

**An archaeological watching brief at 3 Roman Road, Colchester, Essex:
May 2012
CAT Report 648**

Site address:	3 Roman Road, Colchester, Essex
Date of fieldwork:	17th and 18th May 2012
NGR:	TM 00178 22305
CBCAO brief?:	Yes
Plans attached?:	Yes (Fig 1)
Museum accession code	2012.36
CAT project code:	12/05b

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References

Winter, M 2011 *Brief for archaeological attendance and recording (a watching brief), 3 Roman Road, Colchester, Essex*

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Summary sheet

Address: 3 Roman Road, Colchester, Essex	
Parish: Colchester	District: Colchester Borough
NGR: TM 00178 22305 (c)	Site codes: CAT project code - 12/05b
Type of work: Watching brief	Site director/group: Colchester Archaeological Trust
Date of work: 17th and 18th May 2012	Size of area investigated: 3m by 3.25m
Location of curating museum: Colchester and Ipswich Museum accession code 2012.36	Funding source: Developer
Monitored by: Martin Winter, Colchester Borough Council Archaeological Officer	
Further seasons anticipated? No	Related EHER numbers:
Final report:	CAT Report 648
Periods represented:	modern
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Previous summaries/reports: none	
Keywords: -	Significance: negative
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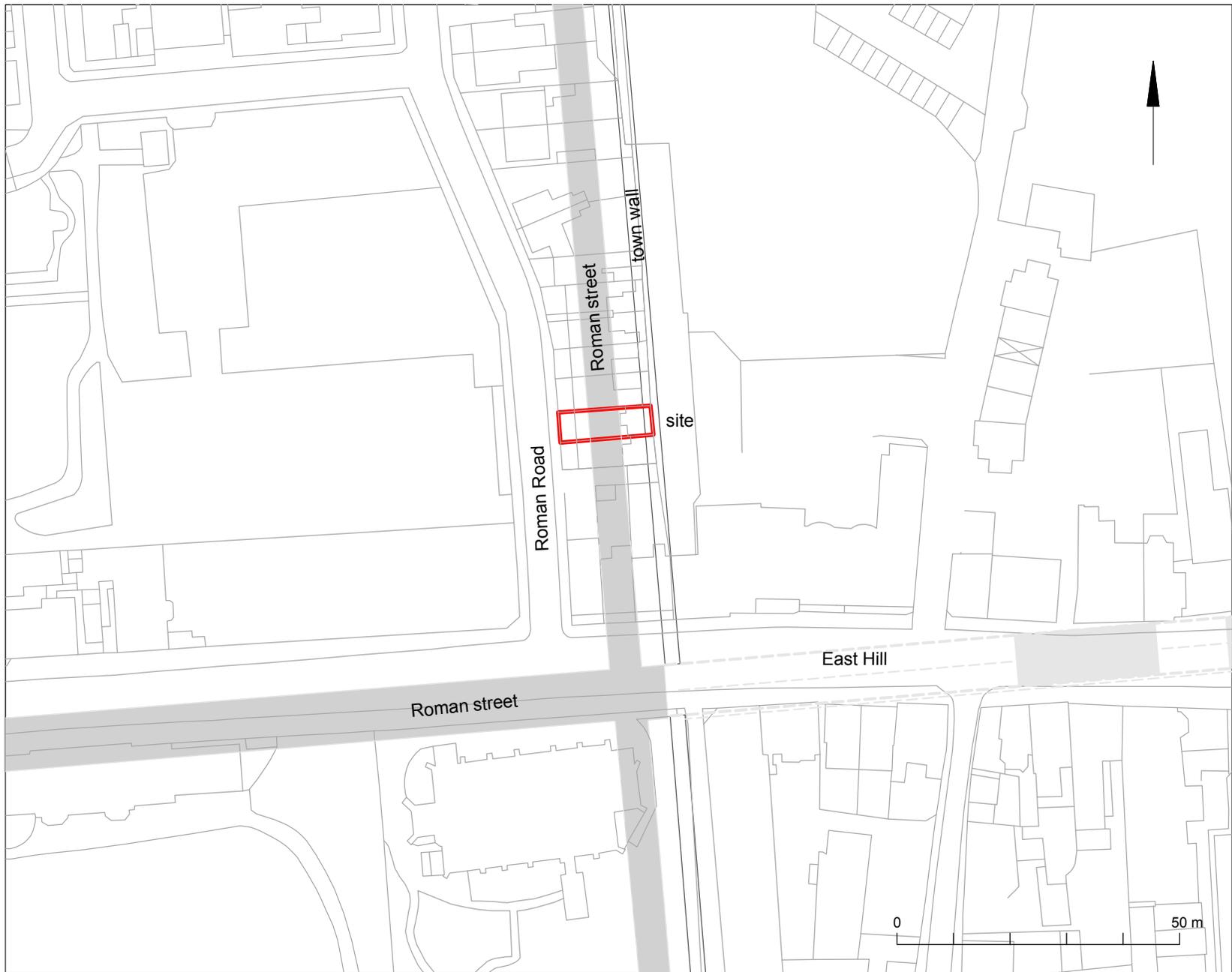


Fig 1 Site location.