Colchester Archaeological Trust CAT Report 70: Watching Brief

CAT Ref: 99/9A

Colchester Museum Code: -

Site: Warrens Farm, The Street, Great Tey

NGR: TL 891 258

Reason for Watching Brief: residential development

Architect: - Contractor: J.R.Trodd Owner: -

Fieldwork By: CC/HB

Report By: CC Report Date: 7th April 2000

Summary: Negative.

Report:

This is a small-scale housing development on land situated approximately 100m west of Great Tey church. Foundation trenches for two houses and two garage blocks were inspected at intervals between September 1999 and February 2000. No archaeologically significant features were observed. Overall, site stratigraphy consisted of up to 30cm of topsoil (frequently mixed with recently embedded rubble) above natural chalk-flecked clay. The western side of a filled-in pond was recorded (see archived notes for sketch section) in the foundation trenches for a house plot at the south-west corner of the site, 50m from the street frontage. The clay loam infill sealed pond silt containing fragments of red brick and peg-tile. Modern OS plans show a pond of smaller extent centred a short distance to the east of this spot. Another house, at the south-east corner of the site, was built on piled foundations (not inspected) due to the presence of the pond infill.

Finds: none

