

Archaeological evaluation by trial-trenching at Lambourne House, 67 North Road, South Ockendon

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1 Summary

An archaeological evaluation by trial-trenching was undertaken at Lambourne House, 67 North Road, South Ockendon, prior to the construction of four houses, five bungalows and associated car parking and gardens. No finds or features of any archaeological significance were encountered.

2 Introduction (Fig 1)

This report presents the results of an archaeological evaluation by trial-trenching at Lambourne House, 67 North Road, South Ockendon, Essex (Fig 1), which was carried out during May 2016. The work was commissioned by Mark Breden on behalf of Dream Point Homes Ltd in advance of the construction of four houses, five bungalows and associated car park and garden space on the site, and was undertaken by Colchester Archaeological Trust (CAT).

In response to consultation with Essex County Council Place Services (ECCPS), Historic Environment Advisor Richard Havis advised that in order to establish the archaeological implications of this application, the applicant should be required to commission a scheme of archaeological investigation in accordance with paragraphs 128, 129 and 132 of the *National Planning Policy Framework* (DCLG 2012).

All archaeological work was carried out in accordance with a *Brief for archaeological evaluation*, detailing the required archaeological work, written by Richard Havis (ECCPS 2015), and a written scheme of investigation (WSI) prepared by CAT in response to the brief and agreed with ECCPS (CAT 2015)

In addition to the brief and WSI, all fieldwork and reporting was done in accordance with English Heritage's *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MoRPHE)* (English Heritage 2006), and with *Standards for field archaeology in the East of England* (EAA 14 and 24). This report mirrors standards and practices contained in the Institute for Archaeologists' *Standard and guidance for archaeological field evaluation* (CIfA 2014a) and *Standard and guidance for the collection, documentation, conservation and research of archaeological materials* (CIfA 2014b).

3 Archaeological background

The following archaeological background draws on the Essex Historic Environment Record (EHER) held at Essex County Council, County Hall, Chelmsford.

The proposed development site lies immediately adjacent to an area of known archaeological deposits. To the east of the development area aerial photography has revealed a sequence of linear features, including a trackway, along with enclosures and other discrete features immediately to the north-east (EHER 5100). These deposits may well be indicative of prehistoric or later settlement and there is a high potential that they extend into the development area.

4 Results (Figs 2 - 3)

Five trial-trenches were excavated within the development area. No finds or features of any archaeological significance were revealed.

Trench 1 was covered by loose tarmac chippings, orange coarse sand and gravel (L1). These materials were the bedding for a tennis court and directly overlay the natural clays (L4).



Plate 1: General shot of Trench 1



Plate 2: Stratigraphy of Trench 1

Trenches 2, 3, 4 and 5 had a modern topsoil layer which was mixed with construction debris including brick, tile, wood and mortar (L2). In trenches 2 and 3, this topsoil layer

covered the trenches to a depth of c 20cm, whereupon the natural clay horizon was encountered (L4). In trenches 4 and 5 a soft, sandy clay subsoil layer was encountered (L3).



Plate 3: General shot of Trench 3

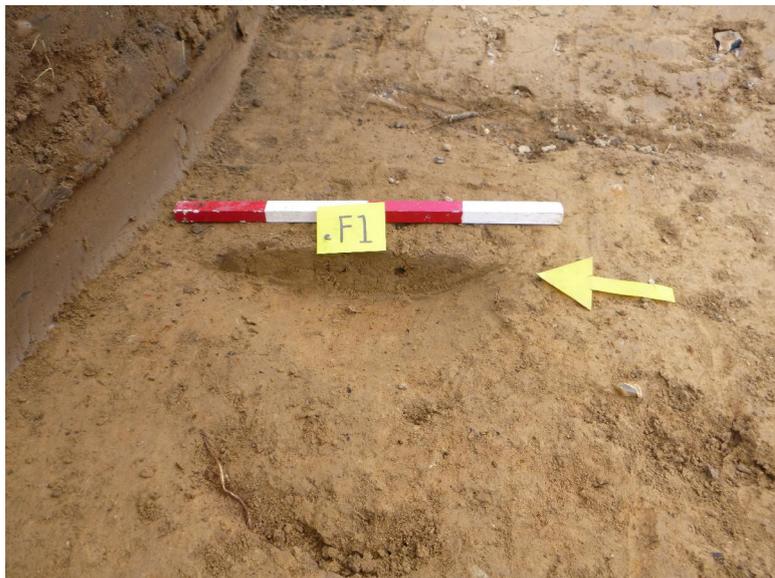


Plate 4: Pit/posthole F1 (located in Trench 5)

Trench 5 was the only trench within which any features were revealed. A small pit or posthole (F1) was located near the eastern edge of the trench. It was devoid of any finds.



Plate 5: General site shot

5 Discussion

No finds or features of archaeological significance were observed during evaluation by trial-trenching at the site. Four layers were observed, though were not all present in all trial-trenches: trench 1 had a modern tennis court bedding layer (L1) which overlay natural clays. Trenches 2 and 3 had a modern topsoil mixed with construction debris (L2), which overlay natural clays (L4). Trenches 4 and 5 had the same upper layer of topsoil and construction debris (L2), but here this overlay a sandy clay subsoil (L3) before natural clays (L4) were encountered. It is likely that all layers were the result of site clearance and levelling prior to the construction of the previous house and tennis courts.

6 Acknowledgements

The Trust would like to thank Mark Breden for commissioning the work on behalf of Silver Moon Properties Ltd. The project was managed by B Holloway and carried out N Rayner. Site plans and sections were prepared by C Lister. The project was monitored for the ECCPS by Richard Havis.

7 References

Note: all CAT reports, except for DBAs, are available online in PDF format at <http://cat.essex.ac.uk>

CAT	2015	<i>Written Scheme of Investigation for archaeological evaluation by trial-trenching at and possible excavation at Lambourne House, 67 North Road, South Ockendon</i>
CIfA	2014a	<i>Standard and guidance for archaeological field evaluation</i>
CIfA	2014b	<i>Standard and guidance for the collection,</i>

		<i>documentation, conservation and research of archaeological materials</i>
DCLG	2012	<i>National Planning Policy Framework</i> . Dept of Communities and Local Government.
EAA 14	2003	<i>Standards for field archaeology in the East of England</i> , East Anglian Archaeology, Occasional Papers, 14. Ed. D Gurney
EAA 24	2011	<i>Research and archaeology revisited: A revised framework for the East of England</i> , East Anglian Archaeology Occasional Papers 24, by Maria Medlycott
ECCPS	2015	<i>Brief for Archaeological trial trenching and excavation at 67 North Road</i>
English Heritage	2006	<i>Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment</i> (English Heritage)

8 Abbreviations and glossary

CAT	Colchester Archaeological Trust
context	specific location of finds on an archaeological site
feature (F)	an identifiable thing like a pit, a wall, a drain: can contain 'contexts'
ClfA	Chartered Institute for Archaeologists
ECCPS	Essex County Council Place Services
layer (L)	distinct or distinguishable deposit of soil
medieval	period from AD 1066 to Henry VIII
modern	period from c AD 1800 to the present
natural	geological deposit undisturbed by human activity
NGR	National Grid Reference
post-medieval	from Henry VIII to c AD1800
prehistoric	pre-Roman
residual	something out of its original context, e.g. a Roman coin in a modern pit
section	(abbreviation sx or Sx) vertical slice through feature/s or layer/s
WSI	Written Scheme of Investigation

9 Contents of archive

Paper and digital record

One A4 document wallet containing:
 The report (CAT Report 948)
 CBCPS Evaluation Brief
 CAT Written Scheme of Investigation
 Original site record (Feature and layer sheets, Finds record)
 Site digital photographic log
 Attendance register
 Trench record sheet
 Finds register
 Original Plans
 Risk assessment

10 Archive deposition

The paper and digital archive is currently held by the Colchester Archaeological Trust at Roman Circus House, Roman Circus Walk, Colchester, Essex CO2 7GZ, but will be permanently deposited with Thurrock Museum under accession code: requested

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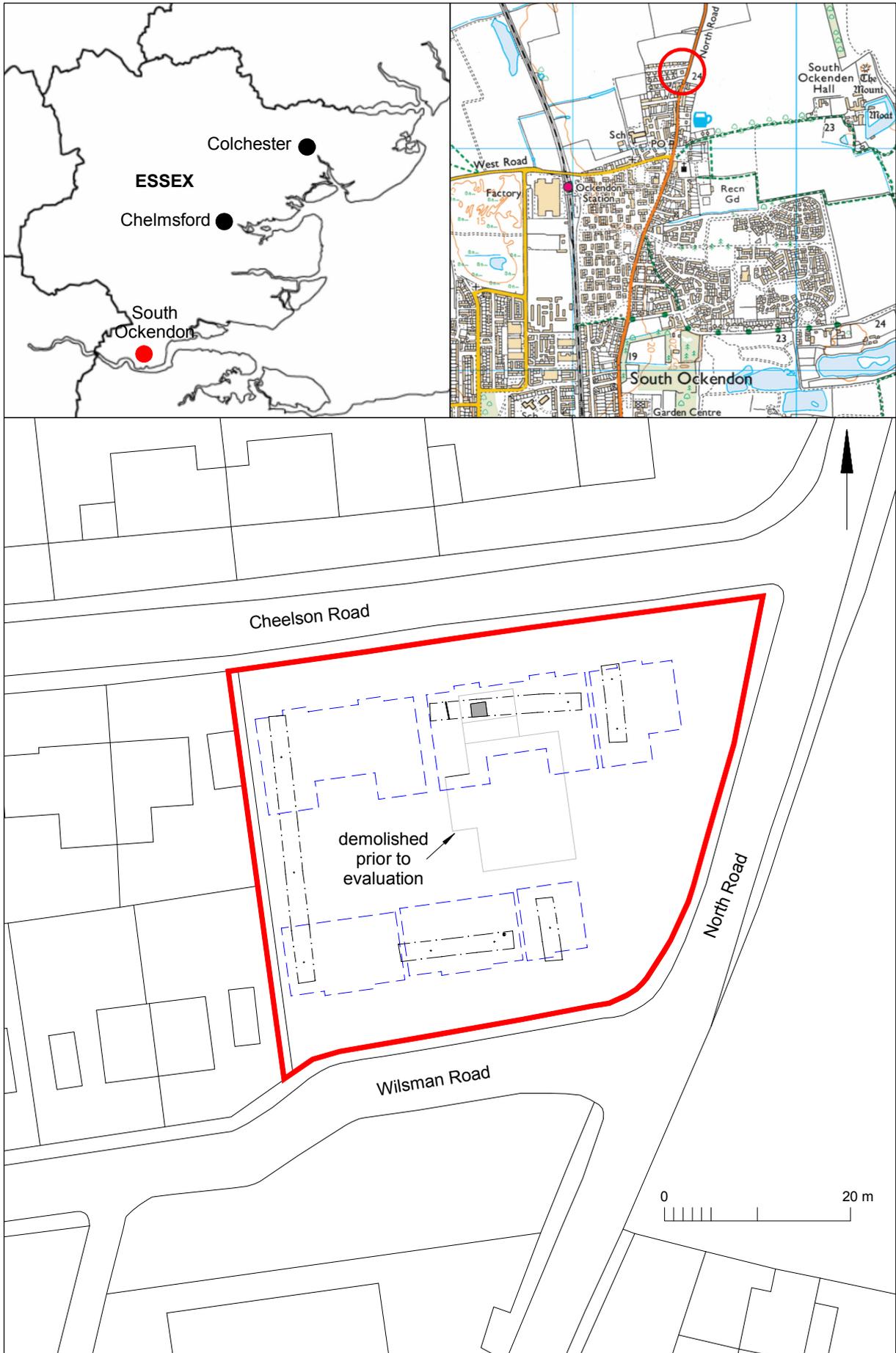
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Fig 1 Site location showing trenches in relation to the proposed development (blue dashed line).

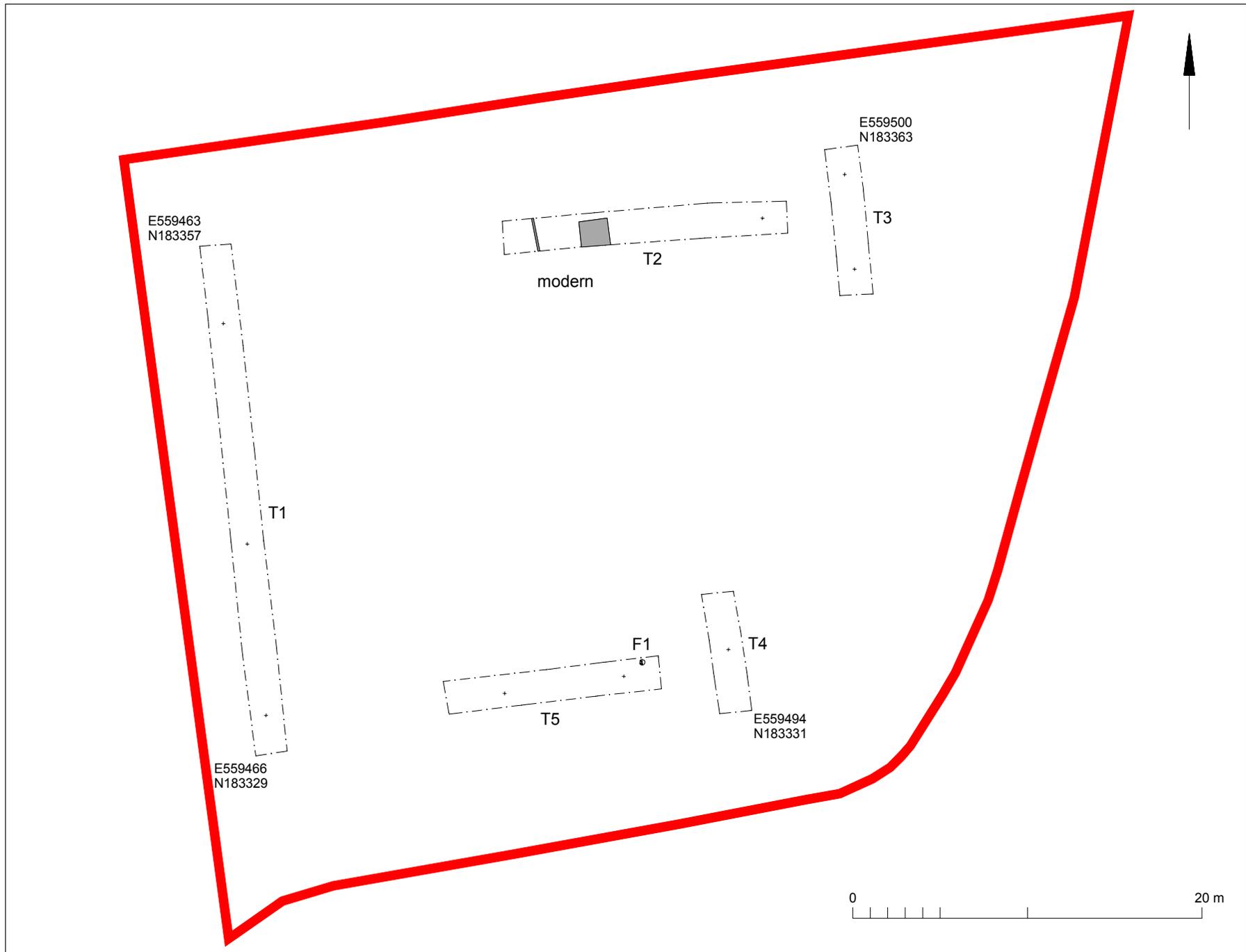


Fig 2 Results.

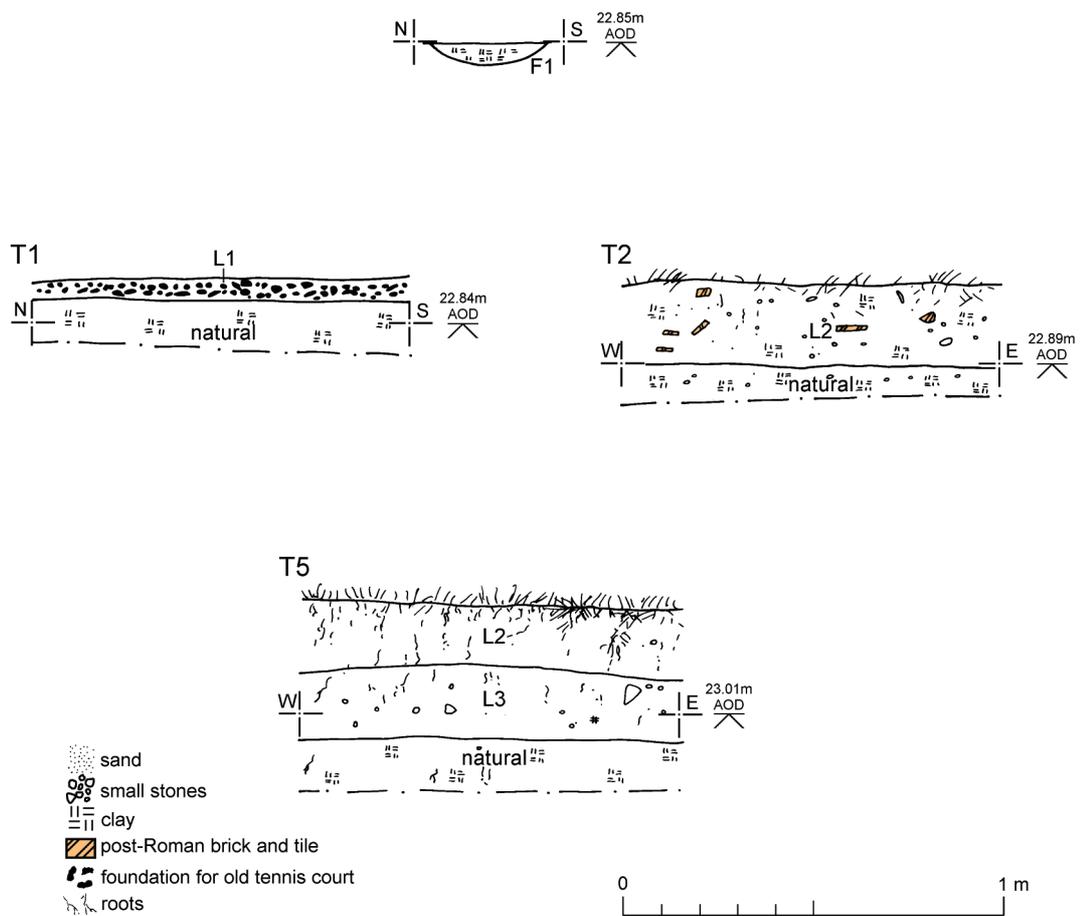


Fig 3 Feature section (F1) and representative trench sections (T1-2 and T5).

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Summary sheet

Address: Lambourne House, 67 North Road, South Ockendon	
Parish: Colchester	District: Colchester
NGR: TQ 5949 8334	Site code: CAT project code: 15/09I OASIS ref: colchest3-226382
Type of work: Evaluation by trial-trenching	Site director/group: Colchester Archaeological Trust
Date of work: May 2016	Size of area investigated: 129.6m ²
Location of curating museum: Thurrock Museum accession code : THLH16	Funding source: Developer
Further seasons anticipated? No	Related EHER/UAD numbers: EHER 5100
Final report: CAT Report 948	
Periods represented: n/a	
Summary of fieldwork results: An archaeological evaluation by trial-trenching was undertaken at Lambourne House, 67 North Road, South Ockendon, prior to the construction of four houses, five bungalows and associated car parking and gardens. No finds or features of any archaeological significance were encountered.	
Previous summaries/reports:	
Keywords: Lambourne House	Significance: -
Author of summary: Pip Parmenter	Date of summary: 20/06/2016

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Project details

Project name	Archaeological evaluation at 67 North Road, South Ockendon, Essex
Short description of the project	Archaeological evaluation by trial-trenching prior to development
Project dates	Start: 03-05-2016 End: 03-05-2016
Previous/future work	No / No
Any associated project reference codes	15/09I - Contracting Unit No.
Type of project	Field evaluation
Site status	None
Current Land use	Other 5 - Garden
Monument type	N/A None
Significant Finds	N/A None
Methods & techniques	"Sample Trenches"
Development type	Urban residential (e.g. flats, houses, etc.)
Prompt	Planning condition
Position in the planning process	After full determination (eg. As a condition)

Project location

Country	England
Site location	ESSEX THURROCK SOUTH OCKENDON Lambourne House, 67 North Road, South Ockendon
Postcode	RM15 6QA
Study area	2200 Square metres
Site coordinates	TQ 5949 8334 51.525904661885 0.299370866741 51 31 33 N 000 17 57 E Point

Project creators

Name of Organisation	Colchester Archaeological Trust
Project brief originator	HEM Team Officer, ECC

Project design originator	Chris Lister
Project director/manager	Chris Lister
Project supervisor	Ben Holloway
Type of sponsor/funding body	Developer
Name of sponsor/funding body	Silver Moon Properties Ltd

Project archives

Physical Archive Exists?	No
Digital Archive recipient	Thurrock Museum
Digital Contents	"none"
Digital Media available	"Images raster / digital photography","Text"
Paper Archive recipient	Thurrock Museum
Paper Contents	"none"
Paper Media available	"Context sheet","Correspondence","Drawing","Map","Notebook - Excavation',' Research',' General Notes","Report"

Project bibliography 1

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