

# Archaeological evaluation on land to the east of Albert Street and south of Margaret Road, Colchester, Essex CO1 1SA

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## 1 Summary

*An archaeological evaluation (three trial-trenches) was undertaken on a parcel of land to the east of Albert Street and south of Margaret Road, Colchester, Essex in advance of the construction of nine new dwellings. Two shallow Roman ditches and a modern service were identified in the trenches. Both of the Roman ditches contained fragments of ceramic building material, with one ditch producing a single sherd of Late Iron Age pottery and the other a single sherd of Roman pottery.*

## 2 Introduction (Fig 1)

This is the report for an archaeological evaluation undertaken by the Colchester Archaeological Trust (CAT) on a parcel of land to the east of Albert Street and south of Margaret Road, Colchester, Essex which was carried out on 17th March 2022. The work was commissioned by Jonathan Harris on behalf of Colbert Developments Ltd, in advance of the construction of nine new dwellings.

As the site lies within an area highlighted by the EHER/CHER as having a high potential for archaeological deposits, an archaeological condition was recommended by the Colchester Borough Council Archaeological Advisor (CBCAA). This recommendation was for an archaeological evaluation by trial-trenching and was based on the guidance given in the *National Planning Policy Framework* (MHCLG 2019).

All archaeological work was carried out in accordance with a *Brief for an Archaeological Evaluation*, detailing the required archaeological work, written by Dr Simon Wood (CBCAA 2022), and a written scheme of investigation (WSI) prepared by CAT in response to the brief and agreed with the CBCAA (CAT 2022).

In addition to the brief and WSI, all fieldwork and reporting was done in accordance with Historic England's *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment* (MoRPHE) (Historic England 2016), 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 evaluation* (ClfA 2014a) and *Standard and guidance for the collection, documentation, conservation and research of archaeological materials* (ClfA 2014b).

## 3 Archaeological background

The following archaeological background draws on the Colchester Archaeological Trust report archive and the Colchester Historic Environment Record (CHER numbers) accessed via the Colchester Heritage Explorer ([www.colchesterheritage.co.uk](http://www.colchesterheritage.co.uk)).

The site is located to the north of Colchester Castle Park and the River Colne and close to the location of a number of Roman burials. Nearby burials include a grave group found at 22 Mercers Way in 1939 during the construction of an air-raid shelter (MCC1902/MCC8494); at the junction of Serpentine Road and Margaret Road there are three recorded burials on the HER, including an urned cremation (MCC2516), a tile tomb (MCC2515) and a burial with 11 beads (MCC2517); a scatter of Roman urned cremations is recorded between Kings Meadow and the railway (MCC7690).

Little substantial archaeological work has been undertaken in this area, but there are a number of recorded find spots. Close to the current site the CHER has records of ?Iron Age and Roman pottery found when a trench for a water main was cut (MCC1899). Other nearby find spots include Roman coins found at 1 Mercers Way (MCC1208) and 18 Cowdray Avenue (MCC1252). A quantity of Roman pot was recorded from around the junction of Serpentine Walk and Margaret Road, this is thought to be from a site Hull refers to as a possible pottery kiln site (MCC1341). There are pottery kilns within this area as a kiln was discovered in the former Strowgler's Ground nursery gardens (MCC2305).

Roman pottery was recorded during construction of the Colchester Fire Station on Cowdray Avenue (MCC1332) and two civil war cannon balls were found in the garden at 14 Mercer Way (MCC2524).

Work carried out by CAT nearby includes an archaeological evaluation to the west of the site in the car-park of the Globe Hotel on North Station Road in 2003 (CAT Report 248). Two phases of Roman building were recorded. The later Roman phase featured a large building, the evidence for which was four robbed-out walls running on NNW-SSE and SSW-NNE alignments, which appear to match up with other Roman buildings excavated along North Station Road. The exceptionally great width (at least 2.2m) and depth (at least 1.2m) of one of the robber trenches suggests that it was an exterior wall to a Roman public building of at least two storeys. Both buildings appeared to have been of high status, having evidence of tiled roofs, heating systems and painted walls. The watching brief was required to locate more of these features, particularly the robbed-out walls and also the course of the Roman road.

An evaluation to the east at Jarmin Road revealed at least two Roman ditches and pits containing domestic waste (CAT Report 409, MCC2923). A further watching brief on the site revealed a spread of burnt daub and Roman brick/tile, this was interpreted as deriving from a Roman tile kiln on or near the site (CAT Report 604, kiln MCC2305).

In 2021, monitoring works at 23 Margaret Road revealed a probable Roman metallised surface (CAT Report 1703).

#### **4 Aim**

The aims of the archaeological evaluation were to record the extent of any surviving archaeological deposits and to assess the archaeological potential of the site to allow the CBCAA to determine if further investigation is required.

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

Three trial-trenches were machine-excavated under the supervision of a CAT archaeologist. As per the brief and wsi, trenches T1 to T3 were all 12m long by 1.8m wide.

All trenches were cut through a modern dump layer (L1, 0.3-0.45m thick) overlying a buried topsoil (L2, c 0.2m thick) subsoil (L3, c 0.25-0.3m thick) onto natural (L4, encountered at a depth of c 0.9-1.1m below current ground level, c 6.22-6.31m AOD). Two archaeological features were sealed by L3 and cut into L4: a full context list with soil descriptions and measurements can be found in Appendix 1.

Within Trench 1 a shallow NW-SE aligned ditch (F2) produced a single sherd of Late Iron Age pottery and three fragments of Roman ceramic building material.

Trench 3 contained a very shallow NE-SW aligned feature (F1), probably the lower part of a ditch, although further excavation could prove this to be an elongated pit. This produced one sherd of Roman greyware and two fragments of Roman CBM.

Trench 2 was devoid of archaeological features but contained a modern service.



**Photograph 1** Ditch F2, looking south-east.



**Photograph 2** ?Ditch F1, looking north-east.

## 6 Finds

### 6.1 Pottery and ceramic building material

by Dr Matthew Loughton

The evaluation uncovered a small assemblage of Late Iron Age and Roman pottery and Roman ceramic building material (henceforth CBM) with seven sherds with a weight of 364g (Table 1). This material was recovered from two features (Table 2).

Ceramic material	No.	Weight (g)	MSW (g)
Pottery	2	27	14
CBM	5	337	67
<b>All</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>52</b>

**Table 1** Summary of the pottery and CBM

Context	Description	No.	Weight (g)	MSW (g)
F1	?Ditch	3	45	15
F2	Ditch	4	319	80
<b>Total</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>52</b>

**Table 2** Quantities of pottery and CBM from specific features

Pottery consisted of a sherd of Roman locally-produced greyware pottery (fabric GX) from the ?ditch F1 and one sherd of Late Iron Age grog-tempered ware (fabric GTW) from the ditch F2. Five sherds of Roman CBM were recovered from the ?ditch F1 and the ditch F2. None of these finds were retained.

### Conclusion

Table 3 summarizes the dating evidence for the features which contained dateable pottery and ceramics. Both features date to the Roman period.

Context	Description	Roman	CBM	Date Approx.
F1	?Ditch	GX	RB RI	Roman
F2	Ditch	GTW	RB RBT	Roman

**Table 3** Approximate dates for the features

## 7 Conclusion

Archaeological evaluation on the parcel of land to the east of Albert Street and south of Margaret Road identified only two features. Roman ditches were located in Trench 1 and Trench 3 and produced Late Iron Age and Roman pottery along with a small quantity of Roman CBM. The alignments of these ditches suggest they are fragments of a Roman field system.

None of the evidence recovered from the evaluation indicates a particular association with the sites recorded on the HER which are predominantly to the north of the site and characterised by funerary contexts. The ditches also appear to have no obvious connection to the remains of the large Roman building identified in the car park of the Globe Hotel to the west of the site.

The overall lack of finds recovered from the evaluation would suggest that the site lies in relatively quiet part of the Roman settlement found outside of the town walls.

## 8 Acknowledgements

CAT thanks Jonathan Harris and Colbert Developments Ltd for commissioning and funding the work. The project was managed by C Lister, fieldwork was carried out by B Holloway with T Lawrence and B Quinn. Figures are by C Lister, B Holloway and S Veasey. The project was monitored for Colchester Borough Council by Dr Simon Wood.

## 9 References

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

CAT	2021	<i>Health &amp; Safety Policy</i>
CAT	2022	<i>Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) for an archaeological evaluation on land to the east of Albert Street and south of Margaret Road, Colchester, Essex CO1 1SA</i>
CAT Report 248	2003	<i>An archaeological evaluation at the Globe Hotel, North Station Road, Colchester, Essex, October 2003.</i> By Kate Orr
CAT Report 409	2007	<i>An archaeological evaluation at Jarmin Road, Colchester, Essex, January 2007,</i> by L Pooley
CAT Report 604	2011	<i>An archaeological watching brief at the former CBC depot, Jarmin Road, Colchester, Essex: October 2008.</i> By D Shimmin
CAT Report 1703	2021	<i>Archaeological monitoring at 23 Margaret Road, Colchester, Essex, CO1 1RZ: March-August 2021</i> By S Veasey
CBCAA	2022	<i>Brief for an Archaeological Evaluation at land to east of Albert Street and south of Margaret Road, Colchester,</i> by S Wood
CIfA	2014a	<i>Standard and guidance for archaeological evaluation</i>
CIfA	2014b	<i>Standard and guidance for the creation, compilation, transfer and deposition of archaeological archives</i>
CIfA	2014c	<i>Standard and guidance for the collection, documentation, conservation and research of archaeological materials</i>
Gurney, D	2003	<i>Standards for field archaeology in the East of England.</i> East Anglian Archaeology Occasional Papers 14 (EAA 14).
Historic England	2015b	<i>Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MoRPHE)</i>
Medlycott, M	2011	<i>Research and archaeology revisited: A revised framework for the East of England.</i> East Anglian Archaeology Occasional Papers 24 (EAA 24)
MHCLG	2019	<i>National Planning Policy Framework.</i> Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

## 10 Abbreviations and glossary

CAT	Colchester Archaeological Trust
CBC	Colchester Borough Council
CBCAA	Colchester Borough Council Archaeological Advisor
CHER	Colchester Historic Environment Record
CIfA	Chartered Institute for Archaeologists
context	specific location of finds on an archaeological site
EHER	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	Online Access to the Index of Archaeological Investigations, <a href="http://oasis.ac.uk/pages/wiki/Main">http://oasis.ac.uk/pages/wiki/Main</a>

section (abbreviation sx or Sx) vertical slice through feature/s or layer/s  
wsi written scheme of investigation

## 11 Contents of digital archive

The report (CAT Report 1795)  
CBC evaluation brief, CAT written scheme of investigation  
Site digital photographs, thumbnails and log  
Graphic files  
Site data  
Survey data

## 12 Archive deposition

The 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 the Archaeological Data Service.

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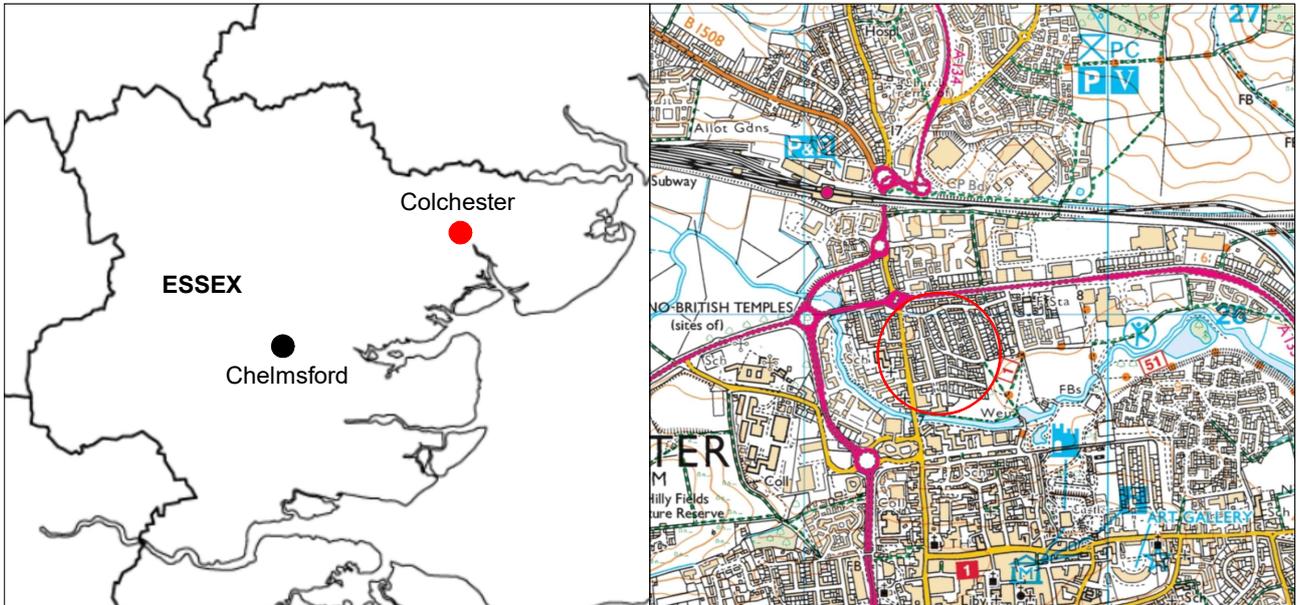
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## **Appendix 1 Context List**

<b>Trench no.</b>	<b>Context</b>	<b>Finds no.</b>	<b>Context type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
All	L1	-	Made ground	Firm moist very dark brown/black sandy silt with brick flecks, tile flecks, 0.3-0.45m thick.	Modern
All	L2	-	Buried topsoil	Firm moist medium grey/brown silt, c 0.2m thick.	Modern
All	L3	-	Subsoil	Firm moist medium grey silt, c 0.25-0.3m thick.	Undated
All	L4	-	Natural	Firm moist medium orange sandy silt.	Post-glacial
T2	F1	1	?Ditch	Firm moist medium grey/brown sandy silt and inclusions of: gravel 2%. 1.09m wide by 0.14m deep.	Roman
T1	F2	2	Ditch	Firm moist medium grey/brown sand silt with charcoal flecks, brick flecks and inclusions of: stone 15% pot 10%. 1.3m wide by 0.25m deep.	Roman



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Fig 1 Site location.



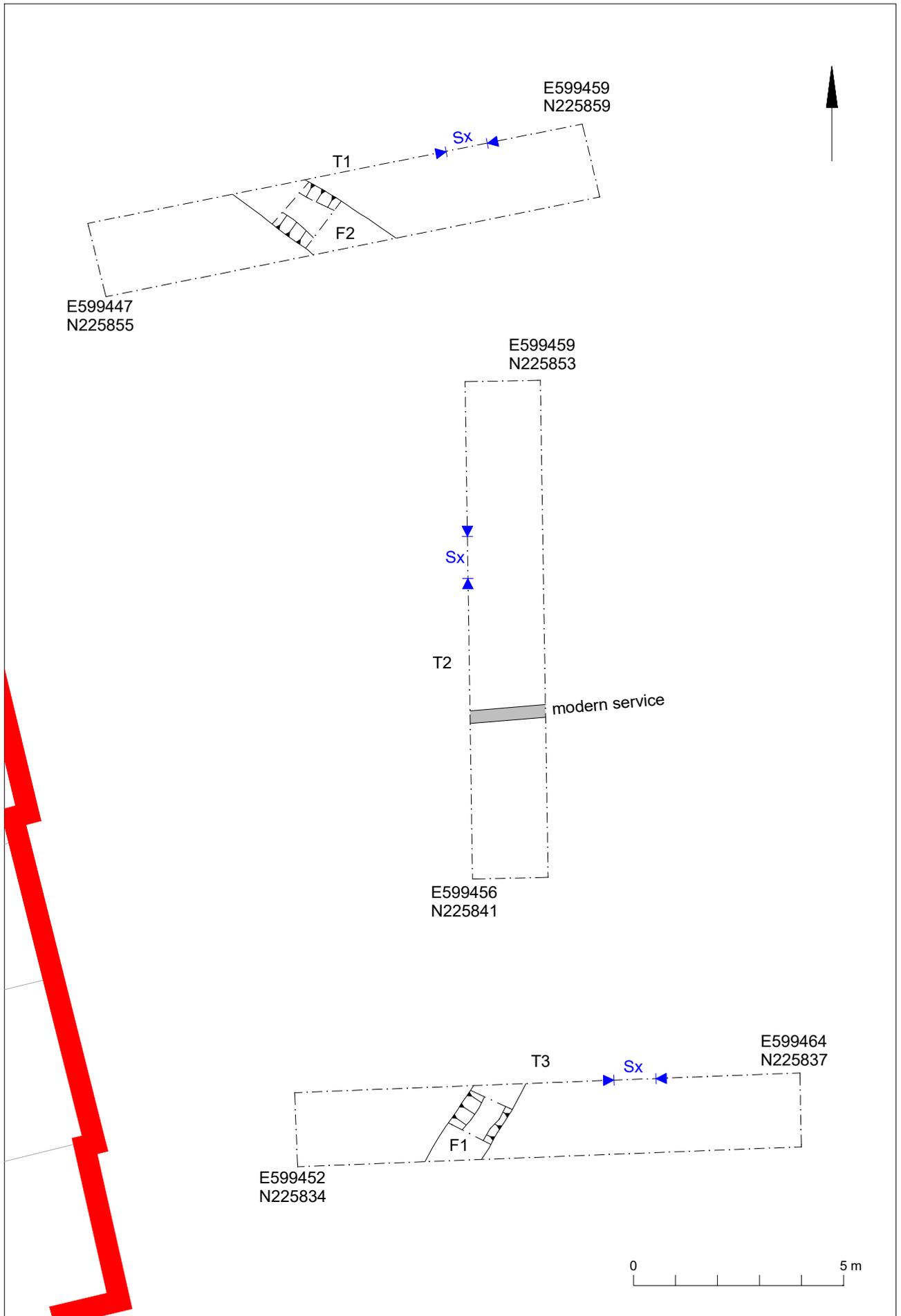


Fig 2 Evaluation results.

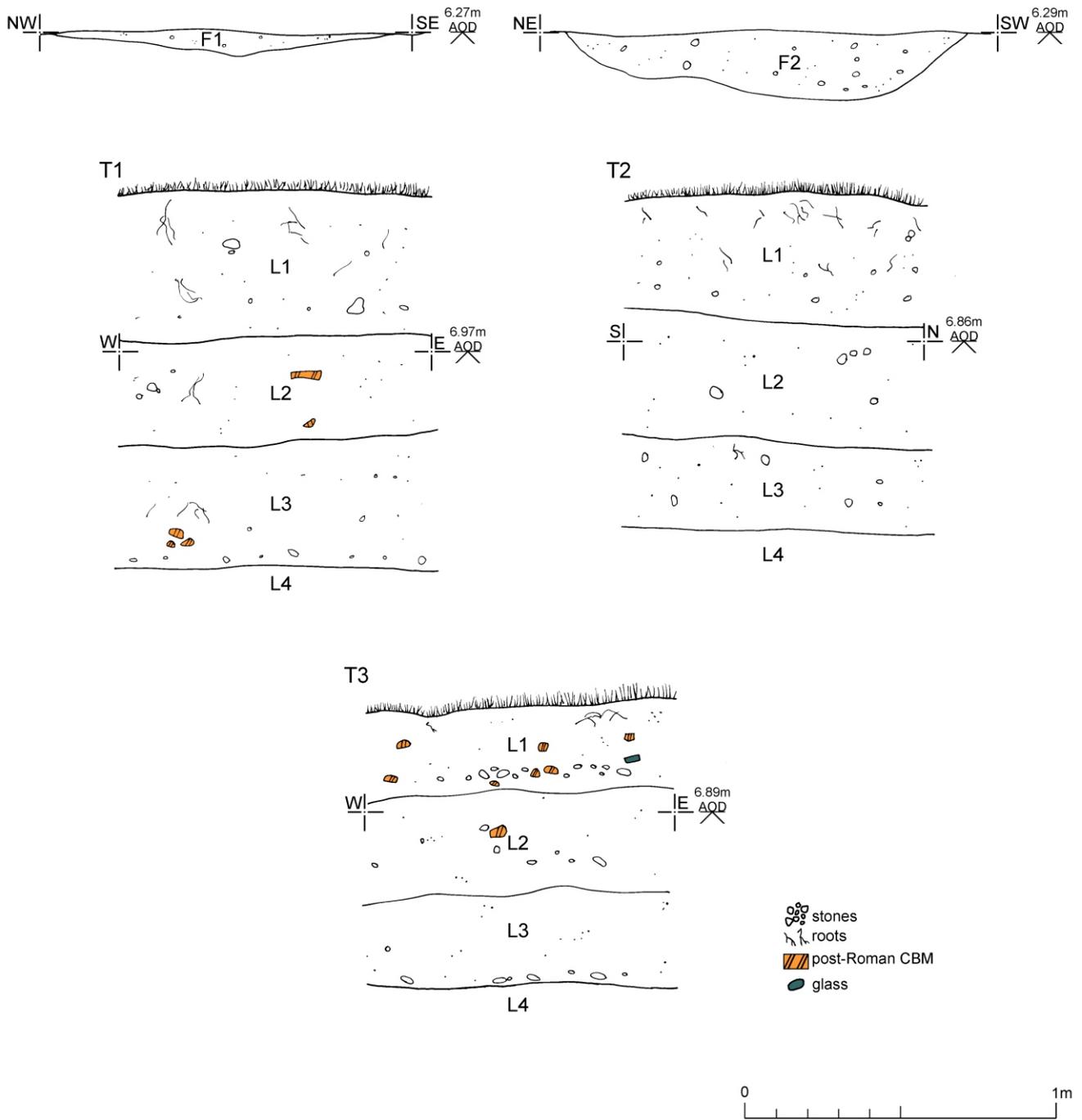


Fig 3 Feature and representative sections.

# Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) for an archaeological evaluation on land to the east of Albert Street and south of Margaret Road, Colchester, Essex, CO1 1SA

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**District:** Colchester

**Parish:** Colchester

**Planning references:** 212724

**Commissioned by:** Jonathan Harris

**On behalf of:** Colbert Developements Ltd

**Curating museum:** Colchester

**CHER number:** [tbc](#)

**CAT project code:** 2022/02j

**OASIS project number:** colchest3-504796

**Contract Manager:** Chris Lister

**Fieldwork Manager:** Adam Wightman

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**This WSI written:** 21/02/2022



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## Site location and description

The proposed development site is located c 600m north of the of the main historic centre of Colchester at land to the east of Albert Street and to the south of Margaret Road, Colchester, Essex (Fig 1). The site is centred on National Grid Reference (NGR) TL 99486 25845.

## Proposed work

The development comprises the erection of nine new dwellings and associated groundworks.

## Archaeological background

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In 2021, monitoring works at 23 Margaret Road revealed a probable Roman metalled surface (CAT Report 1703).

## Project background

A planning application was made to Colchester Borough Council in November 2021 (application No. 212724) for the proposed construction of *9 dwellings consisting of 4 x 3 bed houses and 4 x 2 bed apartments and 1 x 1 bed apartment.*

As the site lies within an area highlighted by the CHER as having a high potential for archaeological deposits, an archaeological condition was recommended by the Colchester Borough Council Archaeological Advisor (CBCAA). The recommended archaeological condition is based on the guidance given in the *National Planning Policy Framework* (MHCLG 2019).

## Requirement for work (Fig 2)

The required archaeological work as stated in the Project Brief written by CBCAA (CBC 2022) was for an archaeological evaluation.

Three trenches, 12m long by 1.8m wide, will be positioned across the proposed development area to provide a 5% sample of the site.

The work is required to enable the archaeological resource, both in quality and extent, to be accurately quantified. It is also required to:

- Identify the date, approximate form and purpose of any archaeological deposit, together with its likely extent, localised depth and quality of preservation.
- Evaluate the likely impact of past land uses, and the possible presence of masking colluvial/alluvial deposits.
- Establish the potential for the survival, condition and significance of environmental evidence.
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- Establish an archaeological deposit model for below-ground archaeological remains across the site.
- Provide sufficient information to construct an archaeological conservation strategy, dealing with preservation, the recording of archaeological deposits, working practices, timetables and orders of cost.

Contingencies will be included for scientific analysis of significant deposits such as absolute dating, soil micromorphological and geochemical analysis of floor and dark earth deposits.

Further archaeological investigation could be required if unusual deposits or other archaeological finds of significance are recovered, this decision will be made by the CBCAA and will be the subject of an additional brief and WSI.

## General methodology

All work carried out by CAT will be in accordance with:

- professional standards of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists, including its *Code of Conduct* (CIfA 2014a, b & c)
- Standards and Frameworks published by East Anglian Archaeology (Gurney 2003, Medlycott 2011) and the recent review updates on <https://researchframeworks.org/eoe/>
- relevant Health & Safety guidelines and requirements (CAT 2021)
- the Project Brief issued by the CBCAA (CBC 2022).

Professional CAT field archaeologists will undertake all specified archaeological work, for which they will be suitably experienced and qualified.

Notification of the supervisor/project manager's name and the start date for the project will be provided to CBCAA one week before start of work.

Unless it is the responsibility of other site contractors, CAT will study mains service locations and avoid damage to these.

At the start of the project (when the WSI is written) an OASIS online record <http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/project/oasis/> will be initiated and key fields completed (Activity type, Location and Reviewers/Admin areas). At the end of the project all parts of the OASIS online form will be completed for submission to EHER. This will include an uploaded .PDF version of the entire report.

A unique HER event number will be obtained from the CBCAA prior to the commencement of fieldwork. The curating museum will be notified of the details of the project and the event code, which will be used to identify the project archive when depositing at the end of the project.

## **Staffing**

The number of field staff for this project is estimated as follows: One supervisor plus two archaeologists for one day.

In charge of day-to-day site work: Ben Holloway/Harvey Furness

## **Evaluation methodology**

Where appropriate, modern overburden and any topsoil stripping/levelling will be performed using a mechanical excavator equipped with a toothless ditching bucket under the supervision and to the satisfaction of a professional archaeologist. If no archaeologically significant deposits are exposed, machine excavation will continue until natural subsoil is reached.

Where necessary, areas will be cleaned by hand to ensure the visibility of archaeological deposits.

If archaeological features or deposits are uncovered time will be allowed for these to be excavated, planned and recorded.

All features or deposits will be excavated by hand. This includes a 50% sample of discrete features (pits, etc), at least a 10% of linear features (ditches, etc) in 1m wide sections, and 100% of complex structures/features. Complex archaeological structures such as walls, kilns or ovens will be carefully cleaned, planned and fully recorded, but where possible left *in situ*. Only if it can be demonstrated that the complex structure/feature is likely to be destroyed by groundworks will it be removed, or on the rare occasion where full excavation is necessary to achieve the objectives of the evaluation.

Burials, if encountered, will be left *in situ* at this evaluation stage with an on site human bone specialist available to record as much information as possible (see human remains section below).

Fast hand-excavation techniques involving (for instance) picks, forks and mattocks will not be used on complex stratigraphy.

A sondage will be excavated in each trench to test the stratigraphy of the site. This will occur in every trench unless it can be demonstrated that a feature excavated within a particular trench has clearly penetrated into natural.

A representative section will be drawn of each trench, to include ground level, the depth of machining within the trench and the depth of any sondages.

A metal detector will be used to examine the trench, contexts and spoil heaps, and the finds recovered.

Individual records of excavated contexts, layers, features or deposits will be entered on proforma record sheets. Registers will be compiled of finds, small finds and soil samples.

### **Site surveying**

The excavation area and any features will be surveyed by Total Station or GPS, unless the particulars of the features indicate that manual planning techniques should be employed. Normal scale for archaeological site plans and sections is 1:20 and 1:10 respectively, unless circumstances indicate that other scales would be more appropriate.

The site grid will be tied into the National Grid. Corners of the evaluation trenches will be located by NGR coordinates.

### **Environmental sampling policy**

The number and range of samples collected will be adequate to determine the potential of the site, with particular focus on palaeoenvironmental remains including both biological remains (e.g. plants, small vertebrates) and small sized artefacts (e.g. smithing debris), and to provide information for sampling strategies on any future excavation. Samples will be collected for potential micromorphical and other pedological sedimentological analysis. Environmental bulk samples will be 40 litres in size (assuming context is large enough).

Sampling strategies will address questions of:

- the range of preservation types (charred, mineral-replaced, waterlogged), and their quality
- concentrations of macro-remains
- and differences in remains from undated and dated features
- variation between different feature types and areas of site

CAT has an arrangement with Val Fryer / Lisa Gray whereby any potentially rich environmental layers or features will be appropriately sampled as a matter of course. Trained CAT staff will process the samples and the flots will be sent to Val Fryer or Lisa Gray for analysis and reporting.

Should any complex, or otherwise outstanding deposits be encountered, VF or LG will be asked onto site to advise. Waterlogged 'organic' features will always be sampled. In all cases, the advice of VF/LG and/or the Historic England Regional Advisor in Archaeological Science (East of England) on sampling strategies for complex or waterlogged deposits will be followed, including the taking of monolith samples.

A contingency will be made in the budget for scientific assessment/analysis if suitable deposits are identified. This can include soil micromorphological and geochemical analysis of floors and dark earth deposits and/or absolute dating (such as archaeomagnetic and radiocarbon). The Historic England Regional Science Advisor will be consulted for advice.

### **Human remains**

CBCAA will be notified immediately if any human remains are encountered during the evaluation.

Burials, if encountered, will be left *in situ* at this evaluation stage. Following Historic England guidance (2018), if the human remains are not to be lifted the project osteologist will be available to record the human remains in the ground.

If circumstances indicated it were prudent or necessary to remove remains from the site, the following criteria would be applied; if it is clear from their position, context, depth, or other

factors that the remains are ancient, then normal procedure is to apply to the Department of Justice for a licence to remove them. Conditions laid down by the DoJ license will be followed. If it seems that the remains are not ancient, then the coroner, the client, and the CBCAA will be informed, and any advice and/or instruction from the coroner will be followed.

Human remains removed from site for analysis may be sent for radiocarbon dating.

## **Photographic record**

Will include both general and feature-specific photographs, the latter with scale and north arrow. A photo register giving context number, details, and direction of shot will be prepared on site, and included in site archive. Digital site photographs will be taken and archived as per Historic England guidelines (Historic England 2015a).

## **Finds**

All significant finds will be retained.

All finds, where appropriate, will be washed and marked with site code and context number. CAT may use local volunteers to assist the CAT Finds Officer with this task.

Most of our finds reports are written internally by CAT Staff under the supervision and direction of Philip Crummy (Director) and Laura Pooley (Post-excavation Manager). This includes specialist subjects such as:

ceramic finds (pottery and ceramic building material): Matthew Loughton

animal bones: Alec Wade (or Adam Wightman, small groups only)

small finds, metalwork, coins, etc: Laura Pooley

non-ceramic bulk finds: Laura Pooley

flints: Adam Wightman

environmental processing: Bronagh Quinn

project osteologist (human remains): Meghan Seehra

or to outside specialists:

animal and human bone: Julie Curl (*Sylvanus*)

environmental assessment and analysis: Val Fryer / Lisa Gray

archaeometallurgy: David Dungworth

radiocarbon dating: SUERC Radiocarbon Dating Laboratory, Glasgow

conservation/x-ray: Laura Ratcliffe (LR Conservation) / Norfolk Museums Service, Conservation and Design Services

Other specialists whose opinion can be sought on large or complex groups include:

flint: Tom Lawrence

prehistoric pottery: Stephen Benfield / Nigel Brown / Paul Sealey

Roman pottery: Stephen Benfield / Paul Sealey / Jo Mills / Gwladys Monteil

Roman brick/tile: Ian Betts (MOLA)

Roman glass: Hilary Cool

small finds: Nina Crummy

other: EH Regional Adviser in Archaeological Science (East of England).

All finds of potential treasure will be removed to a safe place, and the coroner informed immediately, in accordance with the rules of the Treasure Act 1996. The definition of treasure is given in pages 3-5 of the Code of Practice of the above act. This refers primarily to gold or silver objects.

Requirements for conservation and storage of finds will be agreed with the appropriate museum prior to the start of work, and confirmed to CBCAA.

A contingency will be made in the budget for scientific assessment/analysis if suitable deposits are identified. This can include soil micromorphological and geochemical analysis of

floors and dark earth deposits and/or absolute dating (such as archaeomagnetic and radiocarbon). The Historic England Regional Science Advisor will be consulted for advice.

## Results

Notification will be given to CBCAA when the fieldwork has been completed

An appropriate archive will be prepared to minimum acceptable standards outlined in *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment* (HE 2015b).

The report will be submitted within three months of the end of fieldwork, with a copy supplied to CBCAA as a PDF.

The report will contain:

- Location plan of groundworks. At least two corners of which will be given 10 figure grid references.
- Section/s drawings showing depth of deposits from present ground level with Ordnance Datum, vertical and horizontal scale.
- Archaeological methodology and detailed results including a suitable conclusion and discussion and results referring to Regional Research Frameworks (Medlycott 2011).
- All specialist reports or assessments
- A concise non-technical summary of the project results.

An EHER summary sheet will also be completed within four weeks and supplied to CBCAA.

Results will be published, to at least a summary level (i.e. round-up in *Essex Archaeology & History*) in the year following the archaeological field work. An allowance will be made in the project costs for the report to be published in an adequately peer reviewed journal or monograph series.

A PDF copy of the full report will be uploaded by CAT to the OASIS website and the Colchester Archaeological Trust's Online Report Library (<http://cat.essex.ac.uk/>), both of which are publicly accessible

## Archive deposition

It is a policy of Colchester Borough Council that the integrity of the site archive be maintained (i.e. all finds and records should be properly curated by a single organisation), with the archive available for public consultation. To achieve this desired aim it is assumed if there are any artefacts that the full archive will be deposited in Colchester Museums *unless otherwise agreed in advance*. (A full *copy* of the archive shall in any case be deposited).

**By accepting this WSI, the client agrees to deposit the archive, including all artefacts, at Colchester & Ipswich Museum.**

The requirements for archive storage will be agreed with the curating museum. If the finds are to remain with the landowner, a full copy of the archive will be housed with the curating museum.

The archive will be deposited with Colchester & Ipswich Museum or an alternate repository (approved by COLEM and CBCAA) within 3 months of the completion of the final publication report, with a summary of the contents of the archive supplied to CBCAA.

If there are no archaeological finds retained from the evaluation the full digital archive will be curated with the Archaeology Data Service, or similar accredited digital archive repository, that safeguard the long-term curation of digital records. Prior to deposition CAT's data management plan (based on the official guidelines from the Digital Curation Centre [DCC 2013]) will ensure the integrity of the digital archive.

The CBCAA will be notified of the archiving timetable throughout the project and once deposition has occurred.

A digital / vector drawing of the site be given to the CBCAA for integration into the HER.

## Monitoring

CBCAA will be responsible for monitoring progress and standards throughout the project, and will be kept regularly informed during fieldwork, post-excavation and publication stages.

Notification of the start of work will be given to CBCAA one week in advance of its commencement.

Any variations in this WSI will be agreed with CBCAA prior to them being carried out.

CBCAA will be notified when the fieldwork is complete.

The involvement of CBCAA shall be acknowledged in any report or publication generated by this project.

## References

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

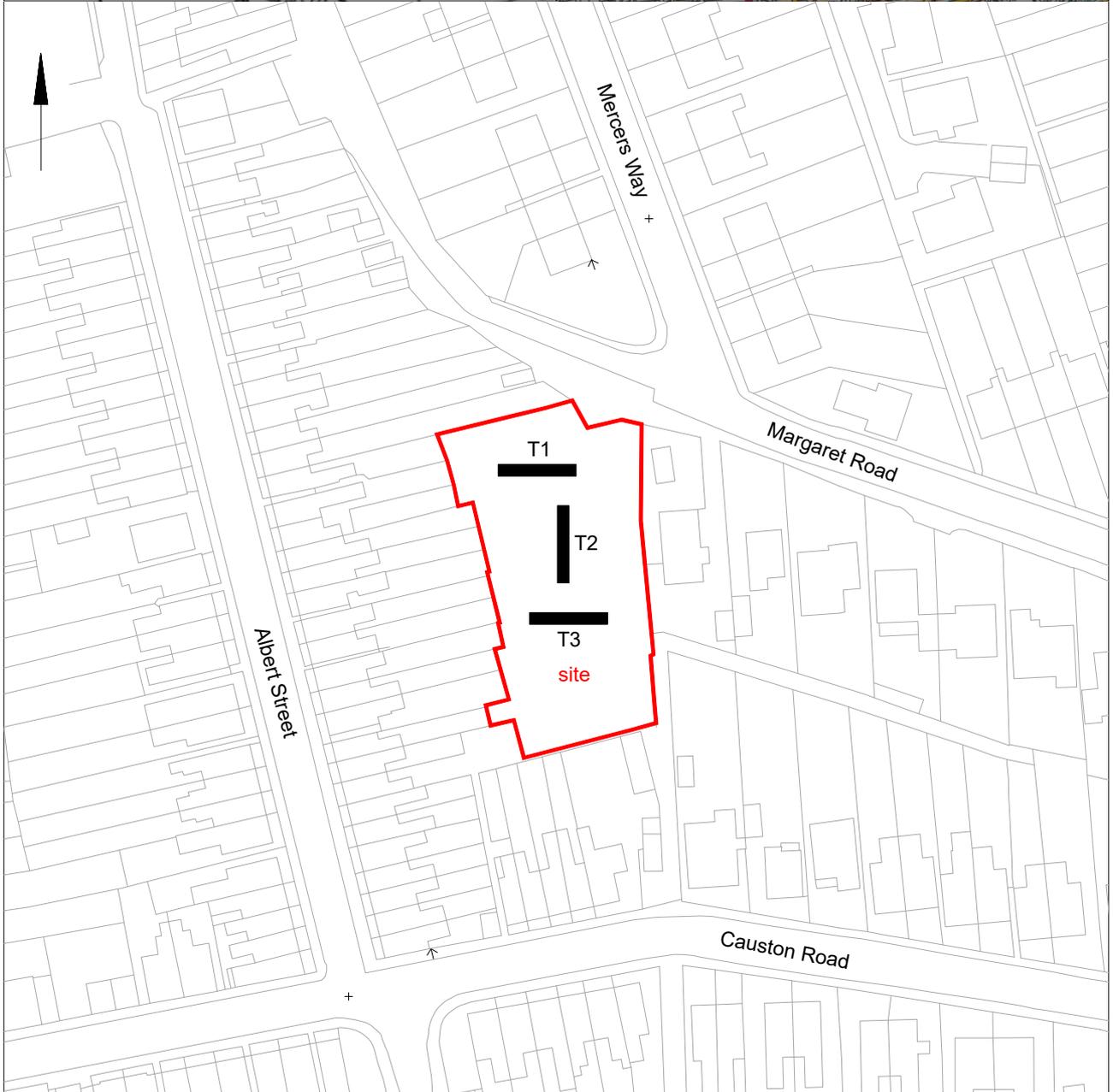
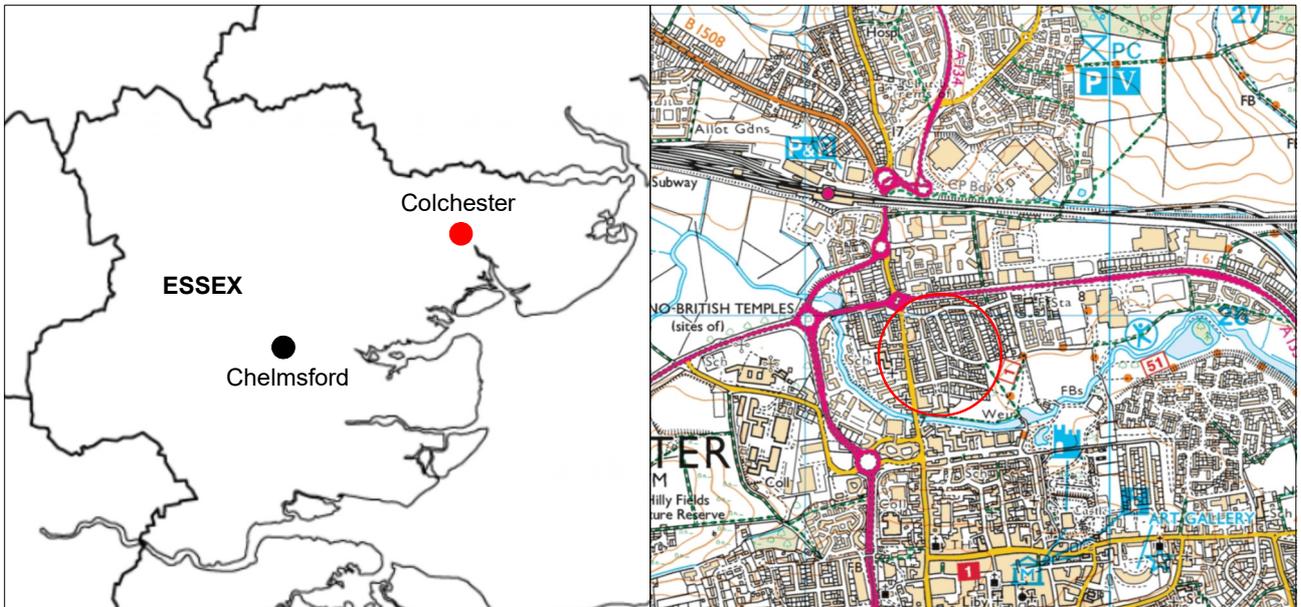
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CBCAA	2022	<i>Brief for an Archaeological Evaluation at land to east of Albert Street and south of Margaret Road, Colchester,</i> by S Wood
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Fig 1 Site location and trench proposal.

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## Summary for colchest3-504796

OASIS ID (UID)	colchest3-504796
Project Name	Evaluation at Land to the east of Albert Street and south of Margaret Road, Colchester, Essex, CO1 1SA
Sitename	
Activity type	Evaluation
Project Identifier(s)	2022/02j
Planning Id	212724
Reason For Investigation	Planning: Post determination
Organisation Responsible for work	Colchester Archaeological Trust
Project Dates	17-Mar-2022 - 17-Mar-2022
Location	Land to the east of Albert Street and south of Margaret Road, Colchester, Essex, CO1 1SA NGR : TL 99460 25855 LL : 51.8955370578938, 0.897498764522916 12 Fig : 599460,225855
Administrative Areas	Country : England County : Essex District : Colchester Parish : Colchester, unparished area
Project Methodology	Archaeological evaluation of three trial-trenches
Project Results	An archaeological evaluation (three trial-trenches) was undertaken on a parcel of land to the east of Albert Street and south of Margaret Road, Colchester, Essex in advance of the construction of nine new dwellings. Two shallow Roman ditches and a modern service were identified in the trenches. Both of the Roman ditches contained fragments of ceramic building material, with one ditch producing a single sherd of Late Iron Age pottery and the other a single sherd of Roman pottery.
Keywords	
Funder	
HER	Colchester Borough Council - unRev - STANDARD
Person Responsible for work	C, Lister
HER Identifiers	
Archives	Digital Archive - to be deposited with Archaeology Data Service Archive