

# Essex Historic Environment Record/ Essex Archaeology and History

## CAT Report 571

### Summary sheet

<b>Site address:</b> Town Wall House, 4 Balkerne Hill, Colchester, Essex	
<b>Parish:</b> Colchester	<b>District:</b> Colchester
<b>NGR:</b> TL 9925 2502	<b>Site codes:</b> CAT project - 10/4d Museum accession - COLIM 2010.58
<b>Type of work:</b> Watching brief	<b>Site director/group:</b> Colchester Archaeological Trust
<b>Date of work:</b> August 2010	<b>Size of area investigated:</b> 0.8 sq m
<b>Location of finds/curating museum:</b> Colchester and Ipswich Museums	<b>Funding source:</b> Contractor
<b>Further seasons anticipated?</b> No	<b>Related EHER and UAD nos:</b> Essex SAM no 7 (town wall); UAD nos ELM 1247, MON 759 & EVT 3071 cited in CBC brief
<b>Final report:</b>	CAT Report 571 (summary sheet & Fig 1)
<b>Periods represented:</b> post-medieval/modern	
<p><b>Summary of fieldwork results:</b></p> <p><i>An archaeological watching brief took place during the digging of two small trenches on land to the south of Town Wall House, Balkerne Hill, Colchester, Essex. This was carried out by Colchester Archaeological Trust on 27th August 2010, and followed a brief from the Colchester Borough Council Archaeology Officer. The site lies close to a surviving stretch of the town wall, which is a scheduled ancient monument, at the south-west corner of the Roman and medieval walled town.</i></p> <p><i>The two trenches (T1 &amp; T2) were dug by the contractors to locate a water pipe. T1 was 0.95 m deep. Below the existing surface, there was a yellowish-brown sandy deposit, which was the backfill of modern service trenches. However natural sand was probably observed in the north-western edge of T1 at a depth of 0.72 m below the modern ground level. T1 was located on or just inside the line of the town wall, but below the level of the bottom of the foundation.</i></p> <p><i>T2 was 0.9 m deep. Below the existing surface, was a dark greyish-brown loamy deposit, which was mainly the backfill of modern service trenches. T2 was situated just outside the line of the town wall, near the inner edge of the town ditch.</i></p> <p><i>In conclusion, no significant archaeological remains were uncovered. A small quantity of unstratified finds were recovered from the trenches. This consisted of post-medieval/modern pottery, glass, tile, animal bone and copper-alloy washer, and a Roman potsherd was found in T2. Further details can be found in the site archive, which will be permanently deposited with Colchester and Ipswich Museums.</i></p>	
<b>Previous summaries/reports:</b> None	
<b>Keywords:</b> town wall, Balkerne Hill	<b>Significance:</b> neg
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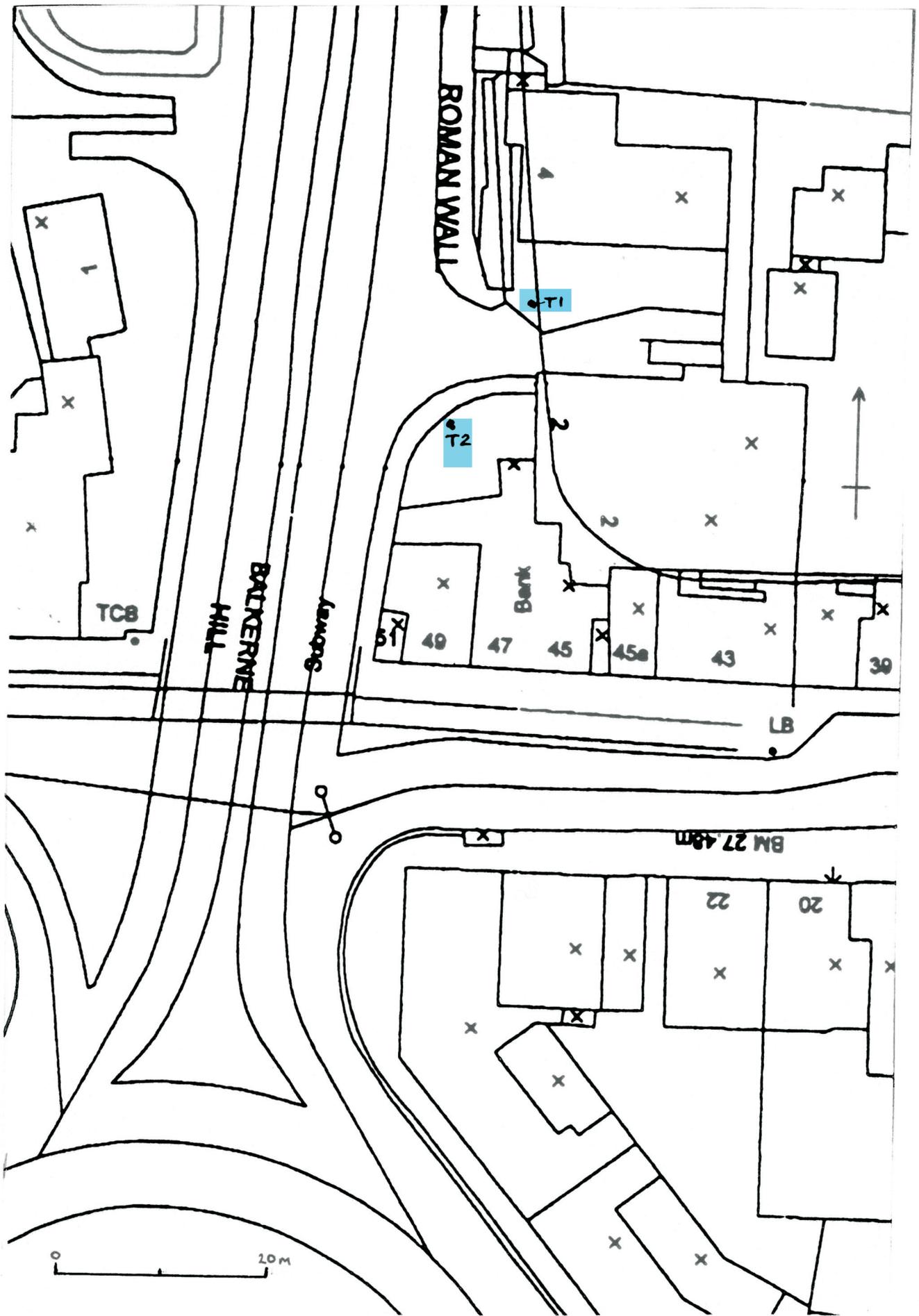


Fig 1 Site location plan.