

**Historic building recording at the  
former Halstead Police Station,  
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## 1 Summary

*A programme of historic building recording was carried out by Colchester Archaeological Trust at the former Halstead Police Station, Trinity Road, Halstead in November 2017.*

*The Police Station and the outbuilding to the rear (formerly a cart-lodge and stable) were constructed in 1851. Since then the police station has been the subject of five separate extensions and significant conversion and modernisation work. Despite this, several original windows and some internal features survive.*

## 2 Introduction (Fig 1)

This is the archive report of a historic building recording at the former Halstead Police Station, in advance of proposed conservation work. The recording work was commissioned by Arcady Architects Ltd, and carried out by Colchester Archaeological Trust (CAT) in November 2017. The former police station is located on Trinity Street in Halstead, opposite Holy Trinity Church, at NGR TM 8091 3045 (Fig 1).

A planning application (planning ref. 17/01432/FUL) was submitted to Braintree District Council in August 2017 proposing the conversion of the former Police Station and its outbuilding into six separate dwellings. In response to this application, the Historic Environment Advisor (HEA) of Essex County Council (ECC), on behalf of Braintree District Council, recommended that a Historic England Level 2 building survey be made of the buildings prior to their conversion, given their historical importance and presence with Halstead Town Centre Conservation Area. This recommendation was made based on the National Planning Policy Framework (DCLG 2012).

A Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) for the building recording was prepared by Colchester Archaeological Trust (CAT 2017) and agreed with the HEA. All work was carried out in accordance with this WSI.

All work was carried out according to standards and practices contained in the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists' *Standard and guidance for the collection, documentation, conservation and research of archaeological materials* (2014a), *Standard and guidance for archaeological investigation and recording of standing buildings or structures* (2014b), *Management of research projects in the historic environment* (Historic England 2015), *Standards for field archaeology in the East of England* (EAA 14) and *Research and Archaeology Revised: A Revised Framework for the East of England* (EAA 24). In addition, the guidelines contained in *Understanding Historic Buildings, A guide to good recording practice* (Historic England 2016) were followed.

## 3 Aims

The aim of the building recording was to provide a detailed record and assessment of the section of wall prior to conservation. The building recording was carried out to Level 2 (Historic England 2016).

In particular the record considered:

- Plan and form of the site.
- Materials and method of construction.
- Date(s) of the structures.
- Function and layout.
- Original and later phasing, additions and their effect on the internal/external fabric and the level of survival of original fabric.
- The significance of the site on a regional level.

## 4 Methodology

The following are included in this report:

- A documentary, cartographic and pictorial survey of the evidence pertaining to the history and evolution of the former Halstead Police Station.
- A large-scale block plan of the site.
- Annotated elevations of the remains at a scale of 1:100.
- A detailed description of the buildings. The description addresses features such as materials, dimensions, method of construction and phasing.
- A photographic record, comprising digital photographs of both general shots and individual features. Selected examples of the photographic record are clearly tied into the drawn record and reproduced as fully annotated photographic plates supporting the text. The photographic record is accompanied by a photographic register detailing location and direction of shot (Appendix 1).

## 5 Historical background (Figs 1 and 2)

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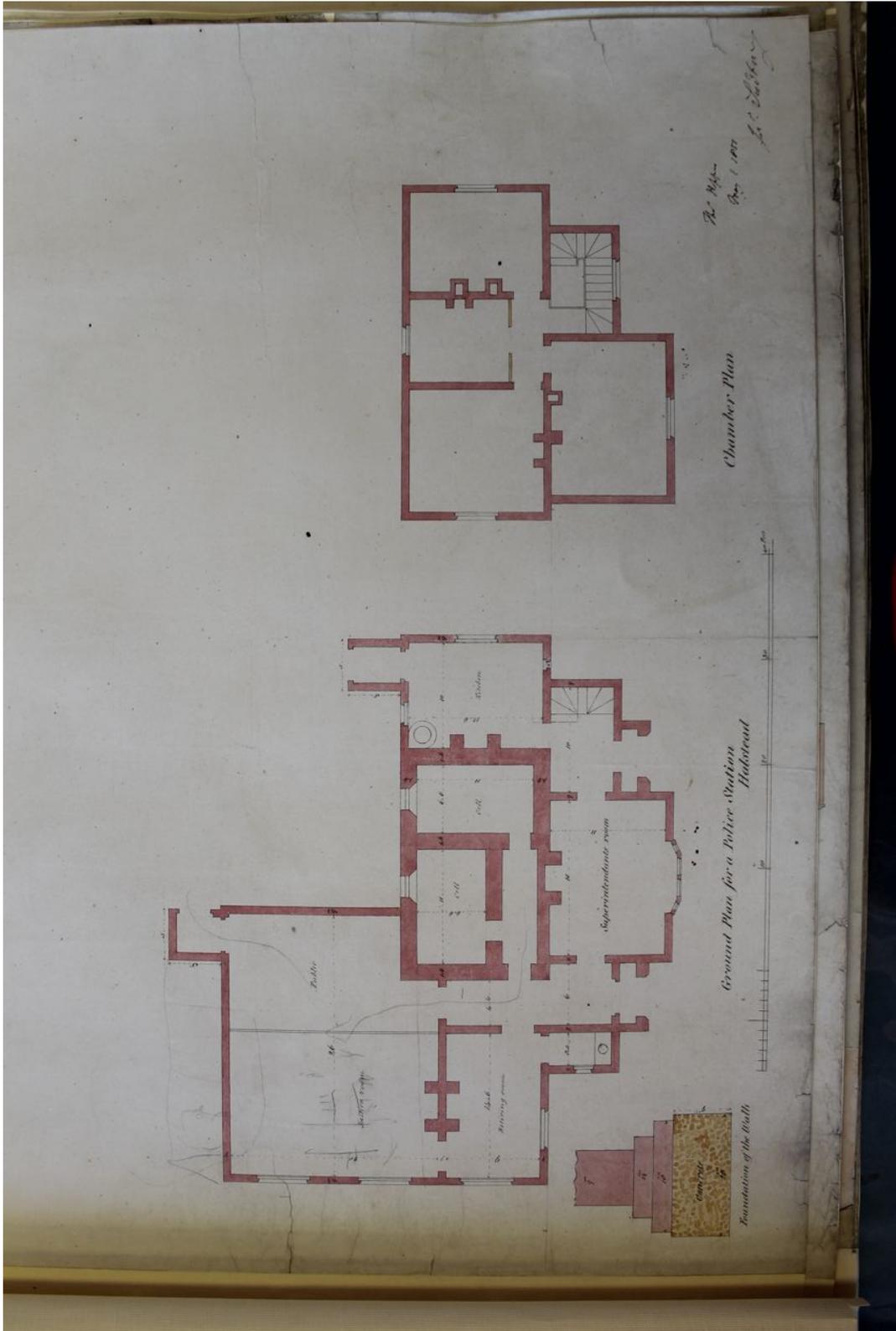
The following archaeological background draws on the Essex Historic Environment Record (EHER) accessed via the Heritage Gateway. A visit was also made to the Essex Record Office.

The mid nineteenth century witnessed major changes in the policing of Halstead, and the across the country more broadly. During this period, the maintenance of law and order – previously the duty of parish constables and watchmen acting under the orders of the local Justice of the Peace – passed into the hands of professional police forces (Emsley 2014, 8-23). Under the Rural Constabulary Act 1839, and the amending Act 1840, county magistrates were authorised to establish police forces in rural areas such as Halstead (*ibid.*, 41), and in August 1841, the Watch Committee of Halstead and Newport was accordingly informed that Halstead's 'house of correction' would pass into the charge of the Chief Constable or his superintendent (ERO Q/ACp 2A).

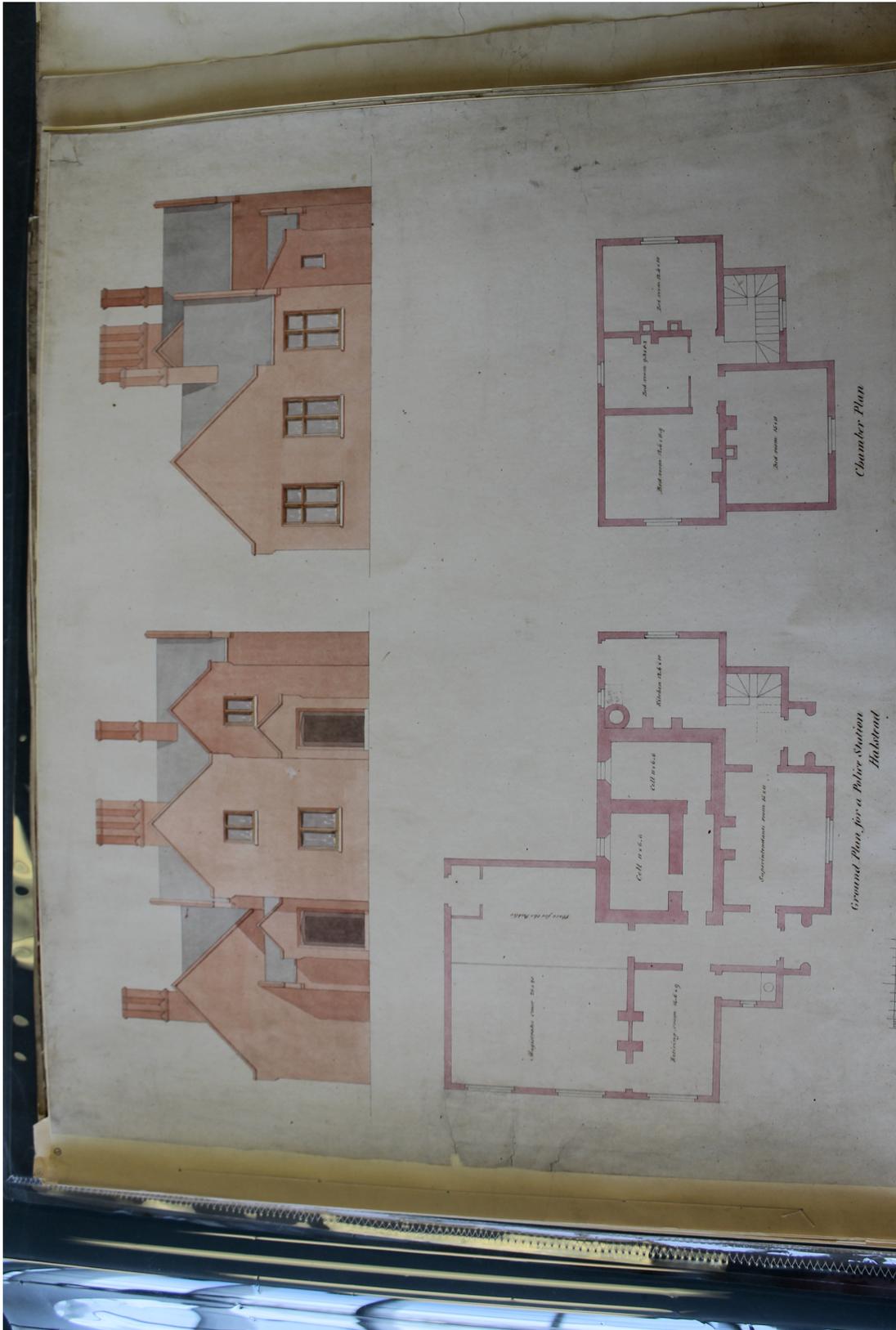
It was soon determined that the premises inherited from the parish constabularies were insufficient to meet the requirements of the new forces, and later that year the county magistrates issued an edict ordering 'that two Police Stations be erected at or near Halstead & one at or near Braintree' (ERO Q/Sbb/544/61/2). In the event, it took ten years for the court order to be acted upon, but in July 1851, William Gibson, a builder of Chipping Ongar was commissioned to construct a new police station in Halstead consisting of a station house, strong rooms, a stable, a cart house and stables, and 'the walls and other erections requisite' (ERO Q/APb 14). The plan for the building submitted is included below (Plans 1-3), and shows that the original building comprised a magistrates' court, a 'place for the public', a retiring room, a superintendent's room, a kitchen, and two cells on the ground-floor, and four bedrooms on the first-floor.

The architect of the police station was Thomas Hopper, a significant architect in late Georgian and early Victorian Britain. Amongst other projects he designed (the now partially demolished) Easton Lodge in Little Easton in Essex, and carried out works at Windsor Castle. Although only constructed 5 years before his death in 1856, Pevsner (2007, p442) describes Halstead Police Station as a "prototype for a series...(by Hopper)...in Tudor Gothic style".

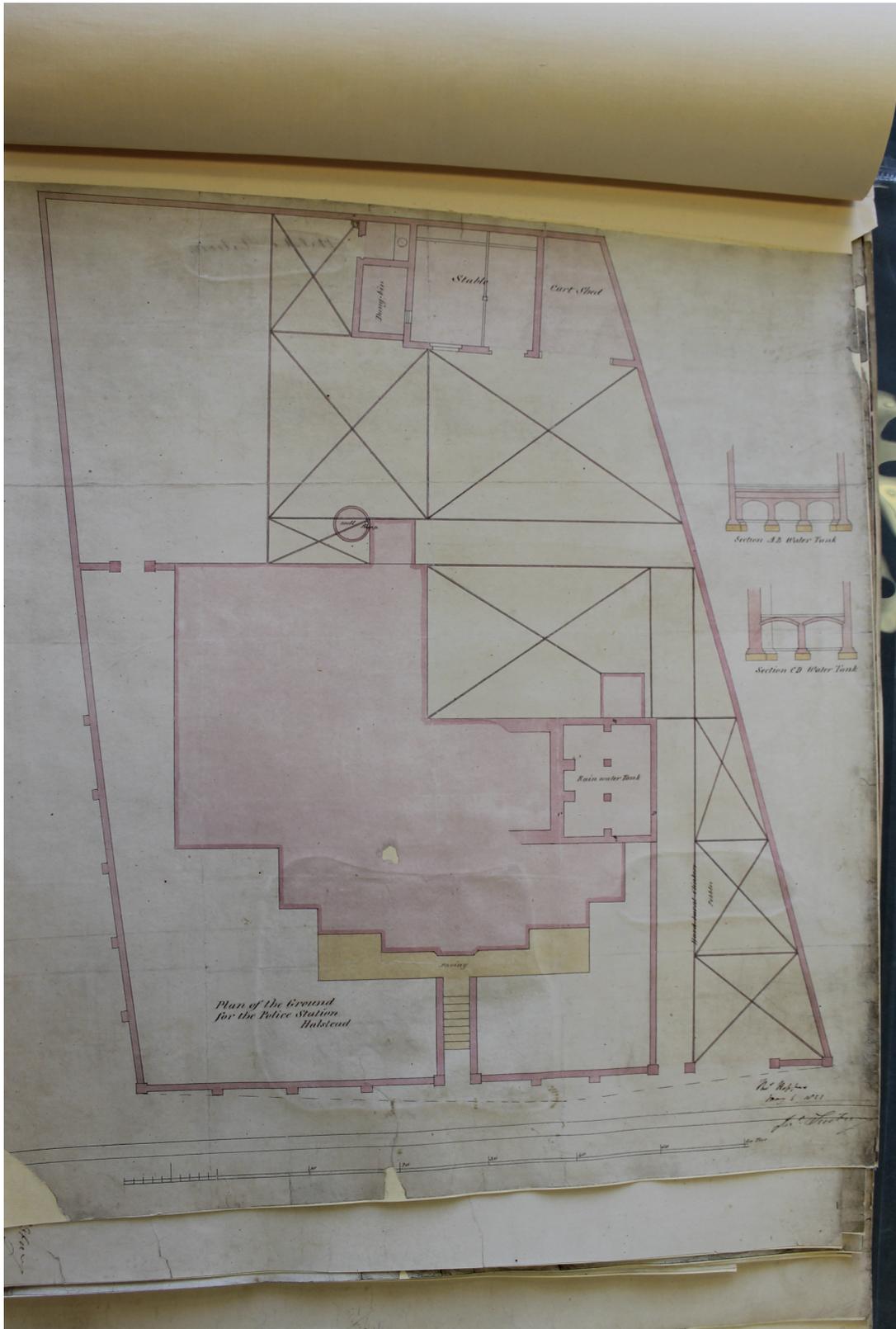
The original building had two separate functions: as a police station and as a magistrates' court (although clearly these roles would have overlapped). Using the 1851 plans some interpretation has been made as to the functions of each room in the original building, with particular attention on the various doorways. This interpretation is shown at the end of this report (Fig 10).



**Plan 1** ERO, Q/APb 15: Plan for a police station in Halstead (1851). Ground floor plan on the left, first-floor on the right. Shows entrance porches to rear. Rooms labelled on ground floor only. Signed by the architect Thomas Hopper in bottom right corner on May 6th 1851.



**Plan 2** ERO, Q/APb 15: Plan for a police station in Halstead (1851). All rooms labelled and north-west and north-east elevations shown above floor plan.



**Plan 3** ERO, Q/APb 15: Plan for a police station in Halstead (1851). Site plan, showing the floor plan and divisions of the outbuilding (top of plan). Again signed by the architect, Thomas Hopper, on May 6th 1851.

Subsequent alterations to the structure of the police station can be discerned from OS maps of the area compiled during the late 19th and early 20th centuries (Fig 2). By 1876, an extension had been added to the rear of the building, which no longer survives (Map 1). Twenty years later in 1896, further mapping of Halstead showed that another extension had been made to the rear of the building, which partially survives today (Map 2). At some point between the surveying of this map and 1920, a further large extension had been built on the east side of the building (Map 3). By this point, the stable and coach house to the rear of the station house had largely fallen into disuse, although the latter was occasionally employed as a witnesses' room. In addition, during the 1860s, three police houses had been constructed near to the station house, one of which was used to accommodate three single men prior to the First World War (ERO Q/APb 14).

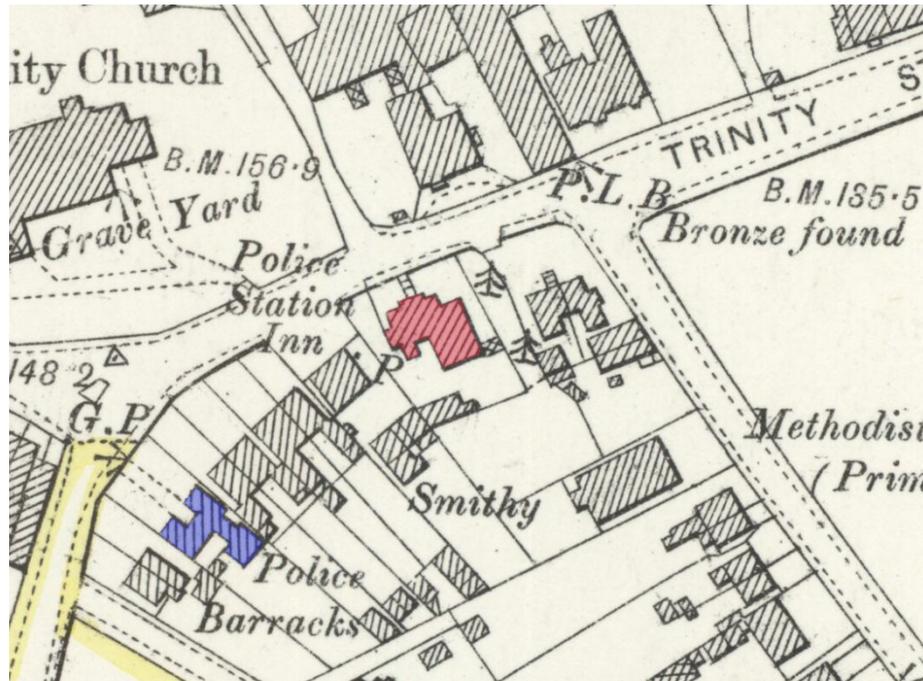
The 1938 OS map (Map 4) shows the police station with much the same footprint as in 1920. The 1955 map, although less detailed, shows another extension added to the rear of the building, infilling the gap between the main range and the eastern wing (Map 5). This extension has two storeys, and the first-floor above the Magistrates' Court was probably inserted at the same time.

Planning documents from 1985 and 2004 (reference numbers 85/01576/P and 04/01515/FUL respectively) show the plans of two more extensions added to the rear of the Police Station. The earlier of the two added an additional room and basement, while the 2004 extension also coincided with the wide-scale modernisation of the station, with several internal walls added and windows replaced.

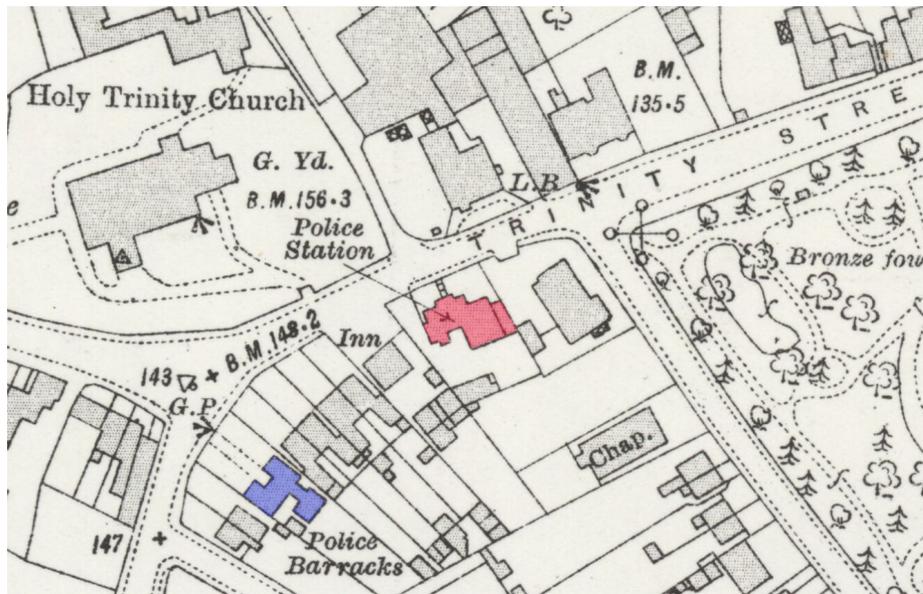
The outbuilding in the south of the site is shown as a stable and cart shed in the original plans from 1851 (Plan 2). At some point the entranceway for carts has been blocked up. Like the Police Station, the outbuilding has been thoroughly modernised with divisions added on the ground and first-floors. The brickwork used to infill around the blocked entranceway does not match with any of the extensions, so associating it chronologically with any of them is difficult. As the inserted windows in this brickwork are metal-framed, however, the blocking of the entrance (and the subdividing of the interior) probably happened sometime in the first half of the 20th century.



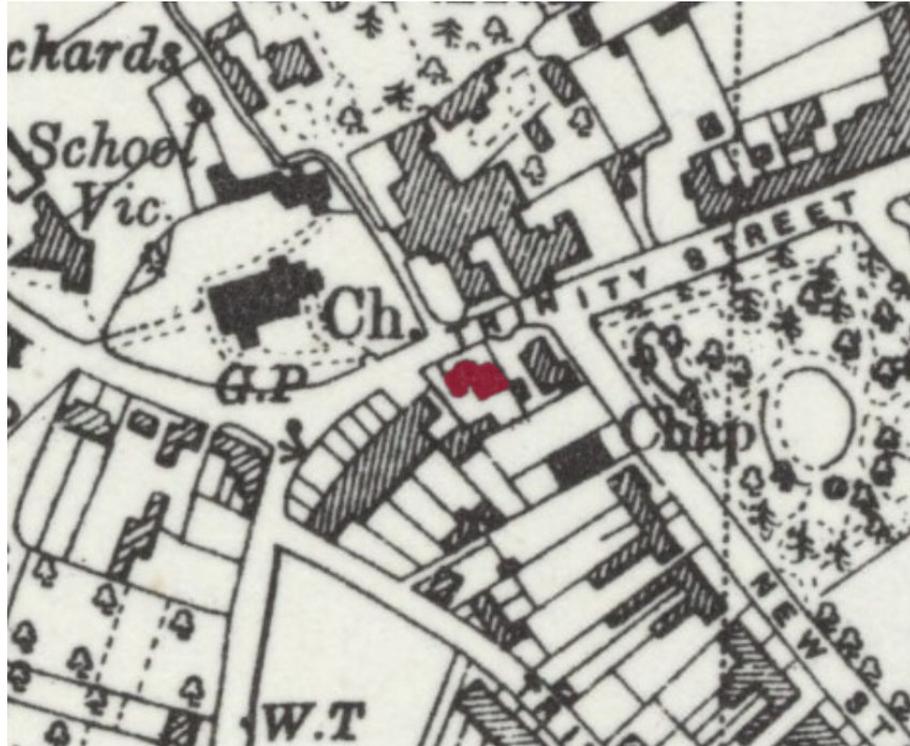
**Map 1** 1876 OS Map. Police station highlighted in red, police houses in blue.



**Map 2** 1896 OS Map. Police station highlighted in red, police houses in blue.



**Map 3** 1920 OS Map. Police station highlighted in red, police houses in blue.



**Map 4** 1938 OS Map. Police station highlighted in red.



**Map 5** 1955 OS Map. Police station highlighted in red.

## 6 Building recording descriptive record (Figs 2-11)

The former Halstead Police Station is located on Trinity Street, one of the main roads through the town.

This record describes both the police station and the outbuilding to its rear, which was originally a cart-lodge and stable (see historical background above).

### *Police station*

The police station is aligned north-west/south-east and has a roughly square footprint. There are five extensions built against the rear (south-east) of the building. Collectively it measures approximately 15.7m x 18.1m in size and covers around 243 square metres. It is roofed in slate.

The original building was constructed in the Victorian period (in 1851 – see cartographic survey above) and is made of polychrome brickwork laid in Flemish bond (with brick dimensions of 215mm x 105mm x 65mm). Most of the structure is made of red brick, but the window openings, doorways and corners are dressed with yellow London stock bricks (Photographs 1-3). The building was originally 'L'-shaped, with a wing projecting south from the east end of the building (Plan 2 and Fig 10). Subsequent extensions to the rear have infilled the area between this wing and the main range (see historical background above).



**Photograph 1** North-west elevation of Police Station. Photograph taken facing south-east.

Two original chimney-stacks with diamond-set flues remain at the front of the building. The third would have been demolished when a first-floor was added to the Magistrates' Court (see historical background). The chimney to the rear is a later addition associated with the extension in 1985 (Photograph 4 and Fig 3).

The main public entrance into the building is through a door at the front (Photograph 1), but originally the main public access would have been through the rear of the building into the public gallery of the Magistrates' Court (Plan 1 and Fig 10).

At the front of the building (the north-west elevation) in the gable-end is a stone carving of the Essex crest, which is original to the building (Photograph 5).



**Photograph 2** North-west and south-east elevations of Police Station. Photograph taken facing east.



**Photograph 3** North-west and north-east elevations of Police Station. Photograph taken facing south.



**Photograph 4** South-east elevation of Police Station, showing 1985 extensions and associated chimney. Photograph taken facing north.

Several windows on the original police station were replaced in 2004 (Fig 3), but the remaining windows appear to be original. These original windows, and the later replacements, are all wooden-framed casements (Photograph 6). All the original windows are dressed with brickwork of london stocks, and the 2004 replacements have attempted to replicate this, although bricks are more white than yellow and the resulting pattern is not as ornate (Photograph 5).

The subsequent extensions to the police station have varying brickwork and windows, as shown on Figs 5-9, although all the extensions have made some effort to stay stylistically similar to the original building by replicating the white brickwork dressing on the corners of the structure.

The interior of the Police Station has been thoroughly modernised and altered since its construction. Most of this occurred in 2004, although some alterations undoubtedly occurred prior to that date.



**Photograph 5** North-west gable end of the Police Station, showing the carved Essex crest original to the building, and the later inserted window with modern brickwork surrounding it. Photograph taken facing south-east.

In the original building the ceiling has been lowered, and several dividing plasterboard walls constructed, largely to divide what was originally the large open space of the Magistrates' Court (Fig 3 and 10). As noted previously, a first-floor has also been added above the court. All of the fireplaces have been blocked and a central heating and air-conditioning system has been installed. These are all powered from the basement below the 1985 extension, which contains a generator and several pumps (Photograph 7).

The stairway in the north-west corner of the building appears to be original, as does the cabinet underneath it on the ground-floor (Photograph 8). The stairway in the centre of the building leads up to the first-floor of the 1938-55 extension, and likely dates from the same time.

The original prison cells of the building are now the front office and public WC. (Photograph 9). At some point the prison cells were moved to the extension built between 1876 and 1896 (Fig 3), judging from the concrete-framed very thick window on the south-western elevation (Photograph 11). Sometime before the 2004 alterations the prison cells were removed from the building entirely.

The extension to the Magistrates' Court in 1996-1920 has plaster moulding on its walls that appears to be original (Photograph 10).



**Photograph 6** Original window and dressing on the south-west elevation of the Police Station. Photograph taken facing north-east.



**Photograph 7** Basement underneath 1985 extension to Police Station, showing heating system. Photograph taken facing west.



**Photograph 8** Original cabinet underneath stairs in north-west corner of Police Station. Photograph taken facing west.



**Photograph 9** Location of original prison cells in Police Station, now the front office. Remains of thick cell walls visible. Photograph taken facing west.



**Photograph 10** Detail of plaster moulding in extension to Magistrates' Court. Photograph taken facing north.



**Photograph 11** Inserted concrete-framed window on south-west elevation of extension to Police Station. Photograph taken facing north-east.

### *Outbuilding*

The outbuilding is on a similar alignment to the police station but is oblong in shape, on account of being built adjacent to the wall surrounding the site (Fig 2). It measures roughly 8m x 4.7m in size and covers approximately 40 square metres. Like the Police Station, it is roofed in slate.

The outbuilding has had two 16-light metal-framed casement windows inserted into its north-western elevation, blocking the original entranceway into the cart lodge (compare Photograph 12 to Plan 3). Two modern skylights have been inserted into the north-western pitch of the roof, and five have been inserted on the south-eastern pitch. The skylights were probably inserted in 2004, at the same time as the ones in the police station.

A 24-light casement and awning window has also been inserted on the other side of the modern entrance in north-western elevation, in the location of an original window. The brickwork around this window suggests that there was a large double entrance on this side of the elevation as well, which is not shown on the original plan (Plan 3). Whether this entrance was added at a later date and then subsequently blocked, or added at the time of the buildings construction but not noted on the plans, is uncertain.



**Photograph 12** North-west elevation of outbuilding. Bricked in openings visible on either side of the door. Photograph taken facing east.

The door in this elevation is modern, but is in the original doorway.

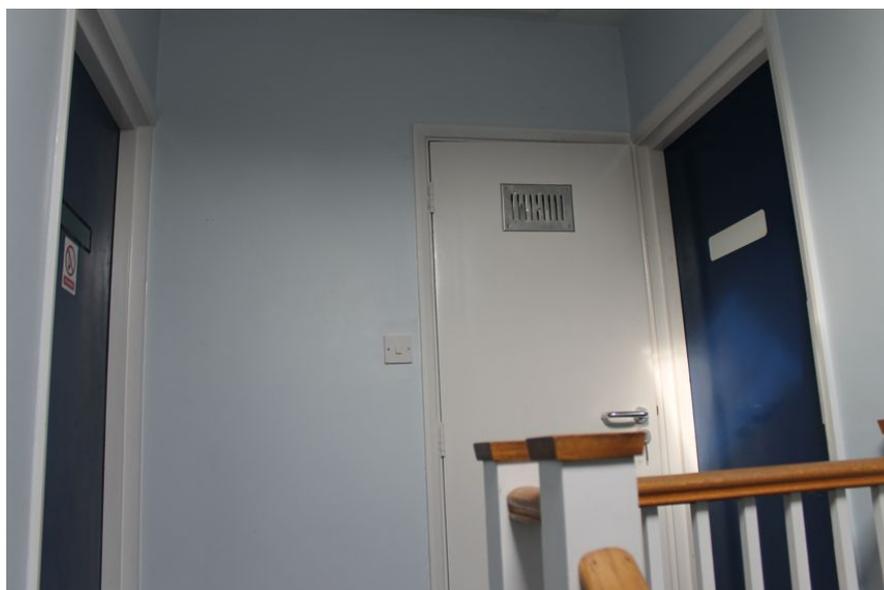
The north-eastern elevation has a blocked opening and marks on the brickwork which originate from the square brick structure that used to be on the elevation (labelled as a 'dung-bin' on Plan 3). Still surviving on this elevation is a brick lean-to containing a WC (Photograph 13).

The interior of the outbuilding, as mentioned previously, is similar to the police station in that it has been thoroughly modernised with several internal walls added (Photograph 14). The first-floor, originally a loft above the stable and accessed via a ladder (Plan 2), is now accessed by an inserted stairway.

Part of the roof was visible from the interior through the loft hatch. Inspection showed the roof was constructed of machine-cut rafters supported by an upper collar (Photograph 15). Outlines of one purlin on each roof pitch are visible in the rooms on the first-floor.



**Photograph 13** North-east elevation of outbuilding. Small bricked-in opening visible, and surviving lean-to. Photograph taken facing south-west.



**Photograph 14** First-floor of outbuilding, showing inserted walls. Photograph taken facing north-west.



**Photograph 15** Detail of roof of outbuilding through loft hatch. Machine-cut rafters and upper collar visible. Photograph taken facing north-east.

## 7 Discussion

Halstead Police Station and its outbuilding are classic examples of mid 19th century Victorian architecture. Built in a Tudor Gothic style, the diamond-set flues of the chimneys are particularly emblematic of the Victorian period, hearkening back to the elaborate decorated chimneys of the 16th century.

Even though extensions and modernisation are common in surviving Victorian buildings, Halstead Police Station has a remarkably large number of alterations and extensions. This is undoubtedly the result of it being a public building.

As time progressed it would have been imperative that the station remained suitable and well equipped to provide a base for the local constabulary. Unlike a private owner of a Victorian-era house, who would be limited financially in the scope and regularity of any alterations, the local police force could (until quite recently) afford to maintain and extend Halstead Police Station when required.

Although Halstead Police Station is not a listed building, it was designed by a prominent architect and has an idiosyncratic design. It seems likely that if a list of locally important buildings were ever created for Halstead, then it would merit an inclusion.

## 8 Acknowledgements

Colchester Archaeological Trust would like to thank Michaels Property Consultants for commissioning and funding the historic building recording.

The recording was carried out by Mark Baister.

Figures are by Mark Baister, adapted from architects plans by Survey Solutions.

The project was monitored by Teresa O'Connor for Braintree District Council.

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Note: all CAT reports, except for DBAs, are available online in .pdf format at <http://cat.essex.ac.uk>

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## 10 Abbreviations and glossary

CAT	Colchester Archaeological Trust
CBC	Colchester Borough Council
ClfA	Chartered Institute for Archaeologists
collar	a horizontal timber in a roof spanning between a pair of inclined timbers (such as rafters)
context	specific location of finds on an archaeological site
EHHER	Essex Historic Environment Record, held by the ECC
English-bond	a brickwork bond created from alternate courses of headers and stretchers
ERO	Essex Record Office
Flemish-bond	a brickwork bond with headers and stretchers alternating in each course
HE	Historic Environment
header	a brick laid exposing one short side
London stock bricks	handmade brick used for majority of building work in London before early 20th century. Also common in south-east England generally. Distinctive yellow colour.
modern	period from the 19th century onwards to the present
NGR	National Grid Reference
OASIS	<b>Online AccesS</b> to the <b>Index</b> of Archaeological Investigation <b>S</b> , <a href="http://oasis.ac.uk/pages/wiki/Main">http://oasis.ac.uk/pages/wiki/Main</a>
rafter	an inclined timber following the slope of the roof
Roman	the period from AD 43 to c AD 410
stretcher	a brick laid exposing one long side
stretcher-bond	a brickwork bond where each course consists of only stretchers – indicating a cavity wall
Victorian	the reign of Queen Victoria, from 1837 to 1901

## 11 Archive deposition

The paper and digital archive is currently held by the Colchester Archaeological Trust at Roman Circus House, Roman Circus Walk, Colchester, Essex CO2 7GZ, but will be permanently deposited with Braintree Museum (an accession code has been requested).

## 12 Contents of archive

### Paper and digital record

One A4 document wallet containing:  
The report (CAT Report 1206)  
Original site record (plans and sections)  
Site digital photos and log, attendance register, risk assessment

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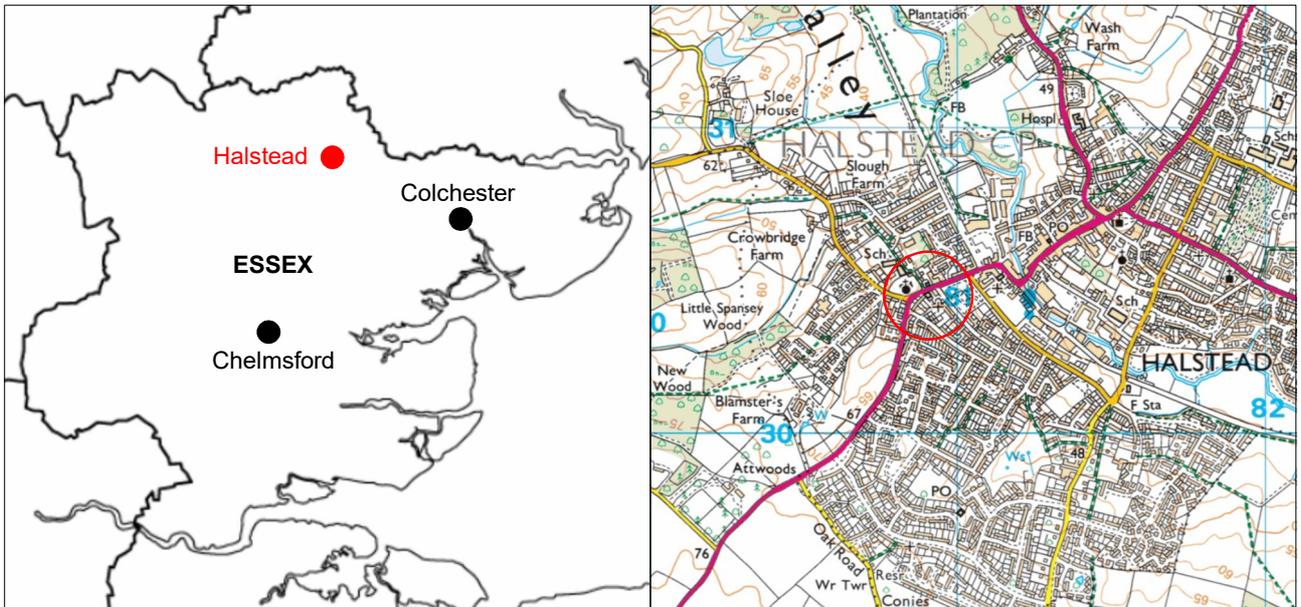
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**Appendix 1:  
Full digital photographic record  
(images on accompanying CD)**

Halstead Police Station HBR 001.JPG	North-east elevation of outbuilding. Photograph taken facing south-west.
Halstead Police Station HBR 002.JPG	North-west elevation of outbuilding. Photograph taken facing east.
Halstead Police Station HBR 003.JPG	South-east elevation of police station, showing 2004 extension. Photograph taken facing west.
Halstead Police Station HBR 004.JPG	South-east elevation of police station, showing 1985 extension. Photograph taken facing north.
Halstead Police Station HBR 005.JPG	South-east elevation of police station, showing 2004 extension. Photograph taken facing north.
Halstead Police Station HBR 006.JPG	1985 extension at rear of police station. Photograph taken facing north.
Halstead Police Station HBR 007.JPG	South-west elevation of police station at oblique angle. Blocked original doorway visible. Photograph taken facing north.
Halstead Police Station HBR 008.JPG	South-west elevation of police station, showing inserted modern window and brickwork on first-floor. Photograph taken facing east.
Halstead Police Station HBR 009.JPG	South-west elevation of police station, showing original casement windows on ground-floor. Photograph taken facing east.
Halstead Police Station HBR 010.JPG	North-west elevation of police station, southernmost entranceway. Photograph taken facing east.
Halstead Police Station HBR 011.JPG	North-west and south-west elevations of police station. Photograph taken facing east.
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Halstead Police Station HBR 015.JPG	South-west elevation of police station. Photograph taken facing east.
Halstead Police Station HBR 016.JPG	North-west and north-east elevations of police station. Photograph taken facing south.
Halstead Police Station HBR 017.JPG	Detail of front gable of north-west elevation of police station, including carved Essex crest. Photograph taken facing south-east.
Halstead Police Station HBR 018.JPG	Detail of concrete-framed thick glass window for prison cell in south-west elevation of police station. Photograph taken facing north-east.
Halstead Police Station HBR 019.JPG	Southernmost entrance at front of police station. Photograph taken facing south-east.
Halstead Police Station HBR 020.JPG	Detail of replacement bay window in front of police station. Photograph taken facing south-east.

Halstead Police Station HBR 021.JPG	Northernmost entrance at front of police station. Photograph taken facing south-east.
Halstead Police Station HBR 022.JPG	Steps down to basement underneath 1985 extension. Photograph taken facing north-east.
Halstead Police Station HBR 023.JPG	North-east elevation of police station, with extension projecting. Photograph taken facing south-west.
Halstead Police Station HBR 024.JPG	Interior of ground-floor of outbuilding. Photograph taken facing south-west.
Halstead Police Station HBR 025.JPG	Interior of ground-floor of outbuilding. Photograph taken facing north-west.
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Halstead Police Station HBR 031.JPG	Interior ground-floor of police station. Original casement window and shutter. Photograph taken facing north-east.
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Halstead Police Station HBR 033.JPG	Interior ground-floor of police station, in interview room (previously retiring room of magistrates' court). Photograph taken facing north.
Halstead Police Station HBR 034.JPG	Detail of original window in interview room, with shutters. Photograph taken facing north-west.
Halstead Police Station HBR 035.JPG	Detail of original window in interview room, showing original latch. Photograph taken facing north-west.
Halstead Police Station HBR 036.JPG	Interior ground-floor of police station, in corridor (looking into 1938-55 extension, with inserted stairway to right). Photograph taken facing south-west.
Halstead Police Station HBR 037.JPG	Interior ground-floor of police station, in front office (previously prison cells). Thick wall of cells visible. Photograph taken facing west.
Halstead Police Station HBR 038.JPG	Interior ground-floor of police station, in office (previously magistrates' court). Extension to magistrates' court visible to left. Photograph taken facing south.
Halstead Police Station HBR 039.JPG	Interior ground-floor of police station, in extension to magistrates' court, showing detail of plaster moulding. Photograph taken facing north.
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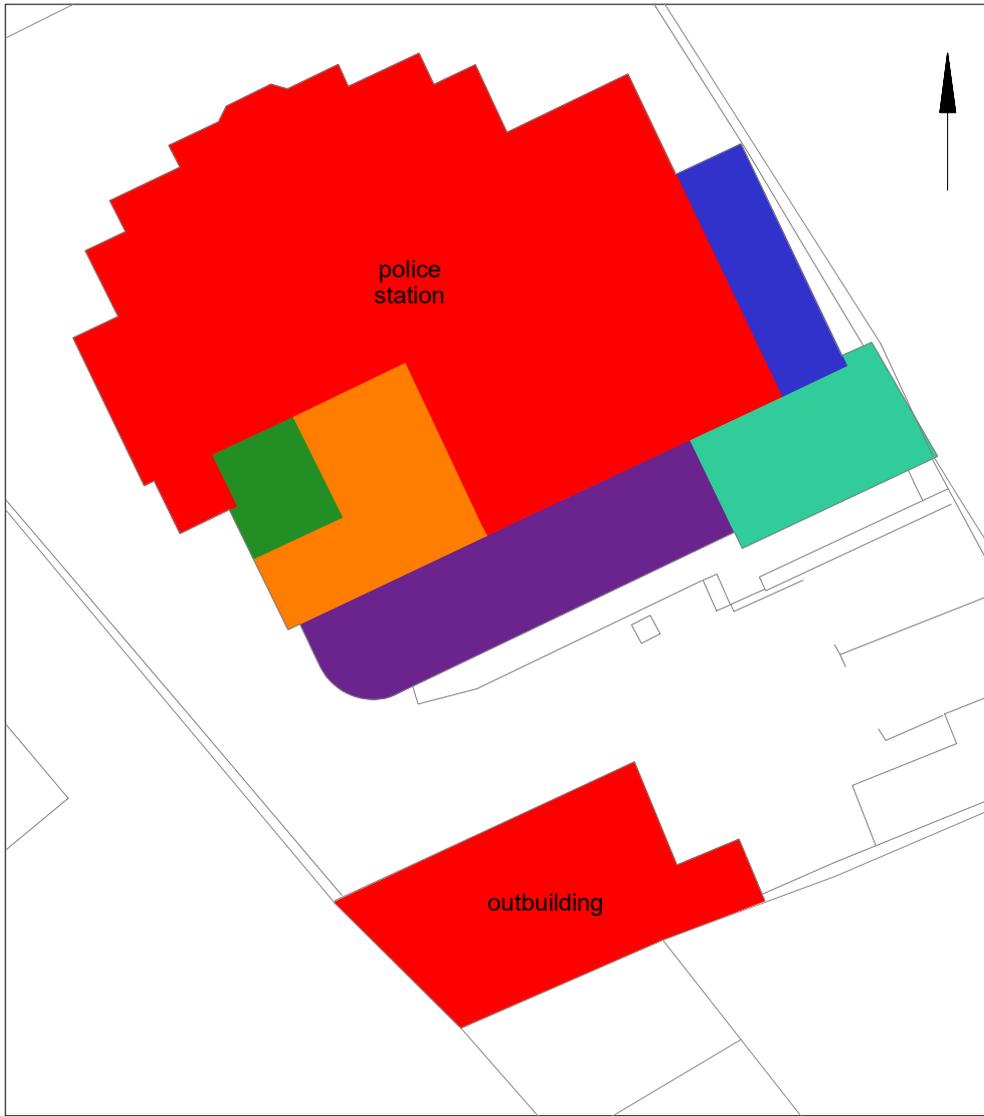
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Halstead Police Station HBR 044.JPG	Interior ground-floor of police station, in 1896-1920 extension to magistrates court. Shows lowered ceiling. Photograph taken facing south-east.
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Halstead Police Station HBR 051.JPG	Interior inserted first-floor of police station, above magistrates' court. Photograph taken facing south.
Halstead Police Station HBR 052.JPG	Interior inserted first-floor of police station, above magistrates' court. Detail of corner of original building, in location of cells, Photograph taken facing west.
Halstead Police Station HBR 053.JPG	Interior first-floor of police station, in original building. Detail of ?inserted cupboard. Photograph taken facing east.
Halstead Police Station HBR 054.JPG	Interior first-floor of police station, in original building. Photograph taken facing east.
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Halstead Police Station HBR 056.JPG	Detail of balusters of original stairway in north-west corner of building. Photograph taken facing west.
Halstead Police Station HBR 057.JPG	Detail of original cabinet underneath stairway in police station. Photograph taken facing west.



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Fig 1 Site location.





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Fig 2 Detailed site plan with phasing.



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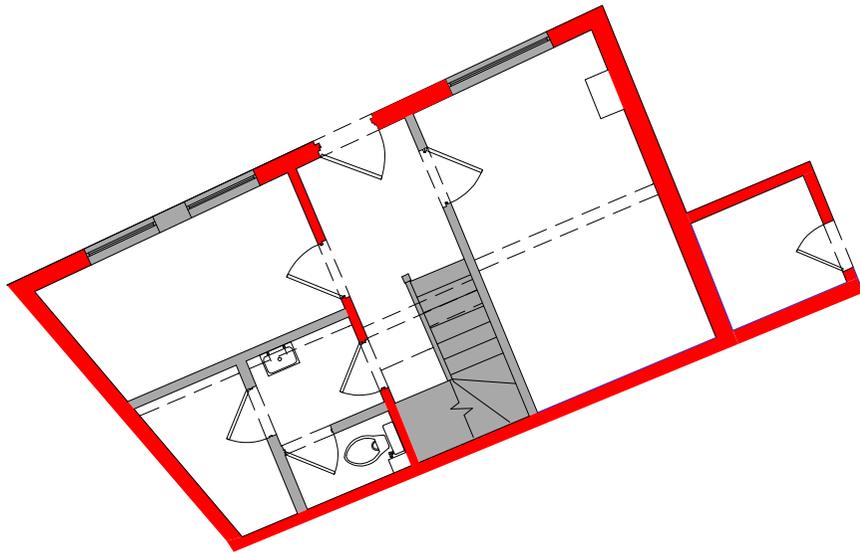
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Fig 3 Ground and first-floor plan of police station with phasing.



GROUND-FLOOR



FIRST-FLOOR

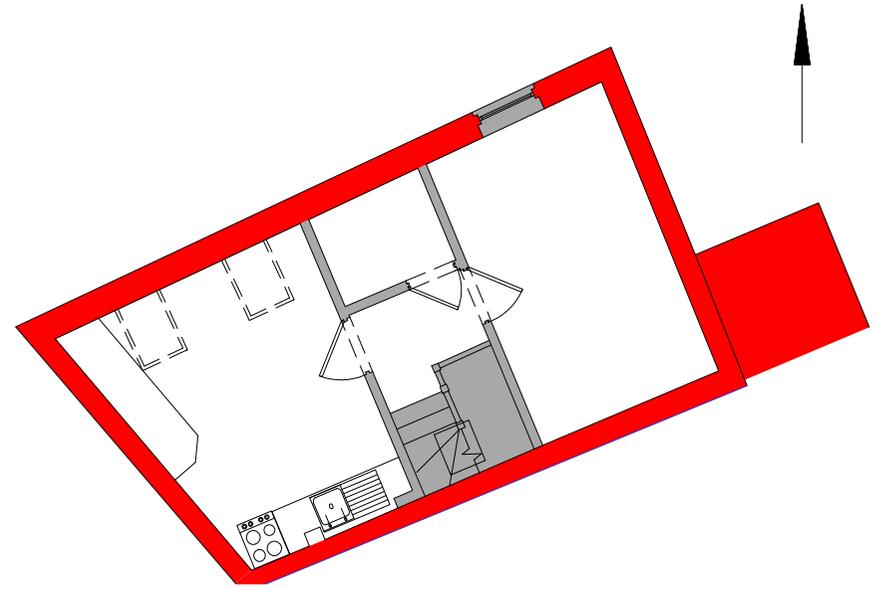
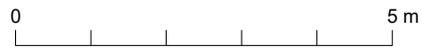


Fig 4 Outbuilding ground and first-floor plans with phasing.



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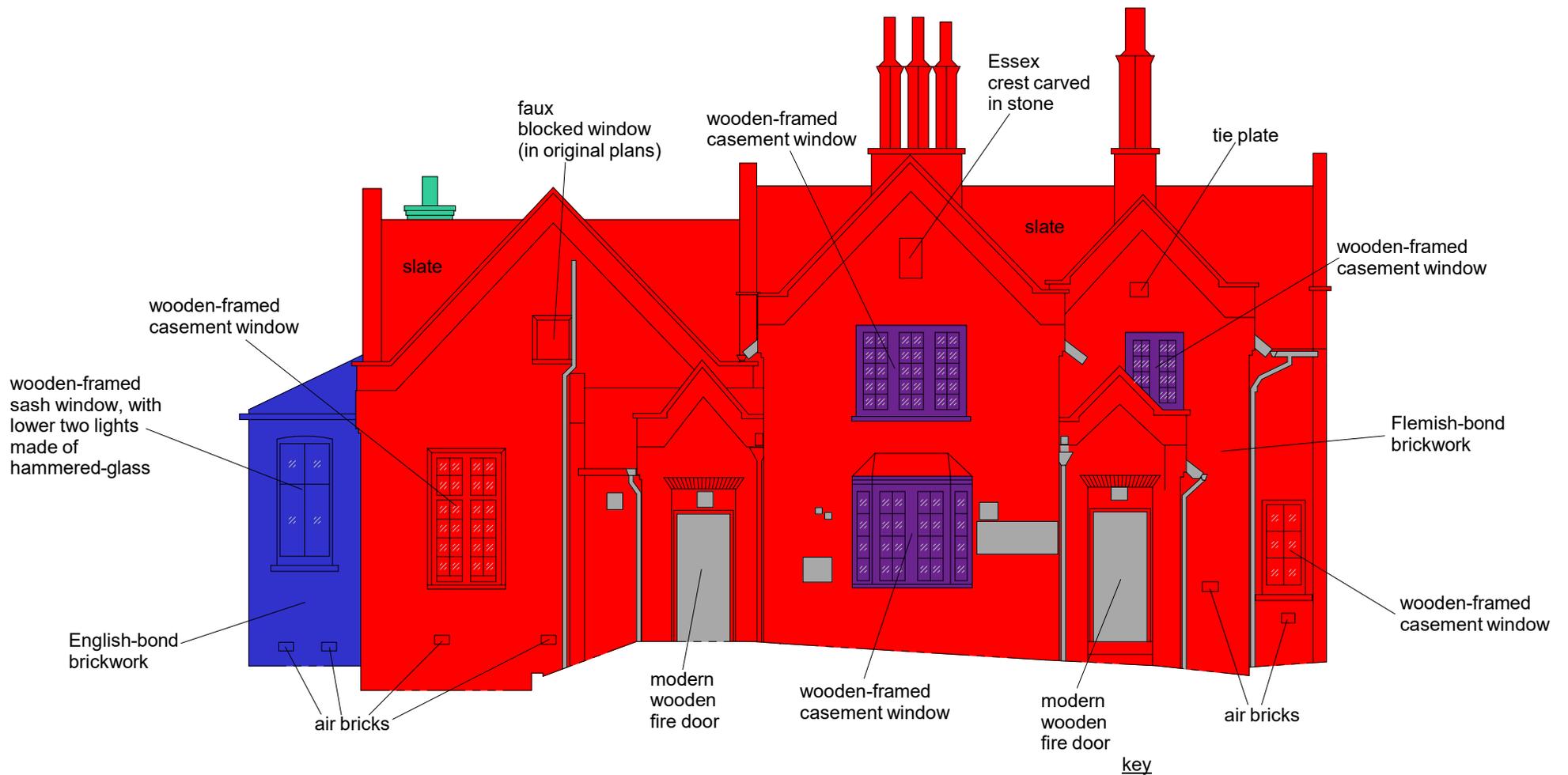


Fig 5 North-west elevation of police station with phasing.



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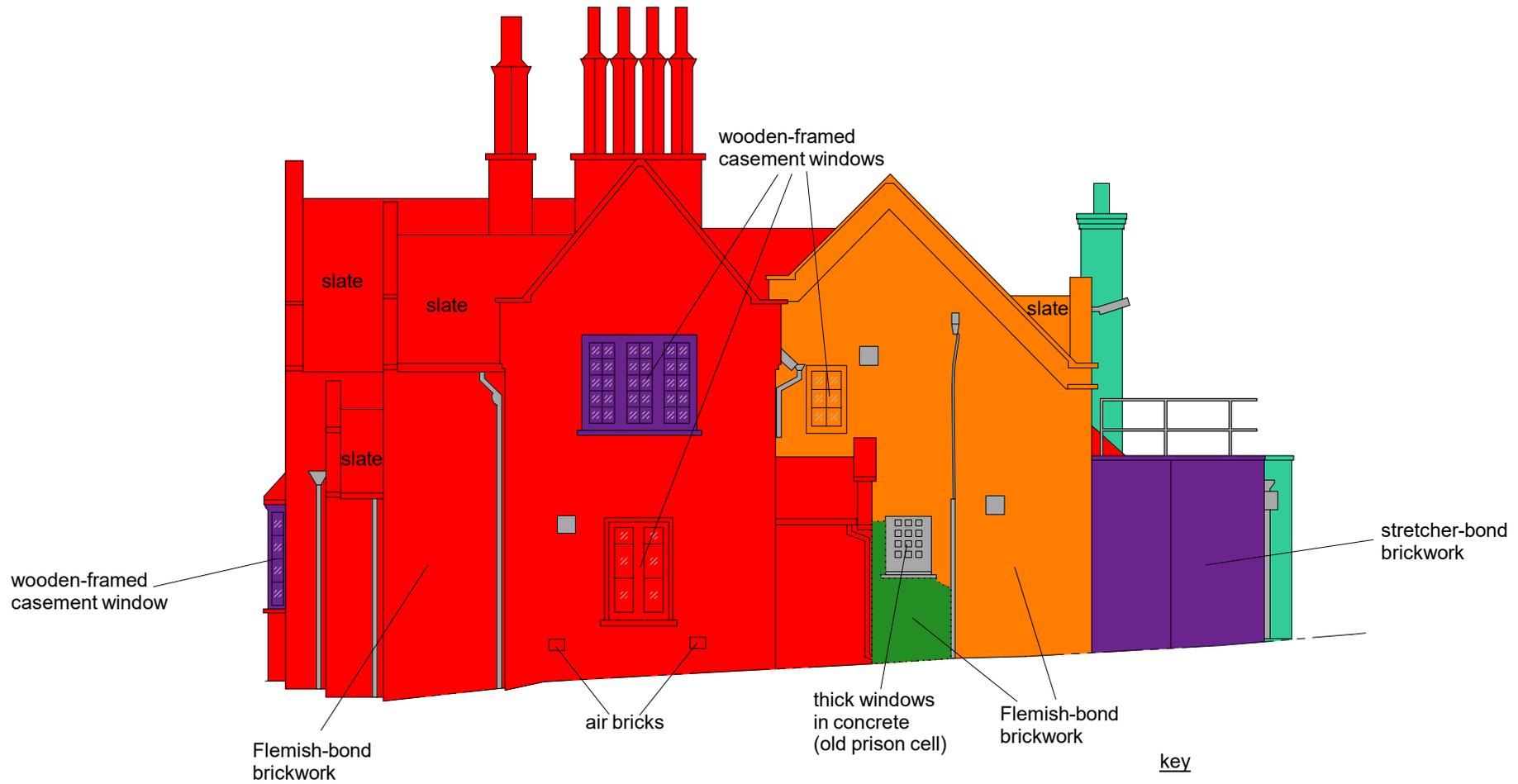


Fig 6 South-west elevation of police station with phasing.

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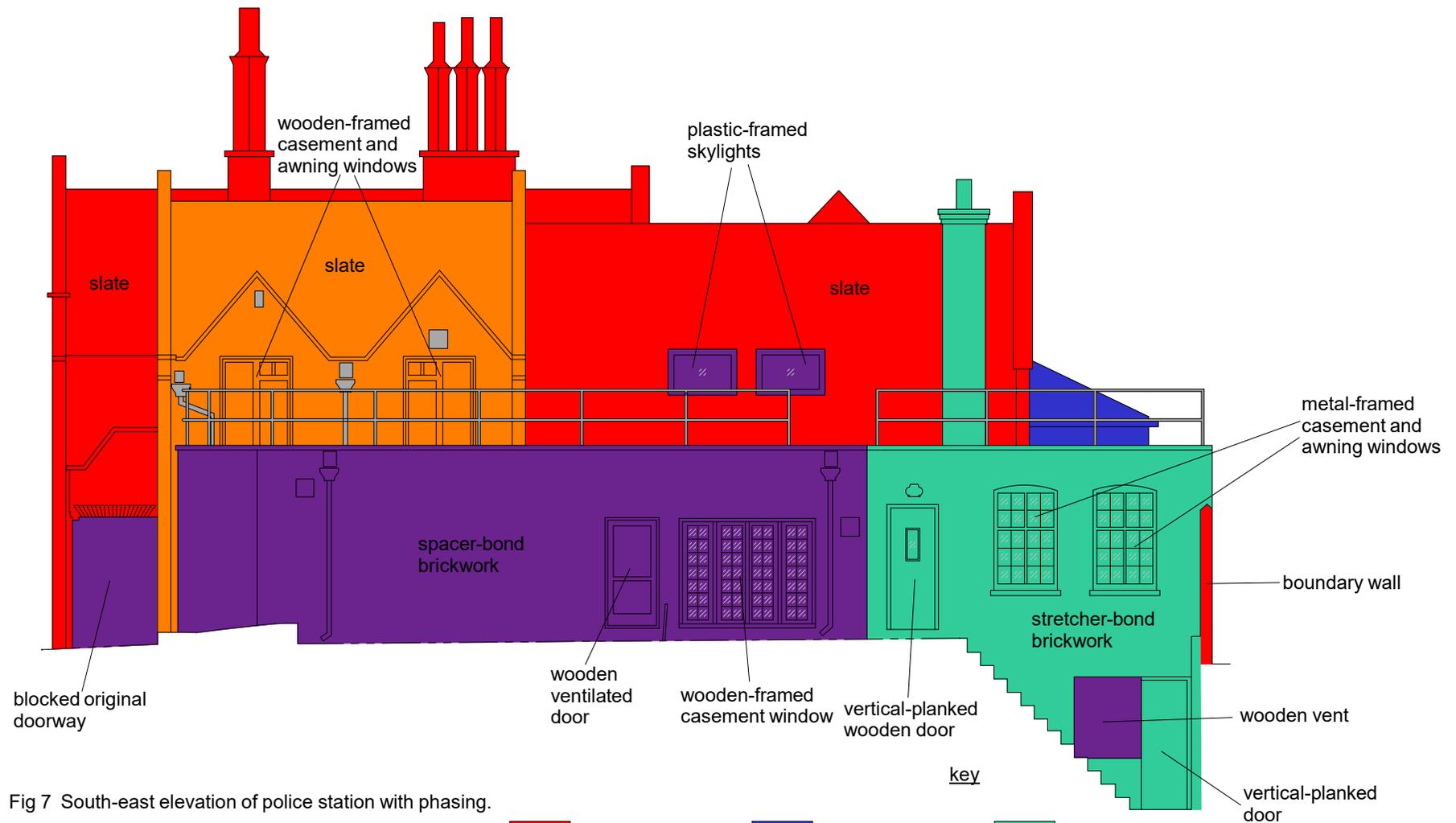
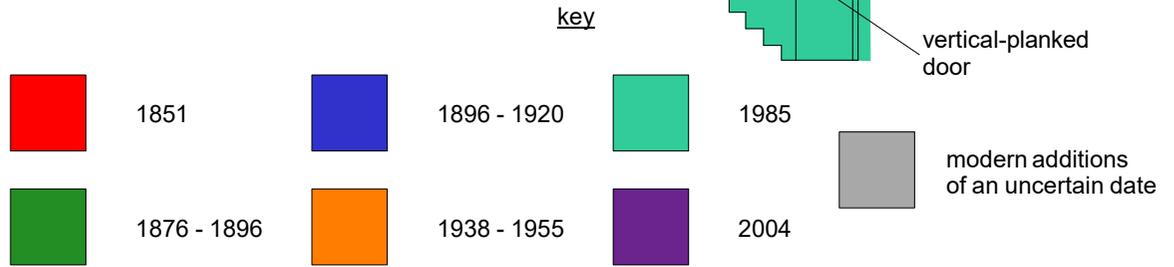


Fig 7 South-east elevation of police station with phasing.



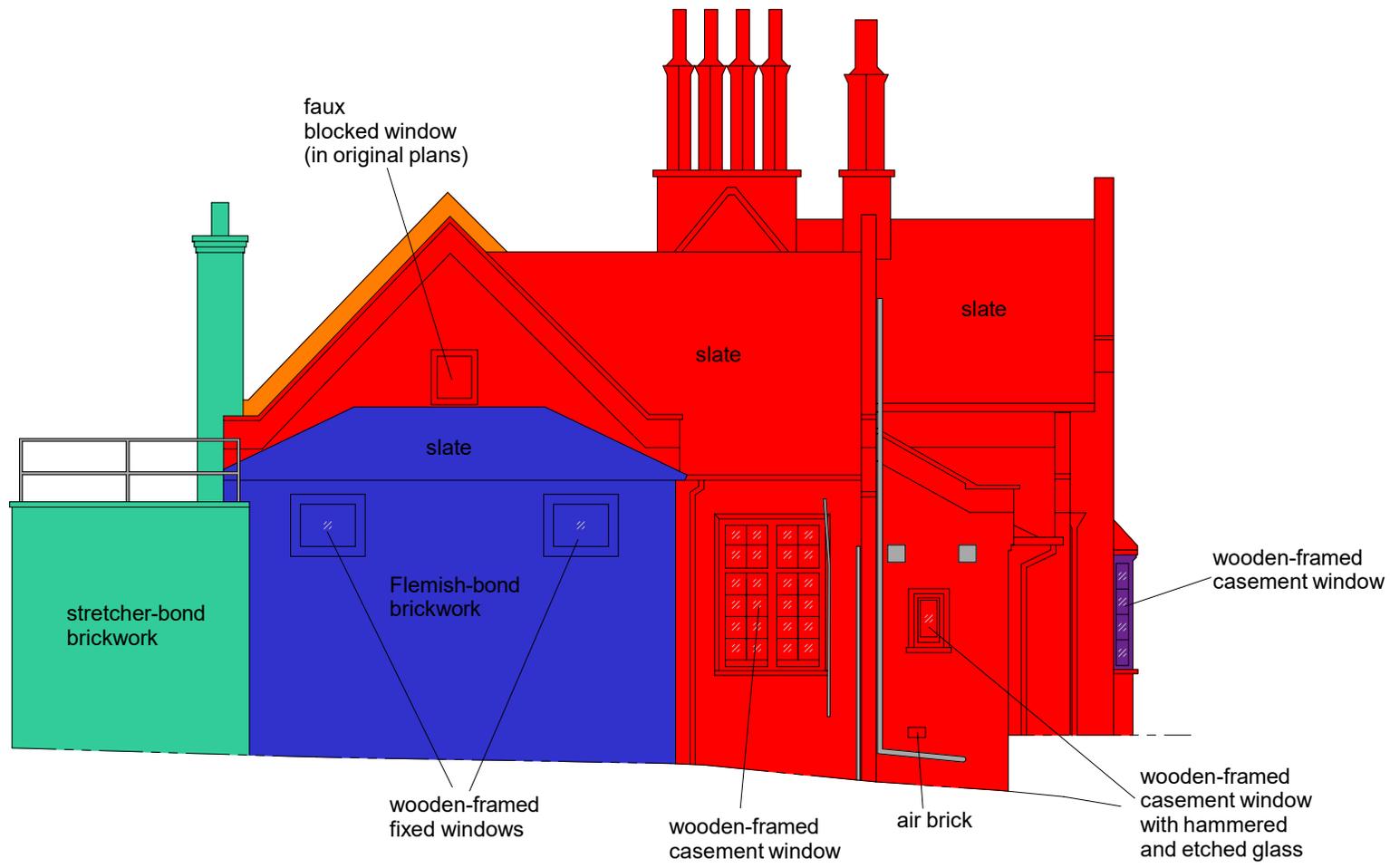


Fig 8 North-east elevation of police station with phasing.



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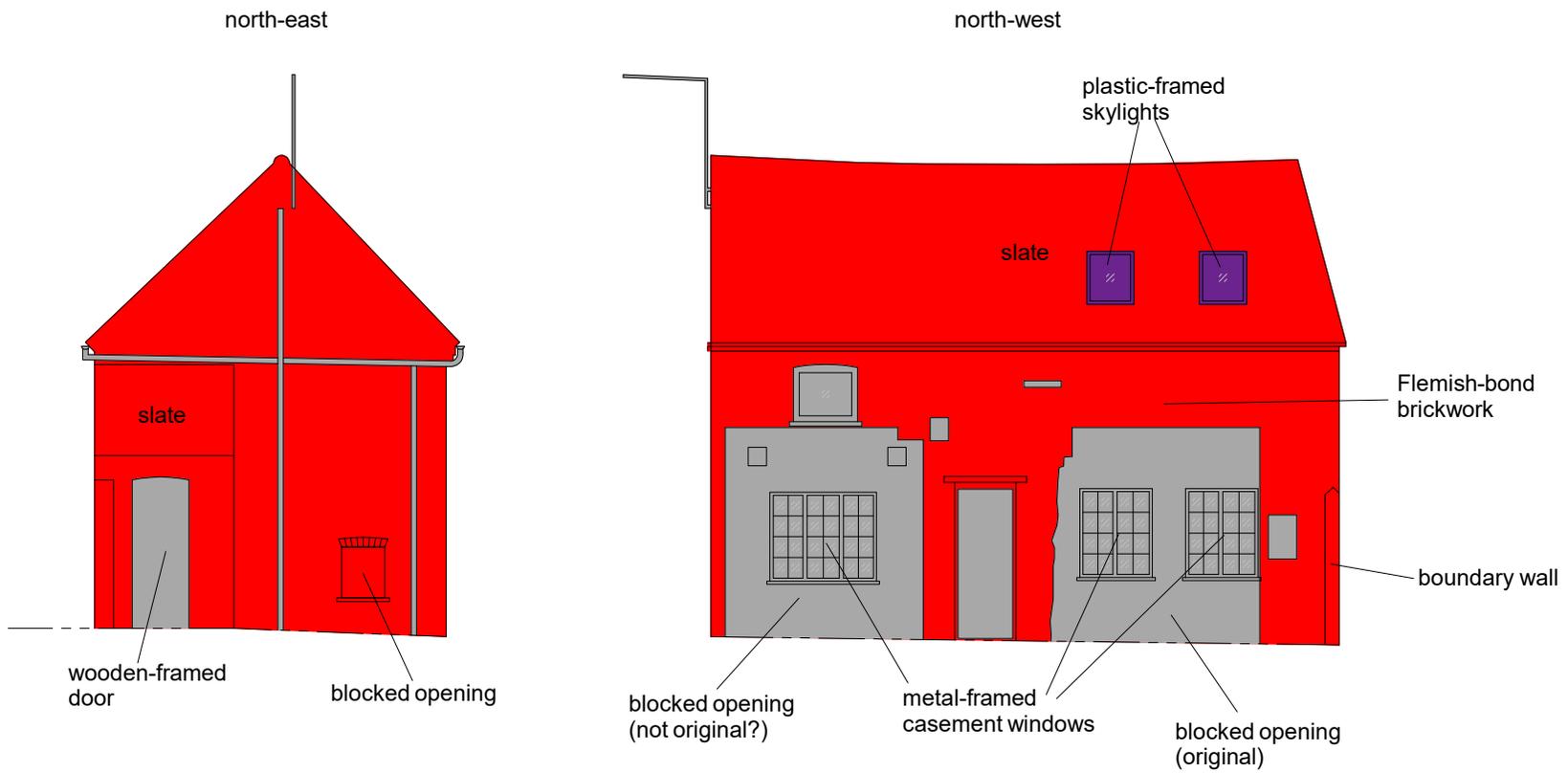


Fig 9 Elevations of outbuilding with phasing.

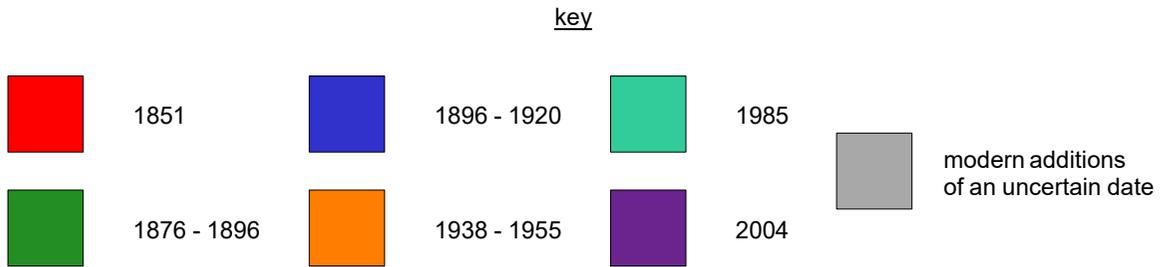




Fig 10 Ground and first-floor plan of police station, showing remains of original 1851 building. Extensions, alterations etc greyed out. Room descriptions taken from original plan.

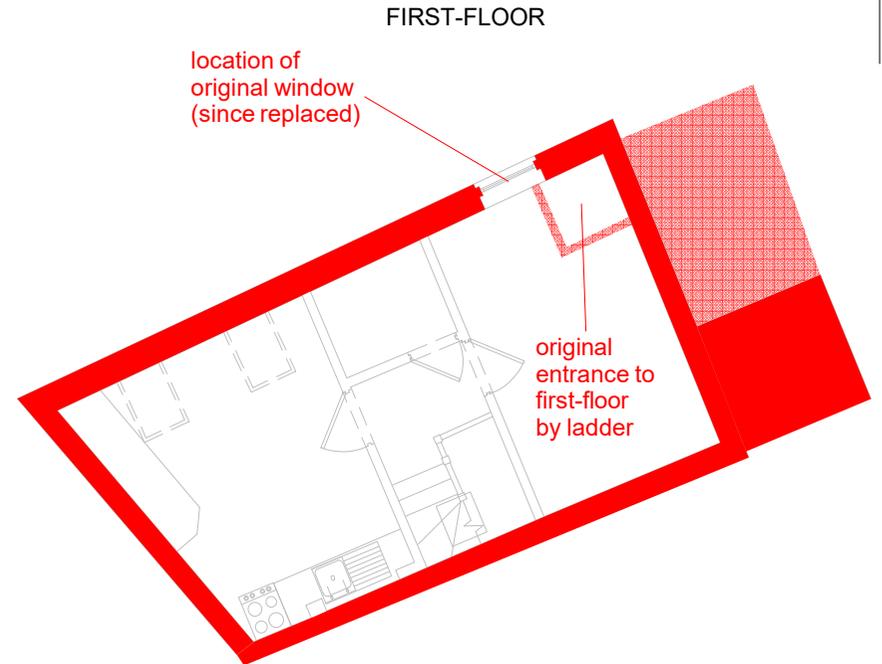
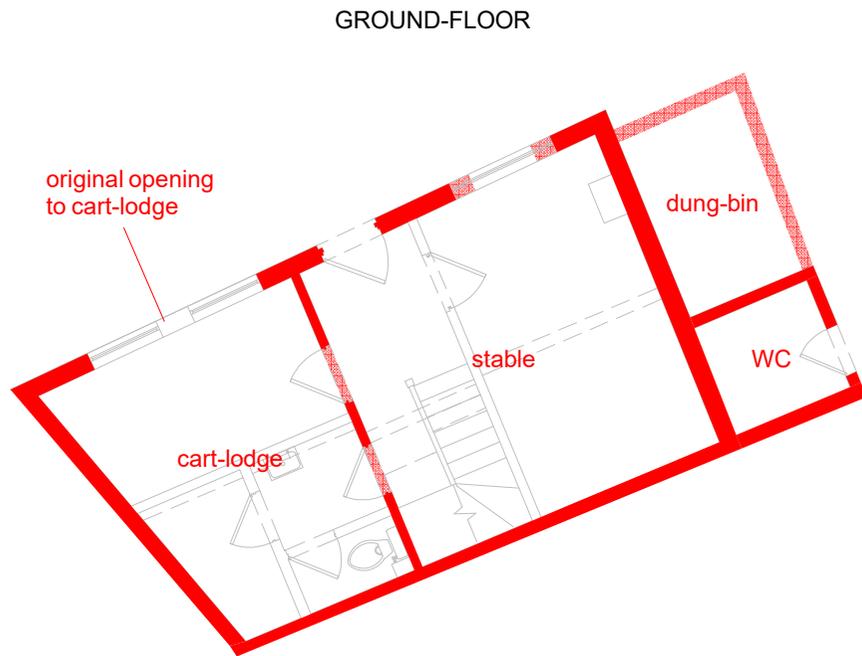
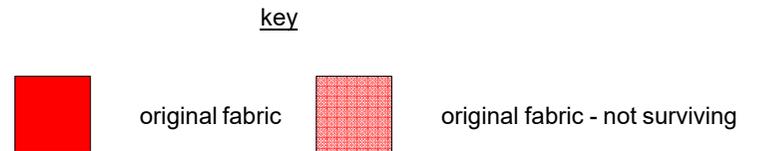


Fig 11 Ground and first-floor plan of outbuilding, showing remains of original 1851 building. Extensions, alterations etc greyed out. Room descriptions taken from original plan.



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### Project details

Project name	Historic building recording at the former police station, Trinity Street, Halstead, Essex
Short description of the project	A programme of historic building recording was carried out by Colchester Archaeological Trust at the former Halstead Police Station, Trinity Road, Halstead in November 2017. The Police Station and the outbuilding to the rear (formerly a cart-lodge and stable) were constructed in 1851. Since then the police station has been the subject of five separate extensions and significant conversion and modernisation work. Despite this, several original windows and some internal features survive.
Project dates	Start: 24-10-2017 End: 08-12-2017
Previous/future work	No / Not known
Any associated project reference codes	17/10m - Contracting Unit No.
Any associated project reference codes	HSPS17 - Sitecode
Type of project	Building Recording
Site status	Conservation Area
Current Land use	Other 2 - In use as a building
Monument type	POLICE STATION Post Medieval
Monument type	MAGISTRATES COURT Post Medieval
Significant Finds	N/A None
Methods & techniques	""Measured Survey"", ""Photographic Survey""
Prompt	National Planning Policy Framework - NPPF

### Project location

Country	England
Site location	ESSEX BRAINTREE HALSTEAD former police station, Trinity Street
Postcode	CO9 1JG
Study area	283 Square metres
Site coordinates	TL 8091 3045 51.942601707608 0.632345013374 51 56 33 N 000 37 56 E Point

**Project creators**

Name of Organisation	Colchester Archaeological Trust
Project brief originator	HEM Team Officer, ECC
Project design originator	Chris Lister
Project director/manager	Chris Lister
Project supervisor	Mark Baister
Type of sponsor/funding body	Developer

**Project archives**

Physical Archive Exists?	No
Digital Archive recipient	Braintree Museum
Digital Contents	"Survey","other"
Digital Media available	"Images raster / digital photography","Survey","Text"
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