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# 1 Introduction

This document reports briefly on the results of monitoring selected boreholes and monitoring pits which were conducted as part of Crossrail geotechnical investigations Package 16A VO1 and recorded under site code XSS11, within land adjacent to Bayswater Road and North Carriage Drive, Hyde Park in the City of Westminster.

These ground investigations were conducted by Fugro for engineering purposes to assess ground conditions for the Crossrail Scheme. The geotechnical work was monitored by an archaeologist in order to assess the potential for the survival of archaeological and palaeoenvironmental sequences where they might be affected by Crossrail works or have an impact on high importance resources, such as burials. Given that it was planned to dig 111 monitoring pits, it was determined by ARUP and MOLA that a sample of approximately 20% would be monitored. The boreholes to be monitored were initially selected at random by MOLA Senior Archaeologist Sam Pfizenmaier and then according to relevance and/or archaeological significance in conjunction with Fugro. In addition. there was provision for Fugro to call out a MOLA archaeologist in the event of important discoveries by the GI team. The fieldwork was carried out between 27/04/2011 and 25/08/11.

This 'short report' should be read in conjunction with the final location plan produced for the Fugro geotechnical reports (to be appended to the PDF version of this report).

# All levels in this document are quoted in metres Above Tunnel Datum (m ATD). To convert Tunnel Datum to Ordnance Datum subtract 100m, ie 1m OD = 101m ATD.

The archaeological background to the site is covered in the following Crossrail document:

 Crossrail, 2005, Assessment of Archaeology Impacts, Technical Report, Part 2 of 6, Central Section, 1E0318-C!E00-00001



# 2 Aims and objectives

This report was commissioned by ARUP on behalf of Crossrail, and produced by MOL Archaeology (MOLA, formerly MoLAS). The archaeological data, gathered through the monitoring of boreholes by an archaeologist, will contribute to archaeological mitigation designs by providing information on the depth and nature of deposits in the areas of the future Crossrail works.

The specific research aims below were developed by MOLA from the information provided in the Crossrail impact assessment and scope of works documents:

- To monitor and record a minimum 20% of boreholes excavated.
- To record potential surviving deposits that may be exposed in the boreholes, and to determine the levels of truncation, survival, and natural geology that could contribute to future archaeological mitigation strategies.
- In particular, is there any evidence of prehistoric or Roman activity as seen elsewhere in Hyde Park (and quarrying along the Bayswater Road which approximates to the line of the Roman *Via Trinobantia*).
- To record landscaping and any other features from the post-medieval parks.
- Is there any evidence that the palaeochannel seen to the south-east of the site on BGS geology mapping extends to the site?



# 3 The Watching Brief

# 3.1 Methodology

All geotechnical work was carried out by Fugro, the selected boreholes and monitoring pits (see below) were monitored by a MOLA Senior Archaeologist.

- 7 boreholes YSMP01, 02, 03, 10, 11, 22, 23
- 11 boreholes XSMP01, 02, 03, 04, 12, 14, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30

All on-site archaeological work was carried out in accordance with the Crossrail *Generic Method Statement for archaeological monitoring of geotechnical ground investigations* (MOLA, revised 22.09.10), and the Museum of London Archaeological *Site Manual 3rd edition* (1994).

A total of 60 of the planned 111 settlement/surface Monitoring Points (SMP) were excavated by Fugro (Soil Engineering). Eighteen (30%) of these were monitored and recorded by a MOLA archaeologist. The boreholes and monitoring pits were hand excavated to *c* 1.2m below ground level, with an average width of 0.4m. The spoil removed by hand was examined and described by the archaeologist. Depths for individual stratigraphic units were obtained by measuring down the side of the trial pits, and significant sections were recorded and photographed.

Monitoring was undertaken on a random basis, dictated by the number of boreholes open that allowed for the recording of a full stratigraphic section. On occasion MOLA were called out to advise on the date and significance of the underground features encountered.

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### 3.2 Results of the watching brief

The interpreted results of the monitoring are tabulated as an Appendix attached to this report. It is considered that these results are not suitable for adding to the project-wide MS Excel table.

The boreholes displayed relatively consistent levels of natural strata. In the westernmost series of boreholes (YSMP) the natural sand and gravel deposit was recorded at c 0.8m bGL, there was evidence that this was gently sloping from north to south. Overlying soil deposits were constant with topsoil an average thickness of 100mm overlying sterile subsoil between 0.5 and 0.8m thick.

These results are generally mirrored in the eastern boreholes (XSMP), although the natural strata there was more variable, occasional lenses of silty clay were apparent immediately above the upper natural deposits. One exception is XSMP04 in which a mid-grey dense clay sand, with inclusions of small rounded pebbles, was exposed in the very base of the borehole between 1.38 and 1.48m bGL. This deposit has been identified as a potential palaeochannel. However, it should be noted that depth of this borehole hindered the accessibility/visibility of its base.

Within YSMP23 a masonry structure [2] was uncovered 0.3m bGL. The bricks appeared reused and only one course survived, with no evidence of adhering mortar on the upper surface, suggesting it was a floor or yard surface, dating to the 17th-century. This was sealed by a thick layer of subsoil in which one Tobacco pipe bowl was recovered. The bowl is dated to last half of the 19th century, and must have been discarded long after the site was formed into a royal park.

Of the 18 boreholes monitored, three contained modern material. XSMP25 and 26 were filled with concrete road foundations and shoring associated with the North Ride tarmac pathway. YSMP01 contained a 20th-century brick structure 0.18m below ground level, that was left in situ and backfilled.

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# 4 Conclusions

The site is undulating, within the monitored borehole area it gently slopes up from the south to north with natural deposits surviving untruncated in the form of Lynch Hill Thames terrace gravels between 24.06m OD (124.06m ATD) and 22.75m OD (122.75m ATD). There is tentative evidence for the existence of a Palaeochannel beneath terrace gravels in XSMP04 in the south-east area of the site. This dense clayey sand deposit was not visible in surrounding boreholes, suggesting that either it was a relatively higher area of survival or that this was simply an irregularity in the local natural geology. This location is c 50m to the south-west of the alignment of a palaeochannel supported by BGS mapping of the terrace gravels. Within the scope of this fieldwork it is not possible to confirm either way.

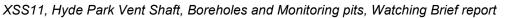
A shown on BGS mapping, there is no evidence for brickearth (Langley silt complex) across the site.

No archaeological evidence was found for medieval field systems in the area; however, it is unlikely they would be easily identifiable within the narrow window allowed by a borehole.

There is minimal evidence for post-medieval features, apart from a masonry structure [2] in YSMP23. This is probably a floor surface or path, constructed from bricks dated to the 17th century, which are likely to have been reused, therefore giving a construction date sometime during or after the 17th century. This structure was located in the northern-most monitored borehole. Whilst this was a solitary discovery, it was located only 0.38m bGL and unlikely to have existed on its own; potentially there are associated structures that fell outside the footprint of the boreholes. The readily-available historic maps show no feature this location, however, it may have been a relatively short-lived structure. No later archaeological features were recorded, as the area has seen little development over the last couple hundred years. The current road and path configuration has changed somewhat since the formation of the area as a royal park in the 18th century. The truncations caused by the construction of the North Ride carriageway for example extend to around 1.2m bGL (as seen in XSMP26).

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# 5 Glossary

bGL	below ground level (depth/level)				
Bronze Age	<i>c</i> 2000–650 BC				
Holocene	Geological era from 10,000 BP to the present day				
Iron Age	<i>c</i> 650 BC–AD 43				
m ATD	Tunnel Datum (m ATD). To obtain heights Ordnance Datum (Newlyn) minus 100m to ATD heights.				
Mesolithic	c 12,000–4000 BC				
Neolithic	<i>c</i> 4000–2000 BC				
Palaeochannel	Deposits representing a former stream channel				
Pleistocene	Geological era from 2,000,000 to 10,000 BP, characterised by fluctuating cold (Glacial) and warm (Interglacial) climatic cycles				
Post-medieval	AD 1485 to present				
Roman (Romano- British)	AD 43–c 410				
Saxon (early- medieval)	AD 410–1066				

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# 6 Appendix: Borehole logs

# 6.1 Borehole YSMP01



Photo 1 looking north, YSMP01

YSMP01	
Location	Land adjacent to Bayswater Road and South of North carriage drive
Dimensions	Borehole 0.18m deep
OS National grid coordinates	527029.22 180661.76
LSG grid coordinates	77357.44 35597.59
Modern Ground Level/top of the slab	124.83m ATD
Modern subsurface deposits	Excavated to 0.18m bGL- continues below this level
Level of base of archaeological deposits observed	Not reached
Natural observed	no
(truncated/not truncated ?)	n/a

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Extent of modern truncation				n/a		
Top (m)	Base (m)	Top (m OD)	Base (m OD)	Description	Interpretation	
0.00	0.07	124.83	124.76	Coarse silty sand	Modern deposits associated with riding track 1.5m to south,	
0.07	0.13	124.76	124.70	Fine light brown sand	and unexcavated 20th-century brick structure [probably service related]	
0.13	0.18	124.70	124.65	Fine purple sand	-	
0.18	nfe	124.65	nfe	Unexcavated brick structure		

# 6.2 Borehole YSMP02



Photo 2 looking north YSMP02

YSMP02					
Location	Land adjacent to Bayswater Road and South of North carriage drive				
Dimensions	Borehole 1.52m deep				
OS National grid coordinates	527030.10 180763.55				

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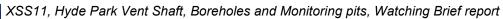
LSG grid coordinates				77358.37 35599.36		
Modern Ground Level/top of the slab				124.83m ATD		
Mode	ern subs	urface de	eposits	Turf		
		e of al deposit	ts	None present		
Natur	al obse	rved		Lynch Hill Thames te	errace gravels at 123.91m ATD	
(trunc	cated/nc	t truncate	ed ?)	not truncated		
Exten	nt of mo	dern trung	cation	n/a		
Top (m)	Base (m)	Top (m OD)	Base (m OD)	Description	Interpretation	
0.00	0.12	124.83	124.71	Coarse heavily rooted mid brown silty sand	Topsoil	
0.12	0.92	124.71	123.91	Mid brown fine sandy silt, occasional small chalk fragments, medium brick fragments, moderate large roots	Subsoil	
0.92	1.52	123.91	123.31	Mottled sandy gravel, quite small rounded pebbles, becoming more variable: rounded– sub angular with depth	Lynch Hill Thames terrace gravels	

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# 6.3 Borehole YSMP03



Photo 3 looking south YSMP03

YSMP03	
Location	Land adjacent to Bayswater Road and South of North carriage drive
Dimensions	Borehole 1.5m deep
OS National grid coordinates	527031.21 180765-79
LSG grid coordinates	77359.53 35601.57
Modern Ground Level/top of the slab	124.83m ATD
Modern subsurface deposits	n/a
Level of base of archaeological deposits observed	None present
Natural observed	Lynch Hill Thames terrace gravels at 124.06m ATD
(truncated/not truncated ?)	not truncated
Extent of modern truncation	n/a

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Top (m)	Base (m)	Top (m OD)	Base (m OD)	Description	Interpretation
0.00	0.14	124.83	124.69	Coarse heavily rooted mid brown silty sand. CBM fragment	Topsoil
0.14	0.77	124.69	124.06	Mid brown fine sandy silt. Band of fine sub rounded pebbles near top. Occasional large rounded pebbles	Subsoil
0.77	1.50	124.06	123.33	Fine light brown silty sandy gravel. More flinty with depth	Lynch Hill Thames terrace gravels

### 6.4 Borehole YSMP10



Photo 4 looking south YSMP10

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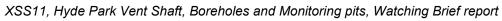
### YSMP10

Location				Land adjacent to Bayswater Road and South of North carriage drive				
Dimer	nsions			Borehole 1.5m deep				
OS N	ational g	grid coord	inates	527047.06 180796.37				
LSG g	grid coo	rdinates		77376.15 35631.75				
Mode the sla		nd Level/	top of	124.37m ATD				
Modern subsurface deposits			posits	n/a				
archa	Level of base of archaeological deposits observed			None apparent				
Natur	al obser	ved		Lynch Hill Thames terrace gravels at 123.56m ATD				
(trunc	ated/no	t truncate	d ?)	not truncated				
Exten	t of mod	dern trunc	ation	n/a				
Top (m)	Base (m)	Top (m OD)	Base (m OD)	Description	Interpretation			
0.00	0.81	124.37	123.56	Coarse heavily rooted mid brown silty sand.	Topsoil			
0.81	1.50	123.56	122.87	Sandy Gravel	Lynch Hill Thames terrace gravels			

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6.5 Borehole YSMP11



Photo 5 looking south YSMP11

YSMP11	YSMP11							
Location			Land adjacent to Bayswater Road and South of North carriage drive					
Dimensions			Borehole 1.51m deep					
OS National grid	d coordi	nates	527048.16 180798.61					
LSG grid coordir	nates		77377.30 35633.97					
Modern Ground the slab	Level/t	op of	124.37m ATD					
Modern subsurfa	ace dep	osits	n/a					
Level of base of archaeological d observed		5	None apparent					
Natural observed	d		Lynch Hill Thames terrace gravels at 123.61m ATD					
(truncated/not tru	runcated	d ?)	not truncated					
Extent of modern	n trunca	ation	n/a					
$\begin{pmatrix} rop \\ (m) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} rop \\ (m) $	op m DD)	Base (m OD)	Description	Interpretation				

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0.00	0.76	124.37	123.61	Coarse heavily rooted mid brown silty sand.	Topsoil
0.76	1.51	123.61	122.86	Sandy Gravel	Lynch Hill Thames terrace gravels

# 6.6 Borehole YSMP22



Photo 6 looking north YSMP22, tree roots visible at 0.3m bGL

YSMP22	
Location	Land adjacent to Bayswater Road and North carriage drive. South of North carriage drive
Dimensions	Borehole 0.7m Deep [curtailed due to tree roots]
OS National grid coordinates	527060.56 180820.41
LSG grid coordinates	77390.25 35655.44
Modern Ground Level/top of the slab	124.30m ATD
Modern subsurface deposits	n/a

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Namranonserven				Natural gravel sequence depth of 0.7m bGL	recorded at maximum
				Lynch Hill Thames terrace gravels at 123.70m ATD	
(trunc	ated/no	t truncate	d ?)	not truncated	
Exten	t of moc	lern trunc	ation	n/a	
Top (m)	Base (m)	Top (m OD)	Base (m OD)	Description	Interpretation
0.00	0.18	124.30	124.12	Coarse heavily rooted mid brown silty sand. Sloping gently from W- E	Topsoil
0.18	0.60	124.12	123.70	Mid brown fine sandy silt.	Subsoil
0.6	0.7	123.70	123.60	Pale yellow coarse sandy gravel. 0.1m exposed.	Lynch Hill Thames terrace gravels

# 6.7 Borehole YSMP23



Photo 7 looking north YSMP23, post-medieval brick floor [2]

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### YSMP23

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Locat	Location			Land adjacent to Bayswate carriage drive.	er Road and South of North	
Dimensions				Borehole 0.48m Deep		
OS N	ational g	grid coord	inates	527061.66 180822.65		
LSG o	grid cooi	rdinates		77391.41 35657.66		
Mode the sl		nd Level/	top of	124.30m ATD		
Mode	rn subsi	urface de	posits	n/a		
		of al deposit	8	Brick floor at 0.45m bGL		
Natur	al obser	ved		no		
(trunc	ated/not	t truncate	d ?)	n/a		
Exten	t of moc	lern trunc	ation	n/a		
Top (m)	Base (m)	Top (m OD)	Base (m OD)	Description	Interpretation	
0.00	0.11	124.30	124.19	Coarse heavily rooted mid brown silty sand	Topsoil	
0.11	0.38	124.19	123.92	[1] Soft grey brown clay silt. Occasional ceramic building material flecks and 1x Tobacco Pipe	Subsoil [1]: tobacco pipe 1850– 1900	
0.38	0.48	123.92	123.82	Red and orange re-used unfrogged bricks [2]. Regular coursing, no obvious bond. Pale creamy lime mortar	[2]: Brick 17th–century	

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# 6.8 Borehole XSMP01



Photo 8 looking north XSMP01

XSMP01				
Location			South of North Ride	
Dimensions			Borehole 1.48m deep	
OS National	grid coord	linates	527132.56 180727.20	
LSG grid coc	rdinates		77459.90 35560.43	
Modern Grou the slab	ind Level/	top of	123.90m ATD	
Modern subs	urface de	posits	n/a	
Level of base archaeologic observed	-	S	n/a	
Natural obse	rved		Lynch Hill Thames terrace gravels at 122.75 ATD	
(truncated/no	t truncate	ed ?)	Not truncated	
Extent of modern truncation			n/a	
Top Base (m) (m)	Top (m OD)	Base (m OD)	Description	Interpretation

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0.00	0.21	123.90	123.69	Light brownish grey heavily rooted silty sand. Modern glass intrusion	topsoil
0.21	0.94	123.69	122.75	Fine mid brown sandy silt. Occasional sub angular pebbles	subsoil
0.94	1.48	122.75	122.42	Coarse Orange brown sandy gravels. Gravel becoming larger and more angular with depth.	Lynch Hill Thames terrace gravels

### 6.9 Borehole XSMP02



Photo 9 looking north XSMP02

XSMP02	
Location	South of North Ride
Dimensions	Borehole 1.50m deep
OS National grid coordinates	527133.37 180729.56
LSG grid coordinates	77460.76 35562.78

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Modern Ground Level/top of the slab				123.90m ATD	
Mode	rn subsi	urface de	posits	n/a	
archa	Level of base of archaeological deposits observed			n/a	
Natur	al obser	ved		Lynch Hill Thames terrace	gravels at 122.87m ATD
(trunc	ated/no	t truncate	d ?)	Not truncated	
Exten	t of mod	dern trunc	ation	n/a	
Top (m)	Base (m)	Top (m OD)	Base (m OD)	Description	Interpretation
		(m	(m	Description Heavily rooted light brownish grey sandy silt	Interpretation Topsoil
(m)	(m)	(m OD)	(m OD)	Heavily rooted light	•

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# 6.10 Borehole XSMP03



Photo 10 looking north XSMP03

XSMP03			
Location		South of North Ride	
Dimensions		Borehole 1.48m deep	
OS National grid coc	rdinates	527134.18 180731.92	
LSG grid coordinates	3	77461.64 355565.11	
Modern Ground Leve the slab	el/top of	123.90m ATD	
Modern subsurface of	leposits	n/a	
Level of base of archaeological deposion observed	sits	n/a	
Natural observed		Lynch Hill Thames terrace gravels at 122.88m ATD	
(truncated/not trunca	ted ?)	Not truncated	
Extent of modern tru	ncation	n/a	
Top (m)Base (m)Top (m)OD)	Base (m OD)	Description	Interpretation

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0.00	0.22	123.90	123.68	Heavily rooted brownish grey sandy silt	Topsoil
0.22	0.80	123.68	122.88	Fine mid brown sandy silt. Frequent sub angular pebbles	Subsoil
0.80	1.48	122.88	122.42	Orangey brown flint gravel.	Lynch Hill Thames terrace gravels

# 6.11 Borehole XSMP04



Photo 11 looking north XSMP04

XSMP04	
Location	South of North Ride
Dimensions	Borehole 1.48m deep
OS National grid coordinates	527134.99 180734.28
LSG grid coordinates	77462.50 35567.45
Modern Ground Level/top of the slab	123.90m ATD
Modern subsurface deposits	n/a

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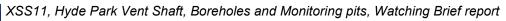
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Level of base of archaeological deposits observed				Base of alluvial sequence not reached		
Natur	Natural observed			Lynch Hill Thames terrace	gravels at 123.13m ATD	
(trunc	ated/no	t truncate	d ?)	Not truncated		
Exten	t of moc	lern trunc	ation	n/a		
Top (m)	Base (m)	Top (m OD)	Base (m OD)	Description	Interpretation	
0.00	0.21	123.90	123.69	Heavily rooted brownish grey sandy silt	topsoil	
0.21	0.77	123.69	123.13	Fine mid brown sandy silt. Frequent sub angular pebbles. Becoming more silty/gravely with depth, diffuse horizon with underlying terrace gravels	subsoil	
0.77	1.42	123.13	122.48	Orangey brown flint gravel. [band of slightly silty material near top, possibly root related]	Lynch Hill Thames terrace gravels	
1.42	1.48	122.48	122.42	Mid grey dense clay sand. Small rounded pebbles, slightly damp	Possible upper deposits of palaeochannel	

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# 6.12 Borehole XSMP12



Photo 12 looking north XSMP12

XSMP12					
Location			South of North Ride		
Dimensions			1.56m deep		
OS National g	grid coord	linates	527140.58 180753.53		
LSG grid coor	dinates		77468.58 35586.56		
Modern Groui the slab	nd Level/	top of	123.73m ATD		
Modern subsurface deposits			Modern Field Drain 0.45m bGL		
Level of base of archaeological deposits observed			n/a		
Natural obser	ved		Lynch Hill Thames terrace gravels at 123.15m ATD		
(truncated/not truncated ?)			not truncated		
Extent of modern truncation			n/a		
Top Base (m) (m)	Top (m OD)	Base (m OD)	Description	Interpretation	

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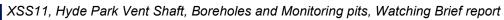
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	)				
0.00	0.23	123.73	23.50	Heavily rooted brownish grey sandy silt. Occasional small chalk and CBM in basal 50mm.	Topsoil
0.23	0.58	23.50	123.15	Fine light orange silty clay. Occasional rooting. Moderate sub rounded pebbles. Occasional charcoal in top 50mm	Subsoil
0.58	0.72	123.15	123.01	Rusty orange clayey gravel. Frequent rounded pebbles	Natural Lynch Hill Thames terrace gravels. With possible
0.72	0.95	123.01	122.76	Rusty orange fine clayey sand. Diffuse horizon underlying horizon	interspersed alluvial intertidal deposits.
0.95	1.05	122.76	122.66	Reddish grey mottled silty clay	
1.05	1.56	122.66	122.17	Dark orange sandy gravel	

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### 6.13 Borehole XSMP14



Photo 13 looking north XSMP14

XSMP14	XSMP14					
Location			South of North Ride			
Dimensions			1.46m deep			
OS National g	grid coord	linates	527142.21180758.26			
LSG grid coo	rdinates		77470.33 35591.24.			
Modern Grou the slab	nd Level/	top of	123.73m ATD			
Modern subsurface deposits			n/a			
Level of base of archaeological deposits observed			n/a			
Natural obser	ved		Lynch Hill Thames terrace gravels at 123.00m ATD			
(truncated/not truncated ?)			not truncated			
Extent of modern truncation			n/a			
Top Base (m) (m)	Top (m OD)	Base (m OD)	Description	Interpretation		

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<u> </u>					
0.00	0.32	123.73	123.41	Moderately rooted brownish grey sandy silt. Occasional decayed roots	Topsoil
0.32	0.73	123.41	123.00	Very fine light orange silt clay	Subsoil
0.73	1.46	123.00	122.27	Black sand and gravel with clinker, limestone and brick.	Lynch Hill Thames terrace gravels

# 6.14 Borehole XSMP25



Photo 14 XSMP25 looking south, modern road foundations

XSMP25				
Location	North of North Ride			
Dimensions	1.1m deep			
OS National grid coordinates	527158.10 180801.50			
LSG grid coordinates	77487.31 35634.08			
Modern Ground Level/top of the slab	124.20m ATD			
Modern subsurface deposits	Kerb surface 170mm bGL. Road surface 350mm bGL in southern section			

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	•	of al deposit	s	Base of archaeological/alluvial sequence not observed.		
Natur	al obser	ved		Floodplain gravels not read	ched	
(trunc	ated/no	t truncate	ed ?)	n/a		
Extent of modern truncation			ation	1.10m bGL		
Top (m)	Base (m)	Top (m OD)	Base (m OD)	Description	Interpretation	
0.0	0.17	124.20	124.03	Concrete kerb	Road surface and	
0.17	0.35	124.03	123.85	Concrete foundation	foundations associated with north ride.	
0.35	0.85	123.85	123.35	Silty clay dump, with modern brick inclusions		
				Coarse, loose mid brown	7	

# 6.15 Borehole XSMP26



Photo 15 looking north XSMP26, modern brick structures 30

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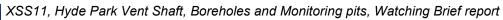
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YSMP10						
Locat	ion			North of North Ride		
Dimer	nsions			1.13m x 0.5m x 1.14m dee	p	
OS N	ational g	grid coord	linates	527158.02 180804.40		
LSG g	grid cooi	rdinates		77487.30 35636.98		
Mode the sla		nd Level/	top of	124.20m ATD		
Mode	rn subsi	urface de	posits	Concrete/tarmac kerb surface 280mm bGL. Variety of modern truncations including brick surface at northern end and concrete footing at southern end		
archa	Level of base of archaeological deposits observed			Base of archaeological/alluvial sequence not reached.		
Natur	al obser	ved		Floodplain gravels not observed		
(trunc	ated/no	t truncate	d ?)	n/a		
Exten	t of moc	lern trunc	ation	Across entire borehole		
Top (m)	Base (m)	Top (m OD)	Base (m OD)	Description	Interpretation	
0.00	1.10	124.20	123.06	Dark brown sandy gravelly clay with flint, wood and brick.	Modern made ground. Foundations associated with north ride.	

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# 6.16 Borehole XSMP28



Photo 16 XSMP28 looking north

XSMF	XSMP28						
Locati	ion			North of North Ride			
Dimer	nsions			Borehole 0.49m wide by 0.	.74m deep		
OS Na	ational g	rid coord	inates	527160.52180808.61			
LSG g	grid coor	rdinates		77489.91 35641.13			
Mode the sla		nd Level/	top of	124.20m ATD			
Mode	rn subsı	urface de	posits	n/a			
archa	Level of base of archaeological deposits observed			Base of archaeological/alluvial sequence observed at 123.46m ATD			
Natura	al obser	ved		Floodplain gravels not reached			
(trunc	ated/not	t truncate	d ?)	-			
Exten	Extent of modern truncation			-			
Top (m)	Base (m)	Top (m OD)	Base (m OD)	Description	Interpretation		
0.00	0.03	124.20	124.17	Roots	Turf		

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0.03	0.23	124.17	123.97	Heavily rooted brownish grey sandy silt. Occasional modern tile	Topsoil
0.35	0.60	123.97	123.46	Mid brown silty clay, moderate tree roots	Subsoil. Excavation terminated due to extent of tree roots over 100mm thick.

# 6.17 Borehole XSMP29



Photo 17 XSMP29 looking north

XSMP29					
Location	North of North Ride				
Dimensions	0.5m x 1.10m deep				
OS National grid coordinates	527161.33 180810.98				
LSG grid coordinates	77490.78 35643.48				
Modern Ground Level/top of the slab	124.20m ATD				
Modern subsurface deposits	n/a				

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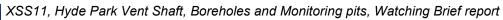
	-	of al deposit	S	Base of sequence observed at 123.10m ATD		
Natur	al obser	ved		Floodplain gravels not obs	erved	
(trunc	ated/no	t truncate	d ?)	_		
Exten	t of mod	lern trunc	ation	n/a		
Top (m)	Base (m)	Top (m OD)	Base (m OD)	Description	Interpretation	
0.00	0.10	124.20	124.10	roots	turf	
0.10	0.18	124.10	124.02	Heavily rooted brownish grey sandy silt. Layer of crushed chalk/CBM 50mm thick	Topsoil	
0.18	0.75	124.02	123.45	Mid brown silty clay, moderate tree roots and occasional small chalk fragments	Subsoil	
0.75	1.10	123.45	123.10	Natural brownish orange silty clay, becoming more gravely with depth	Natural	

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6.18 Borehole XSMP30



Photo 18 XSMP30 looking north

XSMP30					
Location			North of North Ride		
Dimensions			0.45m x 1.40m deep		
OS National grid coordinates			527162.14180813.34		
LSG grid coordinates			77491.64 35645.82		
Modern Ground Level/top of the slab			124.20m ATD		
Modern subsurface deposits			n/a		
Level of base of archaeological deposits observed			Base of sequence observed at 122.80m ATD		
Natural observed			Floodplain gravels observed at 123.80m ATD		
(truncated/not truncated ?)			Not truncated		
Extent of modern truncation			n/a		
Top Bas (m) (m)	e Top (m OD)	Base (m OD)	Description	Interpretation	

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0.00	0.12	124.20	124.08	Roots	Turf
0.12	0.38	124.08	123.82	Heavily rooted brownish grey sandy silt. Moderate chalk/CBM fragments. 1x 19th– century brick	Topsoil
0.38	0.83	123.82	123.37	Mid brown silty clay, moderate tree roots and occasional small chalk fragments and flint gravel	Subsoil
0.83	1.20	123.37	123.00	Mid brown sterile clay. Diffuse boundary with underlying natural	Natural
23.37	1.4	123.00	122.80	Becoming more gravelly with depth.	Natural

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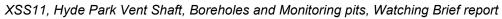
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Project name	Crossrail GI Package 16A VO1, Hyde Park vent shaft
Short description of the project	Watching brief carried out for Crossrail on selected boreholes, within the area of Bayswater Road and North Carriage Drive, in Hyde Park City of Westminster. These ground investigations were conducted for engineering purposes to assess ground conditions for the Crossrail Scheme, and included 60 surface monitoring points of which 16 (30%) were monitored. The natural in all locations was terrace gravel. Archaeological deposits were limited to post-medieval masonry structures. Tentative evidence for a Palaeochannel was recorded sealed by natural gravels.
Project dates	Start: 27-04-2011 End: 25-08-2011
Previous/future work	No / No
Type of project	Recording project
Site status	National Park
Current Land use	Woodland 6 - Parkland
Monument type	BRICK FLOOR Post Medieval
Significant Finds	TOBACCO PIPE Post Medieval
Investigation type	'Watching Brief'
Prompt	Crossrail act
Site location	GREATER LONDON CITY OF WESTMINSTER CITY OF WESTMINSTER Crossrail GI Package 13a VO1 Hyde Park vent shaft
Postcode	W2
Study area	100.00 Square metres
Site coordinates	NGR - TQ 5097 8161 LL - 51.5127078978 0.175894485030 (decimal) LL - 51 30 45 N 000 10 33 E (degrees) Point
Height OD / Depth	Min: 22.75m Max: 24.06m
Name of Organisation	MoL Archaeology
Project brief originator	Crossrail
Project design originator	MoL Archaeology
Project director/manager	Nicholas Elsden
Project supervisor	Sam Pfizenmaier

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# 8 Appendices

# 8.1 Summary Note on Building Material

Ian M. Betts

A brick sample was collected from context [2]. This appears to be an orange underfired London-made brick with a sunken margin. The brick is rather difficult to date as the fabric (type 3032) suggests a post-1666 date whilst the sunken margin suggests it is probably pre-1666. Therefore a general 17th-century date has been suggested for this brick.

### 8.2 Summary Note on Tobacco pipe

Nigel Jeffries

The clay tobacco pipe bowl <1> retrieved from context [1] from this site is a AO30 type 'cutter pipe' dated to the last half of the 19th century. It is heavily burnt from use and has moulded decoration, notably a coiled snake on either bowl side.

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