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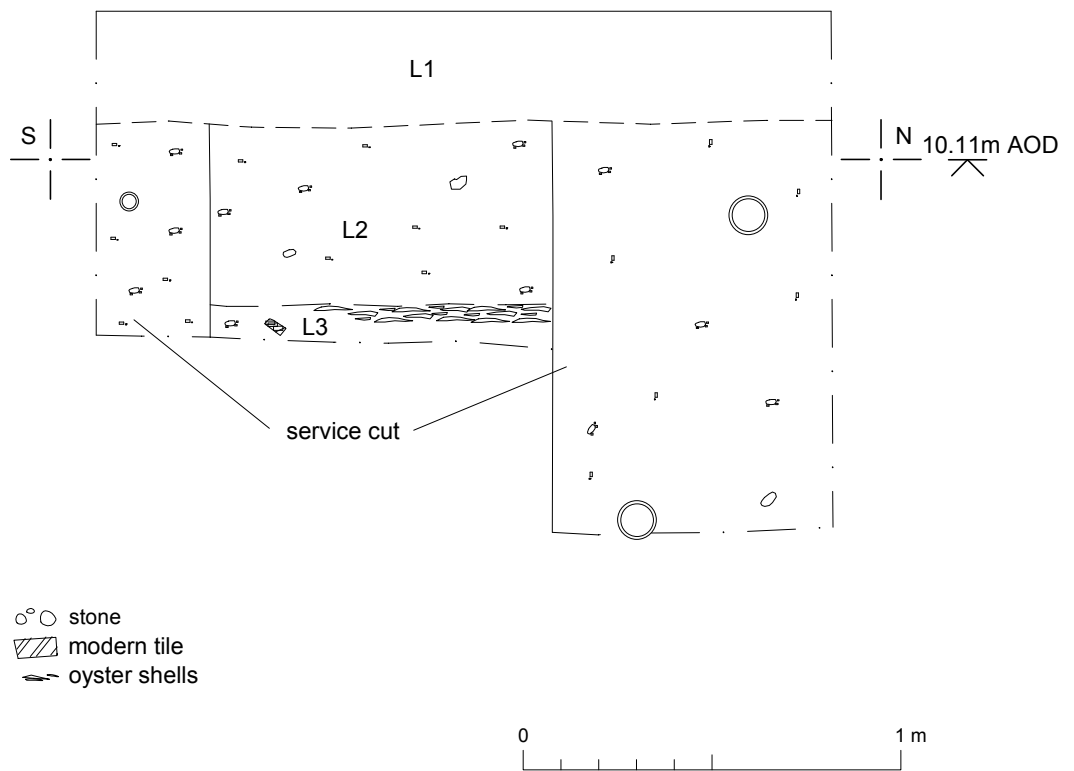
Summary sheet

**CAT Report 514:
report on a watching brief
at the west end of Northgate Street,
Colchester, Essex**

Site address: west end of Northgate Street, Colchester, Essex	
Parish: Colchester	District: Colchester
NGR: TL 9945 2549 (c)	Site codes: CAT - 09/5b Museum accession - 2009.28
Type of work: Watching brief	Site director/group: Colchester Archaeological Trust
Date of work: 18th May 2009	Size of area investigated: single trench 1.95m x 0.75m
Location of finds/curating museum: Colchester and Ipswich Museums	Funding source: Developer
Further seasons anticipated? No	Related EHER numbers: N/A
Final report: CAT Report 514	
Periods represented: modern	
<p>Summary of fieldwork results: <i>A watching brief was carried out on the groundworks for the connection of a water supply to new properties on land between Northgate Street and Short Cut Road, at the west end of Northgate Street (Figs 1-2). Contractors hand-excavated a small trench in the southern half of the highway (opposite no 6), to reveal approximately 300mm of tarmac and hogging (L1) overlying a 500mm-thick deposit of dark brown silty loam (L2). The latter contained abundant modern building material along with residual fragments of Roman tile and septaria. An armoured electrical cable was laid into this. L2 was cut at the north and south ends of the trench by service runs. Beneath L2 was a dark brown silty clay with abundant fragments of peg-tile, small stones and oyster shells. No further reduction in level was required past this point and no significant archaeological horizon was encountered during the watching brief.</i></p>	
Previous summaries/reports: CAT Report 406	
Keywords: -	Significance: neg
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Fig 1 Trench location.



- stone
- ▨ modern tile
- ☞ oyster shells

Fig 2 Trench section.