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An excavation, funded by MEPC Developments Ltd, took place in February and March 1989.

Natural gravels were cut by a series of Roman quarry and rubbish pits. These were infilled and sealed by brickearth and gravel dumps prior to the laying of an external gravel surface, which may have been part of a W-E road. All surviving Roman deposits are dated to the late 1st c. These deposits were cut by a number of intercutting cess, rubbish and storage pits dated to the 9th-14th c. One 12th-13th c cesspit was wattle-lined, with a surrounding privacy screen. This sequence was cut by later medieval chalk and ragstone foundations, which may have formed part of a building fronting onto Garlick Hill to the E. An early 18th c brick cellar, disused and infilled by 1800, probably belonged to one of a number of properties also fronting onto Garlick Hill, and a contemporary brick-lined well was probably located in an open space documented immediately to the W. Strata beneath Ormond House were heavily truncated by its construction in the 1960s, although survival was better to the E, where deposits had been less deeply truncated by 19th c coal cellars.

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