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CAT Report 1764 Archaeological monitoring at Gosbecks Archaeological Park, Colchester, Essex, CO3 4RN: December 2018 – March 2019	Planning reference: n/a
	Scheduled monument consent: S00199739 and S00211863
	CHER Event no.: ECC4681
	OASIS ref.: colchest3-503799
	Grid Reference: TL 96811 22423 (centre)
	Number of site visits: 2
	Dates of visit: 20th December 2018 and 6th March 2019
Nature of the work: Observation of groundworks for three new interpretation panels.	
Reason for condition: The site is located within the Gosbecks Archaeological Park, an Iron Age and Romano-British site of national significance (Scheduled monument 10002180).	
% of total seen: 100% of the groundworks were monitored by a CAT archaeologist	
Results: Three small rectangular holes were excavated to a depth of 0.45m through turf, topsoil and buried topsoil. Groundworks were too small and shallow to impact any archaeological remains.	
Panel 1 (Temple): A small rectangular hole, 0.6m by 0.45m and 0.45m deep, was cut through turf (L1, 0.06m thick) and topsoil (L2, 0.37m thick, mid brown silty-loam) into buried topsoil (L3, brown silty-loam).	
Panel 2 (Theatre): A small rectangular hole, 0.55m by 0.35m and 0.45m deep, was cut through turf (L1, 0.08m thick) into topsoil (L2).	
Panel 3 (Olivers Lane entrance): A small rectangular hole, 0.55m by 0.4m and 0.45m deep, was cut through turf (L1, 0.08m thick) into topsoil (L2).	
	
Photograph 1 Groundworks for panel 1, looking east	



Photograph 2 Panel 1 installed, looking southwest



Photograph 3 Groundworks for panel 2, looking north



Photograph 4 Panel 2 installed, looking southeast



Photograph 5 Panel 3 installed, looking west

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