

Report on a watching brief: CAT Report 486

Site address: 23 Oxford Road, Colchester, Essex
Date of fieldwork: December 2006-July 2007
NGR: TL 9920 2463
CBC brief?: No
Location plan attached?: Yes (Fig 1)
Museum accession code: 2006.149
CAT reference code: 06/12c

Summary

A watching brief on the corner at the junction of Oxford Road and Inglis Road, Colchester, Essex, revealed only dark modern topsoil over natural sand. No deposits of archaeological significance were observed.

Brief report:

The site is located at the north corner of the junction of Oxford Road and Inglis Road. The surrounding area is known to have been used extensively for burials during the Roman period.

The watching brief took place during the reduction of ground-levels and the excavation of foundation trenches for a new block of flats (Fig 1). The reduction of the ground-levels involved the removal of the topsoil onto the natural sand. Six short visits were made to the site by Ben Holloway and Stephen Benfield, on the 14th, 15th, 18th (twice) and 19th December 2006, and on the 9th January 2007. The deposits on the site consisted of dark modern topsoil sealing clean natural sand. No finds were recovered and no archaeology of any significance was recorded.

The reduction in ground-levels (topsoil removal) for two small additional buildings to the rear of the property, carried out in July 2007, was not observed.

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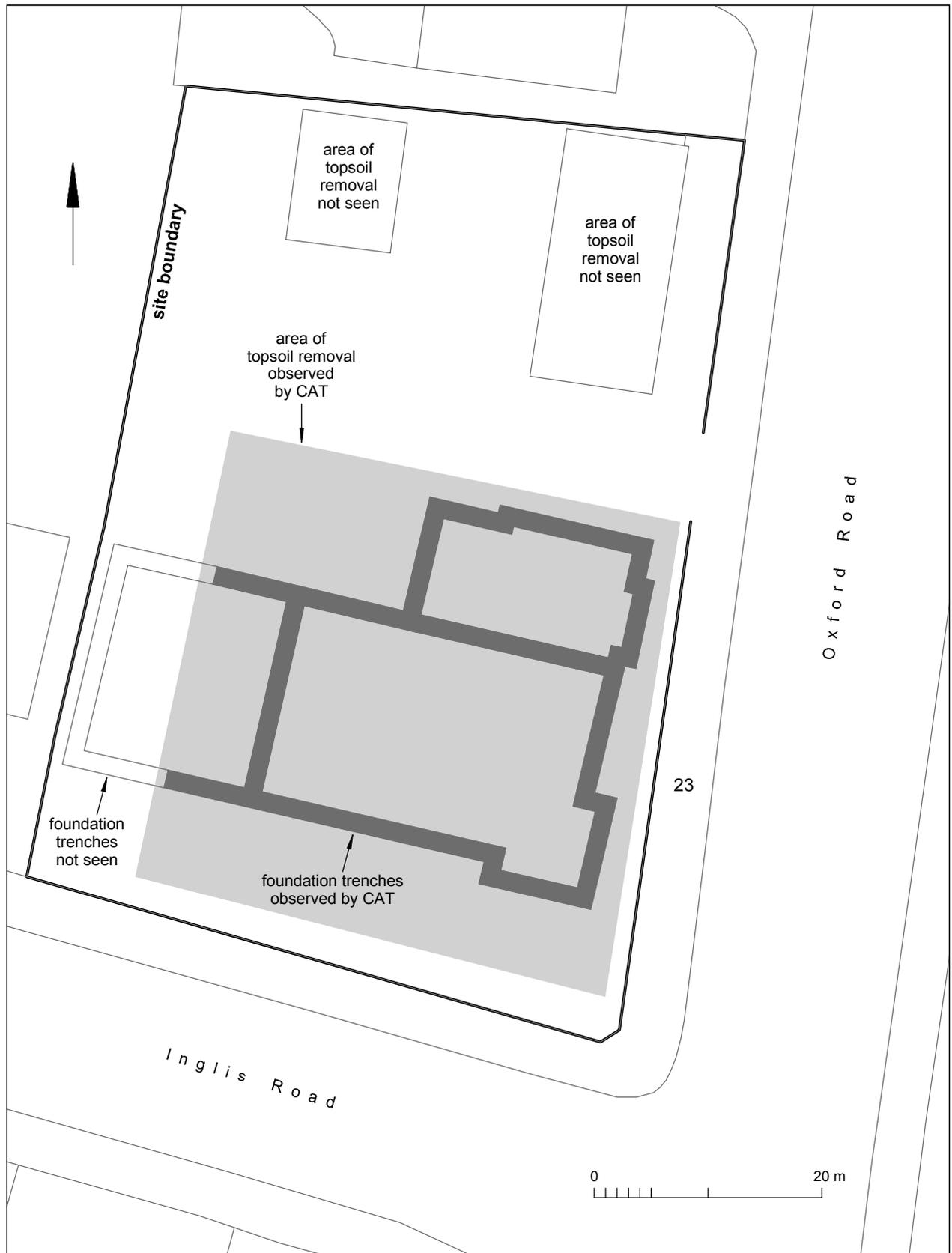
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Fig 1 Plan of site.

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Summary sheet

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| Site address: 23 Oxford Road, Colchester, Essex | |
| Parish: Colchester | District: Colchester Borough |
| NGR: TL 9920 2463 | Site code: Museum accession code 2006.149 |
| Type of work: Watching brief | Site director/group: Colchester Archaeological Trust |
| Date of work: December/January 2006 | Size of area investigated: 20m x 20m |
| Location of finds/curating museum: Colchester and Ipswich Museums | Funding source: Developer |
| Further seasons anticipated? No | Related EHER/UAD nos: |
| Final report: CAT Report 486 | |
| Periods represented: modern | |
| Summary of fieldwork results: <i>A watching brief at the corner of the junction of Oxford Road and Inglis Road, Colchester, revealed only dark modern topsoil over natural sand. No deposits of archaeological significance were located.</i> | |
| Previous summaries/reports: None | |
| Keywords: - | Significance: neg |
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