



- Archaeological investigations of the northwest extension site were completed during September and October 2023. The investigations included trial trenches to check for archaeological remains, and to investigate the prehistoric landform of the site and wider area.
- This area wasn't always a pasture field. In the past it would have been a wetland environment, with multiple channels and areas of drier ground. This environment was an important context to Prehistoric and Roman settlement sites that have been discovered in the main Gill Mill quarry to the east of this site.
- The investigations have mapped the past topography of the site, and samples have been retrieved for later scientific analysis. The analysis will include scientific dating, and analysis of microscopic seeds, pollen and molluscs, which help to paint a picture of what the environment would have been in the deep past. This will confirm the character of this part of the Windrush River valley at different points in the past and will also help provide new insights into the Prehistoric and Roman settlement remains known in the higher ground to the east.

