

# Archaeological evaluation at 2 The Paddock, Stock, Essex, CM4 9BG

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## 1 Summary

*An archaeological evaluation (two trial-trenches) was carried out on land at 2 The Paddocks, Stock, Essex in advance of the construction of two new dwellings. Despite being located in an area of archaeological interest relating to the 16th- to 19th-century pottery industry, there were no significant archaeological remains.*

## 2 Introduction (Fig 1)

This is the archive report for an archaeological evaluation by trial-trenching at 2 The Paddocks, Stock, Essex which was carried out on 25th May 2018. The work was commissioned by Bill Wright of Silverswan Homes in advance of the construction of two new dwellings and was carried out by Colchester Archaeological Trust (CAT).

In response to consultation with Essex County Council Place Services (ECCPS), Historic Environment Advisor Alison Bennett 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 the *National Planning Policy Framework* (DCLG 2012).

All archaeological work was carried out in accordance with a *Brief for archaeological trial-trenching*, detailing the required archaeological work, written by Alison Bennett (ECCPS 2018), and a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) prepared by CAT in response to the brief and agreed with ECCPS (CAT 2018).

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 field evaluation* (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 Essex Historic Environment Record (EHER) held at Essex County Council, County Hall, Chelmsford, Essex.

The EHER shows that the development sites lies within an area of archaeological potential.

Evidence of early occupation at stock comes from an area c 300m south-west of the development site and includes a possible Iron Age enclosure (EHER 9135) and a probable Roman cremation cemetery (EHER 5380). A Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age gully was identified during archaeological monitoring (EHER 46565) c 300m to the south-east.

In the later period, pottery manufacture was an important industry in Stock from the 16th to the 19th centuries. Evidence for this industry has come from the east of the development site around Stock Common (which was dug for clay for pottery manufacture). A brick and tile kiln was found immediately to the north at Stock Bowling Club (EHER 5507) and to the south-east at 10 The Paddock (EHER 48334), and near to the junction of Common Road and Mill Road (EHER 5391) evidence of kilns and large quantities of post-medieval pottery were discovered.

For further details of the history of Stock see Phillips (2003).

#### 4 Aim

Primarily, archaeological evaluation was carried out at this site in order to ascertain its relationship, if any, to the historic pottery industry of Stock. More generally, this investigation sought to determine the extent of any surviving archaeological deposits that may exist on site.

#### 5 Results (Figs 2-3)

Two trial-trenches totalling 40m were machine excavated under the supervision of a CAT archaeologist.

Both trenches were excavated through modern debris/make-up associated with the demolition of the former property (L1, c 0.41-0.5m thick, medium grey/brown sandy-silty-clay with frequent modern debris) straight onto natural clay (L2).

There were no significant archaeological remains in either trench.



**Photograph 1** Trench T1a, looking SE



**Photograph 2** Trench T2a, looking WNW

## 6 Finds

There were no archaeological finds.

## 7 Conclusion

Despite being located within an area of archaeological interest, the evaluation revealed no significant archaeological remains. It is possible, however, that archaeological deposits had been truncated by modern activity associated with the demolition of the previous property.

## 8 Acknowledgements

CAT thanks Bill Wright and Silverswan Homes for commissioning and funding the work. The project was managed by C Lister, fieldwork was carried out by B Holloway with S Carter and E Hicks. Figures are by B Holloway and S Carter. The project was monitored for Essex County Council by Alison Bennett.

## 9 References

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

Brown and Glazenbrook	2000	<i>Research and Archaeology: A Framework for the Eastern Counties 2 – Research Agenda and Strategy</i> . East Anglian Archaeology
CAT	2014	<i>Health &amp; Safety Policy</i>
CAT	2018	<i>Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) for archaeological evaluation at 2 The Paddock, Stock, Essex, CM4 9BG</i>
CIfA	2014a	<i>Standard and Guidance for archaeological evaluation</i>
CIfA	2014b	<i>Standard and guidance for the collection, documentation, conservation and research of archaeological materials</i>
DCLG	2012	<i>National Planning Policy Framework</i>
ECCPS	2018	<i>Brief for archaeological evaluation and excavation at 2 The Paddock, Stock</i>
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Philips, C	2003	<i>The Story of Stock and Buttsbury</i>

## 10 Abbreviations and glossary

Bronze Age	period from c 2500 – 700 BC
CAT	Colchester Archaeological Trust
CIfA	Chartered Institute for Archaeologists
context	specific location of finds on an archaeological site
ECC	Essex County Council
ECCHEA	Essex County Council Historic Environment Advisor
ECCPS	Essex County Council Place Services
EHHER	Essex Historic Environment Record
feature (F)	an identifiable thing like a pit, a wall, a drain: can contain ‘contexts’
Iron Age	period from 700 BC to Roman invasion of AD 43
layer (L)	distinct or distinguishable deposit (layer) of material
modern	period from c AD 1800 to the present
natural	geological deposit undisturbed by human activity
NGR	National Grid Reference
OASIS	Online AccesS to the Index of Archaeological InvestigationS, <a href="http://oasis.ac.uk/pages/wiki/Main">http://oasis.ac.uk/pages/wiki/Main</a>
post-medieval	period from c AD 1500 to c 1800
Roman	the period from AD 43 to c AD 410

section (abbreviation sx or Sx) vertical slice through feature/s or layer/s  
wsi written scheme of investigation

## 11 Contents of archive

**Finds:** n/a

### **Paper record**

One A4 document wallet containing:

The report (CAT Report 1272)

ECC evaluation brief, CAT written scheme of investigation

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

Site digital photos and log

### **Digital record**

All digital files

## 12 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 Chelmsford Museum under accession code CHMRE: 2018.008

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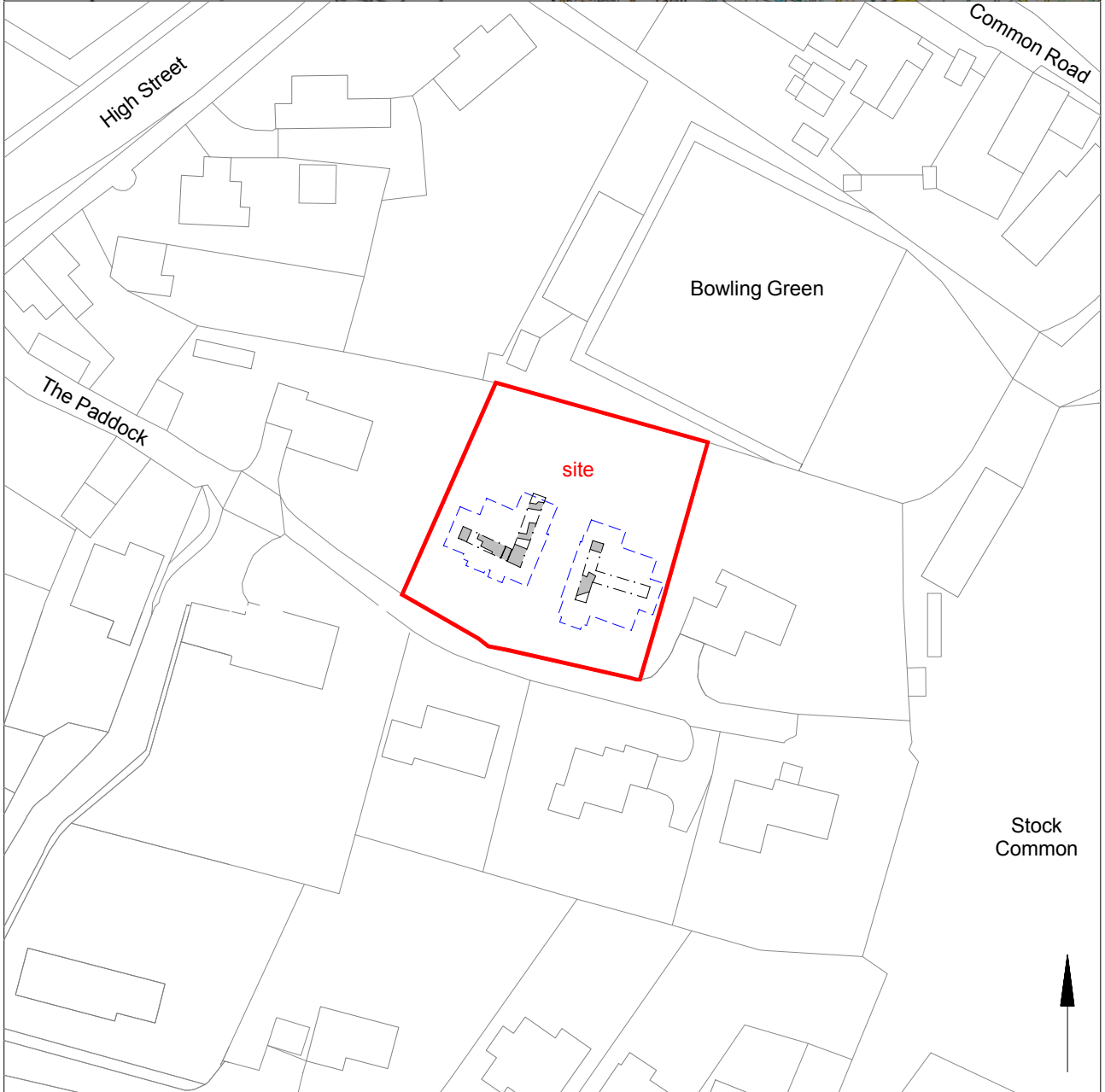
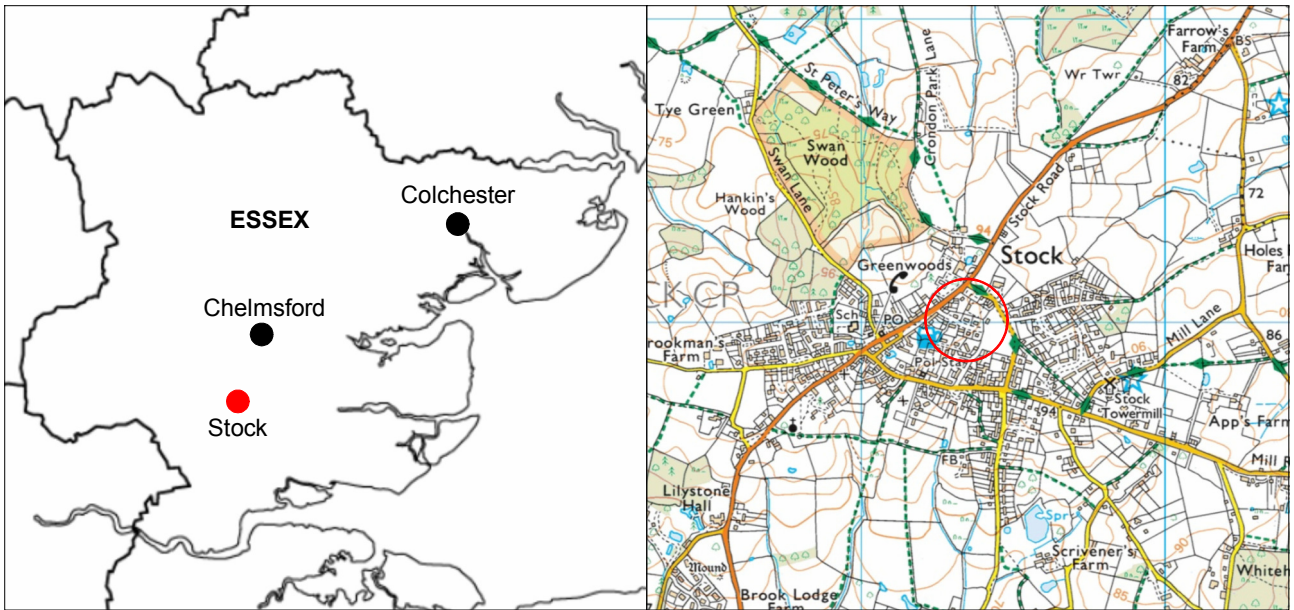
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Fig 1 Site location and trench layout in relation to the proposed development (dashed blue).

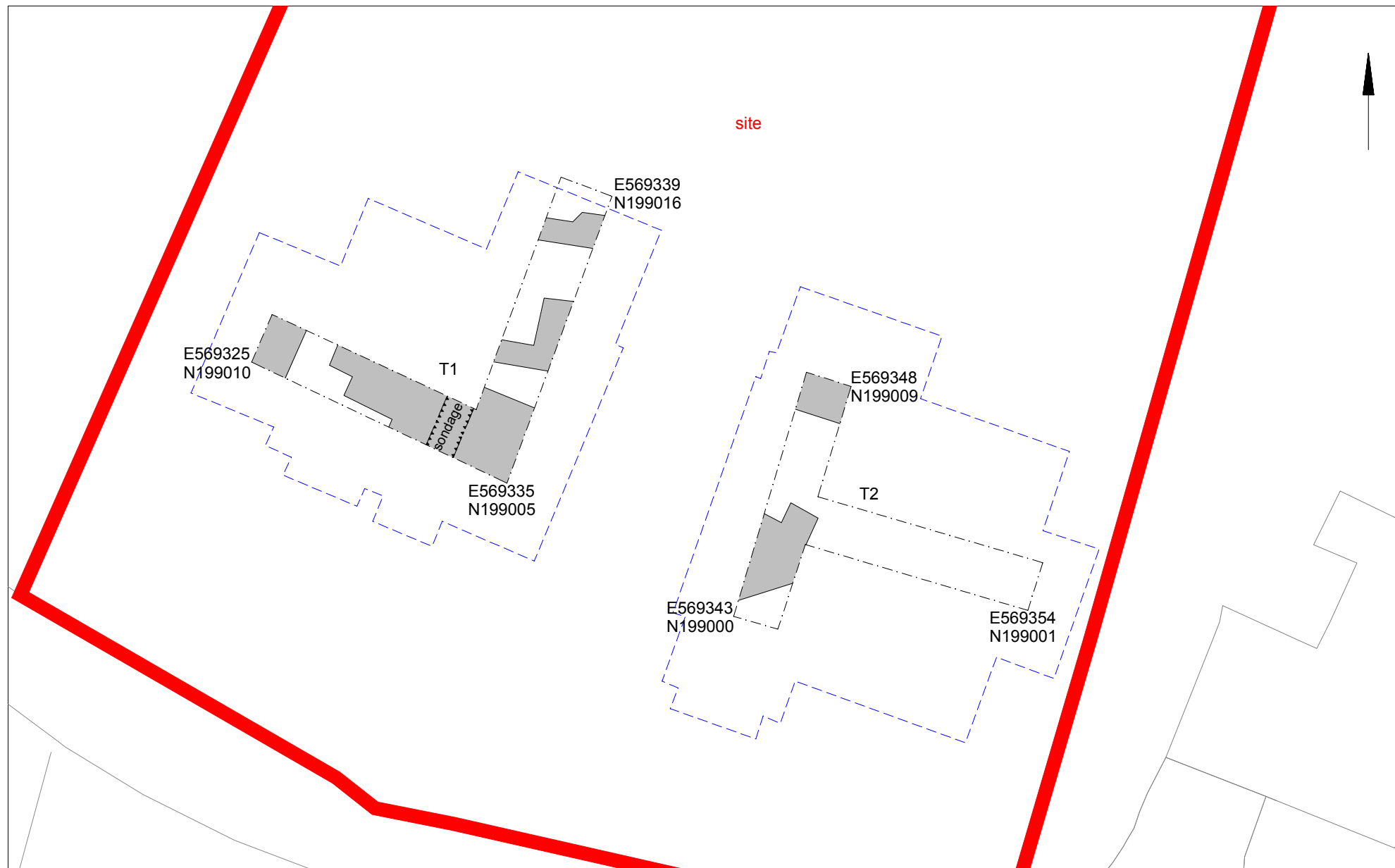


Fig 2 Evaluation results (modern disturbance in grey).





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Type of project	Field evaluation
Site status	None
Current Land use	Residential 1 - General Residential
Monument type	N/A None
Significant Finds	N/A None
Methods & techniques	"Sample Trenches"
Development type	Urban residential (e.g. flats, houses, etc.)
Prompt	Planning condition
Position in the planning process	After full determination (eg. As a condition)

## Project location

Country	England
Site location	ESSEX CHELMSFORD STOCK 2 The Paddock
Postcode	CM4 9BG
Study area	0.14 Hectares
Site coordinates	TQ 6934 9900 51.663719150923 0.448802245436 51 39 49 N 000 26 55 E Point
Height OD / Depth	Min: 95.65m Max: 95.65m

## Project creators

Name of Organisation	Colchester Archaeological Trust
Project brief originator	HEM Team Officer, ECC
Project design originator	Laura Pooley
Project director/manager	Chris Lister
Project supervisor	Ben Holloway
Type of sponsor/funding body	Developer

## Project archives

Physical Archive Exists?	No
Digital Archive recipient	Chelmsford Museum
Digital Archive ID	CHMRE: 2018.008

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Digital Media available	"Images raster / digital photography","Survey","Text"
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