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## SUMMARY

An archaeological desk-top appraisal for the site located at a Garage Block at Garth Court, Chiswick, W4 4QL (the Site), has been carried out. This involved a rapid information-gathering and review of the Site and a 500m study area using information from publicly held sources. A brief assessment of potential heritage/archaeological constraints and opportunities at the site has been made.

There are no Scheduled Monuments within the Site and there are none within the study area. There are no Listed Buildings within the Site and 25 within the study area, the nearest of which to the site is the former Chiswick Town Hall. There are three Conservation Areas and one Registered Park and Garden within the study area. There are no locally listed buildings within the Study Area.

The non-designated assets within the 500m study area range from the Prehistoric to Modern periods. However, due to their distance from the Site they offer little insight into the archaeological potential of the Site. Likewise, the archaeological events add little to this potential as they are mainly concerned with activities at Chiswick House. The Site is not within an Archaeological Priority Area and this appraisal has assessed that there is low potential for buried archaeological remains to survive at the Site.

For any future planning application, the potential for below ground remains may need to be fully evaluated. The Greater London Archaeological Advisory Service (GLAAS) who advise the local planning authority might recommend a full archaeological desk-based assessment (DBA) for the Site as well as an evaluation undertaken prior to planning permission.

# **1 Introduction**

## **1.1 Background**

Arcadis Consulting (UK) Limited (Arcadis) have been commissioned by The London Borough of Hounslow, 'the Client' to undertake an archaeological desk-top appraisal at a Garage Block at Garth Court, Chiswick, W4 4QL (the Site).

The Borough of Hounslow is aiming to divest a number of small sites to enable regeneration. The objective of the Small Sites Small Builders Programme is to provide robust and pragmatic advice that sensibly de-risks each of the sites such that unreasonable "abnormal" development costs are not incurred by developers.

The objective of this archaeological desktop appraisal is to identify potential constraints due to the presence of below ground archaeological remains and above ground heritage assets on site.

## **1.2 Scope of Works**

The scope of the appraisal is to carry out a desk-top search of publicly available information on designated and non-designated heritage assets within a study area of 500m of the site boundary. Using this information, a brief assessment of potential heritage/archaeological constraints and opportunities at the site has been made, focusing on key constraints. The appraisal also highlights when a site should be subject to further detailed assessment to support a planning application for any future development.

## **1.3 Limitations**

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## 2 Site Overview

The Site is located at TQ205779 and is currently occupied by a block of twelve garages. The Site is accessed by one road from Ellesmere Road. The character of the Site is residential, and the backs of the garages form a solid brick wall which encloses the Site. The Site is abutted in the north by a residential property and a block of flats to the east. The topography of the Site is generally flat at approximately 10m Above Ordnance Datum (AOD).

The Site is located on the bedrock of the London Clay Formation which is made up of clay and silt. Sedimentary bedrock formed approximately 48 to 56 million years ago in the Palaeogene Period (British Geological Society accessed April 2, 2019). The superficial deposits are made up of the Kempton Park Gravel Member which consists of sand and gravel formed up to 2 million years ago in the Quaternary Period.

### 3 Data Sources

Information on designated and non-designated heritage assets that are located within 500m of the site were assessed. Designated data was derived from the National Heritage List for England on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019. Non-designated data was received from the Greater London Historic Environment Record (GLHER) on the 5th April 2019. Information on Conservation Areas was obtained from the Environment Data.

Numbers in brackets in the text are unique identifiers (Project ID. numbers) assigned to heritage assets for the purposes of this report. A list of all heritage assets including relevant archaeological events can be found in Tables 1 and 2. All heritage assets, Archaeological Priority Areas (APAs) and Conservation Areas are shown on Figure 1, all archaeological events are shown on Figure 2.

## 4 Baseline Conditions

### 4.1 Designated Heritage Assets

There are no World Heritage Sites or Scheduled Monuments within the Site and none within the study area.

#### Listed Buildings

There are no Listed Buildings located within the Site, and 25 located within the 500m study area. These comprise of three (**LB7**, **LB8**, **LB8**) Grade I, one (**LB20**) Grade II\* and 21 Grade II Listed Buildings. The closest to the Site, 347m north, is the Grade II former Chiswick Town Hall (**LB15**).

#### Conservation Areas

The Site is not located within a Conservation Area but there are three within the study area. The closest is Chiswick House (**CA1**), 37m south of the Site. It was designated for its architectural and historic interest. The setting of the asset though is constrained in the north by the Great West Road. This severs the relationship between the asset and the Site and therefore is unlikely to be a constraint to any development.

Wellesley Road Conservation Area (**CA2**), 176m to the west of the Site, was designated in December 2003 for its high-quality middle class 19<sup>th</sup> century housing complexes which were designed by Adam Askew who developed large areas into suburban housing, the first of its kind in the area. The conservation area has also been recognised for its historical connection to the ancient route of Wellsey Road which later developed into the road from the market gardens of West Middlesex to Convent Garden.

To the north, 240m, of the Site is Turnham Green Conservation Area (**CA3**). The focal point of which is Turnham Green, an area of open space bound by mature trees. Only the western end of the conservation area is within the study area. This part is recognised for its 1930's housing which are constructed out of brick with metal window frames. These properties are set back from the road. Other buildings in the area include distinctive large mansion houses which are six stories high with mansard roofs.

#### Registered Parks and Gardens

The Site is not located within a Registered Park and Garden but there is one, Chiswick House (**RPG1**), located 242m south and east of the Site.

### 4.2 Non-designated Heritage Assets

There are no non-designated heritage assets within the Site and 12 within the study area. These date from the Palaeolithic to the Modern period.

Within the wider study area there are two non-designated heritage assets of Prehistoric date. A Palaeolithic flint implement (**1**) and an assemblage of ten pieces of worked flint were found in Chiswick House Gardens (**9**). There is low potential for previously unrecorded Prehistoric remains to survive at the Site.

Within the wider study area there are one non-designated heritage asset of Roman date which was the location of an urn full of Roman silver coins (**2**).

Within the wider study area there are four non-designated heritage assets of Medieval date. These are the manor house known as Sutton Manor (**3**), later Sutton Court, now converted to flats. The settlement of Little Sutton (**4**), the garden of the Georgian manor, Sutton Court (**5**) and Turnham Green, former common land and now a small public park (**11**).

Within the wider study area there are four non-designated heritage assets of Post Medieval date. These include the location of the Battle of Turnham Green which took place on November 13, 1642 (**6**), a Roman Catholic Church (**8**) with an associated listed building, as this asset is on the edge of the study area, the Listed Building was not included in this study. The grounds of Chiswick House consisting of pleasure grounds, walled gardens and parkland (**10**) and a botanical feature in the public park at Turnham Green (**12**).



Within the wider study area there is one non-designated heritage assets of Modern date. A now demolished, private detached residence used as a military auxiliary hospital in the First World War (7).

## 4.1 Historical Maps

A brief appraisal of OS historic mapping shows in 1866 reveals that the Site was part of the grounds of the Royal Horticultural Society's Gardens. By 1893, the Site had been converted into an open area to the east of a housing development. By 1920, the Site was still an open area to the east of a housing development. The OS maps do not record any further changes to the Site.

The Site was in close proximity to several high explosive bombs during the London Blitz. In this case, below ground archaeological remains within the Site and surrounding area are likely to be heavily disturbed

<http://bombsight.org/#>.

## 4.2 Previous Archaeological Events

No previous archaeological investigation have not taken place within the Site but 12 have occurred within the study area, only those intrusive events are discussed, the rest can be found in table 3 and Figure 2. Eight events record various different excavations and events at Chiswick House (**EV1, EV2, EV5, EV6, EV7, EV9, EV10, EV11**), c.250m to the south west of the Site. These events offer little insight into the archaeological potential of the Site as they are restricted to their immediate environment. A trial trenching event (**EV12**) at 1-4 Barley Mow Passage was located near to the outer edge of the north eastern study area. A single test pit was dug, and no significant archaeology was recorded.

Table 1: Designated Heritage Assets within the 500m Study Area

Project ID	Asset Name	Designation Grade	NHLE Entry Number	Easting	Northing
Listed Buildings					
LB1	THREE MALE STATUES FROM HADRIAN'S VILLA IN CHISWICK PARK	II	1079568	520908	177613
LB2	ENTRANCE GATEWAY OF CHISWICK PARK AND FLANKING WALLS ON GREAT WEST ROAD	II	1079609	521010	177926
LB3	DEER HOUSE IN CHISWICK PARK NEAR ITALIAN GARDEN	II	1079610	520976	177678
LB4	10 AND 11, HEATHFIELD TERRACE W4	II	1080337	520556	178358
LB5	16-19, HEATHFIELD TERRACE W4	II	1080338	520462	178335
LB6	22-26, HEATHFIELD TERRACE W4	II	1080339	520436	178329
LB7	IONIC TEMPLE AND OBELISK IN CHISWICK PARK	I	1188839	520862	177563
LB8	DORIC COLUMN IN CHISWICK PARK NORTH EAST OF CONSERVATORY	I	1188858	520951	177698

Project ID	Asset Name	Designation Grade	NHLE Entry Number	Easting	Northing
LB9	TEMPLE (RUSTIC HOUSE) AT END OF YEW WALK NORTH EAST OF CHISWICK HOUSE	I	1188898	520903	177861
LB10	CHRIST CHURCH	II	1189239	520546	178402
LB11	2A, HEATHFIELD TERRACE W4	II	1189626	520672	178402
LB12	RAILINGS TO GARDEN OF NUMBER 24	II	1189662	520421	178342
LB13	Church of St Michael	II	1240805	520091	177900
LB14	2 K6 TELPHONE KIOKS, JUNCTION TOWN HALL AVENUE/CHISWICK HIGH ROAD	II	1240807	520500	178489
LB15	CHISWICK TOWN HALL (FORMER)	II	1260615	520518	178335
LB16	BOUNDARY WALL TO EAST SIDE AND REAR OF LITTLE SUTTON COTTAGE	II	1260819	520147	177951
LB17	21, HEATHFIELD TERRACE	II	1294155	520450	178332
LB18	12 AND 13, HEATHFIELD TERRACE	II	1294191	520544	178355
LB19	LITTLE SUTTON COTTAGE	II	1294387	520169	177969
LB20	VOYSEY HOUSE	II*	1294655	520753	178440
LB21	20, HEATHFIELD TERRACE	II	1358319	520456	178333
LB22	CLASSIC BRIDGE IN CHISWICK PARK	II	1358665	520727	177627
LB23	Former vicarage to the Church of St Michael Sutton Court	II	1391464	520093	177952
LB24	GATES, GATE PIERS AND WALLS TO THE WALLED GARDENS, CHISWICK HOUSE GROUNDS	II	1396380	521010	177779
LB25	Chiswick War Memorial	II	1424996	520659	178460
Conservation Areas					
CA1	Chiswick House and Surrounding Area	-	-	520772	177517
CA2	Wellesley Road	-	-	519823	178188
CA3	Turnham Green	-	-	520463	178386

Project ID	Asset Name	Designation Grade	NHLE Entry Number	Easting	Northing
Parks and Gardens					
RPG1	Chiswick House	I	1000111	520902	177614

Table 2: Non-designated Heritage Assets within the 500m Study Area

Project ID	Asset Name	Site Type	Period	GLHER Number	Easting	Northing
1	TURNHAM GREEN	Findspot	Paleolithic	MLO1960	520405	178405
2	TURNHAM GREEN	Findspot	Roman	MLO249	520405	178305
3	FAUCONBERG RD	Manor house	Medieval	MLO68838	520305	177705
4	Sutton La	Settlement	Medieval to Post Medieval	MLO68842	520200	178000
5	Sutton Court Road, [Sutton Court]	Manor garden	Medieval to Modern	MLO104560	520301	177752
6	Turnham Green, Acton Green, and Chiswick Common,	Battlefield	Post Medieval	MLO105154	520791	178254
7	Ivy Cottage	Hospital	Modern	MLO106920	520902	178093
8	Presbytery of Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady Grace	Roman Catholic Church	Post Medieval to Modern	MLO107550	520816	178460
9	Burlington Lane [Chiswick House Gardens]	Flint scatter	Prehistoric	MLO63891	520832	177465
10	Hogarth Lane/Burlington Lane/Staveley Road/Park Road [Chiswick House Gardens]	Garden	Post Medieval	MLO63893	520902	177614
11	Chiswick High Road/Heathfield Terrace/Town Hall Avenue, Chiswick, [Turnham Green]	common land/ public park	Medieval to Modern	MLO104544	520426	178410
12	Chiswick High Road/Heathfield Terrace/Town Hall Avenue, Chiswick, [Turnham Green]	Botanical Feature	Post Medieval to Modern	MLO104544	520585	178441

Table 3: Archaeological Events within 500m Study Area

Project ID	Event Name	Event Date	Event Type	GLHER Number	Easting	Northing
EV1	Chiswick House - The Grove	1990	Excavation	ELO10479	520961	177582
EV2	Chiswick House - The Grove	1991	Excavation	ELO10481	520961	177582
EV3	Chiswick House - The Grove	2009-2010	Dendro-chronological Survey	ELO12636	521008	177666
EV4	The Battle of Turnham Green	1642	Historical Event: Battle	ELO13653	520791	178254
EV5	Chiswick House - The Grove	1993	Evaluation	ELO2997	520832	177465
EV6	Chiswick House - Western Allee	1994	Excavation	ELO8854	520831	177465
EV7	Chiswick House - the Grove	1994	Excavation	ELO8854	520961	177582
EV8	Chiswick House - Northern Wilderness	1999	Geophysical Survey; Topographical Survey	ELO8858	520830	177720
EV9	Chiswick House Grounds - Northern Wilderness	1999	Excavation	ELO8859	520830	177720
EV10	Chiswick House - The Rosary	1989-1990	Watching Brief	ELO10475	520951	177698
EV11	Chiswick House - The Rosary	1990	Excavation	ELO10476	520951	177698
EV12	1-4 Barley Mow Passage	2004	Evaluation	ELO6065	520782	178442

## 5 Key Constraints and Risks

This appraisal has assessed that there is low potential for buried archaeological remains to survive at the Site.

The historic map study didn't identify any major development after the Site became an open area beside a housing development. It is possible that there may be remains associated to when the Site was part of the Royal Horticultural Society's Gardens. The Site was in close proximity to several high explosive bombs during the London Blitz and it is possible that below ground remains could have been disturbed by this.

In summary, there are no designated assets within the Site. There are 27 designated assets within the study area, the nearest of which is a Conservation Area (**CA1**).

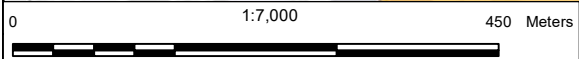
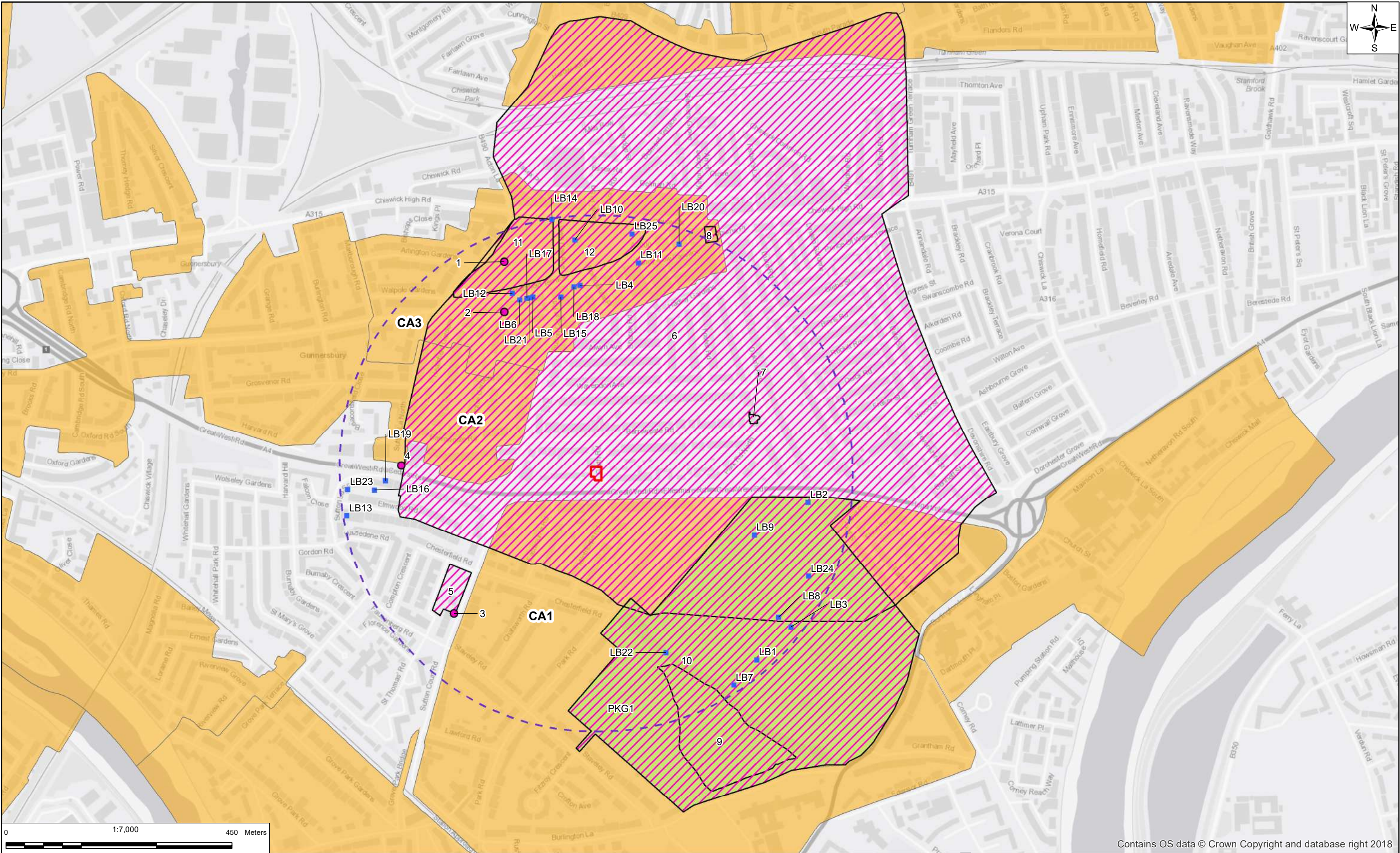
There are no non-designated heritage assets within the Site. The study area contains 12 non-designated heritage assets, which are primarily either Medieval buildings or Post-Medieval activity relating to Chiswick House.

## 6 Recommendations

For any future planning application, the potential for below ground remains needs to be fully evaluated. The Greater London Archaeological Advisory Service (GLAAS) who advise the local planning authority, should be contacted at the earliest opportunity. They might recommend a full archaeological desk-based assessment (DBA) for the Site as well as an evaluation undertaken prior to planning permission. The DBA would include a specific archaeology site walkover, relevant documentary research, a map regression exercise as well as preparation of distribution maps showing designated and undesignated heritage assets. The evaluation would likely consist of a programme of trial trenching and subsequent reporting. If heritage assets of significance are encountered during the evaluation stage, there may be a requirement for archaeological mitigation. Should it be necessary, mitigation would be dealt with through a condition of planning consent.

# FIGURES





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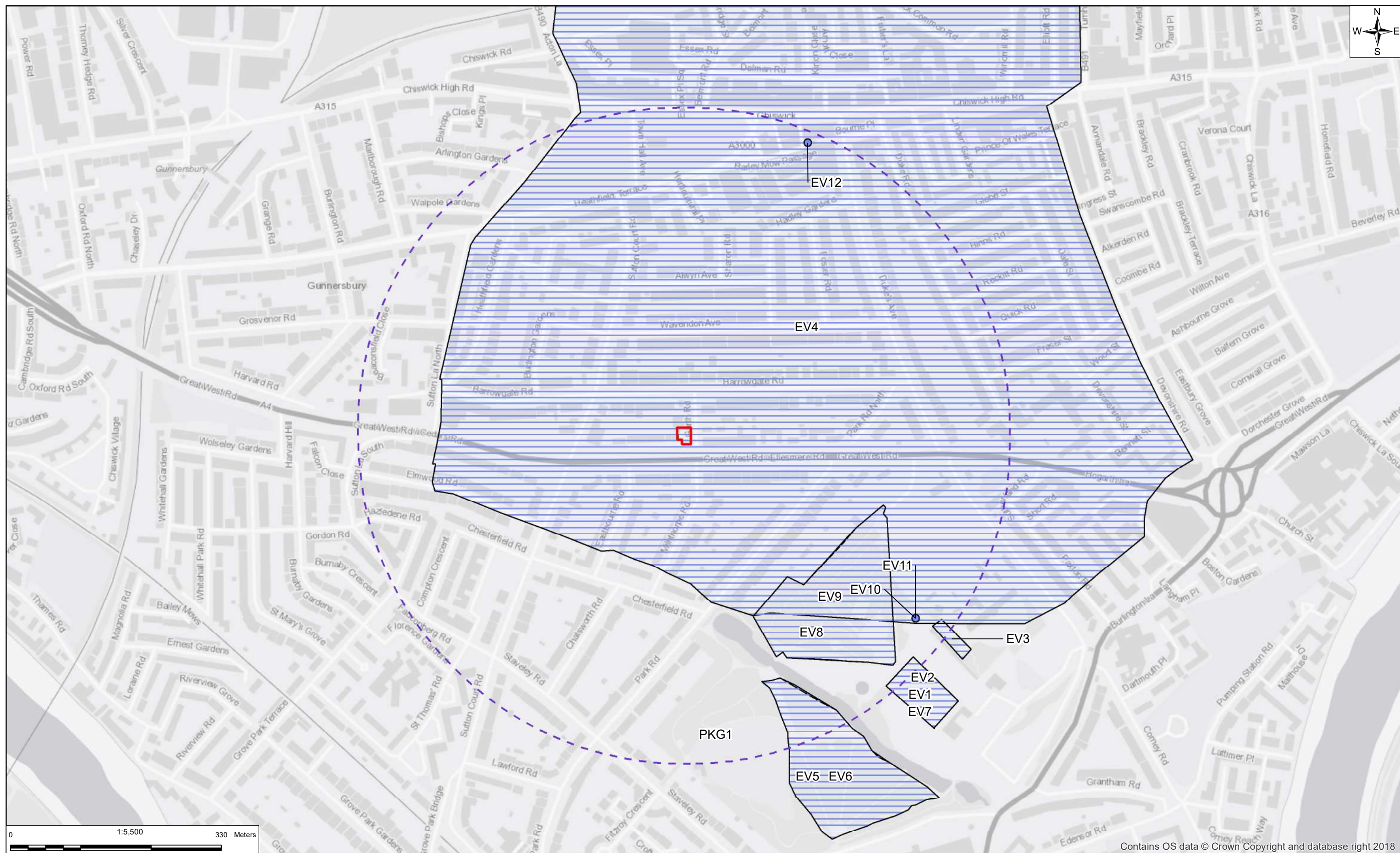
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