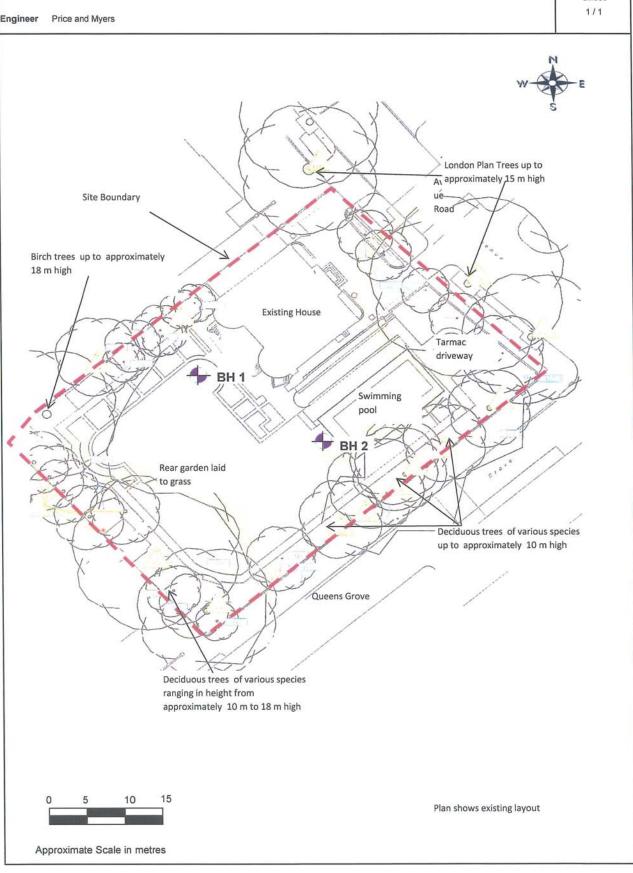


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Site	75 Avenue Road, London, Nw8 6JD		Job Number J10229		
Client	Deroda Investments Ltd		Sheet		
Engineer	Price and Myers		1/1		



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Dear Mr Cameron

Re 73-75 AVENUE ROAD, LONDON, NW8 6HP

Geotechnical and Environmental Associates (GEA) has been commissioned by Neil Cameron of Heyne Tillett Steel on behalf of Deroda Investments Ltd, to carry out investigations into the location of the historical River Tyburn at the above location. Borehole records and a site plan indicating the borehole locations are enclosed and this letter presents the findings of the work carried out.

The work comprised:

- ☐ A review of the previous report produced by GEA in February 2011ⁱ;
- ☐ A review of evidence for the threat from Unexploded Ordnance (UXO); and
- □ An intrusive ground investigation

1. Existing Information

The site has changed little since the production of the report by GEA in 2011. The desk study carried out as part of the previous investigation indicated that originally two houses were located at the site until some time between 1951 and 1953 when the eastern house was removed. At some time between 1953 and the present day, the existing swimming pool was constructed.

A review of the historical maps and online informationⁱⁱ provides circumstantial evidence that the site may have suffered from direct bombing during World War II. The historical map from 1954 showed several houses to the west of the site as "ruins". Later maps indicate these areas were cleared of houses and redeveloped.

A review of the *The Lost Rivers of London* iii indicates a tributary of the River Tyburn running across the site in the easterly corner, in a north-south orientation towards Regent's Park. The house that was removed from the site was closest to the indicated location of the tributary of the River Tyburn.

The service plans from 2011 indicate that a Combined Sewer Main runs along the centre of Avenue Road. It is known that "many of the rivers have become part of London's complex sewer system." (Barton, 1992), so it is considered likely that the River Tyburn and its tributary are now captured in the sewer system.

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Company Secretary Penny Piddington The Geological Survey map of the area (BGS Sheet 256) indicates that the site is underlain by London Clay. The previous investigation found a 0.9 m to 1.4 m thickness of made ground,

overlying London Clay and found no evidence of a tributary of the River Tyburn.

2. Purposes of Work

The principal objective of the work carried out was to find evidence or locate the former tributary of the River Tyburn.

3. Ground Investigation

A ground investigation was undertaken on Wednesday 14th January 2015 and comprised 13 window sampler boreholes. These boreholes were scheduled to terminate at 3.0 m below ground level, to allow the exploratory holes to prove the top of the London Clay. The investigation focused on the northeastern half of the site, where the location of the tributary is suspected.

Due to the risks highlighted by the initial UXO review, a Preliminary UXO Threat Assessment^{iv} was commissioned by GEA from a UXO specialist. This recommended that a Detailed UXO Threat Assessment was undertaken and a UXO Specialist was procured to provide on-site support to clear each borehole location to allow mitigation of the risk of a UXO strike during the ground investigation.

The Detailed UXO Threat Assessment' has highlighted a medium risk and has recommended on site mitigation measures as part of the development. A copy of this report has been provided to the Client under separate cover.

4. Ground Conditions

The boreholes indicated a significant and variable thickness of made ground across the investigated area, which resulted in seven of the 13 boreholes being terminated on obstructions within the made ground. Two of these boreholes were terminated on obstructions at a depth of less than 0.4 m.

The made ground was found to extend to depths of between 1.2 m and 2.3 m, although the base was not reached in Borehole No 5, which was terminated on a concrete obstruction at a depth of 2.20 m. The made ground comprised an upper layer of soft dark brown sandy gravelly clay overlying a further layer of made ground. In seven of the boreholes this comprised cobbles and/or gravel of brick and concrete. In Borehole No 9 this was further underlain by made ground of sandy clay. In four boreholes, the made ground underlying the soft dark brown sandy gravelly clay was variable and included soft slightly sandy slight gravelly clay to soft silty clay.

Borehole Nos 6 and 11 encountered sand and gravel between the made ground and natural clay at depths from 1.6m to 2.10m and 1.85m to 2.10m. It is unclear whether this material was made ground and imported as part of the swimming pool construction or was naturally insitu. There was water associated with this stratum as the material extracted was found to be wet.

Where encountered the London Clay tended to be soft to firm and very gravelly underlying the sand and gravel layer. Elsewhere, the clay was soft to firm and slightly gravelly, becoming stiff with increasing depth.

5. Conclusions

Evidence of the River Tyburn tributary is not considered to have been encountered. The investigation was somewhat hindered by the presence and nature of the made ground which terminated seven boreholes prematurely. However the remaining boreholes provided a good spread over the area of concern and these did not provide evidence expected to be associated with a river tributary. The sands and gravels encountered are believed to be natural, as similar

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pockets of gravel have been encountered on other sites in the area. It is conceivable that the increased thickness of made ground is associated with historic infilling of a former river channel, but the presence of concrete within the made ground suggests that is more likely to be associated with the former house that was present at this location.

The sands and gravels appear to be saturated and therefore excavations within this material are likely to be unstable. However, the greatest thickness encountered was 0.5m and is therefore unlikely to cause significant issues.

We trust this information is sufficient for your present requirements, but please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any further assistance.

Yours sincerely GEOTECHNICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATES

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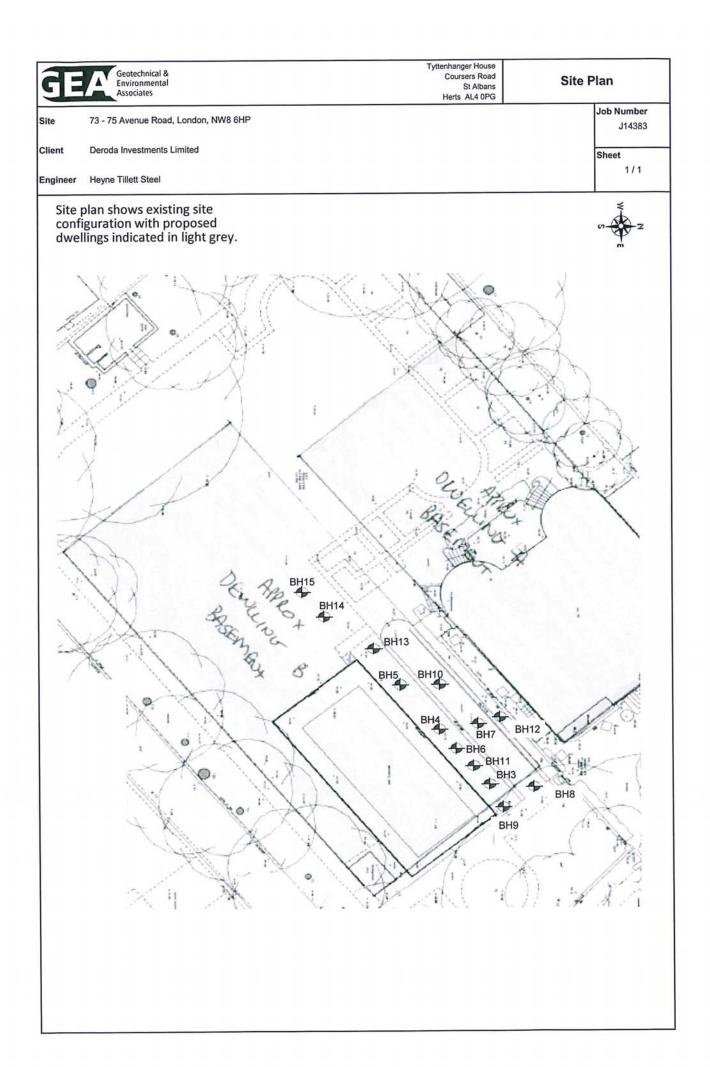
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