

# Archaeological monitoring at Little Jenkins, Jenkins Lane, Great Hallingbury, Essex, CM22 7QL

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## 1 Summary

*Archaeological monitoring was carried out at Little Jenkins, Jenkins Lane, Great Hallingbury, Essex during groundworks for a two-storey showroom and storage building with offices above. In spite of being located in an archaeologically-sensitive area, no archaeological deposits or material were encountered.*

## 2 Introduction (Fig 1)

This is the report for archaeological monitoring at Little Jenkins, Jenkins Lane, Great Hallingbury, Essex which was carried out on 25th March 2020. The work was commissioned by Nick Bridger during groundworks for a two-storey showroom and storage building with offices above, 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 the *National Planning Policy Framework* (MHCLG 2019).

All archaeological work was carried out in accordance with a *Brief for Archaeological Monitoring and Excavation at Little Jenkins, Great Hallingbury*, detailing the required archaeological work, written by Richard Havis (ECCPS 2019), and a written scheme of investigation (WSI) prepared by CAT in response to the brief and agreed with ECCPS (CAT 2020).

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 excavation* (CIfA 2014a) and *Standard and guidance for the collection, documentation, conservation and research of archaeological materials* (CIfA 2014b).

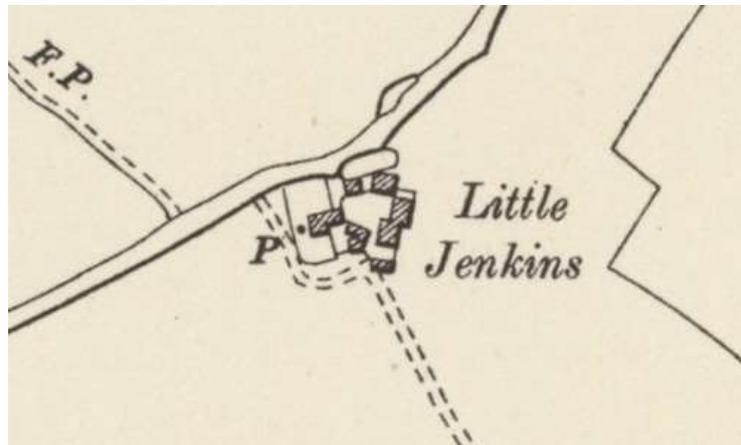
## 3 Archaeological background

The following archaeological background draws on the Brief and the Essex Historic Environment Record (EHER) held at Essex County Council, County Hall, Chelmsford, Essex (accessible to the public via <http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk>).

The Historic Environment Record shows that the proposed development lies within an area of known archaeological deposits as it is located within the farmstead of Little Jenkins, which possibly has its origins in the medieval period. Little Jenkins is a 16th-century grade II listed timber-framed house (EHER 38022; NHLE no. 1365621). The earliest cartographic evidence for the farmstead is Chapman and André's map of 1777, which depicts four buildings at the site (Map 1). The first edition Ordnance Survey Map of 1875 shows that by this point a number of ancillary buildings had been erected to the east of the house (Map 2), the largest of which is likely to have been a typical multi-bay Essex Barn. The complex looks unusual for the post-medieval period and may have originated in the medieval period. The footprint of the new building partially overlay the original locations of the putative barn and another outbuilding.



**Map 1** Extract from Chapman and André's map of Essex, 1777



**Map 2** Extract from OS map, 1875

#### 4 Aim

Archaeological monitoring was undertaken to excavate and record any archaeological deposits which were exposed by the groundworks.

#### 5 Results (Figs 2-3)

On 25th March 2020, a CAT archaeologist observed the reduction of an area measuring 68.3m<sup>2</sup> to accommodate the new building. An archaeologist monitored the groundworks until they reached the natural geological horizon, some 0.45m below current ground level (bcgl). Footings for the new building were to be subsequently dug into the natural.

Three layers were recorded. A modern yard surface (L1, c 0.3m thick, firm, clinker and ash with frequent slate, glass and china fragments) overlay modern hoggin (L2, c 0.1m thick, firm, moist medium yellow/grey sand) which in turn sealed natural (L3, firm, moist yellow/grey clay with frequent chalk flecks).

No archaeological features were encountered, although there was a poorly defined strip of dark brown loamy-clay about 1m wide and 0.5m long along the east side of the stripped area. Without excavation this was difficult to interpret but it may have been the product of there having been a dense patch of deeply-rooted plants in this area.



**Photograph 1** Stripped area – looking northwest

## 6 Finds

There were no finds.

## 7 Discussion

While the stripped area partially lay within the footprints of two now-demolished farm buildings, no significant archaeological remains were encountered. It is likely that rather than being supported by substantial foundations, these two buildings were instead constructed on brick plinths which were presumably removed during their demolition.

## 8 Acknowledgements

CAT thanks Nick Bridger for commissioning and funding the work. The project was managed by C Lister, fieldwork was carried out by B Holloway. Figures are by C Lister, B Holloway and S Carter. The project was monitored for ECCPS by Richard Havis.

## 9 References

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

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CAT	2019	<i>Health &amp; Safety Policy</i>
ClfA	2014a	<i>Standard and Guidance for archaeological evaluation</i>
ClfA	2014b	<i>Standard and guidance for the collection, documentation, conservation and research of archaeological materials</i>
ECCPS	2019	<i>Brief for archaeological monitoring and excavation at Little Jenkins, Great Hallingbury,</i> by Richard Havis
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MHCLG      2019      (EAA 24)  
*National Planning Policy Framework*. Ministry of Housing,  
Communities and Local Government

## 10 Abbreviations and glossary

CAT	Colchester Archaeological Trust
ClfA	Chartered Institute for Archaeologists
clinker	the stony residue from burnt coal or from a furnace
context	a single unit of excavation, which is often referred to numerically, and can be any feature, layer or find.
ECC	Essex County Council
ECCHEA	Essex County Council Historic Environment Advisor
ECCPS	Essex County Council Place Services
EHHER	Essex Historic Environment Record
feature (F)	an identifiable thing like a pit, a wall, a drain: can contain 'contexts'
layer (L)	distinct or distinguishable deposit (layer) of material
medieval	period from AD 1066 to c 1500
modern	period from c AD 1800 to the present
natural	geological deposit undisturbed by human activity
NGR	National Grid Reference
OASIS	<b>O</b> nline <b>A</b> ccess to the <b>I</b> ndex of <b>A</b> rchaeological <b>I</b> nvestigations, <a href="http://oasis.ac.uk/pages/wiki/Main">http://oasis.ac.uk/pages/wiki/Main</a>
post-medieval	from c AD 1500 to c 1800
section	(abbreviation sx or Sx) vertical slice through feature/s or layer/s
ws	written scheme of investigation

## 11 Contents of archive

**Finds:** n/a

### **Paper record**

One A4 document wallet containing:  
The report (CAT Report 1542)  
Original site records (site notes, section, plan)  
Photographic thumbnails and log  
Inked sections and illustrations

### **Digital record**

The report (CAT Report 1542)  
Photographs, photographic thumbnails and log  
Graphics files

## 12 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 Saffron Walden Museum under accession code SAFWM: 2020.33

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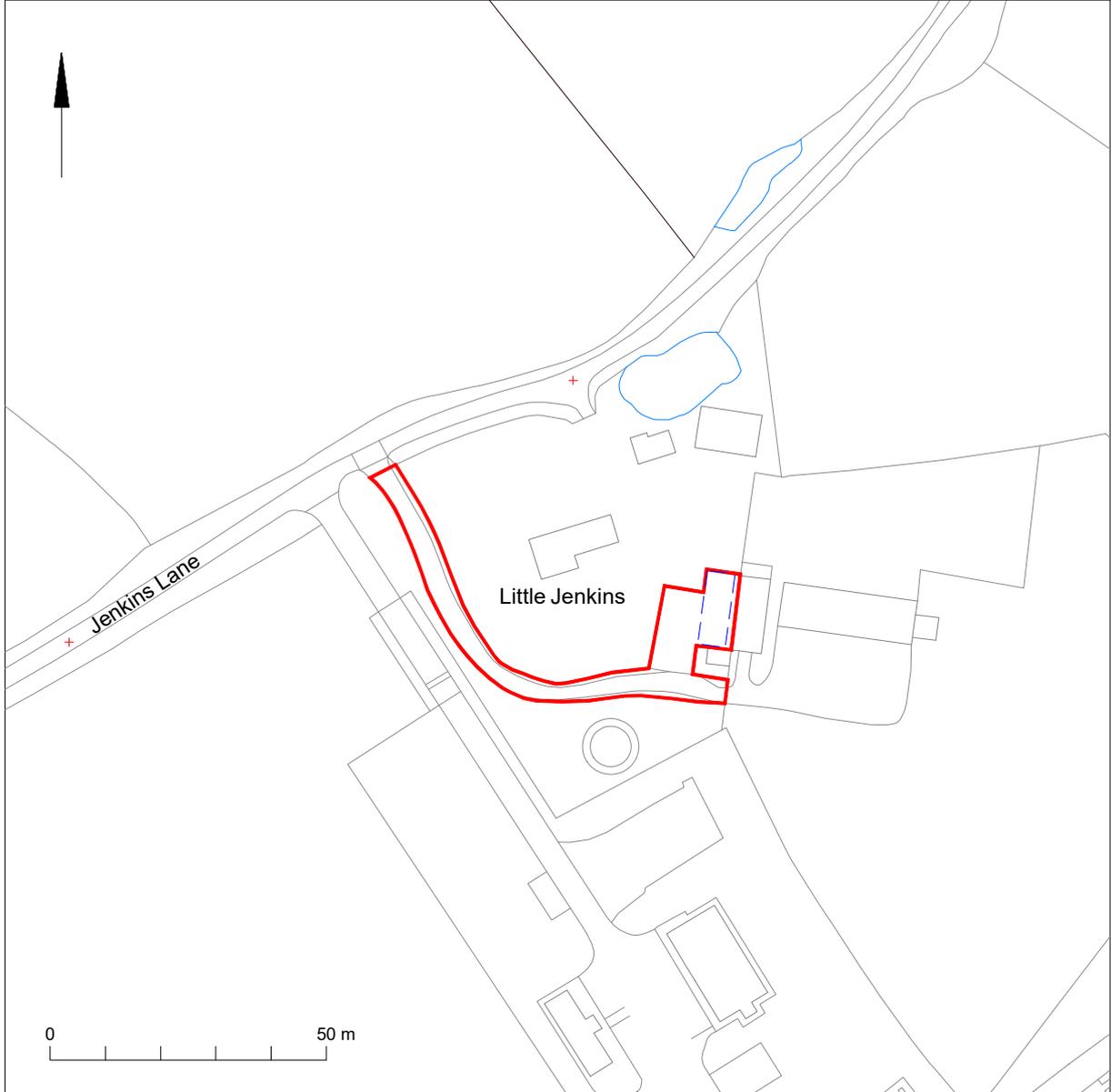
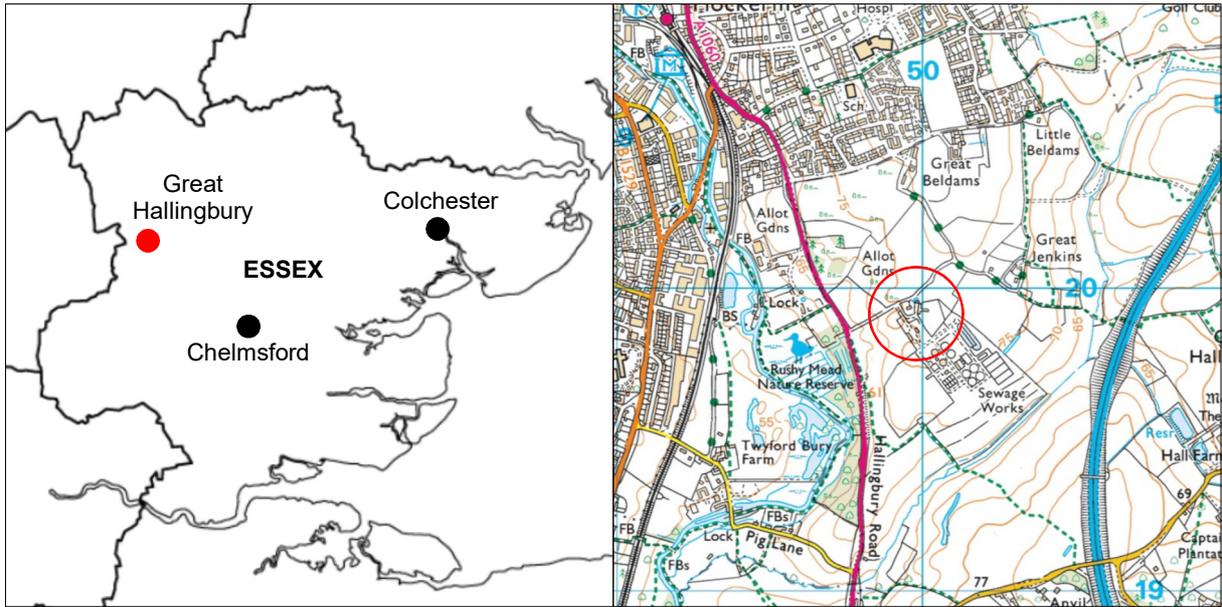


Fig 1 Site location.

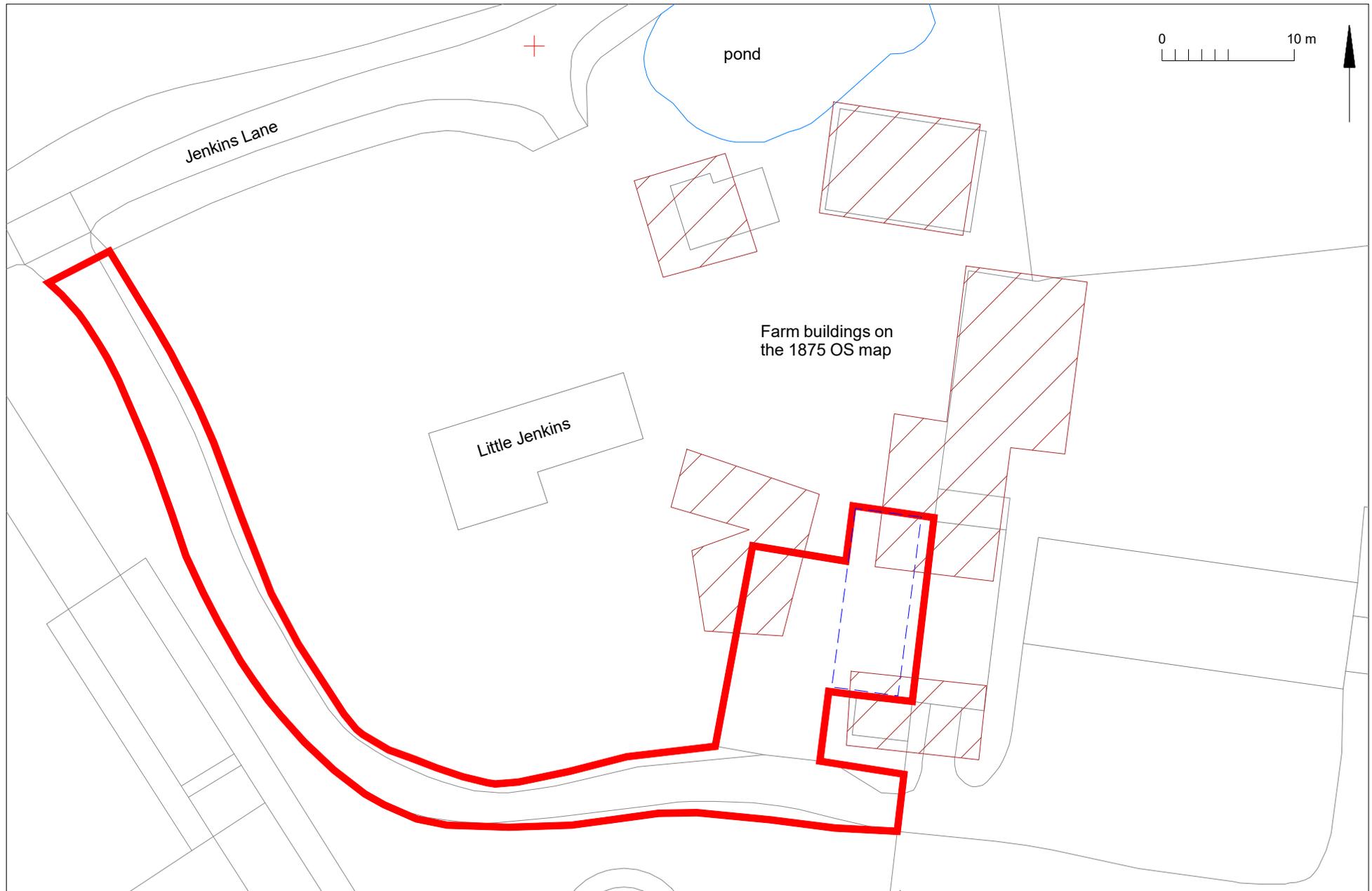


Fig 2 Site location shown in relation to the proposed development (dashed blue) and the farm buildings shown on the 1875 OS map (hachured brown)

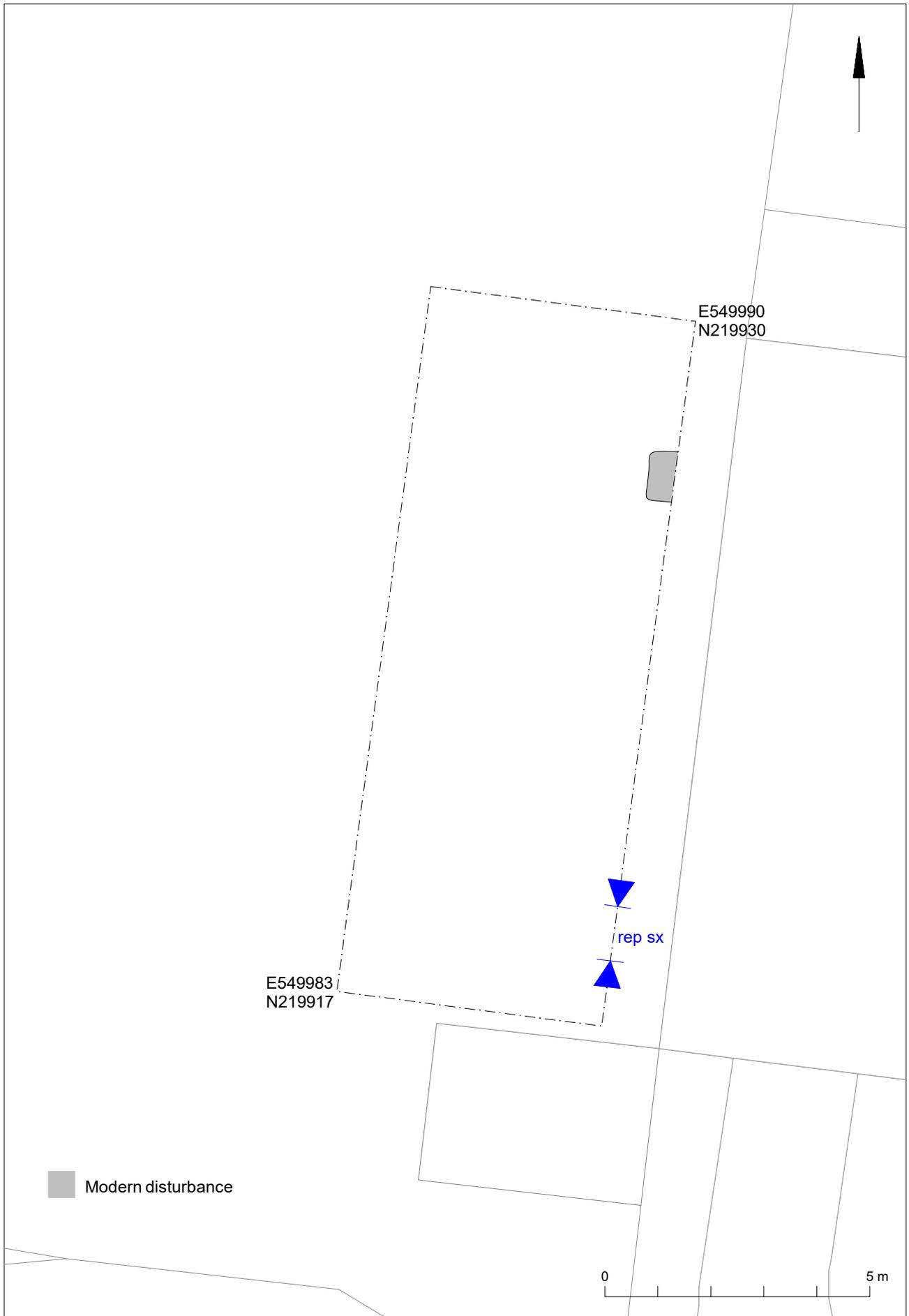


Fig 3 Monitoring results.

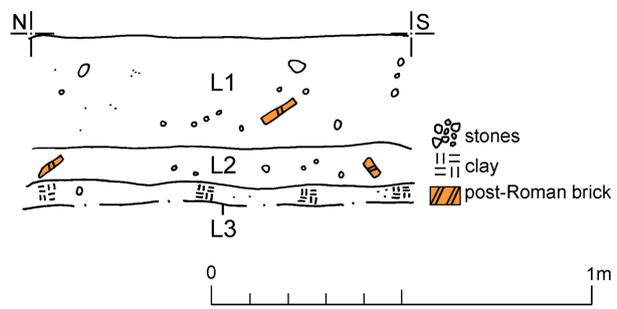


Fig 4 Representative section.

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Any associated project reference codes	LJGH20 - HER event no.
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Current Land use	Industry and Commerce 3 - Retailing
Investigation type	""Watching Brief""
Prompt	Planning condition

### Project location

Country	England
Site location	ESSEX UTTLESFORD GREAT HALLINGBURY Little Jenkins, Jenkins Lane
Postcode	CM22 7QL
Study area	0.06 Hectares
Site coordinates	TL 49988 19924 51.857249913361 0.178219020861 51 51 26 N 000 10 41 E Point

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Name of Organisation Colchester Archaeological Trust  
 Project brief originator HEM Team Officer, ECC  
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 Project director/manager Chris Lister  
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