

Colchester Archaeological Trust

ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING REPORT

CAT Report 1462	Parish: Colchester
24 Oaks Drive, Colchester	Planning reference: 172389
	CHER Event no.: ECC4236
	OASIS ref.: colchest3-320242
Address:	Grid Reference: TL 9878 2513
High Gables,	Number of site visits: 2
24 Oaks Drive,	Dates of visits: 12/8/2019, 13/08/2019
Colchester,	
Essex,	
CO3 3PS	

Nature of the work: Observation of groundworks for the erection of a new conservatory **Reason for condition:** The site lies within the area of a designated heritage asset (Scheduled Monument No 1002173), so the potential for encountering important below-ground archaeological remains is high.

% of total seen: 100% of the groundworks.

Results: The excavation of the foundations were archaeologically monitored in response to a Brief set by Jess Tipper of Colchester Borough Council Planning Services. The foundation trench was hand-dug and was *c.* 0.4m wide and 1m deep. Two layers were identified - a made ground (L1, *c* 0.8m thick, firm, hard, moist dark grey/brown silty-clay) and the natural geology (L2, *c* 0.2m thick, loose, dry, light/medium yellow-orange sand).

No significant archaeological remains were encountered, although post-medieval pottery, coal and CBM were found in the made ground.



Photograph 1 Site shot

Recorded by: Dr Pip Parmenter Date: 27th August 2019



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