

**4 MANOR ROAD, TEDDINGTON,
MIDDLESEX**

AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF REPORT

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Planning Application Ref: **06/0197/FUL**

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ABSTRACT

An archaeological Watching Brief was undertaken by AOC Archaeology Group on behalf of Mr Kim Symes during October 2007 on the site of a proposed development at 4 Manor Road, Teddington. The ground level was reduced across the area of the proposed new building, and this ground reduction was covered by the watching brief until natural ground was reached across the area. No archaeological deposits were encountered.

1 INTRODUCTION

Site Location

- 1.1 The site address is 4 Manor Road, Teddington, Middlesex, in the London Borough of Richmond-upon-Thames. It is centred on National Grid Reference (NGR) TQ 1658 7140. It is bounded to the south-west by Manor Road; to the north-west and south-east by other properties fronting onto Manor Road; and to the north-east by a property fronting onto Ferry Road.

Development Proposals

- 1.2 The development of the site involves the demolition of the existing house on the site and the construction of a semi-basemented three story block consisting of eight new apartments, with an undercroft parking area.
- 1.3 The development proposal requires ground reduction of up to 2.50m.

Planning Background

- 1.4 The local planning authority is the London Borough of Richmond-upon-Thames. Archaeological advice to the council is provided by the Greater London Archaeological Advisory Service (GLAAS), part of English Heritage.
- 1.5 Planning permission for the development was granted (06/0197/FUL) with a planning condition specifying a programme of archaeological works to be implemented in accordance with a written scheme of investigation (AOC 2007).

Geology and Topography

- 1.6 The site is situated 100m to the southwest of the River Thames. The surface at the start of the development works was level, and the surrounding area is broadly flat, at around 5m OD. The site is underlain by deposits of natural alluvial sand.

2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

- 2.1 There is evidence for prehistoric activity in the general area of the proposed development, consisting of finds of worked flint tools of Palaeolithic and later dates. In addition a possible Late Bronze Age / Iron Age settlement was

excavated at the National Physics Laboratories, Queens Road, Teddington and a Bronze Age ditch was found at Popes Grotto, Twickenham.

- 2.2 The site is a significant distance from the Roman settlement of Londinium. The Sites and Monuments Record lists five stray finds of pottery, glass and a coin in the general vicinity.
- 2.3 An early Anglo-Saxon settlement was excavated in the 1950's to the north of the site, on the other side of the river Thames.
- 2.4 The first direct evidence for the village is a reference to its name in about AD 1100. The village was centred around the church, which stood near the river at the corner of High Street and Twickenham Road, and the manor-house, which stood off Twickenham Road opposite the church and a little farther north.
- 2.5 Between the 17th and 19th centuries Teddington was popular among the gentry, as much due to the proximity of high fashion Richmond as to its own attractions. A number of large houses, nearly all of which have now been pulled down, were built in the village during this time. Teddington expanded greatly after the arrival of the railway service to Waterloo station in 1864.

3 STRATEGY

Aims of the Investigation

- 3.1 The aims of the Watching Brief were defined as being:
 - To establish the presence/absence of archaeological remains within the site.
 - To record and sample excavate any archaeological remains encountered.
- 3.2 The specific objectives of the Watching Brief were to:
 - Determine the presence of any remains of a prehistoric date on the site.
 - Determine the presence of any remains of a medieval date on the site.
- 3.3 The final aim was to make public the results of the investigation, subject to any confidentiality restrictions.

Scope of Works

- 3.4 The area of the general ground reduction covered by the watching brief is shown in Figure 2.
- 3.5 The watching brief was maintained throughout the early phase of the ground reduction. The watching brief was halted once only natural deposits remained in the area of the ground reduction, and there was no potential for archaeological deposits to survive.

Methodology

- 3.6 A site code MDG 07 was provided by GLAAS, as the unique site identity.

- 3.7 The watching brief work was undertaken by Tim Carew. The site was monitored by Mark Stevenson, GLAAS, for the London Borough of Richmond-upon-Thames.
- 3.8 An archaeologist was present to observe all ground works where there was archaeological potential.
- 3.9 All of the work was carried out in line with Archaeological Guidance Paper (AGP): 3, Standards and Practices in Archaeological Fieldwork (English Heritage June 1998); and IFA Standards and Guidance for Archaeological Watching Briefs (IFA October 1994).

4 RESULTS

- 4.1 No archaeological deposits were observed.
- 4.2 The sequence of deposits observed in the watching brief was as follows:

Depth (BGL)	Context Number	Description
0.00-0.40m	(001)	Mid brown silty sand with gravel. Inclusions of modern brick (v frequent); glass (v frequent); concrete (v frequent). Made Ground.
0.40-0.60m	(002)	Mid brown silty sand. Clean appearance and lacks modern material. Inclusions of occasional pebbles and occasional manganese. Brickearth or subsoil.
0.60-0.80m	(003)	Natural. Description. Natural sand.
(No further archaeological observation)		

- 4.3 The only features observed were modern in date. There were the remains of a modern building (context (004)) measuring 10m north-east to south-west situated along the north-east edge of the area of excavation and extending beyond the limit of excavation (not illustrated). A number of tree boles were also present (context (005)) including a row of three towards the north-east side of the area of excavation (not illustrated). Other modern intrusions (context (006)) from service runs and pits were also present (Not illustrated).

Finds

- 4.4 No finds were recovered from the site.

5 CONCLUSIONS AND DISCUSSION

- 5.1 No archaeological deposits were observed on site and no finds were recovered.

- 5.2 Part of the site had been truncated by modern features, particularly a building, but no archaeological deposits were present even where the area had not been truncated.
- 5.3 The evaluation met its primary objective to establish the presence/absence of any archaeological remains. As no archaeological remains were encountered it is recommended that no further archaeological fieldwork is required to satisfy the archaeological planning condition on this site. This is subject to the agreement of the archaeological advisor to the LPA.

Publication

- 5.4 Publication of the results will be through the ADS OASIS form (Appendix B) with a short summary submitted to the *London Archaeologist* archaeological roundup 2007.

Archive Deposition

- 5.5 The archive, consisting of paper records, drawings, and digital photographs, will be deposited with the London Archaeological Archive Resource Centre (LAARC).

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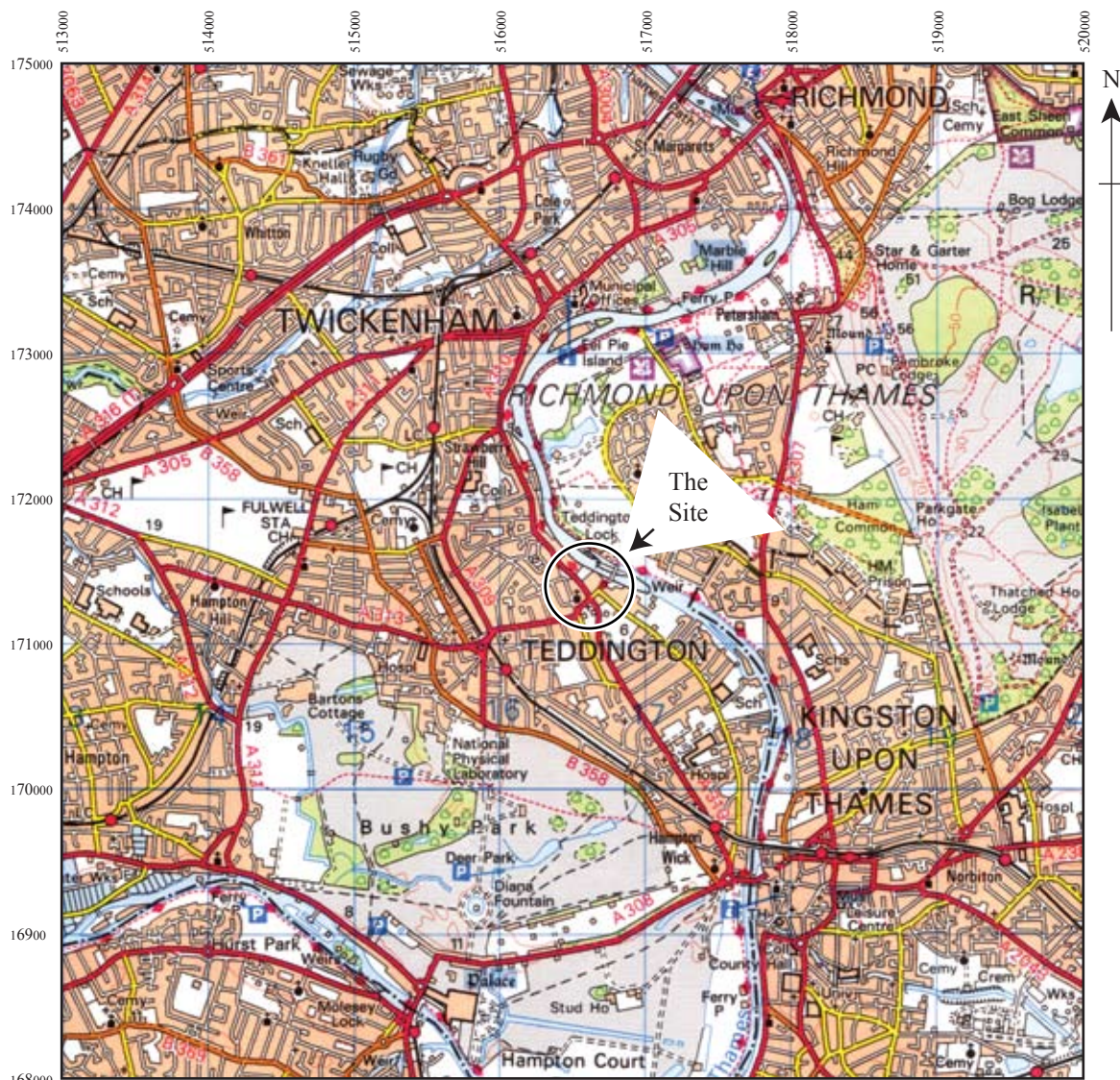
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Figure 1: Site location



Plate 1: Watching brief area, looking north-east



Plate 2: Section, looking north-west

APPENDIX A: CONTEXT REGISTER

Context No.	Context Description	Length	Width	Depth
001	Modern made ground	Trench	Trench	0.40m
002	Silty sand brickearth or subsoil	Trench	Trench	0.60m
003	Natural sand	Trench	Trench	>0.80m
004	Modern building	10m	7m	-
005	Tree boles	1-2m	1-2m	-
006	Modern intrusions	-	-	-

APPENDIX B: OASIS FORM

OASIS ID: aocarcha1-36685

Project details

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Previous/future work	No / No
Any associated project reference codes	MDG07 - Sitecode
Type of project	Recording project
Site status	Local Authority Designated Archaeological Area
Current Land use	Residential 1 - General Residential
Investigation type	'Watching Brief'
Prompt	Direction from Local Planning Authority - PPG16

Project location

Country	England
Site location	GREATER LONDON RICHMOND UPON THAMES TEDDINGTON AND HAMPTON 4 Manor Road, Twickenham
Postcode	TW11 8BG
Study area	0.80 Hectares
Site coordinates	TQ 1658 7140 51.4290960986 -0.322867250406 51 25 44 N 000

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Height OD Min: 5.00m Max: 5.00m

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