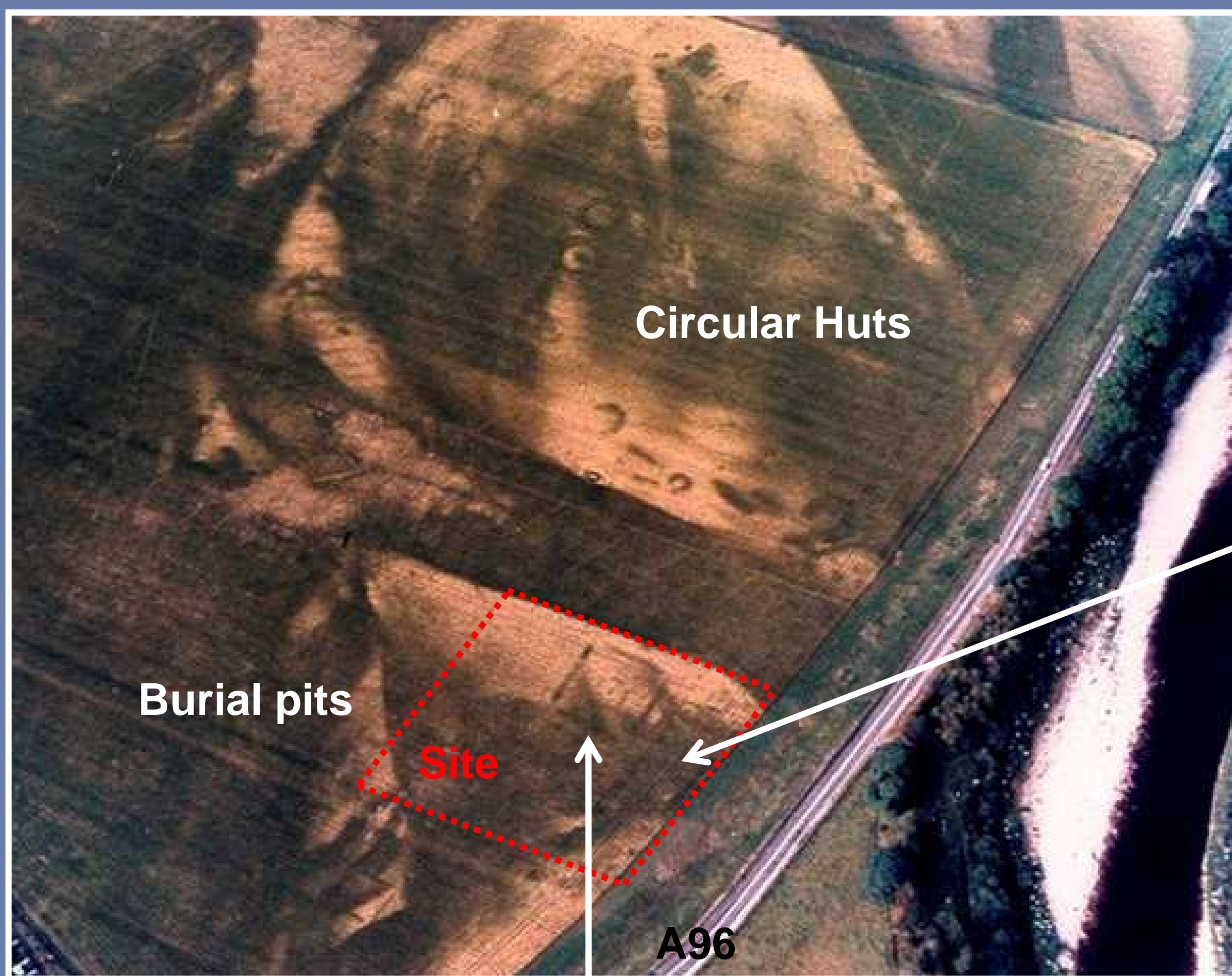
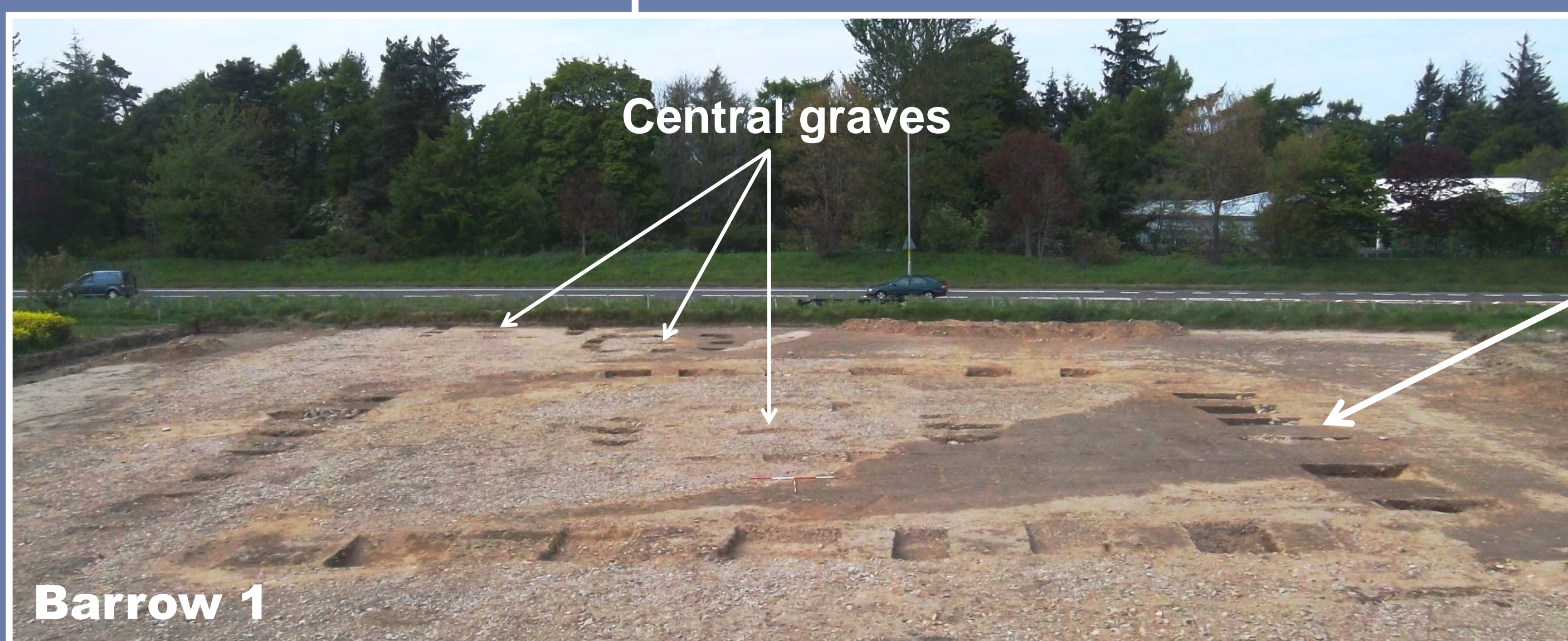


AOC Archaeology undertook archaeological investigations in the vicinity of the proposed A96 temporary diversion prior to construction to assess the site for features of archaeological significance. This took place in April and May of 2012 at the site marked in red below.

Limited signs of three burial sites, likely to be Pictish in origin, were identified within the study site. Due to their age and previous farming practices the sites have severely disintegrated and no significant archaeological finds were recovered. Consequently no additional archaeological excavations are required at this site.



Crop marks seen from aerial photographs represent prehistoric burial pits and barrows as well as an Iron Age settlement of circular huts



- The photos show the excavation pits dug to examine the archaeological remains
- The three central pits are the location of the three graves with the outer pits indicating the location of the ditches dug to produce material to build a mound on top of the graves
- No human remains or artefacts were found in the three graves during the excavations
- Two additional sites are to undergo investigation in the Waterford Road area this year