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CAT Report 1778

**Archaeological monitoring at 54a
Gainsborough Road, Colchester,
Essex, CO3 4QW: May 2019**

Planning reference: 182876

CHER Event no.: ECC4335

OASIS ref.: colchest3-350725

Grid Reference: TL 9751 2439 (centre)

Number of site visits: 1

Dates of visit: 15th May 2019

Nature of the work: Observation of groundworks for single-storey garage extension, the proposed side extension to the main property did not take place.

Reason for condition: The development site is located adjacent to the Lexden Dyke Middle (MCC2099; also known as Moat Farm Dyke at its northern end MCC7280).

% 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.

Approximately 12m of foundation trenching was mechanically-excavated. The trench was cut through a layer of topsoil (L1, c 0.10m thick, soft, moist, dark grey/brown sandy loam), and subsoil (L2, c 0.60m thick, soft, moist medium yellow/brown sandy silt) and into the natural sands and gravels (L3, c 0.70m below current ground level, soft, moist, moist, medium orange/brown sand with gravel). The trench was 0.45m wide and 0.70m deep.

Nothing of archaeological significance was observed and, as groundworks were located c 25m to the south-west of Lexden Dyke Middle, this monument was not impacted by the development.



Photograph 1 Site shot – view south-west



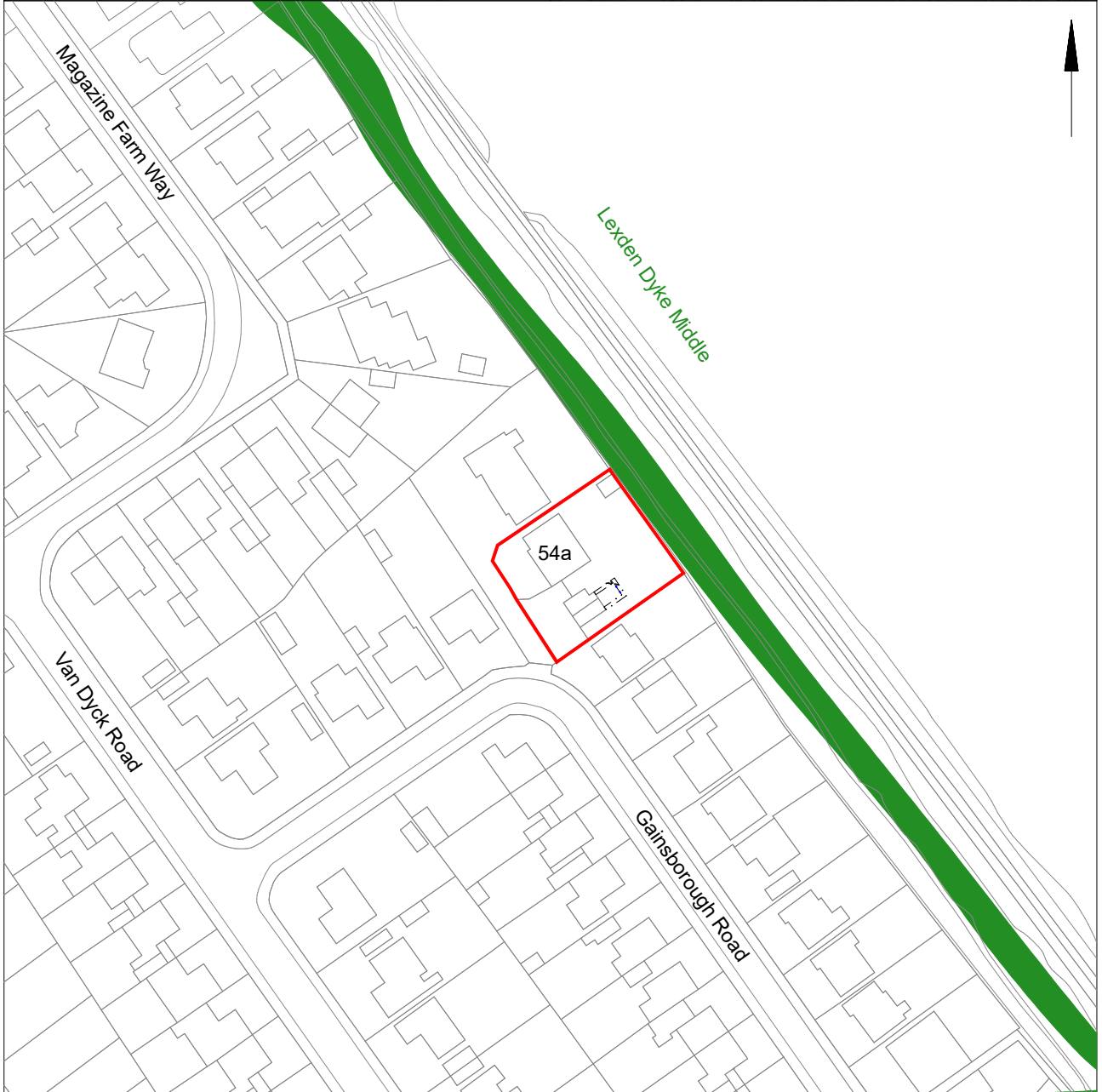
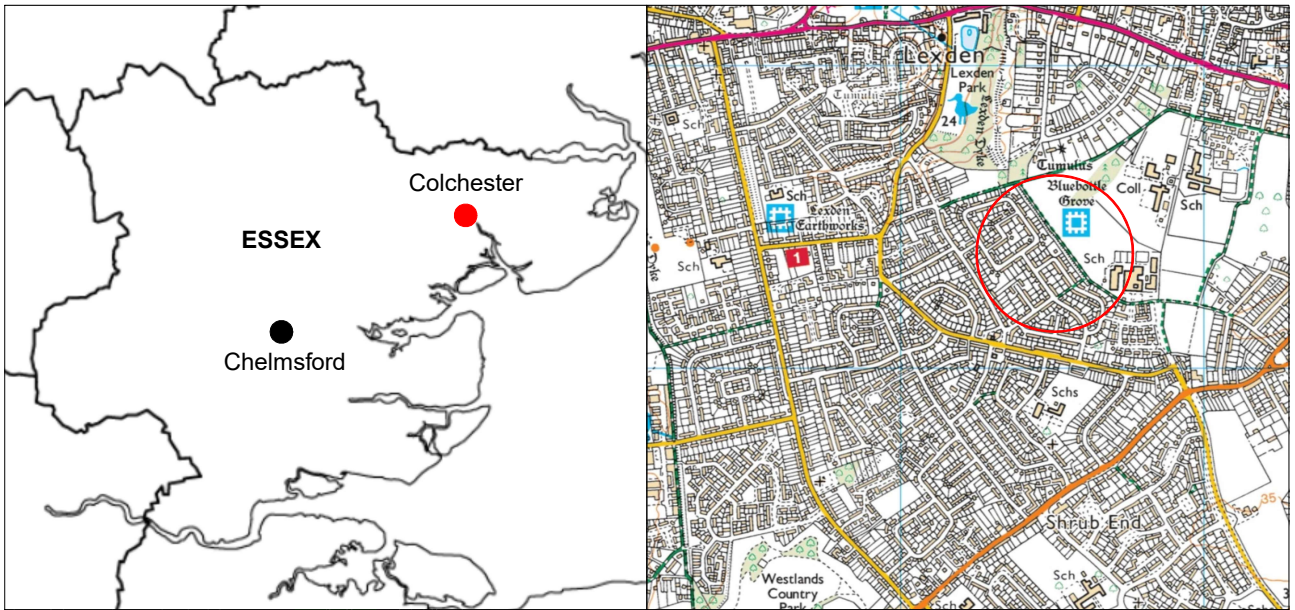
Photograph 2 Foundation trench – view south-east

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Fig 1 Site location

0 50 m



Fig 2 Results. Modern services in grey.

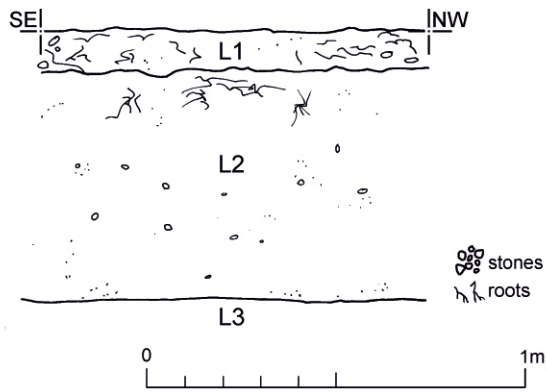


Fig 3 Representative section.

Summary for colchest3-350725

OASIS ID (UID)	colchest3-350725
Project Name	Continuous archaeological recording at 54a Gainsborough Road, Colchester, Essex, CO3 4QW.
Activity type	WATCHING BRIEF
Project Identifier(s)	2019/05c
Planning Id	182876
Reason For Investigation	Planning requirement
Organisation Responsible for work	Colchester Archaeological Trust
Project Dates	14-May-2019 - 14-May-2019
Location	54a Gainsborough Road, Colchester, Essex NGR : TL 97510 24390 LL : 51.8830758669037, 0.868358284159724 12 Fig : 597510,224390
Administrative Areas	Country : England County : Essex District : Colchester Parish : Colchester, unparished area
Project Methodology	Approximately 12m of foundation trenching was mechanically-excavated.
Project Results	The trench was cut through a layer of topsoil (L1, c 0.10m thick, soft, moist, dark grey/brown sandy loam), and subsoil (L2, c 0.60m thick, soft, moist medium yellow/brown sandy silt) and into the natural sands and gravels (L3, c 0.70m below current ground level, soft, moist, moist, medium orange/brown sand with gravel). The trench was 0.45m wide and 0.70m deep. Nothing of archaeological significance was observed and, as groundworks were located c 25m to the south-west of Lexden Dyke Middle, this monument was not impacted by the development.
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