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Watching Brief

Methodology

All archaeological monitoring during the evaluation was in accordance with the preceding Method Statement (Robin Nielsen), and MoLAS Archaeological Site Manual (MoLAS 1994).

Six test pits and one borehole were broken out for geotechnical requirements to examine the foundation. They are mostly located adjacent to the walls of the existing buildings.

The slab was broken out by contractor and the concrete and overburden was removed.

The location of the test pits were recorded by MoLAS offsetting from adjacent standing walls and plotted on a Basement Survey (Dwg. No. V4/01, Robson Warren associates). A written and drawn record of all archaeological deposit encountered was made in accordance with the principles set out in the MoLAS site recording manual (MoLAS, 1994). No deposits of any archaeological interest were recorded .

Result of excavation

No archaeological strata or cut features were recorded in Test Pit 1-5.

Red bricks 19th c. wall remains, were recorded in Test Pit 6.

The basic data for each interpretation is recorded below.

Test Pit 1

Location	SE corner of SW wing
Dimension	0.40m/0.60m/0.30m depth
Modern ground level/top slab	8.18m OD
Base of modern fill/slab	8.08m
Depth of archaeological deposit seen	7.88m
Base of the pit	7.88m
Natural observed	-

Test Pit2

Location	SW corner of SW wing
Dimension	0.70m/0.90m/1.33m depth
Modern ground level/top slab	8.33m OD
Base of modern fill/slab	7.93m
Depth of archaeological deposit seen	6.70m
Base of the pit	6.70m
Natural observed	-

Test Pit 3

Location	SE corner of SW wing
Dimension	1.30m/0.70m/1.92m depth
Modern ground level/top slab	10.02m OD
Base of modern fill/slab	9.92m
Depth of archaeological deposit seen	8.10m
Base of the pit	8.10m
Natural observed	8.92m

Test Pit 4

Location	SE corner SW wing
Dimension	0.60m/1.94m/1.10m
Modern ground level/top slab	9.04m OD
Base of modern fill/slab	8.94m
Depth of archaeological deposit seen	7.94m
Base of the pit	7.94m
Natural observed	-

Test Pit 5

Location	S
Dimension	3.16m/0.70m/1.12m depth
Modern ground level/top slab	10.60m OD
Base of modern fill/slab	9.80m
Depth of archaeological deposit seen	9.48m
Base of the pit	9.48m
Natural observed	-

Test Pit 6

Location	SW corner SW
Dimension	0.60m/1.20m/1.92m depth
Modern ground level/top slab	9.02m OD
Base of modern fill/slab	8.92m
Depth of archaeological deposit seen	7.12m
Base of the pit	7.12m
Natural observed	-

Borehole 1;
 Ground Level: 10.60m OD
 Natural gravel: 1.6m=9.0m OD