

### **APPENDIX III**

#### **ASSESSMENT OF POTTERY FOR HARTS HOSPITAL, WOODFORD, PHASE III PUBLICATION.**

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The ceramic assemblages from both phases of excavation were assessed to look for rubbish pits and dump layers that could be quantified to a statistically valid level. The aim of the assessment was to produce a chronological sequence of pits from the medieval phases and the succeeding centuries. At least two contexts were hoped to be studied from each period as one context may be swayed to a particular activity. The contexts below have been chosen for each period:

13th/14th century - (2372), (2424) rubbish pit fills

15th/16th century - (2353) and (2354) layers

17th century - (2379), (2380) ditch fills.

18th century - (2030), (2036) rubbish pit fills

The study of these pottery groups during quantification will give a narrower dating range to these pottery groups. The quality of the pit groups for the medieval, 16th and 18th centuries is unfortunately poor. It would be interesting to have known the status of the medieval settlement compared to later occupation of the site. The 18th century saw a revolution in the technology of ceramics and their poor representation will give little evidence of the status of the buildings' occupants. However, the 18th century was appropriately represented in Phase I of the excavations.

The aim of the pottery report is to show what changes occurred chronologically with status, forms and function. The time scale of the site spans two periods of social and technological change, the 16th and 18th centuries and hopefully this too will be seen in the ceramics. The significance of the imported pottery should also be of interest. The Chinese porcelains have already been quantified and dated. A catalogue and discussion on their importance, especially as the one of the finest assemblages of oriental ceramics from excavations in North East London, could be included.