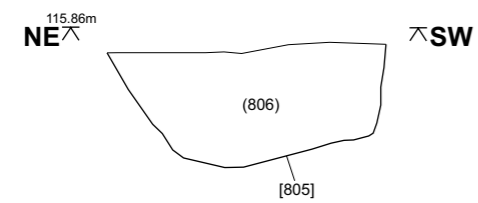


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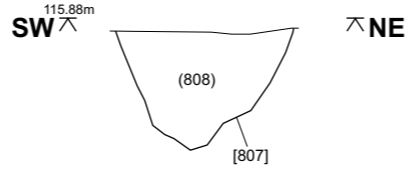
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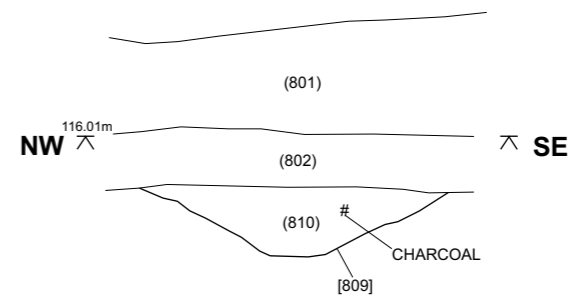
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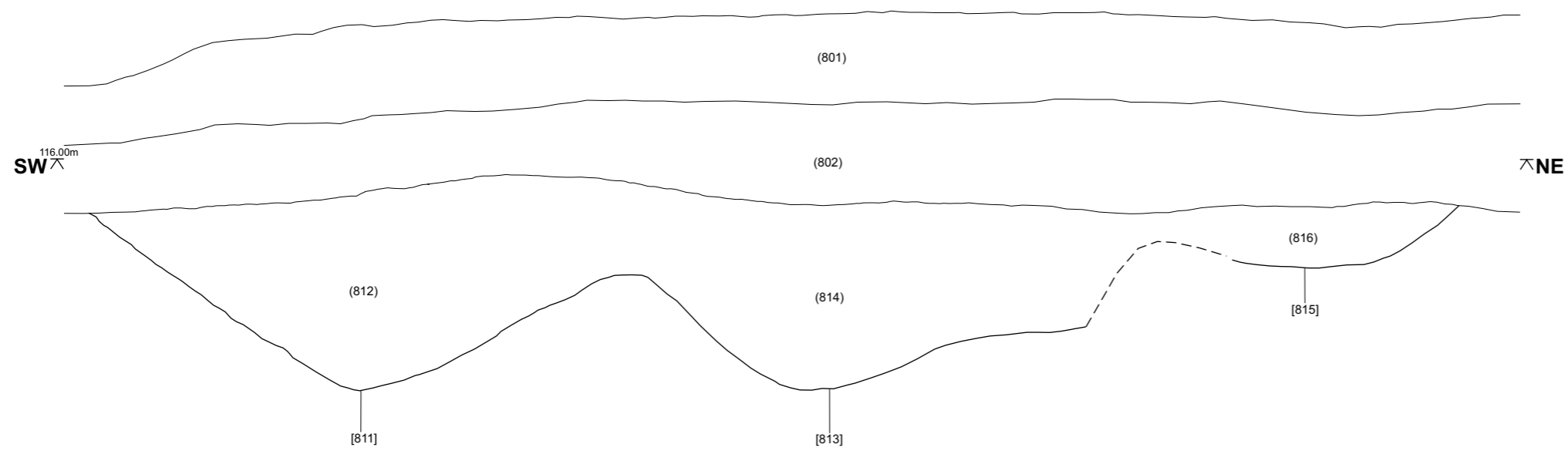
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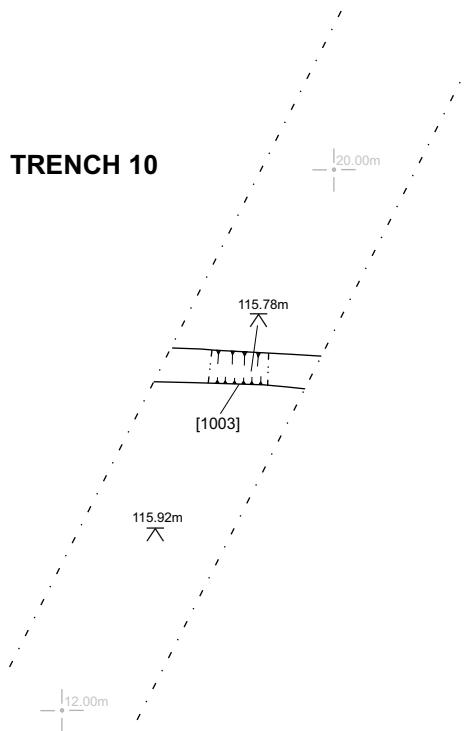
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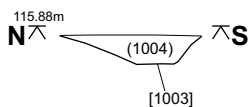
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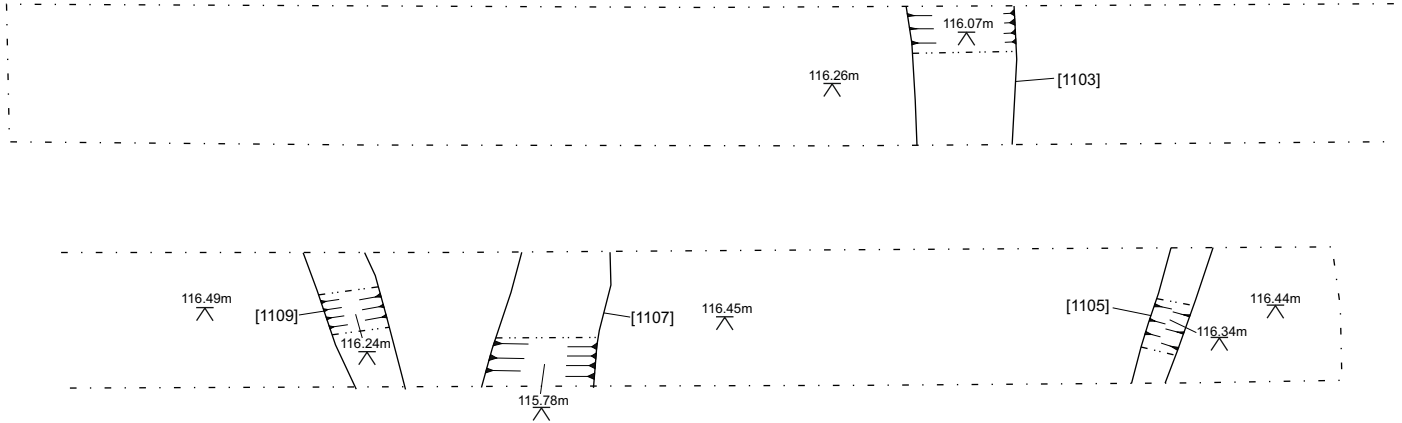
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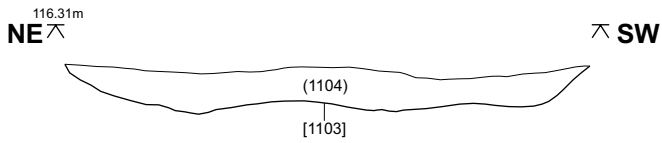
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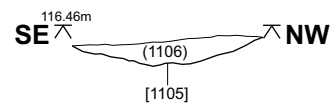
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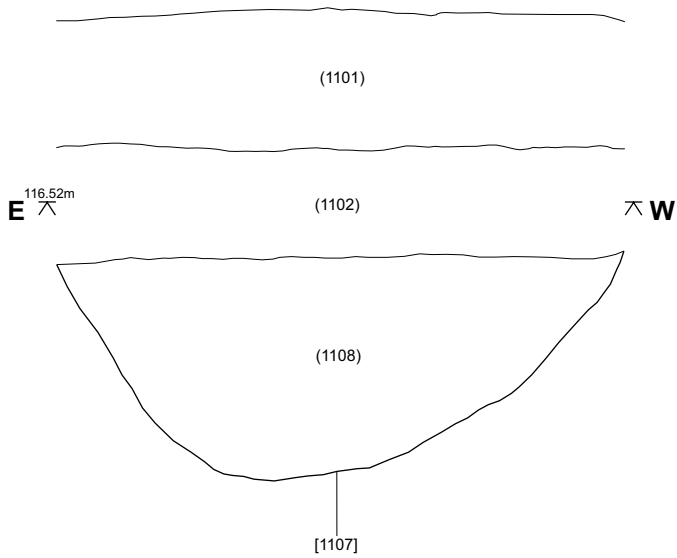
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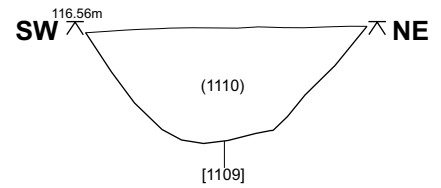
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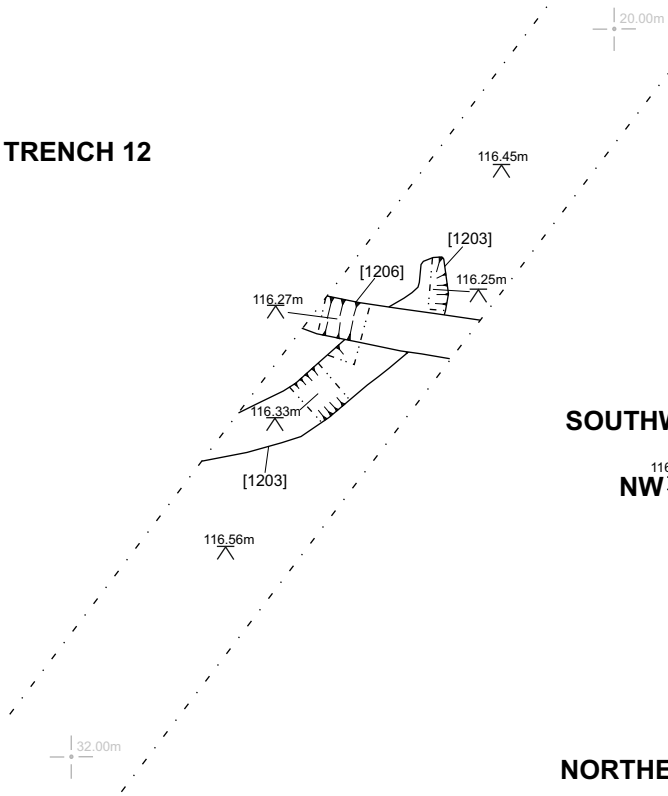


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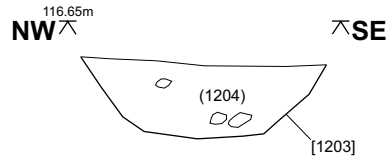


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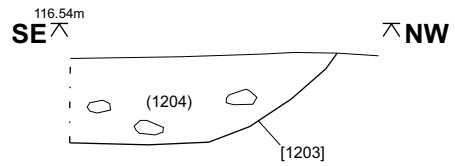
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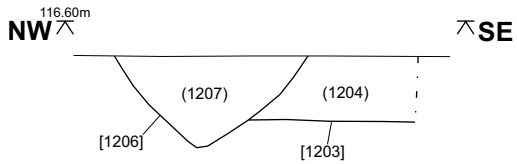
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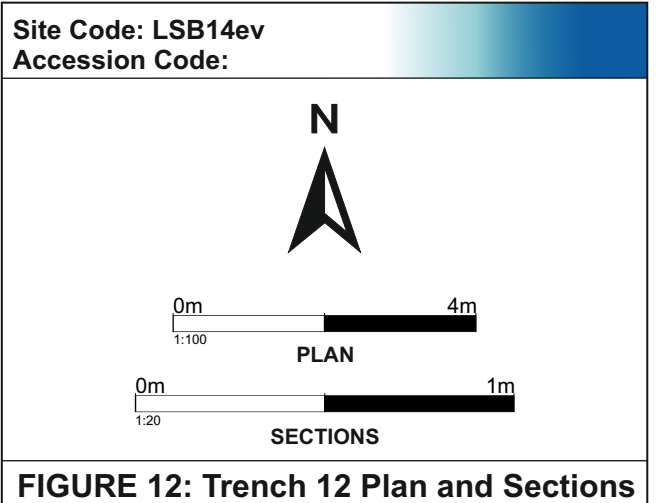
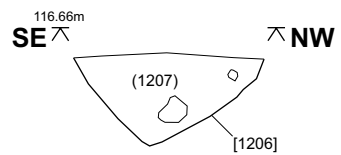
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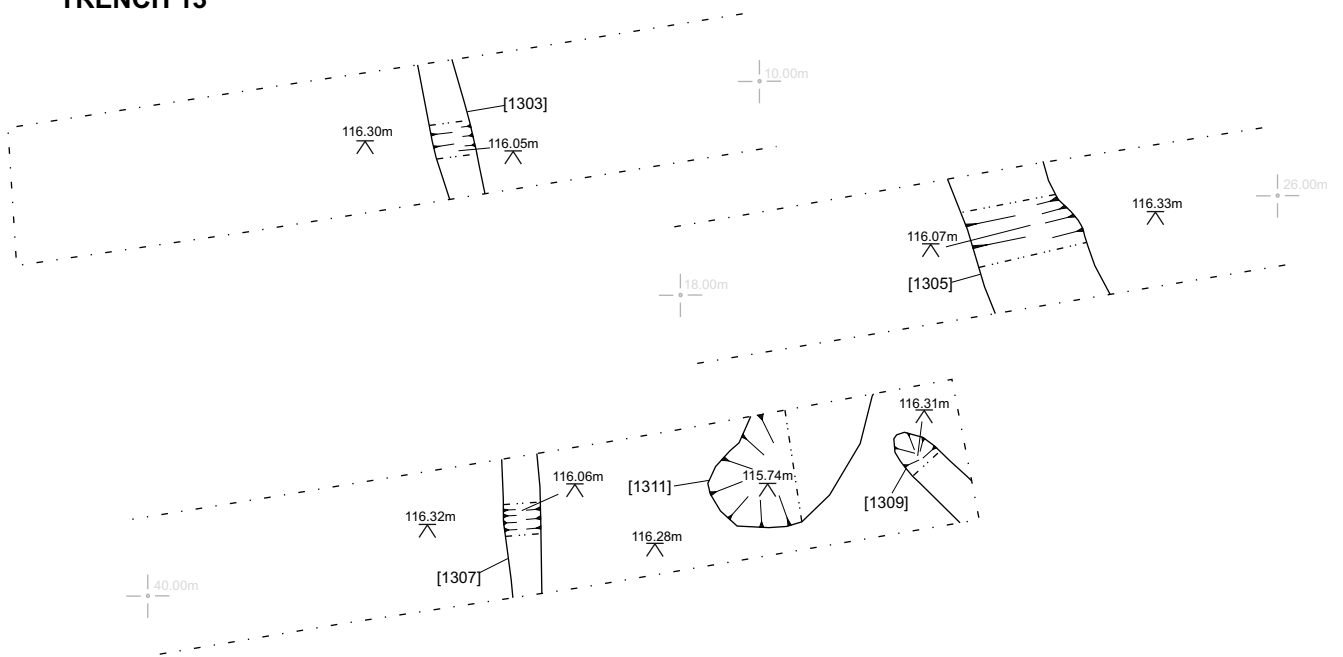
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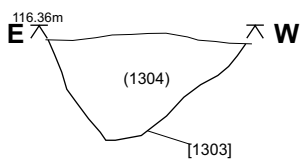
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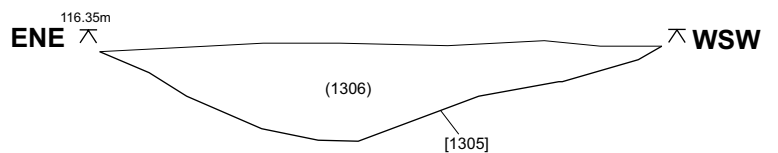
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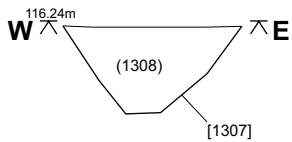
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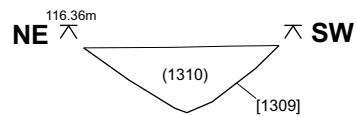
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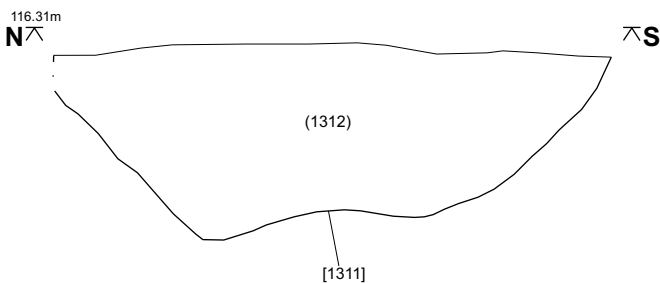
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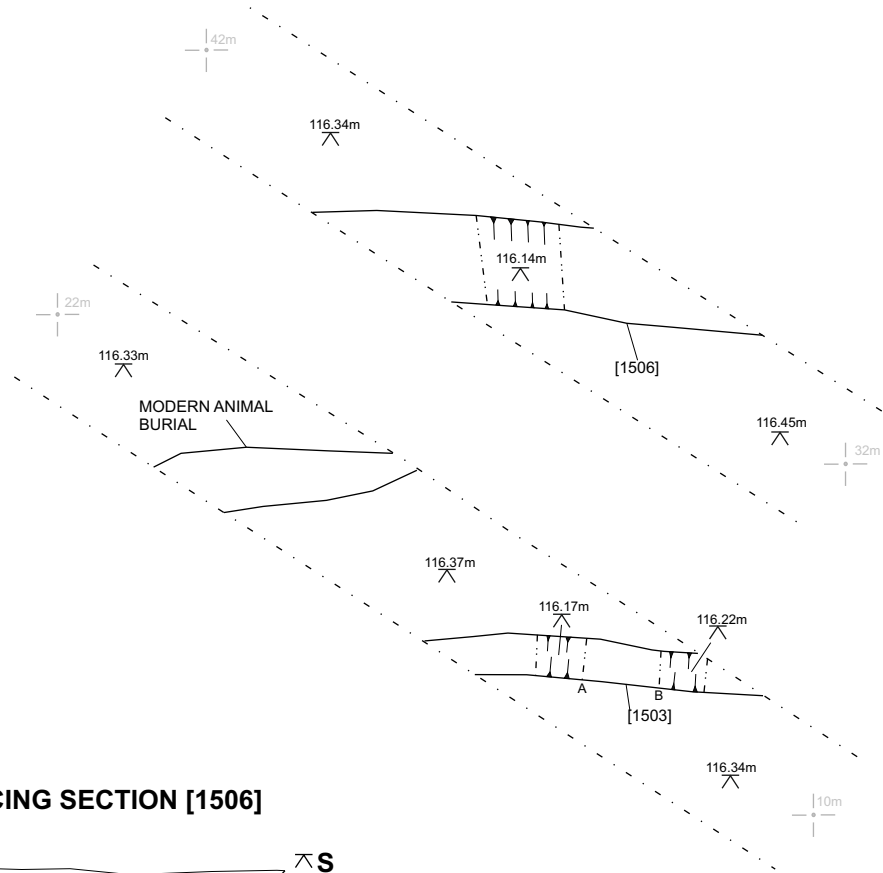
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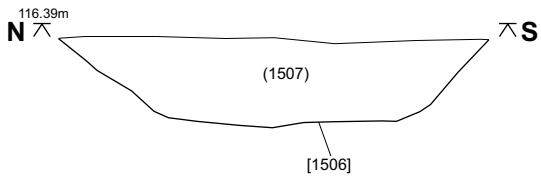
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FIGURE 13: Trench 13 Plan and Sections

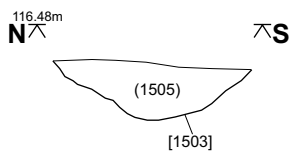
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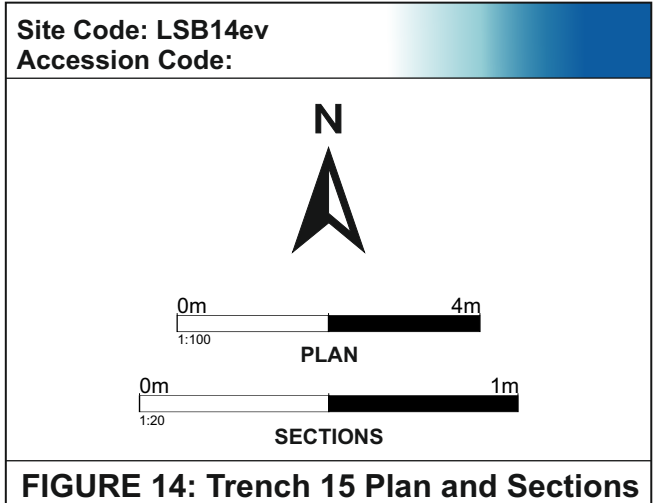
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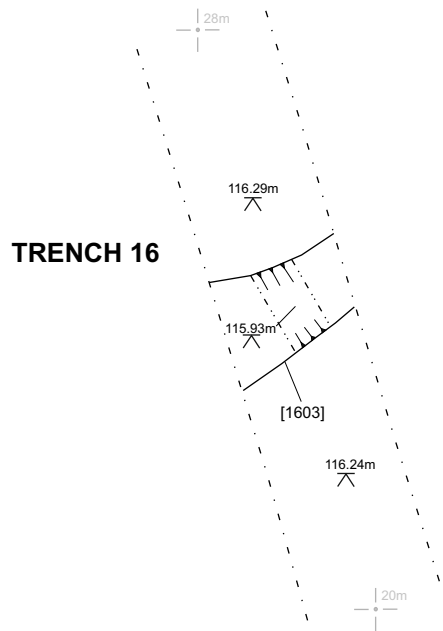


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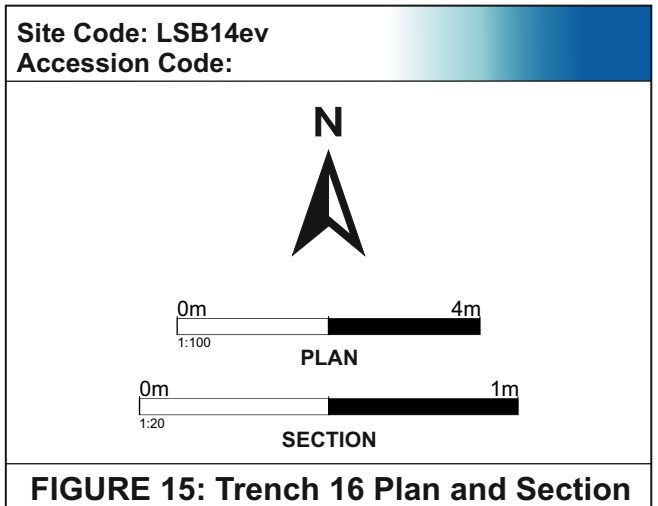
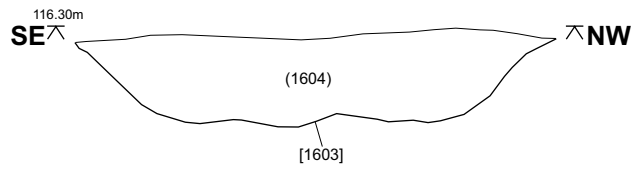


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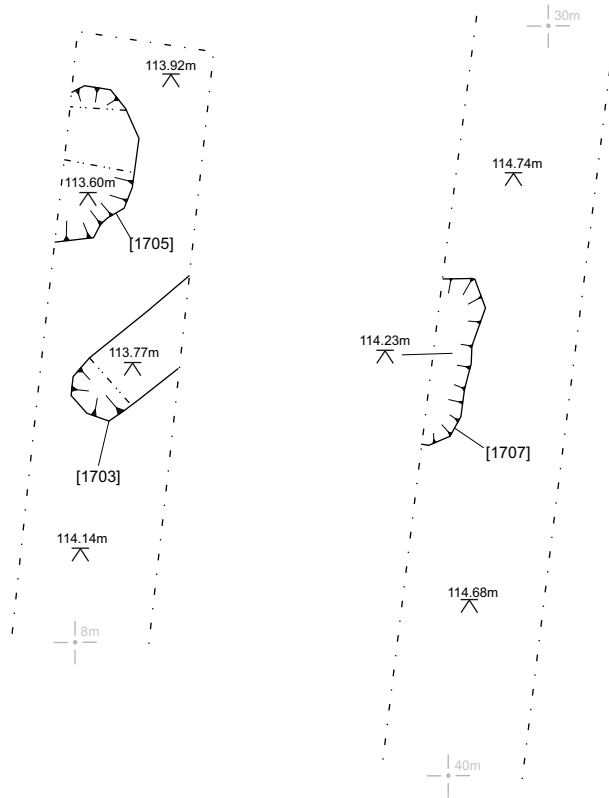




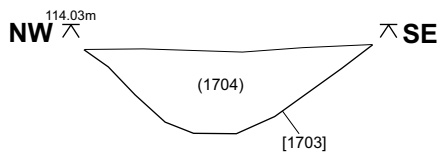
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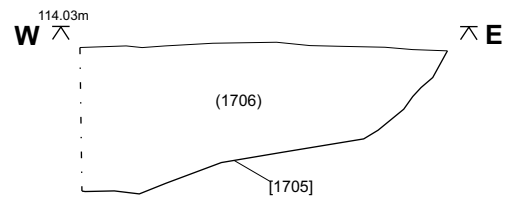
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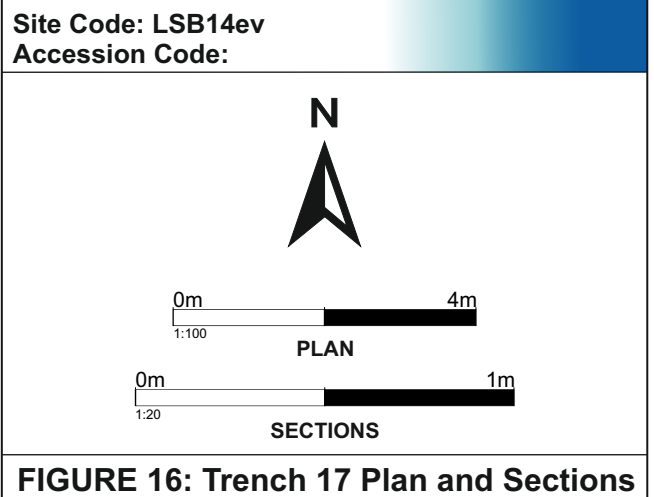
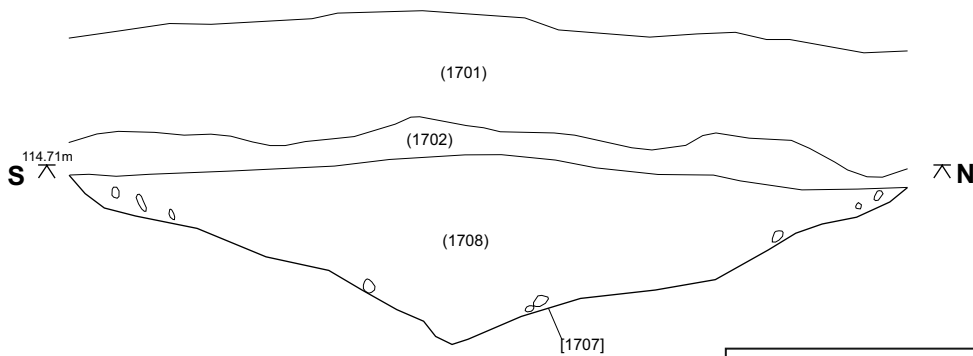
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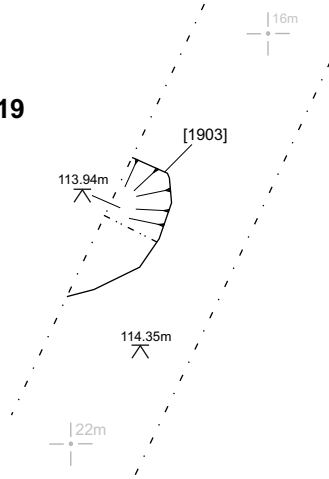
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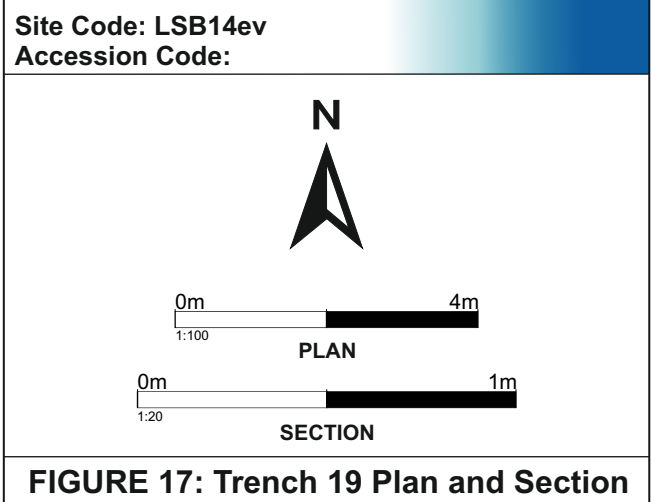
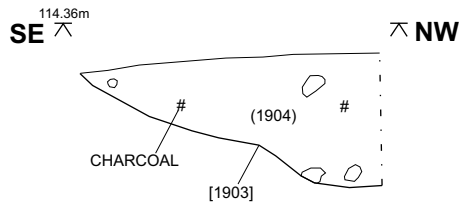
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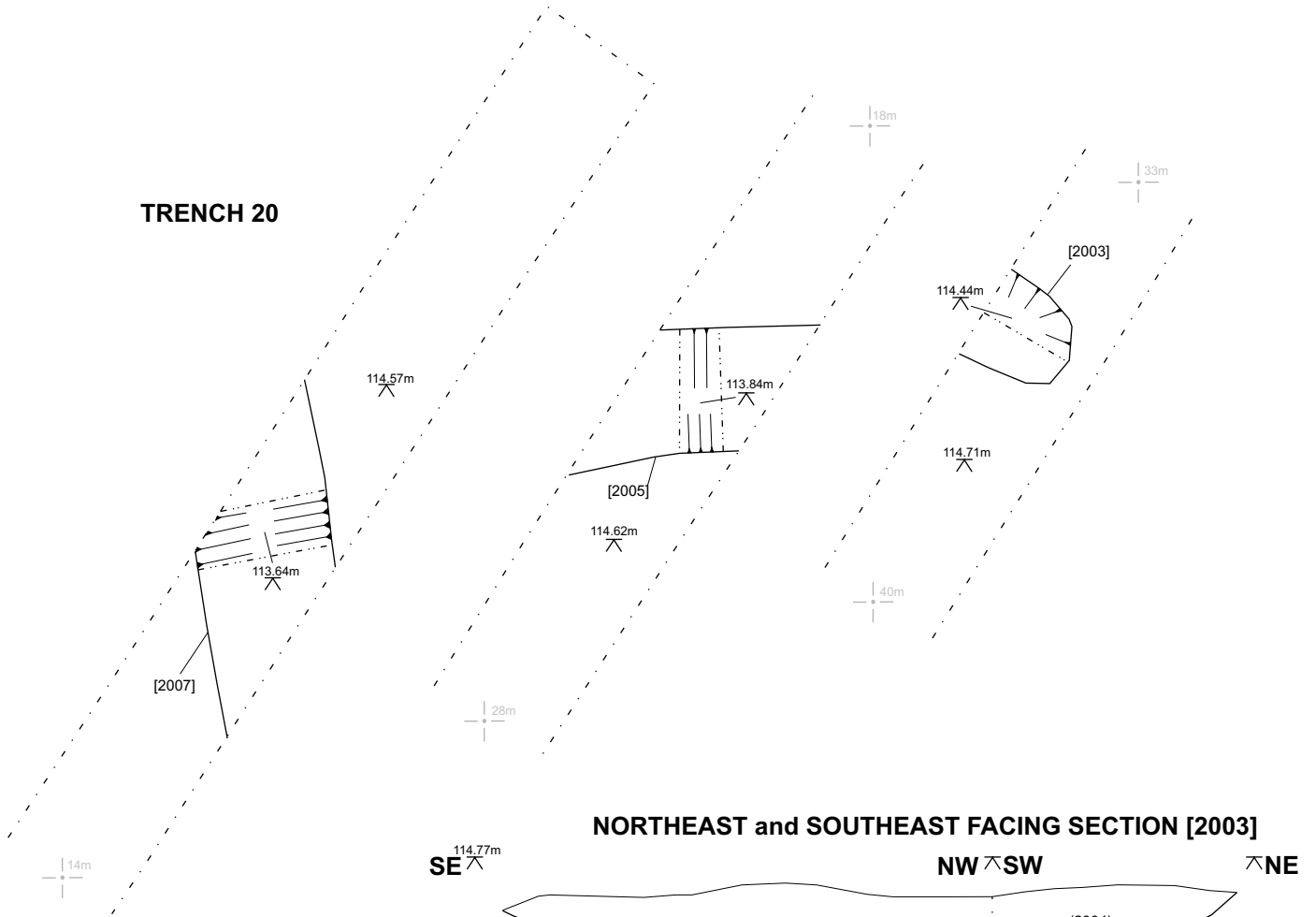
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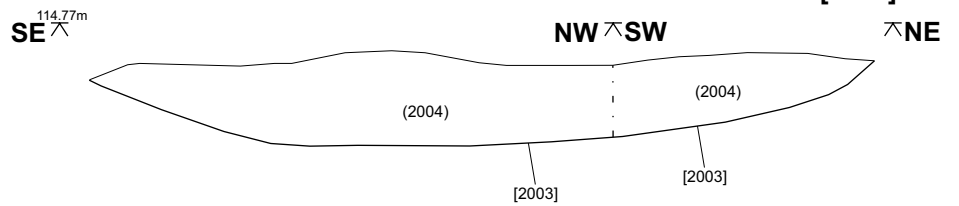
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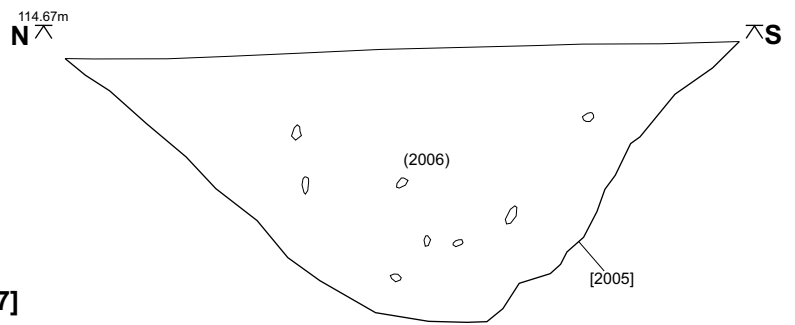
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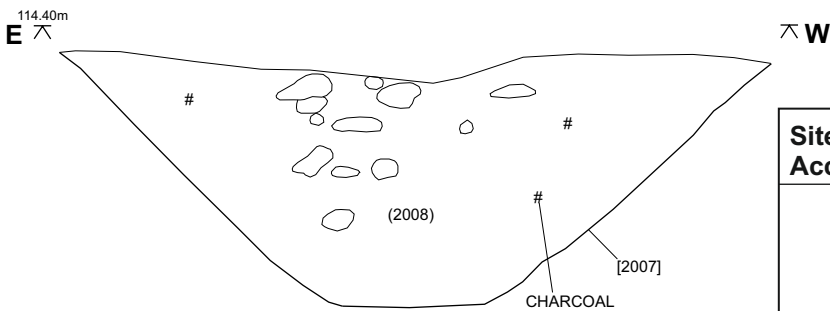
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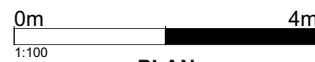
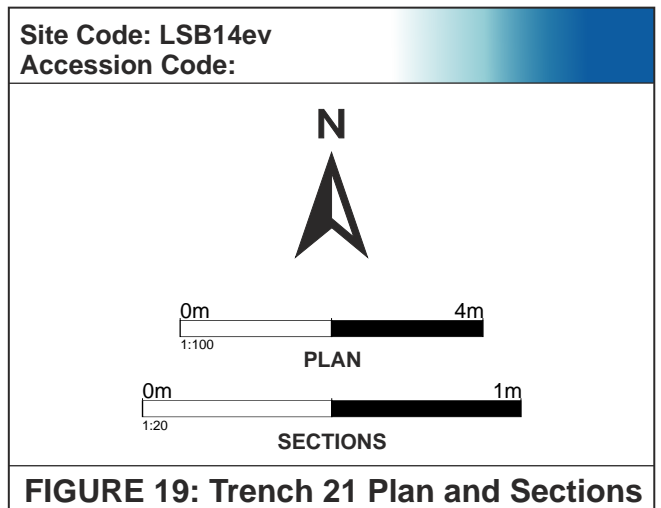
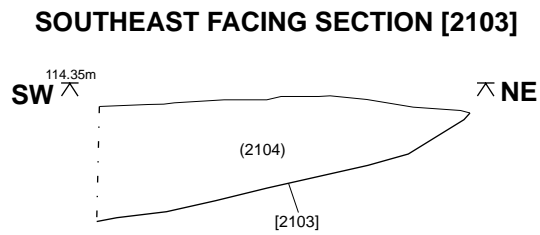
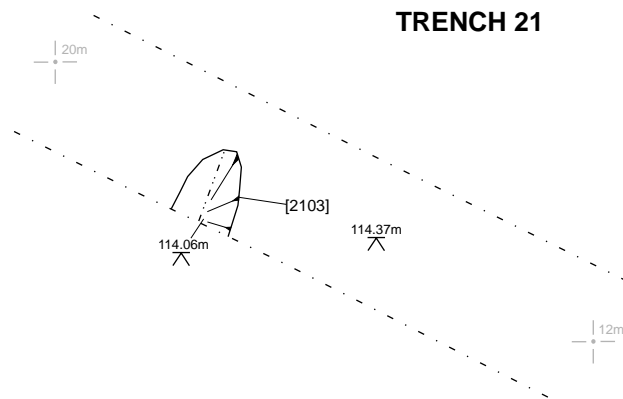
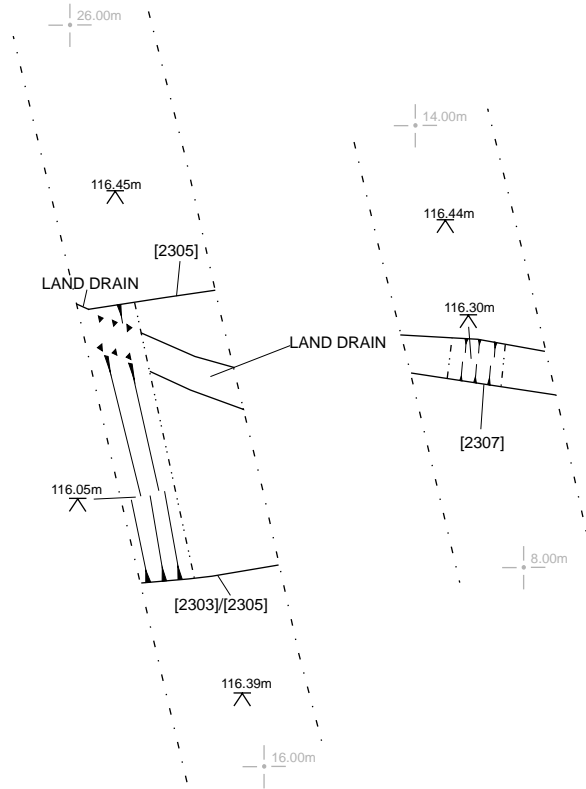


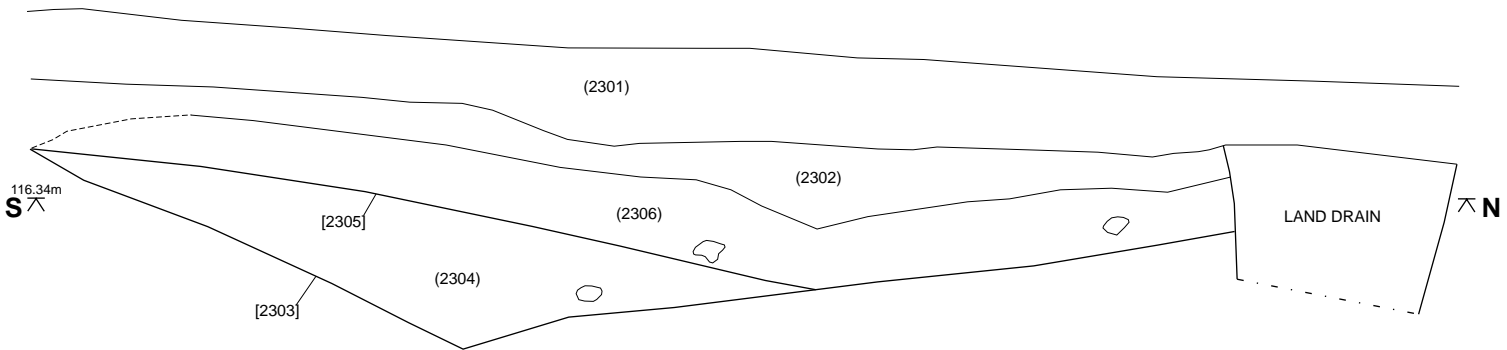
FIGURE 18: Trench 20 Plan and Sections



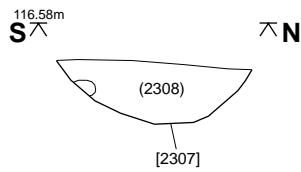
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EAST FACING SECTION [2303] and [2305]



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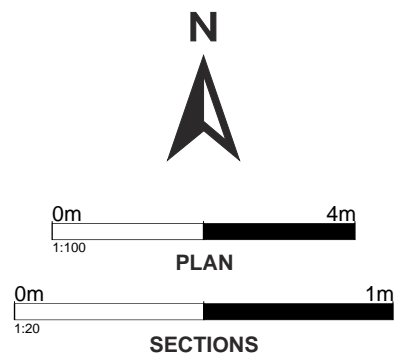
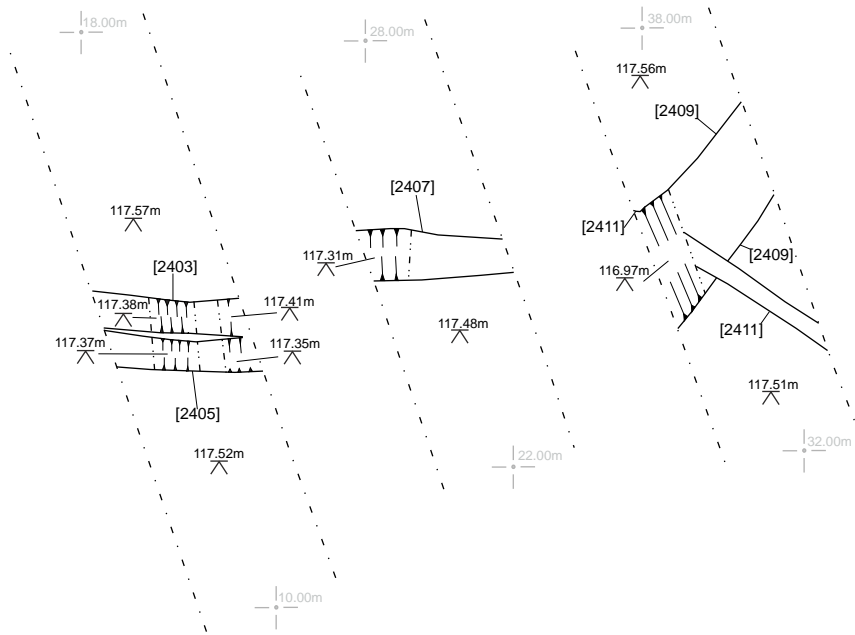
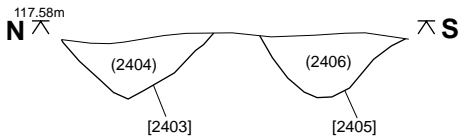


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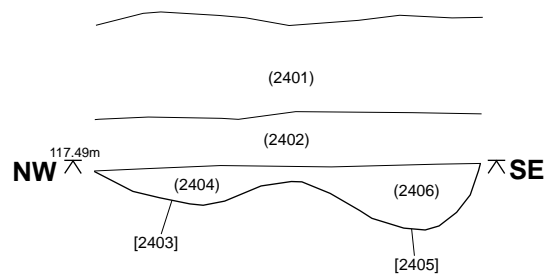
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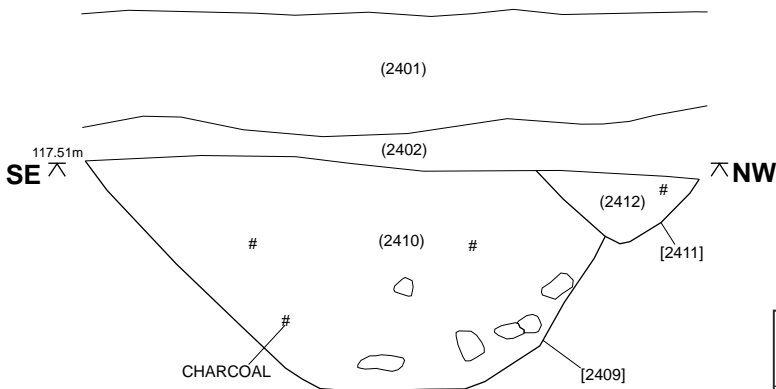
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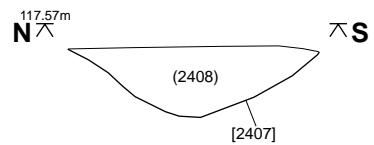
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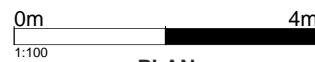
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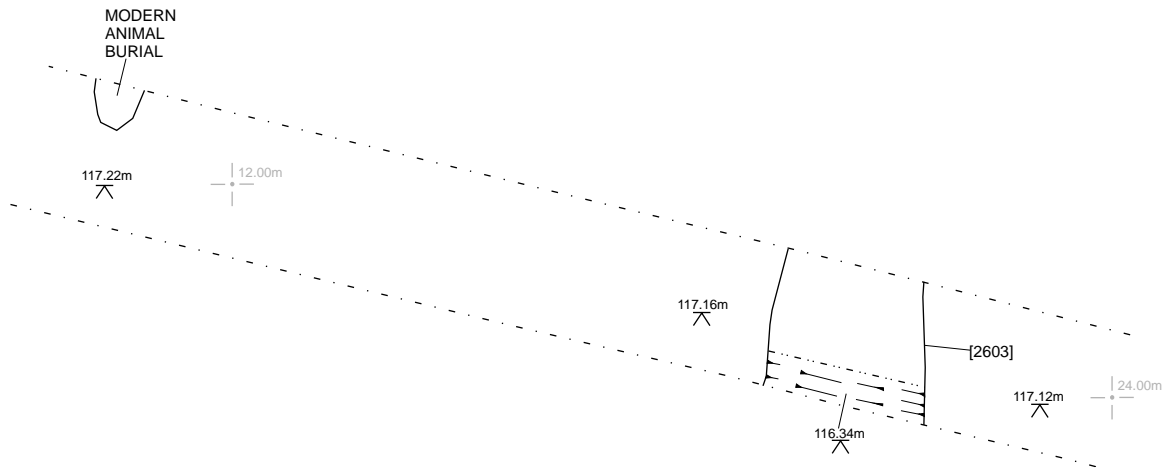
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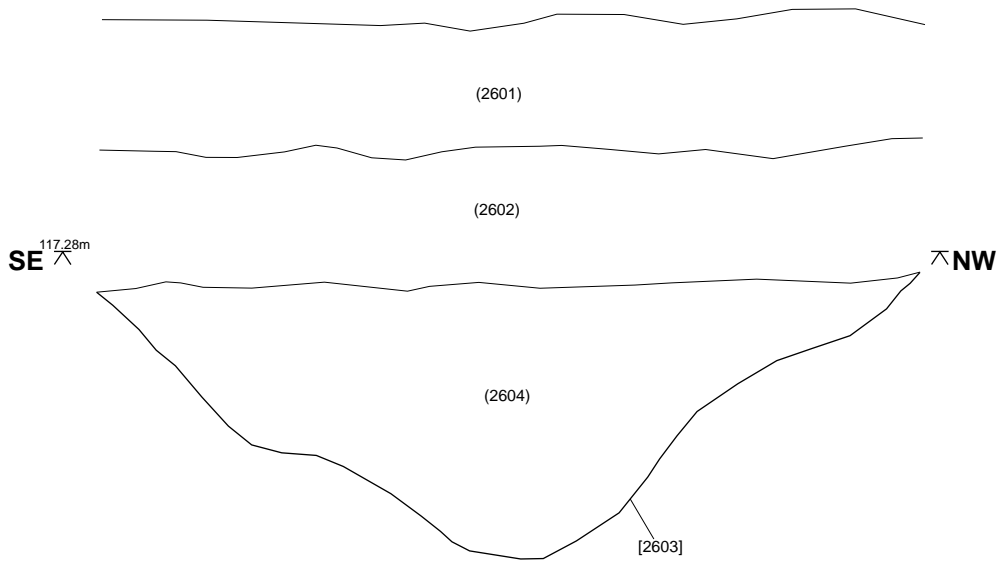
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FIGURE 21: Trench 24 Plan and Sections

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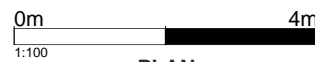
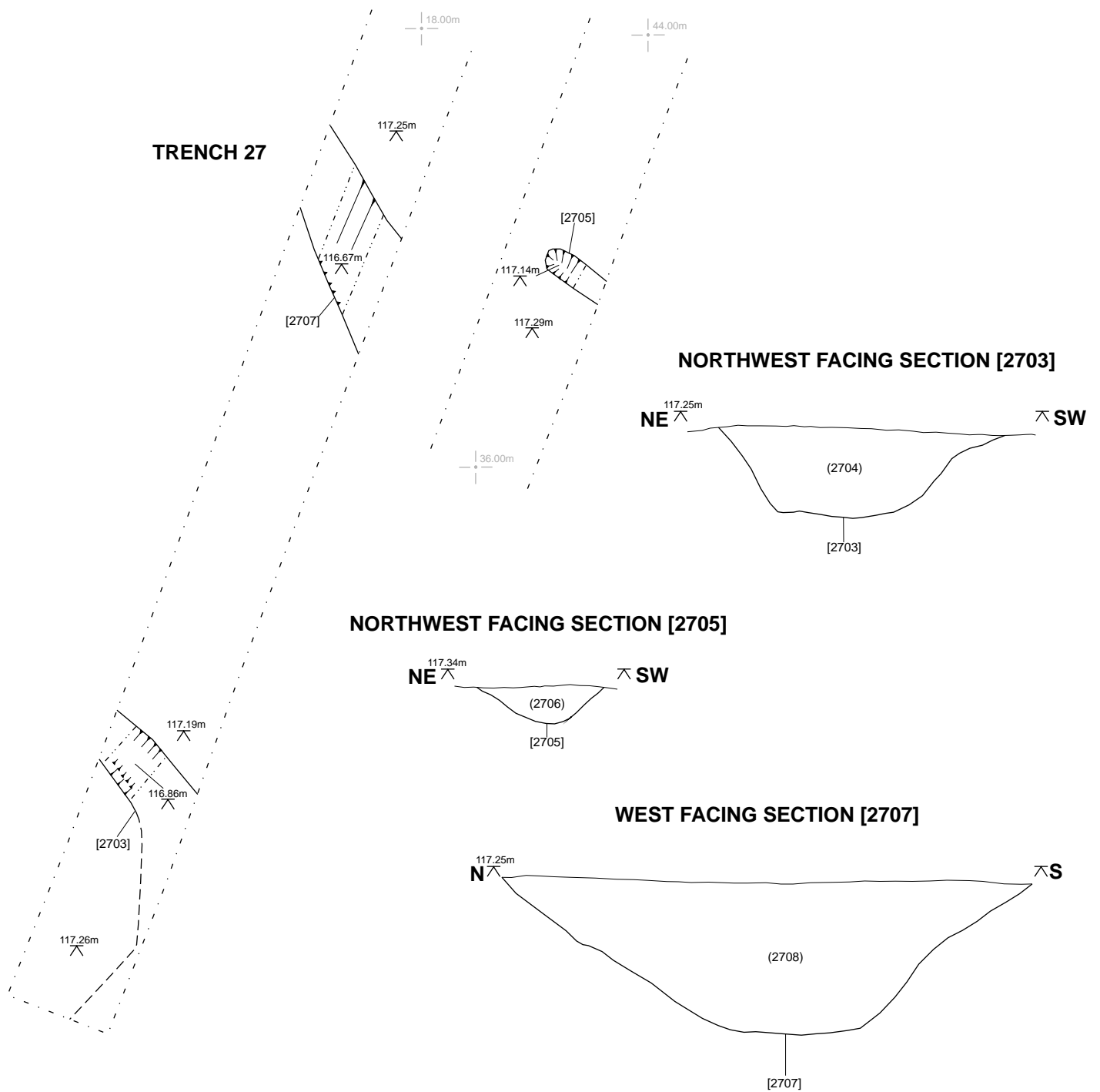




FIGURE 22: Trench 26 Plan and Section




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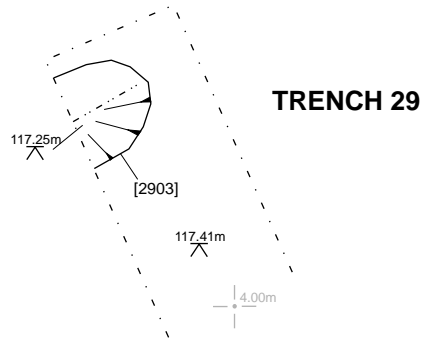


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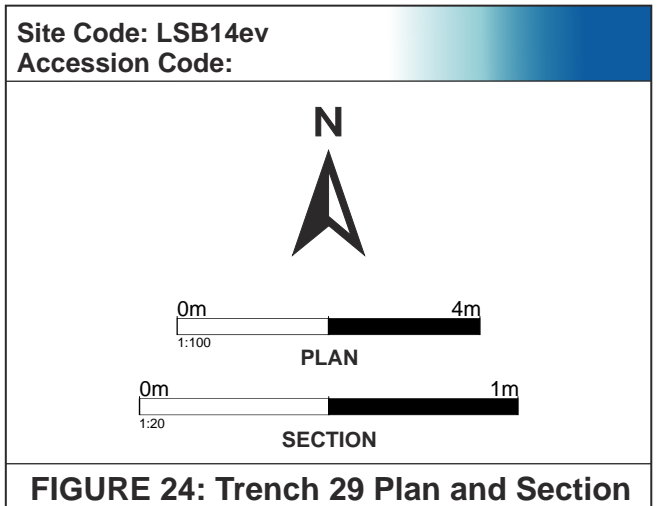
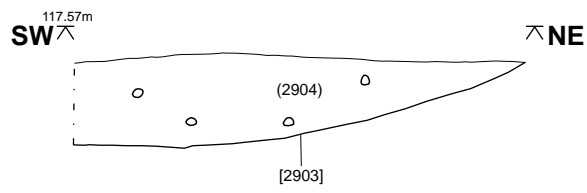


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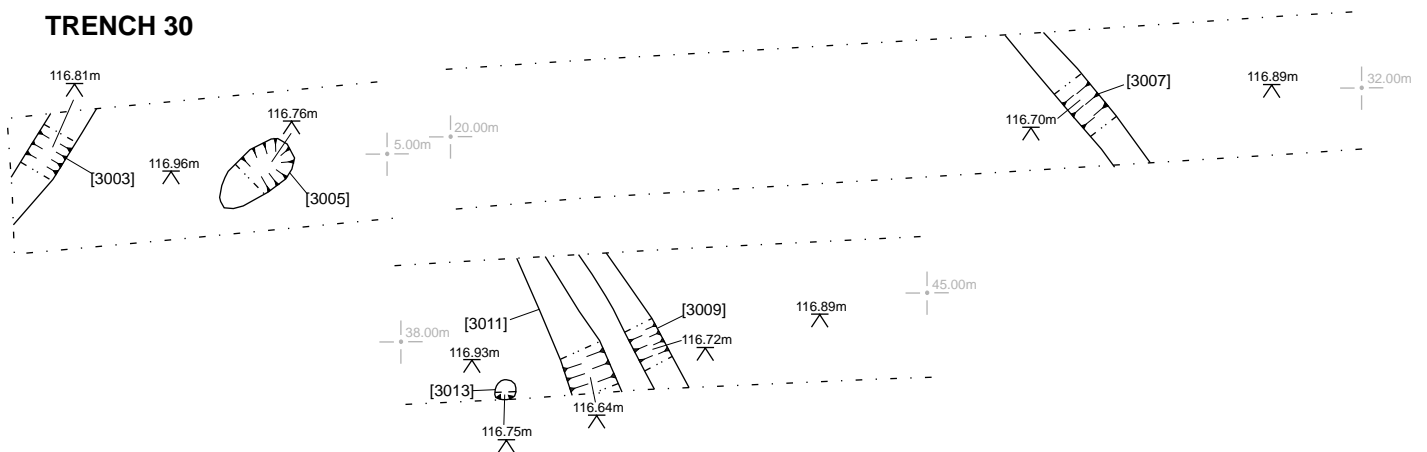
FIGURE 23: Trench 27 Plan and Sections



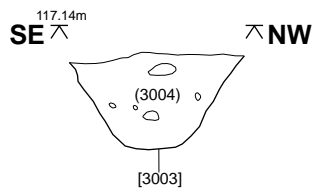
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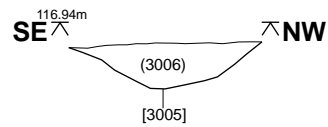
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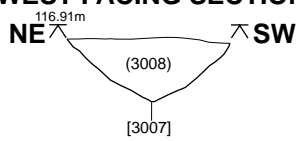
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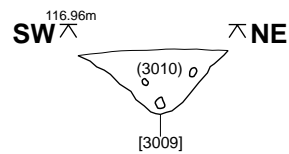
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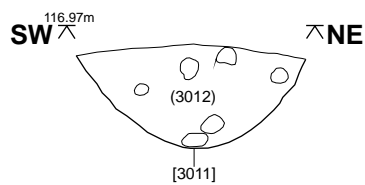
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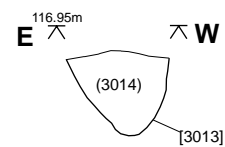
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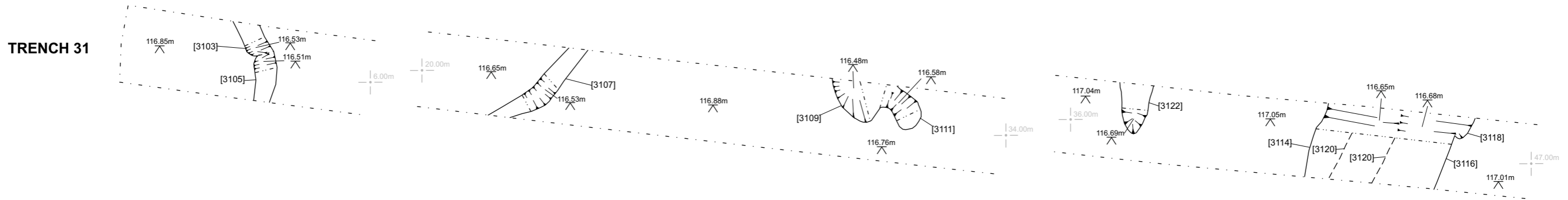
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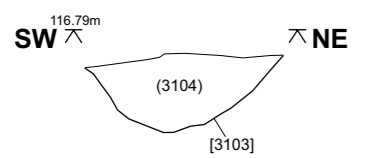
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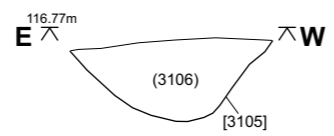
FIGURE 25: Trench 30 Plan and Sections



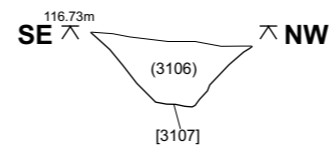
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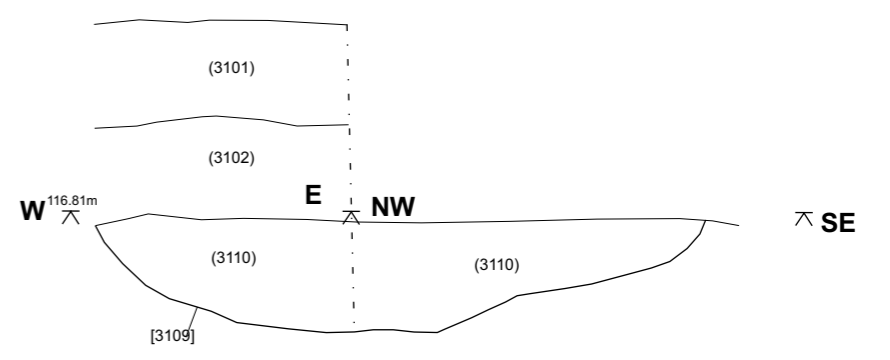
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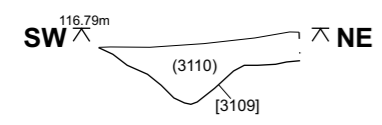
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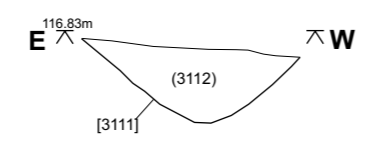
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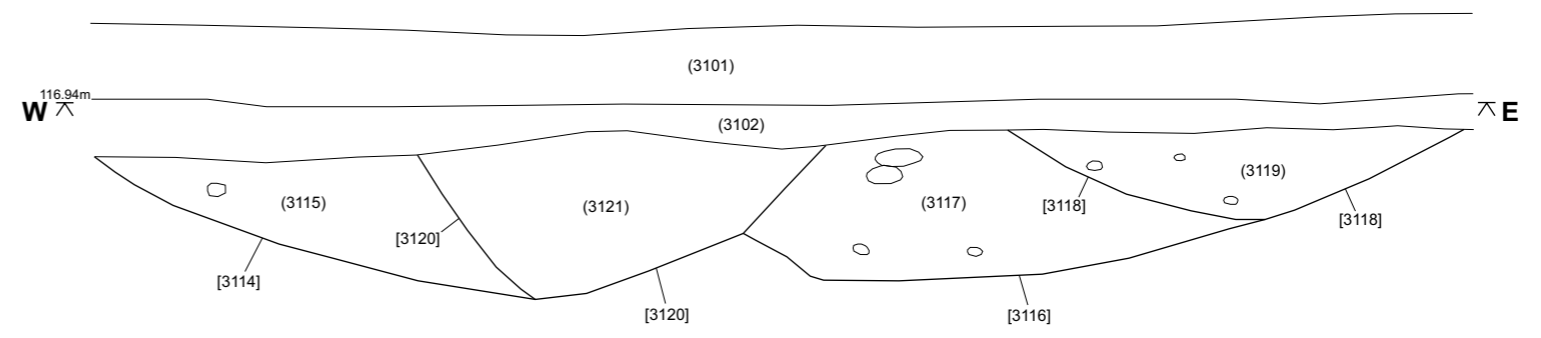
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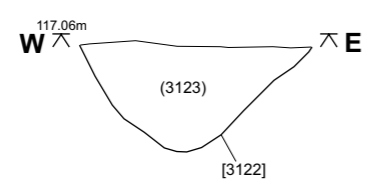
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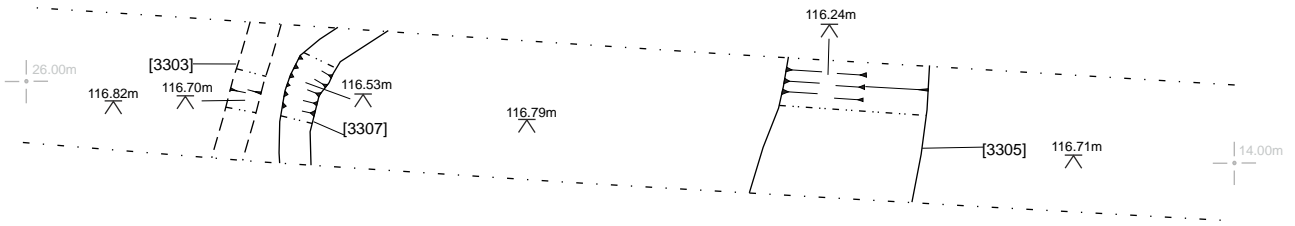
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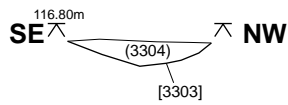
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FIGURE 26: Trench 31 Plan and Sections

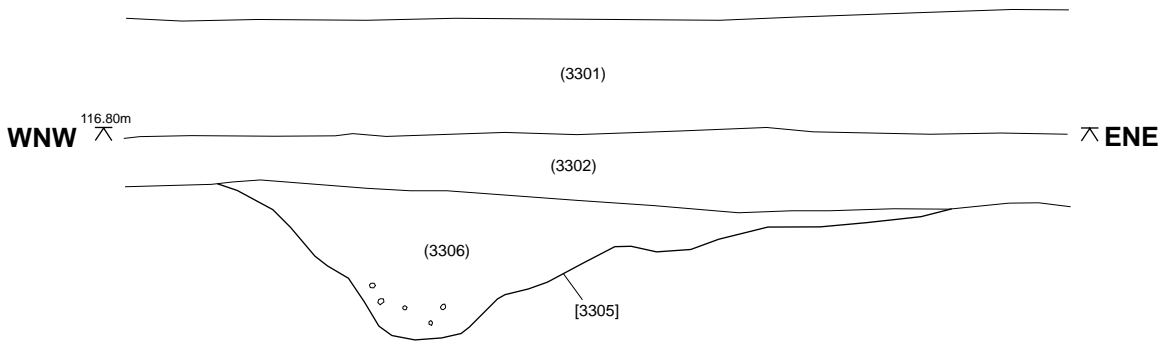
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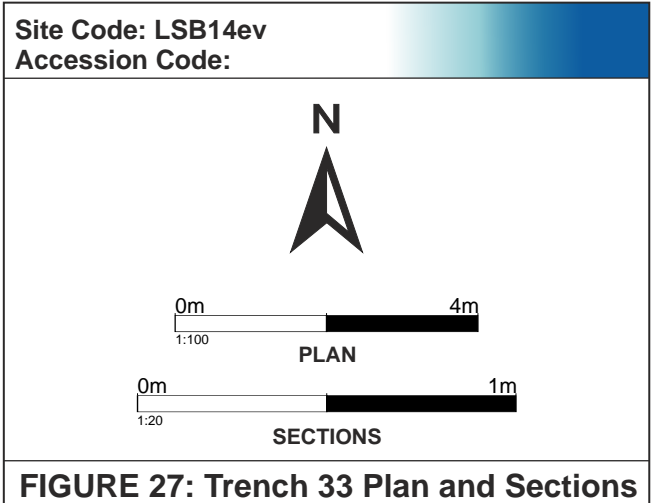
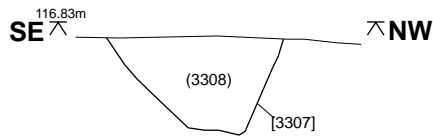
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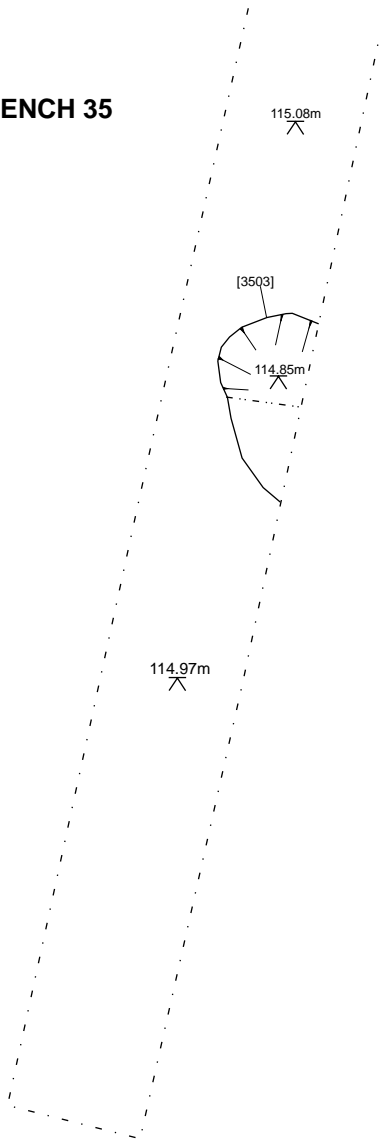
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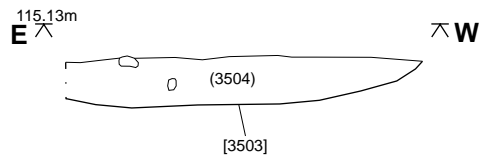
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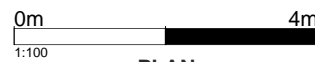
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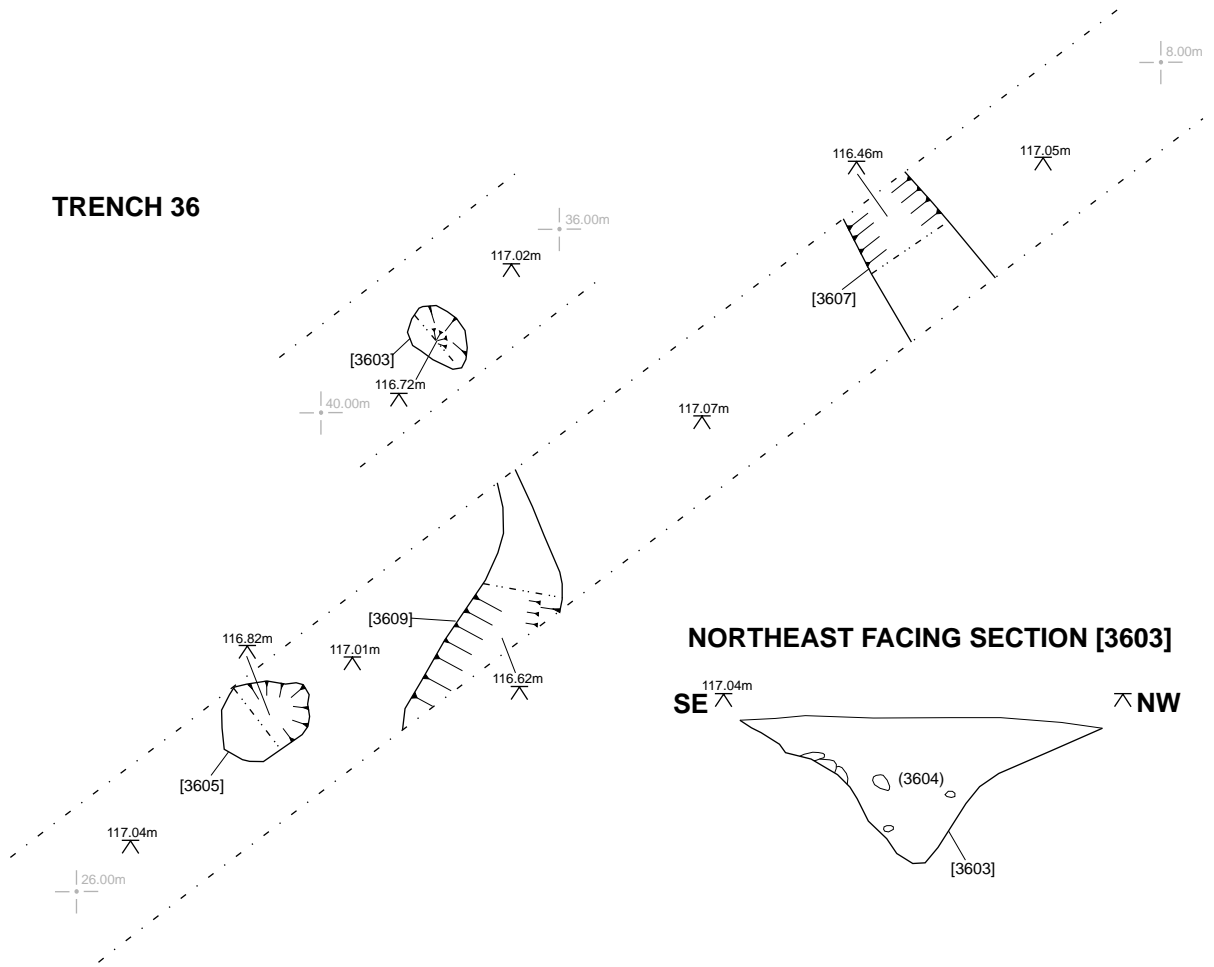
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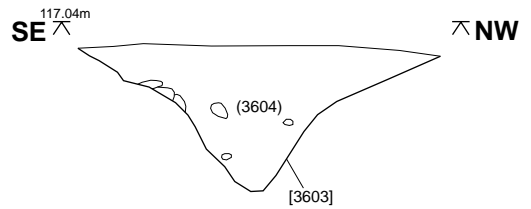
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FIGURE 28: Trench 35 Plan and Section

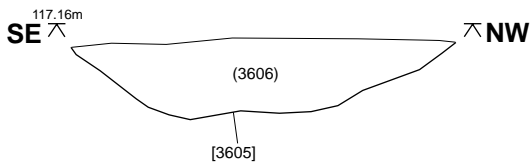
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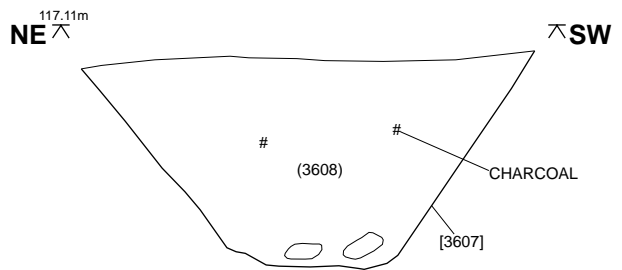
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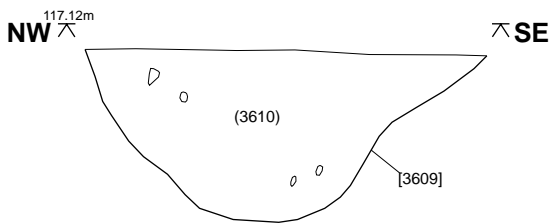
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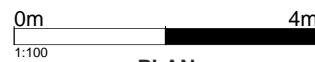


FIGURE 29: Trench 36 Plan and Sections