

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

Summary sheet

**CAT Report 502
An archaeological evaluation by trial-trenching**

Address: 75 Hill Avenue, Wickford, Essex	
Parish: Wickford	District: Basildon
NGR: TL 7591 9368	Site codes: CAT - 09/1e ECC HEM - WKDHA 09 Museum accession - (awaiting code from Southend Museum)
Type of work: Evaluation	Site director/group: Colchester Archaeological Trust
Date of work: 6th February 2009	Size of area investigated: 14m of linear trenching @ 1.6m width
Location of finds/curating museum: Southend Museum	Funding source: Developer
Further seasons anticipated? No	Related EHER numbers:
Final report: CAT Report 502 (summary sheet)	
Periods represented: modern	
<p>Summary of fieldwork results: <i>The evaluation trench (T1) was positioned to cross the footprints of two proposed dwellings which are to replace the existing house on the site (see Fig 1). It was 14 m long x 1.6 m wide, and excavated to a depth of 350mm through modern topsoil (L1), which was a thin, slightly humic deposit with frequent evidence of turf-root matting and worm and animal activity. This sealed a clay-rich accumulation horizon (L2) which had been affected by minor plant-root activity. This deposit sealed natural geological clay (L3), a dense material which extended along the entire trench. No archaeological remains were identified during the evaluation, nor were any finds recovered.</i> <i>The sparsity of the topsoil suggests that the site had been subject to levelling</i></p>	

or possibly reduction in the past, most likely at the time when the existing house and the surrounding housing estate were constructed in the second half of the 20th century.

Previous summaries/reports: None

Keywords: -

Significance: neg

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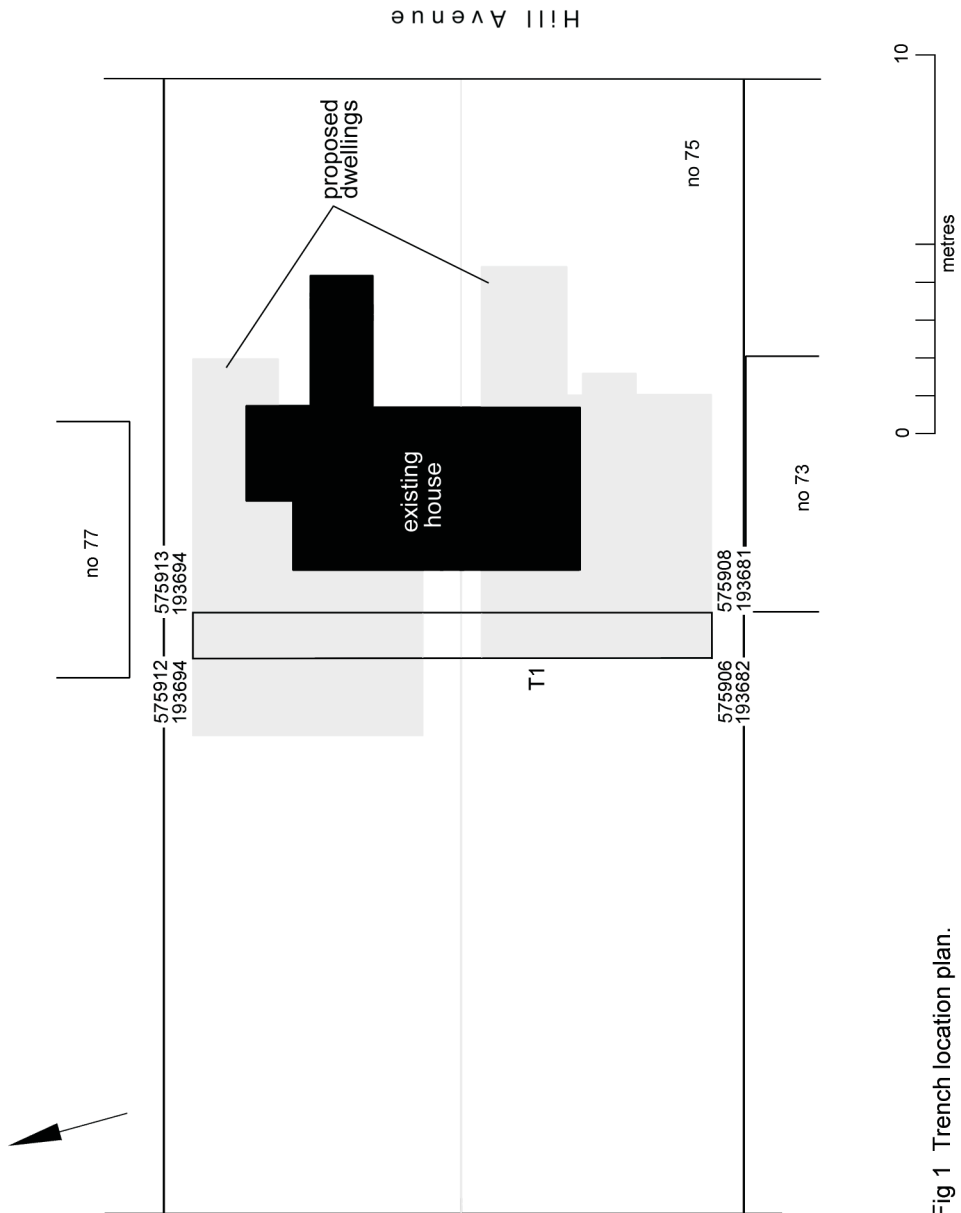


Fig 1 Trench location plan.