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CAT Report 1931 Archaeological monitoring at 70 Margaret Road, Colchester, Essex, CO1 1SA: September 2020-April 2023	CAT code: 2020.05f
	Planning reference: 182925
	CHER event no.: ECC4523
	OASIS ref.: colchest3-395236
	Grid Reference: TL 99486 24845
	Number of site visits: 6
Nature of the work: Observation of groundworks for front and rear extensions to the existing bungalow.	
Reason for condition: 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.	
% of total seen: 100% of the groundworks.	
Results The following groundworks were monitored by a CAT archaeologist in response to a brief set by Jess Tipper of Colchester Borough Council Planning Services. Groundworks comprised: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• foundation trenches totalling 16m long, 0.6-0.8m wide and 1.5-1.9m deep, and a• service trench totalling 10m long, 0.3m wide and 0.75m deep. Five horizons were observed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• modern concrete path (L1, 0.25m thick) covering in part• modern topsoil (L2, c 0.22 – 0.45m thick) sealing• subsoil (L3, c 0.52 – 1.20m thick) sealing• waterlogged subsoil (L4, c 0.45m thick) overlying• natural geological deposits (identified at a depth of c 1.50m below current ground level). No archaeological remains were impacted by the groundworks. Context information: L1, concrete path L2, topsoil, soft moist dark grey/brown silty sand with brick flecks, tile flecks. L3, subsoil, friable moist medium yellow/brown silty clay L4, waterlogged subsoil, soft moist dark grey/brown silty clay with brick flecks, tile flecks L3, natural clay, firm wet medium yellow/orange clay.	



Photograph 1 Service trench, view south-east.



Photograph 2 Front extension, view south.



Photograph 3 Front extension representative section, view south.



Photograph 4 Rear extension, view north.



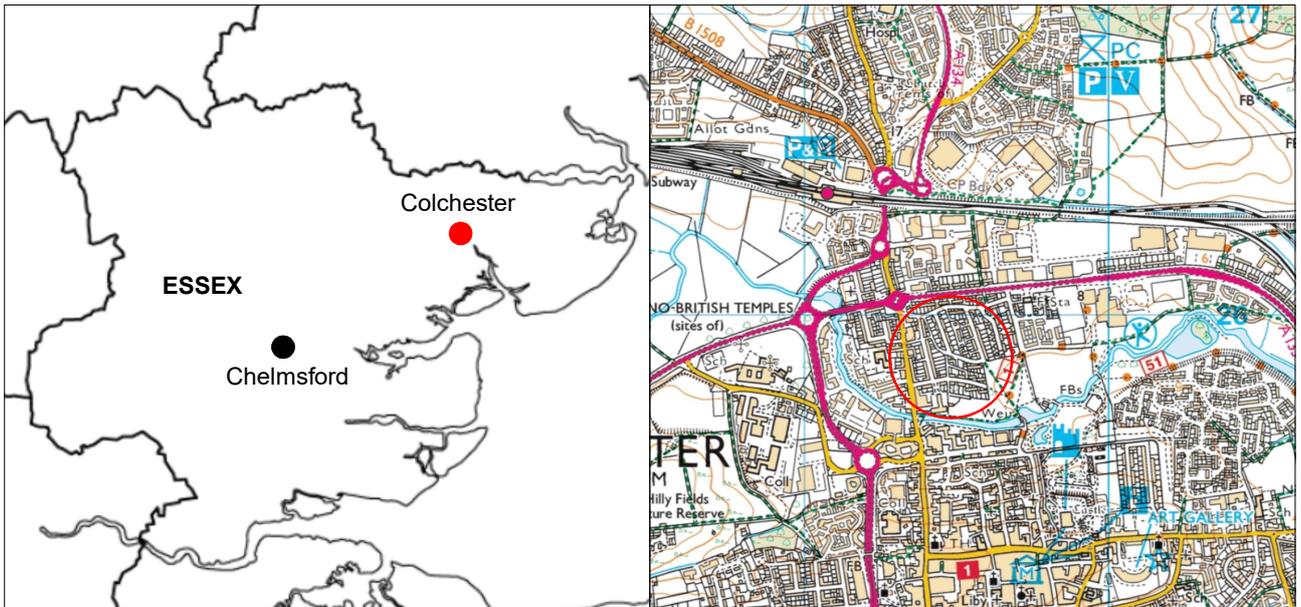
Photograph 5 Rear extension representative section, view north.

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Summary sheet

Address: 70 Margaret Road, Colchester, Essex, CO1 1SA	
Parish: Colchester	District: Colchester
NGR: TL 99486 25845 (centre)	Site code: CAT project ref.: 2020/05f CHER ref.: ECC4523 OASIS ref.: colchest3-395236
Type of work: Monitoring	Site director/group: Colchester Archaeological Trust
Date of work: 23rd -24th September 2020, 2nd October 2020, 3rd, 4th & 5th April 2023	Size of area investigated: 0.02ha
Location of curating museum: Archaeological Data Service	Funding source: Homeowner
Further seasons anticipated? No	Related CHER/SMR number: -
Final report: CAT Report 1931	
Periods represented: -	
Summary of fieldwork results: Archaeological monitoring was carried out at 70 Margaret Road, Colchester, Essex, during groundworks for front and rear extensions. Despite being located just north of the Roman town, no archaeological remains were impacted by the groundworks.	
Previous summaries/reports: -	
CBC/CCC monitor: Dr Jess Tipper, Dr Simon Wood, Dr Richard Hoggett	
Keywords: -	Significance: -
Author of summary: Alexander Smith	Date of summary: May 2023



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Fig 1 Site location.



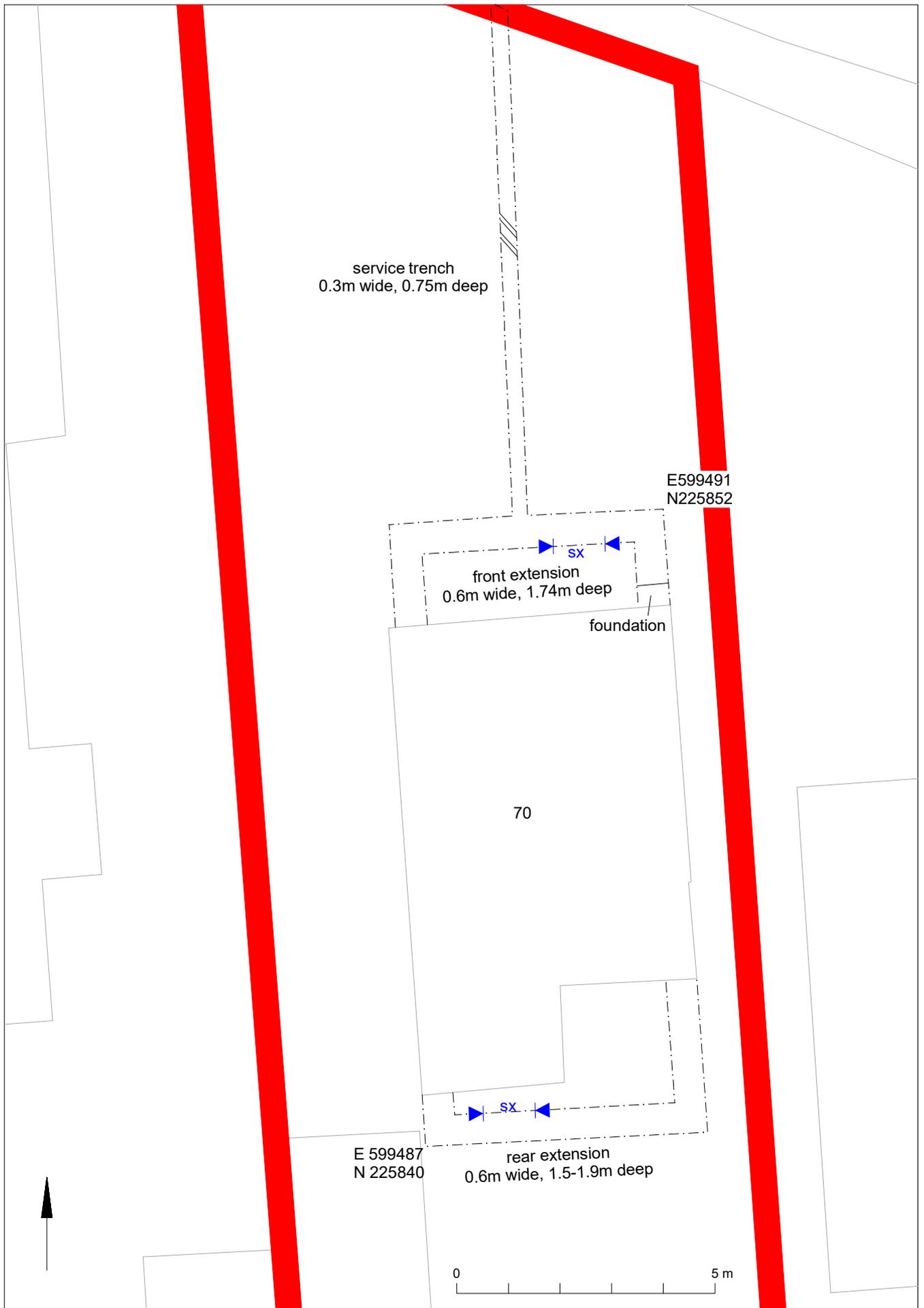


Fig 2 Results.

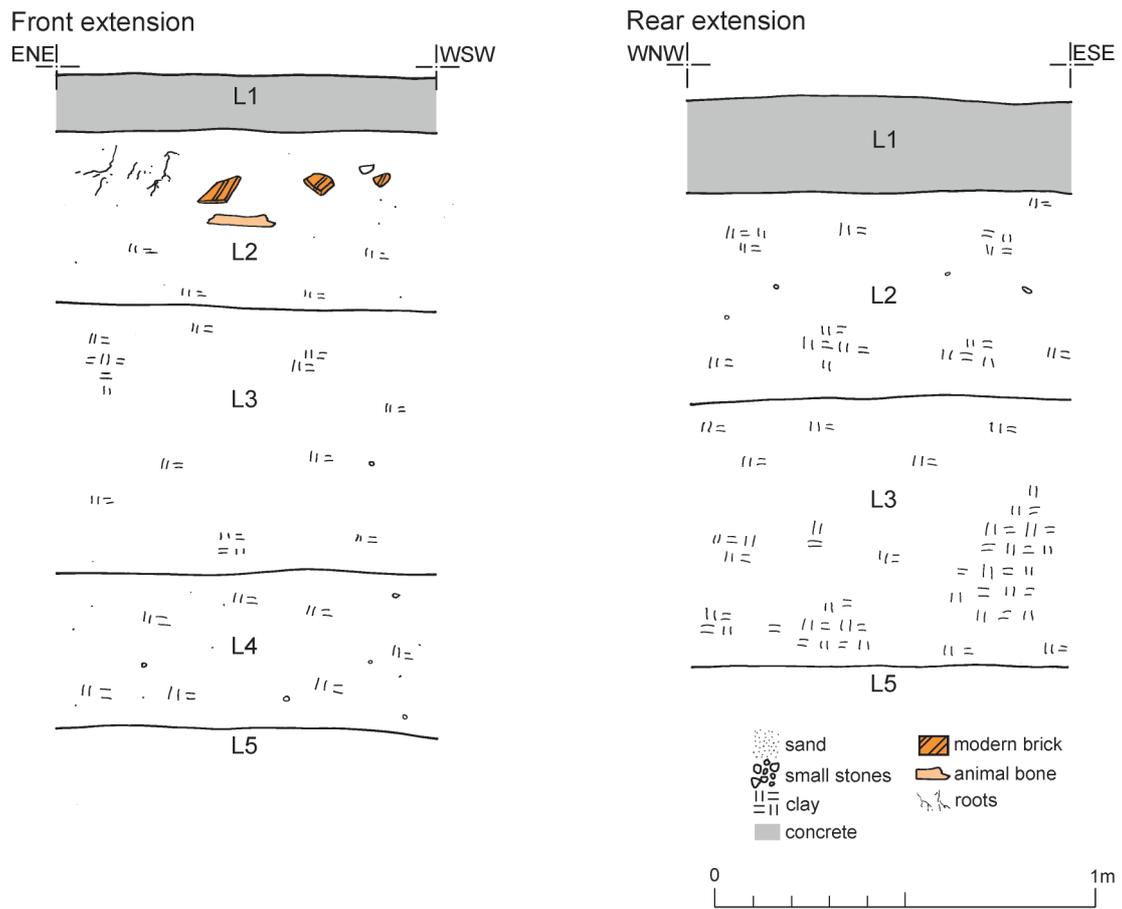


Fig 3 Representative sections.

Summary for colchest3-395236

OASIS ID (UID)	colchest3-395236
Project Name	Archaeological monitoring at 70 Margaret Road, Colchester, Essex, CO1 1SA: September 2020-April 2023
Sitename	70 Margaret Road, Colchester, Essex
Activity type	WATCHING BRIEF
Project Identifier(s)	2020/05f
Planning Id	182925
Reason For Investigation	Planning requirement
Organisation Responsible for work	Colchester Archaeological Trust
Project Dates	23-Sep-2020 - 11-Apr-2023
Location	70 Margaret Road, Colchester, Essex NGR : TL 99486 25845 LL : 51.8954379664468, 0.897870340038245 12 Fig : 599486,225845
Administrative Areas	Country : England County : Essex District : Colchester Parish : Colchester, unparished area
Project Methodology	Archaeological monitoring of all groundworks as specified in the project brief and wsi.
Project Results	Archaeological monitoring was carried out at 70 Margaret Road, Colchester, Essex, during groundworks for front and rear extensions. Despite being located just north of the Roman town, no archaeological remains were impacted by the groundworks.
Keywords	
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HER	Colchester Borough Council - unRev - STANDARD
Person Responsible for work	A, Smith
HER Identifiers	HER Event No - ECC4523
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