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CAT Report 1726

**Archaeological monitoring at 83
Fairhaven Avenue, West Mersea, Essex,
CO5 8BS**

Planning reference: 182877

CHER Event no.: ECC4447

OASIS ref.: colchest3-388260

Grid Reference: TM 02292 12619 (centre)

Number of site visits: 2

Dates of visits: 7th and 8th October 2021

Nature of the work: Observation of groundworks for a new two-storey rear extension.

Reason for condition: The site lies within a known area of a Late Iron Age and Roman burials.

% of total seen: 100% of the groundworks.

Results: All groundworks were monitored by a CAT archaeologist in response to a brief set by Dr Jess Tipper of Colchester Borough Council Planning Services.

The groundworks consisted of foundation trenching to accommodate the rear extension, totalling 11.1m in length. The trenches were 0.5m wide, and approximately 1m deep.

Three layers were recorded:

- a) modern concrete (L1), 0.05-0.10m thick;
- b) modern made ground (L2), a mid-dark grey-brown silty clay with brick, concrete and other modern debris, c 0.3m thick;
- c) natural (L3), a mid-orange sandy clay, observed at a depth of c 0.2m.

No archaeological features or finds were encountered.



Photograph 1 Foundation trenching from south end, looking north.



Photograph 2 Foundation trenching from north end, looking south.



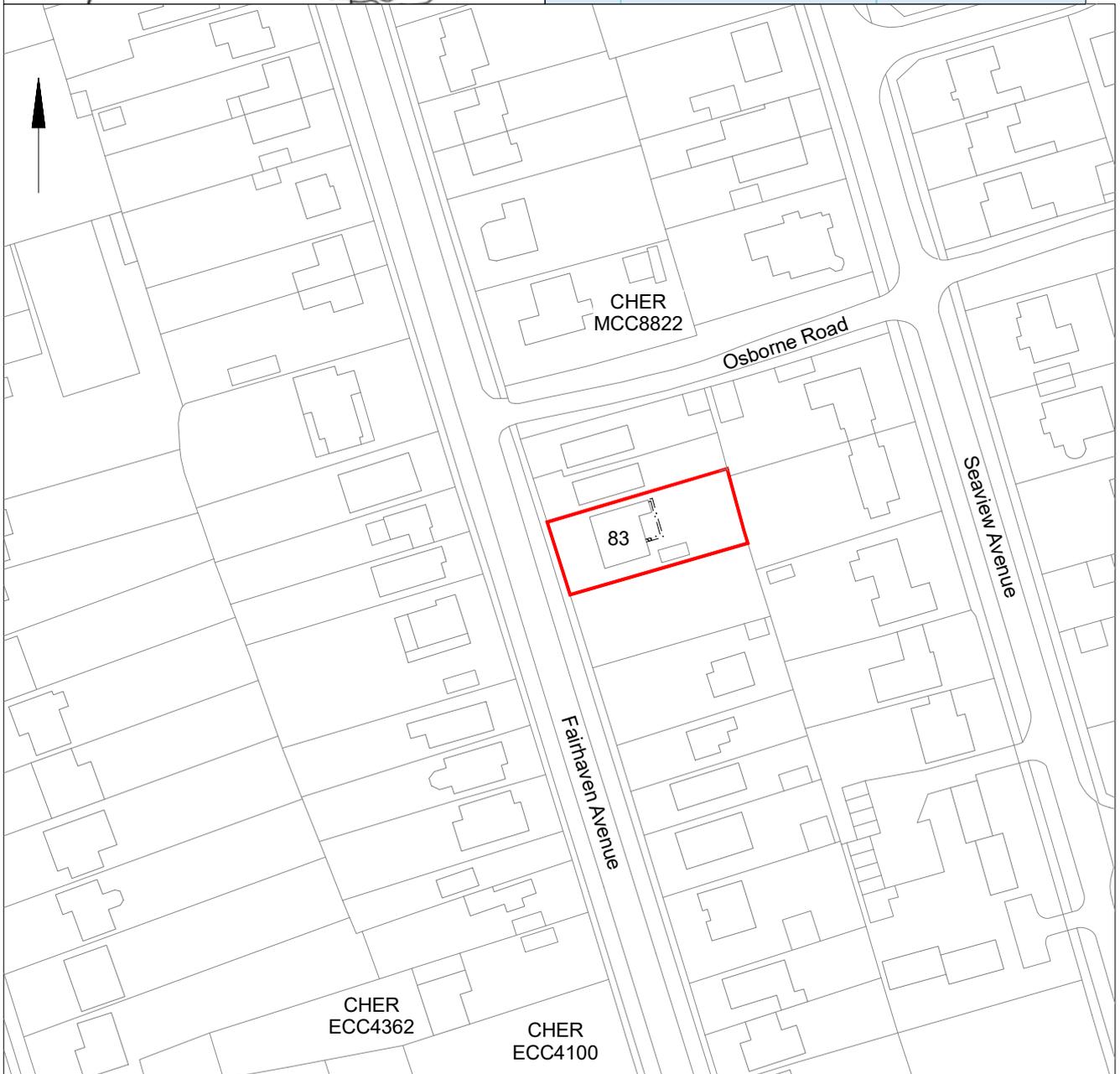
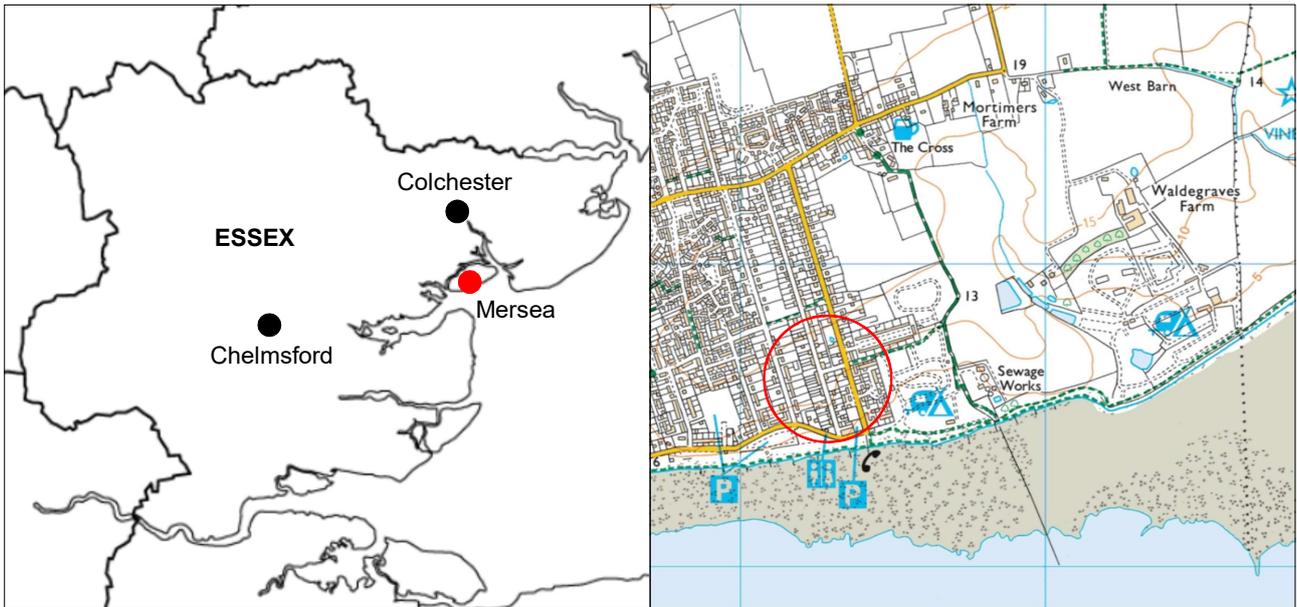
Photograph 3 Site shot showing excavated footings and spoil, looking roughly south-west.

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Fig 1 Site location.



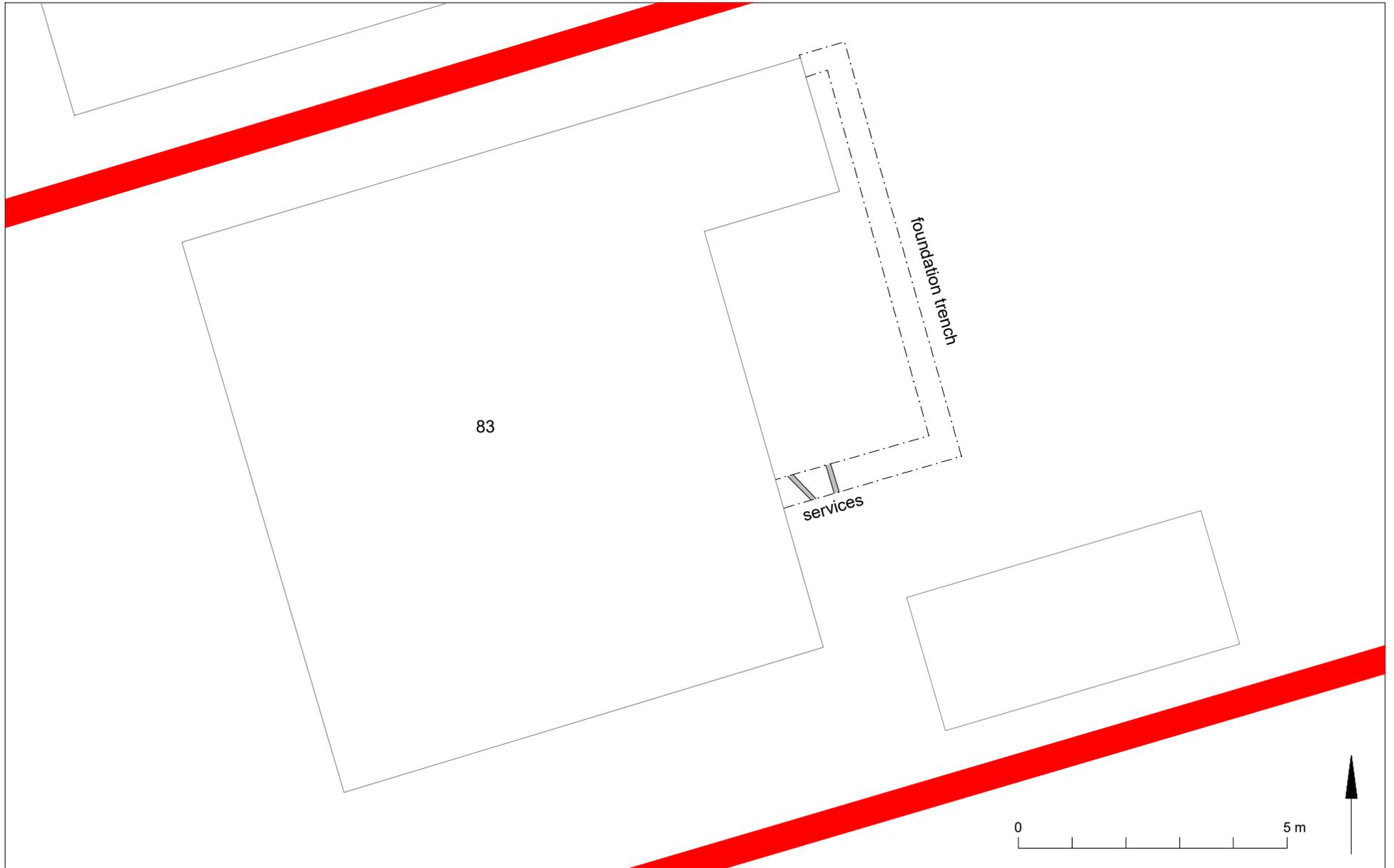


Fig 2 Results

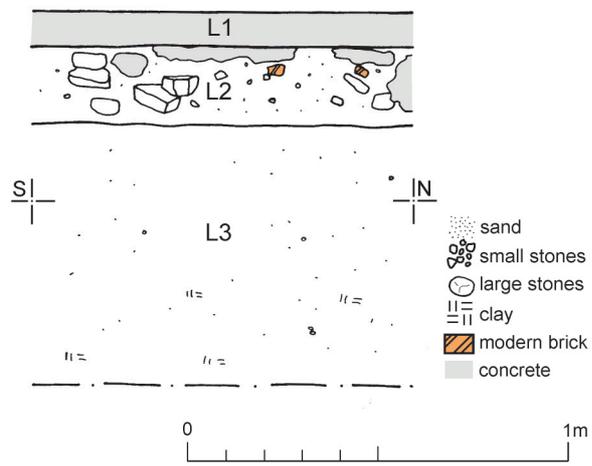


Fig 3 Representative section.

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Project details

Project name	Archaeological investigation at 83 Fairhaven Avenue, West Mersea, Essex CO5 8BS
Short description of the project	Observation of groundworks for a new two-storey rear extension. The site lies within a known area of a Late Iron Age and Roman burials. No archaeological features or finds were encountered.
Project dates	Start: 07-10-2021 End: 08-10-2021
Previous/future work	No / No
Any associated project reference codes	20/03b - Contracting Unit No.
Any associated project reference codes	ECC4447 - HER event no.
Any associated project reference codes	182877 - Planning Application No.
Type of project	Recording project
Site status	None
Current Land use	Other 5 - Garden
Monument type	NONE None
Significant Finds	NONE None
Investigation type	""Watching Brief""
Prompt	Planning condition

Project location

Country	England
Site location	ESSEX COLCHESTER WEST MERSEA 83 Fairhaven Avenue, West Mersea
Postcode	CO5 8BS
Study area	0.03 Hectares
Site coordinates	TM 02292 12619 51.775083526156 0.932609128641 51 46 30 N 000 55 57 E Point

Project creators

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Name of sponsor/funding body	Homeowner

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Physical Archive Exists?	No
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Digital Archive ID	ECC4447
Digital Contents	"none"
Digital Media available	"Database","Images raster / digital photography","Survey","Text"
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