

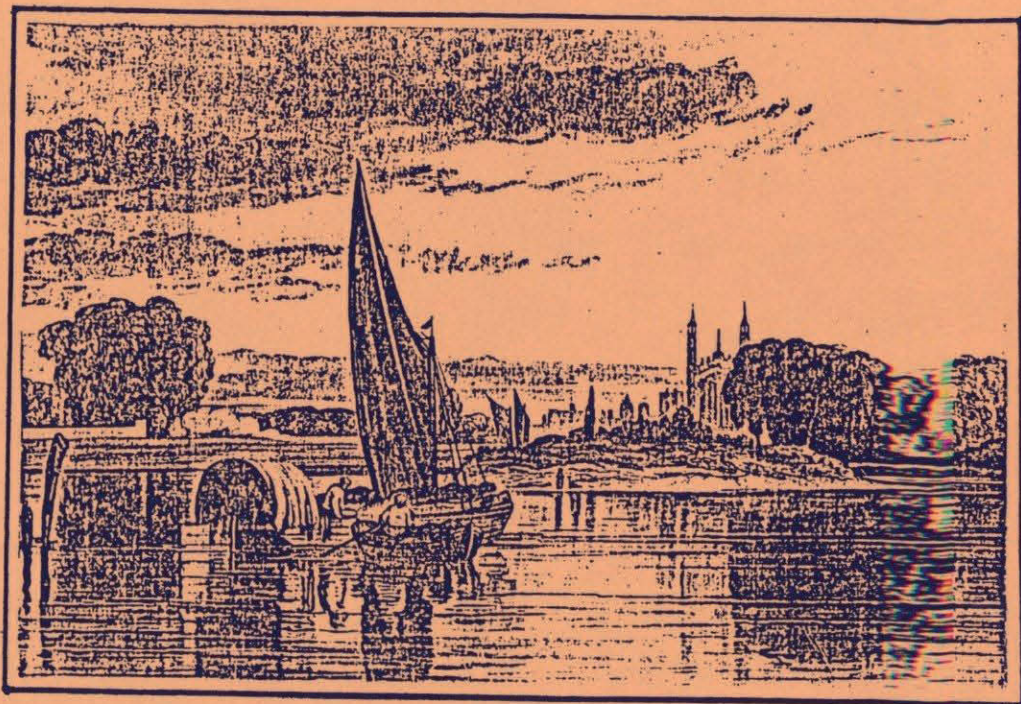


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1. Introduction

Buckinghamshire County Museum and the Berkshire County Archaeologist have been involved in consideration of the archaeological implications of a flood relief channel since 1985. In 1986 a report on part of the route under consideration was commissioned by Thames Water and published as The Dorney Study (Carstairs 1986). In March 1989 Thames Water published its route proposals (Thames Water 1989), and the NRA a more widely distributed public leaflet, with the intention of seeking planning permission in 1990. It became clear that although the route avoided some major archaeological features - for example in the Thames Field at Dorney, the route needed fuller investigation. With the agreement of the Berkshire County Archaeologist, Buckinghamshire County Museum was then commissioned by NRA in March 1990 to undertake a more detailed study in two parts. The first part - this report (Report 1) consisting largely of a desk-top exercise, the second (Report 2) be to carried out when crops are removed from arable land and ground inspection becomes more profitable.

A third stage (Report 3) containing the results of direct intervention by trial trenching will at a later date be necessary in view of the extent of the disturbance proposed, inevitable uncertainties in the available data, and in places the depth of masking alluvial deposit.

2. Methodology

The area studied has been that contained within the channel and embankment

proposals of the NRA dated February 1990. For study purposes each land parcel has been considered separately and each is described in the attached Appendix 1. Where possible Ordnance Survey land parcel numbers have been used. Figures 2 - 6 enable location of each parcel number. These are entered in a west to east direction along the route of the channel or of the embankments.

Each piece of land, with the exception of those under crop and a few other parcels, has been walked or at least visually inspected for obvious surface archaeological features such as earthworks. The sites and monuments record data (SMR) for Buckinghamshire and Berkshire has also been considered.

Borehole data, kindly made available by Lewin, Fryer & Partners has been studied and this has been compared with published drift geology maps for the area (see fig. 1).

Oblique air photographs held by the National Monuments Record have also been examined. Despite the importance of the latter it should be noted that the presence of buried archaeological features on air photographs is dependent on an unusual and infrequently repeated combination of circumstances relating to crop type, soil moisture deficit, time of year and various other factors.

Finally first edition Ordnance Survey 1:2,500 maps of the 1880s have been examined for most areas, and also a large number of manuscript maps available through the Berkshire and Buckinghamshire County Record Offices. Particular attention has been paid to former watercourses, to significant field names and in general to altered field boundaries.

3. Introduction to the Archaeology of the Middle Thames

The extent of the wealth of archaeological sites on the the Middle Thames gravels was drawn to attention by the publication of The Middle Thames Gravels: an archaeological survey (Gates 1975). This dealt principally with sites which had become visible as cropmarks on aerial photographs. Several such sites in the Thames Valley, particularly around Oxford, have been archaeologically investigated, commonly in advance of gravel extraction. For the stretch of Thames downstream from Taplow, the identification of cropmarks has also played an important part in locating archaeological sites, which have subsequently received investigation, for instance the Neolithic enclosure at Yeoveney near Staines, (Robertson MacKay 1987), a similar enclosure at Eton Wick (Ford 1986), and the Stanwell cursus. However a number of extremely significant sites have only come to light by fieldwalking for example the Saxon settlement at Wraysbury, and discovery by the latter means is of course dependent on the availability of bare soil. Other discoveries have been made by examination of accidentally exposed sections - for example the Neolithic/Bronze Age settlement at Runnymede (Needham & Trott 1987). Several classes of site never appear as cropmarks e.g. those of the Mesolithic period which are discoverable only by fieldwalking or by examination of temporary exposures and the same applies to Palaeolithic deposits. The latter occur particularly on higher terrace levels, but also in a few important lower level deposits of brickearth.

The particular importance of the NRA channel is that it would be cut completely through low lying alluvial deposits, whether flood plain or first terrace gravels. Changes in the climatic regime over centuries have directly affected potential land use of such areas, for example at times they may only be suitable for grazing, but at other times be dry enough for settlement.

Changes in climate and of the water table level affect the potential for long-term waterlogging of buried archaeological deposits. Waterlogged sites are of great significance archaeologically since on such sites occurs the best preservation of organic materials. The most graphic illustration of this in the Thames Valley as a whole, are the preservation of log-boats, a Roman barge, hurdling and a number of wooden artefacts. Sediments also give good protection to the more fragile metal artefacts e.g. bronze shields and hollow wares, which are less likely to survive on dry-land sites. A number of examples have come to light during the dredging of the Thames main channel.

The presence of potential waterlogged deposits is dependent on a complex of factors many of them very local in character. In the present study an attempt has been made to predict where waterlogging may exist through a study of borehole data, historic maps etc. Of particular interest are streams, a number of which elsewhere seem to flow on top of substantial earlier infilled channels. This does not necessarily mean that the areas contain archaeology but should they do so then the significance is considerable.

The generally meandering and braided character of fluvial deposits give other problems of interpretation, seen for example at the complex site of Runnymede. At this site it is clear that within quite a small area there may be times when an area is in effect an occupied island, later becomes buried under alluvium, partly re-emerges and is then subject to partial disturbance by later occupation.

Several attempts have been made to understand changes in land use of the Thames Valley alluvial deposits over the millennia (for examples Lambrick & Robinson 1988). Some of the deposits are deeply buried and consist of peat

deposits of interglacial and early post-glacial period. An early account, for example describes a peat bed in Amersham encountered also at Taplow, which contained bones of red-deer, *Bos primigenius* etc (Anon 1890). Study of the archaeological deposits on the flood plain itself is always complex, by nature of its constantly changing regime, however it is clear in some cases that sites of Neolithic date continue from the first gravel terraces below the alluvium. The presence of a number of ring ditches on both the alluvium and first terrace gravels and the apparent absence of occupation of Early Bronze Age date has lead some writers to suspect a pastoral use for these areas during that period. However by the late Bronze Age it is clear that field systems have been established, indicating the establishment of arable land - for instance at Dorney, and there are a rich series of metalwork finds from the Thames of this period. Settlements of this date are however often ephemeral (e.g. Burghfield, Berkshire, Bradley et al 1980) and although they may be indicated by surface finds, they may also be concealed beneath alluvium as at Runnymede. Iron Age settlements - often enclosures - are common on the gravels, some of these may have on occasion been flooded and certainly in the Upper Thames Valley there is evidences for a rise in the water table at this period (Lambrick & Robinson 1988). In the Roman period the settlement of both flood plain and first gravels appear to have been common and there are field systems, enclosures, as well as the more readily identifiable villas. There is no clear patterning of settlement in the immediately ensuing centuries but both burials and settlement are present, some clearly providing the focus for settlements which are to emerge into the light of history as villages and towns in the later Saxon period.

4. A Preliminary Assessment of the Archaeology of the Scheme at the end of the First Study Phase

The flood relief channel and embankment will affect a number of archaeological sites which have been noted in the 'preliminary comments' section of the parcel sheets. A small proportion of these have already been damaged, for instance by mineral extraction. The potential of many others is uncertain at this stage of the study. A number of theoretically blank areas will require closer examination. Some will receive more detailed attention by fieldwalking and electronic survey during the second stage of the study. None of the sites are scheduled as an Ancient Monument.

Of particular significance are likely to be sites with potential for waterlogging. In this respect areas near Taplow, by The Myrke at Eton and at the intersection of White Brook with the Thames at Cookham will need careful consideration. Variation in terminology used by different borehole contractors to describe the deposits encountered has caused greater difficulties than anticipated in predicting deposits. It was unexpected for example that 'peat' was not more frequently encountered, whereas other observations of the floodplain deposits in general have shown it to be present on more than one occasion.

The second report will seek to define where trial trenching or other forms of direct intervention may be required at a third stage. Trial trenching will define the character, extent and significance of sites and enable informed decisions to be made about their future.

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APPENDIX

1. Historical Maps in Buckinghamshire Record Office

a) Taplow

- *i IR/70/AR Inclosure Map, 1787
- *ii Ma/R/37 Plan of parish of Taplow, 1838
- *iii Ma/203/2R First Edition Ordnance Survey Map, 1875
- *iv Q/H/41 Map showing diversion of footpaths, 1814

b) Hitcham

- *i IR/133R Inclosure Map, 1779
- *ii PR102A/28/IR Plan of parish of Hitcham, 1843

c) Dorney

- *i Ma/63/2T Boveney Lower side and lower part of parish of Dorney, 1808
- *ii Q/H/97 Map showing stopping up of four footpaths, 1840
- *iii AR 130/81 Tithe Map (Diocesan Copy), 1840 (BRO 1847)

d) Burnham

- *i Q/H/43 Burnham and Dorney: Map showing diversion of footpath, 1815
- *ii AR130/81 Tithe Map (Diocesan Copy), 1842 (BRO 1839)

e) Eton

- *i Ma/R/19/T Plan of Eton parish, 1742/1797

- *ii AR130/81 Tithe Map (Diocesan Copy, 1843 (1846))
- *iii CCM Ma 9T First Edition Ordnance Survey Map, 1869

- f) Upton-cum-Chalvey
 - *i PR214/28/1 Plan of part of the parish, 1773
 - ii IR 106 BR Plan of the parish (copy), 1819
 - iii IR 106Q Inclosure Map, 1822
 - *iv Ma/214/2T Plan 'taken from parish Award Map'. 1848
 - v AR130/81 Tithe Map, 1853

- g) Datchet
 - *i IR/66AQ Inclosure Map and Award, 1833
 - *ii Ma/60 IT Plan of parish of Datchet 1839

- h) General
 - i P/U A4R Taplow to Isleworth: Proposed canal from Boulters Lock to the Thames, 1793
 - *ii P/U A12R Taplow to Cowley: Proposed canal from Boulters Lock to Grand Junction, 1795
 - iii P/U A30R Maidenhead to Willingdon: Proposed canal from the Thames to the Grand Junction, 1816
 - iv P/U A31R Maidenhead to Cowley: Proposed canal from the Thames to the Grand Junction, 1820
 - v P/U B55R Slough to Eton: Plan and Section of proposed widening of the road and road to be made; Turnpike from Slough to the Great Western Railway, 1840
 - *vi P/U D2R Taplow to Telegraph Hill, St Johns Hampstead showing plan for Victorian Aqueduct, 1845

2. Historical Maps in Berkshire Record Office

a) Cookham

- i. D/EX 43/3/9 Map showing Widbrook c.1825
- *ii D/P43/281B Plan of the parish of Cookham 1840
- D/P43/281A List of fieldnames and owners 1840
- iii D/P43/27A,B Tithe Award and Map 1843
- *iv Q/RDC 94E Inclosure Map 1852
- *v D/P43/28/3 Map of Cookham 1859

*Tracing or part tracing held at Buckinghamshire County Museum.

3. All First Edition Ordnance Survey maps for the area have been consulted

9. Appendix 2: Land Parcel Data

In the following appendix each parcel of land is separately described. The format is intended to allow easy revision in the light of the availability of further information.

For each land parcel the following data are entered:

- The land parcel number, normally taken from 1:2,500 OS maps.
- Present (June 1990) land use.
- Borehole data. The presence of a borehole is noted. It is deemed relevant where there is a depth of topsoil greater than 0.3m, or reference to organic matter, or alien matter.
- Drift geology from Drift Sheets 255 and 269. Geological Survey
- Historic data. That derived from various maps (see fig. 1).
- Air photo data. Existence of a photograph taken largely for archaeological purposes, with NMR or BCM reference.

- Other archaeological data. Sites & Monuments reference summary.
- Preliminary comment. An indication of archaeological features which may be present.

APPENDIX 2

Land Parcel Data

For location of following parcels see Fig. 2

PARCEL NO: 5500/5030

Present Land Use: Arable

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Taplow terrace

Historic Data: Part of Mead Hill. The North-South road formerly on a different alignment (Cookham 1840 map)

Air Photo Data: NMR SU 8883/1, 8883/2 PRN 622

Other Archaeological Data: Berks PRN 622 Bronze Age/Iron Age cemetery - in part destroyed by gravel working.

Preliminary Comment: Linear boundary features may extend into this parcel

PARCEL NO: 7900

Present Land Use: Arable

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Taplow terrace and alluvium

Historic Data: Field formerly sub-divided. Artificial water channel runs east-west in field (Cookham 1840 map)

Air Photo Data: NMR SU 8983/1

Other Archaeological Data: Lies north of medieval moated manor site

Preliminary Comment: ?Ancient water channels - may require further investigation

?Possible medieval occupation associated with moat.

PARCEL NO: 0408/0006

Present Land Use: Arable. Northern field boundary removed. Eastern end now gravel

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Alluvium. Fine stone-free silt noted

Historic Data: Formerly sub-divided into strips. Water boundary in east has changed course since 1840. Footpath present (Cookham 1840 map)

Air Photo Data: NMR SU 8983/1

Other Archaeological Data: Removed northern field boundary apparently on a dried up channel

Preliminary Comment: Waterlogged potential?

PARCEL NO: 0022

Present Land Use: Arable

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Alluvium. Fine stone-free silt noted

Historic Data: Formerly sub-divided into strips. Footpath present (Cookham 1840 map)

Air Photo Data: NMR SU 8983/1. PRN 1259

Other Archaeological Data: Berks PRN 1259 lying well north of parcel.

Preliminary Comment: See 0408/0006

PARCEL NO: 3139a

Present Land Use: Stripped for gravel extraction

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Formerly sub-divided. Footpath on different alignment (Cookham 1840 map)

Air Photo Data: NMR SU 8983/1

Other Archaeological Data: Berks PRN 1104 Cropmarks

Preliminary Comment: Archaeological features apparently destroyed.

PARCEL NO: 3139b

Present Land Use: Arable

Borehole Data: C1 - 1.8 metre fill

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace, fine silt noted

Historic Data: Formerly sub-divided part of Upper Southey Field. Footpath on different alignment (Cookham 1840 map)

Air Photo Data: NMR SU 8983/1

Other Archaeological Data: Berks PRN 1104 linear feature

Preliminary Comment: Cropmarks present.

PARCEL NO: 3139c

Present Land Use: Gravel extraction

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Formerly sub-divided. Footpath on different alignment (Cookham 1840 map)

Air Photo Data: NMR SU 8983/1

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: ----

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PARCEL NO: 3139d

Present Land Use: Arable. Former gravel pit in north east corner

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace and alluvium

Historic Data: Formerly sub-divided. Footpath on different alignment (Cookham 1840 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: ----

PARCEL NO: 3139e

Present Land Use: Arable

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace and alluvium.

Historic Data: Formerly sub-divided, part of Upper Southey Field, footpath on different alignment (Cookham 1840 map)

Air Photo Data: NMR SU 9083/1

Other Archaeological Data: Berks PRN 304 to the east

Preliminary Comment: ----

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PARCEL NO: 3139f

Present Land Use: Grass

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Formerly sub-divided. Part of Upper Southey Field. Crossed by footpath (Cookham 1840 map)

Air Photo Data: NMR SU 9083/1

Other Archaeological Data: Small quarry noted 3 metres deep on northern margin. Adjacent to Berks PRN 304 - with extensive cropmarks including ring ditches, enclosures and field systems. Also two neolithic axes.

Preliminary Comment: Note proximity of extensive site immediately to the north.

PARCEL NO: 5116

Present Land Use: Gravel pit

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Alluvium

Historic Data: Water channel ran along South-west border. Footpath on different alignment (Cookham 1840 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: ----

PARCEL NO: 6631

Present Land Use: Not examined

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Alluvium and flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Corresponds to field no. 1023 (Cookham 1840 map). Pond in southern margin (Cookham 1875 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: Berks PRN 612 200 metres to east. Concentration of Neolithic flint flakes.

Preliminary Comment: Note flint concentration to east.

PARCEL NO: 0861

Present Land Use: Woodland

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Part of Lower Southey Field (Cookham 1840 map). No trees present (Cookham 1875 map)

Air Photo Data: NMR SU 9083/1

Other Archaeological Data: Adjacent to Berks PRN 304, see Parcel no. 3139f

Preliminary Comment: see Parcel no. 3139f

PARCEL NO: 1367

Present Land Use: Arable

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Part of Lower Southey Field (Cookham 1840 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: Adjacent to Berks PRN 304, see Parcel no. 3139f. 19 flakes, 2 blades, 1 core collected during preliminary ground survey (temp. at BCM)

Preliminary Comment: See Parcel no.3139f. PRN 304 likely to extend into this parcel

PARCEL NO: 3569

Present Land Use: Arable

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Part of Lower Southey Field. East field boundary formerly on different alignment. Track running north-south through field (Cookham 1840 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: See Parcel no. 1367

Preliminary Comment: See Parcel no. 1367

PARCEL NO: 4966

Present Land Use: Woodland, wetland

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace (gravel)

Historic Data: Part of Waterbutts and Lower Southey Field. Boundary runs north-south through parcel (Cookham 1840 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: Adjacent to Berks PRN 304. See Parcel no. 3139f

Preliminary Comment: Potential waterlogging adjacent to archaeological site.

PARCEL NO: 3757

Present Land Use: Sports field - scrub on eastern boundary

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Part of Lower Southey Field, eastern boundary formerly on different alignment, track running north-south across field (Cookham 1840 map). Drain present (Cookham 1875 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: ----

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PARCEL NO: 5256

Present Land Use: Abandoned field - wet

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Part of Waterbutts (1840 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: Berks PRN 313. Early Bronze Age bronze dagger, found in Thames to the east.

Preliminary Comment: Waterlogged area adjacent to White Brook/River Thames junction. Settlement potential.

PARCEL NO: 4337

Present Land Use: Residential with gardens

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Part of Water Butts field and Lower Southey Field (Cookham 1840 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: See Parcel no. 5256

Preliminary Comment: See Parcel no. 5256

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PARCEL NO: 5737

Present Land Use: Gardens - East side of White Brook is embanked

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Formerly next to Water Butts (Cookham 1840 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: See Parcel no. 5256

Preliminary Comment: See Parcel no. 5256

PARCEL NO: 5000

Present Land Use: Residential properties

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: All part of Lock Mead (Cookham 1840 map).

Air Photo Data: None

Other Archaeological Data: -

Preliminary Comment: Although no archaeological data is available for this stretch of land, prehistoric settlement is common in such a situation, and this should be considered before any ground disturbance takes place.

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PARCEL NO: 2665

Present Land Use: Tow Path

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Tow path present (Cookham 1840 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: See Parcel no. 5000

For location of following parcels see Fig. 3

PARCEL NO: 7841

Present Land Use: Marshy woodland

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Alluvium

Historic Data: Clemish Meadow. Drain on east constructed between 1840 and 1875. No trees on Taplow 1875 map. Southern tip marsh (Taplow 1875 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: As a new channel is intended for this area see Parcel no. 5569 for comment

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PARCEL NO: 4681

Present Land Use: Woodland

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Alluvium

Historic Data: From map evidence it appears that Glen Island and Ray Mill Island were formerly one (Taplow 1787 map, 1838 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: The area adjacent to the Mill Race is archaeologically complex. There have been major modifications to the Thames River Channel itself, and a number of archaeological finds have been made, including iron age ceramics from Glen Island and Saxon and earlier metal work. At the southern end lies Taplow Mill which dates back to the medieval period. The whole area is obviously waterlogged. However as new works at this point are likely to consist mostly of dredging, the extent of disturbance may be minimal.

PARCEL NO: 4558

Present Land Use Woodland with embankment

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Alluvium

Historic Data: See Parcel no. 4681

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: See Parcel no. 4681

PARCEL NO: 4450

Present Land Use: Woodland with embankment

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Alluvium

Historic Data: See Parcel no. 4681

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: See Parcel no. 4681

PARCEL NO: 4142

Present Land Use: Woodland with embankment

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Alluvium

Historic Data: See Parcel no. 4681

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: See Parcel 4681

Preliminary Comment: See 4681

PARCEL NO: 4234

Present Land Use: Woodland with embankment

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Alluvium

Historic Data: See Parcel no. 4681

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: -----

Preliminary Comment: See Parcel no. 4681

PARCEL NO: 4129

Present Land Use: Woodland with embankment

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Alluvium

Historic Data: See Parcel no. 4681

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: See Parcel no. 4681

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PARCEL NO: 3619

Present Land Use: Buildings

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Alluvium

Historic Data: See Parcel no. 4681. North east area formerly marshy (Taplow 1875 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: See Parcel no. 4681

PARCEL NO: 4396

Present Land Use: Buildings

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Alluvium

Historic Data: Corresponds with Mill Mead (Taplow 1787 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: See Parcel no. 4681

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PARCEL NO: 5452

Present Land Use: Woodland and surface road

Borehole Data: C3 - organic remains; W9 ;

Drift Geology: Soft white chalk with many flints and sediments

Historic Data: South- west corner corresponds with Mill Mead (Taplow 1787 map). This area was wooded (Taplow 1787 map).

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: Engine house of industrial archaeological interest[↑](4396)

Preliminary Comment: See Parcel no. 4681

PARCEL NO: 5295

Present Land Use: Quarry - Geological SSSI

Borehole Data: C5 ;

Drift Geology: Soft white chalk with many flints

Historic Data: Lodge present (Taplow 1838 map) Icehouse present (CAS 4413)
(Taplow 1875 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: See Parcel no. 4681

PARCEL NO: 5569

Present Land Use: Pasture

Borehole Data: W11 - Organic silt at depth; W12 - Deep topsoil; C6 - Deep made ground

Drift Geology: Glacial sand and gravel, soft white chalk with many flints and flood plain terrace

Historic Data: In this parcel are parts of Lay Chequers, Lower Berry Hill and Upper Thames Field (Taplow 1787 map) Field boundaries have changed by 1838 so that most of it covered by Berry Hill. Footpath formerly ran across field at a more southerly alignment (Taplow 1787 map). New footpath proposed (1814 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: a) Possible old river course, also numerous minor east-west linear features -probably former strip cultivation.
b) In the last century a series of important but poorly recorded discoveries were made in land west of this field, including a possible bronze age metal-working site, (CAS 0095)

Preliminary Comment: Location of field at foot of scarp and junction with flood plain along with archaeological data implies archaeological potential.

PARCEL NO: 4188

Present Land Use: Waste Paper Depot

Borehole Data: C4 - made ground, organic presence

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Part of Lay Chequer (Taplow 1787 map)

Air Photo Data: -----

Other Archaeological Data: See Parcel no. 5569 Note b

Preliminary Comment: See Parcel no. 5569

PARCEL NO:

Present Land Use:

Borehole Data:

Drift Geology:

Historic Data:

Air Photo Data:

Other Archaeological Data:

Preliminary Comment:

PARCEL NO: 4685

Present Land Use: Waste Paper Depot

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Water channel on east boundary not present on 1787 map but present on Taplow 1838 map. Part of Lay Chequer (Taplow 1787 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: See Parcel no. 5569 Note b

Preliminary Comment: See Parcel no. 5569

PARCEL NO: 4079

Present Land Use: Waste Paper Depot

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Part of Lay Chequer. (Taplow 1787 map). Southern margin was formerly an embanked waterway (Taplow 1838 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: See Parcel no. 5569 Note b

Preliminary Comment: See Parcel no. 5569

PARCEL NO: 3567

Present Land Use: Gasholder etc

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Part of Upper Thames field (Taplow 1787 map). Footpath from Maidenhead Bridge to Taplow and Burnham changed alignment (Taplow 1814 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: See Parcel no. 5569 Note b

Preliminary Comment: See Parcel no. 5569

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PARCEL NO: 3858

Present Land Use: Pasture

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Channel present on east boundary not present on Taplow 1787 map but present on 1838 map. Part of Upper Thames field (Taplow 1787 map). Footpath from Maidenhead Bridge to Taplow and Burnham changed alignment (Taplow 1814 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: See Parcel no. 5569 Note b

Preliminary Comment: See Parcel no. 5569

PARCEL NO: 3747

Present Land Use: Pasture

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Footpath from Maidenhead Bridge to Taplow and Burnham changed alignment (Taplow 1814 map). The field ran up to Mill Lane in the west (Taplow 1787 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: See Parcel no. 5569 Note b

Preliminary Comment: See Parcel no. 5569

PARCEL NO: 5337

Present Land Use: Pasture

Borehole Data: W13 - Deep topsoil

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Part of Fox Holes field (Taplow 1787 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: Possible land drains north-south and/or field divisions

Preliminary Comment: ----

For location of following parcels see Fig. 4

PARCEL NO: 7457

Present Land Use: Woodland and park

Borehole Data: C7 - Plant remains to a considerable depth. C9 - adjacent - organic remains to a considerable depth.

Drift Geology: Soft white chalk with many flints and flood plain terrace

Historic Data: This parcel lies within Upper Berry field, Upper Thames field and Fox Holes field in south-west corner (Taplow 1787 map). All this parcel was emparked after 1787, formerly open fields

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: Much embanking associated with lakes

Preliminary Comment: Note Roman finds in vicinity CAS 4619 - see Parcel no. 6922

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PARCEL NO: 7443

Present Land Use: Pasture

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Soft white chalk with many flints and flood plain terrace

Historic Data: This parcel is part of Upper Thames field Taplow 1787 map. Its shape is outlined on the Taplow 1838 map

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: Two blocks of ridge and furrow. ?Quarry in south west corner

Preliminary Comment: See Parcel no. 7457

PARCEL NOS: 6922 6222

PARCEL NO: 6922

Present Land Use: Grass

Borehole Data: C9, C10, C11, organic material present in all

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Part of Ten Acres (Taplow 1787 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: CAS 4619 to east - containing Roman pottery

Preliminary Comment: Potential for Roman site extending into area

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PARCEL NO: 6222

Present Land Use: Garden

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Part of Bucks Close (Taplow 1787 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: See Parcel no. 6922

Preliminary Comment: See Parcel no. 6922

PARCEL NO: 6522

Present Land Use: Garden

Borehole Data: C8 - organic material

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Part of Ten Acres (Taplow 1787 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: See Parcel no. 6922

Preliminary Comment: See Parcel no. 6922

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PARCEL NO: 7610

Present Land Use: Garden

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Part of Ten Acres and Amerden Field (Taplow 1787 map)

Air Photo Data: Southern boundary altered AP 1947 Run 68 (BCM)

Other Archaeological Data: See Parcel no. 6922

Preliminary Comment: See Parcel no. 6922

PARCEL NO: 6905/6898

Present Land Use: Pasture

Borehole Data: W14 ; C12e -Deep organic material;

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Lies within Ten Acres field and Amerden field (Taplow 1787 map). Road alignment changed (Taplow 1787 map). Footpath running from Maidenhead Bridge to Dorney (Taplow 1875 map) traverses this parcel.

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: Nineteenth Century garden features visible

Preliminary Comment: ----

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PARCEL NO: 7094

Present Land Use: Pasture

Borehole Data: C13 - deep organic material

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Part of Amerden field (Taplow 1787 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: Depression along south margin leading towards Amerden Ponds House (Post 1787) other small disturbances present.

Preliminary Comment: ----

PARCEL NO: 6778

Present Land Use: Woodland

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: In Long Meadow (Taplow 1787 map). Construction of Amerden Pond post 1787

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: ----

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PARCEL NO: 7249

Present Land Use: Arable

Borehole Data: C14 - Organic material

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Part of Amerden Field (Taplow 1787 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: ----

PARCEL NO: 9167/0064

Present Land Use: Arable

Borehole Data: W16 - organic silt

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Part of Amerden Field (Taplow 1787 map) footpath runs across field (Taplow 1787 and Taplow 1838 map)

Air Photo Data: AP 1947 Run 77 (BCM)

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: Aerial photographs show geological features; some may be archaeological

PARCEL NO: 3200

Present Land Use: Arable

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace. (Gravel extraction immediately to the north)

Historic Data: Part of Amerden field and Eighteen Acres, later divided into Marsh Furlong and Black Mead, with Amerden College field to the east (Taplow 1838 map)

Air Photo Data: NMR SU 9180/4/89

Other Archaeological Data: CAS 2564 cropmark enclosure - but well to the north of the route

Preliminary Comment: The channel would cut Black Mead, which may be a significant field name

PARCEL NO: 2673

Present Land Use: Trees

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: This woodland strip marks the southern boundary of Eighteen Acres on the Taplow 1787 map. On the 1838 map this strip marks the boundary between Marsh Furlong and Black Mead to the south.

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: ----

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PARCEL NO: 4169

Present Land Use: Grass

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood Plain terrace

Historic Data: On the Taplow 1838 map this parcel has the same boundaries as Marsh Furlong

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: ----

PARCEL NO: 9025/0033

Present Land Use: Arable

Borehole Data: D21 (no data available?) (Otherwise see W16)

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Part of Amerden field (Taplow 1787 map). Maidenhead Bridge to Dorney footpath present on Taplow 1787 and 1838 map

Air Photo Data: NMR SU 9180/4/89, NMR SU 9180/1/97 (and BCM)

Other Archaeological Data: CAS 2442 cropmarks well west of channel. CAS 5279 cropmarks cut by channel. Air photograph appears to show features additional to CAS 5279

Preliminary Comment: Crop mark features may be enclosure, trackway, or river channel. Possible ring also

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PARCEL NO: 0016

Present Land Use: Arable

Borehole Data: C15, C16 organic remains

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Part of Amerden Field (Taplow 1838 map) Maidenhead Bridge to Dorney footpath present on 1787 and 1838 map

Air Photo Data: See Parcel no. 9025/0033

Other Archaeological Data: See Parcel no. 9025/0033

Preliminary Comment: See Parcel no. 9025/0033

PARCEL NO: 0005

Present Land Use: Arable

Borehole Data: C16 - organic remains

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Part of Amerden Field (Taplow 1838 map)

Air Photo Data: See Parcel no. 9025/0033

Other Archaeological Data: See Parcel no. 9025/0033

Preliminary Comment: See Parcel no. 9025/0033

PARCEL NO: 5479

Present Land Use: Residential garden

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Part of Eight Acres in the Marshes (Hitcham 1779 map)

Air Photo Data: None

Other Archaeological Data: -----

Preliminary Comment: -----

PARCEL NO: 6641

Present Land Use: Marshy woodland

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: On 1779 Hitcham map this parcel was part of Little Cogmarthorn meadow

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: ----

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PARCEL NO: 7437

Present Land Use: Marshy woodland

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: On Hitcham 1779 map this parcel was part of Little Cogmarthorn meadow

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: CAS 2113 in field to the east, parcel No. 8150. cropmark enclosure

Preliminary Comment: ----

PARCEL NO: 8517

Present Land Use: Grass

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Northern boundary formerly further south (Hitcham 1779 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: ----

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PARCEL NO: 5700

Present Land Use: Arable

Borehole Data: W17 - Deep topsoil

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Divided into several fields - the northern field call Eight Acres in the Marshes (Hitcham 1779 map). (Field boundary and buildings on western side removed pre-1961)

Air Photo Data: See parcel no.9025/0033

Other Archaeological Data: CAS 5279 See parcel no. 9025/0033

Preliminary Comment: See parcel no. 9025/0033

PARCEL NO: 7300

Present Land Use: Arable

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Part of larger field that stretched from Marsh Lane (now called Old Marsh Lane) to the Hitcham/Dorney parish boundary (Hitcham 1779 and 1843 maps)

Air Photo Data: NMR SU 9180/1/97

Other Archaeological Data: Possible river channel showing as cropmark. Struck flake ?Neolithic collected during preliminary survey, temp. at BCM

Preliminary Comment: ----

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PARCEL NO: 9100

Present Land Use: Arable (Woodland in east)

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Part of a larger field that stretched from Marsh Lane (now called Old Marsh Lane) to the Hitcham/Dorney parish boundary (Hitcham 1779 and 1843 maps)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: ----

PARCEL NO: 0001

Present Land Use: Arable

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: On the Dorney 1840 map this area was several fields

Air Photo Data: See parcel no. 2400

Other Archaeological Data: CAS 2114 cropmark (see parcel no. 2400)

Preliminary Comment: -

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PARCEL NO: 3066

Present Land Use: Arable

Borehole Data: C21 and C22 - deep topsoil; W19 and C20;

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace and alluvium

Historic Data: This parcel was divided into four fields, including Great Somertons and Little Somertons (Dorney 1808 map). Lots Hole present on Dorney 1808 map. Marshy area around Lots Hole indicated on 1875 OS map

Air Photo Data: See parcel no. 2400

Other Archaeological Data: CAS 2114 cropmarks (see parcel no. 2400)

Preliminary Comment: See parcel no. 2400. Lots Hole is a long standing waterlogged feature and might be considered as an archaeological focus

PARCEL NO: 2400

Present Land Use: Arable

Borehole Data: C17, C18, C19 - plant remains at depth

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: This parcel lies within fields no. 12 and 13 (Dorney 1840 map)

Air Photo Data: Camb. Univ. (St Joseph) VF56 (and BCM)

Other Archaeological Data: CAS 2114 site containing ring ditches, linear features, (enclosure, field system, trackway?) and pits

Preliminary Comment: Extensive but poorly defined cropmark site potentially Bronze Age date

PARCEL NO: 0065

Present Land Use: Arable

Borehole Data: W20 - black organic silt

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace. Slightly clayey fine silt (alluvium?) noted

Historic Data: This parcel lies within fields no. 12 and 13 (Dorney 1840 map). Marshy area indicated around Lots Hole (1875 OS map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: ----

PARCEL NO: 3222

Present Land Use: Arable

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace and alluvium.

Historic Data: This parcel corresponds to field no. 26 on Dorney 1840 map

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: ----

PARCEL NO: 5643

Present Land Use: Arable

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace and alluvium.

Historic Data: On Dorney 1808 map the area immediately west of Lake End Road was divided into Pin Ashford and Ashford. This parcel corresponds to fields no. 27 and 31 on Dorney 1840 map. Ashford/Clarks Lane abandoned 1815 (QH 43 Burnham and Dorney)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: CAS 5513 cropmark. Apparently an Iron Age 'banjo' enclosure. Other indistinct features in field

Preliminary Comment: Channel passes through enclosure

PARCEL NO: 7340

Present Land Use: Grounds of conference centre

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: On Dorney 1840 map this parcel is field no. 29, Orchard or Pin Garden

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: ----

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PARCEL NO: 6370

Present Land Use: Pasture

Borehole Data: W22 - deep topsoil

Drift Geology: Alluvium

Historic Data: Part of Boveney Liberty (Dorney 1840 map). See parcel no. 5643 concerning Ashford/Clarks Lane

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: ----

PARCEL NO: 4400

Present Land Use: Arable

Borehole Data: W23 - deep topsoil; C24 - fill; C25 - deep topsoil; C25a - deep topsoil and deep plant remains.

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace and alluvium.

Historic Data: Within this parcel are Dove House, Pin Close, Deans Close, Lady Lee and part of North field (Dorney 1808 map). Boundaries have changed by 1840. Footpath from Manor Farm to Lake End shown on Dorney 1808 map. At the southern edge of this parcel there is a right of way shown on the Dorney 1840 map

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: CAS 2179 cropmarks lie to the south of the channel - enclosures and ring ditches. Also Romano-British pottery

Preliminary Comment: ----

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PARCEL NO: 2541

Present Land Use: Sewage sludge field/arable

Borehole Data: MF15 ; MF16;

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace and alluvium.

Historic Data: This parcel lies within North Field (Dorney 1808 and 1840 maps)

Air Photo Data: -

Other Archaeological Data: Berks PRN 2474 - Struck flints; Berks PRN 2483 - medieval and post-medieval pottery.

Preliminary Comment: This field along with many others to the east have been stripped to gravel, which is then covered with sewage sludge as a cyclical process. This process and in particular the movement of machinery has caused substantial damage to any archaeological features present. Soil filled features apparent in the stripped surface at one point were found on investigation, for example, to be infilled vehicle tracks. A field check will nevertheless be carried out on available stripped surfaces at Stage Two.

PARCEL NO: 4645

Present Land Use: Sewage sludge field/arable

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: This parcel lies within North Field (Dorney 1808 and 1840 maps)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: See parcel no. 2541

PARCEL NO: 4437

Present Land Use: Sewage sludge field/arable

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: This parcel lies within North Field (Dorney 1808 and 1840 maps)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: See Parcel no. 2541

For location of following parcels see Fig. 5

PARCEL NO: 4328

Present Land Use: Sewage sludge field/arable

Borehole Data: MF17 and MF18 ;

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: This parcel lies within North Field (Dorney 1808 and 1840 maps)

Air Photo Data: -----

Other Archaeological Data: -----

Preliminary Comment: See Parcel no. 2541

PARCEL NO: 6322

Present Land Use: Sewage sludge field/arable

Borehole Data: MF8 - deep topsoil

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: This parcel lies within North Field (Dorney 1808 and 1840 maps)

Air Photo Data: -----

Other Archaeological Data: -----

Preliminary Comment: See Parcel no. 2541

PARCEL NO: 6537

Present Land Use: Sewage sludge field/arable

Borehole Data: MF12 ; MF13 - deep topsoil;

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: This parcel lies within North Field (Dorney 1808 and 1840 maps)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: See Parcel no. 2541

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PARCEL NO: 0015

Present Land Use: Sewage sludge field

Borehole Data: MF1 - deep topsoil; MF2 - deep topsoil; MF3 ; MF4 -deep topsoil; MF5 - deep topsoil; MF9 - silty clay; MF10 - deep topsoil; dark grey peaty silt; MF11; MF24; MF25 - deep topsoil.

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: This parcel lies within North Field (Dorney 1808 and 1840 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: See Parcel no. 2541. Note dark grey peaty silt from borehole MF10. Roundmoor Ditch may have waterlogging potential.

PARCEL NO: 7817

Present Land Use: Sewage sludge field/arable

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: This parcel lies within North Field (Dorney 1808 and 1840 maps)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: See Parcel no. 2541

PARCEL NO:

Present Land Use:

Borehole Data:

Drift Geology:

Historic Data:

Air Photo Data:

Other Archaeological Data:

Preliminary Comment:

PARCEL NO: 9000

Present Land Use: Sewage sludge field/arable

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: This parcel lies within North Field (Dorney 1808 and 1840 maps)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: See Parcel no. 2541

PARCEL NO: 0003/0496

Present Land Use: Sewage sludge field

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace and alluvium.

Historic Data: This parcel lies within North Field (Dorney 1808 and 1840 maps) on the east side runs Roundmoor Ditch. At this point the ditch forms the ancient boundary between Dorney and Burnham. It is thought also to form the boundary of the medieval deer park of Cippenham PRN 120/CAS 2440.

Air Photo Data: NMR SF 1810, frame 164 (and BCM)

Other Archaeological Data: Berks PRN 257/CAS 5479. Field checked and no trace of ring ditch seen on stripped surface. No finds.

Preliminary Comment: Berks PRN 257/CAS 5479 circular cropmark - Feature possibly destroyed - see Parcel no. 2541. PRN 120/CAS 2440 - deerpark boundary at Roundmoor Ditch. Despite disturbances in this area there may be depth of organic deposit present in the vicinity of the ditch - see borehole data, Parcel no. 0015

PARCEL NO: 3800/3799

Present Land Use: Grassland

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Alluvium

Historic Data: Part of Nine Acre Meadow (Burnham 1842 map). Part of Cippenham medieval deerpark PRN 120/CAS 2440.

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: ----

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PARCEL NO: 3418

Present Land Use: Grassland

Borehole Data: C26 - plant remains at depth; C26a - plant remains at depth.

Drift Geology: Alluvium

Historic Data: Part of Rushy Meadow (Burnham 1842 map). Part of Cippenham medieval deerpark PRN 120/CAS 2440

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: WNW - ESE old ditch bisecting field. Possible old river channel on same alignment.

Preliminary Comment: Waterlogging potential.

PARCEL NO: 3932

Present Land Use: Grassland

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Alluvium

Historic Data: Part of Rushy Meadow (Burnham 1842 map). (Rush grasses (Juncaceae) still present). Part of Cippenham medieval deer park PRN 120/CAS 2440

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: Large relatively marshy area indicated by rush grasses

Preliminary Comment: Waterlogging potential

PARCEL NO: 6416

Present Land Use: Grassland

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Alluvium

Historic Data: Part of The Meadows (Burnham 1842 map). Part of Cippenham medieval deerpark PRN 120/CAS 2440

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: Linear features (ditches?) present

Preliminary Comment: ----

PARCEL NO: 7025

Present Land Use: Grassland

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Alluvium

Historic Data: Part of The Meadows (Burnham 1842 map). Marshy area and many drains indicated on 1875 OS map. Part of Cippenham medieval deerpark PRN 120/CAS 2440

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: ----

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PARCEL NO: 5800/5892

Present Land Use: Grassland

Borehole Data: W29 - deep topsoil

Drift Geology: Alluvium

Historic Data: This parcel was partly in Twelve Acres, partly in The Meadows (Burnham 1842 map). Part of Cippenham medieval deerpark PRN 120/CAS 2440

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: ----

PARCEL NO: 0018

Present Land Use: Grassland

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Alluvium

Historic Data: Part of field called 'Next to Potato Ground' (Burnham 1842 map). Part of the Cippenham medieval deerpark PRN 120/ CAS 2440

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: ----

PARCEL NO: 0028

Present Land Use: Pasture

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Alluvium. Very fine organic peaty silt noted.

Historic Data: Part of field called 'Deep Hole'. Part of Cippenham medieval deerpark PRN 120/CAS 2440

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: NE-SW natural ridge and low bank forms NW limit of 0028. Narrow strip cultivation visible in central area. Possible old river channel (see also parcel no. 2024)

Preliminary Comment: Waterlogging potential

PARCEL NO: 0039/1042

Present Land Use: Pasture

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Part of field call 'Deep Hole'. Footpath shown (Burnham 1842 map). Part of Cippenham medieval deerpark PRN 120/CAS 2440

Air Photo Data: -

Other Archaeological Data: PRN 3535; PRN 3536; PRN 3537. Early neolithic , Late Bronze Age and Roman occupation north of the M4.

Preliminary Comment: Note occupation to the North

PARCEL NO: 2939

Present Land Use: Pasture

Borehole Data: C27 - deep topsoil; plant remains at depth

Drift Geology: Alluvium

Historic Data: Part of Great Woods. Area of marsh shown (Burnham 1842 map). Part of Cippenham medieval deerpark PRN 120/CAS 2440

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: See Parcel no. 0039/1042

Preliminary Comment: See Parcel no. 0039/1042

For location of following parcels see Fig. 6

PARCEL NO: 2024

Present Land Use: Pasture

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Alluvium

Historic Data: Part of Great Woods (Burnham 1842 map). Part of Cippenham medieval deerpark PRN 120/CAS 2440

Air Photo Data: -

Other Archaeological Data: PRN 120 Cippenham Park, probable park boundary. A slight bank is visible in the southern margin of this parcel. Parcel may also have formed part of course of old river channel (see also parcel no. 0028). (Alluvial ? deposits visible in drain side)

Preliminary Comment: Presumed course of park boundary cut by channel

PARCEL NO: 2314

Present Land Use: Pasture

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace. Stratified alluvial ? material visible in water channel side.

Historic Data: Part of Great Park Close and Grass Close (Eton 1742 map). Footpath present from 1742

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: ----

PARCEL NO: 4310

Present Land Use: Grass common land

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Eton Little Common (Eton 1742 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: ----

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PARCEL NO: 5419

Present Land Use: Grassland

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Same field boundaries (Eton 1742 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: ----

PARCEL NO: 5030

Present Land Use: Pasture

Borehole Data: C28 - plant remains

Drift Geology: Alluvium

Historic Data: a) Lay within Chalvey Common Green (1773 parish map).
b) Part of Chalvey Grove (Upton-cum-Chalvey 1845 map).
c) At this point Chalvey Ditch defines the boundary between the ancient parishes of Upton-cum-Chalvey and Eton

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: N-S linear features (field drains?)

Preliminary Comment: Chalvey Ditch may have waterlogging potential.

PARCEL NO: 6431

Present Land Use: Pasture

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Alluvium

Historic Data: a) Part of field no. 166 (Upton-cum-Chalvey).
b) See parcel no. 5030 note c.

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: Cropmark trackway ? visible for circa 130m. West of brick firing-butt (See also parcel no. 9709)

Preliminary Comment: See parcel no. 5030

PARCEL NO: 8920

Present Land Use: Pasture

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Alluvium

Historic Data: Part of field no. 165 (Upton-cum-Chalvey 1845 map). See Parcel no. 5030 note c. "Volunteer Rifle Range" present on 1875 OS map.

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: Cropmark trackway visible from A355 to brick firing-butt and for c.130m west into parcel no. 6431.

Preliminary Comment: See parcel no. 5030

PARCEL NO: 9709

Present Land Use: Pasture

Borehole Data: C29 - plant remains

Drift Geology: Alluvium

Historic Data: Part of Lot Mead (Upton-cum-Chalvey 1845 map). See parcel no. 5030 note c. "Volunteer Rifle Range" present on 1875 OS map.

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: See parcel no. 8920

Preliminary Comment: See parcel no. 5030

PARCEL NO: 1215

Present Land Use: Grassland

Relevant Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Alluvium

Historic Data: Part of Lot Mead (Upton-cum-Chalvey 1822 map)

Air Photo Data: -----

Other Archaeological Data: -----

Preliminary Comment: -----

PARCEL NO: 6910

Present Land Use: Arable

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Part of North Field. (Eton 1742 map). Footpath has changed alignment several times (Eton 1843, 1869 and 1875 maps. See parcel no. 5030 note c.

Air Photo Data: -----

Other Archaeological Data: PRN 1076 - cropmark enclosures/trackway in southern part of field.

Preliminary Comment: PRN 1076 may extend into northern part of field. See parcel no. 5030.

PARCEL NO: 2407/2096

Present Land Use: Pasture

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Alluvium and flood plain terrace.

Historic Data: Part of Lot Mead. No footpath shown (Upton-cum-Chalvey 1822 map). See parcel no. 5030 note c.

Air Photo Data: Not located at NMR

Other Archaeological Data: Berks PRN 1347 indistinct features on air photographs. There are boundaries visible on the ground. Note presence of PRN 256/CAS 5478 in field to south. Field surface very pitted and bumpy. Possible pair of parallel linear banks. Water course may have varied.

Preliminary Comment: Some of the features in the above PRN 1347 may be ploughed out field boundaries - see historic data

PARCEL NO: 3688/4105

Present Land Use: Pasture

Borehole Data: C30 - deep topsoil, plant remains at depth

Drift Geology: Alluvium

Historic Data: Part of Chalvey Lot Mead (Upton-cum-Chalvey 1773 map). See parcel no. 5030 note c.

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: Field surface very pitted and bumpy. Water course may have varied. Possible old river course at north side.

Preliminary Comment: See parcel no. 5030

PARCEL NO: 5902

Present Land Use: Pasture

Borehole Data:

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Part of Chalvey Field (Upton-cum-Chalvey 1845 map). Allotments are post-1875

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: ----

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PARCEL NO: 5897

Present Land Use: Wasteland

Borehole Data: C31 - organic material at depth

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Corresponds to Mead Vere Furlong, which was in Chalvey Field (Upton-cum-Chalvey 1773 map). Allotments are post-1875

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: -

Preliminary Comment: ----

PARCEL NO: 6892/7303

Present Land Use: Allotments

Borehole Data: C32 - plant material at depth

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Part of Chalvey Field (Upton-cum-Chalvey 1845 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: ----

PARCEL NO: 7878/0690/8707/1006

Present Land Use: Arable

Borehole Data: C33 dark organic sand at depth

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace and alluvium

Historic Data: Part of Chalvey Field (Upton-cum-Chalvey 1773 map). Footpath present (Upton-cum-Chalvey 1845 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: ----

PARCEL NO: 3562

Present Land Use: Playing fields

Borehole Data: C34;

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: The playing fields (Agars Plough) in 1845 consisted of eleven individual fields. The northern boundary is formed by the Myrke.

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: The Myrke may have potential for waterlogging

PARCEL NO: 3709/4197

Present Land Use: Pasture

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Part of Long Mirk (Upton-cum-Chalvey 1845 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: NE-SW low linear bank at east end

Preliminary Comment: See parcel no. 3562

PARCEL NO: 5603/5597

Present Land Use: Pasture

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Part of Long Mirk (Upton-cum-Chalvey 1845 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: ----

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PARCEL NO: 5787

Present Land Use: Pasture

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Part of Long Mirk (Upton-cum-Chalvey 1845 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: NW-SE linear depression through middle of field

Preliminary Comment: See parcel no. 3562

PARCEL NO: 7478

Present Land Use: Pasture

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Part of Long Mirk

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: See parcel no. 3562

PARCEL NO: 6435

Present Land Use: Arable

Borehole Data: C35 - plant remains at depth; C36 plant remains at depth; C37 - superficial organic remains; C38; C39;

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Part of field no. 142 (Upton-cum-Chalvey 1845 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: See parcel no. 3562

PARCEL NO: 9129

Present Land Use: Arable

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: This parcel is part of West Field, division nos 50, 48, 47 and 46 (Datchet 1833 map)

Air Photo Data: NMR SU 9878/3/109-112

Other Archaeological Data: PRN 1078 - possible trackway and ridge and furrow

Preliminary Comment: Features visible on air photograph reflect open field divisions shown on Datchet 1833 map

PARCEL NO: 7226

Present Land Use: Residential

Borehole Data:

Drift Geology: Flood plain terrace

Historic Data: Part of field no. 142 (Upton-cum-Chalvey 1845 map). Building development post-1875

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: ----

PARCEL NO: 6115

Present Land Use: Pasture

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Alluvium and flood plain terrace.

Historic Data: This parcel was in Upton-cum-Chalvey (1845 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: Broad old ditch on south margin

Preliminary Comment: This parcel forms one of a group at the junction of The Myrke and The River Thames and Black Potts Island. This is a topographic situation which has considerable potential for waterlogged archaeological deposits. Potential settlement or mill on the island should also be considered. (Domesday Survey of Eton manor mentions two mills; VCH Vol. 3 p. 264)

PARCEL NO: 6712

Present Land Use: Pasture

Borehole Data: C42 organic remains

Drift Geology: Alluvium

Historic Data: This parcel was in Upton-cum-Chalvey (1845 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: Old braided water course ? at south end. Possible N-S ridge and furrow.

Preliminary Comment: See parcel no. 6115

PARCEL NO: 5805

Present Land Use: Scrubland

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Alluvium

Historic Data: Field no. 476 on Eton 1843 map

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: See parcel no. 6115

PARCEL NO: 6201/6399

Present Land Use: Scrubland

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Alluvium

Historic Data: Part of field no. 475 on Eton 1843 map

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: See parcel no. 6115

PARCEL NO: 6501/6599

Present Land Use: Scrubland

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Alluvium

Historic Data: Part of King's Close and Running Grove (Datchet 1833 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: See parcel no. 6115.

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PARCEL NO: 6601

Present Land Use: Scrubland

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Alluvium

Historic Data: Part of Running Grove (Datchet 1833 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: ----

PARCEL NO: 6196

Present Land Use: Residential

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Alluvium

Historic Data: Black Potts Island. Part of field no. 475 on 1843 map. Site of 17th century fishing-house and later summer house (VCH Vol. 3, p. 250)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: Potential settlement or mill on the island should be considered. (See parcel no. 6115)

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PARCEL NO: 6987

Present Land Use: Scrubland

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Alluvium

Historic Data: Corresponds to field nos. 2 and 3 (Datchet 1839 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: See parcel nos. 6196 and 6115

PARCEL NO: 7094

Present Land Use: Scrubland

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Alluvium

Historic Data: Part of Running Grove (Datchet 1833 map). Embankment shown on 1875 OS map.

Air Photo Data: -----

Other Archaeological Data: -----

Preliminary Comment: See parcel no. 6115

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PARCEL NO: 8177

Present Land Use: Scrubland

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Alluvium

Historic Data: Part of Running Grove and Sumpter Mead (Datchet 1833 map)

Air Photo Data: -----

Other Archaeological Data: -----

Preliminary Comment: See parcel no. 6115

PARCEL NO: 8598

Present Land Use: Woodland

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Alluvium

Historic Data: Part of Running Grove (Datchet 1833 map)

Air Photo Data: ----

Other Archaeological Data: ----

Preliminary Comment: See parcel no. 6115

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PARCEL NO: 9080

Present Land Use: Golf Course

Borehole Data: None

Drift Geology: Alluvium

Historic Data: Part of Running Grove and Sumpter Mead (Datchet 1833 map).
Embankment appears on 1875 OS map.

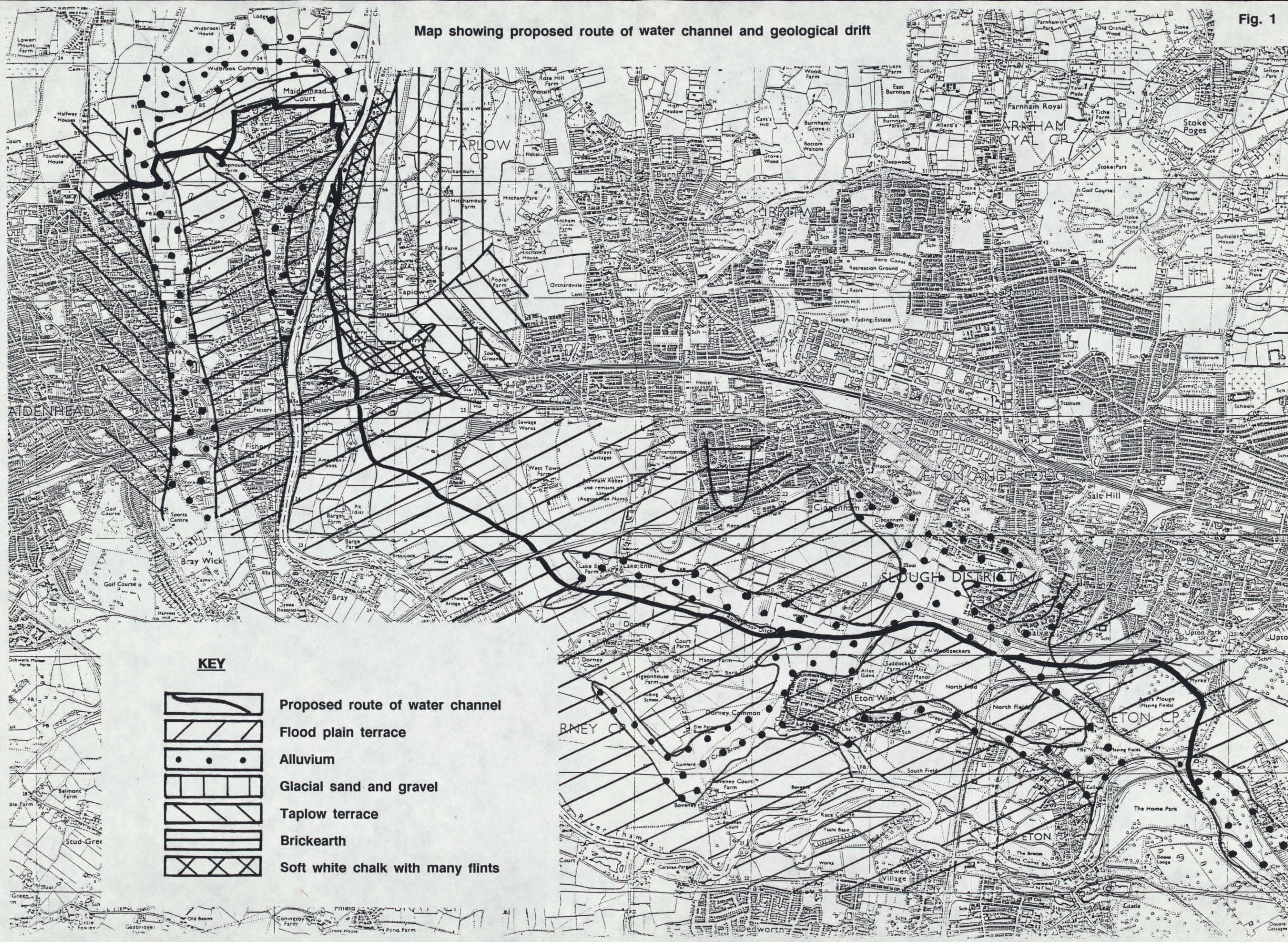
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Other Archaeological Data: Embankment runs for 260m SE from NW corner of 9080



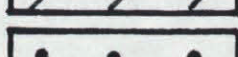
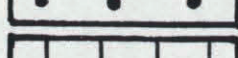
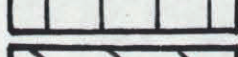
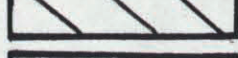
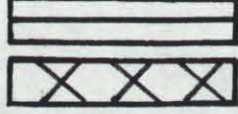
Preliminary Comment: See parcel no. 6115

Map showing proposed route of water channel and geological drift

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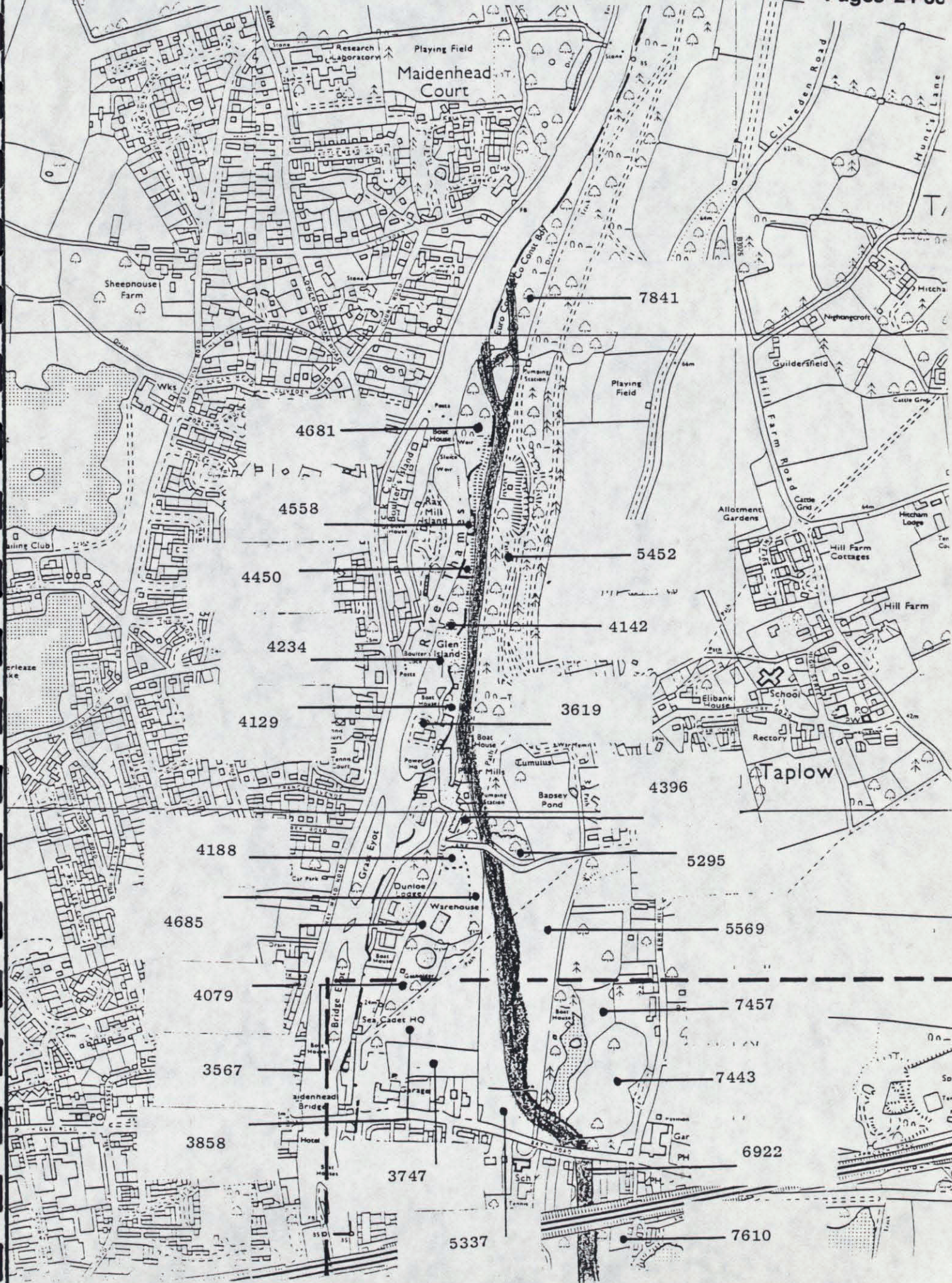
-  Proposed route of water channel
-  Flood plain terrace
-  Alluvium
-  Glacial sand and gravel
-  Taplow terrace
-  Brickearth
-  Soft white chalk with many flints

Figures 2 - 6 show the numbered land parcels affected by the proposed route of the Flood Alleviation Scheme Embankment and Water Channel

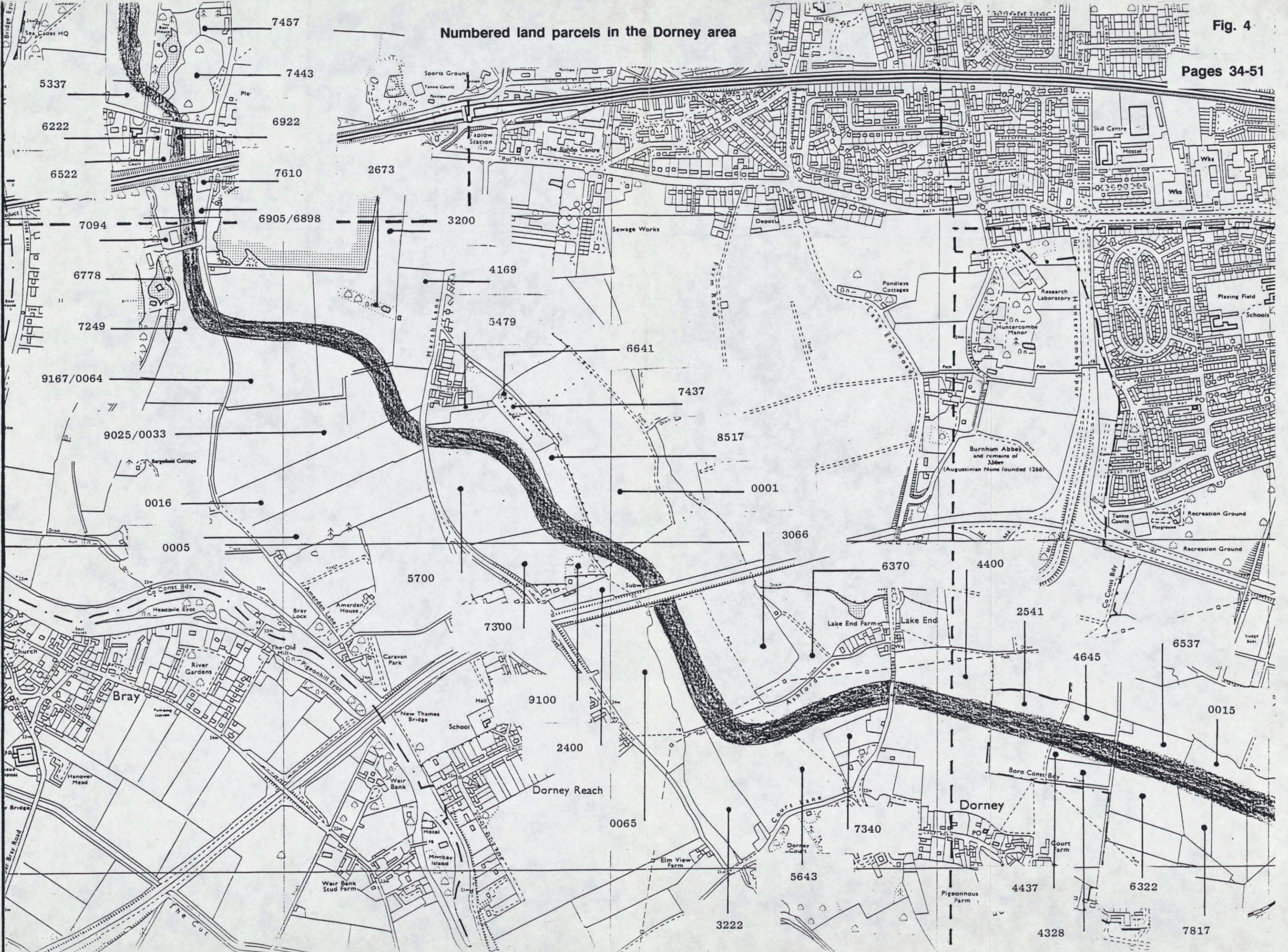
(Dashed line shows map overlap)

- Fig. 2 Numbered land parcels in the Cookham-North Maidenhead area. (Refers to pages 13-23).
- Fig. 3 Numbered land parcels in the Taplow area. (Refers to pages 24-33).
- Fig. 4 Numbered land parcels in the Dorney area. (Refers to pages 34-51).
- Fig. 5 Numbered land parcels in the Dorney-Slough-Eton area. (Refers to pages 52-60).
- Fig. 6 Numbered land parcels in the Eton area. (Refers to pages 61-79).

Numbered land parcels in the Taplow area

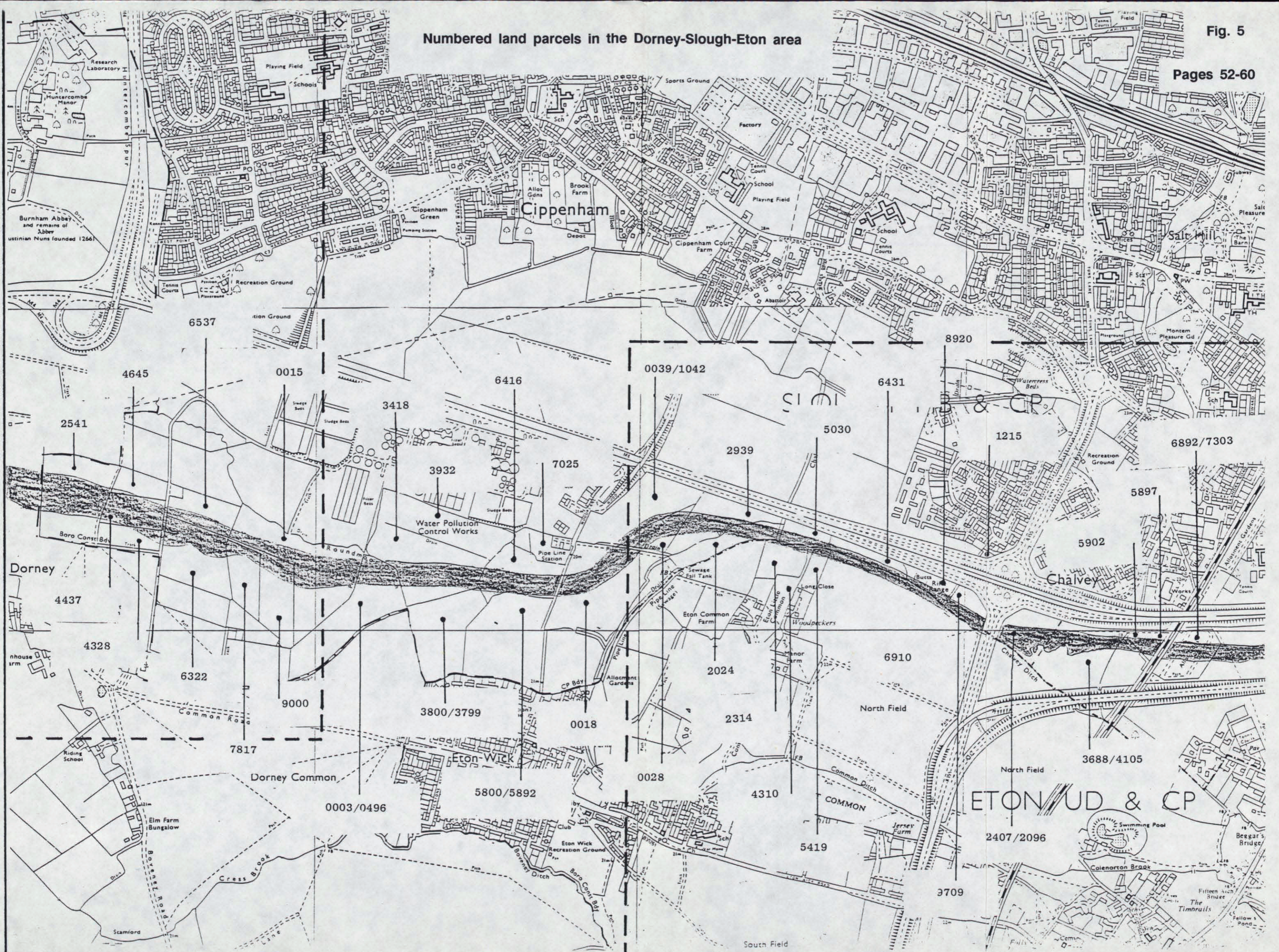


Numbered land parcels in the Dorney area



Numbered land parcels in the Dorney-Slough-Eton area

Fig. 5



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