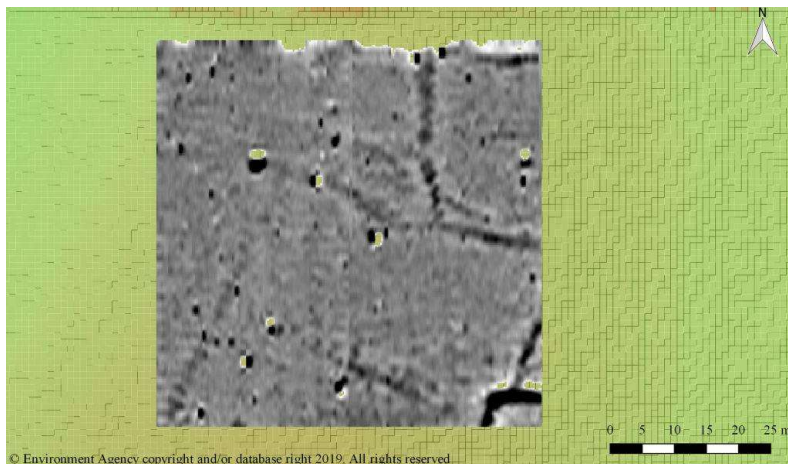


## Overview

- Important Iron Age Sites  
(Dyke Hills, Cherbury Camp)
- Important Roman Sites  
(Marcham / Frilford)
- East Hanney Roman Settlements
- Is the A338 a Roman Road?



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## Archaeological Periods and Dates

- 800 – 400 BC Early Iron Age
- 400 – 100 BC Middle Iron Age  
Hillforts, Roundhouses
- 100 BC – AD 43 Late Iron Age  
Oppida, Roundhouses, Coins
- AD 43 – 410 Roman Period  
Towns, Temples, Villas, Coins, Roads
- AD 410 – 1066 Anglo-Saxon Period  
SFBs, Halls, Villages, Open Fields?

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# Wittenham Clumps and Dyke Hills



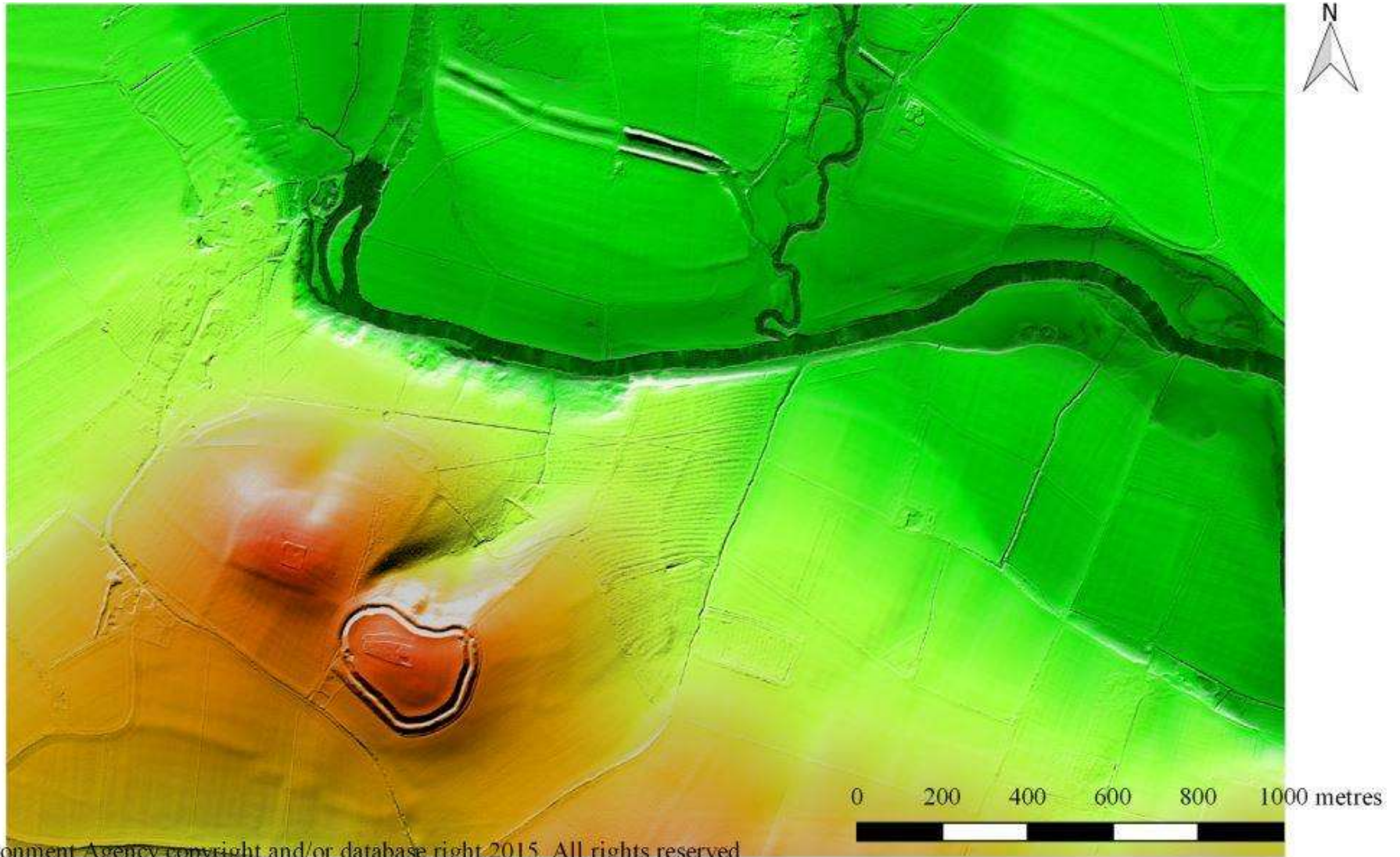
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# Wittenham Clumps and Dyke Hills



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# Wittenham Clumps and Dyke Hills



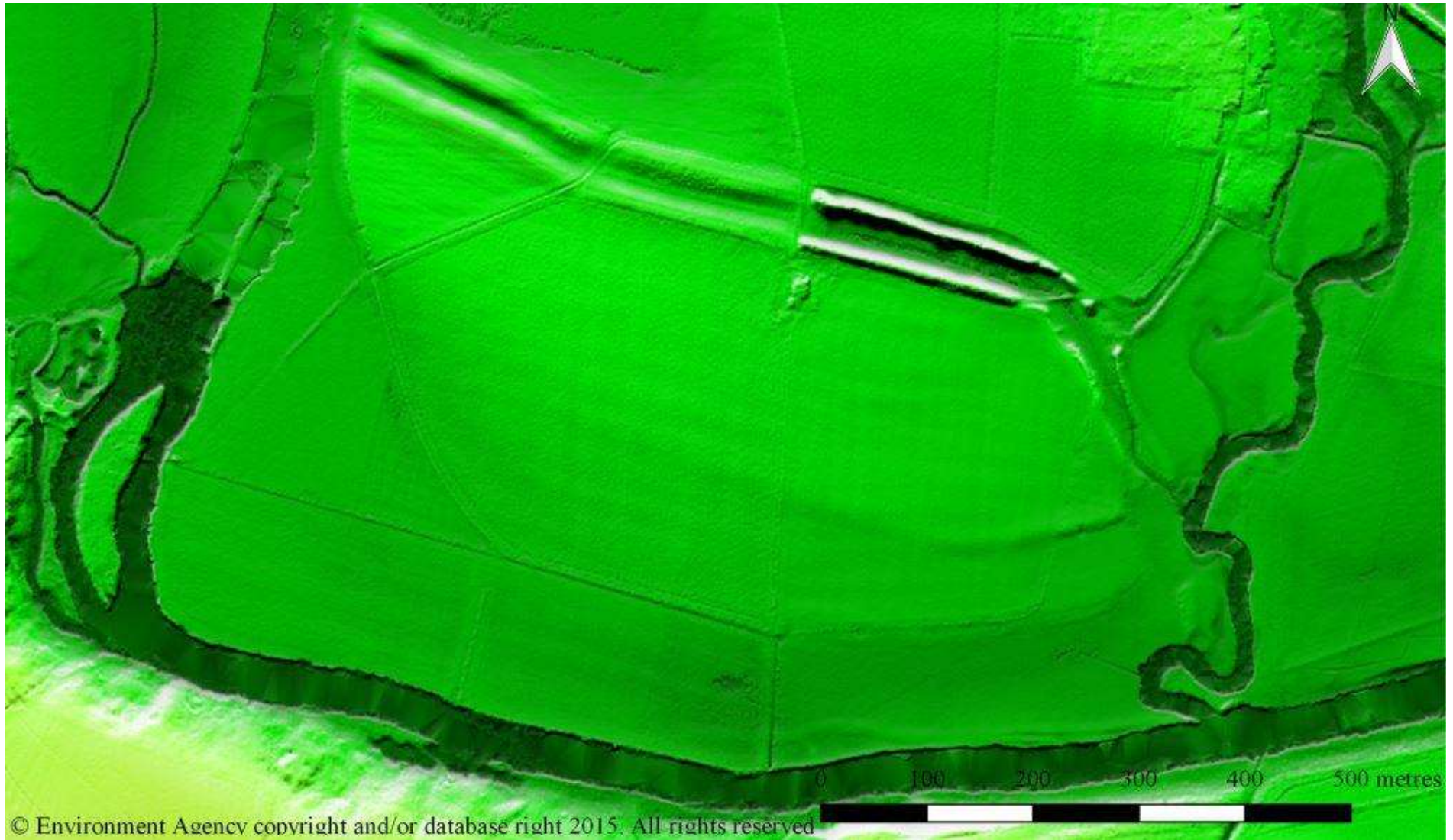
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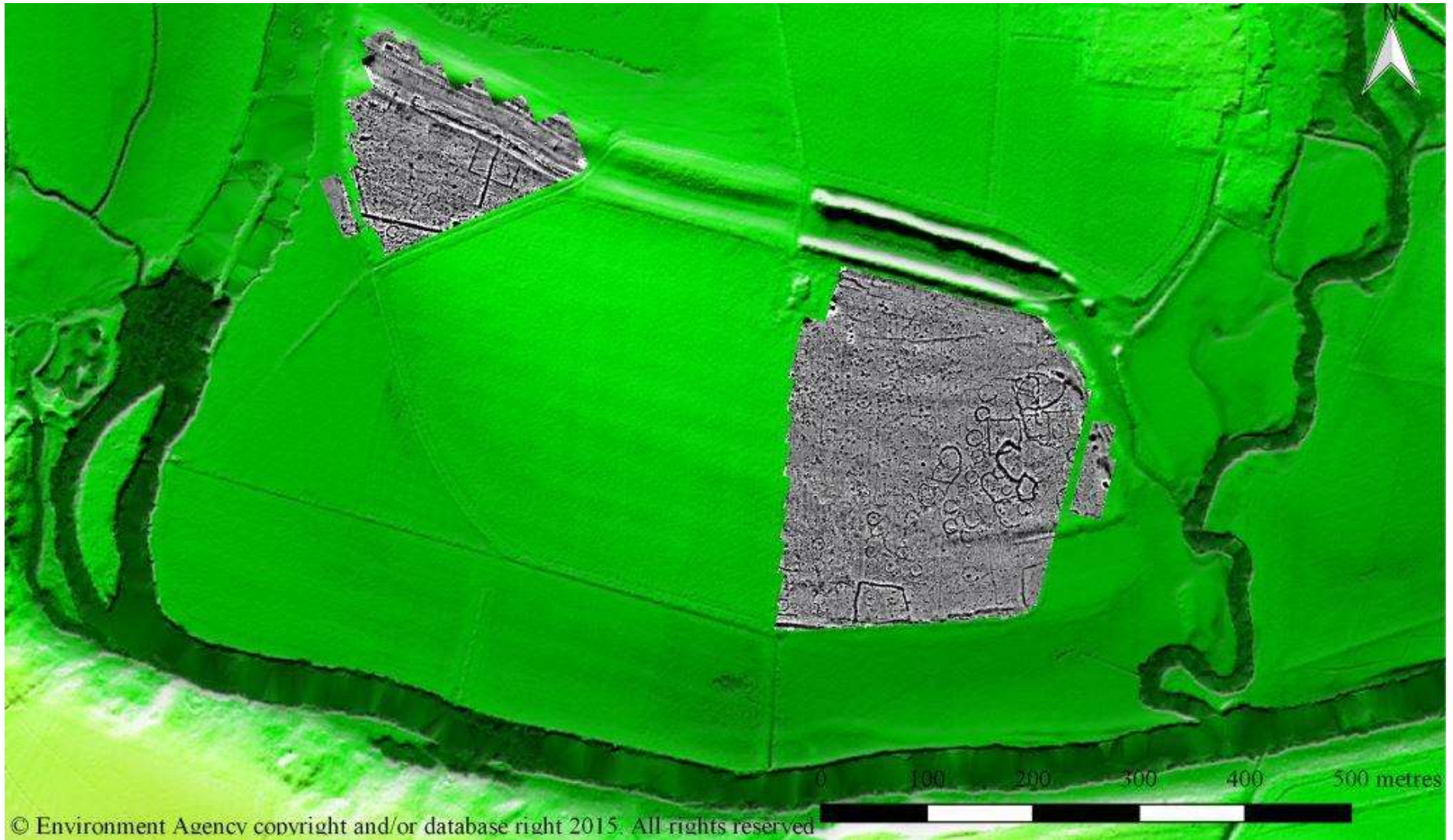
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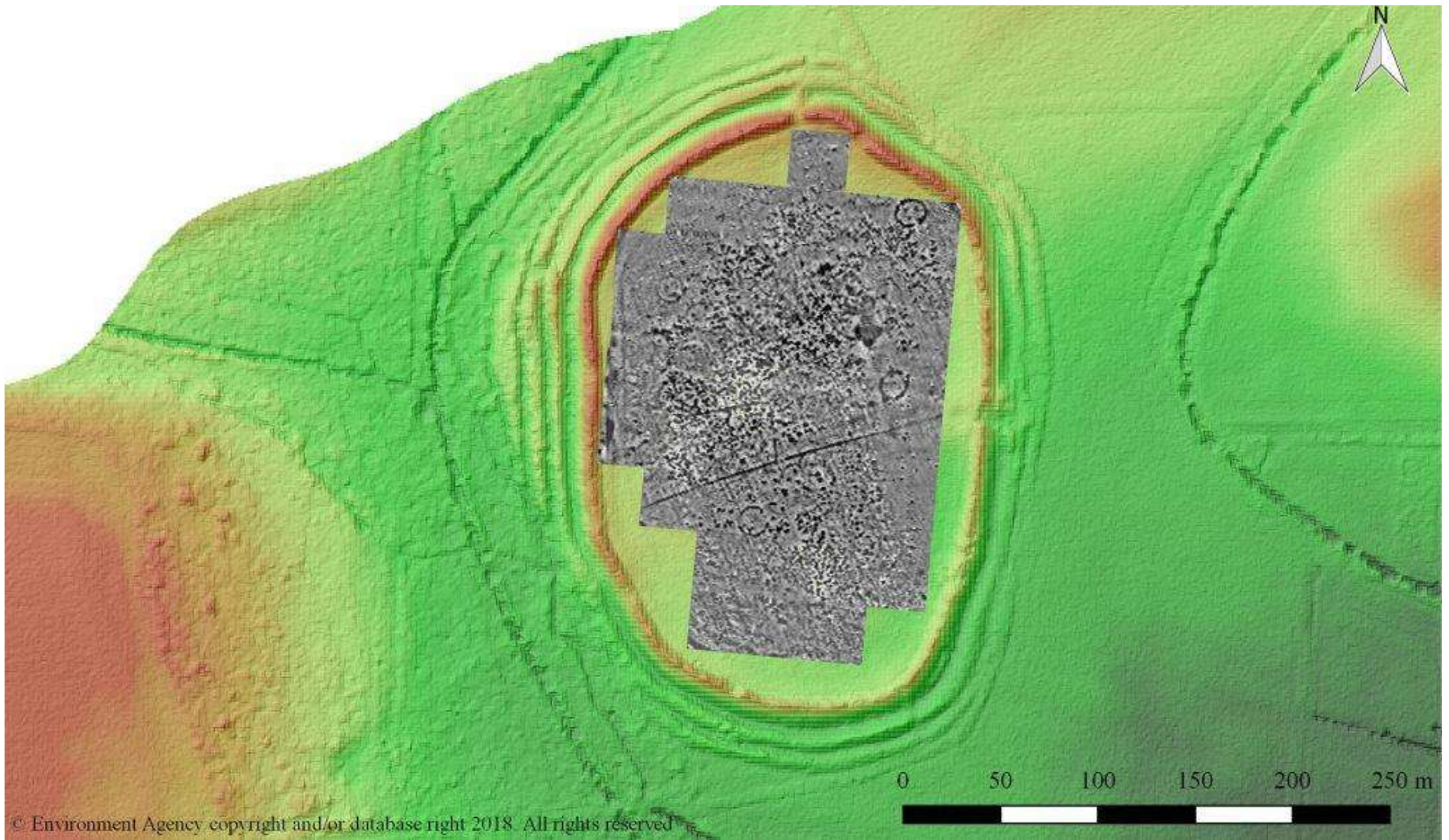
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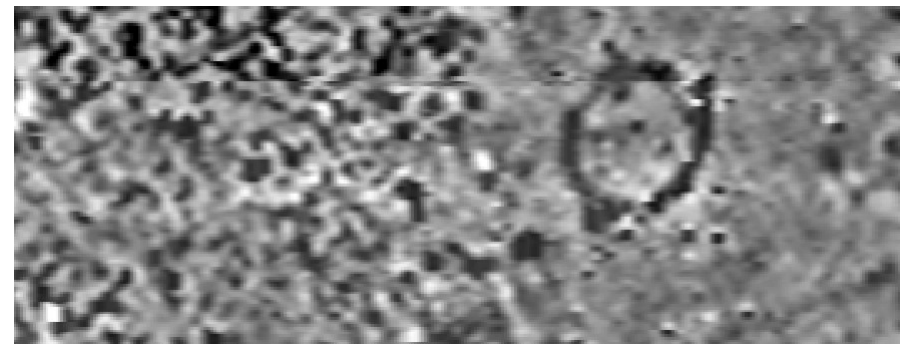
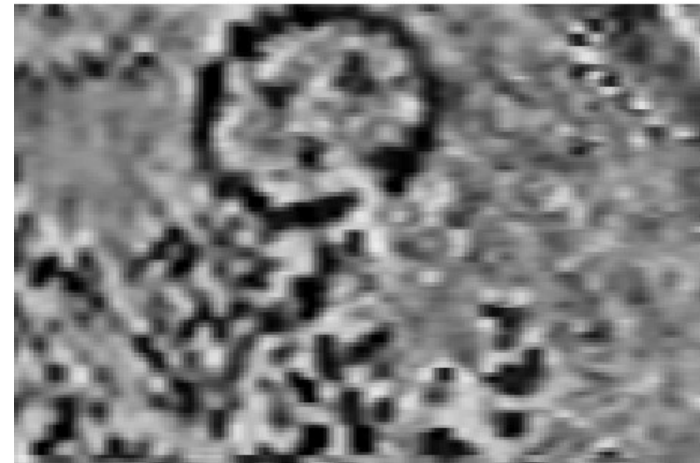
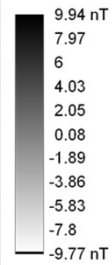
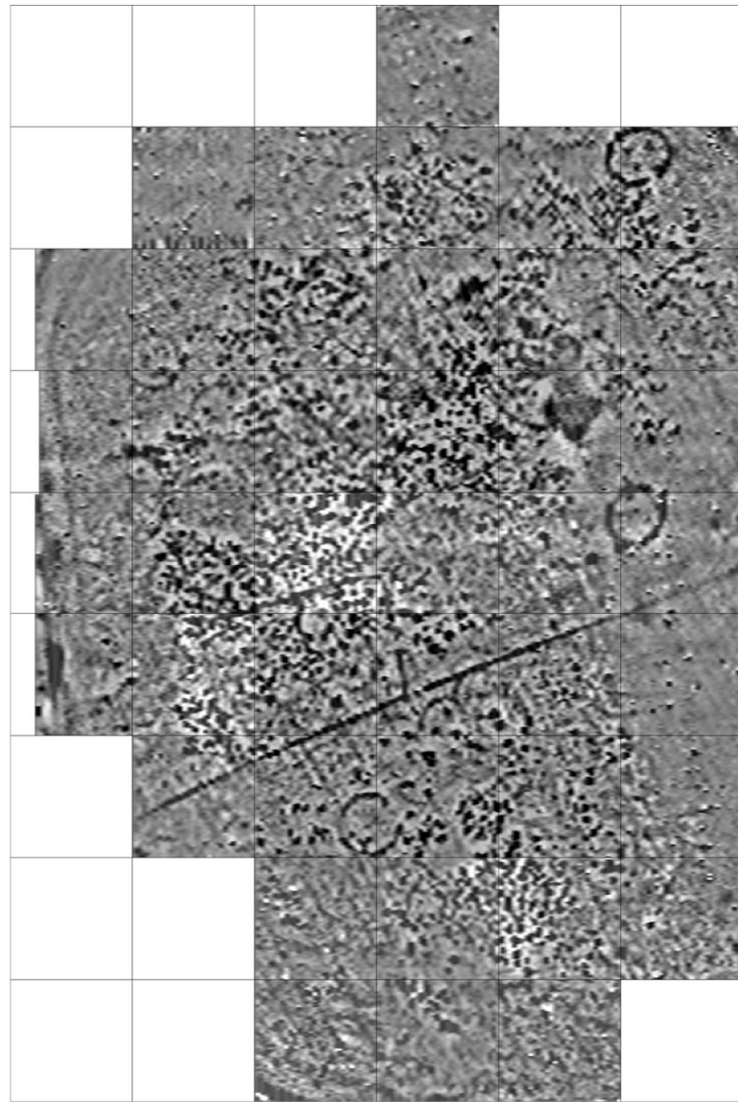
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# Cherbury Camp - Geophysical Survey



## Cherbury Camp - Geophysical Survey

- Occupation indicated by roundhouse gullies and pits. Date and duration unclear.
- Zoning or internal structure suggested by possible cobbled road.
- Not clear whether pits are for storage, rubbish (or both).
- Does not appear to have been occupied in Roman period

## Cherbury Camp (Charney Bassett)

- 1938 Arkell - Site defensible because largely surrounded by marshes
- 1939 Bradford – Dated defences to 0 – 20 AD (late Iron Age)
- 1972 Harding – Middle IA pottery, no late IA pottery. Suggests multiple phases of construction, with abandonment in the early first century AD.
- 1983 Hingley – Middle IA pottery. Suggests settlement began in early IA. One of a number of nucleated, heavily defended settlements of the Upper Thames Valley (Salmonsbury, Abingdon, Dyke Hills)

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# Cherbury Camp (Charney Bassett)

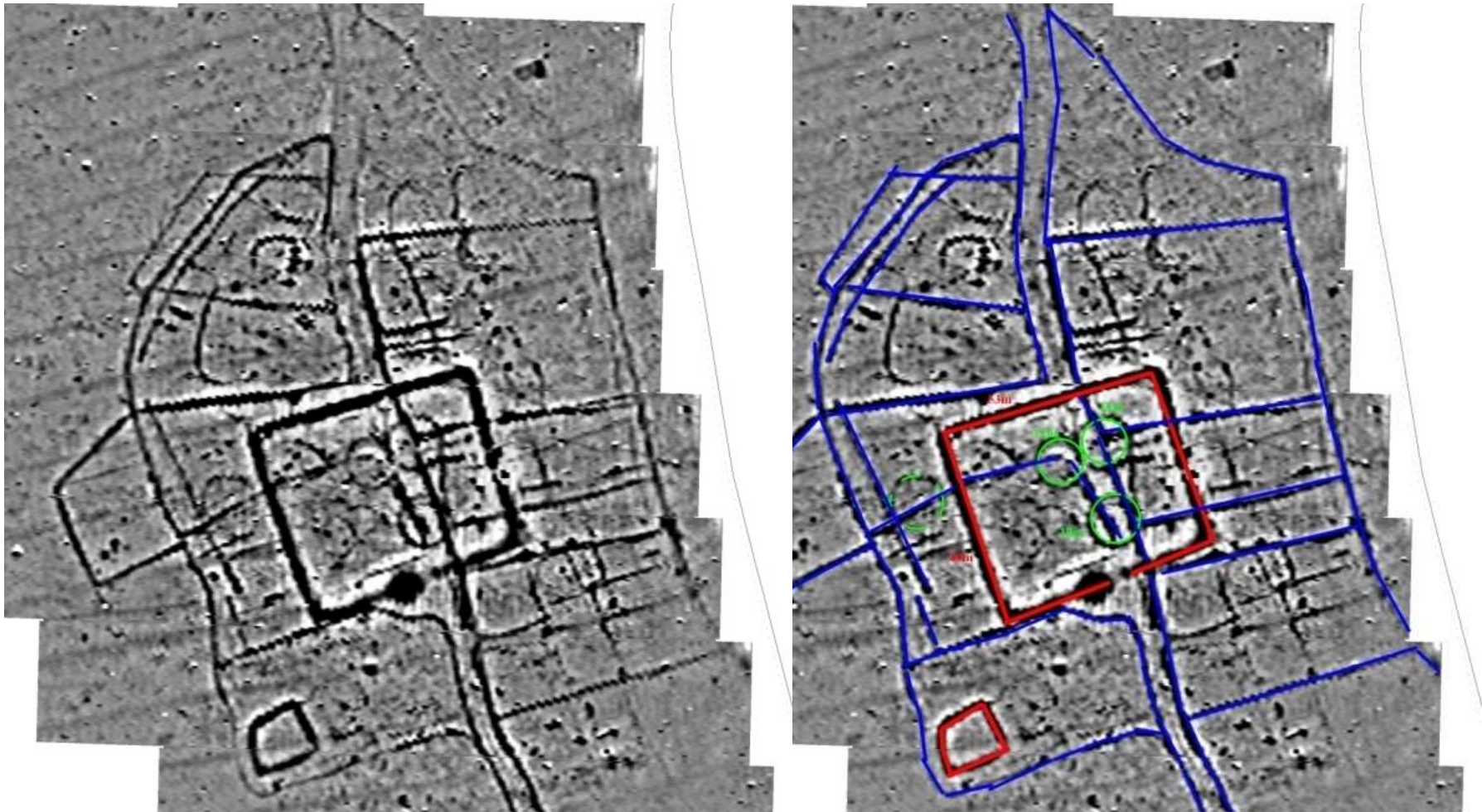


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## Geophysical Survey and Interpretation



Two Phases? – Iron Age Enclosure and later Roman settlement. Trackway width ca 8.5m.  
Small excavation by Mr D. A. Maclean of Appleby Fruit Farm, Kingston Bagpuize in 1960s  
1966. Archaeological Notes from Reading Museum. *Berkshire Archaeological Journal*, 62, 70-76.

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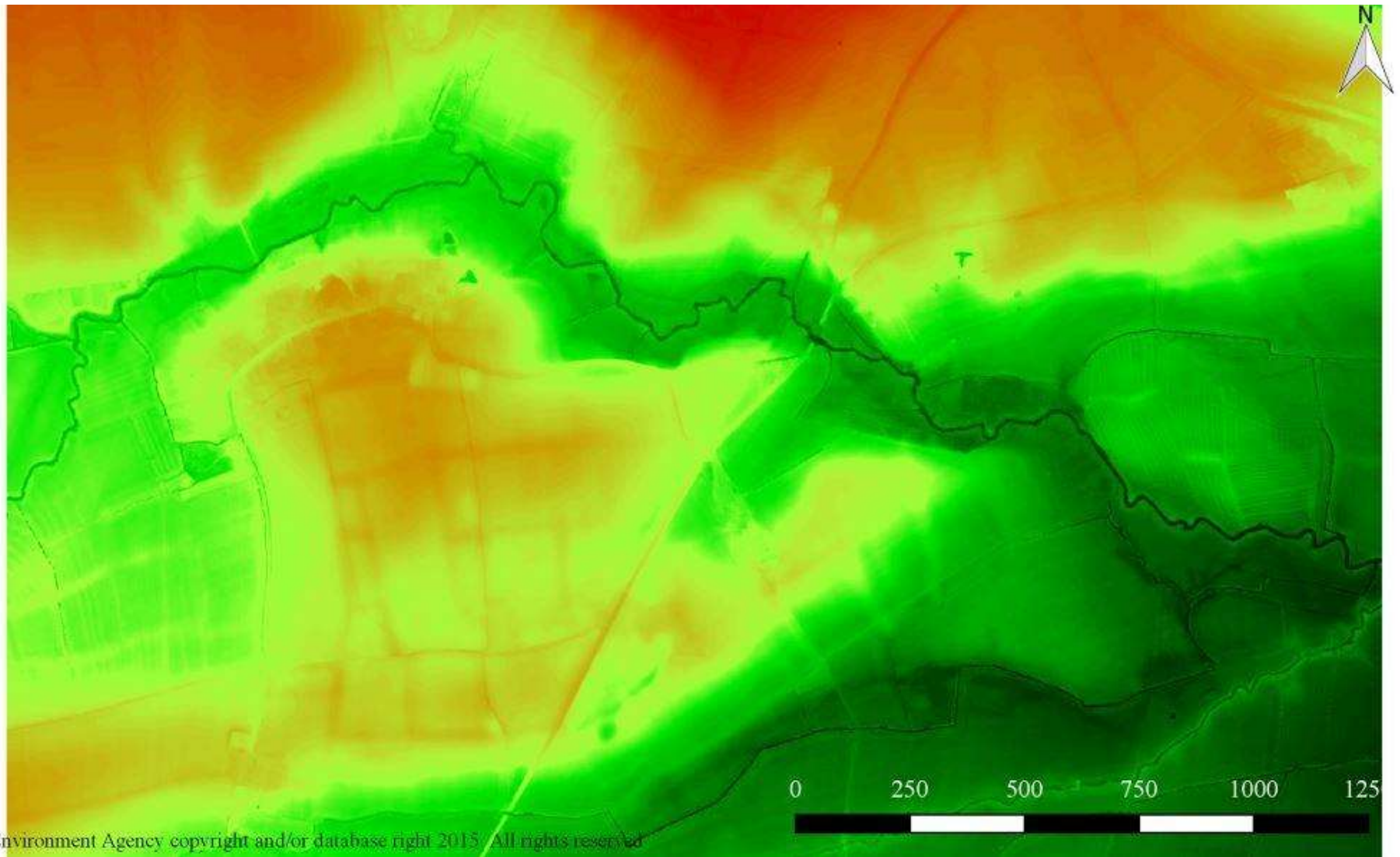
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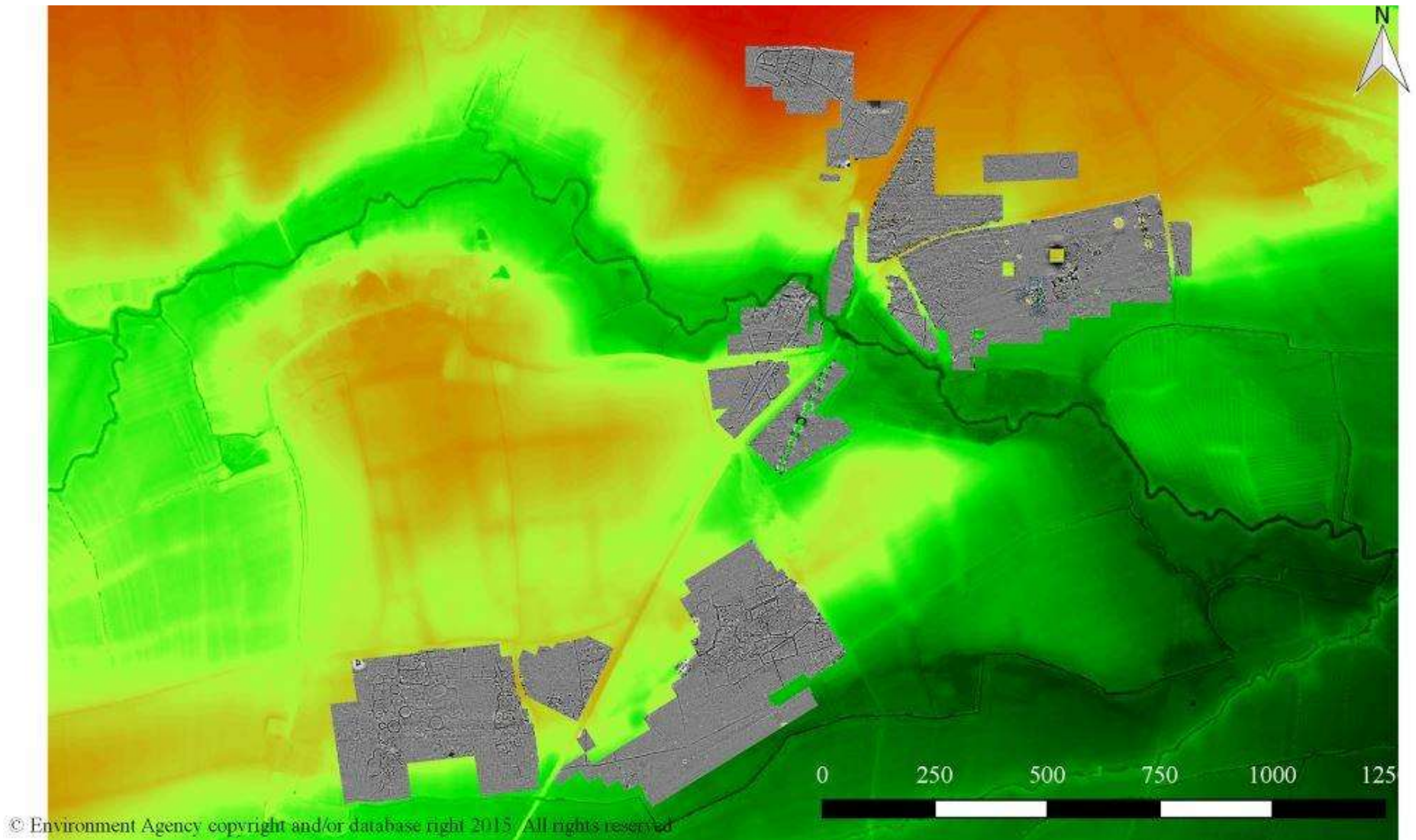
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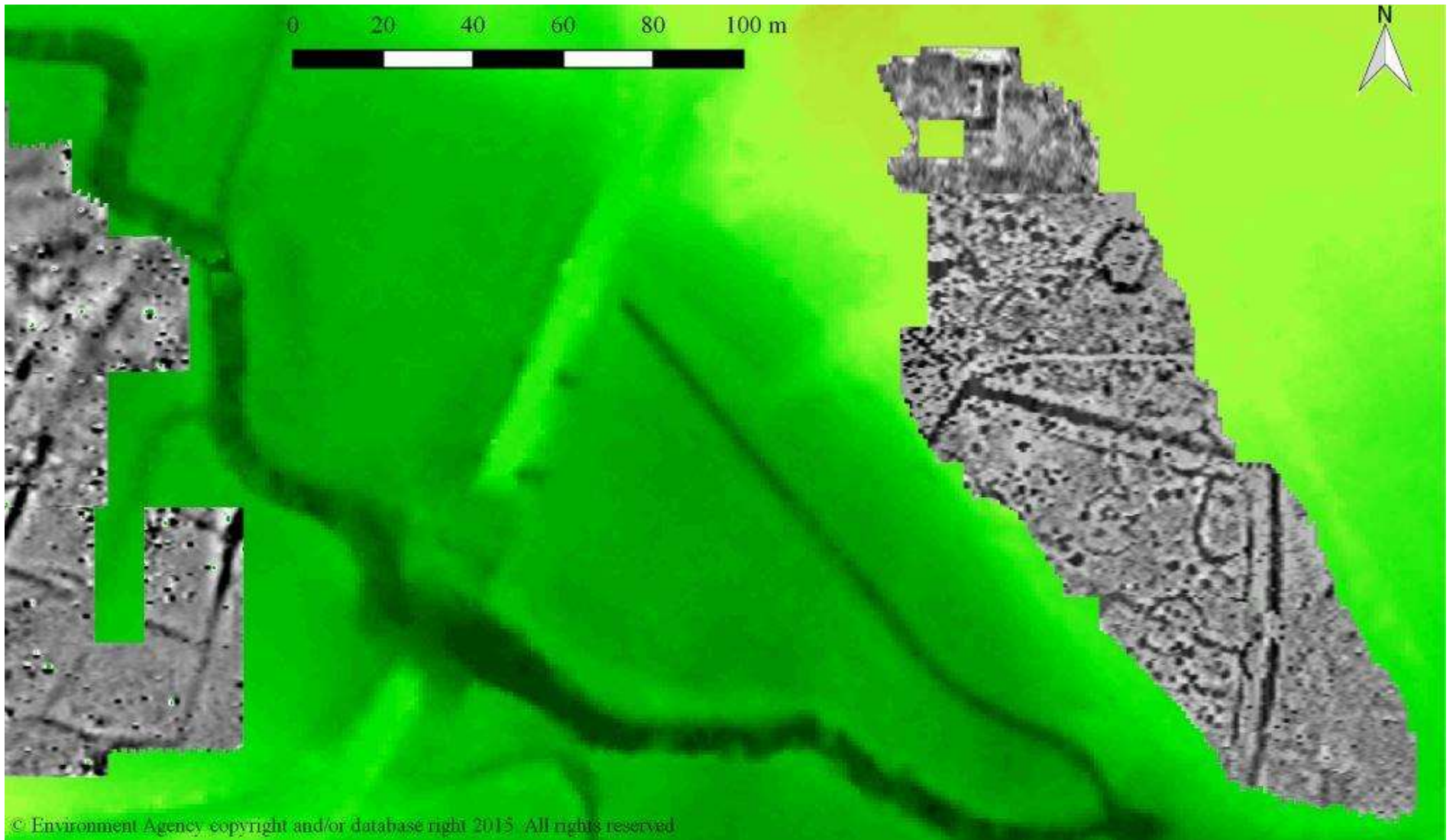
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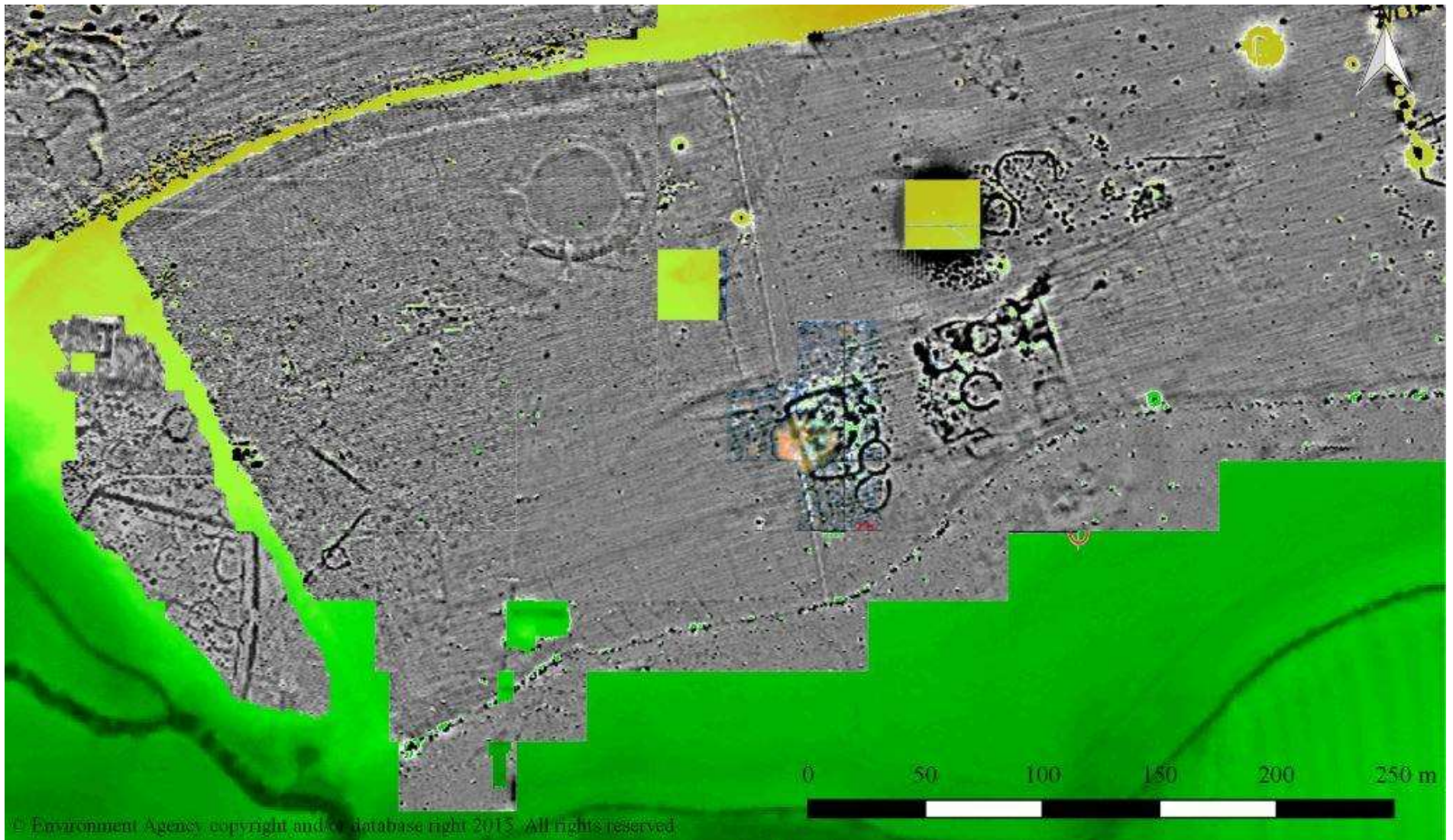
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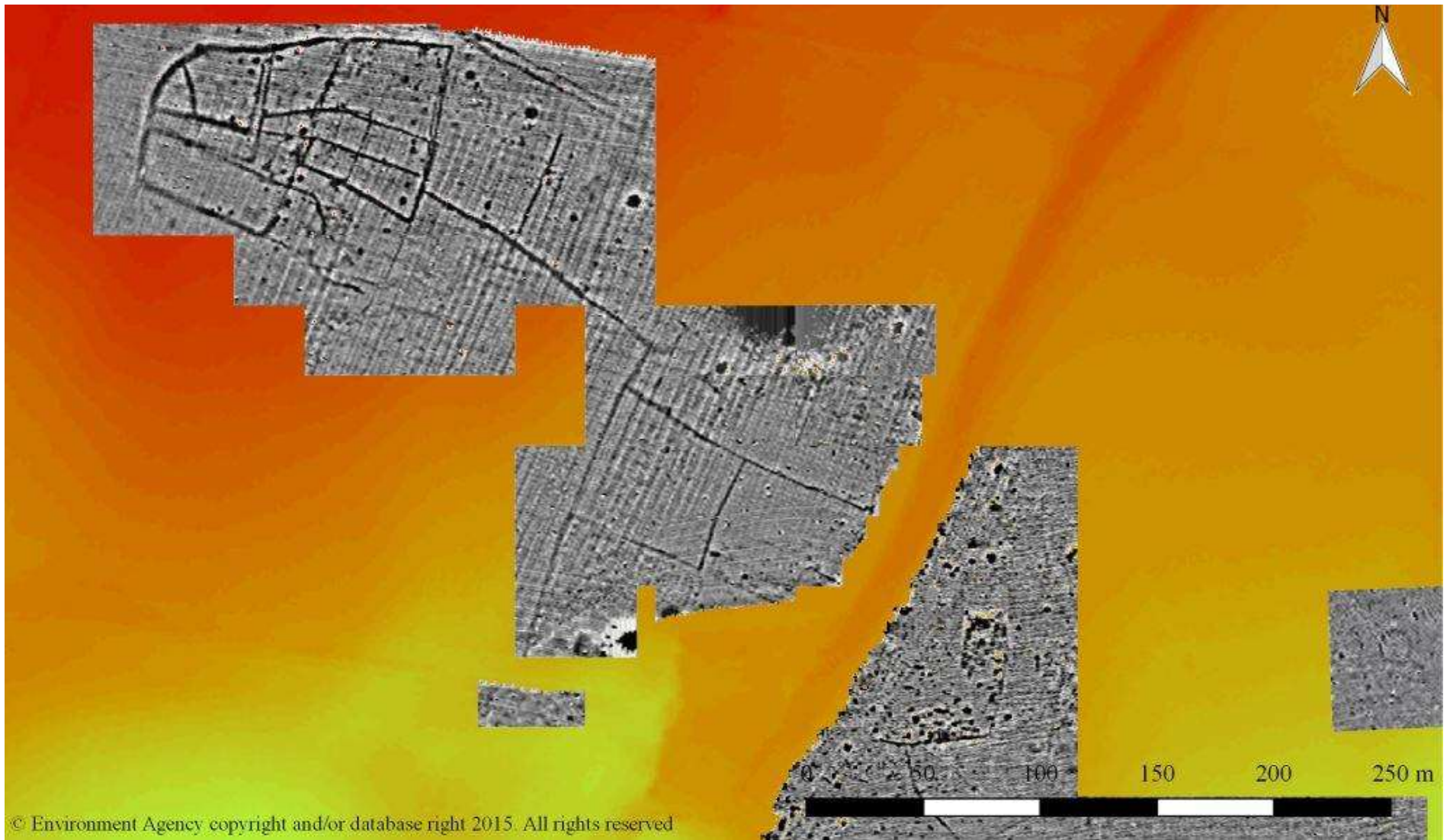
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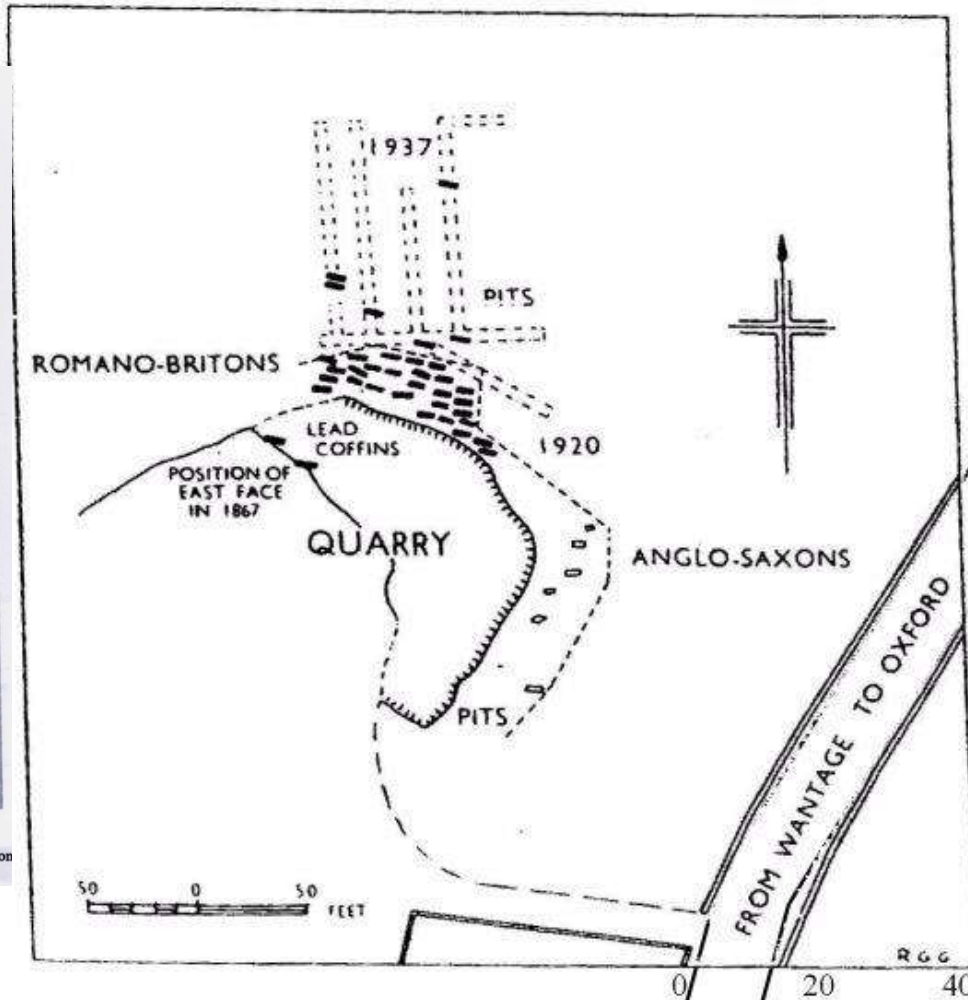
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# Marcham / Frilford Cemetery



Plate XXV Rolleston's sketch of the graves of the old Anglo-Saxon woman and of the little old Romano-Briton.

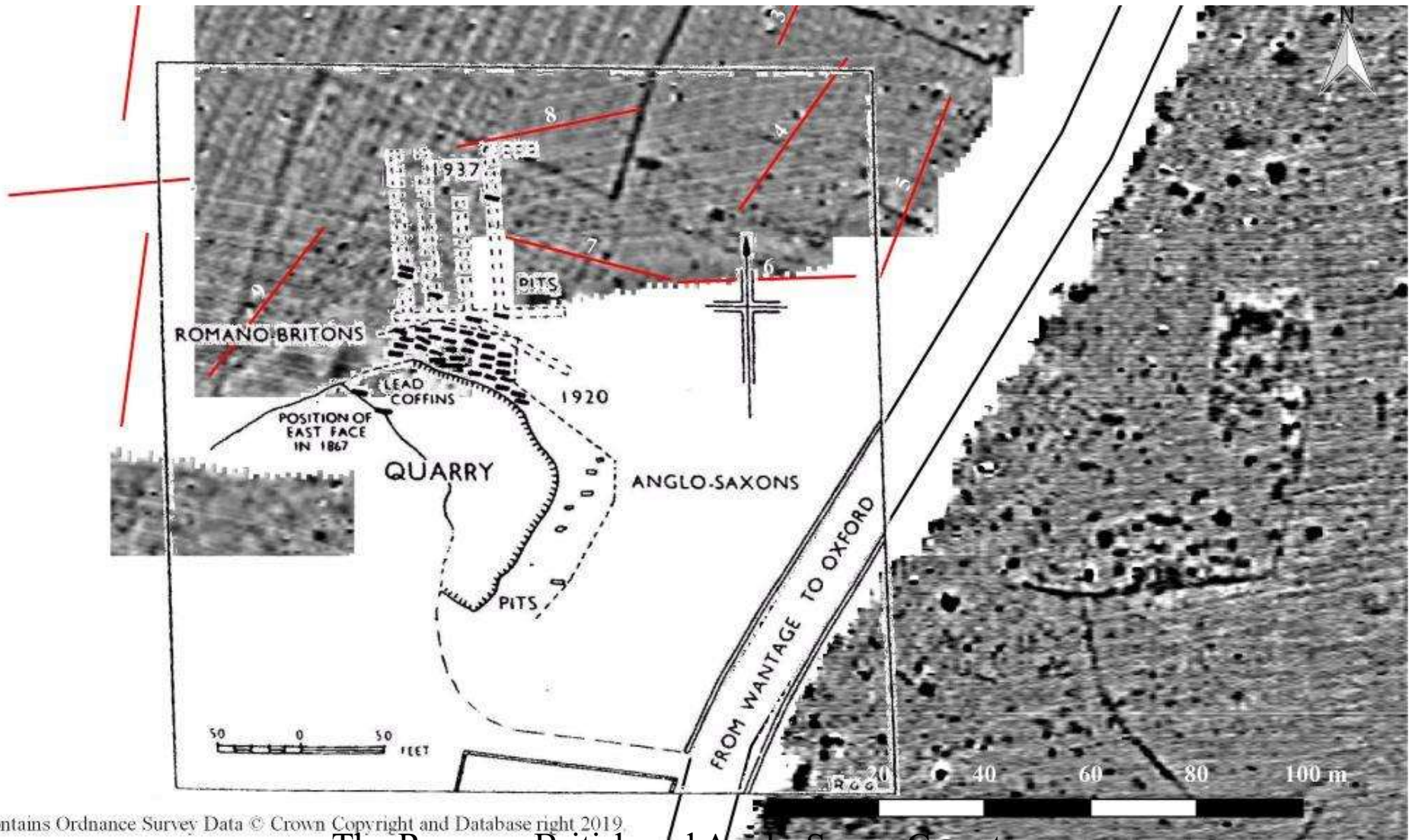


George Rolleston  
Linacre Professor of  
Anatomy and Physiology

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The Romano-British and Anglo-Saxon Cemetery  
(Bradford and Goodchild 1939, 55, Figure 12)

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## Marcham / Frilford Cemetery



**Trench 7 (Cass and Ford 2008, Plate 2)**

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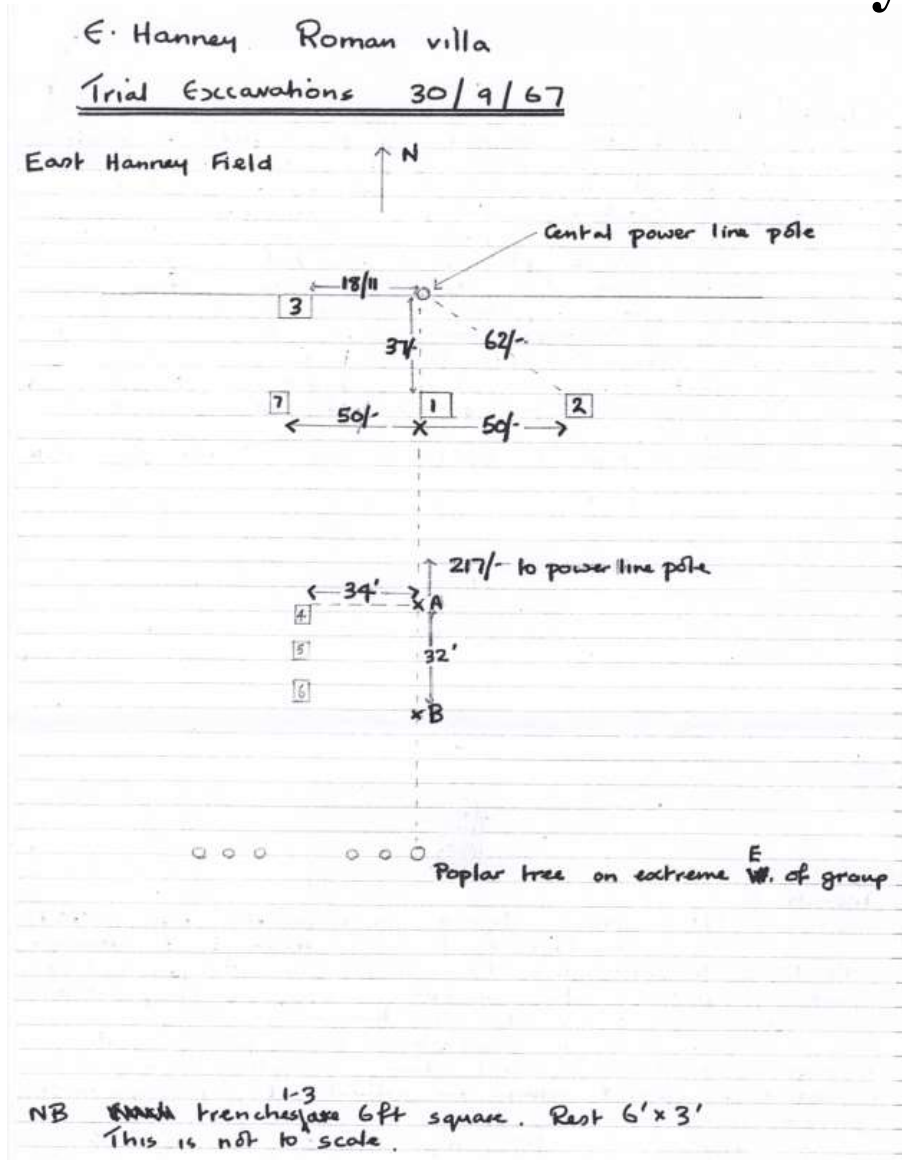
**Trench 1 (Cass and Ford 2008, Plate 1)**

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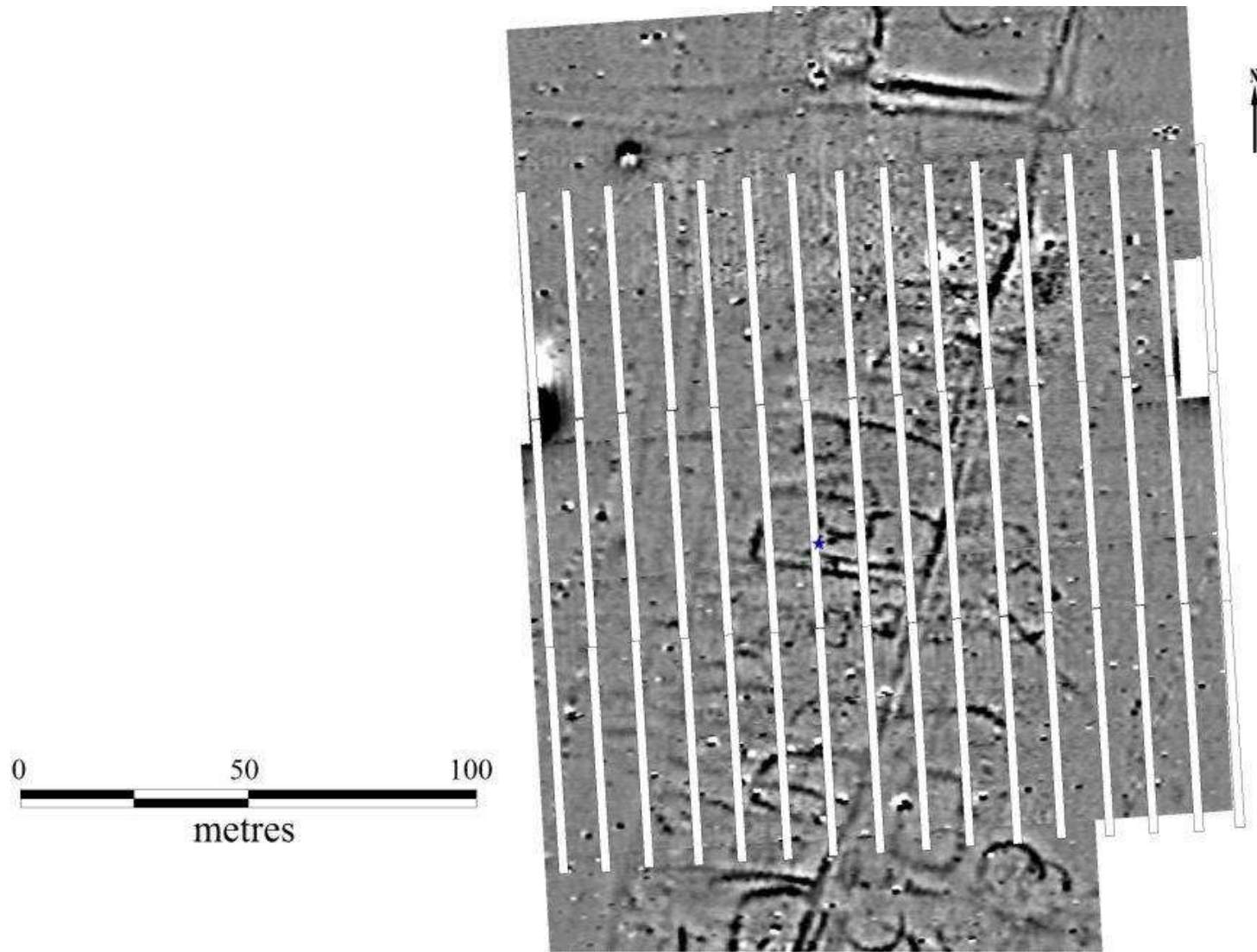
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# East Hanney



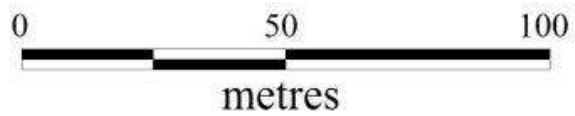
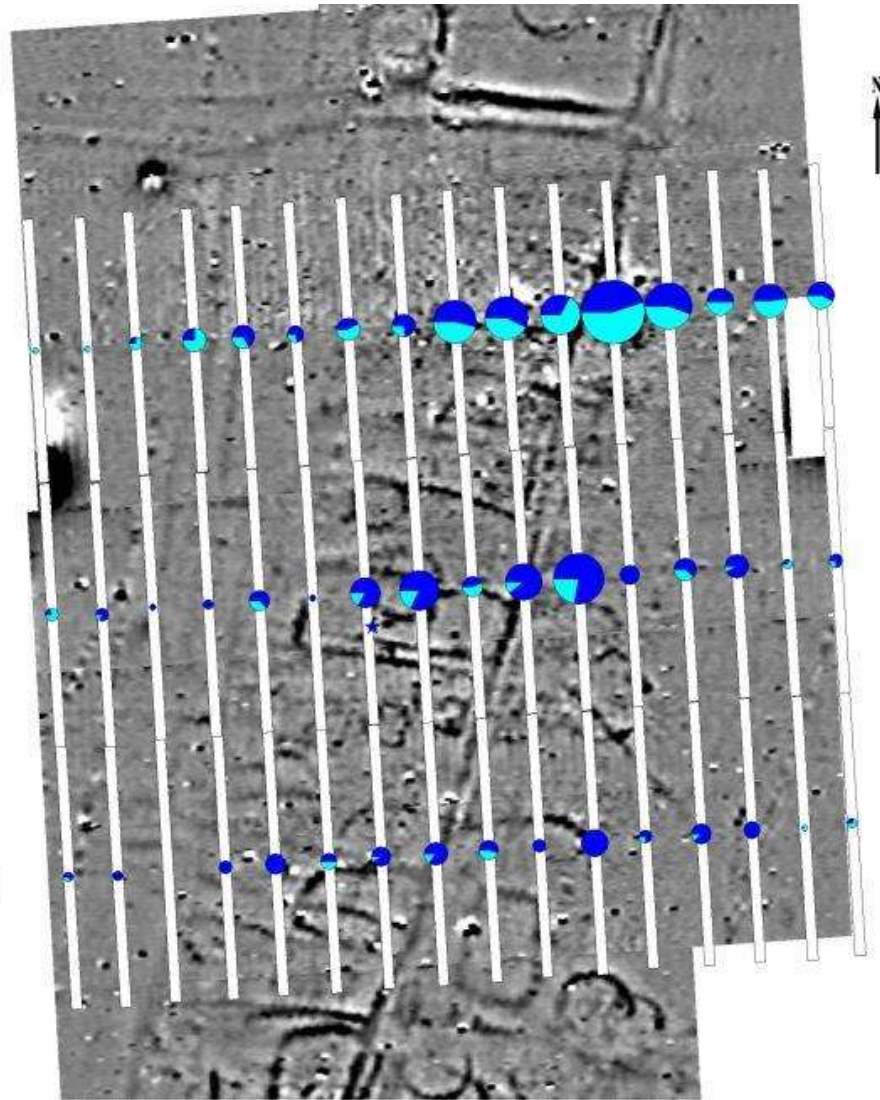
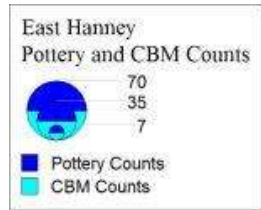
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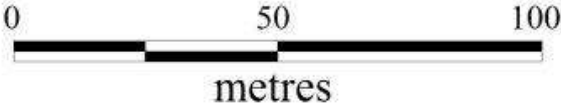
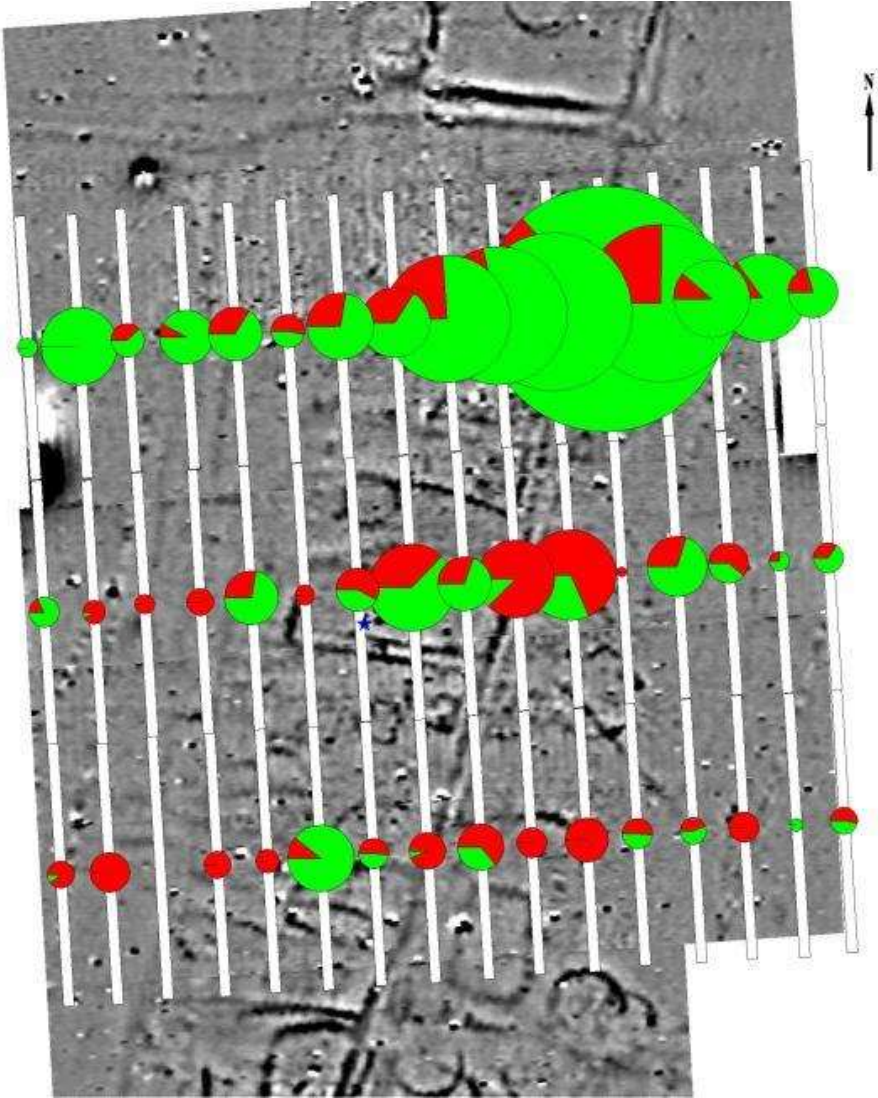
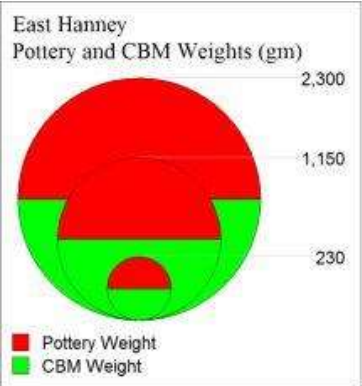
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# East Hanney and Drayton (Linear Settlements)



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# Linear Settlements (Chronology)

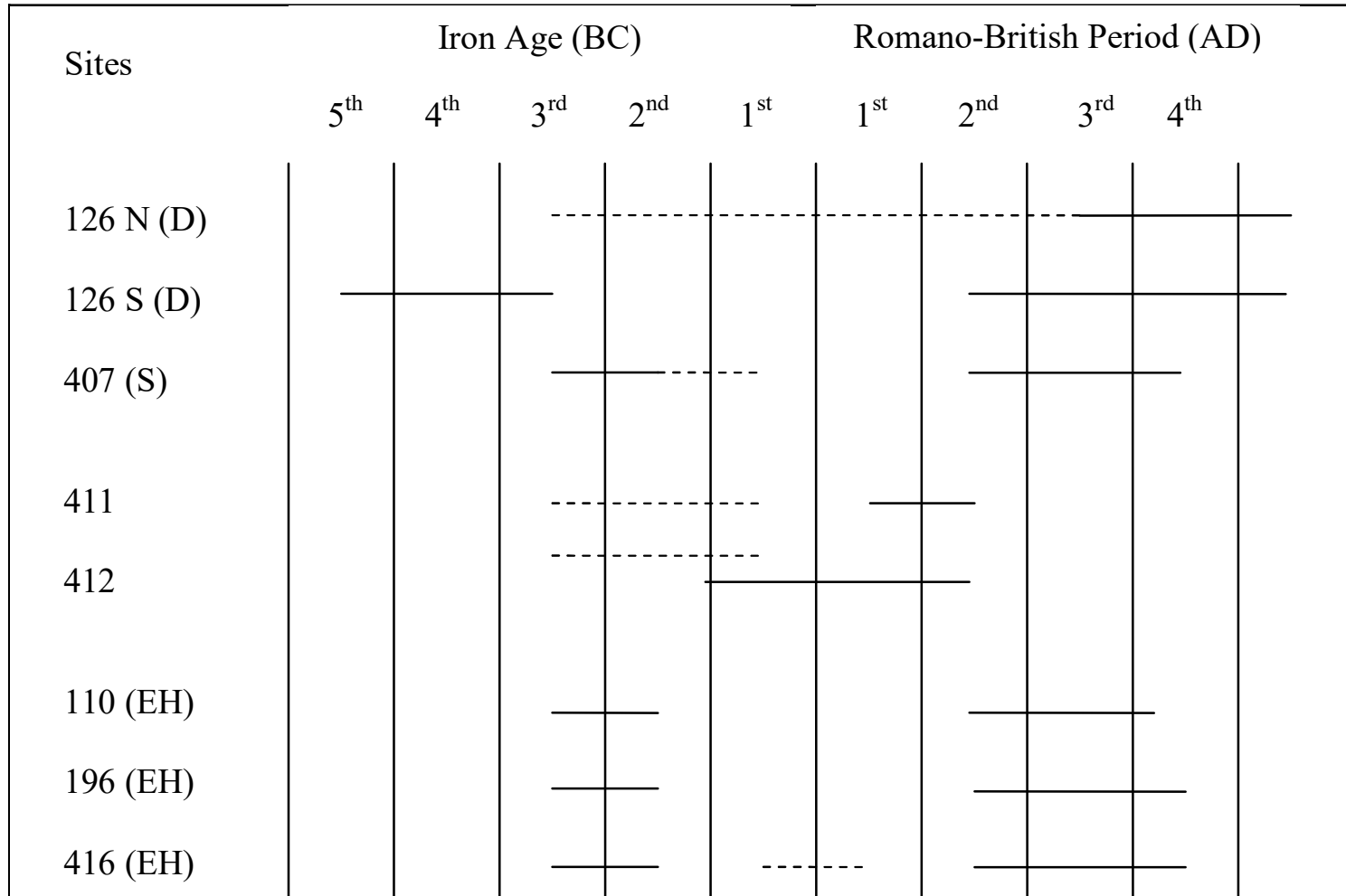
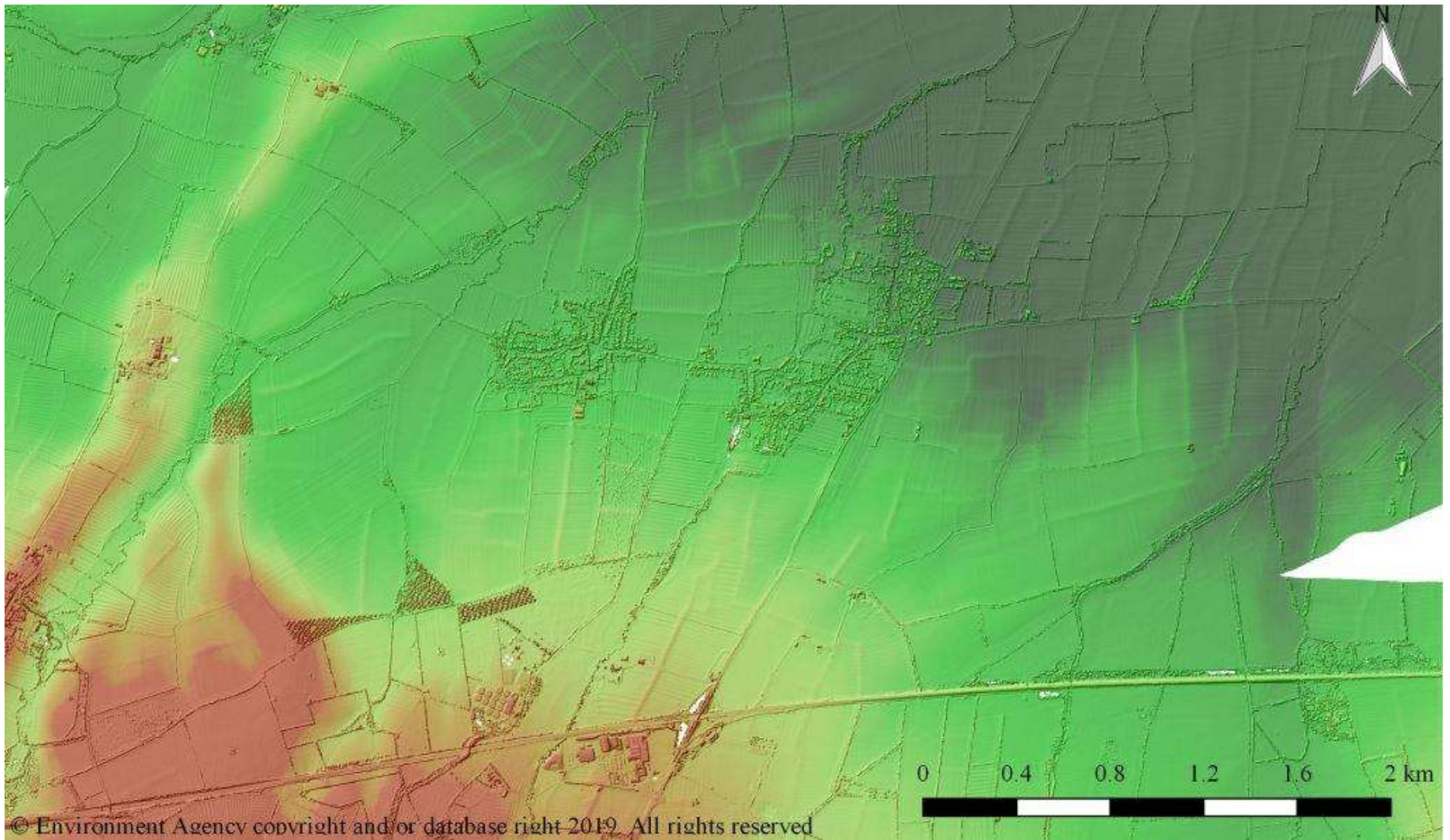


Figure 6.27 – Chronology of Linear Sites in Drayton, East Hanney and Steventon

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# Hanney and Grove



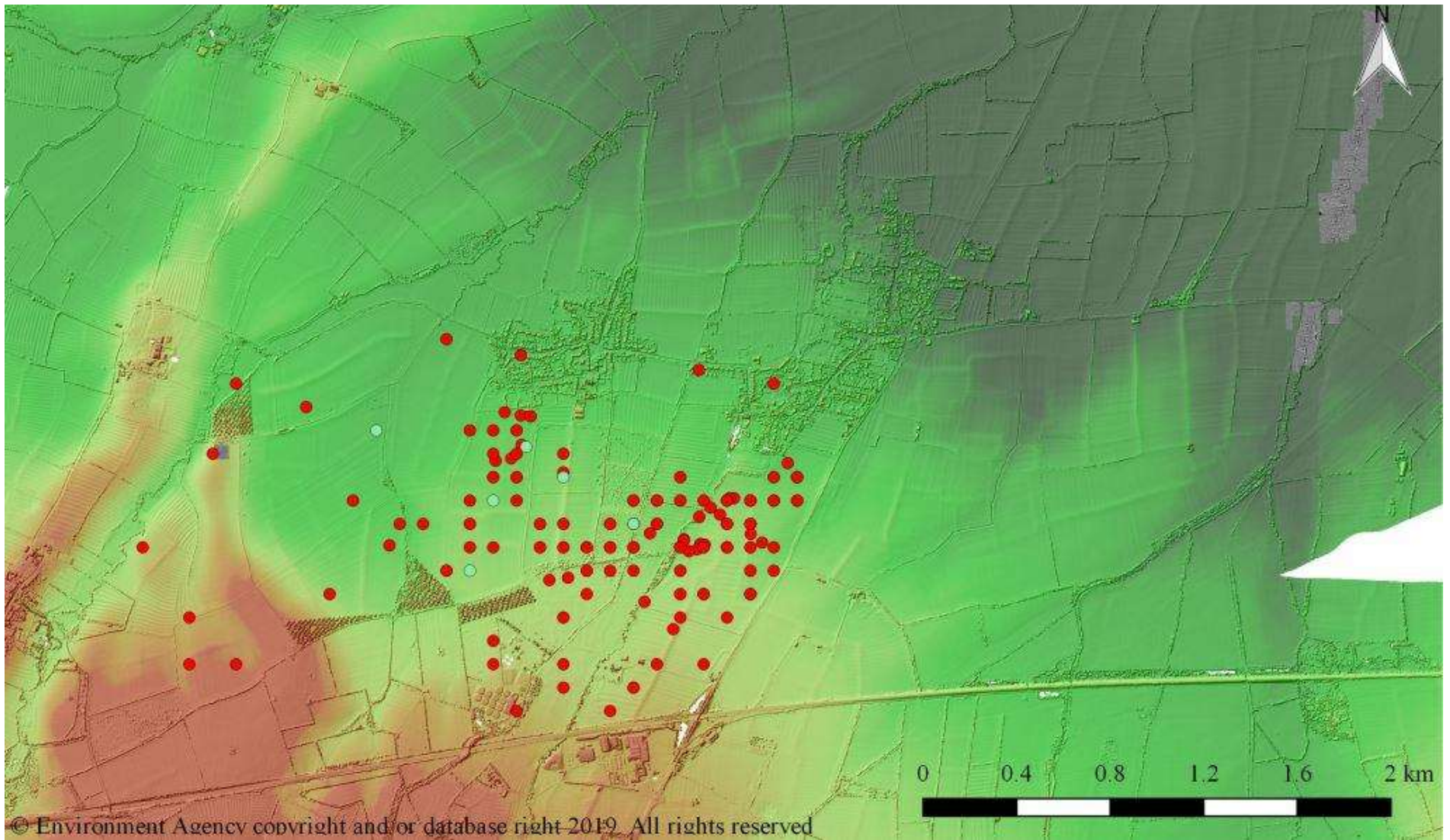
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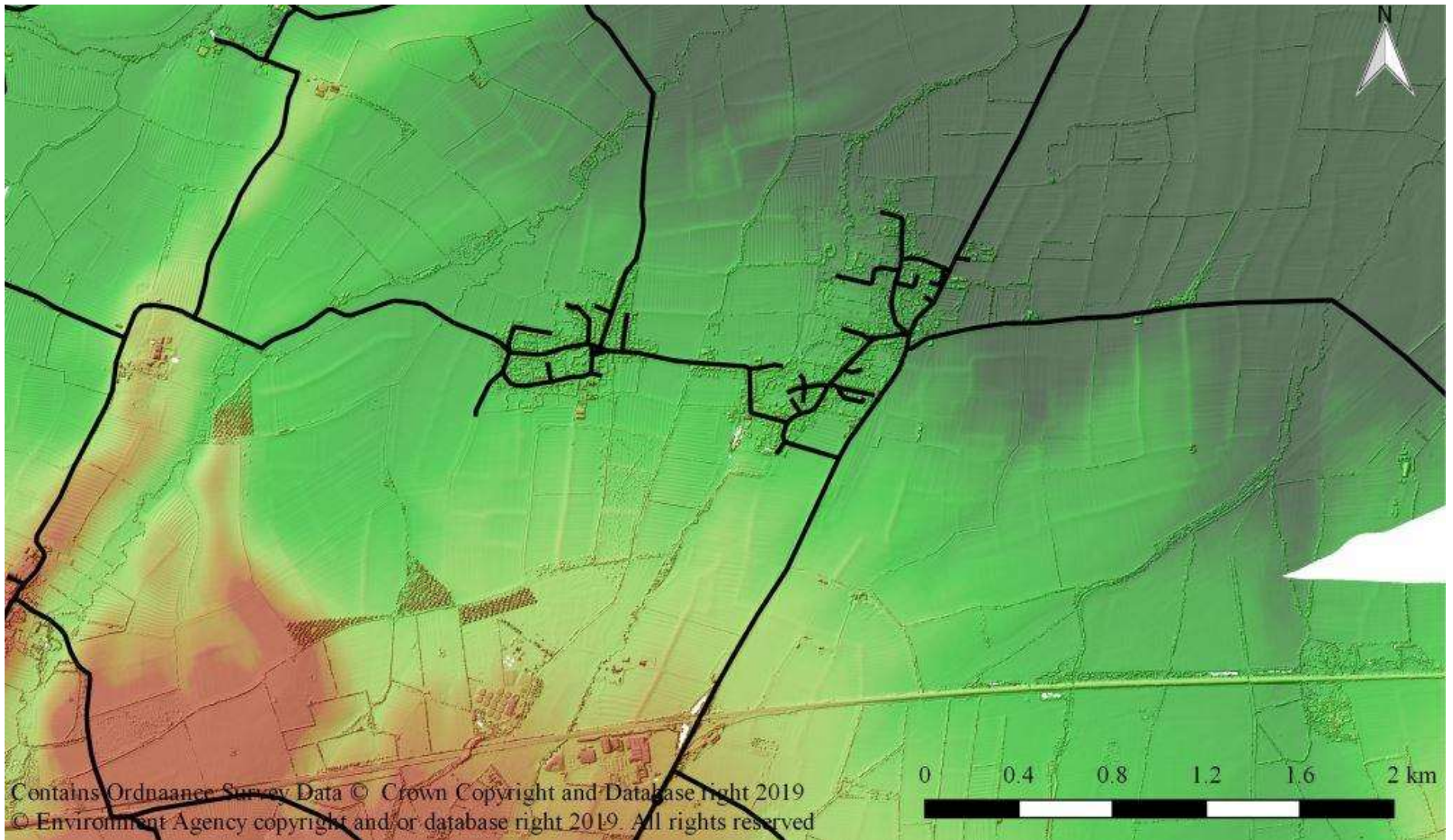
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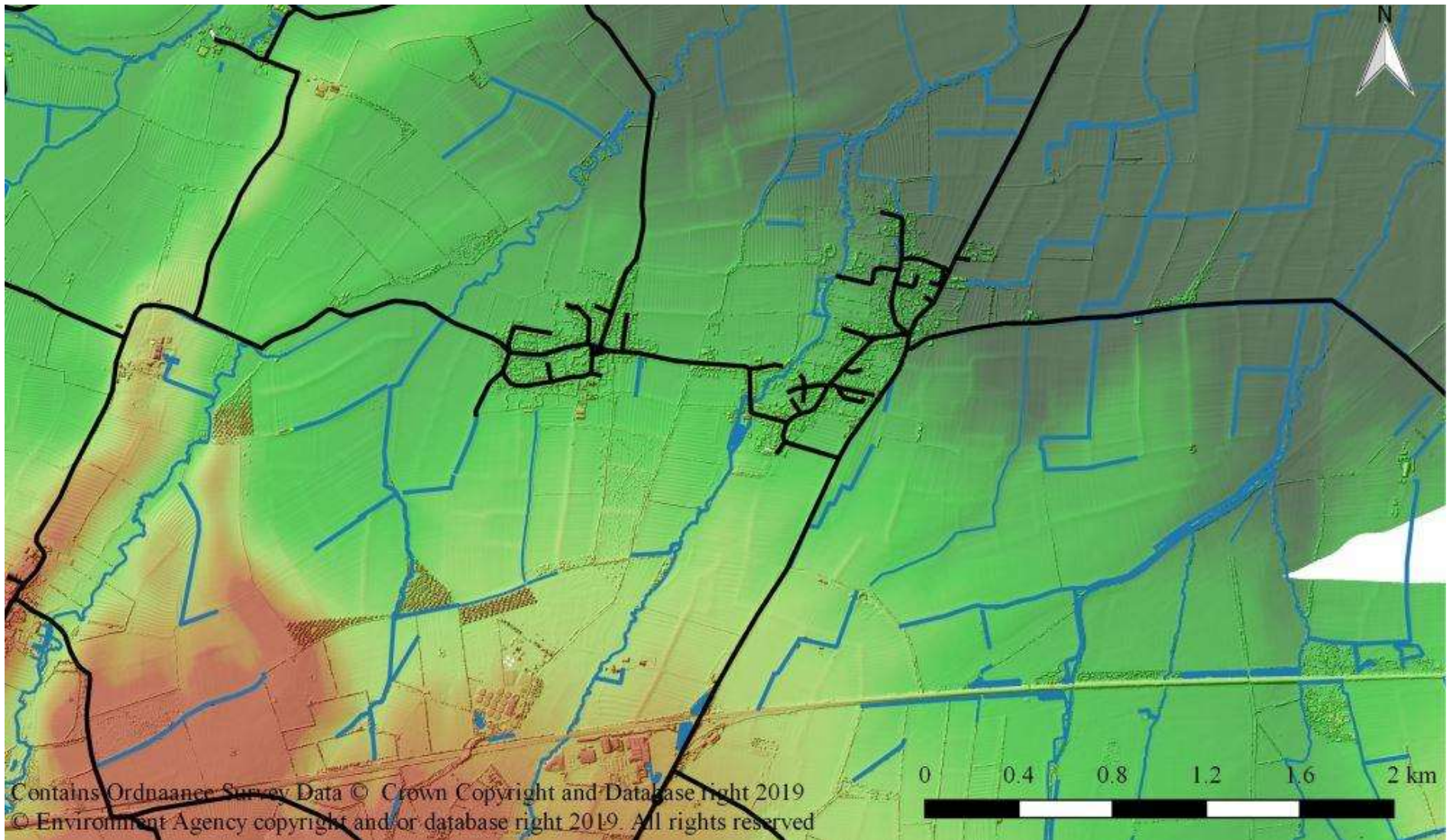
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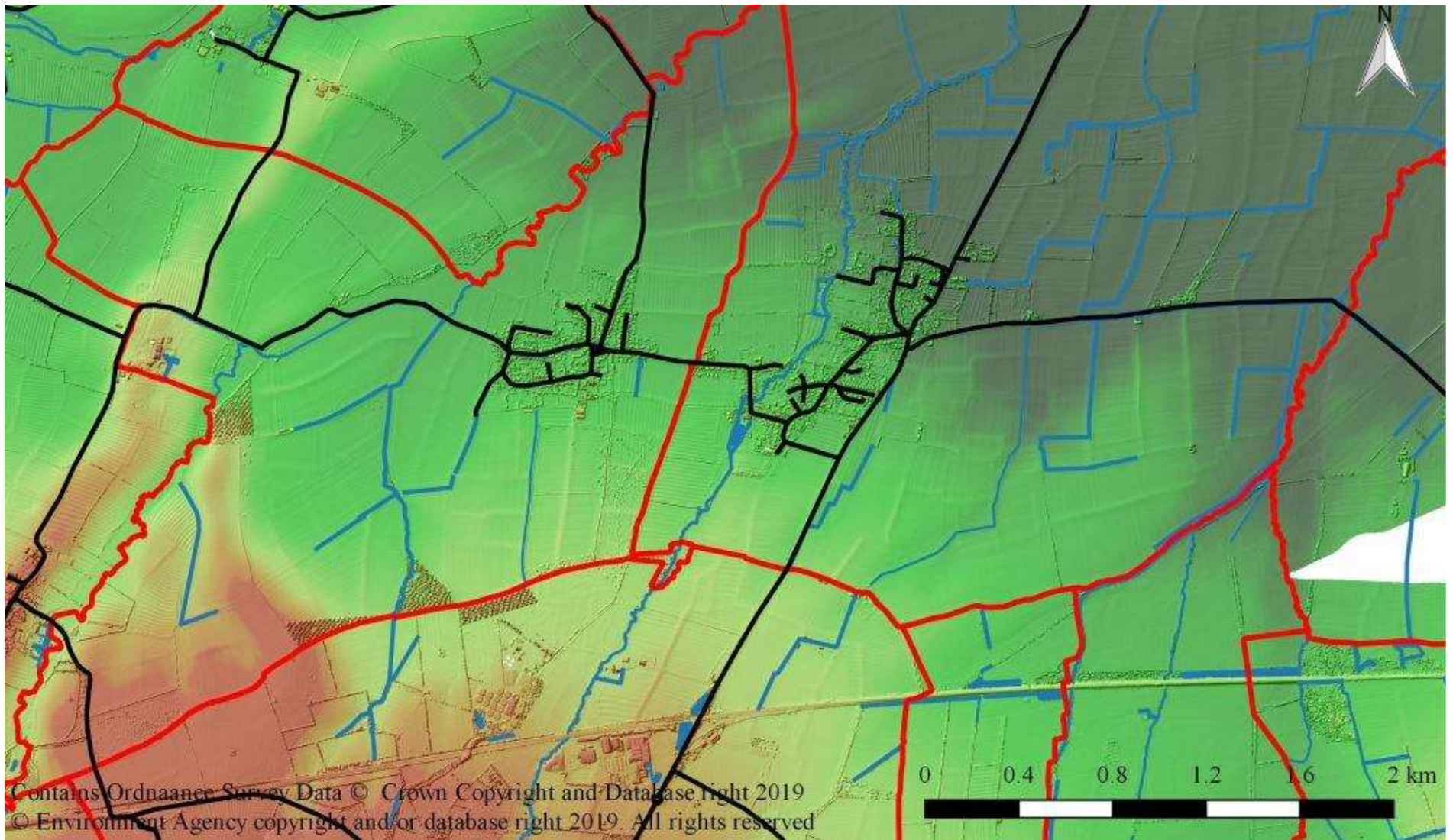
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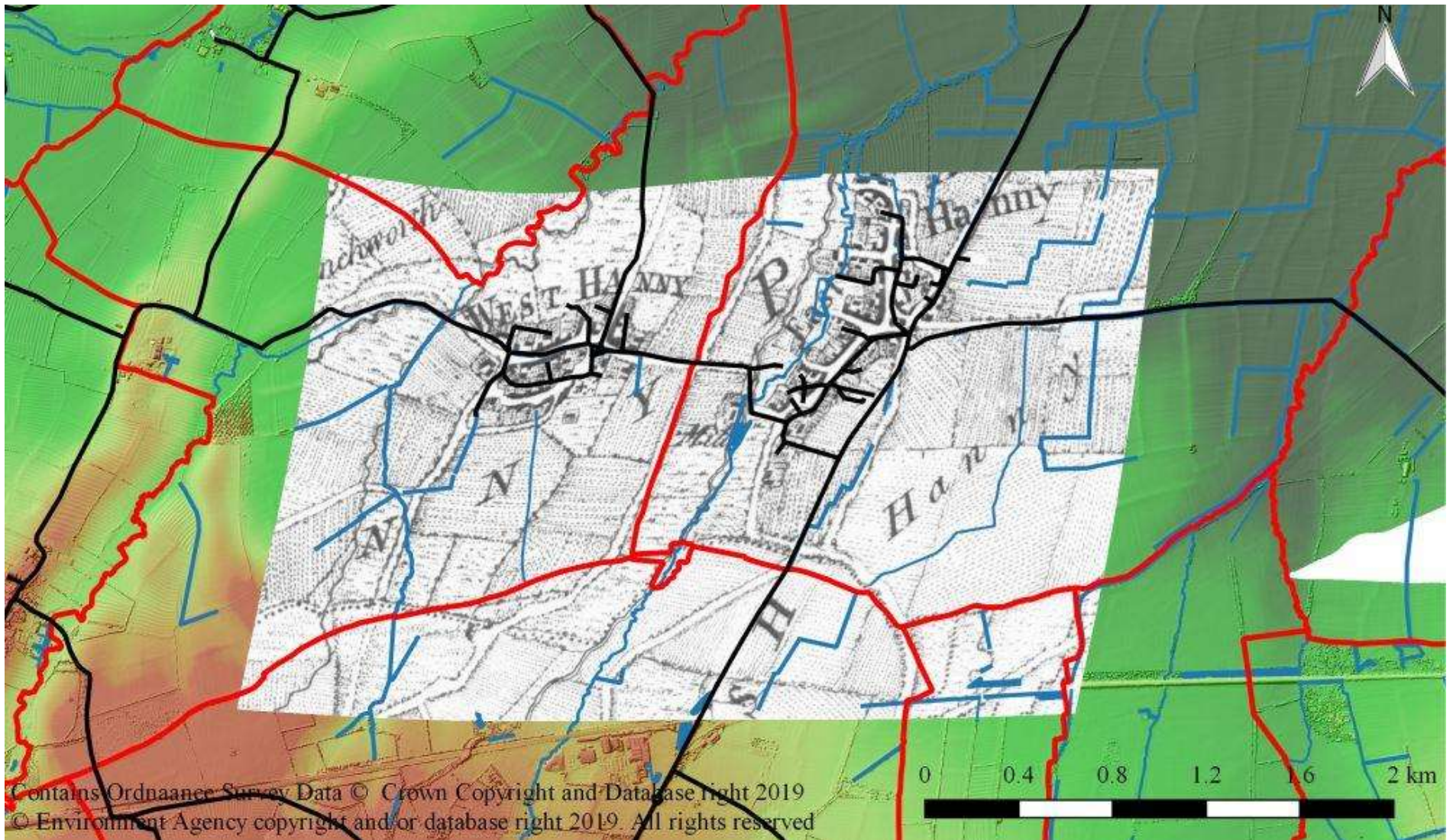
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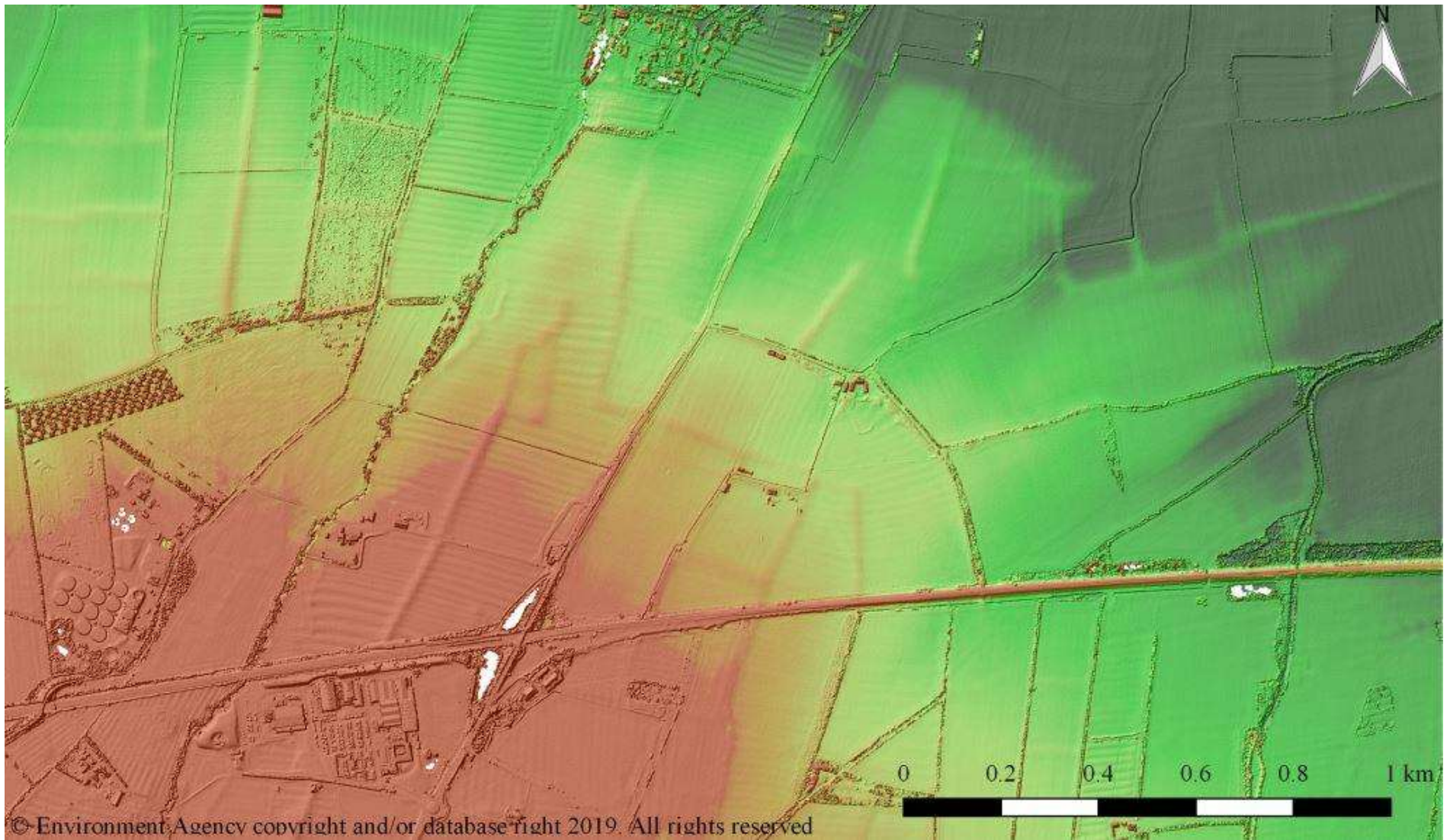
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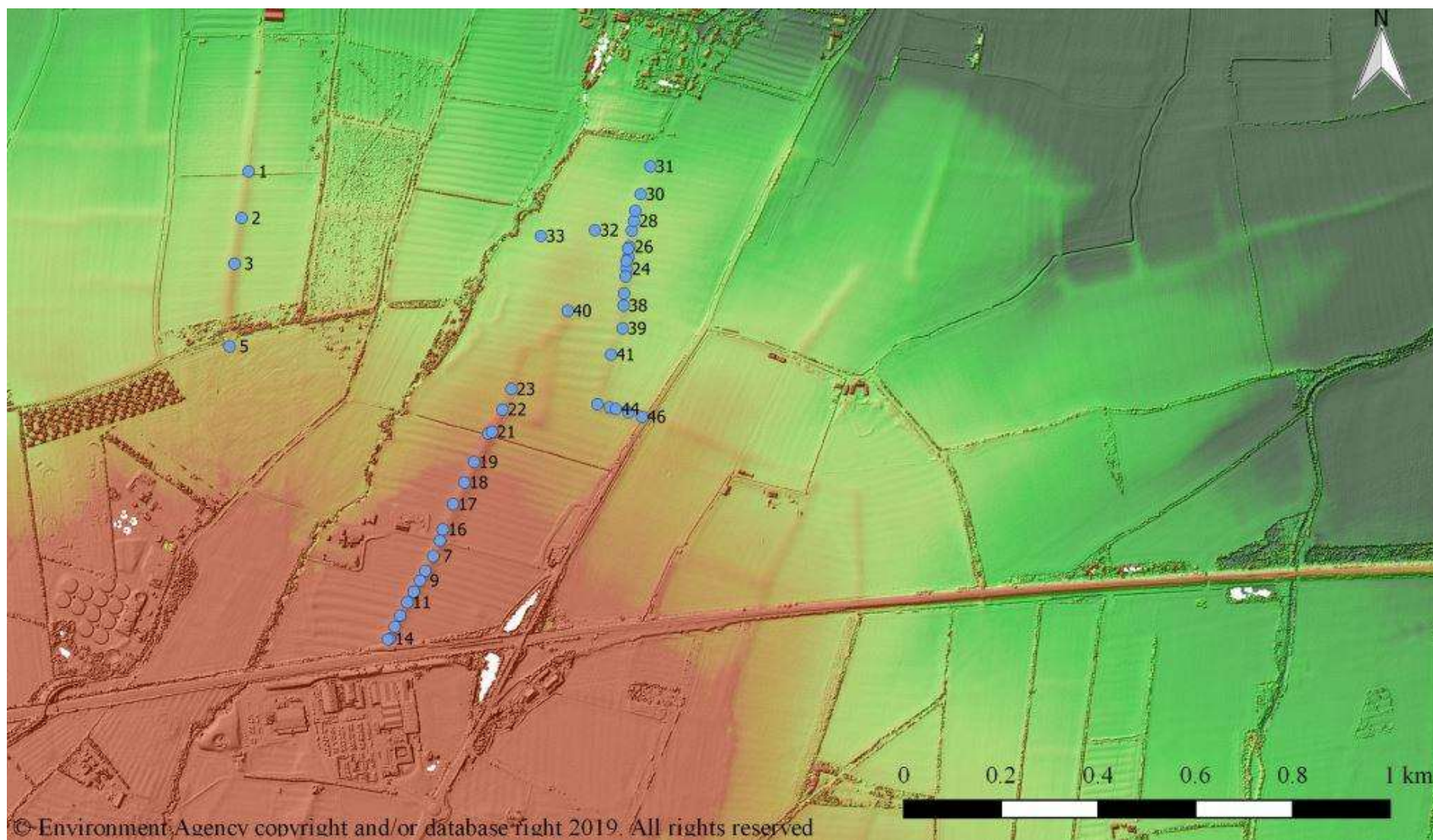
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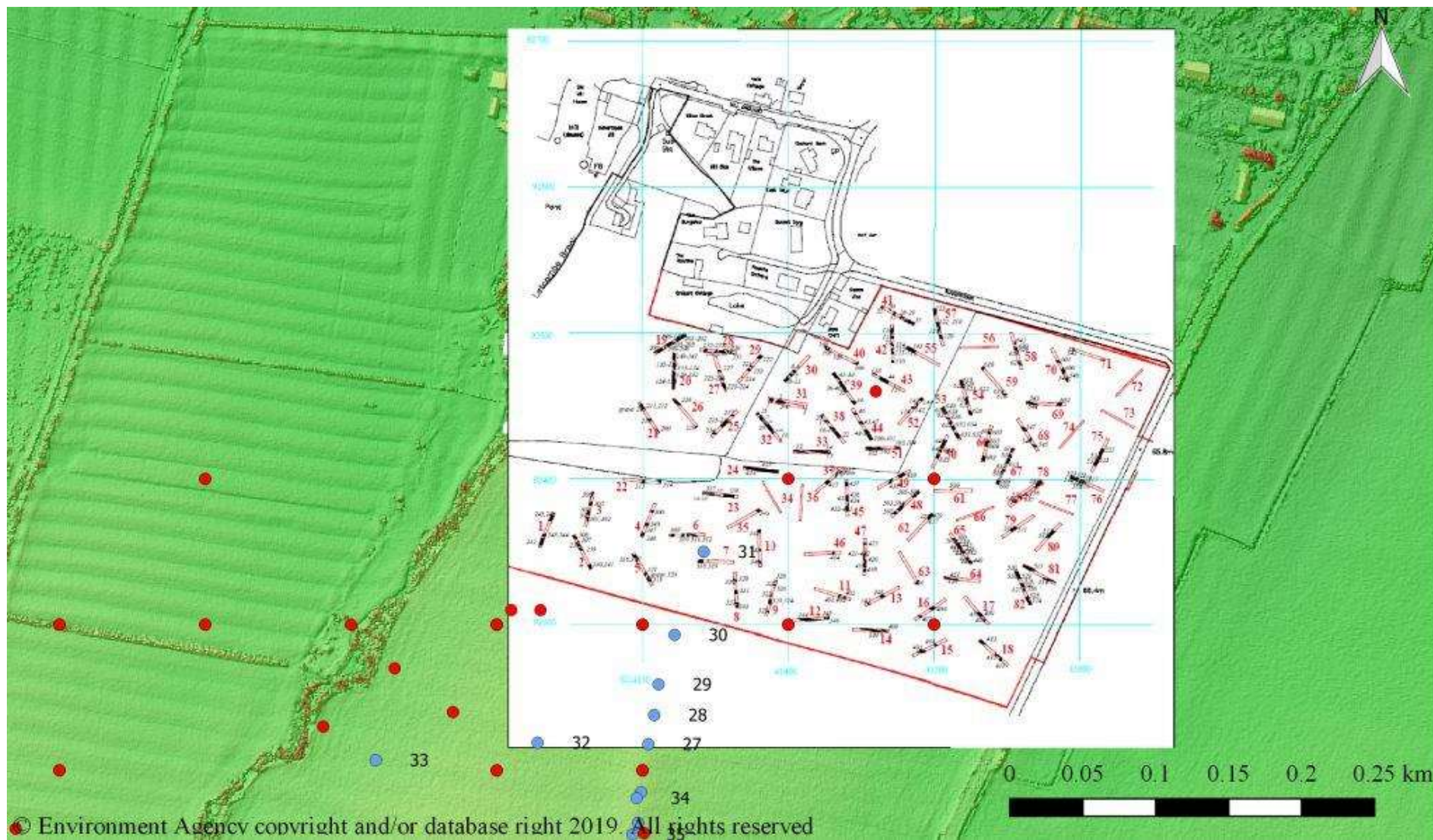
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# Hanney and Grove



## Summertown Evaluation 2015

### Aims:

- to determine if archaeological deposits of any period are present;
- **to determine if any Roman roadside settlement or even the Roman road itself are present in the eastern portion of the site;**
- to determine if any occupation deposits of Saxon or medieval date are present; and
- to determine if any medieval manorial remains are present.

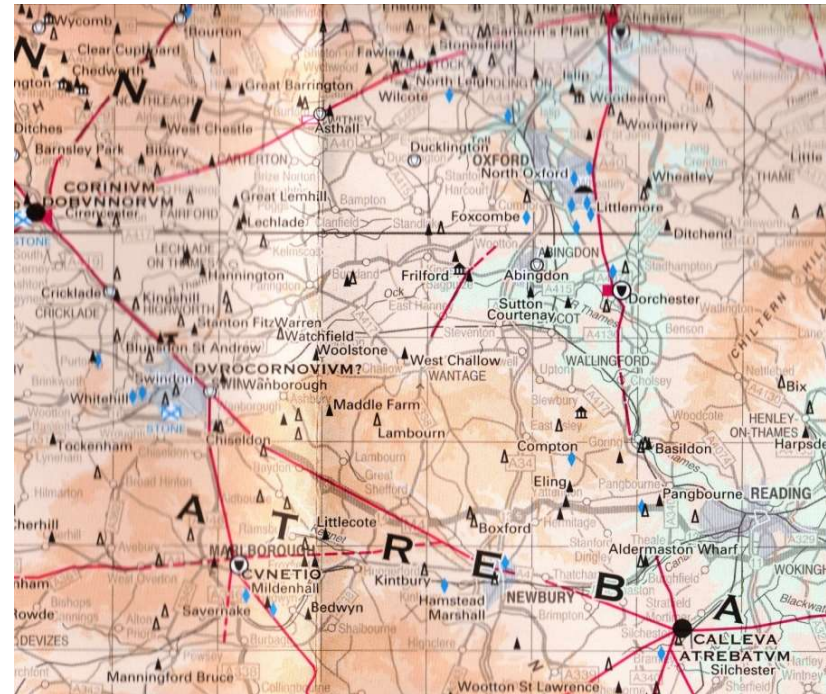
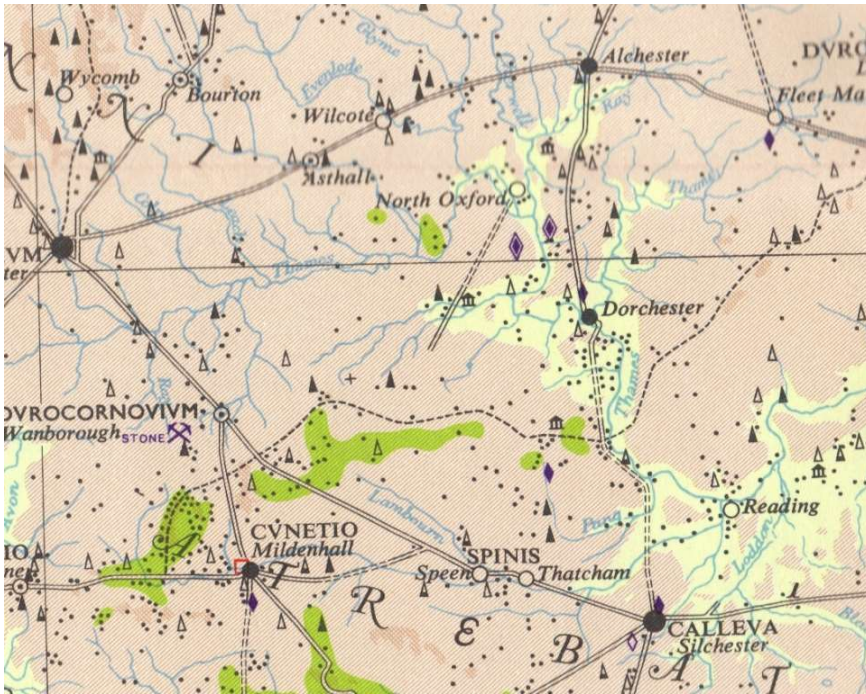
## Summertown Evaluation 2015

### Conclusions:

- ... suggesting an extensive spread of Roman occupation and landscape deposits across the site.
- ... the settlement appears to be of relatively modest status with no evidence of elaborate stone-built structures, ... suggests there was no major Romanized building (such as a villa or temple).
- **No trace of the expected Roman road, either as flanking ditches or metalled surfaces, was found on the eastern side of the site.**

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## Is the A338 a Roman Road?



Ordnance Survey Maps of Roman Britain.

3rd Edition 1956

5th Edition 2001

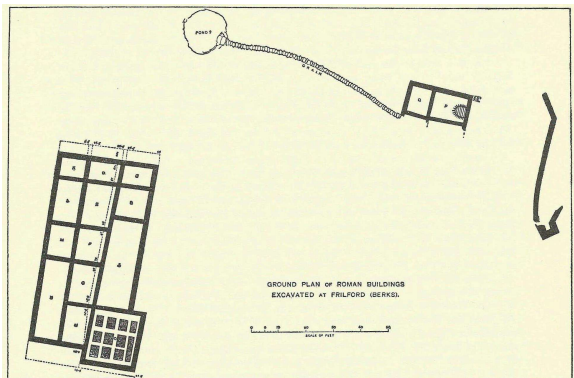
## Why Study this Road?

- Roads are an identifiable difference between an Iron Age and a Roman Landscape
- Roads provide a long-distance economic structure and may influence settlement pattern
- The date of the East Hanney to Frilford road is uncertain.
- Spatial relationship of the road and the Iron Age and Roman structures at Marcham/Frilford.

## Who says the A338 is a Roman Road?

Arthur Evans - 1897

*“There can be no doubt of the Roman character of the road line which runs from Besselsleigh through Frilford and passing the neighbourhood of the ancient cemetery, proceeds, with arrow-like directness, to Wantage, a Romano-British site on the Port and Ickleton Ways” (Evans 1897, 352).*

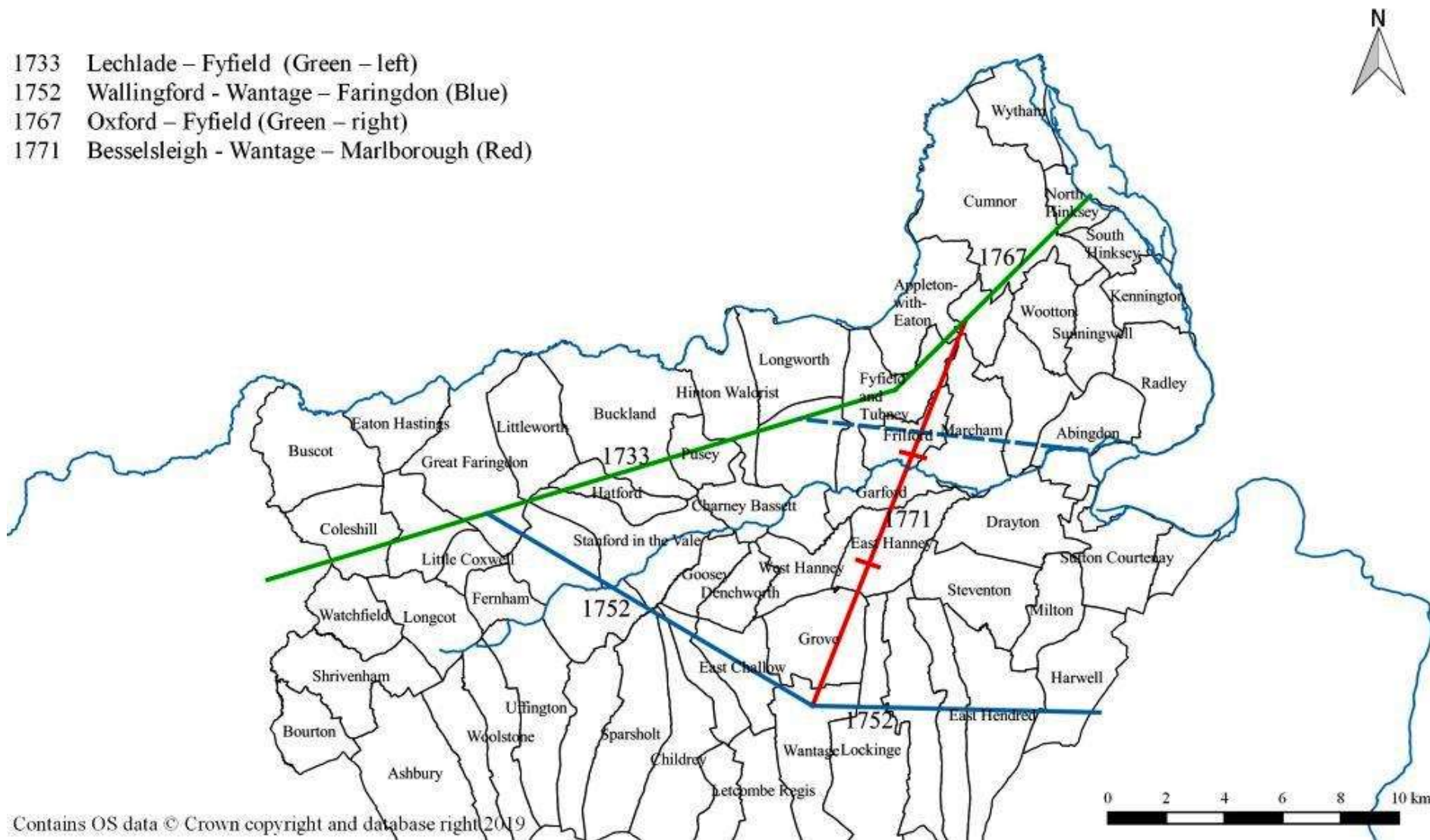


*“Frilford is already a classic site within the annals of English Archaeology” (Evans 1897, 340)*



# The Besselsleigh Turnpike Trust

- 1733 Lechlade – Fyfield (Green – left)
- 1752 Wallingford - Wantage – Faringdon (Blue)
- 1767 Oxford – Fyfield (Green – right)
- 1771 Besselsleigh - Wantage – Marlborough (Red)





## Who else says the A338 is a Roman Road?

**Margary, I.** 1973. *Roman Roads in Britain*  
Road 164.

### Historic England

Monument Number: 974354  
NMR Number: LINEAR 213  
Roman Road: Wantage to Oxford

### Oxfordshire HER

Number: 9541

Type: Linear

Name: Roman Road

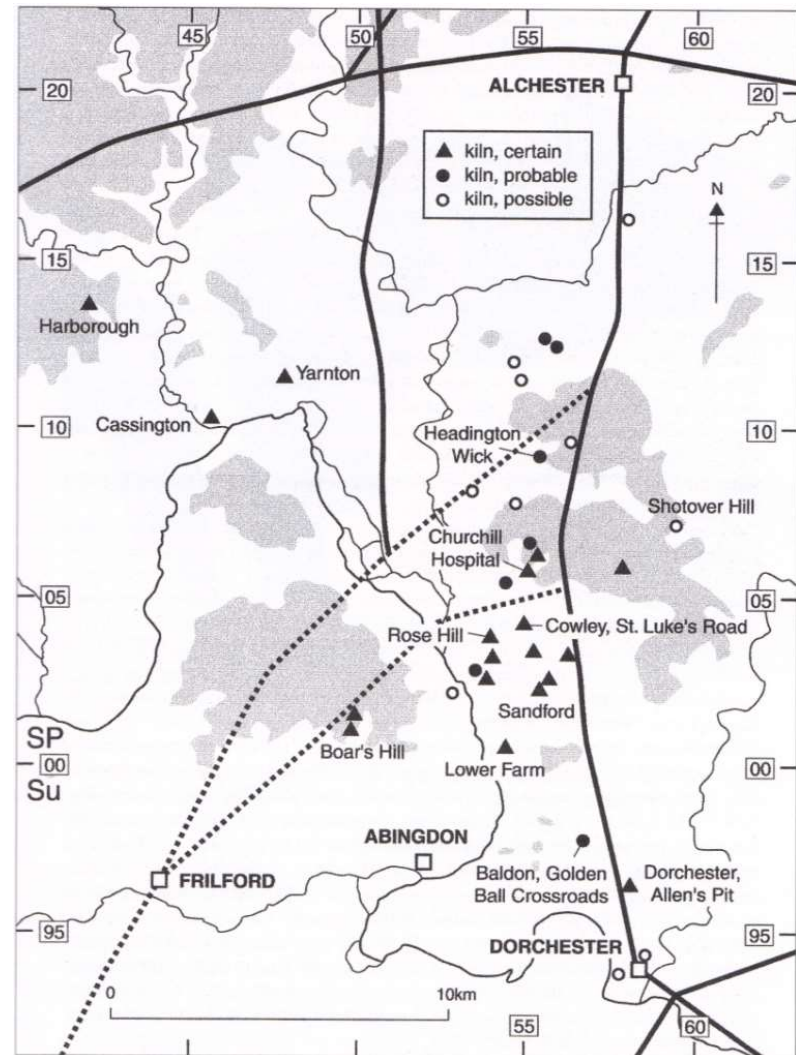
Parishes: Grove, East Hanney, Garford,  
Frilford, Marcham.

Number: 12140

Type: Monument

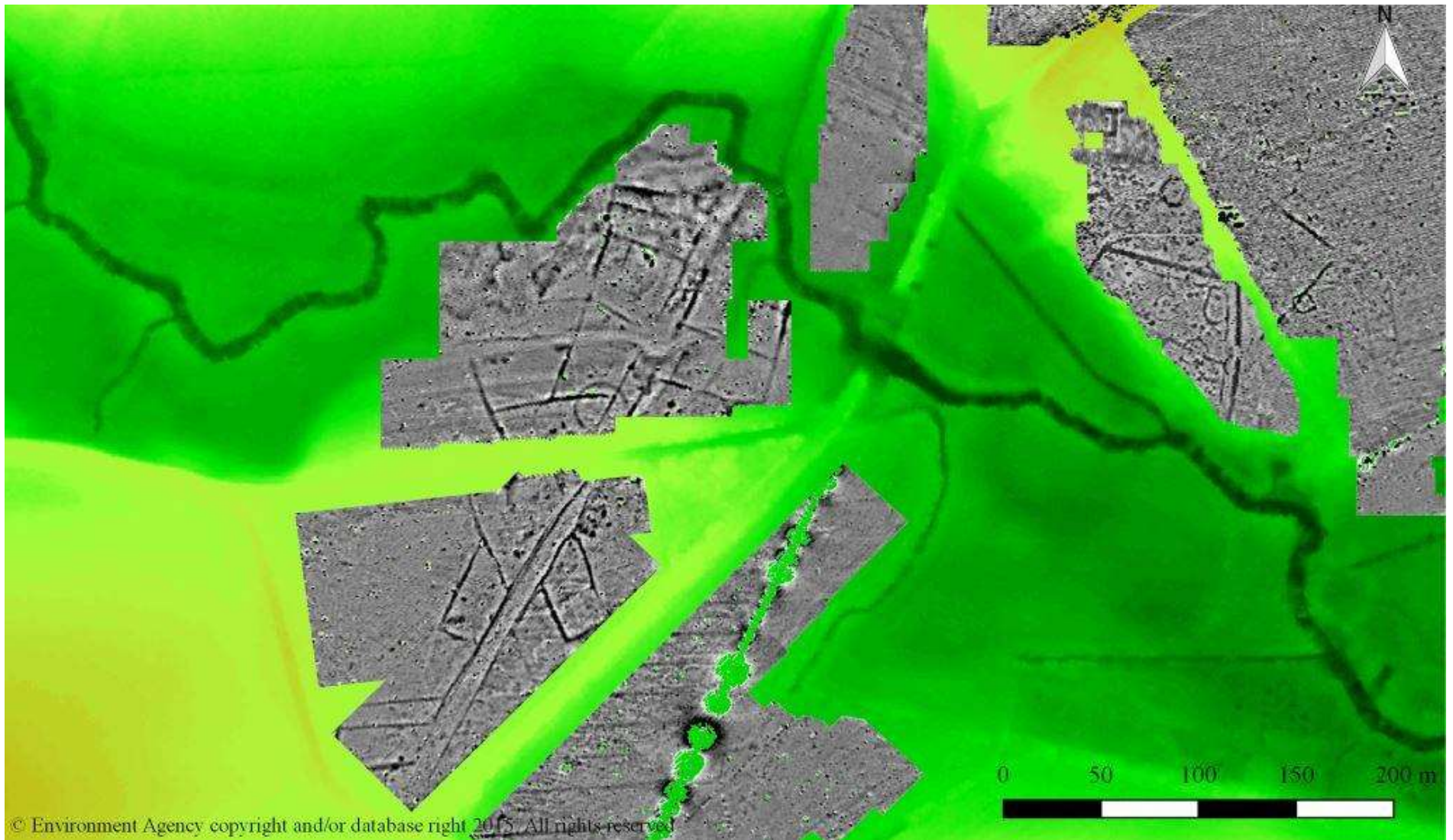
Name: Roman Road and Enclosures

Summary: Roman road visible on AP as  
modern road diverges from Roman course.  
3 or 4 ditched enclosures are visible by side  
of road. Visible on NMR AP from 1979.



Henig and Booth (2000, 165 – figure 6.7)

# The Archaeological Evidence

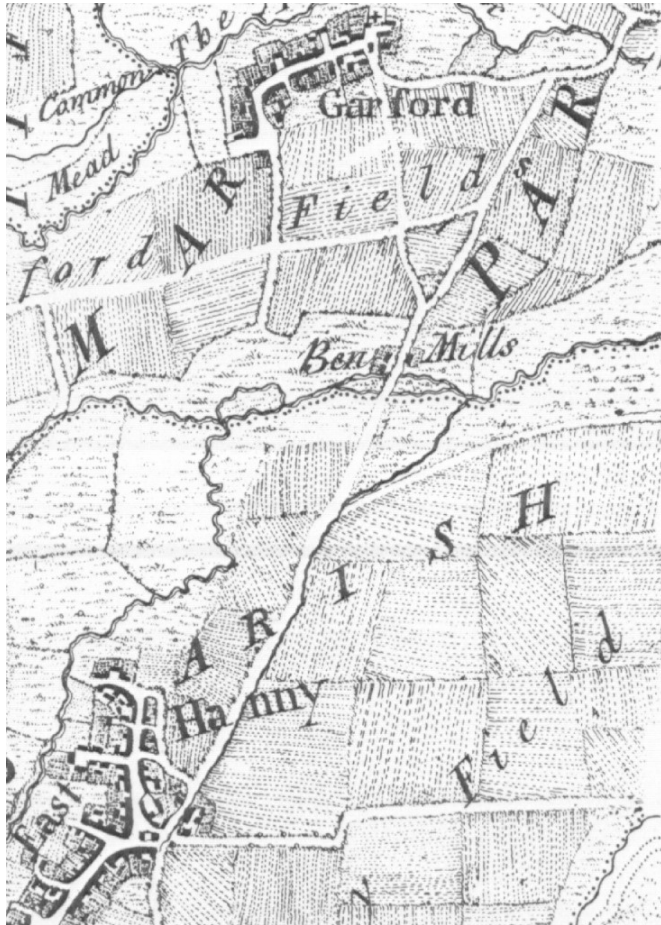


Lidar Image and Geophysical Survey (Crossing the River Ock)

Width between ditches varies between ca 10 and ca 13 metres

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# East Hanney to Frilford



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Rocque's Map 1761



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Robert Morden 1695

## East Hanney to Frilford



From Oxforde to Hanney a 8. mils, a 5. mils by hilly ground well wooddid and frutefull of corne, and other 3. mils by low levelle ground in sum partes marschy.

Or ever I cam at Hanney by a mile I passid over a broke, and other this was Ocke Broke that goithe to Abbandune, risinge in the vale of White Horse, or ells it rennithe in to Ocke. It ran from northe west in to the southe.

Toulmin Smith, L., 1910. *Leland's Itinerary in England and Wales, Volume 5. Parts IX to XI.* 78.

## Is the A338 a Roman Road?

- The only section of the Besselsleigh to Wantage road (A338) which predates 1750 is between Frilford and East Hanney.
- The earlier river crossing at Garford may only have gone out of use in the period 1700 to 1750. Traces of it remain in the modern landscape.
- The route of this earlier road north of the River Ock has not been determined.
- No strong (archaeological or historical) evidence to suggest the road from Frilford to East Hanney is a Roman road.
- No clear spatial relationship between projected road alignment and Roman features at the Noah's Ark Inn.