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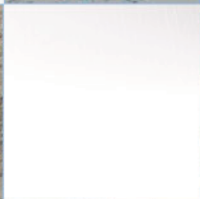
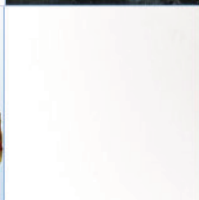
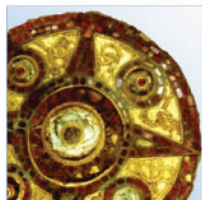
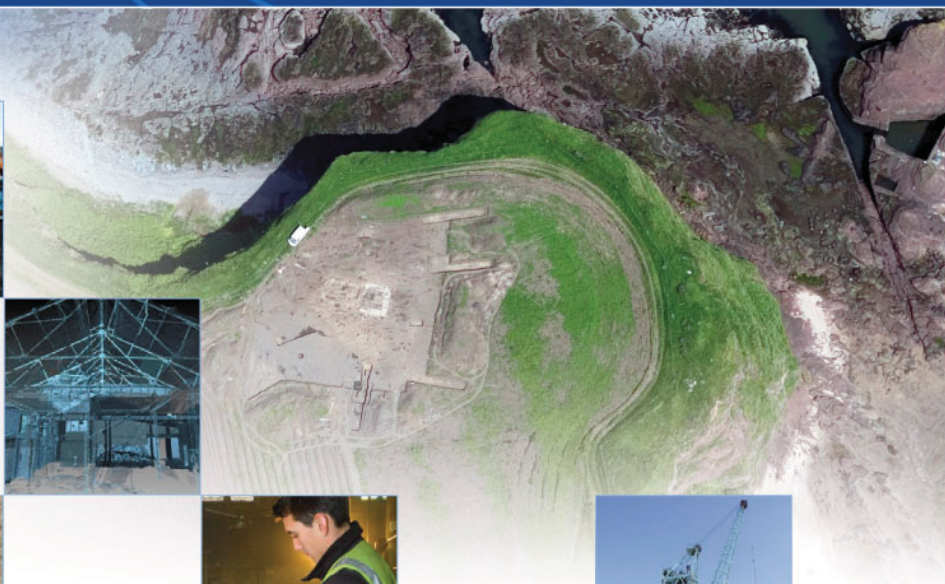
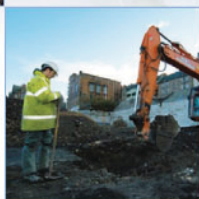
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Non-Technical Summary

Between November 2007 and August 2008 AOC Archaeology carried out an archaeological watching brief on ground works at the former Carpenters Auto Site, Hampton Court Road, East Molesey, London Borough of Richmond-Upon-Thames.

Naturally-lain sands and gravels were revealed as a result of the works. No significant archaeological finds or features were present.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This document is a report on an archaeological watching brief carried out at the former Carpenters Auto Site, Hampton Court Road, East Molesey, London Borough of Richmond-Upon-Thames (Figure 1). The work was carried out on behalf of Holmbury Projects Ltd.
- 1.2 The site is centred on National Grid Reference (NGR) TQ 1515 6886 and lies within land bounded by Hampton Court Road to the north, Hampton Lodge to the east, the River Thames to the south and an Esso Garage to the west. The site is roughly rectangular in shape (Figure 2).
- 1.3 The proposed development is for a three storey apartment block with an above-ground undercroft, communal car park at the front and communal gardens to the rear.

2. Planning Background

- 2.1 The local planning authority is London Borough of Richmond upon Thames. Archaeological advice to the council is provided by Mark Stevenson of the Greater London Archaeology Advisory Service (GLAAS).
- 2.2 Planning permission to undertake the development was granted under the Town & Country Planning Act (1990) (Ref No.:06/3618/FUL), subject to conditions. The archaeology condition states that:

“No development shall take place on the application site until the applicant or their agent or successors in title has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with a written scheme of investigation which has been submitted by the applicant and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority”.

Reason: to safeguard any archaeological interest of the site.

This condition has been required in accordance with *Planning Policy Guidance: Archaeology and Planning* (PPG 16) issued by the Department of the Environment in 1990 (DoE, 1990), and was recommended by the archaeology advisor to the London Borough of Richmond.

- 2.3 The site lies within an Archaeological Priority Zone and is also located within the London Borough of Richmond Conservation Area.
- 2.4 The first stage in the Archaeological Investigation was the production of a Desk Based Assessment (AOC 2007a). This was submitted to the Greater London Archaeology Advisory Service (GLAAS). Based on the results of that document a programme of archaeological fieldwork was required. Accordingly a Written Scheme of Investigation (AOC 2007b) was prepared and approved in advance of the Watching Brief.

3. Geology & Topography

- 3.1 The British Geological Survey map (BGS Sheet 270), indicates that the site is situated upon the sands and gravels of the First River Terrace of the Thames.

4. Historical & Archaeological Background

4.1 No previous archaeological investigations have occurred on the site. There are a number of entries in the Greater London Sites and Monuments Record (SMR) for archaeological features or chance finds within 1km of the site.

4.2 The following background information is drawn from the Desk Based Assessment (AOC 2007a).

Prehistoric (before c.AD 43)

4.3 There is limited early prehistoric evidence for the area of Hampton; a tanged bronze dagger located to the southwest of Taggs Island, a Barrow and cremation burial c. 700m to the northeast of the site and a large tortoise core of marbled flint dated to the Palaeolithic period. However, large quantities of flint and antler tools have been found in the area dating to the Mesolithic period.

4.4 A Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age Lugged pot was found during piling to the south of Taggs Island and two Bronze Age items, a socketed sickle and a 17 inch spearhead, were found within the grounds of Hampton Court Palace. A second pot was found during the piling to the south of Taggs Island, dating to either the Iron Age or Saxon period.

Roman (c. AD 43 - 450)

4.5 At the time of the first Roman invasion Hampton, as part of Middlesex, was ruled by the Catuvellanni. There has been increasing amounts of evidence for the presence of Roman activity in the locale although no findspots within the 1km search radius.

Anglo-Saxon (c.451-1065)

4.6 The name Hampton is believed to derive from Anglo-Saxon times: "Hamm" meaning a large bend in the river. The history of Hampton can be traced back to the time of Edward the Confessor, when Hampton was held by Earl Algar. It was subsequently granted to Walter de St. Valery by William the Conqueror, in whose family it remained for over a century.

Medieval (c.1066 - 1485)

4.7 The House of the Knights Hospitallers of the order of St. John of Jerusalem was extant by 1180 when some sisters of the order were removed to Minchin Buckland, Somerset. By the mid 13th century the order held the entire Manor of Hampton. In 1514 the house was razed by Wolsey to make way for Hampton Court Palace. The site of the original structure is located in Hampton Court Palace to the east of the site. The only surviving relic of the Chapel of the House of the Knight Hospitallers was a bell, now kept in the chapel of Hampton Court.

Post-Medieval (c.1485 - modern)

4.8 In 1514 – 1515 Sir Thomas Docwra, Prior of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem, and the brethren of the order granted a lease for 99 years of the manor of Hampton Court with all its appurtenances to Thomas Wolsey, Archbishop of York. By 1529 Hampton Court had become the King's property, along with the rest of Wolsey's lands.

4.9 Records Archaeological Evaluation work undertaken in the east part of Hampton Court Palace identified walls associated with Henry VIII's Close Bowling Alley. A further wall was identified although the function of this was unclear.

- 4.10 In the Thames, to the south of the site, is Ash Island, previously known as Harvey's Island. The island was once the base for an Anglers Retreat, before being transferred to Tagg's Island. Molesey Weir was originally built in 1815 and extends from Ash Island to the Middlesex bank.
- 4.11 Work at the Royal Mews, on the south side of Hampton Court Road identified a red brick wall associated with a late 18th/early 19th century building, subsequently demolished. Alluvial and dumped deposits, and a successive series of layers, were also identified on this site.
- 4.12 Work at the Lower Car Park and Tennis Court Lane, located within the northwest corner of Hampton Court Palace, identified 24 deposits representing the silting of the former moat. Also identified during this work were the remains of the central wall of the 17th century Kitchen Gardens and a previously unknown structure. This comprised a concrete floor slab with associated brickwork approached by a number of salt-glazed sewage pipes set at regular intervals.
- 4.13 Excavations at Queens Gallery and Clock Court in 1976 identified the Queens Gallery foundations, as well as a ditch extending beyond the walls. An evaluation also identified Tudor or 17th century building rubble found in a later demolition deposit.

5. Aims of the Investigation

- 5.1 The aims of the Watching Brief were defined as being:
- To establish the presence/absence of archaeological remains within the site.
 - To determine the extent, condition, nature, character, quality and date of any archaeological remains encountered.
 - To record and sample excavate any archaeological remains encountered.
 - To assess the ecofactual and environmental potential of any archaeological features and deposits.
 - To determine the extent of previous truncations of the archaeological deposits.
 - To enable GLAAS to make an informed decision on the status of the condition on the planning permission, and any possible requirement for further work in order to satisfy that condition.
 - To make available to interested parties the results of the investigation in order to inform the mitigation strategy as part of the planning process.
- 5.2 The specific objectives of the Watching Brief were to:
- Determine the presence of any remains of prehistoric date on the site.
 - Determine the presence of any remains of medieval date on the site.
 - Assess the potential of the site to inform on the Tudor development and chronology of Hampton.
 - Assess the degree and extent of truncation of earlier deposits by the phases of late post-medieval and modern buildings on the site.
- 5.3 The final aim was to make public the results of the investigation, subject to any confidentiality restrictions.

6. Methodology

- 6.1 The Watching Brief was carried out during general ground reduction and foundation trench excavations on the site by Leigh Savage and Heather Applegate, under the overall direction of Andy Leonard, Project Manager for AOC Archaeology Group.

- 6.2 A unique site code for the project was obtained from The Museum of London; **HMU 08**, before commencing work on site.
- 6.3 All of the work was carried out in line with the Written Scheme of Investigation (AOC 2007b), 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).

7. Results

- 7.1 All excavations revealed a similar sequence of deposit. The earliest deposits observed were the river terrace gravels (4), 1.30m below ground level. Sealing the gravels was a .60m thick deposit of grey/blue alluvial clay (3). This was in turn sealed by brown alluvial clay (2) 0.20m. The area was overlain by recent made ground mixed with topsoil (1) approximately 0.50m thick.
- 7.2 No significant archaeological remains were identified during the excavations.

8. Finds

- 8.1 No archaeological finds were present.

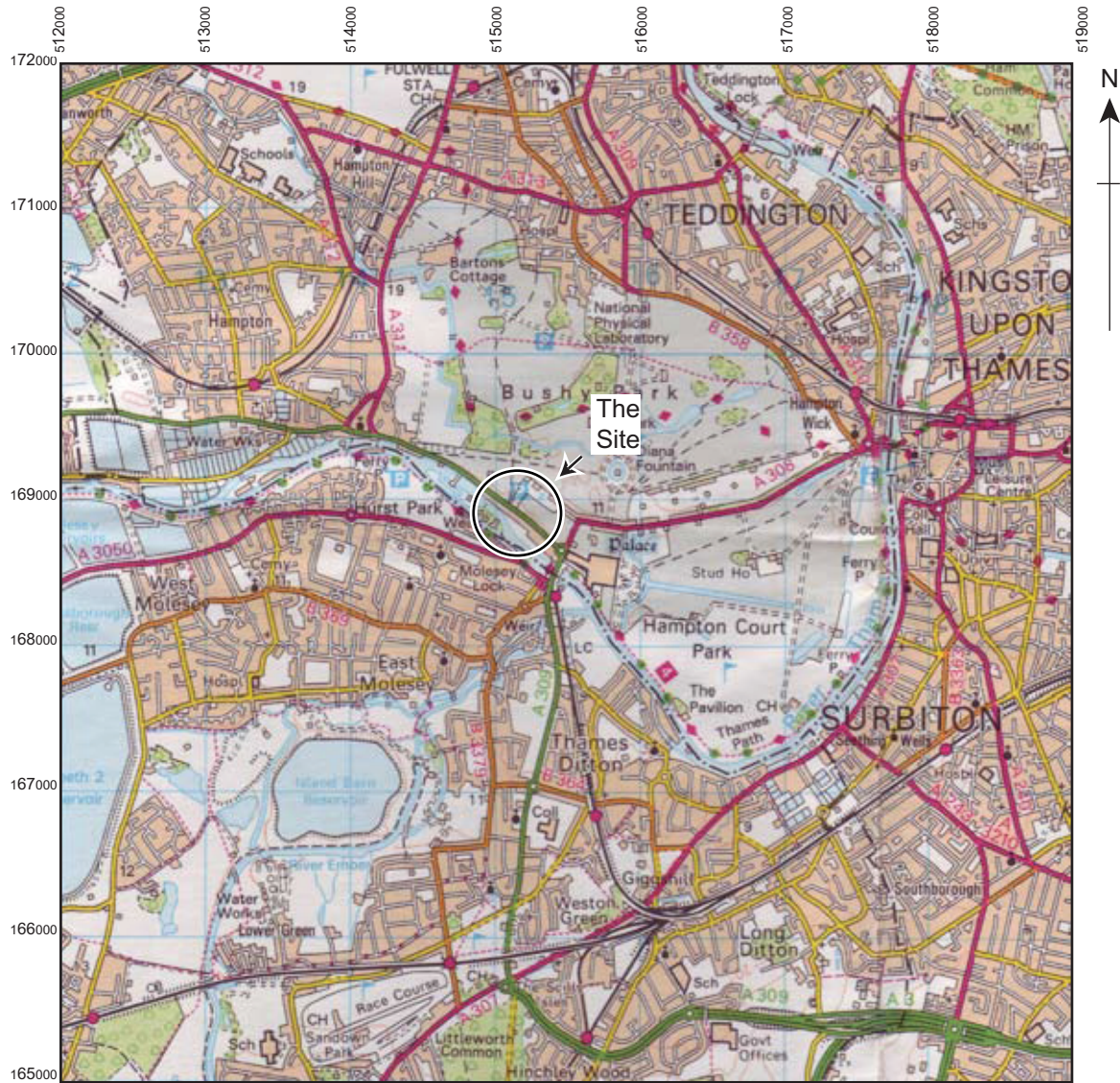
9. Conclusions and Recommendations

- 9.1 The watching brief fulfilled its objective to “assess the degree and extent of truncation of earlier deposits by the phases of late post-medieval and modern buildings on the site”. Although there was evidence of some disturbance in the uppermost horizon, the alluvial sequence remained intact although no archaeological remains were present.
- 9.2 Due to the lack of archaeological remains it is recommended that no further work is required to fulfil the archaeological condition on the site. However, the final decision will rest with the London Borough of Richmond and its archaeology advisor, Mark Stevenson of GLAAS.
- 9.3 Due to the limited results of the project, publication will be limited to a summary in the London Archaeology Round-up and publication via the Archaeological Data Service OASIS form (Appendix B).

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Figure 1: Site Location

CARPENTERS AUTO SITE, HAMPTON COURT ROAD, EAST MOSELEY, LONDON BOROUGH OF RICHMOND UPON THAMES:
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Based on the Survey Undertaken by XYZ Land Surveys



- Site Outline
- Watching Brief Area
- Sample Section

Sample Section

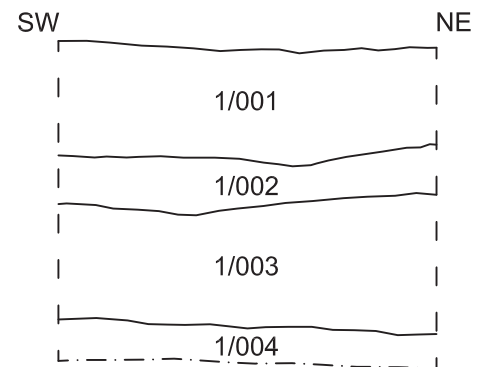


Figure 2: Detailed Site / Watching Brief Location & Sample Section

Appendices

Appendix A: Context Register

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Project dates Start: 27-08-2008 End: 30-08-2008

Previous/future work Yes / Not known

Any associated project reference codes HMU 08 - Sitecode

Any associated project reference codes 7954 - Contracting Unit No.

Type of project Recording project

Site status Local Authority Designated Archaeological Area

Current Land use Vacant Land 1 - Vacant land previously developed

Monument type GARDEN Modern

Significant Finds NONE None

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 Carpenters Auto Site

Postcode KT89B

Study area 2340.00 Square metres

Site coordinates TQ 1516 6884 51.4063754761 -0.344118193889 51 24 22 N 000 20 38 W
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Project archives

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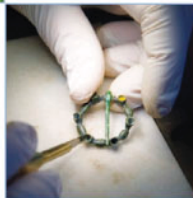
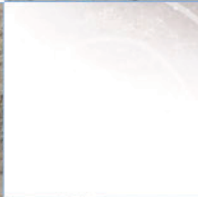
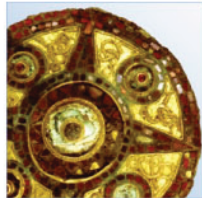
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