

**THE CORNER OF HERON ROAD/SWAN STREET
KELVEDON
ESSEX**

ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRIAL-TRENCHING



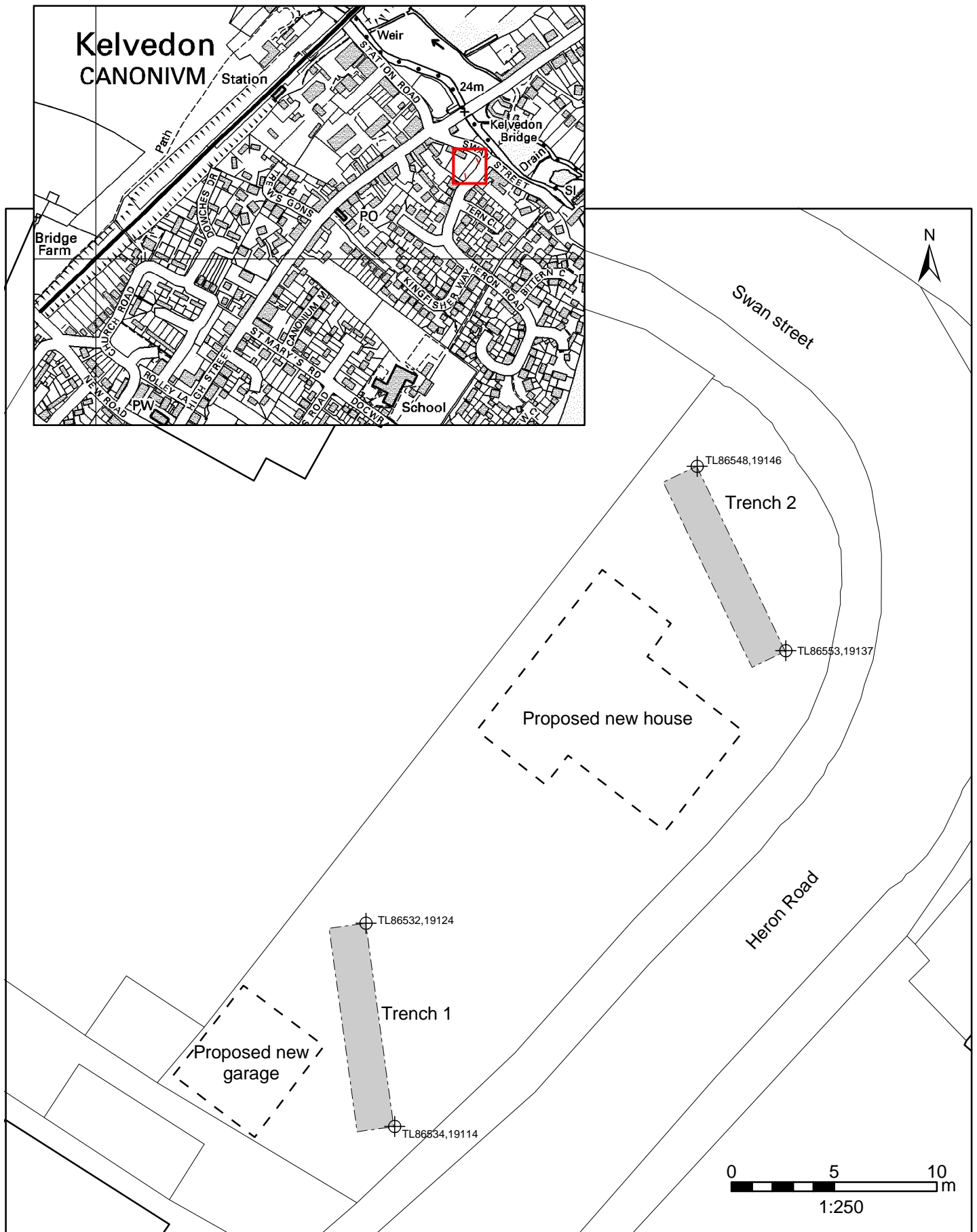
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ESSEX HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD/ESSEX ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORY SUMMARY SHEET

Site name/Address: The corner of Heron Road/Swan Street, Kelvedon, Essex	
Parish: Kelvedon	District: Braintree
NGR: TL 86540 19130	Site Code: KLHR 07
Type of Work: Archaeological evaluation by trial-trenching	Site Director/Group: Mark Germany, Essex County Council Field Archaeology Unit
Date of Work: 21/2/7	Size of Area Investigated: Two trenches, totalling 34m ²
Location of Finds/Curating Museum: Braintree	Client: Oakdale New Build Project Management Services
Further Seasons Anticipated?: No	Related EHR Nos.:
Final Report: Essex Archaeology and History (summary)	
Periods represented: Modern	
<p>SUMMARY OF FIELDWORK RESULTS:</p> <p>Two archaeological trial-trenches were stripped by mechanical excavator prior to the construction of a house and garage on a 460m² plot of vacant land on the corner of Heron Road and Swan Street (Fig. 1). The trial-trenching was carried out on the margins of known areas of former Late Iron Age, Roman and medieval settlement (Medlycott 1998).</p> <p>Trench 1 contained a layer of asphalt beneath 0.5m to 0.7m of made-ground. The asphalt lay on brick rubble and an undisturbed glacial deposit of orange-brown clay sand and gravel. The same layer of asphalt was present in trench 2. It rested on a thin layer of brick rubble and lay beneath 1m of made-ground. Between the brick rubble and an undisturbed glacial deposit of brownish-yellow silt sand and gravel was a thin deposit of greyish-brown sand silt. The made-ground and the greyish-brown sand silt contained fragments of coal and asphalt and post-medieval and modern brick and glass. There were no archaeological features and no other types of find.</p> <p>The asphalt was a 20th-century deposit and was either a road or yard surface. The presence of it directly or almost directly on top of undisturbed natural deposits indicated that the site had previously been stripped and that its original topsoil and other deposits had been taken away. Local opinion has it that the site was formerly used as a coal yard.</p> <p>Medlycott, M. 1998 <i>Kelvedon. Historic Towns Project Assessment Report</i>. Essex County Council Planning (Archaeology Section)</p>	
Previous Summaries/Reports:- None	
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Fig.1. Location plan