

Project Name: Life Work and Death in Birmingham, AD 1100-1900

Birmingham Archaeology Project No. PN 1611

Notes on the Report.

The version of the report is essentially that of 2008, although some elements e.g. potential and costing for dissemination of the project results and publication have been removed. The report as it stands (minus the sections mentioned) was specifically produced in response to a request from the then city archaeologist. It was intended to help guide future planning policy but also to be a useful resource available to all with an interest in the city and its past.

The report was focused on the results of grey literature reports arising from PPG 15 and PPG16 archaeological work in the historic core of Birmingham. It is therefore not a full appraisal of every craft and industry within the designated area nor a complete record of every building or structure of significance or interest; it is purely a reflection of archaeological work undertaken and which fell within certain parameters established by the project specification.

The report is in part a synthesis but also contains information which is not published elsewhere such as the Town Plan Analysis and work on clay pipe manufacture and manufacturers in the town.

The project marked the first time that extensive GIS was undertaken for the city centre and historic maps (1730-1855) georectified.

Most of all it was hoped that the project and its publication would broaden the awareness of the extent and significance of Birmingham's past before the Industrial Revolution.

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