

**9 Islington High Street
London
N1**

A report on the evaluation
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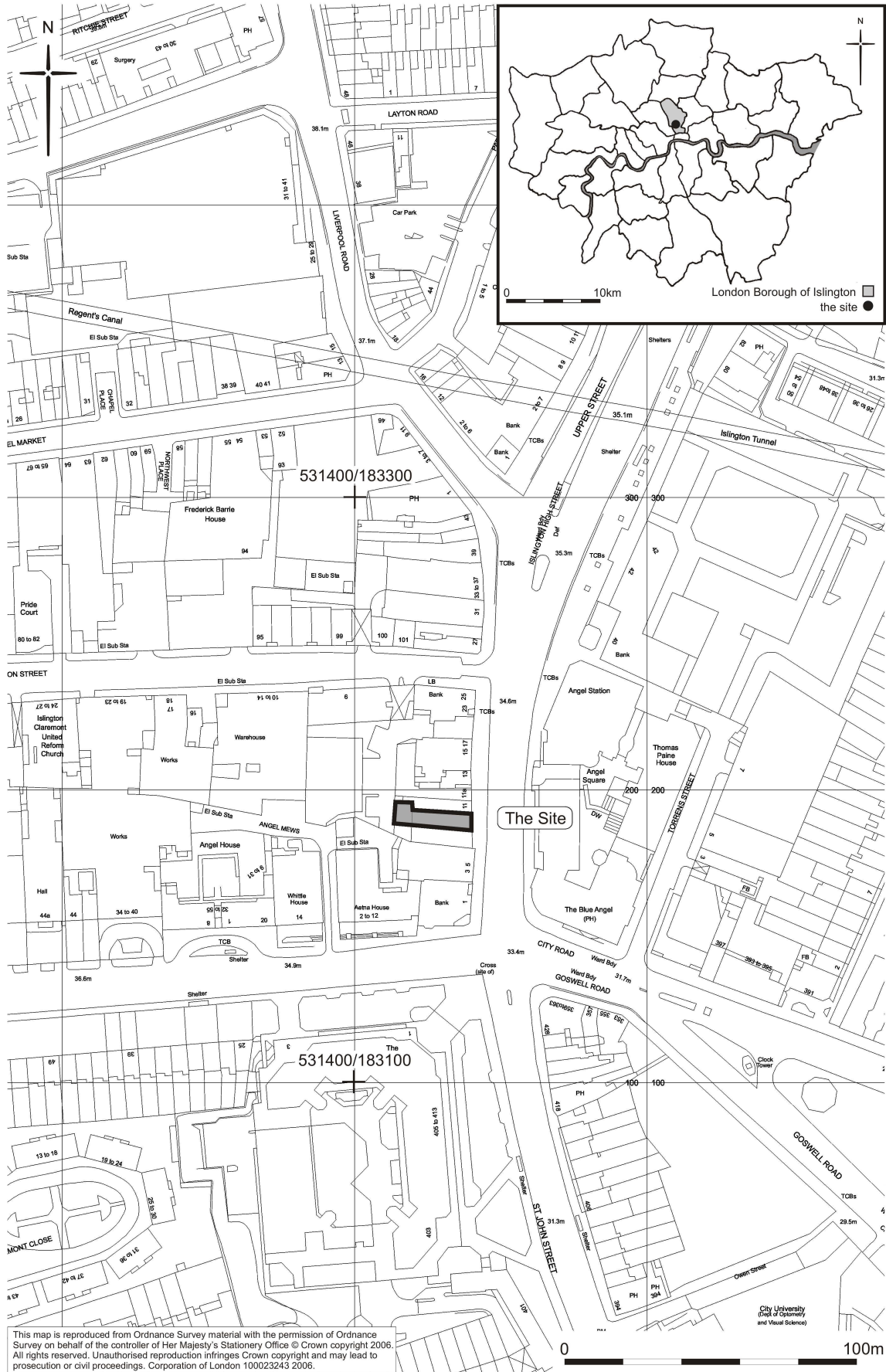


Fig 1 Site location

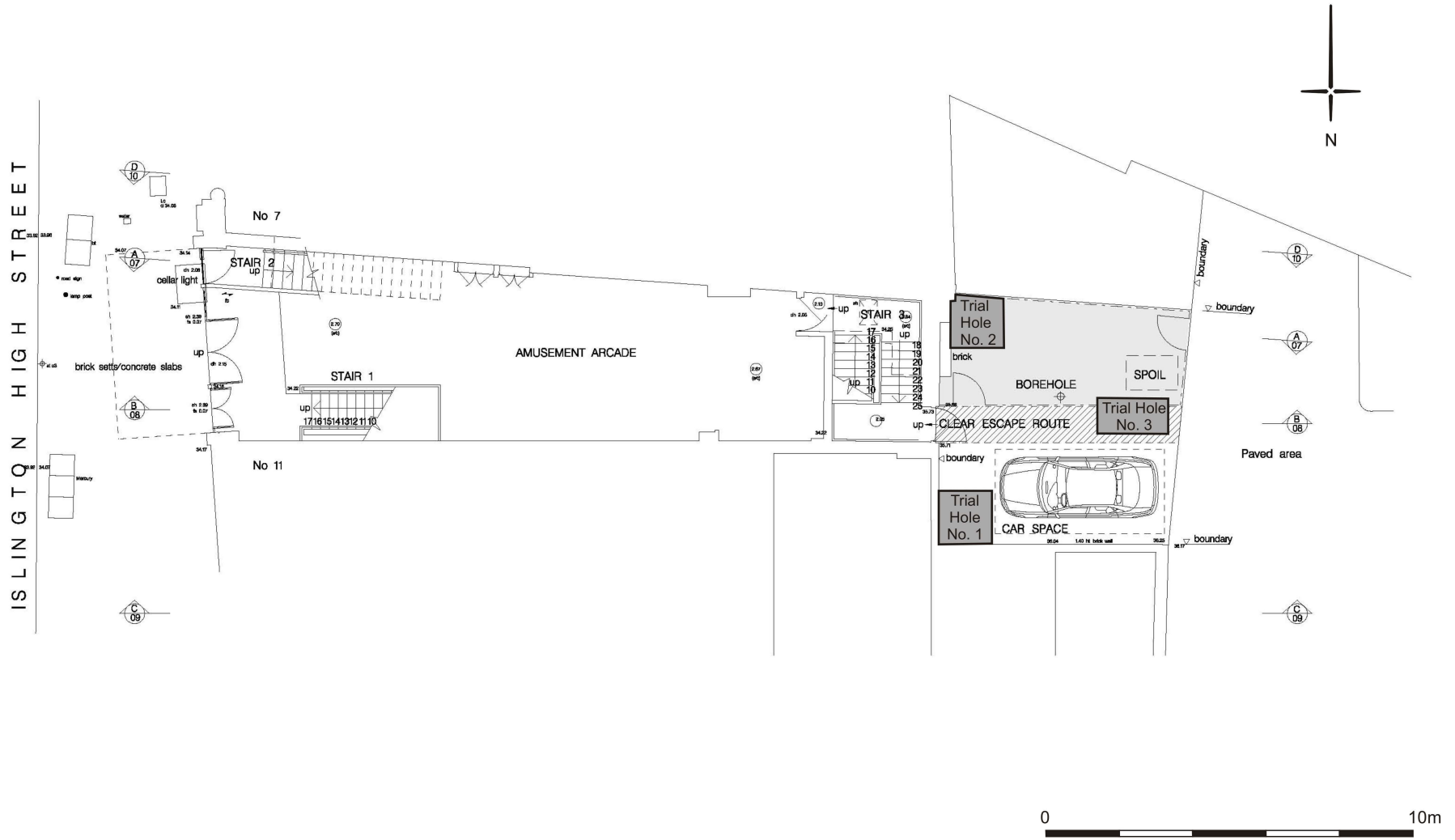


Fig 2 Trench location plan

1 Introduction

1.1 Site background

The site of 9 Islington High Street lies on the west side of Islington High Street and is bounded on the west by an open courtyard, on the south by 7 Islington High Street, and on the north by 11 Islington High Street. The Ordnance Survey National Grid reference is 531429 183189 (Fig 1).

Geotechnical trial pits were monitored by a MoLAS archaeologist, to satisfy a planning condition.

The work was commissioned from MoLAS by Proun Architects.

1.2 The proposed development

The proposed works comprise a basement extension to the rear of 9 Islington High Street.

1.3 Planning background

The evaluation was carried out to fulfil planning condition 3 on Planning Application No. P030854.

1.4 Results of the evaluation

In total, two trial holes were excavated but only two (2 and 3) were monitored (Fig 2), trial pit 1 having been excavated and shored prior to attendance by the MoLAS archaeologist. These have been numbered 1 to 3 consecutively. There follows a brief description of the trenches

Trial hole 2

Trench 2 was located against the external wall of the building in the southwestern corner of the site and measured 2.25m by 1.30m by 2.30m deep. An homogenous deposit consisting of brown mixed silty sand, gravel and bricks was recorded over a salt-glazed service pipe running in an east-west direction at the base of the trench. No archaeological deposits were evident.

Trial hole 3

Trial hole 3 was located just over 3m to the northeast of trial hole 2 and measured 1.50m east-west by 1m north-south and 2.50m deep. Natural sandy clay was located 2.10m below the ground level at 34.07m OD and was sealed by three layers of mixed rubble and sandy silty clay, the top of which was recorded at a height of 35.67m OD.

These deposits represent backfill deposits of the service pipe trench visible in trial hole 2. Above this was a layer of concrete which was sealed by a rubble concrete layer, the latter representing the current ground level at a height of 36.17m OD. No archaeological deposits were observed or recorded.

2 Conclusions and publication

No archaeological deposits were observed in the trial pits. This might be due to truncation as a result of construction work when 9 Islington High Street was built. A short note on the results of the watching brief will appear in the annual round up of the *London Archaeologist*

3 Bibliography

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4 OASIS DATA COLLECTION FORM

Project details

Project name	9 Islington High Street
Short description of the project	A watching brief on two trial holes revealed backfill of a modern ceramic water pipe trench
Project dates	Start: 24-01-2006 End: 08-02-2006
Previous/future work	No / No
Any associated project reference codes	IGH05 - Sitecode
Type of project	Field evaluation
Site status	None
Current Land use	Industry and Commerce 3 - Retailing
Monument type	NT Modern
Methods & techniques	'Test Pits'
Development type	Urban commercial (e.g. offices, shops, banks, etc.)
Prompt	Planning condition
Position in the planning process	After full determination (eg. As a condition)

Project location

Country	England
Site location	GREATER LONDON ISLINGTON ISLINGTON 9 Islington High Street
Postcode	N1
Study area	36.00 Square metres
National grid reference	TQ 31 83 Point
Height OD	Min: 34.07m Max: 34.07m

Project creators

Name of Organisation	MoLAS
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Project brief originator	MoLAS project manager
Project design originator	MoLAS
Project director/manager	Derek Seeley
Project supervisor	Portia Askew
Sponsor or funding body	Proun Architects

Project archives

Physical Archive Exists?	No
Digital Archive Exists?	No
Paper Archive Exists?	Yes

Project bibliography 1

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