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CREST GIRLS AND BOYS ACADEMIES, NEASDON, LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

PHASE 1 ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVALUATION

SUMMARY

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- 1.1 An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by Pre-Construct Archaeology Limited prior to the Phase 1 redevelopment of Crest Girls and Boys Academies, Neasdon, London Borough of Brent, between 28th May and 1st June 2012. The commissioning client was Wates Construction, and the work was monitored on behalf of the client by Mike Hutchinson, Mills Whipp Projects, and on behalf of Brent Council by Kim Stabler, English Heritage (GLAAS).
- 1.2 The archaeological programme for the Phase 1 works consisted of the excavation of three trenches (Trenches 1, 4 and 6) located within the western portion of the development site. Prior to the work commencing this part of the site had been occupied by temporary, modular school buildings resting on concrete block piers. Although the buildings had not impacted greatly on the below ground deposits, the site had previously been terraced which did create substantial impacts.
- 1.3 Topographically the site was situated near the summit on the northern slope of Dolis Hill. Natural deposits were exposed in all three trenches and comprised of gravels overlying clay. In the northernmost trench the gravels had been removed by terracing of the hill in the 19th or 20th century and only the underlying clay survived, while the southernmost trenches showed little evidence of truncation.
- 1.4 With the exception of three parallel late 19th/20th century narrow and shallow linear features, presumably allotment garden planting rows, in the southernmost trench (Trench 6) no archaeological features were uncovered in any of the trenches.



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Figure 2
 Trench Location
 1:1,000 at A4