CASTLE HEDINGHAM ESSEX

ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF



March 2007

ESSEX HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD / ESSEX ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORY SUMMARY

Site name/Address: Harveys, Pottery Lane, Castle Hedingham	
Parish: Castle Hedingham	District: Braintree
NGR: TL 78545 35474	Site Code: CH 6
Type of Work: Watching brief	Site Director/Group: Mark Germany, Essex
	County Council Field Archaeology Unit
Date of Work: 6/3/07	Size of Area Investigated: 34m ²
Location of Finds/Curating Museum:	Client: Mr J. Redgewell
Braintree	
Further Seasons Anticipated?: No	Related EHER Nos.: 16069 and 16076

Final Report: Essex Archaeology and History (Summary)

Periods represented: Modern

SUMMARY OF FIELDWORK RESULTS:

Essex County Council Field Archaeology Unit monitored the groundworks for the construction of a side extension and garage at Harveys, Pottery Lane, Castle Hedingham (Fig. 1). Harveys is conjectured to lie between the inner and outer medieval town ditches. The side extension replaced an earlier extension that had been added to the east end of an existing small bungalow. The garage was constructed in the south-east corner of the surrounding garden. The groundworks were excavated by using a small mechanical excavator.

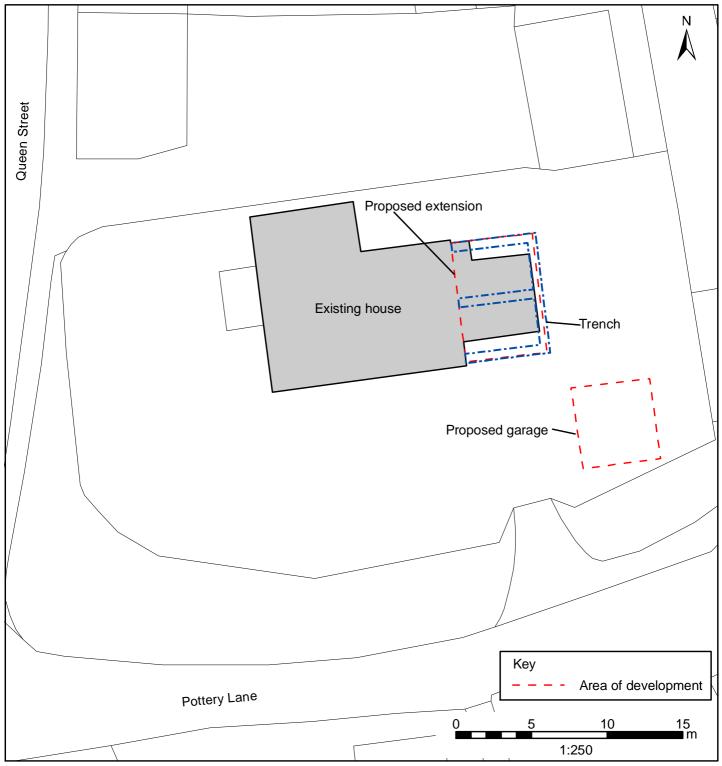
The groundworks for the side extension comprised the excavation of an E-shaped arrangement of trenches. Each trench had vertical sides and was 0.6m wide and 1.2m deep. The trenches revealed 0.4m of topsoil above brownish yellow silt clay. Cut in to the clay were foundation cuts belonging to the existing bungalow and the former extension. The footprint of the new side extension was 5.6m x 8m. It is uncertain as to whether the brownish yellow silt clay represented made-ground or an undisturbed glacial deposit.

The footprint of the garage cut garden topsoil and measured 5m x 5m. It was approximately 0.15m deep. The underlying deposit was not exposed.

The monitoring identified no archaeological features or artefacts

Previous Summaries/Reports:- None

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Fig.1. Areas of archaeological monitoring

