

**KINGSTON GALA,
22-30 RICHMOND ROAD,
KINGSTON UPON THAMES**

**AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING
BRIEF**

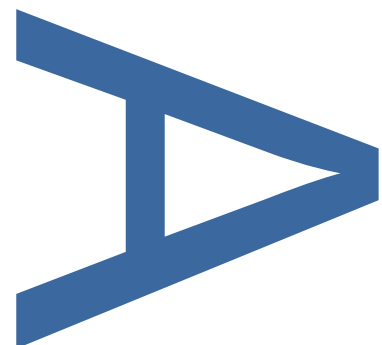
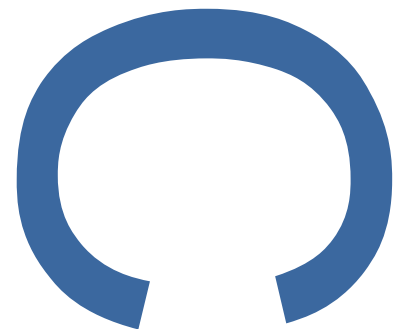
**LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY: ROYAL
BOROUGH OF KINGSTON UPON
THAMES**

**PLANNING APPLICATION REFERENCE:
13/13017**

SITE CODE: RKI15

PCA REPORT NO: 12112

MAY 2015



PRE-CONSTRUCT ARCHAEOLOGY


DOCUMENT VERIFICATION

**KINGSTON GALA, 22-30 RICHMOND ROAD,
KINGSTON UPON THAMES**

AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF

Quality Control

Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd	
Project Number	K4029
Report Number	R12112

	Name & Title	Signature	Date
Text Prepared by:	Stacey Harris		May 2015
Graphics Prepared by:	Chris Mayo		May 2015
Project Manager Sign-off:	Chris Mayo		May 2015

Revision No.	Date	Checked	Approved

Pre-Construct Archaeology Limited
Unit 54
Brockley Cross Business Centre
96 Endwell Road
London
SE4 2PD

Kingston Gala, 22-30 Richmond Road, Kingston Upon Thames

An Archaeological Watching Brief

Local Planning Authority: Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames

Planning Application Reference: 13/13017

Site Code: RKI15

Central National Grid Reference: TQ 1831 6964

Written by: Stacey Amanda Harris
Pre-Construct Archaeology Limited

Project Manager: Chris Mayo

Commissioning Client: CgMs Consulting

On behalf of: CNM Estates

Contractor: Pre-Construct Archaeology Limited
Unit 54, Brockley Cross Business Centre
96 Endwell Road, Brockley
London SE4 2PD

Tel: 020 7732 3925

E-mail: cmayo@pre-construct.com

Web: www.pre-construct.com

© Pre-Construct Archaeology Limited

May 2015

© The material contained herein is and remains the sole property of Pre-Construct Archaeology Limited and is not for publication to third parties without prior consent. Whilst every effort has been made to provide detailed and accurate information, Pre-Construct Archaeology Limited cannot be held responsible for errors or inaccuracies herein contained.

CONTENTS

1	Introduction	3
2	Methodology	4
3	Summary Of Results.....	5
4	Conclusions	6
5	Acknowledgments.....	6
6	Bibliography	6

Plates

Plate 1: TP5 (View: West).....	7
Plate 2: TP4 (View: East).....	7
Plate 3: TP3 (View: South West)	7
Plate 4: Auditorium (View: North West).....	7

Illustrations

Figure 1: Site Location.....	8
Figure 2: Trench Location.....	10

Appendices

Appendix 1: Context Index	12
Appendix 2: OASIS Report Form	13

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 An archaeological watching brief was conducted by Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd at Kingston Gala, 22-30 Richmond Road, Kingston Upon Thames. The watching brief monitored the excavation of three test-pits which were required for a geotechnical investigation to establish the existing ground conditions. The work was undertaken in order to observe and record anything of archaeological significance.
- 1.2 The Kingston Gala Bingo Hall and Dance Studio is currently a Grade II Listed building.
- 1.3 The investigation was conducted on 26th May 2015, and was commissioned by CgMs Consulting on behalf of CNM Estates. The watching brief was supervised by Stacey Harris and was project managed by Chris Mayo, both of Pre-Construct Archaeology Limited.
- 1.4 The central National Grid Reference for the site is TQ 1831 6964.
- 1.5 The site was allocated the unique site code RKI15, used to identify all archive material from the project. The completed archive comprising written and photographic records from the fieldwork will be deposited at LAARC.
- 1.6 In advance of the fieldwork herein reported, the client's archaeological consultant, CgMs Consulting, had prepared a Desk Based Assessment (Gailey 2013) which set out the full background to the site, and a Written Scheme of Investigation (Gailey 2015) which detailed the methodology by which this watching brief would be undertaken. These documents were approved by the Archaeology Advisor to the Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames, Gillian King of GLAAS, Historic England.

2 METHODOLOGY

- 2.1 All floors and structural elements such as seating had already been removed within the auditorium area of the Bingo Hall. Also rubble had been deposited to the Northern end of the auditorium in order to level the area where the orchestra pit was situated to allow access (see Plate 4).
- 2.2 The three test-pits were excavated by machine excavator using a 0.4m flat bladed bucket and a 1.2m flat bladed bucket.
- 2.3 Three test-pits were designed, each to measure 2m by 2m by up to 2m deep. However the test pits as achieved were slightly different, with the following dimensions:
- TP3 measured 3.3m north to south, by 2.7m east to west, and 1.5m deep when fully excavated, being extended in plan and restricted in depth by the discovery of the orchestra pit. No archaeological layers were found within this pit; it can be presumed, however, from what we have seen in the other two test-pits (TP4 and TP5) that at this point the construction of the orchestra pit truncates the natural gravels.
 - TP4 measured 2.9m north to south, by 1.9m east to west, and 1.6m deep, with a 0.4m wide, 0.4m deep sondage into the base.
 - TP5 measured 2.7m north to south, by 1.9m east to west, and 1.6m deep, with a 0.4m wide, 0.4m deep sondage into the base.
- 2.4 All excavation was undertaken under archaeological supervision. Once excavation had ceased the attendant archaeologist inspected and recorded the exposed faces of the test-pits using standard single context methods. Proforma context sheets were completed, and sections were drawn at 1:10. Digital photographs were taken of each test-pit.

3 SUMMARY OF RESULTS

3.1 Phase 1: Natural Terrace Gravels

3.1.1 Archaeological phase 1 comprised of three layers, the lowest of which was a mid orangey yellow sand layer [8] with rare small gravels (<40mm). The top of this layer was at approximately 6.10m OD and was only visible in TP4 (Plate 2) the deepest of the three test pits. Above this was a layer of orange sandy gravels; the gravels were again small (<40mm) and vary from well rounded to sub angular. This layer was visible in both TP4 [7] and TP5 [4] at the approximate levels 6.70m OD and 6.50m OD respectively. The uppermost layer of gravels was also seen in both TP4 and TP5 comprising of mixed dark grey to light grey gravels, mostly of a similar size to the two other layers but with some up to 100mm in diameter, with a small amount (<10%) mid brown silty sand. This layer was visible in TP4 [6] at a level of 7.30m OD, and in TP5 [3] at a level of 7.10m OD.

3.2 Phase 2: Natural Brickearth

3.2.1 Archaeological phase 2 was a layer of clean natural brickearth (Plates 1 and 2), comprising a light brown sandy clayey silt. It was visible in both TP4 [5] and TP5 [2] at a level of 7.5m OD and 7.25m OD respectively.

3.3 Phase 3: 1930s

3.3.1 Evidence for the construction of the Bingo Hall was seen in TP5 by a very well compacted layer of redeposited brickearth [1] seen at a level of approximately 8.00m OD, from which was recovered one rim shard of white glazed pottery dating from 1805-1900 (*pers comm* C. Jarrett). Here towards the Southern end of the auditorium the ground level has been raised most probably as a base for the ground floor tiered seating.

3.3.2 At the Northern end of the auditorium was discovered the orchestra pit (Plate 3), part of the original construction of the Kingston Gala Bingo Hall (Cromie 1931). It was found to survive at a higher level of approximately 7.20m OD. At around 6.50m OD was found what appeared to be a concrete floor with some remnants of wooden flooring. The orchestra pit has been backfilled with modern rubble.

4 CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1 The watching brief revealed that two distinct natural horizons survive at the site, comprising terrace sands and gravels overlain, in the southern end of the site, by *in situ* brickearth. Here, in TP5, a layer of redeposited brickearth was found sealing the intact brickearth; this most likely derived from cut-and-fill activity during the construction of the current building in the 1930s. The survival of this layer would suggest that the construction of the Bingo Hall did not truncate the ground surface in the Southern end of the Auditorium.
- 4.2 The northernmost intervention, TP3, revealed the remains of the orchestra pit at a level below the height of the surviving brickearth to the south, evidence that in this area there has been severe truncation during the 1930s building works. Within TP4 brickearth was found immediately below the construction surface for the current building.
- 4.3 The sherd of pottery recovered from TP5 is considered only to be useful for dating the context from which it came, and it is recommended that it not be retained for deposition (*pers comm* C. Jarrett).

5 ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- 5.1 Pre-Construct archaeology would like to thank Suzanne Gailey of CgMs for commissioning the work on behalf of CNM Estates and Gillian King of GLAAS for monitoring the work.
- 5.2 We also thank Jomas and Richard Jones of Bleinham House Construction for on-site assistance.
- 5.3 The author would also like to thank to Chris Mayo for his project management of the watching brief, and editing this report.

6 BIBLIOGRAPHY

Cromie, R. 1931, *Central Cinema, Kingston on Thames: Stalls Plan*.

Gailey, S. 2013, 'Archaeological Desk Based Assessment: Kingston Gala, Richmond Road', unpublished report for CgMs Consulting

Gailey, S. 2015, 'Specification for an Archaeological Monitoring Exercise: Kingston Gala, 22-30 Richmond Road, Kingston Upon Thames', unpublished report for CgMs Consulting
Specification for an Archaeological Monitoring Exercise

Plate 1: TP5 (View: West)



Plate 2: TP4 (View: East)



Plate 3: TP3 (View: South West)



Plate 4: Auditorium (View: North West)

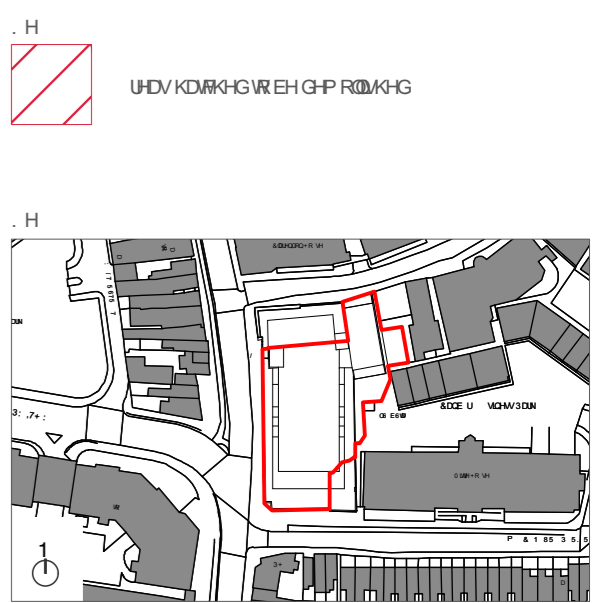


Figure 1: Site Location

Figure 2: Trench Location

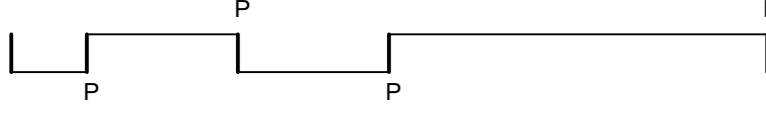
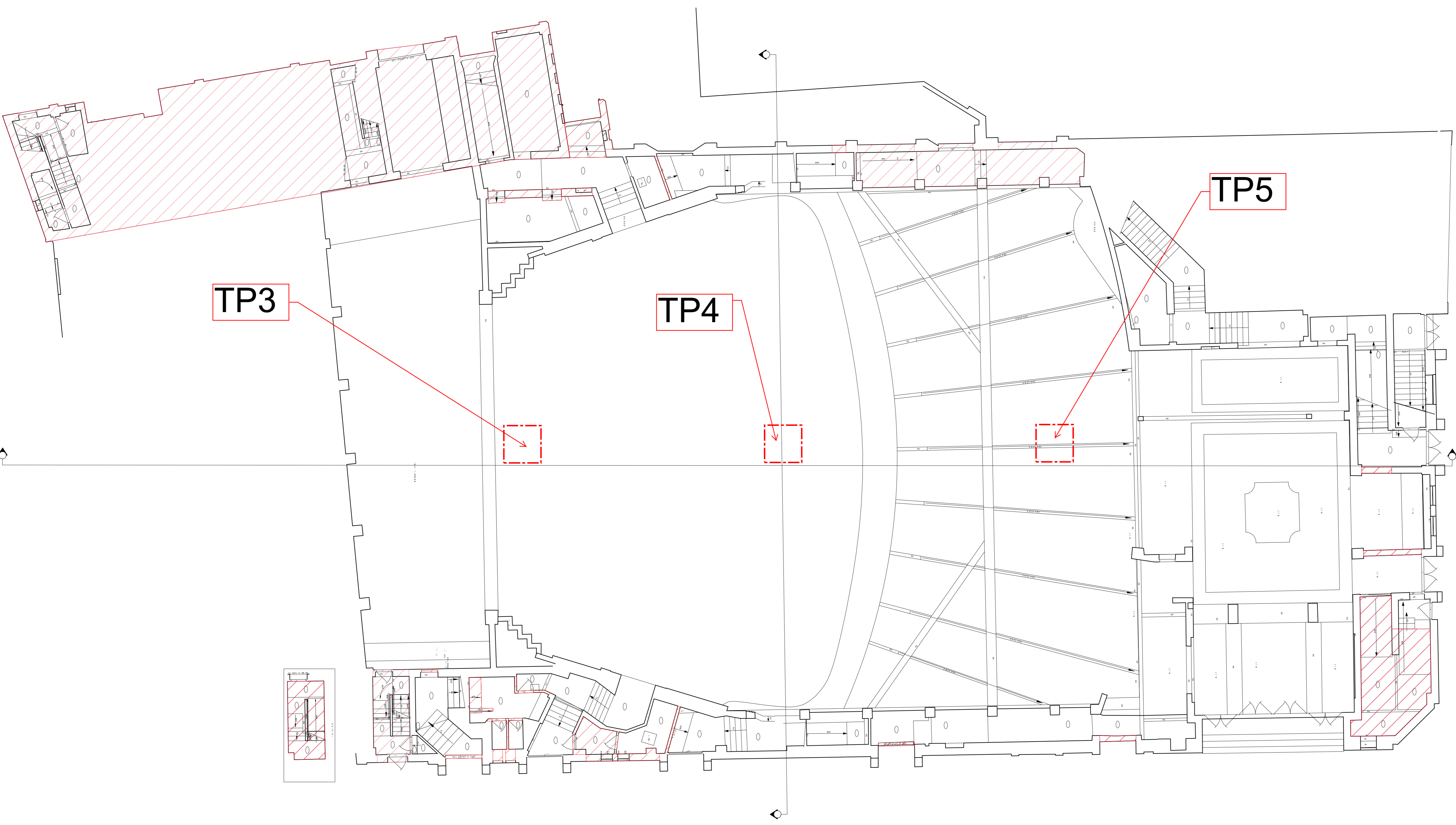
HCUCORAW
QAMQ R WP WEHFRFGHQRVM
QBYQP WEHFRFGHQRVM DCCUHUR2 LCCDFH DMP
1HZOO QBAQDMQDMH DVP DHD
QLLQ VCCZHDWHD V WEHFRFGHQRVM
QBYQDMQDMH WEHFRFGHQRVM
7KV/QLZQ P WQWEHVFQSG
QLZQ VCCZHDWHD V WEHFRFGHQRVM DCCUHUR2 LCCDFH DMP
UH DMM
7KV/QLZQ P WQWEH VHGFRQDGSWQJHLS BSMW
AQB QMCDHVVCCDFRQDZHW VCCD UPRMFWV
HIGRQR UHVFRLEFG GHR UHV
7KV/QLZQ P WQWEH VHGFRQDGSWQJHLS BSMW
FRQM FRD
6 EMPVW UH FRV QMCDGDSRQDUP DMMWVU
WEMV
1 UEZQ VEDMGRQDRLCCG3 QMHW RLLCCDFH P H CR
UHSPQEW WQVFRQDUP DRCDF LF
3 UNP QZU
8 FOMFV
WCHO UPRMFWH / P MGS
WCHO UPRMFWH / P MGS V SWSUQW V GFF P H QND
DFRQDCHZ W W H QM FRQD R W H & QCV QHURD UHG
7HP V R SBRQV H M V GFF P H QW R U M H R D G G H R E
V H R W H & Q CV G G VCHO UPRMFWH VCCDFRQD UHSPQEW
RUCD V H R W H QM FRQD S UPRMFWH DDMVUR
ZHR DZV SWSUQDGSURQD GHR Q M H S Q M V U H R
SDV H E M Q E F F S W R W H G F P H Q M R M L S U M V M V
V R Q B H R R R L C C D R S UPRMFRD W H Z K R R W H H R
W R Q B H R R S Q E V R S W H R D D S W R L Z Q U D W W O D
B H W O G W R M L S U M V E WCHO UPRMFWH D W V
FRQDFRZ W R W H S B R V W M Q D U H P H W H R E
WCHO UPRMFWH / P MGS
1 UEZQ CRW

QAMQ R WP WEHFRFGHQRVM
6MMW 5HMQR ' DM ' 51 &+ ' 8' 0
3 3000 . W H 0
3 UPRMFRQDUP
7H S UPRMFRQDUP DRCDF W V 3000 X
QLZQ VFRU / QRP DRCDF
&RP P H W
QAMQ R WP WEHFRFGHQRVM 3000 X
FRQM FRD QM W V P D M G R U & Q D S S R Q D U P
FRQM FRD & Q M F R Q



& QCV
10 D
3 UPRMFWH
DD L
1 UEZQ W M
G 3 D
L L ' P L L
& FDB W L H ' DM
0 D
1 UEZQ 1 6MMW 5HMQR
3

F BFW L DWG
6WQR WSR G
R CR 6 ()
7
{ L R FR FR



APPENDIX 1: CONTEXT INDEX

Context	Type	Trench	Description
001	Layer	TP5	Redeposited Brickearth
002	Layer	TP5	Brickearth
003	Layer	TP5	Gravels
004	Layer	TP5	Orange Sand and Gravel
005	Layer	TP4	Brickearth
006	Layer	TP4	Gravels
007	Layer	TP4	Orange Sand and Gravel
008	Layer	TP4	Sand

APPENDIX 2: OASIS REPORT FORM

OASIS ID: preconst1-212517

Project details

Project name	Kingston Gala, 22-30 Richmond Road: An Archaeological Watching Brief
Short description of the project	The watching brief monitored the excavation of three test-pits which were required for a geotechnical investigation to establish the existing ground conditions. The work revealed that two distinct natural horizons survive at the site, comprising terrace sands and gravels overlain, in the southern end of the site, by in situ brickearth. Here, in TP5, a layer of redeposited brickearth was found sealing the intact brickearth; this most likely derived from cut-and-fill activity during the construction of the current building in the 1930s. The northernmost intervention, TP3, revealed the remains of the orchestra pit at a level below the height of the surviving brickearth to the south, evidence that in this area there has been severe truncation during the 1930s building works.
Project dates	Start: 26-05-2015 End: 26-05-2015
Previous/future work	No / Not known
Any associated project reference codes	RK115 - Sitecode
Any associated project reference codes	13/13017 - Planning Application No.
Type of project	Recording project
Site status	Listed Building
Current Land use	Other 2 - In use as a building
Monument type	NONE None
Significant Finds	POTTERY Post Medieval
Investigation type	"Watching Brief"
Prompt	National Planning Policy Framework - NPPF

Project location

Country	England
Site location	GREATER LONDON KINGSTON UPON THAMES KINGSTON UPON THAMES Kingston Gala, 22-30 Richmond Road
Postcode	KT2 5ED
Study area	0 Square metres
Site coordinates	TQ 1831 6964 51.4129168814 -0.298578650351 51 24 46 N 000 17 54 W Point
Lat/Long Datum	Unknown
Height OD / Depth	Min: 7.25m Max: 7.50m

Project creators

Name of Organisation	Pre-Construct Archaeology Limited
Project brief originator	Consultant
Project design originator	Suzanne Gailey
Project director/manager	Chris Mayo
Project supervisor	Stacey Harris
Type of sponsor/funding body	Developer
Name of sponsor/funding	CNM Estates

body

Project archives

Physical Archive Exists?	No
Digital Archive recipient	LAARC
Digital Contents	"Stratigraphic"
Digital Media available	"Images raster / digital photography", "Images vector", "Spreadsheets", "Text"
Paper Archive recipient	LAARC
Paper Contents	"Stratigraphic"
Paper Media available	"Context sheet", "Miscellaneous Material", "Plan", "Section"

Project bibliography 1

Publication type	Grey literature (unpublished document/manuscript)
Title	Kingston Gala, 22-30 Richmond Road, Kingston Upon Thames: An Archaeological Watching Brief
Author(s)/Editor(s)	Harris, S.
Other bibliographic details	PCA R12112
Date	2015
Issuer or publisher	Pre Construct Archaeology Limited
Place of issue or publication	London
Description	A4 grey literature client document with PCA covers

Entered by	Chris Mayo (cmayo@pre-construct.com)
Entered on	29 May 2015

PCA

PCA SOUTH

UNIT 54
BROCKLEY CROSS BUSINESS CENTRE
96 ENDWELL ROAD
BROCKLEY
LONDON SE4 2PD
TEL: 020 7732 3925 / 020 7639 9091
FAX: 020 7639 9588
EMAIL: info@pre-construct.com

PCA NORTH

UNIT 19A
TURSDALE BUSINESS PARK
DURHAM DH6 5PG
TEL: 0191 377 1111
FAX: 0191 377 0101
EMAIL: info.north@pre-construct.com

PCA CENTRAL

THE GRANARY, RECTORY FARM
BREWERY ROAD, PAMPISFORD
CAMBRIDGESHIRE CB22 3EN
TEL: 01223 845 522
FAX: 01223 845 522
EMAIL: info.central@pre-construct.com

PCA WEST

BLOCK 4
CHILCOMB HOUSE
CHILCOMB LANE
WINCHESTER
HAMPSHIRE SO23 8RB
TEL: 01962 849 549
EMAIL: info.west@pre-construct.com

PCA MIDLANDS

17-19 KETTERING RD
LITTLE BOWDEN
MARKET HARBOROUGH
LEICESTERSHIRE LE16 8AN
TEL: 01858 468 333
EMAIL: info.midlands@pre-construct.com

