

**Land To The Rear Of 61 High Street,  
Kelvedon, Essex**

**Planning application: 12/00176**

**Site code: KL 28**

**Archaeological Watching Brief Report**

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## **Site details for HER**

Name: Land to the rear of 61 High Street, Kelvedon, C05 9AE

Client: Douglas Management Ltd

Local planning authority: Braintree District Council

Planning application ref: 12/00176

Development: Erection of single dwelling

Date of fieldwork: 23 May, 2 July & 30 October, 2012

Site code: KL 28

OASIS Ref: johnnewm1-136577

Grid ref: TL 8600 1866

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*Summary: (KL 28, TL 8600 1866) Land to rear of 61 High St, Kelvedon: monitoring of ground works during the excavation of foundation and service trenches for a new house to the south-east of the main area for the Roman settlement of Canomium and within the historic core of the town did not reveal any features, save a filled-in well/soakaway of later 19<sup>th</sup> century date, or any finds of archaeological interest (John Newman Archaeological Services for Douglas Management Ltd).*

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## ESSEX HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD/ESSEX ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORY

### SUMMARY SHEET

<b>Site name/Address:</b> Land to the rear of 61 High Street, Kelvedon, CO5 9AE	
<b>Planning application:</b> 12/00176 (erection of new dwelling)	
<b>Parish:</b> Kelvedon	<b>District:</b> Braintree DC
<b>NGR:</b> TL 8600 1866	<b>Site Code:</b> KL 28 (OASIS- johnewm1-136577)
<b>Type of Work:</b> Watching brief on mechanical excavation of foundation & service trenches (continuous observation).	<b>Site Director/Group:</b> John Newman Archaeological Services
<b>Date of Work:</b> 23 May, 2 July & 30 October, 2012	<b>Size of Area Investigated:</b> 56m of foundation trenches at 700mm wide and 1200mm to 1400mm deep, for a new build footprint of 130m <sup>2</sup> , and 40m of 500mm wide and 450mm to 600mm deep service trench.
<b>Location of Finds/Curating Museum:</b> NA	<b>Funding source:</b> Douglas Management Ltd
<b>Further Seasons Anticipated?:</b> No	<b>Related HER No's:</b> The site is 36m to the rear of a late 16 <sup>th</sup> or early 17 <sup>th</sup> century listed building (HER 30085) which fronts the High Street.
<b>Final Report:</b> Continuous observation of the removal of a large tree stump and the excavation of foundation trenches and a service trench did not reveal any archaeological features save a later 19 <sup>th</sup> century filled-in well or soakaway, the only finds noted in the upcast spoil were occasional small pottery sherds, fragments of glass vessels and small brick/tile fragments of mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century date or later.	
<b>Periods Represented:</b> Later 19 <sup>th</sup> century and modern.	
<b>SUMMARY OF FIELDWORK RESULTS:</b> Initial site monitoring observed the removal of a large tree stump on the northern edge of the proposed new house footprint. A 1400mm by 1500mm hole that was up to 1200mm deep was mechanically excavated revealing 350mm of topsoil over 150mm of a mid brown silty subsoil which in turn lay over a very pale brown silty and largely stone free Brick earth type deposit.  Ground works for the house foundations entailed the excavation of 56m of 700mm wide and 1200mm to 1400mm deep trench (see below Fig. 2 & images). The trenches revealed a similar deposit profile to the above with 300mm to 350mm of topsoil over 150mm to 200mm of subsoil which again lay over the locally occurring very pale brown silty and largely stone free Brick earth type deposit which gave way to orange sand with small and medium sized flints at 1000mm. The trench sides and base did not reveal any archaeological features and the only finds noted in the	

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upcast topsoil subsoil were occasional white and blue & white transfer printed pottery sherds of mid/late 19<sup>th</sup> century date or later, recent glass vessel fragments and small brick/tile fragments of Post medieval date.

The final phase of site monitoring at the site covered the 500mm wide and 450mm (near new house) to 600mm (near road frontage) deep service trench. The 8m length of service trench nearest to the High Street was through a concrete surface which was 300mm thick with its sub-base, the remainder of the 40m trench revealed 300mm of topsoil over 200mm of mid brown silty subsoil with the underlying pale brown silty Brick earth only being seen at occasional points in the trench base. Again no pre mid/late 19<sup>th</sup> century finds were noted and the only feature revealed was a rubble filled well or soakaway on the northern side of the trench 10m from the edge of the pavement at the front of the site. This well or soakaway was constructed of common red bricks of mid/late 19<sup>th</sup> century type.

**Previous Summaries/Reports:** NA

**Author of Summary:** John Newman

**Date of Summary:** 2 November 2012

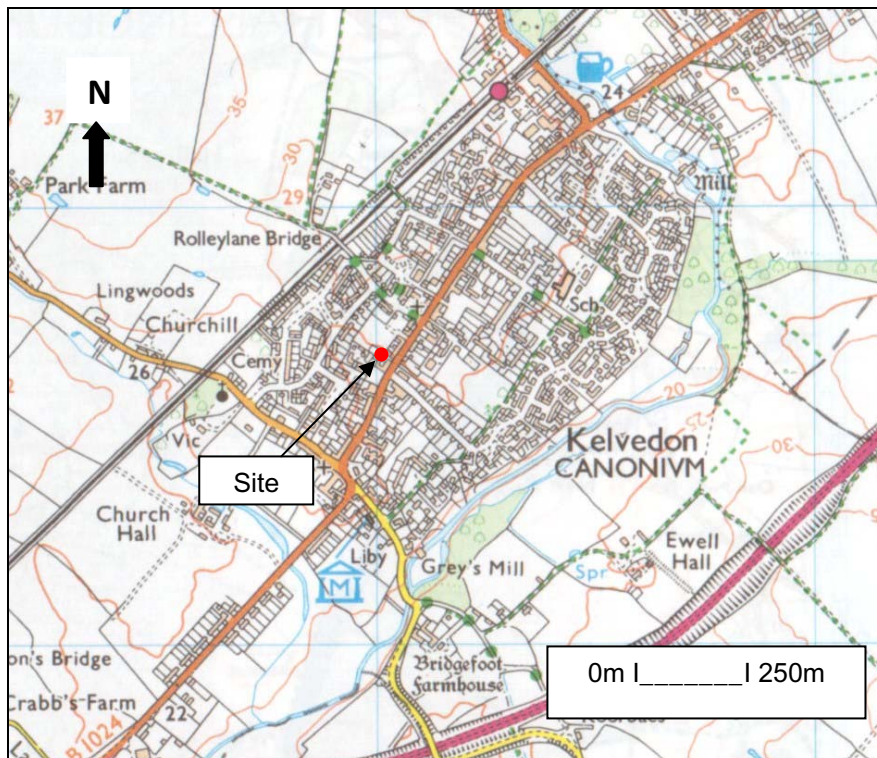


Fig. 1: Site location

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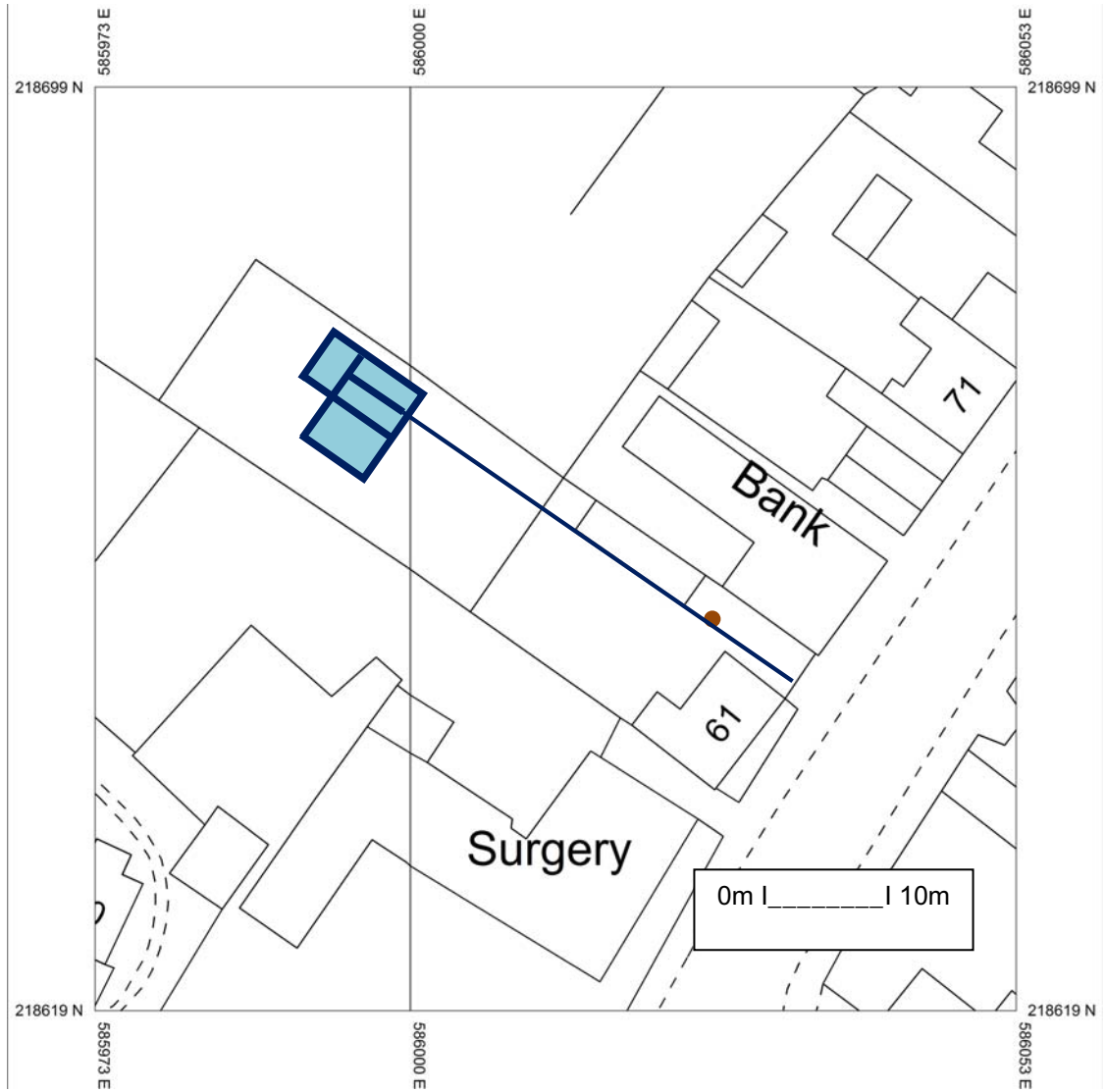


Fig. 2: Monitored foundation & service trenches (dark blue) & location of well or soakaway (brown)  
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Images



Site from north-west looking towards the High Street



Removal of tree stump



Northern foundation trench



Central foundation trench from west



General deposit profile