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Summary

Wessex Archaeology was commissioned by Quadrant Construction to undertake an archaeological evaluation at 219-221 Bow Road, London Borough of Tower Hamlets, centred on National Grid Reference (NGR) 537680 183060 (**Figure 1**).

The evaluation was undertaken in order to establish the presence/absence, extent and character of archaeological remains within the Site prior to the construction of ninety-three residential units accommodated within 4-6 storey structures with associated infrastructure and landscaping.

Five out of six planned evaluation trenches were excavated within the development footprint, two trenches measuring 10m x 1.8m and three trenches measuring 15m x 1.8m. A planned test pit measuring approximately $2m \times 2m$ located towards the site entrance and the sixth trench, located along the access road into the site, where not excavated due to the presence of live utilities as indicated by the use of the cable avoidance tool (CAT scan).

Archaeological remains found during the evaluation confirmed the presence of 19th century buildings recorded on the 1896 Ordnance survey map within the northern section of the site. Heavy truncation caused by modern disturbance was recorded in all excavated trenches. No other archaeological remains were identified.

The archaeological evaluation took place between the 28th November and 5th December 2016 with an initial site visit on 21st November 2016.

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project background

- 1.1.1 Wessex Archaeology (WA) was commissioned by Quadrant Construction ('the Client'), to undertake a trial trench evaluation at 219-221 Bow Road, London Borough of Tower Hamlets (hereafter 'the Site'), centred on National Grid Reference (NGR) 537680 183060 (**Figure 1**).
- 1.1.2 This evaluation, along with a previously undertaken archaeological desk-based assessment (DBA) (Heritage Collective 2014) forms part of an archaeological assessment of the Site to aid the planning process. A Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) for the evaluation was prepared by Wessex Archaeology (WA 2016b); this was submitted to, and approved by GLAAS, prior to the start of fieldwork. The evaluation was undertaken in accordance with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists' *Standard and guidance: for field evaluation (2014)*.
- 1.1.3 The Site is to undergo the demolition of existing buildings on the site and the construction of ninety-three residential units accommodated within 4-6 storey structures with associated infrastructure and landscaping.
- 1.1.4 The fieldwork was undertaken on the 28th November to the 5th December 2016.

1.2 The Site

- 1.2.1 The Site is located off Bow Road and covers an area of approximately 0.33 hectares (**Figure 1**). The Site comprises an irregular shaped plot of land used for commercial and industrial purposes. Residential and commercial properties were still present within the Site boundary to the east, west and north of the centre of the Site, with the centre of the Site laid with concrete and tarmac hardstanding. A one storey deep basement is present along the entire western building footprint.
- 1.2.2 The Site is generally flat and is situated approximately between 9.1m aOD and 11.0m aOD.
- 1.2.3 The published geology for the Site as shown on the BGS Sheet No. 256 (North London) shows the Site is underlain by Taplow Gravel underlain by London Clay. Recent geotechnical investigations undertaken at the Site show made ground present to depths ranging between 1.1m below ground level (bgl) to 2.0m bgl across the Site.



2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

2.1 Introduction

- 2.1.1 The historical and archaeological background has been considered with reference to the Archaeological Desk-Based Assessment (DBA) prepared for the client (Heritage Collective 2014).
- 2.1.2 Bow Bridge across the River Lea to the east of the Site is in the vicinity of the first stone arched bridge built in England c. 1110 AD by Matilda, wife of King Stephen. It was the responsibility of Barking Abbey to maintain the bridge. Settlement developed around the crossing point of the river as it became a centre of transport and industry. Stratford meaning "street by the ford" was first recorded as a place name between 1066 and 1087, and takes its name from the old Roman crossing point in the Lea valley. The River Lea was used to transport goods from Hertfordshire to London where they were off loaded at Bow and moved on by road. On demolition of Bow Bridge in 1835 it was found to be supported by seven arches that are thought to date to the 15th century. The demolition of a pub on the east side of the River in the late 18th century revealed two arches of the former medieval Bow Bridge. This area is now an Archaeological Priority Area. A bronze tanged spear head was found during works on the bridge in 1862.
- 2.1.3 The church of St Mary's Stratford Bow to the southwest of the Site originally dates from the 14th century with many additions and alterations during the medieval and post-medieval periods. Monitoring of geotechnical groundworks at the church, recorded a possible post-medieval road surface (Site Code: BQW06). Monitoring of drainage repairs in 2007, within the churchyard, recorded in situ and disarticulated human remains.
- 2.1.4 A number of excavations and evaluations have taken place at Bow Baptist church located adjacent to the northeast boundary of the Site (MLO98097). These have recorded hundreds of post-medieval burials within the cemetery. 348 burials were found during the excavations in 2006, all aligned east-west. Most of the burials were in wooden coffins, two lead coffins were recovered from the main burial ground and a further five from the northern vault. Further works in 2007 and 2008 identified a further 83 burials and two brick-lined burials, again mostly interred in wooden coffins although two more lead coffins were found in the main burial ground and two from the eastern brick-lined grave. Two brick vaults also found and contained burials. Natural gravels where found in the cemetery and recorded at depths of between 6.22m aOD and 7.2m aOD.
- 2.1.5 South of the Site is the former location of St. Mary-le-Bow workhouse (MLO107391). First recorded in 1731 a number of different buildings are seen on historic maps in this location during the 19th century.
- 2.1.6 During works on Priscilla Road to the southwest of the Site in 1977 it was recorded that a layer of dark, gravelly plough soil extended across the whole site (Site Code: PRS77). Beneath was a pit cut into gravel, possibly of post-medieval date.
- 2.1.7 To the west of the Site near to the River Lee is thought to be a secondary production site for the Bow china works established in 1730. The site mainly produced glass and experimental specimens of porcelain.
- 2.1.8 To the north of the Site was the location of a 19th to 20th century footbridge that crossed the River Lee.

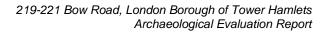


- 2.1.9 On the opposite side of Bow Road from the Site, No. 198 is at the location of a shop that was temporarily used for the 'Votes for Women' campaign in October 1912 by Silvia Pankhurst of the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU).
- 2.1.10 To the southwest of the Site along Bow Road is Poplar Town Hall, built 1939 and was proclaimed as the first town hall on truly modern lines. Part of the site had previously been occupied by a modest Italianate vestry hall built circa 1868.
- 2.1.11 There is a record that at Bow Flour Mills which formerly stood at the corner of Bow Road near Bow Bridge that the corner office of the building was fortified during the WWII with loopholes.
- 2.1.12 To the west of the Site a watching brief at Grove Hall Park, Jebb Street, in 1993 (Site code: GHP93) during ground works for a development returned negative results.
- 2.1.13 The first edition Ordnance Survey map of 1869 is the first map t to illustrate the area within the Site boundary in detail. This map shows the presence of a number of structures along the boundaries of the Site, with an area of open space in the centre. An area of designed garden space including a fountain occupied the northern part of the Site. The Site was bounded to the east and west by structures and other areas of garden space. A Baptist chapel is also shown to the east of the Site. The 1916 OS map also illustrates the continued presence of the buildings on the southern part of the Site; however two large structures have been constructed on the northern part of the Site.

3 AIMS AND METHODS

3.1 General aims and objectives

- 3.1.1 Prior to the commencement of works, a WSI (Wessex Archaeology 2016b) was produced which set out the agreed aims and objectives of the trial trench evaluation, and the methods by which these aims would be achieved.
- 3.1.2 The principal aim of the evaluation was to record the location, extent, date, nature, character and significance of archaeological remains as may exist on the Site; to report on the results of the evaluation so that an informed decision on their subsequent treatment could be made, in light of the impact of the proposed development.
- 3.1.3 The objectives of the evaluation were therefore to:
 - Clarify the presence/absence and extent of any buried archaeological remains within the Site that may be impacted upon by the development;
 - Identify, within the constraints of the evaluation, the date, character, and condition of any surviving remains within the Site;
 - Assess the degree of existing impacts to sub-surface horizons and to document the extent of archaeological survival of buried deposits; and
 - To produce a report which will present the results of the evaluation in sufficient detail to allow an informed decision to be made concerning the Site's archaeological potential.





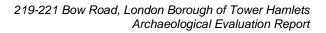
3.2 Fieldwork methodology

- 3.2.1 The evaluation was conducted according to the agreed WSI (Wessex Archaeology 2016b), the proposed works were to comprise the excavation of six trenches, one measuring 20mx 1.8m, three measuring 15m x 1.8m and two trenches measuring 10m x 1.8m, located within the footprint of the development area (**Figure 1**). In addition, a single test pit was planned to be excavated towards the entrance to the Site.
- 3.2.2 Prior to machining, the trench locations were scanned using a cable avoidance tool (CAT). Due to the responses from the CAT prior to any excavation, the 20m x 1.8m trench and the test pit were unable to be excavated due to the presence of live services.
- 3.2.3 The trenches were excavated under constant archaeological supervision using a tracked 360° excavator employing a toothless ditching bucket, to the top of the first significant archaeological horizon or natural geology.
- 3.2.4 The concrete ground level and made ground layers encountered were stored separately to facilitate appropriate backfilling and consolidation of each trench following the completion of recording. Excavation was under the instruction of the monitoring archaeologist in spits, approximately 50-200 mm at a time.
- 3.2.5 Excavated material was visually examined for archaeological material and a metal detector was used to enhance artefact recovery.
- 3.2.6 Due to the depths of made ground encountered, as indicated in the preliminary geoenvironmental and geotechnical assessment (Tweedie Evans Consulting 2016), each trench was stepped by 1 metre along each side. In addition, the nature of Trench 1 was deemed to be too unstable to access safely even with stepped sides and was recorded from ground level only.
- 3.2.7 Any potential features and deposits of possible archaeological origin were partially excavated to ascertain their nature and function, and fully recorded using WA's *pro forma* record sheets by the archaeologist excavating the feature or deposit.
- 3.2.8 A digital photographic record was kept to illustrate both the detail and the general context of the principal features, finds, trenches and the site as a whole.
- 3.2.9 A full graphic record was kept. The site drawings were drawn at an appropriate scale, typically 1:10 for sections and 1:20 for plans.
- 3.2.10 Site survey was carried out using a Leica Viva series GNSS unit using the OS National GPS Network through an RTK network with a 3D accuracy of 30mm or below. All survey data was tied into the British National Grid coordinate system.

4 ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESULTS

4.1 Introduction

- 4.1.1 The following section provides a summary description of the results of the archaeological evaluation. Details of individual contexts are retained in the Site archive and a detailed tabulated version of these trench records is provided in **Appendix 1**.
- 4.1.2 **Figure 1** presents the Site and trench location. **Plates 1-10** consist of photographs of the trenches, sections and archaeological features.





4.2 Stratigraphic sequence

4.2.1 The stratigraphic sequences recorded within the Site remained constant. The natural geology of Taplow gravels was encountered within all five of the excavated archaeological trenches. This geology was sealed by a made ground deposit of up to 1.60m thickness in all the trenches. The made ground was capped by a concrete layer of up to 0.20m in thickness across the whole site. In all the trenches post medieval and modern truncation was observed.

4.3 Trench descriptions

- 4.3.1 Trench 1 was located in the north-west area of the Site and was aligned south-west to north-east. The trench originally measured 10m x 1.80m, however this was shortened due to existing buildings and demolition work onsite. The trench was excavated to a depth of 1.70m below ground level (BGL) (9.36m aOD). The made ground in this trench was deemed too unstable to ensure safe entry to the base of the trench therefore all recording took place from ground level only. The natural geology was observed at a depth of approximately 1.60m BGL and was heavily truncated by modern wall foundations (**Plate 1**).
- 4.3.2 Trench 2 was located to the north of the Site and was aligned north-west to south-east. The trench measured 10m x 1.80m and was excavated to a depth of 1.30m BGL (9.30m aOD). The natural geology was observed at a depth of 1.20m BGL (**Plates 2-4**). Wall foundation cut **207** was located in the north-west limits of the trench and was found to be extremely shallow at only 0.02m in depth. Cut **207** was identified to be associated with a former small structure identified on the 1896 Ordnance survey map and would have formed part of the structure's south-east facing wall (See **Figure 3**). Foundation cut **204** was located in the south-east end of the trench. A single course of modern brick remained *in situ* and was identified as modern in date. A brick was also removed from structure **205** for dating purposes and found to be of 19th century date (See 5.3.1).
- 4.3.3 Trench 3 was located in the eastern area of the Site and was aligned south-west to northeast. The trench measured 8m x 1.80m at the base and excavated to a maximum depth of 2.00m BGL (8.30m aOD). Due to its depth, the trench was stepped 1.00m along the sides. The natural geology was observed at a depth of 1.40m BGL. The trench was heavily truncated by modern building rubble or demolition material and due to unstable made ground it was recorded from ground level only (**Plate 5**).
- 4.3.4 Trench 4 was located along the eastern edge of the Site and at right angles to Trenches 3 and 5. It was aligned north-west to south-east and measured 15m x 1.80m. The trench was excavated to a maximum depth of 1.43m BGL (8.70m aOD). Due to its depth, the trench was stepped 1.00m along the sides. The natural geology was observed at a depth of 1.38m BGL. There were three distinct areas of modern truncation observed along the base of the trench and a modern wall truncated the made ground 402 at the south-west end of the trench. A single course of bricks 406 identified as a former wall, was observed at the north-west end of the trench, with construction cut 407 and backfill 408. A sample of one of the bricks from wall 406 was retained for identification and dating purposes. (Plates 6-8).
- 4.3.5 Trench 5 was located in the eastern area of the Site and aligned south-west to north-east. The trench measured 13.8m x 1.80m at the base and was excavated to a depth of 1.50m BGL (8.45m aOD). Due its depth, the trench was stepped 1.00m along the sides. The natural geology was observed at a depth of 1.40m BGL. At the south-west end of the



trench wall **506** with its associated cut **504** and backfill **505** was observed to cut the made ground. The wall was identified during the initial stepping of the trench and was found not to continue down to the natural horizon. Upon investigation it was established that wall **506** was of relatively modern construction and was proved to cut into made ground deposit **502** (**Plates 9-10**). Modern disturbance **507** was identified running across the centre of the trench and was recorded to be 0.20m deep. A second possible linear feature **508** was also identified running on a north-east to south-west alignment at a similar depth to **507**. Upon investigation both features were found to contain large quantities of modern material and were identified as further modern disturbance. The feature's identified in Trench 5 are all located within the development footprint of the L-shaped structure recorded on the 1896 Ordnance survey map and were likely formed as a result of the construction and demolition of the building (Heritage Collective 2014:16).

- 4.3.6 The proposed location of Trench 6 was to be at the north-west end of the narrow access way into the Site. This trench was unable to be excavated due to live below ground services.
- 4.3.7 The test pit was planned to be located at the south-east end of the narrow access way into the Site. It was not possible to excavate the test pit due to multiple live services in this area.

5 ARTEFACTUAL EVIDENCE

- 5.1.1 The evaluation produced a very small quantity of finds, including two brick samples and a handful of items of domestic refuse. Finds were recovered from four of the six trenches excavated (no finds were recovered from Trenches 1 or 6) and, apart from the bricks, all finds came from made ground deposits.
- 5.1.2 All datable material is of post-medieval/modern date. All finds have been quantified by material type within each context, and the results are presented in **Table 1**.

Context	СВМ	Pottery	Other Finds
202		2/52	2 clay pipe
205	1/2731		
302		5/591	
404		2/24	1 glass
406	1/2739		
502			6 animal bone; 2 clay pipe
507		1/52	
Total	2/5470	10/719	

Table 1: All finds by context (number / weight in grammes)

5.2 Pottery

5.2.1 The ten sherds of pottery include a number of ware types. One sherd of redware (PMR) from layer 202 is broadly dated as post-medieval, while two sherds of yellow-glazed Border ware (BORDY) from layers 404 and 507 respectively), can be more tightly dated to the 16th or 17th century, as can a sherd of Frechen stoneware (FREC), also from layer 404. The second sherd from layer 202 is from a 19th century pearlware plate (PEAR) with a blue feathered edge. All five sherds from layer 302 are in refined whiteware (19th or



20th century), and include three sherds of possible sanitary ware, along with two plates (tableware), one transfer-printed in the popular Asiatic Pheasant design.

5.3 Ceramic Building Material (CBM)

5.3.1 Two brick samples were retained. The example from structure **406** is an unfrogged brick (235 x 115 x 60mm) in a coarse fabric, probably dating from the period *c*.1550–1666. The second example, from wall context **205**, is a 19th/20th century brick of plinth stretcher form (chamfered along one long edge).

5.4 Other Finds

5.4.1 Other finds comprise one piece of clear vessel glass (19th or 20th century), four plain clay tobacco pipe stem fragments, and six fragments of animal bone (including cattle, sheep, deer and cat).

6 CONCLUSIONS

6.1.1 The evaluation has been successful in fulfilling the primary aims and objectives of the WSI (Wessex Archaeology 2016). Natural geological horizons have been found to exist at a depth of at least 1.30m BGL below a significant deposit of made ground across the Site. The archaeological evidence obtained from trenches 2, 4 and 5 confirm the location of a number of buildings recorded on the 1896 Ordnance Survey map of the Site which were constructed between 1869 and 1896. The evaluation has also concluded that the site has been heavily truncated through modern disturbance. The likelihood of surviving archaeological remains pre-dating the middle of 19th century is minimal due to this truncation.

7 STORAGE AND CURATION

7.1 Museum

7.1.1 It is recommended that the project archive resulting from the evaluation be deposited with the Museum of London (LAARC), under the site code BOO16. Deposition of any finds with the Museum will only be carried out with the full agreement of the landowner.

7.2 **Preparation of Archive**

- 7.2.1 The complete site archive, which will include paper records, photographic records, graphics, artefacts, ecofacts and digital data, will be prepared following the *General Standards for the Preparation of Archaeological Archives with the Museum of London* (2009), and in general following nationally recommended guidelines (SMA 1995; CIfA 2014; Brown 2011; ADS 2013).
- 7.2.2 The physical archive currently comprises the following:
 - 1 files/document cases of paper records & A3/A4 graphics

7.3 Selection Policy

7.3.1 Wessex Archaeology follows the guidelines set out in *Selection, Retention and Dispersal* (Society of Museum Archaeologists 1993), which allows for the discard of selected artefact and ecofact categories which are not considered to warrant any future analysis. In this instance, the further potential of this assemblage is severely limited by its small size,

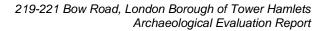


nature (commonly occurring and well documented types) and provenance (made ground deposits). Retention for long-term curation is not recommended.

7.3.2 The discard of environmental remains and samples follows nationally recommended guidelines (SMA 1993; 1995; English Heritage 2011).

7.4 Security Copy

7.4.1 In line with current best practice (e.g. Brown 2011), on completion of the project a security copy of the written records will be prepared, in the form of a digital PDF/A file. PDF/A is an ISO-standardised version of the Portable Document Format (PDF) designed for the digital preservation of electronic documents through omission of features ill-suited to long-term archiving.



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9 APPENDICES

9.1 Appendix 1: Trench tables

Trench No 1 Length 10m			Width 1.80m		Depth 1	.70m		
Easting: 5	37642		Northing 183072		MaOD	11.06m		
Context	Fill Of/Fille	d Int	erpretative	D	escription			Depth BGL
Number	With	Ca	Category					
101		La	Layer		Concrete.		0-0.80m	
102		La	Layer		Made ground. Mixed dark brown		k brown	0.80-1.60m
				si	Ity sand with gra	avels an	d	
					frequent building rubble			
103		La	Layer		Natural. Mid orange brown sub		n sub	1.60-
				ar	ngular gravels. T	Taplow g	gravels.	1.70m+

Trench No 2		_ength 10m	Width 1.80m		Depth 1	.30m
Easting: 5	37651	Northing 1	83095	MaOD 10.60m		
Context	Fill Of/Filled	Interpretative	Description			Depth BGL
Number	With	Category				
201		Layer	Concrete.			0-0.20m
202		Layer	Made ground. Ge	-	nid	0.20-1.20m
			grey brown sand	•		
			Occasional sub a	-		
			and common bui	Iding rubl	ole	
			throughout.			
203		Layer	Natural. Mid orar	•		1.20-
			angular gravels.			1.30m+
204		Structure	Wall. Very compa			1.30m
			grey silt and grav			
			CBM and single	course of	brick.	
			<0.01m thick			
205		Structure	Wall. 4 orange b			1.20-1.30m
			course remaining			
			of brick chamfere			
			length at 30 degr			
206	[204]	Fill	Backfill of wall co			1.30-1.48m
			[204]. Mid brown	ish orang	je fine	
	(2.2.2)		silty sand.			
207	(206)	Cut	Construction cut			1.30-1.48m
			and unknown sid		ended	
			past Limit of Exc			
208	(207)	Fill	Deliberate backfi			1.30-1.48m
			construction cut	[207]		

Trench No 3 Length 15m		Width 1.80m Depth 2		2.00m			
Easting: 5	37668		Northing 183	3089	MaOD	10.30m	
Context	Fill Of/Fille	d Inte	rpretative	Description			Depth BGL
Number	With	Cat	egory				
301		Lay	er	Concrete.			0-0.20m
302		Lay		Made ground. D brown soft silty s common brick fra carbon, glass, po white clay, small flints and buildin material.	and with agments prcelain, sub ang	, chalk, soft ular	0.20-1.40m
303		Lay	er	Natural. Mid oran angular gravel.	0		1.40m+

Trench No 4		ength 15m	Width 1.80m		Depth 1.43m	
Easting: 5	37682	Northing 18	83097	MaOD 10.00m		
Context	Fill Of/Filled	Interpretative	Description	-		Depth BGL
Number	With	Category				
401		Layer	Concrete.			0-0.10m
402		Layer	Made ground. Mid grey brown silty sand with building rubble throughout.		0.10-1.10m	
403		Layer	Natural. Mid orar angular gravels.	•		1.38- 1.43m+
404		Layer	Made ground. Mi silty sand with ind charcoal, moderr fragments of anir visible in section. ground deposit.	clusions n CBM, a nal bone	of and es. Only	1.10-1.33m
405		Layer	Made ground. Mi silty sand. Moder deposit.	•••		1.33-1.38m
406		Structure	Wall. Single brick course remaining running SW-NE		•	1.38-1.45m
407		Cut	Construction cut. 0.08m deep cut f		-	1.38-1.45m
408		Fill	Backfill. Mid grey silt backfill of [40]		sandy	1.38-1.43m

Trench No 5		ength 15m	Width 1.80m		Depth 1.50m	
Easting: 5	37674	Northing 18	33072	MaOD 10.10m		
Context	Fill Of/Filled	Interpretative	Description			Depth BGL
Number	With	Category				
501		Layer	Concrete.			0-0.10m
502		Layer	Made ground. Mi	d grey b	rown	0.10-1.20m
			silty sand and con rubble.	mmon b	uilding	
503		Layer	Natural. Mid oran	ige brow	n sub	1.40-
			angular gravels.	Taplow		1.50m+
			Gravels.			
504	(505), 506	Cut	Construction cut			0.10-
			Cuts (502) and is			1.50m+
			concrete (501) so	o is relat	ively	
			modern.			
505	[504]	Fill	Backfill of [504].	Vid grey	brown	0.10-
			silty sand.			1.50m+
506	[504]	Structure	Wall. Modern brid			0.10-1.00m
			wall only visible to			
507		Disturbance	Made ground. Lig			1.20-1.40m
			brown sub angula	•	ls. Lots	
			of modern rubbis			
508		Disturbance	Made ground. Lig			
			brown silt with su	•		
			gravels. Lots of n	nodern r	ubbish	

Trench 6 – Unable to excavate

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Test pit – Unable to excavate

9.2 Oasis Record Form

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Project details	
Project name	219-221 Bow Road, London Borough of Tower Hamlets
Short description of the project	Five out of six planned evaluation trenches were excavated within the development footprint, two trenches measuring 10m x 1.80m and three trenches measuring 15m x 1.80m. A planned test pit measuring approximately 2m x 2m located towards the site entrance and the sixth trench, located along the access road into the site, where not excavated due to the presence of live utilities as indicated by the use of the cable avoidance tool (CAT scan). Across all five trenches that were excavated there was evidence of post medieval and modern structures and associated activity. No other archaeological features were identified.
Project dates	Start: 28-11-2016 End: 05-12-2016
Previous/future work	Yes / Not known
Any associated project reference codes	115160 - Sitecode
Type of project	Field evaluation
Site status	None
Current Land use	Industry and Commerce 4 - Storage and warehousing
Monument type	WALL Post Medieval
Monument type	WALL Modern
Significant Finds	POTTERY Medieval
Significant Finds	POTTERY Post Medieval
Significant Finds	CBM Post Medieval
Methods & techniques	"Sample Trenches"
Development type	Urban residential (e.g. flats, houses, etc.)
Prompt	Planning condition
Position in the planning process	Not known / Not recorded
Project location	
Country	England
Site location	GREATER LONDON TOWER HAMLETS BOW 219-221 Bow Road
Postcode	E3 2SJ
Study area	0.33 Hectares
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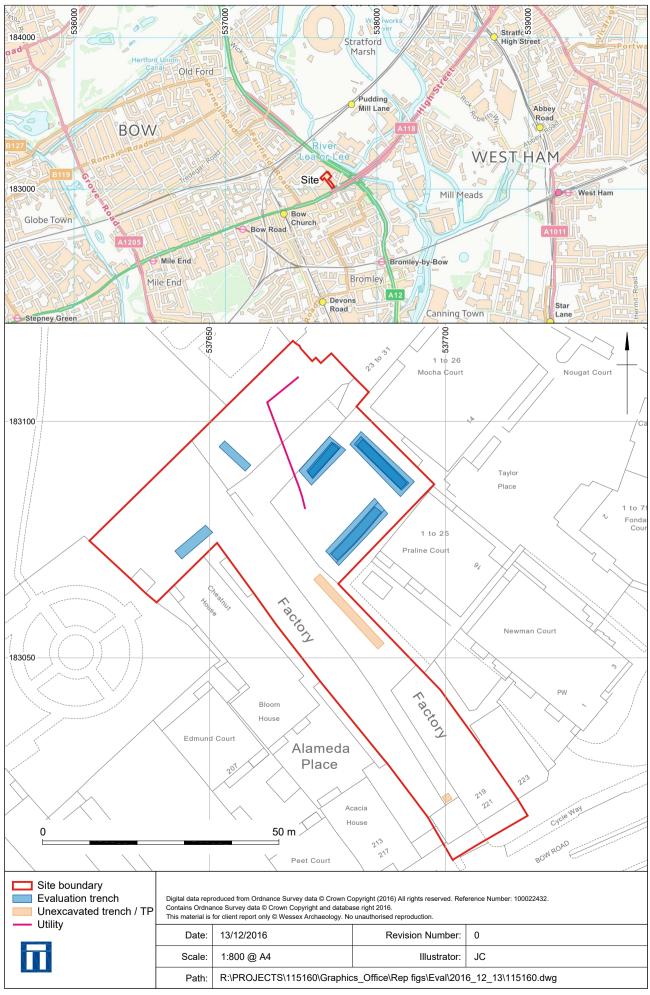
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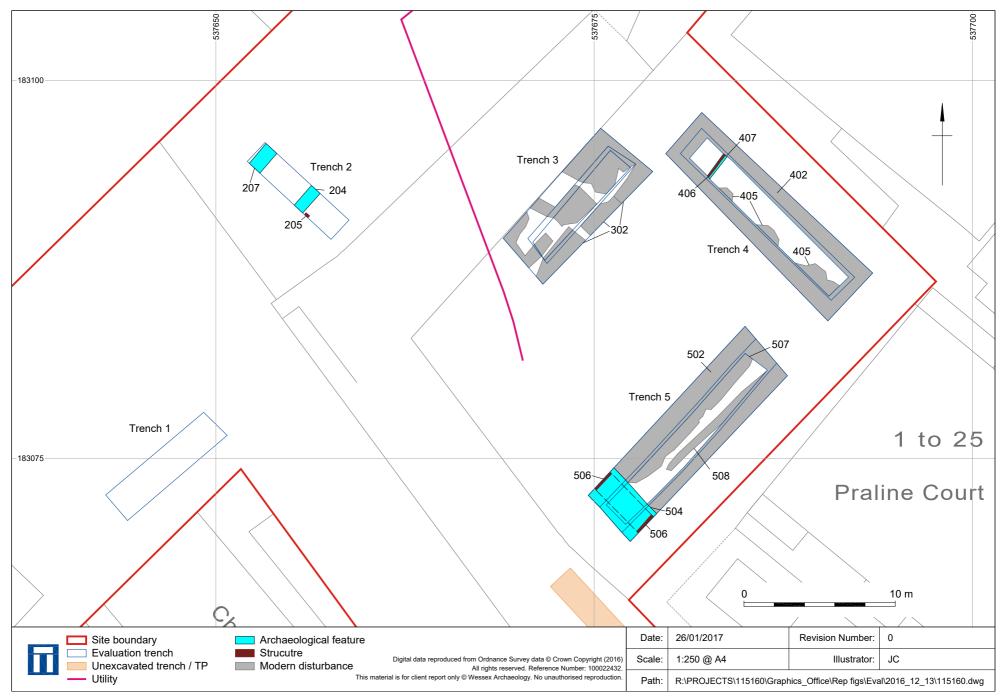
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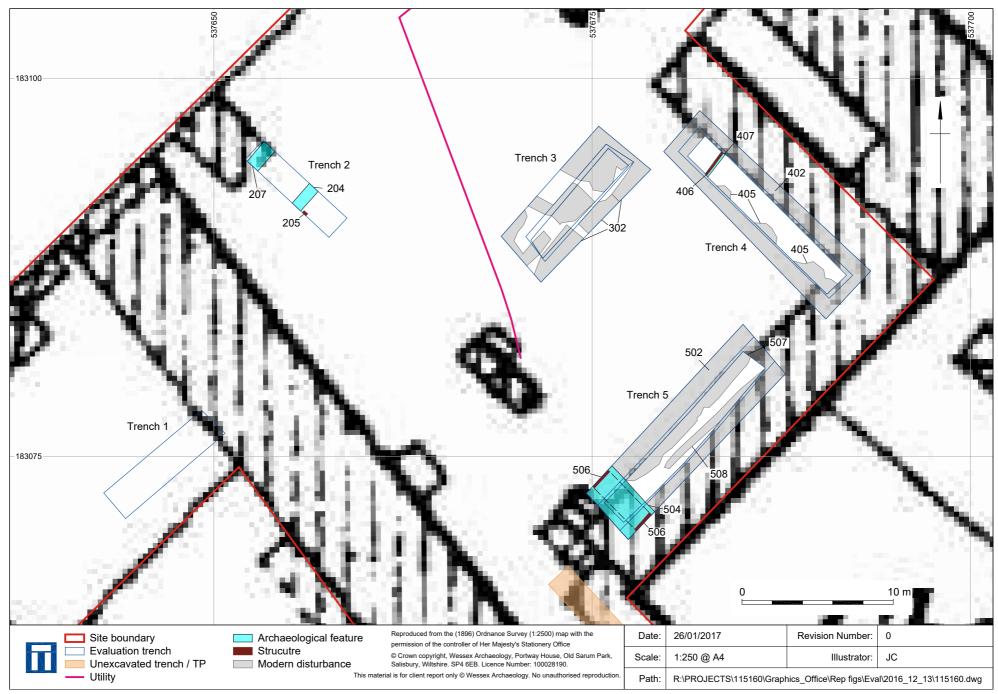
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Site location and plan





Trench plan overlaying 1896 Ordnance Survey Map



Plate 1: Southeast facing section of Trench 1, showing unstable made ground



Plate 2: Trench 2 looking northwest

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Plate 3: Structure 205 in Trench 2



Plate 4: Brick from wall 205

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Plate 5: Trench 3 looking northeast, showing modern truncation and unstable made ground



Plate 6: Trench 4 looking northeast

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Plate 7: Structure 406 in Trench 4



Plate 8: Slot through wall 406, showing fill 408 and cut 407

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Plate 9: Trench 5 looking northwest



Plate 10: Trench 5, southwest facing section

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