

**Essex Historic Environment Record/
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Summary sheet

CAT Report 494

**Archaeological evaluation by trial-trenching
at Little Orchards, 18 New Road, Kelvedon, Essex**

Parish: Kelvedon	District: Braintree
NGR: TL 58593 21891	Accession code: Braintree Museum accession code - pending HEM code - KL25
Type of work: Evaluation	Site director/group: Colchester Archaeological Trust
Date of work: 24th October 2008	Size of area investigated: 25m of linear trenching @ 1.6m width
Location of finds/curating museum: Braintree Museum	Funding source: Mr E King
Further seasons anticipated? No	Related EHER nos:
Final report: CAT Report 494	
Periods represented: modern	
<p>Summary of fieldwork results: <i>Three evaluation trenches were excavated on the site, which is a garden with an existing house (no 18). Two trenches were 10m in length (T1-T2) and one was 5m (T3). For trench location, see Figure 2; for site location, see Figure 1. T1 was excavated through a thin remnant topsoil (L1) almost straight onto geological sands and gravels (L2). The trench contained a single post-medieval/modern pit (F3). Peg-tile and brick fragments were recovered from the fill but not retained. T2 was located in the centre of the site and was again cut through a thin topsoil (L1) which directly sealed natural horizons (L2). No features were identified in T2. T3 was located to the south-east of the current building and, as observed in T1 and T2, was cut through a thin topsoil (L1) and onto geological material (L2). Two features were identified within T3, ie a modern pit (F1) and a modern soakaway (F2). The pit F1 contained modern pottery, glass and animal bone consistent with a domestic rubbish dump.</i></p> <p><i>The site appears to have suffered a high level of modern truncation. This is probably a result of the 19th-century construction of the railway cutting</i></p>	

and bridge to the north-west of the site. It would appear that there were substantial groundworks at the time, with only a minimal build-up of topsoil subsequently. The latter includes modern domestic debris.

Previous summaries/reports: None

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Significance: neg

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Fig 1 Location plan. (Not to scale.)

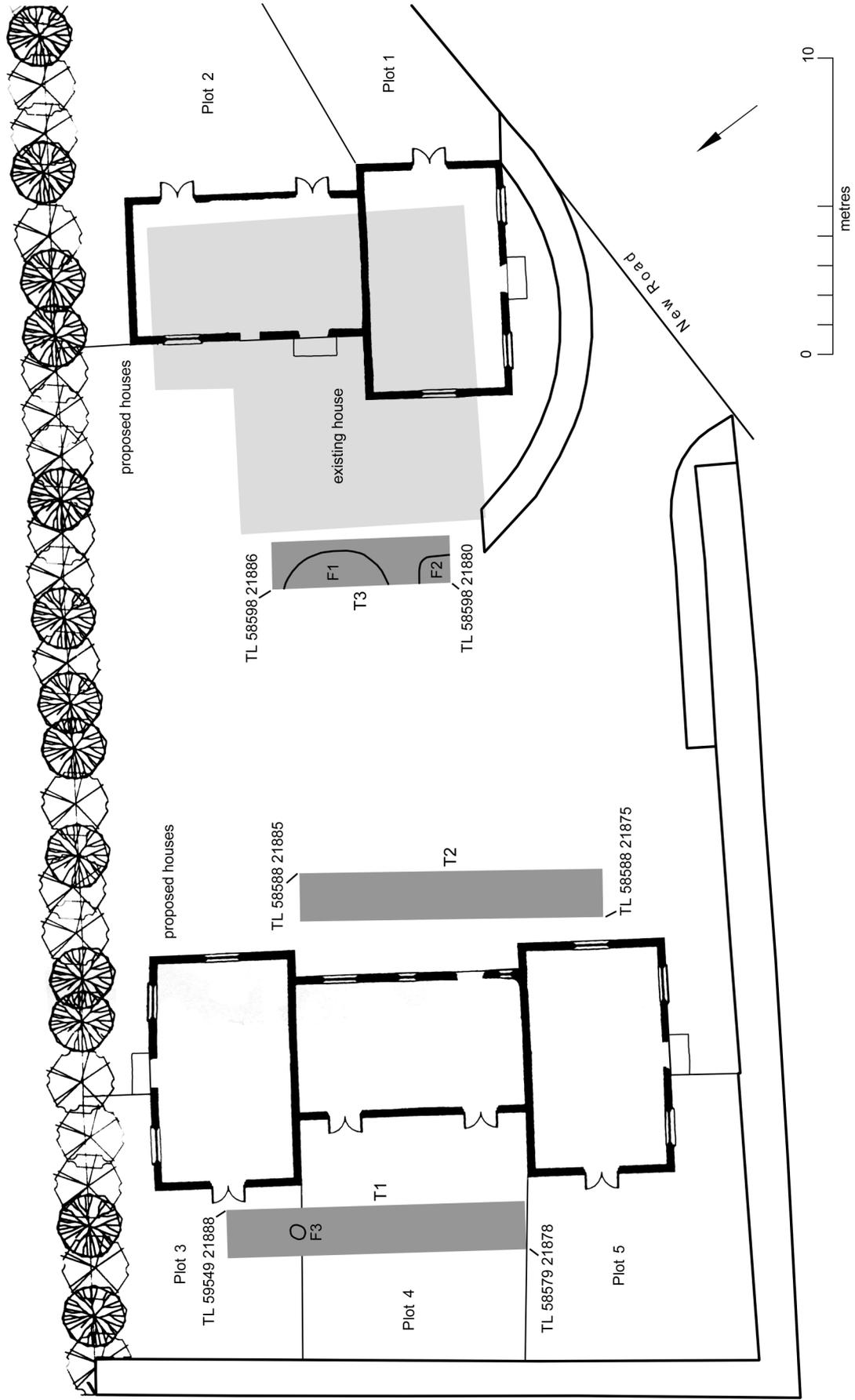


Fig 2 Site plan.