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**CAT Report 1793**

**Archaeological monitoring at  
27 Oaks Drive, Colchester, Essex  
CO3 3QZ: March 2022**

**Planning reference:** 210264

**CHER Event no.:** ECC4706

**Scheduled monument consent:** S00241234

**OASIS ref.:** colchest3-421374

**Grid Reference:** TL 98748 25190 (centre)

**Number of site visits:** 3

**Dates of visit:** 8th, 9th and 11th March 2022

**Nature of the work:** Observation of groundworks for a swimming pool/hot tub

**Reason for condition:** The development site is located approximately 750m west of Colchester town centre and lies within a designated heritage asset (Scheduled Monument number 1002173).

**% of total seen:** 100% of the groundworks.

**Results:**

An area 9.5m long by 4.3m wide was mechanically excavated through modern imported topsoil (L1, c 0.2m thick, mid-brown sandy humic soil) into modern made-ground (L2, c 1.0-2.0m thick, grey/brown sandy-silt with brick, concrete, plastic and plywood observed). The pool was excavated from 1.2m deep to the south-west to 2.2m to the north-east.

As all groundworks occurred through modern made-ground nothing of archaeological significance was uncovered. This depth of modern made-ground has been observed during a number of archaeological evaluations and monitoring projects along Oaks Drive, thought to date to the construction of the housing estate in the 1970s.



**Photograph 1** Beginning of excavation, looking north-west



**Photograph 2** Section, looking south-east



**Photograph 3** Site shot, looking west

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**Date:** 11/05/2022

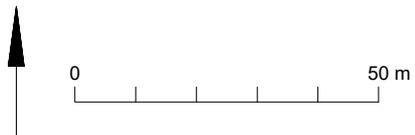
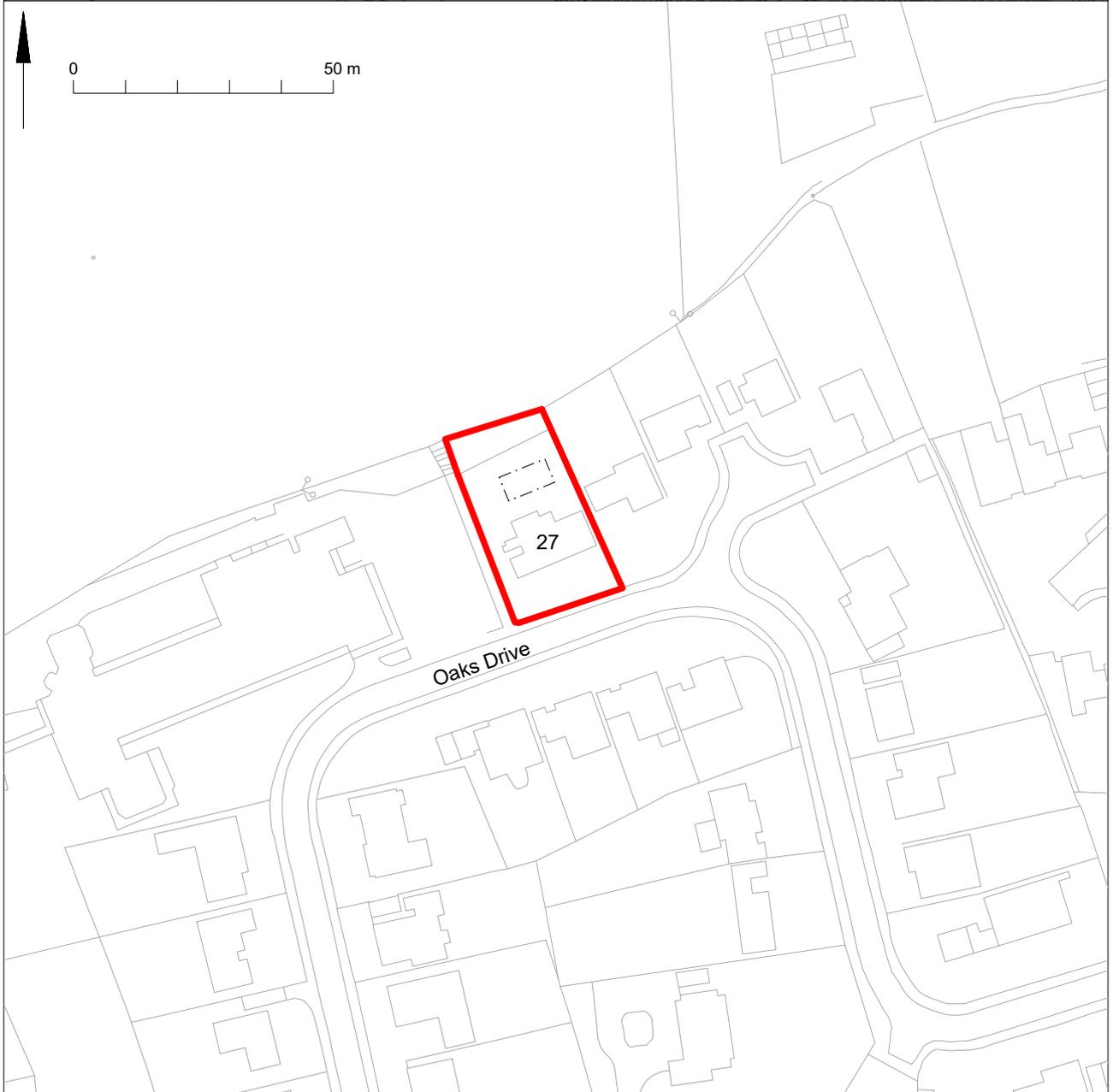
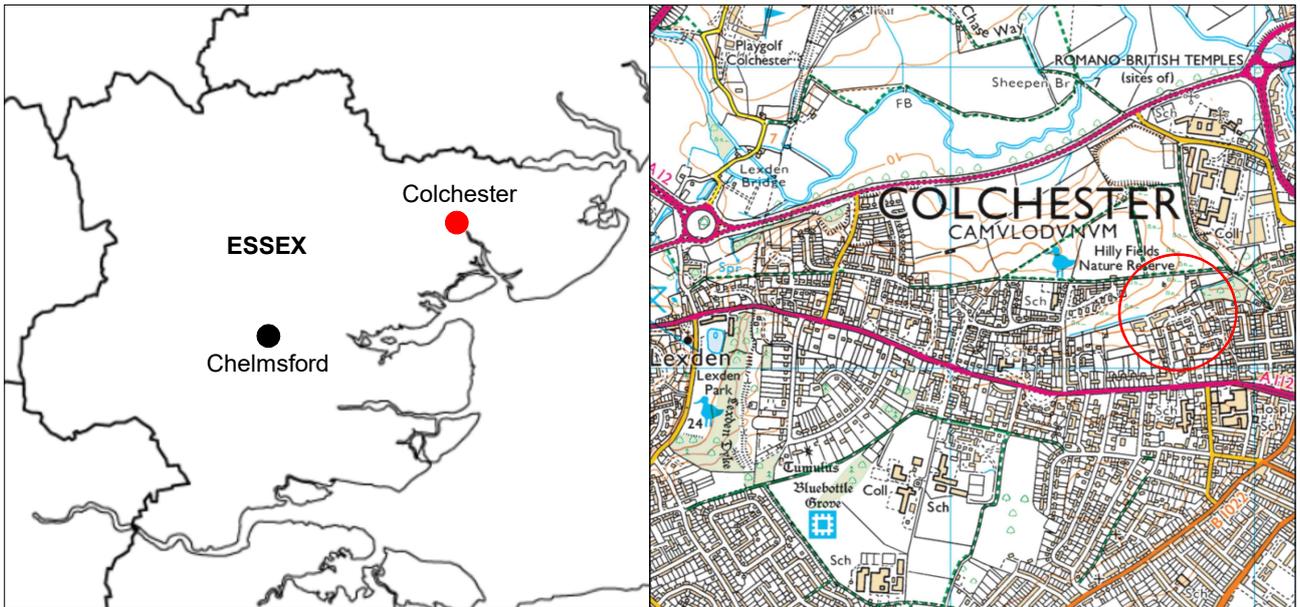


Fig 1 Site location.

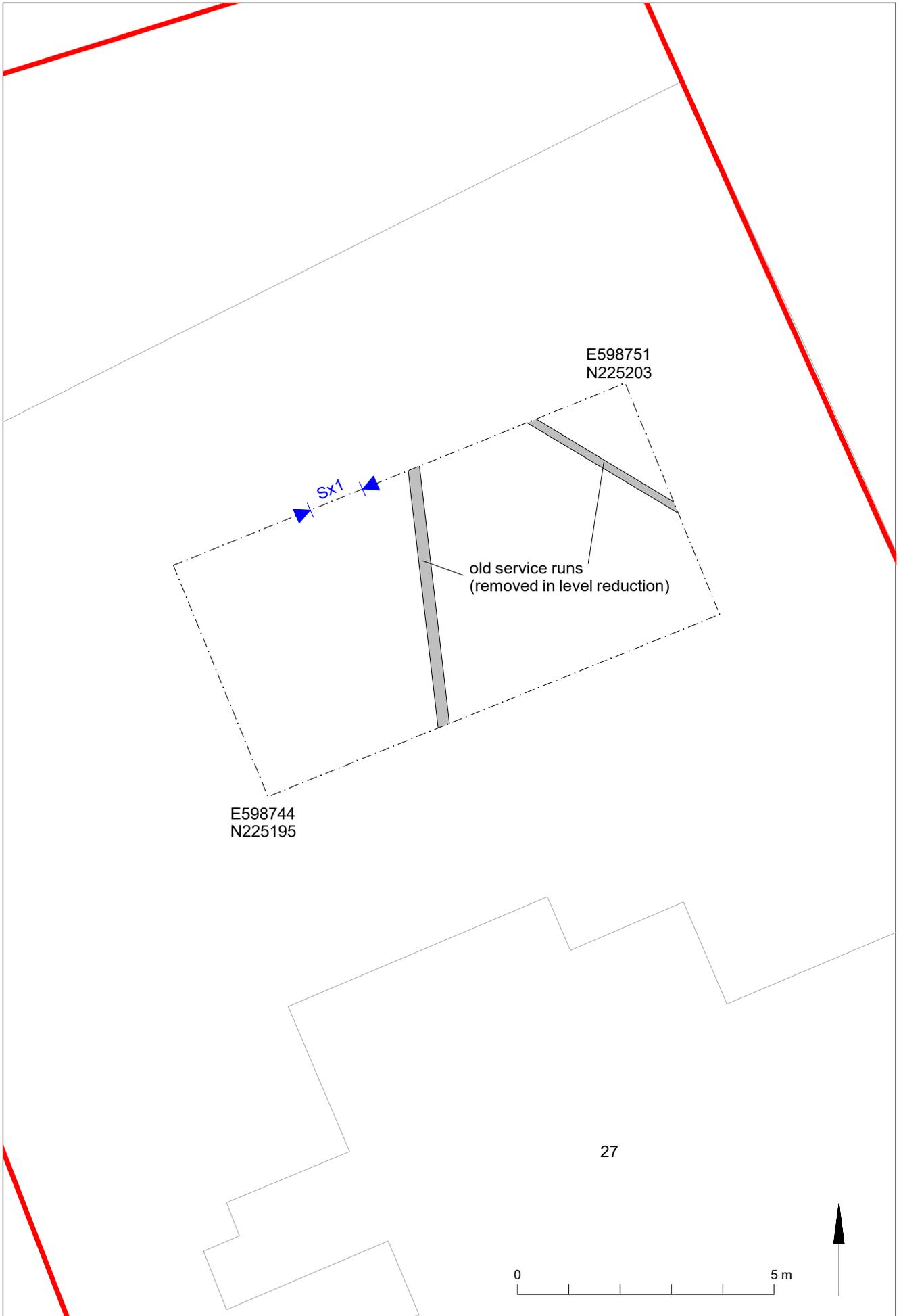


Fig 2 Results

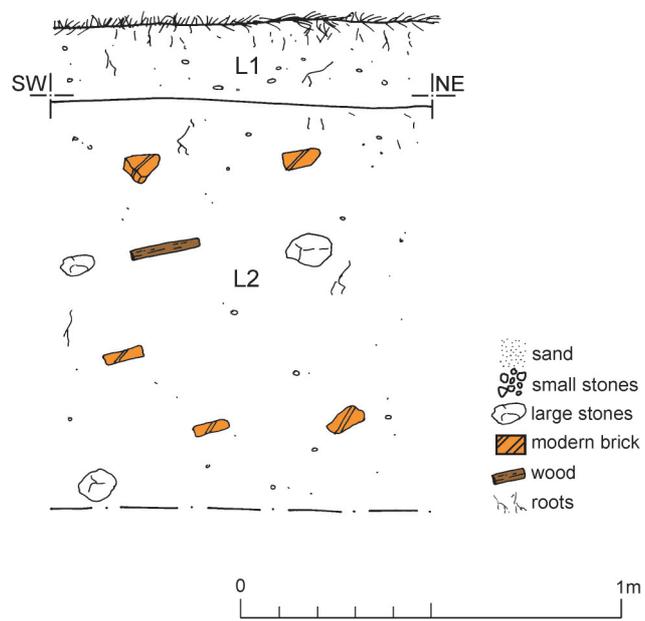


Fig 3 Representative section.

## Summary for colchest3-421374

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| OASIS ID (UID)                    | colchest3-421374  |
| Project Name                      | Archaeological monitoring at 27 Oaks Drive, Colchester, Essex, CO3 3QZ  |
| Sitename                          |   |
| Activity type                     | Watching Brief  |
| Project Identifier(s)             | 2021/05e  |
| Planning Id                       | 210264  |
| Reason For Investigation          | Planning requirement  |
| Organisation Responsible for work | Colchester Archaeological Trust   |
| Project Dates                     | 08-Mar-2022 - 11-Mar-2022   |
| Location                          | 27 Oaks Drive, Colchester, Essex, CO3 3QZ<br>NGR : TL 98748 25190<br>LL : 51.8898198832852, 0.886782002165968<br>12 Fig : 598748,225190   |
| Administrative Areas              | Country : England<br>County : Essex<br>District : Colchester<br>Parish : Colchester, unparished area  |
| Project Methodology               | Archaeological monitoring during groundworks for a new swimming pool, an area 9.5m long by 4.3m wide.   |
| Project Results                   | Archaeological monitoring was carried out at 27 Oaks Drive, Colchester, Essex during groundworks for a new pool. The site is located within the Scheduled Monument (SM EX 46, HA 1002173) of Sheepen, a Late Iron Age/early Roman site. An area 9.5m long by 4.3m wide and 1.2-2.2m deep was mechanically excavated through modern imported topsoil into modern made-ground. As all groundworks occurred through modern made-ground nothing of archaeological significance was uncovered. |
| Keywords                          |   |
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| HER                               | Colchester Borough Council - unRev - STANDARD   |
| Person Responsible for work       | B, Quinn  |
| HER Identifiers                   |   |
| Archives                          |   |