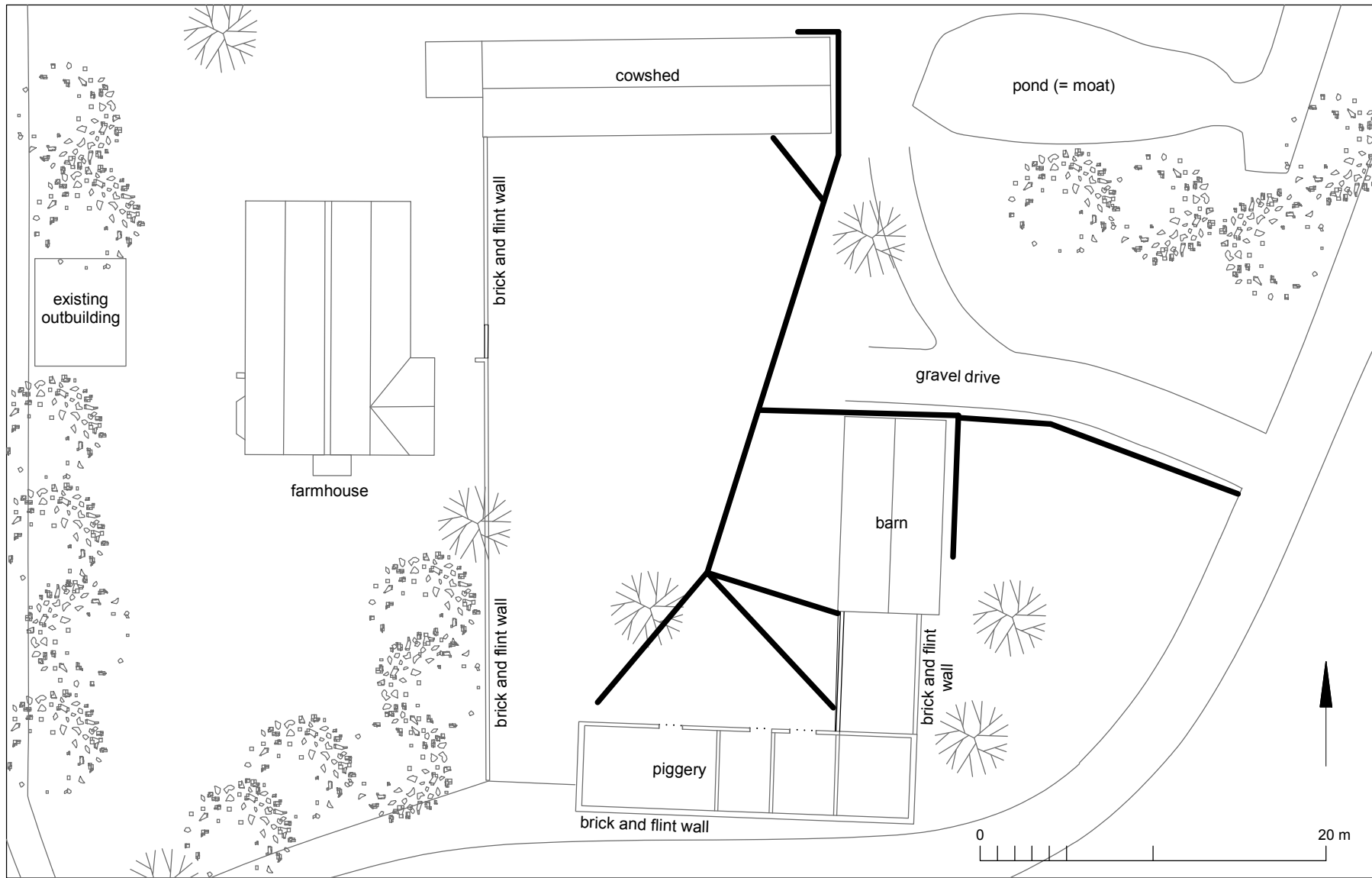


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Summary sheet

CAT Report 554

Address: Swards End Farm, Redgates Lane, Swards End	
Parish: Swards End	District: Uttlesford: Planning ref: APP/C1570/E/08/2065097
NGR: TL 5710 3852	Site code: CAT project code – 10/6a
Type of work: Watching brief	Site director/group: Colchester Archaeological Trust
Date of work: 8th June 2010	Size of area investigated: 96m of service trenches
Location of curating museum: Saffron Walden Museum accession code – pending	Funding source: Developer
Further seasons anticipated? No	Related EHER number: 27175, 156
Final report: CAT Report 554	
Periods represented: Modern	
<p>Summary of fieldwork results: Swards End Farmhouse is a Grade II listed structure, which has recently been extensively restored. A previous watching brief on the underpinning of the foundations in 2007 (under a different developer) is the subject of a previous report (CAT Report 465). The building has a 17th century timber (or earlier?) frame with more modern additions, (EHER 27175). The 20th-century brick-built barn, piggery, cow shed and small stable are of limited interest. To the north and east of the farmyard lies an incomplete moat (EHER 156). In NW Essex, moated enclosures may originate in the 12th-13th century. The current project involved the monitoring of the excavation of storm water drains across the farmyard. Following a brief issued by Essex County Council Historic Management team (<i>Swards End Farm, Redgates Lane, Swards End: January 2007</i>), a watching brief was commissioned by Amanda Haselton and was carried out by CAT in June 2010. Most of the trenches (300mm wide, maximum depth 350mm) were not deep enough to cut through the surface (L1), a mixture of clay rich topsoil, brick, loose cobbles, and hardcore (probably the remains of an older yard surface). Natural (L2: boulder clay with chalk and flint inclusions) was only seen to the north and east of the former barn. Ground level has been reduced at some time (presumably to level the site), and very little topsoil remained. No archaeological features were observed. There were no finds.</p>	
Previous summaries/reports: CAT report 465	
Keywords: -	Significance: neg
Author of summary: Ben Holloway	Date of summary: June 2010



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Fig 1 Site plan showing observed service trenches (bold line).