

Archaeological monitoring and recording at 23 Castle Road, Colchester, Essex, CO1 1UW

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1 Summary

Archaeological monitoring and recording was carried out at 23 Castle Road in advance of the erection of a conservatory to the rear of the property. The development site is located within the northeast corner of the Roman walled town. A Roman dump layer was identified 0.8m below current ground level, possibly associated with the remains of a Roman building found during previous investigations next door at 24 Castle Road.

2 Introduction (Fig 1)

This report presents the results of archaeological monitoring and recording at 23 Castle Road, Colchester, Essex, which was carried out on the 26th and 29th January 2018. The work was commissioned by Mark Searle on behalf of Dr A.J. Bain and Ms. S.A. Brock in advance of the erection of a conservatory to the rear of the property, and was undertaken by Colchester Archaeological Trust (CAT).

In response to consultation with Colchester Borough Council Planning Services (CBCPS), Colchester Borough Council Archaeological Advisor Jess Tipper advised that in order to establish the archaeological implications of this application, the applicant should be required to commission a scheme of archaeological investigation in accordance with paragraphs 128, 129 and 132 of the *National Planning Policy Framework* (DCLG 2012).

All archaeological work was carried out in accordance with a *Brief for Continuous Archaeological Recording*, detailing the required archaeological work, written by Jess Tipper (CBCPS 2017), and a written scheme of investigation (WSI) prepared by CAT in response to the brief and agreed with CBCPS (CAT 2017).

In addition to the brief and WSI, all fieldwork and reporting was done in accordance with English Heritage's *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MoRPHE)* (English Heritage 2006), and with *Standards for field archaeology in the East of England* (EAA 14 and 24). This report mirrors standards and practices contained in the Institute for Archaeologists' *Standard and guidance for archaeological watching briefs* (CIfA 2014a) and *Standard and guidance for the collection, documentation, conservation and research of archaeological materials* (CIfA 2014b).

3 Archaeological background

The following archaeological background draws on the major published sources for Colchester archaeology (listed below), and also on the Colchester Historic Environment Record (CHER) and the Essex Historic Environment Record (EHER).

The proposed development is within the area of the Roman town of *Colonia Victricensis*, and the property is located 90m west of the town wall, a scheduled monument (NHLE no. 1003772). This stretch of wall is the longest surviving part of the wall (UAD event no. EVT3994; Colchester Archaeological Trust Report 356). It is also located 100m south south-east of Duncan's Gate and 250m north-east of Colchester Castle (set within Colchester Castle Park, scheduled monument NHLE no. 1002217).

The proposed development is location within Insula 8 of the northwest corner of the Roman walled town of *Colonia Victricensis*. It is located 83m west of the Roman town wall, a scheduled monument (NHLE no. 1003772), and 112m southeast of Duncan's Gate. Part of the defences in this insula were excavated by CAT in 1978, northeast of Duncan's Gate (CAR 6, 860) and during a watching brief at Castle Road/Roman Road (CAR 6, 821). The remains of a Roman pavement and floors made of flagstones have also been found under Castle Road (Hull 1958, 219, nos 40 and 41).

Recent archaeological work undertaken by CAT in the vicinity includes a small number of negative watching briefs – 3 Roman Road (CAT Report 648), 5 Roman Road (CAT

Report 230), 15 Roman Road (CAT Report 906), 24 Castle Road (CAT Report 67) and 41a Castle Road (CAT Report 98). However, other work at 24 Castle Road (CAT Report 158) revealed an *opus signinum* floor and a collapsed wall of a Roman building.

The site is also located 268m northeast of Colchester Castle (scheduled monument NHLE no. 1002217).

4 Results (Figs 2-3)

During 26th and 29th January 2018, a CAT archaeologist supervised the excavation of approximately 6.1m of foundation trenching to the rear of the house. The trench measured 0.6m wide by 1m deep.

Once the paving slabs and sub-base had been removed (c 0.17m thick), the foundation trench was excavated through modern dark earth/topsoil (L1, c 0.63m thick, dark grey/brown sandy-loam with daub flecks and common stone piece inclusions). This sealed a Roman dump layer (L2, a firm, moist, medium yellow/brown sandy-silty-clay with common oyster fleck inclusions and occasional stone inclusions). It was encountered at a depth of 0.8m below current ground level.

The trench was cut along its entire length by a gas pipe and by a further gas main and a sewage pipe in its northeast corner.

5 Finds

by Stephen Benfield

A small quantity of finds were recovered from layer L2. All of the finds are Roman, and the pottery is broadly early 2nd- to 3rd-century in date with one sherd dating to at least the late 2nd-century. All of the finds are listed and described in Table 2. The pottery fabrics and vessel form numbers refer to the Colchester Roman Fabric series (CAR 10) and Roman form series (Hull 1958). The pottery fabrics recorded are listed in Table 1.

Fabric code	Fabric description
AJ	Amphora Dressel 20
CZ	Colchester colour-coated ware
GB	BB2: black-burnished ware, category 2
GR	Fine grey wares in samian and <i>terra nigra</i> -type forms
GX	Other coarse wares, principally locally-produced grey wares

Table 1 Pottery fabrics

Context	Find no.	Type/ description	Finds spot date
L2, dump layer	1	Roman pottery: (5 sherds, 240g), Fabric AJ (1 sherd, 202g) Dressel 20 handle (M1-2/E3C); Fabric CZ (1 sherd, 4g) from a folded beaker (L2-3C); Fabric GB (1 sherd, 10g) base edge from a chamfered bowl (E2-3C); Fabric GR (1 sherd, 10g) bowl rim probably broadly imitating samian Dr 30 or Dr 37-type (M1-2C); Fabric GX (1 sherd, 14g) rim from a Cam 268 jar (E2nd-E4C).	Roman (L2-3C)
L2, dump layer	2	Roman pottery: (4 sherds, 62g), Fabric GB (1 sherd, 26g) rim from a Cam 38 dish, rounded, undercut rim, plain undecorated body wall (M/L2-3C); Fabric GX (3 sherds, 36g). Roman CBM: (3 pieces, 696g), flat tile (2 pieces, 438g), c 20mm thick, red fine sand fabric, almost certainly from the base of <i>tegula</i> roof tiles; piece of Roman brick (258g) (40mm thick), fine-medium sand fabric, grey core, the brick appears burnt. Animal bone: two pieces (46g) medium-large mammal rib, broken/snapped through at both ends. Shell: single oyster shell (28g).	Roman (M/L2-3C)

Table 2 Finds by context

6 Conclusion

Archaeological monitoring and recording at 23 Castle Road revealed a Roman dump layer 0.8m bcgl. It is possible that this could be related to the *opus signinum* floor and collapsed wall from a Roman building which was observed during the construction of the adjacent property (see CAT Report 158).

7 Acknowledgements

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Note: all CAT reports, except for DBAs, are available online in PDF format at <http://cat.essex.ac.uk>

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CAR 6	1992	<i>Colchester Archaeological Report 7: Excavations at Culver Street, the Gilbert School and other sites in Colchester 1971-85</i> , by P Crummy
CAR 10	1999	<i>Colchester Archaeological Report 10: Roman pottery from excavations in Colchester, 1971-86</i> , by R Symonds and S Wade
CAT	2014	<i>Health & Safety Policy</i>
CAT	2018	<i>Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) for continuous archaeological monitoring and recording at 23 Castle Road, Colchester, Essex CO1 1UW</i>
CAT Report 67	2000	<i>An archaeological watching brief at 41 Castle Road, Colchester: March 2000</i>
CAT Report 98	2000	<i>An archaeological watching brief at 41a Castle Road, Colchester: September 2000</i>
CAT Report 158	2000	<i>An archaeological watching brief at 24 Castle Road, Colchester: September-October 2000</i>
CAT Report 230	2003	<i>An archaeological watching brief at 5 Roman Road, Colchester: March 2003</i>
CAT Report 356	2006	<i>An archaeological investigation of the Roman town wall at Roman Road, Colchester, Essex: October 2004 and February 2006</i>
CAT Report 648	2012	<i>An archaeological watching brief at 3 Roman Road, Colchester, Essex: May 2012</i>
CAT Report 906	2015	<i>Archaeological monitoring and recording at 15 Roman Road, Colchester, Essex, CO1 1UR: September 2015</i>
CBCPS	2018	<i>Brief for a Continuous Archaeological Recording at 23 Castle Road, Colchester, CO1 1UW</i> , by J Tipper
CIfA	2014a	<i>Standard and Guidance for an archaeological watching briefs</i>
CIfA	2014b	<i>Standard and guidance for the creation, compilation, transfer and deposition of archaeological archives</i>
CIfA	2014c	<i>Standard and guidance for the collection, documentation, conservation and research of archaeological materials</i>
DCLG	2012	<i>National Planning Policy Framework</i>
English Heritage	2006	<i>Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MoRPHE)</i>
Gurney, D	2003	<i>Standards for field archaeology in the East of England</i> . East Anglian Archaeology Occasional Papers 14 (EAA 14).
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9 Abbreviations and glossary

CAT	Colchester Archaeological Trust
CBCPS	Colchester Borough Council Planning Services
CBM	brick/tile (ceramic building material)
CHER	Colchester Historic Environment Record
ClfA	Chartered Institute for Archaeologists
context	specific location of finds on an archaeological site
feature (F)	an identifiable thing like a pit, a wall, a drain: can contain 'contexts'
layer (L)	distinct or distinguishable deposit (layer) of material
modern	period from c AD 1800 to the present
NGR	National Grid Reference
OASIS	O nline A ccess to the I ndex of A rchaeological I nvestigations, http://oasis.ac.uk/pages/wiki/Main
Roman	the period from AD 43 to c AD 410
Section	(abbreviation sc or Sx) vertical slice through feature/s or layer/s
wsi	written scheme of investigation

10 Contents of archive

Finds: none retained

Paper and digital record

One A4 document wallet containing:

The report (CAT Report 1220)

CBCPS evaluation brief, CAT written scheme of investigation

Original site record (feature and layer sheets, finds record, plans)

Site digital photos and log, architectural plans, attendance register, risk assessment

11 Archive deposition

The paper and digital archive is currently held by the Colchester Archaeological Trust at Roman Circus House, Roman Circus Walk, Colchester, Essex, CO2 7GZ, but will be permanently deposited with Colchester Museum under accession code: COLEM 2018.9.

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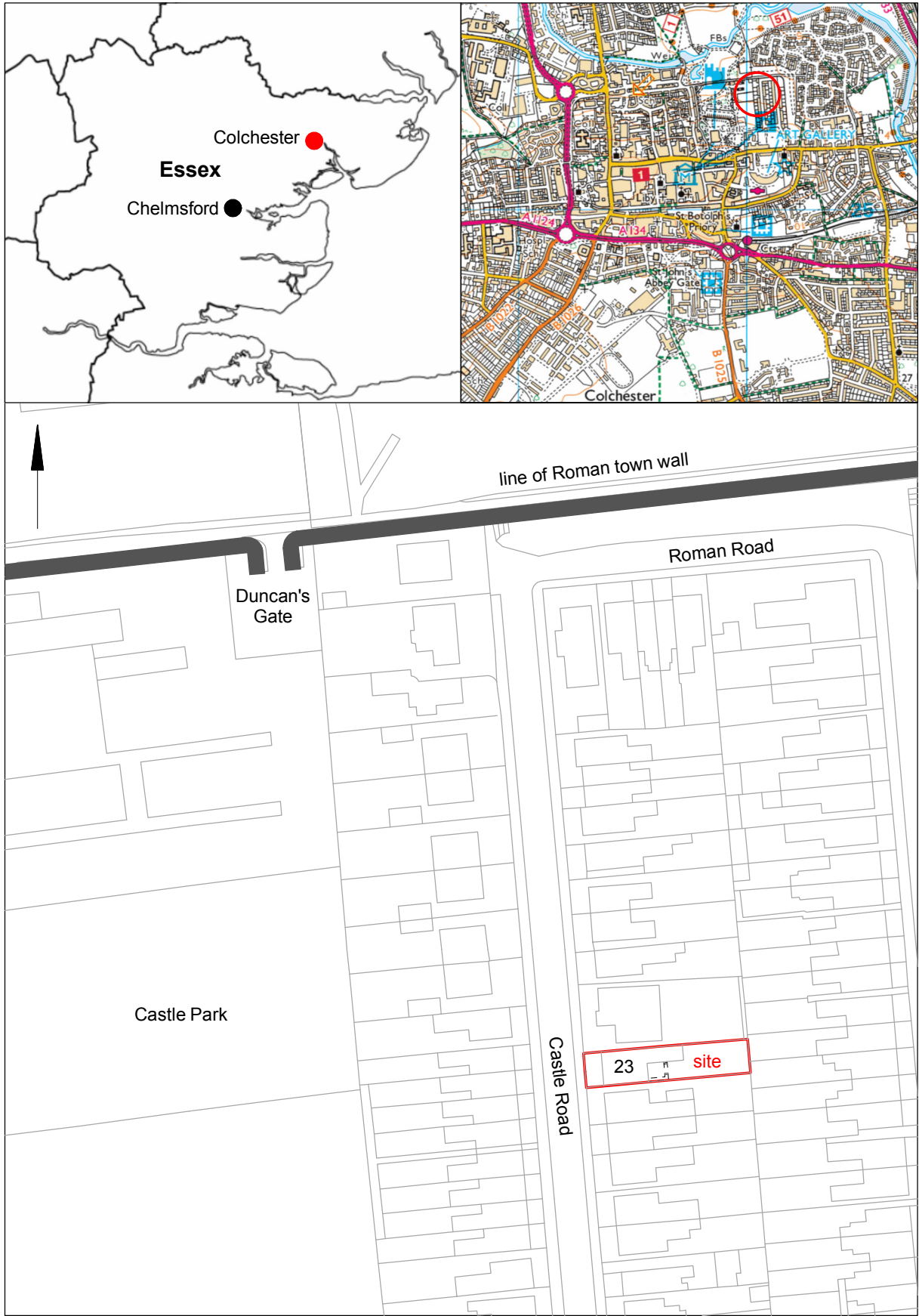
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Fig 1 Site location.

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Fig 2 Results.

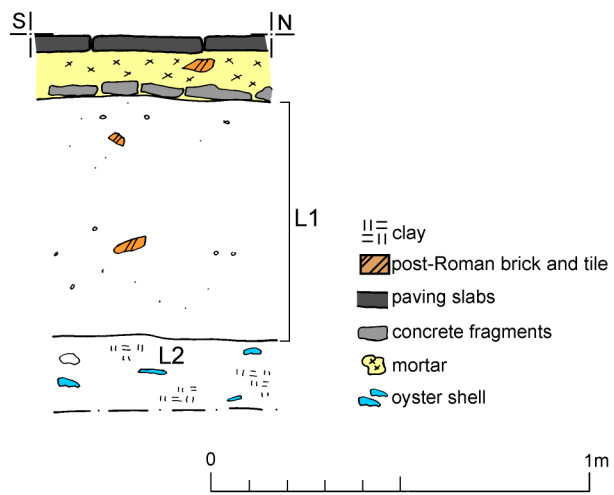


Fig 3 Representative section.

Essex Historic Environment Record/ Essex Archaeology and History

Summary sheet

Address: 23 Castle Road, Colchester, Essex, CO1 1UW	
Parish: Colchester	District: Colchester
NGR: TL 0008 2547	Site code: CAT project ref.: 18/01i CHER ref: ECC4132 OASIS ref: colchest3-306775
Type of work: Monitoring and recording	Site director/group: Colchester Archaeological Trust
Date of work: 26th and 29th January 2018	Size of area investigated: 0.01 ha
Location of curating museum: Colchester museum accession code COLEM: 2018.9	Funding source: Owner
Further seasons anticipated? Not known	Related CHER/SMR number:
Final report: CAT Report 1220	
Periods represented: Roman	
Summary of fieldwork results: Archaeological monitoring and recording was carried out at 23 Castle Road in advance of the erection of a conservatory to the rear of the property. The development site is located within the northeast corner of the Roman walled town. A Roman dump layer was identified 0.8m below current ground level, possibly associated with the remains of a Roman building found during previous investigations next door at 24 Castle Road.	
Previous summaries/reports: None	
CBC monitor: Jess Tipper	
Keywords: -	Significance: *
Author of summary: Dr Elliott Hicks	Date of summary: January 2018

Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) for continuous archaeological monitoring and recording at 23 Castle Road, Colchester, Essex, CO1 1UW

NGR: TM 0008 2547

Planning references: 162475

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On behalf of: Dr A.J. Bain and Ms S.A. Brock

Curating museum: Colchester

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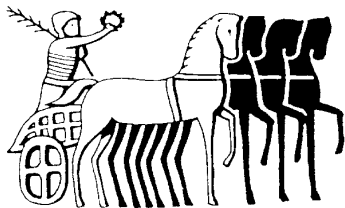
CAT project code: 18/01i

OASIS project number: colchest3-306775

Site manager: Chris Lister

CBC monitor: Jess Tipper

This WSI written: 18.01.2018



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Site location and description

The proposed development site is located within Colchester town centre at 23 Castle Road, Colchester, Essex (Fig 1). It is also situated in the northeast corner of the Roman walled town, 85m south/south-east of the Roman town wall and Duncan's Gate. Site centre is NGR TM 0008 2547.

Proposed work

The development comprises the erection of a conservatory to the rear of the property.

Archaeological background

The following archaeological background draws on the major published sources for Colchester archaeology, and also on the Colchester Historic Environment Record (CHER, previously the Urban Archaeological Database (UAD)) and the Essex Historic Environment Record (EHER).

The proposed development site is located within the northeast corner of the Roman town of *Colonia Claudia Victricensis*, close to the Roman town wall (a scheduled monument, NHLE no. 1003772) and Duncan's Gate. Part of the longest surviving stretch of Roman wall is located in this northeast corner, on the eastern side of Roman Road (UAD event no. EVT3994; Colchester Archaeological Trust Report 356).

The Roman wall was built around the town in the later 1st century AD following the revolt led by Boudica. It is constructed of a core of layered septaria and mortar faced with coursed septaria and tile. A recent study has concluded that the wall has an average width of 2.67m (including offsets) which is equivalent to precisely nine Roman feet (*pedes Monetales*). A hypothetical cross-section of the wall shows the foundations as being 3.77m wide (Crummy 2003). Some previous work shows that the wall foundations were surprisingly shallow at 600mm deep (Hull 1958, 25-6). Work by CAT at the Sixth Form College in 2005 shows the stone foundations to be 1.2m deep with wooden piles below (CAT report 347), although, being water-logged, ground conditions here presumably explain their exceptional depth. Trial-holes confirmed that survival of the foundations varies. Where they have not been robbed away, the foundations extend 2.1m from the existing face of the wall and are in a sound state of preservation.

Above ground, the survival of the wall is very patchy. Some sections are in relatively good condition, with large areas of intact facing surviving (such as around Balkerne Gate to the west of the town). The section of the wall around Duncan's Gate however, has lost up to 2.4m in width and nothing of the original exterior face survives, only the core. The majority of what is standing has been refaced or completely rebuilt in brick and stone.

Duncan's gate was first discovered and excavated by Dr P M Duncan (after whom it is named) in 1853 and again in 1927-9 by the Colchester Excavation Committee, overseen by M. R. Hull (Hull 1958, 36-41). A full summary of these investigations can be found in CAT Report 1022, carried out when a historic building record and test-pit evaluation was completed at the gate in 2016 in advance of conservation work.

The development site is also located nearby to Colchester Castle Park (a scheduled monument, NHLR no. 1002217).

Other archaeological work undertaken by CAT in the vicinity includes a small number of negative watching briefs – 3 Roman Road (CAT Report 648), 5 Roman Road (CAT Report 230), 12 Roman Road (CAT Report 997), 15 Roman Road (CAT Report 906), 24 Castle Road (CAT Report 67) and 41a Castle Road (CAT Report 98). However, work at the adjacent property of 24 Castle Road (CAT Report 158) revealed a fragment of an *opus signinum* Roman floor and a collapsed wall of a Roman building, and a watching brief conducted at 44 Castle Road uncovered two undated features (CAT Report 1111).

Planning background

A planning application was made to Colchester Borough Council on 4 October 2016 (application No.162475) for the erection of a conservatory at the rear of the property.

As the site lies within an area highlighted by the CHER/EHER as having a high potential for archaeological deposits, an archaeological condition was recommended by the Colchester Borough Council Archaeological Advisor (CBCAA). The recommended archaeological condition is based on the guidance given in the *National Planning Policy Framework* (DCLG 2012).

Requirement for work

The required archaeological work is for continuous archaeological monitoring and recording of all groundworks. Details are given in a Project Brief written by CBCAA (CBC 2018).

Specifically:

The monitoring and recording is being undertaken to identify and record any surviving archaeological deposits that may exist on site.

If unexpected remains are encountered the CBCAA will be informed immediately and the CBCAA will decide if amendments to the brief are required to ensure adequate provision for archaeological recording.

General methodology

All work carried out by CAT will be in accordance with:

- professional standards of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists, including its *Code of Conduct* (CIfA 2014a, b)
- Standards and Frameworks published by East Anglian Archaeology (Gurney 2003, Medlycott 2011)
- relevant Health & Safety guidelines and requirements (CAT 2014)
- the Project Brief issued by the CBCAA (CBC 2018).

Professional CAT field archaeologists will undertake all specified archaeological work, for which they will be suitably experienced and qualified.

Notification of the supervisor/project manager's name and the start date for the project will be provided to CBCAA one week before start of work.

Unless it is the responsibility of other site contractors, CAT will study mains service locations and avoid damage to these.

At the start of work (immediately before fieldwork commences) an OASIS online record <http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/project/oasis/> will be initiated and key fields completed on Details, Location and Creators forms. At the end of the project all parts of the OASIS online form will be completed for submission to EHER. This will include an uploaded .PDF version of the entire report.

A project or site code will be sought from the curating museum. This code will be used to identify the project archive when it is deposited at the curating museum.

Staffing

The number of field staff for this project is estimated as follows: One CAT officer for the duration of the groundworks.

Monitoring methodology

There will be sufficient on-site attendance by CAT staff to maintain a watch on all contractors' ground works to record, excavate or sample (as necessary) any archaeological features or deposits.

All topsoil removal and ground reduction will be done with a toothless bucket.

If archaeological features or deposits are uncovered, time will be allowed for these to be planned and recorded.

If any features or deposits uncovered are to be destroyed by the proposed development, time will be allowed for these features to be excavated by hand. This includes a 50% sample of discrete features (pits, etc) and 10% of linear features (ditches, etc).

Fast hand-excavation techniques involving (for instance) picks, forks and mattocks will not be used on complex stratigraphy.

Individual records of excavated contexts, layers, features or deposits will be entered on pro-forma record sheets. Registers will be compiled of finds, small finds and soil samples.

All features and layers or other significant deposits will be planned, and their profiles or sections recorded. The normal scale will be site plans at 1:20 and sections at 1:10, unless circumstances indicate that other scales would be appropriate.

Site surveying

Normal scale for archaeological site plans and sections is 1:20 and 1:10 respectively, unless circumstances indicate that other scales would be more appropriate.

The site grid will be tied into the National Grid. Corners of excavation areas and trenches will be located by NGR coordinates.

Environmental sampling policy

CAT has an arrangement with Val Fryer/Lisa Gray whereby any potentially rich environmental layers or features will be appropriately sampled as a matter of course, but only if they are datable. Any processing and reporting will be done by VF/LG. If any complex or outstanding deposits are encountered, VF/LG will be asked onto site to advise. EH Regional Adviser is available for further advice.

Human remains

CAT follows the policy of leaving human remains *in situ* unless there is a clear indication that the remains are in danger of being compromised as a result of their exposure. If circumstances indicated it were prudent or necessary to remove remains from the site during the monitoring, the following criteria would be applied; if it is clear from their position, context, depth, or other factors that the remains are ancient, then normal procedure is to apply to the Department of Justice for a licence to remove them. In that case, conditions laid down by the license will be followed. If it seems that the remains are not ancient, then the coroner, the client, and CBCAA will be informed, and any advice and/or instruction from the coroner will be followed.

Photographic record

Will include both general and feature-specific photographs, the latter with scale and north arrow. A photo register giving context number, details, and direction of shot will be prepared on site, and included in the site archive.

Finds

All significant finds will be retained.

All finds, where appropriate, will be washed and marked with site code and context number.

Stephen Benfield (CAT) normally writes our finds reports. Some categories of finds are automatically referred to other CAT specialists:

small finds, metalwork, coins, etc: Laura Pooley

animal bones (small groups): Alec Wade / Adam Wightman

flints: Adam Wightman

or to outside specialists:

animal bones (large groups) and human remains: Julie Curl

environmental processing and reporting: Val Fryer / Lisa Gray

conservation of finds: staff at Colchester Museum / Laura Ratcliffe (L R Conservation)

Other specialists whose opinion can be sought on large or complex groups include:

Roman brick/tile: Ernest Black

Roman glass: Hilary Cool

Prehistoric pottery: Paul Sealey

Other: EH Regional Adviser in Archaeological Science (East of England).

All finds of potential treasure will be removed to a safe place, and the coroner informed immediately, in accordance with the rules of the Treasure Act 1996. The definition of treasure is given in pages 3-5 of the Code of Practice of the above act. This refers primarily to gold or silver objects.

Requirements for conservation and storage of finds will be agreed with the appropriate museum prior to the start of work, and confirmed to CBCAA.

Results

Notification will be given to CBCAA when the fieldwork has been completed.

An appropriate archive will be prepared to minimum acceptable standards outlined in *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment* (English Heritage 2006).

The report will be submitted within 6 months of the end of fieldwork, with a copy supplied to CBCAA as a PDF.

The report will contain:

- Location plan of the groundworks in relation to the proposed development. At least two corners of the site will be given 10 figure grid references.
- Section/s drawings showing depth of deposits from present ground level with Ordnance Datum, vertical and horizontal scale.
- Archaeological methodology and detailed results including a suitable conclusion and discussion and results referring to Regional Research Frameworks (Medlycott 2011).
- All specialist reports or assessments
- A concise non-technical summary of the project results.

An EHER summary sheet will also be completed within four weeks and supplied to CBCAA.

Results will be published, to at least a summary level (i.e. round-up in *Essex Archaeology & History*) in the year following the archaeological field work. An allowance will be made in the project costs for the report to be published in an adequately peer reviewed journal or monograph series

Archive deposition

It is a policy of Colchester Borough Council that the integrity of the site archive be maintained (i.e. all finds and records should be properly curated by a single organisation), with the archive available for public consultation. To achieve this desired aim it is assumed that the full

archive will be deposited in Colchester Museums *unless otherwise agreed in advance*. (A full copy of the archive shall in any case be deposited).

By accepting this WSI, the client agrees to deposit the archive, including all artefacts, at Colchester & Ipswich Museum.

The requirements for archive storage will be agreed with the curating museum.

If the finds are to remain with the landowner, a full copy of the archive will be housed with the curating museum.

The archive will be deposited with Colchester & Ipswich Museum within 3 months of the completion of the final publication report, with a summary of the contents of the archive supplied to CBCAA.

Monitoring

CBCAA will be responsible for monitoring progress and standards throughout the project, and will be kept regularly informed during fieldwork, post-excavation and publication stages.

Notification of the start of work will be given to CBCAA one week in advance of its commencement.

Any variations in this WSI will be agreed with CBCAA prior to them being carried out.

CBCAA will be notified when the fieldwork is complete.

The involvement of CBCAA shall be acknowledged in any report or publication generated by this project.

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CAT Report 1022	2016	<i>Historic building recording and test-pit evaluation at Duncan's Gate, Colchester, CO1 1UN: July 2016</i>
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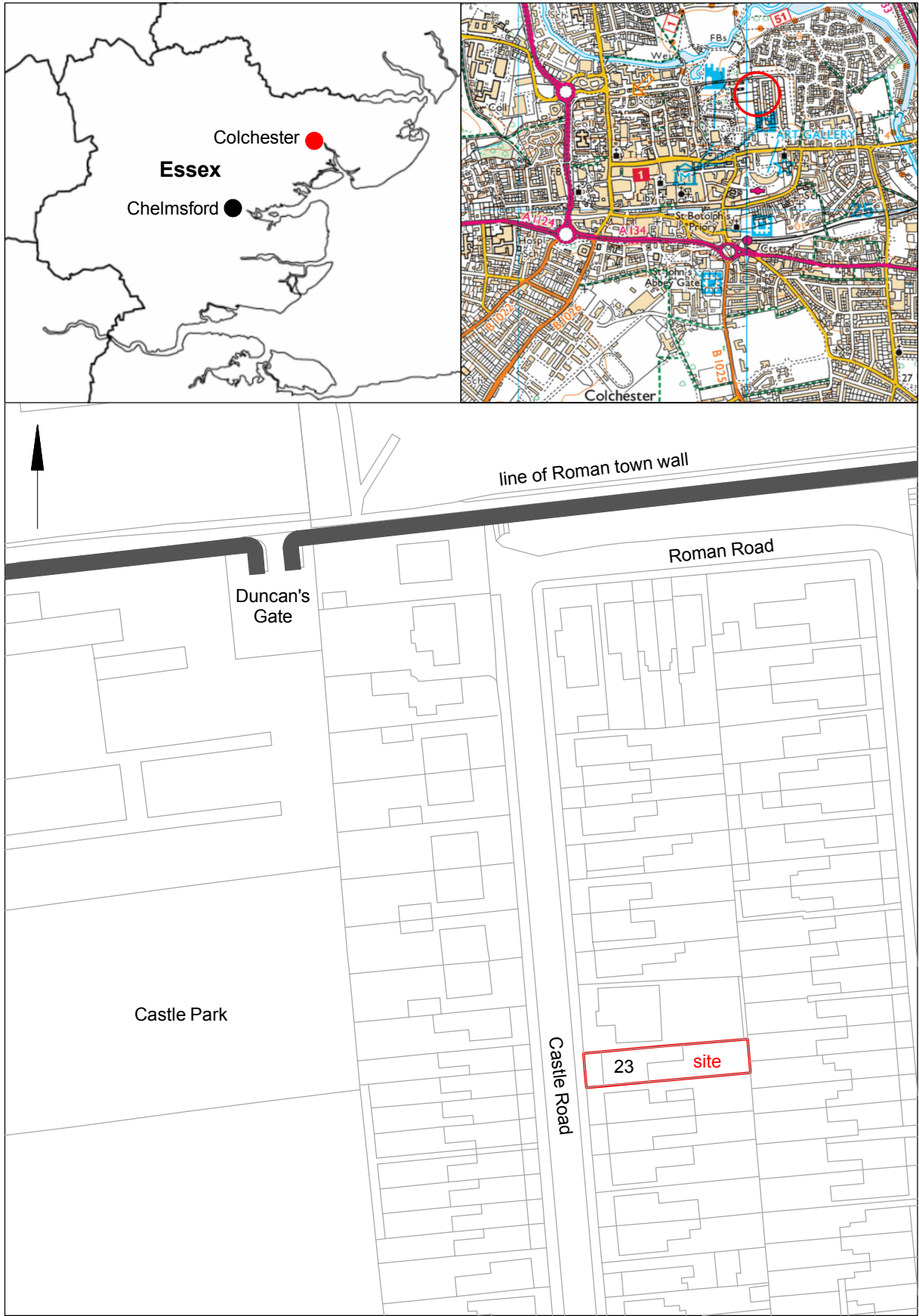
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Fig 1 Site location.

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Project details

Project name	Archaeological monitoring and recording at 23 Castle Road, Colchester, CO1 1UW
Short description of the project	Archaeological monitoring and recording was carried out at 23 Castle Road in advance of the erection of a conservatory to the rear of the property. The development site is located within the northeast corner of the Roman walled town. A Roman dump layer was identified 0.8m below current ground level, possibly associated with the remains of a Roman building found during previous investigations next door at 24 Castle Road.
Project dates	Start: 26-01-2018 End: 29-01-2018
Previous/future work	No / Not known
Any associated project reference codes	18/01i - Contracting Unit No.
Any associated project reference codes	162475 - Planning Application No.
Any associated project reference codes	ECC4132 - HER event no.
Any associated project reference codes	COLEM: 2018.9 - Museum accession ID
Type of project	Recording project
Site status	None
Current Land use	Other 5 - Garden
Monument type	N/A None
Significant Finds	POTTERY Roman
Significant Finds	CERAMIC BUILDING MATERIAL Roman
Investigation type	"Watching Brief"
Prompt	Planning condition

Project location

Country	England
Site location	ESSEX COLCHESTER COLCHESTER 23 Castle Road
Postcode	CO1 1UW
Study area	0.01 Hectares
Site coordinates	TM 0008 2547 51.891288924262 0.908016815697 51 53 28 N 000 54 28 E Point

Project creators

Name of Organisation	Colchester Archaeological Trust
Project brief originator	CBC Archaeological Officer
Project design originator	Elliott Hicks
Project director/manager	Chris Lister
Project supervisor	Ben Holloway
Type of sponsor/funding body	Owner

Project archives

Physical Archive Exists?	No
Digital Archive recipient	Colchester Museum
Digital Archive ID	COLEM: 2018.9
Digital Contents	"Stratigraphic", "Survey"
Digital Media available	"Images raster / digital photography"
Paper Archive recipient	Colchester Museum
Paper Archive ID	COLEM: 2018.9

Paper Contents "Stratigraphic", "Survey"
Paper Media available "Context sheet", "Miscellaneous Material", "Photograph", "Plan", "Report", "Section"

**Project
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