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## Summary (non-technical)

*This report has been commissioned by Mills Whipp Projects on behalf of the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham in order to record and assess the results of a watching brief carried out at the grounds of the Valence House, Becontree, in the London Borough of Dagenham and Barking, RM8 3HT.*

*Work on the house and grounds was monitored between January and November 2009 prior to refurbishment of the Valence House, construction of a new visitor centre and further redevelopment of existing buildings.. Works monitored included:*

- “grubbing-out” foundations and bulk excavation of a new moat*
- excavation of new visitor centre foundations*
- excavation of new service trenches (particularly near historic building)*
- works within the historic building and*
- works exposing/affecting the historic fabric of the building*

*Near to the house, an external wall separated a cess pit from a well in new drainage/service trenches. Further south-west there were limited views of the historic moat exposed in the sides of service trenches. The historic moat had been removed in the location of the new moat (on the south side of the site, towards the eastern side). However, Landscaping near to the moat exposed the foundations of the barn (located on an OS map of 1914).*

*In addition to the above, a limited programme of archaeological building recording was carried out where ongoing refurbishment work provided unique opportunities to examine specific portions of the fabric of Valence House. Notably, during the refurbishment works on the first floor of the building secular wall paintings were uncovered behind later finishes. A specialist conservator was appointed for their conservation, presentation and further study.*

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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Site background

The watching brief took place at the Valence House grounds, hereafter called 'the site'. The site is located within the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham, RM8 3HT, south of the Becontree Avenue (see Fig 1). The centre of the site is at OS National Grid Reference 548100 186500. Ground level varies slopes from 14.9m OD (north) to 13.9m OD (south). The site code is VNH07.

Ground investigations were monitored in May 2007 and the results compiled in an *Archaeological Watching Brief* report (MOLA 2007a). The results informed the design of a *field evaluation*, which was also carried out by MOLA in September 2007 and an *Evaluation* report written on the results (MOLA 2007).

A *Written Scheme of Investigation* (WSI) for an archaeological watching brief on the construction phase of the work was prepared by Mills Whipp Projects Ltd., which covers the whole area of the site (MWP 2008). This document should be referred to for information on the natural geology, historical background of the site, and the aims and objectives of the archaeological exercise.

## 1.2 Planning background

Planning permission was granted subject to a condition specifying an archaeological investigation in accordance with a *Written Scheme of Investigation* (08/00078/REG3, Cond. 2).

## 1.3 Origin and scope of the report

This report was commissioned by the Mills Whipp Projects Ltd, on behalf of the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham and was produced by Museum of London Archaeology. The report has been prepared within the terms of the relevant standard specified by the Institute of Field Archaeologists (IFA, 2001).

The purpose of the watching brief was to determine whether archaeological remains or features were present on the site and, if so, to record the nature and extent of such remains. A number of more site-specific research aims and objectives were established in the Method Statement (MWP 2008), and are outlined in the following section.

The purpose of the present report is to analyse the results of the excavation against the original research aims, and to suggest what further work, including analysis or publication (if any), should now take place.

## 1.4 Aims and objectives

The following research aims and objectives were established in the *Method Statement* for the watching brief (Section 5):

- What is the nature, elevation and depth below the existing ground surface of the natural geology?

- Are there indications of archaeological features at the surface and cut into the natural geology? If so
  - what is their function?
  - what is their date?
- What is the nature and date of the earliest deposits overlaying the natural ground surface?
- What is the nature and date of garden features or structures associated with Valence House?

## **2 Topographical and historical background**

### **2.1 Topography**

The London Borough of Barking and Dagenham is situated on the North bank of the River Thames to the East of London, just nine miles from the centre of London and a few minutes drive into the Essex countryside.

The majority of the area is directly underlain by the various river terraces of the Thames and Roding, including the Flood Plain Gravel, Taplow Gravel and Boyn Hill Gravel. Brickearth is shown overlying these deposits in some areas. River terrace deposits are shown to be scanty and discontinuous towards the north of the Borough (around Little Heath, Chadwell Heath and Mark's Gate) and much of this area is directly underlain by the Eocene London Clay.

Younger (Holocene) Alluvium directly underlies the area on lower ground, next to major rivers, in particular the River Roding and River Beam. A more extensive cover of alluvium occurs to the south of the Borough, along the River Thames.

In most cases the geology of the area consists of the following: London Clay overlain by Thames gravels, overlain by alluvium (clay and silt, with some peat), and capped by modern made ground.

### **2.2 Prehistoric**

Excavation of a gravel pit – now a lake in Parsloes Park, 1.6km to the south – produced 26 hand axes amongst a collection of stone tools and has been dated to Marine Isotope Stages 8–6 (200–300,000BP).

The earliest prehistoric material reported from the vicinity of the subject site is a Neolithic flint axe recorded approximately 500m to the north. A Bronze Age pal stave was found during gravel extraction about 1km north of the site and further to the south, by the Thames, remnants of Bronze Age wooden tracks across the marshes have been uncovered. However, no significant traces of prehistoric settlement have been reported within the vicinity of the site.

### **2.3 Roman**

The main Roman road from London to Colchester ran SW to NE approximately 1.5km north of the site. Three Roman pots were discovered during the construction of the Becontree Estate about 500m south of the site but it is not known if they were within a domestic or funerary context. The subject site may have lain within a managed landscape but there are no indications of any significant settlement nearby.

### **2.4 Medieval**

Apart from a place name evidence there is no indication of Saxon settlement within the locality.



The manor of Valence within Dagenham was first mentioned in 1284. It takes its name from Agnes de Valence, a French woman with close connections to the English royal family who lived there in the 1200s.

The existing moated building, Valence House, has traces of various phases of development. The earliest surviving part of the house was built in the 1400s. Before the Victorian period, there is little evidence to describe the layout of the area immediately surrounding Valence Manor House. The earliest lease, relating to Agnes de Valence, reveals that Valence moat already existed in the year 1290.

## **2.5 Post-medieval**

For the next 400 years the house expanded, being modified or modernised according to the wealth of its many owners and tenants.

An inventory of 1649 describes a typical manor farm with a wood yard, a pigeon house, a stable, an orchard and a garden all in the tenure of Thomas Bonham. A tax on hearths in 1662 reveals Valence House to have had 15 hearths. Fragments of decoration from many periods have been discovered at Valence House, plaster mouldings might have come from wall friezes or ceiling fragments, and tiles from the surrounds of fireplaces. Victorian and Edwardian wallpapers have been discovered behind council fittings. Two rooms, the Fanshawe and the Period Rooms are walled with wooden panels dating from the late 16th century. Valence House comprised a 9-roomed house, a barn, two stables and a cow house surrounded by a moat.

A plan of 1771 shows cultivated garden plots, known later as a kitchen garden. A large walled area to the east of Valence House was most probably the farmyard. Stove and greenhouses were built in the walled kitchen garden to the west of Valence house.

In the 18th century Valence House stood within a farmed landscape studded with large houses and scattered hamlets. The moated area was used as a kitchen garden and open land. In the late 17th century a barn was built south-east of Valence House (this was demolished in 1976). In 1863 part of Valence House was demolished including a drawbridge over the moat. Access lay in the south-east corner. By 1897 the moat had been regularised, particularly on its southern edge.

An 18th-century lease mentions fruit trees planted around the moat, including apple trees recently imported from America. Two great cedar trees which used to stand in the grounds have failed to survive; surprisingly however, there are some survivals of estate planting.

In 1921 the London County Council bought 600 acres for building new houses, now Becontree estate, which included Valence House. By this time most of the moat had been backfilled. In 1937 Valence House, now owned by Dagenham District Council, became the headquarters and museum of Dagenham Borough Libraries and a library was erected over the backfilled moat. By 1938 the layout of the municipal buildings was established.

## 3 The watching brief

### 3.1 Methodology

All archaeological excavation and recording during the watching brief was done in accordance with the *Written Scheme of Investigation for an Archaeological Watching Brief* (MWP 2008) and the MoLAS Archaeological Site Manual (MoLAS 1994).

The following works were monitored:

- “grubbing-out” foundations and bulk excavation of the moat
- excavation of new visitor centre foundations
- excavation of new service trenches (particularly near historic building)
- works within the historic building and
- works exposing/affecting the historic fabric of the building

The ground was broken out and cleared by contractors under MoLA supervision. Trenches were mechanically excavated by the contractors, and monitored by a member of staff from MOLA.

The locations of the areas of excavation were recorded by offsetting from adjacent standing walls and plotted on to a site survey drawing (“Valence House Redevelopment Project, Site Plan as Existing, Dwg No 1259/SU/001). This information was then best fitted onto the OS 1:1250 digital map and plotted onto the OS grid.

The heights of observations were recorded relative to Ordnance Datum from information derived from the contractor.

The construction phase archaeological monitoring produced: 1 trench location plan two trench sheets, 4 context sheets and 22 photographs. Two tiles were recovered from the site. Two area of observations produced significant archaeological results:

- 1) the service trench excavated west of Valence House, and
- 2) the area of the new moat extension.

The new foundations of the Visitors Centre exposed only natural deposits without archaeological remains beneath modern made ground.

In addition to the main programme of archaeological work, a limited programme of archaeological building recording was undertaken where and when refurbishment of Valence House afforded specific, unique opportunities to examine the historic building fabric. The record generated as a result of this additional work includes 38 sheets of on-site drawings and observation notes as well as 248 photographs. Lists of these drawings and photographs are included in Sections 8 and 9 of this report.

The site records can be found under the site code VNH07 in the MoL archive.

### 3.2 Results of the watching brief

There were no Palaeolithic remains in the top of natural substrata in any of the exposures. An unstratified find of a clay tobacco pipe, inscribed with the United Dublin Trades Association (founded in the 1860s) indicated the 19th-century immigration of Irish “navvies”. It was returned to Valence House Museum.

|                                       |                             |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <i>New moat extension</i>             |                             |
| Location                              | South-east                  |
| Dimensions                            | 92.2m by <12.8m; depth 1.6m |
| Modern ground level                   | 13.5m OD                    |
| Depth of archaeological deposits seen | 500mm                       |
| Level of base of deposits observed    | 11.9m OD                    |
| Natural observed                      | 11.9m OD?                   |

#### Description

Yellow sandy gravel was exposed in isolated patches at the base of the new moat extension. They may have been natural terrace gravel. They were cut through by modern disturbance related to the buildings that had stood on this area of the site prior to development. The edge of the historic moat was not observed. A brick foundation 3.2m long and 380mm wide was exposed in the graded bank on the north side of the moat [3]. Its bricks measured 55mm x 100mm x 220mm. They were unfroged and made of red oxidised clay – without inclusions – and with fine moulding sand and sharp edges.

#### Discussion

Although the description of the gravel is consistent with that of natural terrace gravels, gravel has also been recorded filling the historic moat (MOLA 2007 trench 1). The north and south edges of the historic moat depicted in the 1914 OS map are outside the area of the new moat extension. The east end of the historic moat is likely to have been artificially shortened and its true extent was further east (FIGURE). Consequently no remains of the historic moat were exposed.

The wall foundation is located where the old barn is depicted on historic OS maps and was presumably its foundation. A single brick was examined by MOLA building materials specialist Dr Ian Betts. He suggested that the bricks are consistent with late 17th- or 18th-century technique. The fine moulding is indicative of an 18th-century date (Dr I Betts pers. comm.). The brick was not retained.

|                                       |                           |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>New visitor centre foundations</i> |                           |
| Location                              | South-west                |
| Dimensions                            | 51.7m by 11.1m; depth <2m |
| Modern ground level                   | 14m OD                    |
| Depth of archaeological deposits seen | None                      |
| Level of base of deposits observed    | 12m OD                    |
| Natural observed                      | 13.7m – 13.4m OD          |

#### Description

The new visitor centre foundations exposed only modern made ground 300mm–600mm thick over archaeologically sterile natural deposits.

| <i>New drainage and service trenches</i> |   |
|--|---|
| Location                                 | Mainly south-west and south of new moat |
| Dimensions                               | Length – see plan – by <1m; depth <1.5m |
| Modern ground level                      | 14.8m – 13.7m OD                        |
| Depth of archaeological deposits seen    | 1m                                      |
| Level of base of deposits observed       | 12.2m OD approx.                        |
| Natural observed                         | 13.4m OD approx                         |

### **Description**

The edges of the historic moat were exposed in and around newly excavated manholes of drainage trenches east of the recently constructed Visitors Centre and south of the museum store (south-west corner of the site). It took the form of a shallowly concave cut [7] through natural brickearth sediments (here capping terrace gravels). The moat extending eastwards from the south-west corner was 14.17m wide. The width northwards of the corner could not be determined as only the east side of the moat was exposed. The cut was filled with a series of modern backfill deposits of gravel. Natural deposits near to the moat cut were stained darker but there was no distinct layer of silt at the base of the moat.

West of Valence House, itself, was a series of structures:

- a domed circular brick structure [4], just to the south of the external chimney of Valence House, constructed in yellow stock brick. Its walls were 0.22m thick and its internal diameter was 1.4m and it was at least 3.00m deep.
- 1.8m south of this in east side of the trench, a short length (0.66m) of wall built in red brick [5], was recorded.
- 2.20m south of this was a possible cesspit [6], constructed in chalk and red brick, whose walls were 0.3m thick with an internal dimension of 1.46m. This was seen to be aligned perpendicular to the trench and had been backfilled with brick rubble.

### **Discussion**

The moat edges were quite distinct and visible but were only revealed in a few places. Natural deposits near to the moat were stained darker through the action of water, either as a result of transporting clays and organics through the underlying sediment, the transport of metal salts in the earth, or through the root action of plants in the moat. The total width of the moat (14.17m) was wider than that recorded in the 1918 OS map (11.75m).

The features near to the house are considered typical of their setting. The domed structure [4], originally interpreted as a soakaway, was reinterpreted as a well as it is typical of wells using a pump to draw water. The end of a wall foundation [5] did not cross the width of the trench (600mm) and may have been a local foundation to a very slight structure – possibly an outside toilet connected to cess pit [6]. The proximity of possible cesspit and well need not preclude these interpretations as it is a relatively common occurrence on archaeological sites of all periods, and was the source of countless typhoid and cholera outbreaks in the 19th century.

## **4 Standing building observations**

On several occasions, when building refurbishment works presented the opportunity to observe significant aspects of the fabric of Valence House, MOLA buildings archaeologists attended the site. Standing building recording was conducted on a limited basis, as an adjunct to the archaeological watching brief. In this capacity, the work included opportunistic recording, by buildings archaeologists when called to site by the client. Small areas such as where removal of wall finishes and floorboards exposed underlying structure or decoration that was of particular interest. The results of this work are presented below. The rooms and spaces of Valence House are referred to by the numbers assigned to them on the Valence House Redevelopment Project drawings. Two fragments of tin-glazed tile were retained. They were *unstratified*, found in a secondary context in the void beneath the first floor. One was of

### **4.1 28 January 2009 – Initial visit to review the standing building**

On 28 January, 2009, several photographs were taken during an initial visit to the standing building.

### **4.2 4 February 2009 – Recording of timber partition wall revealed during dismantling of cupboard in ‘back hall’ area V110**

The framing of a timber partition wall was revealed within room V110, during the dismantling of a cupboard. The cupboard was situated to the south-east of the doorway to V109 (to the north). The four-sided cupboard was situated such that its north wall was the wall between V110 (to the south) and V109 (to the north). At the doorway to V109, this wall turned southward, forming the west wall of the cupboard, that is, the wall which was recorded. The opportunity to record the wall was afforded by the stripping of the wall finishes. The wall was seen to feature a brick plinth as well as a small window opening. It is thought that this windowed wall may represent a portion of an early 19th-century pantry. Dimensioned sketches – plan and elevation – were made and photographs were taken.

### **4.3 25, 27, 30 and 31 March 2009 – recording throughout Valence House and in trenches excavated against basement walls**

#### ***Basement***

The windows of basement room V001 were enlarged and re-shaped to fit padstones for new structural steel, in order to support the floor structure of room V105, above. To facilitate this work, the interior of the south wall of the basement, in room V001 was exposed, and a trench was dug along the exterior of the same wall. The wall was seen to be of red brick underpinning chalk and flint. A dimensioned sketch was made of a portion of the interior elevation of the wall. A 1:20 scale elevation drawing was made of the portion of the exterior of the wall exposed in the trench. Photographs were also taken.

As part of the refurbishment works, a trench had also been dug around the retaining wall of a lightwell on the northern (exterior) side of the north wall of room V002. A 1:20 scale plan drawing was made of the light well, and detailed notes were taken to record the masonry of the light well and of a portion of the basement wall to the west of the lightwell.

### **Ground floor**

A photographic record was made of exposed wallpaper and of timber ceiling beams in room V108. Dimensioned elevations were made of the exposed timber-frame walls on the west and south sides of room V109, and photographs were taken. A photographic record was also made of exposed timber frame walls on the east side of rooms V112 and V113.

### **First floor**

Recording work on the first floor focussed on some of the timber floors, where the frames were being strengthened by the insertion of steel beams, necessitating the removal of the ends of the secondary beams and/or joists where they were joined to a primary beam by mortise and tenon. By means of sketch plans, detail drawings and photographs, exposed floor frames were recorded in rooms V202, V203, V215 and V216.

#### **4.4 10 July 2009 – Recording of timber wall frame revealed in room V108**

Timber wall framing was revealed when lath and plaster wall finish was removed in room V108. Based on the presence of what appeared to be a horizontal timber high on the wall between vertical timbers (posts or studs), as well as on the presence of an iron hinge crook on one of these vertical timbers, the architect (of the ongoing refurbishments) suggested that these timbers possibly represent a former door frame.

On 10 July, 2009, this area of wall frame was recorded by means of dimensioned sketches and photography. The vertical framing members sat on top of a timber sill, which in turn sat on a brick sill wall. The sill wall rose to a height of 0.27m (3.5 courses of brick) above the present floor boards. This cast some doubt on the identification of the timbers as being a former door frame. The presence of a substantial iron strap fastened to the timber sill and the presence of several pegged mortises on the outer vertical timbers and lintel timber of the 'door frame' indicate that all of these elements have probably been reused.

All of the above observations suggest that the identified arrangement of timbers cannot be conclusively interpreted as a door frame without a more detailed investigation. Such an investigation would require additional time spent on the area already revealed and would probably require the removal of more of the lath-and-plaster wall finish around the area in question, if not on the external side of the wall as well.

#### **4.5 19 October 2009 – investigation of newly-discovered wall paintings in cupboard V212A**

A wall painting was uncovered on the north wall of cupboard V212A on the first floor of Valence House, as well as on a ceiling timber in the same cupboard (against the cupboard's eastern wall). The discovery was made in an area of the building thought to date to the 15th century (as described in the 2003 Conservation Plan for Valence

House (Bloomsbury et al. 2003) and there was no initial reason to think the decoration is of significantly later date; however, subsequent examination of the painting by specialist conservator has reportedly led to the suggestion that it dates to the late 16th century or the 17th century, on stylistic grounds (John Burbridge, pers. comm.). The painted decoration was sealed behind lath and plaster which, on the northern wall of the cupboard, had been attached to inserted timber studs with what appeared to be hand-wrought nails, suggesting that painted decoration was covered over no later than the 19th century.

During refurbishment works, a hole in excess of 1.5m-wide had been made in the northern wall of cupboard V212A, which began approximately 0.56m from the western wall of the cupboard. The hole extended upwards for approximately 1m from a point about 0.3m above the floor. Within the hole, four vertical timbers were observed (not including the inserted studs and other small, inserted timbers) and these timbers all had traces of paint. In addition, there was a painted plaster or daub infill between the westernmost timber observed and its eastern neighbour. The painted surfaces could be seen to extend beyond the extent of the hole both to the top and bottom. The painted decoration may extend from floor to ceiling behind the present surface of the wall.

On the timbers, the painted decoration appeared to have either no distinct substrate or a substrate consisting of a very thin layer of paint, plaster or some other primer-like coat. The paint on the infill between the western two visible timbers was on a substrate of fibrous-plaster-like material which had pulled away from the timbers on either side and from the plaster or daub infill behind it, probably due to shrinkage. The painting on this infill, and on the two timbers to either side, comprised a very dark grey, curvilinear design made on a very light, warm grey background. The design, in fairly broad lines, showed shapes that were somewhat animal- or plant-like (limb-like and frond-like) and that were occasionally filled with a grey, red, or brownish-yellow wash.

A large hole, and several smaller holes, had been made in the paint and substrate between the timbers in the area described above. This hole may have been made during the recent redevelopment works, when the outer lath and plaster was removed. Pieces of the plaster-like substrate, with painted decoration, were observed in the wall space below the recently-made opening, but were deemed too fragile to remove in the first instance.

The painting on the other two timbers visible in the wall differed from that described above. Most notably, the design on the fourth visible timber (from the west) appeared to have been in a more glossy paint, with a whiter background and greener lines. This timber was only visible by looking behind the edge of the broken wall surface.

On the ceiling timber, against the east wall of the cupboard, where lath and plaster had been removed (having been fixed directly to the timber), there was evidence of several layers or areas of paint. One of these layers was very similar to that seen at the western side of the opening made in the north wall.

It is possible that the entire north wall and the entire east wall of cupboard V212A have old wall painting behind their present surfaces. It is also very likely that the whole length of the ceiling timber observed at the east wall of V212A, which is seen to extend southwards through the south wall into the space above the ceiling of room V212, also has concealed decoration. There may be concealed decoration within the ceiling of V212A and V212, and perhaps also on the east wall of V212 (at least to the north of the blocked door south of V212A). Furthermore, there remains a possibility that other decorated surfaces are concealed elsewhere within Valence House.

A brief, emergency record, including photographs, was made of the observed paintings in cupboard V212A. As well, several initial recommendations were made for immediate consideration.

- It was recommended that all work be halted in V212A and the northern portion of V212, including intrusive works on the opposite sides of the relevant walls pending consultation with the local conservation authority and a wall painting conservation specialist.
- It was recommended that a wall painting conservation specialist be retained to advise on the significance and dating of the identified decoration; any emergency stabilisation of the decoration that may be required as a result of recent exposure; the possible extent of identified decoration and the possibility that other concealed decoration is present within the building; any protective measures required during ongoing redevelopment works, including when and how redevelopment work can proceed; and any other considerations relevant for the planned redevelopment with regard to long-term conservation of the wall paintings.
- It was noted that the proposed conversion of the room from a dry space to a wet-room (with sink and possibly with wall-mounted water heater) could be especially problematic.
- It was suggested that advice be sought from English Heritage as well as from the local authority's conservation officer. The relevant English Heritage guidance leaflets were also provided to the client.
- In addition, as per the standard recommendations listed in English Heritage's *Anticipating and responding to the discovery of wall paintings* (English Heritage 2005), the client was advised to:
  - suspend any redecoration and other building work, especially wet trades;
  - not persist in uncovering the painting;
  - record and collect any dislodged material (do not throw anything away) [note, as stated above, the dislodged material left in the wall – and also the pile of material on the floor of the cupboard – should probably not be moved until a conservator has examined it];
  - notify the relevant authorities [in this case, the Local Authority's conservation officer]; and
  - consult conservation professionals [ie, a wall painting conservator].

Subsequently, the conservation and recording of the wall painting was carried out by external specialist John Burbridge.



## 5 Potential of archaeology

The watching brief exercise has shown that there is little or no potential for survival of ancient ground surfaces (horizontal archaeological stratification). The remains recorded during groundwork's consisted of subsurface structures or features and the remains of the moat which once surrounded the site. There is also little potential for the survival of cut features. Such survival is likely to be extremely limited in certain areas because of truncation caused by late post-medieval and modern construction activity.

### 5.1 Original research aims

- *What is the nature, elevation and depth below the existing ground surface of the natural geology?*  
Natural deposits were recorded at 300mm – 600mm below the surface.
- *Are there indications of archaeological features at the surface and cut into the natural geology? If so*
  - *what is their function?*
  - *what is their date?*

All of the archaeological features and structures exposed are post-medieval. Near to the house were a well (or soakaway), a brick foundation and a possible cess pit. To the west and south were the remains of a ditch which was filled in relatively modern times.

- *What is the nature and date of the earliest deposits overlaying the natural ground surface?*  
There are no horizontal layers overlying natural. The earliest dateable features are later post-medieval. It is possible that the moat fragments are significantly older but that they were frequently re-dug.
- *What is the nature and date of garden features or structures associated with Valence House?*  
The structures exposed near to Valence House are what might be expected near to a dwelling: a well or soakaway, a cess pit and a wall foundation – possibly an outdoor toilet. They were all undated but the use of yellow stock bricks in the possible well may indicate a late 18th- or 19th-century date for that. The wall foundation and cess pit are conceivably far older and may date to the earliest phases of Valence House.

### 5.2 New research aims

There are no new research aims.

### 5.3 Significance of the data

Whilst the archaeological remains are undoubtedly of local significance there is nothing to suggest that they are of regional or national importance.

## 6 Publication and archiving

Information on the results of the excavation will be made publicly available by means of a database in digital form, to permit inclusion of the site data in any future academic researches into the development of London.

The site archive containing original records and finds will be stored in accordance with the terms of the *Written Scheme of Investigation* (Mills Whipp 2008).

In view of the limited potential of the material (Sections 5) and the relatively limited significance of the data (Section 5.3) it is suggested that a short note on the results of the watching brief should appear in the annual round up of the *London Archaeologist* and/or *Essex Archaeology and History*.

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## 8 List of drawings and notes made on-site during standing building recording

In the list below, each individual sheet of drawings and observation notes has been assigned an identifying number, referred to as an 'SBR (standing building recording) drawing number', regardless of whether it refers to sketches or to notes consisting entirely of text.

The room numbers quoted in the list are those shown on the Valence House Redevelopment Project drawings.

| SBR Drawing Number | Description  | Date      |
|--------------------|--|-----------|
| 1                  | Observations within cupboard in 'back hall' area V110: timber stud wall (W wall of cupboard): Plan and Elevation – A4 pencil sketch (dimensioned)  | 4/2/2009  |
| 2                  | Standing building observations, 25/3/2009 – A4 pencil notes  | 25/3/2009 |
| 3                  | V215: plan of timber floor frame – A4 pencil sketch (dimensioned)  | 25/3/2009 |
| 4                  | V215: notes on timber floor frame (to accompany Drawing 4) – A4 pencil notes with sketch cross-section of main floor beam (showing joint of joist and beam)  | 25/3/2009 |
| 5                  | V03: plan of timber floor frame – A4 pencil sketch (dimensioned)   | 25/3/2009 |
| 6                  | V203: notes on timber floor (to accompany Drawing 5) – A4 pencil notes   | 25/3/2009 |
| 7                  | V001: interior elevation (looking S) of W end of S wall of V001, including part of window V001.W01   | 25/3/2009 |
| 8                  | V202: sketch plan of central portion of timber floor frame – A4 pencil sketch  | 27/3/2009 |
| 9                  | V202: detail sketches of timber floor frame – A4 pencil sketch (dimensioned)   | 27/3/2009 |
| 10                 | V216: floor plan (simplified) – A4 pencil sketch (dimensioned)   | 27/3/2009 |
| 11                 | Standing building observations, 27/3/2009 – A4 pencil notes  | 27/3/2009 |
| 12                 | V109: interior elevation sketch (looking W at E-facing elevation) of W wall – A4 pencil sketch (dimensioned)   | 27/3/2009 |
| 13                 | V109: interior elevation sketch (looking S at N-facing elevation) of W end of S wall – A4 pencil sketch (dimensioned)  | 27/3/2009 |
| 14                 | S-facing elevation of portion of exterior wall outside of V001, showing N side of excavated trench, with soil/strata adhering to wall face (below ground) – 1:20 scale pencil drawing on 'Permatrace' planning paper | 30/3/2009 |
| 15                 | Plan of excavation revealing light well outside of (to N of) V002 – 1:20 scale pencil drawing on 'Permatrace' planning paper   | 31/3/2009 |
| 16                 | Notes for SBR (standing building recording) drawing 14 – 1 of 3 – A4 pencil notes  | 31/3/2009 |
| 17                 | Notes for SBR (standing building recording) drawing 14 – 2 of 3 – A4 pencil notes  | 31/3/2009 |
| 18                 | Notes for SBR (standing building recording) drawing 14 – 3 of 3 – A4 pencil notes  | 31/3/2009 |
| 19                 | Masonry recording sheet: lightwell to N of basement window – N wall (exterior) of V002 – to be read together with SBR drawing 15 (plan view) – A4 archaeological masonry recording proforma                          | 31/3/2009 |
| 20                 | Masonry recording sheet: t: portion of basement wall – N wall (exterior) of V002 – to be read together with SBR drawing 15 (plan view) – A4 archaeological masonry recording proforma                                | 31/3/2009 |

| <b>SBR Drawing Number</b> | <b>Description</b>  | <b>Date</b> |
|---------------------------|---|-------------|
| 21                        | V202: plan of timber floor frame at W end of long gallery (above V103) to be read in conjunction with drawing 22 – A4 pencil sketch   | 31/3/2009   |
| 22                        | V202: schematic E–W cross-section of timber floor frame (also ceiling of V103), not showing primary beam, but showing secondary beams, joists and lesser members, including a timber 'stratigraphic' matrix of the arrangement and a loading diagram – A4 pencil sketch | 31/3/2009   |
| 23                        | V202: photo locations for 31/3/2009, shown on a copy of drawing 21  | 31/3/2009   |
| 24                        | V108: interior elevation (looking E at W-facing elevation) of E wall – A4 pencil sketch (dimensioned)   | 10/7/2009   |
| 25                        | V108: timber details to accompany elevation drawing (drawing 24) – A4 pencil sketch (dimensioned)   | 10/7/2009   |
| 26                        | V108: timber details to accompany elevation drawing (drawing 24) – A4 pencil sketch (dimensioned)   | 10/7/2009   |
| 27                        | V108: timber details to accompany elevation drawings (drawing 24) – A4 pencil sketch (dimensioned)  | 10/7/2009   |
| 28                        | V108: photo locations for 10/7/2009 – A4 photocopied plan with ink annotations  | 10/7/2009   |
| 29                        | V212A: recording of old wall painting (page 1 of 8) – A4 pencil notes   | 19/10/2009  |
| 30                        | V212A: recording of old wall painting (page 2 of 8) – A4 pencil notes   | 19/10/2009  |
| 31                        | V212A: recording of old wall painting (page 3 of 8) – A4 pencil notes   | 19/10/2009  |
| 32                        | V212A: recording of old wall painting (page 4 of 8) – A4 pencil notes   | 19/10/2009  |
| 33                        | V212A: recording of old wall painting (page 5 of 8) – A4 pencil notes   | 19/10/2009  |
| 34                        | V212A: recording of old wall painting (page 6 of 8) – A4 pencil notes   | 19/10/2009  |
| 35                        | V212A: recording of old wall painting (page 7 of 8) – A4 pencil notes   | 19/10/2009  |
| 36                        | V212A: recording of old wall painting (page 8 of 8) – A4 pencil notes   | 19/10/2009  |
| 37                        | V212A: recording of old wall painting: plan sketch of V212 and V212A showing photo locations – A4 pencil sketch   | 19/10/2009  |
| 38                        | V110: clarified version of SBR drawing 1  | 4/2/2009    |

## 9 List of photographs taken during standing building recording

This list includes only photographs taken during the recording of the standing building.

The room numbers (door numbers, etc.) quoted in the list are those shown on the Valence House Redevelopment Project drawings.

| Photo number | Location | Direction of view | Description  | Date       |
|--------------|----------|-------------------|--|------------|
| DSCN1071     | V001     | S                 | Window V001.W01 – in SW corner of W half of main (central) basement  | 28-01-2009 |
| DSCN1072     | V001     | SE                | Looking across W half of main (central) basement. Window V001.W02 is near centre of view. Edge of window V001.W01 is at extreme right. | 28-01-2009 |
| DSCN1073     | V001     | E                 | Looking across vaulted E half of main (central) basement from near centre of basement area   | 28-01-2009 |
| DSCN1074     | V112     | SW                |  | 28-01-2009 |
| DSCN1075     | V108     | SW                | View from near centre of N wall of V108.   | 28-01-2009 |
| DSCN1076     | V108     | N                 | View from near centre of V108, looking towards windows in N wall.  | 28-01-2009 |
| DSCN1077     | V109     | SW                | Doorway to V110  | 28-01-2009 |
| DSCN1078     | V109     | NW                | W wall of V109 after most recent wall finish(es?) removed  | 28-01-2009 |
| DSCN1079     | V202     | NE                | N wall of V202, near W end of room, with fireplace and window V202.W01   | 28-01-2009 |
| DSCN1080     | V202     | E                 |  | 28-01-2009 |
| DSCN1082     | V202     | SW                | Exposed wall framing at pier in S wall approximately mid-way E-W through room, where there was formerly a gable-end wall               | 28-01-2009 |
| DSCN1083     | V203     | SE                |  | 28-01-2009 |
| DSCN1084     | V207     | NW                |  | 28-01-2009 |
| DSCN1085     | V215     | NE                |  | 28-01-2009 |
| DSCN1086     | V215     | NE                |  | 28-01-2009 |
| DSCN1087     | Exterior | NW                | Looking toward door V104.D01, in centre of south wall of main range of bldg  | 28-01-2009 |
| DSCN1088     | Exterior | NW                | Looking toward SW wing of bldg (and where it meets main range of bldg)   | 28-01-2009 |
| DSCN1089     | Exterior | NW                |  | 28-01-2009 |

| Photo number | Location | Direction of view | Description   | Date       |
|--------------|----------|-------------------|---|------------|
| DSCN6776     | V110     | NW                | Looking toward timber wall that recently formed W side of cupboard, which had just been dismantled. Door to V190 (V109.D01) is behind thE wall (in N wall of V110).               | 04-02-2009 |
| DSCN6777     | V110     | NW                | Looking toward timber wall that recently formed W side of cupboard, which had just been dismantled. Door to V190 (V109.D01) is behind thE wall (in N wall of V110).               | 04-02-2009 |
| DSCN6778     | V110     | NE                | View from near W end of V110, looking toward dismantled cupboard to E (right) of doorway to V109 (at left). Note timber partition with small window (used as W wall of cupboard). | 04-02-2009 |
| DSCN6779     | V110     | NE                | View from near W end of V110, looking toward dismantled cupboard to E (right) of doorway to V109 (at left). Note timber partition with small window (used as W wall of cupboard). | 04-02-2009 |
| DSCN6780     | V109     | SE                | View through doorway (V109.D01) into V110. Note Timber partition (with window) at left, within V110 (ie, through door).   | 04-02-2009 |
| DSCN6781     | V110     | NW                | Detail of base of timber partition in V110, just SE of door to V109 (V109.D01). Note Timber partition (with window) at left, within V110 (ie, through door).                      | 04-02-2009 |
| DSCN6782     | V110     | NW                | Detail of base of timber partition in V110, just SE of door to V109 (V109.D01).   | 04-02-2009 |
| DSCN6783     | V110     | NW                | Detail of base of timber partition in V110, just SE of door to V109 (V109.D01)  | 04-02-2009 |
| DSCN6784     | V110     | W                 | Upper potion of timber partition in V110, just SE of door to V109 (V109.D01)  | 04-02-2009 |
| DSCN6785     | V110     | W                 | Upper potion of timber partition in V110, just SE of door to V109 (V109.D01)  | 04-02-2009 |
| DSCN6787     | V110     | W                 | Centre portion of timber partition in V110, just SE of door to V109 (V109.D01)  | 04-02-2009 |
| DSCN6788     | V110     | W                 | Centre portion of timber partition in V110, just SE of door to V109 (V109.D01)  | 04-02-2009 |
| DSCN6789     | V110     | N                 | Looking below floorboards at E-W beam below former S wall of cupboard (to E of doorway to V109)   | 04-02-2009 |
| DSCN6790     | V110     | N                 | Looking below floorboards at E-W beam below former S wall of cupboard (to E of doorway to V109)   | 04-02-2009 |
| DSCN6791     | V110     | N                 | View of ceiling where cupboard recently dismantled, just E of door to V109 (V109.D01).  | 04-02-2009 |
| DSCN6792     | V110     | N                 | View of ceiling where cupboard recently dismantled, just E of door to V109 (V109.D01).  | 04-02-2009 |
| DSCN6793     | V102     | E                 | Exposed (but blocked) doorway in E wall near SE corner of room  | 04-02-2009 |
| DSCN6794     | V102     | NE                | Exposed (but blocked) doorway in E wall near SE corner of room  | 04-02-2009 |
| DSCN1875     | V203     | SE                | Exposed floor frame   | 25-03-2009 |
| DSCN1876     | V203     | SE                | Exposed floor frame   | 25-03-2009 |
| DSCN1877     | V203     | NW                | Exposed floor frame   | 25-03-2009 |
| DSCN1878     | V203     | E                 | Exposed floor frame: view near centre of E wall.  | 25-03-2009 |

| Photo number | Location | Direction of view | Description   | Date       |
|--------------|----------|-------------------|---|------------|
| DSCN1879     | V203     | E                 | Exposed floor frame: view near centre of E wall.  | 25-03-2009 |
| DSCN1880     | V203     | E                 | Floor frame detail: joint between beams near centre of E wall. Joint has been cut. See SBR Drawing No 5.  | 25-03-2009 |
| DSCN1881     | V203     | W                 | Floor frame detail: joint between beams near centre of room. Central N-S beam crosses right to left across upper portion of photo. Easternmost E-W beam runs up from bottom centre of photo. Joints between beams have been cut. See SBR Drawing No 5.                                    | 25-03-2009 |
| DSCN1882     | V203     | W                 | Floor frame detail: joint between beams near centre of room. Central N-S beam crosses right to left across centre of photo. Easternmost E-W beam runs up from bottom centre of photo. Joints between beams have been cut. See SBR Drawing No 5.   | 25-03-2009 |
| DSCN1883     | V203     | W                 | Floor frame detail: joint between beams near centre of room. Central N-S beam crosses right to left across centre of photo. Easternmost E-W beam runs up from bottom centre of photo. Joints between beams have been cut. See SBR Drawing No 5.   | 25-03-2009 |
| DSCN1884     | V203     | E                 | Floor frame detail: joint between beams near centre of room. Central N-S beam crosses right to left across centre of photo. Easternmost E-W beam runs down from top edge of photo. Central E-W beam runs up from bottom centre. Joints between beams have been cut. See SBR Drawing No 5. | 25-03-2009 |
| DSCN1885     | V203     | N                 | Floor frame detail: central E-W beam with carpenters marks. Note that joint between this beam and central N-S beam (extreme right) has been cut. See SBR Drawing No 5.  | 25-03-2009 |
| DSCN1886     | V203     | NW                | Floor frame detail: central E-W beam runs into centre of photo from bottom left. Westernmost N-S beam runs across photo from upper right towards lower left (with scale bar on it). The joint between these beams has been cut. See SBR Drawing No 5.                                     | 25-03-2009 |
| DSCN1887     | V203     | SE                | Floor frame detail: scale bar rests along westernmost N-S beam. Running from this beam toward the lower right corner is the E-W beam extending along the N side of the hearth. See SBR Drawing No 5.  | 25-03-2009 |
| DSCN1888     | V203     | SE                | Floor frame detail: scale bar rests along westernmost N-S beam. Running from this beam toward the lower right corner is the E-W beam extending along the N side of the hearth. See SBR Drawing No 5.  | 25-03-2009 |
| DSCN1889     | V001     | SW                | SW corner of W half of main (central) basement area. Window V001.W01 is at left, in S wall.   | 25-03-2009 |
| DSCN1890     | V001     | SW                | SW corner of W half of main (central) basement area. Window V001.W01 is in centre of view, in S wall.   | 25-03-2009 |
| DSCN1891     | V001     | SW                | SW corner of W half of main (central) basement area. Window V001.W01 is in centre of view, in S wall.   | 25-03-2009 |



| Photo number | Location               | Direction of view | Description   | Date       |
|--------------|------------------------|-------------------|---|------------|
| DSCN1892     | V001                   | S                 | Detail of S wall near ceiling, in SW corner of W half of main (central) basement area, just to W of Window V001.W01, where new steel beam inserted. Window V001.W01 is at left. | 25-03-2009 |
| DSCN1893     | V001                   | S                 | Detail of S wall near ceiling, in SW corner of W half of main (central) basement area, just to W of Window V001.W01, where new steel beam inserted.                             | 25-03-2009 |
| DSCN1894     | V001                   | S                 | Detail of S wall near ceiling, in SW corner of W half of main (central) basement area, just to W of Window V001.W01, where new steel beam inserted.                             | 25-03-2009 |
| DSCN1895     | V001                   | S                 | Detail of S wall near ceiling, in SW corner of W half of main (central) basement area, just to W of Window V001.W01, where new steel beam inserted.                             | 25-03-2009 |
| DSCN1896     | V001                   | S                 | Detail of S wall near ceiling, in SW corner of W half of main (central) basement area, just to W of Window V001.W01, where new steel beam inserted.                             | 25-03-2009 |
| DSCN1897     | V001                   | S                 | Detail of S wall near ceiling, in SW corner of W half of main (central) basement area, just to W of Window V001.W01, where new steel beam inserted.                             | 25-03-2009 |
| DSCN1898     | V001                   | SW                | SW corner of W half of main (central) basement area. Window V001.W01 is at left, in S wall.   | 25-03-2009 |
| DSCN1899     | V001                   | SW                | SW corner of W half of main (central) basement area. Window V001.W01 is at left, in S wall.   | 25-03-2009 |
| DSCN1900     | V001                   | SE                | E wall of W half of main (central) basement area. Near SE corner (ie, E of window V001.W02).  | 25-03-2009 |
| DSCN1901     | V001                   | SE                | E wall of W half of main (central) basement area. Near SE corner (ie, E of window V001.W02).  | 25-03-2009 |
| DSCN1902     | V001 (Window V001.W01) | SW                | Detail of W side of scuncheon (ie, interior 'reveal' or recess of window), with stepped interior sill   | 25-03-2009 |
| DSCN1903     | V001 (Window V001.W01) | SW                | W side of scuncheon (ie, interior 'reveal' or recess of window), with stepped interior sill   | 25-03-2009 |
| DSCN1904     | V001                   | S                 | S wall of W half of main (central) basement area, with windows V001.W01 (at right) and V001.W02 (at left)   | 25-03-2009 |
| DSCN1905     | V001                   | SW                | SW corner of W half of main (central) basement area. Window V001.W01 is at left, in S wall.   | 25-03-2009 |
| DSCN1906     | V215                   | N                 |   | 27-03-2009 |
| DSCN1907     | V215                   | NE                |   | 27-03-2009 |
| DSCN1908     | V215                   | SE                |   | 27-03-2009 |
| DSCN1909     | V215                   | SE                |   | 27-03-2009 |
| DSCN1910     | V215                   | S                 | View of floor frame north of door V215.D01  | 27-03-2009 |

| Photo number | Location | Direction of view | Description  | Date       |
|--------------|----------|-------------------|--|------------|
| DSCN1911     | V215     | SE                | Detail of dismantled (cut apart) joint of N-S joist (from lower left corner) and E-W beam (from upper left corner). Photo is detail of view in DSCN1910              | 27-03-2009 |
| DSCN1912     | V215     | SE                | Detail of dismantled (cut apart) joint of N-S joist (from lower left corner) and E-W beam (from upper left corner). Photo is detail of view in DSCN1910              | 27-03-2009 |
| DSCN1913     | V215     | W                 | View of floor along S wall of room, toward SW corner   | 27-03-2009 |
| DSCN1914     | V215     | NE                | View of where floor meets centre of N wall   | 27-03-2009 |
| DSCN1915     | V215     | N                 | View of where floor meets centre of N wall   | 27-03-2009 |
| DSCN1916     | V216     | SW                |  | 27-03-2009 |
| DSCN1917     | V216     | SW                |  | 27-03-2009 |
| DSCN1918     | V216     | NW                | View from near centre of room  | 27-03-2009 |
| DSCN1919     | V216     | NE                | View from S of fireplace   | 27-03-2009 |
| DSCN1920     | V216     | N                 | View of primary (N-S) floor beam in centre of room   | 27-03-2009 |
| DSCN1921     | V216     | N                 | View of primary (N-S) floor beam in centre of room   | 27-03-2009 |
| DSCN1922     | V216     | N                 | Floor frame detail: looking N along top of primary (N-S) beam  | 27-03-2009 |
| DSCN1923     | V216     | SE                | Floor frame detail, where floorboards removed to reveal N-S primary beam (running from lower left to upper right)). Ceiling laths of room below are visible as well. | 27-03-2009 |
| DSCN1924     | V216     | S                 | Floor frame detail: where N-S primary beam meets centre of S wall  | 27-03-2009 |
| DSCN1925     | V216     | S                 | Floor frame detail: where N-S primary beam enters brickwork of S wall  | 27-03-2009 |
| DSCN1926     | V216     | N                 | Floor frame detail near N end of primary N-S beam (running up from bottom centre of view)  | 27-03-2009 |
| DSCN1927     | V216     | N                 | Floor frame detail near N end of primary N-S beam (running up from bottom centre of view)  | 27-03-2009 |
| DSCN1928     | V216     | N                 | Floor frame detail: N end of N-S primary beam (at centre of N wall)  | 27-03-2009 |
| DSCN1929     | V216     | S                 | Floor detail: N-S floorboard removed near SW corner of room  | 27-03-2009 |
| DSCN1930     | V216     | SE                | Floor detail: brick with cement/mortar/render on top, alongside fireplace cheek (N side of fireplace)  | 27-03-2009 |
| DSCN1931     | V216     | NE                | Floor frame detail: view of floor frame where floorboards removed at base of centre of N wall  | 27-03-2009 |
| DSCN1932     | V216     | SE                | Floor frame detail: view of floor frame where floorboards removed at base of centre of S wall  | 27-03-2009 |
| DSCN1933     | V216     | SE                | Floor frame detail: view of floor frame where floorboards removed at base of centre of S wall  | 27-03-2009 |

| Photo number | Location                                   | Direction of view | Description  | Date       |
|--------------|--|-------------------|--|------------|
| DSCN1934     | Exterior: lightwell outside of (N of) V002 | S                 |  | 30-03-2009 |
| DSCN1935     | Exterior: lightwell                        | S                 |  | 30-03-2009 |
| DSCN1936     | Exterior: lightwell                        | S                 |  | 30-03-2009 |
| DSCN1937     | Exterior: lightwell                        | SE                | where lightwell meets N wall of building (basement)  | 30-03-2009 |
| DSCN1938     | Exterior: lightwell                        | SE                | where lightwell meets N wall of building (basement)  | 30-03-2009 |
| DSCN1939     | Exterior: lightwell                        | SE                | where lightwell meets N wall of building (basement)  | 30-03-2009 |
| DSCN1940     | Exterior: lightwell                        | S                 | toward basement wall to W of lightwell (lightwell visible at left of photo)  | 30-03-2009 |
| DSCN1941     | Exterior: lightwell                        | S                 | toward basement wall to W of lightwell (lightwell visible at left of photo)  | 30-03-2009 |
| DSCN1942     | Exterior: lightwell                        | S                 | toward basement wall to W of lightwell (lightwell visible at left of photo)  | 30-03-2009 |
| DSCN1943     | Exterior: lightwell                        | E                 | Looking over interior of lightwell   | 30-03-2009 |
| DSCN1944     | Exterior: lightwell                        | E                 | within lightwell   | 30-03-2009 |
| DSCN1945     | Exterior: lightwell                        | E                 | within lightwell   | 30-03-2009 |
| DSCN1946     | Exterior: lightwell                        | E                 | within lightwell   | 30-03-2009 |
| DSCN1947     | Exterior: lightwell                        | E                 | within lightwell   | 30-03-2009 |
| DSCN1948     | Exterior: lightwell                        | N                 | within lightwell, showing opening at base of brick lining (for drainage?)  | 30-03-2009 |
| DSCN1949     | Exterior: lightwell                        | NE                | within lightwell   | 30-03-2009 |
| DSCN1950     | Exterior: lightwell                        | SW                | within lightwell   | 30-03-2009 |
| DSCN1951     | Exterior: lightwell                        | SW                | within lightwell   | 30-03-2009 |
| DSCN1952     | Exterior: lightwell                        | S                 | within trench excavated against north side of lightwell, showing base of brick lightwell lining (N face), with opening for drainage (opposite side of opening visible in DSCN1948.jpg) | 30-03-2009 |
| DSCN1953     | Exterior: lightwell                        | S                 |  | 30-03-2009 |
| DSCN1954     | Exterior: lightwell                        | SE                |  | 30-03-2009 |
| DSCN1955     | Exterior: lightwell                        | SE                |  | 30-03-2009 |
| DSCN1956     | Exterior: lightwell                        | NW                |  | 30-03-2009 |
| DSCN1957     | Exterior: lightwell                        | NW                |  | 30-03-2009 |
| DSCN1958     | Exterior: lightwell                        | NW                |  | 30-03-2009 |

| Photo number | Location   | Direction of view | Description  | Date       |
|--------------|--|-------------------|--|------------|
| DSCN1959     | Exterior: trench excavated against exterior wall of V001 | N                 | toward E window opening V001.W02   | 30-03-2009 |
| DSCN1960     | Exterior: trench   | N                 | toward E window opening V001.W02   | 30-03-2009 |
| DSCN1961     | Exterior: trench   | N                 | toward E window opening V001.W02   | 30-03-2009 |
| DSCN1962     | Exterior: trench   | N                 | toward trench wall to W of E window opening V001.W02 (window opening visible in upper right corner of photo)     | 30-03-2009 |
| DSCN1963     | Exterior: trench   | N                 | toward trench wall between window openings, showing striking level change in stratigraphic layers                | 30-03-2009 |
| DSCN1964     | Exterior: trench   | N                 | toward W window opening V001.W01   | 30-03-2009 |
| DSCN1965     | Exterior: trench   | NW                | toward W window opening V001.W01   | 30-03-2009 |
| DSCN1966     | Exterior: trench   | NE                |  | 30-03-2009 |
| DSCN1967     | Exterior: trench   | NW                |  | 30-03-2009 |
| DSCN1968     | Exterior: trench   | N                 | down toward trench wall between window openings  | 30-03-2009 |
| DSCN1969     | Exterior: trench   | N                 | down toward trench wall on E side of W window opening V001.W01 (window in visible in upper left corner of photo) | 30-03-2009 |
| DSCN1970     | Exterior: trench   | N                 | down toward E window opening V001.W02  | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN1971     | V109   | SW                | toward W wall and SW corner of room  | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN1972     | V109   | SW                | toward W wall and SW corner of room  | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN1973     | V109   | W                 | toward W wall in S half of room  | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN1974     | V109   | W                 | toward W wall in S half of room  | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN1975     | V109   | S                 | near SW corner of room   | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN1976     | V109   | S                 | near SW corner of room   | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN1977     | V109   | S                 | toward S wall  | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN1978     | V109   | SE                | toward S wall  | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN1979     | V109   | SE                | toward S wall  | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN1980     | V108   | E                 | showing wallpaper visible behind dado panelling on E wall (scale bar is at top of dado)                          | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN1981     | V108   | E                 | showing wallpaper visible behind dado panelling on E wall (scale bar is at top of dado)                          | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN1982     | V108   | E                 | showing wallpaper visible behind dado panelling on E wall (scale bar is at top of dado)                          | 31-03-2009 |

| Photo number | Location | Direction of view | Description   | Date       |
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| DSCN1983     | V108     | E                 | showing wallpaper visible behind dado panelling on E wall (scale bar is at top of dado)   | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN1984     | V108     | E                 | showing wallpaper visible behind dado panelling on E wall (scale bar is at top of dado)   | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN1985     | V108     | E                 | showing wallpaper visible behind dado panelling on E wall (scale bar is at top of dado)   | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN1986     | V108     | E                 | detail view of wallpaper visible behind dado panelling on E wall  | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN1987     | V108     | E                 | detail view of wallpaper visible behind dado panelling on E wall (note older wallpaper visible behind outermost paper layer, and hair visible in wall plaster)  | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN1988     | V108     | E                 | detail view of wallpaper visible behind dado panelling on E wall (note older wallpaper visible behind outermost paper layer, and hair visible in wall plaster)  | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN1989     | V108     | E                 | showing gap in dado panelling on E wall – old wallpaper is visible, and a hole near the base of the plaster wall shows a horizontal timber framing member, with iron fitting, above brick (presumably the uppermost portion of the basement wall) | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN1990     | V108     | E                 | detail view of the iron fitting on the timber shown in DSCN1989   | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN1991     | V108     | NW                | toward fireplace in centre of room  | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN1992     | V108     | NW                | toward fireplace in centre of room  | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN1993     | V108     | NW                | toward fireplace in centre of room  | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN1994     | V108     | NW                | toward fireplace in centre of room  | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN1995     | V108     | W                 | toward W wall, showing fireplace and door in SW corner  | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN1996     | V108     | N                 | showing fireplace and window in N wall  | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN1997     | V108     | SW                | showing W side of room (particularly fireplace projecting into the room at an angle)  | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN1998     | V108     | SW                | down, showing hearth  | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN1999     | V108     | SW                | down, showing hearth  | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN2000     | V108     | E                 | up, showing N ceiling beam (running E-W)  | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN2001     | V108     | SE                | up, showing S ceiling beam (running E-W)  | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN2002     | V112     | E                 | E wall in NE corner of room   | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN2003     | V112     | E                 | E wall in NE corner of room   | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN2004     | V112     | SE                | at windows in E wall  | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN2005     | V112     | SE                | E wall in SE corner of room   | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN2006     | V113     | SE                | E wall  | 31-03-2009 |

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|--------------|----------|-------------------|--|------------|
| DSCN2007     | V113     | E                 | timbers revealed behind wall plaster (E wall, in N half of room – gap in plaster is visible in DSCN2006)   | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN2008     | V113     | E                 | timbers revealed behind wall plaster (E wall, in N half of room – gap in plaster is visible in DSCN2006)   | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN2009     | V113     | E                 | window in E wall   | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN2010     | V113     | E                 | window in E wall   | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN2011     | V202     | N                 | Floor frame detail: primary beam runs E-W (left to right) near bottom of photo; secondary beam runs N-S in centre of photo (joint with primary beam has been cut): scale bar is on secondary beam. See photo location plan: SBR Drawing No. 23   | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN2012     | V202     | S                 | Floor frame detail: primary beam runs E-W (left to right) near bottom of photo; secondary beam runs N-S in centre of photo (joint with primary beam has been cut). Joints of joists and secondary beam have been cut. See photo location plan: SBR Drawing No. 23                                    | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN2013     | V202     | SW                | Floor frame detail: primary beam runs E-W (in lower right – scale bar is on primary beam), secondary beam runs N-S from lower right to upper left. Joint of secondary beam with primary beam has been cut, as have joints of joists with secondary beam. See photo location plan: SBR Drawing No. 23 | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN2014     | V202     | NW                | Floor frame detail: primary beam runs E-W (in upper right – scale bar is on primary beam), secondary beam runs N-S from lower left. Joint of secondary beam with primary beam has been cut. See photo location plan: SBR Drawing No. 23  | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN2015     | V202     | SW                | Floor frame detail: secondary beam. Joints of joists with secondary beam have been cut. See photo location plan: SBR Drawing No. 23  | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN2016     | V202     | SW                | Floor frame detail: looking over secondary beam (lower left) toward joists (on which scale bar is resting). Note that joints of joists with secondary beam have been cut. See photo location plan: SBR Drawing No. 23  | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN2017     | V202     | SW                | Exposed floor frame: N-S secondary beam is at bottom. Scale bar rests on E-W joists. Note that joints of joists with secondary beam have been cut. See photo location plan: SBR Drawing No. 23   | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN2018     | V202     | NW                | Exposed floor frame: E-W primary beam crosses left corner of view (from bottom centre). N-S primary beam runs from centre towards upper right. Joint of secondary beam with primary beam has been cut. See photo location plan: SBR Drawing No. 23   | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN2019     | V202     | W                 | Exposed floor frame: E-W primary beam runs along left side of view. See photo location plan: SBR Drawing No. 23  | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN2020     | V202     | W                 | Exposed floor frame near W wall. See photo location plan: SBR Drawing No. 23   | 31-03-2009 |

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| DSCN2021     | V202     | S                 | Floor frame detail: joint in primary beam near W wall. See photo location plan: SBR Drawing No. 23   | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN2022     | V202     | SW                | Floor frame detail: E-W primary beam runs up through centre of view (scale bar is above it). Note joint in primary beam near bottom of view. See photo location plan: SBR Drawing No. 23   | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN2023     | V202     | SE                | Exposed floor frame in W portion of room. See photo location plan: SBR Drawing No. 23  | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN2024     | V202     | S                 | Exposed floor frame at W wall of room. Scale bar is above where E-W primary floor beam meets W wall. Note joint in primary beam near centre of view. See photo location plan: SBR Drawing No. 23   | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN2025     | V202     | S                 | Floor frame detail: E-W primary beam runs across upper portion of view (left to right). N-S secondary beam runs up from bottom centre. Joint of secondary beam with primary beam has been cut. See photo location plan: SBR Drawing No. 23 | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN2026     | V202     | S                 | Floor frame detail: E-W primary beam runs across upper portion of view (left to right). N-S secondary beam runs up from bottom centre. Joint of secondary beam with primary beam has been cut. See photo location plan: SBR Drawing No. 23 | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN2027     | V202     | SW                | Exposed floor frame in centre of V202 near fireplace. Scale bar rests on E-W primary beam. See photo location plan: SBR Drawing No. 23   | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN2028     | V202     | E                 | Exposed floor frame in centre of V202 near fireplace. See photo location plan: SBR Drawing No. 23  | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN2029     | V202     | NW                | Looking over exposed floor frame in centre of V202 near fireplace. See photo location plan: SBR Drawing No. 23   | 31-03-2009 |
| DSCN2601     | V108     | E                 | NE corner of room, and exposed wall timbers to S of window. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 28   | 10-07-2009 |
| DSCN2602     | V108     | SE                | Exposed wall timbers in centre of E wall. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 28   | 10-07-2009 |
| DSCN2603     | V108     | SE                | Exposed wall timbers in centre of E wall. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 28   | 10-07-2009 |
| DSCN2605     | V108     | NE                | Note exposed wall timbers in centre of E wall. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 28  | 10-07-2009 |
| DSCN2606     | V108     | NE                | Note exposed wall timbers in E wall, S of window. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 28   | 10-07-2009 |
| DSCN2607     | V108     | NE                | Note exposed wall timbers in E wall, S of window. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 28   | 10-07-2009 |
| DSCN2609     | V108     | E                 | Exposed timbers in E wall. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 28  | 10-07-2009 |
| DSCN2610     | V108     | E                 | Exposed timbers in E wall. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 28  | 10-07-2009 |
| DSCN2611     | V108     | SE                | Exposed timbers in E wall. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 28  | 10-07-2009 |
| DSCN2612     | V108     | SE                | Exposed timbers in E wall. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 28  | 10-07-2009 |

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| DSCN2613     | V108     | NE                | Exposed timbers in E wall. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 28  | 10-07-2009 |
| DSCN2614     | V108     | NE                | Exposed timbers in E wall. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 28  | 10-07-2009 |
| DSCN2615     | V108     | E                 | Upper portion of exposed timbers in E wall. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 28   | 10-07-2009 |
| DSCN2616     | V108     | E                 | Upper portion of exposed timbers in E wall. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 28   | 10-07-2009 |
| DSCN2617     | V108     | E                 | Detail of upper portion of exposed timbers in E wall. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 28   | 10-07-2009 |
| DSCN2618     | V108     | E                 | Detail of upper portion of exposed timbers in E wall. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 28   | 10-07-2009 |
| DSCN2619     | V108     | E                 | Detail of lower portion of exposed timbers in E wall. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 28   | 10-07-2009 |
| DSCN2620     | V108     | E                 | Detail of lower portion of exposed timbers in E wall. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 28   | 10-07-2009 |
| DSCN2621     | V108     | E                 | Detail of brick plinth and of iron strap on exposed timbers in E wall. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 28  | 10-07-2009 |
| DSCN2622     | V108     | E                 | Detail of brick plinth and of iron strap on exposed timbers in E wall. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 28  | 10-07-2009 |
| DSCN2624     | V108     | NE                | Detail of brick plinth and of iron strap on exposed timbers in E wall. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 28  | 10-07-2009 |
| DSCN2626     | V108     | SE                | Detail of exposed timber in E wall (at S edge of area of exposed timbers). See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 28  | 10-07-2009 |
| DSCN2627     | V108     | SE                | Detail of exposed timber in E wall (at S edge of area of exposed timbers). See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 28  | 10-07-2009 |
| DSCN2628     | V108     | SE                | Detail of exposed timber in E wall (at S edge of area of exposed timbers). See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 28  | 10-07-2009 |
| DSCN2629     | V108     | SE                | Detail of exposed timber in E wall (at S edge of area of exposed timbers). See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 28  | 10-07-2009 |
| DSCN2630     | V108     | SE                | Detail of exposed timber in E wall (at S edge of area of exposed timbers). See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 28. See also SBR Drawing No 27                  | 10-07-2009 |
| DSCN2631     | V108     | SE                | Detail of exposed timber in E wall (at S edge of area of exposed timbers). See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 28. See also SBR Drawing No 27                  | 10-07-2009 |
| DSCN2634     | V108     | SE                | Detail of iron crook (for hinge?) on exposed timber in E wall. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 28. See also SBR Drawing Nos 24 and 25 (timber drawings)    | 10-07-2009 |
| DSCN2635     | V108     | SE                | Looking up toward horizontal timber in upper portion of area of exposed timbers in E wall. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 28. See also SBR Drawing No 24. | 10-07-2009 |



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| DSCN2637     | V108                 | SE                | Detail of lower portion of S-most vertical timber in area of exposed timber in E wall. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 28. See also SBR Drawing No 27  | 10-07-2009 |
| DSCN2639     | V108                 | SE                | Detail of lower portion of S-most vertical timber in area of exposed timber in E wall. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 28. See also SBR Drawing No 27  | 10-07-2009 |
| DSCN2640     | V108                 | SE                | Detail of lower portion of S-most vertical timber in area of exposed timber in E wall. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 28. See also SBR Drawing No 27  | 10-07-2009 |
| DSCN2642     | V108                 | SE                | Detail of lower portion of S-most vertical timber in area of exposed timber in E wall. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 28. See also SBR Drawing No 27  | 10-07-2009 |
| DSCN2643     | V108                 | SE                | Detail of N side of lower portion of N-most vertical timber in area of exposed timbers in E wall. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 28. See also SBR Drawing No 24.  | 10-07-2009 |
| DSCN2644     | V108                 | SE                | Detail of N side of lower portion of N-most vertical timber in area of exposed timbers in E wall. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 28. See also SBR Drawing No 24.  | 10-07-2009 |
| DSCN2645     | V108                 | NE                | View of S side of 'timber C' as shown on SBR Drawing No 24 (see also SBR Drawing No 26): in area of exposed timbers in E wall. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 28  | 10-07-2009 |
| DSCN1213     | V212                 | N                 | Looking through door (V212.D02) into V212A. Showing where stripping of finishes from N wall of V212A has revealed wall painting and timber framing. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 37.                  | 19-10-2009 |
| DSCN1214     | V212 (Door V212.D02) | N                 | Looking into V212A. Showing where stripping of finishes from N wall of V212A has revealed wall painting and timber framing. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 37.  | 19-10-2009 |
| DSCN1215     | V212A                | NE                | View of N wall near floor, showing wall painting and timber framing where later finishes stripped away. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 37.  | 19-10-2009 |
| DSCN1216     | V212A                | E                 | Looking up to ceiling, showing N-S ceiling beam along E wall, above cornice moulding. Stripping of finishes has revealed painted decoration on ceiling beam. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 37.         | 19-10-2009 |
| DSCN1217     | V212A                | E                 | Looking up to ceiling, showing N-S ceiling beam along E wall, above cornice moulding. Stripping of finishes has revealed painted decoration on ceiling beam. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 37.         | 19-10-2009 |
| DSCN1218     | V212A                | N                 | Looking up to N-S ceiling beam along E wall (above cornice moulding), in ne corner of room. Note that stripping of finishes has revealed painted decoration on beam. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 37. | 19-10-2009 |

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| DSCN1219     | V212A    | NE                | Looking up to N-S ceiling beam along E wall (above cornice moulding) in ne corner. Note that stripping of finishes has revealed painted decoration on beam. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 37.               | 19-10-2009 |
| DSCN1220     | V212A    | SE                | Looking up to N-S ceiling beam along E wall (above cornice moulding) in se corner. Note that beam extends through inserted stud partition at right. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 37.                       | 19-10-2009 |
| DSCN1221     | V212A    | N                 | Painted decoration and timber framing in N wall, revealed by stripping of later finishes. (orientation note: missing portion of painting is top of image.) See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 37.                | 19-10-2009 |
| DSCN1222     | V212A    | N                 | Showing N wall. Painted decoration and timber framing revealed by stripping of later finishes. (orientation note: missing portion of painting is top of photo image.) See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 37.     | 19-10-2009 |
| DSCN1223     | V212A    | NW                | Showing N wall. Painted decoration and timber framing where later finishes stripped away. (orientation note: scale bar is at top of photo image.) See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 37.                         | 19-10-2009 |
| DSCN1224     | V212A    | NE                | Showing N wall: painted decoration and timber framing where later finishes removed. (orientation note: laths are horizontal; painting is along left side of photo image.) See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 37. | 19-10-2009 |
| DSCN1225     | V212A    | NE                | Showing N wall: painted decoration and timber framing where later finishes stripped away. (orientation note: wallpaper is on left side of photo image.) See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 37.                   | 19-10-2009 |
| DSCN1226     | V212A    | NE                | Looking up to N-S ceiling beam along E wall (above cornice moulding). Partial removal of finishes has revealed painted decoration on beam. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 37.                                | 19-10-2009 |
| DSCN1227     | V212A    | E                 | Looking up to N-S ceiling beam along E wall (above cornice moulding). Note how partial removal of finishes has revealed painted decoration on beam. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 37.                       | 19-10-2009 |
| DSCN1228     | V212A    | E                 | Detail of N-S ceiling beam along E wall. (orientation note: green cornice moulding is along bottom of photo image.) Partial stripping of finish has revealed decoration. See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 37.  | 19-10-2009 |
| DSCN1229     | V212A    | NW                | Showing N wall. (orientation note: floor can be seen along bottom of photo, and in lower left corner.) See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 37.  | 19-10-2009 |
| DSCN1230     | V212A    | NW                | Showing N wall: painted decoration and timber framing where later finishes stripped away. (orientation note: dark area of photograph is bottom left corner). See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 37.              | 19-10-2009 |

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| DSCN1231            | V212A           | N                        | Showing N wall. Painted decoration and timber framing where later finish removed. (orientation note: missing portion of painting is upper left corner of photograph). See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 37. | 19-10-2009  |
| DSCN1232            | V212A           | NW                       | N wall. Timber framing and white paint behind inserted timber. (orientation note: group of vertical timbers is along left edge of photograph.) See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 37.                        | 19-10-2009  |
| DSCN1233            | V212A           | NE                       | Sectional view of lath and plaster. (orientation note: foreground is at left of photograph, with laths recessing into the background towards the right.) See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 37.              | 19-10-2009  |
| DSCN1235            | V212A           | N                        | Showing N wall: wall painting and timber framing where later finishes stripped away. (orientation note: scale bar is near bottom of photograph.) See photo locations on SBR Drawing No 37.                      | 19-10-2009  |

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### OASIS ID: molas1-70595

#### Project details

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| Project name                           | Valence House, Becontree Avenue, RM8 3HT, Archaeological watching brief  |
| Short description of the project       | Works to the house, foundations of a new visitor centre, new service/drainage trenches and a new moat were monitored. A 16th- or 17th-century wall-painting was exposed in the house, nearby a well and cess pit were exposed in new drainage trench. Similar trenches on the west and south exposed limited views of the original moat and landscaping of the new moat exposed a foundation thought to be that of the barn, made of 18th-century brick. |
| Project dates                          | Start: 28-01-2009 End: 27-11-2009  |
| Previous/future work                   | Yes / No   |
| Any associated project reference codes | VNH07 - Sitecode   |
| Type of project                        | Recording project  |
| Site status                            | Listed Building  |
| Current Land use                       | Community Service 2 - Leisure and recreational buildings   |
| Monument type                          | WALL PAINTING Post Medieval  |
| Monument type                          | WELL Post Medieval   |
| Monument type                          | CESS PIT Post Medieval   |
| Monument type                          | MOAT Post Medieval   |
| Monument type                          | MOAT Medieval  |
| Monument type                          | BARN Post Medieval   |
| Significant Finds                      | TILE Post Medieval   |
| Significant Finds                      | TOBACCO PIPE Post Medieval   |
| Investigation type                     | 'Watching Brief'   |
| Prompt                                 | Planning condition   |

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Project location

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|-------------------|---|
| Country           | England   |
| Site location     | GREATER LONDON BARKING AND DAGENHAM BARKING AND DAGENHAM Valence House, Becontree, RM8 3HT, Archaeological watching brief |
| Postcode          | RM8 3HT   |
| Study area        | 26266.00 Square metres  |
| Site coordinates  | TQ 4810 8650 51.5574119978 0.136618329253 51 33 26 N 000 08 11 E Point  |
| Height OD / Depth | Min: 11.90m Max: 13.70m   |

Project creators

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| Name of Organisation         | MoL Archaeology                        |
| Project brief originator     | Mills Whipp Projects                   |
| Project design originator    | Mills Whipp Project                    |
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| Project supervisor           | Isca Howell                            |
| Project supervisor           | Simon Pennington                       |
| Project supervisor           | Ken Pitt                               |
| Project supervisor           | Michael Tetreau                        |
| Project supervisor           | Emma Dwyer                             |
| Project supervisor           | David Sankey                           |
| Type of sponsor/funding body | Developer                              |
| Name of sponsor/funding body | London Borough of Barking and Dagenham |

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Project archives

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| Physical Contents          | 'Ceramics'  |
| Digital Archive recipient  | LAARC   |
| Digital Contents           | 'Ceramics'  |
| Digital Media available    | 'Images raster / digital photography','Text'  |
| Paper Archive recipient    | LAARC   |
| Paper Contents             | 'Ceramics'  |
| Paper Media available      | 'Context sheet','Notebook - Excavation',' Research',' General Notes','Unpublished Text' |

Project bibliography 1

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| Issuer or publisher           | Museum of London  |
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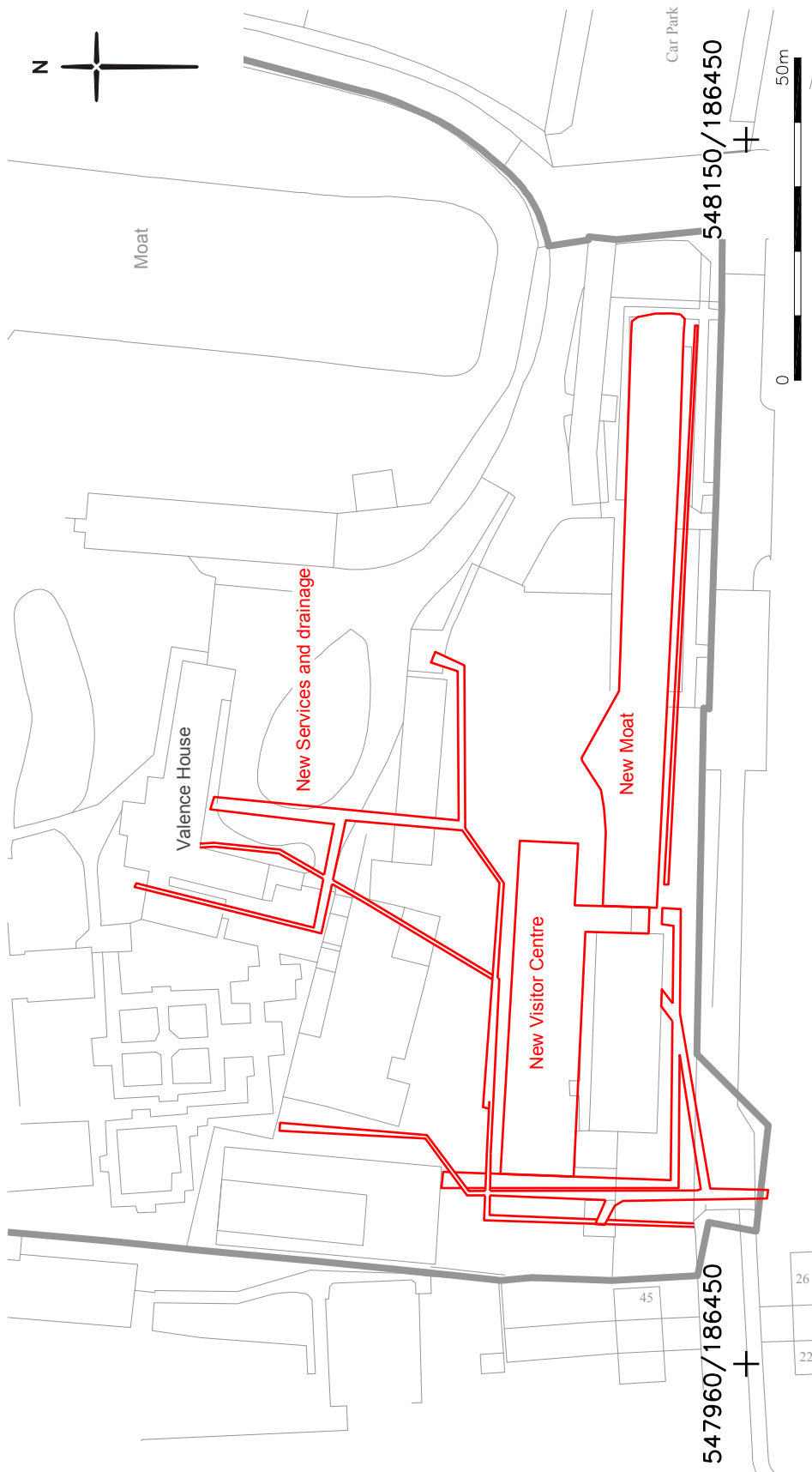


Fig 2 Trench Location

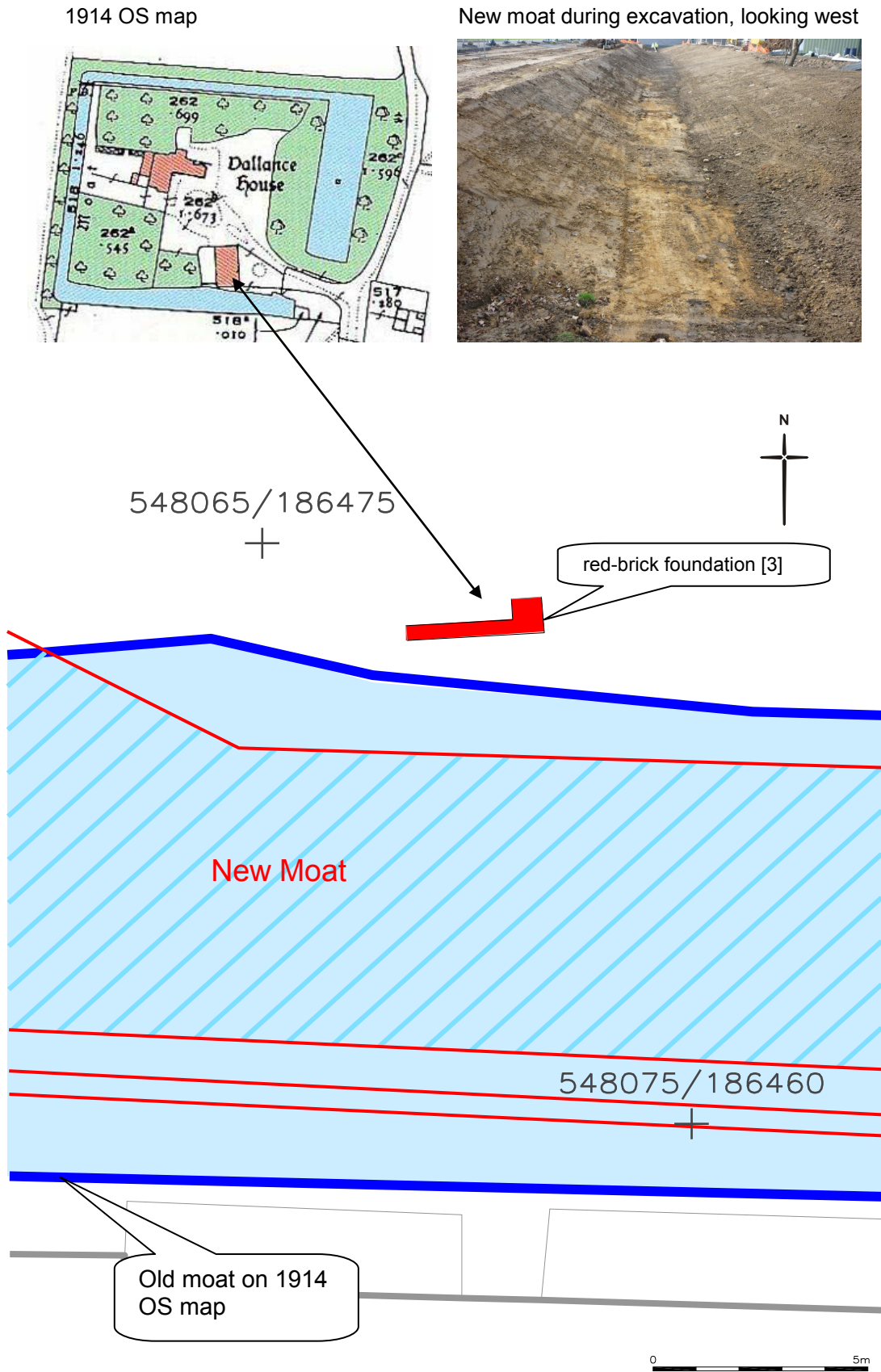


Fig 3 Location of brick foundation





Fig 4 Foundations of old barn exposed in landscaping near to new moat

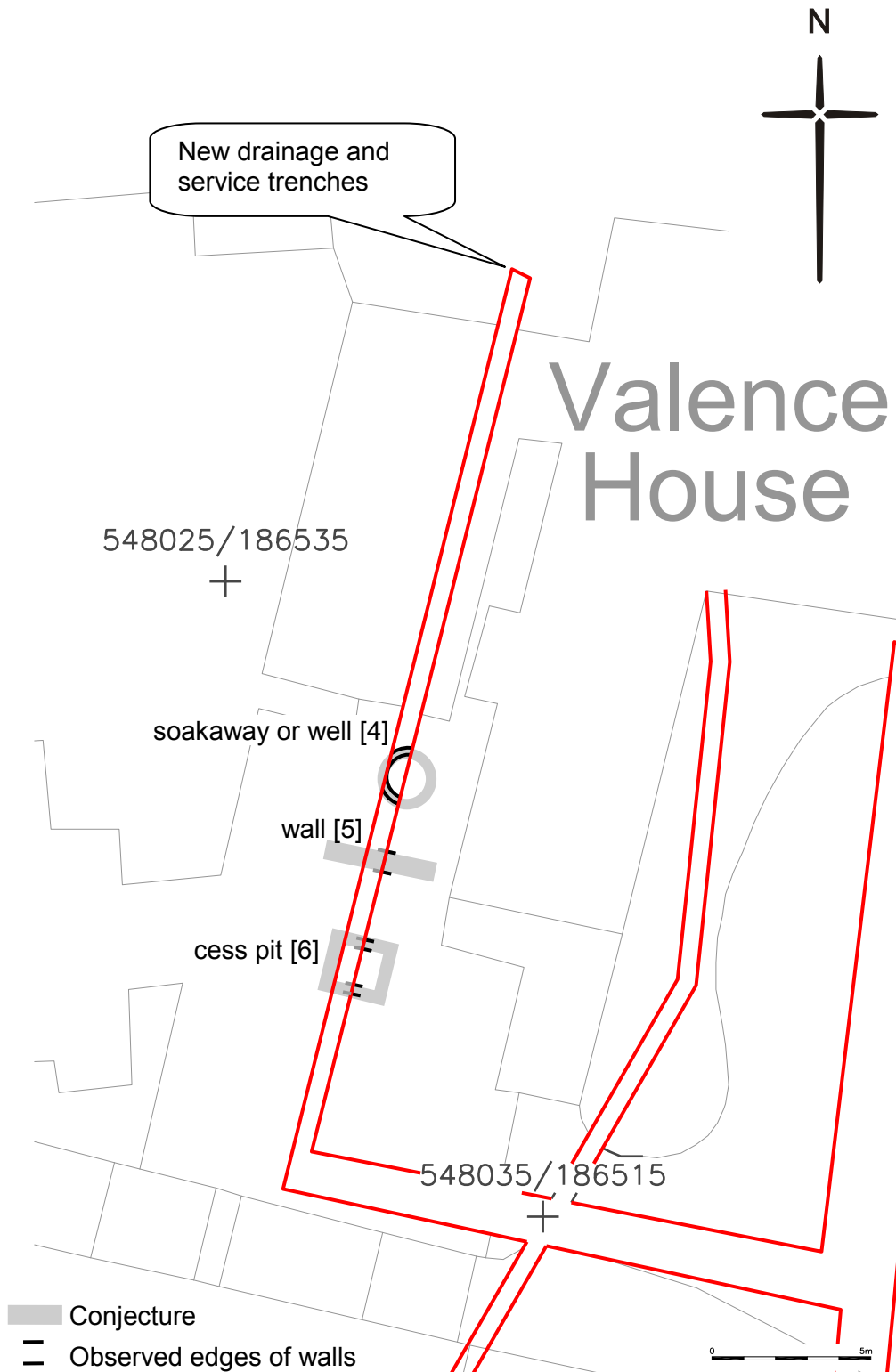


Fig 5 Archaeological remains west of Valence House



Fig 6 Remains of moat exposed in new drainage trenches





Fig 7 East edge of moat [7]  
Observed “around the northernmost manhole south of the green shed” ( Museum Store) See Fig 6 for location



Fig 8 North edge of moat [7]  
Tape is 1m long, see Fig 6 for location





Fig 9 Tiles found in the void beneath the first floor and ground floor ceiling  
Dutch or London-made 18th-century tin-glazed tile (left) and Dutch 17th- or 18th-century tile (right)



Fig 10 United Dublin Trades Association tobacco pipe  
Unstratified find by workmen during general landscaping.











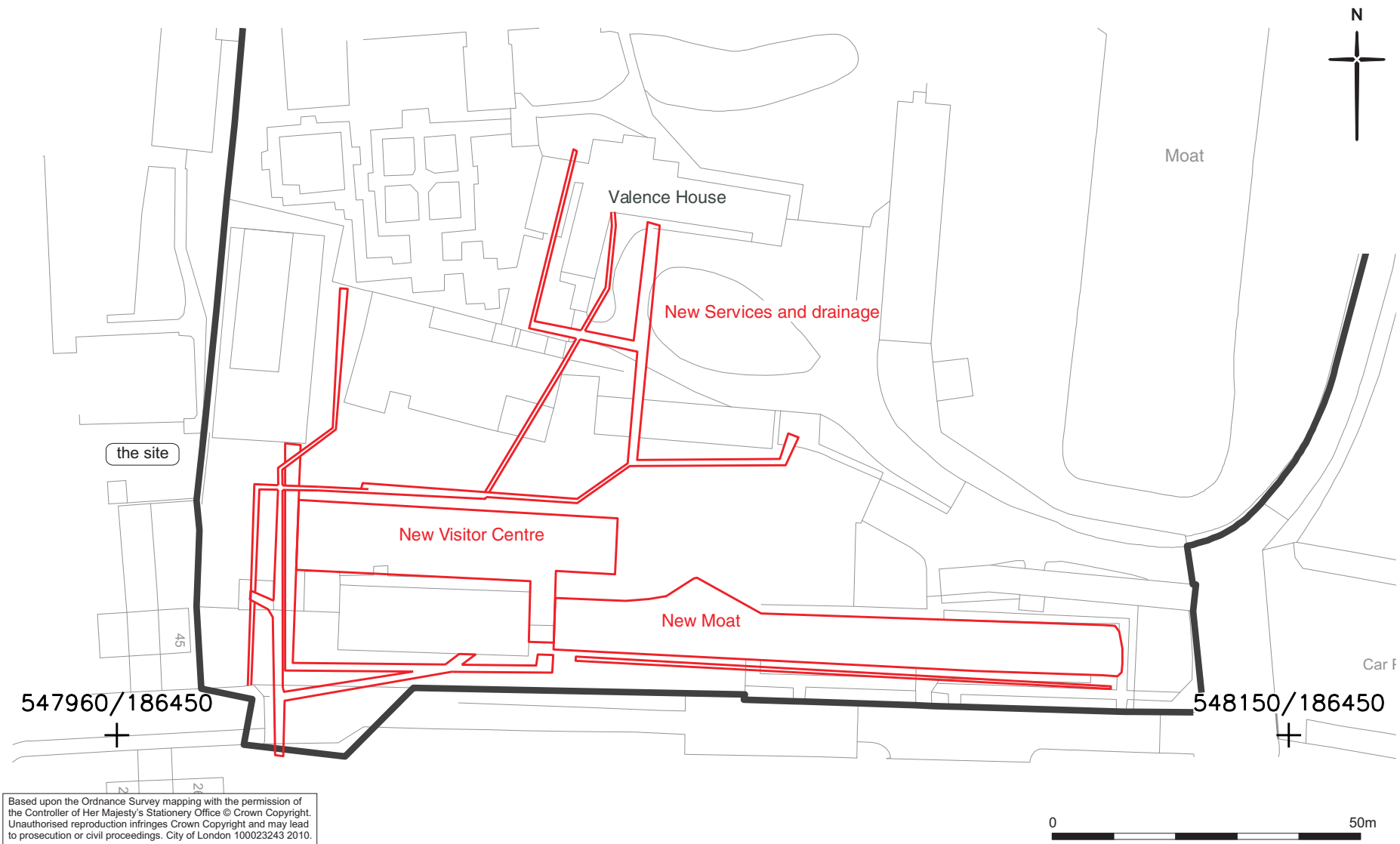


Fig 2 Trench Location

1914 OS map New moat during excavation, looking west

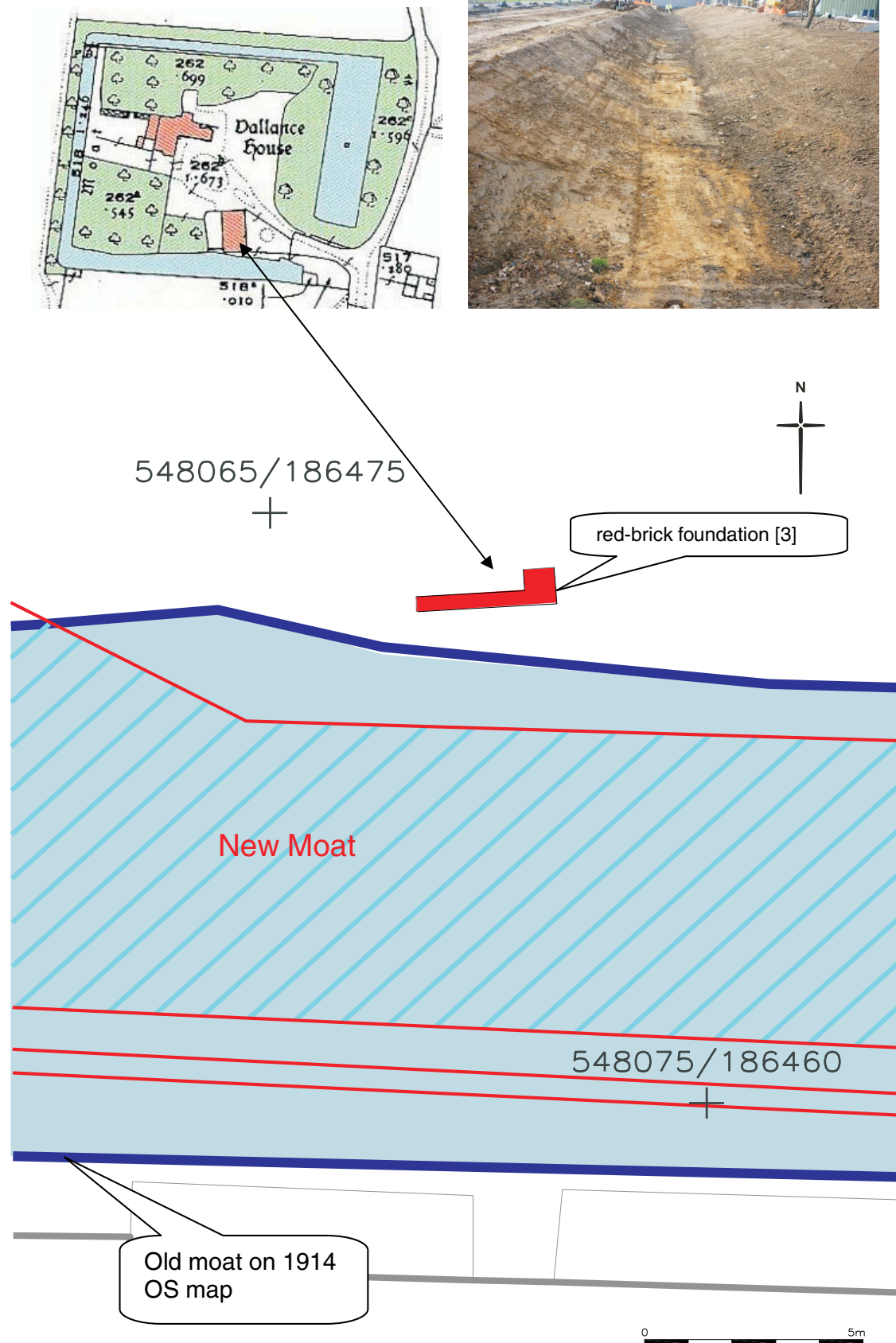


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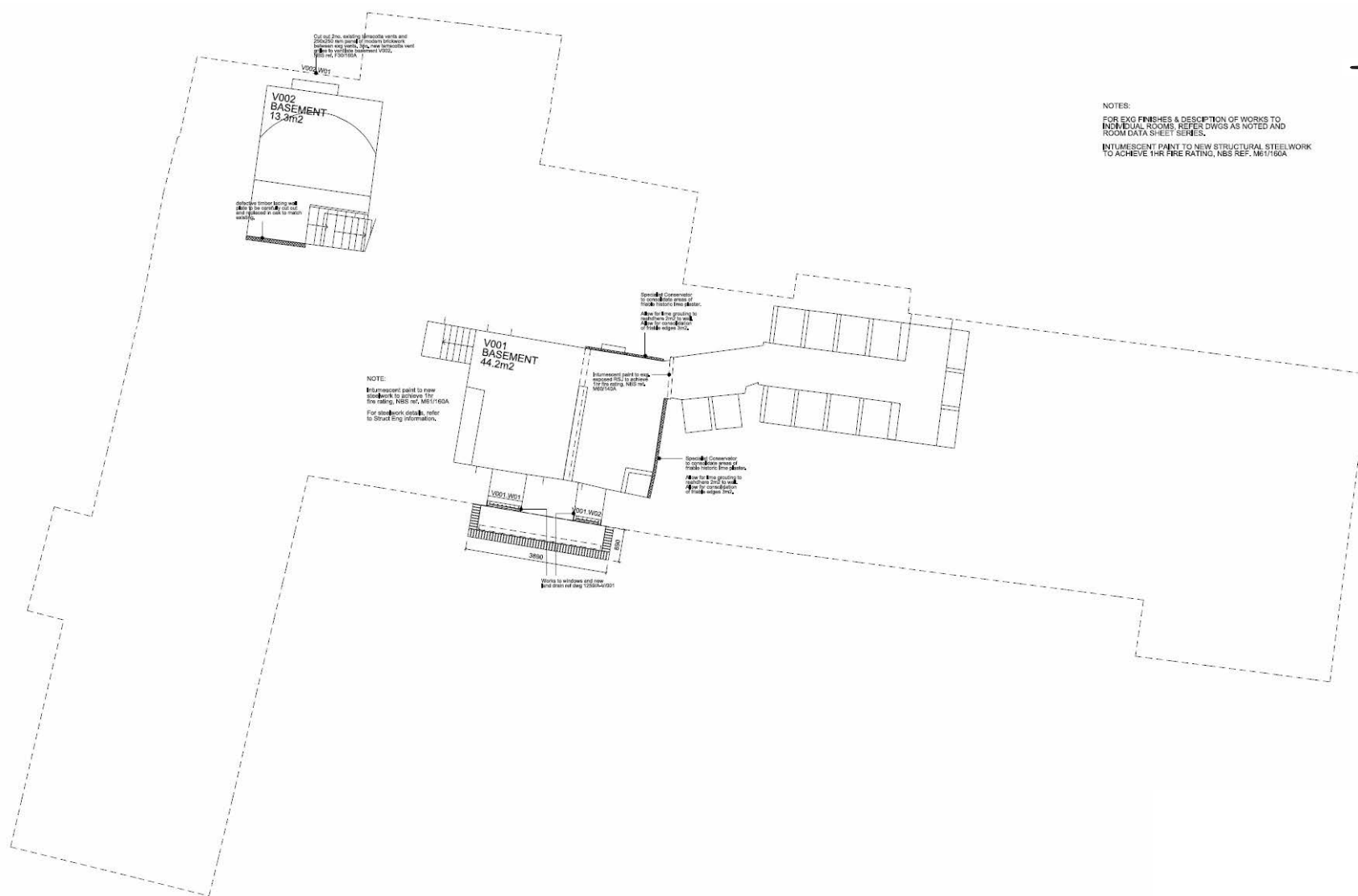


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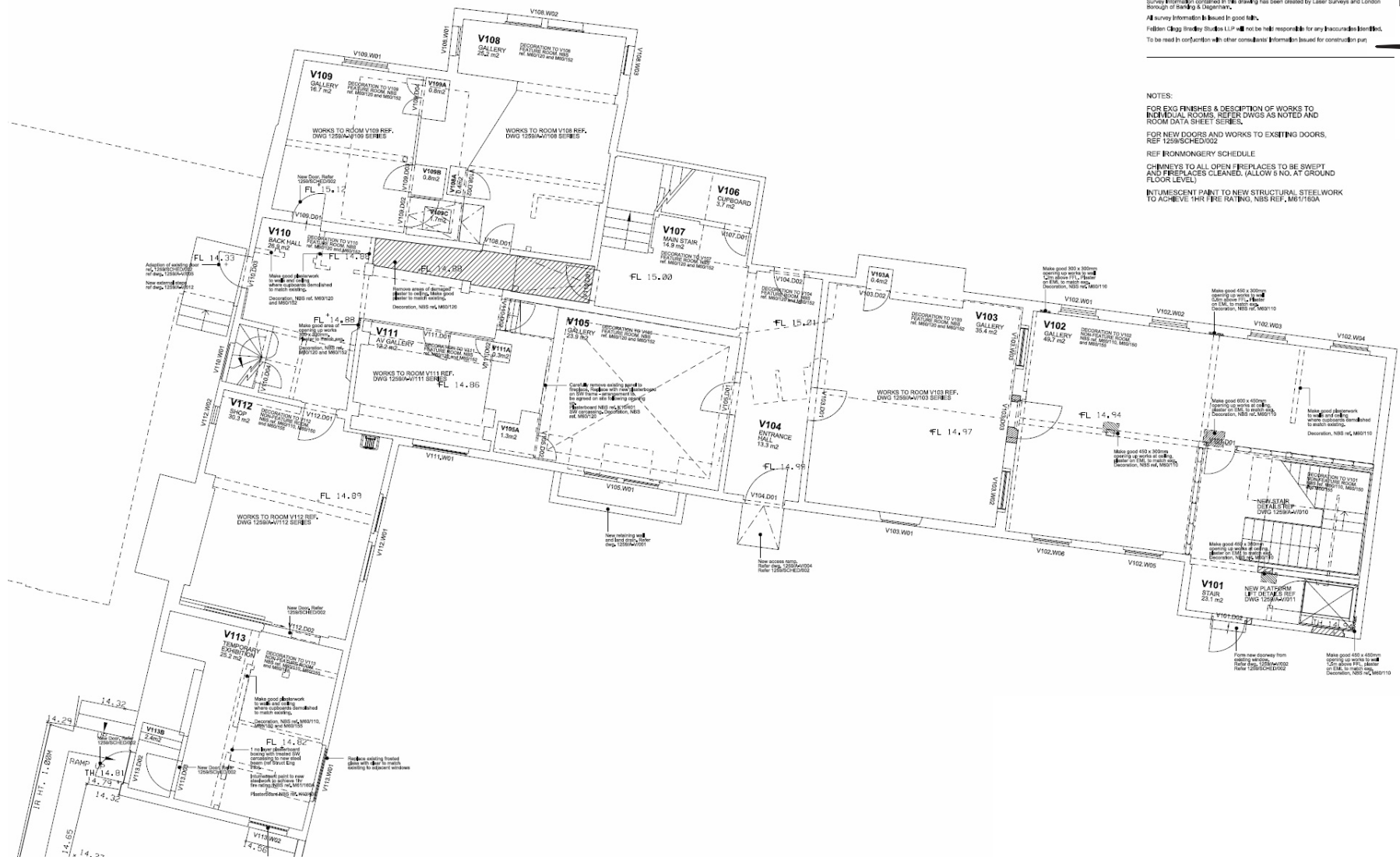


Fig 11 Valence House, basement

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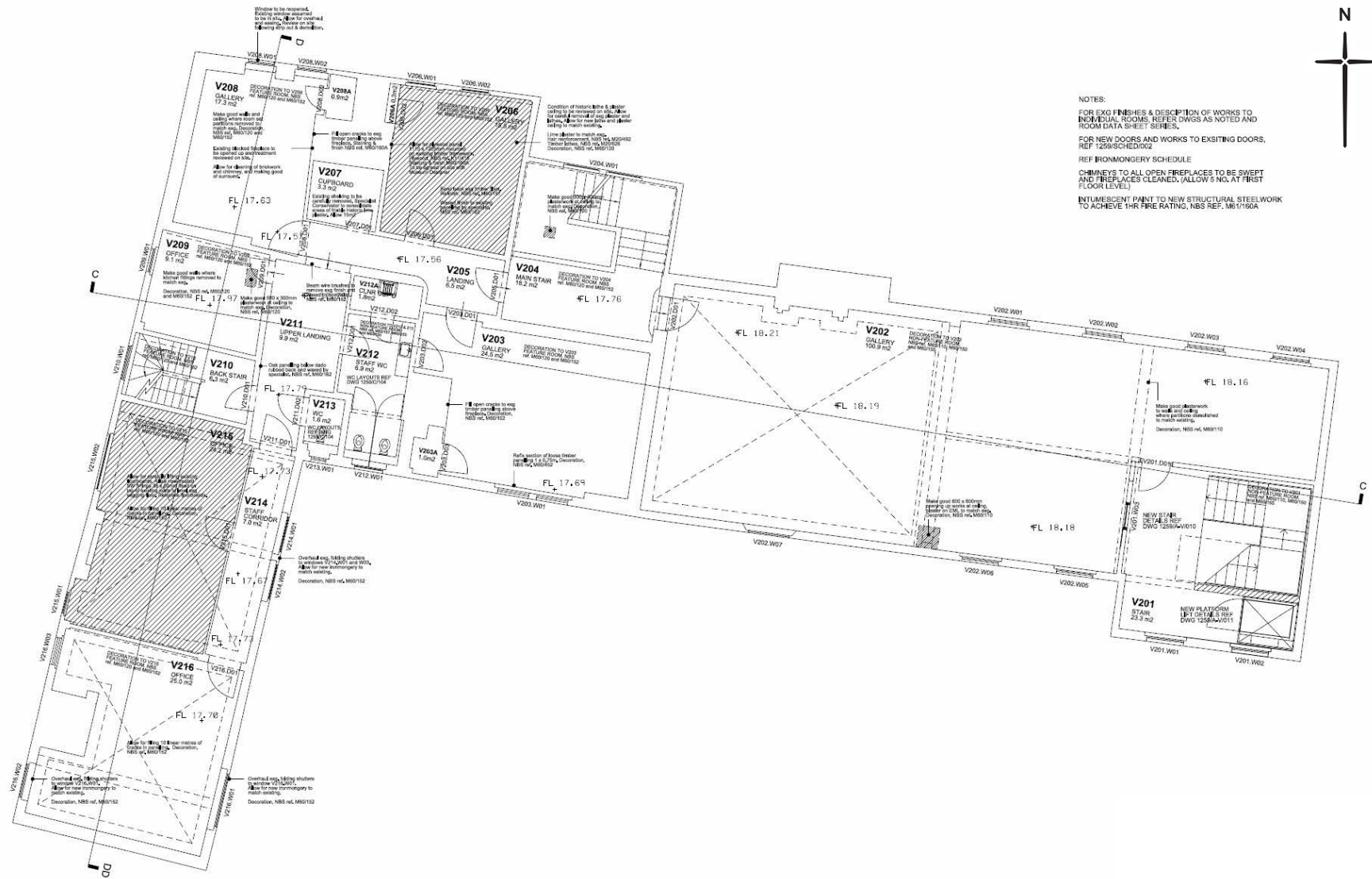
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Fig 12 Valence House, ground floor



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Fig 13 Valence House, first floor