

Report on a watching brief

Site address: Circular Road North, Colchester, Essex
Date of fieldwork: 8th-14th November 2007
CAT project code: 07/11d
NGR: TL 99512 24510
Plan attached?: Yes (Fig 1)

Archaeological background

Site is within close proximity to the remains of a Roman circus. Many previous archaeological discoveries have been made in the area (CAT Report 97).

Brief report

A CAT archaeologist observed the excavation of four trenches (T1-T4) which were dug to uncover service pipes running underneath Circular Road North.

T1: The service pipe was located at 100mm. At 80mm, a greensand wall foundation was discovered, which is part of the Roman circus.

T2: The service pipe was located at 700mm, at which point a natural orange-yellow gravelly sand was reached.

T3: The service pipe was located at 700mm. The trench contained a number of modern bricks and ceramics (not kept); however, natural was not reached.

T4: Same as T3.

Finds

None.

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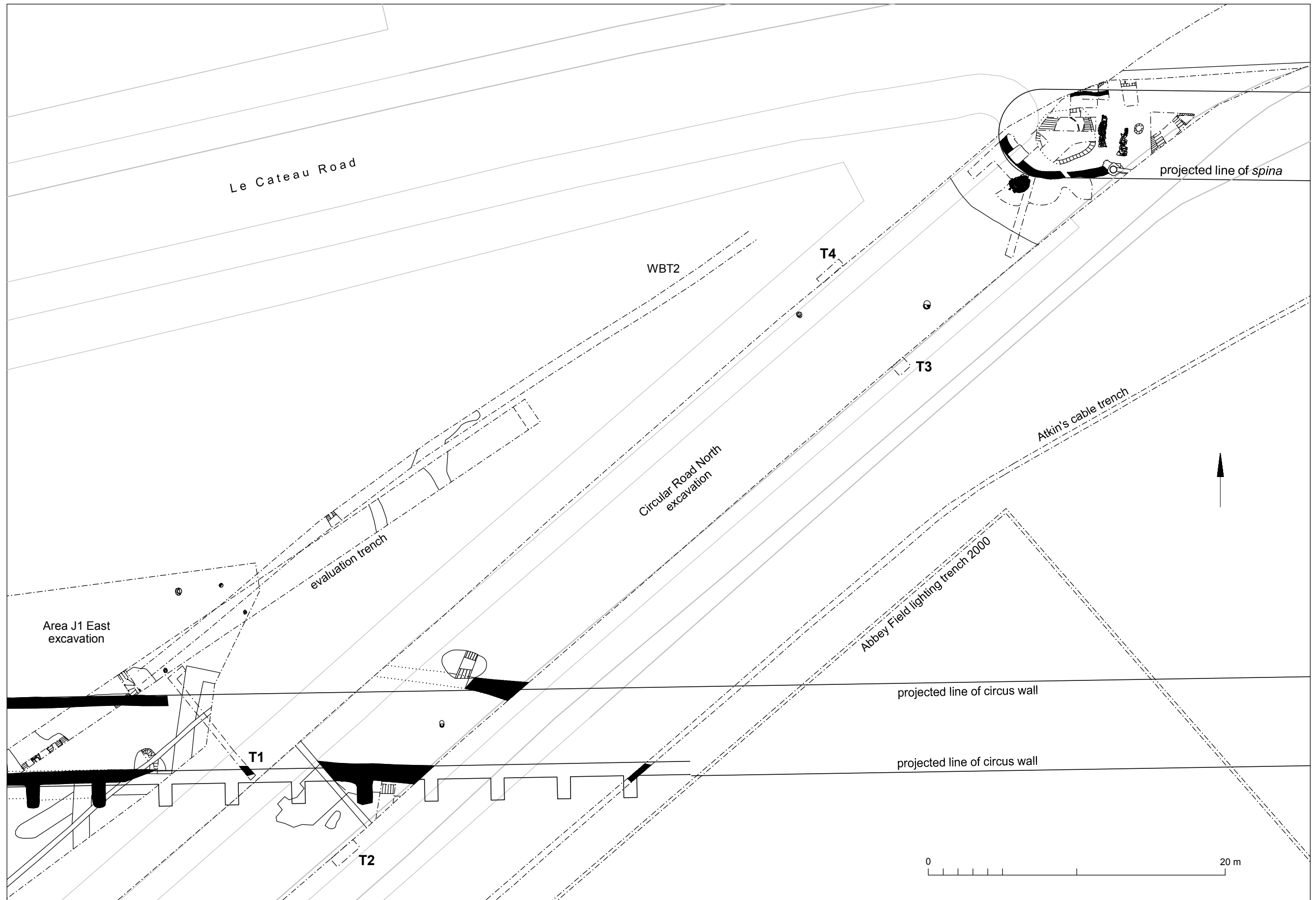


Fig 1 Location of trenches.