

## **A505 BALDOCK BYPASS (Hertfordshire)**

### **TL 277 360 and TL 242 312**

A505 Baldock Bypass lies near Baldock, Hertfordshire on the Western Hills over boulder clay with flint (Thorpe *et al.* 2003, 8). Albion Archaeology carried out excavations between January and February 2003 in advance of construction of the A505 Bypass (Thorpe *et al.* 2003, 8). About 100 trenches were laid across the proposed route that totalled 7427 square metres of the area investigated (Thorpe *et al.* 2003, 11). The excavations showed activities from the Neolithic into the post-Medieval period (Thorpe *et al.* 2003, 13). At A505 there is a Bronze Age funerary complex consisting of numbers of barrows (Thorpe *et al.* 2003, 33, 40). In the Iron Age, an inhumation was interred between two of the Bronze Age barrows along with a secondary cremation burial inserted into the fill of the inhumation (Thorpe *et al.* 2003, 41). Other Iron Age activity at Baldock includes a double ditch boundary just to the north of the Bronze Age funerary complex, possibly as an effort to enclose the barrows (Thorpe *et al.* 2003, 44). The inhumation and cremations are the only Iron Age human remains uncovered from Baldock.