

**Essex Historic Environment Record/  
Essex Archaeology and History**

**Summary sheet**

**CAT Report 494**

**Archaeological evaluation by trial-trenching  
at Little Orchards, 18 New Road, Kelvedon, Essex**

<b>Parish:</b> Kelvedon	<b>District:</b> Braintree
<b>NGR:</b> TL 58593 21891	<b>Accession code:</b> Braintree Museum accession code - pending HEM code - KL25
<b>Type of work:</b> Evaluation	<b>Site director/group:</b> Colchester Archaeological Trust
<b>Date of work:</b> 24th October 2008	<b>Size of area investigated:</b> 25m of linear trenching @ 1.6m width
<b>Location of finds/curating museum:</b> Braintree Museum	<b>Funding source:</b> Mr E King
<b>Further seasons anticipated?</b> No	<b>Related EHER nos:</b>
<b>Final report:</b> CAT Report 494	
<b>Periods represented:</b> modern	
<p><b>Summary of fieldwork results:</b>  <i>Three evaluation trenches were excavated on the site, which is a garden with an existing house (no 18). Two trenches were 10m in length (T1-T2) and one was 5m (T3). For trench location, see Figure 2; for site location, see Figure 1. T1 was excavated through a thin remnant topsoil (L1) almost straight onto geological sands and gravels (L2). The trench contained a single post-medieval/modern pit (F3). Peg-tile and brick fragments were recovered from the fill but not retained. T2 was located in the centre of the site and was again cut through a thin topsoil (L1) which directly sealed natural horizons (L2). No features were identified in T2. T3 was located to the south-east of the current building and, as observed in T1 and T2, was cut through a thin topsoil (L1) and onto geological material (L2). Two features were identified within T3, ie a modern pit (F1) and a modern soakaway (F2). The pit F1 contained modern pottery, glass and animal bone consistent with a domestic rubbish dump.</i></p> <p><i>The site appears to have suffered a high level of modern truncation. This is probably a result of the 19th-century construction of the railway cutting</i></p>	

*and bridge to the north-west of the site. It would appear that there were substantial groundworks at the time, with only a minimal build-up of topsoil subsequently. The latter includes modern domestic debris.*

**Previous summaries/reports:** None

**Keywords:** -

**Significance:** neg

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Fig 1 Location plan. (Not to scale.)

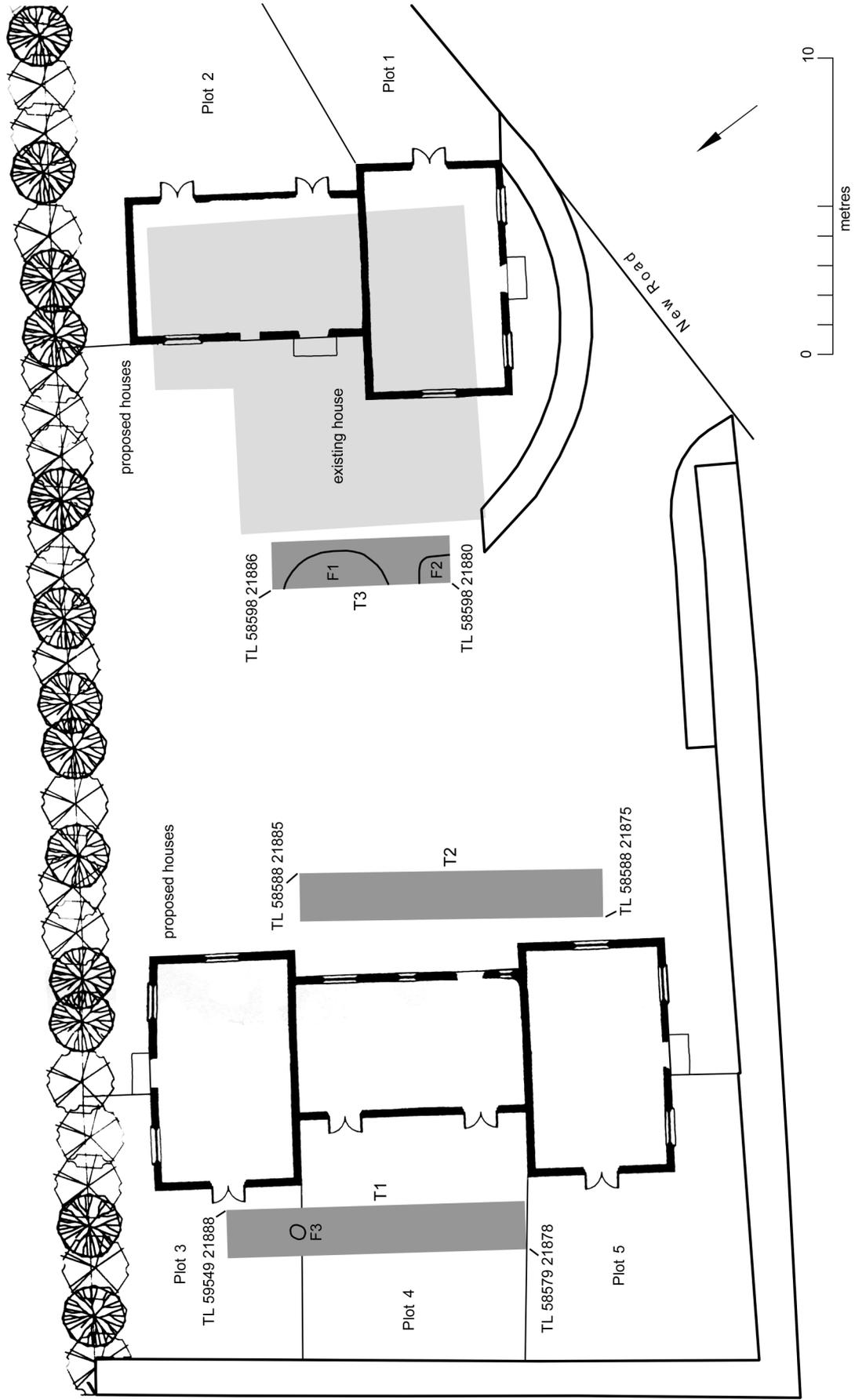


Fig 2 Site plan.