

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

CAT Report 505

Summary sheet

Site address: land adjacent to 13 Abbey Gate Street, Colchester, Essex	
Parish: Colchester	District: Colchester
NGR: TL 99608 24885	Site codes: CAT project - 09/2c Museum accession - COLEM 2009.18
Type of work: Watching brief	Site director/group: Colchester Archaeological Trust
Date of work: March 2009	Size of area investigated: 36 sq m
Location of finds/curating museum: Colchester and Ipswich Museums	Funding source: Developer
Further seasons anticipated? No	Related EHER and UAD nos: -
Final report: CAT Report 505 (summary sheet & Fig 1)	
Periods represented: post-medieval/modern	
<p>Summary of fieldwork results:</p> <p><i>An archaeological watching brief took place during groundworks for a small residential development on a plot of land between 13 Abbey Gate Street and Southway, Colchester, Essex. The site lies outside the Roman and medieval walled town, approximately 120m south of the town wall.</i></p> <p><i>The contractor's groundworks involved piling, stripping and trenching. The piling consisted of four piles along the northern edge of the proposed building and four along the southern edge. The stripping involved lowering the ground-level of the site by approximately 400mm. Several narrow trenches were also dug for services to a depth of approximately 350mm below the stripped level.</i></p> <p><i>No significant archaeological remains were uncovered. A thick layer of post-Roman topsoil ('dark earth') was revealed during the stripping and trenching, but Roman levels were not reached. A modern east-west brick foundation in the south-western corner of the site probably belonged to the Masonic Hall, which was demolished in the 1970s.</i></p> <p><i>No finds were retained. Further details can be found in the site archive, which will be permanently deposited with Colchester and Ipswich Museums.</i></p>	
Previous summaries/reports: None	
Keywords: -	Significance: neg
Author of summary: Donald Shimmin	Date of summary: April 2009

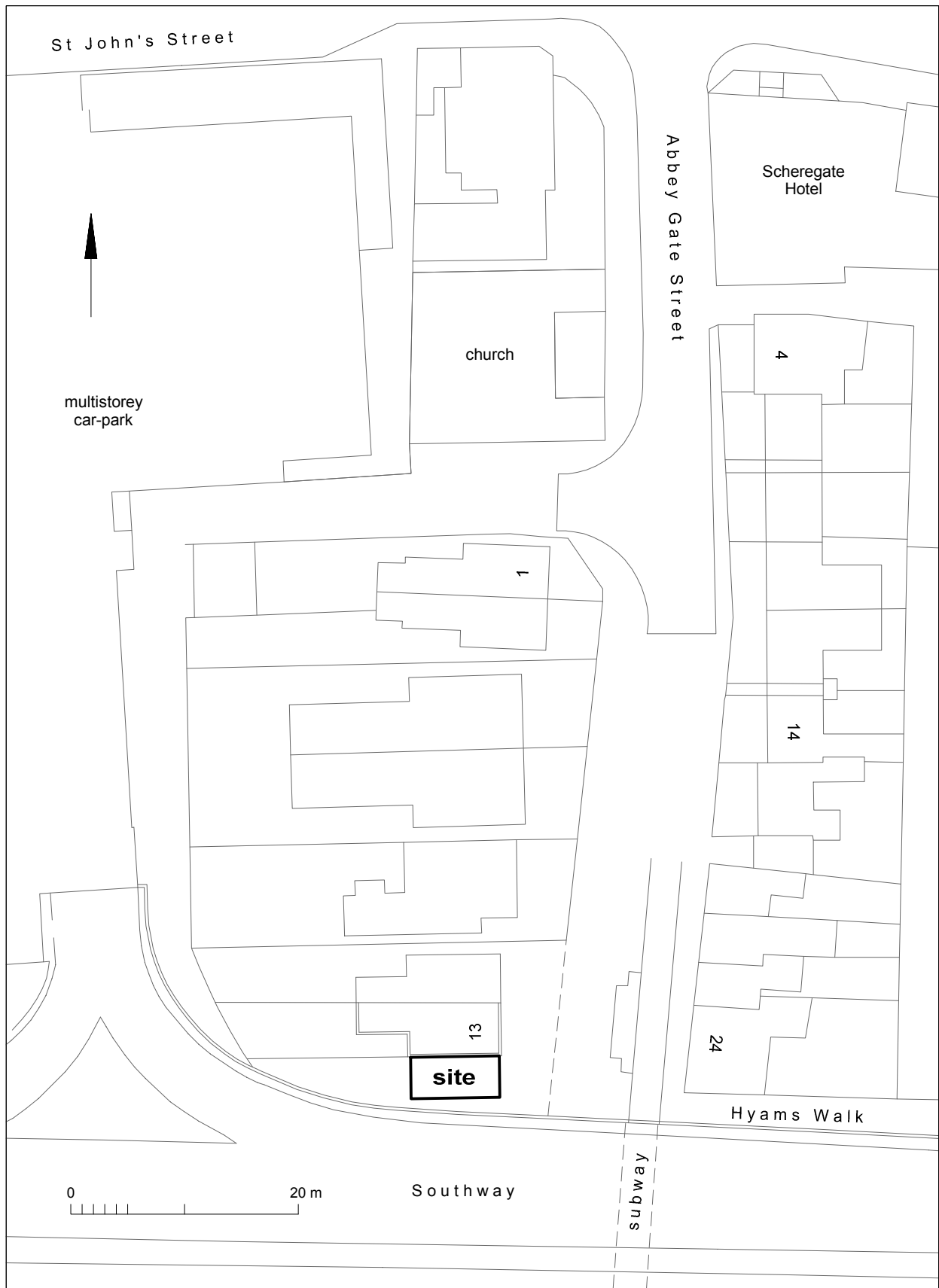


Fig 1 Site location.