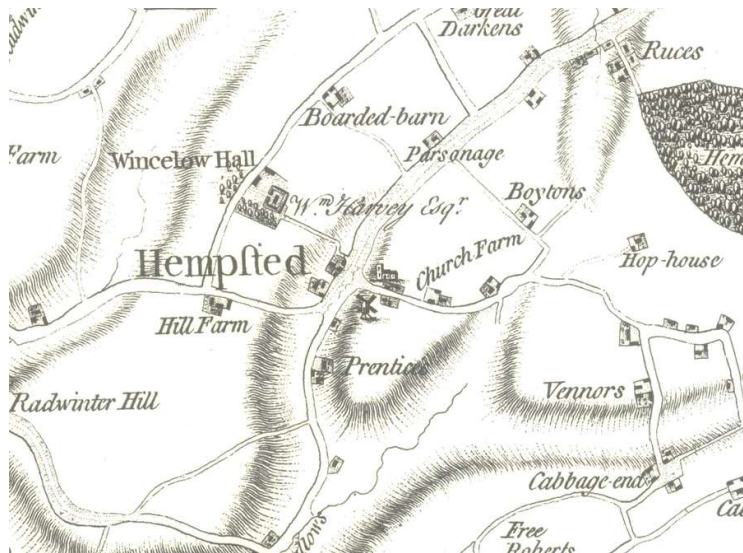


Archaeological evaluation on land north of The Old Bakery, High Street, Hempstead, Essex, CB10 2PE

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1 Summary

An archaeological evaluation (one trial-trench) was carried out on land north of The Old Bakery, High Street, Hempstead, Essex, in advance of the construction of a new dwelling. The site lies within the village of Hempstead, which has its origins in the medieval period, and north of The Old Bakery, a listed building constructed in the early or mid 19th century. Excavations revealed the remains of a 19th-century building depicted on early editions of the Ordnance Survey map, which stood here until it was demolished at some point after 1960.

2 Introduction (Fig 1)

This is the report for an archaeological evaluation by trial-trenching on land north of The Old Bakery, High Street, Hempstead, Essex which was carried out on 21st July 2020. The work was commissioned by Mark Dymond in advance of the construction of a new dwelling and was undertaken by Colchester Archaeological Trust (CAT).

In response to consultation with Essex County Council Place Services (ECCPS), Historic Environment Advisor Katie Lee-Smith advised that in order to establish the archaeological implications of this application, the applicant should be required to commission a scheme of archaeological investigation in accordance with the *National Planning Policy Framework* (MHCLG 2019).

All archaeological work was carried out in accordance with an *Archaeological Brief for Trial Trenching and Excavation*, detailing the required archaeological work, written by Katie Lee-Smith (ECCPS 2020), and a written scheme of investigation (WSI) prepared by CAT in response to the brief and agreed with ECCPS (CAT 2020).

In addition to the brief and WSI, all fieldwork and reporting was done in accordance with English Heritage's *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MoRPHE)* (English Heritage 2006), and with *Standards for field archaeology in the East of England* (EAA 14 and 24). This report mirrors standards and practices contained in the Institute for Archaeologists' *Standard and guidance for archaeological field evaluation* (ClfA 2014a) and *Standard and guidance for the collection, documentation, conservation and research of archaeological materials* (ClfA 2014b).

3 Archaeological background

The following archaeological includes extracts of the ECC brief and the Essex Historic Environment Records (EHER) held at Essex County Council, County Hall, Chelmsford, Essex (accessed via <http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk>).

The Old Bakery, which lies next to the site, is an Historic England Grade II Listed timber-framed and plastered house (no. 1230737, EHER 36116). Its origins lie in the early to mid 19th century, with alterations added to the front aspect around the 1970s.

The development site is located within the historic settlement of Hempstead. During the medieval period, the settlement was a small hamlet strung out along a linear green with a 14th century church (Church of St Andrew, EHER 36097). The settlement was extended somewhat by the end of the 19th century. Buildings are depicted within the proposed development area on the first edition Ordnance Survey map and these potentially date to the early period of the settlement's history (see Map 1 below).



Map 1 Extract from the 1876-7 6-inch OS map of England and Wales showing site location (red)

4 Aim

The aim of the archaeological evaluation was to record the extent of any surviving archaeological deposits, and to assess the archaeological potential of the site to allow the ECCHEA to determine if further investigation is required.

5 Results (Figs 2-3)

One trial-trench was machine-excavated under the supervision of a CAT archaeologist. The trench, which was arranged in a T-shape, was 10m long and 1.8m wide.

The trench was cut through modern topsoil (L1, c 0.19-0.22m thick, firm, moist dark grey/brown silty-clay) and an accumulation layer (L2, c 0.15-0.17m thick, firm, moist medium grey clay) onto natural (L3, firm, moist medium yellow/brown clay, encountered at a depth of 0.35-0.4m below current ground level).

Wall foundation F1, which was of 19th-century date, was uncovered. The main part of the foundation extended along the length of the trench on a WNW-ESE alignment, with two further branches extending to the NNE. The foundation was constructed from red, unfrosted bricks set in mortar.

A partially-surviving cobbled surface, F2, lay to the north of the main part of wall foundation F1. The surface was constructed out of cobbles, flint and bricks. It was clearly associated with wall foundation F1 and thus also dated to the 19th century.

Modern drain hub or manhole F3 was uncovered at the southern end of the N-S aligned branch of the evaluation trench.



Photograph 1 Trench shot – looking west



Photograph 2 F2 – looking west

6 Finds

6.1 Ceramic finds

by Dr Matthew Loughton

The evaluation uncovered a small quantity of post-medieval pottery and ceramic building material (henceforth CBM): five sherds with a weight of 3,157g. This material was recovered from two contexts:

Accumulation layer L2: one small sherd of Staffordshire-type white earthenwares (fabric F48D) pottery with a blue transfer printed design (EVE: 0.02) dating to the 19th or 20th century, one small sherd of peg tile (10g) and two sherds of pan tile (111g) which dates from the 17th century onwards.

Wall Foundation F1: one complete unfroged brick with dimensions of 230 mm x 110 mm x 65 mm which could be a soft red brick dating to the 19th or 20th century (Ryan 1996, 95-96).

6.1 Non-ceramic finds

by Laura Pooley

A fragment of post-medieval or modern whetstone came from cobbled surface F2 (finds no. 3) (321.1g). Measuring 157.2mm long, the fragment is circular in cross-section (max. 39.9mm diameter) and tapers towards both broken ends (c 30.0 and 33.4mm diameter). A band of iron staining also runs along the length of the stone. It is likely that the whetstone was reused in the cobbled surface.

From subsoil layer L2 (finds no. 2) were two fragments of 19th- or 20th-century glass (15g) and three pieces of post-medieval/modern ironwork:

Horseshoe: Just over half of an iron horseshoe including the toe caulk and two in situ nails, 130.2mm long, 23.6mm wide (max), 9.9mm thick, 197.6g.

Agricultural ironwork: Large fragment of agricultural ironwork largely obscured by dirt and corrosion, 147.2mm long, 121.2mm wide, 22.5mm thick, 547g.

Rod: Short length of iron rod circular in cross-section and broken at both ends, 102.8mm long, 14.9mm diameter, 59.3g.

7 Conclusion

Excavations at this site revealed a wall foundation and a partially-surviving cobbled surface which together represent the remains of a building which stood here during the 19th century until it was demolished at some point after 1960, and which is visible on early editions of the Ordnance Survey map (see Map 2 below). The building lay to the north of the old bakery, and of the site of an old mill (as indicated by the presence of Mill Cottage), which may have represented a single enterprise. It is possible that this building once formed part of this complex, although its distance from the bakery (40m) indicates that it may be unrelated to it.



Map 2 Extract from the 1901 6-inch OS map of England and Wales (building indicated by the blue arrow)

8 Acknowledgements

CAT thanks Mark Dymond for commissioning and funding the work. The project was managed by C Lister, fieldwork was carried out by B Holloway with Z Eksen. Figures are by C Lister, B Holloway and E Holloway. The project was monitored for ECCPS by Katie Lee-Smith.

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Note: all CAT reports, except for DBAs, are available online in PDF format at <http://cat.essex.ac.uk>

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10 Abbreviations and glossary

CAT	Colchester Archaeological Trust
CBM	ceramic building material, ie brick/tile
ClfA	Chartered Institute for Archaeologists
context	specific location of finds on an archaeological site
ECC	Essex County Council
ECCHEA	Essex County Council Historic Environment Advisor
ECCPS	Essex County Council Place Services
EHHER	Essex Historic Environment Record
feature (F)	an identifiable thing like a pit, a wall, a drain: can contain 'contexts'
layer (L)	distinct or distinguishable deposit (layer) of material
medieval	period from AD 1066 to c 1500
modern	period from c AD 1800 to the present
natural	geological deposit undisturbed by human activity
NGR	National Grid Reference
OASIS	Online Access to the Index of Archaeological Investigations, http://oasis.ac.uk/pages/wiki/Main
post-medieval	from c AD 1500 to c 1800
section	(abbreviation sx or Sx) vertical slice through feature/s or layer/s
ws	written scheme of investigation

11 Contents of archive

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Paper record

One A4 document wallet containing:
The report (CAT Report 1584)
ECC evaluation brief, CAT written scheme of investigation
Original site record (trench sheet, sections)
Site digital photos and log
Inked sections
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The report (CAT Report 1584)
ECC evaluation brief, CAT written scheme of investigation
Site digital photographs, thumbnails and log
Graphic files
Survey data

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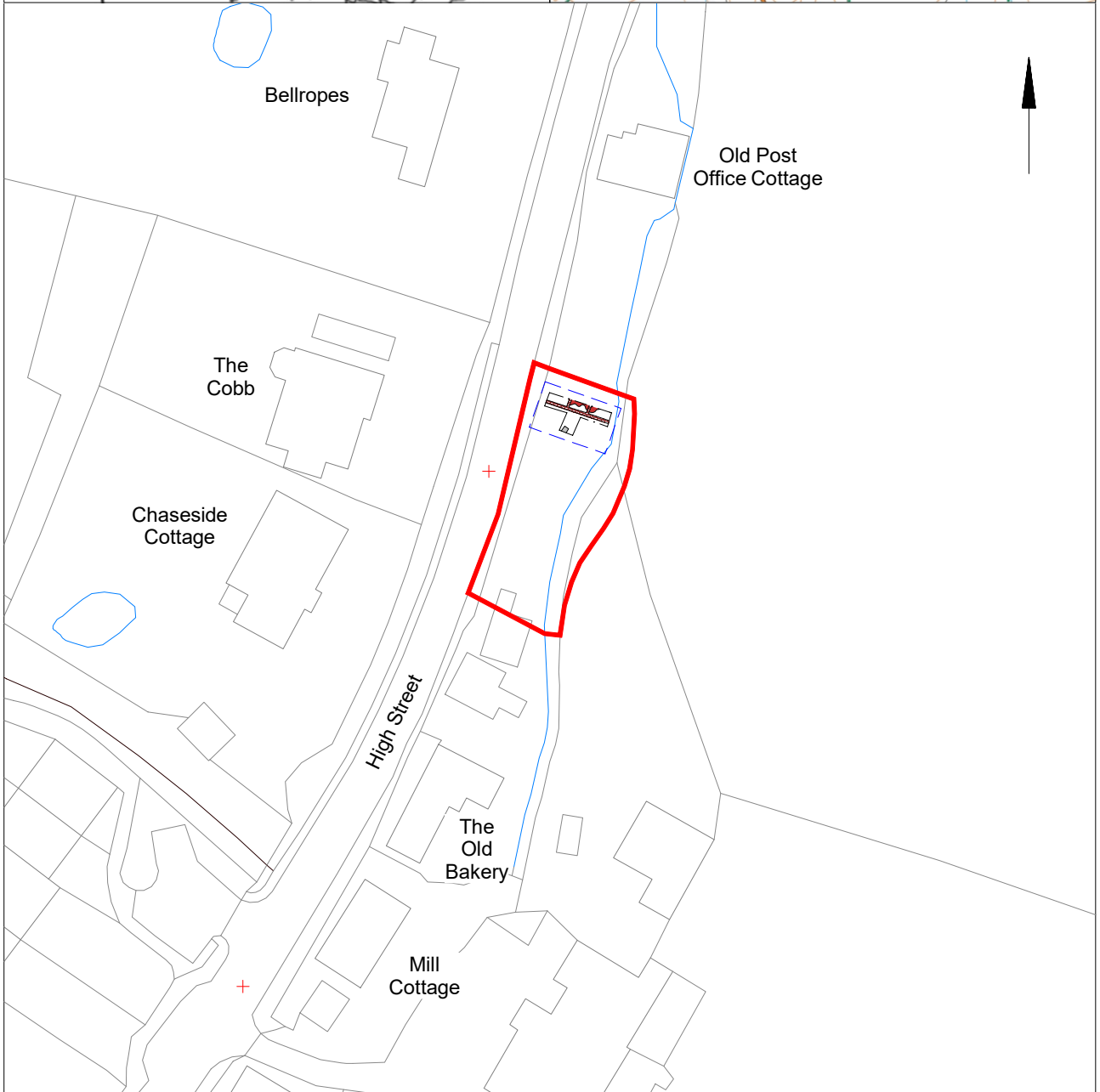
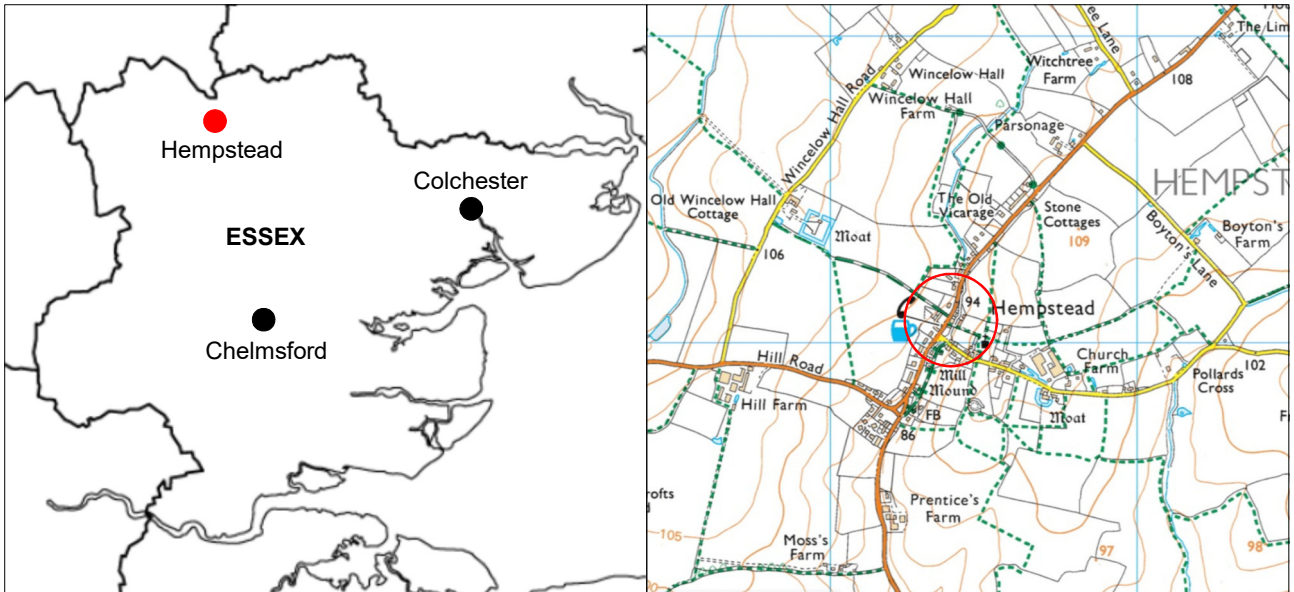


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Fig 1 Site location and trench layout in relation to the proposed development (indicated by the dashed blue line).



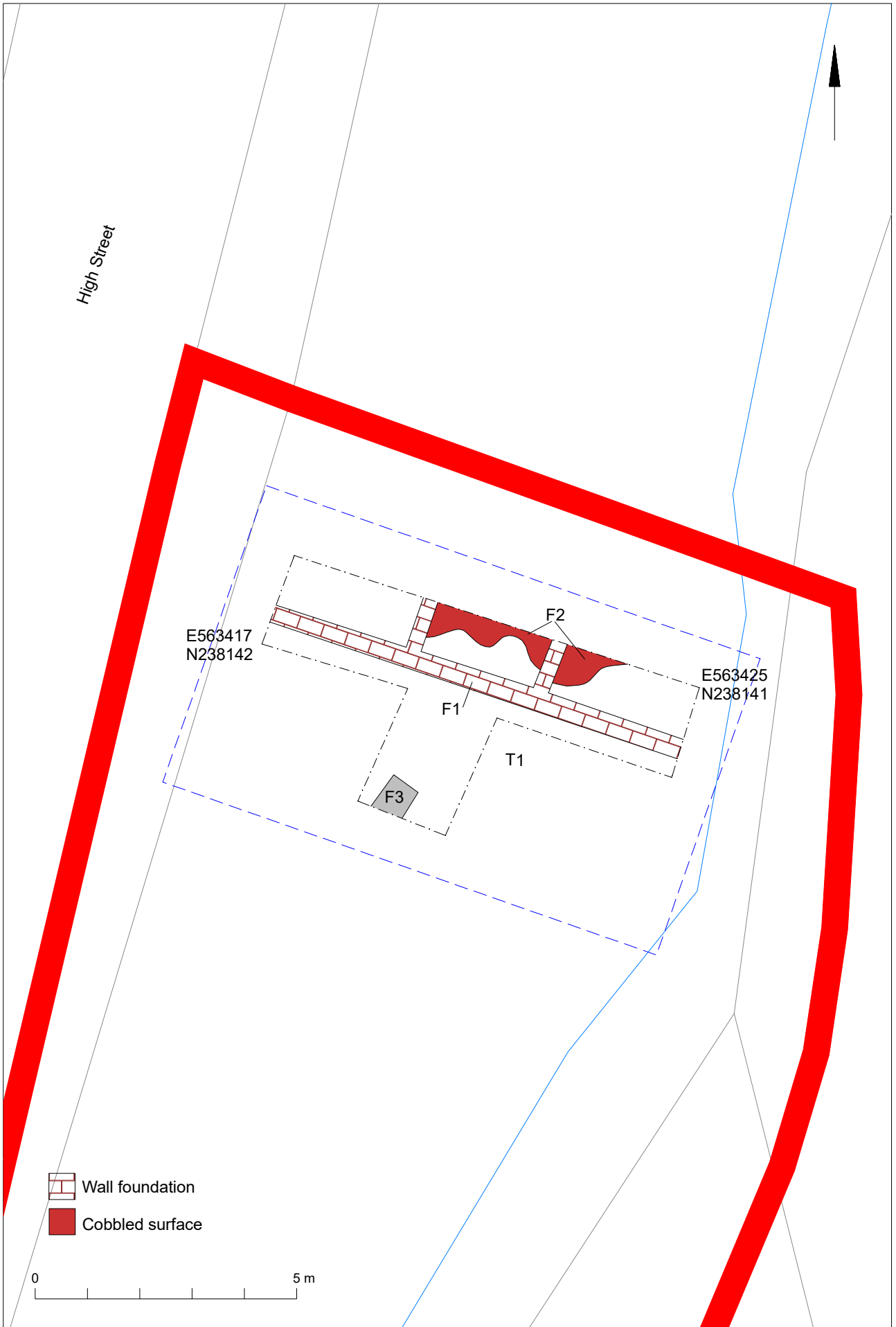


Fig 2 Evaluation results.

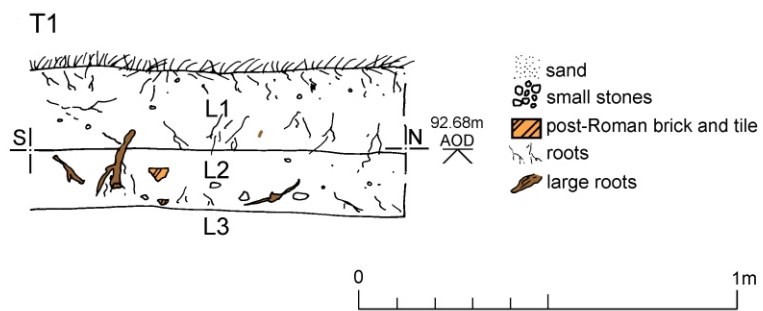


Fig 3 Representative section.

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Type of project	Field evaluation
Site status	None
Current Land use	Other 5 - Garden
Monument type	WALL FOUNDATION Post Medieval
Monument type	COBBLED SURFACE Post Medieval
Monument type	DRAIN HUB Modern
Monument type	MANHOLE Modern
Significant Finds	POTTERY Post Medieval
Significant Finds	POTTERY Modern
Significant Finds	CBM Post Medieval
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Methods & techniques	""Targeted Trenches""
Development type	Small-scale (e.g. single house, etc.)
Prompt	National Planning Policy Framework - NPPF
Position in the planning process	After full determination (eg. As a condition)

Project location

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