

**LAND OFF CLACTON ROAD
THORRINGTON
ESSEX**

ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVALUATION BY TRIAL TRENCHING

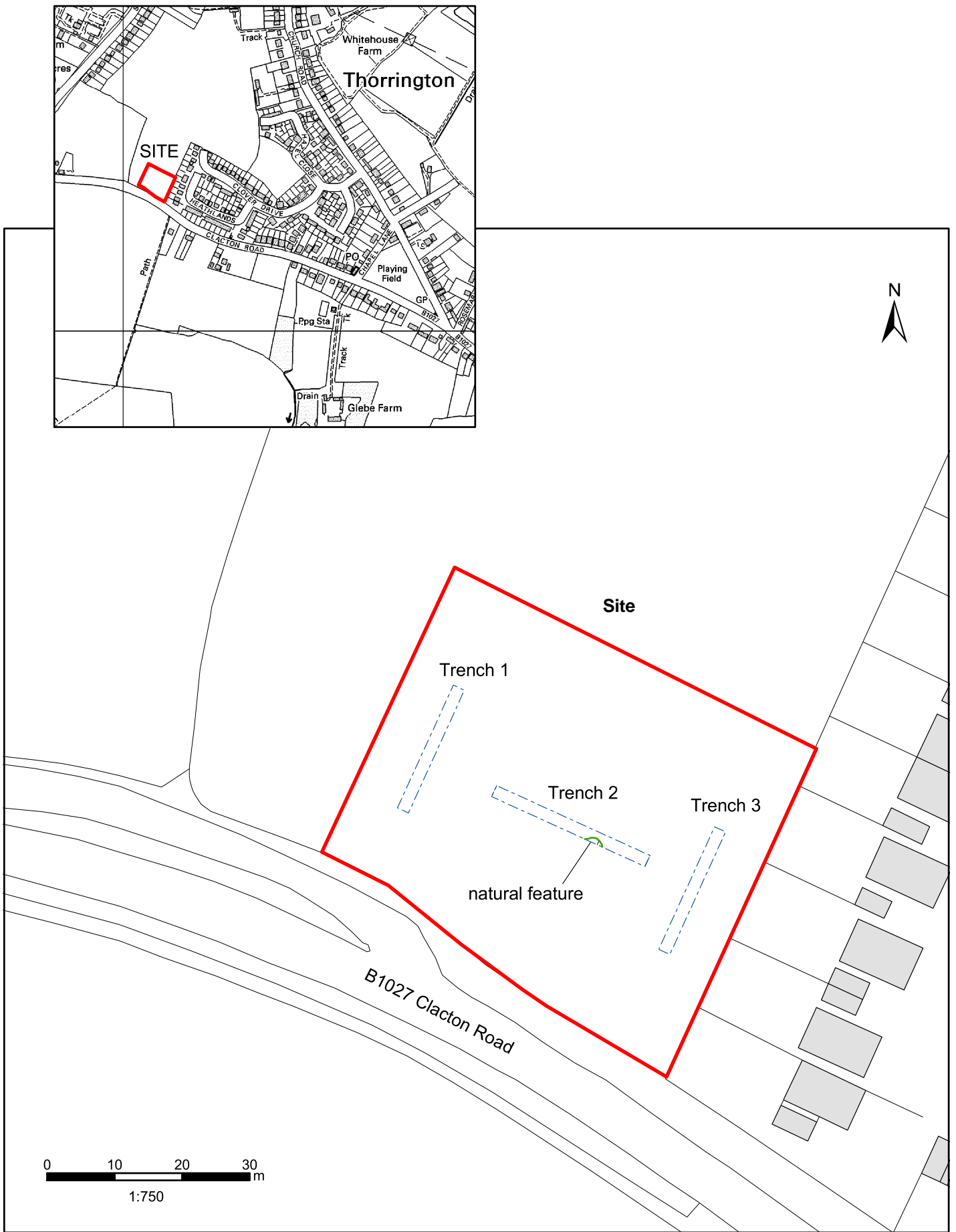


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Field Archaeology Unit**

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ESSEX HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD SUMMARY SHEET

Site name/Address: Land off Clacton Road, Thorrington, Essex	
Parishes: Thorrington	District: Tendring
NGR: TM 09070, 20300	Site Code: TNCR08
Type of Work: Archaeological Evaluation	Site Director/Group: T. Ennis, ECC Field Archaeology Unit
Dates of Work: 18th November 2008	Size of Area Investigated: 104 sq m
Location of Finds/Curating Museum: Colchester	Funding source: English Rural Housing Association
Further Seasons Anticipated?: No	Related HER Nos.: 2438, 2263
Final Report: EAH summary	Oasis No.: essexcou1- 51248
Periods Represented: None	
<p>SUMMARY OF FIELDWORK RESULTS:</p> <p>An archaeological evaluation by trial trenching was undertaken on land to the north of Clacton Road, Thorrington in advance of proposed residential development. Three 1.6m wide evaluation trenches, totalling 65m in length were excavated (Fig. 1). Trenches 1 and 3 were 20m long and orientated north-east/south-west. Trench 2 was 25m and orientated north-west/south-east.</p> <p>The ploughsoil was 0.3m deep and consisted of dark brownish grey clayey sandy silt. This overlay mixed natural deposits of brown gravel, yellowish brown sandy silt, and orange brown sand. One potential feature investigated in Trench 2 appeared to be of natural origin. No archaeological features were identified.</p> <p>Although numerous cropmark features are recorded to the south of Clacton Road (EHER 2438, 2263 etc.) none are located within 200m of the development area. The negative evidence from the evaluation therefore suggests that this is an accurate reflection of the presence of archaeological remains in the immediate vicinity.</p> <p>Trench co-ordinates Trench 1: N - 609050.3, 220313.6, S - 609042.0, 220295.4 Trench 2: W - 609055.5, 220298.3, E - 609078.3, 220287.9 Trench 3: N - 609089.1, 220292.6, S - 609080.8, 220274.4</p>	
Previous Summaries/Reports: None	
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Fig.1. Location of archaeological evaluation trenches