

Excavation Round-up 1992: part 2

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EXCAVATIONS are listed alphabetically within boroughs. The site name is followed by its OS grid reference, the name of the organisation carrying out the excavations, its director, the type and date of the excavation, the source of funding and the site code. WC indicates that work continues. This article gives details of boroughs from Enfield to Newham; those from Redbridge to Westminster, and those outside Greater London, will be listed in the Autumn issue. Boroughs from Barnet to Ealing (including City of London) were listed in the Spring issue.

ENFIELD

4-16 Balham Road, N9 TQ 3437 9377 MOLAS (C Thomas) evaluation Sept 1992 Furlong Brothers Constuction Ltd BAL92

Natural gravel was cut by large circular features, partially filled with waterlogged and/or waterlain material, interpreted as ponds or drainage features, or both. Another feature may have been a drainage ditch. A late medieval date is suggested for their construction, with backfilling in the 17th-19th c.

28-94 Burleigh Road, Enfield TQ 3330 9620 MOLAS (K Pitt) evaluation Feb 1992, watching brief April 1992 Fairview New Homes plc BUH92

Natural brickearth was overlain by post-medieval ploughsoil/topsoil or modern topsoil. Two sherds of Roman pottery in the post-medieval ploughsoil may indicate Roman activity nearby.

Forty Hill School, Forty Hill, Enfield TQ 3420 9860 MOLAS (S Gibson) evaluation Aug-Sept 1992 Board of Governors of Forty Hill School FHS92

The remains of a prehistoric sub-circular structure cut into the natural brickearth. It was formed by sixteen postholes inclined towards one central posthole; there were also signs of an internal structure. A narrow gully aligned N-S and then E-W, possibly a drainage gully or fence slot, was associated with this structure. Above this lay topsoil, in the lower levels of which worked flints and two sherds of late Neolithic/early Bronze Age pottery were found. In a second trench natural brickearth was cut by a brick wall, probably associated with the earliest phase of the school (mid 19th c), and drains.

Gothic Works, Angel Road, N18 TQ 3525 9185 MOLAS (many supervisors) watching brief May-June 1992 Tesco Stores plc GWE92

Alluvial gravels were overlain by natural brickearth containing mesolithic-early Bronze Age flint implements. Above lay waterlain silty clay which became peaty towards its surface, suggesting that the area was under water or part of a marsh (the site lies in the valley of the River Lea) until the post-medieval period.

540-580 Great Cambridge Road, Enfield TQ 3450 9680 MOLAS (D Lees) evaluation Dec 1992-Jan 1993 J Sainsbury plc GCR92

Natural brickearth was cut by ploughmarks, a probable quarry pit and deep modern features. In two of the trenches examined the brickearth was scorched: this may have been the result of brick production known to have been in this area in the 19th c.

Halliwick College, Bush Hill Road, N21 TQ 3260 9510 MOLAS (D Bowsher) evaluation May 1992 Laing Homes Ltd HAL92

A series of dumps and pits dating from the 17th c, brick drains, probably dating to the 17th c, and gravels of a later road were recorded. In the basement of the present building there are barrel vaulted cellars which may survive from the original Bush Hill House of 1609.

Main Avenue, Bush Hill Park Infant School, Bush Hill Park TQ 3417 9586 MOLAS (B Barber, K Pitt) evaluation Jan 1992 London Borough of Enfield MAA92

Probable quarry pits, dating to the late 18th/early 19th c, had truncated the natural sub-soil.

29 Park Avenue, Bush Hill Park, N21 TQ 3335 9530 MOLAS (J Ayre) evaluation April 1992 Jadesa Properties Ltd PAE92

Two stakeholes were found; one contained prehistoric (most probably Iron Age) pottery. On the W side of the site was a post-medieval quarry pit. Site works to the rear of 6-8 Queen Anne's Gardens included the removal of an Anderson shelter.

Turkey Brook, N of Bull's Cross to Great Cambridge Road, Enfield TQ 3440 9890 MOLAS (K Pitt) evaluation June 1992 Thames Water Authority TBE92

Modern garden soil overlay natural gravels.

Vera Avenue, N21 TQ 3173 9554 MOLAS (J Ayre) evaluation March 1992 Reading West Ltd VAE92

Cut into natural brickearth were parallel land drains predating features associated with the recent use of the site as allotments.

GREENWICH

Avery Hill Student Village, Thames Polytechnic, Avery Hill Road, SE9 TQ 4451 7388 MOLAS (S Tucker) evaluation June 1992 Mount Anvil Construction Ltd AVE92

Turf overlying truncated London Clay was recorded.

Hospital for Mothers and Babies, Prospect Vale, SE17 TQ 4243 7883 MOLAS (J Drummond-Murray) evaluation July-Aug 1992 London & Quadrant Housing Trust HMG92

19th c terracing of the hillside and Victorian pits were recorded.

HACKNEY

Bearstead Hospital, Lordship Road, Stoke Newington, N16 TQ 327 869 MOLAS (G Malcolm, A Miles) evaluation Sept 1992 Alan Baxter & Associates BEH92

Natural clay was overlain by redeposited clay and a disturbed layer of topsoil and modern mixed rubbish.

Dalston Lane, Samuel Lewis Trust Dwellings, E8 TQ 3445 8510 MOLAS (C Phillpotts) evaluation Nov 1992 Samuel Lewis Housing Trust DAL92

A large, shallow, pond-like feature was created by erosion or terracing in the natural brickearth and gravels in the N of the site. At its E end a fence-line of stakes had been inserted, overlain by marshy or pond deposits dated to the 17th-early 19th c, and sealed by levelling dumps. Elsewhere, natural brickearth was overlain by post-medieval plough/garden soil.

4-11 Fenn Street, Homerton, E9 TQ 3547 8514 MOLAS (K Pitt) evaluation Dec 1992 An-Viet Housing Association Ltd FSH92

Natural gravel was cut by post-medieval gullies or, more probably, bedding trenches associated with the market gardens which are known from documentary sources to have been on the site in the mid 18th c. Building rubble found in the upper layers was probably demolition debris from later buildings.

Hoxton Market, Pitfield Street, NI TQ 3312 8264 MOLAS (C Thomas) evaluation Sept 1992 Greater London Enterprise Properties HOX92

Natural brickearth was cut by possible quarry pits containing medieval pottery. Above lay post-medieval ploughsoil followed by a brick basement floor and wall of a late 18th/early 19th c tenement.

Kenmure Yard, 252-300 Dalston Lane, E8 TQ 3480 8513 MOLAS (K Pitt) watching brief Oct 1992 Samuel Lewis Housing Trust KEN92

Natural gravel was overlain by a post-medieval soil layer and levelling dumps.

1-5 Kingsland Green, E8 TQ 3349 8407 MOLAS (K Pitt) watching brief Sept 1992 Auger Investments Ltd KGG92

A backfilled quarry pit was sealed by two phases of undated ploughsoil, overlain by post-medieval dumps, possibly from a nearby railway cutting.

64-76 Wilton Way, E8 TQ 3480 8475 MOLAS (K Pitt) evaluation July 1992 London Borough of Hackney WTW92

Three quarry pits and two pits of unknown date were found, one of which was cut by a late 12th/early 13th c rubbish pit. They were sealed by medieval/post-medieval ploughsoil and Victorian garden soil.

HAMMERSMITH AND FULHAM

Fulham Palace, Fulham Palace Road, SW6 TQ 2409 7615 MOLAS (P Bruce) excavation Nov 1991-April 1992 London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham FPB91

Excavations in the W courtyard revealed two sections of wall, possibly 16th c in date, and post-16th c deposits. Foundations of the existing 18th c walls, and garden soil, were revealed in the area of the walled garden.

HARINGEY

Ferry Lane Wharf, N17 TQ 348 893 MOLAS (K Tyler) evaluation July 1992 Fairview Homes FLW92

Alluvial gravels of the River Lea were recorded across the whole site. Land reclamation took place behind an embankment for the River Lea Navigation.

HARROW

R.A.F. Bentley Priory, The Common, Stanmore TQ 1512 9327 MOLAS (K Pitt) evaluation Dec 1992 Ministry of Defence (R.A.F.) RBP92

Natural clay was truncated by probable 19th/20th c landscape layers cut by bedding trenches, possibly associated with Glenthams House. A 20th c footing was probably part of the World War II Air Base.

Chestnut Cottage, Church Lane, Pinner TQ 1242 8963 MOLAS (I Grainger) evaluation July 1992 Pinner Parish Development Council CC092

A possible early medieval boundary ditch to the churchyard was found. Waterlain deposits suggest that the area may have been a marsh or pond from medieval to early modern times, when it became a field and later part of the modern garden.

Grimsdyke Golf Club, Old Redding, Hatch End TQ 135 924 RPS Clouston (Penny Hasler) watching brief G U Projects RPS 1946/10

Spoil retrieved from tunnelling operations where a water pipe was thrust-bored 7m (23ft) below the Scheduled Ancient Monument of the Grimsditch was monitored to confirm that there

had been no disturbance of the ditch.

Grimswood Lodge, Old Redding, Hatch End TQ 136 924 RPS (Maureen Bennell) watching brief G U Projects RPS 1946/8

Excavation of a reception chamber for a 3m (10ft) diameter concrete shaft, near the Grimsditch, was monitored to a depth of 2.70m (9ft). The surrounding compound area, which had been stripped of topsoil, was also examined. No finds or features were observed at the reception chamber. Fire-cracked flints were noted in the compound area but no struck flint was seen.

Harrow School, West Street, Harrow on the Hill TQ 150 878 MOLAS (B Pye) watching brief July-Oct 1992 Harrow School WSH90

In the N of the site redeposited clay was dumped on the ground surface in the late 19th/early 20th c. In the S of the site natural clay was overlain by dumps, mainly 19th c; a post-medieval timber-lined pit and a brick cellar were also recorded. In the W of the site external surfaces were recorded under *Yew Walk*.

Pinnerwood Farm, Hatch End TQ 119 917 RPS (A J Clark Consultancy) magnetic susceptibility tests G U Projects RPS 1946/3

An easement area of 200m by 20 m (650ft by 65ft) was surveyed across a field where worked and burnt flint had been noted during fieldwalking (see LA 5, no. 13, 353-8). No values of significance were recorded, and no archaeological material was observed during stripping.

72 Royston Park Road, Pinner TQ 1340 9215 MOLAS (R Bluer) evaluation Oct 1992 Dastra Investments GRE92

The line of Grim's Dyke, an ancient linear earthwork, runs across the SE end of the site and to the SE of the evaluation trench, in which natural clay and clay and flints, cut for the insertion of a land drain and sealed by top soil, was recorded.

St Gabriel's House, Oakleigh Road, Hatch End TQ 1300 9185 MOLAS (D Bowsner) evaluation Sept 1992 Catholic Media Trust GAB92

A large E-W aligned ditch was located, assumed to be part of Grim's Dyke, an ancient linear earthwork. The lower fills appeared to be waterlain clays and contained one sherd of 12th/13th c pottery. After a naturally accumulated soil had half-filled the ditch, it was backfilled in late post-medieval/modern times.

HAVERING

Campion School, Wingletye Lane, Hornchurch TQ 547 892 PEM (Pamela Greenwood) watching brief Mansell Ltd HO-CS 92

No archaeological features located in the school playing fields.

Maybank Avenue, Elm Park, Hornchurch TQ 533 851 PEM (Pamela Greenwood) excavation Crest Homes Ltd HO-MB 92

Finds from the topsoil included a late Neolithic transept type arrowhead and Roman material. Minor features include a World War II pillbox and a late Saxon/early medieval ditch.

The main period of use was during the middle Iron Age, probably early in the period, with a round-house, apparently rebuilt or altered three times. Next to the round-house was a pair of parallel ditches, possibly part of a driveway or track. There were prehistoric pits but with few finds and none closely datable. They may relate to the middle Iron Age house. wc

St Leonard's Hamlet, Hornchurch Road, Hornchurch TQ 5275 8724 PEM (Pamela Greenwood) Watching brief Bellwynch Homes HO-SL 92

During the grading of the entrance road to the estate a cut feature with a damp organic fill but without finds, possibly a stream or drain, was recorded. There were a number of silt-filled hollows. The rest of the site was disturbed by concrete surfaces and foundations relating to Hornchurch bus garage.

No 2, Hall Farm, North Ockendon TQ 587 848 PEM (Pamela Greenwood) watching brief NO-HF 92

The excavation of footings for a farm extension on the site of the medieval moated-manor revealed a layer of post-medieval building debris, probably from the last manor house demolished in the 1960s, sealing a silty deposit with evidence for two large cut features, possibly ditches or moats.

A limited photographic and structural survey of the extent of the buildings and ditches/moats was also carried out.

Brookway Allotments, Brookway, Rainham TQ 523 818 PEM (Pamela Greenwood) evaluation/excavation Guinness Trust RA-BA 92

Multi-period site revealed in advance of the construction of a housing estate, with deposits ranging from gravel and sand to peat and alluvium, lying on a spur of gravel on the interface of the gravel terrace and the alluvium. The most recent evidence consists of post-medieval pits and a large ditch, possibly relating to the brook. Other pits and traces of a timber building are datable to c 1200.

There was no evidence for the use of the site between the medieval and Roman periods. In the Roman period a ditch was dug on the S of the site. This and debris on the surface of the peats appear to be early Roman in date. Pieces of wood have been recovered from the peat.

The earliest occupation dates to the early Neolithic with pottery of the plain bowl tradition and some Mildenhall style wares. There is an abundant flint industry and much flint-knapping debris. Neolithic features include pits, post-holes, a gravel surface and a hearth. Some post-holes appear to be part of a structure.

A number of microliths point to at least some mesolithic activity. One flint implement has been identified as being probably early Bronze Age.

Romford Gasworks, Crow Lane, Romford TQ 506 878 PEM (Pamela Greenwood) evaluation British Gas RO-GW 92

A few small pits, probably of prehistoric date, contained only burnt flint.

71-99 Mildmay Road, Romford TQ 503 888 PEM (Pamela Greenwood) evaluation and watching brief Laing Homes RO-MR 92

A site on the brickearth produced evidence for modern activity and a few late Bronze Age/early Iron Age sherds. The only features were modern.

St Neot's Playground, Main Road, Romford TQ 5483 9134 PEM (Pamela Greenwood) evaluation London Borough of Havering RO-SN 92

A trench failed to locate the London-Colchester Roman road. It probably lies further S, immediately next to or underneath the modern road. The only signs of activity were of medieval and modern agriculture. wc

Penn Gardens/Turpin Avenue, Collier Row, Romford TQ 4934 9136 PEM (Pamela Greenwood) watching brief Countryside Homes RO-PG 92

A sewer realignment for a new housing development revealed no archaeological evidence earlier than post-medieval.

Hunts Hill Farm, Aveley Road, Upminster TQ 566 831 PEM (Pamela Greenwood) excavation Redland Aggregates Ltd UP-HH 89

Further work in advance of gravel extraction. The current phase (B) has produced traces of a late Bronze Age settlement with ditches, pits and post-holes. One curving alignment of paired post-holes may be the slight remains of a ploughed-out structure or enclosure. In the present area there are some features, such as a six-posted structure, which appear to belong to the middle Iron Age. wc

A13 Improvements: Dagenham to Wennington — Dagenham,

Hornchurch, Rainham and Wennington PEM (Pamela Greenwood) desk-top study/fieldwalking survey Department of Transport

No new sites were identified; environmental sampling will take place when construction begins. wc

Horndon to Barking Gas Pipeline: Upminster to Fords Motorworks, Dagenham Section — Upminster, Rainham, Hornchurch and Dagenham PEM subcontracted to Wessex Archaeology (Pamela Greenwood)

The route was fieldwalked from Chafford Heath cross-roads, Upminster (TQ 562 838) to the A13 (TQ 539 819) in Rainham (this section was also covered by a geophysical survey).

The section from the Rainham Silt Lagoons (TQ 530 812) to Fords Motorworks (TQ 000 000) was augered at 25m (80ft) intervals where possible. Some peat deposits were located.

Finds from the fieldwalking were few and date to the prehistoric, Roman, medieval and post-medieval-modern periods. The bulk of the material was post-medieval. wc

HILLINGDON

Coppermill Lock, Coppermill Lane, Harefield TQ 0410 9115 MOLAS (S Hoad) evaluation Nov-Dec 1992 T.B.F. Thompson Properties Ltd CML92

The site lies next to the River Colne. Up to 3m (10ft) of clearly stratified hillwash deposits were recorded above natural gravels and from which were recovered several redeposited worked flint flakes and blades.

Frays Farm, Uxbridge TQ 058 856 RPSC (Maureen Bennell) evaluation G U Projects RPS 1946/6

In advance of a water pipe bridge across the River Frays, test pits were excavated by machine and hand at the positions of the bridge piers on either bank to a depth of 2.25m (7ft) (E bank) and 2.80m (9ft) (W bank). Previous excavations in the Colne valley near Uxbridge have revealed important mesolithic deposits *in situ* below a peat layer. No palaeo-environmental deposits were observed, and the colluvium was judged to be of medieval date.

Harefield House, High Street, Harefield, Uxbridge TQ 052 904 MOLAS (S Hoad) evaluation Nov 1992 Ministry of Defence HHE92

Post-medieval kitchen garden remains were found.

Mad Bess Wood, Ruislip TQ 082 892 RPSC (Maureen Bennell) watching brief G U Projects RPS 1847

The route of a new water pipe was monitored from Ruislip Pumping Station to Breakspear Road North. Surface finds, mainly post-medieval but including one medieval and two Roman sherds were collected from the easement area. A ditch and bank, presumed to be the boundary of the medieval manor of St Catherine, was examined and recorded during the cutting of the pipe trench. The earthwork was degraded at this point, but the ditch was seen to be c 4.5m (15ft) wide and 1m (3ft) deep. Finds and archive are at Uxbridge Central Library.

Park Wood, Ruislip TQ 093 899 RPSC (Maureen Bennell) Watching brief G U Projects RPS 1946/4

A water pipe was laid N of the medieval deer park. Inspection showed there was no threat of damage to the embankment of the former park pale, remains of which are prominent at this point. No archaeological material was observed from the stripped easement area from Park Wood to Ruislip Pumping Station.

R.A.F. Uxbridge, Grays Road TQ 0665 8363 MOLAS (S Hoad) evaluation Aug 1992 Ministry of Defence RAF92

Post-medieval pits, a field drain and a wall foundation were recorded; they were presumably associated with Hillingdon House (built 1617) and its park, gardens and outbuildings.

Budgen Bakery site, Stonefield Way, Ruislip TQ 124 854 MOLAS (P Durnford) evaluation Nov 1992 Budgens plc BBS92

A thick layer of clay overlay natural gravels, cut by probable pits or gullies of 19th/20th c date. They are likely to have been associated with agricultural land use before the development of the site as an industrial estate in the 20th c.

Warren Park, Shaftesbury Way, Yeading TQ 1120 8134 MOLAS (S Hoad) evaluation June 1992 Ealing Family Housing Association Ltd WPH92

Postholes, pits and ditches were cut into natural, and overlain by post-medieval plough soils. One of the ditches containing prehistoric flint microliths/flakes.

Yeading Lane, industry site, Hayes TQ 1110 8181 MOLAS (S Hoad) evaluation June 1992 Ealing Family Housing Association Ltd YEL92

Natural clay, cut by a probably natural stream that flowed into nearby Yeading Brook, was overlain by ploughsoil and then garden soil. From this level a World War II air-raid shelter, c1939, was constructed by 'cut and cover' method; natural clay, excavated during its construction, was spread across the site over the plough and garden soils. This dumped deposit was capped by topsoil.

HOUNSLOW

Berkley Junior School, Cranford Lane, Heston TQ 1190 7754 MOLAS (D Sankey) evaluation Aug 1992 London Borough of Hounslow BJS92

Natural brickearth was truncated, presumably during construction for school playing fields. Laminated layers of organic materials and clays could be the remains of a prehistoric soil horizon, though no artefacts were recovered.

Black Dog public house, Staines Road, Feltham TQ 1040 7425 MOLAS (P Durnford) watching brief Dec 1992-Jan 1993 Sigma Properties Ltd BLD92

Natural gravels and alluvial silt were overlain by post-medieval dumps.

The Paragon, Boston Manor Road, Brentford TQ 1711 7860 MOLAS (A Steele) evaluation June 1992 ZOTE BV BMR92

Two large deep pits and a brick-lined soakaway or well were cut into the natural brickearth/gravel in the post-medieval period. Much of the brickearth had been truncated in recent times.

1-12 Green Dragon Lane, Brentford, Middx TQ 188 781 MOLAS (S Hoad) evaluation Jan-Feb 1992 Thames Valley Housing Trust GDL92

Worked and burnt flint of possible mesolithic/neolithic date was found. Foundations of early 19th c cottages were located.

Kew Bridge House, Brentford, Middx TQ 1895 7800 MOLAS (M Shea) evaluation Oct 1992 Scottish Widows KBH92

Erosion and deposition of riverlaid gravels and sands was succeeded by alluvium dating to the 15th c or later. Above this a metalled surface may have been related to the construction, probably in the 17th c, of a clay and timber pile embankment against the Thames. Erosion of the embankment was followed by dumping, either as repairs or as reclamation, and then pitting. Chalk foundations/footings of a building were recorded, succeeded by further reclamation dumps, possibly for brick buildings of 18th and 19th c date. Above were more dumps and pits.

116-130 New Heston Road, Hounslow, Middx TQ 1261 7742 MOLAS (D Sankey) watching brief July 1992 Sigma Properties NHR92

Natural brickearth was cut by a 17th/18th c soakaway and a large feature, possibly a ditch, all overlain by 17-19th c garden soil.

56a Percy Road, Isleworth, Middx TQ 1650 7535 MOLAS (H Jones) evaluation June 1992 Thames Valley Housing Association PER92

Natural brickearth was overlain by probable fluvial deposits of the nearby River Crane, containing post-medieval artefacts.

Riverside Racquet Centre, Duke's Meadows, Chiswick TQ 2123 7660 MOLAS (K Heard) watching brief Oct 1992 Riverside Racquet Centre plc RRC92

Natural gravels and subsoil were cut by a NE-SW ditch infilled in the 19th c. The natural subsoil had been truncated during the construction of tennis courts.

St Mark's School, Bath Road, Hounslow, Middx TQ 1310 7553 MOLAS (M Shea) evaluation May 1992 Westminster RC Diocesan Trustees STM92

Horizons within the natural brickearth were recorded, the uppermost of which appears to be ancient plough zones. Cut into natural were a 19th c brick well or sump and a linear feature, probably a land drain.

South Middlesex Hospital, Hospital Lane, Isleworth, Middx TQ 1545 7455 MOLAS (R Cowie) evaluation April 1992 Ideal Homes Southern Ltd SMX92

Residual struck flints and Roman and medieval pottery were recovered. Plough marks and bedding trenches dating to the 18th/19th c were found.

South Middlesex Hospital, Mogden Lane, Isleworth, Middx TQ 1555 7456 MOLAS (H Jones) evaluation July-Aug 1992 Tesco Stores plc and Ideal Homes Southern Ltd SMM92

Three parallel ditches dating to the mid Bronze Age and a post-medieval ditch were probably field boundaries were recorded, three others are of unknown date. A fragment of a neolithic arrowhead and late Bronze Age pottery were also recovered.

ISLINGTON

4-5 Albemarle Way, St John's Square, Clerkenwell, ECI TQ 3172 8213 MOLAS (B Sloane) watching brief March 1992 Abbott Associates AMB92

Above the level of the 13th c cloister of the Order of St John's headquarters lay a post-medieval dump as well as an 18th? c brick wall positioned on the line of the cloister walk.

71-85 Essex Road, NI TQ 3185 8385 MOLAS (I Blair) evaluation June 1992 (D Bowsher) excavation Oct 1992 Pollard, Thomas & Edwards Architects ESR92

A single residual sherd of Anglo-Saxon pottery was recovered from waterlain deposits within stream channels which were either naturally formed or were drainage channels. They crossed the site in c 16th c. A culvert was also constructed at about this time: it may have been part of the New River tunnel. In the 17th c it collapsed or was demolished. Also in the 17th c, a terrace of brick-cellared houses was built along the Essex Road frontage: two remain as listed buildings. The terrace was backed by gardens with rubbish pits and, in the late 17th-18th c, enclosed by a wall. Beyond the wall, the ground remained open until the 19th c, when industrial buildings were constructed, containing a steam-driven machine complex, possibly the *Colour Works*.

Farringdon Station (S of), Cowcross Street, ECI (Crossrail Package C) TQ 3162 8180 MOLAS (G Malcolm) evaluation April 1992 Crossrail XRC92

Alluvial material laid down by the River Fleet was revealed.

Finsbury Barracks, City Road, ECI TQ 3276 8219 MOLAS (S Gibson) evaluation April 1992 Territorial Auxillary and Volunteer Reserve Association TAC92

The earliest recorded clay deposit was cut by a 17th c arched brick drain which was sealed by a metalled yard or road and

overlain with modern make-up. 14th and 18th c pottery was noted in the spoil.

Island site, Finsbury Pavement, EC2 TQ 3282 8180 MOLAS (G Malcolm) evaluation Oct 1992 London & Manchester Assurance Co Ltd FIP92

Phase 1 revealed cut features, prehistoric or Roman, in the natural brickearth; above lay medieval marsh deposits.

Preacher's Court, Charterhouse, EC1 TQ 3186 8200 MOLAS (D Bowsher) evaluation Aug 1992 Governors of Sutton Hospital PCC92

Natural strata were not reached, the earliest recorded deposits being possible quarry pit fills dating to mid 12th-mid 14th c. Built into these were two medieval walls aligned parallel to the nearby precinct wall of the London Charterhouse, a Carthusian monastery founded in 1371; these walls presumably belong to previously unknown monastic buildings located against the precinct wall, possibly outbuildings. To the E the area seems to have been open ground and here a ragstone and timber-lined drain was found. Dating to c 16th c, this may have been contemporary with Wash House Court which was added in the late 15th/early 16th c to accommodate the lay brothers' quarters.

Deposits relating to the post-Dissolution transition from monastery to mansion house and subsequent building phases were also recorded. Two brick buildings constructed against the earlier precinct wall at the W of the site were noted; one is dated to the late 17th c, perhaps part of that marked on Kip's engraving of 1755. On the E of the site a gravel surface, probably dating to the 17th c, was also recorded.

St Mary's Church Primary School, Fowler Road, NI TQ 3182 8399 MOLAS (K Wooldridge) watching brief Dec 1992 The Governors of St Mary's C of E Primary School SPR92

Basements of demolished 19th c domestic buildings were revealed in contractors' excavations.

276 Upper Street, NI TQ 3169 8413 MOLAS (K Pitt) watching brief Sept 1992 Shell (UK) Oil Ltd UST92

19th/20th c deposits were revealed in contractors' excavations.

KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA no reports

KINGSTON UPON THAMES

99/101 Clarence Street/Empire Works, Kingston TQ 1823 6938 MOLAS (R Nielsen) evaluation Aug 1992 Lochside Land Ltd EMP92

Medieval pottery was found in a truncated overburden layer. 18th-19th c pits and an 18th c well were located, the latter back-filled before construction of the standing building. Of unknown date were an E-W gully and post and stake holes.

25 Coombe Ridings, Kingston TQ 2042 7096 MOLAS (G King) evaluation April-May 1992 Octagon Developments Ltd CRK92

Natural clay was overlain by 20th c demolition rubble.

Cromwell Road, Kingston TQ 1850 6952 MOLAS (J Bowsher) evaluation Aug 1992 London Regional Transport CWR92

Above natural gravels were waterlain silts and clays of a marsh containing Roman, medieval and early post-medieval artefacts. Consolidation layers above and 19th c features related to railway marshalling yards.

30 Portsmouth Road, Palace Road, Surbiton TQ 1775 6815 MOLAS (M Shea) evaluation April 1992 Farcry Investments POS92

Natural brickearth was cut by at least one prehistoric stream. Above, the ground had been truncated, with just cellar foundations and demolition rubble of the Victorian building (Westergate) remaining.

LAMBETH

59-63 Abbotswood Road, SW16 TQ 2962 7227 MOLAS (P Bruce) evaluation Feb-March 1992 London & Manchester Mortgages Ltd ABT92

Overlying natural was a large dump of broken tiles, burnt clay, ash, charcoal and a possible puddling pit associated with *The Kiln Farm* tile-making complex on the site. Two NE-SW boundary or drainage ditches were also located.

Brighton Terrace; former Granada Cinema, SW9 TQ 3094 7534 MOLAS (I Blair) evaluation Oct 1992 St George Developments Ltd BGT92

Natural brickearth was cut by drains, above which were a series of brick foundations of a Victorian house or terrace aligned with the buildings to the W of the site. A Yorkstone slab surface was probably an associated external surface.

Broad Wall, SE1 TQ 3135 8041 MOLAS (P Askew) evaluation April-May 1992 Coin Street Community Housing BRW92

Above natural river gravels were alternating layers (undated) of waterlaid silt-clay and peat, indicating at least two phases of a change in sea levels; the peat could represent the N end of Lambeth marshes. Overlying these deposits were the remains of Victorian walls and a brick barrel-vaulted drain, sealed by modern made-ground and basements.

R/o Cedars Lodge, 113-117 Cedars Road, SW4 TQ 2823 7519 Southwark Council (John Dillon) CES92

Site on slope of Floodplain terrace of Thames, overlain by ploughsoil and topsoil. One flint flake and one core fragment, of mesolithic/neolithic date, also 18th c clay pipe and pottery fragments. No evidence of occupation.

Ye Olde Windmill public house, Clapham Common South Side, SW4 TQ 2920 7483 MOLAS (S Mason) evaluation April 1992 Young & Co Brewery plc WCC92

Natural gravels had been extensively truncated from the 19th c, probably by quarrying. A drain or culvert was found, probably from an early 19th c building, and a demolition layer of the same date.

Odeon Cinema, Denmark Hill, Camberwell, SE5 TQ 3252 7650 MOLAS (T Thomas) evaluation Nov 1992 London & Quadrant Housing Trust OCS92

Natural gravels were truncated by undated cut features which, in parts of the site, were succeeded by post-medieval dumps, an occupation surface and the brick walls of structures. Modern construction work had, however, truncated much of the site.

Grafton Square, Clapham, SW4 TQ 2928 7548 MOLAS (D Saxby) evaluation Aug 1992 Metropolitan Police GSC92

Prehistoric pottery was recovered just above the natural gravels in a test pit near the Grafton Square frontage. An 18th c brick wall was located, probably the S wall of a building aligned along Grafton Square. Abutting this wall was a ditch containing numerous artefacts and further S were a series of bedding trenches associated with the building. In a second test pit a barrel-lined pit for use as a well or water butt contained post-medieval material. Probably associated with the Downers Cottages were a 19th c brick-lined pit/soakaway and a number of pits, postholes and linear features dated to the 18th/19th c.

Jubilee Gardens, Belvedere Road, SE1 TQ 3074 7955 MOLAS (A Steele) evaluation May 1992 London Underground Ltd JUG92

Riverine silts of the Thames were overlain by modern rubble.

Tunstall Road, SW9 TQ 3095 7543 MOLAS (S Blatherwick) watching brief May 1992 Willmott Dixon TRB92

Natural deposits were overlain by garden soil.

LEWISHAM

Carrington House, Brookmill Road, SE8 TQ 373 767 MOLAS (S Tucker) evaluation Nov 1992 London Borough Lewisham BOK92

Cut into 17th c made-ground deposits were a brick basement and footings which related to an 18th c lodging house.

Century Works, Conington Road, SE13 TQ 3785 7620 MOLAS (J Bowsher) evaluation April 1992 Fairview Homes plc CEN92

Most of the area was covered with redeposited natural material, probably to provide a platform for the construction of a factory in 1902. A little post-medieval pottery was found.

44-48 Croft Street, SE8 TQ 365 789 MOLAS (R Bluer) evaluation Dec 1992 Unicorn New Homes plc CFT92

Alluvial silt was overlain in one trench by a layer of compacted chalk, possibly the floor of a building dating to the early 19th c, and in another by a layer of mortar. Modern rubble sealed these deposits.

Ida Works, Grinstead Road, Deptford, SE8 TQ 3643 7817 MOLAS (K Wooldridge) evaluation Dec 1992 Fairview New Homes GRN92

A gravel island or eyot with the Thames to the N and a peat filled river channel to the S were recorded.

15 Lewisham High Street, SE13 TQ 3830 7587 MOLAS (P Askew) evaluation Oct 1992 Beaver Housing LEW92

Alluvium was sealed by 19th c levelling dumps for a brick structure or by modern topsoil over subsoil.

'Lewisham 2000', Molesworth Street, SE13 TQ 382 758-381 752 MOLAS (J Bowsher) evaluation March-April 1992 London Borough of Lewisham MOL92

A few neolithic-Bronze Age flints were recovered from residual deposits in the N of the site by the confluence of the Quaggy and Ravensbourne rivers. At the S end of the site 15th/16th c deposits and possible structural remains were found. Elsewhere, most deposits comprised landfills along the valley bed, dating to the 19th c but with some 18th c material. Early 19th c domestic dwelling foundations were located at the N end of the site. In Lewisham High Street a substantial villa, dating to the 1820s, and a humbler semi-detached terrace house of the 1870s were recorded.

Sedgehill Allotments, Sedgehill Road, SE6 TQ 3745 7135 MOLAS (K Wooldridge) evaluation Feb 1992 London & Quadrant Housing Trust SED92

London Clay was overlain by allotment top soil.

Sydenham Brewery, 6-8 Bell Green Lane, SE26 TQ 3652 7175 MOLAS (K Wooldridge) evaluation May 1992 London & Quadrant Housing Trust SYB92

The remains of a 19th c public house were found.

Sydenham Road, lock-up garages, SE26 TQ 3598 7046 MOLAS (C Sparey-Green) evaluation Aug 1992 Kwik Fit Ltd SYD92

Above natural mixed clays occupation of the site was represented by cultivated soils, a posthole sealed by garden soil — both 18th c in date — and a gully and cut features. Overlying the cut features were gravel metalling and a brick drain which may have been associated with the original late 18th/early 19th c house on the site. Elsewhere, garden soil of this date lay beneath modern brick rubble hardcore.

MERTON

2-6 Arthur Road, Wimbledon, SW19 TQ 2451 7183 MOLAS (G Potter) evaluation July 1992 S Papoutes ATH92

Ploughsoil above natural gravels contained finds dating from 11th-17th c and also one Roman potsherd. Above were sections of a gravel path associated with the 17th c formal garden of the Elizabethan manor house which lay to the N of the site. These were sealed by garden soil and the drive of a later 19th c house.

Cedars Avenue, Mitcham TQ 2853 6875 MOLAS (P Miller) evaluation Jan 1992 Threshold Housing Association CRM92

Flint tools and medieval pottery recovered from the subsoil provided evidence of prehistoric and medieval activity in the area. Victorian features were also found.

45-71 Church Road, Mitcham TQ 2695 6875 MOLAS (K Heard) evaluation Aug 1992 South London Family Housing Association CHH92

Natural subsoils were covered by plough soil with medieval and post-medieval finds; it was truncated and overlaid by modern topsoil.

Claremont House, 44 High Street, Wimbledon, SW19 TQ 238 710 MOLAS (G Potter) evaluation Nov 1992 L Dighton Esq CLT92

Soil horizons above natural gravels contained pottery of 10th-15th c date. They were cut by a c late 15th c pit or linear feature which may have been contemporary with the first phase of the present Claremont House, a listed 17th c property. The infilled cut feature was then sealed by 17th-19th c garden soil, with modern deposits above.

Cumberland Hospital, Whitford Gardens, Mitcham TQ 2785 6856 MOLAS (D Saxby) evaluation Feb 1992 Wandsworth Health Authority CHM92

Above natural gravel were walls and drains of the former hospital, possible natural features and modern features.

41-47 Heatherdene Close, Mitcham TQ 2697 6812 MOLAS (P Bruce) evaluation Oct 1992 London & Quadrant Housing Trust HNC92

Natural gravels and subsoil were overlain by an organic layer suggestive of a marsh or wetland area on the periphery of the River Wandle. This was cut by two post-medieval drainage ditches, presumably to enable drainage of the area. Above was rubble make-up for a tennis court, sealed by topsoil.

124 Home Park Road, SW19 TQ 2458 7160 MOLAS (G Potter) evaluation April-May 1992 Octagon Developments Ltd HPK92

Modern dumps lay directly above truncated London Clay, the truncation apparently relating to landscaping which accompanied the construction of the new manor house in 1730. The dumping can be associated with the late 19th c development of the site, forming the base for a forecourt to the house.

Hundred Acre Bridge, London Road, Carshalton Road, Mitcham TQ 285 670 MOLAS (S Tucker) evaluation Jan 1992 Day & Sons (Brentford) Ltd HAB92

A migrating river seems to have flowed near or through this site; within its silts were artefacts possibly dated to the mesolithic period. There was also evidence of Late Bronze Age agriculture.

Jacob's Green, 375-413 Church Road, SW19 TQ 2675 6974 MOLAS (S Mason) evaluation Feb 1992 Hanover Housing Association JCB92

Archaeological investigations were confined to the upper levels of the trenches where 19th c deposits were recorded.

Jan Malinowski Centre, Wandle Way, Mitcham TQ 2756 6795 MOLAS (S Tucker) evaluation Nov 1992 London Borough of Merton WNL92

Modern made-ground deposits existed throughout the 1.1m depth examined.

8 Lansdowne Road, SW20 TQ 2353 7018 MOLAS (R Nielsen) evaluation July 1992 Eve Development Ltd LAR92

The subsoil was overlain and cut by 19th and 20th c features.

London Road Diversion (car park), Upper Green West Highway, Mitcham TQ 2775 6908 MOLAS (K Heard) watching brief Aug-Sept 1992 London Borough of Merton MLR92

A possible ditch or gully, undated, was recorded below post-medieval topsoil, the majority of which was truncated.

Mill Road/Merton High Street, Merton SW19 TQ 2646 7010 MOLAS (D Saxby) evaluation June 1992, excavation July-Aug 1992 watching brief Oct 1992 Shaftesbury Housing MIS92

A variety of timber, stone and brick buildings, dating from the 16th-17th c, were revealed. One of the buildings lay within the projected line of the precinct wall of Merton Priory. Its walls were constructed of Reigate stone reused from the Priory; a cellar floor, composed of brick, tile and stone, is dated to the 17th c with later patching during the 18th c. This building was used by William Morris as a dormitory for boys apprenticed to his Textile, Stained Glass and Tapestry Works which occupied the site in the late 19th c. A second building, constructed of Reigate stone, is dated to the 16th/17th c and stood until at least the 19th c. Also dating to the 16th/17th c, was a timber structure consisting of oak trestles placed within a channel: these may have been supports for a structure, such as a mill, built over a watercourse. Brick walls, a timber-based drain, a cess pit and a well dating to the 18th c, were also excavated. A N-S channel, filled with successive organic deposits and numerous 18th c finds, including leather shoes, paint brushes, cutlery, pottery and soft wood off-cuts, is believed to have been used for the bleaching of cloth when the site became an important industrial complex after the dissolution of the priory in 1538.

Morden Hall Park (craft workshop unit), Morden Hall Road, Morden TQ 2610 6854 MOLAS (R Nielsen) standing structure recording Feb 92 The National Trust MOP92

Below-floor works within a standing range of 18th-19th c out-buildings revealed post-medieval make-up containing clay pipes, bottles and china.

Ravensbury Mill, Wandle Road (corner of), Morden Road TQ 2642 6816 MOLAS (T Thomas) evaluation Oct 1992 McCade Builders (UK) Ltd RVN92

A series of post-medieval timber structures or revetments located in the NE of the site may have been associated with activity along the N bank of the River Wandle, which the site straddles. In the NW, brick-lined, vaulted channels were found; they were c mid-late 18th c in date and were probably to control water flow under a building, possibly a predecessor of the present mill which is situated to the SE. On the SW side of the river, a shallow NW-SE stream channel and its flood plain were recorded; it was levelled up in post-medieval times.

Ravensbury School, Lower Green West, Church Road, Mitcham TQ 2738 6856 MOLAS (S Mason) evaluation Feb 1992 watching brief Feb-May 1992 London Borough of Merton RAV92

Earliest activity consisted of a series of pits probably dated to the 18th and 19th c. This was followed by the foundations and floors of a building, almost certainly that of the large industrial building occupied by Meggesone & Co from the middle of the 19th c. A brick cobbled road is identified as a remnant of Nursery Road, the access drive to the building. These features were sealed by destruction debris associated with the construction of the present school. Observed to the S of the school building, a wall of 19th c construction was probably part of the Victorian-built Hall Place.

84-86 Wimbledon Hill Road, SW19 TQ 2447 7087 MOLAS (G Potter) evaluation June 1992 Chancery Bank WHR92

Over much of the area London Clay lay directly below shallow soil. On the lower part of the site there was a possible natural hollow in the hillside which contained 16th-19th c finds.

NEWHAM

Miller's House, Three Mills, West Ham TQ 3829 8278 PEM (Ken MacGowan) London Borough of Newham HW-MH 90

Archaeological work before the building of a visitor centre on the site of the Miller's House, revealed that the floors at the ground level were of stone in a chequered pattern in two rooms and of wood elsewhere. The brick walls were built on horizontal planking supported by horizontal wooden cross-beams laid across vertical pine piles driven into the clay. Evidence of a previous brick-walled structure was also found.

The clay of the island was stabilised by vertical wooden piles and horizontal wooden tie-backs. An earlier wooden water-front face was also located showing that the island was extended N before the construction of the Miller's House in the 1770s. Tree-stumps *in situ* indicate that the area of the island excavated was undeveloped for a time before the construction of the building pre-dating the Miller's House.

King George Avenue, Custom House, West Ham TQ 4165 8120 PEM (Ken MacGowan) evaluation East London Housing Association HW-KG 92

Three trenches were opened to examine a drainage ditch of 16th-c origin. Already located by a resistivity survey, it contained a fill that was mainly 19th and 20th c in date.

Prince Regent Lane, Plaistow, West Ham TQ 4114 8214 PEM (Peter Moore) evaluation Family Housing Association HW-PR 92

A trench in advance of housing revealed 19th- and 20th-c build-up and disturbance over post-medieval ploughsoil. Residual sherds of Roman pottery were found in a 19th-c deposit.

Stratford Langthorne Abbey, Stratford Market Depot (North), West Ham TQ 3880 8370 OAU (David Wilkinson) evaluation London Underground Ltd

A second phase took place on the Iron Age and Roman site (Gilman 'Excavations in Essex 1991' *Essex Archaeol Hist* 23 (1992) 109). The dense area of features (pits, postholes, hut-gullies, ditches) cut into the clay subsoil has been shown to cover an area of at least 0.6ha (1.5 acres) on the E bank of the Channelsea River, and would seem to indicate a multi-phase settlement. A number of more widely-spaced ditches on the E side of the site probably formed part of a field system.

The main time-span represented by the finds is from the late Bronze Age/early Iron Age to the 4th c AD; there are concentrations from the middle Iron Age, the late Iron Age to the 1st c AD and from the late 3rd to 4th c AD. Residual finds also attest to earlier use of the site from the Mesolithic period onwards. There is further evidence for the religious/ritual element of the site — another crouched inhumation and several possible animal burials have been identified, but not yet excavated. wc

Stratford Langthorne Abbey, Stratford Market Depot, West Ham TQ 389 835 PEM (Ken MacGowan) London Underground Ltd HW-AB 92

Following evaluation by the OAU, the PME began to investigate in the area of the Jubilee Line track drainage in December 1992. So far nothing of significance has been recorded. wc

The Spotted Dog, Upton Lane, West Ham TQ 4035 8455 PEM (Ken MacGowan) evaluation Margin Finance Securities HW-SD 92

Trenches close to a 16th-c farm revealed natural gravel overlain by a ploughsoil which in turn was overlain by modern material.