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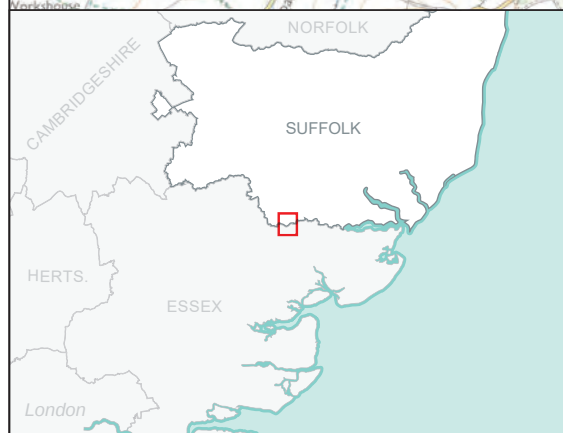
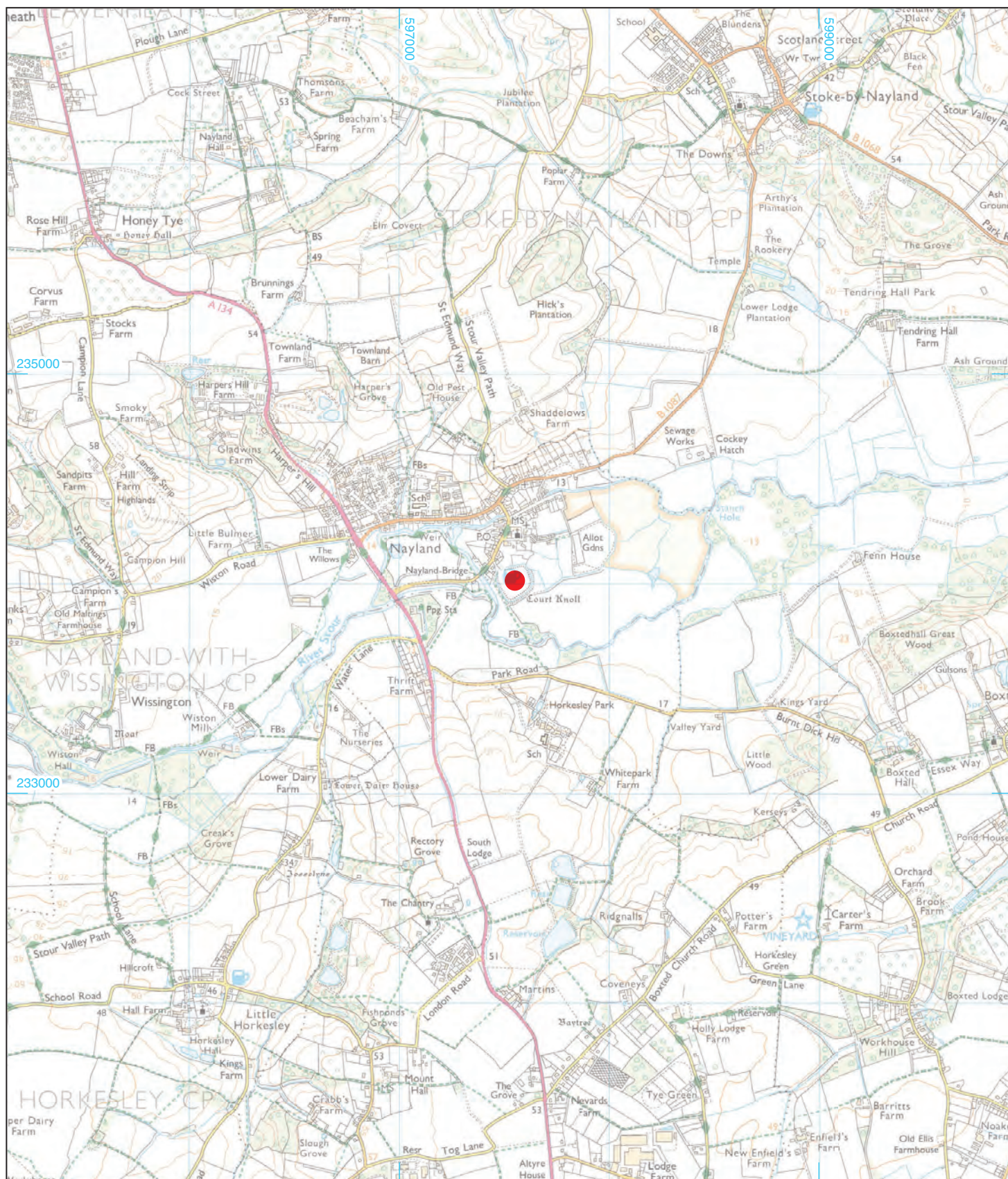
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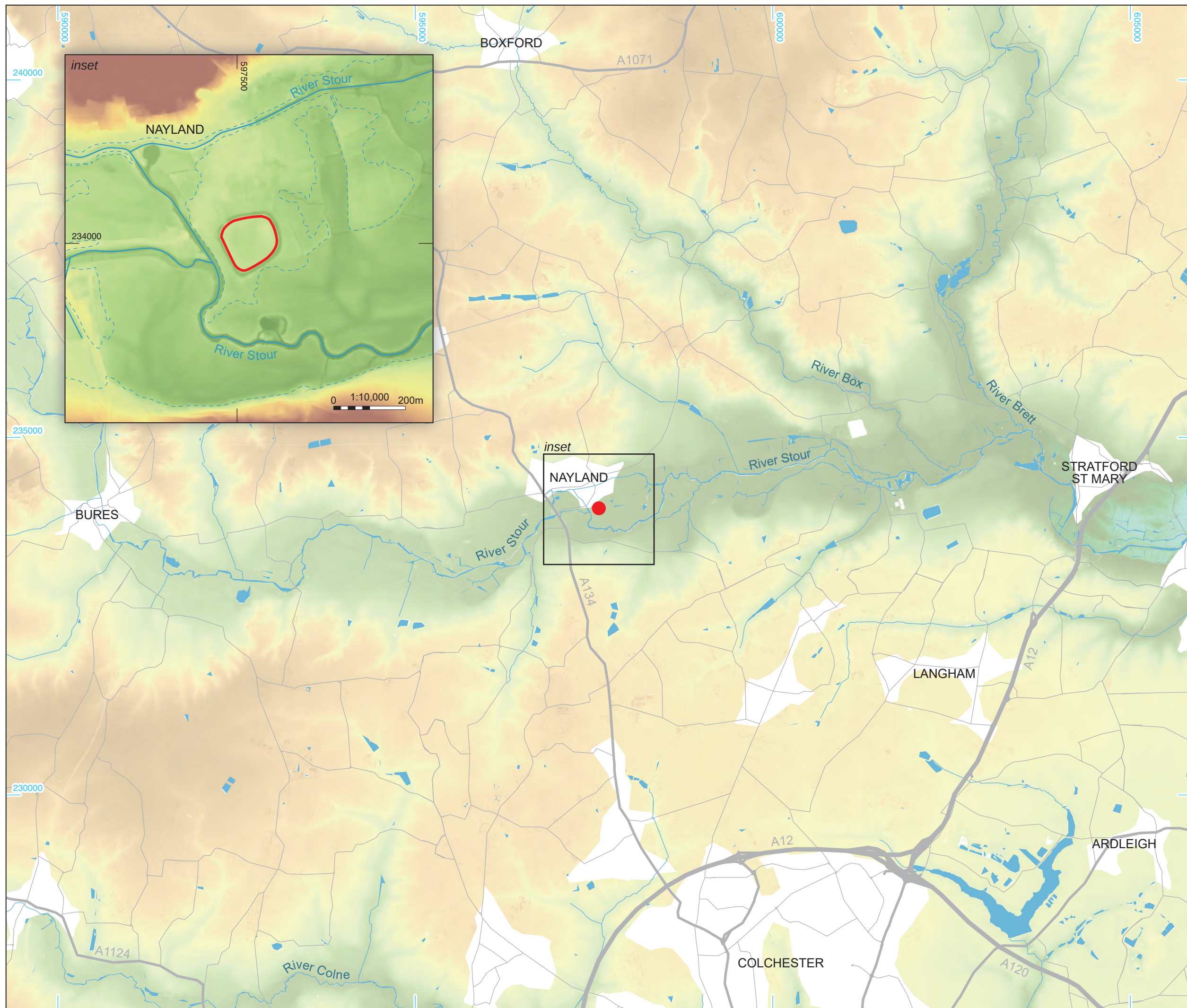


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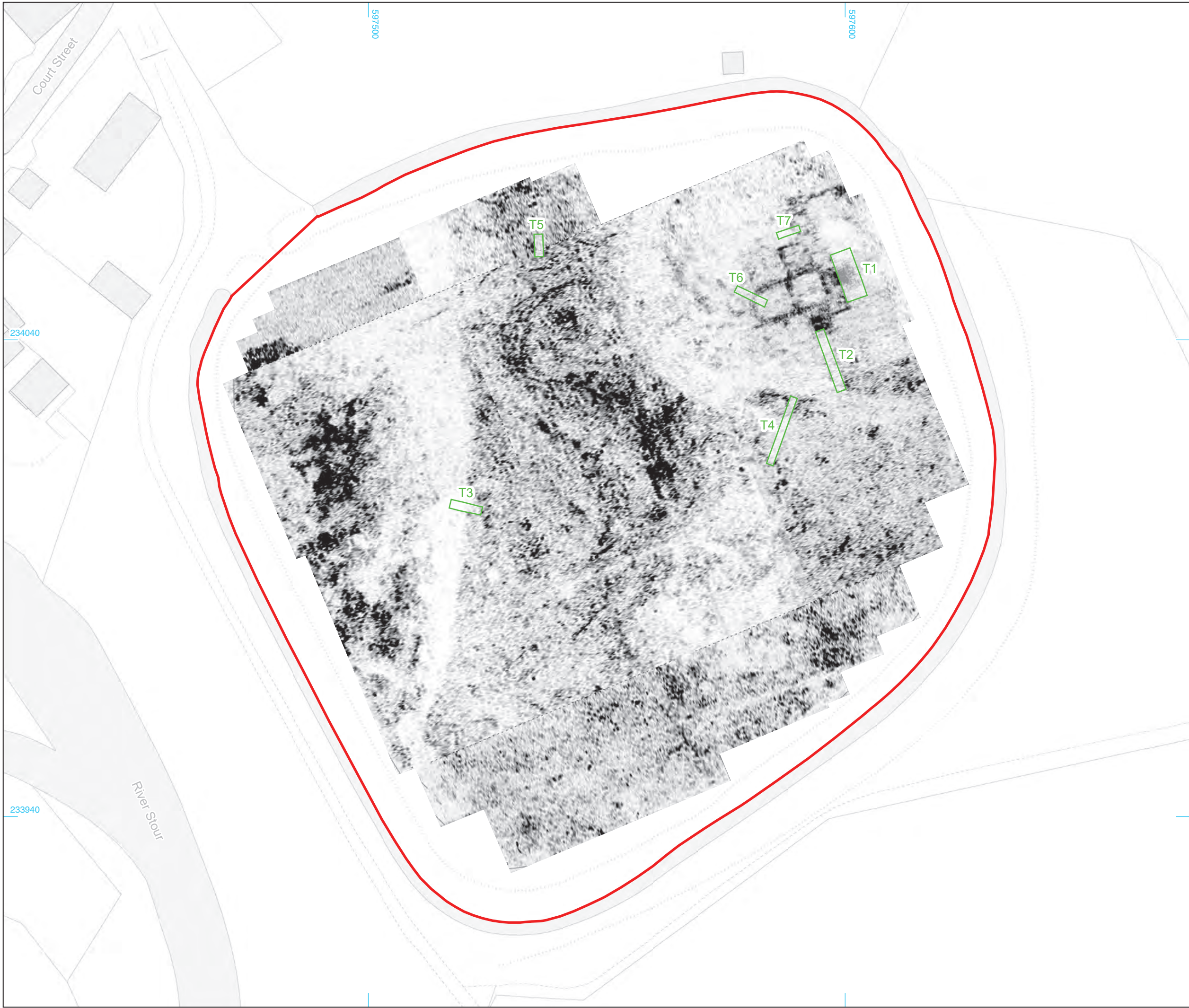
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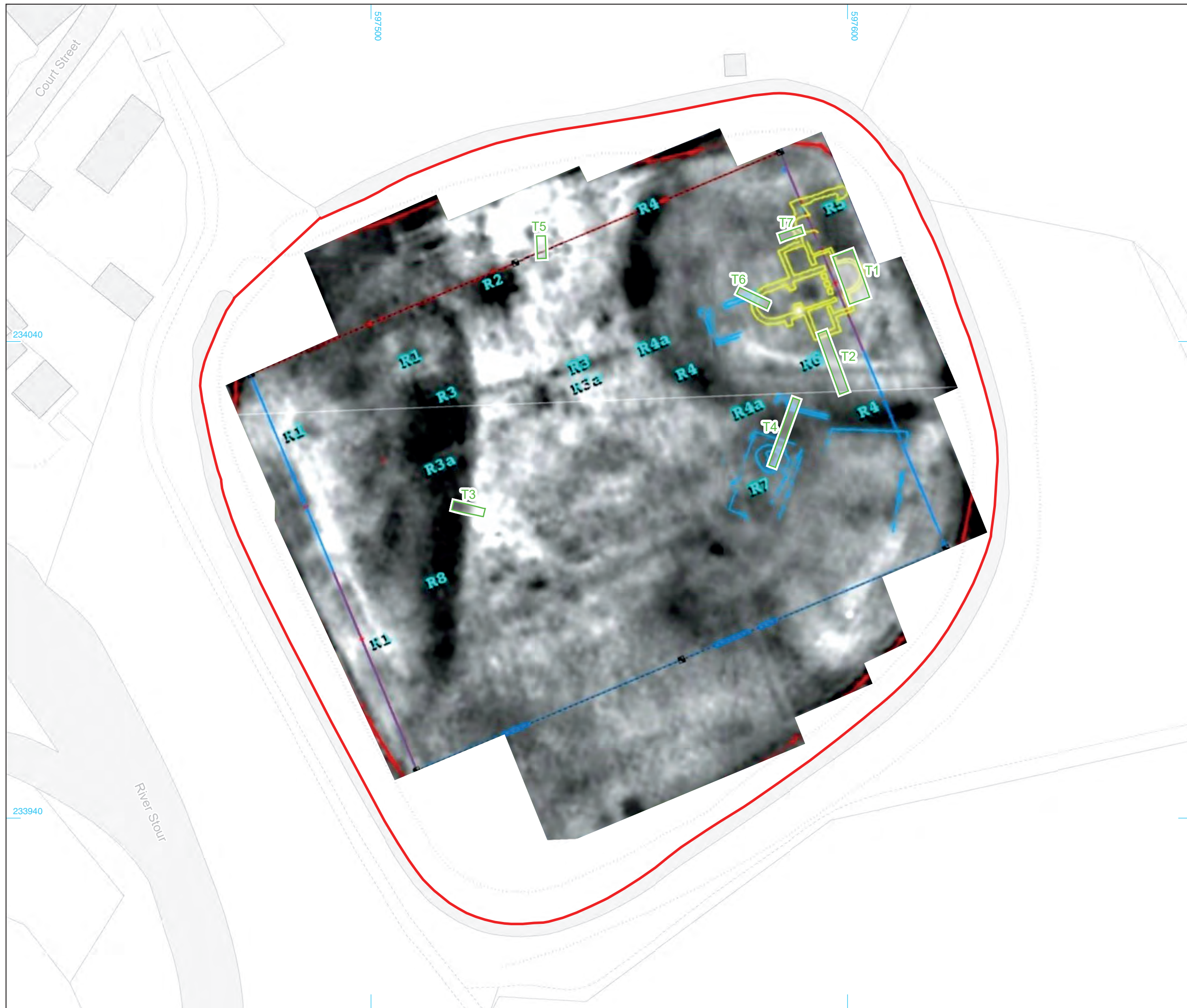
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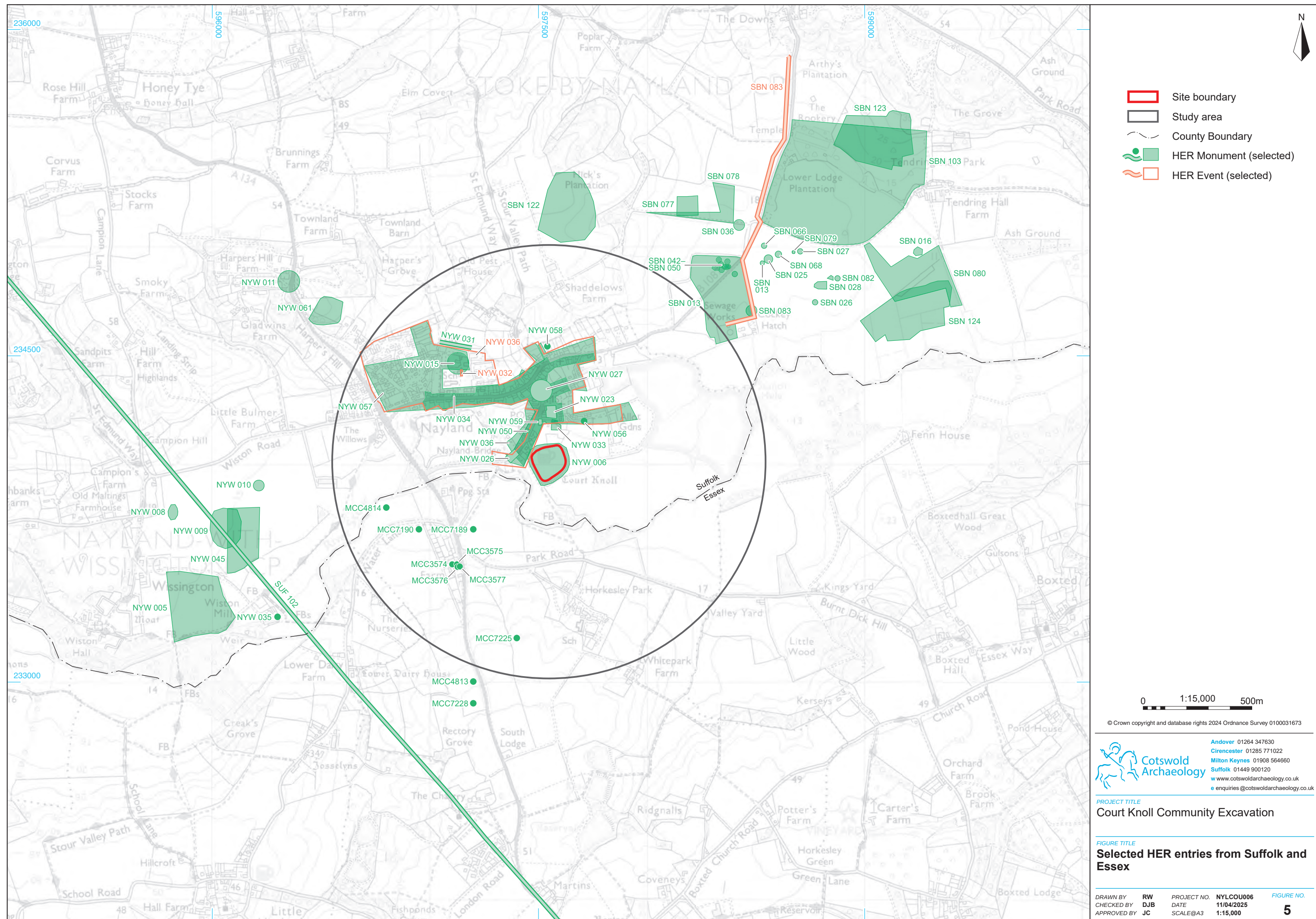
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Trench locations and interpretation of GPR survey overlaid onto resistivity survey (Dr T. Dennis)

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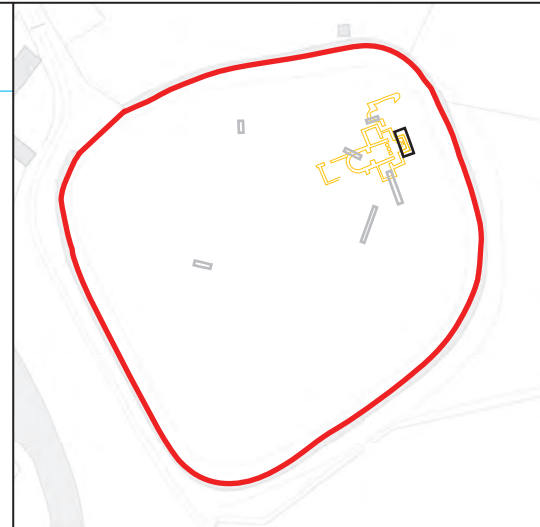
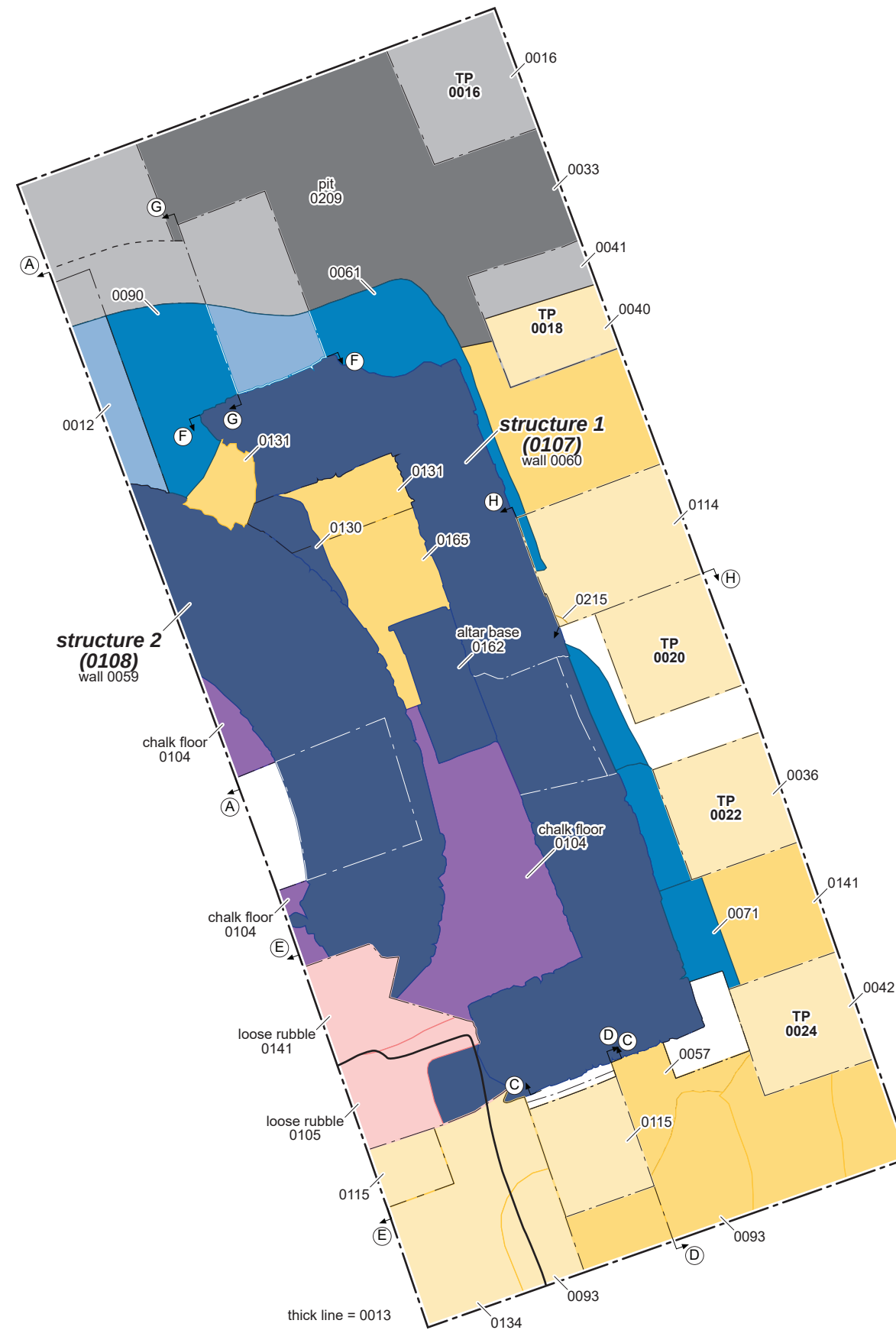


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- Excavation limit
- Sondage
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- Structure
- Surface
- Rubble
- Section location



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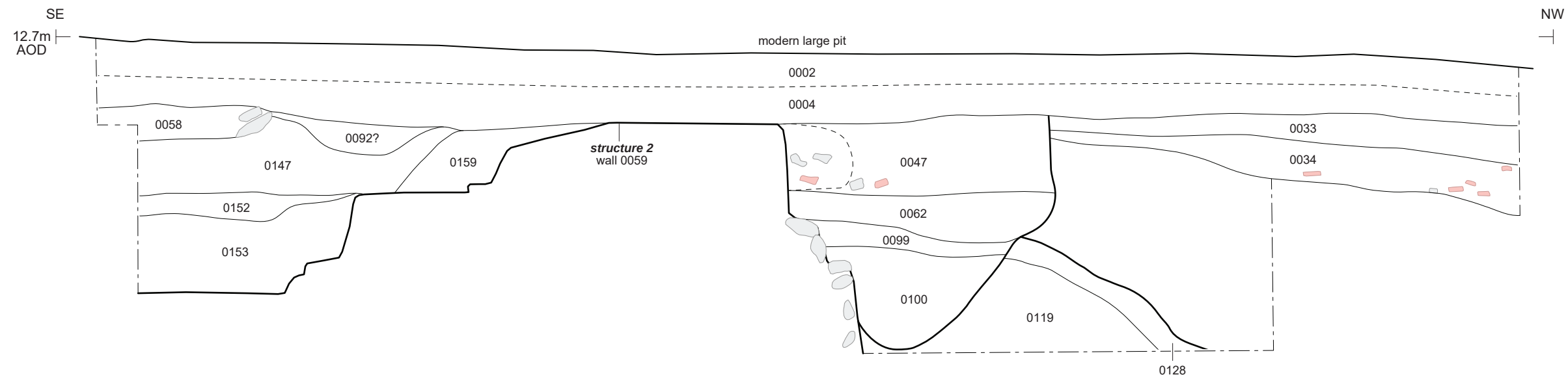
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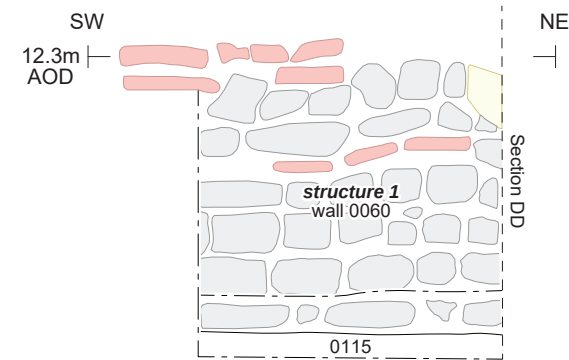
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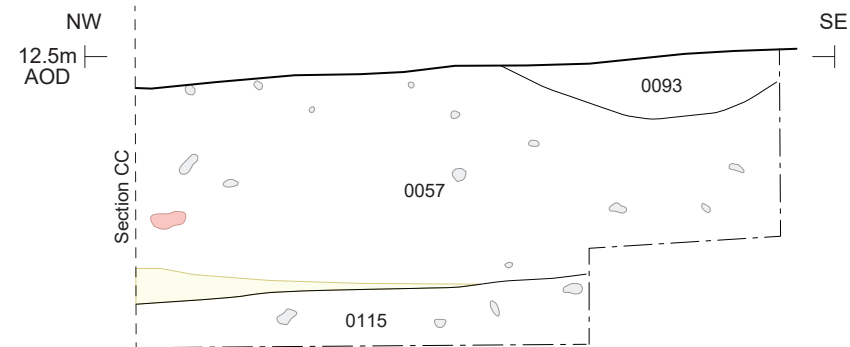
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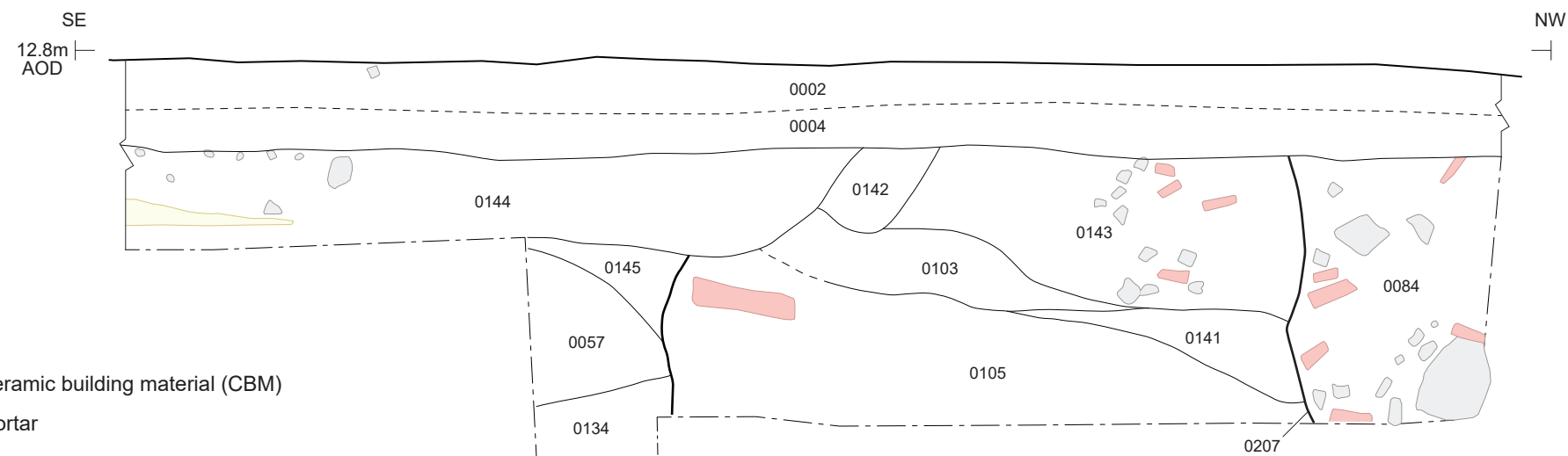
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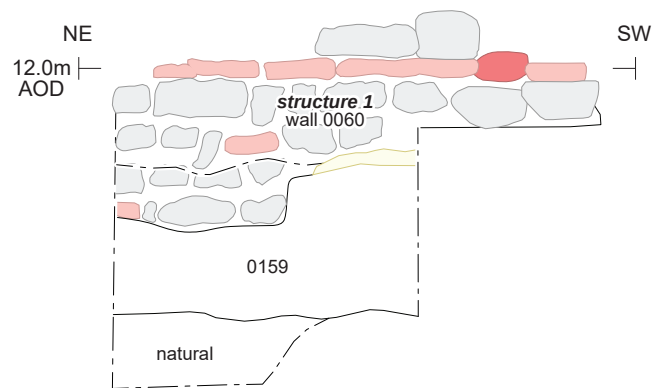
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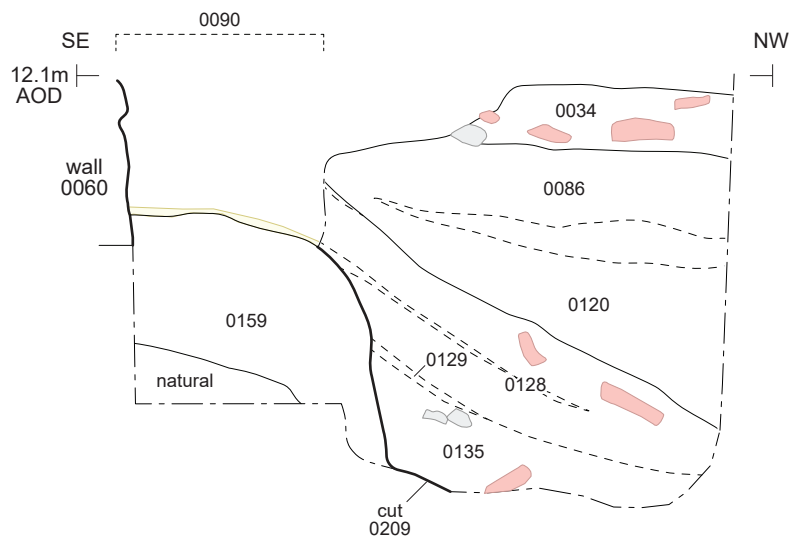
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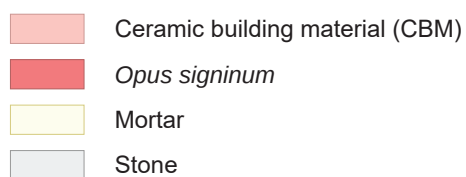
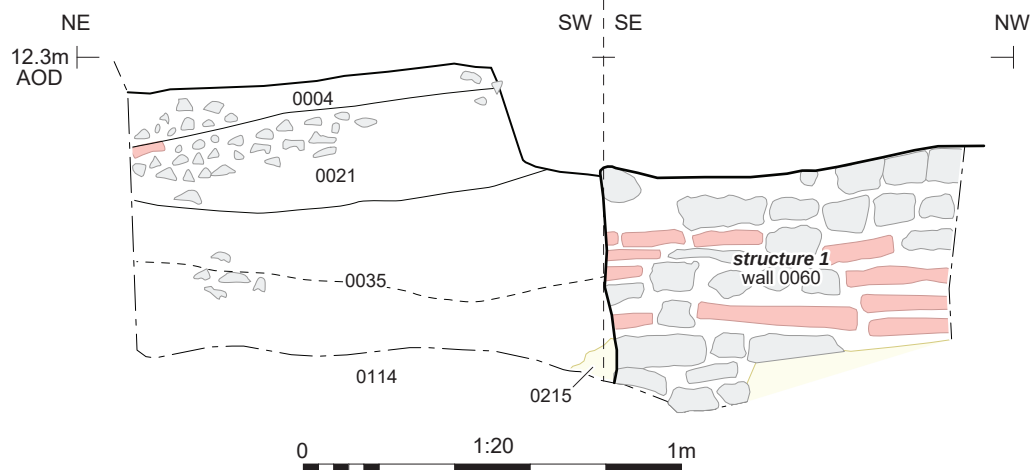
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Exterior face of the eastern wall 0060, looking west (0.4m scale)



Exterior face of north-east corner of wall 0060, looking north-west (0.4m scale)



Internal north-east corner of Structure 1 showing floor surface 0104, looking north-west (0.4m scale)



Section through floor 0104, looking north (0.3m scale)



Exterior face of the northern arm of wall 0060, looking south-east (0.4m scale)



East-west section showing 1924 backfill against exterior of east face of wall 0060 (0.4m scale)



Northern face of 0162 (altar base) showing plastered face and burnt material, looking south-east (0.4m scale)



South face of 0162 (altar base), looking north-west (0.4m scale)



Wall 0059 (top) and chalk floor 1004 (bottom) viewed from western edge, looking south-east



Wall 0059 viewed from western trench edge, looking south-east (1m scale)



Exterior face of northern part of wall 0059 (1m scale)



Western trench edge showing fill of 1924 excavations against wall 0059, looking south-west (1m scales)



Recording the structures in Trench 1, looking north



Processed aerial photograph of Trench 1, looking north-east (1m scales). © Dr Tim Dennis.



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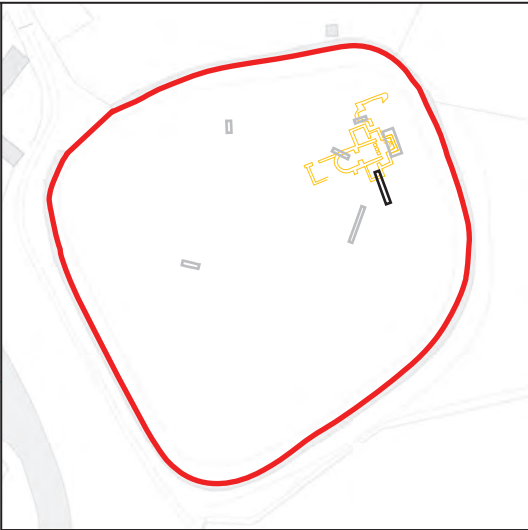
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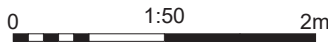
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Surface
Projected feature
Section location

- Inset*
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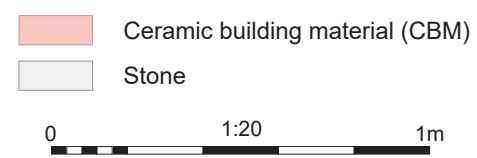
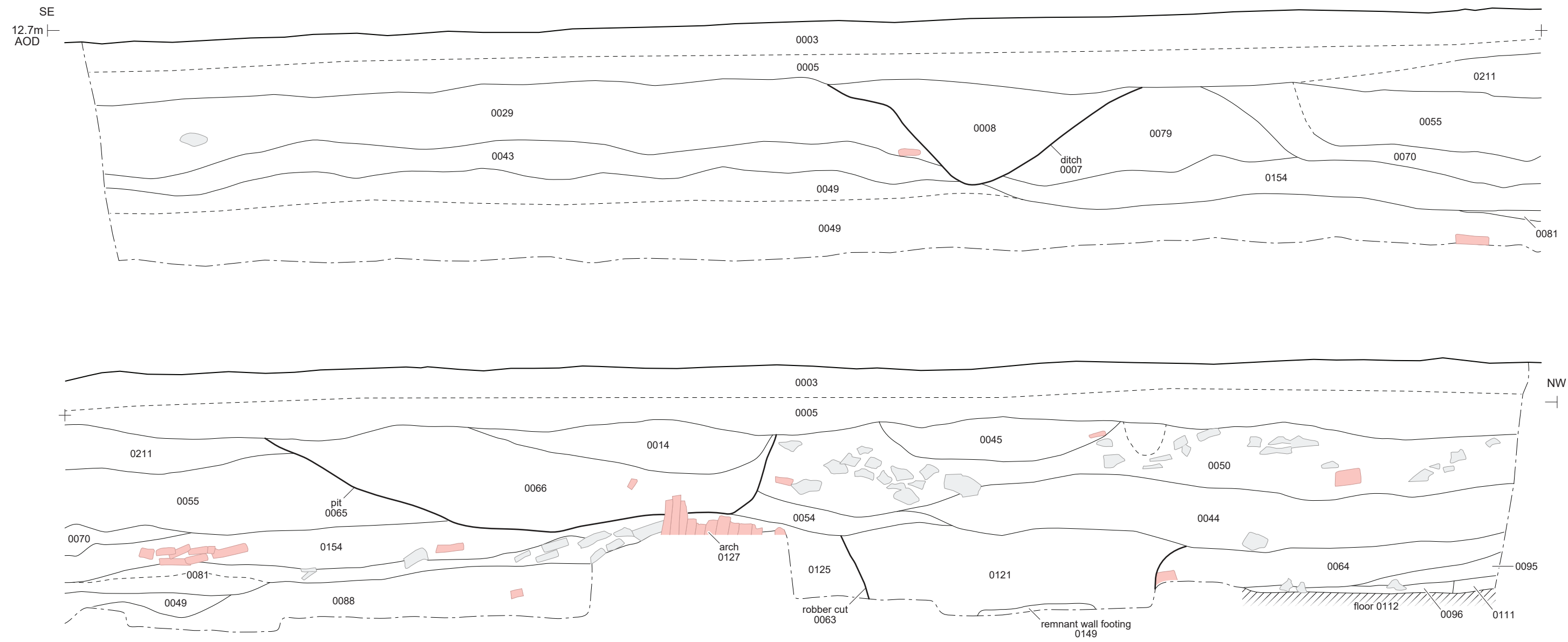
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Trench 2, looking south, showing building rubble in the north end of the trench, looking south-east (1m scale)



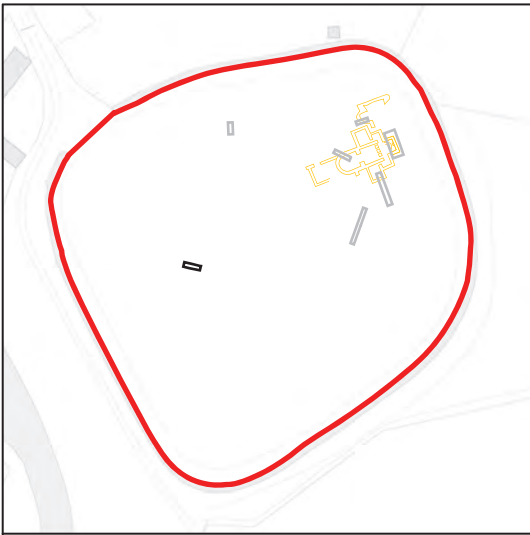
Robbed wall footing 0149 viewed from the east side of the trench, looking north-east (1m scale)



Bonded masonry of fallen arch 0127 viewed from the north, looking south-east (0.4m scale)

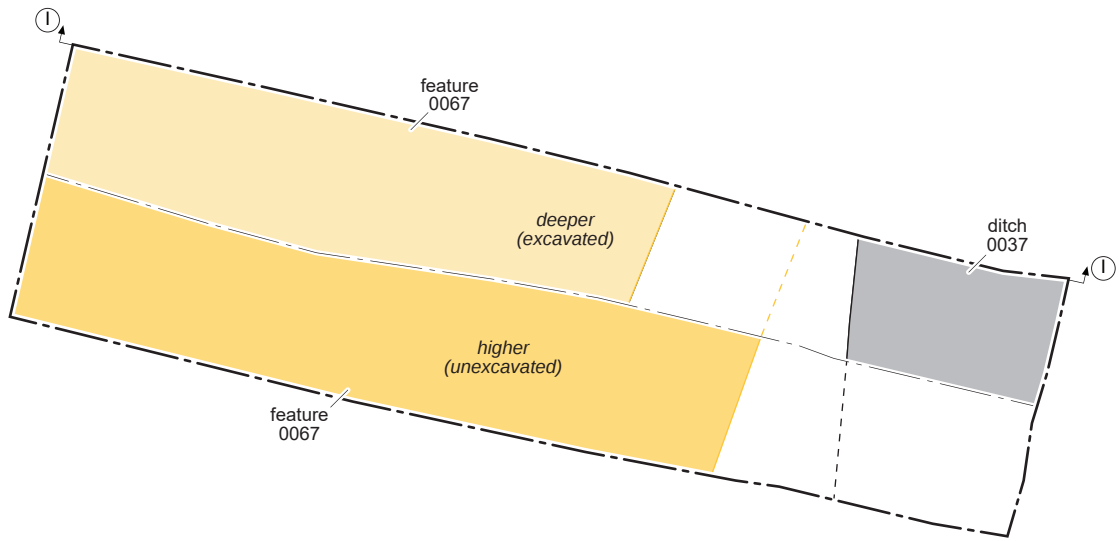


Bonded masonry of arch 0127, looking south (0.4m scale)



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- Excavation limit
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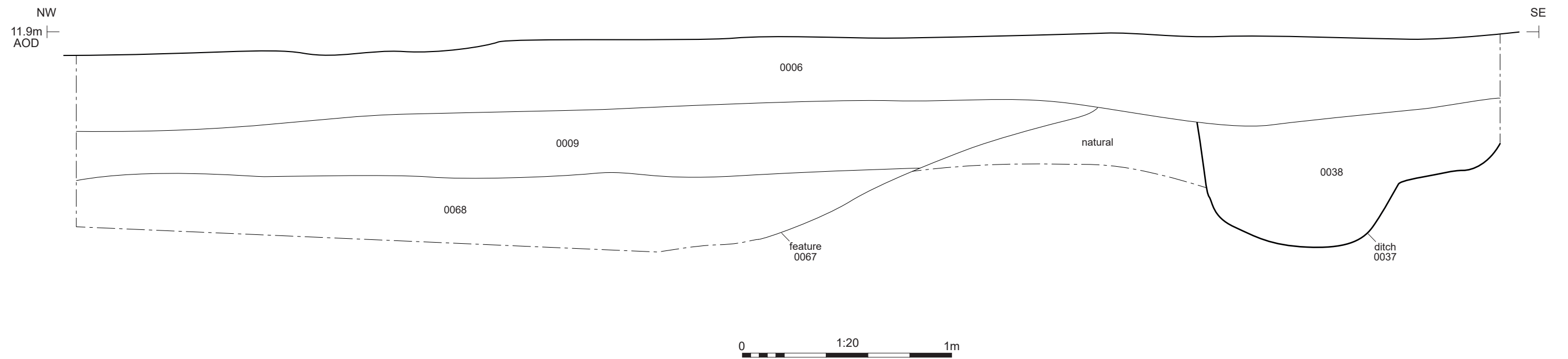
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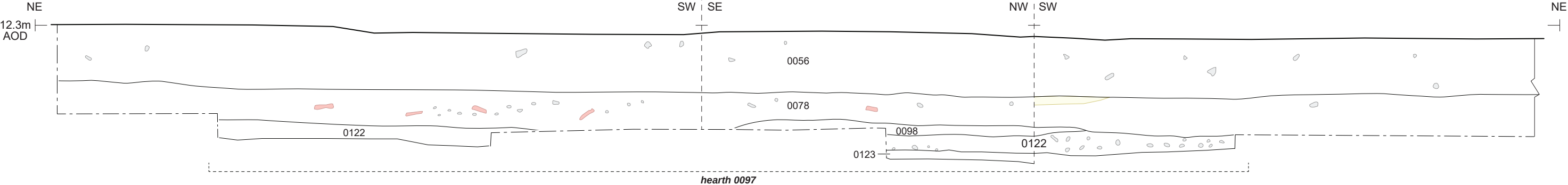


Feature 0067, looking north-east (2m scale)

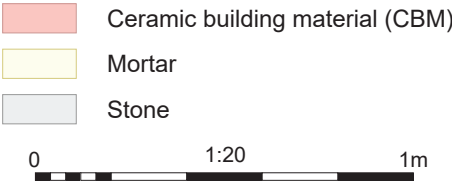


Ditch 0037, looking north-east (1m scale)

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Trench 4, looking north-east (1m scale)



Footing 0083 containing 0077, looking south-east (0.4m scale)



Wall 0074, looking north-east (0.4m scale)



Wall 0074, looking south-west (0.4m scale)



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Working photograph excavating Trench 4, looking south-west

Hearth 0097, looking south-west (1m scale)



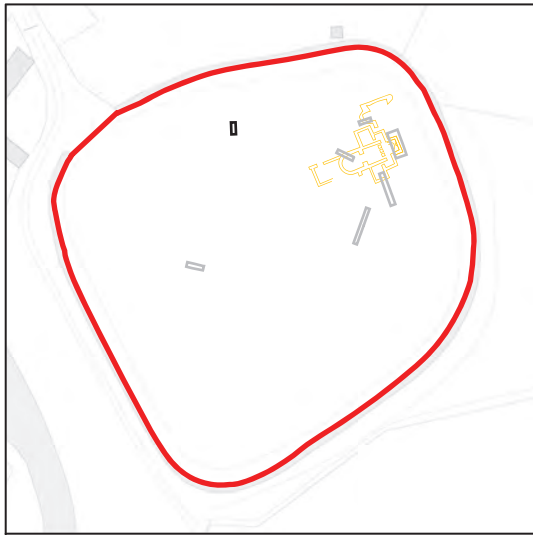
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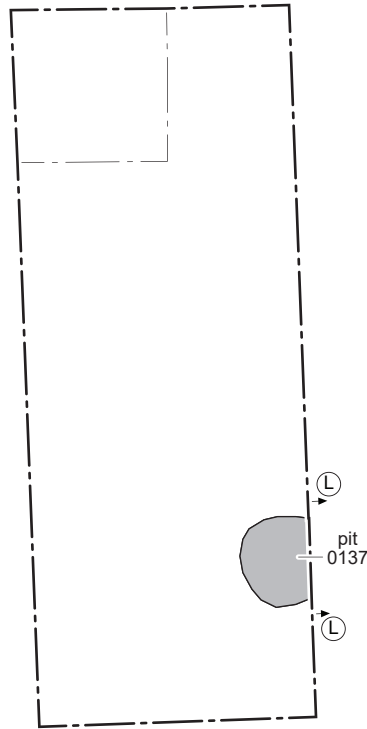
Working photograph of surface 0123 (hearth 0097), looking north-east

Working photograph of Chris Hunt in the moat

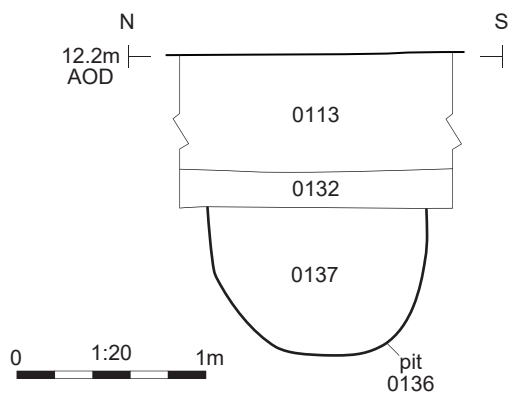


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- Excavation limit
- Sondage
- Archaeological feature (excavated)
- Section location



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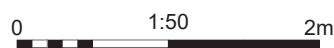
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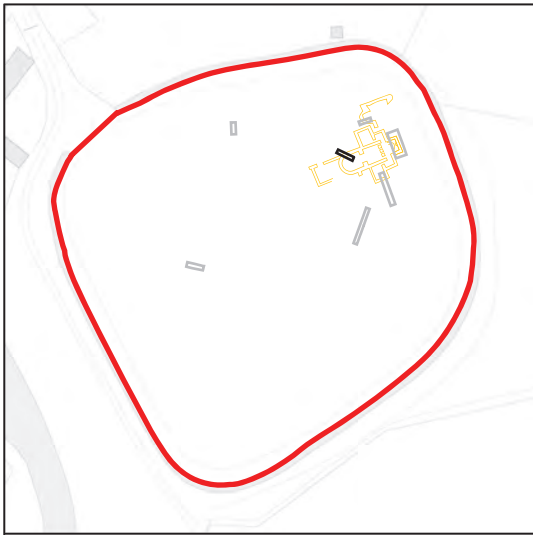
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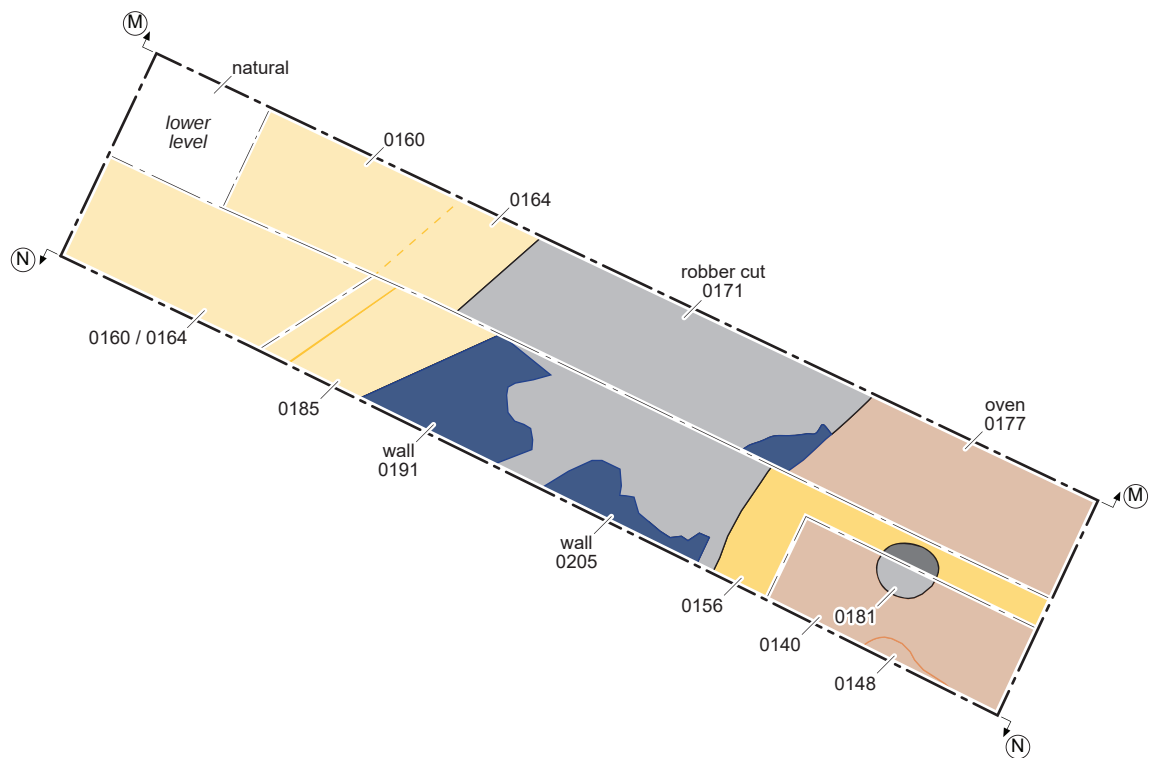
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| | Sondage | | Structure |
| | Archaeological feature (excavated / unexcavated) | | Projected feature |
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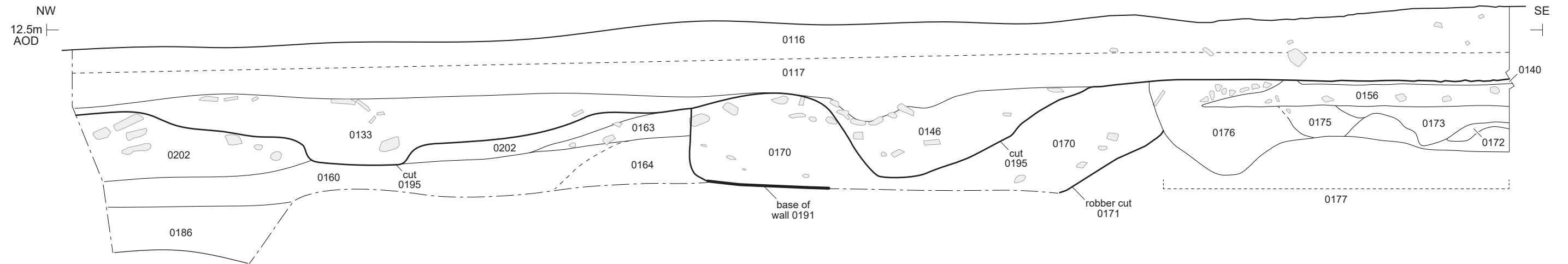
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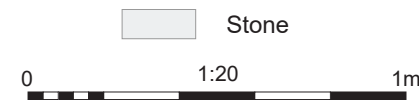
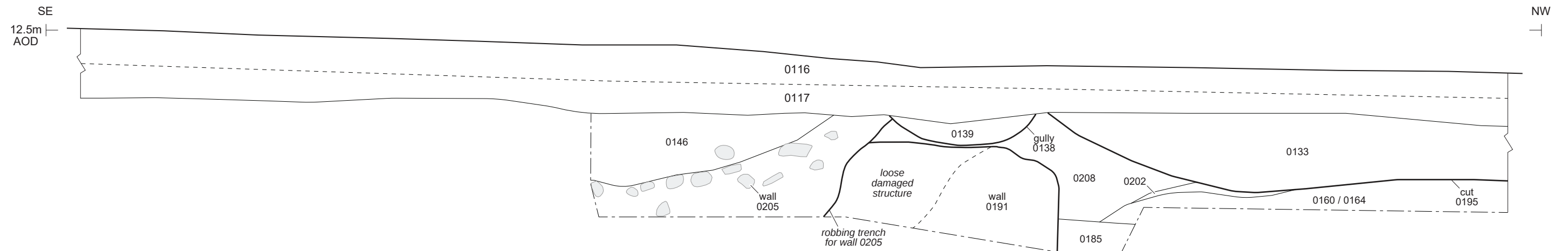
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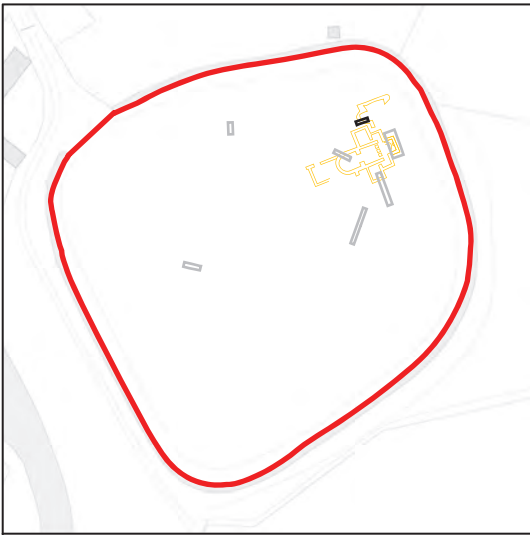
Surviving fragment of wall 0191, looking south-east (0.4m scale)



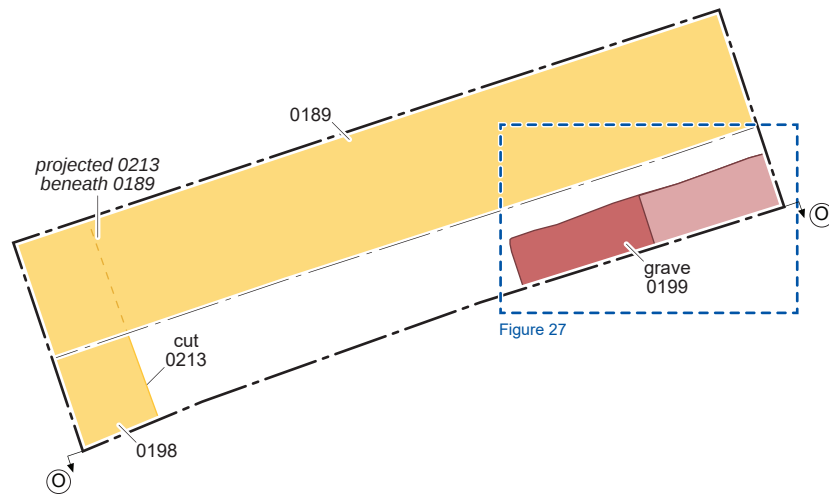
Surviving fragment of wall 0191 viewed from the western trench edge, looking west (1m scale)



Composite photograph of Trench 6, northern end, showing wall 0191 and robbing trench for wall 0205, looking south-west (1m scales)



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-  Sondage
-  Burial
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-  Deposit
-  Projected feature
-  Section location



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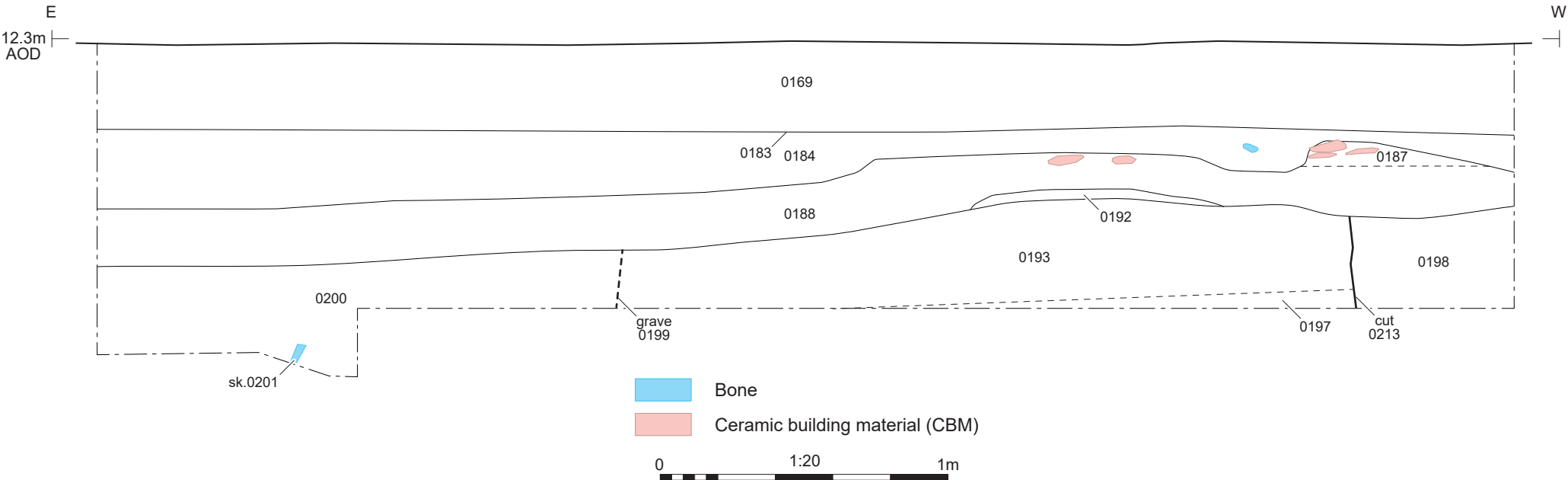
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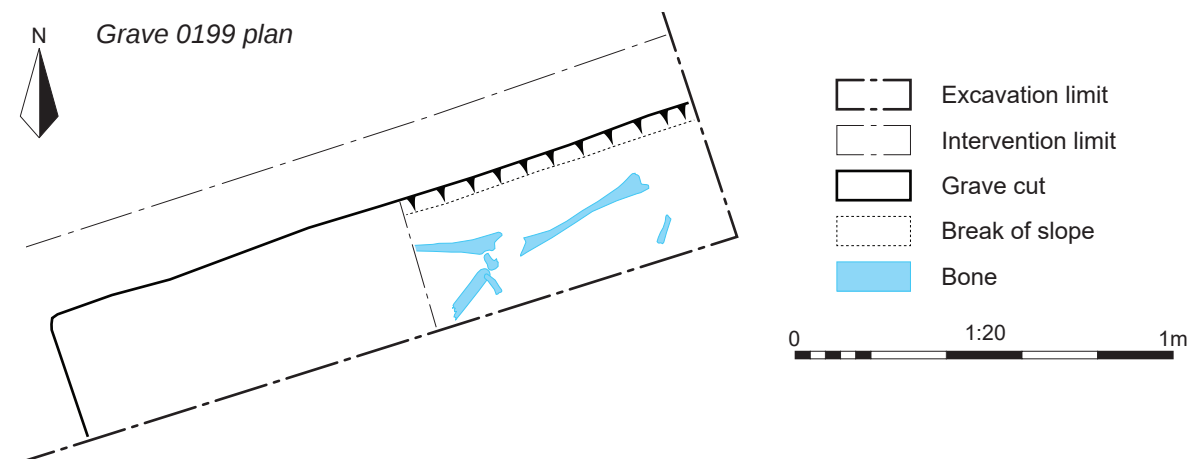
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Trench 7, excavated portion of grave 0199 (foreground), looking south-west (1m scale)



Composite photograph of Trench 7, excavated portion of grave 0199 (left), looking south-east (1m scales)



Skeleton 0201 in grave 0199, looking south-west (0.2m scale)



Soil profile of grave 0199, looking north-east (1m scale)



Tile with an imprinted bear footprint, orientation and lighting model 1



Tile with an imprinted bear footprint, orientation and lighting model 2



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Tile with imprinted bear footprint

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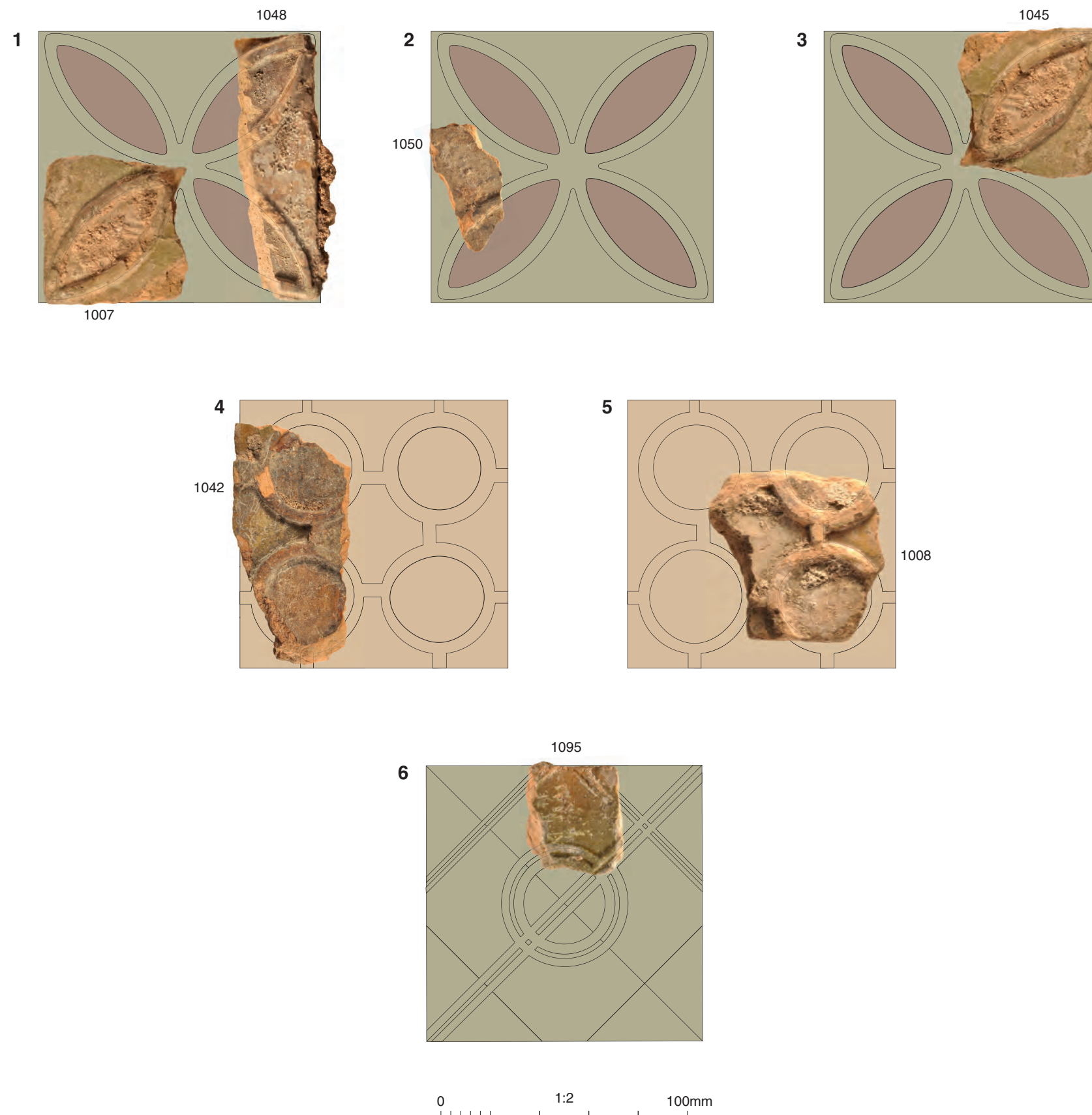
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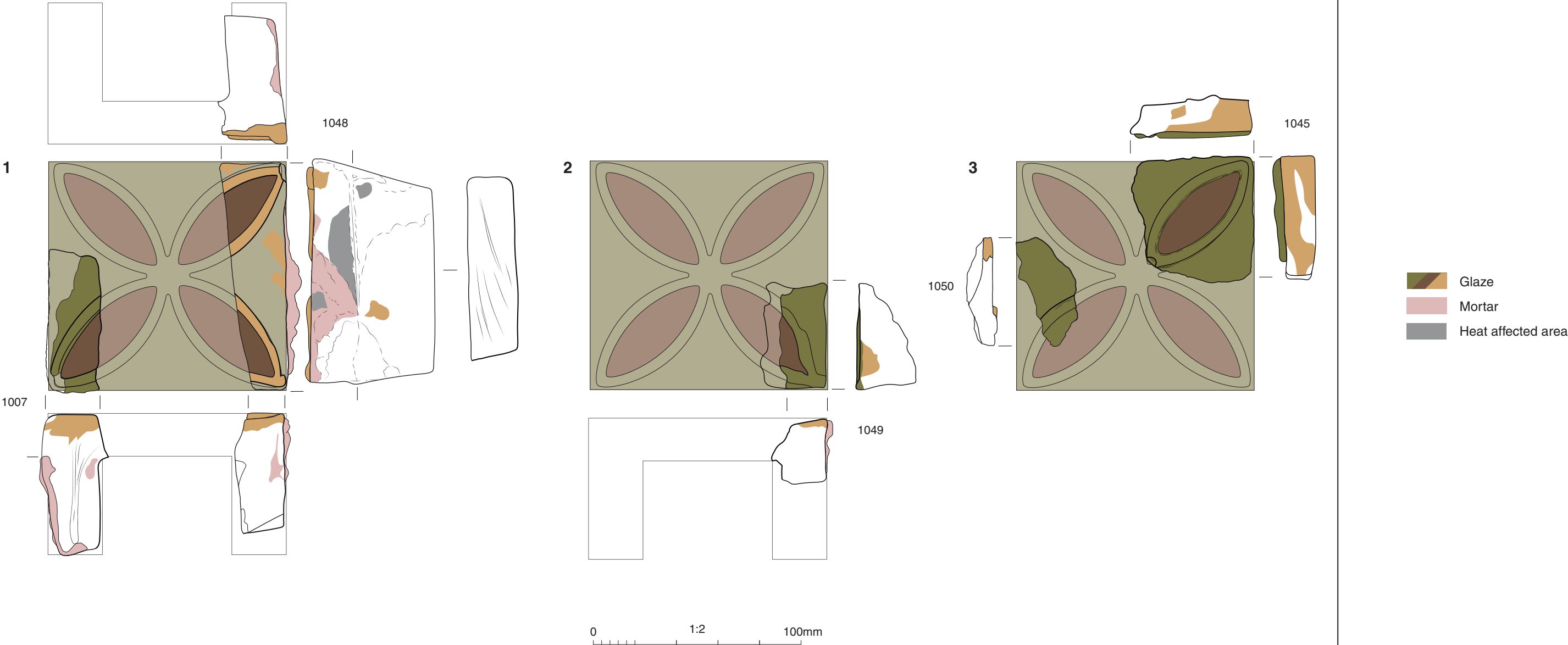
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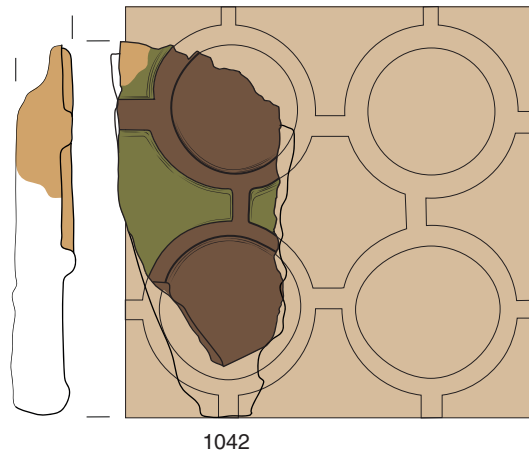


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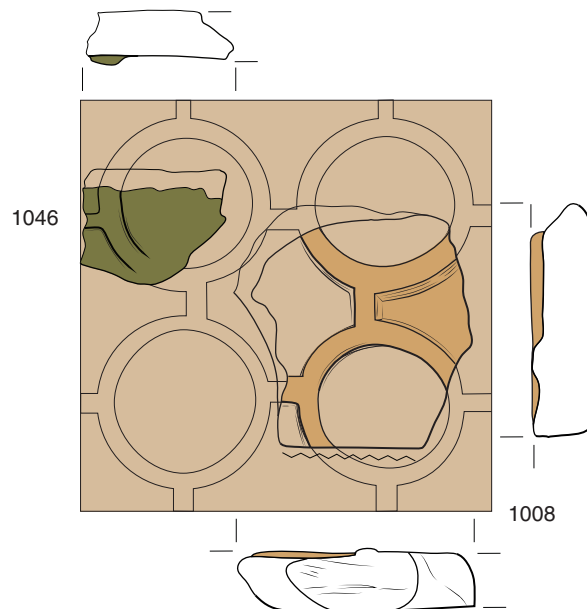
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Glaze



Broken edge



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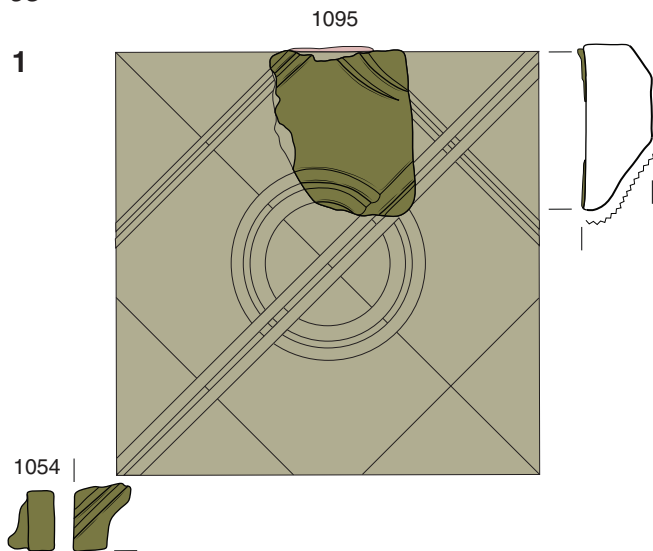
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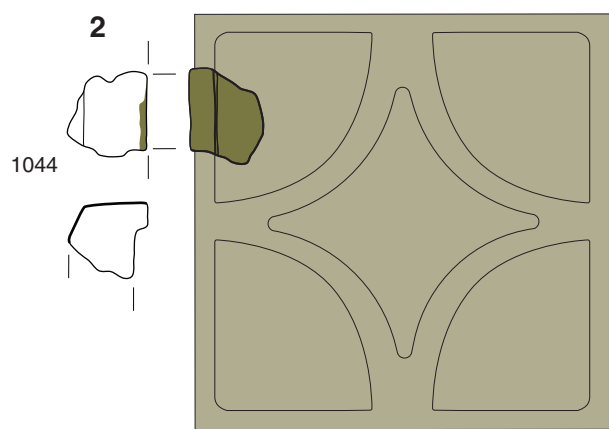
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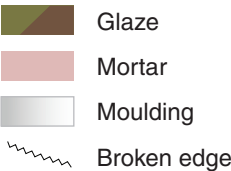
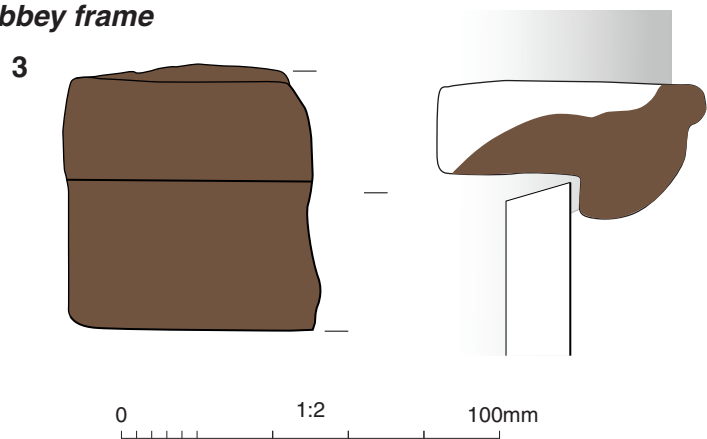
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Bury Abbey frame



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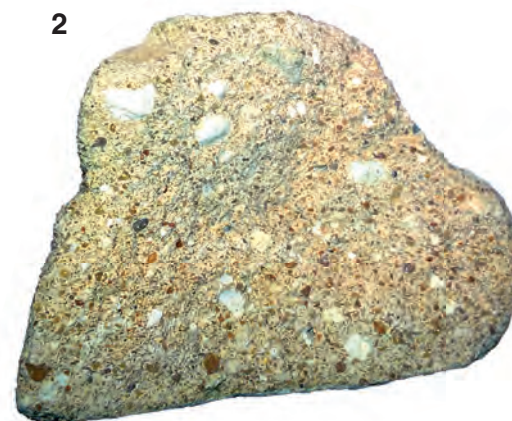
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Fabric A

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Fabric A attached to Fabric C

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Fabric A with lime plaster wash

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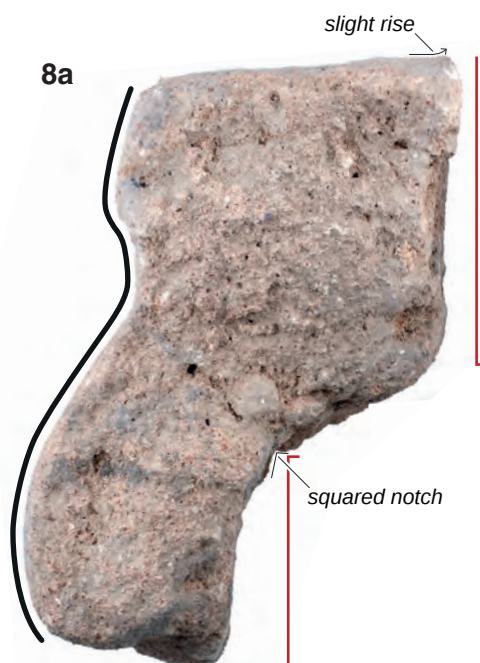
1064, possible framing piece



1053, joining pieces of chamfer



0153, moulding



1044



- Finished face
- Structural impression (tile and timber)
- Unfinished/Broken edge

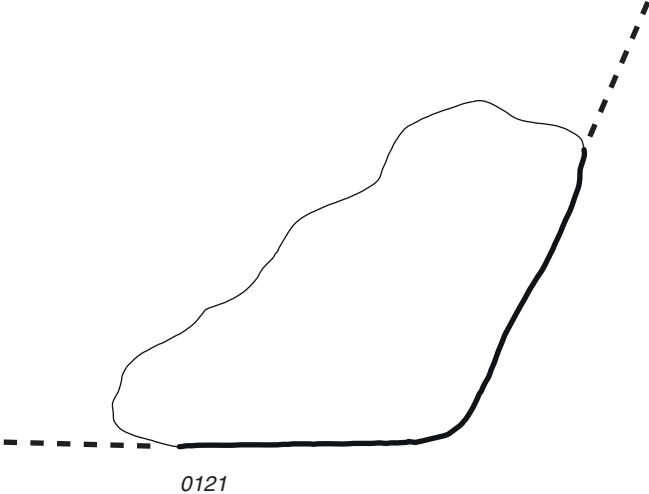
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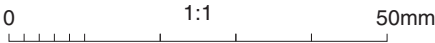
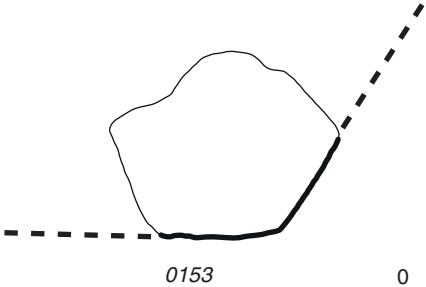
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Finished face
Projected line



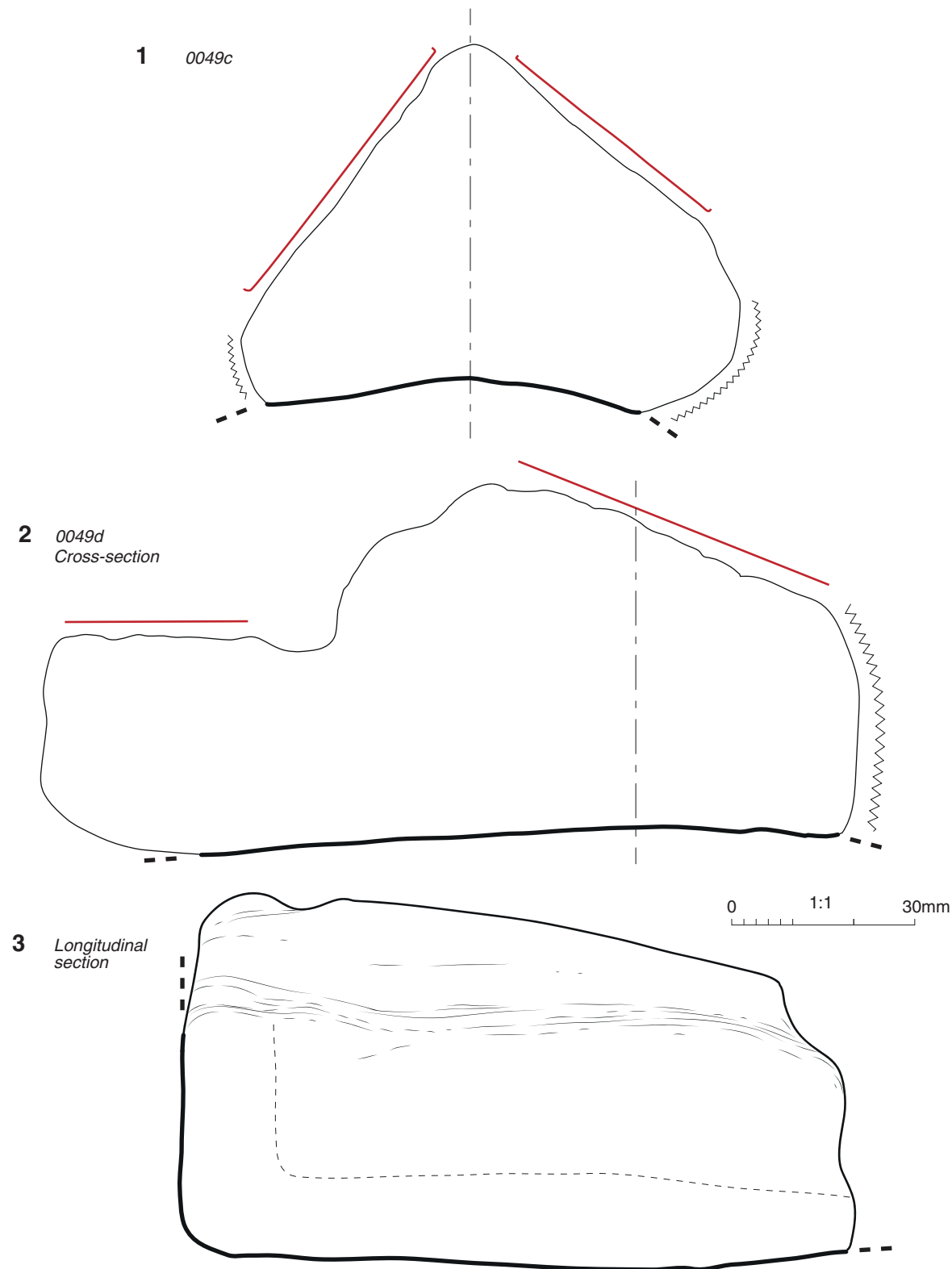
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Chamfer mortar mouldings 1047, 0121 and 0153

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Soffits of arches, probably inner window and door reveals



-  Finished face
-  Structural impression (tile and timber)
-  Mortar layer
-  Unfinished/Broken edge
-  Projected line
-  Centre line of arched soffit



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Arched soffit mortar mouldings 0049c and 0049d

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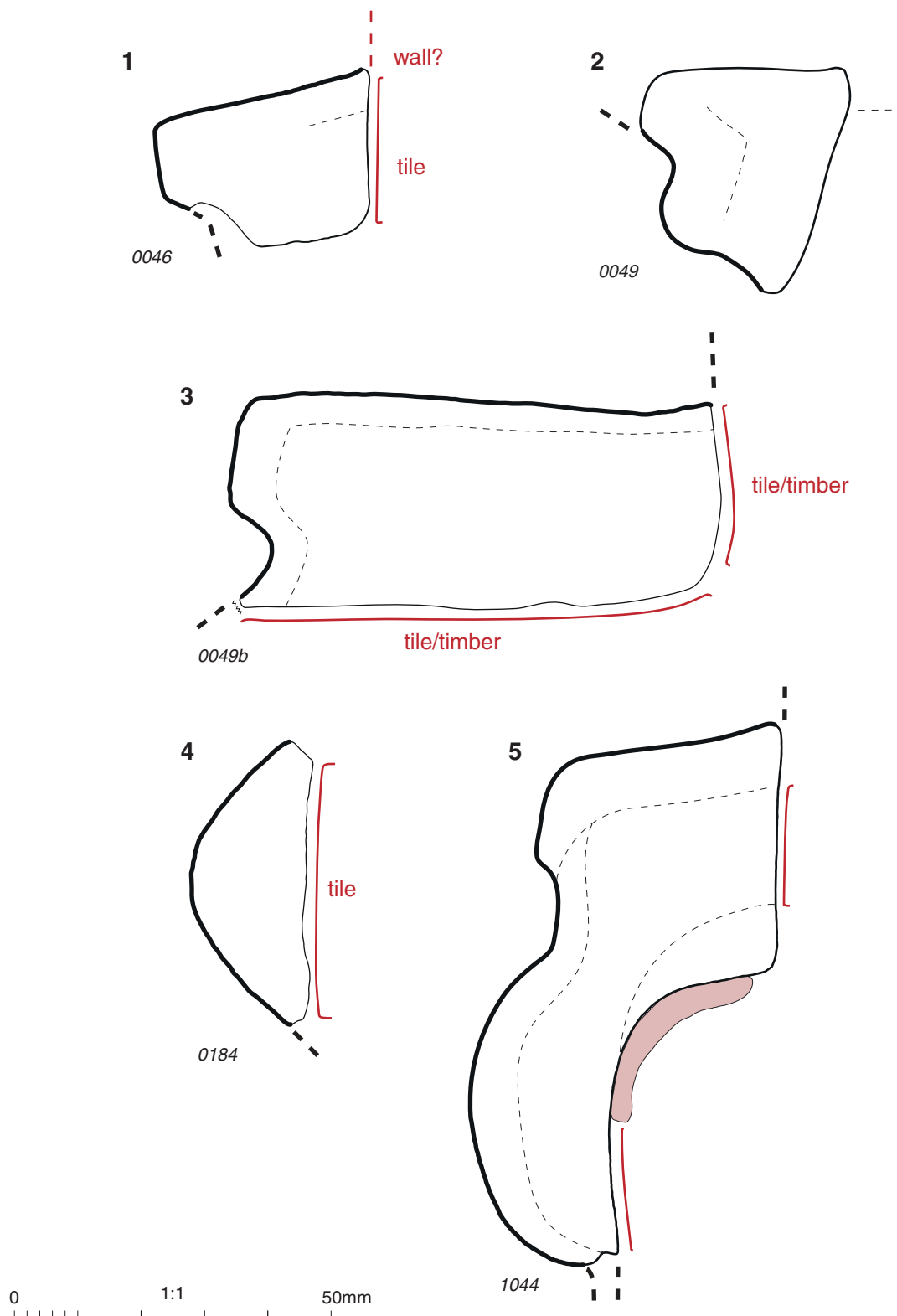
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- Finished face
- Structural impression (tile and timber)
- Mortar layer
- Unfinished/Broken edge
- Projected line
- Mortar



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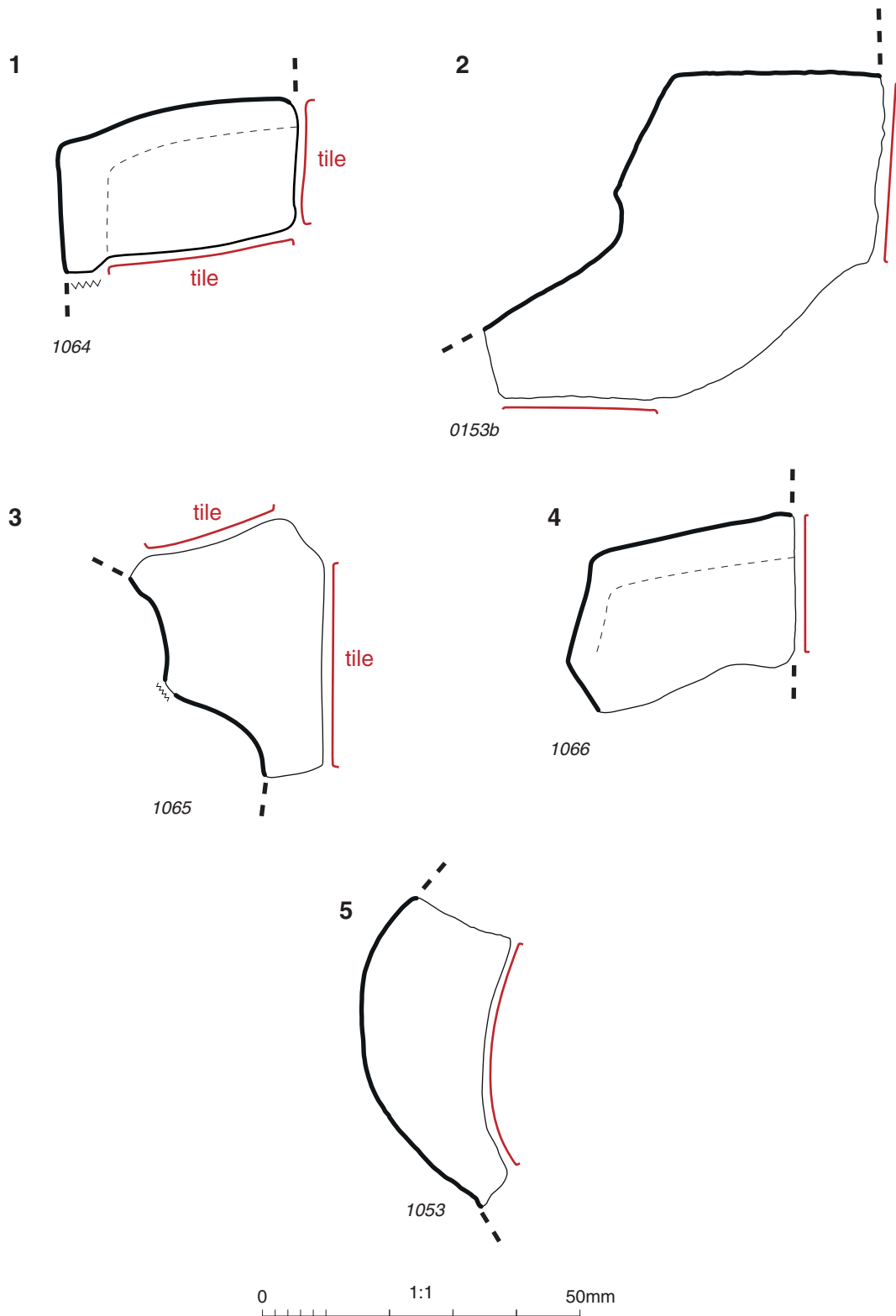
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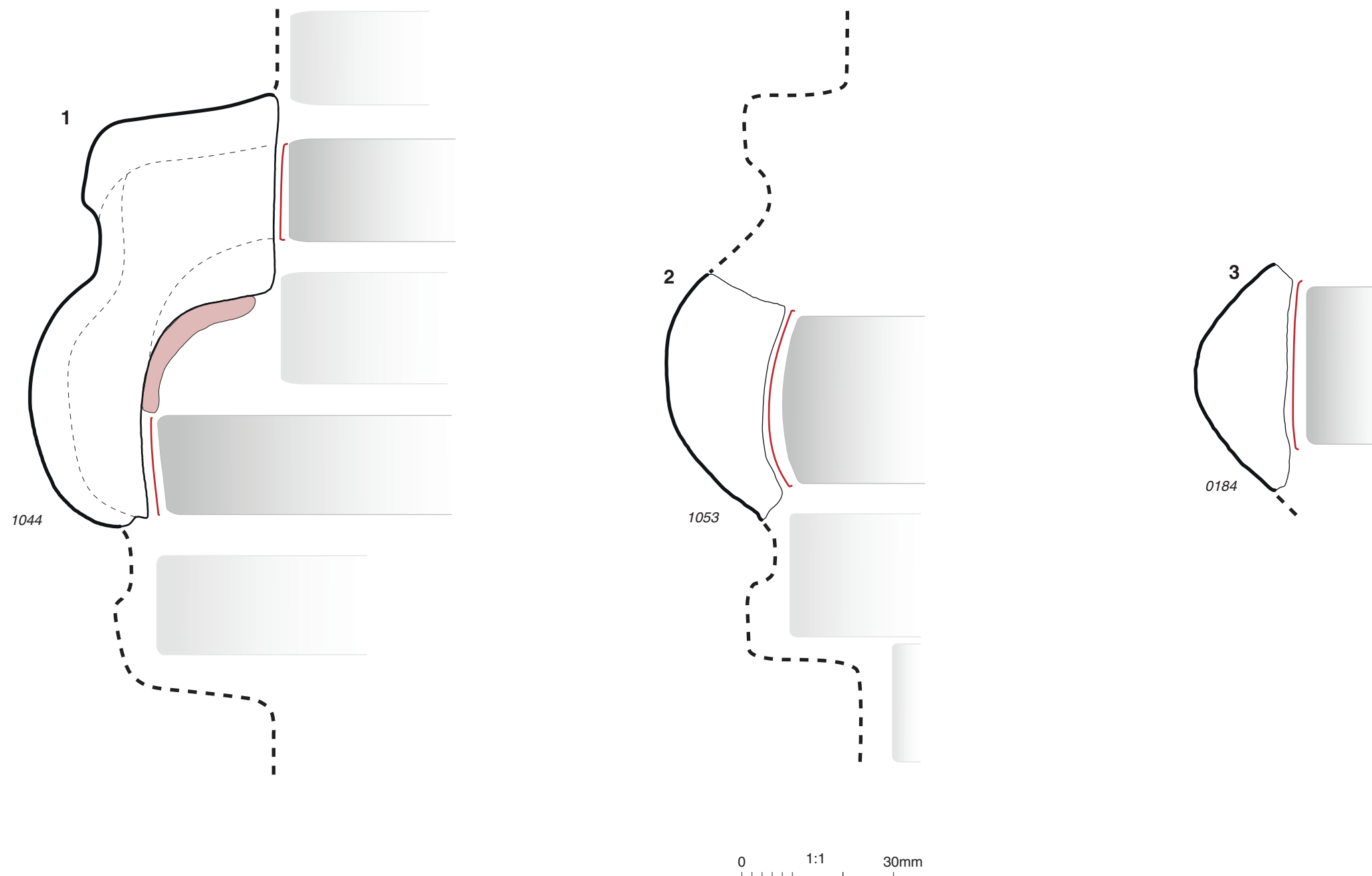
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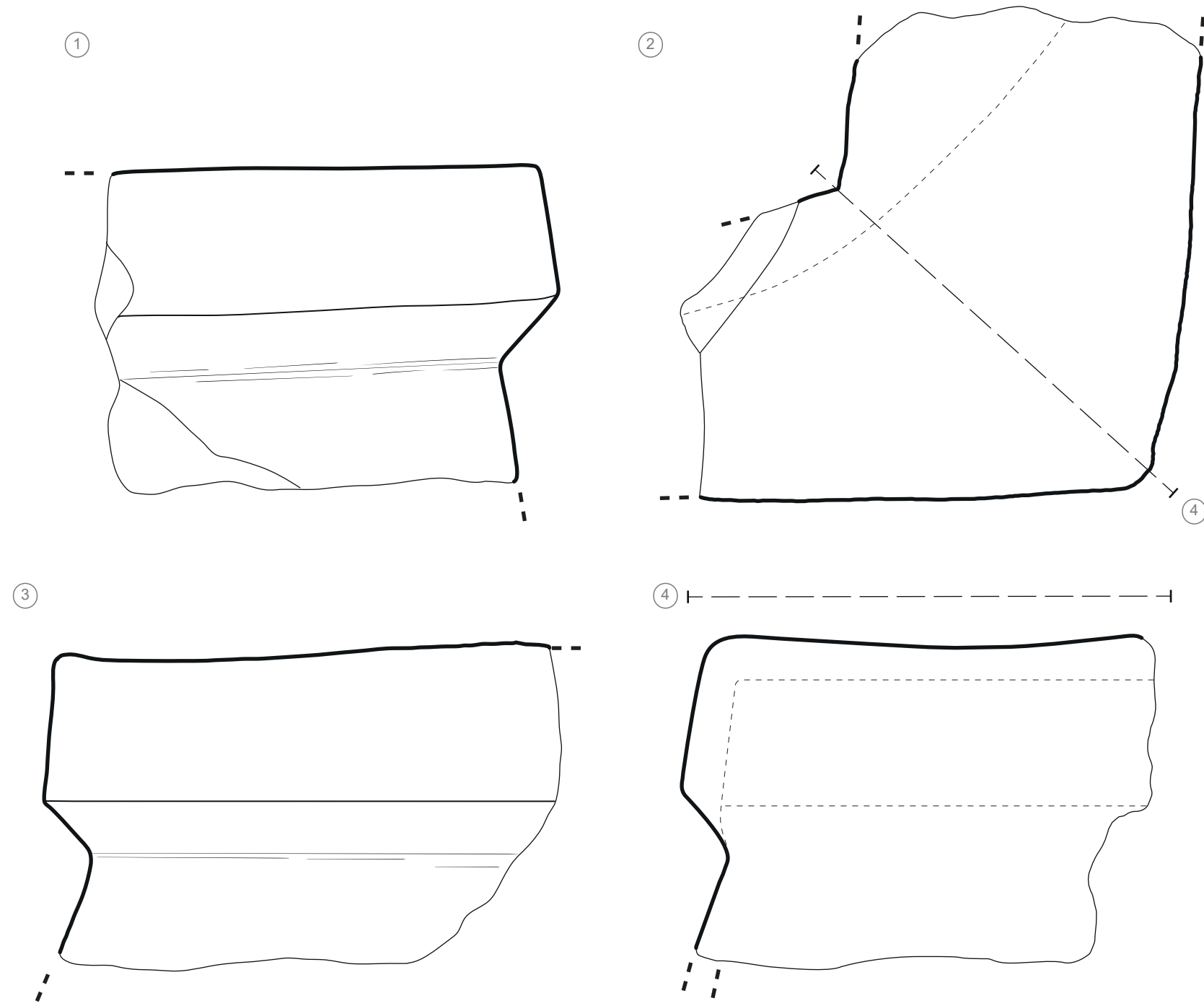
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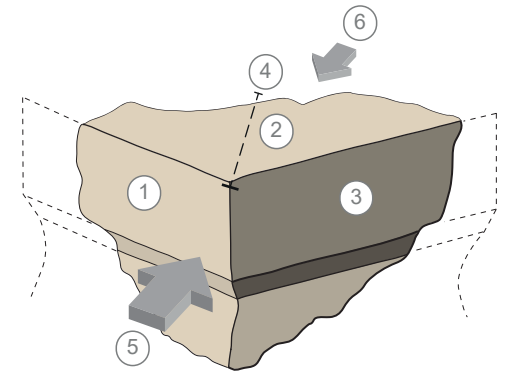
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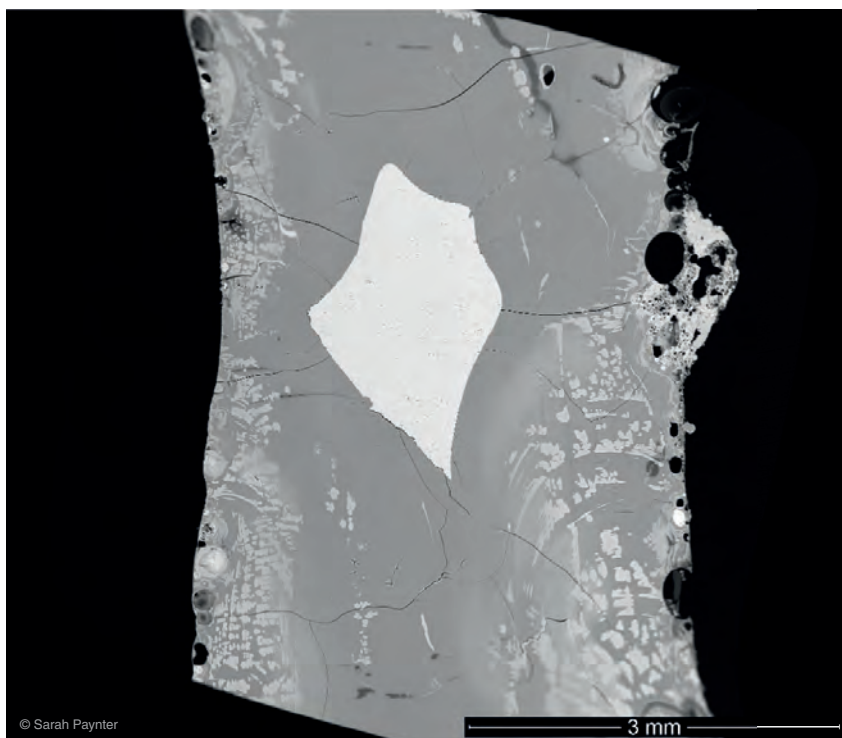
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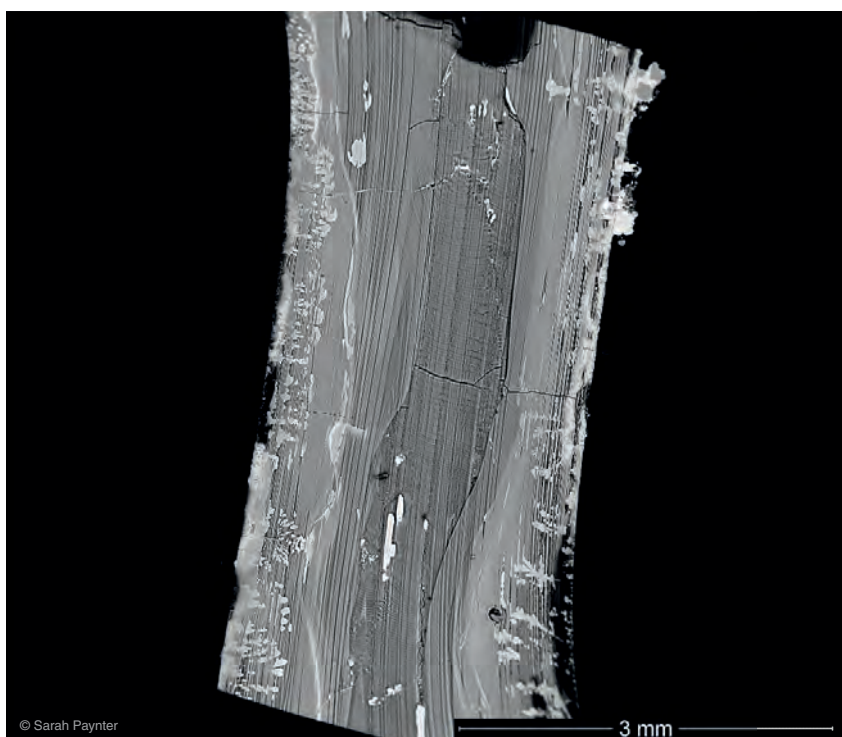


Finished face
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Cross section of glass fragment from context 131B, showing weathered and devitrified glass (grey with light grey patterns) and some central surviving glass (white).



2

Cross section of another fragment from context 131B, showing degradation of the glass throughout its thickness. The thin, better preserved strips remaining in the centre (white), have unfortunately also started to degrade by loss of potassium.



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Window glass analysis

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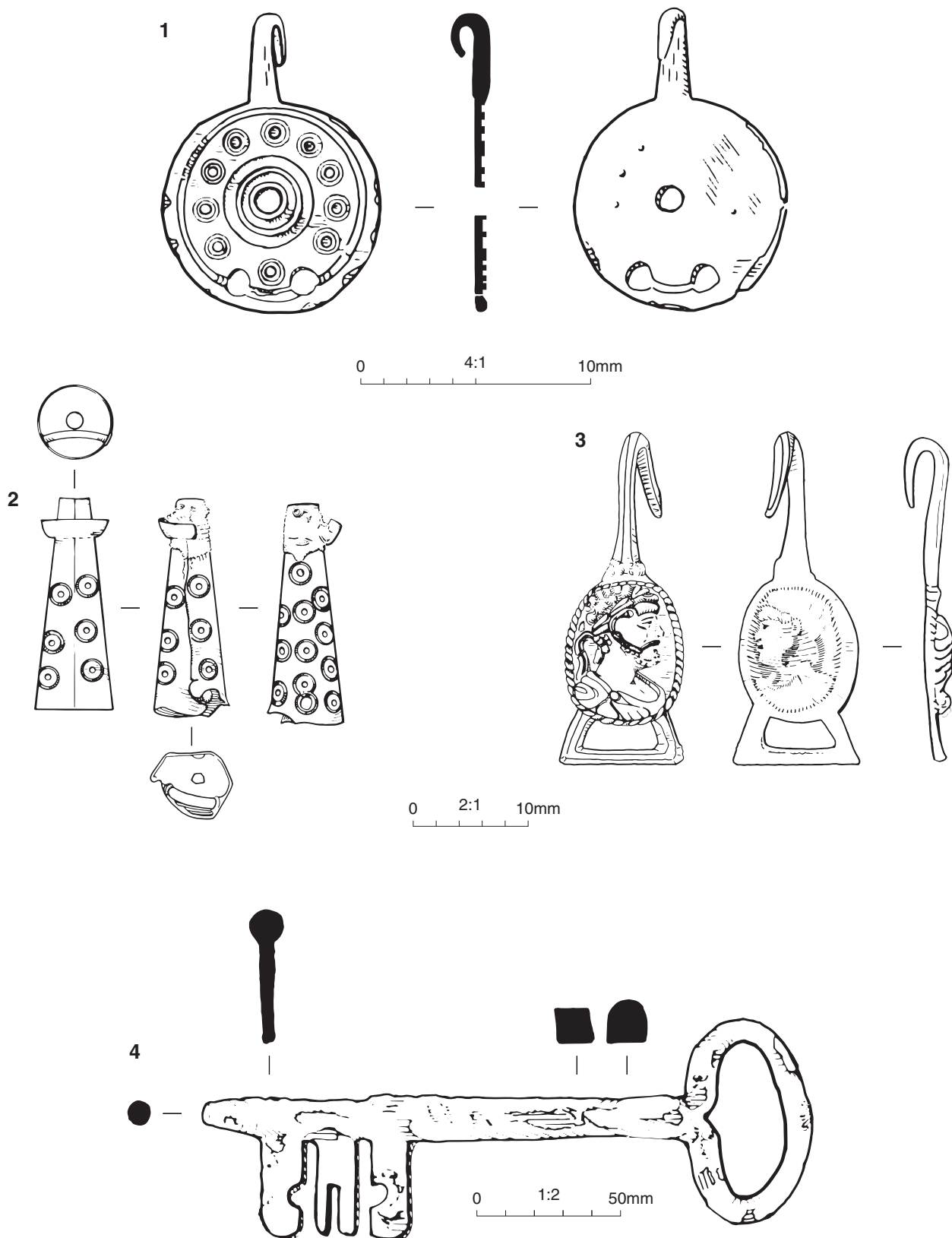
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Selected metal finds of Anglo-Saxon and medieval date

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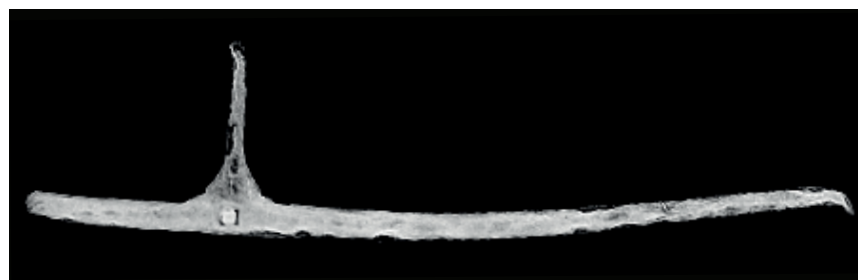
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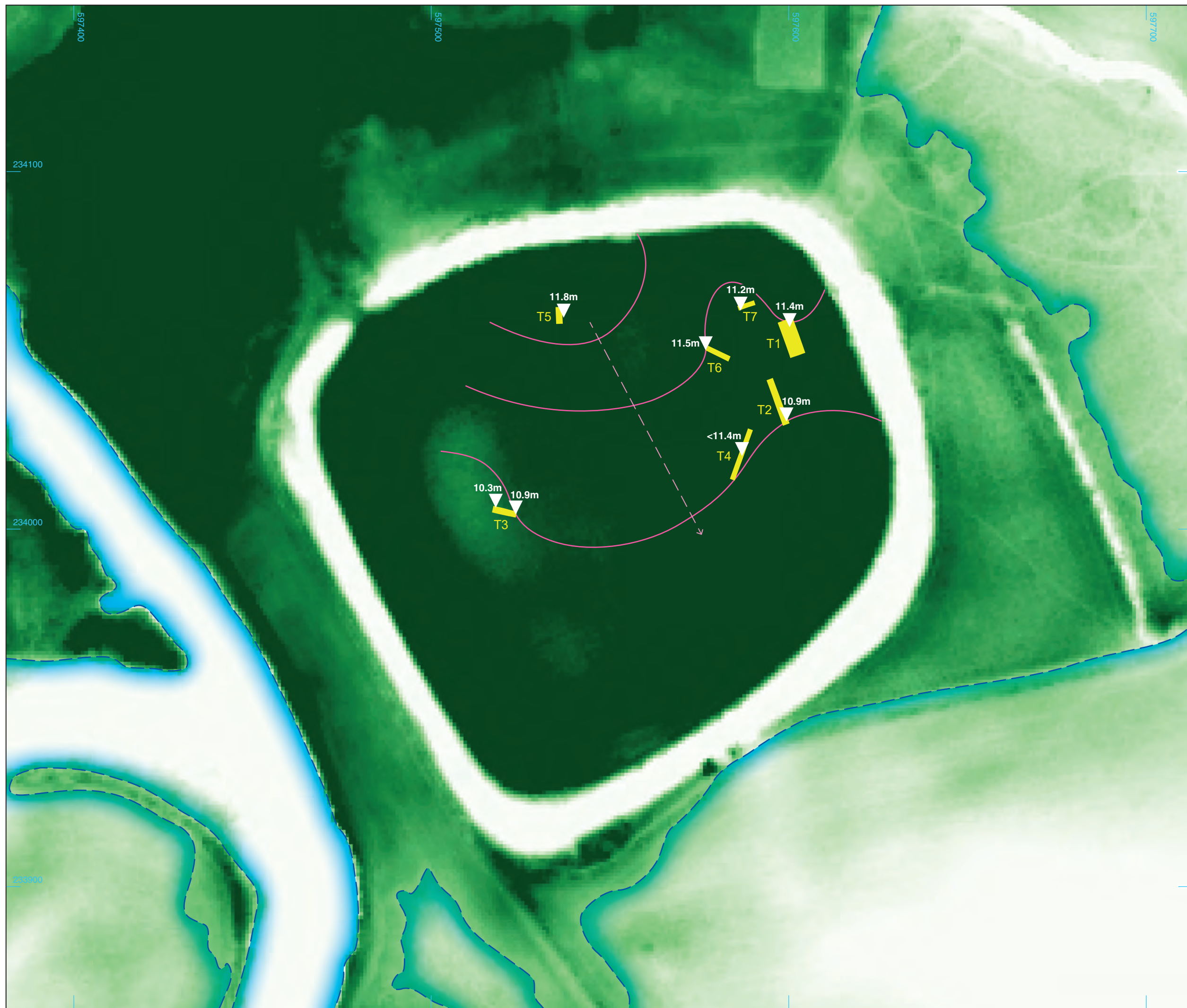


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- Site boundary
- Evaluation trench

Topography

- 12m [clipped in processing]
- AOD
- 11m [clipped in processing]
- Modern floodplain (≤11m AOD)

Geology (excavation results)

- Bedrock contour and downward slope direction
- Height of natural (AOD)

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LiDAR and floodplain: Contains Environment Agency information
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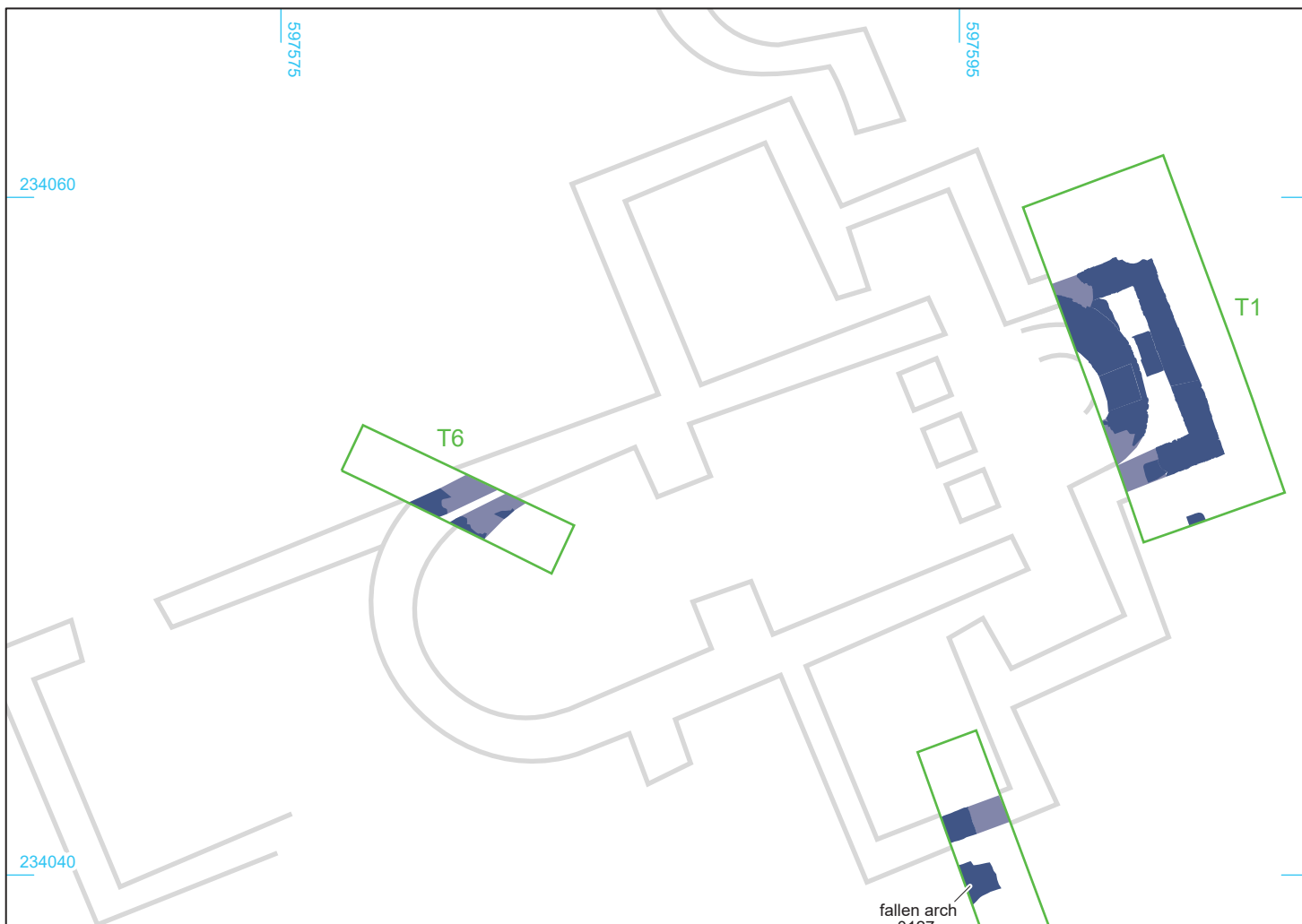
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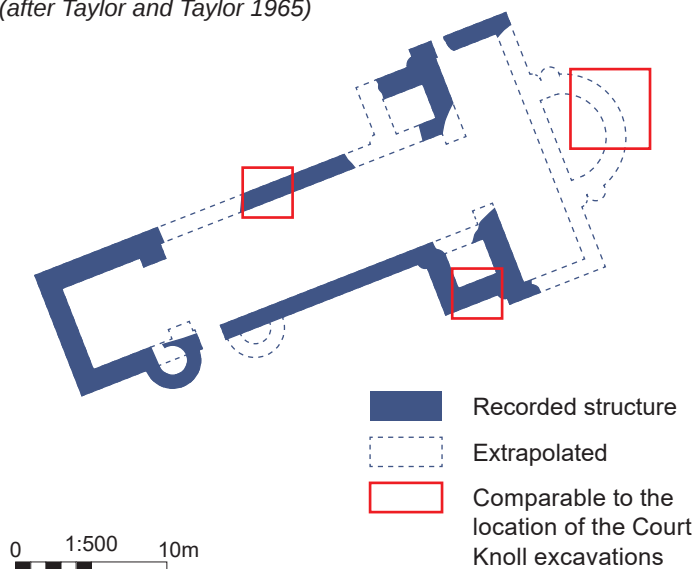
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Topographic summary using
processed 1m DTM LiDAR and
excavation results

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Comparative results from North Elmham
(after Taylor and Taylor 1965)



- Evaluation trench
- Recorded structure
- Projected structure
- GPR result (Dr T. Dennis)



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**Excavated structures overlaying the
GPR results, showing North Elmham
for comparison**

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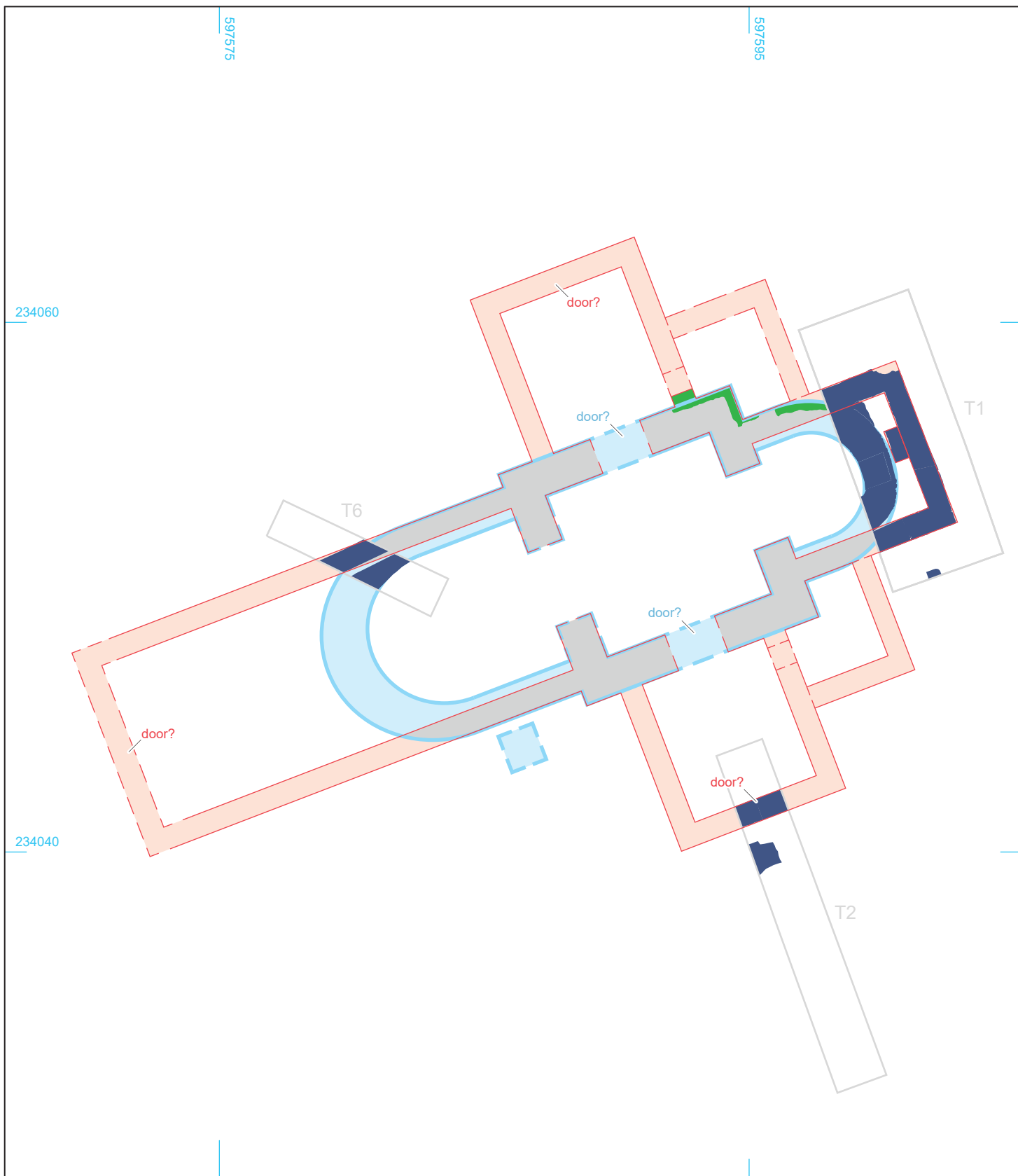
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|  | Evaluation trench |  | Interpretation of Structure 1 (P. Drury) |
|  | Structure (2016) |  | Interpretation of Structure 2 (P. Drury) |
|  | Structure (1924) | | |



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**Interpretation for Structures 1 and 2
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