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CAT Report 1957 Archaeological monitoring at Garnons Farm, Garnons Chase, Wormingford, Essex, CO6 3AS: July 2023	CAT code: 2023/03b
	Planning reference: 222500
	CHER event no.: ECC4870
	OASIS ref.: colchest3-513725
	Grid Reference: TL 94910 32998
	Number of site visits: 2
Nature of the work Observation of groundworks associated with the construction of tennis courts and associated landscaping.	
Reason for condition The site is located within a historic farmstead enclosed by a medieval moat (CHER 8756) and in the vicinity of known cropmarks including a trackway (CHER 7227) and ring-ditches and enclosures (CHER 7142).	
% of total seen 100% of the groundworks.	
Results The following groundworks were monitored by a CAT archaeologist in response to a brief set by Simon Wood of Colchester City Council Planning Services. A WSI was prepared by CAT in response to the brief. Groundworks comprised: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strip and level reduction of an area totalling 40m long, 20m wide and 0.25m deep. Three horizons were observed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• modern topsoil (L1, 0.20m-0.22m thick) covering in part• subsoil (L2, c 0.05m+ thick) sealing• natural (L3) seen in patches in the centre and north of the investigation area. There were no archaeological remains observed during the groundworks, although a residual sherd of Roman pottery weighing 8g was recovered from the topsoil (L1).	
Context information L1, topsoil, soft moist dark grey/brown silty sand with brick flecks, tile flecks. L2, subsoil, friable moist medium grey/brown silty occasional small stones. L3, natural, firm moist orange/yellow sand frequent small-medium stones.	



Photograph 1 Area strip/level reduction, view south.

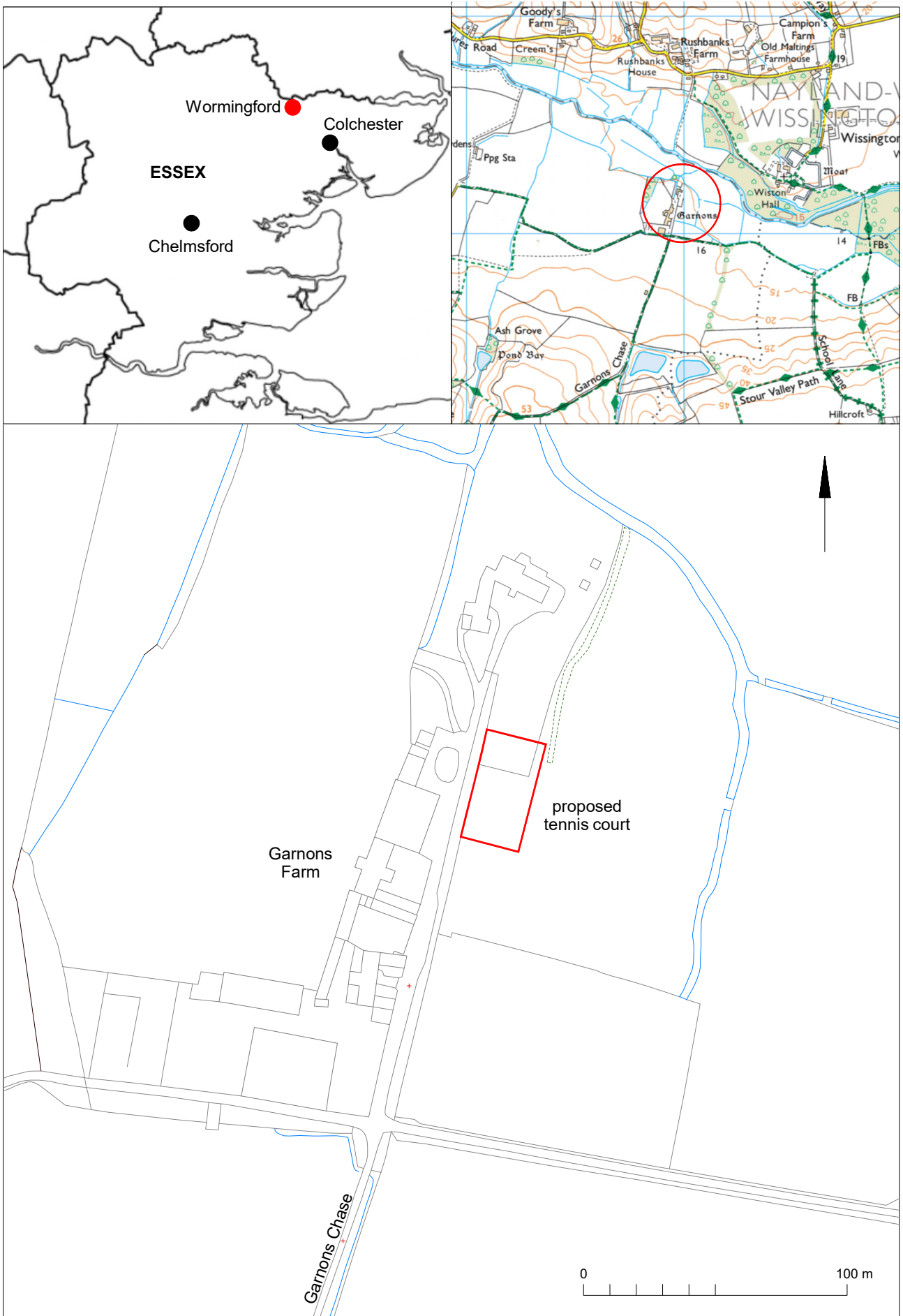


Photograph 2 Completed area strip/reduction, view north.



Photograph 3 Representative section, view east.

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Checked and approved by: Philip Crummy	Date: xx/xx/2023



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Fig 1 Site location.

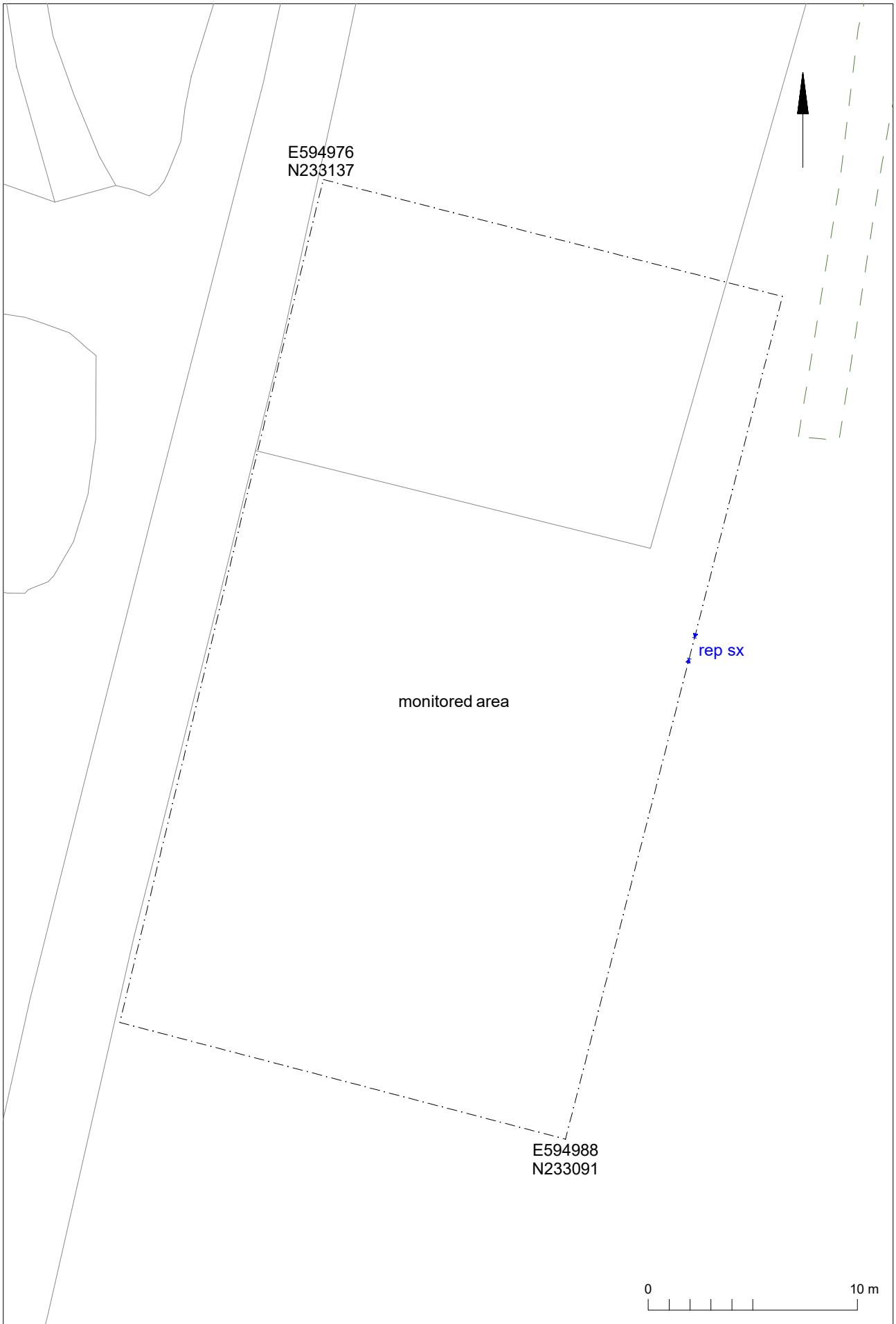


Fig 2 Monitoring results.

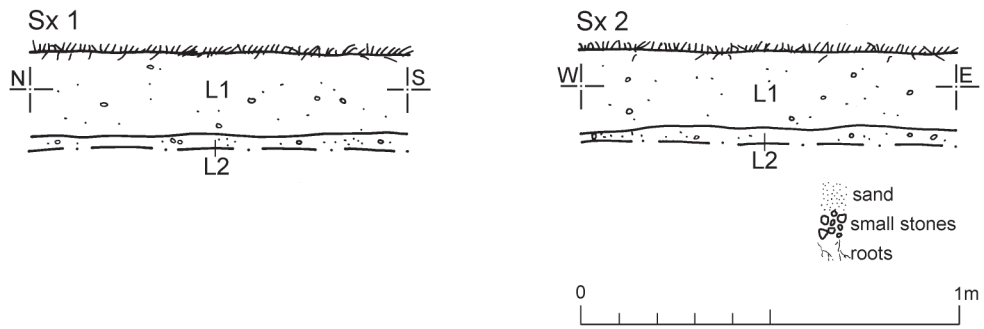


Fig 3 Representative sections.

Essex Historic Environment Record/ Essex Archaeology and History

Summary sheet

Address: Garnons Farm, Garnons Chase, Wormingford, Essex, CO6 3AS	
Parish: Colchester	District: Colchester
NGR: TL 94910 32998 (centre)	Site code: CAT project ref.: 2023/03b CHER ref.: ECC4870 OASIS ref.: colchest3-513725
Type of work: Monitoring	Site director/group: Colchester Archaeological Trust
Date of work: 3rd-4th July 2023	Size of area investigated: 0.08ha
Location of curating museum: Archaeology Data Service	Funding source: Owner
Further seasons anticipated? No	Related CHER/SMR number: -
Final report: CAT Report 1957	
Periods represented: Roman	
<p>Summary of fieldwork results: Archaeological monitoring was carried out at Garnons Farm, Garnons Chase, Wormingford, Essex during an area strip and level reduction associated with the construction of a tennis court and the associated landscaping. Located within a historic moated farmstead and in the vicinity of known cropmarks the site is within an area of archaeological potential.</p> <p>There were no archaeological remains observed during the monitoring works. A single 8g sherd of Roman pottery was recovered from the Topsoil L1.</p>	
Previous summaries/reports: -	
CCC monitor: Dr Richard Hoggett	
Keywords:	Significance: ***
Author of summary: Ben Holloway	Date of summary: 10th July 2023

OASIS Summary for colchest3-513725

OASIS ID (UID)	colchest3-513725
Project Name	Watching Brief at Garnons Farm, Garnons Chase, Wormingford, Essex
Sitename	Garnons Farm, Garnons Chase, Wormingford, Essex
Sitecode	ECC4807
Project Identifier(s)	2023/03b
Activity type	Watching Brief
Planning Id	222500
Reason For Investigation	Planning: Post determination
Organisation Responsible for work	Colchester Archaeological Trust
Project Dates	03-Jul-2023 - 04-Jul-2023
Location	Garnons Farm, Garnons Chase, Wormingford, Essex NGR : TL 94910 32998 LL : 51.9612883076623, 0.835500634504499 12 Fig : 594910,232998
Administrative Areas	Country : England County : Essex District : Colchester Parish : Wormingford
Project Methodology	Archaeological monitoring was carried out as specified in the project brief and WSI.
Project Results	Archaeological monitoring was carried out at Garnons Farm, Garnons Chase, Wormingford, Essex during an area strip and level reduction associated with the construction of a tennis court and the associated landscaping. Located within a historic moated farmstead and in the vicinity of known cropmarks the site is within an area of archaeological potential. There were no archaeological remains observed during the monitoring works. A single 8g sherd of Roman pottery was recovered from the Topsoil L1.
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