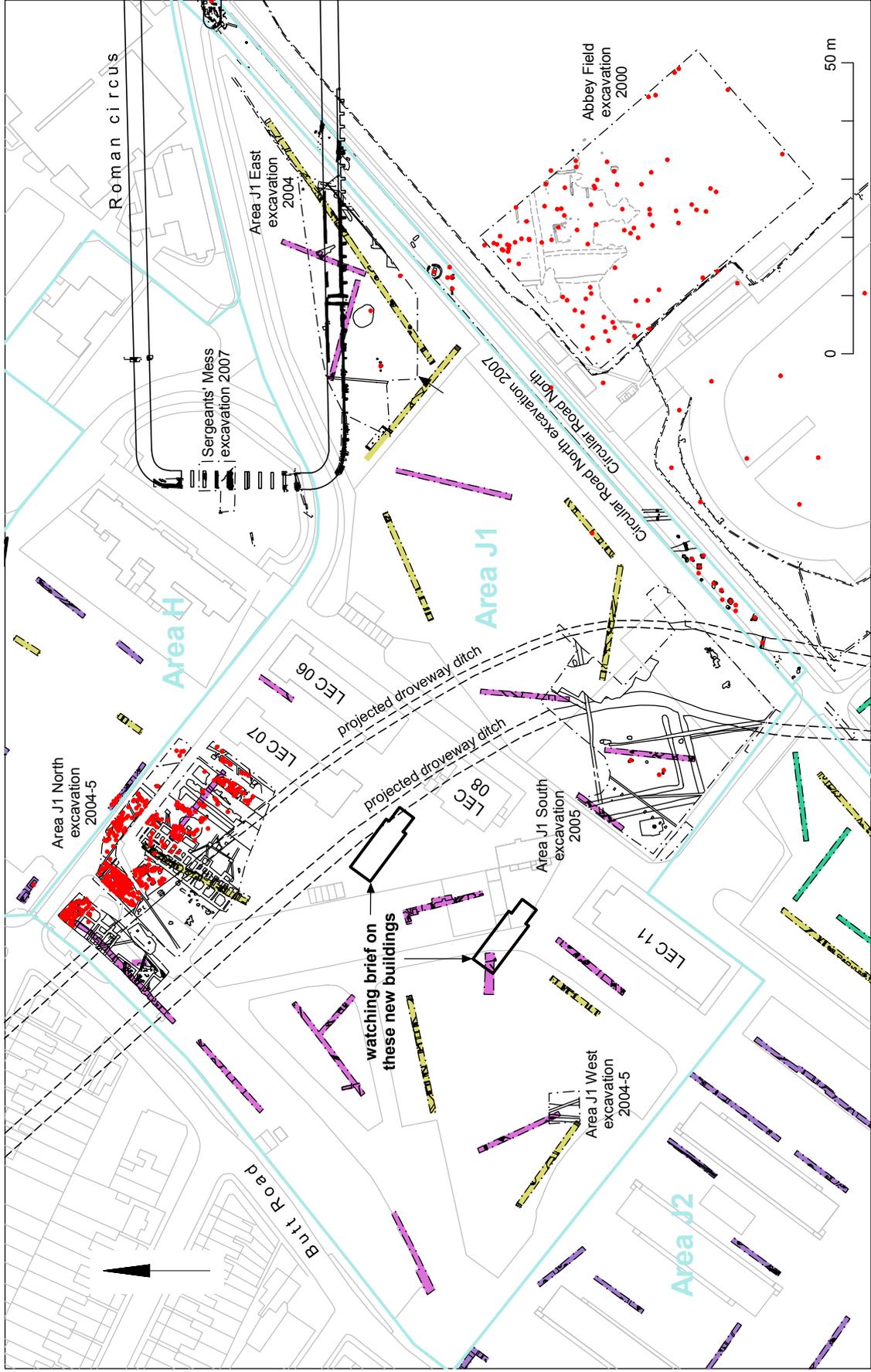


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**CAT Report 462**

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**Summary sheet**

<b>Site address:</b> Area J1, Colchester Garrison, Colchester, Essex	
<b>Parish:</b> Colchester	<b>District:</b> Colchester Borough
<b>NGR:</b> TL 9923 2444 TL9926 2447	<b>Site codes:</b> CAT project code: 07/7i COLEM accession code: 2008.49
<b>Type of work:</b> Watching brief	<b>Site director/group:</b> Colchester Archaeological Trust
<b>Date of work:</b> 16th-17th July 2007	<b>Size of area investigated:</b> Two building plots, each 8m x 21m
<b>Location of finds/curating museum:</b> Colchester and Ipswich Museums	<b>Funding source:</b> Developer (Lexden Restorations)
<b>Further seasons anticipated?</b> No	<b>Related UAD nos:</b>
<b>Final report:</b> CAT Report 462 (summary sheet)	
<b>Periods represented:</b> post-medieval, modern	
<p><b>Summary of fieldwork results:</b></p> <p><i>A negative watching brief was held on the digging of footings trenches for two new buildings in the former Cavalry Barracks in Colchester Garrison. The two new buildings are to the rear of and between some of the retained Garrison buildings, that is, the old Riding School (LEC 11), the old Sergeants' Mess (LEC 08), and two of the stable buildings (LEC 06 and LEC 07); see Figure 1.</i></p> <p><i>Footings trenches were dug to 1.15m below modern ground-level. This exposed a post-medieval or modern layer varying in depth between 0.50m and 0.70m, directly overlying natural gravel and sand. This post-medieval or modern layer comprised dark brown loam interleaved with modern demolition material. It also contained tile, brick and charcoal. A depth of 0.4m was later stripped off the site. This exposed an L-shaped trench aligned north-west to south-east and north-east to south-west. This was probably the grubbed-out footings of a building shown on the OS 1:10,000 map TL 92SE (1991) which has subsequently been demolished. Areas of modern demolition material and featureless loam were exposed on the rest of the stripped surface. Examination of spoil heaps yielded modern finds and post-medieval bottle glass (not retained).</i></p>	
<b>Previous summaries/reports:</b> none	
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-  2002 evaluation trench
-  2004 evaluation trench
-  2006 evaluation trench
-  2007 evaluation trench
-  Roman burial
-  bunker

Fig 1 Location of watching brief.