

**An Archaeological Watching Brief at All Saints Primary School, Bishops Avenue, Fulham, London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham**

**Site Code: BIF 02**

**Central National Grid Reference: TQ 2418 7640**

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report details the results of an archaeological watching brief at All Saints Primary School, Bishops Avenue, Fulham, London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, undertaken on 16th October 2006 by William Johnston. The project was commissioned by Gill Nott on behalf of the Board of Governors of All Saints Primary School, and the project managed by Chris Mayo of Pre-Construct Archaeology.
- 1.2 The watching brief monitored the excavation by hand of thirteen post-holes within the playground area for the installation of a canopy. An extra post-hole was abandoned by the contractors 200mm below present ground level.
- 1.3 The investigations followed the methodologies set out in *Archaeological Guidance Paper 3: Standards and Practices in Archaeological Fieldwork In London* and *Archaeological Guidance Paper 4: Archaeological Reports* (English Heritage 1998).
- 1.4 The site is located in the grounds of Fulham Palace's Moat Garden. The entire Fulham Palace moated site is scheduled as an Ancient Monument (No. 134) under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979, amended 1983. As part of the project an application for Scheduled Monument consent was made.
- 1.5 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd have previously conducted a number of investigations at All Saints Primary School. Of note was that in 2004 a group of highly abraded body sherds, whose fabric is consistent with a Bronze Age to early Iron Age date, were found within topsoil deposits, as were an undiagnostic struck flint flake and fragments of burnt flint. It is suggested this indicates activity in the area at that time (Bradley, T., 2004 'An Archaeological Watching Brief (Phase II) at All Saints Primary School, Bishops Avenue, Fulham, London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham', Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd unpublished report).
- 1.5 The National Grid Reference of the site is TQ 2418 7640
- 1.6 The watching brief revealed no remains or deposits of archaeological significance.

## **2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESULTS**

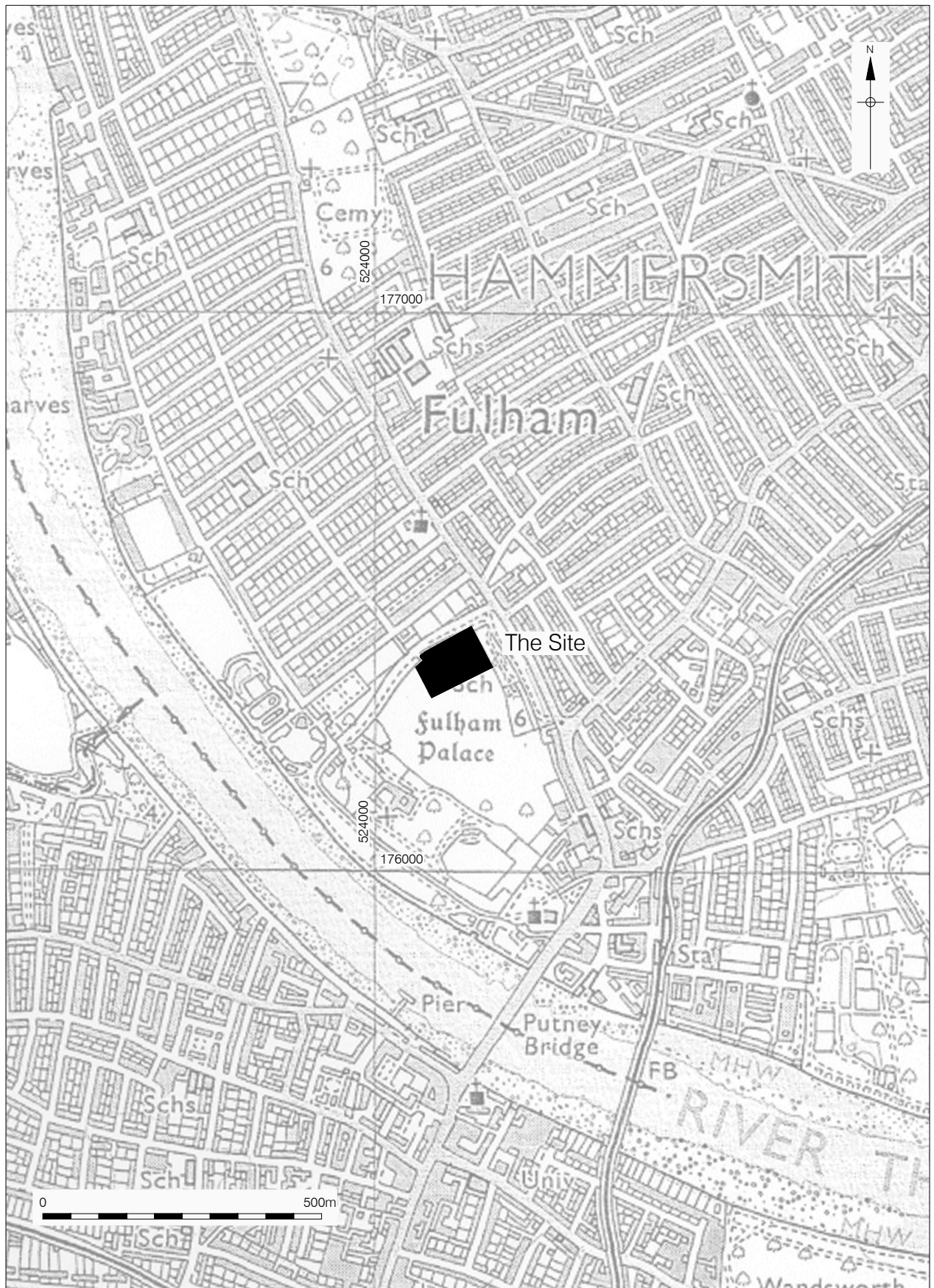
- 2.1 The sequence revealed by the insertion of twelve postholes was varied. The earliest deposit noted was a light yellow brown sandy silt [306] which had a few residual highly worn broken flint flakes, but this deposit did not extend beyond post-holes 9 and 10. It is possibly an early ploughsoil of uncertain date. It appeared at highest 400mm below existing ground-level.
- 2.2 At a similar depth, a mid grey brown sandy clay silt [305] was present in the remaining postholes, and contained various indeterminate forms of red ceramic tile of uncertain date. The deposit was markedly more rooted in post-holes 1 and 5.
- 2.3 In post-hole 3 a mid red brown clay silt [307], with dark grey lensing throughout, was observed at the same depth; the only occurrence of this deposit. No finds were recovered from it. It is possibly a waterlain deposit.
- 2.4 In post-holes 6, 7, and 8 a light brownish yellow sandy clay silt [304], 200-300mm thick, was recorded 200-300 mm below ground level. Considering the depth, it is probably modern.
- 2.5 Sealing these were a variety of modern deposits, varying between 200 and 300mm thick: brick rubble [301] in post-holes 9, 10 and 14; sand and gravel [302] in post-holes 2, 3 and 12, and a redeposited mid red brown sandy clay silt [303] in the remainder, possibly deriving from the deposit observed in post-hole 3.
- 2.6 A modern drain-run, aligned E-W, was observed 400mm below present ground-level. It was not further recorded.
- 2.7 Concrete (200-300mm thick) completed the sequence.
- 2.8 It should be noted that none of the post-holes observed were more than 260mm in diameter, so the interpretations which can be drawn are limited.

### **3 CONCLUSIONS**

- 3.1 Natural deposits were not reached in any postholes.
- 3.2 Of the deposits observed only one can be confidently interpreted as a widespread layer of garden soil, 400-500mm below ground level, most likely late post-medieval in date.
- 3.3 No features of archaeological significance were observed, although the limited nature of the groundworks made significant finds unlikely.

### **4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

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- 4.2 The author would like to thank Josephine Brown for the illustrations and Chris Mayo for his project management editing.



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Figure 1  
Site Location  
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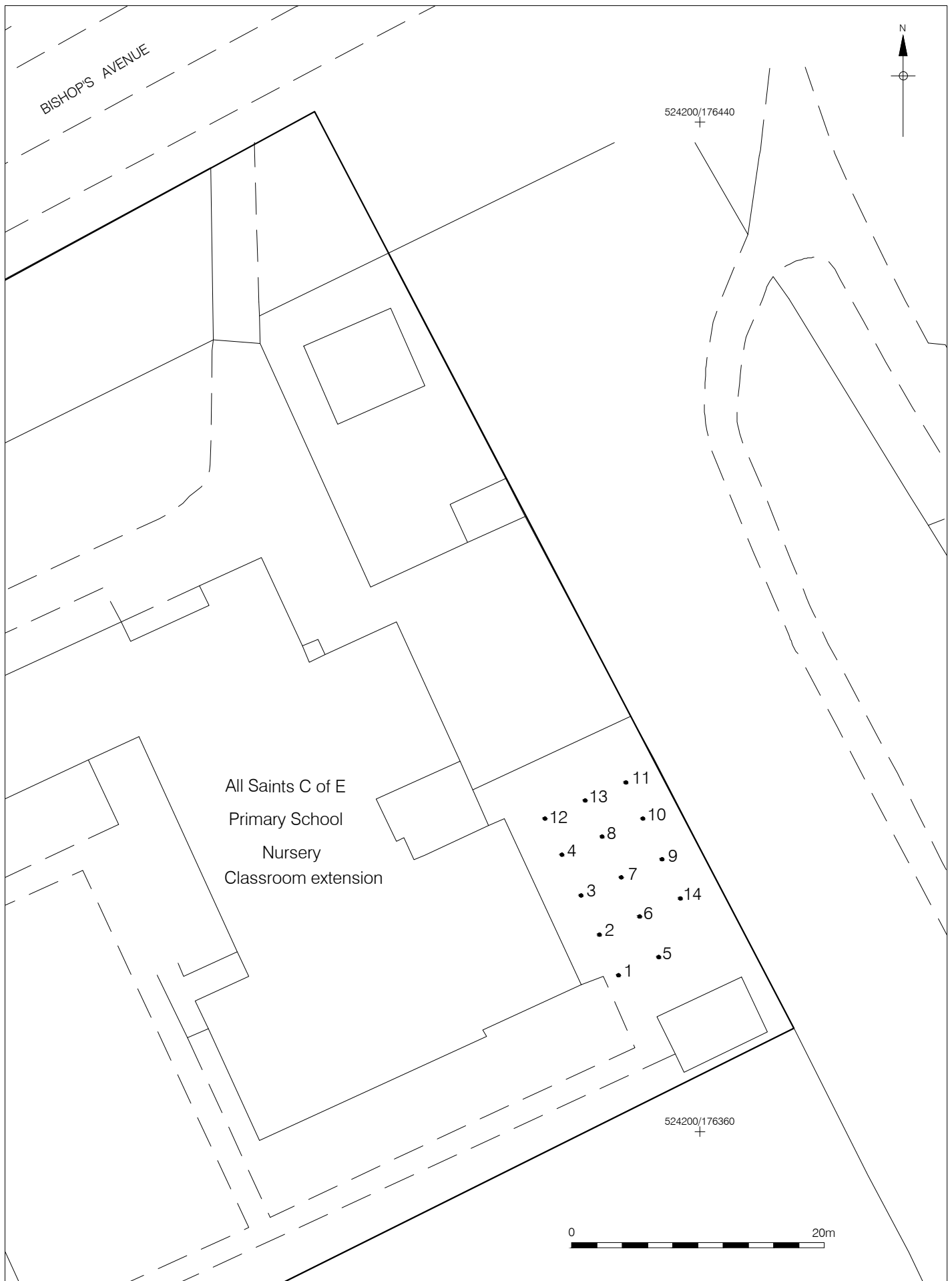
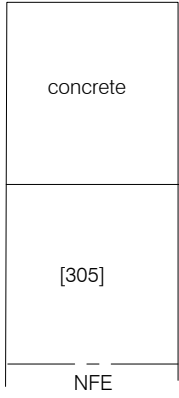
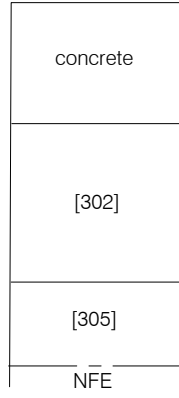


Figure 2  
 Location of canopy postholes  
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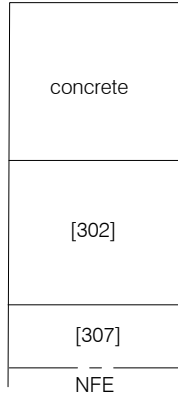
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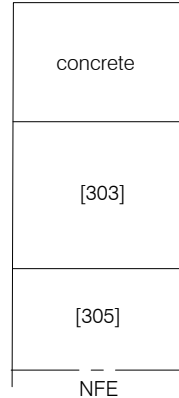
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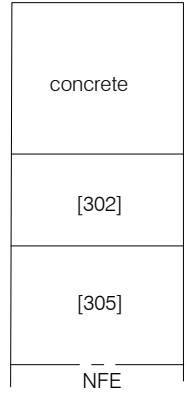
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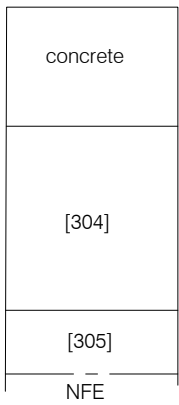
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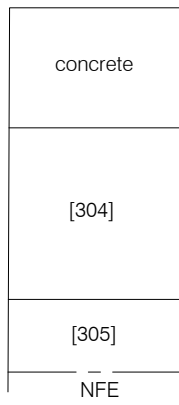
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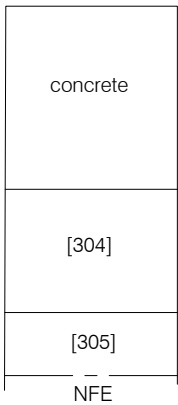
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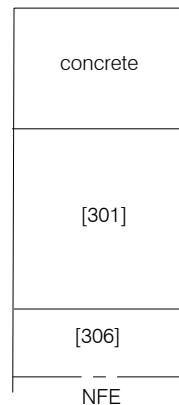
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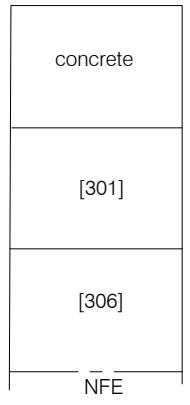
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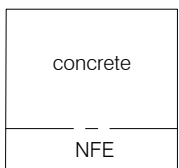
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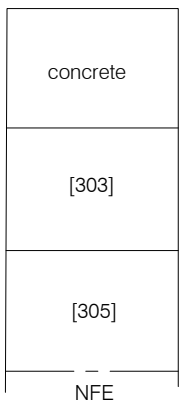
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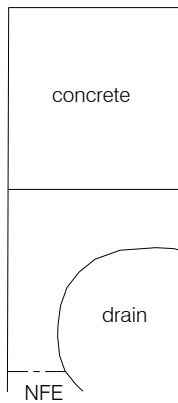
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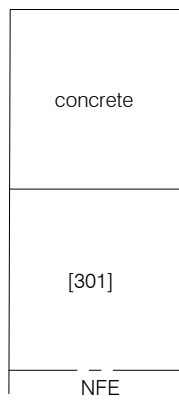
Posthole 12



Posthole 13



Posthole 14



## APPENDIX 1: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

Context No.	Post-hole No.	Type	Description
301	9 & 10	Layer	Modern brick rubble
302	2,3 & 5	Layer	Sand and gravel
303	3	Layer	Redeposited brickearth
304	6,7 & 8	Layer	Light brown sandy clay silt
305	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, & 12	Layer	Garden soil?
306	9 & 10	Layer	Ploughsoil?
307	3	Layer	Possible waterlain deposit



## APPENDIX 2: OASIS REPORT FORM

**OASIS ID: preconst1-21520**

### Project details

Project name	An Archaeological Watching Brief at All Saints Primary School, Bishops Avenue, Fulham, LB Hammersmith and Fulham
Short description of the project	This details the results of an archaeological watching brief at All Saints Primary School, Bishops Avenue, Fulham, London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, undertaken on 16th October 2006 by William Johnston. The project was commissioned by Gill Nott on behalf of the Board of Governors of All Saints Primary School, and the project managed by Chris Mayo of Pre-Construct Archaeology. The watching brief monitored the excavation by hand of thirteen post-holes within the playground area for the installation of a canopy. An extra post-hole was abandoned by the contractors 200mm below present ground level. The site is located in the grounds of Fulham Palace's Moat Garden. The entire Fulham Palace moated site is scheduled as an Ancient Monument (No. 134) under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979, amended 1983. As part of the project an application for Scheduled Monument consent was made. The watching brief revealed no remains or deposits of archaeological significance.
Project dates	Start: 16-10-2006 End: 16-10-2006
Previous/future work	Yes / Not known
Any associated project reference codes	BIF 02 - Sitecode
Type of project	Field evaluation
Site status	Scheduled Monument (SM)
Current Land use	Community Service 1 - Community Buildings
Methods & techniques	'Targeted Trenches'
Development type	Public building (e.g. school, church, hospital, medical centre, law courts etc.)
Prompt	Scheduled Monument Consent
Position in the planning process	After full determination (eg. As a condition)

### Project location

Country	England
Site location	GREATER LONDON HAMMERSMITH AND FULHAM FULHAM All Saints Primary School, Bishops Avenue, Fulham, London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham
Postcode	SW6
Study area	0.96 Hectares
Site coordinates	TQ 2415 7640 51.4724261731 -0.212264633027 51 28 20 N 000 12 44 W Point

### Project creators

Name of Organisation	Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd
Project brief originator	English Heritage

Project design originator	Chris Mayo
Project director/manager	Chris Mayo
Project supervisor	William Johnston
Type of sponsor/funding body	Board of Governors of All Saints Primary School
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#### Project archives

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