

19/3/18 Wigan, Landgate, Roman Road.

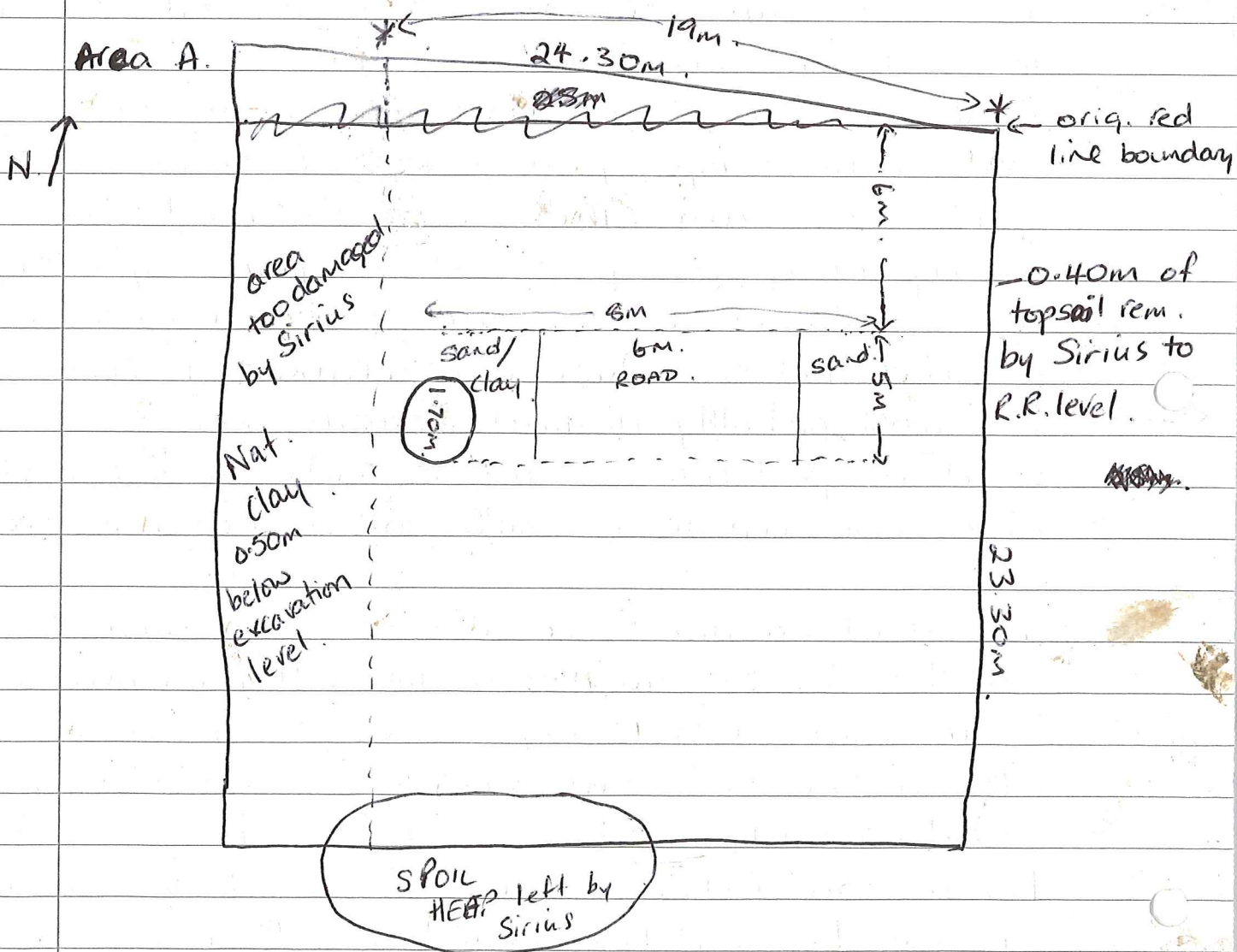
Week 1.

Areas A. + B. encompassed by Area C - should have had W.B. during stripping of topsoil. Not done. Area C already stripped before we got here. Damage assessed on Mon. 19th. Area B written off - no archaeology left. Contractor said stream was partly filled in when they got here so they dug it out for drainage. This could have been place where road crossed stream. Norman suggested cleaning a section to look for evidence. Rob started this on Thur 22nd and possibly found road near bottom of stream in S. facing section. Agreed with Norman + Ian to clean section at far S. end of site to check for road.

A 2-3m wide strip N. of Area B on the slope was cleaned by myself + Rob to check for any road remains. The line of the road was possibly indicated by a line of grey clay with areas either side consisting of sand with patches of river pebbles. These were cleaned + photographed but most probably natural deposits. Rob possibly found a post-hole on the W. side of the road-line which will need to be GPS plotted then half-sectioned.

The road appears to be 6m wide in Area A. So far the ditches are not apparent. More cleaning needed. Sirius had stripped any surviving ~~so~~ road surface off - a line of small pebbles covered the surface of the road but loose - not in-situ. Some of the large foundation stones are visible to the N, outside the red line boundary - these will be cleaned + recorded in place of Area B.

In Area A the foundation stones survive quite well in the first patch cleaned. A few remnants of the packing layer/metalling survive on top of the stones in the central area. On the E side of the road, in places, the ploughsoil is compressed directly on top of the foundation stones suggesting the surface had probably been lost to ploughing in the recent past. Bits of plastic + 20th C pottery + glass were found in the topsoil removed from the road surface. A lrg. circular patch of ploughsoil is present on the W. side of road, which needs GPS plotting + excavating.



2nd week.

Andy R. surveyed in possible features found so far i.e. poss. pit on W side of road in Area A, stone wall found by Bill in E section of Area A, poss. feature at roadside in Area B to W + poss. post-hole.

50m stretch of road N. of Area A to be cleared in place of Area B due to breach of planning conditions i.e. W.B. on Area C. - and any damaged caused by the contractor prior to our arrival.

12/4/18	Area A 1 pegged out for survey	= 8.60m x 19.15m	(S)
	Area A 2	" "	(N)
	Area B 1	" "	(N)
	Area B 2	" "	(S)

SAMPLE LIST

- ① 1 bag possible buried soil/original ground surface below road from AREA A 2 section/sondage.
- ② 1 bag CHARCOAL from AREA A 1 - very light ~~grey~~ grey clay below the centre of the road. ~~1 bag~~.
- ③ 1 bag CHARCOAL/COAL? From AREA A 1 section/sondage yellow/grey patchy clay containing sm-med. stones. - on the W side of the v. lt grey clay, below the road.
- ④ 1 bag CHARCOAL from AREA B 1 - poss. post-hole/feature - black, burnt deposit in centre of feature.
- ⑤ 1 bag poss. CHARCOAL from AREA B 1 - rectangular feature - sand layer below brown clay
- ⑥ 1 bag poss. CHARCOAL from AREA B 1 - rectangular feature - yellow/grey clay below sand + at base of sondage.

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7 1 lrg. bag poss. CHARCOAL in dark grey sandy clay deposit below 'post-hole' in 'post-hole' sondage from AREA B1

8 1 bag - slightly silty sand, v. dk. grey from poss. 'post' in 'post-hole' sondage in AREA B1

10 1 bag - more CHARCOAL from poss. 'post' AREA B1

9 1 bag - unstrat. CHARCOAL poss. from the 'post' in AREA B1

11 1 bag - organic material from AREA B1 test pit 4 to W from lower black deposit.

12 1 bag - timber?/organic material from AREA B1 - T.P. 4 to W, poss. from lower black deposit.

13 1 bag - organic material from AREA B1 machine section from black deposit to the W