Using the Interactive Map

Colchester City Council

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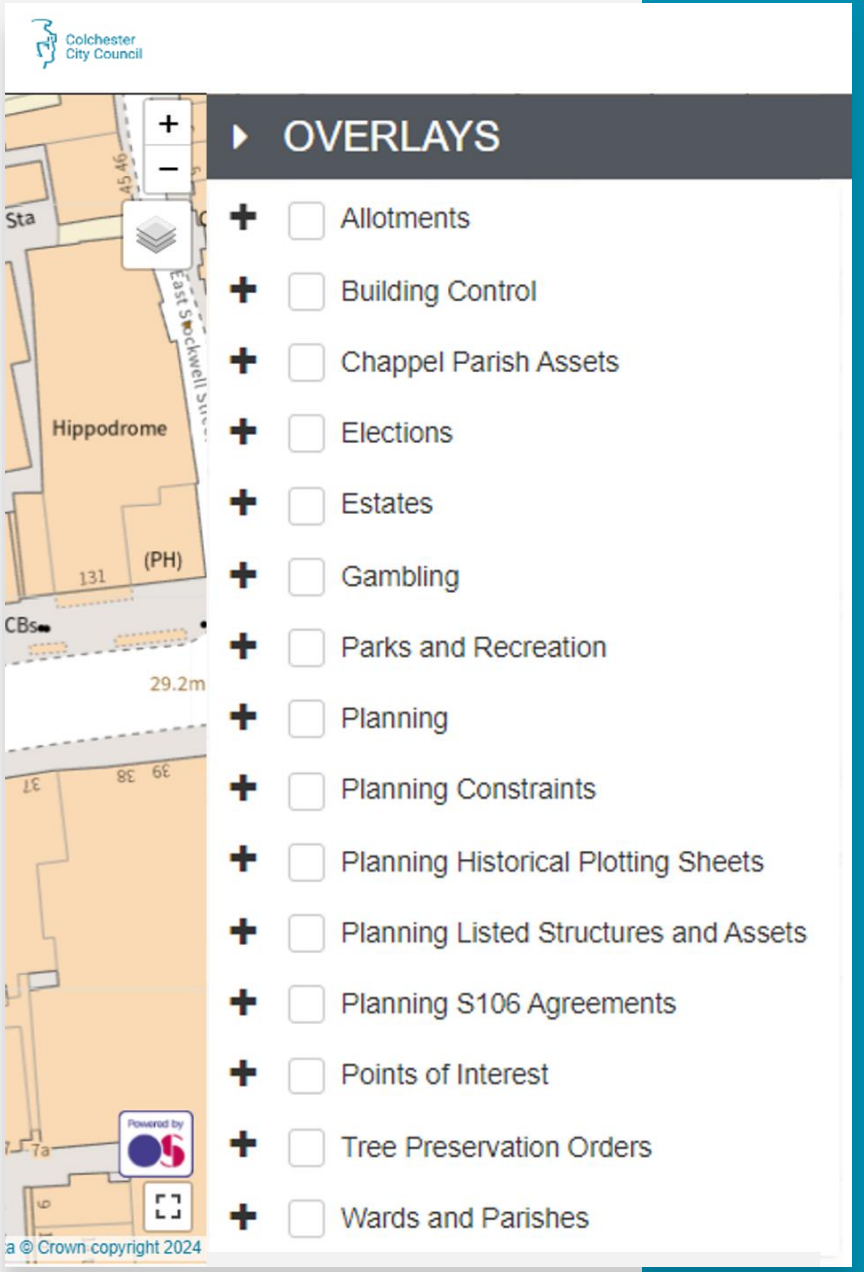
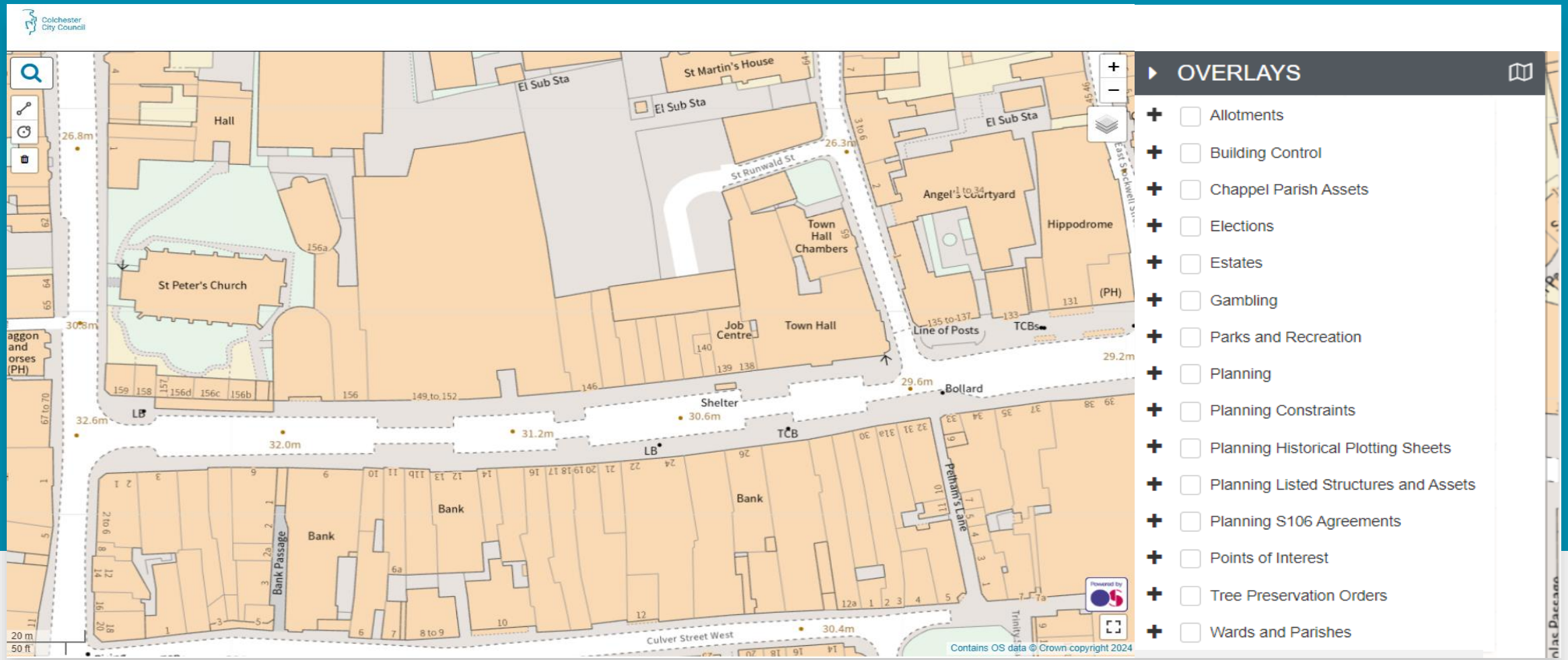
The Councils Interactive mapping product or Geographical Information System (GIS) allows you to view information about the borough overlaid on to an Ordnance Survey (OS) Base Map of the area.

You can Overlay different layers of the map to see the information that is held about a particular location or area.



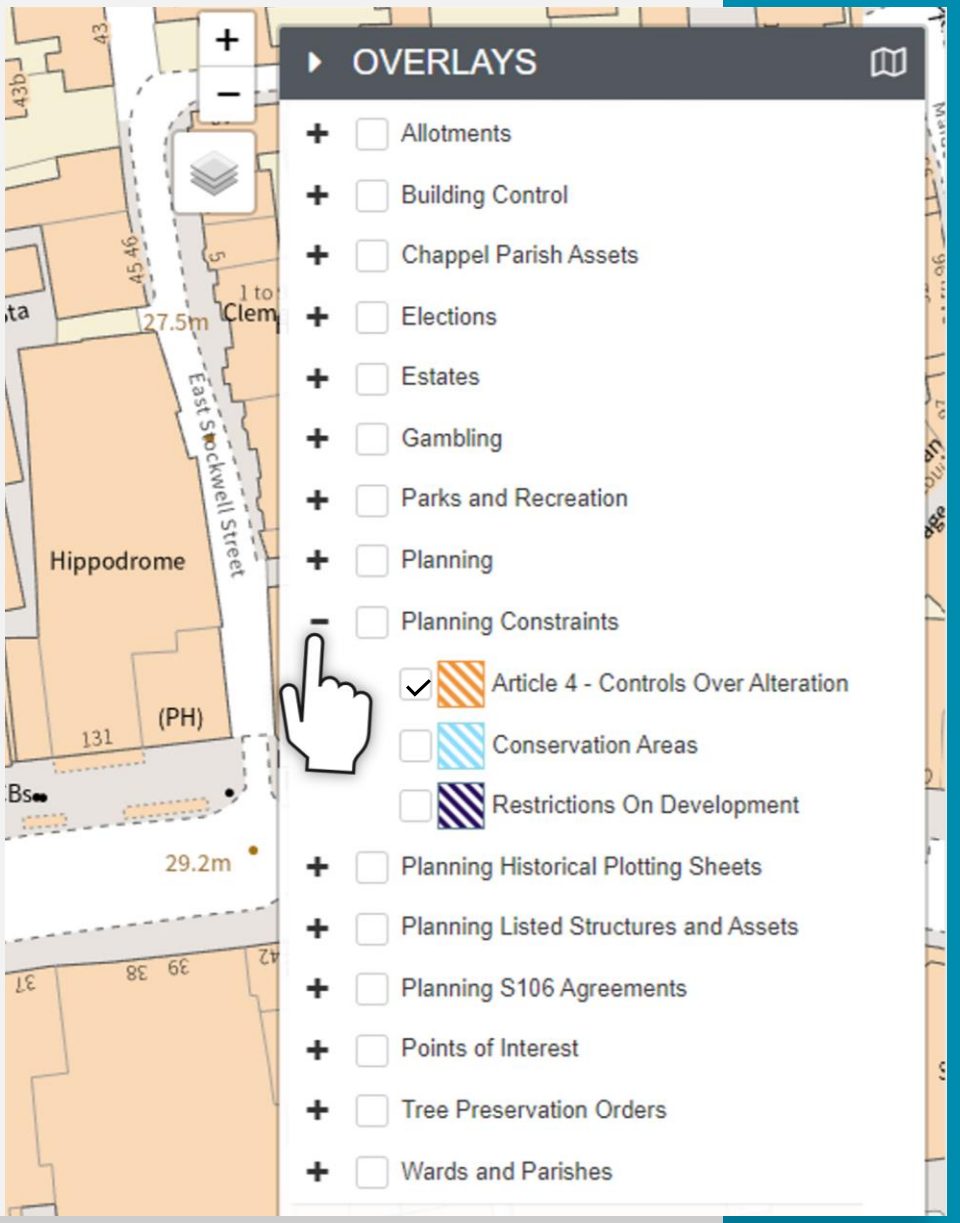


Each time you open the map it will open on OS Base Map (with no additional layers added) and will display Colchester Town Centre.

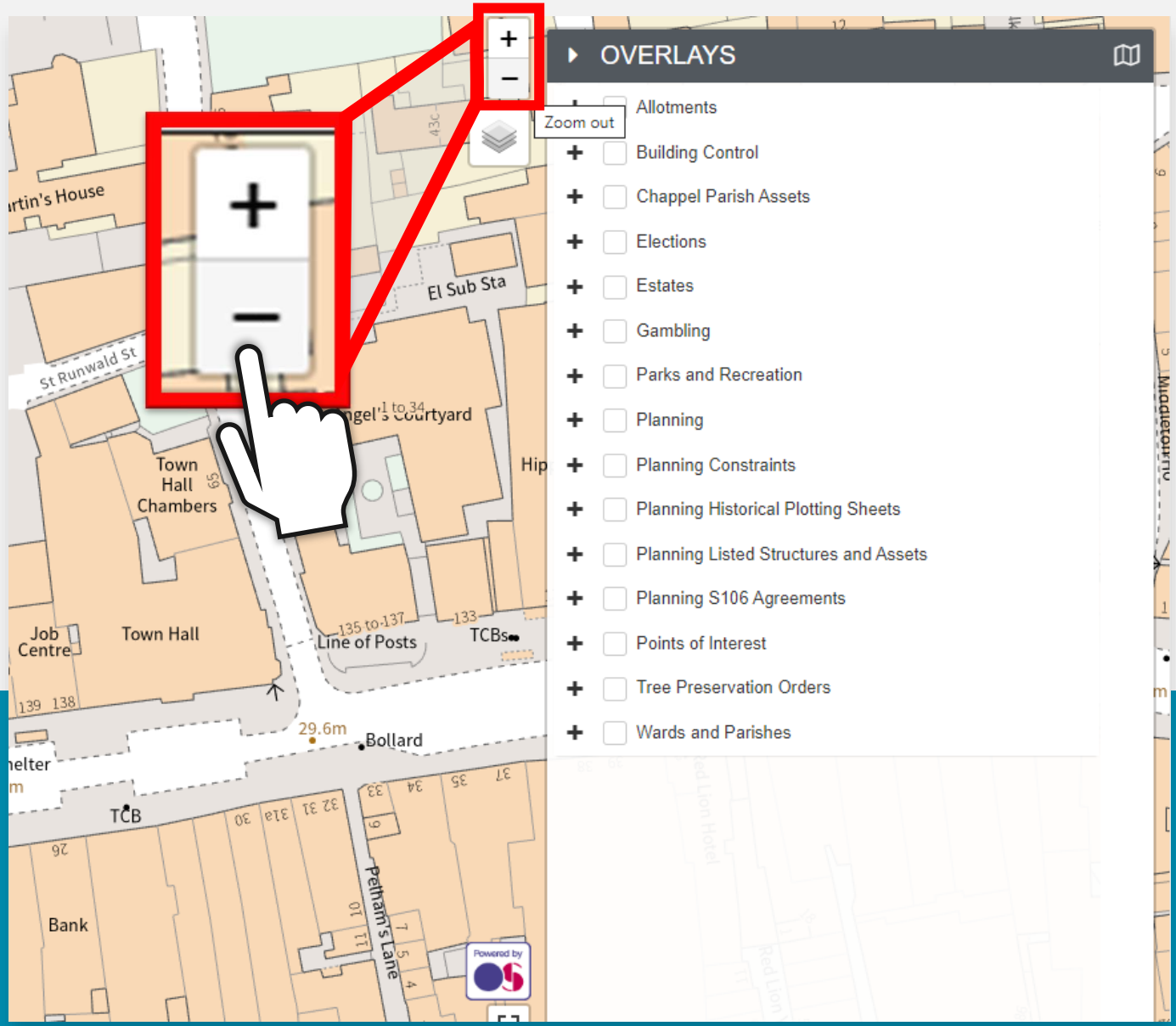
You can choose the **Overlay** you want to add to the map by clicking on a **+** by the heading you are interested in.

When you click a **+** additional options to add an overlay to the map will be displayed.

When the layer options are displayed you can click the option you would like to add to the map this will add a tick to the check box.



You can Zoom in and out of the map by using the wheel on your mouse, or if you are not using a mouse, the **+** and **–** buttons in the corner of the map.



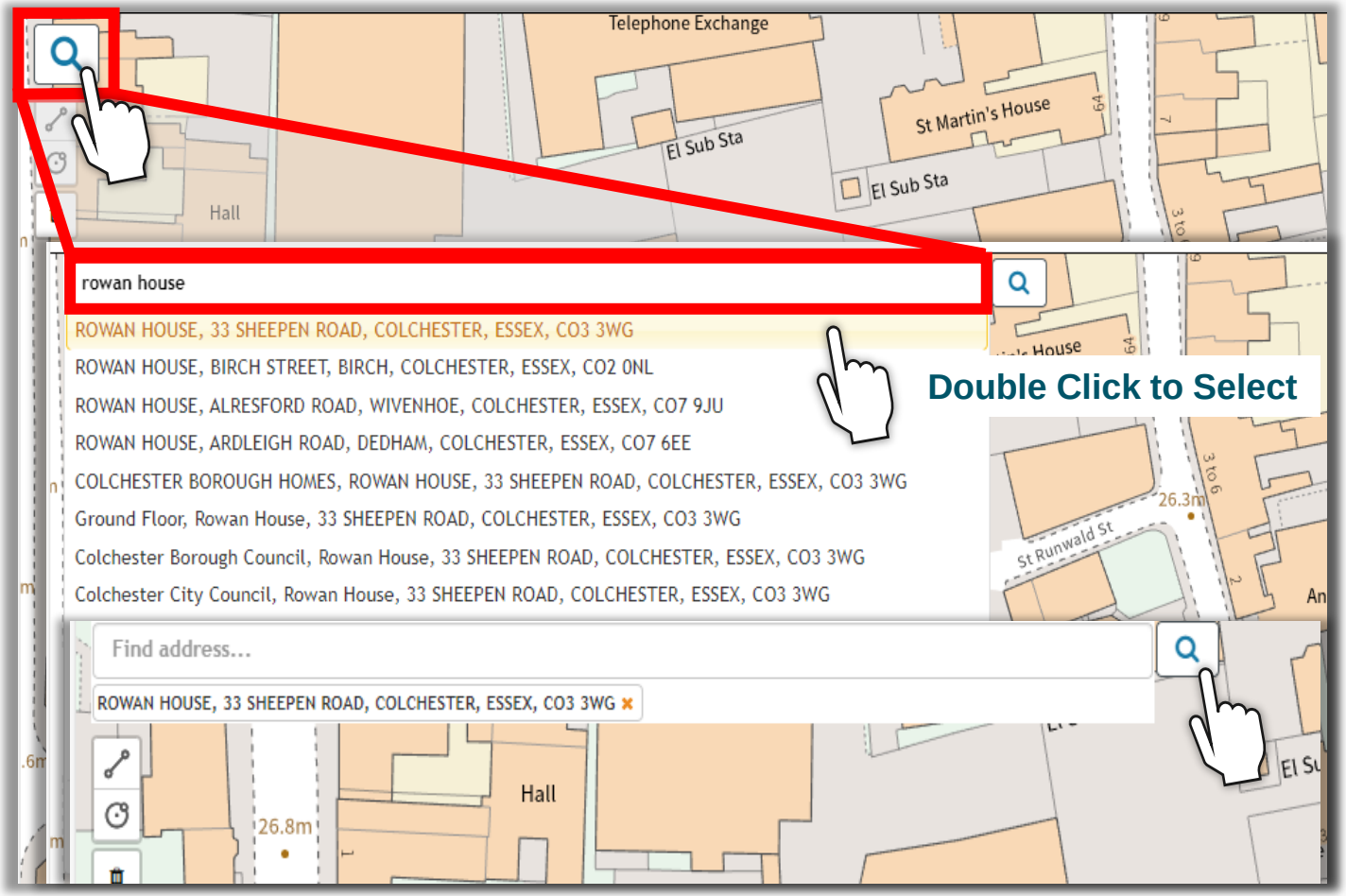
To find a Colchester address click on the search icon in the top left corner.

In the bar displayed you can type in an address or location.

The bar will start to pre-populate with addresses.

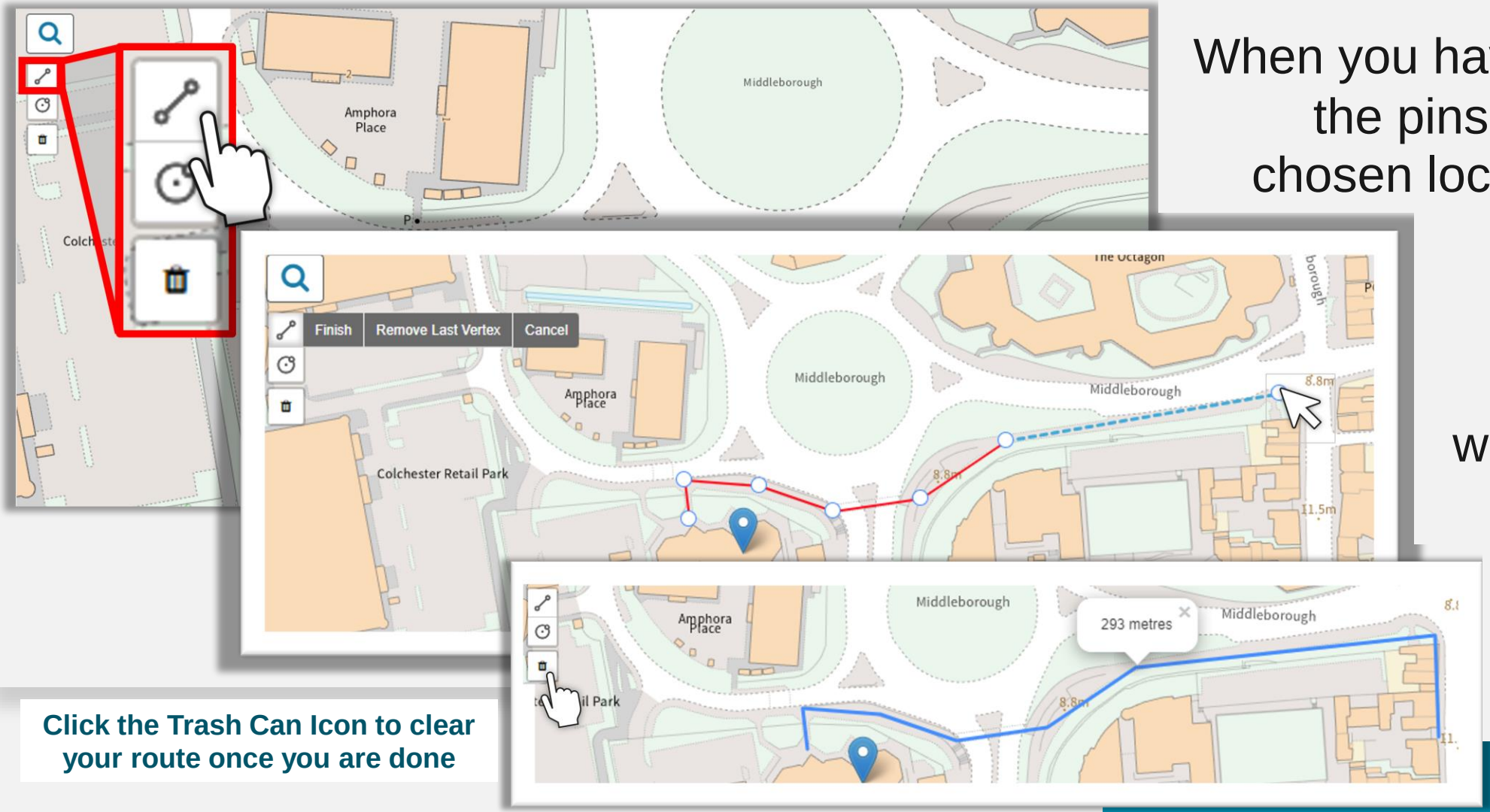
When you find the address want, double click on the entry in the drop-down list.

Press the search button and the map will go to your location, this will be show by a blue pin in the map.



You can use the map to measure between locations, by selecting the **Draw Polyline** button. You can draw lines or a route between locations.

Simply click on the location(s) on the map to drop a pin(s).



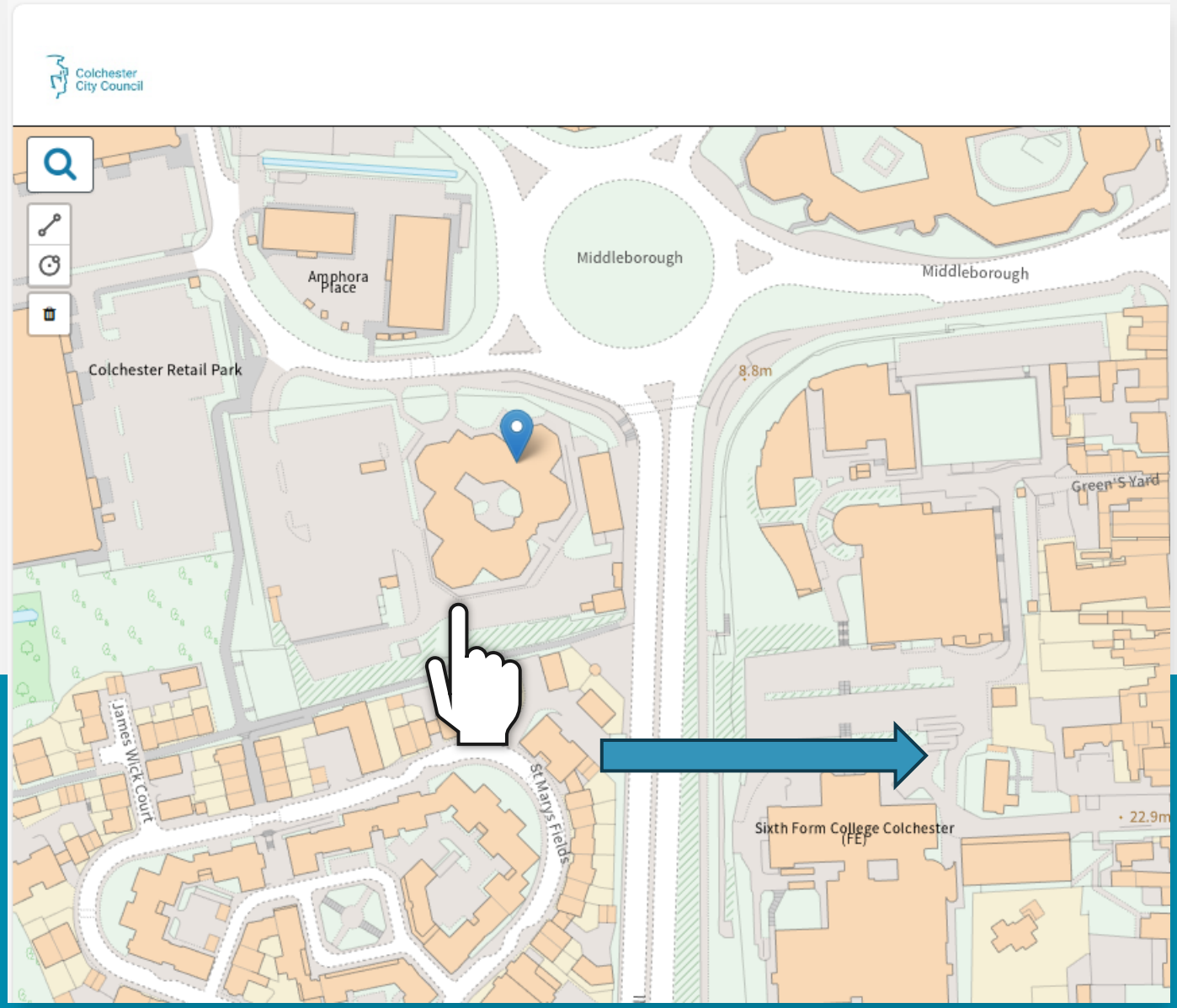
When you have dropped all the pins between your chosen locations, double click your final pin. The distance will be shown in the middle of the line you have drawn.

Click the Trash Can Icon to clear your route once you are done

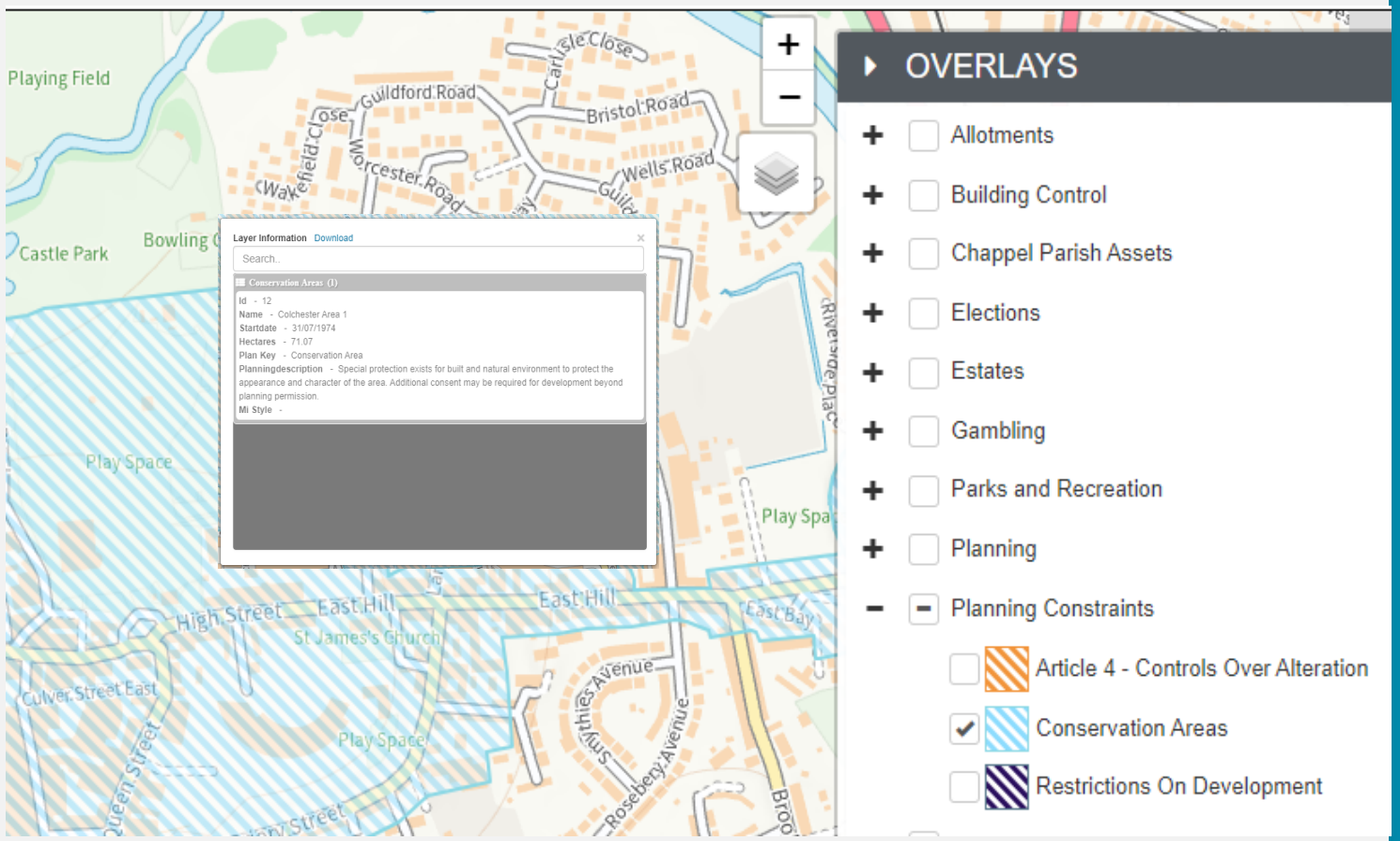
You may wish to pan around the map to find a location but do not know the address.

To move around, move your cursor over the map and click, holding the mouse key down.

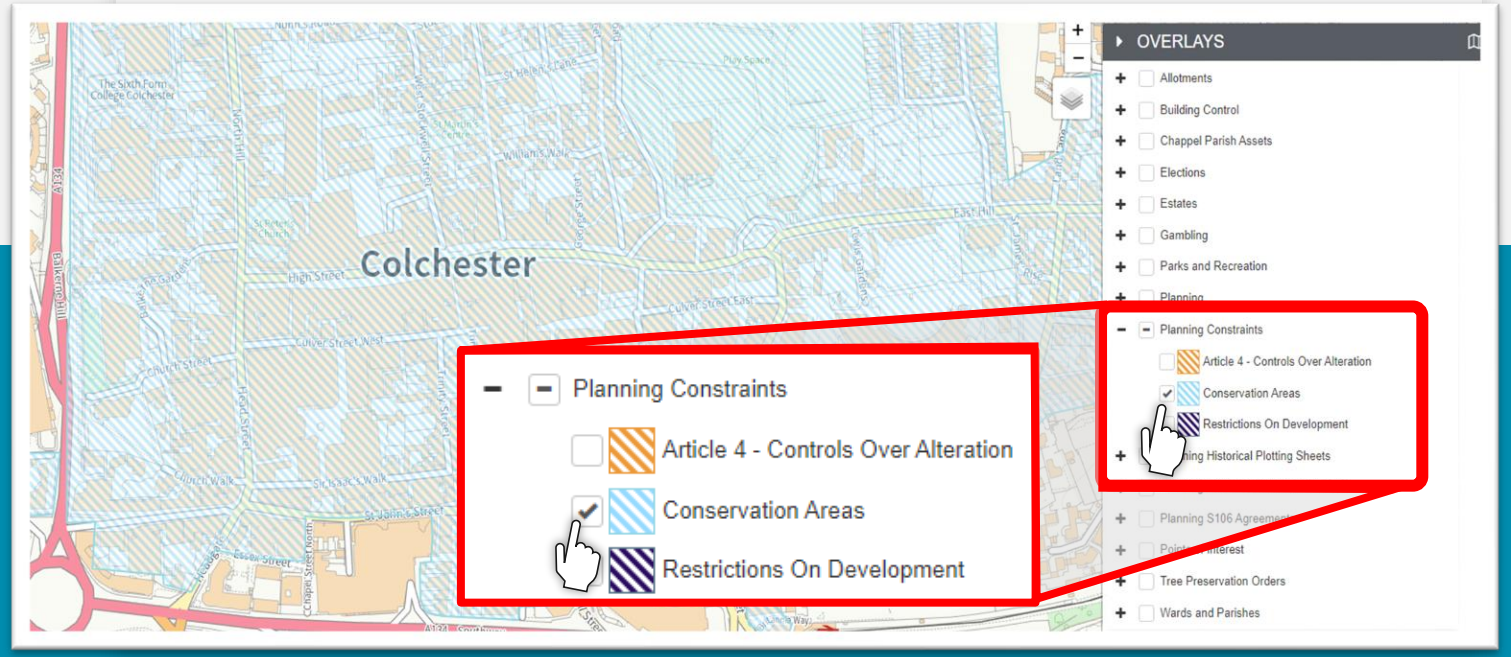
Then drag your mouse across the map



When you have added an overlay to the map, you can find more details
about the area and constraints by clicking on the highlighted area a pop-up box will be displayed with more information.



Details of the council's conservation areas are contained in layers on the map.

Using the overlays menu on the right of the screen select the option for **Planning Constraints.**

Click the option for **Conservation Areas.**