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CAT Report 1777

Archaeological monitoring at 3 Hurnard Drive, Colchester, Essex, CO3 3SH: April 2019

Planning reference: 173085

Museum Accession Code: COLEM:2018.10

CHER Event no.: ECC4133

OASIS ref.: colchest3-306782

Grid Reference: TL 9742 2532 (centre)

Number of site visits: 2

Dates of visit: 10th-11th April 2019

Nature of the work: Observation of groundworks for single-storey rear extension. The proposed front extension did not happen.

Reason for condition: The development site is located within Lexden Cemetery (CHER 1171, 11714), an area of Iron Age and Roman Cemeteries.

% of total seen: 100% of the groundworks.

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

An area of 12 square metres was mechanically-stripped down roughly 0.70m. This area was excavated into two layers: topsoil (L1, c 0.25-0.29m thick, soft, dry, medium grey/brown sandy silt) and into the subsoil (L2, c 0.40-0.44m thick, firm, medium brown sandy silt).

Approximately 15m of foundation trenching was then excavated. The trench was cut through a modern patio and sand sub-base layer (L3, c 0.14m thick), a make-up layer (L4, c 0.35-0.42m thick, hard, dry, medium grey sandy silt) and into the natural sands and gravels (L5, c 0.49-0.56m below current ground level, soft, moist, medium yellow/orange/brown sand with gravel). The trench was 0.65m wide and 1.25m deep.

No archaeological finds or features were observed.



Photograph 1 Site shot - view north



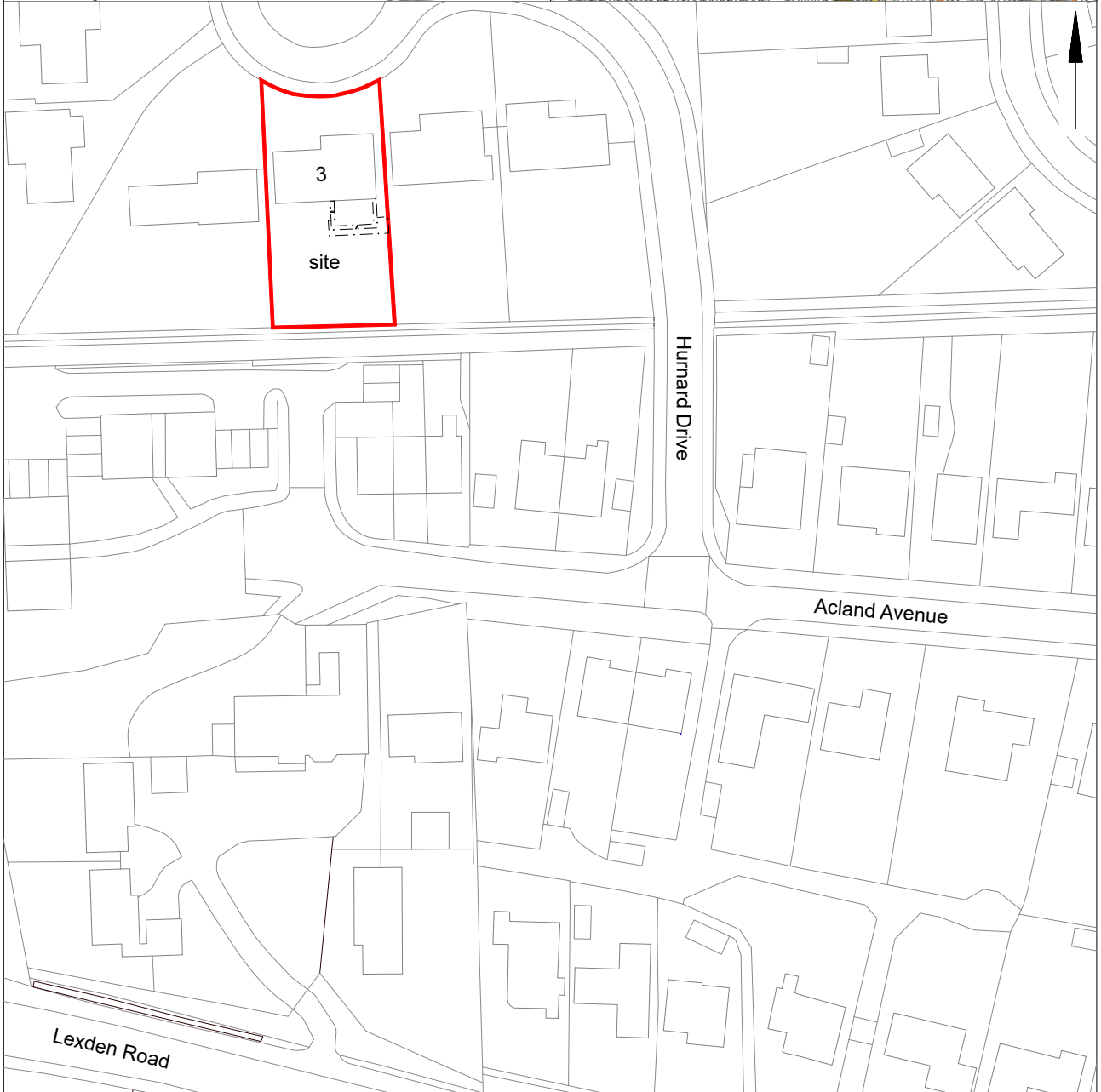
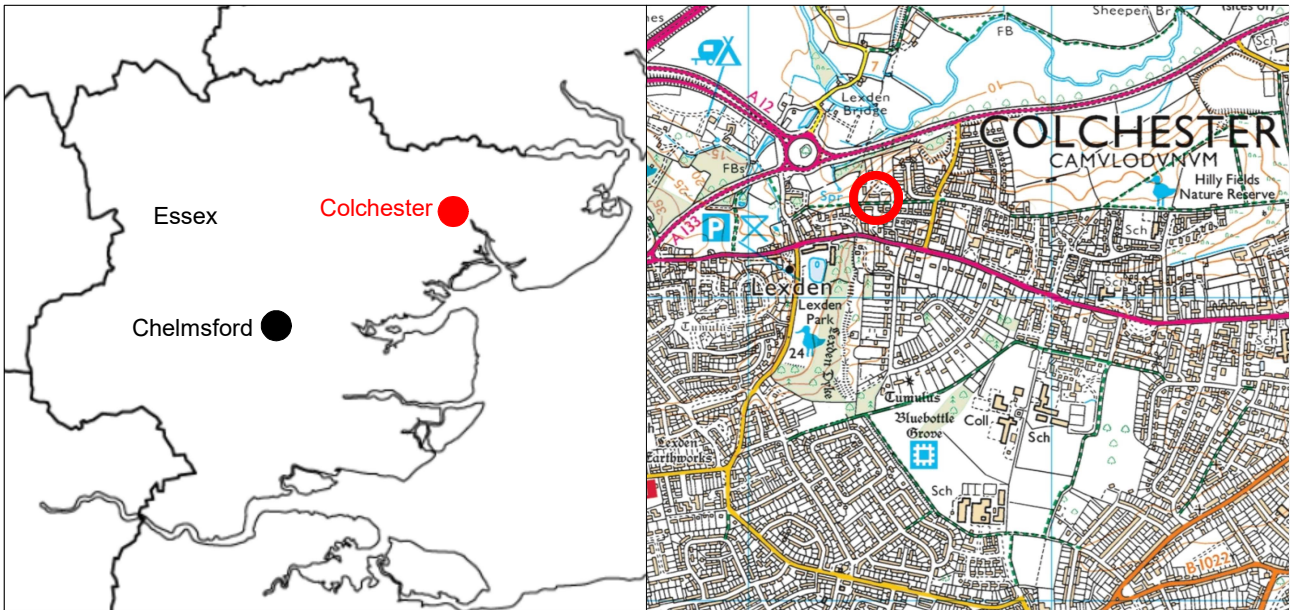
Photograph 2 Working shot - view west

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Fig 1 Site location.



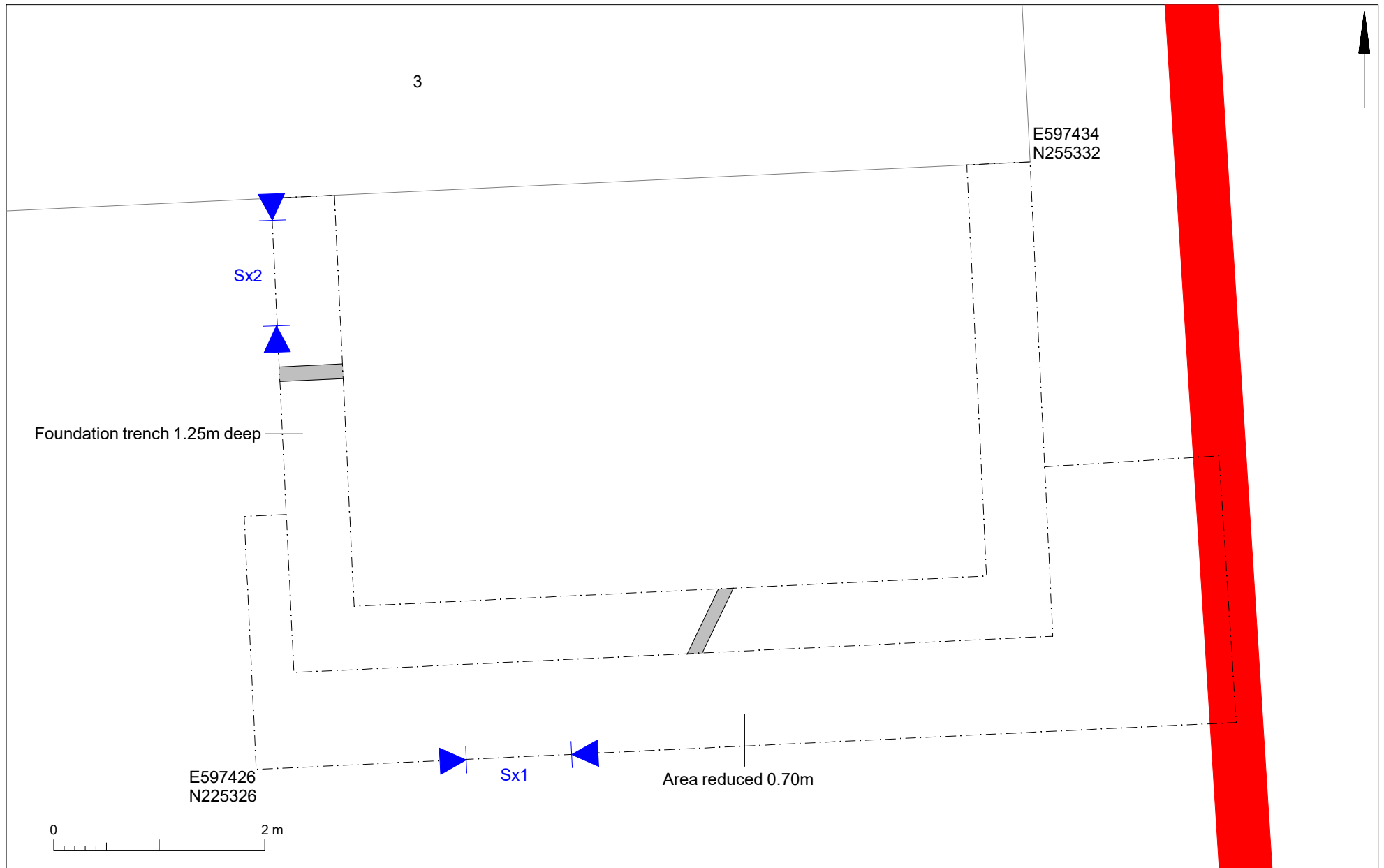
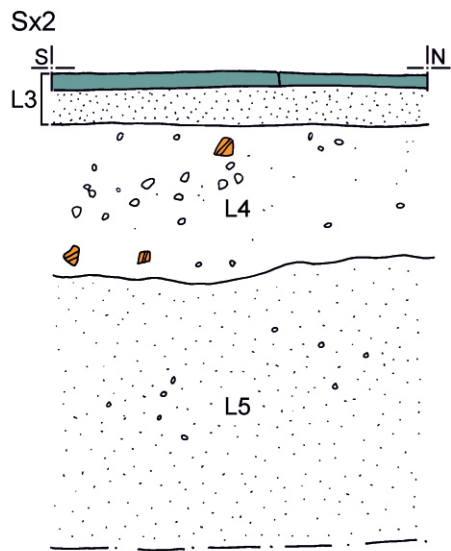
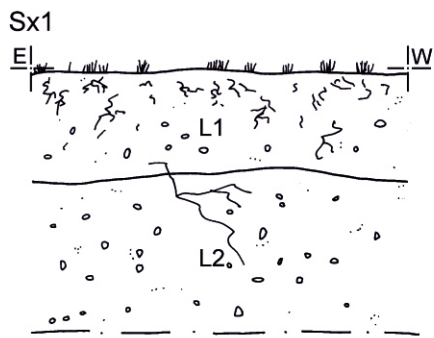


Fig 2 Results. Modern services in grey.



-  stones
-  sand
-  post-Roman CBM
-  roots
-  paving slab



Fig 3 Representative sections.

Summary for colchest3-306782

OASIS ID (UID)	colchest3-306782
Project Name	Archaeological monitoring and recording at 3 Hurnard Drive, Colchester, Essex, CO3 3SH
Activity type	WATCHING BRIEF
Project Identifier(s)	18/01j
Planning Id	173085
Reason For Investigation	Planning: Post determination
Organisation Responsible for work	Colchester Archaeological Trust
Project Dates	10-Apr-2019 - 11-Apr-2019
Location	3 Hurnard Drive, Colchester NGR : TL 97420 25320 LL : 51.8914587433369, 0.867584155457107 12 Fig : 597420,225320
Administrative Areas	Country : England County : Essex District : Colchester Parish : Colchester, unparished area
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