

**1 ORCHARD PIECE
BLACKMORE
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ESSEX**

ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVALUATION



**Essex County Council
Field Archaeology Unit**

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ESSEX HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD

Site name/Address: 1 Orchard Piece, Blackmore, Essex	
Parish: Blackmore	District: Brentwood
NGR: TQ 6048 0206	Site Code: BLAOP13
Type of Work: Archaeological evaluation	Site Director/Group: Lukasz Miciak, Essex County Council Field Archaeology Unit
Date of Work: 22/01/13	Size of Area Investigated: 17.7 sqm
Location of Finds/Curating Museum: Chelmsford	Client: Clive Hitchcock
Further Seasons Anticipated?: No	Related HER Nos:
Final Report: HER summary	Oasis No.: essexcou1-141637
Periods represented: None	
<p>SUMMARY OF FIELDWORK RESULTS:</p> <p>An archaeological evaluation was carried out in the garden adjacent to number 1 Orchard Piece, Blackmore, in advance of the construction of a three bedroom house. The evaluation was undertaken as a part of a condition placed on planning consent by Brentwood Borough Council (11/01055/FUL) on the advice of the Essex County Council Historic Environment Management team (ECC HEM).</p> <p>The proposed development lies immediately to the northeast of the historic core of Blackmore village, by the road leading from the village centre to Fingrith Hall, the site of an early medieval manor enclosed by a large moat.</p> <p>Two evaluation trenches were excavated within the footprint of the new building by a machine fitted with a toothless bucket, under the supervision of an archaeologist. One of them, measuring 5.8m by 1.5m by 0.5m deep was aligned northwest-southeast, while the other was positioned at a 35° angle to the first one and measured 6m by 1.5m by 0.6m deep. They revealed a stratigraphy that consisted of 0.17-0.2m of dark grey brown soft sandy silt topsoil, overlaying a 0.3-0.4m thick layer of mid yellow brown firm clayey silt, which in turn was underlain by natural deposits that comprised light brown orange firm silty clay. No archaeological remains were identified.</p> <p>The evaluation suggests that the proposed development will not have any impact upon the archaeological record.</p>	
Previous Summaries/Reports: None	
Author of Summary: Lukasz Miciak	Date of Summary: January 2012

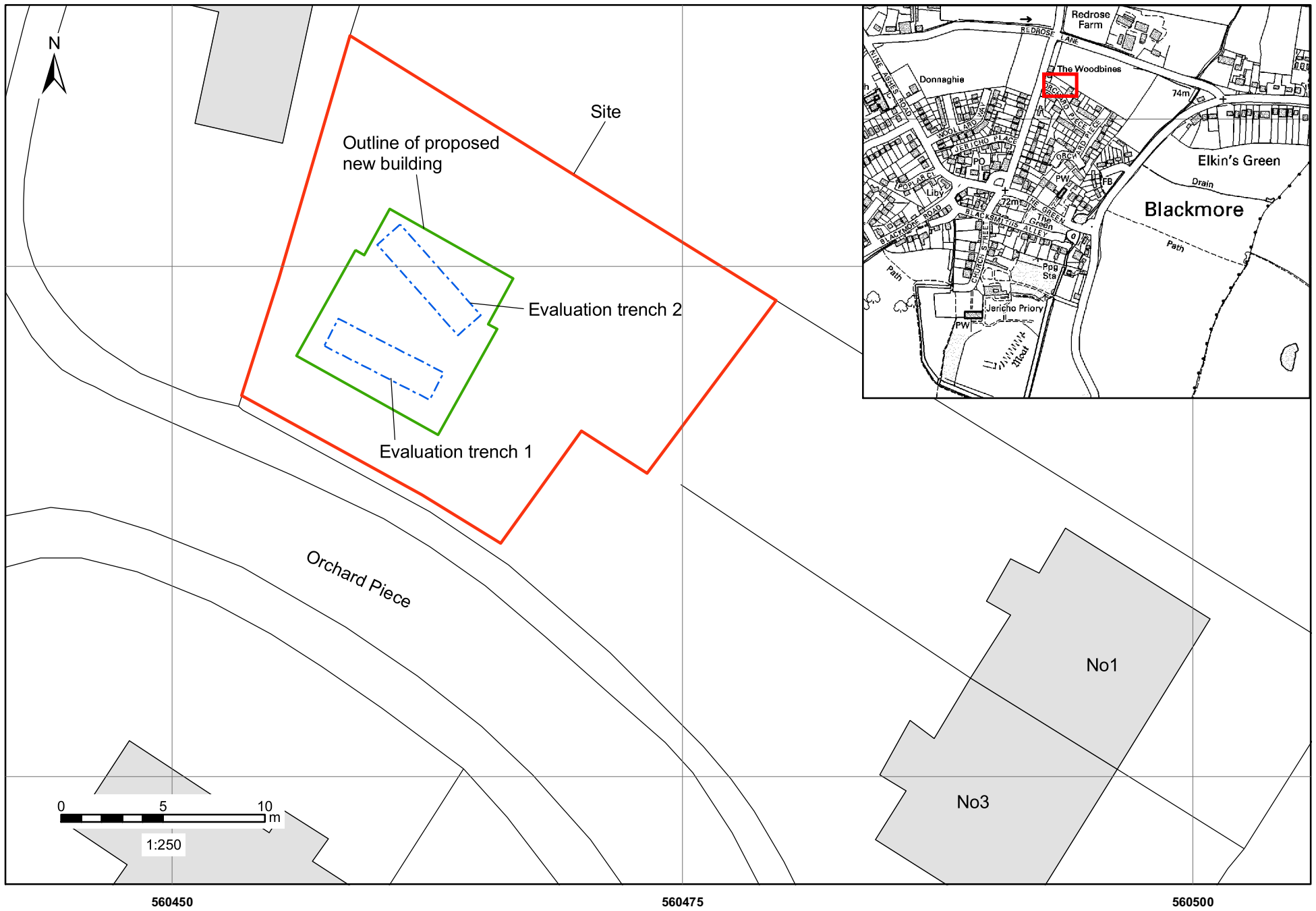


Fig.1. Location of archaeological evaluation trenches

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Plate 1. Excavation of trench 1 within the proposed development footprint



Plate 2. Trench 2 under excavation



Plate 3. Post-ex photo of trench 1



Plate 4. Post-ex photo of trench 2