

ESSEX HERITAGE CONSERVATION RECORD SUMMARY

Site name/Address: Former Chelmsford Road Garage, Leaden Roding	
Parish: Leadon Roding	District: Uttlesford
NGR: TL 5945 1315	Site Code: LR CR 04
Type of Work: Archaeological evaluation by trial-trenching	Site Director/Group: Mark Germany, Essex County Council Field Archaeology Unit
Date of Work: 10/11/04	Size of Area Investigated: One trench, totalling 32m ²
Location of archive/curating museum: Saffron Walden	Client: Mr T. Bushell, Asten Developments, Robin Hood Road, Elsenham, Bishops Stortford
Further Seasons Anticipated?: No	Related EHR Nos.: 19296
Final Report: <i>Essex Archaeology and History</i> (Summary)	
Periods represented: Post-medieval and Modern	
<p>SUMMARY OF FIELDWORK RESULTS:</p> <p>The fieldwork consisted of an archaeological evaluation by trial-trenching. The ECC FAU undertook the work in advance of housing development on the plot of land formerly occupied by Chelmsford Road Garage. The main aim of the evaluation was to locate and investigate a posited southern arm of the moat of the moated site that lies to the immediate north (EHCR 19296). The evaluation consisted of a single 20m long trench (Fig. 1).</p> <p>Seven features were found in the trial-trench (Fig. 2, features 3, 5, 8, 9, 13, 15 and 16). The features lay beneath a 0.5m thick mixed deposit of modern (19th/20th century) overburden and building rubble and were cut into Chalky Boulder Clay and natural sand and gravel. Two modern structures were represented by robbed-out walls (5, 13 and 15) and a concrete floor (16). The other features consisted of an undatable cut-feature (3), a modern pit (9) and a large modern, shallow depression (8). The features were planned and recorded, but only two of them were excavated (8 and 9).</p> <p>Feature 8 contained occasional large nodules of flint, infrequent pieces of post-medieval and modern brick and tile, seventeen sherds of 17th-century pottery and three sherds of modern pottery. Feature 9 contained a fragment of post-medieval brick.</p> <p>The excavation found no evidence for a moat ditch along the south side of the moated site to the north. Either the moated site was open-ended, or the south part of the moat lay to the immediate north of the development area.</p>	
Previous Reports/Summaries:- None	
Author of Summary: Mark Germany	Date of Summary: November 2004

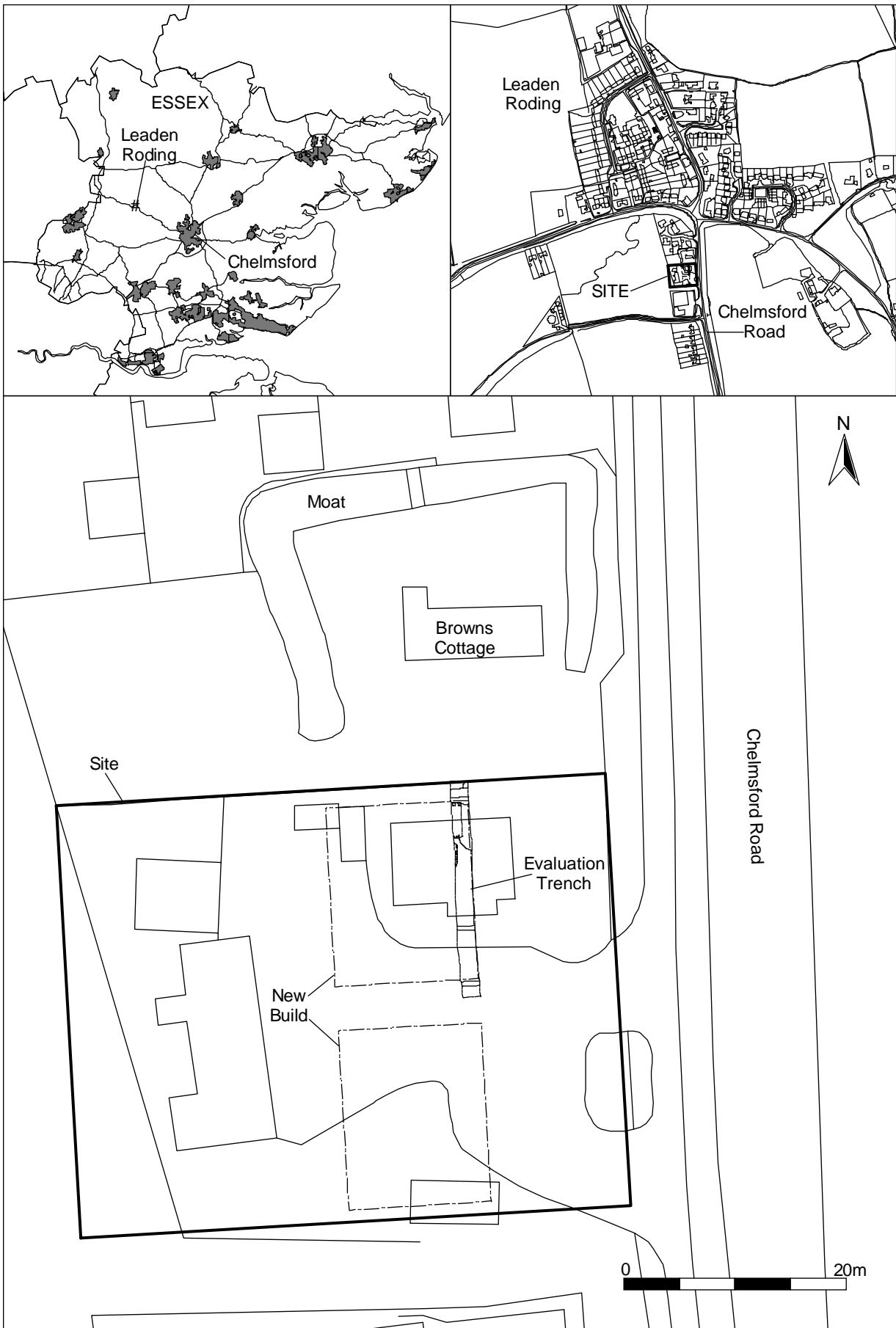


Fig.1. Site Location

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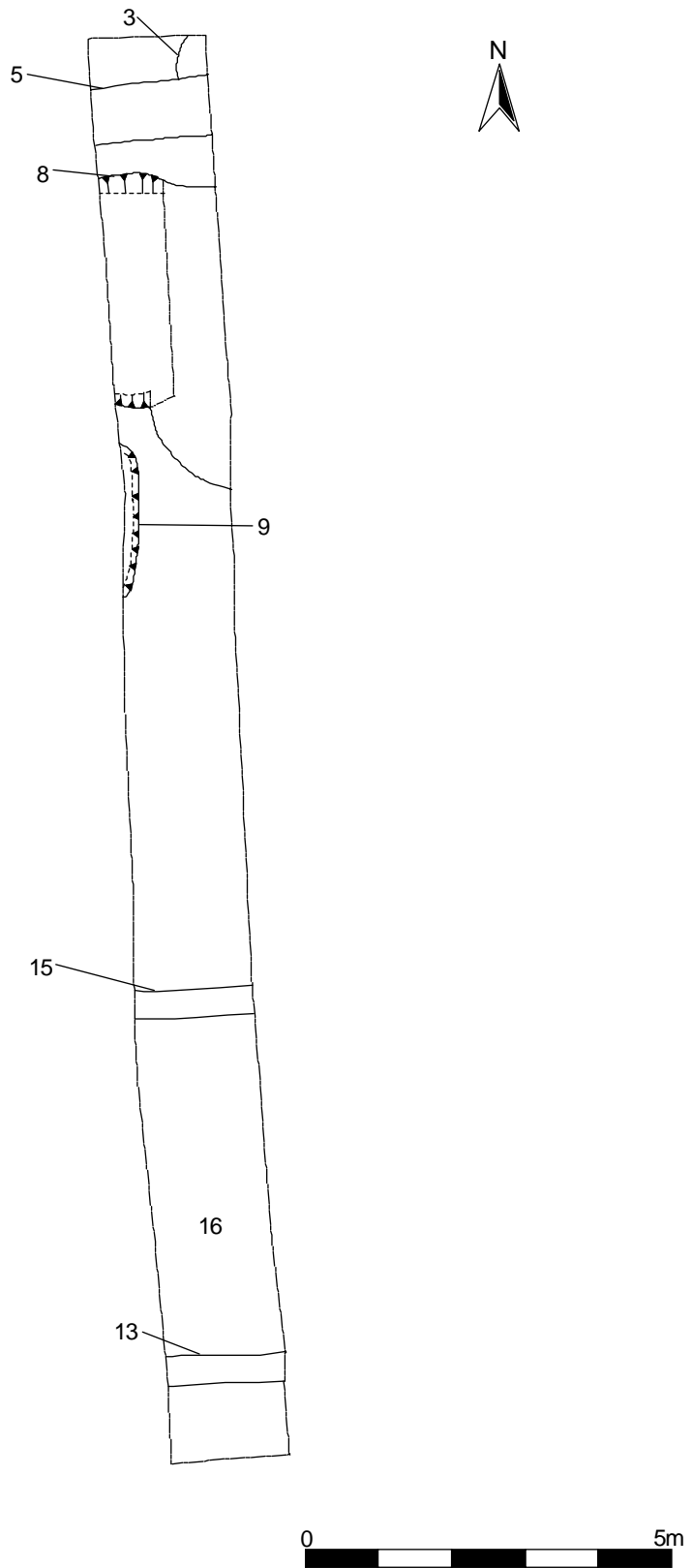


Fig.2. Detail of Evaluation Trench