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<b>CAT Report 1868</b>  <b>Archaeological monitoring at 4 Wroxham Close, Colchester, Essex, CO3 3RQ</b>	<b>CAT code:</b> 2022/07n
	<b>Planning reference:</b> 211925
	<b>CHER event no.:</b> ECC4758
	<b>OASIS ref.:</b> colchest3-508276
	<b>Grid Reference:</b> TL 97945 24905 (centre)
	<b>Number of site visits:</b> 2
<b>Dates of visit:</b> 5th-6th September 2022	
<b>Nature of the work:</b> Observation of groundworks for a single-storey side extension.	
<b>Reason for condition:</b> The property is located on top of one of two projected routes for the main Roman road from Colchester to London (MCC1928). As shown on the Colchester Heritage Environment Record (CHER) and CAR 11 (Fig 6.1) both routes head west from the Colchester Royal Grammar School, one to the north following the line of Lexden Road and one further to south (which is projected to pass through the development site). It seems probable that the northern-most alignment is most likely, with traces of Roman road metalling and roadside ditches identified at 26 Lexden Road (ECC693), on land east of Silvanus Close (ECC3895) and at Beverly Road (ECC2813). The southern-most projection is aligned between patches of gravel identified during excavations at the Grammar School and an entrance through Lexden Dyke (between Lexden Dyke Middle and Lexden Dyke North). There has been little evidence to confirm existence of this alignment of the road with no trace of it found at the former Maternity Hospital/1a Park Road (ECC2813; CAT Report 146) or at 4 Park Road (CAT Report 1199).	
<b>% of total seen:</b> 100% of the groundworks.	
<b>Results:</b> The following groundworks were monitored by a CAT archaeologist in response to a brief set by Dr Simon Wood of Colchester Borough Council Planning Services. The WSI was written by John Newman Archaeological Services, who was unable to carry out the fieldwork.  Approximately 9.6m of trenching was machine excavated under archaeological supervision. The trenching was 0.6m wide and c 1.1m deep.  Three horizons were observed consistently throughout: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• modern concrete surface (L1, c 0.10m thick) overlaid</li><li>• a post-medieval/modern make-up layer containing frequent rooting and rare CBM flecks (L2, firm dry medium grey/brown loamy sand with brick flecks and inclusions of: stone 2%, 0.55m thick), which sealed</li><li>• hard brown-orange natural sand (L3, firm/hard dry light/medium orange sand and inclusions of: stone 5%, from c 0.7m below current ground level).</li></ul> No archaeological features or finds were uncovered during monitoring and there was no evidence of the Roman road, although a substantial part of the trench had been cut by a modern service.	



**Photograph 1** General view of foundation trench in north-west corner, looking south-east

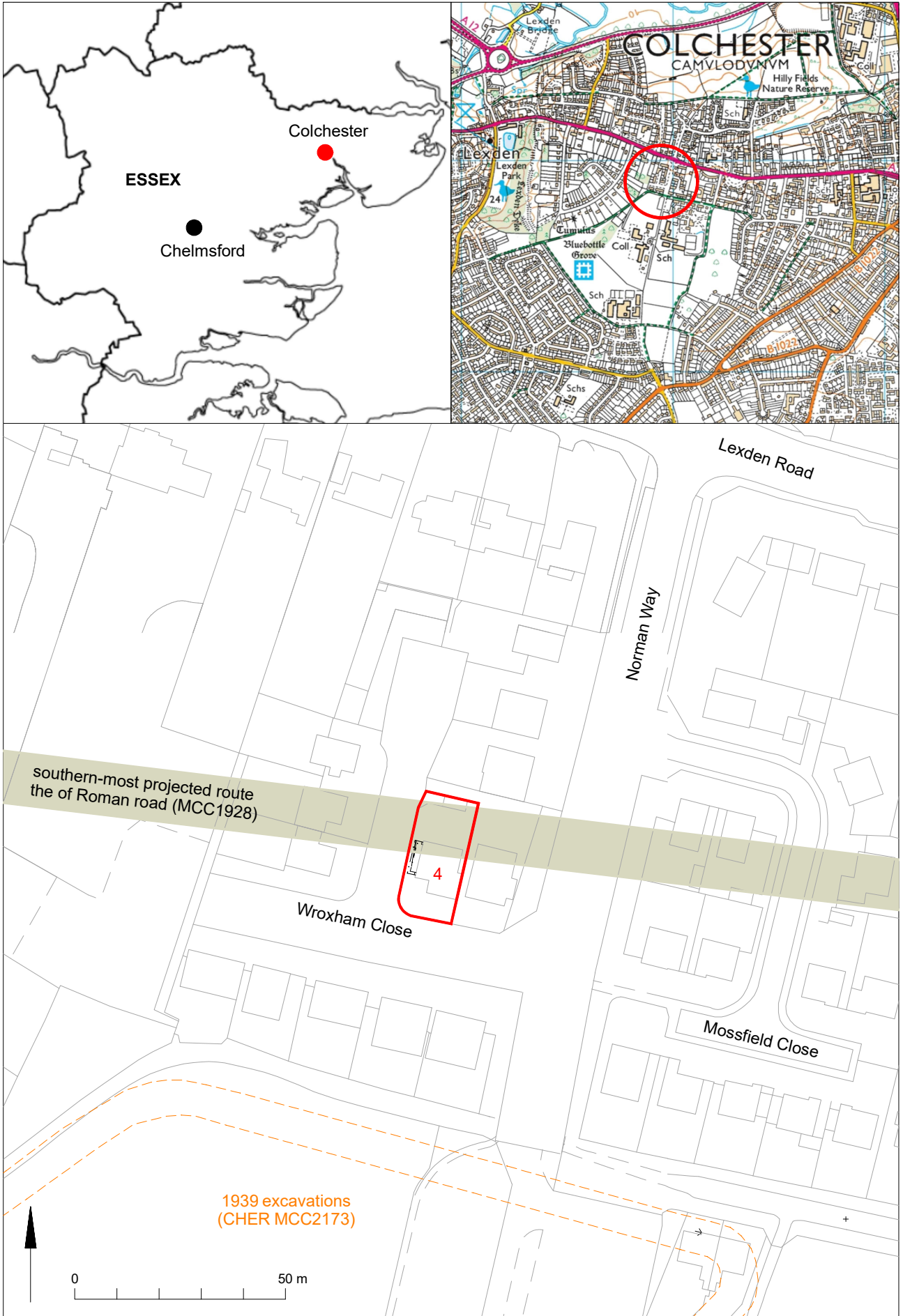


**Photograph 2** General view of foundation trench excavations, looking north-east



**Photograph 3** General view of foundation trench south-west corner, looking north

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Fig 1 Site location.

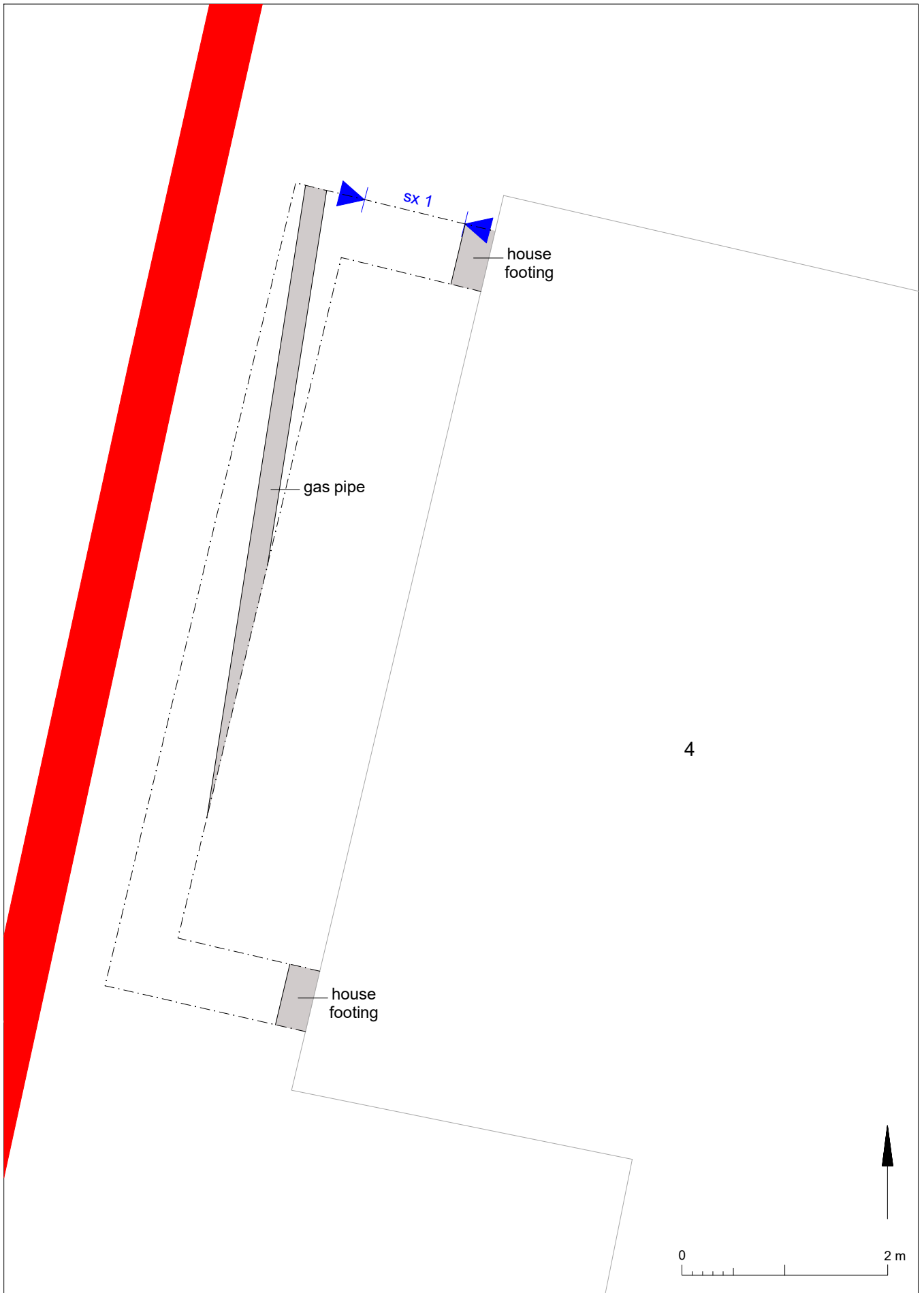


Fig 2 Results.

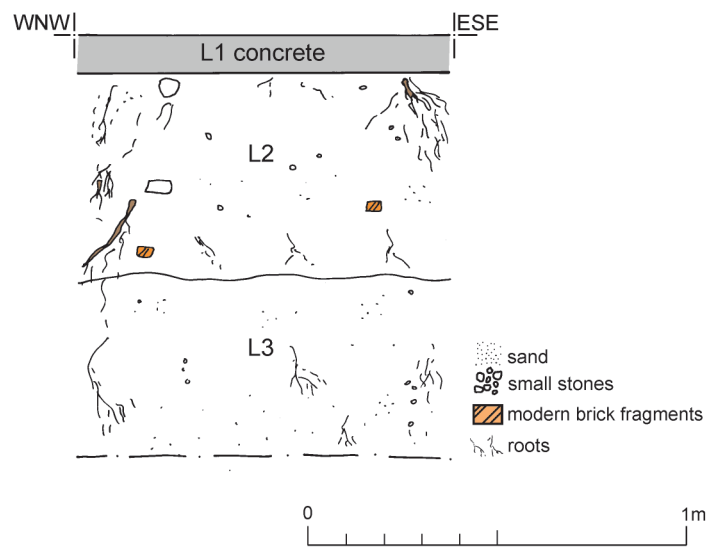


Fig 3 Representative section.

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## Summary sheet

<b>Address: 4 Wroxham Close, Colchester, Essex, CO3 3RQ</b>	
<b>Parish:</b> Colchester	<b>District:</b> Colchester
<b>NGR:</b> TL 97945 24905 (centre)	<b>Site code:</b> CAT project ref.: 2022/07n CHER ref.: ECC4758 OASIS ref.: colchest3-508276
<b>Type of work:</b> Monitoring	<b>Site director/group:</b> Colchester Archaeological Trust
<b>Date of work:</b> 5th-6th September 2022	<b>Size of area investigated:</b> 0.04h
<b>Location of curating museum:</b> Archaeological Data Service	<b>Funding source:</b> Owner
<b>Further seasons anticipated?</b> No	<b>Related CHER/SMR number:</b> MCC1928
<b>Final report:</b> CAT Report 1868	
<b>Periods represented:</b> Post-medieval/modern	
<b>Summary of fieldwork results:</b> Archaeological monitoring at 4 Wroxham Close, Colchester took place during groundworks for a single-storey side extension. The property lies directly on top of one of the projected routes of the main Roman road from Colchester to London. No archaeological remains were encountered.	
<b>Previous summaries/reports:</b> -	
<b>CBC monitor:</b> Dr Simon Wood	
<b>Keywords:</b> -	<b>Significance:</b> -
<b>Author of summary:</b> Megan Seehra	<b>Date of summary:</b> 15th November 2022

## Summary for colchest3-508276

OASIS ID (UID)	colchest3-508276
Project Name	Archaeological monitoring at 4 Wroxham Close, Colchester, Essex, CO3 3RQ
Sitename	4 Wroxham Close, Colchester
Activity type	Watching Brief
Project Identifier(s)	2022/07n
Planning Id	211925
Reason For Investigation	Planning: Post determination
Organisation Responsible for work	Colchester Archaeological Trust
Project Dates	05-Sep-2022 - 06-Sep-2022
Location	4 Wroxham Close, Colchester NGR : TL 97945 24905 LL : 51.8875462007905, 0.874965359357857 12 Fig : 597945,224905
Administrative Areas	Country : England County : Essex District : Colchester Parish : Colchester, unparished area
Project Methodology	Approximately 9.6m of trenching was machine excavated under archaeological supervision. The trenching was 0.6m wide and c 1.1m deep.
Project Results	Archaeological monitoring at 4 Wroxham Close, Colchester took place during groundworks for a single-storey side extension. The property lies directly on top of one of the projected routes of the main Roman road from Colchester to London. No archaeological remains were encountered.
Keywords	
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HER	Colchester Borough Council - unRev - STANDARD
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HER Identifiers	
Archives	Digital Archive - to be deposited with Archaeology Data Service Archive;