

**Extension to 169-173 High Street, Kelvedon,
Essex**

Planning application: 10/00576/FUL

Site code: KL 27

Archaeological Watching Brief Report

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Site details for HER

Name: 169-173 High Street, Kelvedon, C05 9JA

Client: Douglas Management Ltd

Local planning authority: Braintree District Council

Planning application ref: 10/00576/FUL

Development: Erection of extension

Date of fieldwork: Thursday, 9 September 2010

Site code: KL 27

OASIS Ref: johnnewm1-82530

Listed Building Ref: 169-173 High St, Kelvedon 30100 EHER , Grade II

Grid ref: TL 8631 1907

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Summary: (KL 27, TL 8631 1907) 169-173 High St, Kelvedon: monitoring of ground works during the excavation of foundation trenches for a rear extension in an area close to a known Iron Age site and within the historic core of the town did not reveal any features or finds of archaeological interest (John Newman Archaeological Services for Douglas Management Ltd).

ESSEX HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD/ESSEX ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORY

SUMMARY SHEET

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| Site name/Address: Rear of 169-171 High Street, Kelvedon, CO5 9JA | |
| Planning application: 10/00576/FUL (plus additional foundations for a possible additional extension in the SW corner to be created by the permitted developments) | |
| Parish: Kelvedon | District: Braintree DC |
| NGR: TL 8631 1907 | Site Code: KL 27 (OASIS- johnewm1-82530) |
| Type of Work: Watching brief on mechanical excavation of foundation trenches (continuous observation). | Site Director/Group: John Newman Archaeological Services |
| Date of Work: 9 September 2010 | Size of Area Investigated: 22m of foundation trenches at 800mm wide and 1m deep. |
| Location of Finds/Curating Museum: NA | Funding source: Douglas Management Ltd |
| Further Seasons Anticipated?: No | Related HER No.s: Adjacent grade II listed 15 th C hall house at 169-173 High St- Essex CC HER ref: 30100; Iron Age excavation Doucecroft site 60m to NW ref: KL 4. |
| Final Report: Continuous observation of foundation trenches did not reveal any archaeological features of finds, the only ground disturbance recorded was a modern drain and pipe run immediately to the rear of the properties concerned. | |
| Periods Represented: Modern | |
| SUMMARY OF FIELDWORK RESULTS: Some 22m of foundation trench were continuously observed throughout their mechanical excavation (see Fig. below). The trenches were 800mm wide and were taken to a uniform depth of 1m from modern ground level with the exception of one point at the NW corner of the existing structure (A on Fig.) where the trench was taken to 2m+ in order to secure a good foundation close to an adjacent cellar. Below a relatively thin topsoil layer that was 150mm thick the foundation trenches in general revealed a very stone rich natural drift geology across the site with a white sand noted below the gravel at 2m+ at the point noted above. Towards the SW corner of the excavated foundations (B on Fig.) a natural fine, silt rich pale brown Brick earth was also noted lying immediately below the topsoil and above the underlying gravel. This Brick earth deposit appeared to be increasing in depth in a southerly and westerly direction with a maximum depth recorded at the very SW corner of the foundation trenches at 800mm below modern ground level. The only feature observed during the watching brief was a trench containing a modern drainage pipe and water pipe running immediately behind the existing structure and the | |

only finds within the topsoil were small brick and tile fragments of 19th century or later date.

Previous Summaries/Reports: NA

Author of Summary: John Newman

Date of Summary: 21 Sept 2010

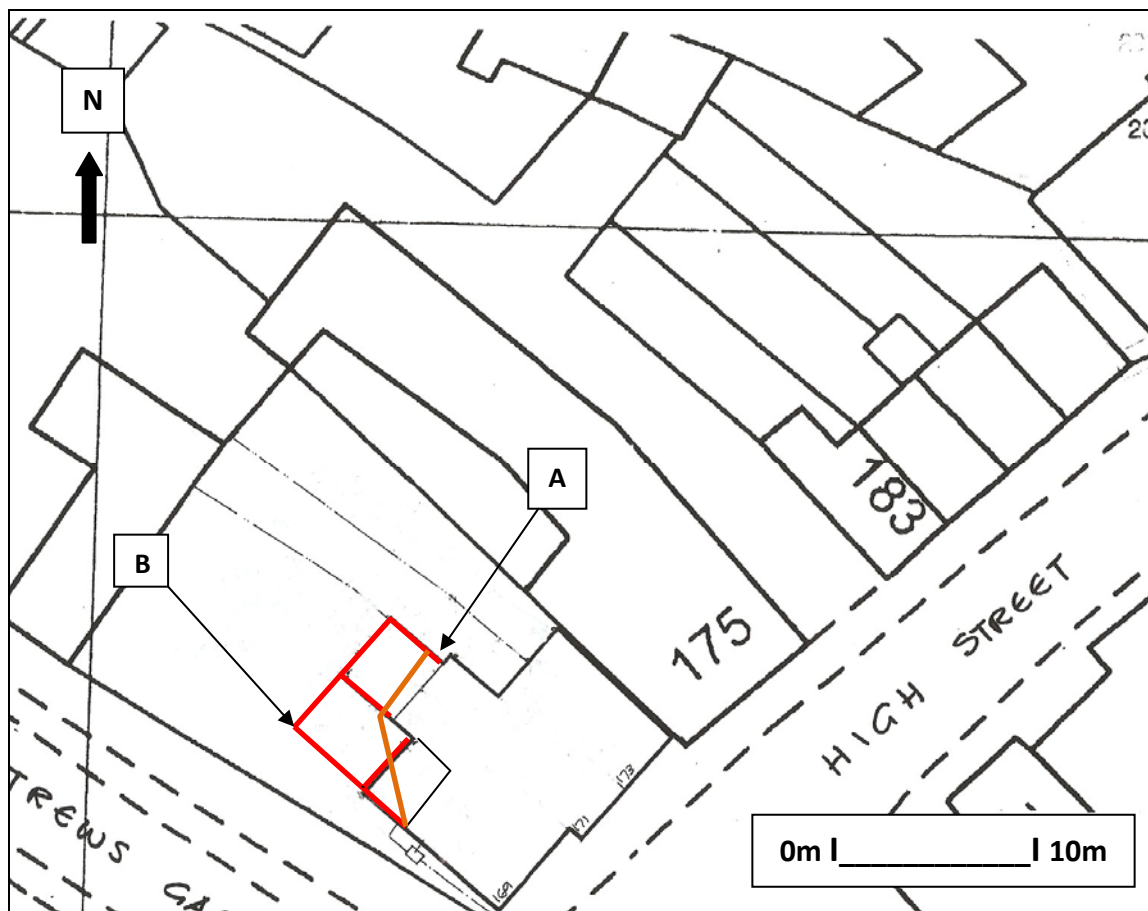


Fig. 1: Site location showing extent of foundation trenches observed (red) and service trench (brown)

Images



Southern foundation trench from west



Southern trench from east with Brick earth deposit (B on Fig.) in distance



Western trench looking north



Northern trench from west showing existing cellar foundation & natural white sand below
(A on Fig.)natural gravel deposit