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Client: Higgins Homes
FAU Project No.: 1387
NGR: TQ 4399 8669 (Centred)
Site Code: HUL 04
Date of Fieldwork: 8 October 2004

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report presents the results of an archaeological trial trenching evaluation at 1 – 5 Hainault Street, Ilford. Higgins Homes submitted a planning application for a residential development on the site. The local planning authority, advised by the English Heritage Greater London Archaeological Advisory Service (GLAAS), placed an archaeological condition, in line with Planning Policy Guideline 16 (DoE 1990), on the development. Subsequently Essex County Council Field Archaeology Unit (ECC FAU) were commissioned to evaluate the site with two trial trenches.

2.0 LOCATION AND BACKGROUND

The site lies 100m north of Ilford High Road, on the west side of Hainault Street, immediately to the north of the Liverpool Street-Colchester railway (TQ 4399 8669), on a former builder's yard and depot. It lies within an archaeological priority area as defined in the Redbridge Urban Development Plan, and a short distance to the east of Ilford's historic core on the crossing of the river Roding. Ilford High Road is thought to follow the line of the Roman road from London to Colchester, and survived as a major thoroughfare until recently.

The land slopes down to the south, towards the railway cutting. Below approximately 1.3m of modern rubble the undisturbed natural geology was mid brown sandy gravel.

3.0 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aim of the trenching was to locate, identify and record any surviving archaeological remains and clarify the nature and extent of modern disturbance to the site.

4.0 METHOD

The trial trenches were excavated after the removal of approximately 2m of overburden during the demolition of the standing buildings and the removal of concrete foundation slabs. The remaining modern overburden was removed using a 360° excavator under archaeological supervision. The exposed surface was then examined for any archaeological remains. The trenches were recorded in plan and representative sections drawn. A photographic record of both trenches was maintained throughout the project. The IFA standards and by-laws and ALGAO's Standards for Field Archaeology in the East of England (Gurney 2003) were adhered to during the fieldwork.

5.0 FIELDWORK RESULTS

The site had been reduced in level and lay approximately 2m below street level, which revealed a line of cellars along the road frontage. Two trenches in a roughly 'T' shaped alignment were excavated; both trenches measured 20m by 1.8m.

5.1 Trench 1

Trench 1 was located towards the southern end of the site, running east – west at 90° to the Hainault Street frontage. The eastern end of the trench was situated within the remains of a cellar. The trench was excavated to a depth of 1.2m. The undisturbed geology lay below approximately 1m of loose modern rubble. A representative section of the trench was drawn but no archaeological remains were identified. No finds were retrieved and no environmental samples taken.

5.2 Trench 2

Trench 2 was at right angles to trench 1 and ran roughly north – south. It was excavated to a depth of approximately 1.6m. The only features present were a modern ditch/pit at the north end of the trench and the footings for a modern wall. The wall was recorded in section, along with a representative section of the trench, and was probably the remains of a building associated with the builder's yard. Due to the depth of the trench neither of the features was excavated, but visible surface finds indicated a modern origin for both features. No finds were retrieved and no environmental samples taken.

6.0 ASSESSMENT OF RESULTS

No archaeological evidence was encountered. The depth of modern disturbance, in excess of 3m, and the proximity to the railway cutting makes it unlikely that any archaeological remains survive in the area of the site.

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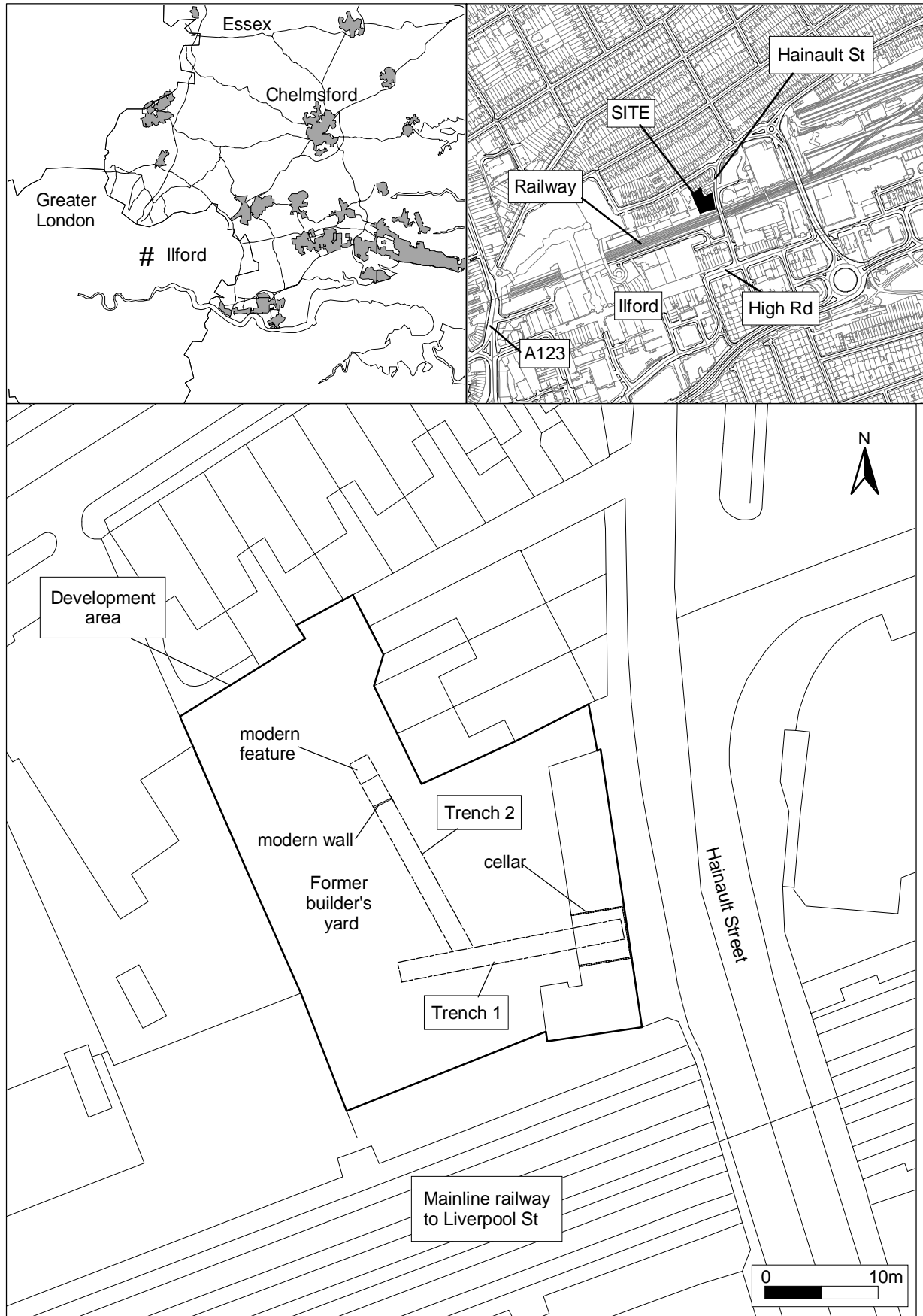


Fig.1. Site Location.

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APPENDIX 1: ARCHIVE INDEX

SITE NAME: 1 – 5 Hainault Street, Ilford, London Borough of Redbridge (HUL 04)

Index to the Archive

File containing:

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Brief for Evaluation
- 1.2 Written Scheme of Investigation for Evaluation

2. Research Archive

- 2.1 Client Report

3. Site Archive

- 3.1 2 x Trench sheets
- 3.2 2 x Section sheets
- 3.3 4 x Photographic record sheets
- 3.4 8 x Black and White Prints
- 3.5 6 x Colour Slides

GLSMR/RCHME NMR ARCHAEOLOGICAL REPORT FORM

1. TYPE OF RECORDING

Trial Trenching

2. LOCATION

Borough Redbridge NGR TQ 4399 8669

Site Address 1-5 Hainault Street, Ilford

Site Name 1-5 Hainault Street, Ilford

Site Code HUL 04

3. ORGANISATION

Name of archaeological unit: Essex County Council Field Archaeology Group

Address Fairfield Court
 Fairfield Road
 Braintree
 Essex
 CM7 3YQ

Site Director Andrew Robertson

Funded by Higgins Homes

4. DURATION

Site Started 8 Oct 2004 Finished 8 Oct 2004

Work previously notified No
Will Continue No

5. PERIODS REPRESENTED

Modern

6. PERIOD SUMMARIES

Two modern features, a pit/ditch and a wall footing, were recorded by plan and section below approximately 3m of modern rubble. No finds were collected and no environmental samples were taken.

7. NATURAL

Type Light Brown Silty Sandy Gravel

8. LOCATION OF ARCHIVE

Please indicate those categories still in your possession:

Notes Plans Correspondence Photos Negs Slides

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Location of copies

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9. LOCATION OF FINDS

None

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