

**Archaeological monitoring (watching brief)
At Colchester Retail Park,
Sheepen Road,
Colchester, Essex
August 2012**



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Summary sheet

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Address: Colchester Retail Park, Sheepen Road, Colchester, Essex	
Parish: Colchester	District: Colchester
NGR: TL 990 254 (centre)	Site code: CAT project code – 12/8a
Type of work: Watching brief	Site director/group: Colchester Archaeological Trust
Date of work: 16 th August 2012	Size of area investigated: 5m x 0.7m engineering trench
Location of curating museum: Colchester and Ipswich Museum accession code – 2012.46	Funding source: Developer
Further seasons anticipated? Yes	Related EHER numbers: CAT REPORTS 368, 362
Final report: CAT Report 660	
Periods represented: modern	
Summary of fieldwork results: An archaeological watching brief was carried out in August of 2012, in accordance with a <i>Project Brief</i> issued by the Colchester Borough Council Archaeological Officer (CBCAO). Observations were made during the excavation of an engineering trench through modern car-park hardstanding (L1) and its associated sub-base (approx 400mm thick). At the east end of the trench L1 sealed modern concrete, and geo-textile at the west end. L1 sealed a horizon of made-ground (L2) - substantial deposits of builder's debris (brick, slate and plastic, none of which was retained). L2 was probably associated with the construction of the retail park in the late 1990s. Excavation was halted at this depth. In summary, no archaeological features were identified, and there were no finds. The made-ground under the modern surface was not penetrated, but it may be assumed that it seals any underlying archaeological horizons, which remain <i>in situ</i> and unaffected by the investigation.	

Further monitoring will be required after the formalisation of the foundation design, so any material that will be affected or removed by the work can be recorded.	
Previous summaries/reports: none	
Keywords: modern	Significance: neg
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