

**Essex Historic Environment Record/
Essex Archaeology and History**

**CAT Report 499
Summary sheet**

Address: Royal Mail Braintree Delivery Office, Lakes Road, Braintree, Essex	
Parish: Braintree	District: Braintree
NGR: TL 7671 2287	Accession code: Braintree Museum - awaiting code HEM code - BTDO09
Type of work: Evaluation by trial-trenching	Site director/group: Colchester Archaeological Trust
Date of work: 26th January 2009	Size of area investigated: 41m of linear trenching @ 1.6m width
Location of finds/curating museum: Braintree Museum	Funding source: Developer
Further seasons anticipated? No	Related EHER numbers:
Final report: CAT Report 499 (summary and one figure)	
Periods represented: modern	
<p>Summary of fieldwork results: <i>Two trial-trenches were excavated north to south, T1 (11 m long) across the upper car-park and T2 (30m long) across the lower car-park (Fig 1). Both trenches were cut through the car-park surface which consisted of tarmac hardtop (L1) sealing a compacted deposit of dry mix concrete and hardcore (L2) which formed the bedding for the parking surface. In T2, this bedding material directly sealed the geological horizon (boulder clay L4), but in T1 a minimal deposit of accumulation material was present (L3). This thin horizon sealed the natural geological deposit and archaeological features identified in T1. No archaeological features were recorded in T2, because the southern part of the car-park had been substantially terraced in the modern period, removing any topsoil and accumulation horizons. Surviving remains consisted of modern wall foundations (F5-F9) with an associated cobbled surface (F10) and, at the southern end of T2, a modern rubbish-pit datable to the 19th or 20th centuries (F11).</i></p> <p><i>In the upper car-park, less intrusive terracing left a thin accumulation horizon (L3) which was recorded in T1. T1 also contained four archaeological features, ie pits F1-F3 and a linear feature F4. All four</i></p>	

features contained modern material, including brick and peg-tile fragments, suggesting a post-medieval if not modern date for them. During the evaluation, no material was recovered which can be associated with possible medieval activity, although it is possible that the modern terracing removed evidence of any earlier activity.

All the features found were modern, dating to the 19th or 20th centuries, and appeared to relate to Parsonage Farm, which occupied the site until the last century.

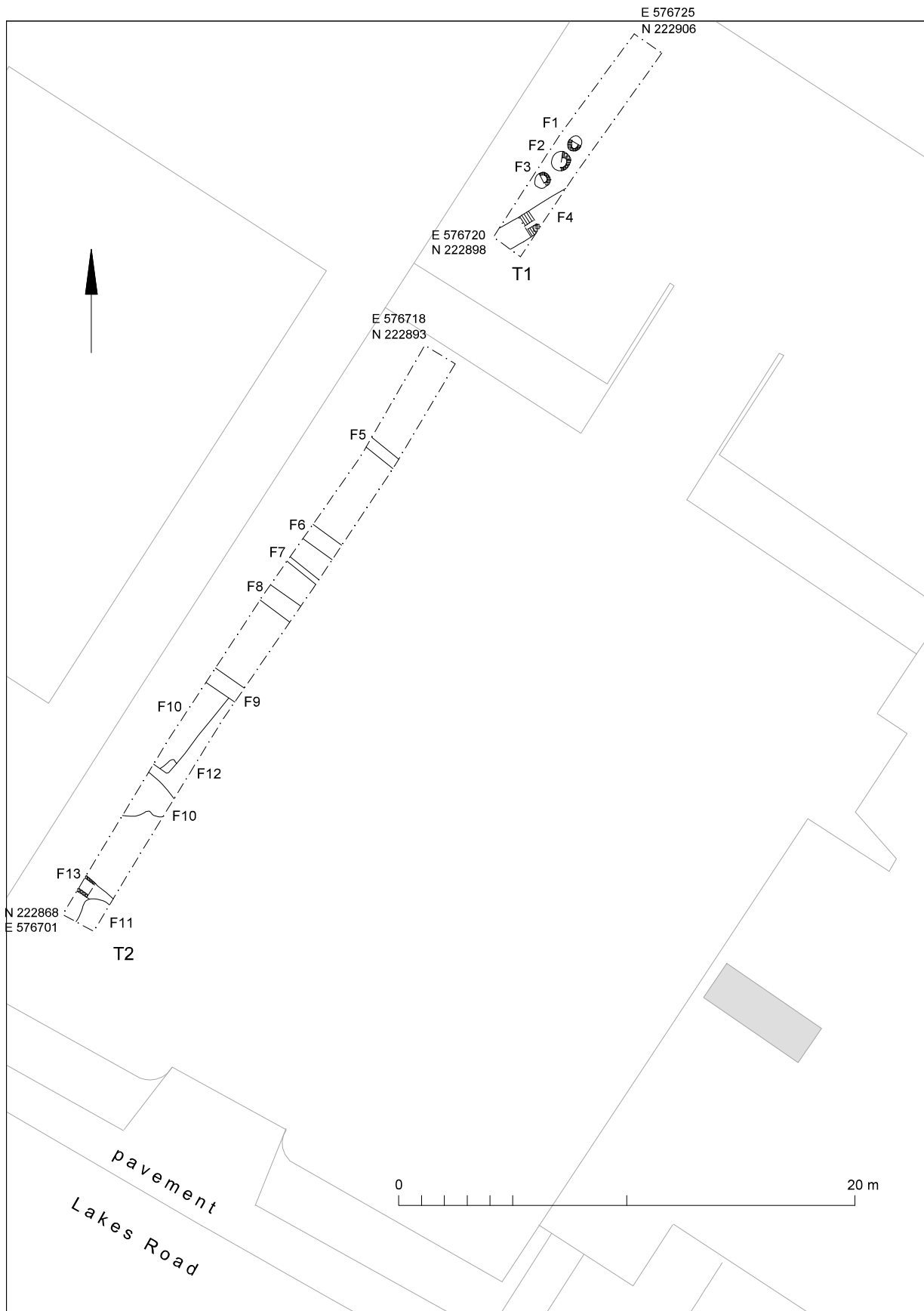
Previous summaries/reports: None

Keywords: -

Significance: neg

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Fig 1 Plan of trenches.

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION ON
LAND TO WEST OF BRAINTREE DELIVERY OFFICE,
LAKES ROAD,
BRAINTREE,
ESSEX-**

PHASE 1

NOVEMBER 2008



Essex County Council

HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT BRANCH

Site: Land To West Of Braintree Delivery Office, Lakes Road, Braintree, Essex

Planning app. no.: BTE/01771/08

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This archaeological brief is only valid for six months. After this period the HEM Team of the Historic Environment Branch of Essex County Council should be contacted to assess whether any changes are required. Any written scheme of investigation resulting from this brief shall only be considered for the same period.

The contractor is advised to visit the site before completing their written scheme of investigation as there may be implications for accurately costing the project.

1. Introduction

The HEM Team of the Historic Environment Branch of Essex County Council has prepared this brief for Phase 1 of an archaeological investigation at the above site. The proposed development comprises the extension of the Delivery Office onto land to the west along Lakes Road, including car parking, landscaping and foul and surface water drainage.

Due to the landscaped nature of the site Phase 1 of the archaeological work will be to determine the presence or absence and significance of any surviving archaeological deposits which may be disturbed by the development. This will provide the necessary information on survival and significance to determine whether any further archaeological work will be required. A separate brief will be written should further work be required.

2. Site Location and Description

The proposed development is situated on a plot of land immediately west of the Delivery Office on Lakes Road. The site location is southeast of the historic town of Braintree at Chapel Hill (NGR: TL 7671 2287). The plot measures approximately 50m east to west by 50m north to south and totals c.2500m sq. in all. The proposed development involves the extension of the existing delivery office into the adjacent site with the provision of further car parking and associated works. The land is currently used as a car park. The site is terraced down to the road frontage, the geology of the area is Kesgrave sands and gravels on London Clay. The site slopes gently down to the valley of the River Brain.

3. Planning Background

A planning application (BTE/01771/08) was submitted to Braintree District Council in October 2008 for the extension of Braintree Delivery Office. As the development lies in an area of significant archaeological potential, the Historic Environment Branch of Essex County Council made the following recommendation to the LPA in line with advice given in *Planning Policy Guidance Note 16: Archaeology and Planning (DoE 1990)*:

RECOMMENDATION: Full Condition

"No development, or preliminary groundworks, of any kind shall take place until the applicant has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work and recording in accordance with a written scheme of investigation which has been submitted by the applicant, and approved by the planning authority."

The application was granted consent with the above condition attached. All archaeological work should be undertaken by a professionally recognised archaeological contractor and in accordance with a WSI. There will be a financial implication for the applicant.

4. Archaeological Background

The following archaeological background utilises the Essex Historic Environment Record (EHER) held at Essex County Council, County Hall, Chelmsford. Prospective contractors are advised to visit the EHER prior to the completion of any written scheme of investigation (To make an appointment contact Ms A. Bennett, 01245 437637).

The Chapel Hill area is mentioned from the later Saxon period when it belonged to a Saxon thegn Aetheric who fought at the Battle of Maldon in 991. When he died he left his lands to the Bishop of London. The Bishop of London's estate at Braintree was administered from Chapel Hill where the manor house was sited in the medieval period. Grass-tempered ware and Thetford ware have been recovered from the Chapel Hill area confirming some form of occupation there in the tenth century. In the medieval period Chapel Hill was one of the two settlement centres and it is thought that the now destroyed St Johns Chapel was the original parish church. Traces of the palace (HER 6410), and a chapel (see HER 6407) were extant until the last century but have now been built over. The chapel was located to the south of the Bishops manor house and the Bishops manor house or palace is thought to be located somewhere in the vicinity of the development site, reportedly there are traces of earthworks and garden features under the Lake and Elliot site and documentary evidence suggests that it was sited on the later site of Parsonage Farm, north of Lakes Road. The Parsonage was sited next to the site of the Bishop's manor house, it is not clear whether it was originally medieval in date and formed part of the manor house complex or whether it was built following the Reformation. It was still in use until the late 18th century, before moving to its present site on The Causeway.

Given the proximity of the plot to the probable site of the Bishops Palace, it is possible that Saxon and Medieval settlement remains will be disturbed or destroyed by the proposed development.

For further information please see the Historic Town Assessment for Braintree (Medlycott, 1999).

5. Requirement for Work

The specific aim of Phase 1 of the investigation is to determine the presence or absence of archaeological deposits within the development area and to use this information to determine possible further work or mitigation.

The trial trench should be positioned within the present car park area to cover the top terrace, slope and continue to the road frontage.

The results of the trial trenching will be presented as a summary in order to decide on the level of further work.

6. Methodology

- 6.1 The archaeological work shall be undertaken by a professional team of field archaeologists. The number of staff involved and the structure of the team shall be stated in the written scheme of investigation.
- 6.2 The archaeological contractor is expected to follow the Code of Conduct of the Institute of Field Archaeologists and the document Standards for Field Archaeology in the East of England (Gurney, 2003).
- 6.3 All of the latest Health and Safety guidelines must be followed on site.
- 6.4 The contractor shall ensure detailed study of all mains' service locations and avoid damage to these.
- 6.5 Notification of the supervisor/project manager's name for the project shall be provided to the Historic Environment Management Team one week in advance of commencement of work.
- 6.6 A site code shall be obtained from the HEM Team Officer of Essex County Council.
- 6.7 At the start of work (immediately before fieldwork commences) an OASIS online record <http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/project/oasis/> must be initiated and key fields completed on Details, Location and Creators forms.

- 6.8 The contractor shall provide details of the site surveying, excavation and finds recovery policy in the written scheme of investigation. The site grid shall be tied into the National Grid.
- 6.9 Once the car park surface has been broken through, machine stripping shall be undertaken to an agreed standard, using a toothless ditching bucket, and under the supervision and to the satisfaction of a professional archaeologist. The exposed sub-soil or archaeological horizon will be cleaned by hand immediately after machine stripping and any archaeological deposits or negative features planned.
- 6.10 Masonry walls shall be carefully cleaned and planned. Where possible these will be left in situ. If these have to be removed then detailed drawings both in plan and section will be required.
- 6.11 The contractor shall provide details of the sampling strategies for retrieving artefacts, biological remains (for palaeoenvironmental and palaeoeconomic investigations), and samples of sediments and/or soils (for micromorphological and other pedological/sedimentological analyses). Advice on the appropriateness of the proposed strategies will be sought from the English Heritage Regional Adviser in Archaeological Science (East of England). A guide to sampling archaeological deposits (Murphy and Wiltshire 1994) is available from the HEM.
- 6.12 Should human remains be discovered the coroner will be informed and a licence from the Home Office sought immediately, both the client and the monitoring officer will also be informed. Burials will require 100% excavation
- 6.13 The site and spoil heaps shall be checked by metal detector, with any finds recovered.
- 6.14 Details of the site planning policy shall be given in the project written scheme of investigation. The normal preferred policy for the scale of archaeological site plans is 1:20 and sections at 1:10, unless circumstances indicate that other scales would be more appropriate.
- 6.14 Section drawings shall be completed on all trenches identifying the depth of the archaeological deposits and the depth of the natural sub-soil.
- 6.15 The photographic record policy shall be given in the written scheme of investigation. A photographic register detailing as a minimum feature number, location, and direction of shot shall accompany the photographic record.
- 6.16 The IFA's Standards and Guidance for Archaeological Evaluations and Excavations and the document Standards for Field Archaeology in the East of England (Gurney, 2003) should be used for additional guidance in the production of the archaeological written scheme of investigation, the content of the report, and the general execution of the project.

7. Finds

- 7.1 All finds, where appropriate, shall be washed.
- 7.2 All pottery and other finds where appropriate, shall be marked with the site code and context number.
- 7.3 The written scheme of investigation shall include an agreed list of specialist consultants, who will be required to conserve and/or report on finds, and advise or report on other aspects of the investigation.
- 7.4 The requirements for conservation and storage shall be stated within the written scheme of investigation.
- 7.5 Finds work should be to accepted professional standards and adhere to the Institute of Field Archaeologists Guidelines for Finds Work.

8. Results

- 8.1 The full report shall be submitted to the HEM Team within a length of time (but not exceeding 4 weeks) from the end of the fieldwork, with a copy supplied to the EHER. A full digital copy shall be supplied to the HEM team.
- 8.2 This report must contain:
 - The aims and methods adopted in the course of the archaeological programme.
 - Location plan of excavated areas in relation to the proposed development. At least two corners of excavated areas shall be given 10 figure grid references.
 - A section/s drawing showing depth of deposits including present ground level with Ordnance Datum, vertical and horizontal scale.
 - All specialist reports
 - Methodology and detailed results including a suitable conclusion and discussion. Where appropriate the discussion should be completed in consultation with the Eastern Counties Research Agenda and Strategy (Brown and Glazebrook 2000) and the Historic Town Assessment (Medlycott, 1999).

- 8.3 An EHER summary sheet shall also be completed within four weeks. This will be completed in digital form (copy can be emailed). This shall include a plan showing the position of the trenches.
- 8.4 All parts of the OASIS online form must be completed for submission to the EHER. This should include an uploaded .pdf version of the entire report (a paper copy should also be included with the archive).
- 8.4 Publication of the results at least to a summary level (i.e. round up of archaeology in Essex in *Essex Archaeology and History*) shall be undertaken in the year following the archaeological field work. An allowance shall be made within the costs for full publication in an appropriate journal.

9. Archive Deposition

- 9.1 The requirements for archive storage shall be agreed with the appropriate museum (Braintree), and confirmed in writing to the HEM Officer.
- 9.2 If the finds are to remain with the landowner a full copy of the paper archive shall be housed with the appropriate museum.
- 9.3 The full archive shall be deposited with the appropriate museum within 2 months of the completion of the report and confirmed in writing to the HEM Team.
- 9.4 A summary of the contents of the archive shall be supplied to the HEM Team at the time of deposition to the museum.

10. Monitoring

- 10.1 The HEM Team of Essex County Council will be responsible for monitoring progress and standards throughout the project. This will include the fieldwork, post-excavation and publication stages.
- 10.2 Notification of the start of the archaeological work shall be given to the HEM Team one week in advance of its commencement.
- 10.3 Any variations of the written scheme of investigation shall be agreed with the HEM Team prior to them being carried out.

10.4 All excavated trenches must be inspected by the HEM Team Officer prior to their backfilling.

11. Contractors Written Scheme of Investigation

- 11.1 In accordance with Standards and Guidance produced by the IFA this design brief should not be considered sufficient to enable the total execution of the project. A WSI is required therefore in order to provide the basis for a measurable standard and for submission by the developer to the Local Planning Authority for approval.
- 11.2 Archaeological contractors shall forward a WSI to the HEM Team of Essex County Council for validation prior to fieldwork commencing.
- 11.3 The involvement of the HEM Team shall be acknowledged in any report or publication generated by this project.

References

- Brown, N. and Glazebrook, J. 2000 Research and Archaeology: A Framework for the Eastern Counties 2. Research agenda and strategy. East Anglian. Archaeol. Occ. Pap. 8
- Gurney, D. 2003 Standards for Field Archaeology in the East of England. East Anglian. Archaeol. Occ. Pap. 14
- Medlycott, M. 1999 Historic Town Assessment for Braintree

For further information regarding the content of this brief and as part of our desire to provide a quality service, we would welcome any comments you may have on the content and

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Site name: <i>Bosworth GPO oval</i>		Site code: <i>BTDO 09</i>	
Interpretation <i>Town Hall building</i>			Layer No. <i>L1</i>
Period <i>modern</i>			
Location /grid ref <i>Trenches 1/2</i>			
Soil Description (circle or delete as necessary, and add other details)			
Consistence:	very loose	soft	friable <u>firm</u> hard dry moist wet
Colour:	very light	medium	dark yellow orange green grey brown black
Munsell (if used):	2.5YR	7.5YR	10YR
Soil type:	sand	silt	clay loam clay silt sand
Inclusions: flecks	charcoal	oyster	daub brick tile
Inclusions: pieces	gravel	% stone	% tile/brick % pot %
Recording <i>Rep 5x @ 1:10</i>			
Plan nos.	-		
sx/profile nos.	-		
Photos taken	pre-ex	ex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	post-ex
Finds <i>N/A</i>			
Bag nos.	-		
Small find nos.	-		
Sample nos.	-		
Notes: (can be continued overleaf) <i>thin rough surface - pattern in place - has been heavily repaired. Thin deposit 50mm at most. seals a compact thin dry lean mudbrick 100-150mm thick</i>			
Matrix		Location and detail sketch	
Completed by: <i>BSA</i>	Date: <i>26/11/09</i>	tick here if continued overleaf <input type="checkbox"/>	

Site name: <i>Brownie GPO</i>		Site code: <i>BT0009</i>		
Interpretation <i>Base layer</i>			Layer No. <i>L2.</i>	
Period <i>modern</i>				
Location /grid ref <i>T1 /T2.</i>				
Soil Description (circle or delete as necessary, and add other details)				
Consistence:	very loose	soft	friable <u>firm</u> hard	dry moist wet
Colour:	very light	medium	dark	yellow orange green grey brown black
Munsell (if used):	2.5YR	7.5YR	10YR	
Soil type:	sand	silt	clay	loam clay silt sand
Inclusions: flecks	charcoal	oyster	daub	brick tile
Inclusions: pieces	gravel	%, stone	%, tile/brick	%, pot %, %
Recording <i>Rep sx @ 1.0</i>				
Plan nos.				
sx/profile nos.				
Photos taken	pre-ex	ex /	post-ex	
Finds <i>N/A</i>				
Bag nos.	-			
Small find nos.	-			
Sample nos.	-			
Notes: (can be continued overleaf) <i>compacted dry mix, base layer for asphalt roadwork, comp: surface seals underneath broken L3.</i>				
Matrix		Location and detail sketch		
		<i>See site plan L1.</i> 		
Completed by: <i>ESM</i>	Date: <i>26/1/09</i>	tick here if continued overleaf <input type="checkbox"/>		

Site name: <i>Porritice GPO</i>		Site code: <i>IST 00 09</i>		
Interpretation <i>accumulated horizon</i>			Layer No. <i>L3</i>	
Period <i>?</i>				
Location /grid ref <i>T1</i>				
Soil Description (circle or delete as necessary, and add other details)				
Consistence:	very loose	soft	friable <u>firm</u> hard	dry <u>moist</u> wet
Colour:	very light	<u>medium</u>	dark <u>yellow</u>	orange green grey <u>brown</u> black
Munsell (if used):	2.5YR	7.5YR	10YR	
Soil type:	sand	silt	<u>clay</u>	loam clay silt sand
Inclusions:flecks	charcoal	oyster	daub	brick tile
Inclusions:pieces	gravel	%, stone	%, tile/brick	%, pot %, %
Recording <i>Rep 5x @ 1:10</i>				
Plan nos.	-			
sx/profile nos.				
Photos taken	pre-ex	ex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	post-ex	
Finds <i>N/A</i>				
Bag nos.	-			
Small find nos.	-			
Sample nos.	-			
Notes: (can be continued overleaf) <i>fine clay horizon, - organic topsoil material has been removed by stripping / some prep for copper screen. Seals boulder clay - natural geology.</i>				
Matrix		Location and detail sketch		
		<i>see sketch sx 01</i> <hr/>		
Completed by: <i>BSA</i>	Date: <i>26/11/09</i>	tick here if continued overleaf <input type="checkbox"/>		

Site name: <i>Porchester GPO</i>		Site code: <i>BTDO 09</i>		
Interpretation <i>natural</i>			Layer No. <i>L4</i>	
Period <i>post-roman</i>				
Location / grid ref <i>T1 T2</i>				
Soil Description (circle or delete as necessary, and add other details)				
Consistence:	very loose	soft	friable <u>firm</u> hard	dry <u>moist</u> wet
Colour:	very light	<u>medium</u> dark	yellow	orange green <u>grey</u> <u>brown</u> black
Munsell (if used):	2.5YR	7.5YR	10YR	
Soil type:	sand	silt	<u>clay</u> loam	clay silt sand
Inclusions: flecks	charcoal	oyster	daub	brick tile
Inclusions: pieces	gravel	% stone	% tile/brick	% pot %
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Finds <i>N/A</i>				
Bag nos.				
Small find nos.				
Sample nos.				
Notes: (can be continued overleaf)				
<p>heavy <i>heavy fine clay deposit chalk flecks are apparent throughout excavated gill, sealed in T1 by accumulation, T2 deposit is sealed dating by modern defences L2.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Orange in colour to the NW.</i></p>				
Matrix		Location and detail sketch		
Completed by: <i>BA</i>	Date: <i>26/10/11</i>	tick here if continued overleaf <input type="checkbox"/>		

Site name: *primitive GPO* Site code: *BT00 09*

Interpretation *pit* Feature No. **F1**
 Period *post-med.*
 Location / grid ref *mid 5x T1.*

Soil Description (circle or delete as necessary, and add other details)

Consistence:	very loose soft friable <u>firm</u> hard dry <u>moist</u> wet
Colour:	very light <u>medium</u> dark yellow orange <u>green</u> <u>grey</u> brown black
Munsell (if used):	2.5YR 7.5YR 10YR
Soil type:	sand silt <u>clay</u> loam clay silt sand
Inclusions: flecks	<u>charcoal</u> oyster daub brick tile
Inclusions: pieces	gravel %, stone %, tile/brick %, pot %, %

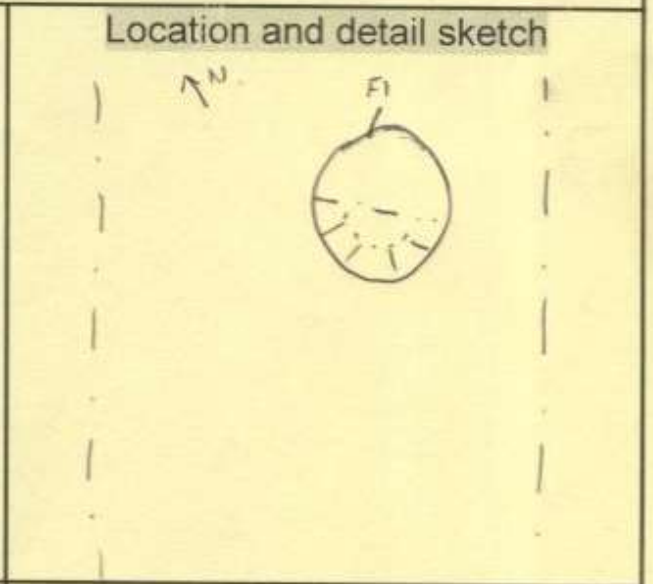
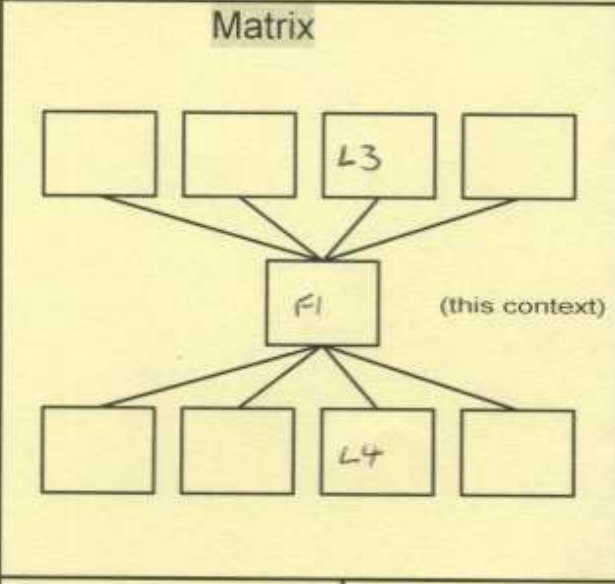
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Finds *Refuse.*

Bag nos.	-
Small find nos.	-
Sample nos.	-

Notes: (can be continued overleaf)
*Small pit feature, brick and tile flecks apparent in upper fill.
 seals beneath clay deposits L4*



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Site name: <i>Braintree GPO</i>		Site code: <i>BT 00 04</i>	
Interpretation <i>pit</i>		Feature No. <i>F2</i>	
Period <i>Post-med</i>			
Location / grid ref <i>mid sx T1</i>			
Soil Description (circle or delete as necessary, and add other details)			
Consistence:	very loose	soft	friable <u>firm</u> hard dry <u>moist</u> wet
Colour:	very light	<u>medium</u> dark	yellow orange <u>green</u> grey <u>brown</u> black
Munsell (if used):	2.5YR	7.5YR	10YR
Soil type:	sand	silt	<u>clay</u> loam clay silt sand
Inclusions: flecks	<u>charcoal</u>	oyster	daub brick tile
Inclusions: pieces	gravel	%, stone	%, tile/brick %, pot %, %
Recording <i>Sx @ 1:10</i>			
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sx/profile nos.	-		
Photos taken	pre-ex	ex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	post-ex
Finds <i>pottery, brick.</i>			
Bag nos.	-		
Small find nos.	-		
Sample nos.	-		
Notes: (can be continued overleaf) <i>medium sized pit feature, mortar flecks are apparent with tile frags cuts, Boulder clay L4, slight hole almost note to natural horizon at south east end of T1.</i>			
Matrix		Location and detail sketch	
<pre> graph TD L3_1[] --- F2[F2 (this context)] L3_2[L3] --- F2 L3_3[] --- F2 L3_4[] --- F2 F2 --- L4_1[] F2 --- L4_2[] F2 --- L4_3[L4] F2 --- L4_4[] </pre>		<p>Location and detail sketch showing feature F1 (top) and feature F2 (bottom) with a north arrow (N) pointing up.</p>	
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Site name: <i>Forintree GP</i>		Site code: <i>BTDO 01</i>		
Interpretation <i>pit</i>		Feature No. <i>F3</i>		
Period <i>post-med</i>				
Location / grid ref <i>s. end of T1</i>				
Soil Description (circle or delete as necessary, and add other details)				
Consistence:	very loose	soft	friable <u>firm</u> hard	dry <u>moist</u> wet
Colour:	very light	<u>medium</u>	dark	yellow orange <u>green</u> grey <u>brown</u> black
Munsell (if used):	2.5YR	7.5YR	10YR	
Soil type:	sand	silt	<u>clay</u>	loam clay silt sand
Inclusions: flecks	charcoal	oyster	daub	brick tile
Inclusions: pieces	gravel	%, stone	%, tile/brick	%, pot %, %
Recording <i>5x @ 1:10</i>				
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sx/profile nos.				
Photos taken	pre-ex	ex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	post-ex	
Finds <i>Forintree fragments</i>				
Bag nos.				
Small find nos.	-			
Sample nos.	-			
Notes: (can be continued overleaf) <i>small pit at s. end of T1, - association w/ pit features F1, F2? similar dendrus profile med fill, cut3 boulder clay L4.</i>				
Matrix		Location and detail sketch		
Completed by: <i>rsj</i>	Date: <i>26/1/04</i>	tick here if continued overleaf <input type="checkbox"/>		

Site name: *Porchester GPO* Site code: *BST DO 01*

Interpretation *Linear Feature* Feature No.

Period *Post-med.* F4

Location / grid ref *S. end of T1.*

Soil Description (circle or delete as necessary, and add other details)

Consistence: very loose soft friable firm hard dry moist wet

Colour: very light medium dark yellow orange green grey brown black

Munsell (if used): 2.5YR 7.5YR 10YR

Soil type: sand silt clay loam clay silt sand

Inclusions: flecks charcoal oyster daub brick tile

Inclusions: pieces gravel % stone % tile/brick % pot %

Recording *Sx @ 1:10*

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sx/profile nos.

Photos taken pre-ex ex post-ex

Finds

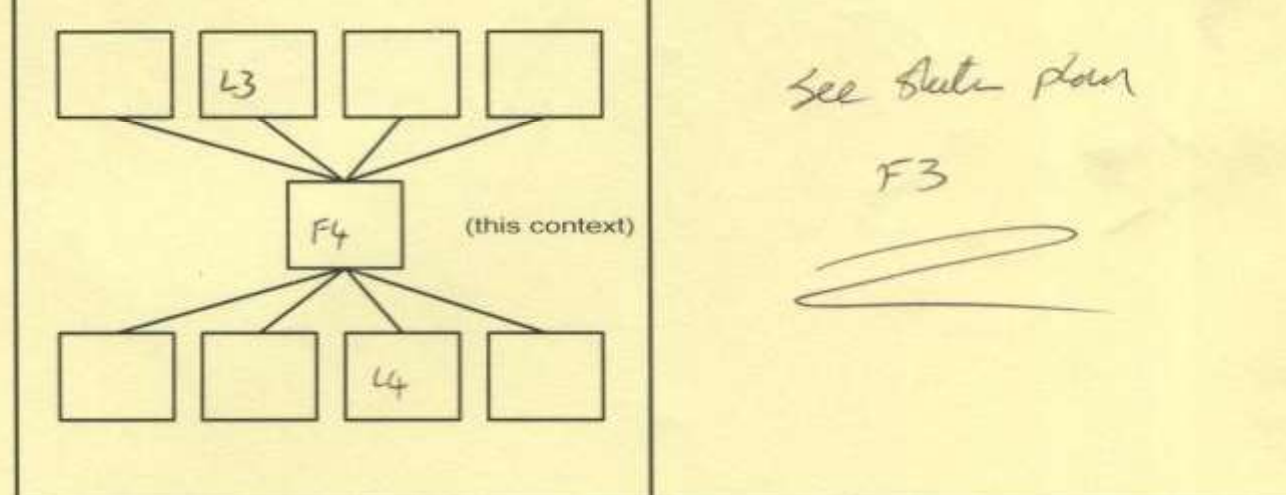
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Small find nos.

Sample nos.

Notes: (can be continued overleaf)

partial profile, abrupt across s. end of road bank. Rems like S. compare. general note recorded, turning to the south has removed during milled.

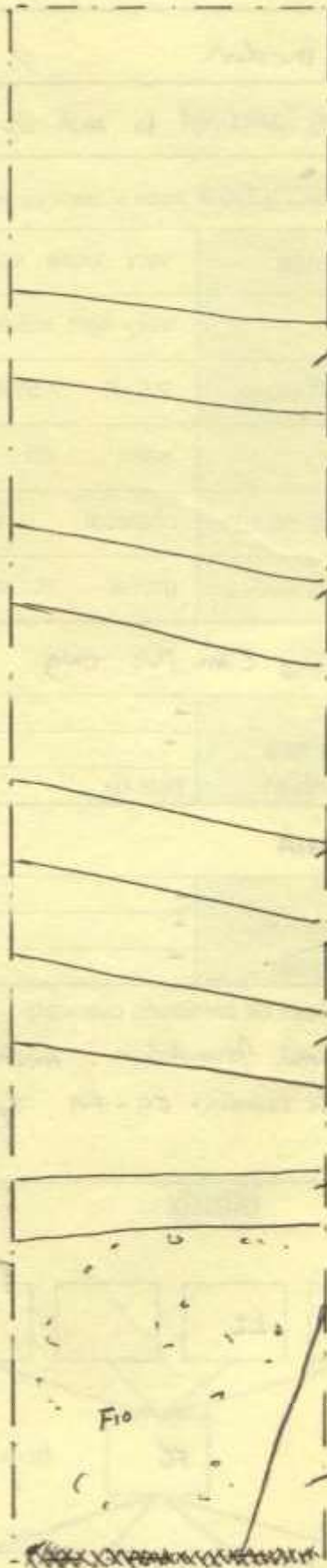


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Site name: <i>Forcival GPO</i>		Site code: <i>BTDO 09</i>	
Interpretation <i>wall foundation</i>			Feature No. <i>FS</i>
Period <i>med.</i>			
Location / grid ref <i>N end of T2.</i>			
Soil Description (circle or delete as necessary, and add other details)			
Consistence:	very loose	soft	friable firm hard dry moist wet
Colour:	very light	medium dark	yellow orange green grey brown black
Munsell (if used):	2.5YR	7.5YR	10YR
Soil type:	sand	silt	clay loam clay silt sand
Inclusions: flecks	charcoal	oyster	daub brick tile
Inclusions: pieces	gravel	% stone	% tile/brick % pot %
Recording <i>Excavation only</i>			
Plan nos.	-		
sx/profile nos.	-		
Photos taken	pre-ex	ex /	post-ex
Finds <i>Flint - with retouch</i>			
Bag nos.	-		
Small find nos.	-		
Sample nos.	-		
Notes: (can be continued overleaf) <i>Part was wall foundation, built up. How far footings extended in T2 - they assumed was same as stone was base etc.</i>			
Matrix		Location and detail sketch	
Completed by: <i>PGA</i>	Date: <i>26/1/09</i>	tick here if continued overleaf <input type="checkbox"/>	



T2.



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Site name: <i>Foranree GA</i>		Site code: <i>BT DS 09</i>	
Interpretation <i>wall foundation</i>			Feature No. <i>F6</i>
Period <i>modern</i>			
Location /grid ref <i>N. end of T2.</i>			
Soil Description (circle or delete as necessary, and add other details)			
Consistence:	very loose	soft	friable firm hard dry moist wet
Colour:	very light	medium	dark yellow orange green grey brown black
Munsell (if used):	2.5YR	7.5YR	10YR
Soil type:	sand	silt	clay loam clay silt sand
Inclusions: flecks	charcoal	oyster	daub brick tile
Inclusions: pieces	gravel	% stone	% tile/brick % pot %
Recording <i>EM plot only</i>			
Plan nos.	-		
sx/profile nos.	-		
Photos taken	pre-ex	ex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	post-ex
Finds <i>N/A</i>			
Bag nos.	-		
Small find nos.	-		
Sample nos.	-		
Notes: (can be continued overleaf) <i>modern wall foundation. mortar and brick construction. associated with foundation remains F5-F9. Buildings marking up corner site of Rectory farm.</i>			
Matrix		Location and detail sketch	
<pre> graph TD L2[L2] --- F6[F6] F6 --- L4[L4] F6 --- Box1[] F6 --- Box2[] style Box1 fill:none,stroke:none style Box2 fill:none,stroke:none </pre> <p>(this context)</p>		<i>wall foundation sketch see overleaf.</i>	
Completed by: <i>FM</i>	Date: <i>28/1/09.</i>	tick here if continued overleaf <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Site name: <i>Brintice GPB</i>		Site code: <i>PS1009</i>	
Interpretation <i>wall foundation</i>			Feature No. <i>F7</i>
Period <i>modern</i>			
Location /grid ref <i>N. end of T2.</i>			
Soil Description (circle or delete as necessary, and add other details)			
Consistence:	very loose	soft	friable firm hard dry moist wet
Colour:	very light	medium dark	yellow orange green grey brown black
Munsell (if used):	2.5YR	7.5YR	10YR
Soil type:	sand	silt	clay loam clay silt sand
Inclusions: flecks	charcoal	oyster	daub brick tile
Inclusions: pieces	gravel	%, stone	%, tile/brick %, pot %, %
Recording <i>Edm plate only</i>			
Plan nos.	-		
sx/profile nos.	-		
Photos taken	pre-ex	ex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	post-ex
Finds <i>N/A</i>			
Bag nos.	-		
Small find nos.	-		
Sample nos.	-		
Notes: (can be continued overleaf) <i>modern and brick work wall foundation. Remains of structure associated with roofing iron - see note PS106.</i>			
Matrix		Location and detail sketch	
		<i>Sketch plan base of F6.</i>	
Completed by: <i>PSA</i>	Date: <i>26/11/09.</i>	tick here if continued overleaf <input type="checkbox"/>	

Site name: <i>Braintree GPO</i>		Site code: <i>BTDO 09</i>	
Interpretation <i>wall foundation</i>			Feature No. <i>F8</i>
Period <i>modern</i>			
Location /grid ref <i>W. end of T2.</i>			
Soil Description <small>(circle or delete as necessary, and add other details)</small>			
Consistence:	very loose	soft	friable firm hard dry moist wet
Colour:	very light	medium dark	yellow orange green grey brown black
Munsell (if used):	2.5YR	7.5YR	10YR
Soil type:	sand	silt	clay loam clay silt sand
Inclusions:flecks	charcoal	oyster	daub brick tile
Inclusions:pieces	gravel	%, stone	%, tile/brick %, pot %, %
Recording <i>edm pte only</i>			
Plan nos.	-		
sx/profile nos.	-		
Photos taken	pre-ex	ex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	post-ex
Finds <i>N/A</i>			
Bag nos.	-		
Small find nos.	-		
Sample nos.	-		
Notes: (can be continued overleaf) <i>wall foundation - modern brick and mortar construction. Remains from part of structures belonging to former Rectory farm. see note F6.</i>			
Matrix		Location and detail sketch	
		<i>see sketch plan</i> <i>Reverse of F6.</i> 	
Completed by: <i>FGA</i>	Date: <i>26/11/09</i>	tick here if continued overleaf <input type="checkbox"/>	

Site name: <i>Porchester GPO</i>		Site code: <i>BTDO 04</i>	
Interpretation <i>wall foundation</i>			Feature No. <i>F9</i>
Period <i>modern</i>			
Location /grid ref <i>N. half of door T2,</i>			
Soil Description (circle or delete as necessary, and add other details)			
Consistence:	very loose	soft	friable firm hard dry moist wet
Colour:	very light	medium dark	yellow orange green grey brown black
Munsell (if used):	2.5YR	7.5YR	10YR
Soil type:	sand	silt	clay loam clay silt sand
Inclusions:flecks	charcoal	oyster	daub brick tile
Inclusions:pieces	gravel	%, stone	%, tile/brick %, pot %, %
Recording <i>Grm pit only</i>			
Plan nos.	-		
sx/profile nos.	-		
Photos taken	pre-ex	ex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	post-ex
Finds <i>N/A</i>			
Bag nos.	-		
Small find nos.	-		
Sample nos.	-		
Notes: (can be continued overleaf) <i>wall foundation brick and mortar construction - remains studied as part of former site of Rectory farm.</i>			
Matrix		Location and detail sketch	
		<i>see site plan F6.</i> 	
Completed by: <i>RJA</i>	Date: <i>26/1/09.</i>	tick here if continued overleaf <input type="checkbox"/>	

Site name: <i>Porchester GPO</i>		Site code: <i>FTDO 09</i>							
Interpretation <i>Compact surface</i>			Feature No. <i>F10</i>						
Period <i>post-med / modern</i>									
Location / grid ref <i>S. half of T2.</i>									
Soil Description (circle or delete as necessary, and add other details)									
Consistence:	very loose	soft	friable	firm	<u>hard</u>	dry	<u>moist</u>	wet	
Colour:	very light	medium	dark	yellow	orange	green	grey	brown	black
Munsell (if used):	2.5YR	7.5YR	10YR						
Soil type:	sand	silt	clay	loam	clay	silt	sand		
Inclusions: flecks	charcoal		oyster	daub		brick		tile	
Inclusions: pieces	gravel	%	stone	%	tile/brick	%	pot	%	
Recording <i>EDM plot</i>									
Plan nos.	-								
sx/profile nos.	-								
Photos taken	pre-ex	ex	post-ex						
Finds <i>med bone / pebble (none retained)</i>									
Bag nos.									
Small find nos.									
Sample nos.									
Notes: (can be continued overleaf) <i>compacted chalk surface, small - med stones + flint nodules, - batts against wall foundations BA F9. has been cut by Roman Porchester town F12. assumed we C14 = from streets but occupied in site?</i>									
Matrix		Location and detail sketch							
Completed by: <i>BSA</i>	Date: <i>26/1/09.</i>	tick here if continued overleaf <input type="checkbox"/>							

Site name: <i>Porchester GPO</i>		Site code: <i>SI D0 09</i>		
Interpretation <i>pit</i>		Feature No. <i>F11</i>		
Period <i>med</i>				
Location / grid ref <i>s end of T2</i>				
Soil Description (circle or delete as necessary, and add other details)				
Consistence:	very loose	soft	friable <u>firm</u> hard	dry <u>moist</u> wet
Colour:	very light	medium <u>dark</u>	yellow	orange green grey <u>brown</u> <u>black</u>
Munsell (if used):	2.5YR	7.5YR	10YR	
Soil type:	sand	<u>silt</u>	<u>clay</u>	loam clay silt sand
Inclusions: flecks	charcoal	oyster	daub	brick tile
Inclusions: pieces	gravel	% stone	% tile/brick	% pot % %
Recording <i>EDM plate</i>				
Plan nos.	-			
sx/profile nos.	-			
Photos taken	pre-ex	ex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	post-ex	
Finds <i>can, glass bottles, hair / ruyth (not retained)</i>				
Bag nos.	-			
Small find nos.	-			
Sample nos.	-			
Notes: (can be continued overleaf) <i>PSC-med / modern rubbish pit, - likely associated with Roman shanty town (see dates) PSC upper / lower, cut into s. edge of line feature F13.</i>				
Matrix		Location and detail sketch		
Completed by: <i>ASH</i>	Date: <i>27/1/09</i>	tick here if continued overleaf <input type="checkbox"/>		

Site name: *Braintree Gro* Site code: *BTDO 04*

Interpretation *wall foundation* Feature No. *F12*
 Period *medieval*
 Location /grid ref *mid sx T2.*

Soil Description (circle or delete as necessary, and add other details)

Consistence: very loose soft friable firm hard dry moist wet
 Colour: very light medium dark yellow orange green grey brown black
 Munsell (if used): 2.5YR 7.5YR 10YR
 Soil type: sand silt clay loam clay silt sand
 Inclusions: flecks charcoal oyster daub brick tile
 Inclusions: pieces gravel %, stone %, tile/brick %, pot %, %

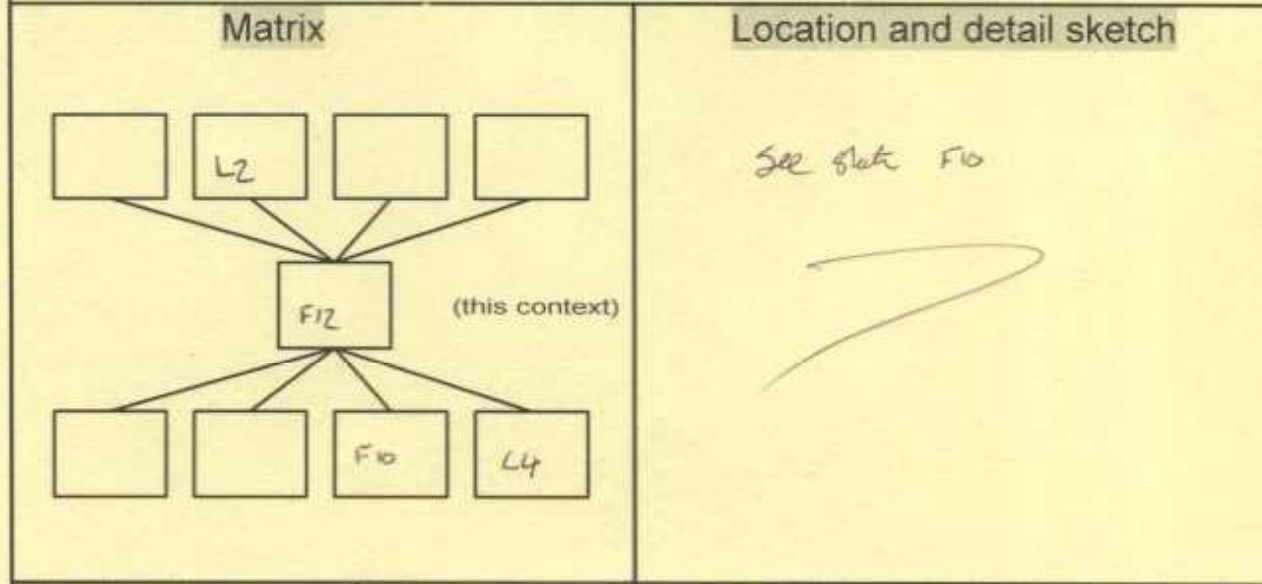
Recording *can det only*

Plan nos. -
 sx/profile nos. -
 Photos taken pre-ex ex post-ex

Finds *N/A*

Bag nos. -
 Small find nos. -
 Sample nos. -

Notes: (can be continued overleaf)
modern foundation remains, ~~being~~ likely associated with later phase of activity with from C10th. cuts w. edge of feature F10.



Completed by: *RSN* Date: *21/1/09* tick here if continued overleaf

Site name: <i>Porchester GPO</i>		Site code: <i>ASTDD 09</i>		
Interpretation <i>linr feature</i>			Feature No. <i>F13</i>	
Period <i>modern</i>				
Location /grid ref <i>s. end of T2.</i>				
Soil Description <small>(circle or delete as necessary, and add other details)</small>				
Consistence:	very loose	soft	friable <u>firm</u> hard	dry <u>moist</u> wet
Colour:	very light	medium	<u>dark</u> yellow	orange green grey <u>brown</u> <u>black</u>
Munsell (if used):	2.5YR	7.5YR	10YR	
Soil type:	sand	silt	<u>clay</u>	loam clay silt sand
Inclusions: flecks	<u>charcoal</u>	oyster	daub	brick tile
Inclusions: pieces	gravel	%, stone	%, tile/brick	%, pot %, %
Recording <i>5v @ 1:10</i>				
Plan nos.	-			
sx/profile nos.				
Photos taken	pre-ex	ex	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	post-ex
Finds <i>Porcel coal (not retained)</i>				
Bag nos.	-			
Small find nos.	-			
Sample nos.	-			
Notes: (can be continued overleaf) <i>E/W alonged linr feature, - possibly a boundary / enclosure associated with various farm stacks. Upper fills have been removed by the modern tarring of lower capital. cut by pit F11.</i>				
Matrix		Location and detail sketch		
<pre> graph TD F13[F13 (this context)] --- B1[] F13 --- F11[F11] F13 --- L2[L2] F13 --- B2[] F13 --- 40[40] F13 --- L4[L4] </pre>		<i>See sketch F11</i> 		
Completed by: <i>RJA</i>	Date: <i>27/1/09</i>	tick here if continued overleaf <input type="checkbox"/>		



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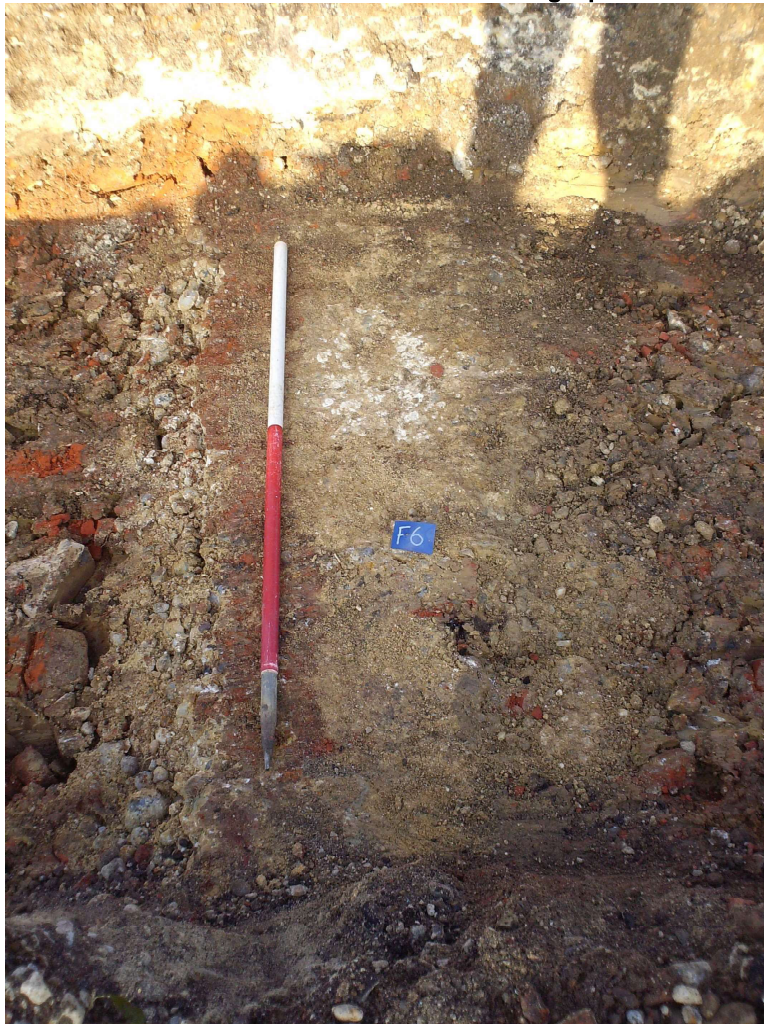
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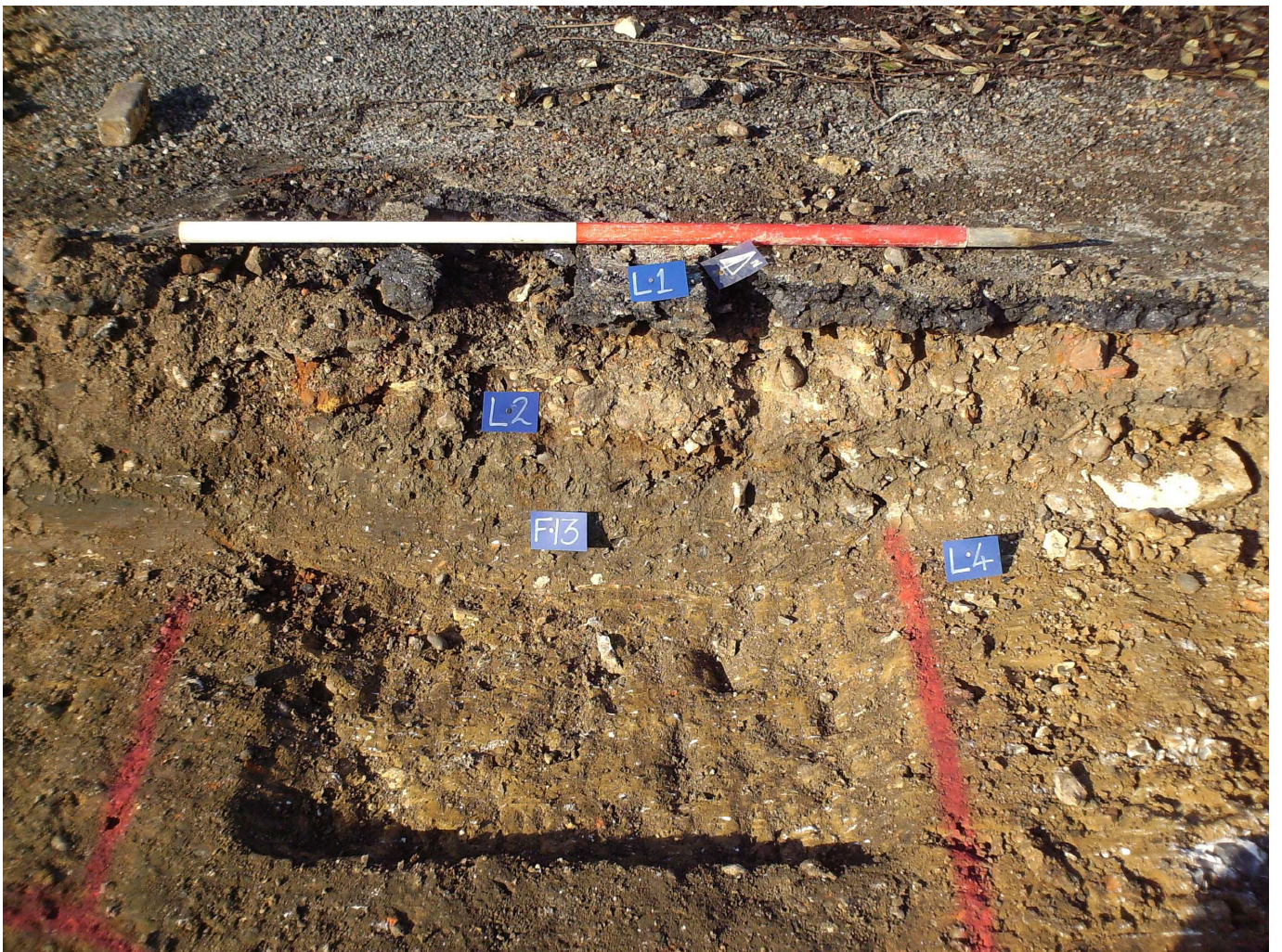
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Photographic log for Braintree GPO Evaluation

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