

**14 MARSH ROAD
TILLINGHAM
ESSEX
ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVALUATION**



**Essex County Council
Field Archaeology Unit**

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ESSEX HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD

Site name/Address: 14 MARSH ROAD, TILLINGHAM, ESSEX	
Parish: Tillingham	District: Maldon
NGR: TL 9938 0371	Site Code: MRTI 13
Type of Work: Archaeological evaluation	Site Director/Group: Adam Dyson Essex County Council Field Archaeology Unit
Date of Work: 14/01/2013	Size of Area Investigated: c. 26 sq. m
Location of Finds/Curating Museum: Colchester Museum	Client: Mr Robin Love
Further Seasons Anticipated?: No	Related HER Nos: EHER 45549
Final Report: HER summary	Oasis No.: essexcou1- 141098
Periods represented: Unknown	
SUMMARY OF FIELDWORK RESULTS:	
<p>An archaeological evaluation was carried out in the garden of No.14 Marsh Road, Tillingham ahead of a planned development comprising the construction of a single dwelling house and garage on the footprint, and extending slightly south of, an extant 20th century bungalow. The evaluation was undertaken as part of a condition placed on planning consent by Maldon District Council (MAL/00368/11) following advice from the Essex County Council Historic Environment Management team (ECC HEM).</p> <p>The proposed development site is located on the eastern side of the historic settlement of Tillingham, close to the central square, parish church of St Nicholas and Tillingham Hall.</p> <p>Two trenches were excavated using a 360° excavator fitted with a toothless bucket, both were located within the footprint of the proposed development and excavation was carried out under the supervision of an archaeologist. East-west aligned trench 1 was located immediately south of the extant bungalow and north-south aligned trench 2 was located along the western boundary of the property (Fig. 1). Trench 1 measured 10m by 1.6m by 0.7m deep (Plate 1). The overburden comprised a 0.4m deep layer of dark blackish grey, soft silty clay topsoil which had occasional concentrations of modern material such as building sand and rubble fragments caused by modern disturbance. This overlay 0.3m of mid greyish brown soft silty clay subsoil, likely to have been a plough soil predating the residential development of the area. This in turn sealed the archaeological horizon and the natural deposit of light yellowish orange clay. The sequence of the deposits in trench 2, which measured 6.5m by 1.6m by 0.6-7m deep, was the same as in trench 1, although here the topsoil measured between 0.2 and 0.3m and the subsoil 0.4m.</p> <p>Trench 1 revealed the north-east terminus of undated ditch 1, oriented north east to south west (Plate 2). 1.94m of its length was revealed and it was 0.84m wide and 0.23m deep. It had moderately steep sides and a concave base and contained a single fill of mid brownish grey firm silty clay. Although undated by finds, this ditch due to its north-east south-west alignment appears to predate the existing boundaries set perpendicular to Marsh Road.</p>	
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Further west within trench 1 was linear feature 3, oriented north to south (Plate 3). It measured 0.5m wide by 0.06m deep, had very shallow sides and a concave base. It contained a single fill of mid to dark brownish grey, firm silty clay. This linear was also undated although the parallel alignment to nearby modern boundaries suggests it to be later than ditch 1; the very shallow remains of an agricultural feature would seem the most likely interpretation. No archaeological remains were identified within trench 2.

The evaluation suggests that the proposed development will not have any significant impact upon the archaeological record.

Previous Summaries/Reports: None

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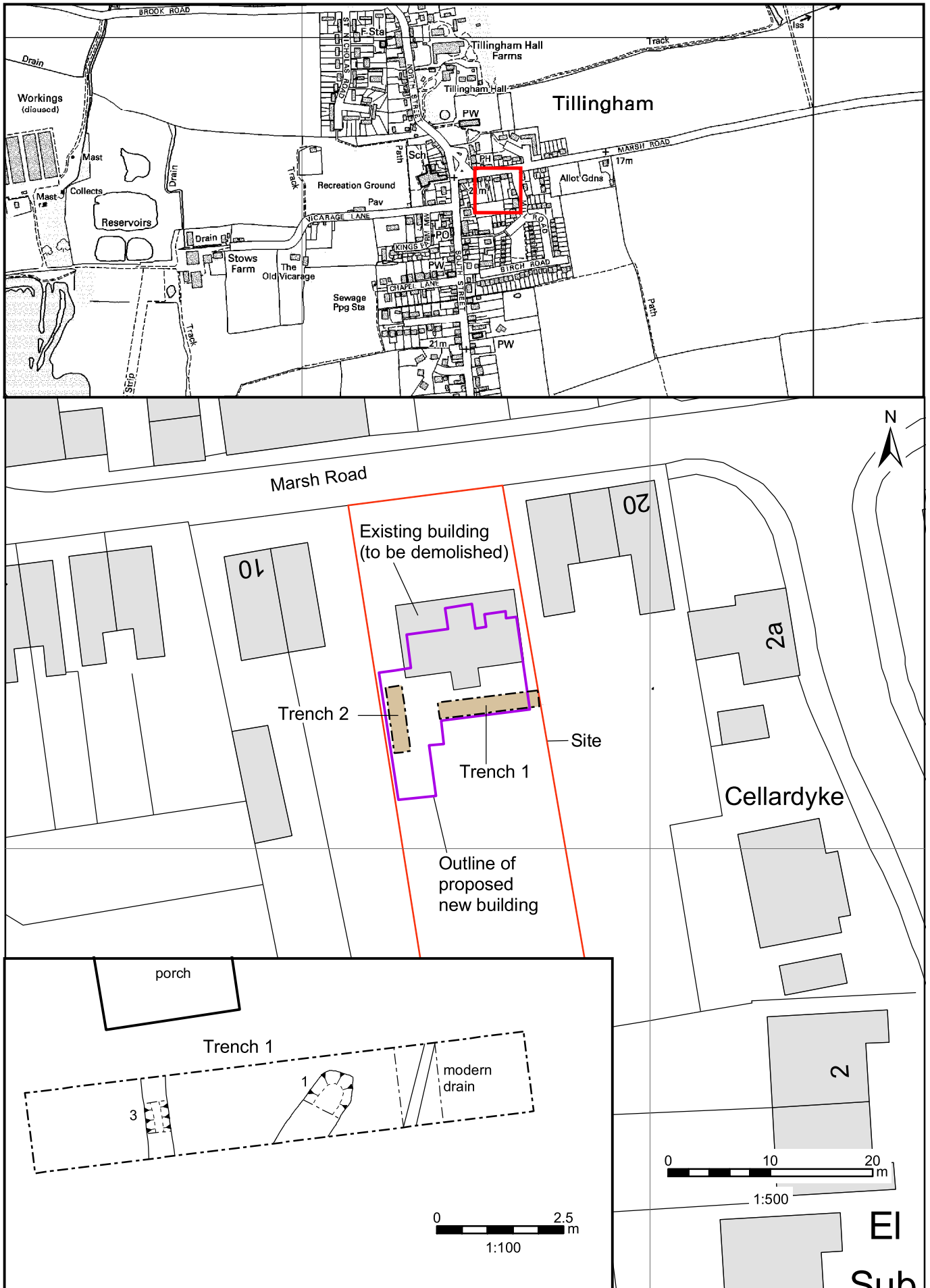
Plate 1: Trench 1, looking east (1m and 2m scales)



Plate 2: Ditch 1, looking south west (0.5m scale)



Plate 3: Linear feature 3, looking south (0.5m scale)



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Fig.1. Location of archaeological evaluation trenches