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1 Summary
Archaeological monitoring and recording took place at Little Waltham Primary School, The Street, Little Waltham, Essex during groundworks for the construction of a new school extension. Despite being located on the main Chelmsford-Braintree-Long Melford Roman road, there were no significant archaeological remains.

2 Introduction (Fig 1)
This is the archive report for archaeological monitoring and recording at Little Waltham Primary School, The Street, Little Waltham, Essex which was carried out 19th-27th January 2017. The work was commissioned by Harry Brundle of Phelan Construction Ltd, during groundworks for the construction of a new school extension, and was undertaken by Colchester Archaeological Trust (CAT).

In response to consultation with Essex County Council Place Services (ECCPS), Historic Environment Advisor Alison Bennett advised that in order to establish the archaeological implications of this application, the applicant should be required to commission a scheme of archaeological investigation in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (DCLG 2012).

All archaeological work was carried out in accordance with a Brief for Archaeological Monitoring, detailing the required archaeological work, written by Alison Bennett (ECCPS 2016), and a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) prepared by CAT in response to the brief and agreed with ECCPS (CAT 2016).

In addition to the brief and WSI, all fieldwork and reporting was done in accordance with English Heritage’s Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MoRPHE) (English Heritage 2006), and with Standards for field archaeology in the East of England (EAA 14 and 24). This report mirrors standards and practices contained in the Institute for Archaeologists’ Standard and guidance for archaeological watching briefs (CIfA 2014a) and Standard and guidance for the collection, documentation, conservation and research of archaeological materials (CIfA 2014b).

3 Archaeological background
The following archaeological background draws on the Essex Historic Environment Record (EHER) held at Essex County Council, County Hall, Chelmsford, Essex.

The EHER shows that the development site lies in an area of archaeological potential. To the east of the school are the cropmarks of two possible prehistoric ring ditches (EHER 6131). To the west of the school in an area monitored in advance of the construction of Little Waltham bypass multi-period remains were encountered included various Roman finds (EHER 6067). The Chelmsford-Braintree-Long Melford Roman road (EHER 6057) also runs along The Street on the western edge of the school.

4 Results (Figs 2-3)
All groundworks were completed by the contractor under archaeological supervision. Initially 0.35-0.4m of made ground and sub-base (associated with a modern block pavement) were removed from the site. Following this reduction, approximately 85m linear of footings were excavated measuring 0.6m wide by 0.6-1.5m deep. The footings were excavated through a remnant of modern topsoil (L1, c 0.1-0.17m thick, containing modern brick and glass (not retained)) onto a medium grey/brown silty-clay subsoil (L2, c 300-380m deep) which sealed natural clay (L3). There were several areas of disturbance resulting from modern service trenches, but there were no significant archaeological remains.
5  **Finds**
There were no archaeological finds.
6 Discussion
Despite being located on the route of the main Chelmsford-Braintree-Long Melford Roman road, there were no significant archaeological remains.

7 Acknowledgements
CAT thanks Harry Brundle and Phelan Construction Ltd for commissioning and funding the work. The project was managed by C Lister, fieldwork was carried out by B Holloway. Figures are by BH and E Holloway. The project was monitored for ECCPS by Alison Bennett.

8 References
Note: all CAT reports, except for DBAs, are available online in .pdf format at http://cat.essex.ac.uk

CAT 2014 Health and Safety Policy
CAT 2015 Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) for archaeological monitoring at Little Waltham Primary School, The Street, Little Waltham, Essex, CM3 3NY
CIfA 2014a Standard and guidance for archaeological watching briefs
CIfA 2014b Standard and guidance for the collection, documentation, conservation and research of archaeological materials
ECCPS 2015 Brief for Archaeological Monitoring at Little Waltham Primary School, The Street, Little Waltham
English Heritage 2006 Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (English Heritage)

9 Abbreviations and glossary
CAT Colchester Archaeological Trust
CIfA Chartered Institute for Archaeologists
context specific location of finds on an archaeological site
ECCPS Essex County Council Place Services
EHRA Essex Historic Environment Record
feature (F) an identifiable thing like a pit, a wall, a drain: can contain ‘contexts’
layer (L) distinct or distinguishable deposit (layer) of material
medieval period from AD 1066 to c 1500
modern period from c AD 1800 to the present
natural geological deposit undisturbed by human activity
NGR National Grid Reference
post-medieval from c AD 1500 to c 1800
residual something out of its original context, eg a Roman coin in a modern pit
Roman the period from AD 43 to c AD 410
section (abbreviation sx or Sx) vertical slice through feature/s or layer/s
WSI written scheme of investigation

10 Contents of archive
Finds: n/a
Paper and digital record
One A4 document wallet containing:
The report (CAT Report 1074)
ECC evaluation brief, CAT written scheme of investigation
Original site record (feature and layer sheets, finds record, plans)
Site digital photos and log, architectural plans, attendance register, risk assessment

11 Archive deposition
The paper and digital archive is currently held by the Colchester Archaeological Trust at Roman Circus House, Roman Circus Walk, Colchester, Essex CO2 7GZ, but will be permanently deposited with Chelmsford Museum under accession code CHMRE: 2016.142.

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### Appendix 1  Context list

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Fig 1 Site location
Fig 3 Representative sections.
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Project director/manager: Chris Lister
Project supervisor: Ben Holloway
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Digital Archive ID: CHMRE: 2016.142
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