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Introduction

This is a brief report on the observation of a hole dug in the Scheduled Ancient Monument at Gosbecks Archaeological Park, Colchester. The hole, located west of Oliver's Lane and south of the new Cunobelinus Road (figure 1) was dug by Anglia Water on 5th February 1998 to repair a leaking water main.

Colchester Archaeological Trust has already reported on a previous hole dug on the same spot and for the same reason¹.

Work carried out

The work carried out by Anglia Water consisted of digging a hole 1.1m (north-south) by 1.6m (east-west), exactly on the south-west edge of the previous hole. The location is shown on figure 1. The hole was dug to a depth of 1.2m. At this point, the top of the leaking pipe was located, at exactly the leak point, so no further excavation or trench widening was necessary.

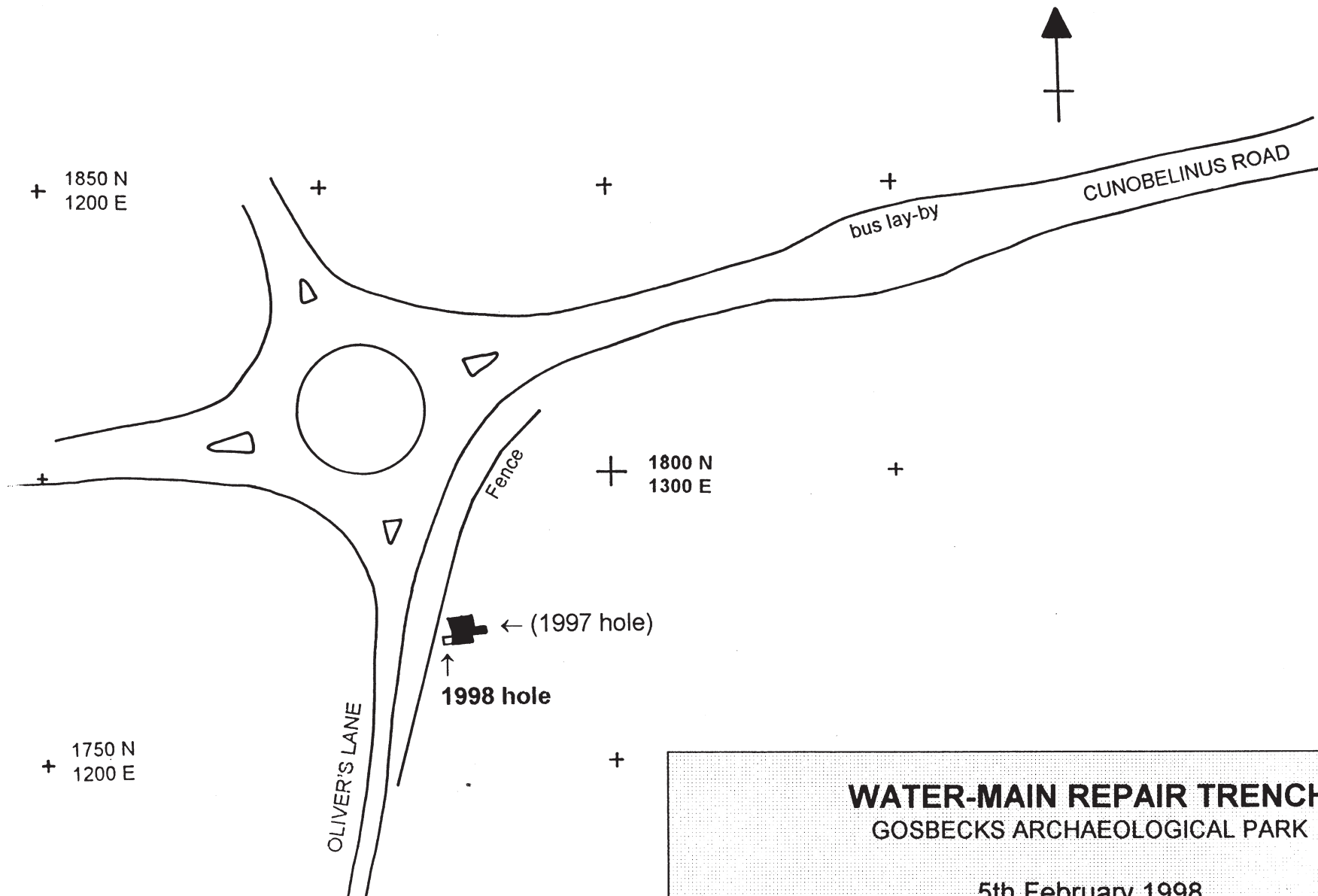
It seemed clear that most of the exposed stratigraphy, especially in the west and east sections, was actually the backfill of the old pipe trench, so there was no need for detailed recording. What was revealed elsewhere was the same stratigraphy as seen in the previous hole, i.e. waterlogged gley-like topsoil over orange sandy gravel.

In summary, no archaeological features were seen, nor were there any finds from the excavation.

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WATER-MAIN REPAIR TRENCH
 GOSBECKS ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK
 5th February 1998
Figure 1
*Location of 1998 hole in relation to 1997 hole
 and in relation to Gosbecks Archaeological Park survey grid*