

**LAND TO REAR OF  
14 HIGH STREET  
SOUTHMINSTER  
ESSEX**

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVALUATION BY  
TRIAL TRENCHING**

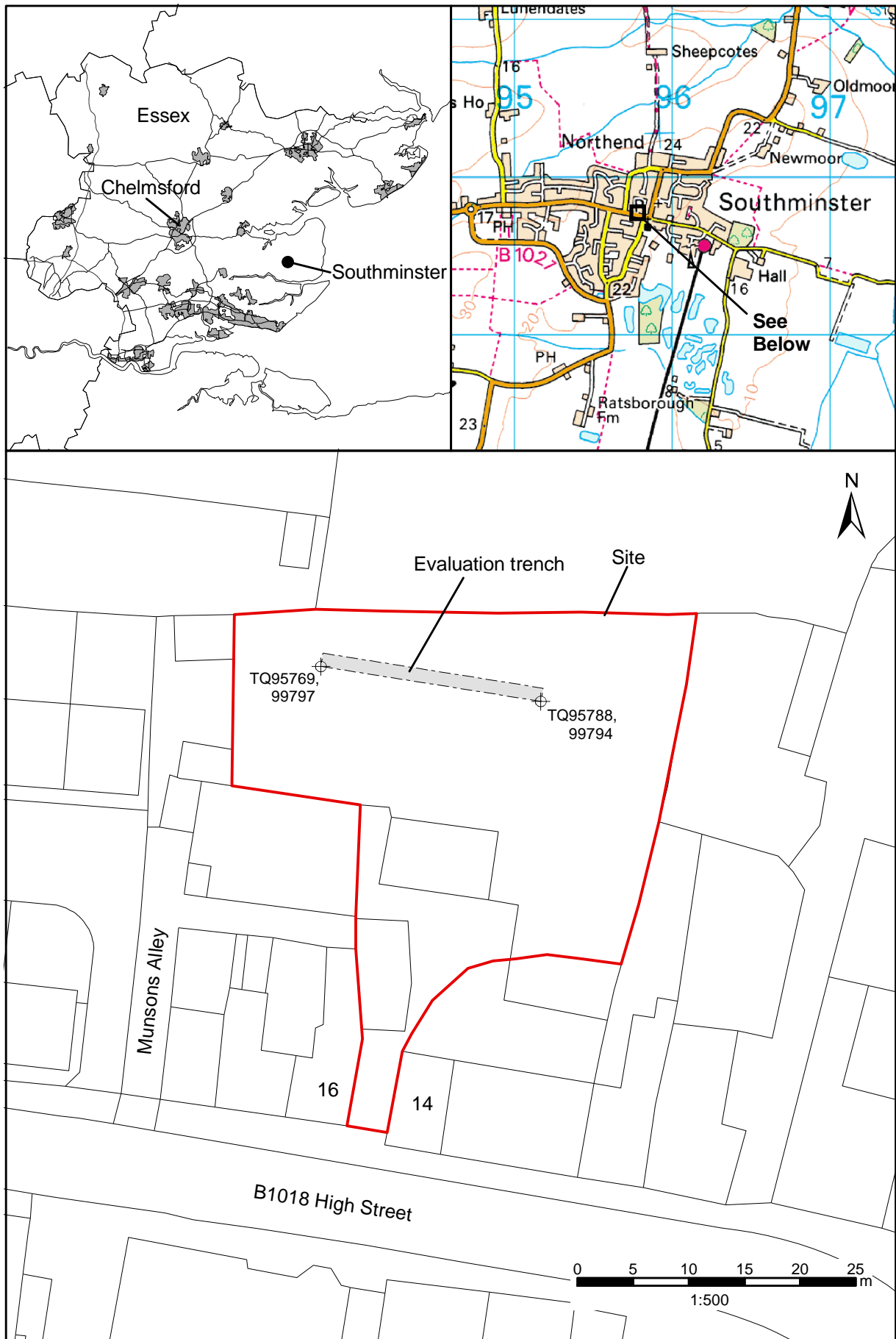


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## EHER SUMMARY SHEET

<b>Site Name/Address:</b> Land to rear of 14 High Street, Southminster, Essex	
<b>Parish:</b> Southminster	<b>District:</b> Maldon
<b>NGR:</b> TQ 95769 99797	<b>Site Code:</b> SOUMS 06
<b>Type of Work:</b> Evaluation by Trial Trenching	<b>Site Director/Group:</b> A Robertson ECC Field Archaeology Unit
<b>Date of Work:</b> 3rd Jan 2007	<b>Size of Area Investigated:</b> Approx. development area 792 <sup>2</sup> m Area investigated 24 <sup>2</sup> m
<b>Location of Finds/Curating Museum:</b> Chelmsford	<b>Funding Source:</b> Barrie Whitley Associates (on behalf of Mr J Little)
<b>Further Work Anticipated?</b> No	<b>Related EHER Nos:</b> 38674
<b>Final Report:</b> EAH Summary.	
<b>Periods Represented:</b> Modern	
<b>SUMMARY OF FIELDWORK RESULTS:</b> An archaeological evaluation, consisting of a single trench, was carried out on the site of a small residential development to the rear of 14 High Street, Southminster, Essex. The site was formerly a garden with semi-mature trees along the northern edge. The south, east and west sides of the development area were demarcated by property boundaries while to the north were allotments.  The trench showed that there was approximately 0.3m of modern topsoil on top of 0.3m of dark brown silty sandy subsoil. The approximate depth to the undisturbed natural, mid brown sandy gravel, was 0.6m. No archaeological remains were identified. No finds were collected and no environmental samples taken. It seems likely that no significant archaeological remains exist within the site boundaries, despite the frontage buildings being 16th century in origin and the development area being within the projected Saxon and medieval settlement.	
<b>Previous Summaries/Reports:</b> N/A	
<b>Author of Summary:</b> Andrew Robertson (ECC FAU)	<b>Date of Summary:</b> January 2007



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Fig.1. Location plan